

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The J. Douglas Kline Water Supply Plant and pumping station are located on the east side of Pockwock Lake in the community of Upper Hammonds Plains, with a design capacity of 230 ML/D. The Lake Major Water Supply Plant and pumping station are located on the west side of Lake Major in the community of Cherry Brook, with a design capacity of 90 ML/D. The Halifax Regional Water Commission (HRWC) considers protection of the environment and pollution prevention to be among its most important objectives. Both plants will:

1. Meet or surpass all legislation, regulations, and other applicable requirements and continuously improve the plants' environmental performance consistent with defined objectives, targets and industry standards.
2. Fully consider environmental factors when implementing and adjusting the plants' operating processes.
3. Provide a safe and healthful workplace to ensure that personnel are competent, are provided appropriate training, and have appropriate safety and emergency equipment.
4. Ensure that the environmental risks of plant activities are identified and assessed by our Environmental Management System to minimize environmental impacts.
5. Monitor and manage compliance with applicable legislation and other requirements through regular environmental compliance audits and corrected action management.
6. Commit to continuous improvement in relation to environmental performance through the following means:
 - Inclusion of continuous improvement in the Plants' Business Plan.
 - Bring projects and initiatives that have the potential for improved environmental performance to the company's senior management for implementation.
 - Continually drive improvement of performance through objectives and targets.
7. Communicate the policy and other EMS information to customers and all persons working for or on behalf of the plants.
8. Be an environmentally responsible neighbour in the local community. The plants will act promptly and responsibly in correcting incidents or conditions that endanger environment, and inform those who may be affected.
9. Commit to acceptable quality of treatment residual solid and liquid waste streams, monitoring, review, and process improvements.
10. Maintain high quality for potable water produced while striving to minimize energy and chemical consumption.
11. Seek opportunities to reduce energy consumption.

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