

# Newsletter



Another year is quickly drawing to an end and we would like to wish all the members of the UKQAA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, or if you are reading this in 2008 we hope you had a good time.

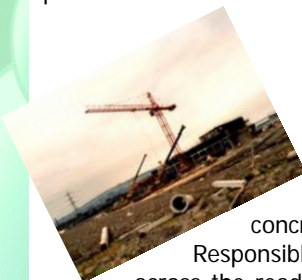
This year has been a milestone for the UKQAA, for it was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The UKQAA was formed on 1 July 1997, from the old Quality Ash Association. The difference with the UKQAA was it covered all applications for coal fired power station ash products from concrete to block making. It was in the November of 1997 when Lindon joined as Technical Officer.

## The Waste Framework Directive

While the Association of Electricity Producers, the Joint Environmental Programme and the UKQAA have been trying hard to work with the Environment agency to produce a Quality Protocol that defines when ash would cease to be a waste. After nearly 6 months of waiting for the promised draft documents we received an email stating that the Environment Agency (EA) proposed to write a protocol for coal only fly ash and not co-combustion ash. As a result a meeting has been called for 8 January 2008, where hopefully we can get the process moving again.

## REACH

While there is a great deal of information available about REACH and how the scheme will operate, the pre-registration advisory document, which will take place between June and December 2008, have as yet not been released. Pre-registration is the responsibility of the producer or importer of the 'substances' being used and therefore, the responsibility of the power stations in relation to ash products.



## Responsibly Sourced Materials

There is a move within the concrete industry to develop Responsibly Sourced Materials schemes across the readymixed and precast concrete industries. The UKQAA scheme for ash products has been outlined and draft sent around to full members for them to complete and comment on. When the basics for the UKQAA scheme are refined, a detailed

standard will be drafted. This will form the basis of any 3<sup>rd</sup> party accreditation scheme that may arise in the near future.

## Publications and Website

The UKQAA is always striving to update and improve its portfolio of publications and to keep up to date the web site. For example a [New Environmental page](#) and [BRE Environmental Profile Certificates are available](#) have recently been put on the web site. This gives an overview of the benefits of using PFA and FBA in construction. Additionally, the UKQAA asked BRE to produce updated Environmental Profiles for both Pulverised Fuel Ash and Furnace Bottom Ash. These certificates are now available by clicking the appropriate link above. In addition a new datasheet has been published entitled **Environment and Sustainability**, which is available from the following link: [Datasheet 8-1](#).



Ramsgate Harbour approach road used FABM

Another change is that the series of datasheets relating to road construction have been completely revised, partly to bring them in line with the latest requirements of the Specification for Highway Works and to simplify their use. The revised datasheets can be downloaded as PDF documents using the following links;

<a href="#">Datasheet 6.0</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - An overview of the use of FABM and ESC
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.1</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Describes FABMs and ESC in detail
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.2</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Laboratory mix design for FABMs.
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.3</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Structural Design aspects
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.4.1</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Specification for FABM 1 & 2 - clauses you can use in your own specification
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.4.2</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Specification for FABM 5 - clauses you can use in your own specification
<a href="#">Datasheet 6.4.3</a>	Fly Ash in Highways Construction - Specification for Enhanced Stabilised Capping - clauses you can use in your own specification

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