

## **European Commission congratulates Cepsa's La Rábida Refinery on more than 20 years of environmental achievements**

- **This facility was the first in Spain to be listed in the European register of eco-audited centers under the EMAS scheme, which earned it the “Early Birds” distinction.**
- **In June, for yet another year, the company made its Environmental Statement public.**

Cepsa's La Rábida Refinery in Palos de la Frontera has been recognized by the European Commission for its environmental achievements as one of the top ten organizations in Spain listed in the EMAS register, encouraging it to continue sharing its best practices and long-standing environmental commitment. Being an example of transparency with the public has earned it the “Early Birds” distinction.

The refinery first made its Environmental Statement public in 1998, with the international register of eco-audited centers under the European Regulation EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme). It was the first refinery in Spain to obtain it. For 23 years now, Cepsa has been making the statement public, not only to the media but also to stakeholders, and it has set up the e-mail account [comunicacion.huelva@cepsa.com](mailto:comunicacion.huelva@cepsa.com) for all citizens to ask questions they need answers to.

According to Jorge Acitores, director of La Rábida Refinery, “it is a real satisfaction to be recognized by a public body like the European Commission, true guarantors of best environmental practices and supporters of our commitment to reduce the environmental footprint of our activity. Being an environmentally responsible company goes beyond complying with regulations or obtaining certifications and awards. It also highlights the value of our professionals and especially our environmental technicians.”

In June, Cepsa presented, for yet another year, the environmental statements of its industrial centers in the province of Huelva, La Rábida Refinery and the Palos Chemical Plant. These documents contained all the information related to the facilities' environmental performance in 2020, audited by AENOR, an independent external verifier.

Each year, La Rábida Refinery adopts the necessary measures not only to comply with the requirements of its Integrated Environmental Authorization (AAI), but also to achieve emission values well below the authorized limits, including the new requirements established by the European Union of the applicable BREFs (Best Available Techniques).

The center's environmental statements contain information on many other aspects available to the public, ranging from noise control to soil inspection and water use. Additionally, Cepsa's environmental management is not limited to the control of parameters its activity may have an impact on, but extends to other issues such as training and environmental awareness of its own professionals and those of auxiliary companies, and communication to interested third parties.

This recognition joins the one it received from the Regional Government of Andalusia in 2015 for entering and remaining in the EMAS register for more than 15 years, a show of support from the public administration for its continuous improvement of environmental performance and impact and its voluntary transparency with society. At that time, only six Andalusian work centers had received the distinction, and three of them were Cepsa industrial centers.

Cepsa is committed to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and aligns its initiatives and projects with these objectives, identifying the following as a priority: "Affordable and clean energy" (SDG 7); "Decent work and economic growth" (SDG 8); "Responsible production and consumption" (SDG 12); and "Climate action" (SDG 13).

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