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# Environmental Legislation Update

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## What's new in environmental legislation?

As we wait to see the outcomes of the Brexit debates, businesses are encouraged to focus on identifying the potential associated risks areas and implications, particularly in the case of a likely no-deal scenario, on their activities, contracts and trading relationships and prepare for the biggest change to the UK legislation in decades.

## Getting ready for SECR

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) will replace the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme from April 2019. It aims to simplify the greenhouse gas reporting framework in UK, broaden its compliance scope and increase transparency and introduce energy data verification. On 18 July the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) published the [government response to the consultation](#).

**Who must comply?**  
SECR applies to all quoted companies and large UK incorporated unquoted companies (as defined by the Companies Act 2006) with at least 250 employees or annual turnover greater than £36m and annual balance sheet total greater than £18m (two criteria or more must apply). Companies using 40,000 kWh or less of energy in the 12-month reporting period will be exempt. The Climate Change Levy (CCL) will increase to

compensate for the lost revenues resulting from closing the CRC scheme.

### What is required?

- Companies will need to:
- Calculate and report annual energy usage, including transport.
  - Report Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Scope 3 being voluntary).
  - Identify an emission intensity metric.
  - Publish a narrative on energy efficiency taken in each financial year.

## Legislation Update

[European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(Commencement and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations SI 2018/808](#)

[Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations SI 2018/611](#)

[Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme and Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme \(Amendment\) Regulations SI 2018/635](#)

[The Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval and Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants\) Regulations 2018](#)

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme \(Revocation and Savings\) Order SI 2018/841](#)

[Directive 2018/844/EU \(OJ:L156/75/2018\) amending Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 669/2018 amending Regulation \(EC\) 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 675/2018 amending the Appendices to Annex 17 to Regulation \(EC\) 1907/2006 concerning \(REACH\) as regards CMR substances](#)

## New ISO 50001: 2018

ISO 50001 provides a framework for establishing energy management best practice to help organisations to improve their energy efficiency, conserve resources and

tackle climate change. The 2018 version of ISO 50001 was released on 21 August 2018 and replaces the 2011 version. Companies already accredited to ISO 50001:2011 have 3 years

from the publication date to complete transition to the 2018 standard. [BSI has published a free to-download guide on its website.](#)



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## Upcoming events

### **Carbon Trust Green Business Fund SME workshops**

Various locations across England & Wales  
4/10—14/11/2018

### **Charging Ahead: Greening Energy Management**

10/10/18, 9:30am—15:00pm  
Marches Centre of Manufacturing and Technology, WV15 5HR

### **EBRI Masterclass: Value from Waste**

17/10/18, National Metalforming Centre, West Bromwich

### **Green GB Week**

15-19 October 2019

### **Sustainability West Midlands Annual Conference: Local Industrial Strategies - A Clean Revolution for the West Midlands?**

03 December, University of Birmingham

For more upcoming events visit [Sustainability West Midlands website](#)



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## Japanese Knotweed: a court case

Network Rail has lost a Japanese Knotweed Case.



Extracts from the appeal judgement stated that the

spread of Japanese Knotweed '...can fairly be described as a natural hazard...'. 'Japanese Knotweed, and its roots and rhizomes, does not merely carry the risk of future

physical damage to buildings, structures and installations on the land; its presence imposes an immediate burden on landowners ...'. [See the judgement here.](#)

## Quick updates

### **Low Carbon Growth Support Project ends soon:**

The project, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, provides grants of around 40%, up to £25,000, towards the cost of energy saving projects, to help SMEs in the Black Country and Greater Birmingham and Solihull areas to purchase and install energy efficient equipment. Final grant applications should be received before the end of March 2019.



### **2018 Q2 Recovery & Recycling Summary**

shows the highest level of plastics exports since the regulations began, causing plastic PRN prices to fall.

### **Energy Performance Certificates in buildings call for evidence:**

BEIS is seeking evidence on how Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) are performing. Follow the link to respond online.

### **START2ACT**

The Carbon Trust has developed a set of free online resources, including e-learning to help SMEs identify energy saving opportunities.

### **NEW BAT standards for waste treatment**

The EU has published a new set of standards covering large waste treatment facilities.

### **The Secret Life of Lanfill: A Rubbish History,**

is a documentary on BBC4 about landfill and the history of our throw-away society.

### **Industrial Heat Recovery Support Programme**

will open for applications in Autumn 2018 and provide matched funding for feasibility studies and the capital cost of implementing industrial heat recovery projects in England and Wales.

## Low Carbon Growth Support Project: Case Study

E. Hulme & Son LTD is a family-run business in Walsall, manufacturing small leather goods. It recognised the opportunity presented by the Low Carbon Growth Support Project (LCGSP) to implement energy efficiency measures such as the installation of programmable thermostats, loft insulation, new energy saving sewing

machines and solar PV. Through these projects E. Hulme & Son Ltd.'s annual carbon emissions will be reduced by 65% and it is estimated that energy consumption will reduce by 45% resulting in annual financial savings of approximately £3,800. Robert Hulme, Director at E. Hulme & Son said: '... the

LCGSP has enabled us to remain competitive against foreign imports, safeguarding jobs and production for many years to come.' For more information on the Low Carbon Growth Support Project visit [www.lowcarbonbcgbs.co.uk](http://www.lowcarbonbcgbs.co.uk) or call 0121 530 5507 .



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