

Environmental Policy Statement



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Clear-flow Ltd carries out the haulage of all types of bulk, liquid and semi-solid waste, and the Truro depot specialises in the haulage of liquid sludge from sewage treatment plants. The depot operates a fleet of modern vehicles specifically designed for this purpose. The company operates over a wide geographical area covering both the Devon and Cornwall areas reaching as far as the Dorset borders.

Clear-flow Ltd is committed to carrying out these core business activities in a responsible manner as part of a continued effort to minimise any potential environmental and health impacts. In addition to the core business activities *Clear-flow Ltd* are also continually assessing and making improvements to office-based working ethics to carry out administrative tasks in a more efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

To accomplish our aims and to attain continual environmental improvement we will fully consider all relevant factors: legal requirements and governmental policies, customer and employee expectations and concerns, short and long-term benefits, costs and liabilities, and viable material and process alternatives.

1. Compliance with Legislation and Regulations

So as to minimise the risk of all forms of land, water and air pollution and nuisance due to odour and noise, our operations will be carried out in accordance with the relevant parts of our Company Safety Policy and environmental legislation.

Clear-flow Ltd's maintains a full register of legislation ([ELR – Environmental Legislation Register](#)), which is regularly updated. This register is held electronically at the Truro head office.

All relevant legislation is communicated to all affected parties, and on-site assessment is carried out to ensure compliance.

2. Objectives and Targets

Clear-flow Ltd is increasingly concerned to demonstrate and achieve sound environmental performance by controlling the impact of their activities on the environment. In order to do this effectively an organisation must assess its environmental performance within a structured management system.

Clear-flow Ltd has decided to demonstrate its commitment to environmental protection by providing adequate resources to implement and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS). This system is designed to satisfy the requirements of ISO 14001:2004, to which we are aiming to gain certification.

There are numerous benefits of implementing an EMS:

- ***promoting sound environmental management will result in the prevention of environmental problems***
- ***minimise the use of hazardous materials, energy and other natural resources***
- ***increase focus on recycling and reuse of materials and reduce the volume of waste generated***
- ***and consequently result in economic savings to the organisation and to the customer***



3. Continual Improvement

In addition to getting certificated, Clear-flow is committed to continually improving environmental performance. This is accomplished through the regular setting of environmental objectives and targets. Objectives are reached by establishing suitable programmes to achieve and monitor effectiveness, and ultimately reach our targets.

Clear-flow recently invested in a state of the art, BREEAM excellent, environmental centre – ensuring we are at the forefront of technological advancement in the industry

4. Monitoring Aspects & Impacts

Clear-flow Ltd identifies itself as an environmental leader within its field, and providing a framework by which to respond to environmental inquiries from customers and other interested parties. Introducing a systematic approach to environmental management, allowing the EMS to become integral to our organisation’s business, will enable Clear-flow Ltd to provide order and consistency rather than an individual.

As part of a structured EMS, Clear-flow Ltd aims to review all of its environmental-based activities and investigate ways in which we can reduce the environmental impacts of such.

This will include assessing all forms of land, water and air pollution and nuisance due to odour and noise, and seeking to continually improve in such areas.

5. Involvement and Communication

Clear-flow Ltd is actively promoting the participation in achieving our aims throughout the organisation. We will communicate our commitment to responsible environmental management by promoting environmental responsibility among our employees. This will be done by:

- *Providing training and support to enable employees to implement this policy*
- *Inform suppliers and associates of our environmental policy, and encourage them to adopt effective environmental management practices*
- *Continually involving all affected parties in the setting and attaining of our environmental goals*
- *Communicating the results of our environmental performance to all interested parties*

Clear-flow Ltd will carry out an annual review of its Environmental Policy, and will also review this policy upon the introduction of new processes, procedures, legislation, or any other contributing factors that may affect our environmental considerations.

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