

**Anaerobic Digestion Strategy and Action Plan
Annual Report on Progress 2012/13**

Supporting Document: Update on Progress on Detailed Actions

Work area: Improving our understanding of the AD landscape					
Number	Task/Issue No	Action to address Issue	Who	When	Update on Progress
1	KUL 1.1	Agree and publish on the existing Anaerobic Digestion (AD) portal a robust baseline that accurately describes the status of the AD industry.	NNFCC and WRAP with ADBA, Water UK, REA	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE. The report, " Anaerobic digestion infrastructure in the UK: September 2011 ", (available on the AD portal) provides a baseline for AD infrastructure in the UK. NNFCC and WRAP will continue to report on the status of the industry through the AD portal.
2	KUL 1.2	Continue to update the AD landscape information that is accessible via the AD portal. In the short term (1yr-18 months) continue to monitor planned developments for AD and provide accessible data via periodic regional summaries. In the longer term work with ADBA and REA to develop an industry led mechanism e.g. the ADBA best practice scheme, to provide data to monitor the development of the AD industry.	NNFCC and WRAP , increasingly supported and then delivered via industry and trade body data collection	Ongoing	ONGOING There are currently 110 operational facilities. A further 100+ plants have received planning permission. WRAP and NNFCC continue to work together to keep the AD database up-to-date.
3	KUL 1.3	Add to the information currently accessed via the AD portal by collating robust data on the associated benefits of AD e.g. number of jobs created, renewable energy generated, Green House Gas (GHG) reduction, etc. Make this information available via the portal.	WRAP with DECC/Defra (with support from NNFCC, ADBA, REA and SLR)	April 2012	ACTION COMPLETE The AD database has been extended to include details of the benefits where this information is available for AD sites. Collection of data is ongoing with information added to the AD portal as and when it becomes available.
4	KUL 1.4	Agree and publish via the portal the collated matrix of ongoing work on AD in the UK.	Defra , NNFCC to publish via the AD portal	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The " Matrix of research and development work " (available on the AD portal) will continue to be updated as information on new research and development work becomes available.
5	KUL 2	Collate and make available data and information sources on feedstocks for AD using the AD portal.	WRAP with support from ADBA/REA and government	April 2012	ACTION COMPLETE The food waste portal signposts sources of information on potential feedstocks for AD
6	KUL 3	Build on the work that has already been undertaken and published by WRAP on commercial food waste collection. Taking this forwards, provide a tool for both businesses and collectors to determine the costs involved in commercial collection schemes and provide successful demonstration projects to provide further evidence for those considering implementing commercial collection. Understand what actions are required and by whom and what the priorities should be to ensure that commercial collections become widespread. Links to action 38 which will evaluate the role of purpose grown crops for energy.	WRAP , ESA, CIWM, ADBA, REA Biogas (with support from industry including FDF, PDM, BHA, ORA)	December 2011	ACTION COMPLETE WRAP has launched a fund for demonstration projects aiming to enable food waste to be collected more efficiently from businesses, thereby increasing take up of collections and feedstocks for AD.

7	KUL 4	Undertake an economic study to evaluate the different possible business models for AD. Undertake a full and detailed review of the supply chain options for AD, applying the existing models to determine the likely impact of achieving a range of scenarios.	WRAP , DECC and NNFCC, Trade associations	April 2012	IN PROGRESS WRAP issued a tender in December 2012 for a gap analysis of existing AD financial business planning tools. Final report in preparation for publishing.
Work area: Building UK Skills					
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8	KUS 1.1	Agree and finalise the training provision matrix created by the working group members (include as an appendix) and maintain it as a live document published via the NNFCC AD portal as appropriate training and skills development courses become available. Links to these will be created.	CIWM , ADDBA, EU skills, NNFCC, NFU	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The "AD training and skills matrix" has been published via the AD portal. The matrix will continue to be updated as information on new appropriate training and skills development courses become available.
9	KUS 1.2	Develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) to cover the AD process in more detail. Current NOS cover the management of the process inputs/outputs only and not the actual AD process - new standards will be based on Operating Process Plant already in use in the water Industry.	EU Skills to lead if demand is quantified from industry. To be developed during 2011-12 with employers (other relevant bodies to assist where appropriate with aggregating demand e.g. CIWM, WAMITAB, ADDBA)	March 2012	ACTION COMPLETE EU Skills project to develop NOS for anaerobic digestion concluded in March 2013. EU Skills have subsequently carried out a review of the 'anaerobic digestion' suite of national occupational standards to establish if any meaningful "gaps" in performance and knowledge criteria exist within them.
10	KUS 1.3	Collate data from other workstreams to assess potential demand for skilled personnel (builders, operators, planners, regulators etc). Use this data to understand where the training and standards gaps are and the size of the potential market for training. Ensure that this data is disseminated so that new providers may enter the market, and develop bespoke training packages if required. This is a project that would require funding to carry out and would include as outcomes an LMI (Labour Market Investigation) and an OFM (Occupational Function Map) to be developed by the AD industry.	EU Skills , SSC Network, ADDBA, CIWM	December 2011	NOT BEING TAKEN FORWARD Delivery of this action depended on funding for EU Skills which was not received.
11	KUS 1.4	Investigate if there is a need, and if so develop qualifications (in addition to the technical competence qualifications) for the operation of the AD Process using the National Occupational Standards.	Awarding Organisations (e.g. WAMITAB – accreditation of qualifications will be subject to ability to demonstrate demand).	2011/12 - after NOS have been developed	IN PROGRESS Delivery of this action depended on delivery of the NOS(action 9). Now that this has been done, awarding organisations can consider whether development of qualifications and training is necessary.
12	KUS 1.5	Trade associations to work with their members to identify training needs and then to work with training providers to develop training courses (links to the matrix above).	ADDBA to co-ordinate via existing work programme, CIWM, WRAP and other training providers, REA, ESA, Water UK, AFOR, EU skills (N.B. actual provision will be subject to demand).	Some courses currently being developed, others will follow subject to demand.	ONGOING Training courses continue to be developed subject to needs (e.g. WRAP course on "How to market, distribute and utilise anaerobic digestate in agriculture", May 2012)

13	KUS 1.6	Identify if there are any specific training/skills requirements regarding utilisation of gas/power.	EU Skills , in consultation with the gas and power sectors.	2011/12 – may be done as part of development of NOS	ACTION COMPLETE No specific skills/ training requirements have been identified following consultation with employers within the Gas/ Power industry. This action will be considered further as part of the development of the AD National Occupational Standards.
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14	KUS 2.1	Publish factsheets explaining Operator Competence requirement for permitted facilities, contextualised specific to AD. Use AD Portal.	NNFCC , CIWM, WAMITAB, EU Skills, EA	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE Relevant information is available in the Operator Competence Section of the AD Portal.
15	KUS 2.2	Produce information sheet outlining key Health and Safety (H&S) regulations relevant to AD and specific training required (check list) and identify a mechanism (repository) for making this info sheet available along with sign posting to existing training and training providers – liaise with NNFCC to use the AD Portal.	ADBA , NFU, WRAP, HSE, CIWM, EA, NNFCC, REA	September 2011	IN PROGRESS An information sheet outlining key Health and Safety (H&S) regulations and a checklist relevant to AD specific training (“competency skills matrix”) have been published on the ADBA website . A mechanism for making this information available along with signposting to existing trainings and training providers has been identified by adding to the matrix. Work is currently under way and scheduled to conclude by December 2012.
16	KUS 2.3	Identify and promote tangible benefits of a trained and competent workforce and then communicate via AD industry and AD Portal. To include case studies. Link to other work streams e.g. Regulation and Finance. Follow example of a competency accord which has been developed by the energy industry or the following developed by the water industry - national water hygiene competent operator and drainage schemes. Also Renewable UK and Wind and Marine Energy Competency Accord signed by Wind employers.	EU Skills in consultation with Waste Industry Skills Group, Waste Industry Sills Initiative, SSC Network, ADBA, REA, NFU, CIWM etc	December 2011	ACTION COMPLETE A study on behalf of the National Apprenticeship Service demonstrated the value of apprenticeships to employers. Further information is available on the National Apprenticeships Service website. Apprenticeship case studies have been identified and are available on the EU Skills website. Information on relevant initiatives such as the employer-led Talent Bank is also available on the EU Skills website
17	KUS 2.4	Scope potential for a framework where demonstration / accreditation of training and competence is key to acquiring financial investment.	ADBA safety and training working group	In progress	ONGOING Progress so far includes - the production of due diligence templates that include a ‘running and managing the plant’ section; the production of a ‘competency and skills matrix’ that shows where different skill levels are needed across a plant; and best practice development. Information is available on the ADBA website .
18	KUS 3	Build on existing projects (e.g. The RESCO project in the west midlands where manufacturers are being encouraged to convert their existing skills to make products for AD plants). Promote this work and identify replicability across the UK manufacturing sector.	ADBA	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The RESCO model has been widely publicised at ADBA’s industry events, including UK AD & Biogas 2011 and the ADBA National Conference in December 2011. RESCO and RESCO events have also been featured on the ADBA website.
Work area: Building safe and secure markets for digestate					
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19	KUD 1.1	Collate and publish experience of digestate enhancement and the development of novel digestate products.	WRAP, IEA, UKWIR, REA, ADBA Research Institutions	March 2012	ACTION COMPLETE A final report on enhancement techniques and novel digestates products was published on the WRAP website in November 2012.
20	KUD 1.2	Obtain and publish empirical evidence from the UK for benefits of different kinds of digestate in different markets such as landscape and regeneration or horticulture.	WRAP, NNFCC, IEA, UKWIR, BioCompost Alliance, Research Institutions	Ongoing – complete March 2014	IN PROGRESS Actions 20, 22 and 23 are closely related and are therefore considered together. Monitoring continues on the joint WRAP/Defra agricultural digestate field experiments. The Programme has recently been extended to include extra research into ammonia emissions. A Review of the landscape and regeneration digestate field trials was carried out in April 2013 based on activities and results from 2012 - some trials will not progress into the final year as sufficient data has been captured. The 4 feasibility studies into the use of digestate in horticultural applications will conclude over the summer. The annotated bibliography project which will detail empirical evidence in line with Action 20 will conclude shortly.
21	KUD 2.1	Define different market expectations / requirements for product quality.	WRAP (with input from relevant user groups)	Ongoing – complete March 2012	ACTION COMPLETE A final report was published on the WRAP website in March 2013.
22	KUD 2.2	Collate and publicise existing data on digestate characteristics (including benefits and safety) and use.	WRAP, REAL, IEA, NNFCC, BioCompost Alliance, UKWIR, CLA	March 2012	IN PROGRESS Action linked to Actions 20 and 23. WRAP published a report on “Compost and anaerobic digestate quality for Welsh agriculture” in September 2011. The report was commissioned to close gaps in the understanding of compost and digestate quality, to build confidence amongst potential compost and digestate users, and to identify any specific areas where improvements in quality might be considered desirable.
23	KUD 2.3	Obtain field evidence for benefits and safety of digestates in different markets.	WRAP, UKWIR, IEA, BioCompost Alliance, Research Institutions, EA,	Ongoing - complete March 2013	See Action 20

24	KUD 2.4	Where lacking, collate or procure research to provide data on (e.g.) processing impacts on hazards of known concern to specific market sectors.	WRAP, Defra, Research Institutions	Ongoing – complete March 2014	IN PROGRESS Two research projects carried out into the fate of Clostridium botulinum in AD are currently concluding. Conclusions discussed with the Food Standards Agency (ACMSF). The conclusions will also be shared with colleagues at Defra, the AHVLA, Scottish and Welsh governments and it is expected that this work will be published later in 2013. Research previously carried out into the fate of common agricultural pests and diseases in AD systems is informing the current review of the BSI PAS 110, particularly in relation to questions about the pasteurisation requirement.
25	KUD 2.5	Work with retail and farm assurance sectors to ensure that required tools are in place to allow these sectors to endorse the use of digestates in food production systems and to communicate the benefits of digestates to consumers.	WRAP, FSA, REA, ADBA, AFOR, BRC, IGD	March 2013	IN PROGRESS A matrix for the use of digestate ("Biofertiliser matrix") is currently being developed with input from the Food Standards Agency and a wide range of other food-chain stakeholders. Supporting evidence provided to FSA technical committees
26	KUD 2.6	Provide robust data that can be included in farm nutrient planning tools such as PLANET and RB209 when these tools are periodically revised.	WRAP, NFU, Defra, ADBA, RB209, MANURE, Defra Nutrient Management	March 2013	COMPLETE Data has been provided to Defra from the digestate studies. The recent update to the popular online fertiliser planning tool, MANNER-NPK, included food-based digestate for the first time. The WRAP/Defra " Digestate & Compost in Agriculture " project continues to generate data for this action.
27	KUD 2.7	Work with organic bodies and the European Commission to clarify the acceptability of digestates derived from non-household food sources on organic land.	WRAP, Organic cert bodies, Defra	Originally March 2013, reclassified as Ongoing	ONGOING This relates to the acceptability of digestates on Organic holdings, specifically targeted at the interpretation of household food waste in the European Organic Production Regulation (EC No. 889/2008). Re-classified as ongoing since timing depends on EU Commission priorities. WRAP are working with the Defra policy team to ensure that issues around digestate are reflected in the UK position on the review.
28	KUD 2.8	Agree and publish a dictionary of terms for the AD industry to reduce confusion. Build on the dictionary published in the PAS110 documentation. Make this dictionary accessible via the AD portal.	ADBA, REA, AFOR, IEA, ESA, NFU, NNfCC	March 2012	COMPLETE The dictionary was published in June 2012.
29	KUD 2.9	Collate and publicise existing data on the benefits of different digestate distribution models (e.g. service or product solution).	WRAP, REA, ADBA, AFOR	December 2011	IN PROGRESS A study of the benefits of different digestate distribution models has been carried out. The final project report is due for publication imminently

Work area: Raising awareness of AD

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30	WMA 1	Collate and publish a library of case studies from all types of AD operation. The library should cover all types of AD operation from those processing material generated on a single farm to large mixed waste merchant operations. Specifically, exploit and promote the key findings from the Environmental Transformation Fund demonstration projects.	NNFCC to publish via the AD portal and collate input from everyone in possession of case studies	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE A page dedicated to case studies is available on the AD portal. The library will be expanded as further case studies become available.
31	WMA 2	Develop a set of tools that can be used by all those involved in planning, procuring, delivering and operating AD including local communities. The toolkit should build on existing work that has been undertaken on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government, work already being done by ADBA and REA workgroups and others, e.g. the ADBA buyers guide. The toolkit should cover as many aspects of the development and use of AD as possible and could be developed in a phased approach.	ADBA, WRAP, NFU, EA, ESA, LGA, REA. Publicise via the AD portal	March 2012	IN PROGRESS A bid for funding under the EU Life+ for Best Practice project was unsuccessful. Alternative options for delivering this action are being considered.
32	WMA 3	Establish a viable Challenge Fund to further the development of AD. The fund should cover the use of AD in all sectors - farm and community type projects as well as larger, more commercial operations. The fund should be focussed on challenging the cost of AD technology, and improving the efficiency of AD. Funding will come from diverse sources. In the medium to long term the fund should include financial contributions from sources such as direct industry sponsorship. Develop a clear dialogue between research bodies and industry to ensure that market needs are underpinned by relevant R&D.	WRAP, ENA, Water and AD Industry	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE WRAP have launched the "Driving Innovation in AD" programme. Phase 1 has two strands, (i) optimising processing and product manufacture at all scales of AD, and (ii) reducing the costs and complexity of small scale AD. Phase 2 of the programme was launched this year. Information on the programme and its progress is available on the WRAP website .
33	WMA 4	Collate and publicise the range of industry awards for which AD is currently eligible and promote them via the AD portal. Establish a new, industry sponsored award for community AD projects.	CIWM, ADBA, REA, AFOR and industry sponsors, NNFCC	May 2012	ACTION COMPLETE Information on industry awards is available on the AD portal .

Work area: Building markets for biomethane for transport fuels

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34	WMB 1	A paper will be produced by the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership which will: -Establish principal opportunities for and demand side barriers to the adoption of biomethane in transport for road haulage -Model the current, and predict the future costs of fuel switching for different fleet operations -Present alternatives for increasing the market for natural gas trucks and the potential impact of interventions -Quantify carbon benefits of biomethane relative to diesel -Examine non-financial barriers and consider approaches to address these.	LCVP, ADBA	September 2011	IN PROGRESS The study is being carried out in two phases. The report " Biomethane for transport: HGV cost modelling " represents the main output of phase 1. Phase 2 of the study will examine the impact of incentives on the uptake of gas as a transport fuel and forecast CO ₂ reductions. Phase 2 is expected to conclude in 2014.
35	WMB 2	This task will consist of three parts: - Analysis of the UK subsidy environment for biomethane - Examination of the costs of using biomethane/compressed natural gas in the transport sector - Establish the scale of the potential supply of biomethane for transport from sources including landfill gas, anaerobic digestion and water treatment works.	DfT with input from industry	April 2012	IN PROGRESS Although to some extent overtaken by other policy initiatives such as the work of Low Emission HGV Taskforce and launch of the Gas Vehicle Hub.

Work area: AD in the rural community

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36	WMR 1.1	To facilitate discussions between Ofgem and industry to address the costs and complexity of injecting biomethane into the gas grid and connecting to the national grid for small scale electricity generators.	DECC and Ofgem	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The OFGEM Review Group on Energy Market Issues for Biomethane Projects concluded its work in May 2012. Recommendations from the report were sent to DECC and OFGEM. Information on the work of the Review Group, including a copy of the report, is available on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters' website .

37	WMR 1.2	To promote to industry the benefits of schemes that will encourage and enable the use of biomethane injected into the grid.	Each trade association will promote and develop its own scheme for the benefit of the industry.	Ongoing	ONGOING Trade associations continue to develop and publicise schemes to support the use of biomethane into the grid (e.g. REA - Green Gas Certification Scheme ; ADBA is developing a biomethane certificate registry, certification scheme and trading platform to be known as Green Gas Trading Limited
38	WMR 2.1	Hold a workshop on 'The sustainability and role of the use of purpose-grown crops as a feedstock for AD. A summary of the findings of the workshop will be produced and published. The workshop will bring together all stakeholders, academics, independent experts and Government departments. It will analyse, amongst other elements, current research on the use of energy crop, and examine the economic implications of the use of this feedstock. It will hear evidence from experts and listen to opinion from stakeholders on the work that has already been carried out by different groups from across the industry spectrum.	Defra	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The workshop was held on 7 th November and its findings were shared with stakeholders/ interested parties on 5 th December. The findings of the workshop contributed to the Government Bioenergy Strategy and to the review of the Feeds In Tariffs Scheme. A voluntary code of practice to address the potential risks arising from the use of purpose grown crops in AD is being developed.
39	WMR 2.2	DECC, the Environment Agency and Ofgem are jointly developing an easy to use tool to calculate the lifecycle greenhouse gas savings associated with biomass feedstocks used in the generation of electricity, heat and combined heat and power. The tool will cover the cultivation, processing and transport emissions for solid and gaseous biomass feedstocks, apart from landfill gas, sewage gas and wastes such as municipal solid waste. DECC, EA and Ofgem will publicise the tool when it is made available online.	DECC, EA and Ofgem	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE The UK Biomass and Biogas Carbon Calculator was published on the OFGEM website . The calculator was publicised through the AD portal, the DECC website and dedicated sites.
40	WMR 3	Establish a Defra led working group to consider the current opportunities for supporting good practice on farms and the environmental benefits of on-farm AD including GHG reduction, good nutrient management, soil and water quality improvements and the displacement of inorganic fertilisers. The group will publish the findings of this work and set a timetable for addressing potential opportunities within the review periods for relevant instruments.	Defra, ADBA	September 2011	IN PROGRESS Action put on hold to focus on and address follow-up actions arising from the workshop on "the sustainability and role of the use of purpose-grown crops as a feedstock for AD" (Action 38).
41	WMR 4	Produce and publish a brochure on the economic viability of small and micro scale AD.	IEA Bioenergy Task 37	April 2012	IN PROGRESS A technical brochure on the availability and viability of small scale (<100kw) biogas plants is being produced but has been delayed. Expected to be produced by the end of 2013. A webpage on the IEA website with case studies will also be produced.
Work area: Finance					
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42	RFF 1.1	Compile a consolidated list of financial schemes available to AD projects which can be used in conjunction with debt and equity funding. Publicise the consolidated list and encourage industry to access the funds.	ADBA to set up a mechanism to collate and publicise the information and to ensure it is kept up to date	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE A consolidated list of financial schemes available to AD projects is available on the ADBA website .
43	RFF 1.2	To investigate the case for possible intervention, in the form of innovative financial products, to encourage investment in AD projects.	BIS Green Investment Bank team	March 2012	ACTION COMPLETE The Government started investing in green infrastructure projects, ahead of obtaining state aid approval for the Green Investment Bank (GIB). State aid approval was received in October 2012. Commercial and industrial waste processing and recycling, and energy from waste generation, represent priority sectors for the GIB.

44	RFF 1.3	Trade associations to collate and put forward evidence to Government to simplify the Enhanced Capital Allowances scheme by considering AD on a project basis. Currently, the eligible components of an AD plant are listed individually and are spread over ma	ADBA in collaboration with BDO Accountants and consulting with the REA biogas group membership	July 2011 – work has commenced with Accountants	ACTION COMPLETE Collated evidence was submitted as part of ADBA's response to the HM Treasury consultation on 'Capital Allowances: feed-in tariffs and the renewable heat incentive'.
45	RFF 1.4	Investigate other standard financial products already available (e.g. for small scale wind) and establish whether any of the best practice/structures can be used in the AD sector, to fund small scale plants through to large scale.	ADBA finance forum, in collaboration with government, the funding community and input from agricultural sector as likely operators of plants	December 2011	ACTION COMPLETE No existing standard financial products have been identified that can be applied to the AD sector. The scope of this action Therefore changed to the gathering of case studies on financial models for AD. ADBA have published studies on their website.
46	RFF 2	To help the development of additional AD capacity through new loan fund to help stimulate investment in AD infrastructure.	WRAP	September 2011	ACTION COMPLETE A £10 million loan fund designed to support the development of new AD capacity in England was launched in July 2011. Two loans have been made to date.
47	RFF 3	Provision of agreed standard due diligence templates for the industry to use as guidelines and best practice and the production of a standard set of legal documentation.	ADBA , relevant Government departments, key funding organisations including VCTs, equity funders and mainstream banks	ONGOING	ONGOING Due diligence templates have been produced and are available on the ADBA website . A standard set of legal documentation is being produced. Legal documentation will be kept under review to reflect regulatory developments/ changes.
48	RFF 4	Delivery of stakeholder meetings designed for the finance community. Provide a suitable forum for general communications, dispute resolution and proactive management of key issues. ADBA already undertake such workshops.	ADBA with DECC, WRAP, Defra, BIS	ONGOING	ONGOING The finance forum set up by ADBA in 2010 continues to be held on a regular basis. It brings together representatives from the main banks and venture capital community with a view to raising awareness of AD across the finance sector and helping to remove barriers to funding AD projects.
Work area: Regulation					
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49	RFR 1.1	Extend the availability of Standard Rules for AD. The EA have previously consulted on a revision of the standard rules permit for AD. The results of this consultation have now been published and revised standard rules will be published and will take effect from the beginning of August 2011.	EA	August 2011	ACTION COMPLETE Standard Rules (SR) 2010 No. 16 - 'On-farm anaerobic digestion facility including use of the resultant biogas' have been revised following public consultation. The revised standard rules are available on the EA website . A review of waste types eligible for SR approach will be carried out as part of the review of all SRs.

50	RFR 1.2	The EA will continue its work on the consideration of waste types for inclusion in AD. It will use its risk based regulatory approach to ensure the right outcomes and link this work to the consideration and revision of the AD Quality Protocol.	<u>EA</u>	September 2011	IN PROGRESS Actions 50 and 51 are closely related and are therefore being taken forward together. Work is under way to establish a standardised methodology for assessing the suitability of proposed new waste types for AD, composting and other biological treatments. A project to gather the evidence to underpin this approach is nearing completion. The EA is about to complete a review of the Quality Protocol for digestate. WRAP are reviewing the PAS 110 and are expecting to complete this work in Autumn 2013.
51	RFR 1.3	Extend PAS 110. The EA have now set up a Special Interest Group in order to progress submissions for new waste streams and end uses for digestate which allows PAS110 certification. The EA will update their website providing a proforma and guidance for additional waste and end use submissions.	<u>EA</u>	September 2011	IN PROGRESS Refer to update on Action 50
52	RFR 1.4	Transfer of feedstock and digestate between farms. The EA will consider the recommendations that were raised by stakeholders and will complete a review and identify recommendations and actions to be taken forwards.	<u>EA</u>	September 2011	COMPLETE Research on need for pasteurisation completed. EA have made recommendations to Defra on the basis of this work
53	RFR 1.5	Ensure regulatory tools for AD are fit for purpose for delivering the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). The EA will deliver proportional and risk-based delivery of the IED in advance of when the IED takes effect for new and existing AD operators.	<u>EA</u>	January 2013 (for new installations) Jan 2014 (existing installations) July 2015 (newly prescribed activities)	ACTION COMPLETE The EA set up a project group to deliver against the IED. The EA consulted on standards rules for IED installations in June 2012. EA published a summary of the consultation in November 2012
54	RFR 1.6	Development of a quality protocol on biomethane to establish a point at which biomethane produced from waste feedstocks can be used as a product and is no longer regarded as a waste. Work on this process has been started via the European Pathway to Zero Waste initiative. The process to development is led by a technical advisory group that includes representation from industry as well as from regulators.	<u>EA, EPOW</u>	March 2012	ACTION COMPLETE A draft Quality Protocol on biomethane has been developed with stakeholders. The final version has been circulated to the EU for clearance under the Technical Standards Directive. Once this is received, the QP will come into effect.
55	RFR 2	Clarify the regulation of co-digestion of waste with sewage sludge at sewage treatment works. A task and finish group led by the EA and Water UK has been established. Once the results of this work are fully available, the EA and Defra will work together to further clarify the regulatory position.	<u>Water UK, EA</u>	April 2012	ACTION COMPLETE The EA and Water UK have concluded their work and produced a report on the regulation of sewage sludge and on co-digestion which includes land spreading of the digestate. The findings will be further considered as part of the Defra/EA "Waste to land" project looking at the effects of all materials to land.
56	RFR 3	Facilitate a forum/hold regular meetings to discuss and understand planning reforms as they affect AD.	<u>DCLG</u> meeting on planning issues inviting REA, NFU, CLA, ADBA, DCLG, LGA, EA, CIWM etc.	Ongoing	ONGOING A forum has been set up to discuss planning reform and its implications for the AD sector. The first meeting was held in May 2012. Meetings will continue to be held on a regular basis.