

POLICY NO:	201	TITLE:	Environmental Stewardship
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PURPOSE

Aquatera Utilities Inc. (Aquatera) recognizes that through their operation, there is the risk of potentially significant consequences for the environment and public health. Aquatera understands the importance of operating in an environmentally ethical and trustworthy manner and in practicing sound environmental management. To meet these goals, Aquatera employees will work to ensure compliance with environmental legislation, prevent pollution, and seek ways to continually minimize our environmental footprint while balancing service affordability for our customers.

POLICY STATEMENT

Environmental Commitments:

Aquatera will:

1. Provide clean and safe drinking water; and
2. Protect, conserve, and manage the water supply for present and future generations.

Aquatera will:

1. Collect and treat wastewater carefully and efficiently in order to return it to the environment in a responsible manner;
2. Meet or exceed relevant environmental legal requirements and other requirements to which it subscribes;
3. Strive to understand and minimize the negative environmental impacts of its operations;
4. Enable customers to reduce their environmental impact and contribute to environmental sustainability through promotion of services to reduce, reuse, and recycle wastewater; and
5. Respond to emergency situations and incidents to prevent or mitigate environmental consequences.

Aquatera will:

1. Collect solid waste carefully and efficiently in order to dispose of it in a responsible manner;

2. Meet or exceed relevant environmental legal requirements and other requirements to which it subscribes;
3. Enable customers to reduce their environmental impact and contribute to environmental sustainability through promotion of services to reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste; and
4. Respond to emergency situations and incidents to prevent or mitigate environmental consequences.

Programs:

Aquatera will:

1. Provide training to ensure competency and minimize environmental impacts;
2. Implement systems and processes to ensure reliable environmental performance that meets or exceeds environmental goals; and
3. Consult and collaborate with government, industry, and other organizations to enhance environmental performance using a sound business approach.

Audit:

Aquatera will:

1. Monitor and report environmental performance with respect to its compliance with relevant environmental legislation, regulations, standards, and other environmental requirements;
2. Strive to achieve continuous improvement in managing its environmental impacts via establishment and review of corporate environmental objectives, targets, and commitments including associated third-party monitoring, reporting, inspections, and audits; and
4. Strive to achieve zero non-compliance events with respect to all environmental requirements.

Compliance Functions:

Aquatera will:

1. Review and update this policy as required;
2. Will ensure all employees and contractors of Aquatera comply with this policy and employees and contractors are responsible to report to Aquatera any violations of this policy, environmental legislation, regulations, standards, and other environmental requirements that they may discover;
3. Consider all applicable legislation when assessing, responding and reporting to every contravention that comes to the attention of Aquatera in an appropriate and timely manner.

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