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Updated QP confirms quality and safety of digestate for biofertiliser

The Renewable Energy Association welcomes the publication of the Environment Agency's updated Quality Protocol (QP) for digestate from anaerobic digestion. Digestate is a nutrient-rich co-product of anaerobic digestion that can be used as an organic 'biofertiliser'. The QP confirms 'end-of-waste' status for digestate in the UK

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Recommendations on the use of methane and biomethane in HGV

The Low Emission HGV Task Force of the UK Department of Transport has published a report on low carbon heavy goods vehicles. The Task Force considers that a key action to help reduce carbon emissions from freight operations and contribute to meeting the targets set out in the Carbon Plan is to increase the use of natural gas and biomethane in HGVs. The Task Force highlights that in doing so, there are wider benefits including lower fuel costs for operators, improved energy security (through less reliance on diesel) and potential reductions in air pollution.

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Decc to review RHI for biomethane (UK)

A review of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) biomethane injection tariff will be conducted by the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change (Decc). The reassessment will take place to address concerns within the industry that there is a risk that large biomethane to grid plants are over compensated under the current regime.

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UK bioenergy production increased significantly in 2013

The U.K. Department of Energy and Climate Change recently released provisional annual energy data for 2013. The report shows renewable generation increased 28 percent and bioenergy sources generated 18.7 terawatt hours of electricity last year.

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NNFC Newsletter on AD

The newsletter reports on AD industry in the UK that has experienced rapid growth in recent years. There are over 130 operational AD plants in the UK outside of the sewage treatment sector and more than 340 further projects are currently under development. Dark side mentioned is the risk that the excellent AD portal with mapping of all installations will have to end due to an ending of the support by DECC.

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