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Waste Working Group & Brownfield Working Group Updates

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Background to Waste Framework Directive

- Waste was one of the first issues that EU environmental legislation tackled in the 1970s.
- Waste Framework Directive was adopted in 1975
- Protection of human health and environment
- Waste definitions
- Waste hierarchy (prevent, reuse, recycle, dispose)



Waste and Contaminated Land/Brownfield: Unforeseen Consequences!

- Definition of waste
- Balance between protection and recycling
- Mission creep
- Inconsistent Member State interpretation
- Dual regulation
- Van De Walle



Background to Revised Waste Framework Directive

- **2005** - Thematic Strategy on the Prevention of waste & recycling
- **2006** - First draft of revised WFD
- **2007** - 'Common Position' politically agreed
- **2008** - EU Parliaments Second Reading
- **Nov 2008** - Published in Official Journal of the European Union
- **Nov 2010** - 2 year transposition period ends

- Reduce the environmental impacts of waste
- Promote the prevention of waste
- European recycling society
- Modernise and simplify waste legislation



NICOLE'S INVOLVEMENT

NICOLE's interest in waste is in relation to:

- contaminated and uncontaminated soils
- soil treatment
- materials generated during brownfield regeneration.

Certain interpretations of the (current) Waste FD undermined:

- suitability for use
- risk based land management

Resulting in:

- Lost opportunities to reuse treated and untreated soils
- Increased landfill & primary quarried materials



NICOLE Waste Working Group

1st NICOLE Waste Position (May 2007)

- Reviewed drafts of the revised Waste FD
- Suggested revisions to texts
- Adopted revisions positive

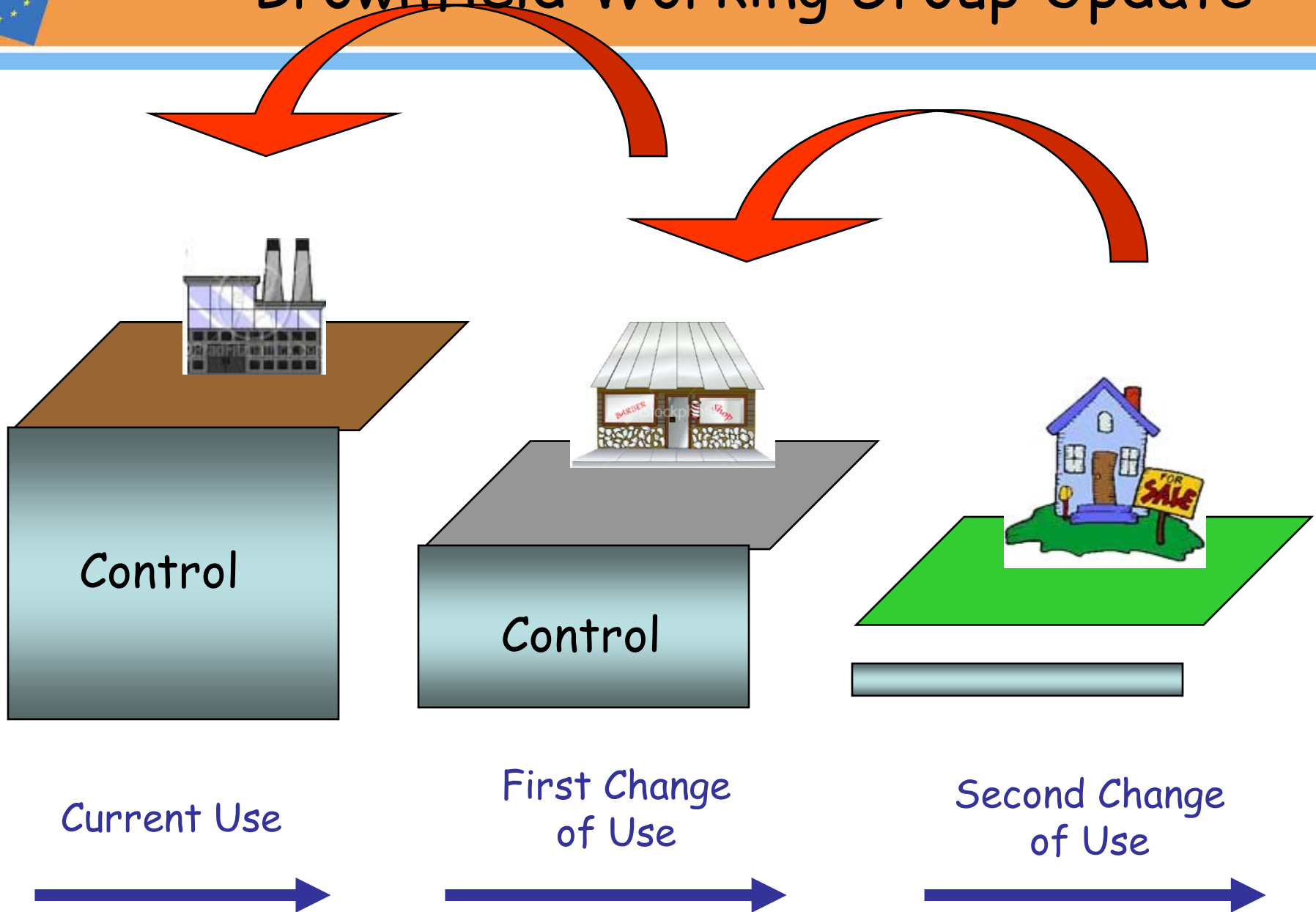
2nd NICOLE Waste Position (Draft under discussion)

- Looks at the implications of the text of the revised WFD on soil management

Waste Working Group Yesterday in Douai focus on REACH



Brownfield Working Group Update





Thank you....

