

From: Johnston, Chris
To: "Michael Doran"; John Martin email redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Subject: RE: NI RHI - Permitted fuel types[OFFICIAL]
Date: 08 January 2016 18:06:00

John, Michael,

It was good to see you today and thank you for inviting me along John. I find it very valuable to meet up like that and have engagement with the industry as it helps me keep up to speed and I feel I can therefore represent the sector a little better in my day to day activities. I thought you would be interested in the email chain below and before I respond to Seamus I would be keen on your comment. I can't help thinking this is a big area to start discussing and I am not fully sure how this will be managed here other than through some kind of approved suppliers list accounting for their biomass sources

Hi Seamus and thank you for this. Also, it was also good to see you again and indeed meet Peter. Your continued engagement with us all really is very much appreciated so thank you.

I suppose from the below the question is now really what happens when a boiler is accredited and other fuel types might enter the supply chain subsequently and indeed who or what body might be responsible for the emissions certificates and indeed how will this be managed?

*Regards
Chris*

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From: Hughes, Seamus
Sent: 08 January 2016 15:08
To: Johnston, Chris
Cc: Briggs, Peter
Subject: FW: NI RHI - Permitted fuel types[OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon Chris

It was good to catch up with you this afternoon. I spoke to Ofgem about your query on a biomass fuels list under the RHI as I wasn't sure if a list existed or not. You will note that

the Ofgem response below confirms that there is no fuel list but the fuel must be listed on a valid emissions certificate.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

Seamus

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To: Hughes, Seamus

Subject: RE: NI RHI - Permitted fuel types[OFFICIAL]

Hello Seamus,

The definition of "biomass" used in the NI RHI scheme is based on the definition given in the Energy Act 2011, Regulation 113(3): <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/16/section/113>

There is no list of permitted fuel types, and all biomass applications will be treated on a case by case basis. However, Ofgem do require that all biomass fuels used are solid (liquid biomass fuels are not permitted) and are listed on a

valid emissions certificate which must be uploaded with the RHI application. If a participant wishes to change fuel once they are accredited, they must provide an emissions certificate with the new fuel listed.

I hope this is helpful, but please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,
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Subject: NI RHI - Permitted fuel types

Good afternoon Stacey

I was at a meeting this morning with some people from Bio Energy Northern Ireland, (BENI), and I was asked a question about permitted biomass fuels under the NI RHI. Is there a list available setting out permitted fuel types under the RHI that I could direct them to? I appreciate that currently the NI RHI does not have the BSL requirements.

Many thanks

Regards

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