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To: [McBriar, Trevor](#)
Cc: [Woods, Michael \(DFE\)](#); [McIlwrath, Linda](#)
Subject: FW: NIRO
Date: 28 July 2016 17:02:13
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Trevor

Grateful for your thoughts on this.

I assume that it isn't an issue for electricity exported to the grid, but is it possible to generate, receive ROCS, and waste the electricity?

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From: DfE SpAd
Sent: 27 July 2016 14:03
To: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Subject: RE: NIRO

Chris,

One issue which concerned us with the other scheme was the allegation of heat being generated but with a questionable ethical purpose.

Are we satisfied that in other renewable schemes where energy is being generated, similar approaches are not being taken?

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From: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Sent: 27 July 2016 10:02
To: Woods, Michael (DFE); McBriar, Trevor
Cc: McCormick, Andrew (DFE); DfE SpAd; McIlwrath, Linda; Cousins, Heather; McIlwrath, Linda
Subject: RE: NIRO

Michael

Thank you, content.

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From: Woods, Michael (DFE)
Sent: 27 July 2016 09:59
To: Stewart, Chris (DFE); McBriar, Trevor
Cc: McCormick, Andrew (DFE); DfE SpAd; McIlwrath, Linda; Cousins, Heather
Subject: RE: NIRO

Chris

I will read through and let you have comments today, however, it might be more useful if I send someone from my team down to speak to Trevor and get a basic understanding of the scheme

and cross check across to the issues in the RHI report. If you are content i will ask Debbie Murray to contact Trevor.

Michael Woods

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From: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Sent: 27 July 2016 09:33
To: McBriar, Trevor
Cc: McCormick, Andrew (DFE); Woods, Michael (DFE); DfE SpAd; McIlwrath, Linda
Subject: FW: NIRO

Trevor

Thank you, this is helpful.

Could I ask you to follow up with OFGEM colleagues and ask for some further information on:

- the incidence of suspected fraud/irregularity and details of action taken;
- the extent to which there are physical inspections of installations by or on behalf of OFGEM, either before or after accreditation; and
- details of the formal audit of the scheme, i.e. which organisation or body provides the formal assurance to NIAUR (details of anything recent would be helpful).

Michael may wish to suggest other queries from an audit perspective.

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From: McBriar, Trevor
Sent: 27 July 2016 09:18
To: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Cc: Clydesdale, Alison; Blower, Michael
Subject: FW: NIRO

Chris

Ofgem has provided a summary of their controls to prevent misuse of the NIRO – see attached. Their procedures appear to be robust, but I will go back to Ofgem if you need clarification or anything additional.

Trevor

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From: McBriar, Trevor
Sent: 22 July 2016 09:19
To: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Cc: McIlwrath, Linda
Subject: RE: NIRO

Chris,

Ofgem manage the NIRO on behalf of NIAUR and I have contacted Ofgem asking for details on their processes etc as set out in your email.

Trevor

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From: Stewart, Chris (DFE)

Sent: 21 July 2016 16:39

To: McBriar, Trevor

Cc: McIlwrath, Linda

Subject: NIRO

Trevor

In the wake of the NIAO report on the Renewable Heat Incentive, the Minister and SPAD have sought reassurance on the potential for fraud/misuse of NIRO.

Could I ask you please to let me have a short note, setting out the process for accreditation under NIRO (including details of who does what in terms of checking, inspection, certification etc); and any arrangements in place after accreditation to prevent fraud/abuse in relation to the generation tariff and the issuing of ROCs.

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