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Boost for Decentralised Energy

As Government launches successor to UK industrial heat map

Leading energy and climate change consultancy AEA has developed a revised UK industrial heat map for the UK Government [<http://chp.decc.gov.uk/heatmap>].

The groundbreaking initiative is part of the Government's strategy is to help promote decentralised energy for both new and existing buildings. The map has been developed as a successor to the original tool aimed at assisting power station developers consider the opportunities for combined heat and power (CHP) as required under planning policy. However, due to its increased scope, the updated map can now be used by both small and large organisations to help identify the locations where CHP, renewable heat plants and district heating would have the greatest technical and economic potential, and therefore the largest positive environmental impact.

The interactive heat map presents the heat demand within the UK across various sectors. The search and zoom facilities allow users to search using grid references, highlight and isolate the heat use in specific post code districts.

Mahmoud Abu-Ebid, Chief Consultant at AEA on CHP and heat said:

"This new service AEA has developed for DECC will be invaluable for organisations who are exploring the opportunities for the development of CHP and renewable heat plants. The search facility returns a high level of detail identifying the heat demand within the search area, which can be varied from 1 km² up to 100 km². The heat demand can also be separated by sector with large users highlighted on an individual basis."

AEA is the leading provider of low carbon policy advice, including CHP, to the UK Government, and also manages the CHP Quality Assurance Programme, as well as being the principal technical adviser on the CRC.

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AEA manages the UK government's Envirowise project, one of the world's largest resource efficiency programmes and provides carbon management expertise to many of the UK's largest private sector organisations.

AEA is voted Number One Consultancy for Climate Change and Renewables by industry consultants (Edie surveys 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009).

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