



## **Pollution Control Policy (Water)**

Higgins Partnerships PLC is one of the leading names in estate regeneration, mixed use development and new build housing for London and the South East. In addition to providing sustainable solutions to the region's housing shortages, we are acknowledged as one of the leading names for quality and value within our sector.

As water pollution damages rivers, lakes, beaches, seas and drinking water and consequently human health and the environment, it is vital that we make efforts to reduce water pollution.

The policy is designed to supplement Higgins Partnerships PLC's Environmental Policy and makes the following commitments:

Higgins Partnerships PLC recognise in planning and carrying out any works, precautions must be taken to ensure the complete protection of watercourses and ground water against pollution. These should include an investigation of past use of the site to ensure that the operations will not disturb contaminated land and a survey of the siting and contents of all storage tanks and pipelines. The Industry profiles published by DEFRA will assist in identifying potential contamination and ways to reduce their impact, based on former industrial uses of the site. If there is any contaminated land on site, the Local Authority and local Agency Officer should be consulted on its remediation or disposal.

### **Implementation of Water Pollution Control Measures**

All operatives must be aware of our policy to control and prevent water pollution on site to ensure the procedures that we have set in place are followed. The below measures must be explained to all operatives on site during their initial site induction and a copy of our Water Control Policy presented to them for their records. All sub-contractors are provided with our waste water policy along with our Environmental Policy, both of which must be adhered to as part of our contract conditions.

It is the responsibility of our Site Management to ensure these measures are being followed wherever practicable. If procedures are not being followed tool box talks should be held to re-emphasise the importance these procedures have on not only reducing the impact our construction works have on the environment, but also the legal obligations we have under the Environment Protection Act. Consistent failure or refusal to follow these measures will result in the operative or sub-contractor being asked to leave site.

#### **Surface**

- All water discharged from site must only be done so with the correct consent or permit in place.
- All oil and diesel drums must be stored on an impervious base with oil-tight bund with no drainage outlet. All drill pipes, fill pipes and sight gauges must also be stored on this bund.
- Leaking or empty oil drums must be removed from site and disposed of via a licensed waste disposal contractor
- Site roads must be regularly scraped or brushed to prevent the build up of mud and dust
- Mobile plant should be refuelled in a designated area on an impermeable surface away from drains or watercourses. A spill kit should be available at all times
- All skips should be covered by a suitable water tight cover or tarpaulin

## Ground

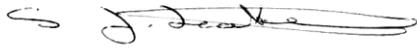
- Excavations must be kept clear of ground and surface water where possible. The correct permit of consent must be in place and being followed correctly before discharging any water from excavations into the drainage system.
- All soil and materials such as sand must be covered at all times when not in use and covered by a tarpaulin. Where possible, loose materials must be delivered and stored on site in bulk bags.
- Concrete and concrete mixing plant should be cleaned on an impermeable surface and any arising waste water must not be allowed to flow into any drain or watercourse

## EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency spillage on site the material should be contained (using an absorbent material such as sand or soil or commercially available booms). If the spillage has caused damage or danger to the natural land, or pollution to water or land, then please immediately contact the Environment Manager and, if necessary the Environment Agency using the emergency hotline number [below].

**Environment agency emergency hotline for reporting all environmental incidents relating to air, land and water in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.**

**Emergency Hotline Tel: 0800 80 70 60**



For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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