

Introduction

This notice informs customers of our intent to improve the method by which characterisation information is managed for waste streams that will not be disposed of either directly or indirectly at the LLWR.

The current process requires all customers to supply LLWR with a detailed Waste Characterisation Form (WCH) for approval. A valid and approved WCH must be referenced on a Waste Consignment Information Form (WCI) to enable waste to be consigned. However, customer feedback has prompted LLWR to examine this more closely; primarily the requirement for a WCH to be completed and approved for waste that is not consigned either directly or indirectly to the LLWR, e.g. wastes currently destined for incineration and/or commercial landfill disposal.

New Non-LLWR Disposal Waste Characterisation Information Form (WCHIF)

Following our analysis, we propose to introduce a new streamlined Characterisation Form for wastes that do not at any stage (before/after treatment or conditioning) require disposal at the LLWR. This will be known as the 'Non-LLWR Disposal Waste Characterisation Information Form (WCHIF)' and will be implemented from 1st April 2016. The format of this form is still being developed. However, we anticipate a simple one page form that will require the following information to be provided:

- Waste stream reference,
- References to the sampling and method by which the Characterisation has been undertaken i.e. sample plan, sample collection methods, analysis completed and how the fingerprint was generated from that analysis,
- Summary of the Fingerprint and activity and reference to where the detail is held.

The references to local information are required for two reasons:

- i. to enable LLW Repository Ltd. to undertake assurance audits of customer arrangements for the consignment of waste,
- ii. to enable this data to be readily accessible to suppliers when they request it.

The current WCH Form remains applicable for all waste streams that do entail disposal to the LLWR at some stage. This is required to ensure that sufficient allocation and information is provided for such wastes, thus ensuring that adequate provision is made at the LLWR. A WCH will be required for any metallic waste sent for treatment where secondary waste requiring LLWR disposal is generated; if customers are unsure a WCH should be produced.

Implementation Plan

Customers and suppliers will be consulted during the development of the Non-LLWR Disposal Waste Characterisation Information Form to ensure that it is fit for purpose when issued on the LLWR Website.

LLWR plan to hold a workshop in January 2016 to engage with customers and suppliers to discuss the detailed content of the WCHIF. The Form will then be amended to address the feedback received, before it is formally issued to the website on the 1st April 2016.

Further Information and Questions

If you require any further information or have any queries relating to this Customer Notice, please send an e-mail to: customerteam@llwrsite.com

Distribution List

We have issued this Notice to the following people from your Company's Contact Details Form (Reference: WSC-FOR-CON):

- All nominated representatives

If you need to update these details, please submit a revised Form: <http://llwrsite.com/customer-portal/resources>