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Guidance on Carbon Reduction Commitment launched for local authorities

AEA has launched guidance for local authorities and public bodies on the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme, which aims to help organisations avoid some of the common pitfalls of registration and to make the process quicker and easier. With the 30 September registration deadline fast approaching, organisations that are unfamiliar with the process need this help and advice now.

Public sector organisations that haven't yet registered are risking penalties of thousands of pounds. Simple things such as being aware that estimates of energy consumption are acceptable (provided the organisation can demonstrate that it has tried to retrieve the actual data) can dramatically improve the registration process, allowing organisations more time to focus on what they need to do to meet their targets post-registration.

Common mistakes being made during registration include:

- Inaccuracies in determining total half hourly supplies – including entering kWh instead of MWh
- Incorrect treatment of excluded transport – most of which will be dealt with in a later footprint report
- Inaccuracies in entering Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs).

Mark Johnson, Knowledge Leader for Emissions Trading at AEA said:

“With only a couple of weeks left before registration needs to be completed and submissions sent to the Environment Agency for checking, many public sector bodies will be struggling to make the deadline. We believe many organisations are delaying because they're worried about making an inaccurate registration. But the sooner you start the process, the sooner you can get it checked to ensure that it's right.”

AEA was the principal technical adviser to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) for the CRC scheme and continues to work with the Environment Agency during the implementation phase. It is currently working with a portfolio of over 20 clients to address a range of strategic and practical measures in preparation of the scheme's launch.

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Click [here](#) to access AEA's guidance for organisations covered by the CRC scheme.