

Newsletter

It is UKQAA quarterly newsletter time and we would apologise for missing a newsletter, which was due to moving office and some considerable technical difficulties with the publishing software.

WRAP/EA Quality Protocol

The Quality Protocol in conjunction with a Technical Report and a Financial Impact Assessment will define the criteria by which coal fired ash products can be used without obtaining waste exemptions and licenses. Workshops were held in London and Leeds in November of last year – Lindon, our Technical Director, attended the London venue. The consultation period was extended to 26 January 2009 as limit values for PFA and FBA were amended within a table in Appendix B. The results of the consultation are now available online from the Dialogue by Design web site at <http://qp.dialoguebydesign.net/main.asp>.

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 has ended and a pre-SIEF consortium is in the process of being created. Producers are being asked to join the ECOBA (European Ash Association) initiated SIEF.

Chemical safety datasheets (SDS) are required to be issued by the producer of the substances, e.g. the power station. Therefore, the UKQAA datasheet 9.0 cannot be considered to be the definitive document and the user must refer to the individual power station's SDS.

Regulated Dangerous Substances (RDS)

Lindon reports this committee (B557) is making little progress. The biggest issue is likely to be those materials that do not have a fixed composition and/or can be made with secondary or waste materials. This has particularly been an issue with committee TC154 (Aggregates) who have decided to run with RDS.

Hydraulically Bound Mixtures are one such example where aggregates, such as Incinerator Bottom Ash have been used as a coarse aggregate. HBM materials, being slow setting and relatively low strength could be seen as being prone to leaching. However, who should test such HBM's as the contractor is usually the formulator, what test methods should be used and exactly what criteria should be used as the basis for such testing?

Progress in B557 is impeded by issues regarding test method validation and funding for this work. Validation seems to be insurmountable as the cost of proving the various environmental test methods is many millions of Euros. It is also not clear how RDS,

REACH and Quality Protocol's fit together – the only thing that is clear is the bureaucracy involved is extensive!

Responsibly Sourced Materials

It is clear that sustainably sourced materials are set to be a major issue over the next few years and the proposed UKQAA scheme should mean we will be ahead of the game. It is intended to produce certification annually each December, but in the future we will have to consider the issues of third party accreditation and verification. Our scheme is being honed and we expect to publish a report on our website some time in May of this year.

UKQAA Business Plan

A UKQAA Business Plan is currently being penned and will be posted on our website once completed and approved by our members.

Out and About

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

Royal Haskoning - London: Lindon gave a well attended presentation here and the UKQAA provided lunch.

Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE) – Darlington: Yvonne, our Admin & Marketing Officer, took our stand here and met some interesting people.

DCE - Hull: Again Yvonne manned the stand here.

DCE - Southampton: Lindon gave a presentation here.

DCE - Glasgow: Yvonne took the stand and Chris Bennett of ScotAsh presented at the seminar session on the UKQAA's behalf.

Ecobuild 2009: We exhibited at this very popular event. It was a good show for us and we were extremely busy on our stand.

UKQAA Office Re-location

After many months of legal to and fro, we have finally moved office location. The new contact details follow. Web site and email addresses remain unchanged:

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Should you need any information, advice, etc on ash please contact us and we'll do our best to help.