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The EPS Fuel Storage Decision Matrix is intended as a useful feasibility guide. The nature of any proposed new or refurbishment / upgrade scheme within a potentially environmentally sensitive area should be determined through a Fuel Storage Feasibility Assessment and discussion with the Environment Agency.

Environmental	Examples of Site Specific Characteristics beyond vulnerability mapping (examples of mitigating factors)	Typical Fuel Storage Installation			
Scenario		Tanks	Lines	Drainage	EMS
1	 Not within SPZ1 Site specific ground conditions do not support Vulnerability Status of aquifer designation Limited saturated thickness (typically less than 1.0m) Baseflow contribution to local surface water features found to be limited 	Standard Double Skin Tank Installation with interstitial monitoring	Plastic Lines	Non-Specific (unless potential for differential settlement)	Standard
2	• Secondary aquifer with seasonally high groundwater above tank base, but limited environmental sensitivity (e.g. on basis of site specific ground conditions, resource potential, proximity / connectivity to surface water)	Concrete Encasement around double skin tanks with interstitial monitoring	Plastic Lines	Plastic Pipes	Standard
	• Principal aquifer / high environmental sensitivity, but seasonally high groundwater below proposed tank base				Enhanced Context Specific EMS
a 3 b	• Secondary Aquifer with groundwater above tank base	Double Skin Tanks with interstitial monitoring, within robust Membrane Lined Cell with monitor wells.	Plastic Lines	Plastic Pipes	Standard
	 Principal Aquifer with groundwater above tank base but environmental sensitivity limited by site specific conditions (e.g. groundwater not associated with regional resource, close proximity to surface water leading to increased vulnerability to catastrophic failure) Refurbishment / upgrade of existing where above ground not appropriate (e.g. no space for above ground tanks, blue book safe distances not being achievable, traffic safety concerns, excessive pipe runs, proximity of housing) 		Double Skin Plastic		Enhanced Context Specific EMS
4	 Principal Aquifer with laterally continuous groundwater above tank base or in SPZ1 	Above Ground Tanks	Double Skin Plastic	Plastic Pipes	Enhanced Context Specific EMS

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