When a Groundsure Agricultural report identifies Action Required, it is often due to current permits or other potentially contaminative activities having been identified within the farmyard. A focused environmental audit of this area allows these issues to be addressed, with any potentially significant liabilities identified. This audit provides a cost effective method for clarifying these risks.

The assessment will be undertaken by an experienced Groundsure Consultant and will include a site inspection of the high risk areas as identified in the Groundsure Agricultural report. Using a standard farmyard checklist, the Consultant will assess the yard operations for their risk to the condition of the land and for the risk of regulatory enforcement. The resulting audit will be provided in the form of the completed checklist, a summary of findings and, where appropriate, a reassessed Agricultural report. Should a reassessed report not be available, the Consultant will provide next steps to be undertaken.

**Key enhancements**

- Includes a site visit.
- In line with SSAFO Guidance and Regulations (Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) (England) Regulations).
- Provides additional clarity over a desk based report.
- Covers all aspects of Section B8.16 of the Law Society Conveyancing Handbook.

**Key features of the operational audit:**

- Discharges to controlled waters requiring a licence
- Licensed and private abstraction enquiries
- Review of operations to assess whether they fall under Environmental Protection Act regulation and if so, compliance with requirements
- Inspection of farmyard for potentially significant land contamination
- Application of Oil Storage Regulations
- Assessment of Waste Exemption or other Waste Management Regulation requirements as they apply to the property
- Enquiry regarding the management of asbestos in buildings

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**Reliance**

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