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- ◆ **Green Futures: Business risks of ignoring sustainability management**
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Snippet	Source, Go to	Date
Automotive industry, mobility		
Pressure builds to cut German diesel emissions All diesel cars sold in Germany should be fitted with particle filters for health reasons, according to a coalition of environmental and health NGOs, led by Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH)	Environment Daily 1338 http://www.duh.de/ +497732 99950	Nov 02
GM and Ford Shareholders File Climate Resolutions Shareholders have filed resolutions to pressure both automakers into more aggressive action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from plants and vehicles. "[not taking action] is bad for investors in GM and Ford," said Patricia Daly, executive director of the Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment.	http://ens-news.com/ens/dec2002/2002-12-12-10.asp	Dec 12
Car makers warned over pace of CO2 cuts The European Commission may draft EU legislation to force down new cars' average carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions if they fail to reduce levels voluntarily. The warning is contained in the latest annual report on the voluntary agreement between the EU and the industry. And car carbon dioxide emissions down 10%: latest Commission report on reducing CO2 emissions from cars shows that EU efforts to work with the European, Japanese and Korean car industries have resulted in a 10% reduction in emissions from new cars sold since 1995.	ENS 1347, http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6382.cfm	Dec 10
Major motorways to be widened The government is investing £5.5 billion in Britain's transport, with upgrades for rail, bus and road systems. £1.6bn will be targeted at railways with the remainder on roads and to improve bus networks.	http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6401.cfm	Dec 16
Final agreement on sulphur-free petrol and diesel fuels The European Parliament and Council agree on the EC's proposal (in 2001) on sulphur-free fuels, promoting full market availability of sulphur-free fuels from 2005 at the latest.	ENS	Dec 16
Another resource of environmental annual reports on line at www.milieujaarverslag.nl , www.maatschappelijkverslag.nl or www.duurzaamheidsverslag.nl .	EEP.org, info@milieujaarverslag.com (Milieu Magazine, The Netherlands)	Dec 17
Ford link to Argentina's 'Dirty War' An Argentina federal prosecutor has filed a criminal complaint against Ford Argentina and ordered an investigation into the company's conduct under the junta that ruled the country from 1976 to 1983.	CSR Newsbundle, Source: New York Times	
Research for super-economical car could revolutionise the way cars are produced and assembled. The Tecabs initiative focuses on lightweight materials for use in manufacturing as a means of improving fuel economy and reducing emissions.	http://www.sustainablemobility.org/news/cat_1/news_131/index.asp	Dec 23
GM to Offer 5 Hybrid-Electric Models By 2007 GM, which has been the most reticent carmaker on hybrid vehicles, intends to offer hybrid electric power on 5 of its major models. "This is going from an environmental and public relations curiosity to a generally accepted commercial product", said John Casesa at Merril Lynch.	ENS	Dec 25
GM to Reduce Costs of Fuel Cell Powertrain General Motors hopes that by selling fuel-efficient engines to the U.S.	http://www.eveforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1822	Jan 1



<p>military, it will yield economies of scale and volume necessary to trim cost from its fuel-cell vehicle program.</p> <p>Fuel Cell Vehicles Gain Momentum in 2002 A new report, Automakers On Fuel Cells, released by Fuel Cells 2000, indicates the auto industry passed its most significant milestone in more than a century in the year just ended.</p> <p>FedEx tests GM HydroGen3 FCV in Japan Federal Express will conduct a one year test of General Motor's HydroGen3 fuel cell vehicle. FedEx will conduct the first commercial test of the liquid hydrogen powered vehicle starting in June.</p> <p>Tokyo to introduce fuel cell buses this Summer The Tokyo metropolitan government aims to introduce fuel-cell electric vehicles in summer to service the bus route between JR Tokyo Station and the city's new waterfront area.</p> <p>Mid-point nears for EU car carbon cuts deal European car manufacturers are guardedly optimistic that their landmark deal with the EU on cutting average carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions will prove a success as the deadline for a mid-term review of the agreement approaches. But EU governments should help more, according to car makers' association Acea.</p> <p>Honda is the least-polluting of the six largest auto manufacturers in the U.S. market, according to a new survey by the Union of Concerned Scientists.</p> <p>Compressed air fuels city cars Cars that run on compressed air will soon be hitting city streets. A French car firm is about to open its first factory, which will produce 'zero emissions' cars at a rate of two per hour.</p> <p>Fuel cell APU in GM military vehicle As General Motors and the U.S. Army unwrapped a new diesel hybrid military pickup truck, Hydrogenics Corporation was on hand to demonstrate the unit's fuel cell auxiliary power unit (APU).</p> <p>Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive to Debut in Lexus RX 330 Toyota took the spotlight at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit to report its revolutionary new hybrid powertrain will be offered in the Lexus RX 330.</p> <p>Ford's Model U is an exploration of future vision Ford Motor Company's Chairman and CEO Bill Ford, said over the weekend the Model U concept will serve as the basis for the Company's second century of innovation.</p> <p>Auto show rolls out a few leaner, cleaner cars Previews of vehicles at the Los Angeles Auto Show give automakers brightly lit stages to display their latest models. Power, performance and styling are still front and center, yet some new models do offer environmental benefits.</p> <p>Shanghai to adopt stricter auto emission standards The metropolis of Shanghai is preparing to adopt stricter auto emission standards equivalent to Euro II next month in order to force excessive polluters off the road.</p> <p>Caution urged in shift to hydrogen road fuels British experts warn against any "dash for hydrogen" road transport fuels and argue that diesel and petrol hybrids can do far more to cut net carbon emissions in the short term. Mass-market use of hydrogen becomes environmentally preferable only when there is a surplus of renewable electricity from which to make it; even allowing for some hydrogen to be produced from natural gas burned at high efficiency, such a surplus - in the UK at least - is likely to take at least another 30 years to materialise.</p> <p>New cars can cause sick building syndrome The distinctive smell inside a new car, often a source of satisfaction to owners, comes from the same form of pollution that causes sick building syndrome, a Japanese study shows. Inhaling the volatile organic chemicals in cars in Japan is akin to glue-sniffing. The chemicals can cause sick building syndrome.</p> <p>Opel aims for sustainable mobility through technological advances Opel presented its first annual report on sustainability in Dec and is the first of the German car manufacturers to follow the GRI 2000 guidelines. This year, Opel's Special Vehicles department expects to produce about 19,000 Zafiras and Astra Caravans using natural gas fuel.</p>	<p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1821</p> <p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1820</p> <p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1812</p> <p>Environment Daily 1360, www.acea.be, http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/com/pdf/2002/com2002_0693en01.pdf</p> <p>http://www.socialfunds.com/news/archive.cgi/briefs.html</p> <p>www.edie.net/news/Archive/6523.cfm</p> <p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1833</p> <p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1827</p> <p>http://www.eyeforfuelcells.com/ReportDisplay.asp?ReportID=1826</p> <p>http://ens-news.com/ens/jan2003/2003-01-03-02.asp</p> <p>www.tomorrow-web.com</p> <p>Environment Daily 1372, Institute for European environmental policy http://www.ieep.org.uk, http://www.ieep.org.uk/PUBLICATIONS/Fuelin%20Road%20transport%20-%20final.pdf</p> <p>www.news.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/01/15/wcar15.xml http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sustainablebusinews</p> <p>Umwelt Magazin, Germany www.eep.org For GRI see www.globalreporting.org</p>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p>Jan 1</p> <p>Jan 1</p> <p>Jan 10</p> <p>Jan 10</p> <p>Jan 17</p> <p>Jan 20</p> <p>Jan 20</p> <p>Jan 20</p> <p>Jan 20</p> <p>Jan 21</p> <p>Jan 29</p> <p>Jan 28</p> <p>Feb 4</p> <p>Feb 4</p>
<p>Climate Change</p> <p>Rising CO2 Could Cause Contradictory Effects Multiple environmental changes, not just increased carbon dioxide levels, must be considered in assessing the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, say researchers at Stanford University, US.</p> <p>Air traffic growth will trigger climate change If not curbed, air traffic will become a major contributor to climate change, warns a new report. The government must invest more in rail transport.</p> <p>Climate change affects oceans' ability to sequester carbon dioxide Research sponsored by the US Department of Energy has found that climate change has a big impact on the oceans' ability to store excess carbon dioxide.</p> <p>EU will fail Kyoto targets with existing policies EU countries will miss greenhouse gas targets if they continue to pursue</p>	<p>ENS</p> <p>Edie</p> <p>Edie</p> <p>http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6379.cfm</p>	<p>Dec 6</p> <p>Dec 12</p> <p>Dec 12</p> <p>Dec 16</p>



<p>inadequate policies on cutting emissions. But additional measures planned in a number of countries could still ensure EU Kyoto targets are met, says a new report.</p>		
<p>Canada and New Zealand ratify Kyoto Protocol Despite criticism from industry and a variety of other sources both the Canadian and New Zealand governments ratified the Kyoto Protocol on 10 December. Groups sue US EPA for climate change Three US-based environmental groups are suing the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for failing to act to prevent climate change.</p>	<p>http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6400.cfm http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6403.cfm</p>	Dec 12
<p>Carbon Trust identifies low carbon technologies with greatest potential Hydrogen, fuel cells and biomass for local heat, are among a number of technologies that could underpin the UK's transition towards a low carbon economy.</p>	<p>Edie</p>	Jan 13
<p>Sustainability management, including CSR</p>		
<p>DJSI adds "sin" stocks to indexes, raising questions on the definition of sustainability DJSI employs a best-of-sector strategy while FTSE4Good indexes exclude "sin" sectors, illustrating two widely-used approaches for benchmarking sustainability. http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi?sfArticleId=983</p>	<p>SRI News Alerts</p>	Dec 10
<p>BP abandons group lobbying for oil drilling in arctic national wildlife refuge British oil company chooses to disengage from the Arctic Power lobby group and will only seek to drill in the ANWR if the people and the politicians endorse it. http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi?sfArticleId=982</p>	<p>SRI News Alerts</p>	Dec 10
<p>AA1000 Assurance Standard Guiding Principles and Guidance Notes to be launched by Stephen Timms, Minister for Corporate Social Responsibility in March.</p>	<p>Accountability Newsletter</p>	Dec 13
<p>Great Places to Work AccountAbility has been selected as the research partner for the third annual Great Place to Work® UK survey. We are working in association with the Financial Times, who will publish the list of the "Best Workplaces in the UK" in a special supplement early next year. Nominations from all sectors, with at least 50 employees in the UK, have been encouraged to take part. www.accountability.org.uk, www.greatplacetowork.co.ukwww.uk</p>	<p>Accountability Newsletter</p>	Dec 13
<p>Sustainable Development concept gaining ground within business The concept of sustainable development is gaining acceptance inside companies around the world, according to a new survey of 212 business leaders from 50 countries by Canada-based Envirionics International.</p>	<p>http://www.mallenbaker.net/csr/nl/index.htm www.greenbiz.com</p>	Dec 15
<p>Announcements of company closures or restructuring measures, which have been becoming more and more frequent over a number of years, have reached a worrying level. For the year 2001, Transnationale listed some 845 international companies undergoing transformations and reorganisations.</p>	<p>www.ergroupeone.be www.transnationale.org</p>	Jan 6
<p>Sandvik picks its roadmap to ethics Sandvik has chosen the Red Cross to educate its employees in ethics. The company has 37,000 employees in 130 countries all with different opinions regarding ethical, social and ecological issues. The education program will see to that everybody understand the values of the company. "We must all walk together in the same direction" says Sandvik Executive.</p>	<p>Miljö Rapporten, Sweden www.eep.org, www.sandvik.com/</p>	Feb 4
<p>CSR could improve chances of finding good staff A new study carried out by the UK's Work Foundation claims that companies could improve their chances of hiring and retaining talented staff if they are supportive of employees' home needs and pay more attention to environmental and community concerns.</p>	<p>Source: Business Respect; VNUNET</p>	Jan 22
<p>CERES Executive Director Bob Massie steps down Mindy Lubber, new executive director, is a founding board member of CERES, founder of two environmental investment funds, former administrator of a US EPA Regional Office, and most recently a strategic advisor on CERES Sustainable Governance Project</p>	<p>http://www.socialfunds.com/news/release.cgi/1558.html</p>	Jan 30
<p>Electronics sector and sustainability</p>		
<p>Companies set up electrical goods recycling platform Braun, Electrolux, HP And Sony will work together on producer responsibility for the recycling of products, with innovative recycling technology in line with WEEE Directive. A recent report estimated the global market for recycling white goods to be worth £235 billion or €367 billion</p>	<p>ENS</p>	Dec 27
<p>Cell-Phone Makers Sign Life-Cycle Management Initiative Major mobile-phone manufacturers have signed a declaration expressing their interest in cooperating with the Basel Convention (transboundary movements & disposal of hazardous</p>	<p>http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=23319</p>	Dec 12



wastes), and with other stakeholders in mobile-phone sector on environmental management of end-of-life mobile phones NEC Pioneers "Green" Computer NEC reverses the computer industry's foot-dragging on addressing environmental liabilities by introducing the PowerMate eco, the first eco-efficient computer Epson America, Inc. declares it is now using 98.6% lead-free solders for all in-house manufacturing and is purchasing 40% lead-free parts.	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article997.html http://www.socialfunds.com/news/archive.cgi/briefs.html	Jan 8 Jan 14
Environment		
Gap between words and actions on corporate environmental behaviour Research carried out in conjunction with the Institute of Directors has revealed that there is a considerable gap between the words and actions of company directors where socially responsible behaviour is concerned. Reviewing the last 12 months of environmental activities and political hot air 2002 was a fabulous year for innovations, with slugs and the moon generating electricity, a method of irrigation that uses only half the usual amount of water, and soundwaves cooling fridges. However, international attempts to save the world wavered in Johannesburg and Bali, but the Kyoto Protocol made steady progress, with 33 countries ratifying throughout the year. Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs: Current issues index	www.edie.net/news/Archive/6358.cfm www.edie.net/news/Archive/6448.cfm www.info4local.gov.uk/singleLink.asp?linkid=2036&heading=e%2dmail%20alert http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/ecolabel/news/flowernews.htm	Dec 11 Jan 3 Jan 6 Jan 9
EU eco-label celebrates its 10th anniversary December 2002: the European Commission put the spotlight on its commitment to promoting 'greener' products by celebrating the 10th anniversary of the EU Eco-label 2002: A year of social responsibility: Baltic salmon return, but eco-labelled goods remain elusive 2002 featured disputes over the impending EU chemical policy, corporate social responsibility, with MEPs arguing for mandatory reporting but the Commission favouring voluntary practices. Baltic Sea ecology flourished from clean-up programmes, but eco-labelled goods continued to elude consumers in search of greener products. Month by month: See http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6454.cfm	www.edie.net/news/Archive/6556.cfm	Jan 17 Jan 24
Financial services and sustainability and CSR		
Only 18% of small businesses aware of environmental regulations Many small businesses have a 'head in the sand' attitude to their legal environmental responsibilities, according to Netregs www.netregs.environment-agency.gov.uk/mainmenu.html Belgian government adopts law on basic banking services The Belgian chamber of representatives has unanimously voted to accept a law that gives all citizens the right to universal basic banking services. The law follows a voluntary initiative launched by a group of Belgian banks a few years ago, and will require all banks to provide customers with a basic bank account and a number of standard banking services for no more than €12 per year. "With this law, we are preventing the creation of a 'bank for the poor'", said the Belgian Socialist party leader. Greek bank to focus on financial exclusion One of the largest high street banks in Greece is poised to embark on a two-year corporate social responsibility plan. The Commercial Bank of Greece envisages spending at least €1.5million (£1m) to implement the plan, which is expected to receive final board approval in early 2003. The investment arm of Barclays Bank is to pay recruitment agencies a 25 per cent bonus for finding women and ethnic minorities to fill its senior jobs. Barclays Capital, which employs 5600 staff around the world, said the move was 'a naturally commercial approach to something we think is important.'	www.lachambre.be/cgi-bin/docs.bat?l=ft&dir=1370 Source: Ethical Performance Jan 2003.	Dec 16 Jan 6
Low-income Toronto residents save on check-cashing Royal Bank of Canada tailored its Cash & Save concept to meet the unique financial services needs of residents in a diverse, densely populated urban community Clearing Bank Co-op bank announced its donation of £125,000 (based on Co-op Bank Visa credit and debit card spending Mar 1 to Dec 31 2002) towards anti-personnel mine clearance work in Sudan, Nagorno Karabakh and Cambodia. Part of the Customers Who Care campaigns into which the bank has put over £2bn of funds to date. The bank is the only high street bank with a published ethical policy, and in November 2002 it celebrated the 10th anniversary of its ethical policy. Ethical Spending Co-operative Bank Ethical Purchasing Index (EPI) sees a boom with spending on green products and services up to £6.8bn: a massive 19% growth on last year (compared to the UK economy as a whole which grew by 2.1%).	http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi/article1002.html See www.co-operativebank.co.uk/cwc See www.co-operativebank.co.uk/epi	Jan 10 Jan 16 Jan 16



<p>Governance reforms a boon to investors in 2002 Last Year's Top Social Investing Stories (1) Substantial corporate governance reforms; (2) SRI mutual funds matched non-SRI peer funds in performance; (3) Community investments outperformed equity funds for 3rd year in a row; (4) A shareholder resolution on equal opportunities policy got results after 10 years of corporate opposition; and (5) Government mandates for transparency shaped international momentum for SRI.</p> <p>Ten exemplary "green banking" enterprises were honored for building "a better planet through the wise stewardship of community investing dollars". Included are Vermont-based Chittenden Bank, San Francisco-based Rudolf Steiner Foundation, and Santa Fe-based Permaculture Credit Union. These and the seven other organizations practice green banking in myriad ways, from forest preservation to clean water production to eco-tourism. Links in the web-article.</p> <p>The European Investment Bank is providing a long-term loan of €35 million to Dexia Cr�dit Local to help finance the emergency rebuilding of small and medium-scale public infrastructures damaged by last year's floods in south east France</p>	<p>Social funds.com</p> <p>Jan 16</p> <p>Jan 29</p> <p>Jan 31</p>
<p>Reporting</p>	
<p>South Africa makes marked improvement on CSR reporting South African companies have made a marked improvement in the number of them reporting on their non-financial performance, such as environmental, social and health and safety issues, says accountancy firm KPMG. Nearly half now mention the environment in their annual reports</p>	<p>Edie</p> <p>Dec 12</p>
<p>Impacts of Reporting What is the impact of reporting on stakeholder perceptions and actions? And what is the impact on business behaviour, performance and outcomes? This study by CSR Europe in association with AccountAbility aims to identify ways to assist companies in their efforts towards effective public reporting.</p>	<p>www.accountability.org.uk Tel: +44 (0)20 7549 0400 Dec2002</p> <p>Dec 13</p>
<p>Vital stakeholders denied role in drawing up guidelines for non-financial reporting Ministers have denied trade unions and environmental campaigners a seat on a group that will draw up reporting rules affecting about 1,000 companies with a combined turnover of €1,600 billion. The group has been commissioned by the government to draw up guidelines on the non-financial information companies will be forced to disclose under the forthcoming Companies Act.</p>	<p>CSR Newsbundle, Financial Times</p> <p>Dec 13</p>
<p>Social reports are too long 30 is the optimum length for a social and environmental report: Bonn-based ECC Kohtes Klewes consultancy, says studies of sustainability report reading habits have suggested that any document longer than 30 pages is unlikely to be read in depth.</p>	<p>Source: Ethical Performance Jan 2003, Vol. 4</p> <p>Jan 6</p>
<p>Companies opt for verification An increasing number of large companies are having their social and environmental reports verified. A KPMG analysis of 250 of the world's largest companies found that 29 per cent of those that produced stand-alone social and environmental reports in 2002 had them verified, compared with 19 per cent for 1999.</p>	<p>Source: Ethical Performance Jan 2003, Vol. 4</p> <p>Jan 6</p>
<p>Sustainability Reporting Setting Scene for Future of Business Management A new WBCSD report on sustainable development reporting answers the worldwide call on companies for greater accountability and transparency by explaining why and how reporting can help turn the recent wave of boardroom scandals into renewed boardroom trust.</p>	<p>SPN UK</p> <p>Jan 9</p>
<p>New WBCSD web portal guides companies through the motions of SD reporting A web-based "reporting portal" launched to bolster companies' efforts to report on their sustainable development activities</p>	<p>www.sustainable.org/story.php/eid/249/aid/348</p> <p>Jan 16</p>
<p>Awards shortlist for excellence in environmental reporting HM Prison Service, Abbey National, the Environment Agency and Thames Water have all reached the shortlist for 2002's environmental reporting award from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Companies' reports are being judged on their completeness, credibility and ability to communicate clearly. This year's winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 20 March 2003.</p>	<p>http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/6422.cfm</p> <p>Jan 17</p>
<p>FTSE 100 companies respond positively to the Association of British Insurers' Socially Responsible Investment guidelines: two thirds of FTSE 100 companies made either 'adequate' or 'full' disclosure.</p>	<p>http://www.abi.org.uk</p> <p>Feb 3</p>
<p>World development, sustainability</p>	
<p>Nobel Prize for Sustainable Development proposed - site invites you to sign petition to support it</p>	<p>http://www.sustainable-prize.net</p> <p>Dec 10</p>
<p>Survey to look at "State of Corporate Citizenship" http://www.csrwire.com/article.cgi/1440.html</p>	<p>SRI News Alerts</p> <p>Dec 11</p>
<p>Humans' overuse of earth's resources exceeds sustainability by 20% A new report on the ecological footprints of 146 nations documents unsustainable consumption, a phenomenon that, unchecked, will deplete the world's natural resources.</p>	<p>http://www.socialfunds.com/news/article.cgi?articleid=986</p> <p>Dec 17</p>



<p>Help fight injustice in pesticides and banana trade in Latin America www.cawn.org, BananaLink blink@gn.apc.org www.new-academy.ac.uk/Research/Gender_Codes_Auditing/Report.pdf</p>	<p>www.lifeworth.com</p>	<p>Jan 10</p>
<p>Local Authorities, local development and sustainability</p>		
<p>Mainstreaming neighbourhood renewal A summary of the learning from a workshop run by the Audit Commission on mainstreaming activity in three areas: equalities, sustainable development, and regeneration. http://www.idea.gov.uk/knowledge/december/?id=f01202mainstreamingnr</p>	<p>Idea Knowledge Update</p>	<p>Dec 10</p>
<p>Guidance on Community Cohesion released www.info4local.gov.uk/searchreport.asp?id=13490&heading=e-mail+alert</p>	<p>www.info4local.gov.uk http://www.idea.gov.uk</p>	<p>Dec 13</p>
<p>Best Value Performance Indicators 2003/4 The final set of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for 2003/04 will be published early this month. The set will be published on the ODPM website</p>		
<p>Producer responsibility, supply chain</p>		
<p>Funding to tackle Scottish fridge mountains The Scottish Executive is giving local authorities £3.3 million to develop safe disposal methods for the 220,000 fridges discarded each year in Scotland. The money will help authorities meet the costs of EU regulations on ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in fridges and freezers.</p>	<p>Eddie</p>	<p>Dec 11</p>
<p>E-Update from Envirowise To tackle the WEEE requirements, Safronics 2S Ltd, a manufacturer of motor controllers, took part in a designtrack pilot exercise. Find out how it went, and how your company would benefit from designtrack.</p>	<p>www.envirowise.gov.uk/envirowisev3.nsf/key/news</p>	<p>Dec 13</p>
<p>UK Government could face dumped-vehicle embarrassment The UK Government is in danger of repeating its ongoing embarrassment over waste fridge mountains, this time with end-of-life vehicles, according a policy research group.</p>	<p>www.edie.net/news/Archive/6518.cfm</p>	<p>Jan 17</p>
<p>Environmental technology</p>		
<p>The new Great Western Hospital in Swindon has been equipped with over 60 Honeywell pressure-reducing valves to ensure water is delivered from all outlets at the ideal pressure of 2 bars. Compiled by Alex Nichols alex.nichols@sd3.co.uk; or visit www.sd3.co.uk</p>	<p>Eddie</p>	<p>Jan 24</p>