

# Chevron Fresh Water Initiative

## Responsible Management of a Critical Resource

Chevron recognizes the value of fresh water as a fundamental social, environmental and economic resource. As a global company, we know that access to sufficient sources of water, including fresh water and water of lower quality, is essential for the communities where we operate as well as for our ability to produce energy around the world. As users of this critical natural resource, we must manage it responsibly. This includes improving our water-use efficiency and continuing our focus on managing water-related social and environmental impacts.

In 2010, we developed a corporate wide freshwater management initiative focused on water risk assessment and management over the life cycle of our assets.

A key part of that initiative includes adopting and publishing our *Freshwater Position Statement*, which communicates our commitment to responsible management of freshwater resources. The initiative focuses on improving our local-water risk identification and management efforts through water-mapping tools and metrics.

We recently expanded our freshwater initiative to incorporate non-fresh sources and beneficial reuse of wastewater streams. In addition, we have continued to look for accurate ways of measuring our performance.

Over the past five years, we have incorporated water-related metrics, including collecting data on the amounts of fresh and non-fresh water drawn from the environment and recycling water for onsite use.

In 2014, we added total water consumed to our corporate metrics, in alignment with the IPIECA Reporting Standard. You can track our performance against a number of these metrics.

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

### Freshwater Position Statement

Protecting people and the environment is a core value at Chevron. We are committed to managing our use of freshwater through resource conservation, focusing on the social and environmental impacts of our operations as well as engaging with communities and other stakeholders.

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With respect to fresh water, Chevron strives to:

- Continually improve environmental performance and reduce impacts from our operations.
- Integrate freshwater conservation and efficiency drivers into our business decision-making processes and operational management.
- Conserve our use of freshwater in freshwater-constrained areas by reusing and recycling water and reducing the amount used.
- Account for the use of freshwater in our operations with appropriate metrics.
- Engage with governments, partners, local communities and other stakeholders on significant freshwater resource issues in areas where we operate.
- Build partnerships and participate in industry initiatives to share and promote best practices, assist with the development of industry standards, and shape and influence relevant freshwater resource policy.

Reference:

<http://www.chevron.com/corporateresponsibility/environment/freshwater/2015>