



Environment Matters – 20th June 2008

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Low carbon builder could be awarded** The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) has announced that it is searching for the UK's most environmentally-friendly builders. As part of the organisation's Master Builder of the Year Awards 2008 Energy Efficiency category, the FMB is encouraging homeowners to nominate builders that have provided low carbon housing, the Green Building reports. ([LowCarbonEconomy 17/06/08](#))
- **Waste Framework Directive welcomed by industry** The European Parliament's decision to vote in support of the revised EU Waste Framework Directive has been welcomed by recycling experts and key industry sectors, but environmental groups are "deeply disappointed" with the outcome. ([letsrecycle.com 19/06/08](#))
- **New Zealand faces power crisis amid drought** New Zealanders are to be urged to wash dishes by hand and turn off lights as the country teeters on the brink of a power crisis caused by drought. After two years of dry weather, the level of water in lakes that drive New Zealand's hydroelectric power plants is worryingly low. ([Guardian.co.uk 09/06/08](#))
- **The Renewable Energy Centre UK Supports Approval of New Biomass Power Plant in Lincolnshire** Permission for the plant was given to Helius Energy, by the Department of Energy, on Monday and the company is looking to initially develop six biomass stations throughout the UK. ([Newswire Today 19/06/08](#))
- **UN climate deal said "daunting" as Bonn talks end** The world faces a daunting task to agree a new deal by the end of 2009 to slow climate change, the United Nations said on Friday as 170-country talks ended with recriminations about scant progress. ([Reuters 13/06/08](#))
- **Personal carbon trading goes real time** Drivers filling up with fuel will, from today, be able to participate in a trial for the world's first real-time personal carbon trading scheme. Up to 1,000 volunteers will be able to use their Nectar shopping loyalty cards at any BP garage to record how much fuel they have purchased – and, as a result, create an electronic record of how much carbon dioxide they will consequently be emitting into the atmosphere. ([Guardian.co.uk 09/06/08](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has developed a mobile anaerobic digestion plant which will be able to provide real time data about the gas yield and quality of high strength liquid wastes; providing robust analysis for feasibility studies considering full scale AD plants.
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And finally,

- **Google phone could track your carbon footprint** Imagine a phone that tracks your movements and -- with a touch of a button -- shows you how to green your car journeys by taking public transport instead. If a team of five Canadian guys get their way, you won't have to imagine any longer. ([smartplanet.com 19/06/08](#)). Be a www.carbonhero.net too!