



WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

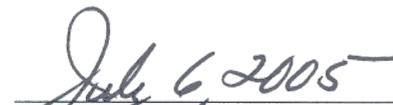
The fundamental mission and commitment of Washington Aqueduct is to provide safe drinking water reliably and efficiently. Washington Aqueduct is inherently and directly linked to the environment through the use of the Potomac River as a resource for the production of drinking water. Washington Aqueduct provides safe drinking water to approximately one million customers in the District of Columbia, Arlington County, and the City of Falls Church.

Washington Aqueduct's stakeholders are the wholesale customers, the water users within the distribution area, regulators, and neighboring communities. Washington Aqueduct is committed to being cognizant and respectful of stakeholders' views and needs. Involvement of stakeholders will be optimized to allow for full understanding and honest consideration of all stakeholder views and needs. When not disadvantageous to the safe, reliable, and efficient operation of Washington Aqueduct facilities, environmental impacts will be minimized or mitigated.

The protection of the environment is a critical part of the Washington Aqueduct fundamental mission. Washington Aqueduct is committed to the following:

- Minimize and manage operational risks through planning, training, redundancy, and innovation.
- Encouraging innovation and incorporation in the protection of the environment and enhancement of operations by fostering open communication between all Washington Aqueduct employees and contractors.
- Achieve continued compliance with all Federal, state, local, Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and Army Corps of Engineers regulations and policies.
- Prevent pollution by minimizing waste, managing waste properly, and by minimizing the use of hazardous materials.
- Protect the natural resources for which Washington Aqueduct is a steward.
- Proactively participate in advancing the state of the science associated with the protection of the environment and drinking water treatment through education, research, and active organizational participation in professional and scientific societies.
- Participate in the advancement of education related to protection of the environment, science, and drinking water treatment through public involvement, hosting educational events, and supporting educational efforts of local organizations and professional societies.
- Regularly review the Washington Aqueduct Environmental Management System to ensure established objectives and targets are met and to promote continual improvement of environmental protection programs.


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