

# **Aggregates Levy Credit Scheme - Update – 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2008**

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# Numbers

CURRENT MEMBERS	179
APPLICATIONS OUTSTANDING	8
WITHDRAWN BEFORE CERTIFICATE ISSUED	4
WITHDRAWN AFTER CERTIFICATE ISSUED	23
REFUSED ENTRY	4
SUSPENDED	3

# Operators - Your Obligations

- Carry out and complete the environmental improvements specified in the notice **to the standard** specified in that notice.
- Complete the improvements **by the date** specified in that notice.
- The Operator shall provide a further audit report to the Department confirming improvements completed (to the standard specified)
- Meet all regulatory requirements

## Second Audits – Outcome so far

- 90 Second Audits received to date
- Wide range of improvements; but
  - Rate of progress variable
  - Some have made very little effort
  - Main problem areas still not all actioned

## Some Statistics – Based on 90 second Audits received

Score	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>N/A</b>
First Audit	531	1821	2595	1751	1231	531
<b>Second Audit</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>2483</b>	<b>2750</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>721</b>
Differences	481	1474	112	999	878	190

# Main Concerns

	Non – Compliance Scores
Restoration & Aftercare	85
Oil & Chemical Storage	67
Landscape & visual	33
Biodiversity	31
Surface Water	30
Waste Management	25

# Going Forward

- Still Visiting sites
- Bulk of sites visited but doesn't mean we won't be back!!
- Follow-up visits have been necessary to a few operators – more are likely!

# Remember!

- Tightening up on timescales – all types/sizes of operators guilty of slackness
- Any '1' or '2' scores should set alarm ringing
- Shouldn't be the same volume of Improvements from second audit
- Potential now for suspension of Certificates if progress not satisfactory
- Our concentration now is on operators who:
  - have outstanding Critical and Urgent issues
  - attract '1' and '2' scores in their next Audit

## Note!!

- Planning now contacting us regularly about Issues around consent and related conditions
- Enforcement action has major implications – suspension likely

## The message Remains:-

- It is up to the industry to justify the Levy Credit by demonstrating environmental improvement
- Meet the timescales
- DOE has to report evidence of improvement on a regular basis to HMRC – we can't do this if you don't co-operate and make the improvements required