

Environmental policy for ČEZ Group



Our common objective is to behave in accordance with the principles of environmental protection in all business activities, which are mainly: operation of electricity and heat sources, operation of distribution grids, mining of mineral resources and provision of complex energy services to customers of ČEZ, a. s., including subsidiaries, affiliates and joint ventures.

To achieve this:

We consider environmental protection as an integral part of our management system.

Environmental protection is an essential part of thinking, behaviour, and work practices of all employees as well as contractors. As part of our activities, we identify, assess and manage, or remediate, material environmental impacts. We apply risk and opportunities-based approach. We use safe and proven technologies. We put a strong emphasis on pollution prevention. We improve continually our environmental management system for environmental performance enhancement. We require contractors to take the same approach to environmental protection.

Fulfilment of compliance obligations is an obvious part of our activities.

We keep a dialogue with our stakeholders about their requirements and expectations. We actively monitor the legislation under preparation, we take into account verified and adopted international practices. We consistently require and check fulfilment of compliance obligations both by our employees and by contractors.

We are fully aware of the climate change consequences.

We make significant effort to reduce impact of our operations to the climate change, in particular by increasing energy efficiency and by increasing the proportion of electricity and heat generated from emission-free and renewable sources. We adapt our strategies and the operation of our generation sources to actual and expected climate changes.

We mitigate negative impacts related to air, water and soil pollution.

We mitigate negative environmental impacts of our activities mainly by prevention and reduction of our emissions. We take actions to mitigate the actual or potential impacts of our activities. We actively remediate the consequences of our activities. We regenerate ecosystems where pollution has occurred. We monitor scientific progress in identifying substances of concern and substances of very high concern and actively seek substitutes for these substances.

We plan and carry out our strategies and activities in line with the principles of sustainable water use.

We use water resources, including their energy potential, as efficiently as possible. We increase the efficiency of our production technologies. We prevent water pollution from our activities. We treat polluted wastewater to prevent deterioration of water bodies and aquatic ecosystems.

We are aware of the consequences of our activities on ecosystems and their biodiversity.

We take sustainable development principles and biodiversity considerations into account in our strategy and planning. We assess impacts of our activities on biodiversity. We implement measures to mitigate these impacts, particularly in and around biodiversity-sensitive areas.

We use resources efficiently and apply the principles of circular economy.

We put emphasis on sustainable sourcing and efficient use of raw material within our business activities. Our strategies include reduction the use of primary resources in the production of electricity and heat. We increase share of used renewable resources in the production of electricity and heat, thereby reducing the depletion of non-renewable resources. Our strategy and business model take into account the principles of the life cycle of products and services and the principles of circular economy. We respect the waste hierarchy. Through waste prevention, recycling and re-use activities, we contribute to minimisation waste production and saving raw materials.