LGC Environment Policy

LGC is a company with more than 50 years' experience in environmental science, consultancy and risk assessment, acting on behalf of both government and private sector clients. As such LGC is aware of and accepts the environmental responsibilities placed upon it, in particular those that relate to the operation of laboratories. LGC is committed to the continual improvement of its environmental performance and aims to achieve ISO 14001 certification during 2011.

LGC is committed to comply with all applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which LGC subscribes. LGC is also committed to the prevention of pollution and to minimising the environmental impact of its business operations. The Board of directors of LGC set and review environmental objectives and targets on a regular basis. Environmental management is a component of all management roles within LGC.

LGC has an Environment Officer with a remit to advise on and monitor compliance with statutory requirements, instigate the adoption of best practice initiatives, to actively manage LGC's waste stream and to seek ways in which the company can reduce its environmental impact.

The control of energy and materials consumption along with waste management are key to LGC's efforts to improve environmental performance and reduce its Carbon Footprint.

Energy

The laboratory has an Energy Efficiency Manager with responsibilities for the operation of an advanced energy management system and the continuous improvement in energy saving as the technology to make such savings evolves. LGC endeavours to match its energy usage to its business requirements, making sure that losses are minimised and patterns of demand are optimised. All staff are required to play a full part in reducing energy consumption.

Materials

The reduction in the use of chemicals, particularly organic solvents is a prime aim of the company. To this end, in-house research is carried out into the development of solvent-free and microanalytical techniques.

Waste Streams

The laboratory operates a waste minimisation and segregation policy. Where possible waste is sent for recycling rather than landfill. The reduction in the generation of waste materials, particularly chemicals and solvents, is at the forefront of LGC's operating procedures in reducing our impact on the environment.

David Richardson, CEO
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