



ENVIRONMENTAL TERMINAL WORKS

David Wylie visits the site of a former fuel terminal, where a local contractor is assisting international remediation specialist DEME Environmental to recycle the huge site

Work to remediate the land within the 150-acre former fuel terminal on the west coast of Scotland is drawing to a close, allowing the site to be brought back into use. It is part of an ambitious regional regeneration plan, drawing funding from the UK and Scottish Governments, together with eight local councils in the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area.

The international remediation specialist, DEME Environmental (see panel), was appointed to carry out the latest phases of this work, for which on-site soil treatment

started in mid-2021. In 2022, the first full year of soil washing on site, they processed 180,000 tonnes of material. As we go to press at the end of 2023, the treatment works – the largest of its kind undertaken in Scotland – are all but finished.

As DEME Environmental's core expertise centred round treating contaminated soils, this key aspect of the project has attracted favourable comment from industry specialists and regulators. All the work was undertaken within the site, where all trace of the operation was to be removed. They have recycled 90% of the material