



EQual - Ensuring Quality of waste-derived products to achieve resource efficiency

EQual is an innovative demonstration programme, supported by LIFE+ and seven key partner organisations, which will encourage the appropriate use of waste-derived products. It will achieve this by providing tools, techniques and information to improve decision-making, and increase confidence in waste-derived products that meet end of waste status.

The Environment Agency are leading the programme with six partners who are, Agentschap NL, The Chartered Institution of Wastes management, Association for Organics Recycling, Environmental Services Association, Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Energy UK.

Developing a Quality Protocol Compliance e-tool

What it will do

The e-tool is being designed for businesses needing to assess whether they comply with the end of waste requirements set out in the Quality Protocols (Quality Protocol information can be found at <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wasteprotocols>) and European end of waste regulations. It is initially being designed around the Aggregates and the Compost Quality Protocol guidance documents, but is ultimately intended for compliance assessment for other waste derived materials.

Through the e-tool the aim is to:

- Present users with a step-by-step guide on how to comply with Quality Protocols
- Improve current practice and consistency
- Provide efficiencies to both businesses and regulators by providing clarity around Quality Protocol compliance
- Provide a faster assessment and greater user confidence

How to get involved

A prototype of the QP Compliance e-tool will be developed during 2012, and more detailed trials and evaluation of the tool will be conducted during 2013 - 2014. We are working with a wide range of organisations, including industry and business, consultants, regulators and environmental groups during this time.

Please contact us on the email address or telephone number below if you would like to be involved.

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