



Environmental Policy

A.R. Richards Ltd was founded in 1980 by the Richards family as a Plant Hire & Agricultural Contracting Business. A.R. Richards continued to grow and diversify to meet the changing needs of the customers. Over the past 40 years we have continued to grow and are now operate 6 divisions from 3 Shropshire depots.

A.R. Richards Ltd recognises its responsibility towards the protection of the environment, it is of the utmost interest to reduce the environmental impact of all our operations by reducing the direct impact of the services we deliver and by reducing the impact of our customers activities.

We are also committed to the prevention of pollution and to the wider protection of the environment through the way in which we provide services to our customers, our partnership with suppliers and our own environmental conduct.

This policy outlines our commitment to preventing pollution and minimising the environmental impact of our operations. To ensure the effective management of activities with the potential to affect the environment, A.R. Richards Ltd will:

- Comply with, and where possible exceed, relevant environmental and operational legislation relating to the company's activities and their environmental aspects.
- Set up procedures to assess the environmental impact of our operations, that enable us to continually improve environmental performance, through using the best practical environmental options.
- Regularly review our environmental policy and procedures to identify potential environmental risk to our business. Our considerations will

include pollution prevention, waste management, (reduce, reuse & recycle) strategies, ensuring energy efficiency practises.

- Develop and implement programmes to ensure environmental objectives and targets are met and providing both financial and physical resources required for their achievement to reduce its environmental burden to as low as reasonably practicable.
- Prevent pollution through setting objectives and targets that focus on waste, energy consumption, raw material use, transport and logistics.
- Committed to continually improve and regularly review both environmental performance and effectiveness of the environmental management system ISO 14001.
- Provide information, instruction, and training with our employees to consider the environmental issues associated with their role, assist them with their specific environmental responsibilities and encourage them to participate in and contribute to environmental initiatives.
- Respond promptly and effectively to environmental incidents and implement appropriate corrective measures.
- Ensure that a change in legislation, new process, or a change to existing operations, are assessed, approved prior to introduction, considering any environmental effects and minimising their impact.
- Assess our environmental performance of our supply chain.
- Make this Policy available to all interested parties via our website and to communicate this Policy to all our employees.

Signed:



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