

**Welcome to the latest round up of energy news from ABH Consulting Ltd.**

*In this issue we are highlighting the burden of increasing energy costs on companies. This impact will continue to be exacerbated by the increasing amount of energy related legislative requirements such as the costs of complying with the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.*

*These factors now make it essential that organisations put in place energy saving initiatives and more importantly make energy efficiency part of their company culture.*



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY SEMINARS

**ABH Consulting Ltd have recently launched a seminar programme targeted at Property Managers, Facilities Managers and other managers responsible for controlling the use of energy.**

The seminar programme covers the main areas of energy conservation including:-

- The efficient use and occupancy of buildings
- Control of heating & lighting systems
- Correct use of office/workplace equipment
- Development of an energy 'culture'
- Costs and benefits of energy saving devices

The seminars operate with a minimum of 6 persons and a maximum of 24. Remember that the measures learnt can result in substantial savings for your organisation.

**Interested? - Contact ABH Consulting at [info@abhconsulting.co.uk](mailto:info@abhconsulting.co.uk)**

## UK TO BE HIT BY MASSIVE ENERGY PRICE INCREASES



**This is the conclusion from Ofgem in a comprehensive report which looks at the supply and demand of both gas and oil over the next 10 years.**

Overall, Ofgem expects prices to rise by between 14% and 25% to 2020 although there may be price spikes of up to 60% during this period. The reasons for this include the continued 'fall off' in North Sea Oil supply together with a decline of approximately one third of generating capacity as power stations are 'retired'. This will lead to the UK becoming much more dependant on potentially volatile supply sources such as Russia.

Business organizations can take action now by taking expert advice from ABH Consulting.



## ENERGY SAVINGS REALISED IN PUB GROUP

ABH Consulting have recently made significant decreases in energy consumption for a Staffordshire Pub Group.

Following a detailed audit of the group's premises and operational procedures the ABH team were able to highlight where consumption could be reduced via behavioural changes and the implementation of an energy action management plan. This has seen an immediate decrease in energy consumption of 10%. This is forecast to increase by a further 10% year on year.

Mathew Halliwell (Energy Director - ABH Consulting) commented that the majority of savings were achieved without the need for capital expenditure.

If you want to know the amount of energy costs that your business could save please contact ABH Consulting.

## CRC - COMING SOON AND HERE TO STAY!



**The Government has responded positively to the consultation process for the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.**

The good news is that the cash flow impact of buying the allowances has been softened. Now companies will not need to purchase allowances (retrospectively) for the first year of the scheme in April 2011. This prevents the double cash hit of needing to purchase two years allowances at the same time.

It is worth noting that in the second year of the scheme the weighting given to the adoption of the early action metrics increases from 20% to 40%. Thus, it is even more important for companies to implement these metrics as soon as possible. Thereafter, the only other changes amount to 'window dressing' e.g. the name is changed to the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

**Jonathan Byrd (Director of ABH Consulting) comments:**

*Changing the first year of CRC into what is effectively a dress rehearsal will undoubtedly assist the introduction of the scheme and alleviate the cost burden which the scheme will impose. Notwithstanding this companies now need to prepare for the scheme by starting to collect the relevant data and put in place systems and measures which will ensure that the scheme is at worst cost neutral.*

*Green  
Ideas*

Did you know that turning lights off in unused rooms and corridors can save as much as 10% of your electricity bill

