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New version of position on technical requirements document published

BCS has published an updated version of its [Position on Technical Requirements](#). This new version contains one additional position: the position on QMS internal audits involving the author or co-author of the QMS.

Having considered feedback from operators, consultants, and other stakeholders through the Technical Advisory Committee, the BCS position is that someone who authored the QMS is not considered to be auditing their own work when they audit site staff's implementation of, and adherence to, the QMS, provided they are not personally responsible for the operational activities or recordkeeping being assessed. If they are personally responsible for those activities or records, the restriction applies in full.

This position is taken on the basis that the internal QMS audit is a check on day-to-day operational compliance and recordkeeping. The intent is to audit whether site personnel are correctly implementing the QMS and keeping records of work in accordance with documented procedures, rather than to assess the design or structure of the QMS documentation itself.

You can read the full position [here](#).

Upcoming REAL and REA events

BCS Operators' Forum – Tuesday 6th October

The next meeting of the BCS Operators' Forum will be held on Tuesday 6th October, and we would like to invite all operators to attend. This meeting will be held online from 11:00 to 13:30.

The Operators' Forum consists of representatives of AD operators who are either certified or working towards certification. The Forum provides operators with the opportunity to raise and discuss issues they may be experiencing in relation to certification under the scheme and other issues that may impact on the scheme.

You can review summaries of previous fora [here](#).

If you are interested in attending the Forum, you can register interest and confirm attendance by contacting oliver@realschemes.org.uk. If you are not able to attend this meeting but you would like to have an issue raised on your behalf, please contact Jo Chapman, the BCS Operators' Representative, at jo@acshropshire.co.uk.

Understanding PAS110 in Full – 21st & 22nd September

REA Organics is running a 2 x 2-hour online training course on 21st and 22nd September, 10:00–12:00 each day, focused on the requirements of PAS 110, the End of Waste rules (AD Resource Framework and Welsh, Scottish and NI positions), and the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme Rules requirements.

The course is aimed at AD operators, as well as consultants and anyone wanting a detailed understanding of PAS 110 and BCS requirements. Topics covered include HACCP and critical control points, input materials and pasteurisation, sampling and lab analysis, record keeping and traceability, and End of Waste requirements across the UK.

For more details on the course and to book your place click [here](#)