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HPE WATER POLICY

Our position



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Hewlett Packard Enterprise recognizes water as one of the world's most critical resources. Increasingly, the connection between climate change and water, and the production and use of energy and water (the energy-water nexus) are being better understood, and the need for this critical resource to be addressed, managed, and conserved is being realized. The impacts of climate change continue to be one of the greatest threats to society, and businesses and communities will experience its impacts through their interaction with water.

HPE believes access to clean water is a fundamental human right. We work to align our water strategy with broader global sustainability frameworks, such as the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, to help ensure the availability of clean water for future generations.

As an IT company, HPE believes that technological innovation, combined with strong policy positions and strategic partnerships, will be necessary to secure our global water resources. Significant advancements in technologies such as edge computing and artificial intelligence aim to improve efficiencies and enable better decision-making in water-intensive sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing. In addition, predicting the impacts of population and climate on available water resources will require complex modeling and analysis of large data sets through the deployment of powerful computational capabilities. HPE is committed to seeking out partnerships and participating in collective action to leverage our technology to drive significant improvements in water stewardship.

OUR APPROACH

While HPE's business dependency on water and direct impact through our operations is minimal, we recognize that water availability can pose indirect risks to our business through our supply chain, the energy-water nexus, and employee health and well-being. Our efforts to continually reduce the environmental impact of our value chain go beyond compliance with regulations, encouraging our peers and suppliers to effectively manage their own footprints through annual reporting and participation in the CDP Water Disclosure Project.

As part of our strategy, HPE has set goals to quantify and assess:

- Water withdrawals and consumption across HPE's value chain including supply chain, direct operations, and product use
- Water withdrawals and consumption driven by energy use in our supply chain, direct operations, and product use using WRI [Guidance for Calculating Water Use Embedded in Purchased Electricity](#)
- The portion of HPE's water withdrawals and consumption from watersheds experiencing water risk using WRI [Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas](#)
- The portion of HPE's workforce that may reside in areas experiencing water risk using WRI [Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas](#)
- The portion of HPE suppliers with facilities located in areas experiencing water risk using WRI [Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas](#)

RESOURCE

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