

# EfW - The Regulatory Framework

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# The European Context

## ⇒ Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC)

- ⇒ Apply Best Available Techniques
- ⇒ No Significant Pollution (includes risk to human health)
- ⇒ Minimise Waste
- ⇒ Prevent Accidents and Limit Their Consequences
- ⇒ Return Land to Satisfactory State

## ⇒ Waste Incineration (WID)

- ⇒ Sets Mandatory Minimum Standards for Emission Limit Values
- ⇒ monitoring and various operating conditions

## ⇒ Waste Framework Directive

- ⇒ Waste Hierarchy
- ⇒ Recovery with High Energy Efficiency
- ⇒ R1 Energy Efficiency Formula

# The Permitting Framework

- ⇒ EfW plants – permitted under the Environmental Permitting regulations
- ⇒ Requires the operator to submit an application to us
  - ⇒ Description of the process and how it is controlled
  - ⇒ Description of the impacts on the environment
  - ⇒ Demonstrating how Best Available Techniques (BAT) will be used – inter alia to use materials and energy efficiently
- ⇒ Requires us to assess the application
  - ⇒ Decide whether to grant or refuse a permit
  - ⇒ If granted we issue a permit for that particular activity containing a number of conditions

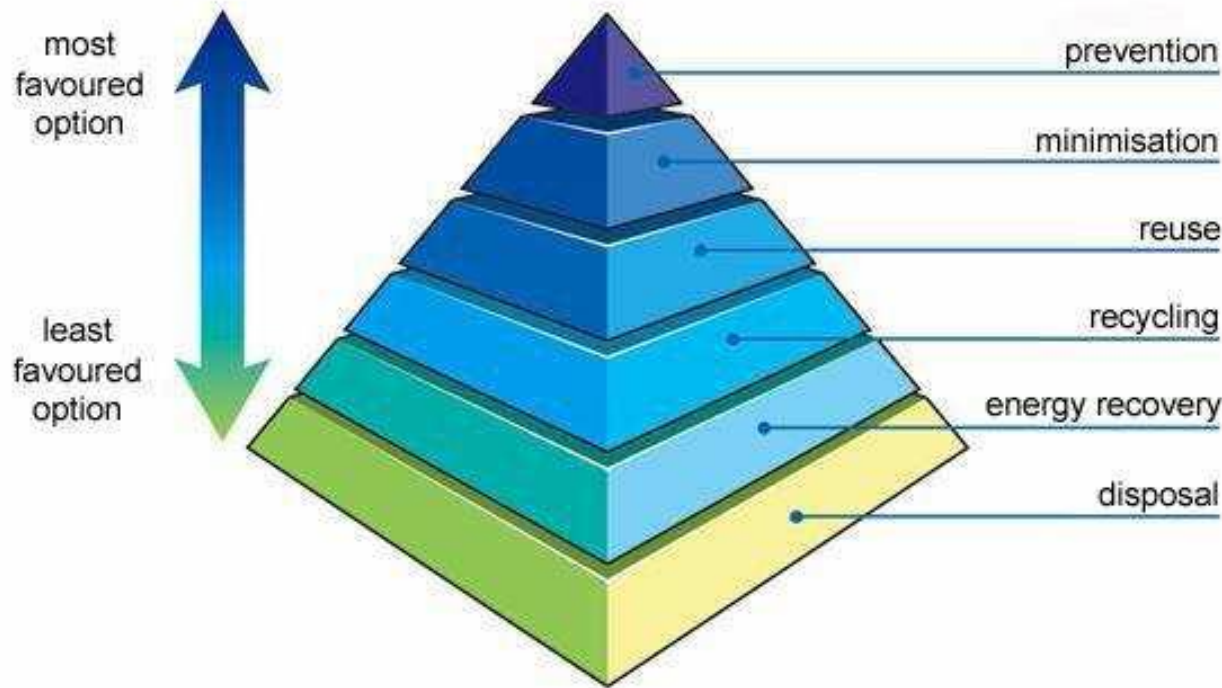
# Current and Emerging Issues

- ⇒ EU Renewable Energy Directive
- ⇒ Increasing energy recovery in EfW plants
  - ⇒ Our primary environmental outcome for the sector
  - ⇒ Planning Process
  - ⇒ High Energy Efficiency
  - ⇒ R1 Energy Efficiency Formula
- ⇒ Reducing ash going to landfill
  - ⇒ Protocol for Sampling and Assessing IBA
  - ⇒ Quality Protocol for processed IBA
  - ⇒ Treatment options for Air Pollution Control Residues
- ⇒ Maintaining public confidence in EfW plants
- ⇒ Industrial Emissions Directive
  - ⇒ Gasification / Pyrolysis processes producing products

# Influence of the Renewables Obligation

Generation Type	Definition	ROCs / MWh
Energy from Waste with CHP	Electricity generation from the combustion of waste in a <u>qualifying</u> CHP plant	1
Gasification/Pyrolysis	Electricity generated from the conversion of waste or biomass into liquid/gaseous fuel(s) for use in a generating station by process of gasification, pyrolysis or both (fuel CV conditions apply)	2
Co-firing of biomass	Electricity generated from regular biomass in a month in which the generating station generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and partly from renewable sources	0.5
Co-firing of biomass with CHP	Electricity generated from regular biomass by a qualifying combined heat and power generating station in a month in which it generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and partly renewable sources, <u>and where the fossil fuel and regular biomass have been burned in separate boilers or engines</u>	1
Co-firing of energy crops	Electricity generated from energy crops in a month in which the generating station generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and partly from renewable sources	1
Co-firing of energy crops with CHP	Electricity generated from energy crops by a qualifying combined heat and power generating station in a month in which it generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and energy crops, <u>and where the fossil fuel and regular biomass have been burned in separate boilers or engines</u>	1.5
Dedicated Biomass	Electricity generated from regular biomass in a month in which the generating station generates electricity only from biomass	1.5
Dedicated Biomass with CHP	Electricity generated from regular biomass by a qualifying combined heat and power generating station in a month in which the generating station generates electricity only from biomass	2
Dedicated Energy Crops (with or without CHP)	Electricity generated from energy crops in a month in which the generating station generates electricity only from energy crops or biomass	2

# EfW within the waste hierarchy



Annex II of WfD includes a non-exhaustive list of recovery operations

R 1 'Use principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy'

This includes incineration facilities dedicated to the processing of **municipal solid waste** only where their energy efficiency is equal to or above:

**0.60 for plants permitted before January 2009**

**0.65 for plants permitted after December 2008**

# The R1 formula

$$\text{R1-factor} = \frac{E_p - (E_f + E_i)}{0.97 * (E_w + E_f)}$$

$E_p$  – energy produced (includes some internal consumption)

$E_f$  – energy from fuels

$E_i$  – electricity or heat imported

$E_w$  – energy in the waste

# The R1 formula – need to knows

- ⇒ Applies to plant dedicated to processing MSW
- ⇒ Does not apply to co-incinerators or HWI, CWI, SSI
- ⇒ Calculation includes all the waste processed
- ⇒ Supported by guidance from the commission
- ⇒ Commission guidance is not legally binding
- ⇒ We are the competent authority for assessing status
- ⇒ R1 status will not be a permit condition
- ⇒ R1 status can be awarded to a line or an installation
- ⇒ R1 status is time limited
- ⇒ Application is voluntary

# ESA Protocol for IBA

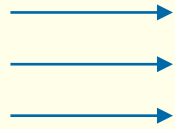
- ➔ Hazardous Waste Regulations
- ➔ Based on a load of IBA leaving the site
- ➔ Provides a sampling methodology
- ➔ Provides a statistical framework to deal with the inherent variability of IBA
- ➔ Scope for reduced sampling
- ➔ Subject to a six month review
- ➔ Allowance for use for metals analysis where merited



# Quality Protocol for Processed IBA

## Technical Advisory Group

Evidence  
Gathering



Technical Report  
Risk Assessment  
Financial Impact Assessment

## Waste Protocols Project Team

- Interface between industry and EA
- Liaise with the right technical colleagues
- Facilitate the development process

## Environment Agency

Evaluate the  
evidence

End of waste?

YES

NO

Quality  
Protocol

Regulatory  
Position  
Statement

# Quality protocol – indicative timeline

- ⇒ Finalise sampling plan - **June 2011**
- ⇒ Tender for sampling work - **July – December 2011**
- ⇒ Conduct sampling and analysis **January – June 2012**
- ⇒ Complete risk assessment and FIA **June – October 2012**
- ⇒ Evaluate and decide whether to draft a QP - **October 2012**
- ⇒ UK consultation on the draft QP - **December – March 2013**
- ⇒ Revise QP - **April 2013**
- ⇒ European consultation on the draft QP **May – November 2013.**
- ⇒ Publish: **December 2013**



# Any questions?

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