

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
25 JUNE 2008**

**EPC, PLANNING AND LICENSING REPORT
(Report by the Project Director)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board of progress since the last meeting of the Board on 19 March 2008.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Members note progress made in the areas of the EPC Contract and Planning since the last meeting on 19 March 2008.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 3.1 The Joint Waste PFI Contract was signed with WRG on 31 October 2006. After a short mobilisation period, the service commenced on 4 December 2006.
- 3.2 The Monthly EPC Progress Report for the period up to the end of May is appended to this report for information.

EPC and Planning

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- 3.3 The EPC Contract, for the design and construction of the Key Project Facilities, is being undertaken via a joint venture (JV) between Earthtech and Clugston.
- 3.4 Phase 2 at Smallmead is well underway. The MRF (Material Reclamation Facility) building and office block/education centre have been constructed. Cladding and brickwork are complete and heating, plumbing and electrical works are underway.
- 3.5 Inside the MRF building, the MRF itself is being put together. Commissioning is currently expected to begin in early August - two weeks late against the engineers own 'stretched' timetable. This is currently about 6-8 weeks ahead of the contractual timetable.
- 3.6 Construction at Longshot Lane is also progressing slightly ahead of schedule at present.
- 3.7 The main hurdle facing the engineers, contractor and councils has been in relation to a replacement drainage system for the site. All parties, including Thames Water and the EA, are now nearing an agreeable solution.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

EPC Progress Reports (appended)

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