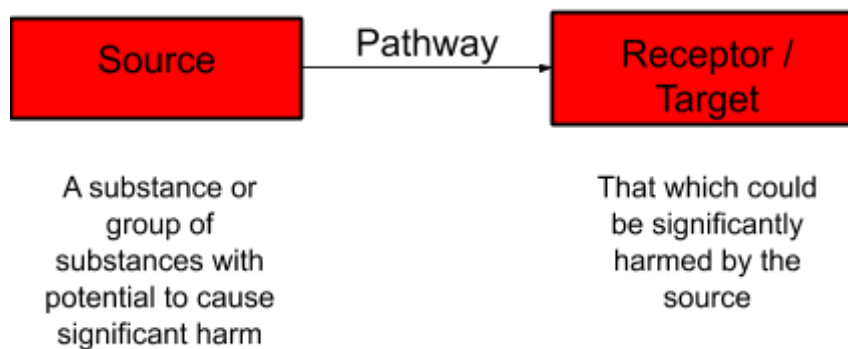


NHBC Chapter 4.1 – Managing Contamination:

This fact sheet aims to provide a basic explanation of the requirements of NHBC to manage contaminated land and enable swift and efficient “sign-off” of the relevant conditions. The requirements of the Local Authority and Environment Agency may differ. Comparison should be made to the fact sheet detailing their requirements.

Procedural Flowchart

NHBC requires all sites to be assessed by a Desk Study and Site Walkover. The Results are used to determine whether or not hazards are known or suspected (Source-Pathway-Receptor).



Where hazards are suspected an investigation or phases of investigation will be required test the initial assessment.

A second phase of investigation may be required where the results of the initial investigation are inconclusive.

Where hazards are identified, design precautions or remediation will be required to minimise their effects.

A Method Statement must be produced detailing the proposed remediation.

If remediation is undertaken, the NHBC will require documentation to show that:

- The site has been properly assessed and investigated
- Where necessary, suitable precautions or remediation is incorporated into the design
- All necessary remediation has been carried out

Remediation design considerations must be engineer and process based and be sustainable to the client.

If any unforeseen hazards are found during the course of construction, further investigation may be required.

Ref: NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2. Land Quality – Managing Ground Conditions. September 1999, active January 2000.