



The Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) is a public sector research centre and is part of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). CEH is the UK Centre of Excellence for integrated research in terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems and interactions with the atmosphere.

We deliver independent research, survey, training and knowledge transfer in the environmental sciences from our sites in Wallingford, Bangor, Edinburgh and Lancaster.

As a leader in environmental research, CEH is committed to protecting the environment, preventing pollution and to continually improving our environmental performance. A documented Environmental Management System (EMS) has been implemented.

We ensure that our activities comply with applicable legislative requirements and other relevant requirements and meet or exceed the requirements of ISO 14001:2004.

We have identified the following key activities as having significant environmental impacts:

- Energy: CEH is committed to minimising the use of non-renewable energies and to continually seek to reduce energy consumption across our operations.
- Transport: CEH is aware of the impacts of its travel on the environment and seeks to reduce them by the use of alternative communications methods, public transport and a fit-for-purpose, fuel efficient fleet.
- Waste: CEH seeks to reduce the wastes generated and their impacts by working to reduce, reuse and recycle throughout its operations.

Objectives and targets are set and regularly reviewed to enable us to improve our environmental performance and minimise the use of natural resources.

All staff are made aware of the objectives of the EMS and are expected to adhere to its requirements. Training, education and facilities are provided to enable all staff to control their environmental impacts in the workplace and to support this policy.

CEH communicates this policy to all staff through the Intranet, notice boards, staff induction and presentations. Contractors and visitors to CEH are required to acknowledge and adhere to this policy and the relevant operating procedures.

This Environmental Policy is available to all users of our facilities and to the public, by display at receptions and on our website <http://www.ceh.ac.uk/science/documents/CEH-environmental-policy.pdf>.

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