



Manestream Ltd Environmental Newsletter

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Change to our Environmental Objectives

One of the key aspects of an environmental management system (EMS) is to monitor and review the system to assess progress and compliance with the company's environmental policy and objectives. Therefore, after several months monitoring our carbon footprint (which shows that vehicle emissions are more than three quarters of this total), the senior management have acknowledged that a 20% reduction in fuel emissions is not practical. We have therefore re-aligned the fuel emissions objective to that of the company total at 10%.

Water Resources Act (1991) How does it affect you?

In October 2007 Manestream Ltd purchased Anglia Video Surveys Ltd and added some new services to our portfolio including CCTV, jetting and lining. Therefore it is not a surprise that we need to be aware of the Water Resources Act (1991) and how it affects us. However, this legislation doesn't just affect businesses within the water services industry; it affects everyone.

The Water Resources Act (1991) defines how the Environment Agency (EA) regulates and manages all aspects relating to water within England and Wales. This includes the abstraction of water from the ground, flood defence, pollution prevention and control affecting rivers, lakes, coastal waters, and the sewage system.

It is the area of pollution that we must pay particular attention to, as it is an offence to CAUSE or knowingly permit poisonous, noxious polluting material or solid waste to enter controlled water unless you have consent from the EA.

Controlled water is made up from surface water (found in rivers, lakes, lochs, ponds, streams, canals, ditches and includes coastal waters and estuaries) and ground water (found in tablet which is

usually collected in the soil when it rains). Surface water will also include rain water that will end up in rivers from drains on our roads and streets.

So what can pollute the water? Basically, almost anything. The list can be quite extensive. But here is a short list of some items that can pollute: chemicals, salt, waste products, trade effluents, fuels, contaminated rain water, and even hot water. All of these can contaminate the water and harm the environment.

Failure to comply with the Water Resources Act can result in a fine up to £20,000 and three months imprisonment if tried in a magistrates court, or an unlimited fine and three years imprisonment if tried in a county court.

So, in the future please think before you do anything that could result in polluting ground or surface water. For example, washing a company van or car in a street pollutes controlled water. Don't do it. Find a commercial car wash service that manages its waste water correctly.

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Environmental Objectives

- To reduce by >10% the fuel usage of the company's fleet, and hence emissions, within 12 months.
- To reduce by > 10% the energy used at Manestream Ltd's offices within 12 months.
- To reduce Manestream Ltd's carbon footprint by > 10% overall within 12 months.



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Meet Steven Fox

Thanks to Steve for providing his answers to our “get to know” questions. If anyone would like to volunteer for next month, please contact Paul J. White.



are you from?

I was born in Leeds and that is where I have lived up until 2 years ago and I moved south for a new life.

How long have you been at Manestream?

I have been working for Manestream for ten months now, but feels like it's been years.

Where

What is your job title?

Senior Legionella Risk Assessor & Hygiene Technician

What do you most enjoy about your job?

Working within a great team, working on different types of domestic and industrial sites all over the country. Having good & close relationships with my direct clients.

What is a typical working day like at Manestream for you?

I never know what to expect on-site as every one is different. Carrying out site assessments on buildings with either just a mains water tap on-site or a site with 10-15 different types of water systems.

What are your views on global warming?

I take more notice to these views when I see things on the news about global warming. Whenever I am either at home or at my other families' houses I'm always turning lights off when not in the room, switching electrical stuff off when not in use, or when I'm away from home.

Do you recycle at home?

At home everything gets separated into different bins and always keep my shopping bags so I can reuse them.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Between going up and down the M6 on a weekend, I fit in 3 matches of tennis a week and every other weekend or so I take my cross country bike and go ride off-road in some national parks.

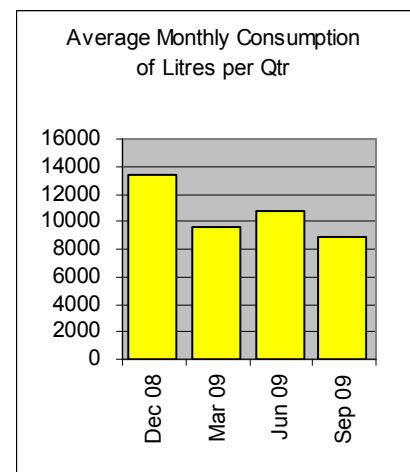
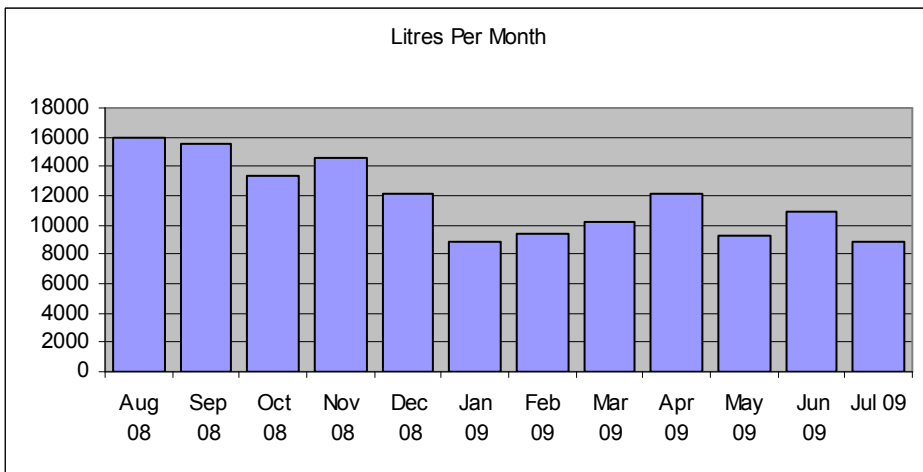
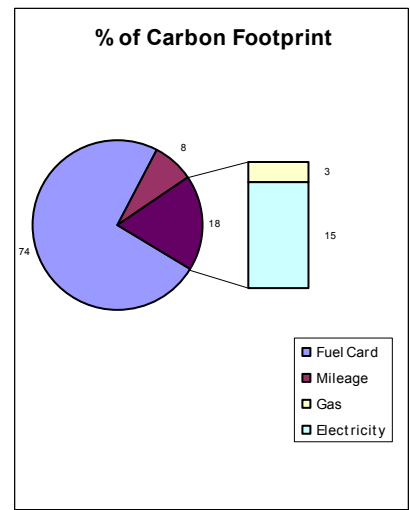
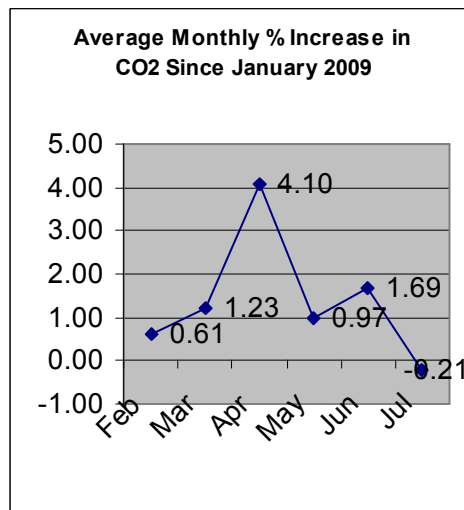
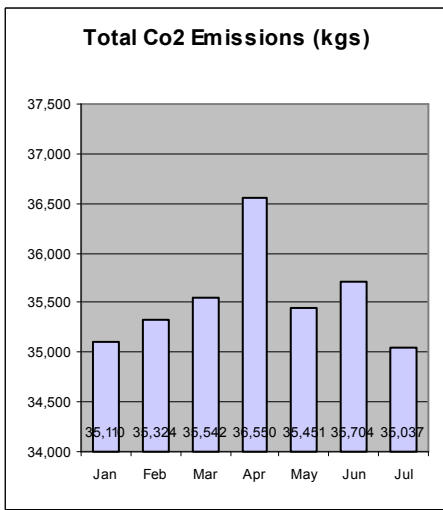
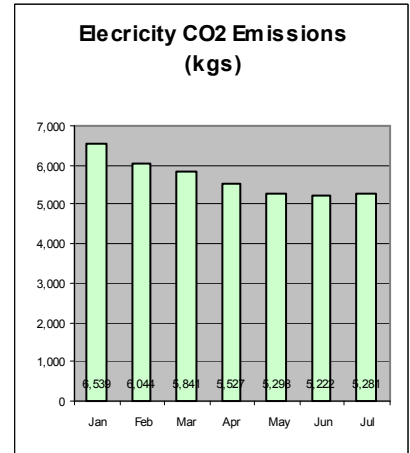
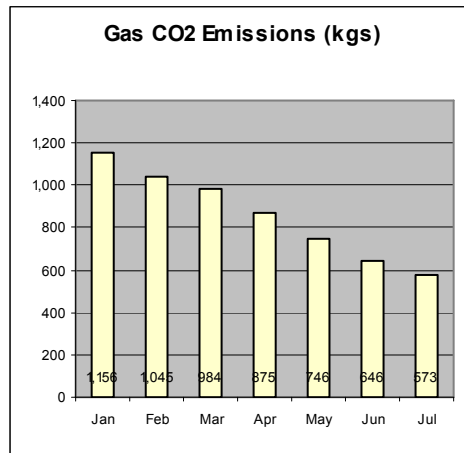
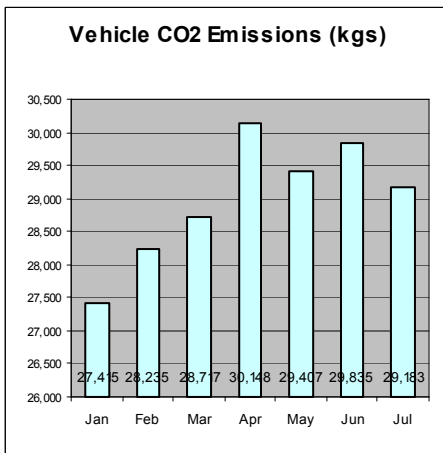
Manestream Ltd's Environmental Policy

Manestream Ltd recognises its responsibilities for the environmental impacts of its day to day activities and is committed to minimising the potentially detrimental effects of these activities. This policy gives a platform to integrate environmental factors into our day to day business decisions.

- Continual environmental improvement by allowing for the adoption of innovation and new ideas.
- Monitoring environmental performance by setting objectives and targets.
- Regulatory compliance by operating within all legal requirements and codes of practice.
- Management of environmental impact is effected by prevention of pollution, controlling reduction of emissions, conserving resources, increasing transport efficiency and minimising waste. We believe that this can only be achieved by our relationships and partnerships by:
- Empowering our employees by training them to manage environmental issues as an integral part of their jobs
- Influencing our supply chain partners to improve environmental performance.
- Understanding communities and our customers concerns on environmental issues and being responsive to these concerns.
- Reporting and communicating our environmental performance openly to all Manestream Ltd stakeholders and public.

In summary, the principal elements of the Environmental Policy are to establish and maintain processes capable of achieving continual improvement towards reducing the environmental impact of Manestream Ltd operations, and meeting the environmental objectives, and to establish and maintain the EMS satisfying the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001:2004 forming a framework for the setting of environmental objectives.

July 2009 Carbon Footprint Statistics



70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials (Source: The UK energy saving website).



Every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees. (Source: The Green parent website).

Waste Management Program

On Wednesday I met with representatives from our landlords, B-Serve, to discuss our recycling and waste management needs. We have been allocated our own recycle bin for cardboard which will be kept in the warehouse by the cardboard storage area.

B-Serve are currently reviewing the service they provide and hope to implement changes that will assist our own waste management. I will be able to give you more details once they become available.

The number of black dustbin liners taken for recycling between Mon, July 13th and Fri, Aug 21st was (11 weeks cumulative in brackets): Paper 80 (122), aluminium cans 2 (4), and plastic cups and bottles 4 (7).

This would mean that at the present rate we would recycle in excess of 550 bags of paper in a year. Keep up the good work.

Vehicle Management Program

Sadly, the Vehicle Management Program has not been implemented as quick as we had hoped, but it should go live by the end of September.

The new Vehicle Management Program will be reviewing how long we lease vehicles for and the mileage they do, looking at replacing vehicles with lower Co2 emissions, implementing new procedures and forms to ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities with regard to driving vehicles on the company's behalf, (including planned maintenance schedules, spot vehicle checks, tracker use, vehicle housekeeping and travel methods), and will also be implementing a company wide travel plan, all of which will be aimed at making the company fleet more efficient and reducing our environmental impact.

Energy Management Program

Last month we called out Hilton Heating and Cooling out to look at the three small hot water dispensers in the kitchens. Unfortunately their quote to repair and replace these items proved too expensive at around £1600. It was felt that this amount of money could be better utilised in other areas. However, you will be pleased to know that we were happy with the quote to repair the boiler in the warehouse and service the boiler on the first floor. An order has already been placed for this work to be carried out so both boilers should be operational in time for the winter months.

We have also been in contact with Eagle Systems, the company that services our air condition system, to discuss our annual contract and how we can ensure that the air condition system can be managed to run more efficiently.

You can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one new one. (Source: The Green parent website).

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Coming next month

The next newsletter will be emailed to you on Friday, September 25th and will include the following:

- Aug 2009 Carbon Footprint Statistics
- Monthly Employee Pen Picture
- Environmental Article
- Updates on our environmental initiatives

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