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# Trecatti Landfill Newsletter

News from Environment Agency Wales - the regulator at Trecatti  
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### Landfill Gas Management Summary

Environmental consultants Golder Associates have recently completed their review of how well landfill gas and odours are controlled at Trecatti and have reported on their findings.

The consultants found that the landfill gas and odour control systems were the best available. They also reported that the system was working well and was regularly maintained – which is reflected in the significant reductions in odour complaints over the past six months.

The consultants recommended continuing with the improvements in landfill gas and odour control, including managing waste arriving on site and increasing the number of landfill gas collection pipes.

You can download the full report at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/trecatti](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/trecatti). Alternatively, you can request a paper copy by contacting the Dave Griffiths on 029 2024 5314.

### Who to contact

If you have any queries about our work at the Trecatti site you can contact us in the following ways:

By phone - Dave Griffiths on 02920245314

By email - [david.griffiths@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:david.griffiths@environment-agency.gov.uk)



By post - David Griffiths, PPC Team, Rivers House, Fortran Road, St Mellons, Cardiff, CF24 0TP

**Any issues on the Trecatti site? Call our incident number - 0800 80 70 60**

## Odour Investigation Team

We are going to continue operating our specially trained investigation team. This rapid response team will investigate significant odour events from the site whenever they occur to ensure the causes are identified. We will then work with the site operator to solve the problem more quickly.

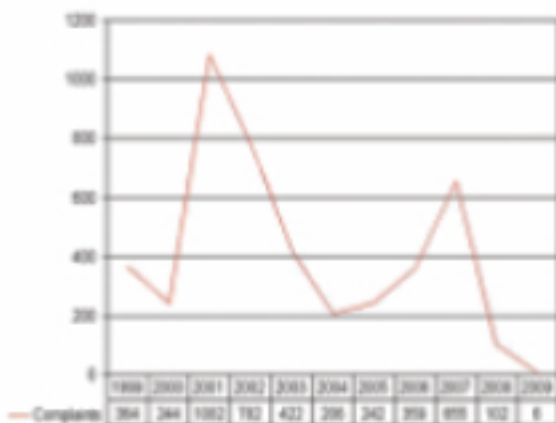
This team has been operational since October 2008 – you may have seen them undertaking regular training exercises around the community and site.



## In Brief

Bringing you right up to date with the latest developments on site:

- The site has recently been reviewed against new engineering standards from the EU. We have found that it meets the new standards and so can continue to operate
- The issues around the Trecatti site permit have now been resolved and it has been improved to allow us to better control odour on the site



This graph tracks the number of complaints made about Trecatti since 1999

- We have commissioned the Environment Council to assess our past communication and engagement on Trecatti landfill site issues. They found that our use of surgeries, newsletters and attendance at community liaison groups was an effective way of keeping residents in touch with the issues on site.

## Audits, inspections and complaints

We have received five complaints about Trecatti this year - significantly less than in previous years.

Most of the complaints have been about odour but have been isolated - suggesting that the odours were passing problems rather than a sustained one.

Regardless of the number of complaints we receive, we will continue to employ a dedicated officer whose job is to inspect the Trecatti site on a weekly basis.

Our officer will also carry out regular audits to make sure the site is being run properly and that all possible precautions are being taken to minimise the risk of odours and other problems.

In 2008, we audited Biffa's performance on four key areas, namely environmental monitoring, surface water discharges, technical competency of management and accident prevention.