

Carbon Footprint, Climate and Water Usage Policy

Purpose

To ensure that Drainline Southern's activities and operations present the least impact to the environment and the smallest a carbon footprint as reasonably practicable.

Principles

Drainline Southern is committed to supporting the UK Government's vision for tackling climate change, and embraces the environmental agenda set by the UK Government.

To help achieve our carbon footprint reduction, Drainline Southern will:

- Comply with all current energy legislation, seeking to meet or better legislative targets
- Minimise waste, promote recycling and the use of recycled products to help reduce the burden of landfill and therefore methane generation.
- Promote environmental awareness and responsibility amongst employees, partners, contractors and service users in projects in which Drainline is involved and will seek, where practicable, to continuously improve environmental performance.
- Evaluate and where possible adopt means of reducing travelling including ideas such as video conferencing.
- Evaluate the potential benefits of homeworking.
- Evaluate the potential benefits of carbon offsetting such as tree planting on land owned or leased by Drainline Southern.
- Consider further investment in our assets to reduce their carbon footprint, i.e., Euro 6 engines
- Invest in electric vehicles and charge points.
- Expect suppliers to have credible, measurable carbon footprint policies.

Energy

The energy that we use within the company or that which is associated with the products that we use and even the waste that we dispose of all forms part of our impact on the environment. The company will establish systems to effectively monitor and analyse how we consume energy within our business to enable areas where we can take positive action to be identified. Energy efficiency should form part of both day-to-day decisions, management and strategic planning.

Greenhouse Gases

Greenhouse gases, including Carbon Dioxide contribute to climate change. They also have other impacts to both people and the environment. Reductions in emissions – from energy consumption directly under our control, to others where we may have influence – should form part of both day-to-day decisions, management and strategic planning.

To achieve this, the company will:

- Ensure that awareness of this policy is communicated to all employees from induction and as part of their ongoing training and development.
- Engage with our supply chain to ensure that we can achieve understanding of our impacts and of the mutual benefits of impact reduction where possible.
- Engage, where appropriate, with our other stakeholders, to ensure that best practice is known and can be both shared.
- Continue to develop our BSI ISO 14001 Environmental Management System to ensure that this policy is supported and regularly reviewed for both effectiveness and suitability.

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Water Usage

The decisions that we make when designing our production processes and capabilities, as well as during our day-to-day operations have, a direct impact on the intensity of our use of potable water supplies. Drinking water is a finite resource and we must ensure that sustainable thinking is applied to reduce our impact.

Not only is this the right thing to do, but it also benefits the business by reducing costs from water bills.

Drainline Southern is committed to ensuring that our water use is ever more sustainable. To achieve this, the company has committed to ensuring that culture, policies, systems and practices are in place to address the following:

- Plant and facilities design and the availability of water recycling and rainwater capture
- Awareness of staff to reduce levels of water used from potable supplies (WO hydrants)
- Monitoring of our water use to ensure that we achieve our goals

Applicability, Implementation & Resources

This policy applies to all aspects of our activities. Implementation within the Drainline management team is through our BSI ISO14001 IMS Management System while implementation by suppliers and industry partners is achieved through contracts and agreements developed and agreed by the management team in accordance with the BSI Management System.

Drainline Southern will ensure the availability of resources needed to implement this policy and ensure that it remains effective and relevant through regular reviews and updates.

It is everyone's responsibility to seek assistance as soon as possible from Drainline Southern Ltd.'s (or if a contractor their employer) prior to reaching a point where their performance or workplace behaviour is negatively affecting the environment.

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