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<p>Summary</p> <p>This policy sets out EDF Energy’s approach to the management of biodiversity. It is complementary to, and consistent with, our overall environmental policy and our ISO14001 environmental management systems.</p> <p>EDF Energy believes that the protection and enhancement of biodiversity is a particularly important environmental responsibility given the extent of the company’s land holdings and the range of activities it carries out on behalf of others.</p> <p>EDF Energy will take account of biodiversity in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the land it occupies • Carrying out activities on behalf of others • Its education and partnership activities <p>Contents</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1. PURPOSE</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>2. SCOPE</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3. REFERENCES</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>4. POLICY.....</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>5. RESPONSIBILITIES.....</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>6. RECORDS.....</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>7. COMPLIANCE</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>8. DOCUMENT HISTORY</td><td>4</td></tr> </table>		1. PURPOSE	2	2. SCOPE	2	3. REFERENCES	2	4. POLICY.....	2	5. RESPONSIBILITIES.....	4	6. RECORDS.....	4	7. COMPLIANCE	4	8. DOCUMENT HISTORY	4
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BIODIVERSITY POLICY

1. PURPOSE

EDF Energy is one of the largest energy companies in the UK, generating around 7.6% of the UK's electricity, employing over 11,500 people and with a quarter of the UK population depending on the company for their electricity.

The company owns and operates one gas-fired and two coal-fired power stations, 186,000km of power distribution cables, 66,000 substations and more than 100 offices and depots. Although only a small number of EDF Energy's sites, the power stations and a number of the larger buildings, have a significant physical footprint, many of them present a potential negative impact on biodiversity. Equally, many have the potential to positively enhance biodiversity.

As such the company believes that the protection and enhancement of biodiversity is an important environmental responsibility. This policy sets out EDF Energy's approach to the management of biodiversity. Biodiversity being defined as the intricate network of ecosystems, habitats and species that provides the support systems that sustain human existence.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to EDF Energy plc and its Business Entities.

3. REFERENCES

Company Health, Safety and Environmental Policy Statement HSE_POL_01

4. POLICY

EDF Energy is committed to ensuring that it minimises any adverse biodiversity impacts and maximise any positive impacts. The company recognises that such aims form an integrated part of its Business Objectives.

EDF Energy believes that the protection and enhancement of biodiversity is a particularly important environmental responsibility given the extent of the company's land holdings and the range of activities it carries out on behalf of others.

The company's significant and diverse physical presence means that its operating practices and procedures have the potential to impact, both positively and negatively, on biodiversity.

Biodiversity can potentially be damaged by the following consequences of the company's activities:

- Climate change, caused by emissions from the company's power stations and by the use of energy and transport in operations.
- Emissions of pollutants to land, air or water.

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- The physical destruction of habitats when developing or redeveloping sites.
- The maintenance of sites including the use of herbicides and pesticides and through tree trimming.
- Procurement – impacts within the company’s supply chain and the products the company purchases.

Equally, it can be enhanced through careful management at the site-level.

In order to set practical limits, this Biodiversity Policy commits the company to manage its *direct* impacts on biodiversity. As such the important issues of climate change and procurement, which are covered by separate policies, are not covered by this policy.

EDF Energy will take account of biodiversity in:

- Managing the land it occupies
- Carrying out activities on behalf of others
- Its education and partnership activities

4.1 Commitments

To demonstrate the company’s commitment to protecting and enhancing biodiversity EDF Energy commits to undertake the following:

1. We will comply with all legal requirements and link through to our ISO14001 environmental management system.
2. We will create a five-year Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) based on desk-research and surveys already completed. The BAP will focus on practical steps, directly related to our business, that tackle the company’s most significant biodiversity impacts. The BAP will cover mitigation actions at the site-level and enhancement actions in collaboration with partners.
3. We will review the BAP annually against the findings of ongoing surveys and audits.

Specific commitments include:

- The protection of habitats and species from damage. The company will follow best practice and advice to mitigate negative impact on biodiversity.
- Biodiversity targets and performance, to be reported internally and externally.
- Collaborative actions with our business partners to protect, manage and enhance biodiversity.
- New developments will pursue opportunities to create, manage and enhance biodiversity.
- Procurement policies will pay due regard to biodiversity by, for example, encouraging the use of sustainable materials.
- Support for wildlife groups
- Staff will be made aware of, and trained in, the specific biodiversity policies and procedures relevant to their activity.
- Site maintenance procedures will be reviewed in order to minimise damage to biodiversity.
- In order to ensure the above aims are met, EDF Energy will ensure provision of all appropriate resources and materials.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The HR Director has ultimate responsibility for Biodiversity within the Company, being the EC member with responsibility for environment, and will ensure this policy is updated in accordance with good practice and external commitments.

Each COO or Corporate Director is responsible for the creation and maintenance of Biodiversity Action Plans for their Branch or function, however where it would be sensible for a combined plan to be produced they will agree which COO or Corporate Director will take the lead on the production of a combined BAP.

The HSEPR Committee is responsible for monitoring the application of this policy on behalf of the Company HSE Committee and will produce an annual statement on the status of its' implementation.

6. RECORDS

Biodiversity Action Plans will be submitted to the Secretary of HSEPR, when they are created or amended, for governance purposes.

7. COMPLIANCE

8. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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12 th July 2005	0.1	First draft
16 th August 2005	1.0	Final draft
26 th October 2005	1.1	Re-ordered Section 4 and added new responsibilities to Section 5. Wording under Section 6 added.