

NORTHERN IRELAND HAZARDOUS WASTE FORUM

Report of Sixteenth Meeting held 7th September 2006 InvestNI Headquarters, Belfast

Attendees

Allison Townley (EHS) – Acting Chairperson)	Patricia Donnan (DHSSPS)
Richard Burnett (arc21)	Fionntán Adams (EHS)
Sandy Truesdale (EPD)	Brian Meaney (EPA)
Wendy Cooke (EPD)	Pamela Patterson (EHS)
Mark McAdoo (SWaMP)	Suzanne Eastwood (NI Demolition Assoc)
Barry Johnston (ORA)	Niamh Drew (DOE (HLGS)
Shane Woods (Federation of Small Business)	Carl Stuart (H&S Executive)
Gillian Stewart (Invest NI)	John Knox (EHS)

Apologies

David Wilson (Chairman)	Billy McClintock (H & S Executive)
Ken Forbes (SWaMP)	Jason McPolin (Irish Waste)
Noel Scott (Planning)	Kate Creaner (McQuillans)
Trevor Knipe (INI)	Cecil Hamill (McQuillans)
Peter Christie (NI Environmental Link)	Jim McGrath (NWRWMG)
Brian Lewis (CBI)	

1. Introduction

New members were welcomed. Allison Townley acted as chairperson as the chairman was unable to attend due to illness of a family member.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Actions arising

The minutes were accepted subject to amendment.
Section 5 “DET” should read “DTI”.

It was confirmed that the secretariat had forwarded the information received from CBI to EPD regarding the exemption of aerospace parts from WEEE Legislation.

The planning report and the ROI's position statement on the WEEE Directive were distributed to members.

3. **Encouraging the 4R's**

- *Presentation on Waste Tools by White Young Green*
The presentation was given followed by discussion.
- Update on Priority Waste Schemes
Northern Ireland Demolition Association reported that the impending judicial review had been deferred.
ORA advised that there had been no substantive developments.

4. **Regulatory System**

EPD Update

- *Presentation on proposed new enforcement powers*
A presentation on the new enforcement powers was given by EPD followed by discussion.
- *ELV and Hazardous Waste: present position*
DTI are to convene an interagency meeting – dates to be confirmed.
- *Update on Waste Management Licensing Exemptions for Hazardous Waste*
EPD advised that DEFRA have a paper with the commission for consideration at present. NI will follow the GB lead. The paper is available on line and EPD to forward the website address to the Secretariat for circulation. It was agreed that EPD will give a presentation on the subject to the Forum at the next meeting.
- *Progress on Producer Responsibility Directives*
EPD reported that the Packaging Consolidation Regulations will come into operation on 9th October 2006.
ELV: EHS are currently working to licence the required number of Authorised Treatment Facilities.
WEEE: Consultation on these regulations will end on 17/10/06 and will be implemented by July 2007. EPD are holding a seminar on the proposed regulations on 14/9/06 and they will send details of the seminar to Secretariat for distribution to the members of the Forum.

EHS Update

- *Review of the Import/Export Plan*
Ongoing.

- *Regulatory Activities – Report on illegal Activity*
The EHS report on illegal activity was distributed and the main problem that was highlighted was laundered diesel. EHS said the main bodies to consign these movements were the Customs and Excise: Landowners and Councils.
Environmental Crime will report to the next meeting of the Forum and they will update the members on the Fly Capture programme.

5. Communications and awareness

- *INI Update*
The Case Studies have been published. These studies examine the benefits on recycling materials. The waste streams considered in the case studies include construction, agriculture and cross border waste
The niwasteworks.com website has now been revised and updated and can be viewed on www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/niwasteworks.
There has been no money received from the landfill tax escalator fund to date.
- *Update from Waste Management Industry on guidance to customers*
The representative from the Federation of Small Businesses reported that information on Hazardous WEEE has spread throughout the sector resulting in increased collection of WEEE from that sector.
- *Presentation by arc21 on community repaint scheme*
A presentation on community repaint scheme was given by arc21 followed by discussion.
SWaMP and NWRWVG to report to the Forum on Community Repaint Schemes in their area at the next meeting.

6. Facility Provision

- *Update from EPA on the National Hazardous Waste Plan*
The ROI first published its National Hazardous Waste Plan in 2001 and is currently being reviewed by consultants. A report is imminent and will be considered by the National Waste Prevention Committee. The EPA Representative suggested that after the committee had reviewed the findings of consultant's report that a working group should set up between the NI Hazardous Waste Forum and the National Waste Prevention Committee to consider all Ireland solutions to problems that will evolve from the report.
The areas that working group would possibly examine would be-
(a) Strengthening links between NI and ROI;
(b) Data and statistics;
(c) Waste prevention;
(d) collection of Hazardous Waste;

- (e) producer responsibility;
- (f) Treatment/recovery;
- (g) Disposal;
- (h) Consistent legislation between ROI and NI;

- *Update from DOEHLG on implementation of WEEE*
The DOEHLG representative gave an update on the amount of WEEE collected for the period ended February 2006. The total amount collected was 21,500 tonnes which equated to 6.8Kg per person. DOEHLG advised that in ROI collection of WEEE from businesses is undertaken via business agreements which are strictly regulated.

The Hazardous Waste Incinerator cited in Cork is subject to judicial review and the municipal incinerator cited in Meath is also subject to judicial review.

Currently the Department is consulting on a proposal to introduce a waste regulator for ROI. The Consultation period ends on 6.10.06 after which the responses received will be reviewed.

- *Update from Planning Service*
The update from the planning service was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

7. A O B

The report from Envirowise at the December 06 meeting will include advice and guidance, types of questions on Hazardous Waste they have received and any site visits and audits completed.

8. Date of next meetings and agenda

14th December 2006

ACTION POINT	Who is responsible
New questionnaire to be distributed to members in November 2006	Secretariat
New draft implementation plan 2007 to be drafted by November 2006 for discussion at December 2006 meeting. TOR to be reviewed	Secretariat
Presentation on waste management licensing exemptions on Hazardous Waste to be given at December 06 meeting	EPD
A report on Fly Capture to be given at December 06 meeting	EHS
Envirowise to give a presentation at December 06 meeting	Envirowise
A report of community repaint schemes to be given at December 06 meeting	SWaMP and NWRWMG