



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WASTE DISPOSAL OFFICERS

NAWDO press statement – Persistent Organic Pollutants in waste upholstered domestic seating

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NAWDO members are working hard to put in place arrangements to divert waste upholstered domestic seating from landfill and into energy recovery, to ensure that any POPs are irreversibly destroyed.

The specific guidance related to waste upholstered domestic seating was published by the Environment Agency just before Christmas and this has left local authorities with a limited amount of time to prepare and put arrangements in place. Each local authority will be working with its contractors and other stakeholders to determine how to adjust operations to meet the requirements set out in the legislation.

The cost of compliance is potentially significant, with some prices exceeding £200 per tonne for managing this waste stream due to the new requirements set out by the Environment Agency.

NAWDO is continuing to engage with waste contractors, the Environment Agency and DEFRA to ensure that all local authorities can achieve compliance with the legislation as soon as is practicably possible.

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About us:

NAWDO, the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers, is the primary network and voice for local authorities with statutory responsibility for waste treatment and disposal. NAWDO was formed in 1992 and its members include London Boroughs, Metropolitan, Unitary, Joint Waste Disposal Authorities, Waste Partnerships and County Councils from all UK regions (except Scotland) to keep up to date with the fast changing waste and resources industry. Through NAWDO local authorities are provided with presentation on regional, national, international and strategic forums and groups to inform, influence and collaborate with key stakeholders and policy makers. NAWDO is entirely run by volunteers and through its Policy and Advisory (P&A) Committee it sets the direction of the organisation with member engagement. With over 80 members NAWDO represents around 80% of all local authorities with waste disposal duties in the UK. NAWDO holds quarterly meetings where its members, central government, regulators, waste industry and other affiliated groups discuss and debate challenges and current developments in the waste and resources industry, helping shape and influence (future) decisions and policy. It also provides an online forum where members can openly discuss and debate current and relevant issues facing senior officers with waste treatment and disposal portfolios.

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