

ESOS Newsletter

Issue 2

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Welcome to the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) newsletter, keeping you updated with key information relating to the scheme. In this issue:

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Phase 1 Civil Penalties Published!

The first Civil Penalties for ESOS Phase 1 non-compliance have now been published online, these can be viewed at the following link: [climate-change-civil-penalties](#) (select 'Resource locator' under 'Data links').

Further penalties will be added to this publication as our enforcement cases progress.

Link to Latest Compliance Data

The current published data (as of 31 May 2018) can be found [here](#) (select 'Resource locator' under 'Data links').

Research on Energy Audits & Reporting including ESOS

BEIS has commissioned external research on the effectiveness of energy audits and energy reporting in driving energy efficiency savings in organisations. The second stage of this work is now starting to evaluate the impact of the first phase of the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS), following on from the interim ESOS evaluation published in October 2017.

As part of this work, BEIS's research contractors, Ipsos Mori, will be conducting a survey of ESOS obligated organisations. This will consist of a 20 minute telephone survey and, for a small number of organisations, a follow-up conversation of around 45 minutes. Organisations across all sectors will be contacted by the independent research team for this work during October to December 2018. The findings will feed into discussions on future energy efficiency policy, so your input is an opportunity to help shape the decisions that affect UK businesses. If you are contacted, please consider taking part and contributing to this valuable research project.

If you have any questions, please contact BEIS at Reporting@beis.gov.uk

Phase 2 Qualification and Compliance

Participants that expect to qualify for Phase 2 should be well underway with their Energy Audit Program, if they wish to take full advantage of the time provided by the Regulations:

What you can do now	What you cannot do yet
<p>✓ Carry out ESOS energy audits for the supplies you intend to include in your Significant Energy Consumption. The audits need to have at least one year's energy measurement, but this can be from any time between 6 December 2014 and 5 December 2019. The audit can use data that has been collected at any time during this period provided that the audit itself is carried out no later than 24 months after the data period and the data has not already been used for an audit in Phase 1. Different energy streams can be audited at different times so the workload can be spread better to suit your business needs.</p>	<p>✗ Definitively determine your qualification status – this is based on your financial accounts for the financial year ending on the qualification date of 31 December 2018, unless your accounts are completed in the 12 months immediately preceding, when you can determine if you qualify.</p> <p>✗ Calculate your Total Energy Consumption (TEC) – this is based on your selected reference period which must include the qualification date of 31 December 2018 and end before the compliance date 5 December 2019.</p> <p>✗ Definitively select your Areas of Significant Energy Consumption – you may have a good idea of what supplies you wish to capture in your energy audits, but at present you will not know the exact percentage of your TEC that these cover.</p>

If you have any queries relating to ESOS Phase 2, please email esos@environment-agency.gov.uk

Further newsletter to be published soon which will include lessons learned from the 17/18 audits.