

Newsletter

Old Father Time marches on and so it's UKQAA Newsletter time again and the first one of 2010 - we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope 2010 brings you good health and opportunities.



WRAP/EA Quality Protocol

We are awaiting the EA's deliberations on whether they will split the Quality Protocol (QP) into Bound, Grouts and Fill and issue as three separate QP's or not.

A sampling sub-group has been formed and Lindon has drafted a possible sampling and compliance regime, which will be sent in due course to JEP/AEP and others for comment. This should tie down exactly what should be done, to what standard and when and how it is assessed.

REACH

The work on registering, testing and the production of the chemical dossier for coal fired power station ash for the purposes of REACH continues. There has been a recent development in respect of cenospheres, in that one importer decided to verify with ECHA whether cenospheres could be registered under the same EC number/dossier as fly ash. ECHA ruled that cenospheres would have to be registered under their specific EC number and not under "ashes (Residues)". This means that a separate dossier for cenospheres is required for all those.



Concrete Industry – Sustainable Construction Forum (CISCF)

The types of research needed have been identified, but the major issue was somebody to manage and co-ordinate any CISCF research projects. A subsequent forum meeting showed there was little funding available for anything, let alone research. The main forum will continue, but in a smaller format with fewer meetings. Optimat, who were employed as consultants, have now been released and it is difficult to see how the CISCF can continue.

UKQAA Membership News

A warm welcome to new members RockTron Research Ltd and Matrix Materials Ltd who have both been accepted for Associate membership. We hope they find their membership useful and informative and we look forward to working with them.

Out and About: CIRIA – one day poster event

London: The main purpose of the day was to disseminate the results gathered during the four year ProCeSS project partly sponsored by the UKQAA and lead by the University College London.

Lindon attended here and took along a poster with him to display. The event included an update from a regulator's point of view on the role of stabilisation and solidification in waste management and a practitioner's perspective on the applicability of stabilisation and solidification technologies.

Future Events planned

The diary is quite busy over the next couple of months with the UKQAA attending the following events:

LJMU – 9th International Conference on Sustainable Construction Materials and Technology in Asphalt Pavement Engineering and Highways Maintenance 17-18 February 2010: We are exhibiting here and Lindon is also giving a joint paper with John Kennedy (Consultant Pavement Engineer) on the subject of sustainability of FABMs entitled "FABM, Cost, Energy, Carbon and Recycled considerations".



Ecobuild 2010: As mentioned in previous newsletters we are exhibiting at Ecobuild our stand no. is 1793 – this year it's bigger than ever with the organisers taking floor space upstairs for the first time for exhibition stands. This will be our third year at this event and we are hoping it will prove to be as successful as previous years.

Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE): The Marketing committee are considering having Steve Hilton of DCE organise a dedicated one day event solely for ash which would include seminar sessions with CPD accreditation and an exhibition area. Discussions are at a very early stage but this could be an interesting venture... watch this space for further information.

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