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Dear Deb,

This edition of the Green Achiever Technical Newsletter outlines the changes in the recovery and recycling targets for the Packaging Waste Regulations as well as the development of the EU Ecolabel for heating. Included in our Legislation section are the amendments to Environmental Permitting Regulations (anaerobic digestion and carbon capture and storage) and the introduction into UK law of the Eco-design for Energy Related Products Regulations. We have also included the latest round-up of environmental prosecutions.

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Material	2010 (%)	2011 (%)	2012 (%)
Paper	69.5	69.5	69.5
Glass	81	81	81
Aluminium	40	40	40
Steel	69	71	71
Plastic	29	32	32
Wood	22	22	22
<b>Total Recycling</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>68.1</b>
<b>Total Recovery</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>

The Government has recently announced the recovery and recycling targets for the Packaging Waste Regulations will remain flat in 2011 and 2012 (subject to Parliamentary approval) with the exception of targets for steel and plastics recycling. It is understood from this announcement the Government is confident the EU's minimum recycling levels will be met for most

materials. In terms of what this means for industry there are possibly 2 key factors:-

- 1) There is a real possibility that the price of recycling evidence notes (PRNs/PERNs) will be kept low for the next two years for all materials with the exception of plastic and steel;
- 2) With the low PRN price next year may be a good year to assess the market rates between the various compliance schemes.

In thinking about the Packaging Regs don't forget our last month's article about the Wastepack data service <http://www.wastepack.co.uk/web/default.aspx?pg=170> and GRIPS data collection software <http://www.grips-software.com>

***Ecolabel and Green Public Procurement Criteria for Heating***



The European Commission is developing the EU Ecolabel and Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria for heating systems. The EU Ecolabel is the leading award for products and services that meet the highest environmental standards.

It is a voluntary scheme endorsed by all EU Governments and allows consumers to identify the top environmentally performing products available. It is independently verified and those products and services that meet the requirements are able to carry the flower logo.

For more information about the Ecolabel scheme in the UK please see <http://ecolabel.defra.gov.uk/>

If you wish to be kept informed about the development of the Ecolabel and GPP criteria for heating systems, please email

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## *Amendments To Legislation*



### **Environmental permitting regulations - anaerobic digestion and carbon capture and storage**

Defra is consulting on proposals to amend the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (EP Regulations) to:

- facilitate the development of anaerobic digestion (AD) plants
- implement part of EU

Directive 2009/31 on carbon capture and storage (CCS) · avoid double regulation of offshore CCS activities. The consultation closes on **26 November 2010**. The regulations are expected to come into force on 6 April 2011.

The proposals will affect operators of current or proposed AD plants, operators considering CSS facilities, regulators such as The Environment Agency and local authorities and anyone interested in environmental permitting and compliance. For further information please refer to

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

### **The Eco Design for Energy Related Products Regulations 2010**

The Eco-design for Energy Related Products Regulations 2010 have been laid before parliament, these will come into force on the 20th November. The regulations transpose into UK law European Directive 2009/125/EC establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products. They enable the Secretary of State to enforce the provisions of this Directive to improve the environmental performance of products. They include strengthening the administrative penalties regime and the addition of potential cost sharing, available to the market surveillance authority. [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/2617/contents/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/2617/contents/made)

## *Prosecutions*

### **Haulage company fined £10,000 for pollution to beck**

The Billingham based haulage firm Nicholsons Transport Limited have been fined £10,000 and ordered to pay Environment Agency costs of £1,875 after a toxic chemical leaked from one of its vehicles turning the water in Shotton Beck, Sedgfield, Co. Durham blue. The driver of the lorry was fined £300 and ordered to pay £330 costs. The polluted water was pumped out of the beck and was removed in tankers at the cost to Nicholsons in excess of £9,000.

The dark blue liquid, a wood preservative known to be toxic to aquatic life, leaked from the vehicle after the tank it was being transported in was damaged. The liquid ran along the kerbside, onto the grass verge and into roadside drains where it entered a tributary of Shotton Beck. No fish were killed in the incident.

## Wellington roofer prosecuted for dumping asbestos waste in field

A Wellington roofing contractor and two accomplices have been fined in excess of £3,600 plus costs for illegally dumping asbestos roof tiles in a field in The Quantock hills, one of Somerset's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Andrew Disney, of Disney Roofing, was implicated after packaging containing his home address was found amongst waste dumped in the field at Boomer Farm, North Petherton. Details obtained during questioning implicated two other men, Gareth Bright and Andrew Bryant in the crime. The waste was analysed and found to contain white and brown asbestos, which is a hazardous material that must only be disposed of only at a licensed site.

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