

ICCM Newsletter – April 08

Abatement of Emissions from Crematoria – Do you face closure?

In January 2008 the Institute circulated a survey of crematoria to try and establish whether any face closure as result of the need to abate. This was an attempt to clarify the continually quoted figure of 23% facing closure. We received ten responses representing less than 5% of UK crematoria: none anticipate closure at this stage and a brief resume of the responses is as follows:

- 1 local authority owning 2 crematoria will abate at one site in order to abate 50% of Cremations overall.
- 1 local authority owning 3 crematoria will abate all of its crematoria.
- 1 local authority has sufficient space to install required equipment and will be joining CAMEO.
- 3 local authorities “fully abating”.
- 1 local authority will not be closing as signed up to CAMEO. Contingency plan made with neighbouring authority should CAMEO fail.
- 1 private company will abate 50% of cremations across its sites.
- 1 local authority states not facing closure and predicts no crematoria facing closure. No indication of approach being taken.
- 1 local authority carrying out 900 cremations wishes to burden share to avoid installation of equipment.

Whilst the Institute is opposed to the ‘pay to pollute principle’ behind emission trading (and is not a member of the CAMEO), the Board of Directors recognises that some crematoria may feel that they have no option but to participate in such a scheme. Our aim is to ensure that cremation authorities evaluate and assess all available options including CAMEO. Fortunately, a large number of cremation authorities appear to be planning to fully abate.

DEFRA has confirmed that cremation authorities have a number of options for compliance with abatement requirements that include burden sharing, internal trading, partnering with neighbouring facilities and fully upgrading facilities.

The Institute has asked DEFRA to secure and provide data and information on the current position of the CAMEO scheme, the date when it will commence operation, the levy to be charged to non-abating crematoria, the actual number of crematoria committed to CAMEO and the results of surveys carried out. Should this information be forthcoming it will be distributed via a newsletter.

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