

## What next for the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility?

Construction of the Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) is coming to an end.

It is now nearly time for our brand new state-of-the-art facility to start accepting waste from Leeds City Council.

Before we can accept waste, important tests have to take place at the end of September and during October. These tests are part of the commissioning phase and are standard practice in order to prepare the RERF to accept waste.

To enable us to begin commissioning we have been working closely with the Environment Agency as well as Leeds City Council.

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### What will happen during commissioning?

We will be drying out the boiler this creates steam.

We will be steam blowing noise from the site will be higher than normal.

You will see water condensing from the chimney.

## Steam blowing

Steam blowing is to clean the internal surfaces of the boiler tubes and inspect the steam quality produced by the boilers. This process causes a greater amount of steam than will be produced when the RERF is fully operational.

# Boiler drying

This stage of commissioning is to dry out the boilers using temporary heaters to remove moisture from the lining. This process will create steam and you may see a plume coming out of the chimney.

#### This process can be noisy

To minimise any nuisance to our neighbours temporary silencers will be installed and each steam blow will take place during the following hours: 7am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 7am - 4pm on Saturday.

