

Carbon Reduction Commitment Services

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC) is a mandatory carbon taxation scheme in the UK for large non-energy intensive organisations. It applies to organisations with half-hourly metered electricity consumption greater than 6,000 MWh per year (costing circa £500K). It affects up to 4,000 commercial and public sector organisations including retail and hotel chains, banks, local authorities, central government and health authorities.

Overview

Participants in CRC are required to complete Annual Report submissions (to a deadline), maintain an auditable CRC Evidence Pack and pay for CRC emissions (to deadlines). Phase 2 of the CRC runs from 2014 to 2019 – and TEAM can provide a complete service or support your organisation with any part of the requirements. We can also prepare forecasts of emissions and costs, help you prepare for audit and provide CRC administrative support.

TEAM's Energy Consultants are ideally placed to support you during the various phases of the CRC from data collation, producing CRC Annual Reports and evidence packs, forecasting and the purchase of carbon allowances.

The TEAM Energy Consultancy and Bureau Services can help carry out the work required for CRC compliance. Alternatively the TEAM Sigma software can be utilised by organisations to carry out this work themselves. Our service is totally flexible and we can support you as much or as little as you choose.

TEAM is supporting organisations throughout the whole process of complying with the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

Regardless of how you currently manage your utility data, we can help. If required we can provide full data management services to help comply with the CRC.

Preparation

The preparation stage includes a full audit of your energy consumption to validate your organisation's total emissions. As part of this we:

- Perform data quality checks

- Identify any estimated energy usage and self-reads
- Confirm sources of CRC emissions
- Collate any landlord / tenant supply arrangements



The Evidence Pack - TEAM puts all records that support the Annual Report into an Evidence Pack as required for the scheme. This includes:

- Structural records of your organisation's scope and operations
- Data records showing your energy consumption
- Special event records covering changes of your energy supplier / meters etc.
- Records of exemptions and credits to secure full benefit if you are a member of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme or have Climate Change Agreements or on-site electricity generation

Audit and Regulation - TEAM ensure your CRC records are accurate for an audit by the regulator.

Buying Carbon Allowances - TEAM can advise your organisation how many carbon allowances to buy. The price per tonne of CO2 emissions for the CRC scheme is subject to the Government's Budget and will generally rise each year. For Phase 2 of the CRC, which runs from 2014 to 2019, participants are allowed to purchase CRC allowances twice each year.

There will be the option to purchase cheaper "forecast allowances" in April at the start of each CRC year. "Buy to comply" allowances can be purchased the following June/ July (after the CRC year ends) and are intended to ensure that there are sufficient allowances in the account to cover the actual reported emissions for the year. This means organisations have to decide if and how many forecast allowances they wish to purchase, and budget for their CRC costs. TEAM can prepare forecasts of emissions – taking into account any energy-saving projects or scenarios you may have.

For any given CRC year in Phase 2 (2014-2019), the "forecast allowance" price will be cheaper than the "buy to comply" allowance price to encourage organisations to forecast their emissions for the coming CRC year.

Related Carbon Reduction Services

The direct savings that arise from an effective energy reduction programme far outweigh the savings from the current carbon price within the CRC Scheme (which typically adds around 10% to the cost of energy).

TEAM can provide ongoing support in a number of important areas to help you improve your overall carbon performance by reducing your energy use.

Benchmarking - produce league tables to detect waste and identify potential for energy savings

Energy Audits - to assess opportunities for carbon reductions by reducing energy use and comply with ESOS, the Energy Saving Opportunities Scheme

Feasibility Studies - to evaluate potential costs and savings from recommended measures

Project Management - to ensure successful implementation of carbon reduction schemes

Energy Saving Solutions - from design, finance, supply to installation and operation of carbon saving solutions



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