

## Contaminated Land Working Group Report

The Group works as subsidiary of the Environmental Committee of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) to keep Members up to date and informed of developments in the field of contaminated land and the environment. It meets four times a year and usually receives input from the Environment Agency and Health Protection Agency.

The group provides feedback on government and other stakeholder consultations and has been heavily involved in the debate on Waste Management Licensing of construction activities and Soil Guideline Values. It has also been directly involved in research activities including the BRE Cover Systems Guidance.

The group prepares best practice documents such as guidance on combined geotechnical and geo-environmental investigation and is currently developing a guide to environmental sampling.

Working Group meetings maintained a high attendance which included representation from the Environment Agency on three occasions and presentations from Ged Duckworth on the Waste Code of Practice and Hazel Davidson from Alcontrol to discuss Analysis of Oily Waste.

### **Represented on**

- DCLG National Brownfield Forum
- CL:AIRE Working Group on Waste Code of Practice (SuRF)
- IPM Net
- HPA Contaminated Land Forum
- SiLC PTP
- CIC Sustainability committee
- CIRIA VOC Steering Group

### **Current Consultations**

The Contaminated Land Working Group has responded to eight consultations

- DEFRA Draft Soil Strategy
- DEFRA CoP on Sustainable use of Soils on a Construction Site
- DEFRA Environmental Permitting, Revised Rules
- DEFRA Water Body Quality Thresholds
- EA Soil Screening Values for Assessing Ecological Risks
- SEPA- Assigning Ground Water Assessment Criteria for Pollutant Inputs
- CL:AIRE Waste Code of Practice
- CL:AIRE SuRF

### **Hot Topics**

#### **SiLC**

Funding received from HCA (Homes and Communities Agency), SiLC champion to be appointed soon, revised form of LCR (Land Contamination Record) will be published

#### **SuRF**

Initiative is being sponsored by CL:AIRE and funded by the HCA, Steering Group which has representation from SAGTA, HCA, EA (Environment Agency) R3 Environmental Technologies and US SuRF.