

FACT SHEET

Shaping the outcome before reacting to operational issues



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NATIONAL GREENHOUSE & ENERGY REPORTING – YEAR 2

Greenhouse and energy reporting, under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (NGER) is now in its second year of operation. This affects your business if:

- Your business activities met the energy consumption thresholds in 2008-09, and you were enrolled and reported in OSCAR. You will need to report again this year.
- Your business activities met the 2009-10 energy consumption thresholds. You need to register and enrol in OSCAR to report your energy consumption.

Businesses that need to register with the Department of Climate Change for the first time must do so by **31st August 2010**.

Energy consumption reports for 2009-10 must be submitted by **31st October 2010**.

Thresholds

The Act makes registration and reporting mandatory for corporations whose energy use or greenhouse gas emissions exceeds the specified thresholds. For most transport companies, consumption of diesel fuel is usually the largest form of energy consumption.

There are two thresholds that determine whether corporations are required to apply for registration and reporting under the Act.

Facility threshold

This includes the business activities and energy consumption within a state or territory. For the purpose of NGER, this is determined as the state in which the fuel is purchased.

Businesses must register and report if they consumed or purchased more than **2.59 megalitres of diesel in 2009-10** within a state or territory. This would be approximately \$3.4 million in diesel expenses**.

Corporation threshold

This includes total diesel consumption for a business across state and territory borders. This threshold decreases every year.

Businesses must register and report if they consumed or purchased more than **9.01 megalitres of diesel in 2009-10** across state and territory borders. This would equate to approximately \$12 million in diesel expenses**.

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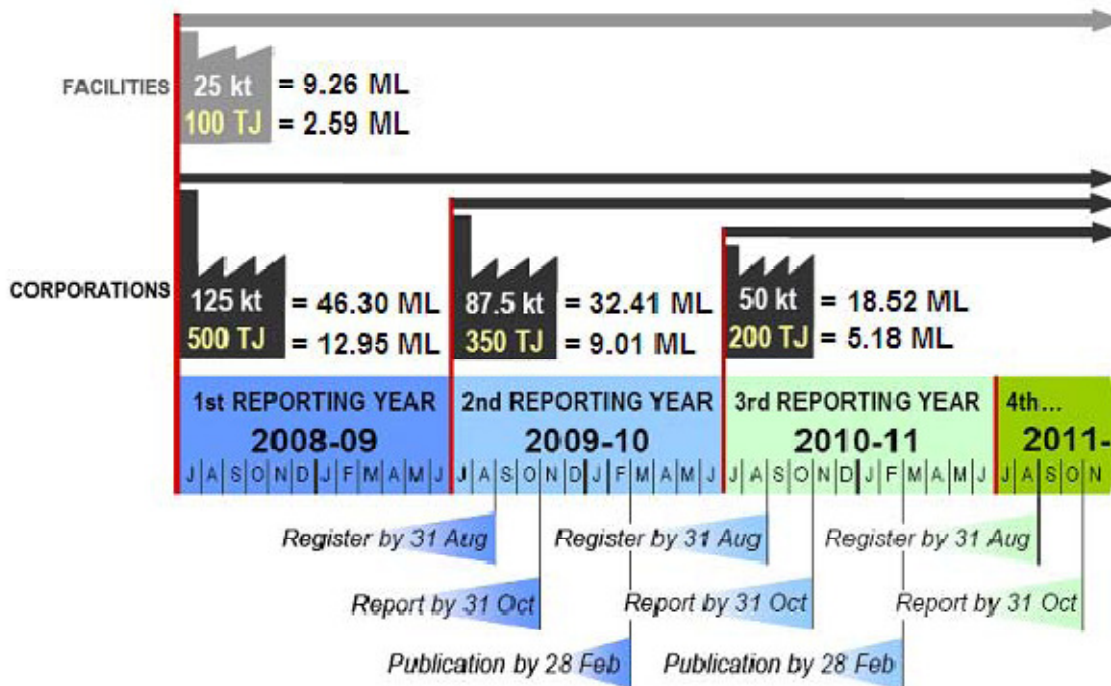
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Comprehensive thresholds are below:



kt = kilotonnes (10^3 tonnes) in CO₂ equivalent of greenhouse gases emitted
TJ = terajoules (10^9 joules) of energy consumed
ML = megalitres (10^6 litres) of diesel consumed

Sub-contractors and operational control

In business arrangements that involve multiple parties, like sub-contracting or partnership agreements, corporate responsibility for reporting can be unclear.

Under the Act, a corporation is considered to have operational control over a facility if it has the authority to implement operating, health and safety, and environmental policies.

If more than one corporation has control over introducing and implementing these policies, the corporation with the greatest authority is deemed to have overall control.

If it is unclear which corporation has the greatest overall control, the balanced scorecard can be used. The completed document can also form part of a corporation's reporting records.

To download the scorecard and industry developed examples, please see *Trucking Industry NGERs Resources* at www.atatruck.net.au.

Need to report?

If a corporation's energy consumption exceeds the facility or corporation threshold identified above, and the corporation has operational control, they are required to report.

To register, go to <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/reporting/register.html>.

To report using the online system for reporting (OSCAR), go to <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/oscar.aspx>.

2008-09 NGER reports

NGERs reports submitted in 2009 were found to have a number of common errors. Some relevant errors were:

- incorrect identification of the state or territory where facilities were located;
- incorrect units used in reports (e.g. reporting the amount in litres instead of kilolitres);
- warnings during online reporting process ignored; and
- facilities within larger facilities were not entered or were provided as an attachment.

Further analysis of NGER reports and the opportunity to resubmit reports is available online at the address below.

NGER resources available

The Department of Climate Change has available on their website a number of resources, including a greenhouse and energy calculator, to assist corporations to assess their reporting obligations under the Act.

This information is available at: <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/reporting/index.html>.

The Department of Climate Change is holding a number of workshops in capital cities to help businesses understand their reporting obligations and the OSCAR reporting methods.

The scheduled workshops are:

- Brisbane 20 July 2010
- Sydney 22 July 2010
- Melbourne 26 July 2010
- Adelaide 28 July 2010
- Perth 29 July 2010

For more information on the workshops, or any other enquires concerning greenhouse and energy reporting obligations the Department of Climate Change can be contacted by calling the toll free helpline on 1800 018 831 or by sending an email to reporting@climatechange.gov.au.

Disclaimer

This fact sheet provides a summary of the Act. It does not and cannot take into account the specific circumstances of your business. You should obtain professional advice before you take action.

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