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## **Safety in the Storage and Handling of Steel and other Metal Stock – HSG 246**

This publication was a long time in the making, work having started on it during 1999, but it was finally published at the end of 2004. NASS worked closely with the HSE and Wolverhampton City Council through its Steel Stockholding Lead Authority Partnership (SSLAP) to ensure that the final guidance document was one that would be workable in the industry.

NASS' Health & Safety Committee Chairman, Jill Dillamore (The McArthur Group Ltd.), commented that, "NASS' Health & Safety Committee feel that working in partnership with the HSE and Local Authority has enabled us to produce clear and achievable safety standards for our industry, which should help all the businesses within our sector, both large and small. We have worked together to make this guidance easy to understand, thereby assisting all of us to improve our health and safety standards."

The Guidance drew equal praise from Nick Edwards, Chief Environmental Services Officer at Wolverhampton City Council. He said, "The publishing of this guidance is a real achievement and shows what can be accomplished from partnership working. It has been eagerly awaited and I am in no doubt that it will help to improve health and safety standards across industries involved in the storage, handling and transport of metal products. It will also act as an invaluable tool for enforcing authorities and assist in the consistency of enforcement, one of the original aims of the Steel Stockholding Lead Authority Partnership."

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