

CHECKMATE FIRE SOLUTIONS LTD

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1. Organisation

Alan Oliver, Managing Director, is ultimately responsible for environmental issues within Checkmate Fire Solutions Ltd.

All managers and employees within Checkmate are encouraged and empowered to take responsibility for the overall Environmental Policy and for individual environmental initiatives.

In addition Checkmate by the nature of their role will actively and enthusiastically take part in policies implemented by clients and main contractors, which may be unique to individual projects.

2. Risk Management

As a matter of procedure environmental hazards are initially assessed by the preparer of tenders or proposals. In this respect it is important that as much information as possible can be gleaned and assessed from clients and main contractors. At this stage it is normally expected that job-specific requirements and appropriate precautions are both considered and costed.

On award of a project the environmental risks are again addressed, in more detail, and methods of controlling them planned as part of the project management process. The planned methods of mitigating environmental risks are described in method statements prepared when needed prior to commencement of site work by the project manager. Project-specific method statements, often containing general methods of control, are prepared for each project and kept in the individual project file. A copy of the method statement is available for inspection by site engineers and staff. As the project proceeds, if a change to the risk assessment is apparent, amendments to the method statements are prepared and filed as needed, with copies available on site.

The results of environmental risk assessments are described in method statements and staff and operatives are instructed to put the methods into practice in the management of projects.

3. Environment Performance History

Checkmate has not been prosecuted or convicted of breaches of environmental regulations and has no actions pending.

No action for compensation has ever been taken against the company for any environmental issue.

4. Training

Checkmate is committed to the importance of staff training. Environmental training is given in-house, for example during company training days when it may be included in a menu to training topics including specific product training and a review of health, safety and quality issues. On such occasions details of items covered will be entered in the individuals training file. In-house environmental training is also held formally and informally at various times on specific issues. In particular it will often form the subject of a 'tool-box' talk to ensure that specific environmental points are effectively communicated to all site personnel.

5. Waste Management

In addition to fulfilling legislative requirements, Checkmate will ensure that site personnel comply with any job-specific initiatives, and such information will be recorded on the detailed method statement. Progress will be monitored as part of overall site compliance.

6. Green Policies

Recycling;

Where feasible packaging is re-cycled, e.g. bags used to package mortar and batts are used to contain off-cuts and spent mastic cartridges, which ensures that additional purpose waste sacks are not required.

Excess paper is disposed of separately from other waste to a repository for paper recycling. Recyclable items, such as printer ink cartridges, are returned through commercial recycling channels.

Energy;

Care is taken to minimise unnecessary journeys. Staff and operative vehicles are encouraged to be kept in a well maintained state to ensure maximum fuel efficiency. The temperature and output levels of office heating systems are regularly assessed to ensure office temperature levels are adequate and not excessive. At shutdown periods, e.g. Christmas, temperature levels are lowered to ensure that energy loss is minimised. When selecting new equipment, energy efficiency is considered as an important feature.

Pollution Prevention;

Other than in the use of cars, Checkmate's activities do not generally result in pollution to the environment. Any dust being created is normally contained and has been previously assessed and minimised to fulfil health and safety requirements.

Nuisance

The potential for noise, vibration and other nuisances as a consequence of our activities tends to be rare and minimal. Any unusual occurrences will be specifically assessed and measures adopted where necessary to minimise the effect.

7. Assessment and Control of Sub-contractors

Checkmate occasionally use sub-contractors to perform non-core functions and work activities. Several of these companies and individuals have a long term working relationship with Checkmate and there is often a mutual understanding with regard to competence, resources and methods of working. When required, Checkmate will manage and monitor such sub-contract work to ensure environmental risks are minimised in accordance with our normal standards and procedures.

8. Monitoring, auditing and review

Environmental issues are managed and monitored on a day-to-day basis by the project management teams. Auditing and review are on-going procedures undertaken in consultation with clients, main contractors, specialist advisors, statutory authorities and others, depending on the job-specific requirements. Issues which need to be addressed are considered individually and action taken to ensure that environmental risks are minimised, in conjunction with health and safety and quality assurance issues. There is no formal period for review of such procedures.

The Company's Environmental Policy is reviewed by the company directors annually, or otherwise as appropriate.

9. Equipment

Where there is a risk that potential contamination on plant, equipment, vehicles, tools etc used by the Company's employees and sub-contractors can be transferred to the detriment of the environment, procedures are used on sites to ensure that plant is cleaned to minimize the risk; e.g. dust, which may have been caused by Checkmate or others, is cleaned off plant with a damp cloth and disposed with other site waste. There is no formal period for review of such procedures, but such actions are noted during site inspections and when plant is off-hired or returned to store.

10. Environmental Accreditation

Currently there are no plans to become accredited for the ISO14000 environmental management standards, however this policy is kept constantly under review, especially through constant input by clients and contractors. The company, as a consequence, will continue to develop its environmental management systems in a flexible and effective manner to meet contract requirements and our obligations under changing statutory guidance and legislation

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