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APHA Waste Management Study

APHA have contacted REAL regarding the opportunity for BCS Operators to contribute to their research project. APHA shared a letter explaining the project as well as the benefits of participation [here](#).

They are looking for waste treatment sites which have an input ~25-50% of manure/slurry from cattle and pig farms and that are one of the seven types of sites that have been short listed for sampling:

1. Mesophilic (35–42°C) AD plants with a continuous flow of input material
2. AD plants that process the material in batches
3. AD plants with pasteurization step before AD
4. Sites with covered slurry lagoons or tanks
5. Sites with uncovered lagoons used for storage
6. Sites that treat raw slurry through acidification
7. Sites that perform composting of farm waste before spreading

If you meet the criteria and would like to aid in this research, please contact Jessica.Ireland-Hughes@apha.gov.uk by the **30th of September**.

BCS Participants Survey

We would value your input into our 2023 BCS Scheme Participants Survey, which should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey responses will be used to assess participant satisfaction and prioritise areas for further scheme development.

Please click [here](#) to begin the survey. The survey will close in two weeks' time (**14th September**)

Upcoming Events

BCS Understanding PAS110 Testing Webinar

REAL are holding the next 'Understanding PAS 110 Testing' webinar on the **22nd of September at 9:30 - 10:30am**. The webinar is designed for operators to gain an insight into the test methods used under BCS. This webinar covers minimum quality criteria, how the tests work, why you can have confidence in the lab results, and 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 info@realschemes.org.uk

REA Organics Events

REAL have liaised with REA Organics about relevant events for BCS operators. REA Organics are holding two training courses in November.

From the 7th of November to the 8th of November, REA Organics are holding "Understanding PAS110 in Full", a two-day course which covers key aspects of PAS 110 including:

- The principles of PAS 110
- Baseline minimum and customer requirements
- Record keeping
- Traceability
- Sampling and lab analysis

You can find more information or book your place on the REA website [here](#).

On the 28th of November REA are holding a HACCP training course. The course will help producers to understand how to design and implement a HACCP plan that focuses on the production of safe and fit for purpose digestate. It will be delivered by HACCP expert and RSPH approved trainer Victoria Phillips.

You can book your place and find more information here. For any clarification on the technical content for either of these events, please contact Jenny@r-e-a.net.

For any issues with booking, please contact events@r-e-a.net.

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