



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: In the Northwest, the **Clean Merseyside Centre** and the **Sports Turf Research Institute** have successfully completed the first UK operational trials of **glass sand in golf bunkers**. The findings will be disseminated on 27th September at Blundells Hill Golf Club, Rainhill, Merseyside. WRAP will also be there to discuss further opportunities for the use of glass sand in sports applications. For details, contact Linda McGeechan on 01942 491 294, email L.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk

New Initiatives: The **Northwest's National Industrial Symbiosis Programme** (NISIP) was successfully launched in Runcorn on the 7th September. For further details contact Richard.curry@nisp.org.uk or visit www.nisp.org.uk

Skills & Training: **E.I.F North East** in partnership with Nutech Centre for Training Ltd have developed a **Health and Safety Passport Course** for waste and recycling sector employees. An examination at the end of the course will determine the level of understanding and those successful will receive a unique passport card, which is valid for three years, to prove they have an accredited knowledge of Health and Safety issues for the waste and recycling industry. For details contact info@eif.org.uk

Grants & Schemes: Entrepreneurs are being invited to apply for a share of a **£500,000 DTI-backed fund** to help them assess the capabilities of their inventions. It is open to any small- and medium-sized firms with products that are nearly ready to be marketed. To apply, businesses should call the NPL and discuss their project with them. Telephone 020 8943 6880 or see www.npl.co.uk/measurement_for_innovators

Procurement: No news this week.

IN GENERAL

Forum for the Future appoints Chief Executive - Forum for the Future has announced the appointment of its first Chief Executive, with Peter Madden having joined the organisation on 1st September 2005. For more information, visit www.forumforthefuture.org.uk

UK Trade & Investment's free Internet marketing tool - British companies who supply goods or services to the water industry now have the opportunity to promote their company in the global market for water sector goods & services. To take advantage of this free marketing tool, click on <http://www.ukwater.biz/yourcompany/>

Consultations:

R&D tax credits discussion paper - Comments are invited by 12th October to: R&DTaxcredit@hm-treasury.gov.uk See www.hmrc.gov.uk/consult_new/rd-taxcredit.pdf. Anyone wanting to contact DTI about the discussion paper can email nick.munn@dti.gsi.gov

Defra: Proposed procedural changes to the water abstraction and impounding licensing system. Views are also sought on proposed changes to the Water Resources

(Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 to implement changes required by the Public Participation Directive. The consultation period for the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations ends on 31st October 2005. The consultation period for all other aspects of the document ends on 28th November 2005. The consultation is on: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/waterresource-regs/letter.htm>

EU Skills: Four national consultation events around the UK on EU Skills' Occupational & Functional Map of the UK's Renewable Energy Sector are taking place in October. Locations and dates are:

Midlothian, Scotland	5th October 2005
Lisburn, Northern Ireland	6th October 2005
Milton Keynes	12th October 2005
Wales	13th October 2005

For further details contact Rob Murphy on 0845 077 7054, or email Robert.Murphy@euskills.co.uk

DIARY DATES

East Midlands Expo 2005: 29th September 2005, Pride Park Stadium, Derby. To book your place, please contact Jenny Perreau at EIForum, on 0115 848 4844, email info@eiforum.org.uk

Resource Management – Opportunities from Waste: 12th October 2005, Westlakes Research Institute, Cumbria. This showcase event, hosted by Envirolink Northwest & Enabling Innovation in Cumbrian SMEs, will demonstrate the potential for companies to transform waste into marketable products. Contact m.whitworth@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk, or telephone Mark on 01942 491 294 for details.

IWEX 2005: Opportunities for UK companies to meet overseas buyers. UK Trade & Investment would like to invite UK companies operating in the water and wastewater sector the opportunity to meet with international buyers attending IWEX 2005. Buyers and key decision-makers from 8 countries (Bulgaria, China, Hungary, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia and South Africa) will be attending. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 19th October** at the NEC. In addition, UK exhibitors can arrange for international buyers to visit their stands. These visits can be pre-arranged to take place on **Tuesday, 18th October** only. Further details can be found on www.ukwater.biz under *news*.

EIC's National Industry Conference – Revealing Risk: Finding Profits, the Route to Success from Environmental Regulations: 27th October 2005, Cavendish Conference Centre, London W1. To book your place, telephone EIC on 020 7935 1675, or email info@eic-uk.co.uk

NEBEM 2005: the North East's one month long event in **November**. The event includes a two-day event named **EIF contact2contract at Sunderland's Stadium of Light on 21st and 22nd November**. Exhibitors are welcome from outside the region and details are available on the website www.eif.org.uk. Or email Jobensnion@eif.org.uk

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