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### Upcoming Events

There are several upcoming scheme events in March and May being held for operators. We are holding the BCS Sampling Guidance Webinar on **Tuesday 12th March**, BCS Understanding PAS 110 Testing Webinar on **Wednesday 13th March**, and BCS Operators' Forum on **Wednesday 22nd May**.

There is also an upcoming PAS 110 training course run by the REA taking place on **Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th** February, which will be of interest to BCS operators.

You can find the full list of events, the event details, and information on how to register in the events section of our website [here](#).

### REAL Plastics Report

REAL has recently published a report presenting an analysis of BCS and CCS data on plastic contamination in samples submitted by certified operators for routine testing or re-tests after a failure. This analysis was conducted to contribute to the revision of the Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol, and examines the failure rate of samples in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland against the current limits for plastics in PAS 110, as well as against SEPA's tighter plastic limits.

The analysis shows that 98.7% of digestate samples taken between 1st January 2022 and 31st July 2023 passed against the PAS 110 limit. The level of physical contaminants in the majority of digestate samples was 0.36 kg/t.

The full report can be read on the BCS website [here](#).

### Re-issued Documents

In 2023, REAL was updating and reissuing our documents (including guidance, forms, and policies) into new branded templates with version control numbers which align with our ISO 9001 certified QMS. Several documents are currently undergoing revision so have not yet been re-issued in the templates, but you can find examples of the re-issued documents below:

- [REAL BCS Complaint Form](#) (downloadable [here](#))
- [BCS RPS241 Guidance](#)
- [BCS Privacy Policy](#)

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