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Dear Deb,

The Government is set to announce this week along with the imminent Energy Bill, a series of measures designed to raise the profile of the upcoming Green Deal Scheme resulting in some ground breaking energy efficiency policies.

The Energy Bill, which is due to be published on Thursday, would include a package of financial support for low carbon energy sources and the postponement of a decision on whether to include a de-carbonisation target in the legislation. According to Climate Change Minister, Greg Barker, The Bill will also feature "the most ambitious approach to demand reduction we've ever seen in the UK".

Mandy Stoker

Environmental Permits - Who Needs Them?

We often mention Environmental Permits in our Technical Newsletters and feature companies that flout them in our Prosecutions section but what are they and who needs them?

The Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2010 were introduced on 6 April 2010, replacing the 2007 Regulations and apply to anyone handling third party waste. Companies to whom the regulations apply need to find out if their activities require them to register an exemption or to apply for an environmental permit.

Exemptions - companies with waste activities that are exempt from the regulations must still register their activities with the Environment Agency. Most exemptions are free.

Standard Permits - these carry fixed rules for common activities. Companies must be able to meet the requirements of the permit in order to apply. They carry a fixed charge.

Bespoke Permits - these are permits that are written for specific activities. They take longer to process so tend to be more expensive.

For more information about Environmental Permitting, please see the Environment Agency website

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/permitting/default.aspx

Business Resource Efficiency Hub

WRAP UK have an online range of tools and guides to help businesses improve their resource efficiency, including 'Green Town', an interactive online tour of a range of typical businesses with tips and ideas on where energy savings can be made.

They also have a range of guides, case studies and tools, such as a Water Monitoring Tool and Waste Hierarchy Tool. There are three levels to choose from - Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced, so there may even be some relevant tips for our best Green Achievers!

For more information, please see www.wrap.org.uk/cy/node/10336



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Waste offender given 12 months

Bedfordshire man, Nicholas Fletcher, has been sent to prison for a year for repeat waste offences at land he rented at two sites near Luton.

Fletcher, trading as Dunstable Skip Hire and Luton Skip Hire, brought significant amounts of waste to the sites where it was tipped, sorted, stored and burned. Hazardous

items, such as fridges, gas cylinders, lead batteries, cathode ray tubes were stored at the sites along with rubble, electrical equipment and other wastes, some of which contained asbestos.

The sites did not have the appropriate infrastructure to deal with the waste and by operating illegally, Fletcher saved about £85,000 in costs.

The court heard that Fletcher had previous convictions for similar offences and as such his waste carrier's licence had been revoked in 2011.

Fletcher was served a statutory notice to remove the waste from site by 8 March 2012 but he failed to do so.

Fletcher pleaded guilty to three offences and was given three sentences amounting to 12 months imprisonment.

Eddie Stobart lands £30,000 fine

Eddie Stobart Group Ltd were fined £30,000 and ordered to pay £4040.29 in costs for causing a water discharge, namely ammonia, into the Cuttail Brook, Nottinghamshire.

Following a report of pollution on 1 August 2011, an Environment Agency officer attended the Sherwood Business Park to inspect several ponds and the Cuttail Brook which run through the business park. The officer observed a large number of dead fish around the margins of one of the ponds. When he checked the inlet valve to the pond he found a steady flow of clean water and there was also a strong smell of ammonia. Ammonia is very soluble in water and is toxic to fish.

Eddie Stobart's premises were inspected as they are known to use ammonia in their refrigeration systems. It was established that there had been a problem with these systems. Speaking after the case, an Environment Agency officer in charge of the investigation said, "This pollution resulted in the death of over 1,000 fish in an area which is popular with anglers and also near to a Site of Special Scientific Interest. We take cases of pollution to watercourses very

seriously due to the environmental damage that can be caused. In this case we considered all the relevant factors and decided that a prosecution would be an appropriate course of action on this occasion."

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