

Savings Potential and Cost of Investments for Energy Efficiency

Source: Sustainability Energy Authority of Ireland, Energy Efficient Design Methodology

The EEOA process includes the following:

- 1) Developing a plan to conduct the EEOA, which must detail the scope, objectives, and assessment method of the EEOA
- 2) Identifying energy efficiency opportunities during the Concept Engineering stage by considering:
 - a) Optimum methods or processes to produce outputs
 - b) Alternative technology choices
- 3) Identifying energy efficiency opportunities, for energy-consuming systems that make up at least 80% of the total energy consumed, as calculated in the FEED stage, considering:
 - a) Location and arrangement of equipment to allow opportunities such as heat transfer between processes
 - b) Best available technologies and best operating practices
 - c) Alternative technology choices
- 4) Assessing the feasibility of implementing each energy efficiency opportunity identified in (2) and (3), based on the following criteria:
 - a) Cost of investment
 - b) Operations cost
 - c) Annual energy savings as compared to a proposed option
 - d) Financial savings
 - e) Payback period or internal rate of return
 - f) Annual carbon emissions
 - g) Other criteria, economic or otherwise, where appropriate
 - h) Other non-energy benefits (e.g. improvement in productivity)
 - i) Potential interactions between various opportunities
- 5) Incorporating shortlisted energy efficiency opportunities into a final design, and calculating the energy and carbon savings from each of these opportunities incorporated
- 6) Develop a final design with the following details:
 - a) Layout, energy balance and process flow diagram of the new venture
 - b) Expected annual energy consumption, by type(s) of fuel or energy commodity
 - c) Expected quantity of output(s)
 - d) Expected specific energy consumption (energy consumed divided by output)
 - e) Expected annual carbon emissions
 - f) For energy-consuming systems that make up at least 80% of the calculated total energy consumption of the new venture:
 - i. Type and description of system
 - ii. Projected annual energy consumption, by type(s) of fuel or energy commodity
 - iii. Projected output
 - iv. Projected specific energy consumption
 - v. Projected annual carbon emissions

EEOA Reporting Requirements

- 1) An executive summary of the report
- 2) Background of new venture and EEOA plan
- 3) Details of the final design (as spelled out in point 6 of Annex 2 of this document)
- 4) Expected energy use and specific energy consumption of the new venture, at the Concept Engineering and FEED stages
- 5) Process of identification and analysis of energy efficiency opportunities, during the Concept Engineering stage, and for energy-consuming systems that make up at least 80% of the calculated total energy consumption of the new venture in the FEED stage. The analysis for each opportunity shall include:
 - a) An explanation why it was selected/ not selected
 - b) Energy performance relative to the system in the design
 - c) Cost of investment
 - d) Estimated cost of operations
 - e) Expected annual energy savings and reduction in carbon emissions compared to the system in the design
 - f) Expected financial return
 - g) Payback period or internal rate of return