Welcome to Issue 2 of the 2016 Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) newsletter. Here we aim to keep you updated on matters of potential interest to ESOS stakeholders.

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ESOS Data Published
We have published data submitted by organisations who notified us that they had complied by 29 January 2016 on .GOV.UK. We are publishing this data to meet our statutory responsibility under the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014 and also in accordance with open data principles.

This information is a subset of information submitted by the scheme applicants who submitted their notifications of compliance by 29 January. The dataset does not include personal data. This information is protected under the Data Protection Act.

Please refer to Appendix B (p70 onwards) of the ESOS guidance for the full set of questions to which the answers in the dataset relate.

The data contained in the spreadsheet has not been verified to confirm the compliance of these organisations with the ESOS Regulations 2014. It is a list of those organisations that have notified us that they are compliant. Where there are elements of the information provided that appears to be non-compliant these will be investigated and addressed in compliance auditing over the next four years.

With the exception of where we have been able to identify that personal data has been entered in answer to a question erroneously or we have been notified of an inaccuracy, the data is published as provided in the notifications.

The number of rows in the spreadsheet differs slightly from the number quoted in our press statements on 1 February. This reflects that duplicate notifications have been removed.

ESOS is an organisational based regime. Consequently well known entities within a corporate group may be covered by a notification in the name of a UK parent (the default for participation) and as such may not be readily identifiable. We therefore ask you to use this data with caution, so as not to make inaccurate conclusions.

We will not be releasing information about organisations which may qualify for the scheme but have not yet engaged with us. We obtained company data under licence from a third party. The licence conditions do not allow us to share this information. Coupled with this, in some cases the company data we obtained does not give us sufficient information to determine their qualification status. Therefore, it would not be appropriate for us to release information about which organisations we consider to be non-compliant until we’ve fully investigated all of the remaining organisations and confirmed their qualification status.

Access the dataset by using this link https://data.gov.uk/dataset/energy-savings-opportunity-scheme and then selecting ‘Direct Link’ by clicking on the arrow next to the ‘Resource locator’ section.
Taking ESOS forwards

Don't forget that as the deadline for the first compliance period has now passed, the next compliance period officially started 6 December 2015. If you believe that your organisation will qualify for the next compliance period, you could plan your compliance strategy and implement a rolling programme of energy audits over the next four years. That way, by the next compliance deadline (5 December 2019), your organisation will be well placed to comply with its ESOS obligations and financially benefit from implementing energy saving opportunities.