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The Waste Information Today

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REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORMS AND STANDARDS.

The Department is considering various possibilities to minimise the administrative burden on legislative processes whilst encouraging sustainable environmental practices in dealing with waste management activities. In this regard, the draft norms and standards for certain listed activities have been developed with a view to ultimately delist them from the list of waste management activities requiring licences prior to commencement. This however, means that these activities will be regulated through a set of national norms and standards which are legally binding in terms of section 7 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).

The following documents have been published for public comment.

1. National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste. Notice No: 34418
<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/821.pdf>
2. National Standards for the Scrapping or Recovery of Motor Vehicles. Notice No: 34413
<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/816.pdf>
3. National Standards for the Extraction, Flaring or Recovery of Landfill Gas in South Africa. Notice No: 34416
<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/819.pdf>

The regional workshops have been scheduled to afford the stakeholders an opportunity to participate in the development of the norms and standards.

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The dates and workshop venues are scheduled as follows:

10 August 2011 (Gauteng- Pretoria, venue: South African Reserve Bank)

11 August 2011 (Western Cape- Cape Town, Venue: Southern Sun, Cape Sun)

12 August 2011 (KwaZulu-Natal- Durban, Venue: Southern Sun, North Beach)

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WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, published the draft Waste Classification and Management Regulations, and associated standards in terms of section 7 (1)(a) read with section 73 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No.59 of 2008) for public comments. Interested and affected parties have 30 days to send written comments to the Department on the proposed Waste Classification and Management regulations and standards. The Notices were published in the Government Gazette dated 1 July 2011, Notices No. 34414, 34415, and 34417.

The documents can be downloaded from SAWIC website under the following links:

Draft Waste Classification and Management Regulations

<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/820.pdf>

Draft Standards for the Disposal of Waste to Landfill

<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/817.pdf>

Draft Standards for the Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal

<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/818.pdf>

Written comments must be sent to Ms Nomphele Daniel, Deputy Director: Hazardous Waste Management, fax: 012 320 0024 or e-mail: ndaniel@environment.gov.za

THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES A SECOND INTEGRATED INDUSTRY WASTE TYRE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COMMENT

The department of Environmental Affairs has published an Integrated Industry Waste Tyre Management Plan, compiled by the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA), for public comment on the 08 July 2011. This is in pursuance of the objects of the Waste Tyre Regulations (2009) which came into effective on 30 June 2009. The plan is published for comment for a period of thirty (30) days commencing on 08 July 2011. All interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments.

The plan is accessible on the South African Waste Information Centre website under "draft documents for comments". The website is www.sawic.org.za.

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UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE RISK WASTE POLICY & REGULATIONS

The Department is in the process of incorporating the findings of the study undertaken on microbial inactivation standards for non-burn Health Care Risk Waste (HCRW) treatment technologies and a protocol for disinfection of reusable containers into the HCRW regulation. The draft regulation will be gazetted for public comment and workshops conducted with stakeholders in September 2011. The comments received will be considered when finalising the regulation for promulgation.

INCINERATION LICENSE REVIEW PROCESS.

The Department has initiated a process to review environmental authorisations issued for HCRW incineration facilities. The incinerators currently in operation have been notified of the process as have the relevant air emission licensing authorities.

A Departmental review team has been established and will ensure that all incinerators operate to the same performance standards. If an incineration facility will not be able to meet the emission standards the facility will be required to close down their operations in an agreed timeframe.

The review team will undertake site visits to existing incineration facilities and will also meet with the relevant provincial and local authorities to discuss the process. The process will be initiated at incineration facilities located in Western Cape during September 2011.

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