

# Newsletter

Another quarter has passed by and the summer has come and gone (or perhaps you missed it as it happened so fast!) and it's time to update you with what has been happening here at the UKQAA.

## **The Waste Framework Directive**

After a number of years, work by the UKQAA, the Joint Environmental Programme (JEP) and the Association of Electricity Producers (AEP) along with WRAP and the Environment Agency, has produced a series of documents. These are a draft Quality Protocol, a Technical Report and a Financial Impact Assessment which are now all available for public comment.

The Quality Protocol in conjunction with the other documents defines the criteria by which coal fired ash products, PFA or fly ash and FBA can be used without having to obtain waste exemptions and licences.

These documents are available on the Environment Agency's web site and the Dialogue by Design web site <http://qp.dialoguebydesign.net/> - here comments can also be registered via the internet. Comments need to be submitted before 1 December 2008.

## **REACH**

Other than an advisory role, the UKQAA has limited scope on the issues within REACH as it is solely down to the producers of ash to act. Pre-registration for products commenced in July 2008 and will finish on 30 November 2008.



We understand that all UK power companies have now joined the ECOBA (European Ash Association) consortium and are pre-registering through the consultant ECOBA have engaged. This ensures a consistent approach to the pre-registration process and should simplify the future full registration of coal fired power station ash products although REACH in general is proving to be rather a bureaucratic nightmare.

## **Regulated Dangerous Substances**

Our Technical Director, Lindon, recently attended a meeting of this BSI committee. CEN are still saying they do not have funds to validate any test methods and that industry will have to fund this work – it will come as no surprise that industry thinks otherwise. This issue is constantly raising its head so this coupled with the obvious overlap with REACH legislation makes it an increasing struggle.

## **Responsibly Sourced Materials**

The UKQAA scheme is presently being honed and tweaked and is supported by all our members. It is

intended to produce certification annually in December for publication.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Evonik Power Minerals which recently held a one day seminar in London which was attended by Lindon.

It was an interesting day with a well organised conference which covered developments in the cement and admixture industries.

## **Welcome - new Associate member**



The UKQAA welcomes its newest Associate member DONG Energy Generation AS (Danish Oil Natural Gas Company). A Danish company mainly owned by the Danish state, Dong Energy is the largest plant operator/producer of electricity in Denmark and is looking to do business here in the UK. Dong Energy thought joining the UKQAA would be a good place to start making contacts.

## **Out and About**

Over the last few months, the UKQAA has been out and about spreading the good word about coal ash products.

**Clerk of Works Chester:** Lindon gave an evening presentation here and the UKQAA also provided a buffet supper.

**Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE) – Worcester:** We took our exhibition stand to this event. Thanks go to Dave Catley and Pete Oldfield of Generation Aggregates who helped Yvonne our Admin & Marketing Officer man the stand and they also gave a presentation here on our behalf as Lindon had a prior engagement.

**DCE - Middlesbrough:** Our thanks go to UKQAA Chairman Peter Brennan and Nigel Waldron of Hargreaves CCP who attended this show on our behalf with our stand and also gave the presentation.

## **ecobuild + futurebuild**

**Ecobuild 2009:** The UKQAA have a stand at this very popular event – so why not put faces to our names and come and see us on stand no. 2006.

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