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NOCS Environment & Sustainability Policy

The National Oceanography Centre, Southampton (NOCS), is a collaborative centre owned by the *Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)* and the *University of Southampton*. NOCS is the national focus for oceanography in the UK with a remit to achieve scientific excellence in its own right as one of the world's top five oceanographic research institutions. NOCS is committed to being a responsible and environmentally conscientious organisation (NOCS Executive Board, 2006).

NOCS recognises the important role it has in managing the impact of its day-to-day operations on the environment and in promoting the principles of sustainability in all of its activities.

NOCS is committed to:

1.
 - 1.1. maintaining, and enhancing, the quality of the Centre's environment, both for people who work here, and for the wider community;
 - 1.2. the prevention of pollution;
 - 1.3. the continual improvement of its environmental management and performance through the regular setting and review of targets and objectives;
 - 1.4. implementation of an Environmental Management System certified to ISO14001 standard.

NOCS is committed to achieving environmental good practice throughout its activities by:

2.
 - 2.1. seeking to integrate sustainability into strategies, policies and operations;
 - 2.2. complying with, and where appropriate, exceeding, applicable legal and other requirements relevant to its operations;
 - 2.3. promoting the prudent use of natural resources and the minimisation of waste;
 - 2.4. implementing a sustainable buildings policy to design, build and maintain world class research and teaching facilities;
 - 2.5. implementing a transport and travel policy that encourages appropriate sustainable use of the transport options available to both staff and students;
 - 2.6. working with the Public Sector, the Higher Education sector, all relevant external authorities, environmental bodies and associations to keep up to date with latest developments and to share best practice;
 - 2.7. working with suppliers and contractors, where possible, to ensure the best use of natural resources and, to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and supplies;
 - 2.8. providing appropriate training to its staff to ensure they are competent to control the activities for which they are responsible and so support the delivery of this Policy;
 - 2.9. developing awareness of its staff and students of the impact they have on the environment and help them to minimise this impact;
 - 2.10. communicating this Policy to the Centre's community and beyond.

All procedures and files associated with the Environmental Management System will be controlled by the associated Document Management System. All documents will be legible, dated and readily available to all NOCS staff.

NOCS will regularly review this Policy and ensure that corrective and preventative actions have been taken to ensure continual improvement.



Ed Hill
Director
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