



Green Achiever Newsletter

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Welcome!

This month, we are looking at the launch of the Carbon Trusts energy saving Green Business Fund. We also fly over to Disney World to see how they have been using Mickey to create energy!

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Carbon Trust launches energy saving Green Business Fund

Small and medium-enterprises (SMEs) will be the benefactors of a £7m windfall that offers expert advice and increased opportunities to improve energy efficiency, after energy consultants the Carbon Trust launched a new Green Business Fund.



The £7m funding programme will support 1000 to 2000 SMEs across the UK in several key business areas such as energy saving training, cost saving assessments and capital investment for the installation of energy efficiency equipment. Eligible companies will have an opportunity to purchase a range of equipment to improve their heating, ventilation systems, lighting and air conditioning systems.

Industry professionals and business energy providers have highlighted the financial and environmental benefits that can be gained by companies if they exploit energy saving measures.

Carbon Trust's energy consultant David Tobin claimed that an average 20% cost reduction was achievable for businesses through the implementation of energy saving opportunities identified by ESOS audits

We can help with carbon offsetting, reporting and compliance, along with ESOS assessments. Give us a call on [01743 343403](tel:01743343403).

Legislation Updates



England and Wales:

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations SI 2016/475

They amend the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2010/675 in order to extend the requirement for an environmental permit to flood risk activities. The new permitting requirements for flood risk activities replaces the current "flood defence consent scheme", allowing the Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to concentrate on higher risk activities.

As a result, these amendments:

- provide for exempt flood risk activities;
- amend definitions in order to bring flood risk activities within the class of operations that need an environmental permit;
- extends current provisions so they cover flood risk activities;
- require the [Environment](#)



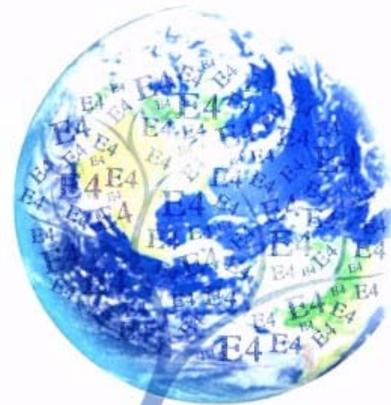
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[Agency](#) and [NRW](#) to consult each other before using a function relating to a flood risk activity which could affect a flood or coastal erosion risk in Wales or England.

Paris climate deal: countries with about half of global emissions to join this year

About 175 governments took a first step of signing onto the deal on 22nd April, 2016. The action, though entirely symbolic, had maintained important momentum since the Paris climate meeting last December, the White House said.



At least 34 countries representing 49% of greenhouse gas emissions formally joined the agreement, or committed to joining the agreement as early as possible this year at a high profile signing ceremony at the United Nations last Friday. But economists and scientists say governments are still moving too slowly to map out a long-term future free of coal, oil, and gas – even as rising temperatures and melting polar ice unleashes havoc in real-time.

China, which on its own accounts for about 20% of global emissions, told the UN it would finalise domestic procedures to join the agreement before the G20 meeting in September. Other industrialised countries offered similar pledges to submit the agreement for approval to parliament

Disney launches new Mickey Mouse-shaped solar farm



A 22-acre solar facility arranged in the shape of Mickey Mouse's head will provide 5MW of renewable energy at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

A total of 48,000 on-site solar panels will produce the power - which is equivalent of 1,000 residential solar rooftops systems. This will be used for the entertainment and recreation facility along with its partners such as the Four Seasons Resort and Hotel Plaza Boulevard hoteliers.

We can help you look at feasibility or planning for renewable energy. Call [01743 343403](tel:01743343403) to see how we can help or find out more [HERE](#)

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