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Form SMP09/G/01 Management Level for Acceptance of Risk			
Level of Risk	Have the risks been shown to be ALARP ?		Management Level for Acceptance
	Yes	No	
Unacceptable	Unacceptable – unless there are exceptional reasons for the activity to take place	Unacceptable	Through explicit agreement at 2* level between Project’s TLB and Equipment User. Agreement in writing must be referenced in the Hazard Log and included in Safety Case Report, defining the circumstances under which risk exposure is considered acceptable and explaining why.
Tolerable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Project Safety Committee (justification must be recorded in Hazard Log)
Broadly Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable – but risk should be reduced wherever reasonably practicable	Normal project reviews (justification must be recorded in Hazard Log, Safety Committee must review Risk estimation and agree that it is broadly acceptable)

The above Table identifies the management level which can accept Risks of different levels.

In some cases, the “Tolerable” band may be split into a region identifying higher risk and one relating to lower risk. Gross disproportion (eg a factor of 10) must be shown between the cost of a risk reduction measure and its expected Safety benefits, before it can be claimed to be unreasonable to adopt this measure.

If the “Tolerable” band is split in this way, the IPT Leader may decide that risks in the upper part of the band can be accepted only after review at a management level above the Project Safety Committee (eg: an IPT Safety Committee). The Project Safety Committee would still review the risk and its associated control measures, and give the higher management level the benefit of their Stakeholder and Subject Matter Expert knowledge.

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