Eastman Water Policy

Water is vital to life on our planet. Eastman knows that effective, science-driven, ethical solutions to the climate crisis must include water stewardship. This Eastman Water Policy governs all Eastman businesses and owned or operated sites as well as majority-owned joint ventures or joint ventures where Eastman exercises operational control. Eastman is a signatory to the UN Global Compact and supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6) and Life Below Water (SDG 14). We commit to following every element of our water policy to ensure we use and manage this precious resource with the greatest of care.

Importance: Water is essential to Eastman operations. It is primarily used for cooling and also for steam generation, for washing, as a product ingredient, as a solvent and for fire protection.

Leadership: Management establishes policy, allocates resources and reinforces responsible consideration of water policy into all aspects of the business. Eastman’s sustainability council and the environmental impact sub-council provide oversight and governance.

Innovation: As a leading material innovation company, Eastman has a responsibility to apply our world-class technologies and knowledge to innovations for water. For example, Eastman offers products that contribute to water treatment solutions for customers and products that are biodegradable in ocean and fresh water.

Stewardship: We leverage our world-class technical expertise for Eastman practices related to water, including use, reduction and reuse. We will apply Eastman’s Zero-Incident Mindset to water stewardship. We acknowledge the human right to water and sanitation. We will maintain awareness of water ethics globally, only use the quality and quantity of water appropriate for the application, and protect water resources by using water responsibly.

Goals: Eastman will continuously work to improve water management, considering social and ecological risks and emphasizing efforts at sites in water-stressed regions. Eastman is committed to the Blue Deal of Flanders to combat drought in Belgium.

Collaboration: Eastman partners with appropriate organizations and engages in joint initiatives. Water considerations are integrated into all aspects of our business and are fundamental to the strategic decisions we make regarding growth, business risks related to water and preserving our environment. We continually seek a deeper understanding of our water use and how we can improve to lead toward a sustainable future for all. Outside our operations, we work with stakeholders and experts toward a deeper, shared understanding of water issues.

Results and transparency: Eastman measures our performance in water management to show progress and identify gaps where we must improve. We report according to international sustainability frameworks.

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