



# THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017

## Environment Agency Updated Guidelines for Groundwater Protection in Cemeteries

In March 2017 the Environment Agency published updated Guidelines relating to groundwater protection in cemeteries, placing new obligations on cemetery operators.

**Under new guidelines, all cemeteries must undertake an appropriate risk assessment and be managed to reduce their risk and impact on the environment. Any extension to an existing site or new cemetery proposal must comply with the latest requirements.**

The aim of the seminar is to inform all burial authorities of the changes to the guidelines and the implications this may have for their cemeteries. The seminar will also cover how to manage potential ground and surface water problems in cemeteries.

Attendance, including lunch and refreshments, is £95.00 + VAT for ICCM, SLCC, FBCA or APCC members, and £125.00 + VAT for non-members.



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# Seminar Programme

## Speakers from Cemetery Development Services Limited

10:00 Registration

10:15 Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar

### Session 1: Why is the Environment Agency so concerned about cemeteries?

- 1. A basic introduction to soils and water movement within soils**
  - What is soil and how does the EA define soils as part of its assessment of a site?
  - How does water move through soil (not always as you think!)?
- 2. A basic introduction to soil chemistry and how soils interact with pollutants**
  - How do soils vary and what makes a soil a high risk or low risk of pollution?
  - What pollution comes from burials and how is pollution measured?
  - Am I or my staff at risk from burial pollutants?
  - Are we putting the public at risk and how?
- 3. A review of the Environment Agency latest regulations and guidelines for cemeteries in relation to pollution prevention**
  - How do the guidelines apply to new sites and existing cemeteries?
  - What are the minimum requirements?
  - Am I breaking the law?
  - How will I get caught and what happens if I get caught breaking the rules?
- 4. Satisfying the Environment Agency if you intend to build a new cemetery and undertaking audits within existing cemeteries**
  - A review of the minimum environmental planning requirements
  - Do I need to undertake an EA audit if just extending the cemetery onto new ground if it already has planning consent?

## Lunch

### Session 2: Water problems in cemeteries – what mitigation can be done within the law?

- 1. Recognising the type of water problem you have**
  - Surface (top water problem)
  - Groundwater or springs (bottom water problem)
  - Grey water
- 2. Managing the problem**
  - Drainage (dewatering or surface water management)
  - Drainage regulations
  - Pumping (when is it OK to pump and how should it be managed?)
  - Chambers and vaults
- 3. Public perception**
- 4. Questions**

16.30 Close of Seminar