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Since I wrote to you in the New Year the monocells at Thornhaugh are now operational and taking in waste, and the area to the front of the site at Thornhaugh which had been overtipped has now been levelled by removing the waste off site. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbours, specifically people from Kings Cliffe and Thornhaugh, for their support and understanding as these two major work streams have evolved. We are committed to improving our facilities and the local environment at all our sites.

The activities of any business which is involved with helping solve the nation's waste problems can have an impact on the communities in which they operate. I take very seriously our responsibility to take care and be mindful of others when conducting our business. Should you have any concerns - however minor - please do not hesitate to contact us on 0870 041 6452.

With kind regards



Did you know?

In April 2006 landfill tax increased from £18 per tonne of waste to £21 per tonne of waste. This is good news for local residents because it provides more money per tonne of waste, which will be put into funding projects in the local community.

Augean acquires Credential Hazardous Waste

Augean was pleased to announce in May that it had acquired Credential Hazardous Waste, the hazardous waste collection and transfer business. The activities of Credential Hazardous are complementary to those of Proactive Waste Solutions, and the two businesses will in future trade as Augean Treatment.

Credential Hazardous collects, sorts and stores hazardous waste and prepares the materials collected for secure bulk transfer to the ultimate disposal site. The business includes two waste transfer stations at Hinckley, Leicestershire and Worcester. The acquisition enhances Augean's geographic reach as well as ensuring that the hazardous waste coming into our landfill sites is properly treated and sorted.

Augean opens waste testing laboratory at Kings Cliffe

In April, Augean was pleased to announce the opening of the new waste testing laboratories, located within the Kings Cliffe hazardous waste facility. The laboratory is equipped to the latest standards and represents another phase of the ongoing investment programme to ensure the best possible service is delivered to customers, whilst making sure the sites operate safely with as little impact to the local environment and community as possible. This facility is amongst the best in the country and will provide a clearer transparency of waste going into the site.

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Augean has invested £150,000 into the highly sophisticated laboratory, which has been designed, commissioned and constructed to perform the range of BS EN 12457 Waste Characterisation Tests, commonly known as WAC tests.



The facility allows us to better serve our customers and the local community, while at the same time focusing on the local environmental impact by maintaining the 100% safety record we enjoy across all our sites.

Profile: James Wathen, Site Manager, Kings Cliffe and Thornhaugh



James has been with the company since August 2004 as the site manager for Kings Cliffe and Thornhaugh. James graduated in Environmental Sciences from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne where he studied Environmental Biology. James is steeped in the industry with both his father and his wife working in waste. He is a holder of a Certificates of Technical Competence in managing hazardous waste landfill. James has been engaged in the development of the landfill engineering systems at Augean and is an active member of the local Liaison Committee.

James said: "At Augean, we are passionate about running the best hazardous waste site in the country to help solve the country's waste problems. We are focussed on delivering the best service in the most environmentally friendly way."

Contact details

Should you have any questions for the Augean team, please contact Dr Gene Wilson at Kings Cliffe Landfill Site, Stamford Road, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XX or on 0870 041 6452.

News in brief

Augean achieves a safety clean-sweep in 2005

Under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 which came into force on 1 April 1996, Augean scored a 100% safety record in 2005 across all its 7 sites. We are aiming for an equally strong record in 2006 and have all the processes and procedures in place to achieve it.

Mountain now a molehill

Augean has, after much investment, effort and time, removed the waste mountain at the Thornhaugh site, thus remedying the problem inherited from the previous operators. The site now fully complies with the consented restoration profile.

Grant of Monocell Permit at Thornhaugh

Having been granted a Pollution Prevention Control Permit by the Environment Agency for the mono cells at Thornhaugh, Augean has opened the mono-cells for landfilling.

Upgrade of office facilities at Kings Cliffe

Local residents will be pleased to hear that Augean has upgraded its offices on the Kings Cliffe site, removing some of the temporary buildings.

Open to ideas

Augean keeps an open mind as to the distribution of its landfill tax fund, over and above grants given to the Kings Cliffe Sports Club and other worthy local projects. Every tonne of waste that goes over the weighbridge provides further sums of money for the landfill tax fund which can be distributed in the local area. If you have any ideas for local projects which might benefit from grant funding, please contact Sally Campbell at South West England Environmental Trust (SWEET) on 0117 904 5858.