

## **SEWAGE TURNS *SMILE* EVEN GREENER**

The famous Pyramid at Stockport will be from today (9 July, 2002) run on power generated from sewage.

The 120 ft high glass landmark, home of Internet bank ***smile***, is now run on electricity produced from methane, a by-product of digested sewage.

The green power comes from a plant in Bournemouth where the sewage is digested and the gas is used to produce electricity , which is delivered by Scottish and Southern Energy plc.

The new source of power replaces the previous renewable energy generated by using gasses emitted from a landfill site, and is considerably greener.

Bob Head, Chief Executive of ***smile*** said:" As part of The Co-operative Bank, ***smile*** is very proud of our record on renewable energy and it is great that we can now say that ***smile*** is run on poo. I would like to thank the people of Bournemouth for their efforts."

98 per cent of the electricity used by The Co-operative Bank comes from renewable energy. For example its head office in the centre of Manchester uses power generated by a turbine on the Manchester Ship Canal.

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