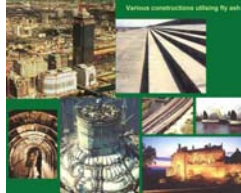


# Newsletter

Yet another 3 months has passed by and it time to update you on what's been happening at the UKQAA. As usual it has been dominated by European Legislation issues, such as the Quality Protocol and REACH and the usual work of standardisation continues at a pace.

## The Waste Framework Directive



There have been two meeting of the WRAP/BREW/EA Quality Protocol Technical Advisory Group this year. This group is supposed to be producing a Quality Protocol that defines when ash products cease to be wastes, negating the requirements for waste management licences, exemptions, etc. As part of the work a consultancy firm called RPS were employed by the EA to carry out a generic risk assessment on the various applications.

Meetings will continue until the public comment stage in ~July 2008 at a pace. Progress is being made but it is slow and rather bureaucratic because of working with Civil Servants. However, it is hoped this initiative is successful, to make users lives that much easier.

## REACH



REACH is proving to be as complex as predicted and when established we are sure it will be seen as a bureaucratic and in the main a waste of everyone's time. However, the regulations are law and it has a momentum of its own. Clearly it will cost somebody money – usually the public at large!

If you need any advice on REACH or interested in being involved with the SIEF for coal fired ash products please contact the UKQAA or ECOBA on [ECOBA@vqb.org](mailto:ECOBA@vqb.org). You can always look at the REACH page in the member's area or follow the links from these web sites:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/reach/index_en.htm)  
or [http://echa.europa.eu/home\\_en.html](http://echa.europa.eu/home_en.html)

## Regulated Dangerous Substances

This CEN committee was set up to produce requirements and test methods for controlling dangerous substances within construction products. A recent report has shown that controlling such substances does not represent a barrier for trade with the possible exception of in Germany and Holland. In order for there to be an EU wide approach harmonised test methods would be required. However, the cost of verifying and

validating any test methods is very high and more then CEN whole budget. As a result it is proving difficult to see how this work can proceed.

## Responsibly Sourced Materials

The UKQAA is formulating a Responsibly Sourced Materials scheme for the coal fired power stations operators. This has recently been reviewed by the Technical Committee and a revised draft due to be produced in the near future.



Figure 1 - Sustainable FABM road construction at Burntwood, Staffs

## Out and about

### **LJMU 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference – 20 & 21 February 2008**

We attended the Liverpool John Moores University, Sustainable Aggregates, Pavement Engineering and Asphalt Technology conference which was held on 20 & 21 February 2008. This was a relatively small conference, but was attended by a very high grade of people involved with the asphalt industry.

### **Ecobuild 2008 – 26 to 28 February 2008**

UKQAA exhibited at Ecobuild 2008 which proved very busy with all CDs etc being taken. There were numerous enquiries and discussions about ash with environmentalists, construction companies, consultants, etc. A worthwhile event.

### **Dundee University - Congress 2008 - Concrete: Construction's Sustainable Option, 8-10 July 2008**

This is the final conference for the Concrete Technology Unit with Professor Dhir at the helm. Prof. Dhir retires from the University, though he is taking consultancy work. The UKQAA is sponsoring the conference as over the years under the direction of Prof Dhir, much useful research work has taken place on fly ash in concrete. Hopefully we will see you there.

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