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**ESOS UK – IS YOUR BUSINESS COMPLIANT? – UPDATE DECEMBER 2015**

In the last few weeks, 6,500 out of the 10,000 eligible businesses have either complied with the 5th December 2015 deadline or notified the Environment Agency of their intention to comply by the 29th January 2016.

**Do you still need to take action? – There is time if you act quickly!**

The Environment Agency said it “does not expect to normally take enforcement action” on organisations that submit an ESOS notification or compliance by 29th January 2016 provided it has been notified by 5th December that they are going to be late although they will have to give information on why they have been unable to do so and when they would expect to submit their full compliance.

Businesses also have until 30th June 2016 to achieve ISO 50001 certification (as form of compliance).

Spokesperson from the Environment Agency: “We are listening to the concerns of businesses and are aware that in some instances firms may struggle to meet this deadline and as regulators, we are able to waive or modify enforcement action and penalties. The regulations have not changed, this is about giving organisations clarity about how we will look to enforce them.”  
The Environment Agency is however urging businesses to do as much as they can including booking a lead assessor, starting to collect or analyse data and beginning to conduct site visits for assessments.

**ESOS**

We are already in Phase 1 of the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) so if you have not yet acted on ESOS then now is the time to do so.

We at **Taurus Utility Consultants** have a team of Fully Accredited ESOS Lead Assessors, ready to advise you, who can support you through every step of your ESOS journey.

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**WHAT IS ESOS?**

ESOS (The Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme) has been set up by the UK Government (DECC) in response to an EU requirement to implement Article 8 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament).

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

It is important to recognise if you are affected by ESOS as it is a mandatory requirement for all those it applies to. The ESOS legislation will apply to your business if you:

* Are a private sector organisation with more than 250 employees OR
* Have a turnover of at least €50m – £38,937,777
* Have a balance sheet of €43m – £33,486,489

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

* Measure total energy consumption (including transport) of the business
* Conduct Energy Audits at sites and determine cost effective energy reduction recommendations
* Report compliance to the Environment Agency every four years
* Please note: DECC advises that ESOS will require director level sign-of

WHY YOU SHOULD ACT NOW:

* The deadline for compliance reporting was 5th December 2015, now Jan 2016.
* **Demand for surveys will be high so the later you leave it, the higher the risk of not meeting the deadline**
* Save money – the sooner your reduction requirements can be identified and implemented, the sooner you can start to make savings

What to expect from Taurus’s ESOS Team

* An initial consultation to determine your specific requirements for ESOS, including any exemptions
* Multi-site analysis to determine how many sites need to be audited
* Review of current energy information which could be relevant and contribute to ESOS
* Identify the scope of surveys required to meet legislation
* ESOS reporting along with recommendations on implementing energy saving measures
* Help and support with compliance and report submission

**For further information or to request a consultation with an expert advisor, call us on 01914772244**

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