

HOW TO ACCESS ENERGY USE DATA

Advice from Jana Lake, President, 3R Sustainability

Energy use data is essential for measuring progress towards GHG emission reduction, energy use reduction, and many other significant sustainability goals. However, this data is often difficult for organizations to access. Jana Lake, President of 3R Sustainability, shares advice and resources for how to find and use this data effectively. 3R Sustainability also many offers services to assist with this and other carbon reduction and sustainability goals.

- **If energy bills are paid centrally by your organization**, often the Accounting department is best positioned to provide energy use data. This department may have either paper-based energy bills (which includes energy usage) or they may be able to provide a log-in to utility accounts for usage data.
- **If bills aren't handled separately**, often the Facility Manager is a good point of contact to gather facility data (or at least put you in contact with who the right contact locally is).
- **Ease of access to, hesitance to share, and time burdens around annual reporting on energy use data are common challenges for companies seeking to learn more about their energy use.** 3R Sustainability provides several services to help overcome these issues:
 - To address access challenges, 3R Sustainability will work with Facilities Managers to identify the correct person with access to the data. 3R Sustainability will work directly with this contact to ease the burden on Facilities Managers to provide regular energy use updates.
 - To address challenges related to data sharing, 3R Sustainability maintains strict data practices (i.e., maintaining confidentiality, reporting only in aggregate) to assure security. 3R also helps build trust and interest in data sharing by conducting pilot programs with facilities that offer some data analysis and identified opportunities for improvements in energy efficiency, water use, etc. that lower operating costs for facilities.
 - To address the challenge of annual reporting on energy data, 3R sustainability offers a partner who works with clients to get permission for direct access to their utility usage data. 3R then pulls that information together for reporting and data analysis to identify opportunities for improvement.

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