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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Martien van der valk Director has overall responsibility for the company's Environmental policy, Paul Steedman, Operations Director will ensure that the policy is implemented, promoted, monitored and reviewed where necessary.

Draincare Services Ltd., is committed to attaining accreditation for ISO 14001 Environmental Management by the end of 2009 across the whole of its business. Part of the system will include continual monitoring of environmental law and updating our practice in light of advances in technology and environmental science. We will implement any changes in policy or systems at our environmental management review meetings where we will also set objectives for future improvement.

We believe that our company has a responsibility to conduct our business in a proactive manner and aim to maintain the highest possible standard in order that risk to the Environment is always minimised.

Our goal is to provide quality and value to our customers in an environmentally sound manner and to seek profits together with similar minded businesses. We believe that our company has a responsibility to protect the ability of future generations to sustain their needs.

OPERATIONAL STATEMENT

We aim to create the least negative effect on the environment through our daily operations.

We are committed to:

1. Comply with all applicable environmental legislation and approved codes of practice.
2. Minimise the risk of all forms of land, water and air pollution including noise and odour nuisance.
3. Monitoring our use of fossil, and derived, fuels to reduce consumption.
4. Using technology and good practice to limit noise pollution.
5. Regularly maintaining all our vehicles to limit exhaust emissions.

6. Wherever possible Draincare Services Limited source and use sustainable resources.
7. Recognising, and taking responsibility for, the waste created on all our premises such as paper, packaging and liquids etc..., recycling waste were possible.
8. Train staff in all areas of our environmental impact and inform them of all new practices and procedures as they are implemented.
9. Monitoring our water usage both on our properties and within the tasks we carry out, our larger volume sewer cleaning machines recycle water where possible on our sewer cleaning operations to reduce the amount of potable water usage.
10. Draincare Services Limited will only use authorised waste / recycling sites for the waste we produce ourselves and for the waste that is handled by Draincare for its clients.



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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 such as:-

- ❖ **The Environmental Protection Act 1990**
- ❖ **The Water Resources Act 1991**
- ❖ **The Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975**
- ❖ **Control of Pollution Act 1989**
- ❖ **The Environment Act 1995**
- ❖ **Town & Country Planning Act 1990**

Draincare Services Limited maintains a full register of legislation at Wellingborough/Harpenden and Pontefract which is regularly updated. All relevant legislation is communicated to all affected parties and on-site audits are carried out to ensure compliance.

Pollution and Prevention:

Noise

Draincare Services Limited have recently (June 2009) had noise assessments on our vehicles, Draincare Services Ltd are aware that vehicles can be a common source of noise pollution. Sewer cleaning is often carried out in areas that were previously quiet and therefore the noise generated from their activities becomes very noticeable to residents. Sewer cleaning is an anticipated part of maintenance and therefore is considered necessary to some extent. However, we aim to reduce unnecessary noise wherever possible

Draincare Services Limited source biodegradable hydraulic oil and this reduces the environmental impact if a spillage occurs.

We have four Combination Units that use a recycling technique to minimise water consumption hence avoiding unnecessary trips away from site and reducing fuel requirements.

We also source fair-trade and / or organic beverages where possible. Draincare Services Ltd operates an Approved Supplier system, which enables all employees to see which suppliers have been vetted and we encourage our suppliers to supply us with their Environmental Policy in turn

Environmental Incident Reporting

We encourage the reporting of all incidents so that we can investigate and learn how to prevent further incidents. The introduction of a deviation spreadsheet for health and safety and environmental incidents has facilitated consistent reporting and classification of health and safety and environmental incidents. These reports are reviewed regularly at our management review meetings and we expect to see further benefits from this reporting tool in the future

Increase reuse/recycle of products and materials

Draincare Services Limited encourage all office waste to be recycled where possible including paper, printer cartridges and other office consumables.

As part of our environmental target we aim to reduce our paper consumption by 3%, year on year. We are also currently investigating a double-sided printer

All materials for vehicle repairs are sourced locally where possible to avoid travelling costs and emissions.

Draincare Services Limited vehicles are serviced “in house”, which saves on travelling and hence limits our fuel consumption and enables our fleet to be maintained on a regular basis limiting our emissions.

Draincare Services Limited vehicles are fitted with “live” GPS trackers and this enables the planners to have a constant overview of our vehicle locations. This enables us to make best use of our resources, limiting fuel consumption and emissions. This “live” system enables us to print off vehicle mileage reports, this ability with a recently introduced fuel consumption record, is enabling us to monitor our fossil fuel consumption with an aim to reducing our omissions by 3% by June 2010

Waste Management

Most of the sites that waste is collected from come under the category of controlled waste and therefore disposal is regulated. Draincare Services Limited as the main contractor are designated as ‘producers’ of waste and have to exercise ‘duty of care’ to store waste transfer notes and establish the credentials of the waste carriers and the

disposal facilities being used. As the Landfill Tax increases the waste disposal costs there is an increasing temptation for 'waste carriers' not to use appropriately designated landfill sites. To ensure that material is not inappropriately disposed of Draincare Services procedures require that periodic checks are made to ensure that waste materials removed from our sites are taken to the agreed licensed disposal facility.

Draincare Services Limited have set a target to find various "environmentally friendly forms" of waste disposal where recycling of waste is possible.

Draincare Services have applied for BS EN ISO 14001: as part of our application we have recently produced spread sheets of our fuel consumption with a view to being able to monitor our usage of energy. Our aim is to reduce our energy consumption by at least 2%, across all depots in the first year and then a year on year reduction.

Training

Draincare Services Limited staff have regular "tool box" talks which encompass environmental issues, including flora and fauna awareness to assist their understanding of the environment in which they are operating and preparing them for any necessary course of action should it be necessary, and also emergency procedures in case of pollution.

Policy Communication

Draincare Services Limited aim to involve all staff in setting and attaining our environmental goals

This policy is communicated to all employees at their induction in order that their awareness is raised to the issues of carbon emissions and their possible effects on climate. On-going information is provided in tool box talks and notice boards.

All staff have an obligation to ensure the successful implementation of this policy

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by our Environmental Advisor Martien van der valk to ensure compliance with relevant legislation, processes, guidance and company strategy which will take into consideration developments in legislation and industry good practice

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