

Water Stewardship Position Paper - Dechra

1. INTRODUCTION

Water is a precious and finite resource essential for life, ecosystems, and the sustainability of businesses worldwide. Dechra recognises the critical importance of water stewardship and is committed to responsible water management practices. This position paper outlines Dechra's stance on water stewardship, our commitments, and our initiatives to promote water conservation, efficiency, and sustainability.

2. UNDERSTANDING WATER STEWARDSHIP

Water stewardship involves the responsible management and use of water resources to enable their long-term availability and quality. It encompasses measures to minimise water consumption, reduce pollution, protect water ecosystems, and engage with stakeholders on water-related issues.

3. DECHRAS POSITION

Dechra acknowledges the vital role that water plays in our operations, communities, and the environment. We are committed to ensure that water is managed sustainably as a common, public resource. Our stance on water stewardship is guided by the following principles:

Conservation and Efficiency

- Dechra is committed to reducing water consumption and increasing water use efficiency across all our facilities.
- Implementing water-saving technologies, practices, and equipment to minimise our water footprint.
- Setting targets and goals for water reduction in manufacturing facilities, with regular reporting on progress

Water Quality Protection

- Confirming that our wastewater treatment processes meet or exceed regulatory standards to protect water quality.
- Our Manufacturing sites monitor and manage potential pollutants to prevent contamination of local water sources.

4. CURRENT INITIATIVES

Dechra has implemented several initiatives to promote water stewardship and sustainability. Some of our ongoing initiatives include:

Water Risk Assessments

- Conducting water risk assessments at our manufacturing facilities to identify areas of high water stress and vulnerability.
- Developing tailored strategies to mitigate risks and enhance resilience to water-related challenges.

Transparency and Reporting

- Continuously monitoring and assessing our water use, efficiency, and impact on water resources.

- Setting ambitious targets for manufacturing site to further reduce water consumption and improve efficiency. Base line water target not to exceed 2021 base line amount, with regular reporting on progress initiatives in our annual sustainability reports.

Water Recycling and Reuse

- Implementing water recycling systems to reuse treated wastewater for non-potable purposes.
- Installing rainwater harvesting systems to supplement water supply for facility operations.

Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

- Complying with regulatory standards and reducing the environmental impact of our wastewater.
- Upgrade and implement wastewater treatment facilities to improve the quality of discharged water.
- Understanding our Pharmaceuticals in the environments (PiE) impact.

Employee Training and Awareness

- Encouraging employees at Manufacturing sites to contribute ideas and initiatives for improving water efficiency in daily operations.

5. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

Dechra Pharmaceuticals is committed to advancing our efforts in water stewardship and sustainability. Our future commitments include:

Employee Training and Awareness

- Providing training programs to all employees on water conservation practices and the importance of water stewardship.
- Further promote the internal sustainability suggestions application.

Community Water Projects

- Supporting community water projects and initiatives to improve local water ecosystems through our volunteering events or charitable giving.

Value Chain Engagement

- Understand water related challenges/ issues within the value chain.
- Collaborating with suppliers to promote water stewardship throughout our supply chain.
- Encouraging suppliers to adopt sustainable water management practices and reduce water-related risks.

6. CONCLUSION

Dechra is committed to being a responsible steward of water resources and promoting water sustainability. We recognise the critical importance of water for ecosystems, communities, and our business operations. Through our actions and ongoing initiatives, we aim to contribute to the conservation, protection, and responsible use of water for present and future generations.

For more information on Dechra's water stewardship initiatives and our commitment to sustainability, please refer to our sustainability reports.