

A copy of our current Environmental Policy follows, however please note that we are actively working towards accreditation to ISO14001 targetted for completion during 2009. We are taking a phased approach towards EMS implementation via BS8555. We should reach stage 3 of BS8555 soon with stage 6 achieved later this year, which will enable us to seek accreditation to ISO14001. Neil Osborn – W P Eglin Limited. 23 March 2009.

W. P.EGLIN LIMITED

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

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We are working towards achieving ISO 14001 accreditation. We source timbers and veneers via a network of suppliers who hold FSC accreditations. The FSC accreditation ensures that timber raw materials are obtained from northern hemisphere forests which are well managed and include established harvesting and replanting policies for renewing and sustaining the resources. We work closely with our local authority in containing and minimising the impact of our operations on the environment. We burn our own wood waste, heat our own factories and re-cycle waste packaging / materials.

Environmental Issues

In line with the development of our environmental policies, we generally minimise any impact on the environment. Our policy is always being reviewed to ensure we do continue to take a responsible view towards environmental issues. We are continuing to assess the performance of key suppliers who will have to develop like-minded policies to ensure we remain a customer. As we move towards ISO 14001 accreditation, our levels of achievement will further improve.

Timber Products only

We are currently seeking FSC certification from our solid timber and veneer suppliers. The trade, in general, has not yet standardised its approach but is gaining some momentum towards this objective. We will continue to convert existing suppliers.

Reclaimed Timber

We utilise chipboard and MDF materials which are formed from timber waste products. Similarly, on our reception ranges we utilise ALPI veneers on back panels. ALPI veneers are manufactured from reconstituted veneers.

Transport

The majority (80%) of our company's vehicles use diesel.

Packaging

Our aim has always been to reduce packaging materials to a minimum. All cardboard packaging waste is re-cycled.

VOC REDUCTION PLAN

Background

Legislation to control air pollution has been introduced by all western nations. In Britain, our legislation is far stricter than the European directive. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) are emitted as a result of many industrial processes and undergo chemical reactions when exposed to sunlight in the atmosphere. These reactions produce photochemical oxidants including the production of ground level ozone. Elevated ozone concentrations can impair human health and can damage vegetation.

About 35% of all VOC emissions arise from industrial solvent use, compared to 55% from transport. While vehicle emissions are a political hot potato, industrial solvents remain a relatively soft target.

History

Sine 1995 our company has aimed to reduce the annual VOC usage at Turntable Works. Our usage is checked and audited annually, and in line with current legislation, the levels of VOC usage are kept to the minimum standards.

The Present

Our plan is to reduce the solvent usage in two ways; firstly by changing the way we clean equipment with solvents, and increase our equipment to reduce changeover, therefore using less cleaning solvents. Secondly, by changing the lacquer to a higher solids based compound, thereby using less solvents in usage.

The Future

In the near future and in partnership with our suppliers, we will be trialing various water based stains in an effort to reduce solvent usage even further, and as a continuous year on year plan to reduce VOC.