

Moray Firth Partnership

Waste Management and Good Environmental Practice

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Definition of Waste

- Waste Framework Directive (75/442/EEC) dated 15 July 1975
- Defines “waste” as –
 - “ any substance or object in the categories set out in Annex 1 which the holder discards or intends or is required to discard”
- Scope of ‘discard’ is broad

Duty of Care

- Basic Requirements:
 - All waste stored and disposed of responsibly
 - Waste is only handled or dealt with by individuals or businesses that are authorised to deal with it
 - A record is kept of all waste transferred through a system of signed Waste Transfer Notes

Waste Carriers

- Register if:
 - “In the course of your business you transport controlled waste within Great Britain”
- Exemptions:
 - “Producers transporting only their own controlled waste, **except** building, construction and demolition waste”

Waste Management Licensing

- General requirement if:
 - Treating Waste
 - Keeping Waste
 - Disposing of Waste
- Licence includes specific conditions to protect the environment
- Application to SEPA with associated costs

Waste Management Exemptions

- An activity which is exempt from the requirement for a Waste Management Licence
- Low risk recovery operation
- Must comply with terms of exemption and relevant objectives
- If activity is not exempt then a Waste Management Licence is required

Waste Minimisation

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Rubbish and waste can account for over 4% of business turnover
- Significant cost savings
- Environmental benefits
- Landfill Tax:
 - £18 per tonne (2005-06)
 - Set to rise to £35 per tonne

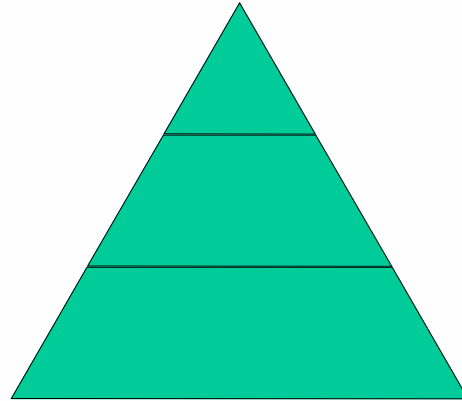
Fuel Storage

- No regulations in Scotland only guidance
- General points:
 - Location
 - Tank specifications
 - Bund
 - Ancillary equipment
 - Maintenance
 - Security
- Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPG Notes)

Water Framework Directive

- Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2005
 - CAR Regulations
- Will require authorisations for:
 - Discharges to water
 - Discharges to land
 - Abstractions
 - Impoundments
 - Engineering works

Water Framework Directive



- Licence
- Registration
- General Binding Rules

- Three different levels of authorisation
- Further information:
 - www.sepa.org.uk/wfd

Contacts & Information

- Local SEPA Office
 - Dingwall 01349 862021
 - Elgin 01343 547663
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- Please see pack for sources of information



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