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RBP Position Statement

We have published our position statement outlining the BCS position on RBP inoculum inhibition and invalid test results. This document includes the procedure for operators experiencing this issue to follow.

To form this position, we reviewed the relevant information in the WRAP report containing the RBP test method, gathered information and evidence over time to support the approach described below, held various discussions with the certification bodies and laboratories, and sought advice from our TAC.

Working with several operators experiencing this issue, we have shown that inocula taken from site is better acclimated to digestate sample chemical makeup than a laboratory's standard inoculum. So far, trials have been carried out in parallel i.e., digestate with both site inoculum and separately with the laboratory's standard inoculum. Where a suitable (stable) site inoculum has been provided to the laboratory, a valid RBP result has been reported, which supports validation/certification under the BCS.

You can read the full position statement and procedure for operators [here](#).

RBP inoculum inhibition procedure

The 'BCS Position on RBP inoculum inhibition and invalid test results' details the procedure for operators experiencing the issue of obtaining a valid RBP result due to inoculum inhibition.

In the first instance, operators should email REAL immediately (info@realschemes.org.uk) if they receive an invalid RBP result, for a discussion. Following this (and confirmation of the issue), REAL will authorise sending an alternative inoculum with a digestate sample for parallel RBP testing.

You can read the full procedure for operators [here](#).

EA updates QP Position Statement

The Environment Agency has published their updated Position Statement for the ADQP review [here](#). It has been updated to reflect that the QP is still supported, the task and finish groups have been set up, and the revision process has started. We are now awaiting the details for the first meetings of the group.

On this webpage, you can also find details on how the Environment Agency is revising the QPs, and agreeing costs and funding, along with other information on the new resources frameworks.

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