



Report on Outcomes from the IAQM Seminar on Controlling Particles from Construction Activities held on 20 January, 2011 at BRE, Garston, Watford

The speakers and the titles of their talks were:

- Introduction (Claire Holman, PBA)
- Construction site case study and application of Guidance (Stuart Upton, BRE)
- Treatment of construction dust in environmental assessments (Duncan Laxen, Air Quality Consultants)
- Local authority experience in implementing the Guidance (Gary Mahoney, Sefton Council)
- Revisions to Guidance (Simon Cousins, GLA)
- Contribution of construction dust to London's air quality (Ben Barratt, Environmental Research Group, King's College)

These talks are provided in the associated presentations.

The main outcome of the meeting was that the IAQM should work towards some guidance, which was identified as having two main purposes:

- supplementary guidance on the assessment of construction dust/ PM10 /PM2.5 before construction activities start, and in particular trying to agree on some criteria for use in assessments of construction dust.
- An update of current guidance on construction dust¹ (BRE/ GLA) in particular on the evaluation of compliance with control measures during construction activities, including consistency and advice on monitoring and examples of case studies.

Claire Holman has offered to lead on the first aspect, and the GLA (Simon Cousins) has offered to facilitate on the second aspect. The initial idea is to set up a working group(s) to discuss/write some guidance. In the first instance, could people let Clare Beattie, Claire or Simon know if they would like to volunteer to join a steering group (on one or both aspects!), their particular interest/expertise, and then they will be contacted to try and organise a meeting. It may be that you do not necessarily want to attend meetings (or are not able to) but want to be copied in on notes/ drafts of

¹ The control of dust and emissions from construction and demolition. Best Practice Guidance, Produced in partnership by London Councils and the Greater London Authority with valuable assistance from the Building Research Establishment and the PRECIS Working Group (Partnership in Reducing Emissions from Construction Industry Sites), November 2006.



reports etc. in which case, also let one of the organisers know and they can convene a wider group of email contacts.

Claire Holman cholman@environcorp.com

Simon Cousins Simon.Cousins@london.gov.uk

Clare Beattie clarebeattie@aqconsultants.co.uk