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Dear Mr Hutchings,

Thank you for your letter of 5 September about proposed changes to Compost and Anaerobic Digestion Resource Frameworks.

The Environment Agency (EA) postponed the publication of the new Resource Frameworks on 8 August 2025 specifically to address the concerns outlined in your letter.

I understand that, on 8 September 2025, the EA technical specialists met with representatives from the REA, Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL), and the Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA) to work through these issues in detail. Following that meeting, the EA received and accepted revised wording from the REA, REAL, and ADBA, which has now been incorporated into the updated Resource Frameworks. These are currently with the EA's publishing team for release.

In addition, the EA is preparing to publish a Regulatory Position Statement to support the very small number of operators, identified through the REA's own data, who may not be able to meet the updated storage requirements set out in the Frameworks, and will give them time to apply for the appropriate permits.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, Richard Fairweather, Senior Advisor in Resource Frameworks, is happy to talk with you. You can contact Richard at [richard.fairweather@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:richard.fairweather@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me about this important issue.

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