

# Moors for the Future Partnership

Moorland Restoration in the Peak District and South Pennines 2010+

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**Who are Moors for the Future?**

**What do we do?**

**How do we do it?**

**What do you need to do to get involved?**



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# Moors for the Future Partnership

Project started in 2003

Three main areas:

- Research
- Restoration
- Information and Awareness

2003 - 2008 funded by Heritage Lottery Fund  
(£4.7million, £2million on moorland restoration)

2008 - 2010 managing projects for members of the Partnership  
(£1.5million on moorland restoration)

2010+ commencement of 3 major restoration projects  
(£11million on moorland restoration)

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# Restoration 2003 - 2008

## **Bare Peat Restoration (Fire Sites)**

**500Ha:**

- Brash harvesting, transport and spreading
- Geo-textile Application
- Lime, Seed and Fertiliser Application
- Plug planting

## **Upland Path Works (Trampling damage and wildlife disturbance) 14km:**

- Stone flag paths
- Sub Strata and aggregate paths
- Stone pitch paths

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# Bleaklow Fire Site Restoration - 2003



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# Bleaklow Fire Site Restoration - 2006



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# Fire Site Restoration - 2008



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# Black Hill Fire Site Restoration - 2006



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# Black Hill Fire Site Restoration - 2008



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# Black Hill Fire Site Restoration - 2010



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# Restoration Works 2008-2010

## **Yorkshire Water Services:**

- Bare Peat Restoration
- Stock Fencing
- Dry stone wall restoration
- Clough woodland creation
- Flailing and sward diversification
- Grip blocking

## **Partner Projects:**

- Upland pathworks
- Bare Peat Restoration
- Gully blocking and re-profiling

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# Restoration 2010+

## Moors for the Future:

- NE SSSI recovery project for the remaining moorland area £4 m (2 year project)
- Making Space for Water in the Upper Derwent Valley £600k (EA acting as applicant)
- MoorLife £5.5m

## Work for Partners:

- SSSI recovery project for YWS Estate
- SSSI recovery project for NT High Peak Estate
- BIFFA Project NT High Peak Estate



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# Projects 2010+

## **MoorLife+:**

- Bare Peat Restoration
- Gully blocking
- Sphagnum Application

## **Natural England Conservation Plans:**

- Bare Peat Restoration
- Stock Fencing
- Dry stone wall restoration
- Clough woodland creation
- Flailing and sward diversification
- Grip blocking
- Gully re-profiling
- Upland pathworks

## **Making Space for Water**

- Bare Peat Restoration
- Gully blocking

## **Partner Projects:**

- Bare Peat Restoration
- Stock Fencing
- Dry stone wall restoration
- Clough woodland creation
- Flailing and sward diversification
- Grip blocking
- Gully re-profiling
- Upland pathworks

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# Works required

- **Bare Peat Restoration** – Heather brash cutting and Spreading; Geo-textile spreading; Various helicopter contracts;
- **Gully blocking** – Using timber, stone or plastic dams;
- **Stock Fencing** – Sheep or cattle fencing;
- **Dry stone wall restoration;**
- **Clough woodland creation;**
- **Flailing and sward diversification;**
- **Grip blocking** – Using machines, timber, stone or plastic dams;
- **Gully re-profiling** – Using machines;
- **Upland pathworks** - Stone flag paths; Sub Strata and aggregate paths;  
Stone pitch paths

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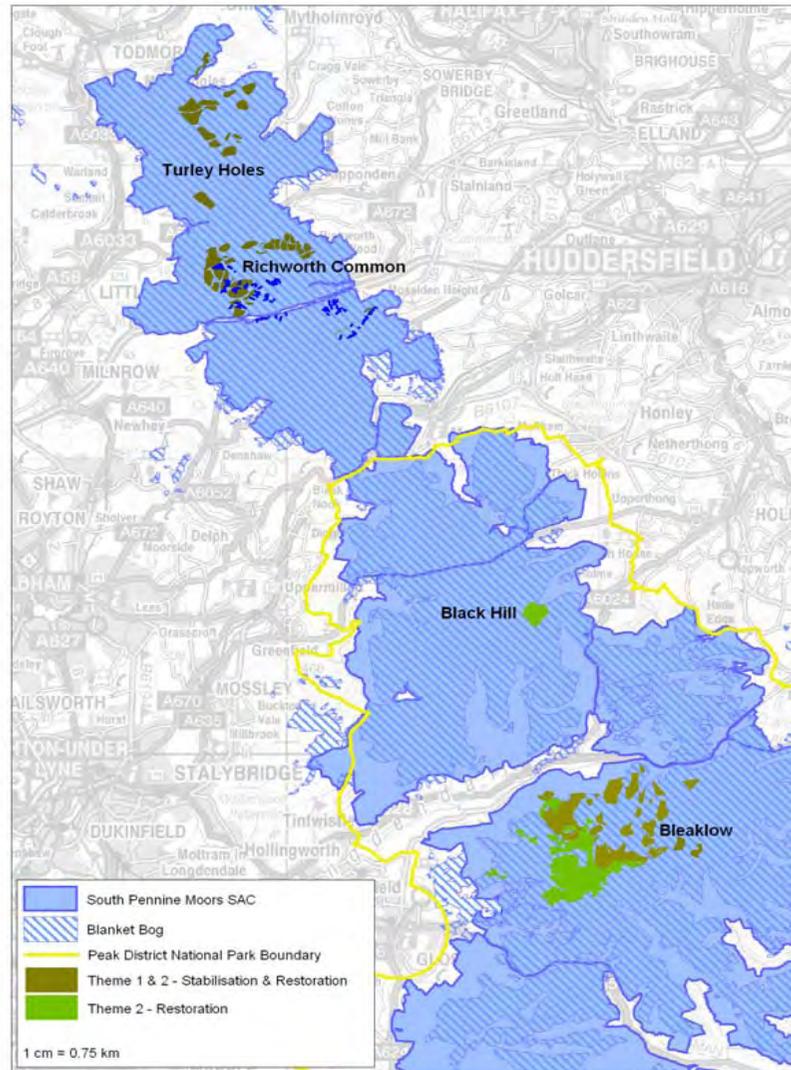
# Works required



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# Main Works Area

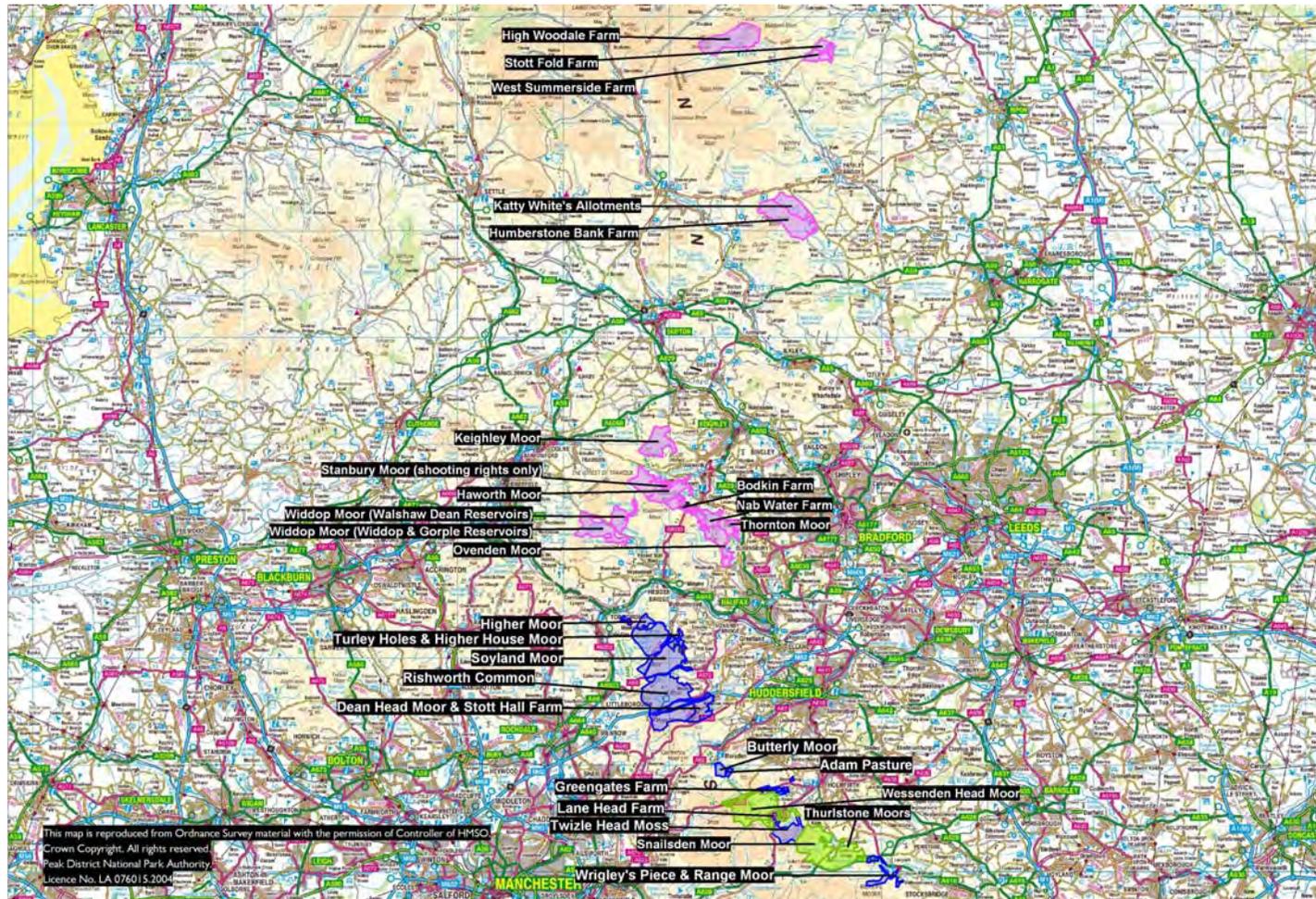


Moorland Areas  
South of  
Calderdale and  
East of Manchester

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# Whole Works Area



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# Moorland Project Timescales

## **EU Life+**

April 2010 to March 2015

## **NE Farm Conservation Plans**

April 2010 to March 2012

(or two years from the date the plan starts)

## **Making Space for Water**

April 2010 to March 2012

## **Partner Projects**

April 2010+

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# Moorland Restoration Year

## **Tendering:**

- **3-6 months ahead**
- **Standardised tender formats and documentation**
- **Set return dates, first tenders due out mid-may**

## **Works on the ground:**

- **August to March on non shooting moorland areas**
- **October / November to March on shooting moors**

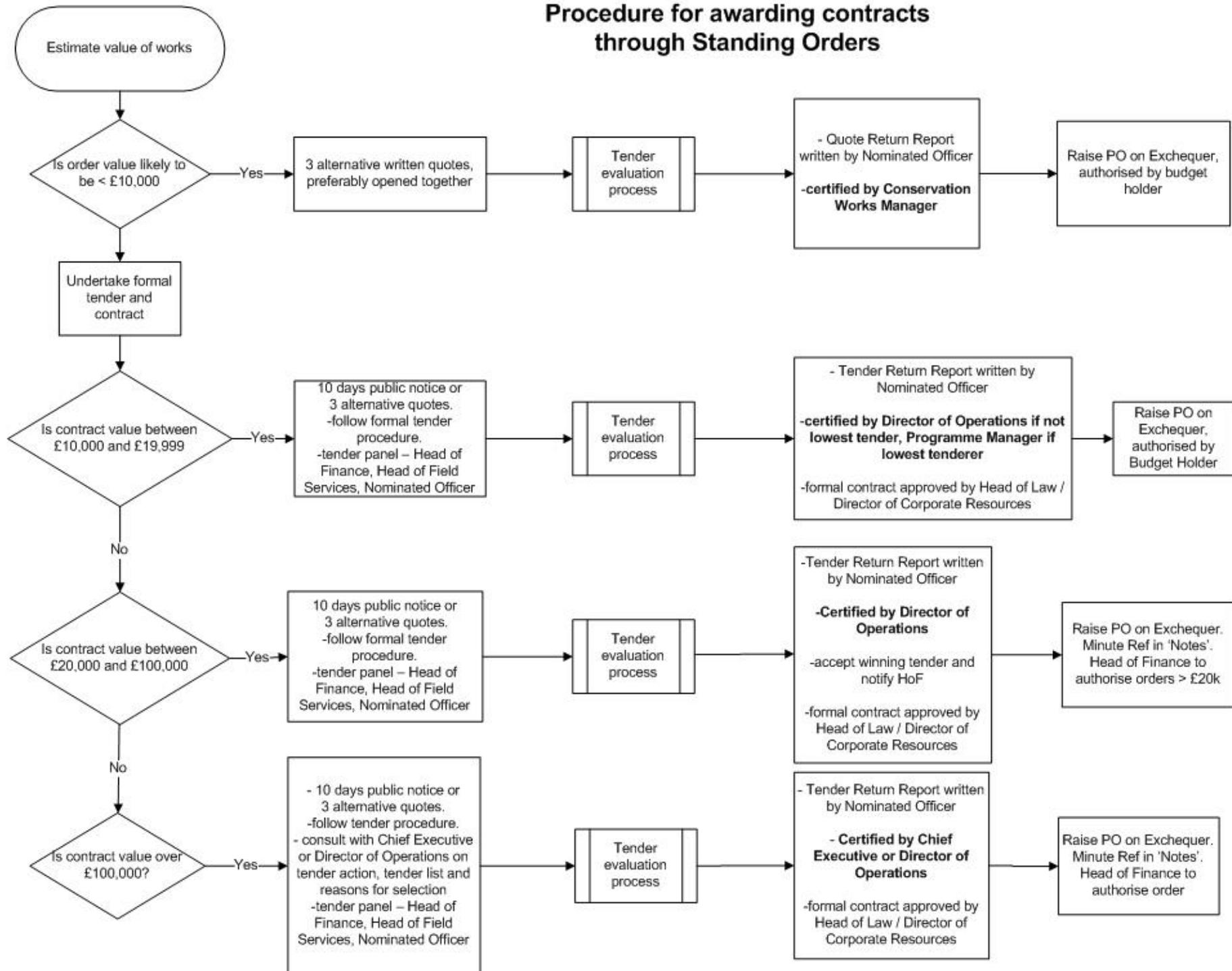
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# Tendering process

- All MFF contracts held by PDNPA, signed by Head of Law
- All PDNPA contracts must comply with Standing Orders
- Contract likely to be bigger than £10,000? – Full tendering process required
- Tender documents contain all Contract requirements

## Procedure for awarding contracts through Standing Orders



**MOORS FOR THE FUTURE PARTNERSHIP - QUOTE RETURN REPORT**

**REFERENCE A.796221 | CM projects – Moor LIFE**

**TITLE** Installation of stock fencing on the Turley Holes and Higher House Moor Tenancy, 2011

**Start** March 2011

**DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORKS** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 (or as soon as possible after this date)

**Background**

Part of the restoration work for the Moor LIFE Programme on the YWS Turley Holes and Higher House Moor tenancy, tenders were sought for the installation of 6991m metres of stock fencing, to be carried out during February - March 2011.

**Received tender returns**

Company	Cost (excluding VAT)	Estimated time for completion
ID Hanafin & Sons	£39,563.27	6 weeks 3 days
Legacy Habitat Management Ltd	£67,632.21	4 weeks
Footprint Conservation Ltd	£43,178.60	4 weeks
Hinsdale Moorland Services	Did not submit a tender	
Marsden AES Ltd	Did not submit a tender	
Turley Fencing	Did not submit a tender	
William Froggatt Fencing	Did not submit a tender	

**Tender Evaluation**

Three contractors returned the form filled in as per the stipulations in the tender documentation, these were:

**MD Hanafin & Sons**

**Legacy Habitat Management Ltd**

**Footprint Conservation Ltd**

Hanafin's is a specialist fencing contractor, Legacy and Footprint carry out a wider range of works including fencing.

Hanafin's take the longest time to carry out the Works but have the most competitive price.

**Environmental Purchasing Policy (EPP) Considerations**

There are no EPP Considerations.

**Human Rights Act, Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety Considerations**

There are no Human Rights issues apparent. Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety considerations will be taken into account regarding this issue.

**Consultations**

This report has been produced following consultations with Matt Buckler, Conservation Works Manager, and Brendon Wittram, Conservation Contracts Manager, Moors for the Future.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**It is recommended that the contract is awarded to MD Hanafin & Sons.** This is for the following reasons:

- Hanafin's have the most competitive price, although their timescale for completion of the Works would have posed difficulties without negotiations with Natural England on allowing the Works to extend into the bird nesting season.
- Footprint, who have given the second most competitive quote, are about to be recommended for other Moors for the Future Works and are therefore likely to be quite busy, so are rejected despite giving a timescale of 4 weeks to carry out the Works.
- Hanafin's have in the past carried out several large fencing contracts for Moors for the Future to a high standard.

The total tendered price for this work is **£39,563.27**. However, it was decided after the tender analysis to reduce the spacing of the fence posts from 3 metres to 2. After consulting Hanafin's the price per metre increases from £5.29 to £5.91. Therefore the new tender figure is **£43,897.69**, and the total cost for this project including the 10% contingency is **£48,287.46**.

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**Conclusion:**

This recommendation has been produced in accordance with the Peak District National Park Authority Standing Orders (2000) which delegates responsibility for this contract to the Director of Operations.

Richard Campen, Director of Operations.

## Tender evaluation based on:

- Cost
- Compliance with specification
- Ability to undertake works
- Capacity to undertake works within appropriate timescales
- Appropriate information supplied – Easier to assess tender

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# Tendering process

- Generally, what are people's concerns?
  - Size and bureaucratic nature of documentation
  - Liquidated damages
  - Risk assessments and Method statements



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