# Landfill Directive

Mytum&Selby
Liquid Waste

**Fact Sheet** 



# what do I need to do for my business?

From October 30th 2007 landfills no longer accept untreated waste.

You should review how your business manages its waste and speak to Mytum & Selby about this requirement.

## helping you understand the new regulations

Liquid wastes are completely banned from landfill. You will need to use alternative options to treat liquids that would have previously been sent to landfill or spread on land.

If you are a waste producer, you should now ask yourself:

- Do I need to produce the waste at all?
- Who can best treat the liquid – should I need to treat.
- if I can't eliminate the waste stream, then what is the best way to deal with it, do it myself, or have it treated by a third party, such as Mytum & Selby.

Landfill operators will not be able to accept liquid waste from 30 October 2007.

The Environment Agency;

Will take a fair and balanced approach to introducing this new rule, focusing on better results for the environment. The Environment Agency will concentrate on advising waste producers on the new rules, being clear that this is an opportunity to improve your overall environmental performance. However, action will be taken against landfill operators and waste

producers who

new rules.

deliberately flout these

#### **Guidance notes**

What is the new requirement? From 30 October 2007, landfills will not be allowed to accept liquid waste. Hazardous liquids are already banned from landfill.

Landfill operators must make sure they do not accept liquid waste. Also, producers of liquid waste who currently landfill that waste will have to make alternative arrangements.

Expert advice is available from Mytum & Selby Tel: 01977 683570

It is your responsibility as the producer of the waste to make sure you take measures to stop liquid waste going to landfill.

# Liquid waste is defined as:

- any waste that immediately flows into a space made in the surface of the waste; or
- any waste load containing more than 250 litres of free draining liquid substance or 10% of the load volume, whichever is the lesser amount.

#### Responsibilities

Producers should arrange for alternative treatment. It should be obvious at one of the following stages whether a waste is liquid:

- initial discussions with the waste producer or contractor about the nature of the waste and
- checking the paperwork with the load;
- initial visual inspection of the waste;
- inspection of the waste when loads are deposited;
- periodic 'audit' of the producer's waste management arrangements.

You should also consider government policy. The Government wants the management of waste to 'move up the waste hierarchy'. In order of preference, the waste hierarchy is:



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