Hazardous Waste Forum Meetings

Key
Consultation Period
Lay before Parliament
Come into Force
Critical Activity
Activity
Milestone/Output
Feedback Report

Specific Objectives	Recommendations & Actions	Lead Organisation	Action
Provide clarity of legislative requirements	1.1a and b (i, ii, iii, iv) 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.	Defra	*Timetable for consultation and implementation*
		Defra	Landfill Directive
		Defra	WAC
		Environment Agency	Risk Assessment decisions and guidance
		Defra	Hazardous Waste Regulations
		Defra	Waste Permitting Review
		DTI/Defra	WEEE
		DTI/Defra	ROHS
		Defra	Landfill Directive Implementation Group Meetings
	1.1iv The Government needs to clarify requirements for the deposit of hazardous wastes at landfill sites which have previously received non-hazardous wastes.	Defra Environment Agency	
	1.1v 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.	Environment Agency	Acceptance Criteria
		Environment Agency	Consultation
		Environment Agency	Implementation Date
	1.1d Government and the Devolved Administrations should strive for a consistent approach to implementation and regulations across the UK: any differences in approach should not lead to market distortion.	Defra, Scottish Executive, National Assembly for Wales, EHS NI	Set up joint working group Meeting Meeting
Effective implementation, inspection and enforcement of the hazardous waste regulatory control system	1.2a The Forum recommends that 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.	Environment Agency	Set out Regulatory approach to transitional period
		Environment Agency	Operational plan for hazardous waste transition period
		Environment Agency	Scoping plan
		Environment Agency	Draft plan
		Environment Agency	Detailed draft
		Defra, EA, CIWM and ESA	High Level round table strategy meeting
		Environment Agency	Monitoring reports
	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	Environment Agency	Report on enforcement approach
		Defra, EA	Preparation & delivery of advice to Magistrates Association
		Secretariat/EA	Monitor level of fines and report
Ensure a 'level playing field', by applying effective control of hazardous wastes fairly and consistently to all the 'links' in the waste management chain from the 'cradle' to the 'grave', thus eliminating illegal activities.	1.3a Hazardous waste producers should be subject to inspection and enforcement, through a registration scheme if appropriate.		*See Hazardous waste regulations timetable above*
		Environment Agency	Revised strategy for inspection procedures
		ESA, CIWM and EA	Feedback by WMI and EA will monitor and report
	1.3b Waste brokers, carriers and transfer stations should be subject to proportionate, risk-based inspection and regulation	Environment Agency	Short term operational plan
		Defra	Review procedures of inspection and Duty of Care
		Defra	Progress Report
		Environment Agency	Long term strategy of inspections and enforcement
	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.		Report on use of trade effluents in disposing of haz waste
		Environment Agency	Scoping
		EA & Water Industry	Assessment and Research
		Environment Agency	Final Report
			Report on mixing, blending and dilution
		Environment Agency	(Dependent upon short term operation output) Scoping
		Environment Agency	Assessment and Research
		Environment Agency	Final Report (no later than)
	1.3d The Environment Agency should continue to ensure that all hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities are regulated on the same, consistent basis.	Environment Agency	Statement on levels of consistency
		ESA, CIWM and BCA	Monitor and report
	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 implementation of the new control regime.	EA & LAs	Review working relationships, incl details of tasks
		EA & LAs	Assess resources for the transition period.
		Defra	Review procedures of inspection and Duty of Care.
		Environment Agency	Strategy details
		Environment Agency	Strategy Report
		CIWM & ESA	Monitor and Feedback
Waste producers to have straightforward access to information on all aspects of hazardous waste management and associated legislative requirements.	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.		Information and Awareness Programme
		EA, Envirowise, Gov & TAs	Outline plan for programme development
		Environment Agency	Draft implementation plan
		TA, WMI, Gov	Stakeholder consultation
		Environment Agency	Final Strategy
		EA, Envirowise, Gov & TAs	Marketing and Implementation of Programme
		HWF Trade Associations	Monitor and Feedback
	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.	Envirowise	Initiate Hazardous Waste Helpline
		Envirowise	Progress Reports
		Environment Agency	Signposting the helpine
		Trade Associations	Monitor and Feedback
		Envirowise	Management Information feedback to HWF
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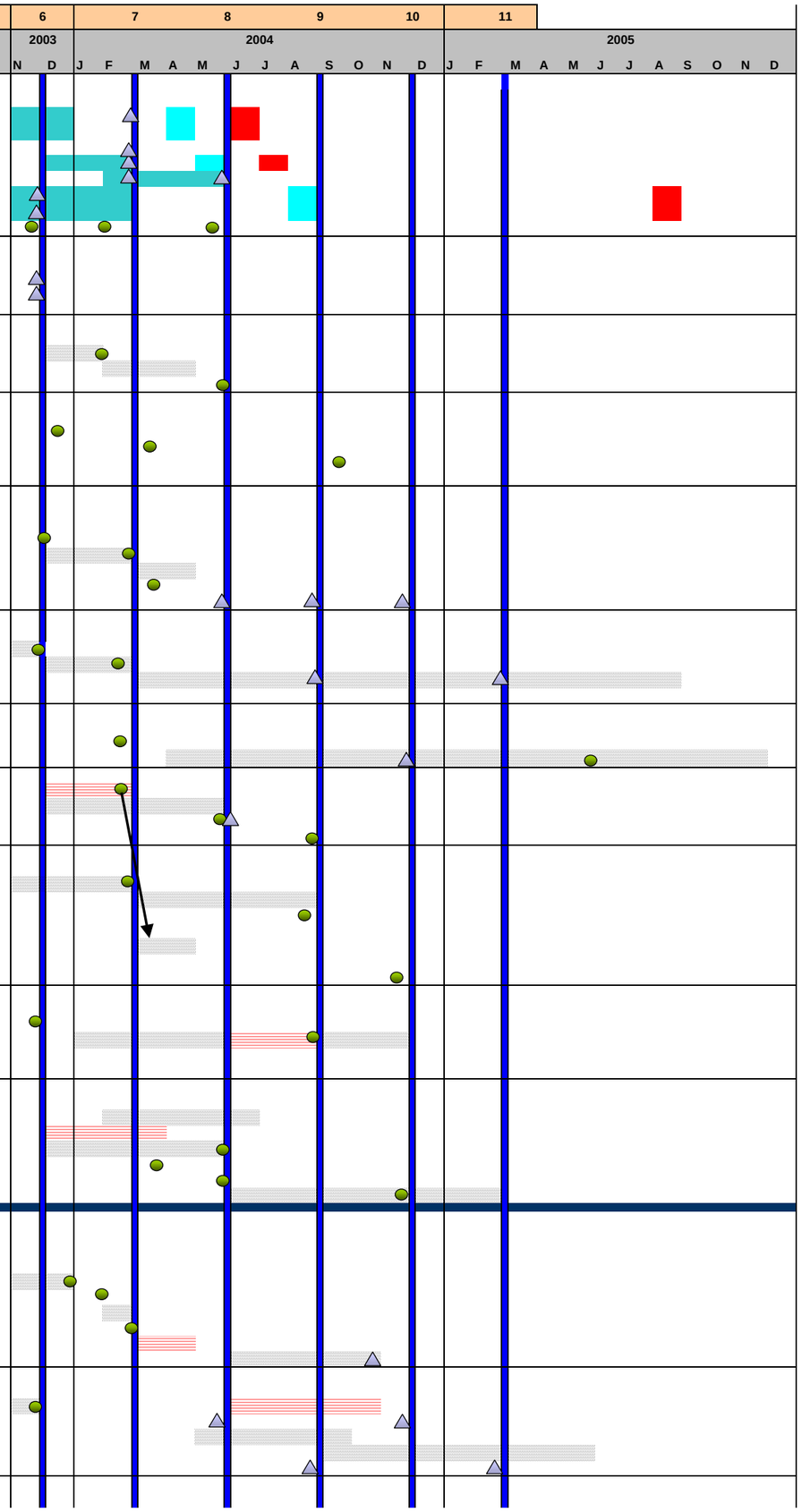
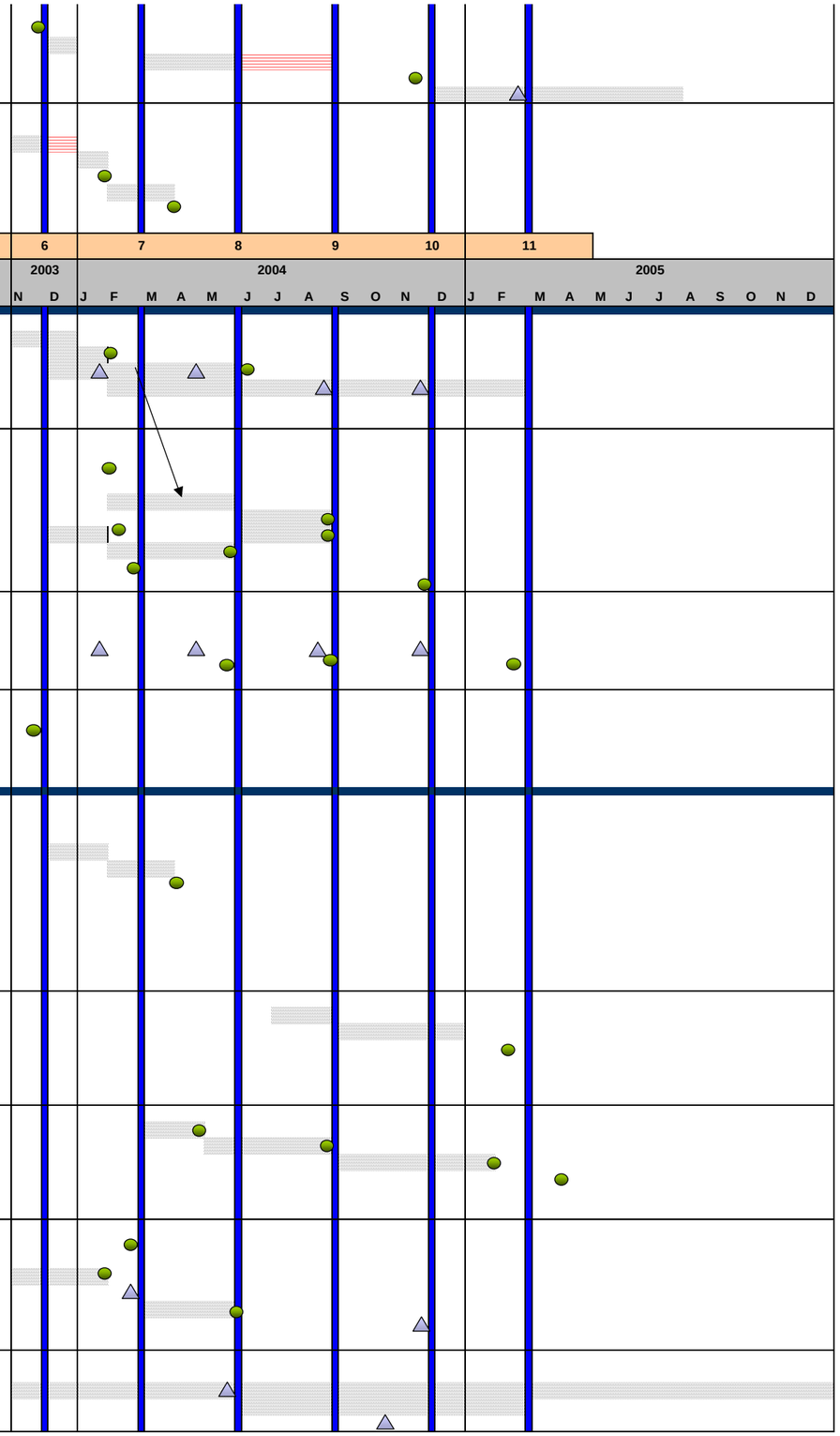
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To disseminate good practice, and to encourage innovation, in waste prevention, reduction, reuse, recovery and recycling	An adequately resourced and funded technical assistance programme, to disseminate legislative requirements, good practice and to encourage innovation in hazardous waste prevention, reduction, reuse and recycling, should be established as soon as possible.	Envirowise, Defra, DTI Envirowise Defra, DTI, and HWF TA, Defra, DTI TA, Defra, DTI Envirowise	Technical Assistance Programme Report on Envirowise strategy for hazardous waste Assessment for further resources and needs Scoping for programme extension Commencement of revised programme Management information feedback to HWF
To establish and disseminate best practice for the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams	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.	Hazardous Waste Forum Task Force Task Force Task Force Task Force	Priority Haz Waste Stream Technical Assistance Programme Finalise case studies with key recommendations Assess resources for the programme (funding) Terms of Reference drawn up Consultation and possible tender Finalise programme requirements
			Hazardous Waste Forum Meetings
Clarity on the likely scope of new infrastructure which needs to be developed, in order to meet the requirements of the new regulatory control regime for hazardous wastes	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.	Hazardous Waste Forum Defra HWF Task Force HWF Task Force	Finalise current capacity needs Regional capacity needs and arisings Review and advise short term capacity needs Review and advise long term capacity needs
Make the planning and permitting systems responsive to the urgent need for additional treatment and disposal capacity	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 on the need 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.	Defra, ODPM Defra Defra, ODPM Defra, ODPM Defra, ODPM Defra, ODPM	Initial Ministerial statement on waste planning and need for facilities Waste Permitting Review Consultation Proposals on streamlining procedures Regional Capacity needs and arisings Strategy: providing better info on haz waste to WPA PPS10 Review Further statement on hazardous waste planning
Move forward with preparation for any likely shortfall in treatment capacity, post-July 2004 (or July 2005)	3.3 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.	HWF Task Force Defra, Environment Agency	Monitoring and Feedback Meeting and progress report
	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.	Hazardous Waste Forum	Hazardous Waste Forum Task Force TOR
Provide an integrated set of policy instruments, to encourage waste producers to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover their hazardous wastes and to adopt environmentally sound management	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. 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.	Defra, HM Treasury, DTI Relevant body Relevant body Relevant body	Comprehensive further work on the policy tool kit Production of a report on the UK's existing policies and gaps Strategic policy recommendations to Government
Establish, and move towards the achievement of, specific targets for hazardous waste reduction, reuse and recycling, for example through promoting producer responsibility for hazardous wastes	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.	Hazardous Waste Forum	Scoping Review of information for target setting Report on possibilities of target use
To provide, and maintain in the long term, a diversity of options for hazardous waste recycling, recovery, treatment and disposal, which represents the best practicable environmental option (BPEO)	4.3 As proposed in Waste Strategy 2000, BPEO should be established for hazardous wastes.	Environment Agency Environment Agency, Defra Environment Agency, Defra Environment Agency, Defra	Scope and Terms of Reference for BPEO study Research and interim report Final Report and Draft Guidance Guidance
Good quality, reliable and consistent data to be available on a regular basis, to form a basis for the better planning for, and management of, hazardous wastes	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.	Hazardous Waste Forum Defra Hazardous Waste Forum Environment Agency	Agenda Item Hazardous Waste Regs and data delivery report Feedback Report on implementation of Regs and the impact on data Feedback
Encourage greater levels of segregation and separate collection of household hazardous wastes (HHW)	4.5 Separate collection of HHW should be encouraged through the wider dissemination of good practice, and the provision of appropriate funding.	HHWF Defra - WIP	Scoping phase to identify proposals on good practice Encouraging wider public participation. Review