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[REDACTED] Letter from notifier.pdf

Hi Teri/Edmund/Jane,

The Counter Fraud team recently received an anonymous letter (attached) expressing a concern that the owner of three biomass installations in Northern Ireland is fraudulently claiming NDRHI payments by heating an empty space. The notifier claims in the letter that the individual in question plans to transfer the biomass boilers into poultry sheds which are not yet constructed, and that the boilers are heating an empty space in the meantime in order to gain accreditation and payments under the NI NDRHI scheme.

We identified three installations at the postcode [REDACTED]

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All are approved and all have the same authorised signatory [REDACTED]. We have spoken to Shaneigh Turner in the audit team regarding the possibility of auditing these installations. Shaneigh advised that there is currently no capacity for more Northern Ireland audits. This referral will be closed with no further action taken, for the following reasons:

- The applications have been approved, so we are unable to ask the participant for further evidence of non-domestic eligible heat use;
- There is currently no capacity to conduct further Northern Ireland audits;
- If audits were to go ahead, it is highly unlikely that any action could be taken based on their findings. If the audits found that the non-domestic space did not currently contain poultry, for example, this would not be evidence that the shed had did not contain poultry at all other times.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the above.

Thanks,

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He is heating an empty shed until he gets new poultry houses built and then he is for moving the boilers to them when they are complete.

His new sheds are under construction so boilers will be moved soon.

This has been planned so he can avail of RHI payments even though his sheds are still not built.