



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Innovation:** Funding for the **Greener Homes and Buildings project in Wales** has now been received and work is soon to commence. For further information, visit [www.greenhomesandbuildings.co.uk](http://www.greenhomesandbuildings.co.uk)

**Procurement:** A fire-damaged school, St Jerome's in **Liverpool**, has been reconstructed using highly sustainable and innovative methods. Materials used in the school's construction were recycled or capable of reuse at the end of the school's life and construction was designed to minimise energy use through high insulation levels.

**New Initiatives:** The **Cefn Croes windfarm in Wales**, is in the final stages of testing and is due to come online in the near future. The project has been co-developed by the Renewable Development Company and GE Energy, and is the largest onshore windfarm in the UK. A total of 39 turbines will produce enough electricity to power the equivalent of 40,000 homes. GE Energy are set to employ four full time, local staff to run and maintain the windfarm.

**International Trade:** **Northwest-based**, Ebony Solutions is driving forward the use of bio-diesel in Europe, following its BSEN 590 approval (EU Diesel Standard). For further details, see [www.ebony-solutions.co.uk](http://www.ebony-solutions.co.uk)

**Grants & Schemes:** No news this week.

**Skills & Training:** **The Institute for Sustainable Development in Business at Nottingham Trent University** is offering **free environmental training** to businesses in the East Midlands (subject to certain eligibility criteria). The Institute is also launching an innovative **MBA in Sustainable Development** in conjunction with the university's business school. For further information about the MBA in Sustainable Development in Business, and the free environmental training for businesses, please contact Alastair Allen on 0115 848 6560 or email [alastair.allen@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alastair.allen@ntu.ac.uk)

### IN GENERAL

Amendments to the **Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999 (COMAH)**, by the Health and Safety Commission (HSC), came into force on 30 June 2005. [www.hse.gov.uk/chemicals/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/chemicals/index.htm)

### ANY QUESTIONS...?

Send your questions, on any aspect of the UK environmental industries, to [g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk](mailto:g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk). Every attempt will be made to answer them in the next issue.

The **Carbon Abatement Technology Strategy**, worth £25 million, will advance all forms of carbon abatement technologies, including improving the efficiency and co-firing existing power plant with low carbon alternatives such as biomass. It will also demonstrate carbon capture and storage as the most radical of the options and set the new strategy apart from the previous Clean Coal Technology programme.

A **Hydrogen Strategy** worth a further £15 million will also be announced shortly. This strategy will include demonstration programmes for hydrogen and fuel cells. It will also lead to the establishment of a **Hydrogen Coordination Unit** and represents a step change in the Government's commitment to hydrogen energy. It will help to ensure that the UK's participation in international initiatives such as the **International Partnership for the Hydrogen Economy** is fully effective, and benefits both the UK and international partners. [www.dti.gov.uk/energy](http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy)

### Consultations:

**DTI: UK Environmental Industries** Consultation on Technology Priorities. Closing date 2 September 2005: <http://www.dti.gov.uk/eiag/technology.html>

**DEFRA: Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive** Consultation paper on proposals for Regulations transposing the treatment permitting requirements of the WEEE Directive and providing for exemptions for storage, repair and refurbishment of WEEE. Closing date 19 August 2005: <http://defraweb.defra.gsi.gov.uk/corporate/consult/weee-article6/index.htm>

**Regional Economic Strategy (RES) Consultations: North West** Closing date: 30 September 2005.

<http://www.nwda.co.uk/strategy>

**Yorkshire Forward** Closing date: September 2005.

<http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/view.asp?id=3275&pw=>

### DIARY DATES

**Envirenergy**, Yorkshire and Humber Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, **27th September 2005**. Visit:

<http://www.envirenergy.org.uk/EnvYH2005.html>

**World Renewable Energy Council/Network (WREN)**

**International Seminar**, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton. **15-21**

**October 2005**. Email: [asayigh@netcomuk.co.uk](mailto:asayigh@netcomuk.co.uk),

<http://www.wrenuk.co.uk>

**BWEA 27th annual conference and exhibition**, **18-20**

**October 2005**. Visit <http://www.bwea.com/27/>

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