

# ENVIRONET NEWS

The electronic newsletter for improved environmental and health & safety performance

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## CONTROL OF ASBESTOS AT WORK REGULATIONS 2002

*A quick reminder for those "duty holders" out there to get their Asbestos Surveys carried out before the 21st May 2004 deadline.*

Property management companies, building owners and building occupiers, need to establish who is the "duty holder" for each property in their portfolio. There is a legal requirement on the "Duty Holder" to develop and maintain an asbestos register for each property. The register should detail the presence, type, and condition of any ACM and provide a risk assessment relative to each ACM. A requirement for an asbestos survey will also exist for property developers where the demolition of existing buildings is required prior to redevelopment.

**IGNORANCE IS NO DEFENCE** so if you are unsure as to whether you have fulfilled your statutory obligations now is the time to check.

## MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

In our last issue we reported on an integrated Quality, Environmental and Health & Safety Management System developed for **Verdant Group plc**.

We are pleased to announce that the company has now been awarded the triple certificates to ISO 9000:2000, ISO 14001:1996 and OHSAS 18001 by SGS.



We are also pleased to announce that **Fountain Timber Products Ltd** has been awarded certification to the ISO 14001 standard. Environet has been working with the company since 1996, and is pleased to see that the improvements put in place over the years has now been recognised by a third party certification company.

Environet has also been working with the **Lear Corporation** in Nottingham, developing an Environmental Management System in accordance with the ISO 14001 standard on a quick track programme. Work commenced in earnest in October, with the main certification audit being carried out by TUV in mid March. We are pleased to announce that Lear Corporation (Nottingham) have been recommended for certification to ISO 14001 by TUV.

The demand for Health & Safety Management Systems to the OHSAS 18001 standard seems to be accelerating, perhaps due to the fact that they provide a good basis for complying with health & safety law, and in particular with the requirements of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations.

Environet is developing a Health & Safety Management System template based upon the OHSAS 18001 model, that with relative ease, can be adapted to suit the requirements of most companies. If you want to streamline the way you manage your health & safety liabilities, this could be your solution. Call 01932 868700 for details.

## HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING - a course specifically designed for busy employers in SMEs wanting to comply with health & safety law quickly and inexpensively

Due to demand from employers in small to medium sized companies wanting no nonsense advice on compliance with health & safety law, Environet is now delivering one day interactive Health & Safety seminars. At the end of the course delegates will have:

- ♦ A good understanding of health & safety law and how it affects them
- ♦ Prepared a Health & Safety Policy document in accordance with HSE's "Stating your Business" INDG 324

- ♦ Prepared a risk assessment of their organisation's undertaking in accordance with HSE's "Five Steps to Risk Assessment" INDG 163
- ♦ Produced an Action Plan to reduce risk.

For further information on this and other courses please contact us on **01932 868700**.



**FIRE RISK FROM COMPOSITE PANELS?**

*Composite cladding panels with foam insulation sandwiched between the inner and outer skin have been a concern to fire professionals and insurers for some time. Occupiers of the many buildings containing expanded polystyrene (EPS), polyurethane (PUR) or polyisocyanurate (PIR) face higher insurance premiums - some property investors may even be deterred from purchasing buildings clad with composite panels.*

There is a growing requirement for type testing of the insulation material to more accurately quantify the risk during property acquisition, or when re-assessing insurance needs.

Environet can obtain samples on your behalf for specialist laboratory analysis to identify the type of core material.

The cost of this exercise can be significantly reduced if carried out as part of another survey, such as a Contaminated Land Assessment, or an Asbestos Survey.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

*You would be forgiven for not knowing that the "Food (Jelly Confectionery) (Emergency Control) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004" came into force on 1st March 2004. But the regulators may not be so lenient on those who ignore other more serious legislation.*

If you want to know more about how we can keep you updated on new or amended environmental or health & safety legislation please contact us on 01932 868700 or go to:

<http://www.environet-uk.co.uk/pdf/envirocompliance.pdf>

**Future Environet News Articles**

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**IMPORTANT - HUGE COST INCREASES FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE IMMINENT**

*The proposed Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 will replace the existing Special Waste Regulations 1996, probably next year. These regulations in parallel with other new waste legislation, such as the Landfill Directive, End of Life Vehicles Directive, Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment Directive and Restrictions on Hazardous Substances Directive will have a profound effect on not only the waste industry, but also all waste producers - i.e. EVERYONE.*

Under the Hazardous Waste Regulations some 200 wastes currently accepted as general waste will become classified as "hazardous". This will include agricultural wastes, some construction/ demolition waste, waste electrical/ electronic equipment, end of life vehicles, and even fluorescent tubes - it will therefore affect all but the very smallest of businesses. In July 2004, under the Landfill Directive, co-disposal of hazardous waste in landfill sites will be banned, and all hazardous waste will need to be treated prior to disposal. So from July, the number of landfill sites available for disposal of hazardous waste will reduce from around 218 to a mere 12. The increase in hazardous waste volume, due to the

reclassification, the cost of treatment and the reduction in landfill availability will undoubtedly significantly increase hazardous waste disposal costs.

Contaminated land is also likely to be classified as "hazardous" which will have a massive impact on the "dig & dump" remediation method. Estimates of a 400% uplift in cost have been made. Is the remediation industry ready for an massive increase in "in situ" remediation? There are definite concerns that the equivalent of the fridge mountain fiasco is about to be repeated.

So if you have any "hazardous" waste, you will save yourselves money if you consign it before 16th July 2004.

**CONTAMINATED LAND**

With the backing of a £250 million fund we have clients seeking sites with serious contamination liabilities. If you want to discuss offloading your liabilities onto them please contact us on 01932 868700.

*For client testimonials please see our website:*  
[www.environet-uk.co.uk](http://www.environet-uk.co.uk)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
*Policy, Initial Review, Strategy, Legal Compliance, Management Systems (EMAS, ISO 14001), IPPC, Auditing & Training, Reporting*

**HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT**  
*Safety Reviews, Legal Compliance, Risk Assessment, Monitoring, Management Systems (OHSAS 18000), Auditing & Training*

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**  
*Contaminated Land, Acoustics / Noise, Energy Efficiency, Environmental Assessment of Buildings, Sick Building Syndrome, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Systems*

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
*Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Noise, Ecology, Hydrology, Air quality*

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
*Waste Minimisation Audits, Compliance/"Duty of Care" Audits*

**TRAINING**  
*Environmental Awareness Seminars, Health & Safety Training*



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