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Hi Chris

It was good to have a chat earlier and make introductions. I will speak with colleagues here in DETI in relation to your query and the attached DECC document. I also mentioned to Stuart that you phoned and both he and I would certainly be interested in going down to see Environment and Renewable Centre there at Hillsborough so hopefully we can arrange that soon. Stuart is on leave from the middle of next week but perhaps we could work towards a date at the end of August or early September?

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Regards

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From: Johnston, Chris
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Dear Seamus,

Good to speak to you just now. I am hoping this is indeed the correct email address for you. The attached document is the one I was mentioning and I am interested in the methods by which DETI can assure that our biomass supply is indeed sustainable and by what systems ie by biomass suppliers regulation or biomass sourcing regulation – purely from ignorance as i just don't really know.

Our work here is from a DARD perspective where we are researching and demonstrating, to many varying groups, how farms can reduce their fuel costs and emissions and indeed how agriculture can play a role in the energy market by supplying biomass for essentially dedicated heat. We also join up energy crop plantations with waste water management (farm and waste water treatment) and this is how I originally came across Stuart Wightman. AFBI (Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute) in Hillsborough has an Environment and Renewable Energy Centre (EREC) – officially opened 2009. A wide range of renewable energy schemes have been incorporated into the infrastructure of the site providing facilities for an extensive research programme into aspects of renewable energy relevant to the agriculture industry (and beyond).

If you and Stuart (and any other colleagues) were keen to visit the EREC (**Environment and Renewable Energy Centre**) at AFBI Hillsborough, I would certainly enjoy the opportunity to show you around and discuss mutual aspects. Stuart was nearly out here recently but moved on so it would be good to meet him also.

Hopefully meet you soon
Regards

Chris

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