

# cement industry update



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## Industry news

### Westminster event

The Sustainable Development Task Force will launch the UK cement industry's strategic and practical response to the UK and international sustainable development agenda at a Westminster event on 1 November 2005.

Jonathon Porritt, Chair of the Government's Sustainable Development Commission and Forum for the Future, and Sir Neville Simms, Chair of the Sustainable Procurement Task Force, have agreed to attend and speak. Alun Michael MP, Minister for Industry has expressed his hope to attend.

Nearly 500 invitations have been sent to parliamentarians and other key stakeholders. Journalists will be invited to one-to-one

briefings immediately prior to the launch.

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## Parliament update

### REACH

The UK Presidency presented its compromise text to all member states' Governments at the working group meeting on 5-6 September. Policy debates will take place in October at meetings of the Competitiveness Council and the Environment Council. Political agreement will be sought at the Competitiveness Council meeting on 29-30 November. There is much activity in the relevant EU Parliamentary Committees (Environment, Industry, Internal Market, & International Trade). Lobbying initiatives with DTI, Defra and UKREP continue.

### EU Mine Waste Directive (MWD)

Lafarge and representatives of NEEIP met in Paris recently to agree a lobbying position and strategy ahead of the 7 September plenary vote. A similar meeting took place under the auspices of the CBI Minerals Committee. BCA has used its membership of the BBB to help target key MEPs. Letters and voting lists have been sent to the target MEPs, and copied to DTI, ODPM and UKREP.

### Parliamentary Bills

Three new bills of interest to the cement and concrete sectors are being monitored: the London Olympics Bill, which crucially establishes the Olympic Delivery Authority; the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, and the Management of Energy in Buildings Bill, which have both been introduced as Private Members' Bills.

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## Events

### Concrete Works

An exhibition of sculptural work in concrete by Carole Vincent at The Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon. Exhibition runs from 24 September to 6 November 2005. [www.crafts.org.uk](http://www.crafts.org.uk)

**The Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining,  
Ceramics Division's 48th Mellor Memorial**

## Lecture

*Surely we know all about cement, don't we?* will be presented by Professor John H Sharp from the University of Sheffield on 15 September, 6:30pm at Royal Holloway College, University of London. Attendance free. Further information on the lecture and conference dinner: Raman Mangabhai, Cement and Concrete Science, email: [r.j.mangabhai@btinternet.com](mailto:r.j.mangabhai@btinternet.com).

## BCA Berthold Lubetkin Memorial Lecture

The annual lecture, sponsored by The Concrete Centre, will be presented on 10 November by structural engineer Anthony Hunt from SKM Anthony Hunts. The lecture starts at 7pm, preceded by a drinks reception at 6pm, RIBA.

## Revitalising Health & Safety Conference

The BCA Revitalising Health & Safety conference will be held on Tuesday, 22 November at the Bank House Hotel in Worcester.

For updates on all BCA conferences, please visit [www.cementindustry.co.uk](http://www.cementindustry.co.uk).

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## BCA in the news

### BCA media coverage for August

| Article   | Media            | Issue |
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| Cement Makers' clean sweep                            | Contract Journal | 3 Aug |
| Cement sector report fails to set improvement targets | ENDS Report      | Aug   |

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