Further to your Freedom of Information request FOI67841 please find your questions and our responses below:

**SWOBS (Small Waste Oil Burners below 0.4MW or 0.4MW to 3MW)**

1. How many licenses (part B permits) for the running of SWOBs are currently operating in your area?
   - 3

2. Are you aware of any SWOBs that are currently unregistered or have you faced issues with failures to register in the past? What actions have been taken, in general, to deal with unlicensed SWOBs in the past?
   - No

3. Are sites operating SWOBs usually visited before granting a licence?
   - Yes

4. Are licences regularly renewed and are sites revisited upon renewal of a licence?
   - No* (*annual site subsistence charge and inspection)

5. Are the majority of SWOBs recorded fan assisted or is this information not recorded/requested when applying for a licence?
   - Fan Assisted

6. Does the local authority promote the permitting of SWOBs to encourage operators to apply or does the authority simply leave the matter to an operator’s discretion to apply?
   - Operator discretion

7. When operators state on their permit application they intend to only burn their own waste oils, are they required to vary their permit before burning waste oil from third parties?
   - Yes
8. How often if at all are checks performed on emissions from SWOBs to ensure they meet requirements or are operators required to monitor emissions themselves?

Operator emission monitoring themselves.

9. Does the authority carry out any environmental impacts assessments to study the contribution of SWOB emissions to the local air quality, particularly PM$_{10}$ and NO$_X$ concentrations?

No

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

Information Management Team Manager  
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead  
Town Hall, St Ives Road  
Maidenhead  
SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

We are proud to be one of the leading authorities in England for consistently responding to information requests within the 20 working days set down by statute. Information about our performance and summaries of requests received can be found on our website:

http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/foi_information_requests.htm

We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

Sabrina Hussain  
Information Management Officer  
Legal Department
Corporate Directorate
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Town Hall, St.Ives Road
Maidenhead SL6 1RF