



## Find out about how Matrix handle 'NURDLES'

A Nurdle (plastic granule) is approximately 3x3mm in size and is a base polymer plastic resin used universally by plastic manufacturers and can look similar in shape and size to a lentil.

Matrix Plastics have processed and produced 'Nurdles' since 1991 and initially contained nurdles on Health & Safety grounds due to the risk of slipping on small spillages of them around October 2011 and we first became aware of the potential risk to the marine ecosystem in May 2014.

A widespread list of precautions and measures to prevent spillage of nurdles and in the event of a spillage containment and controlled disposal were introduced to the business in July 2014.

The plastic processor can reap positive benefits from controlling these essential raw materials by implementing procedures that address risk and implement preventative working instructions to minimise or eradicate escaped nurdles at manufacturing facilities.

Operation Clean Sweep a British Plastics Federation initiative gives all plastics processors clear and precise pointers on how to tackle this problem which threatens our waterways and oceans.

Visit [www.bpf.co.uk/sustainability/operation\\_Clean\\_Sweep](http://www.bpf.co.uk/sustainability/operation_Clean_Sweep) for more information on this initiative.

Our full commitment and current strategy for reducing emissions of pre-production nurdles is available to our customers by contacting our head office on [sales@matrix-plastics.co.uk](mailto:sales@matrix-plastics.co.uk)