

FIRST RADIO SLOT BY ESG ON OUR CAMPAIGNS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

TODAY THE ESG BEGINS A SUMMER SERIES OF NEWSLETTERS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, USEFUL TIPS, LOCAL ISSUES, AND UPDATES ON VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS.

COMPELLINGLY, THOUGH, I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY OF ANNOUNCING MAJOR NEWS RELATING TO OUR FIGHT AGAINST BAY POLLUTION.

Many will be aware of our complaint lodged at European Commission level through our legal advisors, Hassan's. The last dossier to be sent to the Commission included

- press coverage of the major cross border rally against pollution;
- a several thousand signed petition and
- a full copy of the BB report on showing alarming levels of benzene found outside of the refinery fence line.

As a result of this the Commission has reacted positively in stating that breaches of EU policy and laws could exist and this has led to meetings being set up in Brussels at the end of June. From Gibraltar the team will include Janet Howitt, of the ESG and BBB, legal advisor David Dumas QC of Hassan's, and Denny Larson, an industry expert and leader of Bucket Brigades worldwide.

The team aims to explore firsthand, the viability of pursuing its current complaint with the Commission, by having talks with technical and legal officials. Mr Larson's presence will help enormously in presenting bucket sampling as a validated and legally recognised technology in the United States. The team will also be meeting with policy officers from the European Environmental Bureau (an umbrella organisation of over 100 environmental NGO's from Europe) who lobby for a cleaner environment.

Initial contacts with the EEB have shown that they are extremely interested in exploring how this innovative bucket sampling tool could support the many campaigns raging throughout Europe for cleaner air and less pollution. It is expected that this contact will also bear fruit in our own anti-pollution campaign.

Denny Larson is being invited back by the ESG to spend a few days working with the cross border teams and giving public addresses that will be announced via media and posters.

Upon the return of the team, a press conference will be called where a report of the mtgs in Brussels will be given as well as an outline of ongoing campaign strategies.

To end the ESG wishes to remind listeners that as well as its focus on anti-pollution, it is working hard to co-ordinate a national clean up event in mid September - CLEAN UP THE WORLD and asks those interested in taking part in this great campaign to call Janet Howitt or Ernest Teuma on 43156 or 74467.