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Environmental Legislation Update

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Legislation Update

[ISO 50001: 2018](#)

[Plant Health \(England\) \(Amendment\) \(No.3\), \(No. 4\) and \(No. 5\) Order 2018](#)

[The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

[Environmental Protection \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations SI 2018/1227](#)

[Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations SI 2018/1214](#)

[Building \(Amendment\) Regulations SI 2018/1230](#)

[Dealing with spills: GPP 22](#)

[Companies \(Directors' Report\) & Limited Liability Partnerships \(Energy and Carbon Report\) Regulations SI 2018/1155](#)

ESOS Phase 2 qualification date of 31/12/18 has passed. Have you checked if you qualify for Phase 2?

What's new in environmental legislation?

Lots of legislative changes are in the pipeline as we wait for a decision on the UK-EU future relationship. Some of those amendments have already been published, but will only come into force after the 29 March, assuming a deal on Brexit is agreed. In brief, we are currently at a standstill!

Encouragingly, the Government has committed to many environmental pledges as highlighted in the Autumn Budget and evidenced by the publication of the [Clean Air Strategy 2019](#), the [Resource and Waste Strategy](#) and the long-awaited [draft Environment \(Principles and Governance\) Bill](#) which contains proposals for how the environment will

be regulated once the UK leaves the EU. The Environmental Act is expected to be laid in front of parliament in May 2019. The Government is also currently seeking views on various proposals like the increase of single-use plastic bag charge and the introduction of [Smart Export Guarantee \(SEG\)](#).

The Autumn Budget failed to mention any investments in renewable energy sources, which is a crucial aspect particularly in view of the expected energy price increase after Brexit.

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Climate Change Warning

The Environment Agency have published the [Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Report](#), an evidence-based document which includes examples of current and future impacts of climate change in the UK and the adaptations that are needed. When looking at the projections defined in the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) report on the impact of global warming of](#)

[1.5C above pre-industrial levels](#), we are not on track to meet the Paris Agreement's temperature goal. The report confirms that around 100% of the global warming since pre-industrial levels is the result of human activity and states that global average warming is "likely" to reach 1.5C between 2030 and 2052. It estimates that limiting the global warming pathway to 1.5C will "involve annual

average investment...in the energy system of around 2.4 trillion USD" and will require "rapid and far-reaching transitions" in the way energy and resources are used and sourced, alongside large-scale changes from Governments and individuals. In brief, it's not too late but we need to act now!



Upcoming events

[Business Impact on Water Quality](#)

6/02/19, 09:30—14:00
Hafren House, Welshpool Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 8BB

[How to become a Data Driven Business for Enhanced Productivity](#)

7/02/19, 09:00—13:00
iCentrum, Innovation Birmingham, Holt Street, B7 4BB

[Climate Resilient Infrastructure Workshop](#)

22/02/19, 09:30—13:30
Technology Centre, Glaisher Drive, Wolverhampton WV10 9RU

[Green Business Fund Workshop](#)

14/03/19, 09:00—12:00
Staffordshire County Council, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

[Hydrogen Fuel Cells and Connected Autonomous Vehicles](#)

19/03/19, all day
NEC Birmingham

[Waste Management Training](#)

09:30—13:00
Call 0121 530 5511 to book the following sessions:

- 21/02/19 in Stoke-On-Trent
- 21/03/19 in Tipton
- 28/03/19 in Birmingham



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Funding opportunities



[Low Carbon Growth](#)

[Support Project](#) - Last chance to apply for **38% capital grant (up to £25,000) towards energy saving measures**. Grants are running out and new applications will not be accepted after the 29 March! Call 0121 530 5507 for information.

[Industrial Heat Recovery Support \(IHRS\)](#)

[Programme](#) provides

matched funding for feasibility studies and the capital cost of implementing industrial heat recovery projects.

[Manufacturing Growth Programme](#) offers free advice and funding to SME enterprises that can demonstrate an intention to grow/improve.

[Lloyds Banking Group Clean Growth Finance Scheme](#)

offers £2bn discounted finance to commercial clients to invest in resource efficiency

improvements and environmental sustainability.

[Heat Networks](#)

[Investment Project \(HNIP\)](#) provides £320m to gap fund heat network projects. The scheme is open to the public, private and third sectors.

[Low Carbon Business Evolution Programme](#)

extended! The sben/LCBEP project has been extended and will continue to support SMEs in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire till December 2021.

Quick updates

[Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting](#)

guideline now available.

[Climate Change Levy](#) is increasing by approx. 31% from 01 April 2019.

[Climate Change Agreements:](#)

[Operations Manual](#) was updated in December 2018.

[UK Climate Projections 2018 \(UKCPI8\)](#): the MET Office, in collaboration with BEIS and DEFRA has

developed a new climate analysis tool providing observations and climate change projections in the UK and globally.

[Carrier Bag charge](#): on 27 December 2018, the government launched a consultation on extending the English carrier bag charge to all retailers and increasing the charge to 10p. The consultation ends on 27 February.

[ECHA's PACT](#) (public activities coordination tool) is the new tool that provides information about substance-specific activities under REACH and CLP in a user-friendly format.

[The future for small-scale low-carbon](#)

[generation](#): BEIS is seeking views on the introduction of a supplier-led 'Smart Export Guarantee' to replace the export tariff.

33% Renewable Energy

UK power stations' electricity output in 2018 has been the lowest since 1994 despite the increase in population. Records show that this was mainly due to a combination of more efficient use of energy, the introduction of energy efficient technologies and the increased power sourced

from renewable sources . Renewable sources including biomass, hydro, solar and wind power supplied a record 33% of electricity in 2018. From 01 January 2019 Ofgem has enforced an energy price cap, placing a limit on standard variable tariff charges. The Government has confirmed



that energy suppliers offering green energy tariffs are exempt and Ofgem has recently granted derogations to Good Energy, Ecotricity and Green Energy.



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Business Energy Efficiency Programme



Business Futures Forum
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Meres & Mosses Business Environment Network

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business & community working together for a healthy environment and secure local economy