

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POSITION STATEMENT**

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### **Introduction**

We aim to pursue sound environmental practices at our offices to contribute to sustainable development and so help save the planet. Global environmental problems include climate change, ozone depletion, pollution and the using up of non-renewable resources. Climate change is arguably one of the most pressing of these issues. Rising global temperatures will bring changes in weather patterns, rising sea levels and increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. The main human influences on global climate change are thought to be emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane. By reducing the number of these gases, even marginally, the rate of change should be less and therefore there will be less impact on our planet and our lives.

### **Aim**

As part of the wider implementation of the principles of sustainable development in the Agency we are committed to minimising the environmental negative impacts of the Agency's activities. We will seek to develop an ethos of environmental responsibility and promote the use of sustainable resources to reflect best environmental, social and economic practice.

### **Objectives**

- Comply with all relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements;
- Monitor, review, and report against performance and progress against Government targets;
- Promote awareness and understanding of sustainable operations amongst our staff through publicity, performance information and the publication of this policy statement;
- Manage and conserve energy and water efficiently;
- Promote waste reduction and recycling;
- Review our activities and operations to identify sustainability aspects and risks and prioritise action to address the impact of these.

This policy and other relevant documents will be made available on the Agency's website and intranet.

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