

Seminar  
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Chilton, Harwell, Oxfordshire



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# European Environmental Legislation and Radioactive Waste Management

Providing delegates from the nuclear industry, regulators, consultancies and government with the latest information on how conventional European environmental protection legislation applies to the long-term management of radioactive waste:

- The Water Framework Directive
- The proposed Groundwater Daughter Directive
- The proposed Marine Strategy Directive
- The Landfill Directive
- The Hazardous Waste Directive



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CIWEM, BNES and SRP are jointly hosting a one-day seminar with speakers from SEPA, Simmons & Simmons, Defra, the Scottish Executive, the Environment Agency and Nirex. It will be held at the Health Protection Agency (ex-NRPB) Training Centre, Chilton, Oxfordshire on Wednesday 21 June 2006.

This is a highly topical subject. The independent Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) set up under the Government's 'Managing Radioactive Waste Safely' (MRWS) programme to provide recommendations on how best to manage in the long term the UK's higher-activity radioactive waste is due to make its recommendations to Ministers in July 2006. The Government is also consulting currently on clarifying options for the long-term management of solid low-level radioactive waste (LLW) in the UK, with the intention of publishing a new policy in the near future.

The seminar will provide delegates from the nuclear industry, regulators, consultancies and government with the latest information on how conventional European environmental protection legislation applies to the long-term management of radioactive waste:

- **Introduction and chair**  
Professor David Slater
- **Keynote address: The role of the European Union in driving forward environmental protection**  
Sir Ken Collins, Chairman, SEPA
- **European environmental directives and radioactive waste management**  
Matthew White, Simmons & Simmons
- **Implementing the Water Framework Directive for radioactive substances in Scotland**  
Ian Hall, Scottish Executive
- **Implications of the proposed Marine Strategy Directive**  
Dr John Roberts, Head of Marine Environment, Defra
- **Assessing the impact of radioactive substances in the water environment**  
Rob Allott, Environment Agency
- **The practicalities of applying European waste directives to radioactive waste disposal from a regulator's perspective**  
Richard McLeod / Andrew Whittall, SEPA
- **The effect of the legislative framework on radioactive waste management**  
Ann McCall, Director of Safety & Environment, Nirex

# Wednesday 21 June 2006

## Chilton, Harwell, Oxfordshire

### Programme

- 09:30 Registration and Coffee**
- 10:00 Chairman's Welcome and Introduction**  
*Prof David Slater*
- 10:15 Keynote address: The role of the European Union in driving forward environmental protection**  
*Sir Ken Collins, Chairman, SEPA*  
Sir Ken will draw on his 20 years' experience as MEP including chairing the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, to explain the role and the successes of the European Union in protecting the environment.
- 10:35 European environmental directives and radioactive waste management**  
*Matthew White, Simmons & Simmons*  
Matthew will discuss the applicability of the Water Framework Directive, the Groundwater Daughter Directive, the Waste Framework Directive and the Landfill Directive to radioactive waste disposal facilities in the UK.
- 11:00 Morning Coffee**
- 11:25 Implementing the Water Framework Directive for radioactive substances in Scotland**  
*Ian Hall, Scottish Executive*  
Ian will explain how the Water Framework Directive has been transposed into Scottish legislation, and in particular how it affects authorisations for the disposal of radioactive waste.
- 12:00 Implications of the proposed Marine Strategy Directive**  
*Dr John Roberts, Head of Marine Environment, Defra*  
John will explain the latest position on the new Directive, how it links into the Water Framework Directive and how, as and when it is adopted, it might affect radioactive waste management.
- 12:30 Question and Answer Session**
- 12:40 Lunch**
- 13:40 Assessing the impact of radioactive substances in the water environment**  
*Rob Allott, Environment Agency*  
Rob will provide an outline of the work the Environment Agency has carried out in characterising watercourses in England and Wales for the presence of radioactive substances, together with an assessment of the likely impact.
- 14:10 Afternoon Tea**
- 14:30 The practicalities of applying European waste directives to radioactive waste disposal from a regulator's perspective**  
*Richard McLeod / Andrew Whittall, SEPA*  
Richard and Andrew will explain how the regulator is obliged to apply the principles of European legislation to regulatory decision-making, and how the relationship between conventional European environmental protection legislation and that for radioactive waste management is not straightforward.
- 15:00 The effect of the legislative framework on radioactive waste management**  
*Ann McCall, Director of Safety & Environment, Nirex*  
Ann will describe how the European Directives on SEA and EIA and other legislation in the fields of nuclear safety and land-use planning could potentially impact proposals for radioactive waste management facilities.
- 15:30 Question and Answer Session**
- 15:50 Chairman's Closing Remarks**  
*Prof David Slater*



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