

WATER CONSERVATION POLICY, 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Water is the most precious natural resource for survival and sustenance of all life forces on the earth. Water conservation and management is essential for environment protection and economic development of our country.
- 1.2. NHPC Limited is committed to adopt water conservation measures along with its stated environment protection strategy. NHPC's Water Conservation Policy, 2023 hereby re-affirms its objectives of sustainable development through endeavors embedded in its business strategy and practices.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This policy shall be applicable to all Projects, Power Stations and other establishments of NHPC Limited.

3. OUR POLICY

NHPC Limited through its Water Conservation Policy, 2023 shall strive to:

- 3.1. Ensure compliance of all regulatory frameworks with elements of water conservation and management.
- 3.2. Take voluntary initiatives to identify the water consumption patterns in each of its establishments and aim towards reducing the water footprints by optimizing the use of water through installing efficient water systems.
- 3.3. Integrate rainwater harvesting measures in its planning and strategy at all its locations.
- 3.4. Emphasize on use of latest technological advancements with focus on water conservation through improving efficiency, recycling, recharge and reuse.
- 3.5. Take steps to prevent water pollution in all its establishment/ area by ensuring proper disposal mechanism of waste water such as Sewage Treatment Plants or site suitable measures and discharge, if any, while complying with the stipulated norms of the Government.
- 3.6. Social and economic needs are to be given importance while planning water conservation measures.

4. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. Designated nodal Department *i.e.*, Environment & Diversity Management Division shall ensure the policy is implemented throughout the Company.
- 4.2. Compliance will be ensured at the Projects/ Power Stations/ Regional Offices by their respective Heads and at the corporate level by the HoD, EMS Division.

5. COMMUNICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1. The Policy shall be displayed on NHPC's website.
- 5.2. NHPC limited being a listed company shall give due consideration to the observation of institutional investors/ vendors/ lenders etc.

6. AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

- 6.1. NHPC will provide training on water-related awareness and sensitize all employees and other relevant stakeholder groups.
- 6.2. NHPC will conduct periodic campaigns and rally to promote water conservation within employee's value chain and local community.
- 6.3. Latest water-related study reports, researches, findings, innovations etc. shall be regularly disseminated to all employees.

7. APPLICABILITY TO SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

- 7.1 The Water Conservation Policy, 2023 shall be communicated to all Joint Ventures, Subsidiaries and wholly owned companies of NHPC Limited for adoption of this policy as per their suitability.

8. REVIEW OF WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

- 1.1. The policy shall be reviewed in every five years to incorporate suitable modifications according to need and opportunity. However, the policy can also be reviewed earlier for its applicability and relevance as per evolving business environmental scenario.

This Policy has come in force from 28.03.2023.
