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Hi Chris,

Good to hear from you. I now remember you missed the follow-up meeting about the event in November. Following feedback from those who attended, it was decided by the group that we will repeat the event next autumn, with possibly a satellite event in the west.

With regard more specifically to AD, I think that the potential move to four ROCs has considerably increased interest in this technology. I am certainly getting regular serious enquiries and at UFU group meetings we have spoken at interest in this technology has been keen. We are currently developing a detailed workshop on on-farm biogas production and the first delivery is planned for the last week in March. I hope to have three venues on 29/30/31 March. These are not yet fixed but are likely to be Omagh, Coleraine/Ballymoney area and Greenmount/Hillsboro/Co Down. I will let you know the detail as soon as we have confirmed them

All the best  
 Nigel

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Good afternoon guys,

Following on from the great success that was the Renewables event held in early November, I am writing with a possible idea for a similar event in 2011.

I am getting many calls from our members in relation to AD, this maybe due to the advent of 4 ROCs, but there is not very much known about the technology on the ground and many farmers will not have the necessary start up available to start projects such as those currently being undertaken by the likes of the Cromies and the Hunnifords.

Whilst they efforts and intentions should not be sniffed at, I feel that the target audience should be smaller, on-farm scale digestors, as I feel that this would be a lot more achievable and sustainable in the long run. Many of the farmers who contact me do say "we are farmers, not energy providers" and this reinforces the view that smaller scale might be more with our reach. But like I said, the larger scale projects are to be encouraged.

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Yesterday I attended a workshop which looked at smaller scale on-farm AD projects at Walford North and Shropshire College (Walford Campus). There I spoke with Russell Mulliner from Marshes Biogas and he said that he would be more than happy to speak to a meeting of interested farmers. I am sure that you are all aware of Russells work in the past, but in case you are not, he specializes in smaller scale AD plants and his knowledge on the area is to be honest mind-blowing. 1 hours in his company and I am already a lot more aux fais with smaller scale technology!

With the RHI only just around the corner with £25m of Treasury fusing, I think that we need to be ready for the extra interest (on top of what we are already seeing at the moment) which will be generated (no pun intended) and this smaller scale of AD could be the way forward.

Whilst the UFU cannot champion one single firm or technology, we feel should act before the flood gates open with RHI and what comes with it.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Chris.

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