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ESOS Phase 4 and ISO 50001 Revisions

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What has changed?

The main change is that ESOS Phase 4 reduces the assessment requirements where ISO 50001 certification covers at least 95% of total energy consumption. There is no longer the need to draft a separate ESOS Report.

Are you within scope?

- Your ISO 50001 Certification must cover all identified significant energy consumption, representing at least 95% of total use. Below this, supplementary ESOS audits, a Lead Assessor and an ESOS report will still be required.
- Your ISO 50001 certificate must be issued on or after 6th December 2023 and remain valid on 5th December 2027.

What do you still need to do?

- Calculate total energy consumption and energy intensity ratios. This can be done as part of Energy Review and Energy Performance Indicator (EnPI) processes within your Energy Management System (EnMS).
- Keep an evidence pack of the energy data and improvement programs.
- Obtain Director confirmation/sign-off of the ISO 50001 processes in place. Often achieved via Management Review processes.
- Submit the compliance notification through MESOS portal (established under Phase 3 of ESOS), by 5th December 2027.
- Comply with and meet any ESOS action plan/annual progress update requirements. This is required every December.

Immediate Next steps?

Check that your ISO 50001 certification covers at least 95% of the total energy used by all companies included in your ESOS submission, including relevant buildings, processes and transport.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at Environmental Strategies Limited.

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