

Water Management Policy

1.0 Philosophy

Considering the growing concerns over ever escalating issues, both qualitative and quantitative in nature, related to water availability and increasing inequity in water access among various user groups, POWERGRID is committed to address this critical component of our Ecology, in spite of the fact, that we don't require water in majority of our activities and our water use is mostly restricted to domestic purpose. Our goal of becoming a **Net Water Positive** organization by 2030, motivates our efforts towards water conservation and augmentation of water resources, which in turn, are guided and supported by the principles enlisted in our Environment and Social Policy & Procedures.

2.0 Scope & Applicability

The Water Policy is applicable to all establishments fully owned by POWERGRID.

3.0 Approach & Focus Areas

At a bare minimum, our approach towards managing our water resources and reducing our water footprint revolves around:

Complying, with all applicable regulatory requirements,

Quantify, our total as well as business unit wise water use and keeping a record of the same,

Identify, the areas of improvement with respect to quantitative as well as qualitative use of water

Reduce, our water use intensity by undertaking every possible measure including quickly addressing the leakages and encouraging positive behavioural changes,

Recycle & Reuse of water at every available opportunity, in line with its quality, for useful purposes such as gardening, floor cleaning and toilet flushing.

Recharge and Augment our Ground Water resources by making rain water harvesting an integral part of our substation design.

Ensure, availability of clean and potable water to all employees, contract workers and visitors.

Sensitize, our manpower about importance of proper water management including avoiding water wastage and conservation of precious water resources.

Undertake water conservation and water accessibility projects at community level.

ZERO water pollution impacts on community from our activity.

4.0 Implementation

Executive Director (ESMD & CSR) will be responsible for overall implementation and monitoring of the policy in the organization. At Regional/ departmental level, respective Executive Directors will be responsible for implementation of the policy, while at substation/ establishment level, responsibility of implementation lies with the concerned Substation / Office-In-charges.

5.0 Alignment

The policy is in alignment with POWERGRID's ESPP, ESG Policy, Environment Management System as per ISO 14001-2015, SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) & SDG 14 (Life below Water).

6.0 Review & Revision

The Water Policy will be subject to periodic review and revision in line with changing regulatory framework and business dynamics as well as expectations of stakeholders. CMD / Director (Projects) are authorized to make any amendments to the policy, as may be required from time to time, with changes to be informed to Board subsequently.