



OUR WATER POLICY

AbbVie's Policy on Water

"Water is the essence of life." This powerful declaration of the World Health Organization has led the world in understanding the importance of this simple but powerful truth, and has helped us to understand that the access to water is a basic human right. AbbVie is well aware of the importance of access to clean, safe water and sanitation, and is committed to understanding and managing our impact on this vital resource. Water is an essential component of many of our products and manufacturing processes. Our patients, customers, and employees depend on this increasingly scarce resource. And our communities depend on AbbVie's partnership, assistance, and cooperation to manage this critical resource.

Effective Management of Water Resources

AbbVie has evaluated our global operations and set an aggressive goal for the future – to achieve a global water use reduction of 20 percent by the year 2020, measured from our founding in 2013 and normalized to sales growth. AbbVie focuses significant effort in collecting data and analyzing the quantity and quality of our water intake, discharge, and consumption. These data are reported by our operating sites, and are aggregated for the corporation in order for AbbVie to plan effective sustainable business strategies.

We use recognized environmental management tools to enable our manufacturing plants around the globe to assess their local water needs, and to develop contingency plans. These analyses help AbbVie to create performance metrics, facilitate communication with internal and external stakeholders on water challenges, and foster water conservation and efficiency. We pay particular attention to that portion of our total global water consumption that occurs in water-stressed areas. Our water management program is continuously evolving as we gain additional knowledge and insight about our resource usage. Our sites continue to implement water conservation projects based on these analyses. This continuous evaluation of opportunities helps us find effective ways to manage the environmental impact of our operations.

Taking Action to Improve Our Environment

AbbVie places a high value on partnering with our employees and communities to improve environmental quality. AbbVie continues to pursue programs that take the long-term view for operational eco-efficiency. Scarce resources such as water are conserved and put to their most productive use at our facilities, in our communities, and around the globe.