



## Material Acceptance Policy

Biomass Energy Lab and Timber Products Inspection, Inc. are committed to providing a safe environment for our employees as well as any persons visiting our laboratory facilities. In order to maintain a testing environment that provides safety, we have adopted the following policy regarding acceptance of materials that are outside of the scope of woody biomass.

### **Acceptable Biomass Samples:**

Any wood biomass sample that can be defined as a timber-derived product capable of being converted to energy is an acceptable sample. Wood biomass can include any part of the tree, and includes manufacturing residues, timber harvest residues, post consumer wood waste, and urban and agricultural wood waste. This also includes sawmill and wood manufacturing residues as well as discarded wood products such as crates and pallets.

Agricultural biomass samples are also acceptable and include agricultural plants and crop residues (eg. straw, corn stalks, cobs), agricultural manufacturing residues (nut hulls), and perennial grasses such as switchgrass and miscanthus.

### **Unacceptable Samples:**

We will not accept or test any samples that contain a combination of substances which because of their concentration, physical, chemical, toxic, radioactive or infectious characteristics may reasonably pose a significant, actual, or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, used, disposed of, or otherwise managed. Hazardous materials that will not be accepted include, but are not limited to: synthetic organic chemicals, petroleum products, radioactive or infectious material, animal or human waste, and land-fill materials. No samples containing live parasites will be accepted.

Any samples that contain over 50% moisture content will be accepted, but will incur an additional handling charge of \$50 per sample.

If you are uncertain as to whether your sample will be accepted and tested at the lab, please call Tammy Hippchen at 218-461-2579 to discuss further.

***Timber Products Inspection and Biomass Energy Lab reserves the right to reject any sample that poses a hazard to our employees overall health and safety.***