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Hi Martin, Oliver,

I have had confirmation from the policy team that outdoor drying is not permitted under the NI regulations, whether commercial or not, as the September 2013 regulatory amendments allowing such activity applies only to GB installations. Thank you for raising this issue prior to issuing the report, it is much appreciated.

Please could I ask that the non-compliance raised here is worded:

'Non-compliance: wood chip drying facility is not wholly enclosed as per the RHI definition of a building. Remedial action: Ofgem to determine appropriate course of action'.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any further queries.

Kind regards, Nicki

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From: Nicola Percival
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Hi Martin,

Apologies for the late written response here – from my own discussions with reviewers I think that you are correct and it is ineligible heat use under the NI regulations.

However, I am awaiting confirmation of this from the appropriate people in technical. I do not wish to make a final decision on this myself as I have not been involved in NI applications before.

I will come back with a response as soon as possible.

Thanks, Nicki

From: Martin Williams [<mailto:Martin.Williams@ricardo-aea.com>]
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Subject: Northern Ireland audit query.

Dear Nicki,

I carried the four Northern Ireland audits at Commercially sensitive information redacted by the RHI Inquiry last week and there is a possible issue with one of the installations [REDACTED], which I just wanted to discuss with you before compiling the report.

The stated use of heat for the installation is to 'provide heat to a drying shed for the purposes of drying wood chip'. The building in which the drying process takes place is not fully enclosed in it has an open front elevation. This was indicated by the participant at the application stage by means of a photograph and the accreditation team appear to have accepted this as being eligible on the grounds that this can be considered to be commercial drying outside of a building (Reviewer's comments against HH120 of the application refers).

My question though is this - is commercial drying outside a building accepted as an eligible heat use in the Northern Ireland regulations? My understanding (based on reading the Feb 2015 version of the DETI guidance) was that this is was not.

I'd be grateful if you could advise on this.

Best regards,

Martin

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