

ETSWAP

At present the Environment Agency (EA), utilise a system, developed by SFW, which has been designed to help them fulfil their duties under The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2005. The system, ETSWAP, was also adopted by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) for Phase II and as DECC Offshore are now the only regulators using a paper based-system in relation to EU ETS, we are now proposing to move to the same system as the other regulators. This would mean that:

- there would be consistency for all operators in the UK who fall within this scheme;
- DECC Offshore and Offshore Oil & Gas operators would benefit by utilising a system, which is similar to the UK Portal, that has already been developed, tested and proven;
- in accordance with the red tape challenge, the administrative process would be simpler and less time consuming for both DECC Offshore and operators and;
- although the information is held separately for each regulator, information could be simply drawn together from the system to satisfy the UK's reporting requirements.

It was initially hoped to incorporate DECC Offshore directly within the main ETSWAP system but the EA have requested significant amendments to the main system to allow for Phase III of EU-ETS for onshore installations. It is now considered overly complex to try to incorporate DECC Offshore within the main system at the same time as it is being updated to meet the EA requirements. Therefore, DECC Offshore are currently in discussion with the EA and SFW, the service provider of the ETSWAP system, with a view to having a parallel system available in time for Phase III for offshore operators. Further information and guidance for the ETSWAP system will be provided once it has been confirmed that the service will be available.

Phase III Offline Monitoring Plan Template

In preparation for Phase III, operators should be considering and reviewing their Monitoring Plans. To assist installation operators the EA have produced an **offline** template, which can be used to collate the information that will be required when operators are requested to submit their monitoring plans.

The template has been designed to cover the minimum requirements of a monitoring plan as specified in the draft Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR) and has been developed in light of similar templates being produced by the European Commission. The template also replicates the information that will be asked for in the formal monitoring plan submission via ETSWAP.

The Template has been circulated to allow operators **to collate and prepare the relevant information in advance** so that the data can be transferred into ETSWAP when it becomes available. (Please note, the EA have not made it possible to directly upload the offline template into ETSWAP but many of the text fields may be copied and pasted into the ETSWAP form). The offline template(s) should **NOT** be submitted to either DECC Offshore or the EA at this time.

As stated above, DECC Offshore are currently in discussion with the EA and the service provider of the ETSWAP system, and hope to have ETSWAP in place to allow the submission of Monitoring Plans for Phase III via this system. DECC Offshore will provide further updates on the availability of the system once it has been confirmed that we have access to a parallel process.

The EA have produced a factsheet outlining the main changes between the Phase II Monitoring and Reporting Guidelines and the Phase III MRR. The factsheet is attached to the newsletter.

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