



Environment Matters – 18th July 2008

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **New approach to urban flooding to be tested** Fifteen new projects will consider how to reduce the impacts of urban drainage flooding in towns and cities across England and how best to adapt to the inevitable consequences of climate change. More intense and frequent rainfall events are expected as a result of climate change. ([Defra 15/07/08](#))
- **Dyes turn windows into powerful solar panels** Windows could be used as powerful solar panels thanks to a clever new technology that concentrates the sun's rays. The technique uses transparent dyes to capture, concentrate and redirect light along the surface of the glass to photovoltaic (PV) cells in the frame, which convert the light into electricity. ([Guardian 10/07/08](#))
- **Only 62% of the FT 500 Companies Reporting Emissions Have Carbon Reduction Targets** The Ethical Corporation Institute has launched a new report on how the FT 500 companies are reporting their GHG emissions to stakeholders. The Ethical Corporation Institute's new 'Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting 2008' report shows staggering inconsistencies in how companies calculate and verify their greenhouse gas emissions. ([Market Watch 15/07/08](#))
- **Permission granted for £106.3m Jersey EfW project** Plans for a £106.3 million Energy-from-Waste project on Jersey have been given the go-ahead, as the island develops a residual waste processing solution to replace its ageing Bellozanne incinerators. ([letsrecycle.com 15/07/08](#))
- **Floating wind turbines poised to harness ocean winds** A British company is poised to construct the world's first floating wind turbine, in a move that could herald a new generation of cheaper, less problematic wind energy. ([Guardian.co.uk 16/07/08](#))
- **Give cash rewards to cut carbon, government told** The government should introduce cash incentives to improve the energy efficiency of Britain's commercial buildings, a committee of MPs has concluded. ([Property Week 17/07/08](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been commissioned to advise global Investment Management Company, Northern Trust, on how they can light the signage on their Canary Wharf building using renewable energy generated from on-site technology. The Aardvark team has been tasked to come up with innovative ideas that can be installed in time for Northern Trust's global AGM which will be held in London in November this year.
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And finally,

- **Music festivals - eco-friendly?** Music festivals are considered to be good for the environment despite the large amounts of energy used to power their stages. This is according to [AGreenerFestival.com](#), which claims that festival-goers use less energy when they are at a festival than they would usually. ([Low Carbon 10/07/08](#))