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Construction Industry Publications launches Environmental Manual

Construction Industry Publications has published an environmental manual designed to help contractors comply with legal duties and improve the way environmental issues are handled.

Written for construction site staff by the environmental advisors of many of the UK's leading construction companies, the Construction Environmental Manual is intended to provide simple, informative guidance on the key environmental issues that face most construction projects. It is easily updated, to keep pace with changing legislation and regulations, through subscription.

The manual describes the steps that must be taken both to ensure compliance with legal duty and, through the use of good practice, to ensure that the environment is adequately protected, and can be seen at Interbuild in Hall 5 on Stand E120.

For each relevant topic the manual aims to outline applicable legislation and codes of practice and give simple pragmatic advice on the types of controls and measures that will maintain legal compliance and minimise impacts on the environment.

It has been written by environmental managers and advisors who are members of the Construction Confederation Environmental Forum and who represent a wide cross section of the UK's leading construction companies. Its main advantage over other guidance documents is that it is written by environmental professionals who actually work full-time within construction and, as such, are aware of the challenges faced by the industry.

Martin Brock, Chairman of the Construction Confederation Environmental Forum, said: "The purpose and main aim of the Construction Environmental Manual is to provide construction companies working within the UK with a useful and pragmatic tool to help them comply with their legal duties and to improve the way environmental issues are managed.

"It is a tool that can be used to help enhance current environmental performance and this, ultimately, will help in working towards a more sustainable industry.

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John Peters, Director of Environment and Sustainability at the Construction Confederation said: “The undoubted moral duty of individuals and businesses to protect the environment continues to be backed up by a substantially increasing quantity and complexity of legislation originating both in Europe, in the UK Parliament and in the devolved administrations.

He added: “Failure to comply with this legislation can result not only in environmental harm but also in prosecution and the consequent damage to corporate reputation.

“The manual is particularly aimed at the site management and supervisory staff of main contractors and sub contractors. We hope it will help Project Managers, Site Agents, Site Foremen and Engineers address environmental issues in a practical way.”

Copies of the ‘*Construction Environmental Manual*’ are available to order from Construction Industry Publications (CIP). The hard copy and CD-Rom cost £125 each and the six-monthly updates, £25 each. Tel: 0870 078 4400 Email: sales@cip-books.com Web: www.cip-books.com.

Notes to editors:

1. The Construction Confederation is the main representative organisation for building and civil engineering contractors within the UK construction industry, one of the largest and most diverse sectors within the British economy.
2. The Confederation consists of: British Woodworking Federation (BWF); Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA); Major Contractors Group (MCG); National Contractors Federation (NCF); National Federation of Builders (NFB); Scottish Building.
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The Construction Environmental Manual has been divided into chapters addressing different environmental topics. In summary the contents cover the following issues:

Ch	Title	Description
1	Environmental Management Systems	Describes the elements of systems and how they enable companies to fulfill their environmental obligations
2	The Legislative Process	Provides guidance on how UK legislation is drafted and enacted.
3	Register of Legislation	Provides reference to a generic register of legislation.
4	Waste	Each chapter outlines the principal applicable legislation and what must be done by a construction operation to comply with it. Good practice is described both in the planning and construction stages and the records that should be retained are itemized.
5	Water	
6	Nuisance	
7	Ecology and Wildlife	
8	Built heritage and archaeology	
9	Brownfield Land	
10	Resource Use / Materials	
11	Glossary and acronyms	Construction Environmental terms and abbreviations