

ESOS OVERVIEW FACTS RELEVANT TO YOUR BUSINESS

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The Environment Agency have just released an **ESOS** (**Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme**) update to last year's lengthy document. Although nothing has drastically changed, here are some of the finer points that we would like to highlight after their release:-

It has been confirmed that we **do not have to visit every single site**. If you have multiple premises that are identical or very similar we can take a proportionate approach and apply the energy saving opportunities identified in the site visits that we have assessed to your wider portfolio.

Although only 90% of your total energy consumption has to be audited, some businesses may opt to audit more than the 90% **in order to get the most benefits from the scheme**. Therefore we can take either approach, depending on which route you would prefer – after all it is about cost vs benefit.

As the date for measurement of a company's compliance (i.e. 31 December 2014) has now passed, if you qualify due to turnover, as opposed to having 250 or more employees, ESOS has released the qualification exchange rate; the €50 million level of turnover has been set as £38,937,777 - with the Balance Sheet total being in excess of £33,486,489 (€43 million).

There is no set method for carrying out the energy audits and for identifying the energy savings opportunities. As such we would do these on a company by company basis, using common methodologies and standards, such as **ISO 50002 and BS EN 16247.**

If you would like to know further details about the ESOS requirements and how they might affect your business please feel free to contact us online via our **website**, email at **ESOS@torse.co.uk** or by **phone.** The full explanation of ESOS can also be found on the gov.uk website at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/404764/LIT_10094.pdf