

WasteDataFlow Operational Group Meeting minutes (afternoon)

Tuesday 15th December – Ergon House, London

Attendees: Isabella Hayes, David Lee, Gary Armstrong, Roy Thompson, Frances Howe, Rosaleen Hughes, John Fry, Claire Coggan, Adrian Fitzpatrick, Adrian Gregory, Michael Laverty, Alex Ross, Tania Stephens, Alan McCoy, Tina Benfield, Susana Sebastian.

Apologies: Vicki Heron, Andy MacKenzie, Mark McAdoo.

Key Messages:

1. Development:

- Adjustments have been made to the NIs and changes to Q59 (MBT). There are also new lists of facilities for Northern Ireland and England.
- New reports – the waste destinations and waste processors reports are to be made available to data entry users at authorities only. Municipal recycling rate reports are to be available for all of the UK. The material type/collection method report is possible to develop so that it can be viewed by authority and by question. The BMW report is more tricky and will need more time.

2. Making Public Data Public:

- David has offered the English WDF data to be used on the development site of data.gov.uk. We need to make sure that we present the data in an understandable format to avoid any confusion to users.

3. Definition of municipal waste:

- The new definition includes household waste and C&I waste of similar nature or composition. At the moment it only includes the small amount of C&I that is collected by authorities. The landfill target will probably double due to all the C&I waste that will be included under municipal. The new definition is more or less the waste included under chapter 20 of the EWC codes.
- With the new definition WDF will need to include C&I waste too. The only legal obligation of authorities to use WDF is for LATS purposes so if LATS is no longer then there could be no need for WDF. However, there will still be a need for municipal waste data. The consultation is published at the end of February.

4. Question 59:

- Q19a was introduced to include residual outputs in recycling in NI 192. The CLO output from MBTs wasn't counted as recycling for NI 192. The EA is producing guidance for Q59, the use of CLO and where to enter the data in Q59.

5. Country updates:

- England:
 - Kent 'roadshow' meeting: had good feedback, Enviro, Defra and the EA each did a presentation.
 - EA visits: 25 authorities are being visited between now and the end of March. The other authorities will get a 'phone call visit'.
- Wales:
 - A UG was held at the beginning of November. The miscalculation of NIs was brought up which Alex reported to WDF.
 - Investigating secondary and tertiary processes in regard to reject rates.
- Scotland:

- Q2: waiting for one council to report as they have problems receiving the required data from contractors. Q2 summary data will be published by the beginning of February.
- Q3: The data for 13 Councils have been verified.
- A UG is planned for February.
- Had problems with the summary on-line data provided by WDF this quarter - Enviros is looking into these issues.
- Query: Question 56 -Tonnes of waste sent to RDF, Autoclave, MHT or similar treatment. This question does not allow us to report bottom ash recycled and that could lead to problems in the calculation of BMW in the residual fraction of the waste.

- NI:
- Q2: 24 out of 36 (92.31%) district councils had submitted data to level 30 by the 30th November deadline, with all data submitted by 2nd December.
- Q3: 23 out of 36 (88.46%) of all district councils had their data at level 35 by the 30th November deadline, with all data being submitted by 3rd December.
- L35 rolldowns: data was rejected for all district councils to enable amendments to be made as required.
- The annual NILAS and MSW reports will be published shortly on the NIEA website at: http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/waste-home/municipal_data_reporting.htm

6. AOB:

- The EA has found on the facilities list on WDF, final destinations such as Oxfam and Scope under 'other exempt'. Roy asked that these be reviewed each year to prevent any build up of these entries.
- Alex suggested that the facilities list dropped down in alphabetical order, rather than the order in which they were entered, to make it more user friendly.

Actions arising:

1. Gary to make waste destination and waste reprocessor reports available to data entry users at authorities.
2. Gary to chase developers about Q19 rejection and NI calculations.
3. Isabella to send email out to organise a meeting in January to discuss the new complex waste question ready to have the question ready for April 2010.
4. Isabella to arrange date for the next PMB in January or February.