



## Greenhouse Gas Reporting

### More details on the fast approaching September 30 deadline

As noted in our last newsletter, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule that extends the deadline for reporting 2010 greenhouse gas data under the GHG Reporting Program to September 30, 2011. The original deadline was March 31, 2011.

Not only are facilities required to report emissions at a facility-wide level, but they must also collect and maintain a comprehensive combustion-unit level inventory to properly calculate and report total greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, facilities subject to the reporting rule were required to develop a greenhouse gas emissions monitoring plan that includes a description of the processes and methods used to collect the necessary data for the GHG calculations. The monitoring plan must be up to date and revised when there are any changes in methods or procedures.

EPA has developed a new web-based Electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool to support reporting under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program. Annual Reporting requires online registration and the submittal of Certificates of Representation to EPA. It is important that registration be completed well in advance of September 30, 2011 to ensure timely submittals.

The EPA requires the reporting of GHG data from large emissions sources across a range of industry sectors, as well as suppliers of products that would emit GHGs if released or combusted. This federal regulation applies to facilities that emit greater than 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents. The data help guide policy decisions and the development of future programs that EPA might implement to reduce these emissions.

#### We Can Help.

Tighe & Bond can assist your facility with any of the requirements of EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program. If you have questions or need help, please contact **Jeffrey P. Bibeau**, REM, at (413) 572-3243 or [JBibeau@tighebond.com](mailto:JBibeau@tighebond.com).

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