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Dear Deb,

With the coalition government's claim to be the 'Greenest Government ever' looking increasingly challenged following the lack of support to take measures to reduce excessive packaging, the drastic reduction in feed in tariffs for large scale solar pv installations and also the possible revolt by MEPs against David Cameron's ambitious greenhouse gas targets, there has never been a better time to take the bull by the horns and start your own green campaign. Adnams Brewery with Bio Group has done just that by installing an anaerobic digester on its site. We have further details of their project in this newsletter. Alongside the regular items on the latest in environmental legislation and some recent prosecutions we also have an offer from Wastepack for all those with Packaging Regulation obligations.

Mandy Stoker

### ***20% DISCOUNT OFFER FOR GREEN ACHIEVERS***



On behalf of members of the Green Achiever Scheme, E4Environment is working with Wastepack, the UK's leading compliance specialists, to offer a 20% membership discount for companies obligated under the UK's Packaging, WEEE and Batteries Regulations, which represents a significant annual cost saving.

E4Environment is pleased to work with Wastepack, with over a decade of producer responsibility experience as a secure and competitive compliance choice.

To take advantage of this offer please ring Tim Ross here at E4Environment on 01743 343403 to discuss your compliance options or contact Wastepack directly on 01279 620000.

### ***BEER TO POWER PROJECT***

Adnams Bio Energy Ltd, a joint venture between Adnams brewery and Bio Group, a company who turn organic waste in renewable energy are the first UK company to deliver biogas to the national

grid.

Adnams were keen to find a greener way to deal with their waste streams and the installation of an anaerobic digester at their site provided the answer. The plant receives local food and brewery waste and generates biomethane, which is similar to natural gas. The biomethane needs to be upgraded to grid specification and can then be fed into the grid for use by customers. The plant also produces biogas for use as vehicle fuel.

If you are interested to find out more about the renewable energy options that you may be able to take advantage of then visit the E4environment website <http://www.e4environment.co.uk/renewable-energy> , give us a call on 01743 343403 or drop us an email to [deb@greenachiever.co.uk](mailto:deb@greenachiever.co.uk) . E4environment offer site viability studies for a range of renewable energy options including installing anaerobic digestors.



## LEGISLATION UPDATES

### Northern Ireland

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 Contains a range of measures to improve the quality of the local environment by giving district councils additional powers to deal with litter, fly-posting and graffiti, dogs, noise, statutory nuisance, nuisance alleyways, abandoned and nuisance vehicles and abandoned shopping trolleys.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/23/introduction/enacted>



## FUTURE LEGISLATION UPDATES

### England / Wales

Environmental permitting amendment regulations - civil sanctions, anaerobic digestion, carbon capture and storage and administrative changes.

Defra has consulted on proposals for regulations to amend environmental permitting to:

- make administrative changes to how environmental permits are issued
- introduce civil sanctions as an alternative to prosecution for environmental permitting offences under the regulations
- make changes to the regulation of anaerobic digestion
- make changes to the regulation of carbon capture and storage.

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 are expected to come into force in October 2011.

Regulations for carbon capture and storage are expected to come into force in summer 2011.

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/env-permitting-regs/index.htm>

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/env-permitting-regs2010/index.htm>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/permitting/>

### Scotland

Pollution prevention and control (PPC) regulations

The Scottish Government has consulted on proposals to amend the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000. The proposals are to introduce new standard rules that replace site-specific permit conditions and to make a number of additional amendments to the existing regime.

The new regulations will be called the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 and are expected to come into force in summer 2011. This consultation closed on the 9 March 2011.  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/12/14095542/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/12/14095542/0)



## PROSECUTION

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### Oil spill leads to £10,000 fine

A Norfolk oil supplier and used oil recovery company has been fined £10,000 and ordered to pay costs of £4,427 for allowing vegetable oil to pollute a ditch leading to the cut off channel in Downham Market.

DJ Taylor (Anglian Oils) Ltd admitted that staff were not trained adequately and that this had led to the disposal of oil-contaminated water to surface water drains on site.

During an audit in 2008 by the Environment Agency, problems had been highlighted that could have led to the pollution of the watercourse, had

action not been taken to rectify them.

Poor site management led to the incident. Interceptors that should be a precautionary measure were being relied on for treatment thus leading to oil entering the watercourse. Detergents used to wash down vehicles had also contributed to the pollution.

The contamination was said to be more polluting than crude sewage.

After the hearing Environment Agency officer Anna Pearce said: "This incident could have been avoided had the company improved the management of their site when issues were pointed out to them in 2008.

"This case also demonstrates how important it is for businesses to fully understand the drainage infrastructure they have on site and to communicate that understanding to their staff."

### Waste Management Company fined for illegal storage of tyres

The Bristol Waste Management company, MTR (UK) Ltd, has been ordered to pay fines and costs amounting to £54,000 for illegally storing tens of thousands of waste tyres at its site.

It was estimated that, over a seven month period, 90,000 tyres were dealt with, with as many as 47,000 being stored on any given day. The registration held by MTR (UK) Ltd allows the storage of up to 1,000 tyres at the site, which is leased by its sister company, McCarthy Waste Management Ltd. The storage of the tyres also posed a health and safety issue owing to the precarious way in which the tyres were stacked as well as being a serious fire risk.

In 2008, the company were given a month in order to remove the excess tyres from the site. The company failed to comply with the notice. When Environment Agency officers returned to the site they found thousands of tyres still present.

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