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Industry News

EU waste rules reassessed

The European Commission has hinted at narrowing the definition of waste in a forthcoming revision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD 75/442/EC) by clarifying when a used material can become an alternative raw material. Provision may also be included to allow the Commission to define waste to product transition on a case-by-case basis for specific waste streams. Used material will be declassified as waste depending on their environmental impact. The revision will also clarify the definitions of 'recovery' and 'disposal'. In a recent questionnaire, the Commission also asked stakeholders whether there is support for an extension of the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive to cover waste treatment processes not already covered under it.

Publication by CEN of the National Annex to standard EN 1990 Basis of Structural Design

In the 15 February 2005 issue of The Structural Engineer, Dr Pal Chana, BCA's Technical Director, presented the background research to the use of load factors allowed in the National Annex to standard EN 1990 Basis of Structural Design, which has now been published by CEN. EN 1990 Basis of Structural Design marks the start of the long awaited Eurocodes. The standard provides the framework for the whole suite of Eurocodes, which includes the design of concrete structures as well as geotechnical and seismic design.

Eurocodes will contain some elements of choice for countries, but the preferred option will usually be recommended. Further information: [updates on Structural Eurocodes](#)

Sustainability

Sustainable development in the cement industry

The Sustainable Development Task Force (SDTF) was established in 2004 to coordinate and lead the integration of sustainable development in the cement industry's

activities. The SDTF continues to develop a strategy for sustainable development, and responsibility for particular aspects of the strategy lies with KII (Key Industry Issues) groups.

The cement industry's vision is to continually improve its performance on sustainable development until it is recognised as leading the way by 2010. To put the industry on a path to achieve this by the end of 2005, a number of objectives have been created for the SDTF:

- To create a framework that will allow the industry to maximise its contribution to the well-being of its employees, neighbours, and wider society, making the UK cement industry an employer and supplier of choice.
- To continually improve the sustainability performance of cement by setting and reviewing targets on environmental, economic and social performance.
- To promote whole life benefits of cement and maximise the contribution of cement to the delivery of a more sustainable built environment.
- To extend our constructive, proactive and sustainable relations with stakeholders.
- To optimise the role that the cement industry can play in assisting the UK with delivery of best practicable environmental options for waste recovery.
- To integrate sustainable development into all UK cement industry strategies, activities and communications.

The Task Force will have a life of one year, after which the sustainable development strategy will have been developed and integrated into the interactions between BCA and member companies.

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Health & Safety

Diary date: Health and Safety conference

This year's Revitalising Health and Safety conference will take place on 22 November in the West Midlands. Further details to follow.

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Parliament Update

Cement industry gives evidence in House of Lords

BCA followed up its written evidence, submitted several months ago, to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee inquiry into energy efficiency, with a session of oral evidence on Wednesday 2 March. Represented by Mike Gilbert, Chief Executive of BCA and Dick Boarder of Castle Cement, who chairs the industry Climate Change Group, they answered a variety of questions on the performance of the cement sector and its future potential to deliver further energy efficiency and emission improvements.

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Consultations

Monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions

The Commission has undertaken to review the MRG by 31 December 2006 and a stakeholder consultation will be held to assist them with this.

The first stage of this consultation consists of a stakeholder questionnaire to express their views on key monitoring issues. Stakeholders may however wish to choose alternative formats to communicate their views, e.g. in a position paper or through a list of detailed suggestions for changes. Deadline for submissions 15 April 2005. [Click for link to consultation.](#)

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Events

Remediation Seminars

Remediation of Brownfield land

22 March, Falkirk

06 April, Cardiff

Recycle and Remediate with Lime and Cement

12 May, Manchester

21 June, Falkirk

Further information: [The Concrete Centre](#), tel: 0700 4 500 500 or email: seminars@concretecentre.com

CISF Annual Conference & Dinner

The 2005 Annual Conference & Dinner of the Cement Industry Suppliers' Forum (CISF) takes place from 18-19 April at the Bosworth Hall Hotel nr Hinkley, Leicestershire. The conference will provide an overview of the industry's current concerns, analysis of trends and a range of presentations on the impacts of legislation in Chromium (VI) reduction, alternative fuels, emissions limits and transport. Further information: [Conference Brochure](#) or Edwin Trout, tel: 01276 608771 or email: cisf@bca.org.uk.

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BCA media coverage in February

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Directive controls burns risks	Construction Products	Feb 05
Ground Rules [remediation guide]	Envirotec	Feb 05
Door closes on waste oil outlets	ENDS Report	Feb 05
Waste solidification and stabilisation guidance	ENDS Report	Feb 05
Cement fuels guide boost	Contract Journal	02/02/05
BCA welcomes revised Substitute Fuels Protocol	Aggregateresearch.com	03/02/05
Agency revises guidelines on waste as fuel in cement kilns	Letsrecycle.com	03/02/05
Greens joins industry on emissions compliance	Contract Journal	16/02/05
Cement industry achieves climate change target	Aggregateresearch.com	21/02/05

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Publications

Information sheets published

BCA has published two new information sheets:

- The Chromium (VI) Directive for cement, Sheet 6: European Test Method for Chromium (VI) content of cement.
- New Eurocements, information sheet no 3: Masonry Cement – The New European Standard BS EN 413-1:2004

Both documents can be downloaded from the [BCA website](#).

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