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Policies



Health and safety

Policies and procedures for working across NERC.

Risk management

In environmental science reasonable risk taking is an acceptable practice. But we must carefully manage risk.

Ethics

We believe it is important that people look at the ethical aspects of all the work we do.

Openness and transparency

We aim to be transparent about how we reach decisions and be open with our information.

Public engagement

We want to encourage more people of all ages and from all sectors of society to engage with researchers and the research we fund, and contribute their views on current research and future directions.

Environmental management

We want to minimise our environmental impact.

Vested interests

NERC expects [Council and committee](#) members to help reduce the risk of improper conduct of business or allocation of funds by following HM Treasury's guidelines for publicly-funded agencies.

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Sponsorship principles

We follow a set of principles to guide any sponsorship of NERC science.

Use of Animals in Research

We expect our researchers to comply with best practice procedures when working with animals.