



CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Environmental Policy

A proportionate environmental-management commitment covering design, procurement, manufacturing, electronics, batteries, trials and end-of-life considerations.

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1. Policy statement

RCDEN will prevent pollution, comply with applicable environmental obligations and reduce adverse environmental impacts across the lifecycle of its products and services. Environmental performance is considered alongside mission, safety, quality, security, cost and schedule.

2. Scope

This policy applies to RCDEN directors, workers, future employees, agency or temporary personnel, contractors, consultants and other persons acting on the company's behalf. Relevant requirements are flowed down to suppliers and subcontractors where proportionate to the work, risk and contract.

3. Environmental commitments

- Identify significant environmental aspects, legal duties and contract requirements before relevant work begins.
- Design for durability, modular repair, upgrade, recoverability and responsible end-of-life treatment where practicable.
- Reduce material use, energy consumption, packaging, scrap and avoidable transport without compromising safety or performance.
- Apply the waste hierarchy: prevent, prepare for reuse, recycle, recover and dispose only as a last resort.
- Segregate and manage electronic, battery, metal, chemical, oil, packaging and other controlled waste through authorised routes.
- Use authorised waste carriers and retain transfer, consignment or disposal records where required.
- Prevent spills and uncontrolled releases through suitable storage, labelling, handling, secondary containment and response arrangements.
- Consider hazardous substances and seek safer technically suitable alternatives where this does not introduce greater risk.
- Include proportionate environmental expectations in supplier selection and purchasing decisions.
- Set practical objectives, monitor significant use and waste, and act on environmental incidents and improvement opportunities.

4. Product and trial lifecycle

Design reviews consider energy demand, battery selection, service life, repairability, replaceable modules, materials, spares, packaging, transport and foreseeable disposal. Field and trial plans address terrain damage, noise, emissions, loss of components, battery fire, contamination and recovery of equipment.

5. Waste, batteries and electronics

Lithium and other batteries, electrical and electronic equipment, oils, chemicals and contaminated materials are not placed in general waste where separate handling is required. Storage and disposal routes are selected according to the material, condition, transport rules and the current regulatory position.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POSITION RCDEN applies an environmental-management approach informed by ISO 14001 principles. This policy is not a claim of accredited ISO 14001 certification or of a verified net-zero status.

6. Responsibilities and review

The Managing Director owns this policy and reviews it at least annually, and sooner after a material change in law, ownership, operations, workforce, supply chain, customer requirement or risk. Actions arising from reviews are assigned, dated and retained as controlled evidence.

Reference framework

The following sources inform this policy. Contract-specific legal, regulatory, security and customer requirements always take precedence.

- [DEFRA - Waste duty of care code of practice](#)
- [Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 34](#)
- [MOD - An introduction to environmental management](#)
- [ISO 14001 - Environmental management systems](#)

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