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### New Guidance Documents

REAL have published two new guidance documents; the 'Guidance on assessing PAS 110 test results against SEPA plastic limits' and the 'REAL BCS guidance note on RPS 241'.

The guidance on assessing PAS 110 test results against SEPA plastic limits, details the additional mandatory requirement in respect of plastic contamination for compost/digestate outputs to meet 'end of waste status' under the Scheme in Scotland, and how to assess results against this requirement.

The guidance note on RPS 241 provides guidance to BCS participants and appointed CBs on the changes outlined in the EA's RPS 241. This RPS allows producers to accept waste with codes that are not in their waste authorisation or the QPs instead of the 'not otherwise specified' '99' waste codes.

You can access these guidance documents [here](#).

### Annual Report 2021

The CCS and BCS annual report 2021 was published on the 20th of September. The report provides an overview of scheme data, and a summary of developments in 2021.

The report includes test results data for the first time, showing the mean nitrogen content of digestate sampled in 2021 was 1.01% m/m. The mean phosphorus and potassium content of digestate sampled in 2021 was 1731 mg/kg and 3142 mg/kg, respectively.

The report also presents an overview of Compost Certification Scheme and includes the Research Hub 2021 Annual Report. You can read the full report [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

#### REAL Webinar

REAL are holding the next 'Understanding PAS 110 Testing' (renamed from 'Understanding Test Results') webinar on the 11th of November, 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

The webinar is designed for operators to gain an insight into the test methods used under BCS, it covers minimum quality criteria, how the tests work, why you can have confidence in the lab results, and touches on how to better interpret result failures.

The cost is £50pp to attend and is open to operators/consultants representing operators. If you are interested in attending the webinar or if you would like any further information, please contact [emma@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:emma@realschemes.org.uk).

#### REA Training Course

In addition, the REA is running a one-day on-line course focused on HACCP planning for AD and compost site operators and developers, with focus on digestate and compost safety and quality.

HACCP planning is essential to ensure design of operations enables the production of digestate and compost products that are safe and fit for purpose.

The course will help delegates to understand how to design and implement a HACCP plan that focuses on the production of safe and fit for purpose digestate and compost. It will be delivered by HACCP expert and RSPH approved trainer Victoria Phillips.

You can register for the course [here](#) and please email the REA ([events@r-e-a.net](mailto:events@r-e-a.net)) with any questions.

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