

Hazardous Waste Forum

Draft Implementation Plan for the Hazardous Waste Forum Advisory Document

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Overall Objective 1				
<p><i>To provide a clear and robust regulatory system for hazardous waste management. This must provide both:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the clarity of unambiguous legislative requirements; and</i> • <i>the certainty of consistent and transparent implementation, inspection and enforcement.</i> 				
Recommended Actions				
<p>1.1A Government should provide clarity as soon as possible on the extent, timing and application of forthcoming changes to legislation governing the management of hazardous waste.</p>	<p>Risks: Long consultations, delays in laying the Regulations.</p>	<p>Government clarity on extent, timing and applying regulations</p> <p>Defra to report to Forum on the progress of implementing Regulations pertinent to hazardous waste at HWF meeting 7 and report on the waste permitting review at meeting 8.</p> <p>The breakdowns of the timings (consultation, lay before Parliament come into force) are given below and in the Timelines Plan.</p>	<p>Defra</p>	

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<p>1.1B The Landfill Directive Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC). Government should confirm as soon as possible the date for the implementation of WAC: finalise the regulatory procedure for the interim year, if WAC is only to be introduced in July 2005; and confirm details of the application of the new landfill regime.</p>	<p>Benefits: Ensure enough time and clarity for suitable treatment facilities to be invested in and on line</p>	<p>Confirmation of the date on implementing the WAC</p> <p>As soon as possible: to enable enough time for investment decisions and planning to ensure facilities to be on line.</p> <p>Consultation to end - December</p> <p>Lay before Parliament inc final Regs and RIA - April 2004</p> <p>Come into force - May 2004</p> <p>Feedback from Landfill Implementation Group meetings to be given at HWF meeting 6 and 7.</p>	<p>Defra</p>	<p>Consultation launched and closes 17 December.</p>
<p>(i) <i>Government should make a decision as soon as possible on the date for the implementation of the WAC.</i></p>		<p>The decision on WAC should be made to give enough time for investment decisions to be made. – Further input required</p>	<p>Defra</p>	

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(ii) <i>If the waste acceptance criteria are to apply from July 2005, then the Government and the Environment Agency should clarify as soon as possible how the remaining hazardous waste landfill sites will be regulated in the gap year July 2004 – July 2005, between the ending of co-disposal and the full application of WAC.</i>	Assumption 2005. Risk: Late decision from Government on WAC Risk: WAC could be introduced in 2004	Government decision on timing of WAC (as above). The guidance needs to be delivered in good time for industry to initiate investment and planning decisions. Defra and the EA will give updates at the HWF meetings 6 and 7 and LFDIG meetings in December and February – these shall be fed into Forum correspondence by Secretariat.	Defra Environment Agency	
(iii) <i>Government should provide clarity as soon as possible on where and when the risk assessment criterion within the WAC will be available for use.</i>	Assume that risk assessment is used. Benefits: Early clarification will enable investment decisions to be made in reasonable time to assist the transition period	As above	Defra	Consultation (See above)
(iv) <i>The Government needs to clarify requirements for the deposit of hazardous wastes at landfill sites which have previously received non-hazardous wastes.</i>		Defra and/or the Agency to provide a statement at the 6 th Hazardous Waste Forum meeting.	Defra	

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(v) <i>The Environment Agency should, as soon as possible, develop, consult on, and implement, criteria for the acceptance of stable hazardous wastes in cells on non-hazardous waste landfill sites.</i>	Benefits: Provide for planning and construction of separate cells to accept hazardous waste	Criteria for acceptance of stable hazardous waste in cells on non-haz waste landfill sites – February 2004 Consultation date – February to May 2004 Implementation date – June 2004	Environment Agency	Discussions in the LDIG meeting.
1.1C The Hazardous Waste Regulations (HWR) Government must ensure that the HWR are in place as soon as possible and at least before 16 July 2004.	Risk: May be further delays in consultation and laying before Parliament. Benefits: The certainty of targets being reached will give confidence in the waste industry and also to provide sufficient time for producers to make necessary adjustments to their budgets for waste management.	Hazardous waste regulations will be in place by July 2004. Defra will give progress reports in HWF meetings 7 and 8 on the targets set below: Consultation inc RIA and draft Regs - Nov/Dec 2003 Consultation to end - Feb/March 2004 Lay before Parliament inc final Regs and RIA - April /May 2004 Come into force - July 2004	Defra	Draft Regs circulated to full forum members to show work to date.
1.1D Government and the Devolved Administrations should strive for a consistent approach to implementation and regulations across the UK. Differences in approach should not lead to market distortion.	Risk: Implementation and regulation of European Directives may be slightly different to reflect different circumstances and lead to market distortion.	Government and DAs to implement regulations ensuring a level playing field. A joint working group to be set up by the end of 2003. The working group will arrange to meet to discuss the consistency in implementing regulations pertinent to hazardous waste. Meeting 1 – March 2004 Meeting 2 – September 2004	Defra Scottish Executive National Assembly of Wales EHS NI	

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<p>1.2A The Environment Agency should keep under review its regulatory effort on hazardous waste and apply it in a proportionate and risk-based manner. This will be of particular importance in the transitional period immediately following the end of co-disposal and the introduction of the new control regime in July 2004.</p>	<p>The visibility of regulators will send a signal to unscrupulous operators and give greater confidence in investment decisions</p> <p>Risk: Without the visibility and a transitional plan in place then unscrupulous operators could divert hazardous waste away from bona fide treatment facilities, thus reducing the investment in further facilities.</p>	<p>The action presented here, whilst also will incorporate further actions below, is the keystone to the regulatory operations as the UK moves from Landfill to pre-treatment of hazardous waste.</p> <p>At the outset an operational plan for the hazardous waste transition period should be made available for the Forum members in December.</p> <p>Resulting from this should be a draft plan to be issued for the HWF meeting 7 for discussion.</p> <p>Detailed plan to be worked on throughout March – this will incorporate a high level strategy meeting with the waste industry, Agency and Defra.</p> <p>Once the strategy is in place monitoring reports should be carried out quarterly with feedback to Forum members at the subsequent meetings.</p> <p>The following recommendations should fall under this 'umbrella' operational plan: 1.3a, 1.3b, 1.3c, 1.3d and 1.3e.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	

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1.2B Enforcement is a vital part of the overall control system and should be used on a consistent basis. The Forum recommends that the courts be encouraged to ensure that the penalties are such that the cost of non-compliance is greater than the cost of compliance.	<p>Consistent enforcement across all sizes of business will give a signal that will deter illegal activities in managing waste and facilitate more environmentally sound management.</p> <p>Producers will look to more responsible methods and organisations to deal with hazardous waste.</p>	<p>Environment Agency to report on enforcement approach at HWF meeting 6.</p> <p>Prepare and present a joint submission of advice to Magistrates Association by mid February 2004.</p> <p>Secretariat/EA will monitor the level of fines from the last two years and the forthcoming years. Feedback reports to the HWF will be given at meeting 9 and 11.</p>	Defra Environment Agency	Environment Agency report to cover enforcement.
1.3A Hazardous waste producers should be subject to inspection and enforcement, through a registration scheme if appropriate.	<p>Risk: Criticism from hazardous waste producers. A more risk based inspection and enforcement will lead to a more level playing and greater confidence in the waste sector to invest</p> <p>Risk: Delay to the implementation of the HWR will delay the action.</p> <p>Benefits: Focus on the producers will guarantee greater overall controls of hazardous waste.</p> <p>Educating producers as part of the process will encourage compliance and emphasise better environmentally sound management.</p>	<p>The EA will inspect and enforce the registration system for hazardous waste producers.</p> <p>The HWR proposes to bring into force the producer registration scheme by July 2004. The timetable of which is given in action 1.1c.</p> <p>A report is to be presented at the HWF meeting 7 on the revised strategy for hazardous waste producer inspection procedures.</p> <p>Feedback is to be given by a joint monitoring working group made up of CIWM, ESA and Environment Agency at HWF meeting 10. A report from the group to be delivered mid 2005.</p>	Environment Agency Defra	Draft Regulations circulated on Producer Registration Scheme as part of the HWR

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<p>1.3B Waste brokers, carriers and transfer stations should be subject to proportionate, risk-based inspection and regulation</p>	<p>Greater control and better clarity of cradle to grave (waste movements) will be seen – resulting in confidence in the market to invest in facilities.</p>	<p>Proportionate and risk based inspections will take place, specifically over the transitional period.</p> <p>A short term operational plan for inspecting brokers, carriers and transfer stations to be undertaken and report provided for HWF meeting 7.</p> <p>Defra to review and report on the procedures of inspection and Duty of Care of waste carriers, brokers and transfer stations in a six month review beginning December 2003.</p> <p>A long term strategy for inspection procedures is to be undertaken following the Duty of Care report and assessment from recommendation 1.3c. The date of this is dependent on timings of the previous reports and assessments.</p>	<p>Environment Agency Defra</p>	

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<p>1.3C An assessment should be made by the Environment Agency of the extent and risk of subversion of the hazardous waste controls, both through mixing, blending and dilution, and through the abuse of trade effluent consents.</p>		<p>Two assessments are to be made from this one recommendation.</p> <p>1. Report on trade effluents in disposing of hazardous waste Scoping and terms of reference of the research project to be finalised March 2003. Assessment and research to be completed by September 2003. Final draft report to be made available for HWF meeting 9.</p> <p>2. Report on mixing, blending and dilution of hazardous waste The scope of the assessment will follow principally on from the short term operational plan as set out in 1.3b. The output is key to the research and assessment and therefore the timeline for this may vary. The final report is to be made available for HWF meeting 10.</p> <p>Lead organisation is to liase with waste management industry and waste treatment industry.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p> <p>Assistance from CIWM, ESA and Water UK</p>	
<p>1.3D The Environment Agency should continue to ensure that all hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities are regulated on the same, consistent basis.</p>	<p>Greater control of hazardous waste. Greater transparency of movements and data collection</p>	<p>Statement on levels of consistency to be issued for HWF meeting 6.</p> <p>The remaining action falls upon the waste management industry to monitor and report Hazardous Waste Forum meeting 9. The critical area of activity for monitoring the consistency will be during June to September 2004.</p>	<p>Environment Agency ESA CIWM</p>	

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<p>1.3E The Environment Agency and local authorities should enhance their working relationships to monitor and where necessary detect, deter and disrupt illegal and unlicensed activities, particularly in the transitional period following the end of co-disposal and the implementation of the new control regime in July 2004.</p>	<p>Risks: Resources may not be available for initial action and innovative approaches to deter hazardous waste flytipping.</p> <p>Benefits: A coherent approach will see a reduced risk of flytipping and illegal management of waste and therefore greater confidence in legitimate businesses.</p>	<p>Local Authorities and EA improve their working relationship on monitoring, disrupting and detecting illegal hazardous waste activities.</p> <p>Review of existing working relationships, including details of authorities and Agency tasks.</p> <p>EA and LAs to assess resources for the transition period to ensure that capacity available is proportionate to risk.</p> <p>Draft details of a bi-lateral strategy to be issued in March 2004.</p> <p>A strategy report of working relationships for the transition period to be drawn up for HWF meeting 8.</p> <p>Industry to monitor and feedback progress from July onwards. Written feedback to be given before HWF meeting 10.</p>	<p>LGA Environment Agency Defra</p>	

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Overall Objective 2				
<i>To raise awareness of the issues surrounding hazardous waste management, in business and industry To promote the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, and in particular hazardous waste minimisation (i.e prevention, reduction, reuse, recovery and recycling)</i>				
Recommended Actions				

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<p>2.1A An information and awareness programme on hazardous waste management for business and industry should be developed and implemented as soon as possible. Co-ordinated by the Environment Agency, the programme should focus on the requirements and obligations of the new hazardous waste management control system, and its practical and financial impacts.</p>	<p>Benefits: Greater engagement with the EA and Net Regs will reduce the risk of 'new' producers of hazardous waste illegally disposing, or mixing due to low awareness.</p> <p>Producers will effectively budget for financial impact</p> <p>Risk: The EA will need to have strategic input from the other stakeholders – in the short timeframe the necessary involvement may be limited.</p>	<p>Hazardous Waste information and awareness programme. Utilising existing capacity resources should be re-focussed on informing and providing awareness to changes in legislation pertinent to hazardous waste.</p> <p>An outline of the programme development for the next two years is to be produced and sent out to Forum members in January 2004 for feedback, specifically trade associations.</p> <p>Following Forum feedback a draft implementation plan is to be developed by February 2004, after which there will be a consultation in order that a final strategy is in place in March 2004.</p> <p>It is critical that the marketing and implementation of the programme starts in March.</p> <p>Trade Bodies, including FSB, Construction Products Association and CBI will monitor the impact of the programme and give consensus feedback over that period to the HWF meeting 10.</p>	<p>Environment Agency With full support from trade associations, waste management industry, Envirowise DTI and Defra.</p>	<p>The EA's Net Regs are in place for producers of hazardous waste to find information pertinent to their business.</p>

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<p>2.1B Envirowise, through their existing helpline, should be established as the single point of contact, to provide practical information on all aspects of hazardous waste minimisation. This focal point will have active collaboration from the Agency and needs to be clearly sign-posted, so that its user community can find it easily and quickly.</p>	<p>Risk: Funding is not available</p> <p>Benefits: Callers to Envirowise will gain information on hazardous waste minimisation and thus reduce spending on waste management and a decrease in quantities going to treatment will be seen.</p>	<p>Envirowise to promote and establish their helpline as the UK's focal point for information on all practical aspects of hazardous waste.</p> <p>Envirowise to develop a strategy and report on the hazardous waste programme at the HWF meeting 6.</p> <p>Envirowise is to provide progress reports at HWF meetings 8 and 10.</p> <p>It is essential that signposting the helpline is carried out as soon as possible but most importantly during the critical period from May through to October 2004 by all stakeholders, in particular the Environment Agency and trade associations.</p> <p>From September onwards relevant trade associations will monitor and provide feedback to the Forum.</p> <p>Envirowise will provide management information statistics, for example of number of calls, in HWF meetings 9 and 11.</p>	<p>Envirowise Environment Agency Trade Associations</p>	<p>Envirowise provided the hazardous waste programme to their Management Advisory Committee on 8 October.</p>

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<p>2.2 An adequately resourced and funded technical assistance programme, to disseminate legislative requirements, good practice and to encourage innovation in hazardous waste prevention, reduction, reuse and recycling, should be established as soon as possible. Active participation by industry and relevant trade associations, as well as Government and the regulators, is vital to its success.</p> <p>This could be a specifically funded and earmarked extension to the terms of reference of Envirowise.</p>	<p>Risk: Technical ability and funding is not available.</p> <p>Benefits: Detailed industry advice will facilitate reduction of hazardous waste produced and in turn save business expense on the management of their hazardous waste.</p>	<p>Envirowise Technical Assistance Programme.</p> <p>As above Envirowise will report on their agreed hazardous waste strategy at HWF meeting 6.</p> <p>An assessment on whether further resources and needs are required for Envirowise should be undertaken before the end of the year.</p> <p>A Technical Assistance Programme will be an extension of Envirowise's existing strategy. The scoping for programme extension will take place, with full cooperation from key stakeholders between HWF meetings 7 and 9. Critical activity for the scoping and setting of terms of reference will be in June, July and August 2004.</p> <p>Secretariat will co-ordinate the involvement the key stakeholders.</p> <p>The revised programme will commence by November 2004.</p> <p>Envirowise will provide management information feedback at HWF meeting 11.</p>	<p>Envirowise, with support from Defra/DTI, Waste management industry Trade associations</p>	

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<p>2.3 An adequately resourced and funded technical assistance (and where appropriate research) programmes should be set up to focus on agreed priority hazardous waste streams. Again, active participation by industry and the relevant trade associations is vital to success.</p> <p>The priority hazardous waste streams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) contaminated soils, (ii) construction and demolition waste, (iii) waste oils, (iv) air pollution control residues, (v) filter cakes, (vi) wastes from the non-ferrous metals industry <p>Further details of these priority waste streams can be found in the supporting documentation accessible via the relevant weblink listed in the Table of Contents.</p>	<p>Assume that the priority waste streams remain a priority. More may come to light during the step change.</p> <p>Risk: No single organisation will have the technical capability to deal with all the waste streams.</p> <p>Benefits: Adequate treatment facilities, disposal routes and assistance for the waste streams become available in order stockpiling of wastes is not required.</p>	<p>Priority Hazardous Waste Stream Technical Assistance Programme.</p> <p>The Forum will finalise the case studies produced for the advisory document and give clear recommendations on how a technical assistance programme could be used to benefit producers of priority waste streams.</p> <p>In January 2004 the Forum will assess the resources needed for a programme to run. This will be carried out in light of the recommendations from the case studies and further information on orphan wastes. As part of this work the terms of reference will be agreed and produced in February 2004.</p> <p>Following the draft terms of reference being agreed the work of the programme should either be consulted on or if it is agreed that external consultants should carry out the programme work it should be let to tender over the period set out in Defra policy.</p> <p>Work should begin on the programme no later than April 2004.</p>	<p>Forum and Task Force Members</p> <p>Also: Trade Associations, waste management industry and producers.</p>	<p>The advisory document annex includes the draft case studies worked up by members of the arising and minimisation sub group.</p>

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Overall Objective 3				
To ensure the provision of the hazardous waste management facilities required to meet the new legislative requirements. A particular concern is to ensure that adequate capacity is available in the short to medium term, during the initial transitional period following the end of co-disposal and the introduction of the new regulatory control regime.				
Recommended Actions				

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<p>3.1 Clearer information setting out likely capacity requirements should be prepared for the hazardous waste recycling, recovery, treatment and disposal capacity, which needs to be developed in the short and medium term, to meet the requirements of the new regulatory control regime, and this information needs to be kept under review.</p> <p>The information should, as far as practicable, estimate waste arisings, indicate the generic types of facilities likely to be required and comment on the desirable regional distribution. This information is currently under preparation by the Hazardous Waste Forum, with support in particular from Government, the Environment Agency and the waste management industry.</p>	<p>Risk: Information provided on capacity is accurate and up to date.</p> <p>Risk: Business keeping investment decisions confidential may add to the error margins of foreseeable shortfall and capacity.</p> <p>Risk: Ministerial/cross Department agreement is assumed</p> <p>Benefit: Outlining the UK needs for hazardous waste treatment facilities will provide greater confidence in decisions to invest which in turn should be observed through planning applications and facilities becoming online, specifically on the needs of the short and medium term.</p>	<p>The work produced by the Treatment and Capacity sub group is to be expanded and finalised by January 2004.</p> <p>As part of this work regional data is to be incorporated into the existing model to establish if significant gaps exist in arisings and regional capacity.</p> <p>The task force to be set up in November will review and advise on short term capacity needs. This work will start immediately and will give feedback reports to the Forum before meeting 7 and 8.</p> <p>If agreed within the task force a final report will be published on the HWF website in June 2004.</p> <p>A more strategic review of capacity needs will run in parallel from February and report back at HWF meetings 9 and 10.</p>	<p>Hazardous Waste Forum Task Force</p>	<p>A model of treatment and capacity needs has been presented and is currently being modified.</p>

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<p>3.2 Government should review planning policy guidance and permitting processes for hazardous waste management facilities. Government should also as part of a wider statement of needs for waste management facilities provide sufficient information about the various categories of hazardous waste, where they are produced, and types of facilities suitable for treating them in order to facilitate the efficiency of short and long term planning procedures.</p>	<p>Risk: Sufficient information may not be available for there to be a Ministerial statement.</p>	<p>Implement review of the waste permitting</p> <p>The consultation of the waste permitting review should take into account the output of the task force in relation to short-term capacity needs.</p> <p>Government to issue a wider statement including information on the need for facilities to treat hazardous waste by end of January 2004.</p> <p>Following on from the Treatment and Capacity sub group work the Task Force (action 3.3b) should issue information on the categories of hazardous waste, the region where they arise and the facilities suitable for treating them.</p> <p>To facilitate the planning process, WPAs need better information on hazardous waste including the degrees of hazardousness and distribution of need for facilities as per above action.</p>	<p>Defra ODPM DTI Task Force</p>	

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<p>3.2A Government should, in the short term, issue a statement on the planning aspects of waste management facilities of all types. This will help ensure that the planning system can respond effectively to the urgent need for additional treatment and disposal capacity for hazardous wastes to meet the new legislative requirements, particularly in the short-term.</p>	<p>Assume there is Government agreement</p> <p>Risk: A statement may not be enough unless it is followed through with action</p> <p>Emphasis by Ministers will emphasise to the stakeholders for the need of facilities. A streamlined planning process will bring new treatment facilities on-line in a shorter amount of time. Greater dialogue with stakeholders will be apparent.</p>	<p>A ministerial statement should be given by the end of January 2004.</p>	<p>Defra ODPM</p>	
<p>3.2B Government should as soon as practicable review and revise current planning guidance for waste management facilities (PPS 10) to make clear the need for new and replacement facilities of all types, including hazardous waste.</p>	<p>The clarity of the need for hazardous waste facilities will assist in treatment coming on stream as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Defra to report to Forum on developments of the PPS10 review at HWF meeting 7.</p> <p>Secretariat is to monitor and review the developments and inform the Forum accordingly.</p>	<p>Defra ODPM</p>	
<p>3.2C Government should consider ways of better informing the public about hazardous waste management issues and addressing their concerns.</p>	<p>Linked to work of the Agency and Envirowise (section 2)</p> <p>Improved dialogue leads to quicker turnaround of planning processes and facilities becoming online</p>	<p>Defra and ODPM to maintain close links on planning issues.</p> <p>Defra to report on developments at HWF meeting 7.</p>	<p>Defra/ODPM Environment Agency</p>	

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3.3A Defra and the Environment Agency should consider what short-term actions may be required in the event of a hiatus between the implementation of relevant Directives, and the provision of appropriate management options. This might include a general shortfall in treatment capacity, lack of an appropriate management route for a specific waste stream, etc.	Risk: sending a wrong signal and effort is being put into contingency as opposed to resolving the issues.	<p>The HWF task force that is to be set up in November 2003 will monitor progress and establish the short term needs. The output of this work should be fed directly into discussions being had with Defra and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Defra and the Environment Agency is to establish management options for any shortfall and disseminate to Local Authorities and Devolved Administrations.</p>	Defra/Environment Agency	
3.3B A task force should be set up, with representatives of key stakeholder groups, to review progress in providing the short-term capacity required, and to minimise the disruption to industry of any temporary shortfalls.	Reviewing progress will feed into the ongoing planning issues to provide more accurate data	<p>Geographical mapping facilities and capacity to be finalised by December 2003.</p> <p>See 3.1</p>	Forum Task Force	Treatment and capacity data and model.

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Overall Objective 4				
To build on Waste Strategy 2000, to put in place a sound framework for developing hazardous waste management in the UK over the next 10 years and beyond				
Recommended Actions				

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<p>4.1 The Forum recommends that a more balanced set of policy and economic instruments, including 'carrots' as well as 'sticks', is required to encourage hazardous waste producers to act more responsibly.</p> <p>Government should carry out further work on developing economic and similar instruments that act as incentives to minimise hazardous waste production, increase reuse and recycling, and/or adopt environmentally sound management.</p> <p>The first results should be reported back to the Forum within 6 months.</p>	<p>Encourage waste producers to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover their hazardous wastes and to adopt more environmentally sound management</p>	<p>Defra to consider with HMT the scope of economic instruments to promote hazardous waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.</p> <p>More comprehensive work is to be carried out on the policy tool kit.</p> <p>This work will lead to the production of a report on the UK's existing policies and gaps by April 2004.</p> <p>The report shall be presented to Government and will include strategic policy recommendations.</p>	<p>Defra/Treasury</p> <p>Forum working group</p>	<p>The policy checklist highlights the need for incentives – this should be built on.</p>

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<p>4.2 The Forum considers the use of targets for hazardous waste reduction as an important means of driving and monitoring progress. However, the information required to set realistic and achievable targets is not currently available. Once the information is available, the Forum will recommend where and how specific targets might be introduced.</p>	<p>In general terms industry are not willing to have top down unachievable targets imposed on them.</p> <p>Any target will be dependent on timings and clarity of Regulations to be implemented.</p> <p>Benefits: It will drive reduction of hazardous waste produced.</p>	<p>The scooping of a research proposal should be made around July 2004.</p> <p>Following this exercise there should be a review of how the current information (under the HWR) will be used in setting achievable targets.</p> <p>A report on the possibilities of target use to be drafted to the Forum in February 2005.</p>	<p>Defra Forum</p>	<p>See section 1 (regulatory system)</p>
<p>4.3 The Forum sees the need to provide, and maintain, a diversity of options for hazardous waste recycling, recovery, treatment and disposal in the long term.</p> <p>As proposed in Waste Strategy 2000, BPEO should be established for hazardous wastes (working on the basis of selected waste streams). Government and the Agency should lead the study, but all stakeholder groups should take an active part.</p>		<p>Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) for hazardous waste.</p> <p>Scope and terms of reference to be established for a BPEO study by May 2004.</p> <p>This is to be followed up by the research phase that will culminate with an interim report to be delivered at the HWF meeting 9.</p> <p>The final report and draft guidance is to be produced at the beginning of 2005, with final guidance to be produced in spring 2005.</p>	<p>Environment Agency Defra</p>	

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<p>4.4 The Hazardous Waste Forum will investigate further the options for improving the availability of good quality, reliable and consistent data for improved planning and management of hazardous waste.</p>	<p>Good quality, reliable and consistent data will form a basis for the better planning for, and management of, hazardous wastes facilities.</p>	<p>Defra and Environment Agency to consider how the revised Hazardous waste regulations can deliver better data.</p> <p>A report is to be available for HWF meeting 7 on how the Hazardous Waste Regulations will improve data delivery and what it will mean in terms of data.</p> <p>A report is to be available on the implementation of the Hazardous Waste Regulations from the Agency and what it will mean in terms of data.</p>		<p>Draft HWR have been presented to full Forum members</p>

4 Further Developing the National Framework for Hazardous Waste Management

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<p>4.5 Separate collection of HHW should be encouraged through the wider dissemination of good practice, and the provision of appropriate funding. The National Household Hazardous Waste Forum should continue to be the lead body in this area.</p> <p><i>The HWF should consider HHW further in its next phase of work, focusing in particular on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Policy measures to reduce the hazardous content of consumer products through better design and to promote retailer take-back. The initial focus is likely to include identifying priority candidates for voluntary agreements.</i> o <i>Encouraging wider public participation. This needs to be linked to any wider public awareness campaign (see R3.2.C above).</i> 		<p>The National Household Hazardous Waste Forum should continue as lead body.</p> <p>In this capacity they should perform a scoping exercise to identify proposals on good practice. The proposals should be fed back to the HWF for consultation and funding guidance.</p> <p>The Defra Waste Implementation Programme is to maintain encouragement of public participation in best practice – a review of the elements pertinent to hazardous waste will be undertaken in October 2004.</p>	<p>NHHWF Defra Environment Agency LGA LAs</p>	