

ESOS Newsletter

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Welcome to the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) newsletter for Phase 2 preparation, keeping you updated with key information relating to the scheme. In this issue:

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Phase 2 Qualification and Compliance

The Environment Agency would like to emphasise to Phase 2 Participants that they can be starting their ESOS audit work now, there is no need to wait for the qualification date of **31st December 2018**. The deadline for complying with Phase 2 is **5th December 2019**.

You will not be able to complete the assessment of your total energy consumption (TEC) as this has to include the qualification date of 31 December 2018, however if you expect to qualify for Phase 2 and you know that an energy supply will be included in your significant energy consumption (SEC) you can do the audit work on this supply. The audit needs to have at least one year's energy measurement, but this can be from any time between 6 December 2015 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, for more information please refer to Sections 2.1 and 5.4.1 of our main guidance document: [Complying with the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme \(ESOS\)](#)

SECR legislation

Simplified Energy and Carbon Reporting

- On 18 July the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) published the government response to the consultation on Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) which closed on 4 January 2018. An impact assessment has also been published.
- The government response and impact assessment can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/streamlined-energy-and-carbon-reporting>
- SECR is part of a package of changes (announced in the March 2016 budget) which aims to reduce the administrative burdens of the current overlapping suite of reporting requirements while further incentivising energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions.

- SECR will deliver a simpler reporting requirement than the current CRC energy efficiency scheme and align with existing reporting mechanisms such as mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions by listed companies.
- SECR will be introduced from April 2019 to coincide with the end of the current CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.
- **Please note that SECR is not replacing the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS). ESOS will continue separately with the planned future phases.**
- While ESOS and SECR are separate schemes, defined through separate legislation, participants can use the information from ESOS to, for example, support energy and emissions reporting and narrative on energy efficiency action taken in their annual reports.

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

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