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In this month's update...

NEW Regulatory Strategy:

SEPA publishes new strategy for 21st Century regulation

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has published its new strategy for regulation, aimed at enabling the agency to tackle the 21st Century challenges facing Scotland's environment.

The strategy, entitled "One Planet Prosperity - Our Regulatory Strategy", outlines SEPA's approach to delivering environmental protection and improvement in ways which will also create health benefits and sustainable economic growth. A key element of the strategy is to encourage and support businesses who seek to find innovative and efficient ways to go beyond standard levels of compliance while operating within Earth's capacity to support us.



You can read more about the strategy, its ambitions and an outline of the regulatory tools in the [SEPAView article](#).

Or you can view the strategy document "One Planet Prosperity - Our Regulatory Strategy" on the [SEPA website](#).

Consultations:

Consultation on Transposition of Environmental Impact Assessment Directive



The Scottish Government are seeking views on the consultation on Transposition of Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, which sets out details for how Scottish Ministers propose to bring the requirements of European Directive, known as the Environmental Impact Assessment or 'EIA' Directive into Scottish legislation.

The EIA Directive requires an assessment of the effects of certain projects on the environment before a development consent can be granted. The new Directive amends the current EIA Directive, however the aim remains the same, to provide a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation of projects with a view to reduce their impact on the environment.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 31 October 2016

For more information or to view the consultation documents follow the link below:

[Consultation on Transposition of Environmental Impact Assessment Directive EU2014/52](#)

Revenue Scotland guidance on how to determine the rate of Scottish Landfill Tax chargeable on waste fines: Consultation Analysis

This report provides an analysis of the responses received by Revenue Scotland to the consultation on guidance on how to determine the rate of Scottish Landfill Tax chargeable on waste fines.

You can view the report here:

[Revenue Scotland guidance on how to determine the rate of Scottish Landfill Tax chargeable on waste fines: Consultation Analysis](#)

Guidance:

SEPA Guidance: Financial Provision for Non-Landfill Waste Management Activities



SEPA requires to assess whether applicants for, and holders of, certain licences, consents or permissions under specified legislation are fit and proper persons.

This guidance note describes what is required from applicants. It is only relevant if you are applying for a new waste management licence or pollution prevention and control permit for a specified waste management activity, or for the modification or transfer of such an authorisation, and is only applicable to authorisations for non-landfill activities.

You can view the guidance note by here:

[Financial Provision for Non-Landfill Waste Management Activities](#)

COMAH Competent Authority – Inspecting Human Factors at COMAH Establishments (Operational Delivery Guide)

This operational delivery guide establishes a framework for inspecting human factors (HF) at sites subject to the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.

The Delivery Guide is aimed primarily at Regulatory and HF Specialist Inspectors, however it will help

COMAH operators prepare for HF inspections and understand the rationale behind those interventions. The key topics and underlying HF principles will also be relevant during HF interventions at other high-hazard sites that are not covered by COMAH.

You can view the delivery guide here:

[COMAH Competent Authority – Inspecting Human Factors at COMAH Establishments \(Operational Delivery Guide\)](#)

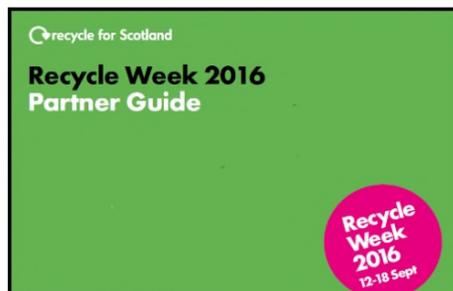
Updates:

Recycle Week 2016

Recycle Week 2016 (12th – 18th September) is the UK's annual recycling week, aiming to get everyone recycling more by raising awareness of the benefits and promoting easy ways to do more.

Download the [partners guide](#) for great ideas on how to take part in the week. Inside, you'll find some handy digital and print resources to download, and 'how to' PR and social media guides to help promote your activities.

For further information contact Evonne Cannan at evonne.cannan@zerowastescotland.org.uk



ECCI's Low Carbon Ideas Lab Open Now for Applications

Scotland's first low carbon ideas incubator offers support, mentoring and world class accommodation for inspirational ideas that accelerate Scotland's progress towards a low carbon economy.

Ideas Lab Year Three:

- 13 Entrepreneurs
- 13 new products or services created
- 7 new jobs created
- Investment already secured by more than half the intake
- 4 new international connections created
- 5 award winners, including eSpark Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Shell, Scottish Edge and VIBES!



A fourth round of applications is now open until 12pm on 12th September 2016.

Find out more and apply online: <http://lowcarbonideaslab.org>

VIBES Awards: Hydro Nation Challenge (In Conjunction with Wateraid)

VIBES is once more working with WaterAid around a challenge: In keeping with the Hydro Nation Agenda, this challenge seeks to increase awareness of WaterAid and encourage participants to consider the global WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) challenges faced.

VIBES want to see participants from Scottish Businesses, public sector and academia putting forward ideas or products based around WASH which is either currently being used within Scotland and/or an idea or product that can be adapted for use elsewhere, such as a WaterAid project in Zambia, to solve a real life WASH problem.



To receive your application pack, please send an email to vibes@sepa.org.uk

More details can be found on the [VIBES website](#).

New and improved NetRegs website launching soon!

The NetRegs website has been refreshed and redesigned to improve user friendliness, usability and visual appeal. Although much of the content on the site remains the same, a new design makes the site faster and easier to navigate.

Other key developments include:

- a fresh, modern user interface, optimised for user navigation
- integrated additional resource buttons for video clips, e-learning tools, self-assessment tools and more..
- an updated video library, showcasing all of our video clips



The new and improved site is due to launch soon, so keep an eye on the [website](#) or [NetRegs update](#) for more information!

Funding:

Circular Economy Investment Fund

Between 2016 and 2018, Zero Waste Scotland is making funding and support available through structured grant calls and procurement. These will focus on priority commercial and industrial sectors which are:

- the bio economy (food and drink)
- built environment (construction and demolition)
- energy infrastructure (oil and gas decommissioning, renewables, transmission)

For more details on the fund visit the [Zero Waste Scotland website](#).



The Scottish Recycling Fund (SRF)

The Scottish Recycling Fund (SRF) is a £3.8M fund established by Zero Waste Scotland and Scottish Enterprise to develop or expand materials reprocessing capacity and remanufacturing facilities in Scotland.

For more details on the fund visit the SRF web pages on the [Zero Waste Scotland website](#).

Events:

Venturefest Scotland 2016

When: Thursday 1 September 2016

Where: Glasgow Science Centre, G51 1EA

Venturefest Scotland is an annual, business innovation event for ambitious Scottish SMEs, entrepreneurs, investors, academics and innovators designed to inspire, inform and connect. Last year 612 delegates attended; this year 1,000 are expected.

The event is FREE to attend and provides a platform for Scottish SMEs across all sectors to network, to learn, to share expertise and ideas, and ultimately to do business.

This year's highlights include:

- Confirmed keynote from leading UK entrepreneur and digital pioneer, Chris van der Kuyf
- 17 x practical, SME-focused workshops including a Digital Garage
- Masterclass from Google on how to reach new customers online
- Pitchfest: a series of pitching masterclasses delivered by industry experts including Scottish Edge and Entrepreneurial Spark
- Bookable, [1-2-1 meetings](#) with a range of business experts



- An [Innovation Showcase](#) presenting 20 of Scotland's most innovative companies
- A dynamic [exhibition](#)

Register for FREE here: www.venturefestscotland.co.uk

Bitesize: Where can Scotland's businesses show the greatest leadership in tackling national and global climate mitigation?

When: Friday 9 September 2016

Where: Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), EH1 1LZ

This full day event on the 9th September, at ECCI will offer an opportunity to present a set of findings, drawn from the IPCC fifth assessment, on how Scotland might make the biggest difference to reducing GHG emissions both nationally and globally.

For more information visit the [ECCI website](#).



Construction Scotland / Innovation Centre Conference & Industry Showcase

When: Tuesday 13 September 2016, 09:00-17:00 (Doors Opening 08:00)

Where: Glasgow Hilton, G3 8HT

Building on the success of the 2014 event where delegates from across the private, public and academic sectors were in attendance to listen to keynote addresses from a number of high profile guests including First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon MSP and Ray O'Rourke, Chairman and founder of Laing O'Rourke, the 2016 event promises to be even bigger.



Highlights of the 2016 event will include:

- Keynote address from Jim McColl OBE on his experience and perspective of change and innovation
- A conversation with Michael Dall, Lead Construction Economist at Barbour ABI on future prospects for the industry
- A session focusing on building profit and productivity featuring Ian Ballentine, Executive Procurement Director, Heathrow Airport and John Forster, Chairman, Forster Group, Lynse Lennon from Scottish Water and Ken Gillespie from Construction Scotland - Industry Leadership Group
- A range of interesting interactive workshops
- Innovation zone demonstrating novel technologies from academia and business
- Exhibition area

For more details visit the [Construction Scotland / Innovation Showcase website](#).

From last month's update in case you missed it...

Legislation:

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/1141 of 13 July 2016 adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

The European Commission has published Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1141, which implements the first list of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern, comprising 37 species (23 animals and 14 plants).

The list will come into force on 3 August 2016.

View the full text of the Regulation here:

[COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/1141](#)

More information can also be found on the [GB Non-Native Species Secretariat website](#)

Consultations:

Modernising the Water Industry's use of rateable value to charge non-households for water and sewerage services

Thriving businesses underpin Scotland's economic growth and future prosperity. Our approach to charging for water services has an important part to play in this.

In Ministers' Statement on the Principles of Charging for Water Services it was confirmed that surface water and roads drainage charges should continue to be calculated by reference to rateable values. Ministers also noted that there is a requirement to improve the consistency and transparency of the way in which surface water and roads drainage charges are calculated by using the values most recently assigned by the Assessor.

This consultation seeks views on the details and timing of the change to use current Rateable Values to calculate drainage charges.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 23 September 2016.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Modernising the Water Industry's use of rateable value to charge non-households for water and sewerage services](#)

Marine Bird Special Protection Areas consultation

This consultation seeks your views on the proposal to classify a suite of proposed Special Protection Areas (pSPAs) to protect marine birds in Scotland. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is carrying out this consultation on behalf of Scottish Ministers.

The aim of the pSPAs is to protect some of the most important coastal and offshore foraging areas for breeding seabirds and the many migratory birds that return to Scotland each year.

The closing date for responses to the consultation is 26 September 2016.

To view the consultation documents please visit the [SNH consultation webpage](#).

Guidance:

MOD Sustainability and Environmental Appraisal Tool handbook

The MOD Sustainability and Environmental Appraisal Tools (SEAT) Handbook is the single point of reference for the suite of appraisal tool methodologies used on Estates related plans, programmes projects and activities such as military training within MOD. It sets out guidelines and methodologies for the suite of tools (or the 'Appraisal Tool Hierarchy').

You can view the handbook here: [MOD Sustainability and Environmental Appraisal Tool handbook](#)

Updates:

Waste Crime Questionnaire

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is seeking the support of the waste and resources industry in completing a questionnaire as it strives for greater collaboration in tackling waste crime in Scotland.

SEPA needs the help of the sector itself to identify where, how and why criminals are able to enter, exploit and profit from illegal waste management activities. SEPA's Chief Executive, Terry A'Hearn, has asked his staff to engage with the waste sector to better understand the nature, extent, causes and enablers of waste crime.

This questionnaire is a crucial part of that engagement and by sharing your knowledge and experiences of crime SEPA will have more information to work with you to build more effective ways to tackle waste crime in Scotland.

To help SEPA, [please follow this link and complete the questionnaire](#)

SEPA clamp down on waste crime

The LIFE SMART Waste project led a multi-agency interventions during May 2016 to tackle cross-border criminal activity in the waste industry.

The supporting information leaflet reminds registered waste carriers and brokers of their responsibilities and where to gain further advice on compliance.

[Read the waste crime information leaflet now](#)

Want to cut costs?

Interest free, unsecured loans of £1,000 to £100,000 are available to help SMEs reduce their carbon emissions and reduce costs.

Funded by the Scottish Government, the Resource Efficient Scotland SME Loan scheme aims to support businesses looking to save money through improved energy, material resource and water efficiency. The loan covers a wide range of resource efficiency improvements such as lighting, insulation and energy efficient boilers. Low interest loans are also available to finance the installation of renewable technologies such as biomass systems, heat pumps and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.

Resource Efficient Scotland also provides advice and support to prospective applicants. Full details of the scheme and a copy of the application form can be found on the [Resource Efficient Scotland website](#).

Energy Savings Trust: Low Carbon Transport Loan

In June the Scottish Government announced an electric vehicle funding boost for businesses and Hackney cab drivers.

Interest-free loans up to £100,000 are now available to support investment in sustainable transport measures.

For more details visit the [Energy Savings Trust: Low Carbon Transport Loan webpage](#)

Looking to install energy efficiency or renewable energy technology?

The Carbon Trust provides information that includes lists of accredited suppliers, guidance on energy saving technologies and how you can finance installation.

For more details visit [the Carbon Trust: Green Business Directory](#)

Events:

Switched On: New ideas for switching to renewables A 2020 Business Network Event

When: Thursday 22 September 2016, 18:00 – 20:00

Where: Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation

This networking event will help you understand the options around renewable energy and how your business can benefit from switching to renewables.

The event features case studies from Coca Cola Hellenic Bottling Co, Shawfair (Buccleuch), Grange Door Systems and NextGenereny and speakers Lady Susan Rice (2020 Chair), Kresse Wessling (Founder, Unplugged, CEO, Elvis & Kresse) and Mike Read (Head of Renewables, Grant Thornton).

How to join: Please register for this FREE but ticketed event on our [EventBrite page](#)

Questions: [Contact Siobhan Dunn](#)

Scottish Resources Conference 2016, Edinburgh

When: 5-6 October 2016

Where: EICC, Edinburgh

The Scottish Resources Conference is Scotland's biggest and most important event for organisations interested in the circular economy, sustainability, resource and waste management.

Celebrating its 15th year, this two-day event at Edinburgh International Conference Centre will bring together Scottish businesses, third sector organisations, practitioners from the waste and resource sector and anyone who is passionate about a waste free Scotland and developing circular economy business models.

[Book your delegate place here](#). Early bird discounts end 31 August.

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