

Hazardous waste - waste management trends

- The chart shows a big increase in recycling and re-use in 2006. This was partly due to some treatment activities (particularly in oil recovery) being re-assigned in the review of disposal and recovery codes, and partly due to the re-classification of some waste electrical equipment, particularly fridges, as hazardous waste under the 2005 Regulations. In 2007 there was a seven per cent decrease in waste going for recycling and re-use.
- There was a major reduction in landfill deposits between 2004 and 2006 showing the impact of the requirements of the Landfill Directive to stop co-disposal. In 2007 the amount of landfilled hazardous waste showed little change from 2006, perhaps indicating that a new baseline for hazardous waste to landfill has been established.
- The very large increase in treatment since 2004 was due to a single waste treatment plant on Teesside, where liquid waste, formerly disposed of to the estuary under a consented discharge, is now treated. Over 2 million tonnes of this waste was consigned in 2007, a third of all the hazardous waste consigned in England and Wales.

