



It has been a while since the last RWA Update as there has not been much to update you on; we have simply been receiving and processing applications for RWA grandfather rights. However, as we come to the end of the year there is some information that we think might be of interest to you.

Grandfather Rights

Applications for grandfather rights close on **31 December 2012** so if you are eligible for grandfather rights but haven't applied yet, please do so by this date. We still aim to process applications within four months but as we are seeing a bit of a last minute rush please bear with us if it takes a little longer.

From 1 January 2013 if you want to provide Radioactive Waste Adviser advice you will need to have a certificate of recognition issued either under grandfather rights or from an Approved Assessing Body. Until all grandfather rights applications have been processed we will accept individuals who have applied but may not have received their certificate.

RPA 2000

RPA 2000 was approved as an Assessing Body for RWAs in June 2012 and will be ready to accept applications from 1 January 2013. Further information can be found on RPA 2000's [website](#).

Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers

Updated guidance for nuclear sites wanting to apply for a Corporate Radioactive Waste Adviser was published

in August 2012 and is available on the RWA [web page](#).

Applications for Corporate RWAs opened on 1 September 2012 and to date we have received one application.

All nuclear sites wanting to use Corporate RWAs will need to have their Corporate Arrangements approved by 30 June 2016.

RWA Syllabus

Some amendments have been made to the [RWA Syllabus](#) as a result of experience gained in implementing schemes for the recognition of individual RWAs. In summary the changes:

- remove the need for demonstration of experience for the *critical group concept* and *environmental monitoring*;
- provide some clarification on *operating rules and contingency planning, quality control and auditing and dealing with contractors*; and
- amend *minimisation of risk* so that it is more about containment of radioactive materials and waste rather than contamination of workers.

Implementation

The environment agencies are implementing the RWA scheme through changes to permits. SEPA has published a Regulatory Position Statement providing information on how this will happen in Scotland. The Position Statement is published on the RWA [web page](#). A similar implementation process is taking place in Northern Ireland.