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### **EA Releases ADQP Review Outcome**

The EA has today published the outcome of its review of the ADQP, which can be found [here](#), concluding that the QP needs revising if it is to continue to be used to demonstrate end of waste.

They propose to support a revision process to update the ADQP (and republish as a 'Resources Framework'). The EA expects industry to pay for the revision. Industry can continue to use the QP but, if funding is not agreed to by 30 May 2021, the EA will withdraw their support and full waste regulatory controls will apply.

Once a revision has begun, industry can continue using the existing QP until either a new Resources Framework is agreed or the process concludes without a successful resolution. If a revision is agreed, the EA will support the transition from the QP to the new Resources Framework.

We have agreed with the EA to hold a workshop on **20th January AM**, for the EA to provide further information on their reviews of the AD and compost QPs and plan for the revision process. Further details will be sent out on how to book, but please save the date in the meantime.

### **BCS Sampling Guidance**

We have recently published a new guidance document, which replaces the previous 'Sampling guidance for liquid materials'. This former version has been updated to bring it in line with BSI PAS 110:2014, introduce it as an REAL document, reference other relevant scheme documents, and provide a basis for the development of future BCS sampling webinars.

Our BCS liquid sampling guidance will guide Operators to take representative samples of liquid digestate and ensure consistency of sampling. It can be found on our website [here](#).

### **PT Programme Tender**

We recently published a tender invitation document (TID), which seeks to appoint a contractor to develop and deliver a proficiency testing (PT) programme for REAL approved laboratories under the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme (BCS) and Compost Certification Scheme (CCS). Specifically, the PT programme is limited to scheme specific methods – compost stability, residual biogas potential, plant response and physical contaminants. The full PT TID can be found on our website [here](#).

For those who wish to tender for this service, an electronic copy of the tender submission is required to be sent to Olivia FursseDonn at [Olivia@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:Olivia@realschemes.org.uk). The deadline for the receipt of tender submissions is **Friday 05 February 2021**.

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