

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

R.R Andrew Ltd recognises in full its responsibilities in respect of environmental protection, and accepts that it should constitute a fundamental element in company procedures and long-term strategy. Managers at all levels of the company are required to maintain the company's environmental policy. All employees are made aware of the company environmental policy and are encouraged to abide by it.

The company will comply with all existing environmental legislation and, beyond that; where possible and practicable, will implement other environmentally advantageous policies. In particular, the company will:-

- Only procure new vehicles that comply with the latest EC emission and noise specification
- Control, monitor and reduce the fuel consumption and emission levels of all vehicles. Give consideration to alternative fuels.
- Encourage all employees to have consideration for the environmental, locally and globally.
- Ensure that vehicle weights remain within legal restrictions, limiting damage to highways and the environment.
- Actively consider noise reduction devices for both vehicles and trailers.
- Encourage road safety and good driving practice by providing a high standard of training.
- Encourage greater fuel economy, so reducing emission levels, by providing a high standard of driver training.
- Ensure that workshop management and staff carry out repairs and servicing in an environmentally considerate manner.
- Ensure, and obtain written confirmation from all service providers, that all waste vehicle oil disposal is carried out by a licensed operator specialising in waste oil disposal.
- Return all used tyre casings to the supplier for disposal in an approved and environmentally satisfactory manner.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that any hazardous goods carried are properly packaged in accordance with relevant national and international law.
- Use recycled paper and other recycled material wherever it is possible and practicable to do so.
- Recycle used paper and other material wherever it is possible and practicable to do so.
- Wherever possible and practicable, purchase timber products procured from sustainable forests.
- Employ a "green" policy with regard to company vehicles, and encourage staff to do so with privately owned vehicles.
- Encourage all staff to suggest means of reducing damage to the environment wherever possible.

As they become known, the company will consider other environmentally advantageous practices, and take account of local authority and community representations made to it. R.R Andrew Ltd is firmly committed to actively reducing damage to the environment wherever possible and practicable to do so.

#### **Air Pollution.**

R.R Andrew Ltd accepts that its vehicles produce air pollution, and the levels of emissions from HGV's are considerably higher than anything else on the road, and the Company accept this with increased costs and road tax.

Since Autumn 2014 all new vehicles have met the current Euro 6 requirements, and the Company aims to continue this policy of purchasing the most eco and environmentally friendly vehicles that it can. For some time now, R.R Andrew Ltd have used bio-diesel in its vehicles and will continue to review the market place for "greener" alternatives as and when they become available and practical enough to meet the needs of the Company and its customers.

Vehicles are fitted with anti-idling devices which cause the engine to cut out after a pre-set time of been sat idle. This dramatically reduces air pollution whilst sat in traffic, a feature particularly useful in urban areas where traffic congestion and air pollution is likely to be at its highest. The Company employs experienced drivers and encourages eco-driving techniques to further reduce fuel consumption and emissions.

#### **Noise Pollution.**

R.R Andrew Ltd accepts that HGVs can also be considerably loud when in transit, potentially creating a disturbance or annoyance for local residents. Noise levels are taken into account by Traffic Commissioners in order to calculate the all-round environmental impact of individual vehicles and fleets. In this respect the Company is fortunate to have its operating centre in a rural location where it is unlikely that noise would impact on local residents.

Commercial vehicle production has come a long way in recent years, and the Company appreciate that the latest specification vehicles incorporate methods to reduce excessive noise from engines and braking systems. Not only does this improve public attitudes towards HGVs and other commercial vehicles, the reduced stresses on the engine and braking systems can also help to reduce driver fatigue.

The majority of our customer base is in the Aggregates and Agricultural sector, and the Company accepts that these are among the highest noise polluting sectors of industry. Drivers are provided with full PPE, including ear defenders. In addition, drivers are encouraged to stay inside their cabs when loading and unloading, reducing the risks of noise pollution wherever possible.

The Company has its own workshops, and accept there is a noise pollution risk to mechanics and other personnel from working with engines and power tools. Signage is provided in Workshop areas reminding employees to wear ear protection where necessary, and R.R Andrew Ltd is committed to purchasing new and safer (quieter) equipment, tools and machinery as part of an ongoing procurement policy.