

# MUR-SOP-14 Pest Management Plan

## 1.1. Objective

1.1.1 The objective of this plan is to outline the means by which pests will be prevented or minimised at the Murrow AD Facility.

## 1.2. Scope

1.2.1. The scope of this procedure includes all plant and activities and staff associated with the Murrow Permitted AD Facility.

## 1.3. Responsibility

1.3.1. It is the responsibility of the Site Manager to ensure that all personnel or companies adhere to this procedure.

## 1.4. Description of Risk

1.4.1. The Murrow AD Facility will accept, store and process farm derived feedstocks in a concrete reception area to be passed through into the digestion process.

1.4.2. The site is located in a rural area and will have standing water in the vicinity of the site. There is the potential for food, and shelter for pests at the site, and a risk of nuisance and other impacts from pests attracted to the site.

1.4.3. Impact arising from rodents, flies and birds is possible given the nature of the site and it's setting.

## 1.5. Preventative Measures

1.5.1. Table 1 below outlines preventative measures to be implemented at the site to prevent or reduce the risk of infestation.

**Table 1 – Preventative Measures**

Management Measure	Description of Measures to be Taken
Feedstock Storage and Handling	<p>Feedstocks will be stored for 1-3 days on average which will prevent the opportunity for pests such as flies to become established by removing breeding sites and prevent rodents from becoming established.</p> <p>A system of 'stock control' will be established to ensure that feedstocks are turned around within these timeframes.</p>

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Management Measure	Description of Measures to be Taken
	<p>Liquid feedstocks and processed feedstocks will be stored in sealed tanks which will reduce access opportunities.</p> <p>Incoming feedstocks will be checked for signs of infestation and will not be accepted at the site if not suitable on this basis.</p>
Cleaning Schedules	<p>A cleaning schedule for the feedstock reception and storage area and associated plant will be in place. Products to be used for cleaning purposes to be available at the site.</p> <p>Drainage cleaning and maintenance schedule established and implemented.</p> <p>Hygiene measures implemented to ensure that feedstocks are controlled within the designated storage areas.</p>
Daily Site Inspection	<p>Daily and weekly inspections of site will include monitoring for evidence of pest activity and for site issues that may increase the risk of pests. Identified issues to be reported to site manager for corrective and preventative measures to be implemented.</p> <p>State of repair of equipment containers to be inspected and monitored for evidence of potential access points.</p>
Housekeeping	<p>Yard areas to be kept clean and free of build-up of materials which may provide harbourage to pests. Spillages of feedstocks to be cleaned up immediately.</p>

## 1.6. Monitoring

- 1.6.1. Site staff will monitor for signs of infestation and maintenance of proactive measures during regular daily and weekly checks, including checks in feedstocks accepted at the site, which will be rejected if evidence of pests is found.
- 1.6.2. In addition to this, the operator will commission an external contractor to lay bait stations at the site and to carry out regular site monitoring for evidence of pest activity.
- 1.6.3. The contractor will conduct a minimum of eight visits to the site a year and will provide a report of their inspection during each visit.
- 1.6.4. A plan of the location of bait stations will be kept in the pest control file in the site office.
- 1.6.5. Copies of contractor monitoring reports and recommendations will be kept in the pest control file in the site office.
- 1.6.6. Any recommendations made following inspection will be reported to the site manager and corrective/preventative actions planned and tracked if required.
- 1.6.7. Rodenticides used in bait boxes will be subject to a COSHH assessment and MSDS retained in the site management system records.

## 1.7. Incident Response

- 1.7.1. If pest activity at the site is detected either during regular site staff monitoring, or following inspection by the specialist pest control contractor, then further corrective actions will be taken.
- 1.7.2. The specialist pest contractor will be commissioned to make further recommendations and to undertake measures needed to address the issue.

## 1.8. Staff Training

- 1.8.1. Site staff will be provided with training about the impacts and risks associated with pests at the site, how to detect signs of infestation during daily and weekly checks, and how to report evidence of pest activity.

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