

Fact sheet: Norway Post environmental policy august 2009

Norway Post and the environment

Norway Post (Posten and Bring) are amongst the Nordic region's largest transport and logistics companies. As a part of the Nordic community, Norway Post takes its social responsibility and maintains high ethical standards in all its activities, including environmental work.

Norway Post's environmental vision is therefore to «work intently to achieve environmentally efficient operations and sustainable development. This will in turn help us to become the world's most future oriented post and logistics group».

Norway Post's environmental policy ensures systematic, preventative and documented environmental work, as well as continuous improvement of environmental performance. Many of Norway Post's specialist divisions also have environmental policies of their own that support Norway Post's overall policy.

The Norway Post environmental policy

Norway Post aims to be an environmentally aware company that is respected by customers, employees and society as a whole. We want our environmental policy to comply with our core values; Honesty – Respect – Interaction – Courage and Openness. We aim to achieve this through:

- Participating in an open social dialogue so that we can improve the natural environment and make the results of our work visible. This will be done with honesty and respect, demonstrating our sense of social responsibility.
- Making use of new technology and constantly seeking to improve our use of renewable energy both for heating and for resource-efficient logistics solutions. Here we will interact with our customers, technology companies and research institutions to find solutions.
- Creating awareness and highlighting the need for an effective external environment policy to all of Norway Post's employees. Showing courage and openness within the company towards new solutions and involving everyone in finding better environmental solutions.
- Integrating environmental aspects into management decisions, purchases and transactions.

The Norway Post Environmental Strategy

Our environmental goals must be clear and normative. We will work continuously to improve our environmental performance.

We will make resources available to achieve our vision by concentrating on the following prioritised areas:

1. Increasing knowledge and overview of our environmental impact, implementing measures and ensuring commitment to environmental work in our own organisation.
2. Collaborating with customers to find environmentally friendly solutions.
3. Influencing key stakeholders.
4. Involving employees.
5. Supporting selected environmental priority projects.

Excerpt from Norway Post's environmental goals

Within these priority areas Norway Post AS has established a range of goals, including:

- Reducing Norway Post's CO₂ emissions by 10% by 2011*.
- By 2015 emissions in large urban areas is to be significantly reduced*.
- By 2015, 91% of waste is to be recycled.
- By 2015 energy consumption and oil heating in building is to be reduced*.
- Build employee knowledge and visible commitment to environmental management in daily operations.

Assessment of new and existing goals and measures is to be a part of Norway Post's ongoing environmental work.

*The establishment of revised quantitative goals is currently in progress

Examples of environmental work from Posten, Bring and Ergo Group

Replacing road transport with rail transport

Norway Post aims to ensure that where possible 80% of freight shall be transported by rail. Norway Post currently is at 83% and is constantly finding ways to increase rail transport. Between Bring Frigoscandia has recently introduced a temperature regulated intermodal transport solution between Denmark and Italy. This is a combination of rail and road transport that reduces carbon emissions by 43% on this entire route.

Modern vehicle fleet

Norway Post places particular emphasis on ensuring that its core vehicle fleet is modern and thereby achieving lower emission levels. Average age of the vehicle fleet is 4 years for trucks and 2 years for smaller vehicles. 69% of the vehicles are from 2007 or later and 49% of trucks meet or exceed Euro 4 requirements. Regarding use of alternative technologies, Norway Post will exceed 100 electric vehicles in 2009.

More environmentally efficient driving

Norway Post is working continuously to contribute to more environmentally efficient and economical driving, both through training employees in "eco-driving" and with the support of IT tools.

By holding courses in eco-driving and follow-up training, it is possible to achieve 5-10% reduction in fuel consumption. Norway Post started an eco-driving pilot in 2003 and today more than 1350 drivers have completed this training. Bring has developed a specially equipped truck and certified its own instructors in eco-driving.

The new Østland terminal

A great deal of emphasis has been placed on the environment when planning the new Østlandet terminal at Røbsrud outside Oslo including in the design of the building itself and in deciding its location, as well as in choosing energy solutions and arranging public transport to and from work for employees (target of 50%). The construction of a new energy supply facility based on underground energy storage will result in significant reductions in emission and energy consumption of from non-renewable sources. As a result, CO₂ emissions will be reduced by 97% and NO_x emissions by 90% compared with ordinary electricity sources for heating.

Renewable energy

Norway Post has signed an agreement stating that 100% of all electricity supplied to Norway Post's companies in Norway, Sweden and Denmark is renewable energy. The agreement includes a «source of origin guarantee» stating that the amount of renewable energy used by Norway Post shall be offset by an equivalent production, thus stimulating increased production of renewable energy.

Environment training

In January 2009 Norway Post was the first company in Norway to introduce an e-learning solution that covers fundamental environmental knowledge. Today, 700 employees have completed this training. 80% of Bring Express employees have completed the training.

Awards

Posten Norway won the Glass Bear award in 2006 and 2007. In 2006 the award was given for its ENØK program that reduced energy consumption in buildings by 25% by using innovative solutions. In 2007 the award was given for a new loading system that is lighter, more efficient and improves transport capacity utilization which in turn reduces emissions. Materials used to produce the system are recycled from the old loading system materials.

Bio fuels

13 of Norway Post's trucks in Oslo run on bio diesel. Bring Express in Sweden has 40 biogas-fuelled cars. In the Stavanger area 2 Bring trucks run on biogas.

Recycling cooling water

In Gjøvik, ErgoGroup runs a computer centre situated in a mountainside. River water is used for direct cooling of servers in the eight months out of the year that the river is not frozen. This saves energy being used to run refrigeration machines. In the remaining months of the year river water is used to cool heated water from the refrigeration machines. This is more energy-efficient than using air as a cooling agent. The heated water from the cooling machines is also used to heat the office building.

Plastic bags

Post offices and business centers give approx 1 billion plastic bags to customers annually. Plastic bags that decompose in sunlight have now been purchased in order to decrease environmental impact.

Cooperation with other environmental stakeholders

Norway Post cooperates with many stakeholders in order to gain knowledge, best practice and to find innovative solutions to meet environmental challenges. Examples of this cooperation includes «Klimaløftet», International Post Corporation (IPC), Klimapakten Stockholm stad, Fremtidens Byer i Norge, NHO Klimapanelet, PostEurop, NTM, Renaas, Grønt Punkt etc. Norway Post regularly participates at seminars and workshops and has discussions with suppliers and other partners in order to gain insight into how to best meet our common environmental challenges. If you would like to help us further improve our environmental performance, contact us!