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Dear Sir/Madam

Management of asbestos waste from domestic property

The Department is aware that some waste disposal authorities are refusing to take items of asbestos waste for disposal at their civic amenity sites and household waste recycling centres from householders arising from domestic property.

The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions provided guidance in November 1997 about the powers and duties of local authorities on the collection and disposal of asbestos waste from domestic property and the provisions which apply in relation to this issue at Civic Amenity sites. That guidance is still relevant today and is set out in the attached Annex.

I would be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and the Annex to be passed to your officers who deal with the collection and disposal of asbestos waste from domestic properties. If they have any questions or queries about the guidance these should be addressed to me either by telephone on the number above, in writing or by e-mail.

I am copying this letter to the Association of London Government, the Local Government Association, the Environment Agency and the Welsh Assembly Government.

Yours faithfully

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