

Northern Ireland Environment Agency Environmental Policy

Members of staff within the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) are responsible for the protection, conservation and promotion of the natural environment and built heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

NIEA staff recognise that good environmental stewardship goes hand in hand with the protection of the natural environment and built heritage, and understand that Agency business activities have the potential to significantly impact on the environment. As such we believe that practical concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of our activities and is of importance to the community that we serve. We also acknowledge that we can influence the behaviour of our subcontractors, the public sector and the community at large.

We are committed to promoting continual improvement of our environmental performance and to the prevention of pollution through the design and operation of all our activities. We endeavour to achieve this through the development and implementation of an environmental management system, in accordance with the requirements of the International Environmental Management Standard EN ISO 14001:2004. This is the mechanism through which we set, review and implement timetabled environmental objectives and targets.

We seek to comply with relevant environmental legislation, regulations and public sector policies concerning our activities and at the same time operate efficiently, cost effectively and with minimal disruption to the environment. We undertake to closely liaise with relevant authorities and agencies in order to meet our environmental aims.

This policy has been defined by the senior management within NIEA, is reviewed for continuing suitability at regular intervals, and has been communicated, understood and implemented throughout NIEA.

Signed 
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