

NSS Launches CPD Talks on Critical New Siphonic Drainage Standards

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Industry leader [NSS](#) – a [PTSG](#) Company – is offering essential CPD-accredited seminars addressing the recently introduced British Standard BS 8490:2025 for siphonic drainage systems, a game-changing development for commercial property professionals across the UK.

Published in February 2025, the new standard represents a significant shift in compliance requirements, mandating that buildings with internal gutters must now have both primary and secondary drainage systems – regardless of capacity. With rainfall volumes now 40-60% higher than historical averages, this legislative update renders many existing commercial properties non-compliant overnight.

Billy Gordon, Technical Manager at NSS, who brings 21 years of industry expertise to the seminar, explains: “This is one of the most substantial changes to drainage standards we’ve seen in years. The previous standard from 2007 suggested secondary systems only in certain circumstances, but now they’re explicitly required for all buildings with internal gutters.”

The implications for facilities and property managers are significant. Any building with only a primary siphonic system is now outdated according to the new standard – even those that previously met rainfall requirements.

Tony Andreou, Senior National Sales Manager at NSS, emphasises the urgent need for awareness: “Many property professionals don’t realise that their buildings no longer meet current standards, potentially leaving them vulnerable to water ingress, business disruption and insurance complications.”

“With extreme weather events becoming more frequent, ensuring your drainage systems meet current standards isn’t just about compliance – it’s about protecting your property, operations and people.”

NSS's CPD talks cover:

- Key changes in BS 8490:2025 and how they affect existing buildings
- Risk assessment for current drainage systems
- Practical, cost-effective compliance solutions
- Maintenance requirements under the new regulations

The hour-long sessions are particularly valuable for property surveyors, facilities managers, estate managers, health and safety professionals, and property managers – everyone who has responsibility for ensuring buildings meet current standards.

As a member of the Siphonic Roof Drainage Association with nationwide coverage, NSS is uniquely positioned to deliver these talks either at client premises or remotely via Teams, offering maximum flexibility.

If you're interested in arranging a CPD session register your interest by contacting NSS directly at 07876 645166 or visiting <https://nssgroup.com/cpd-new-legislation/>