



# **CEMEX UK Environmental Policy Statement**



## 1 POLICY AIMS

As a leading company within the field of building solutions, we recognise concern for the environmental implications of our activities. In particular we pursue a policy of pollution prevention whilst targeting continual improvement in all areas of UK operations. We incorporate sustainable development principles into business activities by including social and environmental as well as commercial considerations in how we do business.

It is implicit in our environmental policy that in applying our resources to improving environmental performance, proper account will always be taken of the cost, applicability and the benefit resulting from initiatives and actions proposed.

Separate, secondary policy statements will be established where applicable such as for Energy Management and Monitoring Systems.

In support of this policy **we will**

## 2 Comply with Legal Requirements

Comply with or improve upon applicable legal requirements, codes of practice and industry guidelines and where these criteria may not be adequately protective adopt our own standards and periodically evaluate compliance with applicable legal requirements.

## 3 Care for the Environment

- 3.1 Consider environmental implications in making company decisions at all levels.
- 3.2 Reduce to the practical minimum the environmental impact of emissions to air, land and water and noise from our operations.
- 3.3 Improve the environmental credentials of our products and services by looking for ways of reducing impacts during manufacture and throughout the product life cycle.
- 3.4 Minimise consumption of minerals resources and make the optimum economic use of suitable waste or secondary materials in the manufacturing process.
- 3.5 Minimise and control the generation of waste and ensure steps are taken to see that waste generated is recycled wherever possible or disposed of in a safe and environmentally acceptable manner.
- 3.6 Improve the efficient use and management of energy and reduce emissions of gases associated with Climate Change.
- 3.7 Reduce the visual impact of our operations by careful landscaping and building design, by good maintenance and housekeeping and by sympathetic restoration schemes.
- 3.8 Conserve and create ecological habitats before, during and after our operations and restore minerals workings to appropriate after use in partnership with others.



## 4 Involve Employees

Although ultimate responsibility for environmental performance rests with the Board of Directors, involvement and responsibility of all employees will be promoted through consultation in the setting and publication of environmental objectives, by education and training, by improving the working environment and by seeking individual commitment and contributions to such initiatives.

## 5 Communicate with Communities and External Bodies

- 5.1 Communicate as appropriate with local communities and responsible conservation groups for them to enhance their knowledge of our activities and for us to be informed of their views.
- 5.2 Communicate with customers and suppliers on relevant issues involving products and services to encourage improvements in environmental performance.
- 5.3 Communicate to external parties working on behalf of CEMEX UK the policy aims.
- 5.4 Encourage and support Conservation groups and publicise involvement internally and externally through our newsletter.
- 5.5 Record and investigate promptly any matters brought to our attention from the public or from statutory bodies and take action as appropriate.
- 5.6 Make environmental objectives available, upon request, on a site by site basis. Environmental Improvement Plans are prepared on an annual basis and along with local initiatives, help to form local business plans which are communicated widely.

## 6 Establish an Environmental Management System and Audit Procedure

- 6.1 Achieve the policy aims within the framework of an environmental management system which includes for a regular management review of environmental performance against the requirements of CEMEX worldwide initiatives on sustainability management.
- 6.2 Carry out as part of such a system periodic environmental audits as a means of assessing compliance, setting objectives, monitoring performance and achievement and promoting further improvements.
- 6.3 Submit our systems and audits to independent inspection by accredited verifiers where appropriate.

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