

# Renewable Heat Incentive

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## Current scheme update



- Launched on 28 November 2011
- Over 600 applications and 100 accreditations
- All technologies represented apart from deep geothermal
- Rate of applications is around 20 per week
- Significant issues with standard of applications
- Installation of metering causing most problems
- 24 GSHP applications and 2 accreditations

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## GSHP issues



- Naturally occurring requirement
  - What is renewable from Commission perspective?
  - What do we want to support?
  - Is there a practical solution which we can implement?
- Demonstration of COP
  - Current and future requirements
  - Auditing
- Tariffs
  - Technology costs, efficiency and load factors

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## Recent developments



- Standby budget management mechanism announced on June 11
- Expected to be in place in the next 3 weeks
- Would suspend the scheme if we forecast spend of £70m for this financial year
- Scheme would reopen next financial year
- Will publish weekly updates of forecast spend
- Expected spend for this year £42m

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Future consultation - July



- Longer-term budget management (e.g. contingent depression)
- Emissions limits for biomass boilers
- Biomass sustainability
- Improvements to regulations, including:
  - Simplifying metering arrangements
  - Addressing the issue of which heat sources are eligible for GSHP

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Future consultation - September



- Inclusion of single domestic installations including detailed proposals on tariffs and eligibility
- Proposals for dealing with SPF at all scales
- Consideration of further technologies:
  - Direct air heating (furnaces, kilns, ovens etc.)
  - Air source heat pumps
  - Bioliquids
- And of dedicated tariffs for:
  - CHP
  - Deep geothermal
  - Biogas combustion >200kW
- Call for evidence on GSHP tariffs though welcome evidence before then

## Further information



- [www.decc.gov.uk/rhi](http://www.decc.gov.uk/rhi) full details of the scheme including supporting documentation
- Detailed Ofgem guidance also available on [www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk) – search for RHI
- Ofgem call centre: 0845 200 2122
- Ofgem enquiry line: [RHI.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:RHI.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk)