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A communication from OPRED to provide an update on the MMP migration in METS, the permit condition change for permanent cessations and a reminder of the deadline for Baseline data reports and improvement reports.

### **Migration of Monitoring Methodology Plans into METS**

Further to our previous communication of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, please be advised that there has been a delay in the migration of the Monitoring Methodology Plans (MMP's) into the IT permitting platform METS. We had advised that the freeze on submitting variations would end on 16<sup>th</sup> of June, however this has now been moved to early July 2025. Further communication will be made to confirm when the MMP's will be migrated, and permits could be submitted.

### **Flow diagrams**

As part of the MMP migration, OPRED have provided the METS team with the relevant flow diagrams for each installation which did not have a separate file within an approved permit. Once the migration is complete, please review the uploaded flow diagram files, and all other aspects of the MMP and update or replace as necessary.

### **Notifications**

- Can be submitted as normal.
- 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 before the end of the freeze, because of any significant modifications to your Monitoring Plan / MMP, you should notify OPRED by email to [OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto: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.



### Pemit condition change

- As previously advised, 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, in early July 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](#).

### Key Dates (updated) for the MMP Migration and permit condition change.

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

### Updated Monitoring Methodology Plan migration timeline

Migration timeline					
Action	March	April	May	June	July
Last date to submit permit variations	31 March				
OPRED review of variations		April - May			
MMP migration window			14 May – 30 June		
MMP final go live date					Early July
Permit condition implementation					Early July (after MMP migration)
Operators are free to submit permit variations as normal					Early July



## 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.

## Improvement reports reminder

### Verifier Improvement Reports

- If a Verifier improvement report is required for your installation, i.e. there are outstanding non-conformities or recommendations for improvements, this will be in your TASKS on METS.
- The report must describe how and when you have rectified or the plans to rectify the non-conformities identified by the verifier and to implement recommended improvements.
- Where recommended improvements would not lead to an improvement of the monitoring methodology, you must provide a justification of why that is the case or why making the necessary improvements would lead to unreasonable costs.
- Please provide as much detail as possible in order for OPRED to adequately review the report.
- Reports must be submitted by 30 June 2025 unless you have agreed an alternative deadline with OPRED as per Article 69(4) of the MRR.

### Annual Improvement Reports

- If you do not apply the required tiers according to Article 26(1) for monitoring your emissions sources that could apply to your installation for major and minor source streams, an annual improvement report workflow will have been generated in your TASKS on METS.
- The report must justify why you are using lower tier methodologies. You must set out your proposals for improvements aimed at using highest tiers.
- If you do not propose improvements, you must explain why and provide evidence of that, either it is not technically feasible or why making the necessary improvements would lead to unreasonable costs.
- Reports must be submitted by 30 June 2025, unless you have agreed an alternative deadline with OPRED as per Article 69(1) of the MRR.

The OPRED unreasonable costs tool can be found [here](#). The information provided in the tool must be an accurate reflection of the costs of your improvements at this time. Evidence of the costs should also be provided.



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### **Baseline Data Collection – reminder**

- This is a reminder that between 1 April and 30 June 2025, all installation operators within scope of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) are required to submit data to their regulator ahead of the next allocation period.
- All installations must make a submission, whether they intend to apply for free allocation status or not. Failure to comply may result in a civil penalty.
- Installations that have already submitted a permit surrender, which has been determined by OPRED do not need to submit this.
- The baseline data collection is an essential part of the free allocation application, and failure to submit this report by the deadline will result in an operator not receiving free allocation at any point during the second allocation period 2027-2030.

### **OPRED Helpdesk**

A helpdesk is set up to assist users if required. Please contact [opred@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:opred@energysecurity.gov.uk) for assistance.