

Green Achiever Newsletter

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Welcome!

As we finish the year, it may be time to start reflecting on your progress over 2015. You may be surprised, but the changes - big or small - you might see from comparing one Green Achiever environmental policy to the next are doing a great deal of good to the environment and the sustainability of your business.

We are proud to celebrate another year of many new businesses getting on board with Green Achiever, and some exciting new projects being kicked off by the E4environment team.

Marry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Green Achiever & E4environment



What does COP 21 mean for your business?

We have taken a look at the COP21 Agreement to see how it may impact on UK businesses. Here are some of our predictions for the future...



- An expectation to become more energy efficient, or to be prioritizing sustainability.
- Tighter regulations for businesses to limit emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gases.
- Environmental best practice along the supply chain, working towards carbon neutrality.
- Climate Change Plans to be produced by all businesses which outline how they will adapt to new environmental challenges.

For a more detailed insight, please [follow this link to our blog.](#)

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England/Wales: The Environmental Permitting Regulations (2015) amend the 2010 regulations by giving more power to regulators, who can now serve a suspension notice if they consider that there has been a contravention of a permit condition and there is risk of pollution.



Scotland: The Climate Change Order 2015 requires public bodies, including NHS organisation and local authorities, to prepare reports on compliance with duties imposed under s.44 of the Climate Change Act 2009. This will include total annual emissions and climate change targets.



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2016 set to be hottest year on record



According to a forecast issued by the UK Met Office on Thursday, global temperatures are set to rise above records set in 2014 and 2015.

This will be down to climate change and also the peaking of the El Niño weather phenomenon.

[More information can be found on The Guardian website.](#)

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