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The weekly newsletter from the *associate*
Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group



This newsletter is produced by PRASEG for distribution to members once a week. PRASEG seeks to provide readers with news and parliamentary information related to renewable and sustainable energy issues.

PRASEG is a cross-party parliamentary group with 126 parliamentary and 250 industry members. If you would like to become a member, please contact Rose Dickinson, the PRASEG Coordinator, at info@praseg.org.uk. For further information on the group, visit the PRASEG website at www.praseg.org.uk.

18th March 2011: This Week's Headlines...

Social policy expert appointed to lead independent Fuel Poverty Review

[DECC](#) - [Energy Efficiency News](#)

Greg Barker outlines proposals to protect green electricity scheme

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Huhne orders UK nuclear power review

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Upcoming PRASEG Events

PRASEG and FPEEG Seminar

Tackling fuel poverty: the role of the new Energy Company Obligation

Date: 30th March 2011

Time: 09.00 - 11.00

Location: Wilson Room, Portcullis House

Speakers: Tracy Vegro, Director, Energy Efficiency and Consumers, Department of Energy and Climate Change or David Purdy, Head of Insulation and Delivery, Department of Energy and Climate Change.

Chair: Alan Whitehead MP



PRASEG and CCC Seminar

The CCC's Renewable Energy Review



Date: 11th May 2011

Time: 09.00 - 11.00

Location: Atlee Suite, Portcullis House

Speakers: TBC

Chair: Alan Whitehead MP

PRASEG, The Royal Academy of Engineering, and the All Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group Reception

The Offshore Wind Supply Chain

Date: 13th June 2011

Time: 16.00 - 18.00

Location: Dining Room A, House of Commons

Speakers: Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change

Save the Date!

PRASEG Solar PV Forum Reception

Date: 22nd June 2011

Time: 16:00 - 18:00

Location: Members Dining Room, House of Commons

Speakers: TBC



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PRASEG Annual Conference 2011 Delivering Low Carbon Energy – Electricity Market Reform and Beyond



Date: 7th July 2011

Time: 9:00 - 17:00

Location: One Great George Street

Confirmed Speakers: Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change; Tim Yeo MP, Chair, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee; Meg Hillier MP, Shadow Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change; Caroline Lucas MP, Leader, Green Party. *Other speakers TBC.*

2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

Headline news

Social policy expert appointed to lead independent Fuel Poverty Review - Monday, 14th March 2011

Social policy expert Professor John Hills has been appointed by Chris Huhne to lead an independent Review of the fuel poverty target and definition, [DECC](#) - [Energy Efficiency News](#)

Greg Barker outlines proposals to protect green electricity scheme - Friday, 18th March 2011

- Reduced tariffs for over-50kW solar
- Increased support for farm-scale anaerobic digestion

Proposals to reduce the financial support available to larger scale solar-produced electricity have been published by the Government today as part of plans to protect financial support for homes, communities and small businesses, [DECC](#) - [Ministerial Statement](#)

Huhne orders UK nuclear power review - Friday, 18th March 2011

Energy minister Chris Huhne last night held crisis talks with top-ranking British nuclear experts to assess the impact of the Japanese nuclear disaster on the UK's power supplies, [Edie](#) - [BBC](#) - [Politics.co.uk](#) - [Independent](#)

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Other news

UK microgeneration tracker offers insight for feed-in tariff review - Friday, 18th March 2011

AEA launches online tool to track uptake of feed-in tariffs and speed of small-scale renewable energy deployment, [BusinessGreen](#)

Climate change could spell the end for nuclear power, not vice versa - Friday, 18th March 2011

Julian Glover says of the Fukushima crisis: "This accident may prove nothing but could signify everything: the illogical fear that the nuclear genie can never be controlled", [Guardian](#)



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Clarity for customers is key for RHI success - Friday, 18th March 2011

The debate will continue over renewable heat and power - over the technologies themselves and the levels of subsidy provided by Feed-in Tariffs and the newly-announced Renewable Heat Incentive - but the simple fact is we need to get our houses in order - literally in some cases - if we're to make a real difference to bills and carbon emissions, [BusinessGreen](#)

IAEA: Japan in race against time to control nuclear crisis - Friday, 18th March 2011

UN nuclear chief urges Japan to provide more information as trucks douse reactor at Fukushima No 1 plant with water, [Guardian](#)

Quiet voices must be heeded to avert a future Fukushima - Friday, 18th March 2011

Japan's nuclear disaster shows us false assurances are counter-productive. Risky technologies must be debated honestly, [Guardian](#)

Wind power cheaper than nuclear, says EU climate chief - Friday, 18th March 2011

Connie Hedegaard says declining cost of offshore wind energy makes it genuine alternative to crisis-hit nuclear industry, [BusinessGreen](#)

Kenya's largest wind farm delayed until 2013 - Friday, 18th March 2011

First power from 300MW Lake Turkana wind farm pushed back as investors struggle to gain support from government, [BusinessGreen](#)

Demand management proves there is such a thing as a free lunch - Friday, 18th March 2011

Too good to be true" - an aphorism that has had businessmen looking for "the catch" since time immemorial. But the prospect of the demand management payments such as those offered by KiWi Power brings another trite saying to mind: "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth, [BusinessGreen](#)

Shadow flicker: rotating blades can cause headaches - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Shadow flicker is the flickering effect caused when rotating wind turbine blades periodically cast shadows through constrained openings such as the windows of neighbouring properties, [Telegraph](#)

Can wind farms really make you ill? The evidence - Thursday, 17th March 2011

[Telegraph](#)

10MW tidal power station gets Scottish government's approval - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Underwater power station to generate enough energy for 10,000 Hebridean homes, and some distilleries, [Guardian](#)

Nuclear power - tragedy and choice - Thursday, 17th March 2011

My heart goes out to the brave technicians battling to prevent meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant complex in Japan. It is a unique concatenation of tragedies for Japan that on top of a devastating earthquake and tsunami, it faces the prospect of the sterilisation of a part of Hachirogata Island as a result of nuclear fallout - if the critical state of the nuclear cores in at least two of the reactors cannot be brought under control, [Alan's Energy Blog/ BusinessGreen](#)

"World's largest" tidal array gains approval from Scottish government - Thursday, 17th March 2011

A giant £40m tidal energy project planned for the Islay Sound has today received planning permission from the Scottish Government, delivering a major step forward for the UK's nascent renewable marine power sector, [BusinessGreen](#)

German nuclear shutdown set to send emissions soaring - Thursday, 17th March 2011



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Three-month hiatus in nuclear output could see eight million tonnes of carbon emitted as fossil fuels plug energy gap, [BusinessGreen](#)

Why birds crash into wind turbines - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Professor Graham Martin at the University of Birmingham said large birds of prey and sea birds are particularly vulnerable to crashing into man made structures, [Telegraph](#)

Eaga bags £300m for solar panel project - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Mixture of debt and equity means company is set to install PV on 30,000 homes across UK, [BusinessGreen](#)

Eaga Gets 300 Million Pounds Funding for U.K. Solar Photovoltaic Project - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Eaga Plc (EAGA) signed equity and debt financing documentation for its solar project, [Bloomberg](#)

Huhne promises nuclear safety review will be completed within months - Thursday, 17th March 2011

Energy and climate change secretary says government should "not rush to judgment" following crisis in Japan, [BusinessGreen](#)

Japan nuclear crisis prompts surging investor confidence in renewables - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

As Japan's nuclear crisis unfolds, energy and environmental experts said that investor confidence in the technology was already beginning to wane, with renewable energy and fossil fuels the likely beneficiaries, [BusinessGreen](#)

Ministers defend controversial solar incentive review - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

But solar firms claim Minister's "gaffe" over feed-in tariff bands requires immediate clarification, [BusinessGreen](#)

Major tidal energy scheme set for waters off Islay - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

A major tidal energy project is to be built in the Sound of Islay off the west coast of Scotland, [BBC](#)

RWE Halts Biblis A Nuclear Reactor in Germany Today, Data Show - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

RWE AG (RWE), Germany's second-biggest utility, halted its 1,167-megawatt Biblis A nuclear reactor today at 3 p.m., according to generation data from the company on [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg](#)

China halts new nuclear build as Japan crisis worsens - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

Third blast and fires at Fukushima prompt China's State Council to suspend approval for new plants until improved safety rules are in place, [BusinessGreen](#)

Study rejects wind turbine "shadow flicker" fears - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

The so-called shadow flicker caused by wind turbines does not pose a "significant risk to health" and is not a major issue for UK wind farms, according to a new independent study, [BusinessGreen](#)

E.ON Begins Isar Reactor Halt as Germany Plans Safety Check - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

E.ON AG (EOAN), Germany's largest utility, was the first nuclear power plant operator to start the halt of a facility in the country after Chancellor Angela Merkel ordered safety checks at the country's seven oldest reactors, [Bloomberg](#)

Britain should not be afraid of nuclear power - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

The earthquake and tsunami in Japan are tragedies of enormous proportions. Hundreds of thousands of people will need help in rebuilding their lives, and governments around the world will want to do all they can to help, [Telegraph](#)

EDF Says Nuclear Industry in Difficult Position After Japan - Wednesday, 16th March 2011



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Electricite de France SA Chief Executive Officer Henri Proglio said explosions at Japanese nuclear reactors have put the atomic industry in a “difficult situation”, [Bloomberg](#)

China suspends approval for nuclear projects - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

The Chinese government on Wednesday suspended the approval process for all new nuclear power plants until safety standards were “revised”, amid concerns triggered by safety fears in Japan’s nuclear facilities, [TheHindu](#)

Oettinger pushes for stress tests of Europe’s nuclear plants - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger called at a hastily-convened meeting of ministers yesterday (15 March) for the introduction of safety “stress tests” at nuclear power plants in Europe, [EurActiv](#)

Barack Obama to press ahead with plans to build new nuclear power stations - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

The US plans to push forward with plans for a new generation of nuclear reactors, a top government official said, even as Japan struggles to contain a potential nuclear meltdown in the aftermath of Friday’s earthquake, [Telegraph](#)

Wind turbine shadow flicker study published - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

An independent research study into the phenomenon of shadow flicker from wind turbines was today published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change, [DECC](#)

Alberta tar sands pipeline project delayed - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

The Obama administration ordered additional environmental reviews before a final decision, due at the end of the year.44 GMT, [Guardian](#)

Wind installations to rise 40GW over 2011 - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

Global Wind Energy Council cites \$96bn investment over last year as evidence industry is over the financial crisis, [BusinessGreen](#)

Partisan battle turns green city grey - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

Copenhagen’s ambitious plans to become Europe’s first zero-carbon city by 2025 have been thrown into doubt by a party political row - and windmills look set to become the first victims, [EurActiv](#)

Chris Huhne: Japan is a risk to UK nuclear plans - Wednesday, 16th March 2011

Chris Huhne has admitted that the investment required for Britain’s ambitious nuclear power programme may be hit by the crisis in Japan, [Telegraph](#)

EU to Discuss Nuclear Safety Tomorrow After Earthquake in Japan- Tuesday, 15th March 2011

The European Union called a meeting of the bloc’s energy ministers, power companies and regulators for tomorrow to discuss nuclear safety as Japan struggles with reactors damaged by an earthquake, [Bloomberg](#)

Japan’s Earthquake Threatens Singh’s \$175 Billion Nuclear-Investment Dream - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Manmohan Singh, who risked his premiership to secure India’s access to atomic reactors and supplies, faces opposition to his \$175 billion investment plan after Japan’s strongest earthquake triggered a nuclear accident, [Bloomberg](#)

Industry divided over long-term impact of Japanese nuclear crisis - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

UK nuclear developers counsel caution as experts remain at odds over whether disaster will herald global slow-down in nuclear build plans, [BusinessGreen](#)



UK gas prices rise on LNG diversions - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

British wholesale gas prices rose strongly again on Tuesday, with prices for winter 2011/12 surging to record highs of 74.85 pence on growing signs Japan's nuclear crisis will lure liquefied natural gas away from Europe, [Reuters](#)

Alarm bells ring over Europe's nuclear expansion - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

As Japan's nuclear crisis deepens, fears are growing within Europe's wind industry about European Commission plans to put nuclear power on a par with renewable energies in the post-2020 low-carbon environment, [EurActiv](#)

EU plots greener fuel levy and increased coal taxes - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Commissioner Algirdas Semeta plans overhaul of Energy Taxation Directive in a bid to reduce burden on biofuels, [BusinessGreen](#)

UN's nuclear watchdog IAEA under fire over response to Japanese disaster - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

IAEA and Japanese secretary-general accused of ignoring lessons of Chernobyl and letting firms cut corners at Fukushima, [Guardian](#)

Italy: Enel plans to push ahead building Italian nuclear plants - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Enel, Italy's largest electricity producer will go ahead with its plan to play a part in bringing back nuclear power to Italy 24 years after its was banned by a popular referendum, [ADNkronos](#)

Most Germans Want Swift Nuclear Energy Exit, Der Spiegel Says - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

The majority of Germans are in favor of a swift exit from nuclear power, Der Spiegel reported, citing a survey conducted for ARD television by Infratest, [Bloomberg](#)

Nuclear power plants shut down in Germany - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Germany has temporarily shut down seven of its nuclear reactors while it reconsiders its nuclear strategy, [BBC](#)

UK CCS market to top £10bn by 2025 - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Research highlights huge carbon storage potential beneath Moray Firth and predicts industry will support 27,000 jobs by 2020, [BusinessGreen](#)

E.ON 'fingerprints' its copper cables - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Thieves attempting to steal valuable copper wire from the electricity distribution network operated by E.ON, the German utility group, could end up being traced by an invisible liquid, [Telegraph](#)

Stricken Nuclear Plant Rocked by Blasts, Fire - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s stricken nuclear power plant was today rocked by two further explosions and a fire as workers struggled to avert the risk of a meltdown, heightening concern about radiation leaks, [Bloomberg](#)

Industry divided over long-term impact of Japanese nuclear crisis - Tuesday, 15th March 2011

UK nuclear developers counsel caution as experts remain at odds over whether disaster will herald global slow-down in nuclear build plans, [BusinessGreen](#)

Moray Firth rocks 'could store 15 years of carbon emissions' - Monday, 14th March 2011

Scientists estimate the Captain sandstone could hold emissions from power stations in Scotland using carbon capture and storage, [Guardian](#)

European wind energy industry calls for binding 2030 renewables target - Monday, 14th March 2011



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European Wind Energy Association calls for policy certainty beyond 2020, as Siemens, Gamesa and Vestas unveil new turbines, [BusinessGreen](#)

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European Wind Energy Association calls for policy certainty beyond 2020, as Siemens, Gamesa and Vestas unveil new turbines, [BusinessGreen](#)

German Stocks Slide; E.ON, RWE Fall on Nuclear Power-Plant Closure Concern - Monday, 14th March 2011
German stocks fell for a fourth day, led by utilities, after explosions at an atomic power plant in Japan that followed the country's biggest earthquake on record prompted a review of nuclear-energy safety, [Bloomberg](#)

Nuclear crisis forces up UK gas prices - Monday, 14th March 2011
Fukushima nuclear power plant among 11 of Japan's reactors to be shut down, increasing demand for LNG and hiking UK prices, [Guardian](#)

Merkel Puts Plan to Extend Life of Germany's Nuclear Power Plants on Hold - Monday, 14th March 2011
Chancellor Angela Merkel put government plans to prolong the lifespan of Germany's nuclear power plants on hold for three months pending the outcome of an inquiry into reactor safety following the disaster in Japan, [Bloomberg](#)

Swiss suspend nuclear plant process - Monday, 14th March 2011
Energy Minister Doris Leuthard has decided to suspend all current requests to build new replacement nuclear power stations in Switzerland, [SwissInfo](#)

Fukushima blast shows nuclear is not the answer - Monday, 14th March 2011
Inherently risky, water-intensive and unreliable - we must admit we cannot depend on nuclear power, [Guardian](#)

Feed-in tariff U-turn dashes solar hopes for small businesses - Monday, 14th March 2011
Renewable energy subsidy review will cut funding to larger scale 'solar farms' and only domestic installations will be eligible for full subsidy, [Guardian](#)

America's shale gas revolution has an audience from Blackpool to Algeria - Monday, 14th March 2011
The shale revolution sweeping America is one that the rest of the world will have to start paying attention to as the battle for gas steps up, [Telegraph](#)

Beaulieu-Denny inquiry costs top £6 million for grid companies - Monday, 14th March 2011
Scottish Power has asked Ofgem for permission to recover costs of £1.093 million from its customers, [UtilityWeek](#)

Nearly half of NI face fuel poverty - Monday, 14th March 2011
New measures are being put in place to fight fuel poverty over the next four years, [BBC](#)

Germany likely to suspend nuclear plant plans - Monday, 14th March 2011
Angela Merkel expected to put decision to extend life of nuclear plants beyond original shutdown date on hold, [Guardian](#)

Solar power industry set to lock horns with state - Monday, 14th March 2011
Britain's fledgling solar power industry is gearing up for a fight over the Government's review of the solar subsidies scheme, [Independent](#)



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Chris Huhne statement on the nuclear situation in Japan - Monday, 14th March 2011

We take this incident extremely seriously even though there is no reason to expect a similar scale of seismic activity in the UK, [DECC](#)

Chris Huhne gets European support to toughen EU climate targets - Sunday, 13th March 2011

Six other governments agree to join push for target of 30% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, [Guardian](#) - [DECC](#)

Scotland: Renewables loan scheme - Saturday, 12th March 2011

A new £500,000 interest free loan scheme will help householders install green energy generating equipment - and get paid for doing so, [Scotland](#)

Government to appoint 'fuel poverty tsar' - Friday, 11th March 2011

20% of UK households are defined as being in fuel poverty, meaning they spend a 10th or more on utility bills, [Guardian](#)

French reduce solar PV funding - Friday, 11th March 2011

French solar photovoltaic (PV) feed-in tariff is being reduced to €0.12/kWh, [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

Consultation on the implementation of the transport elements of the Renewable Energy Directive

Click [here](#)

Consultation on proposals to implement Articles 7a to 7e of the EU Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) (Directive 98/70/EC as amended by 2009/30/EC) requiring suppliers to reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas intensity of transport fuels and introducing sustainability criteria for biofuels

Click [here](#)

DECC and Local Government working in partnership to tackle climate change - Wednesday, 9th March 2011

On 9 March 2011 Chris Huhne, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, and Councillor Richard Kemp, Vice-Chair of the Local Government Association, signed a ground-breaking Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to recognise the pivotal role that local councils have in tackling climate change, [DECC](#)

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3. RECENT REPORTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY

Parliamentary Report - Commons

Select Committees

The **Energy and Climate Change Committee** held an evidence session on its Electricity Market Reform inquiry with Lord Turner of Ecchinswell, Chair, and Dr David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change, Duncan Sinclair, Director, Redpoint Energy, the CBI and Consumer Focus on Tuesday 15 March 2011. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

The **Energy and Climate Change Committee** held the final evidence session on its Electricity Market Reform inquiry with Chris Huhne MP on Tuesday 15 March 2011. Click [here](#) to watch the session.



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Parliamentary Questions

The **written answers** to MPs' questions published this week by DECC are summarised below.

Monday: (Browse the day's printed answer [here](#))

Topics included: biomass and the renewable energy strategy ([here](#)); electricity supply ([here](#)); GIB Scotland ([here](#)); LNG security ([here](#)); nuclear free zones ([here](#)); solar PV ([here](#)); solar PV and FiTs ([here](#)); financial incentives for solar PV ([here](#)); feed-in tariffs for wind ([here](#));

DFID answered a question on the World Bank and renewables ([here](#));

DfT answered a question on sustainable biofuels ([here](#));

Tuesday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: carbon emissions ([here](#)); CRC energy efficiency scheme ([here](#)); industrial electricity prices and EMR ([here](#)); heating and the Green Deal ([here](#)); Green Climate Fund ([here](#)); Feed-in Tariffs and Government departments ([here](#)); solar PV on brownfield sites ([here](#));

DfT answered a question on biotuels and the Renewable Energy Directive ([here](#));

Wednesday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: the boiler scrappage scheme ([here](#)); the NPS and bird strikes on overhead lines ([here](#)); cost of meeting 2020 targets ([here](#)); the EU ETS ([here](#)); companies participating in the solar PV market ([here](#)); solar power the FIT ([here](#));

The Secretary of State for Wales answered questions on fuel prices ([here](#)); energy policy in Wales ([here](#)); fuel prices and the cost of living ([here](#));

CLG answered a question on planning for large infrastructure projects ([here](#));

DfT answered a question on biofuels ([here](#));

Thursday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: carbon emissions - housing ([here](#)); CCS ([here](#)); scientific opinion - committee on climate change ([here](#)); carbon and generation costs ([here](#)); interconnector - Iceland and GB ([here](#)); fuel poverty in rural areas ([here](#)); effect speculation on oil prices ([here](#)); Hinkey Point connection ([here](#)); safety of nuclear power in the UK ([here](#)); FiT review ([here](#)); emissions - take up of PV ([here](#)); commercial viability - offshore wind ([here](#)); planning permission - wind power ([here](#));

Ministerial Statements:

The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change made a statement on the Independent Fuel Poverty Review ([here](#));

Parliamentary Report - Lords

The House of Lords' contributions to renewable and sustainable energy debates this week include:

- Lord Bradshaw asked a question on carbon prices ([here](#));
- Lord Hunt of Chesterton asked a question on a competitive market in green building materials ([here](#));
- Lord Bradshaw asked a question on biofuels ([here](#));



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- Lord Stevens of Ludgate asked a question on energy prices ([here](#));
- Lord Hunt of Chesterton asked a question on anaerobic digestion ([here](#));

Reports

Parsons Brinckerhoff Report: Update of UK Shadow Flicker Evidence Base - Wednesday, 16 March 2011

An independent research study into the phenomenon of shadow flicker from wind turbines was today published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Shadow flicker is the flickering effect caused when rotating wind turbine blades periodically cast shadows through constrained openings such as the windows of neighbouring properties. The study, commissioned from Parsons Brinckerhoff following a competitive tender process, found that:

- There have not been extensive issues with shadow flicker in the UK
- The frequency of the flickering caused by the wind turbine rotation is such that it should not cause a significant risk to health
- In the few cases where problems have arisen, they have been resolved effectively using mitigation measures, in particular turbine shut down systems

Click [here](#) for the report.

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4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Association of Electricity Producers event

Event: Britain's 3 pin energy policy: Does the Electricity Market Reform plug fit?

Date: Tuesday 5 April 2011

Time: 09.30 -17.00, followed by a drinks reception hosted by SJ Berwin

Location: SJ Berwin, 10 Queen Street Place, London

Further details: The UK government has proposed the most significant changes to the electricity market since privatisation -changes which will worry some and provide new opportunities for others.

Are the Electricity Market Reform proposals the right package to switch on the £200 billion of investment needed in the energy sector and combine all of our energy policy objectives?

The Association of Electricity Producers presents a seminar, kindly hosted by SJ Berwin, to assess the proposed reforms and consider the key issues that the government and industry must now address.

Insightful industry players will speak candidly about

- whether companies have the confidence to invest
- the correct mix of incentives to deliver low carbon energy and security of supply
- how the changes will fit with European markets

To register, visit www.aepuk.com or email conference@aepuk.com.

All Party Group for Intelligent Energy

Event: Installers are King: Why installers are the key to a low carbon home

Date: Tuesday 22 March, 2011.

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Location: Committee Room 8, House of Commons

Speakers: Roger Webb, Director, HHIC; British Gas Training Academy (tbc); Neil Schofield, Head of Sustainable Development, Worcester Bosch; Tim Pollard, Head of Sustainability, *Wolseley* UK; Geoffrey Lean, Daily Telegraph - as a consumer; Andy Buchan, Managing Director, Cotswold Efficient Energy Centre

To register, contact jane.vaus@btinternet.com

Heat pump seminar



Event: Take advantage of the heat pump market

Date: 28th April 2011: Basingstoke

Further details: [click here](#)

Micropower Council Conference - Save the date!

Event: Microgeneration UK 2011

Date: 21st - 22nd June

Location: Church House, Westminster

Further details: rachael.mills@se-2.co.uk

Cornwall Energy Event

Event: The Evolving Electric Industry—Where have we come from? Where are we? Where may we be going?

Date: Wednesday 30 March

Time: 09.00 -16.00

Location: National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, Westminster, London, SW1A 2HE (Click [here](#) for a map)

Confirmed speakers: Jonathan Brearley, DECC director of energy strategy and futures; Professor David Newbery, University of Cambridge; Nigel Cornwall, Cornwall Energy;

Alex Henney, EEE Limited; Professor Goran Strbac, Imperial College; Willy Rickett, former DECC director general for energy

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Further details: Please contact Alison Porter on 01692 407865 or alison@cornwallenergy.com to book your place or ask for further information

NEF Courses

Event: Introduction to Renewable Energy

Date: 4th May 2011 and 6th July 2011

Location: National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 1000 - 1630

Further details: This one day non-technical training course provides an introduction to a building's integrated renewable energy technologies and includes examples of how the FIT and RHI will affect payback. Topics covered will include:-

- Solar Water Heating
- Wood Fuel Heating
- Ground and Air Source Heat Pumps
- Solar Photovoltaics
- Small to Medium Scale Wind
- Energy Policy and Planning
- Economics

The course includes an interactive session in which delegates will discuss the most appropriate renewable energy technology for a number of different scenarios.

Click [here](#) to book this course.

Event: One Stop MCS

Date: 5th May 2011 and 13th July 2011

Location: National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 1000 - 1630

Further details: This one day course will assist installers with the MCS Certification process and is delivered by trainers who have experience in being assessed, getting accredited, or assessing those that have applied for MCS accreditation.

The day will cover the 19 steps required within MCS001 and delegates will be supplied with an MCS Manual in Microsoft Word, which can then be tailored to your own Company's individual requirements as much as is needed.



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Although One Stop MCS does not guarantee passing the MCS accreditation process, it should very significantly reduce the time required to obtain MCS accreditation and also minimise the number of non-conformances your Company receives from the certification body of your choice. In this way, the course offers very significant value for money.

Click [here](#) to book this course.

Event: Solar Photovoltaic

Date: 17th May 2011

Location: National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 0930 - 1600

Further details: This one day course will give you a background on Solar Photovoltaic; from the types of systems, installation and running issues, to capabilities and limitations.

Topics covered on the day will include:

- The benefits of having PV installed
- Types of PV panels
- UK market for PV
- Feed-in Tariff
- Sizing and costing
- Safety aspects in case of: a power cut, panels getting damaged, inverter breaking down
- Selling surplus electricity
- Where to go for installations
- Service and maintenance

Click [here](#) to book this course.

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