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SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR FUEL STORAGE SITES

In response to the Buncefield UK fire accident in December 2005 and recommendations made by the Buncefield Major Investigation Board, the COMAH Competent Authority is finalizing its new "Containment Policy" relating to the containment of bulk hazardous liquids at both new and existing COMAH establishments under the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations 1999.



The policy sets a clear benchmark for the safety of people and the environment. It will require the upgrading of existing establishments involving potentially significant costs to operators in the United Kingdom, particularly for operators in the fuel storage sector. It is estimated that the implementation of the required upgrading work could take between 10 and 20 years. Consultation in respect of extending the policy to include COMAH establishments that store and distribute large quantities of chemicals is expected in 2008. Whilst the final policy is eagerly awaited the original consultation draft can be viewed [here](#).

Proposed Changes to UK ROHS Regulations

Proposed changes to regulations restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment are under consultation. Proposed changes published by Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR) propose powers to the National Weights and Measurements Laboratory (NWML), as the UK enforcement authority to enable them to:

- Serve compliance notices on non-compliant producers.
- Require documentation from retailers/distributors to identify the supplier of a particular item of equipment.
- Issue notices requiring information relevant to establishing if producer obligations have been met.
- Serve final warning notices to require non-compliant goods to be withdrawn from the market or restrict them being marketed.

Such measures would apply regardless of whether the breach occurred before or after the new regulations came into force on 1st July 2006. Further details on the consultation and the UK RoHS Regulations (Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment) can be found by clicking [here](#)

Headline Stories

CRA Europe Achieves National Recognition

The edie Awards for Environmental Excellence 2007, which were held at the Natural History Museum, aimed to highlight the vital work being carried out by environmental consultancies in the UK and further afield.

The awards recognized trailblazing work in a number of arenas, from curbing climate change and pollution to increasing recycling and water quality. For the majority of awards the winners were elected by those who know the consultants best, the clients who require their expertise. Over 50 consultancies received votes in the awards and CRA Europe is extremely pleased to announce that we have been voted among the top 5 consultancies for the following categories:

- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Due Diligence
- EIA and SEA
- Climate Change and Renewables
- Contaminated Land

Further details of the awards can be found [here](#)

Corporate Carbon Footprinting

CRA are pleased to announce their sponsorship of the Corporate Carbon Footprinting Conference on 8th March 2008.

The conference aims to demonstrate the case for measuring and reducing corporate carbon across the product lifecycle or supply chain.

Conference details and booking can be found [here](#)

Update

Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical Design

Eurocodes are a pan-European set of design codes for building and civil engineering works. They will replace the existing codes published by the British Standards Institution in the UK. Phased publication of the entire range of Eurocodes is underway and they will replace the existing BS codes following a period of co-existence.

BSI has published the UK National Annex to BS EN 1997-1:1994 (to give the document its full title) such that geotechnical structures can now be designed to Eurocode 7 Part 1.

Meanwhile the UK National Annex to BS EN 1997-2 is still some way off - expected in the second half of 2008. For further information on geotechnical design issues email our [Geotechnical Team](#)

More New Starters & Offices

CRA are pleased to welcome Phillip Blake and Ben Brady. Phillip joins as Associate Director to assist in managing the ever growing Environmental Management team, whilst Ben brings further geotechnical expertise to the Land team as Principal Consultant.

CRA have also recently opened their Liverpool and Reading offices for business. Check the CRA [website](#) for details.

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Feature

CRA Europe achieves REACHready status

The **REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals)** regulations came into force on 1 June 2007, introducing a new system for the registration, evaluation and authorization or restriction of chemicals manufactured in, or imported into the EU.



REACHReady, a commercial operation run by the Chemical Industries Association, has approved CRA(Europe) Ltd for provision of services under the REACHReady Matchmaker Service.

CRA have successfully gone through REACHReady's rigorous approval system, demonstrating that we are a high calibre organisation, well equipped to deliver support to industries affected by the new European registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals regulatory regime (REACH).

Under the REACHReady Matchmaker Service, companies impacted by the new REACH regulation are provided with details of the most appropriate service providers that are able to meet their needs. More information on the REACHReady service is provided on the website: www.reachready.co.uk.

CRA can support industry in meeting the requirements of the European registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals regulatory regime (REACH) through provision of a wide range of services. For further information contact the [REACH Team](#).

Waste Update – Site Waste Management Plans

Powers were included in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 for regulations requiring a site waste management plan (SWMP) for works involving construction or demolition waste. Following the voluntary code of practice launched by DTI in 2004, Defra has developed proposals for compulsory site waste management plans in England. These plans are due to become a legal requirement for all construction projects over £250,000 in April 2008. CRA provide SWMP preparation, implementation and validation services.

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