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Project Profile

Sector: Waste Management
Project: Characterising Waste for Disposal Option
Assessment: Guidance on Sampling, Testing and Acceptance Criteria
Client: Environment Agency/ESART/WRC
Period: March 2000 – November 2001



The adoption of the EU Landfill Directive in 1999 requires classification of all EU landfills into one of three categories: inert, non-hazardous and hazardous. Wastes are to be classified prior to treatment or disposal into one of the three broad categories, and Annex II of the Landfill Directive provides some detail for the sampling and characterisation of wastes. Currently, Annex II refers to the development of waste acceptance and sampling procedures based on standardised waste analysis methods established within the Community. In the interim, the Annex provides a general framework for the testing and acceptance of waste.

Work to date on standardising the testing techniques has been progressed by CEN TC 292. This project will complete the technical drafting of a set of European Standards for Waste Sampling, Testing and Acceptance which fulfils the requirements of Annex II, and will then produce interim guidance for application in the UK covering aspects of waste sampling, testing and acceptance which fulfils the requirements of Annex II.