



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Policy statement: Vital Energi Utilities Limited is committed to delivering innovative sustainable energy solutions for energy generation and distribution by protecting the environment, complying with all applicable environmental legislations and maintaining an externally accredited Environmental Management System to the ISO 14001:2015 standard.

BACKGROUND

The Drakelow EfW Facility operated by Vital Energi Utilities has been designed to generate 18MWe of low-carbon electricity and contribute to landfill diversion by processing circa 169,000 tonnes of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) each year, positively contributing to the UK's low-carbon infrastructure.

POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to implement and operate a management system that complies with environmental legislation, pollution prevention and permitting conditions. Our environmental management system and operational processes are focused on conforming with compliance obligations, including the requirements in our permit to operate the Drakelow EfW facility, enhancing environmental protection and adhering to pollution prevention principles.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This policy applies to all Vital employees and those working on the EfW facility; everyone is responsible for ensuring the policy is adhered to. The Policy intended to communicate our values and standards to all stakeholders, fostering confidence that Vital is a responsible company to work for. This policy is owned by the Plant Manager with ultimate oversight resting with the Vital Group Board, including the approval of any changes to the policy.

PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT

To ensure that our commitment to the environment is embedded throughout our business, we have identified a set of principles of conduct.

1. Prioritising environmental performance by meeting environmental standards (ISO14001) of the facility's operations.
2. Setting measurable objectives to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of our processes energy and environmental management systems, analysing feedback to improve ways of working to meet continual improvement of the ISO14001 standard.
3. Minimise waste generation and prioritise waste recovery through reuse and recycling in line with waste hierarchy principles of the Waste Regulations.
4. Ensure strict adherence to environmental regulations and set target reduce the facility's overall environmental impact through strong supply chain relationships.
5. Enhancing/building relationships with our supply chain so that operations are compliant and provide beneficial environmental impact.
6. Identify staff potential to create development opportunities.
7. Maintain competency levels by ensuring training and knowledge sharing, so roles and responsibilities are understood through lessons learnt.
8. Seek to collaborate with local communities to raise environmental awareness, address concerns, and build positive relationships.

CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

Vital Energi Utilities understands the importance of strong environmental awareness and effective environmental management. We are committed to preventing pollution and meeting statutory requirements. Further, we commit to setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets for annual continuous improvement in line with our vision and ambition to remain compliant and operate safely.

As part of our commitment, we will communicate this policy to all employees and organisations working on our behalf and ensure the latest version is available on our website for interested parties to view it openly as appropriate.

BOARD APPROVAL

This statement has been approved by the Managing Director.

Mike Cooke

Managing Director

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