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<b>WHAT HAPPENED?</b>	<p>In this case, 3000 tonnes of 'trommel fines' were illegally disposed of on farmland. The material came from a licenced waste transfer station and the Environment Agency was alerted to the illegal dumping when a member of the public noticed a high number of lorries carrying what was thought to be waste entering the farm.</p> <p>There were a number of parties implicated in this activity; the landowner, the waste carrier and the business from which the waste originated from.</p>
<b>OUTCOME</b>	<p>Hefty fines in the region of £20,000 total were given to all the parties involved.</p>
<b>CONTEXT</b>	<p>'Trommel fines' is a widely known phrase in the waste industry to describe material such as stones, aggregates, glass and soil arising out of the treatment of waste. It can also contain contaminants such as plaster board.</p>
<b>WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?</b>	<p>The landowner should not have allowed illegal material to be dumped on his land without a valid permit; the waste carrier should have exercised due diligence in ensuring the waste had been properly described and that it was taken to an authorised facility; and the waste transfer station should have ensured its waste was managed in such a way as to protect the environment.</p>