

Client Newsletter

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EnviroServ attends CHWMEG conference on industrial waste

Non-profit organization CHWMEG, whose goal is to promote better waste stewardship by doing audits for its more than 200 global member companies on selected waste management facilities and practices, recently held a conference in Cape Town.

EnviroServ's Johan Schoonraad attended the conference which was themed "Improving Industrial Waste Management in Africa", and formed part of a panel discussion.

"There were many interesting viewpoints, including that expensive waste disposal drivers such as taxes or levies as well as; high disposal costs, create a second industry of illegal waste disposal. Europe loses about 28% of all waste generated through illegal disposal into other European Union countries, as there is no longer border control in many member states. In the EU, composting, particularly of sewage sludge material, is no longer favoured due to exceedances of heavy metal concentrations in the compost produced," Johan said.



In CHWMEG's view, poor waste management is driven by:

- Inadequate regulations
- Poor enforcement
- Lack of suitable infrastructure to deal with the waste
- Lack of information on the waste
- Inadequate training



A presentation by Sharon Mogomotsi (Director of Hazardous Waste at the Department of Environmental Affairs) revealed that the Department is busy with changes to the following:

- Management of Mining Residues and Residue Stockpiles
- The list of Waste Management Activities requiring a License
- The Waste Information System
- The Registration of Waste Transporters
- The Waste Regulations and their associated Norms and Standards
- The Waste Tyre legislation
- Waste import and export legislation
- Legislation around Abattoir Waste
- Section 28 of the Waste Act and Industry Waste Management Plans for WEEE; packaging and paper; lighting
- Norms and Standards for Sorting, Shredding, Grinding, Crushing, etc of General Waste
- Composting Norms and Standards

Most of these are being published or will be published within the DEA's financial year which apparently ends around May 2018.



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