

## PRESS RELEASE

# Incinerator Protestors “demand action” from the Environment Agency

Local protestors have today taken their campaign to the doors of the Environment Agency (EA), by protesting outside the EA's offices on Scarrington Way off Ladybay Bridge.

Local protest group NAIL (Nottingham Against Incineration and Landfill) claim that the EA are failing in their duty as regulators to protect the public from the Eastcroft incinerator, off London Road.

Today the Agencies employees were greeted by the protestors, as they arrived for work. Campaigners handed out flyers and delivered a letter to the Agency, demanding that they carryout their responsibility and force Eastcroft to operate within the terms of its pollution licence, or close it down.

NAIL spokesperson Jon Beresford said:

*Eastcroft incinerator pollutes Nottingham air with toxic poisons. The plant regularly breaches its emission levels, defined by the Environment Agency, yet the EA fails to act. In March this year a spot check by the Agency found Eastcrofts dioxin levels was 900 per cent of the allowable level. Waste Recycling Group, owners of the plant received little more that a mild reprimand. This is totally unacceptable and we demand action.*

According to the public register held by the Agency, Eastcroft has had three separate breaches since March 2005, this followed seven in 2004.

Incinerator giant Waste Recycling Group have submitted a planning application to Nottingham City Council to build a £50,000,000 third incinerator at Eastcroft, to increase their burning capacity from 150,000 to 250,000 tonnes of household and industrial waste a year. The application is currently being considered by the Planning Office and a decision is expected early next year.

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### Notes

The protestors plan to be at the entrance to the EA's offices on Scarrington Road from 8am, to meet the EA's employees as they arrive for work. They will handout protest flyers and will be waving placards and banners. They also hope to hand in a letter to the regional manager.