



Global Water Policy

At NetApp we recognize that water is an essential, finite resource. As a responsible corporate citizen, we are committed to managing water resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, minimizing our impact on local communities, and promoting water conservation throughout our operations. This policy outlines our commitment to responsible water management practices.

Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations

We will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and permits relating to water use, water quality, and water discharge. Our operations will meet or exceed the standards set by relevant governmental and regulatory authorities.

Water Conservation

We will implement measures to conserve and efficiently use water resources across our business. This includes regular monitoring of water consumption, implementing water-efficient technologies and practices, and promoting employee awareness on water conservation.

Pollution Prevention and Water Quality

We will actively combat water pollution by reducing or eliminating the introduction of hazardous substances into aquatic ecosystems. To achieve this, we utilize appropriate treatment technologies, regularly monitor water quality parameters, ensure waste-water discharges are through appropriate conveyance systems, and responsibly handle and store chemicals and hazardous materials. Furthermore, we have established a thorough Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan to protect nearby water bodies from potential oil spills or contamination. Recognizing the significant risks posed by oil spills to both public health and the environment, this plan outlines proactive measures to prevent such incidents and ensure prompt and effective cleanup in the event of an oil spill.

Stakeholder Engagement

We will engage with local communities, government agencies, and other stakeholders to understand and address local water-related concerns. We will seek opportunities to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to develop and implement sustainable water management and resource conservation solutions that benefit both our operations and the surrounding communities. As a member of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), we require suppliers to abide by the NetApp Supplier Code of conduct which includes commitments to manage water responsibly and to prevent pollution.

Water Risk Assessment and Mitigation

We will conduct assessments of water-related risks and vulnerabilities associated with our operations. Based on these assessments, we will develop and implement appropriate risk mitigation strategies to minimize potential impacts on water availability, quality, and ecosystem health.

Continuous Improvement

Our Environmental Management System provides the framework for setting, monitoring and continuously improving our environmental goals and objectives. We are committed to improving our water management practices. We will set measurable targets to reduce water consumption and increase water use efficiency where possible. Regular performance evaluations and reporting will be conducted to track progress towards our goals and identify areas for improvement.

Transparency and Reporting

We will communicate our water management efforts transparently to stakeholders, including shareholders, employees, customers, and the public. We will provide updates on our water conservation initiatives, key performance indicators, and achievements through our annual ESG report and in our annual Water Security disclosure to CDP.