

Environmental Management System Summary

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Introduction

Digital Realty holds a global Environmental Management System (EMS) certified to the ISO14001:2015 standard by NQA. The global EMS covers UK sites including Unit 2 and 3 Redhill Data Centre, known as 'Redhill'. The EMS follows the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle and has designated compliance managers who maintain the system across Digital Realty's global portfolio.

The EMS sits within a wider Integrated Management System (IMS), which also includes ISO 9001, 27001 and 50001. All sites can obtain specific information centrally and use the same referencing convention for site specific procedures. The IMS also includes the environmental policy.

Plan and Do

A legal register document is maintained and updated by the compliance manager for the geographical region. The legal register lists all the mandatory environmental and energy legislative schemes which are relevant to business and states their requirements, timelines and owner of the scheme. This register also states which regulatory guidance is followed in relation to environmental best practice.

Redhill has created an impact and aspect register. In this register the site identifies potential sources of environmental risk from the site; the potential impacts of these risks on the site and surrounding environment and how these risks are controlled by the site. Each risk is scored in the likelihood of occurrence and severity. This is reviewed on a regular basis.

The site uses the EMS/IMS as a framework to operate against. The site has an incident plan and emergency response plan. These plans detail for all site employees the procedures to follow when an incident occurs on site or if there is an emergency in relation to a risk event. The plans detail the escalation procedure of the site, the steps to take to reduce the potential risk to the site/surrounding environment and the reporting requirements after the occurrence of the event. The plans include environmental risks e.g. event of significant hydrocarbon spills on site and reducing potential contamination to land and water.

As part of the EMS/IMS all site staff undergo training for their roles, which includes managing and reducing environmental risk on site from site operations and contractors on site. Training for staff is recorded by each site, e.g. spill kit procedure use training.

Check and Act

The certification body NQA undertake certification of the ISO systems and the surveillance audits of the Redhill site. In addition to these external surveillance audits,

internal audits of the EMS/IMS are carried out by the senior management team and any non-conformities are reported.

Any identified non-conformities with the EMS/IMS are documented as a corrective action. Each corrective action is then reviewed during the internal audits to see if these have been resolved and thus the corrective action been closed.

Every year there is a management review report on the EMS/IMS which is provided to the senior management team. This report gives an overview of the achievements of all the ISO systems, where non-conformities were identified, resolved and improvements made. This is the mechanism for the continuous improvement process element of all the ISO systems.

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