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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Issue	Date	Revised by	Authorised by	Amendments
1	03/07/2024	Craig Paine	Andy Gardham	General update
2	19/06/2025	Craig Paine	Russell Winstanley	Annual Review

R&B Engineering Ltd recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating procedures with regular review points. We will encourage customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

Policy Goals

Registration and compliance with all relevant regulatory and local authority requirements along with specific client needs.

We will:

- Comply with and exceed were possible all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- Ensure that were reasonably practicable, materials used on company business are sourced from a sustainable and verified source.
- Increase employee awareness through specific environmental training.
- Ensure the policy is revised to meet changes in legislation and local authority requirements.

Environmental Impact Reduction Plan

The following key areas have been identified were R&B Engineering can contribute to a sustainable future and mitigate impacts to the environment through routine business operations and key practices undertaken on client sites.

<u>Paper</u>

- We will minimise the use of paper in the office by ensuring reliable IT systems are integrated and maintained.
- We will reduce packaging as much as possible both in the office and during site works.
- We will seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products from sustainable sources.
- We will re-use and recycle all paper where possible.
- We will seek to re-use or re-purpose material packaging were possible.
- We will seek to segregate paper from other generated waste for recycling purposes.



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Energy and Water

- We will seek to reduce the amount of energy used as much as far as reasonably practicable.
- Lights and electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use.
- Heating will be adjusted with energy consumption in mind.
- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be considered when making specific purchases.

Office Supplies

- We will evaluate if the need can be met in another way.
- We will evaluate if renting/sharing is an option before purchasing equipment.
- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- We will seek to buy more environmentally friendly and efficient products.
- We will reuse, re-purpose or recycle were reasonably practicable.

Transportation

- We will reduce the need for un-necessary travel, restricting journeys to essential company
- We will promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
- We will make additional efforts to accommodate the needs of those who prefer to use either public transport or bicycles.
- We will use the "green" vehicles were possible and ensure a regular maintenance regime is undertaken to maintain efficiency.
- We will encourage car/van sharing to reduce the overall carbon footprint generated while on company business.
- We will assess the loading capacities of all vehicles used for company business and seek to outsource were possible.

Maintenance and Cleaning

- We will comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- We will continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- We will continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- We will incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- We will increase employee awareness through specific awareness training.

Monitoring and Improvement

- Cleaning methods adopted for various materials will be assessed to ensure environmental impacts are minimised as far as reasonably practicable.
- Materials used in office refurbishment will be sourced from a sustainable source were reasonably practicable.
- We will only use licenced organisations for the transportation and dispose of waste generated by the business, whether at the R&B premises or on client sites.



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Culture

- We will involve staff in the implementation of this policy, for awareness, greater commitment and improved performance leading to a positive contribution for a sustainable future.
- We will update this policy as a minimum annually in consultation with staff and other stakeholders.
- We will provide staff with relevant environmental awareness training.
- We will work with suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors to improve their environmental performance.
- We will seek to source local labour and sustainable materials to assist in reducing the business's overall carbon footprint and allow R&B to make a positive contribution back to the local community.

Environmental Hazard Identification

Following assessment R&B Engineering will identify the specific environmental hazards associated with the area any work is intended to be carried out in and/or will follow specific client requirements if a wider envelope of environmental protection is required. This is to ensure that the Hierarchy of Control process can be applied successfully for mitigating environmental risks.



Key Hazard/Risk Considerations (R&B Premises & Client Sites)

R&B Engineering will undertake regular assessments of the most common environmental hazards/risks as a result or what could be impacted through routine business operations. R&B are committed to work with clients to ensure all environmental risks are mitigated as far as reasonably practicable.

- **Pollution** Contamination of local watercourses, ground or process streams, containment of manufacturing/construction chemicals & fuels.
- **Waste** Control and segregation of waste, disposal containment systems, transportation and classification of waste (hazardous/non-hazardous)
- Nuisance Dust, Noise, Lighting, Vibration produced whilst undertaking business operations.
- Planning & Permits Licences and consents obtained were required to undertake specific work.
- Protected Species Badgers, Water Voles, Bats, Dormice, Birds, Great Crested Newts, Otters etc.
- Invasive Species Plants (Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed), Zebra Mussel, Signal Crayfish, Midwife Toad etc.
- **Weather** Heavy rainfall leading to running or pooling water, reduced lighting levels, temperature changes.



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Mitigation Planning

Elimination

In-conjunction with the client needs, R&B will design, and plan works away from sensitive receptors/areas were possible, identify if protected/invasive species are located on site and minimise any work on areas affected.

Reduction

R&B will look to implement the use of safer products, review the reduction of working hours, investigate the introduction and use of low vibration/noise generating tools and silenced generators and look to source biodegradable products like oils etc.

Isolate

R&B will assess the need for segregation of the working area or a specific area near to where the works are to be undertaken, ensure that specific distances are maintained as a minimum from protected species (badger sets etc.) and set up any required exclusion zone. R&B will review the positioning of sensitive receptors and provide drain protection where required and review if further diversions/isolations can be established.

Control

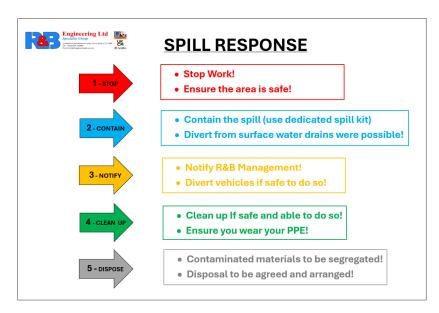
R&B will assess the need for any additional fuel bunding, noise reduction enclosures, permit requirements, waste segregation and provide staff with awareness training including spill response.

Barrier

R&B will assess the need to provide specific drain covers, spill kits, where applicable and requested, newt fencing etc. Generators will be provided with and placed onto plant nappies.

Spill Response & R&B Premises Plan

Spill response will follow the below procedure, dedicated 120ltr spill kits are available at the R&B premises and located in unit 15.





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Site Drainage and Services Location Plan



Key

Surface Water Drain

▲ Service Pit Covers —— Underground Connection

Surface Gulley

Main Sewer (Within Road - Southern Water)

In the event of a major spill that enters the surface water drains, please notify R&B management immediately so the EA can be contacted.

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