



# **DEVON LIFTING SERVICES LTD**

**CRANE HIRE & CONTRACT LIFT SPECIALISTS**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT**

Devon Lifting Services recognizes that its operations could result in emissions to air and water, the generation of waste and consumption of natural resource and therefore realize the importance of environmental protection.

Devon Lifting Services are committed, so far as is reasonably practicable, in carrying out its business in such a manner so as to eliminate or reduce to the lowest possible level any actions that may lead to environmental damage.

The Company accepts its moral responsibilities knowing that the actions and decisions taken today will affect the environment of tomorrow. Therefore, it is the Company's intention to initiate good environmental working practices amongst its workforce.

This Policy and associated procedures will be reviewed annually and any changes of environmental regulations, legislation and approved codes of conduct will be made as required.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

## **Environmental Policy.**

### **1.0 Waste Minimization.**

- 1.1 Devon Lifting Services is committed to reducing the volume of the Companies waste as it will in turn reduce environmental risks and liabilities.
- 1.2 The Company site produces minimal waste as it operates within a service industry, the vast majority of our work being completed 'on site' away from the Company's Depot.
- 1.3 Devon Lifting Services encourage the use of electronic communication between themselves and others so to minimize the use of paper documents.
- 1.3 A review of our actions is undertaken annually as part of the Risk Assessment Strategy.

### **2.0 Storage of Waste.**

- 2.1 All waste has the potential to pollute the environment if it is not properly stored.
- 2.2 The waste that is generated from Devon Lifting Services' activities will be stored safely and secured in suitable containers that are in good condition and correctly labeled, for example, skips or drums.
- 2.4 Annual reviews of the control measures in use will be undertaken through Risk Assessments and COSHH Assessments.
- 2.3 Consideration will be given when storing waste materials, for example, incompatible liquids.

### **3.0 Removal of Waste.**

- 3.1 Devon Lifting Services have a duty of care to ensure that any waste that is produced is handled safely and in accordance with legal requirements.
- 3.2 Any Company employed by Devon Lifting Services to remove waste will hold a valid Waste Management License.
- 3.3 It is Devon Lifting Services' duty to ensure that materials do not escape into the environment by disposing of it appropriately, timely and robustly.
- 3.4 Instructions for the disposal of Hazardous Waste can be found on the substances individual COSHH sheets that are stored within the Depot Workshop.

### **4.0 Hazard and Special Waste.**

- 4.1 Hazardous waste includes properties that have the potential to make the substance harmful to health or the environment, an example being oily sludge.
- 4.2 It has been identified through undertaking Risk Assessments that within our site we have the potential to generate Hazardous Waste. See Risk Assessment 13/01 for control measures and the actions required.

### **5.0 Fuel Storage, re-fuelling and fuel consumption.**

- 5.1 Fuel is stored in bunded fuel tanks that comply with statutory regulations.
- 5.2 The filling of the tanks with Gas Oil is undertaken by Devon Lifting Services' nominated fuel supplier. Within this process there is no involvement of Devon Lifting Services' employees.
- 5.3 A range of personal protective equipment is available and is to be used when fuelling plant.

- 5.4 Accidental spillage plan is displayed within the area of the fuelling station outlining the procedure of actions required.
- 5.5 COSHH Assessment carried out annually and control measures implemented where required.
- 5.6 It is an aim of Devon Lifting Services to reduce the total fuel consumption that the fleet uses, thus having a cost benefit as well as an environmental impact.
- 5.7 Where conditions allow, a crane may be left on a secure site rather than traveling back to the Depot and returning to the same site if the job is over 2 days in succession.

## **6.0 Oil and Chemical Storage.**

- 6.1 Chemicals and oils are stored appropriately using the correct containers and storage facilities,
- 6.2 A COSHH assessment is conducted annually or as required and control measures implemented where required.
- 6.3 The environmental impact of each substance will be reviewed at the time of the COSHH Assessment as to ascertain if it can be replaced by an 'environmentally cleaner' agent.
- 6.4 All documentation will be stored in the area of the substance. This will include an accidental spillage plan, first aid information and an emergency plan outlining the actions required in the event of a spillage.

## **7.0 Land Contamination.**

- 7.1 The environmental impact of a spillage or leakage accident holds the potential of being long term with it persisting for many years. As a result the legal consequences and the clean up can be costly. Rivers, sewers, canal drains, and surface water soak away and service ducts may all present routes for pollutants to quickly enter the surrounding environment.
- 7.2 In most cases an incident of this kind need not result in serious environmental damage provided appropriate prevention measures are in place or immediately available.
- 7.3 Devon Lifting Services endeavor to follow the above measures reducing the risk of any accident or incident to one that is acceptable.

## **8.0 Environmental Accidents or Near Misses.**

- 8.1 All accidents or near misses involving Devon Lifting Services that have an environmental impact shall be reported to, in the first instance, the Site Forman and then Depot Office at the earliest opportunity.
- 8.2 Related Risk Assessment sheets, COSHH sheets and Data Safety sheets are to be referenced. Note to be taken of any clearance protocols or Emergency Plans.
- 8.3 Documentation is to be completed using Accident / Incident reporting forms.
- 8.4 As following the Accident / Incident reporting procedure individual cases are to be recorded, investigated and the findings are to be published.
- 8.5 All accidents / incidents shall be reported at the Senior Team Meeting and to the Companies Health and Safety Consultant.
- 8.6 Annual statistics will be presented.

## **9.0 General Issues.**

- 9.1 All employees are encouraged to turn off all unnecessary lighting and heating to conserve energy.
- 9.2 Draft excluders have been fitted to doors and windows.
- 9.3 Use, wherever possible, thermostatic controlled heating to conserve energy.

