

ETSWAP & Offshore Monitoring Plans for Phase III
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The Environment Agency (EA), utilise a system, ETSWAP, which has been designed to help them fulfil their duties under The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2005. DECC are now the only regulators using a paper based-system in relation to EU ETS, and it was proposed to move to the same system as the other regulators.

However, the EA have requested significant amendments to the ETSWAP system for Phase III of EU-ETS for onshore installations and it was considered overly complex to incorporate DECC within the main system. Therefore, it was hoped that DECC would be able to offer a parallel ETSWAP system for offshore operators for the start of Phase III. However, regrettably, this has not been possible and DECC will now **not** join the ETSWAP system until May 2013.

Phase III Monitoring Plan Template

In preparation for Phase III, offshore operators were provided with a copy of the **offline** ETSWAP template produced by the EA, to begin collating the information required to complete the monitoring plans. This was circulated by DECC on 13 June 2012 and a further copy is also attached to this communication. Copies are also available on the DECC O & G website.

The template has been designed to cover the minimum requirements of a monitoring plan as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR) and has been developed in light of similar templates being produced by the European Commission. 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 Newsletter 5 and available on the O & G website. The offline template exactly replicates the information that would be asked for via ETSWAP.

Guidance for completing the template has not been provide by the EA, however, DECC will provide specific guidance for the offshore industry before the end of August to allow operators to complete and submit the forms before **30 September 2012**.

Phase III Monitoring Plans for Offshore

The EA has requested Phase III submissions from onshore installations by 31 August 2012, however, DECC have determined that the Phase III Monitoring Plans for offshore installations will be due for submission to DECC no later than **30 September 2012**.

As detailed above, DECC and offshore operators **do not** have access to the ETSWAP system, therefore, it will be necessary to complete and submit relevant Monitoring Plans on the **offline** template. Completed template(s), one for each installation, should be submitted to DECC Environmental Management Team at emt@decc.gsi.gov.uk . Please do **NOT** submit any templates directly to the EA.

Please note, the template replicates the information that would be required via ETSWAP so it is essential that the pages and fields are *not deleted or amended* in any way. DECC will liaise with SFW, the ETSWAP service provider, to attempt a direct transfer of data into ETSWAP when we have access to the system in 2013. If the template is amended in any way it will automatically preclude direct transfer. Manual transfer of the data will result in additional workload and could lead to unintentional errors and inaccuracies. Therefore, your co-operation in this respect is appreciated.

If you have any queries on matters relating to EUETS, please contact EMT@decc.gsi.gov.uk