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Free Mentoring Services

- Guidance on legislation
- Site visits to mentor companies to see good environmental practices
- Regular network meetings
- Best practice seminars on environmental issues affecting business
- Grantfinding - advice on opportunities and availability
- Specific case study literature
- Support for developing environmental policies and management systems
- Environmental e-group

The New Small Business Transport Service

Tameside Business Environment Association (TBEA) and Tameside council's Engineering Services are pleased to introduce to you our new service offering Tameside companies advice on ways in which they can reduce their transportation costs by implementing cost saving, environmentally friendly measures such as fuel conversion and fleet management practices.

In order to do this the following services are at your disposal:

- Advice on grants for conversion to cheaper, cleaner fuelled vehicles.
- Advice on developing business travel plans, which includes a package of measures aimed at reducing transport costs in the business and helping the environment.
- Seminars and network meetings to provide Tameside companies with the most up to date and appropriate informa-

tion.

- Personal Journey Planning - free bus and train timetable planning for interested staff.
- A FREE site visit to discuss any business transport related issues.

Lydia Holder, the new small and medium sized business travel co-ordinator is very enthusiastic about her new role, "My aim is to work alongside all businesses in Tameside, helping them to become a good neighbour to Tameside residents, as well as creating a more efficient environment for both the company and the local area itself."

What's in it for you?

What your company can gain from implementing a travel plan:

- Reduced business mileage and vehicle overheads.
- More cost effective use of



Lydia Holder - TBEA's new Travel Co-ordinator

car parking space creating more room for expansion and reduced maintenance costs.

- Reduced congestion around the entrance to your site.
- Increased staff productivity.
- Help with staff retention and staff recruitment.
- Enhanced corporate image with both customers and the local community,
- Unlimited access to the advice line:

0161 342 3989

If you would like more information on ways in which you can reduce your transport costs please contact Lydia Holder on 0161 342 3989 or email greentransport@mail.tameside.gov.uk

Oil Storage Regulations seminar

On 26th September, Portland Basin Heritage Museum played host to TBEA's latest business advice seminar, helping businesses avoid potentially damaging oil incidents. The Oil Storage Regulations Seminar was attended by over 20 delegates representing companies from across Tameside.

Oil Storage

The seminar gave businesses a broad knowledge of the issues associated with the **Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001**. It detailed the history and requirements of the regulations and also aimed to give businesses advice and guidance as to how to improve on site oil storage and reduce the chances of harmful spills from their sites.

Valdis Anspoks, Local Environment Protection Officer for the Environment Agency, began proceedings by introducing the role the Environment Agency plays in enhancing the environment in England and Wales. He went on to explain why the new regulations have been introduced, the role the agency has in enforcing them, who is affected and how it will effect them.

Why do we need oil storage regulations?

In 2000 oil pollution incidents accounted for about a sixth of all reported pollution. Most of these incidents were caused by oil leaking from tanks either during storage or delivery.

In order to address this problem a number of options were considered such as introducing a voluntary scheme for oil storage and tax relief incentives. However it was decided that introducing regulations was the way forward to reduce oil related incidents, by requiring tank owners to provide a secondary containment facility,

such as a bund or a drip tray, to prevent oil escaping into the aquatic environment.

Oil is toxic to both plants and animals and only a small amount can kill river life and pollute underground waters.



Valdis Anspoks from the Environment Agency talking about Oil Storage Regulations

Is my site affected?

Any commercial, industrial or institutional premises storing more than 200 litres of above ground oil, in one or more containers, is affected by these regulations. These containers could be tanks, drums, Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC's) or mobile bowsters.

There are exemptions:

- Waste oil, which is covered by the Waste Management Licensing Regulations.
- Premises used wholly as a single private dwelling where less than 3500 litres are stored.
- Premises used for refining oil or its onward distribution.
- Any oil stored in a building or wholly underground.
- Farms - the storage of agricultural fuel on farms is subject to the Control of Pollution, Silage, Slurry and Agriculture Fuel Oil Regulations 1991.

The Requirements

- The primary container must be strong enough to hold the oil without leaking or bursting, and if

possible it should be positioned away from any vehicle traffic to avoid damage from collision.

- A bund must be provided to catch any oil leaks from the container or its ancillary pipe work and equipment.
- The bunding must be capable of storing 110% of the maximum contents of the oil container. If more than one container is stored, the bund should be capable of storing 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total storage capacity, whichever is the greatest.
- The bund should be impermeable to oil and water and have no drain valves, with pipes passing through the wall being adequately sealed.
- Any ancillary equipment must be kept within the bund when not in use.

Timescales for Implementation.

The regulations came in to effect on 1st September 2001. They state that new tanks must now comply with the regulations from 1st March 2002. Existing oil stores deemed "at significant risk", (those containers located within 10 metres of a watercourse, or 50 metres from a well or borehole), will have to comply within two years, that is from 1st September 2003, with all remaining oil stores complying from 1st September 2005.

Enforcement

The Environment Agency will be responsible for enforcing these regulations throughout England. Should your facilities be inadequate, the Agency will provide advice and assist you with compliance. If a company fails to act, the agency may serve notice requiring that the facilities be brought up to standard. Failure still to comply is a criminal offence and may result in prosecution.

If you would like more information on the Oil Storage Regulations, or would like a free copy of the seminar delegate pack please contact TBEA on 0161 342 2885 or visit www.tbea.org.uk

News

News in Tameside

Innovative approach to recycling

Tameside council has taken an innovative approach to recycling by investing in a bailing machine and a pulveriser.

The new equipment will enable the council to offer new recycling schemes as well as increasing the recycling rate in Tameside.



Pulverising machine at Ash Road

The pulveriser can crush glass bottles and jars into sand and aggregate, which can then be used within the borough. The new bailing machine is capable of compacting most recyclable materials ranging from plastic bottles to cans.

The pulveriser can also be used to mince paper to a pulp and the council is now offering a confidential waste paper disposal service to Tameside businesses. Fully lockable, 140 litre red bins are provided and emptied at a cost of £6 plus VAT. Full bins are taken to Ash Road Depot in Droylsden where the paper is pulverised under supervision, to ensure security.

The system is a secure and confidential service, and anyone wanting further information about any of

the schemes should contact: **Laura Creswell, Tameside MBC's recycling officer, on 0161 342 3757.**

Electrical Goods

Over 25 million electrical appliances are thrown away by UK households each year. Many more are thrown away by industry. They are usually a complex mix of materials, some of which may be toxic.

The **draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)** directive, which is expected to be adopted by the UK government by the end of 2002, aims to make electronic and electrical equipment easier to dismantle and recycle and impose targets for reuse, recovery and recycling at the end of life. At present the UK produces 914,444 tonnes of electrical and electronic waste each year.

The directive will affect any company which sells own brand electrical goods, resells electrical goods branded under their own name or imports or exports electrical goods.

A related directive, the European Waste Catalogue, will restrict the use of hazardous substances in new appliances. It is not expected to become law until next year at the earliest.

Repair and reuse of working electrical equipment is better than recycling. Charities exist which can send working but obsolete equipment to where it will be welcomed. Some local authorities accept equipment on behalf of local community groups. There are also commercial organisations that do the same.

Hazardous Waste update

The European Landfill Directive became law in June; not only will

the UK have to drastically reduce the amount of waste it buries, but landfill site operators will have to meet stringent new standards or face closure.



Landfill Deposit

Some of the Directive's requirements will have an immediate impact, such as the ban to putting hazardous liquids and flammable wastes into landfill. Other materials will also be banned from landfill over the next few years, including whole tyres in 2003, and the co-disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes in 2004. "Waste managers are now going to have to look out for more sustainable solutions for a lot of materials," says the Environment Agency's Head of Waste Policy, Steve Lee. "The UK will have to switch its attention away from cheap readily available landfill."

Meanwhile, the Agency's Chief Executive, Barbara Young, has warned urgent action is needed to meet the directives household waste targets. "By 2020, we will need to have reduced the amount of biodegradable household waste sent to landfill to 35% of 1995 levels. But if current trends continue, household waste will double by 2020."

For more information on any of these topics please contact TBEA on 0161 342 2885 or email tbea@mail.tameside.gov.uk Visit our website at www.tbea.org.uk



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The Clean up Campaign.

What is the Cleanup Campaign

The Transport Action 'Cleanup Campaign' is a Government initiative aimed at making grants available for businesses to help reduce pollution caused by the worst polluting vehicles in England.

How does it work?

Through the implementation of several different technologies, each one aimed at reducing emissions and pollution. They include grants of up to 75% for one or more of the following measures:

- The addition of an oxidisation catalyst to a diesel-fuelled system.
- The addition of a particulate trap to a diesel fuelled system.
- Conversion of or to gaseous fuel.
- Repowering vehicles with a lower emissions engine.

How does this benefit my business?

As well as paying up to 75% of the cost of these changes there are several other invaluable benefits that can be gained by 'Greening' your fleet. The main benefits are **Reduced Vehicle Excise Duty** - A potential £500 rebate on every vehicle, the opportunity to sell your used vehicle faster, the opportunity to gain tax breaks on your vehicles through enhanced capital allowances, and a wider customer base - especially in the public sector where environmental conditions are common place.

What help is available to my business?

The Clean Up Campaign offers three sources of help to businesses looking to save money and green their fleet.

Money - funding of up to 75% of the cost of fitting vehicles with emissions reductions and equipment

Help - from your local (Tameside) small business travel co-ordinator on how to reduce emissions output from vehicles cost effectively.

Data - on the effectiveness of a range of emission reduction equipment.

Does this affect my Fleet?

YES! If your business operates commercial vehicles, light goods vehicles, delivery trucks, buses, coaches, black taxis, vans, minibuses, articulated tractor units, fire appliances or ANY other large vehicle.

For more information please contact Lydia Holder, Small Business Travel Co-ordinator on 0161 342 3989 or

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Seminar Season, Winter 2002/03



Tuesday 12th November - Registration 09:00, start 09:30

Sales & Marketing - Portland Basin Heritage Museum, Ashton

A one day workshop concentrating on email and internet marketing. Buy a day pass and attend the sessions you choose or send a different delegate to each session. **£5 fee (inc VAT= £5.86)**

Monday 18th November - Registration 14:45, start 15:00

Internet Security - Stalybridge Civic Hall

What virus damage can do and how to protect yourself

Wednesday 27th November - Registration 15:45, start 16:00

Broadband for businesses - Hyde Town Hall

The benefits of broadband for your business.

Tuesday 7th January - Registration 16:45, start 17:00

Homeworking - Portland Basin Heritage Museum, Ashton

The issues and benefits of homeworking for your business

Tuesday 21st January - Registration 14:45, start 15:00

Inland Revenue Online - Stalybridge Civic Hall

The business services they offer and their business team.

Tuesday 4th February - Registration 15:45, start 16:00

Internal Networking - Portland Basin Heritage Museum

How to network your business computers and the benefits

To reserve your place or for more information please contact e tameside on etbt@mail.tameside.gov.uk, telephone 0161 342 2515, fax 0161 342 2768 or visit www.tameside.gov.uk/etameside/diary.html

In the next issue:

Working from Home, highlights from our seminar, and a focus on the WEEE directive.