

Latest news from BCS

Dear all,

BCS Operators' Forum

The next meeting of the BCS Operators' Forum is taking place on Wednesday 29 May 2019. The meeting is taking place at the following address: SloanePoint, 6-8 Market Place, Reading, RG1 2EG. The Forum will commence at 12 noon and will finish at 3pm with a break for lunch. If you are interested in attending the Forum, you can register interest and confirm attendance by contacting Georgia Phetmanh at georgia@realschemes.org.uk. Please inform us should you have any dietary requirements.

The most recent and fifth meeting of the Forum was held on 31 October 2018 near Derby. Minutes from this Forum are available <u>here</u>. Two of the agenda items for the sixth meeting of the Forum in May will be discussion surrounding the review of PAS110 and the Environment Agency's review of the Anaerobic Digestion Quality Protocol (ADQP), amongst other scheme-related issues and developments.

REAL will seek views on whether there is a need to revise PAS 110 via Survey Monkey. Operators and other industry stakeholders will be invited to complete the survey, to be sent out at the end of April.

The topic of whether there is a need to revise PAS 110, taking into account responses from the survey, will be discussed at the Forum meeting on 29th May and further at our TAC meeting on 12th June. Following these meetings, a decision will be made on whether a PAS 110 workshop is required later on in the year. If you are not able to attend the Forum but you would like to have an issue raised on your behalf, please contact Jo Chapman, the BCS Producers' Representative, using jo@acshropshire.co.uk.

Training courses

REAL has liaised with the Renewable Energy Association (REA) regarding the following training opportunities, which are now open for individuals to register attendance:

- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on 28 May 2019 in Leeds. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course <u>here</u>. Please note that this event is open to REA members only.
- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on 4 June 2019 in Glasgow. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course <u>here</u>. This event is open to both REA members/non-members.
- The 'Are you up to standard? Understanding PAS110 in full' course is taking place on 18 June 2019 in Birmingham. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course <u>here</u>. This event is open to both REA members/non-members.
- The 'Understanding and applying HACCP to Anaerobic Digestion & Composting' course is taking place on the 20 June 2019 in London. You can read about the course contents and book a place on the course <u>here</u>. This event is open to both REA members/non-members.

The PAS 110 training course will be delivered by the REA, and REAL will be attending to provide information to course participants about how the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme works and to answer any questions about the Scheme. The HACCP training courses will be run by the REA and delivered by

HACCP expert and RSPH approved trainer Victoria Phillips.

Reminder to use PAS 110 Digestate Analysis Request Form

Should you be sending samples of digestate to the laboratories for certification purposes, a polite reminder to use the PAS110 Digestate Analysis Request Form, available to download from our website <u>here</u>. This form is required to be used when sending any sample of digestate to the Approved Laboratories for PAS 110 analysis for certification purposes.

Thank you.