



Environment Matters – 29th February 2008

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Promised green revolution still seems a long way off** An increase in extreme weather will lead to poor harvests - a trend that has already started - and demand for biofuel will take land away from food production. Other factors such as urbanisation and increased demand for meat and dairy products in developing countries will also increase demands for food. ([Guardian 26/02/08](#))
- **BP and EU create `world's cleanest ship`** The low-emission, fuel efficient and environmentally friendly barge m/v 'Victoria' was moored in the Port of Brussels for a special one-day event illustrating how clean shipping technology is revolutionising the way goods are transported in Europe. ([European Commission, Research DG 29/02/08](#))
- **China to build 400 wind towers to survey wind resources** China will build 400 wind towers of 70 meters and 100 meters high in regions where there is abundant wind energy to carry out a detailed survey and evaluation of the country's wind resources and potential ([iNSnet Foundation 29/02/08](#))
- **Biofuel labelling often inaccurate claims new study** Biofuel blends may not always be what the label claims. A study at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution found that many smaller distributors could be 'splash blending.' ([Environmental News Network 28/02/08](#))
- **Give Us Your Tired, Your Poor... Your Nuclear Waste** The potential approval of a company's request to import up to 20,000 tons of low-level nuclear waste from Italy has raised concerns among a slew of environmentalists and regulators that the United States could eventually become the world's "nuclear garbage dump". ([Treehugger 01/03/08](#))
- **PM warns stores over carrier bags** Gordon Brown has said that the government is considering moves to ban plastic bags if voluntary moves are unsuccessful. ([Epolitix.com 29/02/08](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has announced the winner of their design a logo competition for the Exmoor Bracken composting project. Michael Ward of St Michael's C of E First School in Minehead came up with the winning design, which can be seen on the Aardvark website, and won a day out with his family on Exmoor and a financial contribution to an environmental project at his school.
- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to our new interactive website at www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

And finally,

- **A nation in bloom as the temperature rises** Barbecues and sunbathing were the order of the day when Britain enjoyed some of its hottest-ever February weather at the weekend. On Saturday the 16.6C (61.9F) heat in London broke records held for February 9 for more than a century. ([The Times 11/02/08](#))