

# CERC Site liaison group meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Kingsley Village, Fraddon

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## **In attendance:**

Rae Wallin – Chair RW  
Sue Wolstenholme SW  
David Buckle DB  
Louis de Poncheville LdP  
Julia Clarke JC  
Grace Williams GW  
John Yeo JY  
Keith Wonnacott KW  
Tim Greenwood TG  
Michael Hill MH  
Ian Lobb IL  
Phil Rudin PR  
Sara Roberts SR  
Rita Greenwood RG

## **Apologies:**

Ken Rickard  
Paul Colman  
Roy Allsop  
John Blewett  
Jennifer Ellacott  
Oliver Baines  
Mike Davis  
Alan Trethewey

## **Observing:**

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## **Introduction**

The chair welcomed guest Rita Greenwood, Compliance Manager and Chemist for SITA's Energy from Waste plant in the Isle of Man.

## **Review of previous minutes**

JY and GW had distributed leaflets to recruit more members for the group in Treviscoe. As a consequence, Paul Colman joined the liaison group.

DB handed out a map which detailed traffic figures and modelling to all those present.

DB notified the group that SITA have responded to the Advertising Standards Authority with reference to the complaints made about the CERC leaflet produced for the public exhibition in January 2008. As soon as SITA was made aware of the complaint the CERC leaflet was withdrawn. The ASA will notify SITA whether the response addresses the concerns raised. No timescale has been given.

## **EfW environmental monitoring presentation**

Rita Greenwood, Compliance Manager and Chemist for SITA's energy from waste plant in the Isle of Man presented information about environmental monitoring in an EfW facility.

The topics covered included emission legislation, emission limits, emission exceedences, emission monitoring and recording, emission control, dioxins and total emissions.

The Waste Incineration Directive (WID) outlines the maximum emission levels of an energy from waste plant. All emission levels for the Isle of Man facility are well below WID levels.

If emission limits are exceeded for more than four hours the plant must close down.

It takes 1-2 hours to shut down the facility and 24-48hrs to cool down.

An independent organisation monitors dioxins in soil, milk and crops from 24 monitoring points in the Isle of Man. The size of the sampling area is determined by several factors including geography of area, height of the stack and land use.

RG emphasised that energy from waste is just one of the many sources of dioxins.

It usually takes 3-4 months to commission an energy from waste plant and most plants have a two year teething period.

The Isle of Man facility has EMAS certification. EMAS certification is a management tool for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report and improve their environmental performance. All data must be reported, backed up, independently verified and made public. SITA Cornwall is looking into applying for EMAS certification.

SITA Cornwall is already very heavily monitored by the Environment Agency (EA). They have received about 120 spot inspections from the EA over the past two years. It is likely that the EA will receive live emission data from the CERC.

The visitor centre is a valuable resource at the Isle of Man EfW facility. In 2008 1500 people visited the facility.

Rita extended an invitation to all liaison group members to visit the Isle of Man facility and DB added that anyone who was interested from the group could also visit the Cleveland EfW plant which is soon to have line three commissioned.

**Action:** GW to ensure all group members receive a copy of the presentation.

## **Primary Care Trust health monitoring**

SR assured the group that the topography of St Dennis was taken into account in the PCT's modelling in the planning application and environmental statement.

Contrary to an assertion made at a previous meeting, SR said that the Office of National Statistics has not published a report which states that there is an increase in infant mortality downwind of incinerators. SR believed that the comment may have referred to a report

written by Michael Ryan in whom she reported the Health Protection Agency (HPA) do not have confidence.

The PCT is still working on an incinerator frequently asked questions document and the EA still plans to hold consultation events in St Dennis.

SITA is producing a leaflet to be distributed in the local community which details information from the HPA.

### **Planning update**

DB notified the group that the latest indications were that Cornwall CC was likely to make a decision on the proposed CERC at the end of February/beginning of March.

### **Letter from Ken Rickard**

Ken Rickard had written a letter to the group which addressed further concerns. The group agreed that some aspects of Ken Rickard's behaviour were not in accordance with the liaison group's Code of Conduct. **Action:** Chair to respond to the letter.

### **Any other business**

The liaison group induction meeting had to be postponed.

The group was keen to have more STIG representatives as members.

John Yeo notified the group that he recently visited SITA's refuse transfer station at Tregongeeves in St Austell and he expressed some concerns about the conditions there. LdP added that SITA is progressing planning to redevelop the facility.

Some group members were interested in a trip to the Grundon EfW at Colnbrook near the M25. **Action:** SITA to look into organising trip.

Representatives of the media will be visiting an Energy from Waste facility in Bordeaux on 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Group members noted that there had been little discussion about the proposed CERC in St Dennis recently. It was agreed that a slot would be allocated to local concerns and news in future liaison group meetings. **Action:** Chair to ensure

The group mentioned that if the CERC was given planning permission, they would be pleased for SITA to operate it.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7.15pm at Bodmin materials recycling facility.