

ESOS Newsletter

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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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1. Scheme administrator news

ESOS Strengthening

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's (BEIS) consultation on strengthening ESOS closed on 28 September 2021. BEIS recognise that the consultation proposes changes (such as net zero audits and changes to the 5% de-minimis) would come into force before the Phase 3 compliance deadline and BEIS recognise the need to announce decisions as soon as they are able. BEIS asked in the consultation how best to deal with organisations who have already started their audits programme.

We will communicate changes to the ESOS scheme in as soon as we can via our newsletter.

If you have any queries in relation to BEIS' consultation, please email BEIS at businessenergyuse@beis.gov.uk

Publication of ESOS Submissions

We have published a list of all the organisations who have made a submission to the ESOS notification system as of 16 December 2021. This can be found at:

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/15eb8228-32e4-40e1-b722-b2efe571edd3/energy-savings-opportunity-scheme>

2. Scheme regulator news – Environment Agency

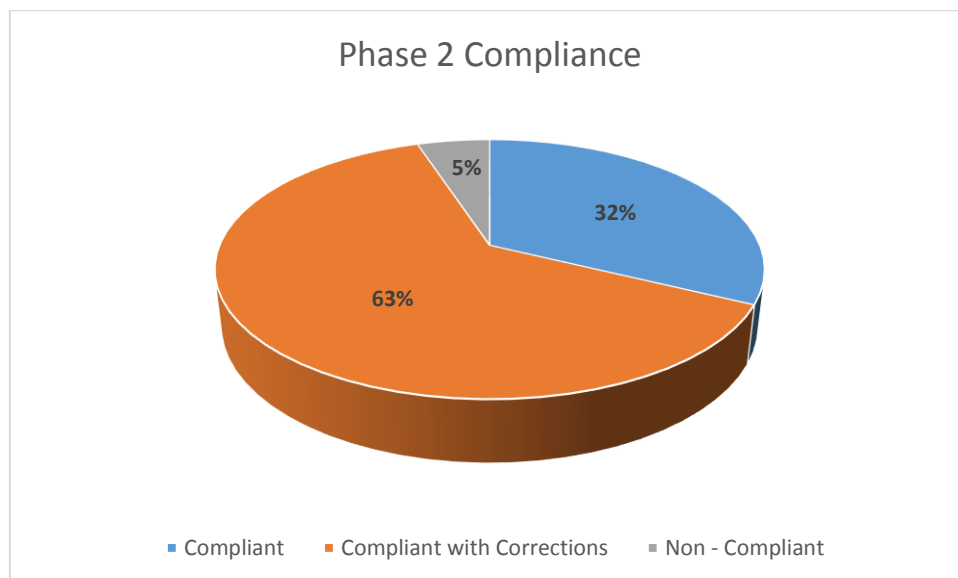
Consultation on proposed amendments to the Environment Agency's Enforcement and Sanctions Policy as it applies to ESOS.

The outcome of the consultation is included in the attached document, along with a copy of the changes. You should read the changes along with section A of the Enforcement and Sanctions Policy, which sets out the wider framework on our enforcement approach. The new provisions will come into effect on 8 February 2022.

ESOS Compliance Audits

We are continuing our programme of compliance audits for ESOS participants.

All compliance audits are currently being carried out on Phase 2 evidence packs. To date the auditing programme has resulted in the following levels of compliance:



The areas in which we have found issues requiring corrective action have included:

- Organisation structure
- Total energy consumption and significant areas of energy
- Sampling approach and quality of ESOS energy audit
- Energy saving opportunities

Please find attached a copy of the 'ESOS Audit Need to Know Guide' which contains good practice for these areas, based on issues that have been identified, which will help you to comply with your obligations.

If you have any queries relating to ESOS or if there is anything specific you would like to see in future ESOS newsletters, please email esos@environment-agency.gov.uk or consult the [ESOS guidance](#).