

Newsletter

Its holiday time and things are now quieter so its time to catch up with the quarterly newsletter, update the web site, finish of various Technical Datasheets, etc.

The Waste Framework Directive

Work on the WRAP/BREW/EA Quality Protocol that defines when PFA, cenospheres and FBA cease to be wastes is progressing at a rate. The Generic Environmental Risk Assessment is now complete and ready for public comment. The Technical Report is in its final throws of being finished. The Financial Risk Assessment was completed sometime ago.

The consultation period should start on 29 August 2008, when we will email everyone and place copies of the documents on the UKQAA web site for people to download and comment on.

REACH



The first deadline for REACH has been reached (joke?). Pre-registration commenced in July 2008 and will finish on 30 November 2008 for products. As per the last newsletter, ECOBA – the European Ash Association has offered to act on behalf of the producers as a consortium using a consultancy service. In this way a consistent approach to pre-registration will be ensured, which will simplify the full registration of coal fired power station ash products in the future.

Regulated Dangerous Substances

While this initiative is supposed to be on the basis of removing barriers to trade, there seems to be moves by some to use this as a way of creating barriers to trade. Some well tried and tested materials will have to be used without environmental testing (WT) such as virgin aggregates and yet others will require tests to be carried out (WFT). The requirements apply to the final product as placed in the construction works and not the constituents.

The UKQAA attended its first Cement Industry Suppliers Forum in April 2008. The Technical Director gave a presentation to The North East Chapter of The Institute of Clerks of Works on 10 May. Another Clerk of Works presentation is due in September in Chester.

The major conference over the last 3 months has been **Dundee University's Congress 2008 - Concrete: Construction's Sustainable Option on 8-10 July 2008**. This was Professor Dhir's last

conference as he retired in August, so the theme was the Indian culture. The UKQAA sponsored and exhibited over the 3 day conference and the Technical Director presented a paper entitled Fly ash in Concrete - Enhanced Durability and Sustainable Construction. One concerning aspect was the number of people who failed to turn up to give their lectures, even though they had registered. This has been seen in recent years in other conferences. It seems that some speakers simply lack manners in modern society.

Professor Dhir has been working for the fly ash industry for many years researching and developing the use of fly ash in concrete, looking at a wide range of uses and factors that affect its performance. The UKQAA would like to thank Professor Dhir for all his hard work over the years and we wish him a long and happy retirement – though we suspect we have not heard the last of Ravi!

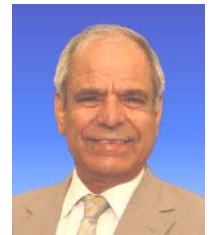


Figure 1 – Prof. Ravindra Dhir OBE

Congratulations

ScotAsh have been winning prestigious awards in June 2008. They collected two Big Ticks at the Scottish Business in the Community Awards in Glasgow on 5th June and in



the following week, on Friday 13th June; the company received a Queen's Award for Enterprise, in the Sustainable Development category, from Her Majesty the Queen's representative, Mrs. Margaret Dean, the Lord-Lieutenant of Fife. However, there



are others, EDF Energy have been awarded a Big Tick for "Creating a sustainable energy culture", a Barclays Environmental Leadership Award, supported by the CBI. The company has committed to transform itself into a

truly sustainable business. EDF Energy's 'Our Climate Commitments' set a target to reduce the carbon intensity of the company's electricity generation by 60% by 2020. In addition it received another big tick for The London Warm Zone (LWZ), which helps low income households to save money, improve comfort and maximise household income.

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