



## Environment Matters – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008

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

- **Report predicts wave of green tech** Entrepreneurs and investors are 'inventing' a new sustainable global economy, according to an environmental research group. ([BBC News 09/01/08](#))
- **Waste exports: better protection for developing countries** Developing countries will be better protected against receiving unwanted waste from wealthier nations. ([Defra 11/01/08](#))
- **About 9% of Government Projects Meet U.K. Environment Standards** Fewer than one in 10 refurbishment and new building projects on U.K. government land meet environmental standards, a parliamentary committee said today. ([Bloomberg.com 15/01/08](#))
- **UK faces big jump in renewable targets** Brussels will next week tell Britain to massively increase use of renewable energy in order to hit increased targets by 2020. ([theregister.co.uk 15/01/08](#))
- **UK farming gets recognition for biofuel livestock sustainability** The NFU has praised rules being published under the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation after lobbying for two years to see the changes. ([Farming UK 15/01/08](#))
- **Planned US Wind Farm Clears Regulatory Hurdle** Plans to build the United States' first offshore wind farm cleared a regulatory hurdle on Monday when a preliminary federal environmental review found it would pose no major ecological risks. ([Planet Ark 16/01/08](#))
- **Eco homes: Sun setting on solar power?** There are fewer solar panels in the UK than anywhere else in Europe - and no one's blaming the weather. ([Telegraph.co.uk 17/01/08](#))
- **Composting experts support soil event** The Composting Association has announced it will be among the big-name environmental organisations supporting a major event for the soil industry. ([EDIE 14/01/08](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to our new interactive website at [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

As well as outlining the key services that Aardvark can provide for clients, the new site will keep you up to date with project and Aardvark team news, UK & EU environmental legislation and regulation as well as an archive of the back issues of Environment Matters. A new addition is the extranet facility to provide clients secure access to a central database of project documents, drawings and other information.

### And finally,

- **Super-hairy plants could battle global warming** Planting extra-reflective crops that bounce sunshine back into space is the latest proposal to help cool our warming world. ([New Scientist 09/01/08](#))