

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Sewage plants are leaking millions of tiny plastic beads into Britain's seas:** The plastic beads used for filtering sewage are hard to spot and pose a risk to wildlife, according to a new report. (theguardian.com 11/10/2017)
- **Government delivers £557m green energy boost ahead of Clean Growth Strategy launch:** The government has announced a further £557m of support for green energy projects ahead of the imminent launch of its flagship Clean Growth Strategy, which is expected later this week. (businessgreen.com 11/10/2017)
- **Environment Secretary Announces Plans for Plastic Bottle Deposit Return Scheme:** Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Michael Gove has announced the prospect of a deposit return scheme in England at this year's Conservative Party conference. (rebnews.com 04/10/2017)
- **A giant hole has opened up in Antarctica as scientists look to find out what is to blame:** A hole larger than the Netherlands has opened up in Antarctica, and scientists are working to deepen their understanding of how it formed. (independent.co.uk 11/10/2017)
- **Genetically boosting the nutritional value of corn could benefit millions:** Scientists discover way to reduce animal feed and food production costs by increasing a key nutrient in corn. (sciencedaily.com 09/10/2017)
- **Wind energy over the oceans could power the world, geophysicists say:** A new study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that wind farms over ocean waters could generate "civilization scale power" — theoretically. (grist.org 10/10/2017)
- **Pesticides linked to bee deaths found in most honey samples:** A new study has found traces of neonicotinoid chemicals in 75% of honey samples from across the world. In one-third of the honey, the amount of the chemical found was enough to be detrimental to bees. (bbc.co.uk 05/10/2017)

And finally...

- **Prince Charles warns that 'plastic is now on the menu' due to the amount ingested by fish:** The Prince of Wales has warned that "plastic is on the menu" due to the increasing amounts found in fish caught for the dinner table. (telegraph.co.uk 05/10/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark EM Ltd has completed the variation of an Environmental Permit for a composting operation in Devon, incorporating series of enhancements to the site, and allowing a greater annual throughput and finished compost production. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

