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Annual emissions reporting error and Migration of Monitoring Methodology Plans into METS

A communication from OPRED to raise an IT data entry issue in METS. An update on the forthcoming Monitoring Methodology Plan (MMP) migration into METS and a change to permit conditions.

Annual emissions reporting error

- Where operators are entering data for a stream's emissions factor (EF) or net calorific value (NCV) and then updating that later it appears that METS may not be saving the updated information entered, when it is returned from the Verifier. Should you find this issue please raise it with OPRED as a matter of priority as we need to determine the scale of the issue. Also note the IT provider is also looking into this issue as well.

Migration of Monitoring Methodology Plans into METS

- Operators who receive a free allocation for your respective installation(s) under the UK ETS are required to hold an approved monitoring methodology plan (MMP). The MMP is currently an excel based template which is to be migrated into the IT permitting platform METS and will remove the excel based template from being used. The change will be an improvement to the current format for making changes to the MMP.
- In preparation for the migration, permit holders should no longer submit a permit variation after the **31 March 2025**. After this time, OPRED will review any permit variations submitted and progress these ahead of the migration. Where any permit variations are not finalised by 9 May 2025, there is a risk the MMP may not be migrated and therefore manual entry by the operator will be required at the next permit variation.

Notifications

- No change to notifications and continue to submit these as required.
- Note where non-compliances are identified these must be notified to OPRED and select the option "Temporary factor preventing compliance with a permit condition" and provide all the relevant information. This is also linked to where your selected verifier has identified a non-compliance. The notification must provide details of the issue(s) and what is being done to remedy the situation where applicable.



Variations

- If you need to apply for a permit variation between 31 March and 16 June because of any significant modifications to your Monitoring Plan / MMP, you should notify OPRED by email to OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk. Please state that you are applying for a variation and provide a summary of the changes to be made to the Monitoring Plan / MMP. We will acknowledge your email and respond, asking you to make the changes via the variation workflow in METS when available.

Permit condition change

- OPRED will also be amending your permit conditions to account for the new permanent cessation rules following the recent changes coming into force. This change will be made after the MMP has been migrated, by 13 June 2025. Where an installation does not receive a free allocation, the respective permit will also be amended at the same time.
- See previous communication related to the cessations guidance [here](#) and link to the legislation [here](#).

Anything else

- If you have any other applications that are urgent during this time, such as needing to apply for a new permit, or a permit transfer, notify us via email as soon as possible.

Key Dates for the MMP Migration and permit condition change.

- Please note where you have installations onshore your respective regulator will set dates which may differ.

Monitoring Methodology Plan migration timeline

Migration timeline				
Action	March	April	May	June
Last date to submit permit variations	31 March			
OPRED review of variations		April - May		
MMP migration window			14 May – 11 June	
MMP final go live date				11 June
Permit condition implementation				13 June
Operators are free to submit permit variations as normal				16 June

OPRED Helpdesk

A helpdesk is set up to assist users if required. Please contact opred@energysecurity.gov.uk for assistance.