



## Environment Matters – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007

### Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Compost Producers must register before deadline** The Environment Agency and WRAP are today reminding compost producers in England and Wales to ensure that their business has been registered with The Composting Association (TCA) for PAS 100 and Quality Protocol certification by 15 November. ([Environment Agency 03/11/07](#))
- **Half of UK's top firms fail to publish plans to cut carbon emissions** Only 48 of the top 100 companies trading on the UK stock exchange have published a plan to address and reduce their carbon emissions and a significant minority refuse even to reveal their carbon footprint. ([Guardian Unlimited 05/11/07](#))
- **Monsters of the deep will create electricity for a new generation** The world's first deep-sea tidal-energy farm will be built off the Welsh coast next year to provide electricity for 5,000 homes. Eight underwater turbines, each 25 metres long and 15 metres high, are to be installed on the sea bottom off St David's peninsula in Pembrokeshire, South Wales. ([The Times 05/11/07](#))
- **New agency will oversee biofuel regulations** A new agency has been created to oversee the introduction of regulations requiring 5% of all fuel sold in the UK by 2010 to come from biofuels. ([EDIE 06/11/07](#))
- **Queen's speech: Environment** CPRE, said: "This Queen's speech is a lot of Brown and not much green". Some measures, such as the Climate Change Bill, are welcome, but others suggest that protection of the environment is slipping rapidly down the government's "to do" list. ([ePolitix.com 06/11/07](#))
- **Carbon offset group spooks traders** Confidence in the newly emerging carbon market was rattled yesterday when EcoSecurities, one of the biggest developers of carbon offsets, cut its product pipeline by a fifth, blaming delays in the project approval process being run by the UN. ([Guardian Unlimited 07/11/07](#))
- **New Wastewater control system means 25% reduction in carbon emissions for Southern Water** A new advanced control system for wastewater treatment plants is being introduced at six of Southern Water's treatment plants in the Chichester area. ([SourceWire.com 07/11/07](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has submitted a sustainability statement to Cambridge City Council in support of a 242 bed student housing development. The scheme's environmental initiatives such as a biomass boiler for the delivery of hot water, solar shading and grey water recycling will help significantly reduce the carbon footprint. Subject to planning, the scheme is due for completion in 2009.
- For the latest Aardvark news logon to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk)

And finally,

- **Welcome to Tread lightly** Alison Benjamin invites to you to join an online community and start living a lower carbon lifestyle. Tread lightly allows Guardian readers to join an online community of people who want to take personal and collective action to reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. ([Guardian Unlimited 26/10/07](#))