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THE FUTURE OF BECCS IS LOOKING UNCERTAIN – CCFNF COMMENTS

This week – David Joffe – the head of carbon budgets at the Climate Change Committee (CCC) has described potential problems over the sustainability of biomass as a “real key issue”.

Last year, [a study from NRDC](#) argued that Drax’s plan to install carbon capture systems at its giant wood-pellet burning power station in North Yorkshire, “isn’t even close to carbon neutral, let alone carbon negative”. Now, after addressing a session at the EAC, Joffe agreed that imported biomass is “not something that the UK should be relying on at large scale.” A full write up of the story and Joffe’s comments can be found at ENDS Report: <https://www.endsreport.com/article/1736797/coc-cools-enthusiasm-biomass-carbon-capture>

With this news, Sasha Stashwick, Senior Advocate with NRDC and campaigner with Cut Carbon Not Forests has made the following comment:

“It’s refreshing and encouraging to see the Climate Change Committee speak plainly about the problems associated with Drax-style BECCS. Drax burns millions of tonnes of trees imported from forests around the world. These supply chains are known to be high-carbon and high-risk. Handing the company tens of billions more in subsidies for BECCS would be throwing more good money after bad and undermine the UK’s climate goals.”