

Emission Reporting and 5 Year CDM Plans

Green Energy Act Update following the Ontario government election
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The Ontario PC government under Premier Doug Ford has recently repealed the previous Liberal Government's Green Energy Act in favour of the Electricity Act of 1998. The actions taken so far include:

- ✓ The Green Energy Act, 2009, was repealed on January 1st, 2019, by Bill 34 – An Act to Repeal the Green Energy Act and the Electricity Act, 1998, was re-instated.
- ✓ Bill 34 re-enacts various provisions of the Green Energy Act in the Electricity Act, including annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions and energy consumption reporting requirements as well as the 5-year Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plans.
- ✓ Regulation 397/11 was replaced by Regulation 407/18, requiring all members of the broader public sector, including municipalities, post-secondary educational institutions, public hospitals and school boards to report on their energy use, emissions and develop CDM Plans.
- ✓ The July 1st deadline for reporting energy consumption and emissions as well as publishing CDM Plans is still in place under the Electricity Act.

CDM Plans, first completed in 2014, require all broader sector public agencies to develop measures to reduce their total energy consumption and demand every five years. Additionally, public agencies are required to forecast the results of these plans for review every fifth anniversary. This year, on or before July 1st, 2019, the CDM Plans from 2014 are up for review by each agency.

Under Regulation 407/18, every public agency is required to submit, publish (on its website and intranet site) and make available in printed form at its head office an updated CDM Plan that contains the following information:

1. Summary of annual energy consumption.

2. A description of current and proposed measures for conserving and otherwise reducing energy consumption and managing its demand for energy.
3. A revised forecast of the expected results of the current and proposed measures, including cost and savings estimates.
4. A report of the actual results achieved.
5. A description of any proposed changes to be made to assist the public agency in reaching any targets it has established or forecasts it has made.

Similar to 2014, HELO and ECNG/HealthPRO are working together to provide CDM plan templates and annual consumption data for reporting. More information on the templates and education sessions will be released in the next few months. Stay tuned!