



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

#### Innovation:

◆ **'Developing a Biodiesel Industry in England's Northwest'** is a new study report produced by EnviroLink Northwest. Contact Chris Shearlock for details: [c.shearlock@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:c.shearlock@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)

#### New Initiatives:

◆ **Encompass** is a new internet based system being piloted on Merseyside, prior to being launched throughout the Northwest, which allows companies to browse for contract notices. **EnviroLink Northwest** has developed this free guide through the maze of environmental contracts and tenders; for further information go to [www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](http://www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)

#### Skills & Training:

◆ Secondary research carried out by Energy & Utility Skills on behalf of EnviroSkills SW, and supported by the South West Regional Development Agency has recently been published. The study, **'Sector Skills Mapping in the Environmental Technology Sector'** can be downloaded from <http://euskills.netxtra.net/iag/index.php?folder=47>

◆ The Northwest's **Lead Academic Network** is to update the 2004 Capabilities Brochure looking at Environmental Science and Technology within Northwest Universities. Contact Ross Dixon at EnviroLink Northwest for details: [r.dixon@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:r.dixon@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk)

#### International Trade:

◆ For **EISU's full mission programme for 2006 – 2007**, visit [www.eisu.info/eisu\\_programme\\_0607.htm](http://www.eisu.info/eisu_programme_0607.htm)

◆ UKTI's **Short Term Business Attachment Scheme (STBA)** aims to strengthen the Government's partnership with business and support the development of business opportunities for UK companies overseas. For companies in the **water sector** interested in secondments to Istanbul, Bucharest, Budapest and Warsaw, contact [ken.newnham@dti.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ken.newnham@dti.gsi.gov.uk)

◆ **Renewable Energy Trade Mission to Romania**, 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June. For a final chance to discuss this opportunity with a trade promoter, call 01664 565 083, or email [enquiries@renewables.com](mailto:enquiries@renewables.com)

#### Strategy:

◆ The **Welsh Assembly Government** has set out its vision for the Welsh environment through to 2026 in a new 20-year strategy: [http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/Environment\\_strategy\\_for\\_wales/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/Environment_strategy_for_wales/?lang=en)

### IN GENERAL

UKTI's [www.ukwater.biz](http://www.ukwater.biz) is now averaging over 2000 hits per month from prospective overseas buyers. Encourage your companies to register on this **FREE** web-based interactive promotional tool for UK water and wastewater capabilities. Contact [david.connolly@dti.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:david.connolly@dti.gsi.gov.uk) for more information.

**'Financing of Eco-Innovation'**, a seminar run by **EIU, Defra, City of London and Forum for the Future**, was held in London at the end of May. Attended by over 60 people drawn from the financial community and environmental firms (mainly SMEs), the event aimed to explore the public and private sector funding landscape for eco-innovation in the UK and better understand the current barriers faced by firms in commercialising environmental technologies. Conclusions reached on the day will be developed into a paper to be launched at a follow-up event in September.

#### Consultations:

◆ **UK Ship Recycling Strategy**. Deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006. See [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/shiprecycling-strategy/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/shiprecycling-strategy/index.htm)

◆ **Proposed Voluntary Reporting Scheme for Engineered Nanoscale Materials**. Deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006. See [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/nanotech-vrs/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/nanotech-vrs/index.htm)

◆ **Proposed amendments to the Pollution Prevention & Control (England & Wales) Regulations 2000**. Deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006. See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/ppc-amendregs-2006/index.htm>

### DIARY DATES

**Funding for Energy R&D: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Britannia Hotel, Manchester**. This free event will be of interest to companies and universities developing innovative energy and low carbon technologies either at the pre-commercial or commercialisation stage of development. Contact Linda McGeechan on 01942 491 294 or email [l.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk](mailto:l.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk) for details.

**CIWM Annual Exhibition: 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Paignton**. Why not visit the Environmental Industries Unit on stand T26, and come along to EISU's presentation on their Overseas Seminar Missions on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 – 9.50am in the Seminar Theatre sponsored by the Environment Agency, and learn about UKTI funding to access new environmental markets.

**International Water & Wastewater Clinic: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006, Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth**. UKTI will be hosting a delegation of overseas specialists and promoting East Midlands' supply chain capabilities. For further information contact Michael Hope on 01604 490 491, email [Michael.hope@ukti-northants.co.uk](mailto:Michael.hope@ukti-northants.co.uk)

**Celebration of British Support to Poland's Water Sector: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Warsaw, Poland**. This event will give UK companies with water sector knowledge and skills an opportunity to look closely at the Polish market. Please contact: Jeremy Goad, UKTI Water Sector Export Promoter, email [jeremy.goad@gtnet.gov.uk](mailto:jeremy.goad@gtnet.gov.uk), telephone 07770 331 307.

**For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar**. Visit [www.eiforum.org.uk](http://www.eiforum.org.uk) to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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