



Leading UK laboratory amongst the first to gain Irish agricultural soils accreditation

The leading agricultural testing laboratory in the UK, NRM Limited, has gained full accreditation for the testing of Irish agricultural soils. The company is one of the first organisations serving the Irish market to achieve this accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025:2005. Critically it is the only laboratory that includes organic matter within its accredited suite, which is now a required test for tillage farmers in Ireland.

“We are pleased to announce that accreditation has been accomplished well before the deadline set by the Irish Department of Agriculture of 1 January 2010,” explains Linda Radnor NRM’s General Manager. “We believe we will be one of just a handful of approved facilities able to carry out the full range of tests laid down by the Department,” she adds.

The tests for which NRM is now accredited include Morgan’s extractable phosphate, potassium and magnesium, pH, buffer pH and organic matter. The Morgan’s method is specifically listed as a requirement in the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme (REPS) and the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2009 (SI No. 101 of 2009), which implements the EU Nitrates Directive. Both the REPS and the Nitrate Directive regulations specify detailed legally binding requirements for soil testing.

With over 40 years’ experience, NRM is one of the UK’s most innovative and experienced independent analytical businesses. The company has an extensive testing capability covering all aspects of water, soil and plant tissue, inputs and outputs associated with crop and livestock production. Working to internationally recognised analytical methodology and standards NRM’s team of skilled scientists offer rapid turnaround combined with high quality results providing the information on which to make sound farming decisions.

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