National Grid Car Incentive Scheme Scoops International Award For CO2 levels

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This sits comfortably below the new car average of 133g/km and is below the EU target of 130g/km by 2015.

It's one of a number of green initiatives which saw National Grid awarded the Supply and Demand Chain Executive Green Award for 2013 for its sustainable procurement practices.

National Grid manages the physical infrastructure of the gas and electricity grid and is responsible for connecting people to the energy they need across Great Britain. It has a company car fleet of around 3,200 vehicles which is limited to vehicles with emissions under 160g/km. However, people are incentivised to choose greener alternatives which has seen the average drop dramatically.

Other initiatives that impressed the judges were a cable decommissioning project in Derbyshire. A competitive tender for the safe removal of the cables and related assets from a section of the grid in the Peak District was awarded to a contractor who could recycle or reuse 100 per cent of the decommissioned cable, oil and materials.

Speaking after hearing of their award success, James Murnaghan Market Intelligence and Sustainable Procurement Manager for National Grid's global procurement strategy, said: "National Grid takes its responsibility for environmental sustainability very seriously. It's our job to maintain and improve the gas and electricity networks to ensure a safe and sustainable energy infrastructure into the future.

"This in turn provides us with real opportunity to think about the way we work and how we source all the materials and services we need to operate. By setting ourselves and our suppliers environmental challenges, we're encouraging them think more sustainably and reduce both our carbon footprints."

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

National Grid in the UK:

We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great BritainWe own and operates the high pressure gas transmission system in BritainOur gas distribution business delivers gas to 11 million homes and businessesWe also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and meteringNational Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).Our portfolio of other businesses is mainly concerned with infrastructure provision and related services where we can exploit our core skills and assets to create value. These businesses operate in areas such as Metering, Grain LNG Import, Interconnectors and Property. National Grid Carbon Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid and it undertakes Carbon Capture Storage related activities on behalf of National Grid.

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