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## **Latest Updates from BCS**

### **RBP inoculum inhibition procedure**

Following publication of the Research Hub report titled “Evaluation of the potential for improvement of the Residual Biogas Potential test and investigation of alternative test procedures for ‘End of Waste’ biofertilisers”, the BCS team reviewed the findings and can now confirm that the inoculum inhibition procedure ([found here](#)) will be maintained for the foreseeable future, as no longer a short- or medium-term solution for RBP testing in the event of inoculum inhibition issues.

As part of the Hub project, the use of site inoculum for RBP testing was rigorously evaluated against alternative methodologies. The project confirmed that this approach remains the most reliable and robust method for ensuring accurate and consistent results in the RBP test. Its effectiveness in mitigating inhibition risks and providing dependable assessments of digestate stability was clearly demonstrated.

This decision underscores the scheme's commitment to evidence-based methodologies that align with industry needs and environmental objectives, ensuring that biofertiliser Operators' can continue to rely on a consistent and scientifically validated approach.

For further details, please contact [oliver@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:oliver@realschemes.org.uk).

### **In-person Forum meeting**

BCS is exploring the possibility of hosting an in-person BCS Operators' Forum meeting in 2025 due to the suggestion put forward by attendees of the winter CCS and BCS forum meetings. We would greatly value your input into the decision we take.

Holding the Forum in person offers a unique opportunity to foster relationships and allows attendees to engage more quickly and easily in conversations with many participants. Face-to-face interaction helps to create a more collaborative environment, enabling richer discussions and a deeper understanding of the issues that matter most to the Scheme. It also provides an ideal setting for networking and exchanging ideas in a more dynamic and engaging way.

### **Potential locations include**

- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Cardiff
- Edinburgh
- London
- Manchester

The forum will take place in both May and October and details can be found on our website [here](#). We will look to hold one in-person and one remote this year if possible.

If you would be interested in attending, please click the link below to complete a short survey. Your responses will play an important role in shaping the planning process for this event.

Click [here](#) to fill out the survey