



# Environmental Policy

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this plan is to present the proposed control measures, and to address the environmental issues that are applicable to Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd. The identification of these environmental issues will establish the strategy to be followed to reduce the environmental impact of operations within Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd.

This plan will identify what environmental issues need to be managed during the project with respect to Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd work. In addition what measures required to be taken in the instance of an environmental accident e.g. Diesel Spillage.

During the project more specific assessments and analysis will be undertaken as and when required.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd undertake to:

- Comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Comply with our clients' environmental policy requirements.
- Identify and evaluate the environmental consequences of the Company's activities.
- Promote and support 'best practice' for maximising environmental benefit, to encourage environmental improvement and minimise the potential for environmental damage that may be caused by our operations
- Educate and train our employees to promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues.
- Ensure that any sub-contractors demonstrate compliance with our environmental policy and that of our clients.
- Minimise the total quantity of waste produced by our operations and maximise recycling of any waste produced
- Where applicable, liaise closely with statutory and local authorities, clients, third party organisations and the general public.
- Review our environmental performance and that of our sub-contractors by regular auditing of operations, identify and rectify any deficiencies and promote continuous improvement.
- Establish and maintain an effective Environmental Management System to complement our core business operations , supported by proven Environmental Consultants where necessary.

**Signed**



**Managing Director**  
**May 2025**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Where Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd work activities impact on the environment the effects of these activities shall be considered in respect to the site and its locality so that any adverse effects may be identified, evaluated and actioned accordingly.

Significant activities and their impacts on site and the locality in terms of traffic, noise, water pollution, air pollution, fuel storage and waste etc. shall be discussed with client prior to work commencement.

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will prepare environmental procedures and guidance to meet the requirements of the client and where necessary prepare environmental method statements for activities with the potential to a major hazard.

### **The major impacts of Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd work identified for this project are:**

- Noise
- Dust
- Vibration
- Debris and Waste
- Storage and use of fuels and oils
- Storage and use of chemicals e.g. paints
- Construction Traffic.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will fully support the fundamental environmental objectives of the project with the aim of minimising the impact of the company's activities on the environment.

This will be done by having a site management system, which will control the day-to-day environmental issues on site and a system based at head office, which will monitor the effectiveness of the site system.

As a company Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will appoint staff that are competent and are aware of the best practices and satisfactory requirements that are placed on our work. These people will be accountable for the practical application of the requirements of this plan in the workplace. It is expected that all employees on their part are to contribute to achieving the targets of this plan.

**Managing Director** – Will support the project environmental plan and ensure that Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd activities comply with it. Furthermore the Managing Director will ensure that any environmental issue identified by client in pre-tender information are addressed and controlled when assessing task activities and will undertake environmental audits and inspections to identify any weakness or failings in the environmental plan.

The Managing Director will also implement any actions to rectify these failings.

**CONTRACTS MANAGER** – Will familiarise themselves with the requirements of this plan and will regularly monitor and review the plan. The Managing Director will ensure that there are adequate financial and physical resources available for the successful implementation of the plan and completion of the project.

**SITE SUPERVISOR** – Will familiarise themselves with the requirements of this plan and will ensure that there is an effective policy for the development and maintenance of good environmental standards and will assist in overseeing its implementation on site.

Site supervisors will liaise with the company safety and environmental manager to discuss safety performance on site. In addition, the Contracts Manager will authorise expenditure and provide sufficient resources to ensure that the company complies with environmental requirements.

Site supervisors will be a point of contact for the client with regard to environmental matters and shall take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the site to ensure environmental standards are met, providing assistance in the implementation of control measures and will investigate any environmental accidents.

**SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR** - Will create and review the environmental plan as well as familiarising themselves with the requirements.

The safety and environmental advisor will ensure that site complies with the requirements of the plan through weekly inspections and audits and from these draw up action plans to correct any problems.

**OPERATIVES** – Will be familiarised with the environmental plan on first day on site and will be expected to abide by it at all times on site.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION**

There is a wide variety of legislation that is applicable to Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd activities.

The following list of legislation is the main acts and regulations that are applicable to Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd work.

### Soiled and hazardous waste

Environmental Protection (duty of care) Regs. 1991.  
Control of Pollution (amendment) Act.  
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part II.

### Air Pollution

The Clean Air Act 1993.  
Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.  
Environmental Protection Act 1990.

### Water Pollution

Water Resources Act 1991 Part III.

### Dust, odour, noise,

Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part iii.

### (Vibration)

(Statutory Nuisance).

## **POLLUTION PREVENTION**

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd understand their duties as defined by the above legislation and aim to comply with the legislation by taking appropriate steps to prevent polluting material from Construction areas contaminating water, soil or air.

Wherever possible hazardous and polluting materials will be kept to a minimum on site unless large quantities of a material are required urgently, otherwise materials will be issued on demand.

When materials are to be stored on site they will be required to be segregated into special areas as is required by various legislation.

The appropriate manufacturers data sheet and COSHH assessment will be issued prior to use on site, which will detail the control measures to be put into place.

An overall emergency plan will be prepared to ensure appropriate procedures are in place to prevent and mitigate damage due to accidental releases, spillage's etc.

In the event of a pollutant being released prompt action will be taken by Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd to minimise the effect in accordance with the appropriate emergency procedure.

In the event of an emergency the Site Manager will be notified of what actions are to be taken and if-co-operation is required to secure the release and prevent exposure to personnel.

All accidental releases will be investigated by Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd and the resulting report will be submitted to the Contracts Manager.

The incident report will propose corrective actions to be taken along with a timescale for them to be implemented.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY**

The purpose of this procedure is to detail the actions to be taken when dealing with an environmental emergency.

Three kinds of likely environmental emergency have been identified by Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd.

These are:

Fire

Explosion

Spillage

In order to prevent or minimise the likelihood of environmental emergencies from spillages the company will list all materials, which have a significant environmental impact. For each of these materials assessment sheets will be Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd by a responsible person, which will identify the hazards both to the environment and to employee's health and safety.

All materials that present a hazard through spillage will be stored in accordance with the manufacturers' guidelines.

Where necessary i.e. where large quantities of materials are stored then appropriate training will be provided to employees regarding the actions to be taken if a spillage occurs.

Any necessary equipment to be used in the event of a spillage such as water hoses, brushes, sand, absorbent granules will be readily available.

In order to prevent or minimise the likelihood of Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will operate a no smoking policy in areas where flammable materials are stored or there is a risk of fire or explosion.

The Company will inform employees of defined emergency procedures, which are to be taken in the event of fire and position safety signs giving instructions on what to do in the event of fire. In the event of the fire brigade having to be called, details of the chemicals and products on site are available from the safety department.

In the event of a spillage the site manager or supervisor must be notified so that the appropriate health and safety precautions can be taken before the spillage is dealt with in accordance with the COSHH assessment.

Any spillage's, which enter outside drains, must be reported to the local water authority without delay. In the event of a fire or explosion the company emergency procedure must be followed. If the fire brigade is summoned, full information related to products and materials must be supplied.

All queries or complaints from employees, contractors, members of the public or Clients will be dealt with personally by the Managing Director and the appropriate action taken in liaison with the Environmental Advisors

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will follow any guidelines laid down in the Principal Contractors Fire Safety Plan in the event of any emergencies.

## **NOISE AT WORK AND NOISE LIMITATIONS**

The purpose of this procedure is to detail the actions to be taken to deal with any noise nuisance the company produces on site.

Noise is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part III and the Control of Pollution Act 1974 sections 60 and 61 and is defined as a statutory nuisance.

A statutory nuisance is an unlawful interference with a person's use or enjoyment or of some right over, on in connection with it. To ensure compliance with the regulations the company will ensure that:

- Suitable measures are taken to ensure levels of noise are kept to a minimum.
- Where necessary noisier equipment will be switched off during hours where noise needs to be reduced.
- Machinery and plant are regularly maintained to reduce levels of noise.
- To act on any advice given on levels of noise and undertake regular monitoring of noise levels.

- Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will provide suitably qualified personnel to ensure adherence to the provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 sections 60 and 61 and associated legislation, and:
- Attempt to reduce the level of noise created by their work operations.
- Provide clients with information on measures being taken to control noise levels and any additional measures that may be required.
- Provide all necessary ear protection to employees at risk and ensure that this is used in accordance with legal requirements.
- Provide and place warning signs dealing with noise and the hazard it presents.

## **STORAGE OF FUELS, OILS AND CHEMICALS**

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will act on any requirements placed on it by the client, and will advise the client of all arrangements for the handling, storage and usage of fuel, oil and chemicals in advance of the material being brought onto site.

Where feasible, Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will attempt to keep the minimum quantities of fuels, oils and chemicals on site and these will be removed when no longer required or disposed of in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Where chemicals require storing then this will be done in accordance with the guidelines for their storage.

These will be stored in sealed tins until required and measures put into place in case of spill or leak. These will be stored in a secure container or compound.

Flammable liquids shall be kept stored in metal lockers, which are appropriately marked. Note should be made of measures to be taken in the event of spillage and suitable materials should be available to soak up the spillage and to ventilate the area.

Only sufficient material should be kept on site for the tasks in hand.

Any material that is not required should be returned to the stores or disposed of in the correct manner. Site stores should be located away from drains and watercourses so that if accidental release occurs then action can be taken to prevent entry.

## **DISPOSAL OF WASTE**

Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 introduces a “Duty of Care” for anyone who produces, imports, carries, keeps, treats or disposes of controlled waste.

Controlled waste includes domestic waste, scrap materials, excavated materials etc.

Every person who is subject to a duty of care must ensure that not only do they not commit an offence, but also take steps to prevent any other person involved in handling waste from committing an offence.

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will submit details to the client prior to starting on site of proposals for handling storage, carriage and disposal of waste.

Any hazardous waste that is created during Construction work will be dealt with accordingly e.g. Paint tins will be disposed of via a licensed waste contractor in accordance with the Special Waste Regulations.

Discharge of effluent chemical waste of any kind into any river, waterway or drainage system will not be allowed.

The burning of rubbish is not permitted on site.

Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will advise the Principal Contractor of any waste disposal companies it proposes to use and will provide details of licenses etc.

The company will also verify where required landfill sites or points of disposal it proposes to use.

The safety advisor appointed by Thomas Niamh Contracting Ltd will check and keep records of any waste consignments and licences.

These will be available for inspection if required. Disposal of waste will comply with statutory requirements at all times and waste transfer notes will be retained.

Waste will be packed and stored in the appropriate containers, which will prevent spillages, or contamination put to leaks, water etc.

Waste will not be mixed with other waste that may contaminate it and change its properties.

Waste will be kept to a minimum on site and be stored in separate areas with divisions between hazardous and non-hazardous waste.

### **Climate Change**

Thomas Niamh recognises that Climate change is one of the world's biggest societal challenges with Climate change being an important issue for both the public and our business. As a business we will endeavour to reduce our emissions as much as possible and where it is achievable by using the 5 five stages of a product's life cycle assessment and by engaging our employees in emissions reduction.

#### **The five stages of a product's life cycle are:**

- Sourcing: Where do the raw materials come from?
- Manufacturing: What processes are used to make the product?
- Distribution: How do we disseminate the product to the end users?
- Use: What's involved in the processes of using the product?
- End-of-life: What happens to the product when it's done being used?

#### **For each stage, we will consider:**

- Which greenhouse gases are emitted?
- How much greenhouse gas is emitted?
- What resources are necessary at this stage? Does climate change impact them?
- Are there any negative externalities associated with this stage?