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Is France promoting biogas?

After years of discussion, France finally allows injection of biomethane into the grid. Unfortunately, the tariff is the same as for natural gas, meaning that nothing is happening. The same holds true for electricity production from biogas. Since more than half a year France's biogas plant operators are waiting for the promised new feed-in tariffs. In February Francois Fillon together with the ministers of ecology and of finance has promised that the new tariffs will enter in force until the end of the month. So far nothing happened but once for the good. As we learned from well informed sources, at the end the proposed new tariffs are lower than the old ones...

Australia has detected agricultural biogas

The Colac Power Company, a joint venture between biological farming firm Camperdown Compost Company and green electricity developer Diamond Energy, is to build a biogas plant in the town of Colac, Victoria, Australia. The Victorian government has committed \$1.5 million to help build the plant, which will have a total cost of \$6 million and take about 18 months to construct once a planning permit is approved. Once construction has been completed it will process organic waste from dairy, meat and other agricultural industries. The plant has been estimated to process around 80 tonnes of liquefied waste each day, generating 1MW of electricity.

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World bank takes new look at food prices

A newly released working paper, entitled "Placing the 2006/08 Commodity Price Boom into Perspective," from the Development Prospects Group at the World Bank, concludes that "...the effect of biofuels on food prices has not been as large as originally thought." The authors of the argue that energy prices, as well as speculation, played significant roles in the non-energy commodity price spikes seen in the recent past. "We conclude that a stronger link between energy and non - energy commodity prices is likely to have been the dominant influence on developments in commodity, and especially food, markets," says the report. Another point they make is that biofuels only represent 1.5 percent of worldwide grain and oilseed use.

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Task 37 „Energy from Biogas and Landfill Gas“ of the IEA Bioenergy Agreement is promoting all forms of biogas production, upgrading and utilisation as well as recycling of the digestate as a fertilizer. 13 countries are participating in the Task.

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