

## **Developments in Ecological and Water Environment Risk Assessment**

*AGM and Forum Meeting Tuesday 9th December 2008, 4pm  
University of Strathclyde, McCance Building Room MCC3*

Two important consultations have recently been announced relating to risk assessment for ecological systems and the water environment; both of which are receptors under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended). This meeting has been arranged to both inform members of the contents of the proposals and to gain some feedback for use in SCLFs response to the consultations.

Speakers who have been directly involved in the production of the draft guidance will set the scene by providing a summary of the main points of the documents and the specific items that are being consulted upon.

SCLF sub groups will be formed to prepare the detailed response however this meeting will provide an opportunity for wider consultation input from members. It may therefore be useful if you have read the papers before the meeting (links provided below).

The main forum meeting will be preceded by the AGM which will include the results of the recent training survey.

### **4.00 Registration and Refreshments**

### **4.30 AGM**

Chairmans Report  
Financial report  
Summary of training needs survey results  
2009 Programme

### **5.00 Forum Meeting**

#### **Soil screening values for assessing ecological risks**

*Will McMinn, Senior Specialist Scientist, Environmental Chemistry Unit, SEPA*

In 2003, The Environment Agency sought stakeholder views on a framework and methods for assessing harm to ecosystems from contaminants in soil. The role of soil screening values (SSVs) within this framework was described, along with some of the underlying principles behind their derivation and use. This consultation covers SSV values derived since the original consultation. The consultation seeks views on the methodology applied and the basis of the decisions on which SSVs will be put forward.

[http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/consultations/2149397/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/consultations/2149397/?version=1&lang=_e)

#### **Assigning groundwater assessment criteria for pollutant inputs**

*Malcolm Roberts, Principal Policy Officer, SEPA*

The purpose of the SEPA document is to provide guidance on how to achieve the consistent allocation of pollution assessment points and derive appropriate assessment limits when assessing inputs of pollutants into groundwater. This is of particular relevance in the assessments of risks to the water environment as a result of land contamination. Application of this guidance will result in compliance with the seven measures of significant pollution as described in the Contaminated Land Statutory Guidance.

[http://www.sepa.org.uk/about\\_us/consultations.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/about_us/consultations.aspx)

### **6.0 Networking reception with Wine and Nibbles – Sponsored by WH Malcolm Ltd**

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