

# EDF'S MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT



## Introduction

**EDF is one of the UK's largest energy companies and the largest producer of low-carbon electricity, producing around one-fifth of the nation's electricity from its nuclear power stations, wind farms, coal and gas power stations and combined heat and power plants.**

This statement is made by and on behalf of EDF Energy Ltd, its parent company, EDF Energy Holdings Limited, and its subsidiaries, which make up the EDF in the UK as a whole (together, in this statement, referred to as EDF). Those subsidiaries of EDF Energy Holdings Limited that are required to make their own statement under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 have adopted this statement.

EDF has a focus on safe, dependable, energy generation and an ethos of service excellence. We intend to play a leading role in new nuclear build in the UK and secure a bright future for the combined business and its employees.

Our society depends on energy to live, work, develop and grow. Our customers depend on us to produce affordable low-carbon energy, and we depend on our people to help us take on new challenges and fulfil our ambitions. Being a sustainable and responsible energy business is an integral part of EDF's 2030 strategic business vision – to be an efficient, responsible electricity company and a champion of low-carbon growth.

Doing business in an ethical way is one of our most important values. Through our [Better Energy Ambitions](#), we are working to ensure sustainable, ethical practice across our supply

chain, and we will not tolerate any fraud, corruption or abuse of human rights. At EDF, we recognise that Modern Slavery is a growing global concern, and we are working to ensure that our own operations, and those of our supply chains, are appropriately evaluating the risks of Modern Slavery. We are working to mitigate these risks as far as possible through our commitment to ethical business. We report our sustainability performance annually through our Better Energy Ambitions, and are signatories to the [United Nations Global Compact](#) (UNGC). We strive to improve our standards of ethical behaviour continuously, and our commitment to ethical business practice is outlined in our [Ethics & Business Conduct Policy](#). Our commitment to sustainable and responsible business, including steps we plan to take to further address social issues, including modern slavery, are outlined in more detail in our Better Energy Ambitions.



## Our People

We employ around 12,000 people, alongside a supply chain consisting of around 5,000 suppliers. We also indirectly hire, and work with many more people, including contractors.

All our people are expected to work to our guiding principles for ethical behaviour and our business values are communicated through a variety of channels. We have supporting documents in place to guide our employees to work in an honest and ethical manner, as well as giving them the confidence and tools to report any suspected unethical conduct in the organisation.

Our Codes of Conduct reminds our people that we are a company that acts honestly and ethically. Employees are reminded that they should report any concerns of potentially illegal activities, unethical conduct or anything that might prejudice the business, using EDF's Confidential Reporting of Serious Concerns procedure.

EDF is committed to fair employment practices and to ensuring legal and regulatory compliance. This commitment, in addition to the policies and procedures described above, collectively demonstrates our on-going commitment to the elimination of any risk of Modern Slavery practices.

## Our Supply Chain

We contract with suppliers to ensure that we have the goods and services needed to generate and supply electricity, gas and energy services to our customers.

Our supply chain due diligence processes include elements that identify any potential risks relating to slavery and human trafficking, and we carry out thorough risk assessments to identify areas of focus in relation to Modern Slavery concerns.

## Supplier Standards

At EDF we have a set of [Minimum Standards](#) that suppliers are required to abide by. These include a requirement for suppliers to complete a risk-based self-assessment aligned to the 10 Principles of the UNGC. This provides us with our first opportunity to assess and mitigate the risks associated with Modern Slavery.

EDF is currently the UK's largest generator of low carbon electricity which we support with our Powering Net Zero

company ambitions. We encourage our supply chain to drive positive social and environmental change. We include Modern Slavery obligations within our standard precedent contracts and assess supplier standards at all parts of the procurement lifecycle from specification through procurement and into contract delivery.

Many suppliers, including those we identify as 'Tier One Suppliers' (covering approximately 40% of our supply chain expenditure) are subject to additional reviews which include topics designed to identify the risks of Modern Slavery. Supplier Relationship Management activities and Supplier Compliance Reviews allow in-depth and on-going checks

throughout contract delivery, to ensure ethical behaviours and industry codes of practice are followed.

## Risk Assessment

We adopt tender specification requirements to set expectations of how goods and services should be delivered. Tender evaluation processes are also designed to establish whether suppliers can meet these expectations. Where possible, we award contracts to companies registered in the UK. This means that our suppliers are likely to match EDF's levels of transparency in relation to UK employment law and the Modern Slavery Act.

## Highest Areas of Risk

### Power Station Maintenance and Development

Nuclear generation and nuclear new build activities are subject to oversight from the [Office for Nuclear Regulation](#) and part of this oversight requires a high level of transparency from our suppliers. This includes ensuring that only duly authorised and other suitably qualified and experienced persons perform duties required by our nuclear generation business. Our parent company, [EDF SA](#), also oversees our ethical performance including alignment to UNGC.

### Smart Meter Production and Installation

The known risks around sourcing and installing smart meters are understood and are addressed throughout the tendering and contract management processes, including site-visits to smart meter suppliers. Those involved with installing meters are employed through UK-registered companies and have the relevant security and recruitment checks required by English and/or Scottish law (as appropriate).

## Fuel Supply

Obligations contained within our contracts for the purchase of nuclear fuel are aligned to the [UN Declaration of Human Rights](#), the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#) and the [International Labour Organisation](#) conventions. Additionally, EDF engages where possible with suppliers who adhere to the [Bettercoal](#) Initiative. Whilst we recognise that the supply chain for commodity market-traded coal lacks transparency, we limit the use of this source of supply as much as possible. Most of the gas we buy, both for sale to our customers and for use in our power stations, is purchased via our affiliate company. Our gas is received via the National Balancing Point (which is a gas trading facility run independently of EDF) or via Beach Gas at a UK terminal. As it is a fungible product, it is not possible for us to track the supply chain backwards.

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Signed by Rob Guyler

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## **Appendix to Modern Slavery Statement 2020**

**Subsidiary organisations covered within the published Group Statement dated 28th April 2020**

**EDF Energy (UK) Limited**

**EDF Energy Customers Limited**

**EDF Energy Holdings Limited**

**EDF Energy Limited**

**EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited**

**British Energy Limited**

**EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited**

**EDF Energy Renewables Limited**

**EDF Energy Renewables Holdings Limited**

**NNG Windfarm Holdings Limited**