

## CCMA Letter on Local Authority Waste licenses 10/09/2012

Dear CCMA Member

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing an end-to-end licensing, enforcement, monitoring and reporting application (LEMA) as part of a strategic programme to promote efficient and effective work practices, information sharing and improved communications with stakeholders. This programme is being delivered via a modular approach.

At this point the Agency is introducing a new electronic web reporting portal (ALDER) for licensee reporting and managing compliance for IPPC and Waste licensed (private sector) facilities. **A separate portal (EDEN) is currently used by local authority Water Services Authorities (WSAs) for reporting and managing compliance with wastewater discharge authorizations.** The Agency intends extending this portal (EDEN) for the reporting and managing compliance for local authorities which hold an EPA waste license.

### Key Benefits of EDEN portal to Waste licensees:

This connected information management system will facilitate information sharing, streamline reporting and compliance management requirements and greatly improve our level of services with respective stakeholders. The following key advantages available to licensed facilities will include:

- A dedicated portal for license compliance management
- Two-way flow of information between EPA and licensed facilities using effective communications
- Reduction in administrative workload for licensees as they will only have to submit an electronic version of reports
- Licensees will be able to view the status of their submission(s) in real time (i.e. what has been approved, what is under assessment etc).

### Phased development:

It is intended to develop a complete system that will provide for all Agency licensing and enforcement requirements. The system is a tiered platform with the application having the capacity for extension in the future. Phase 1 will consist of the following and full scale roll-out of this phase is expected to be completed in January 2013:

1. Secure login and user access facilities for all existing licensed facilities to the EDEN portal for waste licensees (public) and ALDER for IPPC and waste (private sector) licensed facilities
2. Submission of correspondence by licensees (e.g. compliance monitoring data, requests for approval, license reports and site update information)
3. Incident reporting and management by licensees via a dedicated "Incident Notification" web form and associated views
4. Viewing and responding to actions created by the EPA for the licensed facility in respect of achieving compliance with their license.

Future phases will cater for a greater range of report types including the Annual Environmental Report.

Note: Further communications will issue addressing any feedback issues and explanation of terms. Guidance, training and support will be provided to licensees as required.

**Request for Nominees:**

The Agency intend piloting **EDEN** sign-on and correspondence submission functionality for a small number of waste licensees. The time requirement for these licensed facilities will be small but the feedback will be important for the Agency in the preparation for full scale roll-out. The Agency is inviting nominees, **by 14/09/2012** and their identity can be communicated to the undersigned.

**Industry Working/Sector Groups:**

To encourage and fully support a two-way flow of information, I would like to extend an offer to meet with key working groups within this sector, where such groups may consider it beneficial.

**Direct communications with licensed facilities:**

The Agency intend issuing a separate communication to each licensed facility in the coming days which will explain the impending changes and support packages that will be available.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards

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