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Halifax Water Environmental Policy

Halifax Water strives to provide its customers with high quality water and wastewater services and places the highest value on public health, customer service, fiscal responsibility, asset management, regulatory compliance, motivated and satisfied employees and stewardship of the environment by:

1. Placing the highest priority on preventing air, water and land pollution through adoption of industry best practices and complying with compliance obligations.
2. Ensure that the environmental aspects of Halifax Water activities are identified and assessed by our Environmental Management System to minimize environmental impacts.
3. Fully consider environmental factors when making significant process changes.
4. Commit to continual improvement through adoption of best practices and attainable objectives and programs.
5. Communicate the policy and other EMS information to internal staff, customers and persons working for or on behalf of Halifax Water.
6. Be stewards of the environment in the local community. Act responsibly and act promptly in correcting any incidents or conditions that could impact the environment.
7. Ensure that required staff is competent, have received proper training, and have the means to respond in the event of an environmental incident.
8. Seek opportunities to minimize our environmental footprint by reducing waste production, chemical, fuel and energy consumption, through process optimization and capital upgrades.