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## **PURPOSE**

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

## **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 & SWS 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 re-cycle wastewater; and
5. Respond to emergency situations and accidents to prevent or mitigate environmental consequences.

### **Programs:**

Aquatera and SWS 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 and SWS 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 and SWS will:

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

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