

ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFING

Waste Management and Segregation

Summary

During recent external audits for PACs and ISO 14001 compliance the external auditors found several examples on our sites where wastes were not being properly segregated and contained.

In a couple of cases this was related to contractors' activities where they had placed waste in the wrong containers on site despite being instructed to remove their waste from site during contractor induction. This led to hazardous waste including Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) being placed in a general waste bin.

In another case upholstered office chairs had not been properly segregated from general waste.

Elsewhere, waste oil was being stored in an open topped vessel (cut-off IBC) with no bunding or weather protection.



There will be a greater focus on waste segregation in 2025 with new legal requirements being introduced and there are potentially very serious consequences for poor waste segregation.

- Poor management could lead to environmental pollution incidents and prosecutions
- Our Regulators, the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales, could audit sites at any time and take regulatory action against us if these issues are identified.
- Waste costs could be higher than necessary because of poorly segregated waste and could lead to additional wasted journey fees if waste is not accepted.
- Poor performance during external audits puts our reputation and ISO 14001 certification at risk. Certifications help us to demonstrate our sustainability credentials to customers, regulators and other stakeholders.

Please review site waste management facilities to ensure that:-



1. Appropriate waste receptacles are available for all waste types produced on site	4. Everyone on site understands what waste goes where
2. All waste receptacles are properly designated with clear signs	5. Contractors are properly instructed on which waste receptacles they can use and when they are required to remove their own waste from site
3. All waste receptacles are properly located on site with proper secondary containment and weather protection where required	6. Routine checks are carried out on site to ensure that waste receptacles are being used properly and waste is being properly segregated

Please make suggestions for improvements and report any issues to your manager.