

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Purpose

Coastworks Operations Ltd are environmentally aware and aim to do everything that is reasonably practicable to limit the effect we have as a company on the environment in which we work and comply with the relevant regulations.

Garbage

The merchant shipping regulations 1988 S.I. 1988 No: 2292 state that the disposal of garbage into the sea is prohibited.

Consequently, no garbage will be thrown overboard; it will be kept in black plastic bags and once full put in a secure area on the boat and disposed of when back on shore in suitable waste skip/bin according to the regulations of the local authorities.

Recycling

Coastworks Operations Ltd does not have a significant amount of waste but where reasonably practicable we try and recycle.

All scrap metal is stored and either recycled in house or taken to scrap metal merchants. In order to limit our carbon foot print it is only taken once there is a full load in the trailer.

All the tyres we use for fendering the vessels are used car or truck tyres

Oil

The vessels use a large amount of oil for engines, hydraulic, gearbox etc and all these require a regular oil change. When the vessel is at sea the old oil is kept in dedicated oil drums and once back on dry land it is emptied into an IBC. Once this is full it is picked up by a licenced waste disposal company.

Occasionally if it is a very small amount of oil then it is disposed in a marinas waste oil tank.

Any waste fuel (red diesel) is also pumped out and taken away by an licensed disposal company.

Engine Filters

All used engine filters are kept onboard in clearly labelled waste disposal bags until they can be disposed of responsibly. If disposing of them at our base they are put into a clearly labelled 45 gallon drum. When this is full it is disposed of by a licenced disposal company. Disposal receipts are filed in the office. If disposal is required when off site the local harbour will be consulted as to the their procedure of disposing of this type of waste.

Rags and Spill Mats, Booms etc

All used oil soaked rags, spill mats and booms etc will be stored onboard the boats in clearly labelled waste disposal bags and when alongside will be disposed of responsibly. In our yard there is a 45 gallon drum clearly labelled where all oil soaked rags, spill mats and booms etc are disposed. When it is full it is disposed of by a licensed disposal company. Any oil soaked rags etc used in the yard are put in the 45 gallon drum immediately. Disposal receipts are filed in the office

Degreaser

Where possible we use Swarfega Bio Jizer degreaser and follow all the COSHH guide lines regarding it environmental impact.

Oil and fuel spillages

Should there be an oil spillage on board any of the vessels they are all equipped with soak mats and spill granules which are easily accessible as to limit the time available that any could seep into the sea. Used spill mats are put in black bags and sealed before being disposed of in accordance with local regulations. We use biodegradable spill mats.

If the spillages become uncontrollable then we would contact the relevant authorities

Sewage

All the vessels which have heads on board have holding tanks. Meaning when the vessel is working in an area where the regulations do not allow sewage discharge in to the sea it can be kept on board until either the boat can discharge ashore or further enough out at sea.

Old Fire Extinguishers

Old fire extinguishers are disposed of responsibly either through our fire extinguishers supplier or a professional fire extinguishing recycling company.

Fuel Usage

In order to minimise our carbon foot print the boats are not driven around at fuel throttle therefore maximising the fuel efficiency.

Assessing and Mitigating Environmental Risks

When compiling operational risk assessments the environmental risks will be assessed and controls put in place to mitigate those risks.

Office

Coastworks Operations operates a small office in Fairlie with a full time workforce of around 10.

The low number of employees instantly means that the amount of waste is reduced.

In order to further improve our relationship with the environment we have paper bins as well as bins for plastics, tin and cardboard. Furthermore to keep our Carbon foot print to minimum the lights use energy saving light bulbs and computers are not left on standby over night.



Position: Director

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