ROAD SURFACE DRESSING ASSOCIATION

RECYCLING OF RECOVERED CHIPPING

Post sweep chippings added to Low Risk List

The storage of post-sweep surface dressing chippings prior to recycling/recovery has been added to the Environment Agency list of Low Risk waste activities. Attached is the relevant list - see LRW128 (last entry). The list can also be found on the EA website at the link below (Waste/Waste Licences & Exemptions/Are you regulated/Low Risk Waste Regulation).

http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/waste/1416460/1334460/1098094/?lang=_e

What does this mean?

The Environment Agency will not pursue the requirement for a waste management licence for the storage of chippings prior to recovery/recycling as long as the requirements of Schedule 4 of the Waste Management Regulations are complied with:

(a) ensuring that waste is recovered or disposed of without endangering human health and without using processes or methods which could harm the environment and in particular without-

(i) risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals; or

(ii) causing nuisance through noise or odours; or

(iii) adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest;

Clearly, the use of any storage sites must have prior authorisation of the landowner/client.

Storage of >1000 tonnes

There is a requirement to inform the Environment Agency if more than 1000 tonnes are to be stored on any one site. However the EA has indicated that this will not normally cause a problem because they were aware that the storage requirements would frequently exceed 1000 tonnes when they agreed to add this activity to their list. Never the less they must be advised of the locations of all such sites.

If you have any questions or require support in liaising with the Environment Agency please let me know.

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