

## ESOS Newsletter

## Issue 5 September 2019

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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### Identifying Energy Savings Opportunities

Once you have assessed all the energy use covered by your significant energy consumption (SEC) you will need to identify any potential cost effective energy savings opportunities. The SEC is at least 90% of your total energy consumption. Section 4 of the [ESOS guidance](#) explains this in more detail. Your energy savings opportunities can include anything, for example behavioural changes and/or physical improvements such as improved insulation, lighting or perhaps changes in equipment. The important issue is that they should be practicable and cost effective.

When calculating cost effectiveness you should use Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) as this gives a much better assessment of the costs and benefits of a project over an extended life time. It is recognised that for some smaller projects using Simple Payback Period (SPP) may be more relevant. Where this is being used the reasons for using SPP rather than LCCA should be recorded in your evidence pack. Appendix A of the [ESOS guidance](#) has more details on LCCA and SPP.

### Assessment Standards Table

A table providing guidance on standards expected from participants and assessors in ESOS has been published and is available as a download via the ESOS notification system. The link can be found on the first page of the ESOS notification system. The table is also available at [https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/463087/esos\\_assessment\\_standards\\_table.pdf](https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/463087/esos_assessment_standards_table.pdf)

## ESOS Notification System

The new notification system for Phase 2 of ESOS is now available. This has replaced the existing Phase 1 notification system, which is closed. The Phase 2 notification system is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-savings-opportunity-scheme-esos>

If you need to make a Phase 1 notification please contact the ESOS helpdesk at [ESOS@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ESOS@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## Phase 2 Notification System Changes

The Phase 2 notification process is very similar to the Phase 1 system. There are two significant changes, firstly, if you wish to tell us that you do not qualify (DNQ) for ESOS, then you can do this using the new Phase 2 Notification System as the DNQ option is now built in rather than a separate system. Secondly, there is now an option to upload a list of all the organisations in your participant group, either as a standard template (downloadable from the notification system) or in any other format, such as group structure chart. We recommend using this facility as it assists in identifying those organisations who have already complied and reduces the chance of unnecessary investigation work.

## Critical Dates

Please remember that the final date for compliance with ESOS Phase 2 and submitting your notification is 5th December 2019.

If you have any queries relating to ESOS Phase 2, please email [esos@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:esos@environment-agency.gov.uk)