

Environmental Policy.

The environmental impact in the area
in which we work.

2022

Introduction

Somerset Gas “the Company” is an organisation which due to our activities has a significant environmental impact in the areas in which we work.

We recognise that our activities have an impact on the environment and we are committed to improve our environmental performance and minimise the harmful effects through caring policies and effective management.

We accept and acknowledge our obligations and responsibilities under legislation and guidance dealing with environmental issues that affect or arise in consequence of our business activities.

We will apply the methodology of our Management System to identify and determine the environmental issues requiring attention and implementation of the measures to achieve continuous improvement.

We will consider our environmental impact as part of the Business Case process in advance of business decisions being made.

Legislation, Regulation and Good Practice

This Policy takes into account Health, Safety, Environmental and any other related legislation as well as good practice required to achieve compliance with ISO14001.

We will operate the business within the law applying to the area in which work is taking place.

Purpose

We are an environmentally responsible organisation managing our activities to minimise environmental impacts whilst continuing to deliver value for money in all we do.

Commitments

1. Provide regular communication and education to our staff, subcontractors and suppliers.
2. Promote energy conservation and reduce our Carbon footprint.
3. To measure, monitor and minimise all waste, provide responsible disposal services and recycling where possible.
4. Promote environmentally responsible policies in all our activities.
5. Measure, monitor and minimise pollution levels.
6. Reduce the use of natural resources such as water.

7. Work with our subcontractors and suppliers to reduce theirs and our environmental impacts.
8. Demonstrate value for money in environmental activities.

Targets

We have a control system in place and set targets annually for improvement, currently they are as follows for achievement by April 2022:

1. Recycling – 85% target
2. Recorded Waste Disposal – 100%
3. Electricity – 5% saving
4. Vehicle Fuel – 5% increase in M.P.G.
5. Water – 10% saving
6. Annual Staff education/awareness training.
7. Specifically target the reduction in paper usage aligned to achieving the waste reduction target.
8. Include environmental aspects in all relevant policies & procedures within 5 years.
9. Environmental criteria to be assessed as part of the approval process for subcontractors and suppliers.

Responsibilities

1. We will ensure that employees are fully aware of environmental issues by delivering training, education and communications around how they as individuals, can reduce adverse environmental impacts.
2. All department plans and objectives will include the achievement of the goals of this policy.
3. We expect our partners, subcontractors and suppliers to adopt and implement the principles contained within this policy and will aim to achieve this through our selection and supplier management processes.
4. We will develop an action plan with clear targets to achieve against each environmental commitment and target.
5. Company policies and procedures will include responsibilities in respect of complying with this policy and environmental legislation.
6. An environmental group will be set up with staff from each business area to act as champions for achieving the company environmental targets.

Monitoring and Review

We will report to the board, annually our achievements against the action plan as detailed above.

The policy will be reviewed at least every two years, taking into account the views of staff, changes in legislation, regulation and good practice.

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About this policy.

This policy is reviewed annually, in line with our responsibilities and commitments as a professional and safe company, contractor and employer.

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