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PRT Update Paper

We have created a paper detailing REAL's work surrounding the Plant Response Test and the formation of REAL's Plant Response Test Technical Working Group. This group is a subgroup of the Technical Advisory Committee and was formed after complaints surrounding the test were raised at the Producers Forum. The paper details the background of the test, a previous investigation into complaints around winter failures and the formation of the group. The Plant Response Test Technical Working Group is comprised of two compost producers and representatives from EA. SEPA and REAL.

The full paper can be found on our website here.

Permitted Wastes

It has been brought to REAL's attention that in some cases, producers in England / Northern Ireland / Wales have processed non-QP permissible wastes in their certified processes, as the sites are permitted to accept these waste inputs. The wastes may be listed on the environmental permits / waste management licences issued by the environmental regulator(s) but are not listed in Appendix B of the CQP (acceptable wastes for the production of quality compost).

Please note that only those waste types listed in Appendix B of the CQP are acceptable for producing 'product' status / certified compost in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. In the event that any wastes included on permits / licences are not listed in Appendix B of the CQP, they must not be processed to produce compost with end-of-waste status under the CCS in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Sample Type

May we remind all operators that the sample type MUST be indicated when submitting an analysis request form to the laboratory for testing. An incomplete analysis request form will result in sample test results not counting towards certification – they will not be uploaded to the REAL database. The sample type is specified by number on the first page of the form and the descriptions for the sample type (testing purpose) can be found in the accompanying notes.

The most up to date PAS100 analysis request form can be found here.

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