

## WasteDataFlow User Group Meeting minutes

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Ergon House, London

**Attendees:** See list below.

**Apologies:** See list below.

### Key Messages:

1. Definition of municipal waste - the definition is no longer coming in in 2009/10, but instead is going out to consultation in June 2009 and will then come in in 2010/11. Wales is now being included in the legislation change. There is a need to work through the practicalities for WDF of having two different definitions at the same time on the system, one for LATS and one for NIs.
2. Destinations - several authorities have had pressure from organisations wanting to know the final destinations beyond, for example, where glass is smelted. It was discussed, at what point is it considered to be a final destination, if sending waste abroad is seen as the final destination then isn't that an incentive to authorities to send recyclate abroad as it is less effort and uses fewer resources than following recyclate round the UK?
3. Stockpiling – this doesn't appear to be a problem on WDF. The amount of recycling collected and sent for recycling need to balance and Gary confirmed that generally they do and the tonnages are not out.
4. Development needs –

Question 59 – to include final destination of landfill. Revised MBT guidance to be released in May 2009.

Combined plants - as many authorities are now in a procurement of, or are constructing PFI facilities, Neil Conway suggested that we spend some time looking at changes to WDF that may need to be implemented. E.g. Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Borough Council are currently jointly building 2 plants that incorporate IVCs, MBT, transfer facilities and a MRF. Operationally there will be the opportunity, for example, for MRF rejects to be then passed for processing through the MBT part of the plant.

Reports – it was agreed that the reporting screen on the public WDF site should be made more user friendly so as to make it easier to direct people to the WDF site rather than spending time putting the data requests together ourselves. This was agreed by both authorities and Defra.

5. New unitary authorities – EA, LATS team and Enviro are all ready for the new unitaries. The jpp code has been redone to include both the new unitaries and the soon to be

redundant ones. There is now a new geographical code to re-order all the authorities back into geographical order.

6. New materials list – the materials list is now live. The new list isn't compulsory to use, it is optional. UG was asked to pass this on to the users they represent.
7. AOB – it was asked that Q14 CA site data be allowed to be entered at county level instead of being artificially broken down to WCA level.

**Actions:**

1. Vernon to look into the returns that the EA get from the MRFs to see how big a job it would be for the EA to obtain the information from the MRFs directly instead of the authorities doing it.
2. Defra to look into whether to introduce a new question (19a?) to cover the questions put forward by Neil Conway.
3. Gary to reissue the xml upload guidance to take account of the new materials list.
4. David to look at the logic of the request to enter Q14 at county level and get back to the UG.

	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Yes/ No</b>	
1	David Lee	Defra	Yes	
2	Isabella Hayes	Defra	Yes	
3	Gary Armstrong	Enviros	Yes	
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**Possible**

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**Apologies**

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Stepping down