

A Guide To The Misclassification of Waste & How You Can Avoid It



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Powerday First Waste Company To Gain PAS 402 Accreditation

Posted on 1 May 2015 by Ben Wood

London-based waste management company, Powerday, has become the company of its kind in England to gain the recycling performance reporting accreditation PAS 402: 2009.

Powerday operates the largest materials recycling facility (MRF) in Southern England in the 1.6m tonnes Old Oak Sidings site. Simon Little, sales and marketing director, Powerday says: "Powerday has always strived to keep our clients at the forefront of recycling reporting. Any raising of standards that gives our customers even greater confidence in the performance data they receive is a good thing. We set out to be the first accredited waste management company in England and are delighted to have achieved this."

The British Standard for waste resource management – specification for performance reporting – was developed by Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW). The framework for the PAS was developed by CEW and stakeholders including Natural Resource Wales (formerly the Environment Agency Wales), CIWM and UK Contractors Group (UKCG). It is helping companies to increase recycling and reuse and reduce waste costs through increased visibility and understanding of what is happening to their waste.

Peter Kelly, Chair of the UKCG Waste Working Group and sustainability manager for ISG Construction Ltd said: "UKCG members hope to send a clear signal to the market that we would like to see more waste management contractors certified to PAS 402. The scheme has been successful in Wales, and it is now time to start extending this into England. UKCG members are committed to reporting data on waste and PAS 402 will provide greater assurance that the information being provided by waste







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management contractors is as robust as possible. UKCG members congratulate Powerday on being the first waste management company in England to gain accreditation and hope this will spur others in the industry to swiftly follow suit".

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Dorothy Skrytek on 2 May 2015 at 8:48 pm said:

Sending waste reasources for incineration is NOT recycling. Please report – under the PAS 402 – on the traceability of the waste, where it ends up, landfill in the sky is not that different to landfill in the earth ie incineration

John Crawford on **7 May 2015 at 12:34 pm** said:

No it's not recycling: it's recovering and harnessing energy that would otherwise be lost. It's idiotic to compare it with landfill. Have you actually looked at the 'waste resources' you're criticising for being incinerated? It's the stuff nobody would hand-sort with a bargepole and the cost of mechanical separation would far outweigh its resale value. Get real. If you don't understand the realities of waste recycling, watch 'Wastemen' on BBC 2.



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