



Bryn Compost Liaison Group

Liaison Group Meeting – 21st February 2017

Introduction

In total, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) received 22 complaints from 1st November 2016 to 31st January 2017. The majority of these complaints were received during November with a total of 12 complaints. The most significant number of complaints were received on 30th November, with a total of 6 complaints.

NRW Responses

As discussed at the previous Bryn Compost Liaison Group meeting on 7th November 2016, NRW had come to an agreement with the operator regarding Schedule 5 notifications. This has meant that during the previous 3 months, the operator has been submitting notifications to NRW and the Local Authority prior to a compost or farming related activity that could cause odour emissions. This has helped inform incident response procedures to ensure the correct authority is responding to investigate.

On 30th November, NRW received 6 complaints but the operator submitted a notification to NRW and the Local Authority stating that the cattle sheds were being cleaned out. NRW has a total of 2 Schedule 5 notifications that have been linked to composting activities in the past 3 months and the number of complaints have remained relatively low.

Key Data

	Total complaints	Complaints attended	Complaints Not Attended	Substantiated compost odours	Substantiated farm odours	Odour Not Identified	Compost Odour Events
November 2017	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 2017	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
January 2017	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	0	0	0	0	0	0

Schedule 5 Notifications

NRW has received a total of 13 Schedule 5 notification in the past 3 months, the majority of which were linked to farming activities. 2 notifications were related to waste activities and both were linked to IVC building maintenance. NRW received one complaint on the 23rd January which may have been attributed to maintenance of the IVC building door. NRW made a risk based decision not to attend on this occasion.

