

The Danish EPA is making available a handy, illustrated brochure discussing the minimum packaging requirements and prerequisites for packaging used electronics for shipping. The brochure states, "*If these basic steps are not followed the equipment will under normal circumstances be considered to be electronic waste, which it is illegal to ship to non-OECD countries.*"

A few pieces of advice from the brochure: ensure the devices are fully functional, that they have no missing pieces and have all cables intact on the product, and wrap devices with a minimum of one layer of stretch foil or for large products one layer of bubble foil to minimize breakage.

The free brochure is available in Danish, English, French and Arabic.

Download a copy of the brochure at

http://www.mst.dk/Virksomhed_og_myndighed/Affald/Affaldsfraktioner/Elektriske+og+elektroniske+produkter+som+affald/Transport_af_elektronik/default.htm.

Connecticut DEEP Publishes RFP For Landfill Gas And Biomass Energy Projects

On Monday, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a request for proposals (RFP) for "*for electric power produced by biomass, landfill gas, and run-of-river hydropower facilities that meet Connecticut's Class I renewable requirements.*"

Selected projects will be eligible to enter into power purchase agreements for up to 10 years with the state's two major electric distribution companies - Connecticut Light & Power and United Illuminating.

The deadline for submitting proposals is November 18.

The Connecticut DEEP RFP can be downloaded at

[http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/279d2ed691fd3ae085257c0b006dd30d/\\$FILE/Power%20Purchase%20Agreement%20%28PPA%29%20-%20Section%208%20-%20Draft%20-%20102113.pdf](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/279d2ed691fd3ae085257c0b006dd30d/$FILE/Power%20Purchase%20Agreement%20%28PPA%29%20-%20Section%208%20-%20Draft%20-%20102113.pdf).

Statistics & Trends

UK Plastics Recycling Continues Upward Trend During Third Quarter

According to provisional data released yesterday by the United Kingdom's Environment Agency, the amount of waste plastic recovered during the third quarter of this year increased to 195,331 tons from 165,011 tons last quarter. The gain is the third consecutive quarter of increases. The quarter total exceeds the 2013 per quarter obligation of 170,891 tons.

Recovered glass increased from 403,366 tons to 415,311 tons and paper from 821,362 tons to 849,254 tons. However, the amounts of aluminum, steel and wood recycled declined from the second to third quarters.

Download complete Q3 UK recycling data at npwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/ReportDownload.ashx?ReportName=RRSummary&SelectYear=2013&SelectQuarter=Q3&OutputType=xls.

Sao Paulo Government Launches Pilot To Track C&D Waste

On Friday, the Sao Paulo Ministry of Environment announced that in cooperation with SindusConSP, Sao Paulo's construction industry association, it has launched a pilot scheme to track the generation, movement and final deposition of construction and demolition (C&D) waste. The pilot is being conducted in the city of Santos and, if successful, will roll out across the Brazilian state.

Minister of Environment said the C&D tracking pilot is part of an investment of R\$ 43,456,079 in Sao Paulo's waste management infrastructure that includes the purchase of 217 garbage trucks and recycling vehicles. Under the National Policy of Solid Waste approved in 2010, the country must transition from disposing to recycling its solid waste by next year.

The Ministry of Environment announcement is posted at <http://www.ambiente.sp.gov.br/acontece/santos-tera-piloto-de-sistema-de-rastreabilidade-de-residuos/>.

Arkansas DEQ Announces First Use Of Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund

On Friday, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced that a former landfill operated in the city of Fayetteville will be the first recipient of funding from the state's Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund, which is financed by a \$1 per ton fee paid on landfilled waste.

The former C&L Landfill, which is now owned by the city, will be converted to green space adjacent to a park.

DEQ said that in 2010 it "*developed a ranked list of Arkansas's 145 closed landfills, as required by Act 1281 of 2007 in order to prioritize projects that the trust fund would pay for. Rankings were determined by evaluating five categories of each landfill: cover condition, groundwater hazard, surface water hazard, landfill gas hazard and landfill size.*" The former C&L Landfill was next to the top of the list.

The Arkansas DEQ announcement can be found at http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/ftpoot/Pub/pa/News_Releases/2013-10-18_Environmentally_Speaking_Landfill_to_use_trust_fund_POA.pdf.

Business Initiatives

Eco-Emballages Issues Call For Tenders For Caribbean Packaging Recycling Services

On Friday, French packaging compliance scheme Eco-Emballages issued a Call for Tenders to firms interested in providing various waste packaging recovery services in French Caribbean territories. Specifically, the three available contracts would be for transport and recycling of aluminum and steel household packaging in Reunion Island, transport and recycling of plastic and cardboard household packaging in Martinique and Guadeloupe, and collection and recycling of glass household packaging in St. Martin.

The Call for Tenders closes on November 15.

Get more information at

<http://www.ecoemballages.fr/appels-doffre-pour-la-prise-en-charge-et-le-recyclage-de-certains-dem-dans-les-dom>.

Recylum Launches Lamp Recycling Campaign Targeting SMEs

According to French waste lamp compliance scheme Recylum, only 56 percent of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country recycle their waste lamps although 89% recycle toner cartridges and 61% recycle unwanted cell phones. To help boost lamp recycling among France's 200,000 SMEs, Recylum said last week that has launched a campaign in cooperation with office products retailers Home Depot, Fiducial and Lyreco to recycle SME waste lamps using Recylum's Lumibox Service.

As an EU Member State, France is required by the EU WEEE Directive to collect and recycle waste lamps. Recylum was created by leading lamp manufacturers in 2005 to accomplish to implement that requirement in France.

The Recylum SMEs campaign communique is posted at

<http://www.recylum.com/communiqués-de-presse-recylum/recylum-se-mobilise-fiducial-lyreco-office-depot-recycler-les-lampes-pme/>.

US Consumer Electronics Association Announces First eCycling Leadership Awards

Yesterday, the US Consumer Electronics Association presented its first eCycling Leadership Awards to Best Buy, Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Samsung at a ceremony in Los Angeles. The awards are given to companies that best support CEA's eCycling Leadership Initiative that seeks to recycle at least one billion pounds of used electronics annually by 2016.

Best Buy and Hewlett-Packard received awards for their collection networks. Last year, HP's network grew through partnerships from 300 collection sites to nearly 3,700. Dell was recognized for a national recycling program it coordinates with Goodwill Industries, and Samsung was honored for the direct EEE recycling program it maintains in all 50 US states.

The CEA noted in its announcement that 585 million pounds of devices were collected last year through the eCycling Leadership Initiative - more than halfway to the 2016 target.

The CEA announcement is posted at <http://www.ce.org/News/News-Releases/Press-Releases/2013-Press-Releases/CEA-Honors-Four-Consumer-Electronics-Manufacturers.aspx>.

The Green Perspective

Swedish Nature Conservancy Offers Ten Steps To Fight Ocean Plastic Pollution

Last week, Naturskyddsforeningen (the Nature Conservancy) said there are ten steps consumers can take to help reduce marine pollution from plastics and protect marine life. At the top of Naturskyddsforeningen's list is to not use personal care products containing micro-plastic particles. Naturskyddsforeninge said alternative products with natural adhesives such as crushed coffee beans or sugar are available.

Among the other steps are to minimize "*plastic particles from fleece and other synthetic clothes that come off in the wash,*" use hemp or cotton marine rope instead of plastic rope, simply buy fewer products made from plastic and support Naturskyddsforeningen in its efforts to guide marine plastic pollution policy-making.

The Naturskyddsforeningen communique is posted at <http://www.naturskyddsforeningen.se/nyheter/10-satt-att-slass-mot-plasten-i-haven>.