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Dear NetRegs,

NetRegs is your free guide on how to comply with environmental regulations. Our regular email alerts keep you informed about the important regulations that affect your business and the practical steps you need to take to comply. They also update you on changes to the NetRegs website.

#### Welsh farmers - manage your waste

The NetRegs **agricultural waste training tool** is now available for farmers in Wales, in both English and Welsh. The user-friendly interactive tool includes six learning modules to help you fully understand the different aspects of managing your waste. You can print out your results for easy reference.

#### Agriculture - updated guidance

Our guidance for farmers, land owners and contractors now includes information on:

- dealing with **fly-tipped material**
- **composting** your waste
- managing woodchip and straw-bedded **corrals** and **stand-off pads**.

#### New regulations proposed for handling, transferring and transporting waste in England and Wales

Defra is asking for feedback on new regulations for handling, transferring and transporting waste in England and Wales. The regulations are expected to come into force in April 2009. If you want to comment on the proposals you must do so by 8 September.

#### Consultation - new Groundwater Regulations for England and Wales

New regulations are expected to come into force in November to improve the protection of groundwater in England and Wales. The regulations will affect you if you hold a **groundwater authorisation** or an **environmental permit** or **discharge consent** that contains conditions about your discharges to groundwater. If you want to comment on the proposals you must do so by 20 August.

#### Carbon reduction commitment - will it affect you?

Find out if the new carbon reduction commitment affects your business. If it does you need to collect information about your electricity consumption from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

#### Coming soon to NetRegs

We will soon be publishing guidance for:

- healthcare businesses, including dentists and health centres
- using sustainable drainage systems on your premises
- biofuels for transport.

We will also be launching an **interactive training tool** for **food and drink** businesses.

#### NetRegs online survey

Thank you to the 220 visitors that recently completed our online survey. It is great to know that **86% of you rate NetRegs as 'good' or 'excellent'** as a business tool, but we are committed to improving it further. Your comments and suggestions have been included in our continuous programme of development and improvement.

Congratulations to Robert Matthews of Durapipe UK, who was the lucky winner of the M&S voucher.

**SMEs using e-alerts save on average GBP 2,600 a year!**

Environmental consultants EFTEC have undertaken an independent assessment of how much SMEs are saving through using NetRegs to improve their awareness of environmental legislation. The results are impressive: each SME that receives NetRegs' **free regular email alerts** to keep up-to-date with regulations and good practice is already saving on average GBP 2,615 per year by reducing time spent reviewing legislation and benefiting from advice on compliance.

**Are you one of the 9/10 NetRegs users that rate our service as good or excellent?**

We are looking for small businesses to be case studies for NetRegs. If you have saved money, saved time or reduced the amount of waste you produce as a result of using NetRegs, we would like to hear about it. Your experience could help others understand the benefits of environmental compliance. Contact [debbie.chatting@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.chatting@environment-agency.gov.uk) for more information.

If you know someone who would benefit from having free, up-to-date guidance from NetRegs, please pass on this link: [www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/1226009/](http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/1226009/)

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