



Abbott Sylmar, California Commitment to Water Stewardship

Abbott recognizes that water is a critical natural resource essential to sustaining life, human health, economic growth, and ecosystems. Water is becoming an increasingly scarce resource in many parts of the world due to such factors as growing populations, climate change, industrial expansion, water pollution and intensive agriculture. Abbott is committed to managing our water use efficiently and responsibly, contributing toward the goal of facilitating access to good quality water in the communities where we operate.

Abbott is committed to achieving water stewardship certification at all high-water-impact manufacturing sites in water-stressed areas and included this target in our [2030 Sustainability Plan](#). We identified high-water-impact manufacturing sites based on their amount of water usage, level of water stress in the associated watershed and general water depletion in the basin. For these sites and communities, we acknowledge the importance of focusing on water stewardship.

In pursuing water stewardship, Abbott adopted the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Standard (<https://a4ws.org/>). AWS defines water stewardship as the use of water that is socially and culturally equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically beneficial, achieved through a stakeholder-inclusive process that involves site- and catchment-based actions.

AWS is a global membership collaboration comprising businesses, NGOs, and the public sector with a mission to drive water stewardship. AWS members contribute to the sustainability of local water resources through their adoption and promotion of a universal framework for the sustainable use of water – the International Water Stewardship Standard, or AWS Standard – that drives and recognizes good water stewardship performance.

Following the principles and practices in the AWS Standard will lead to improved performance with five main outcomes:

1. Improved water governance
2. Sustainable water balance
3. Good water quality
4. Healthy status of important water-related areas
5. Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for all

To continue our water stewardship journey, Abbott Sylmar management assures:

- That the site will implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to achieve improvements in AWS water stewardship outcomes.
- That the site implementation will be aligned to and in support of existing catchment sustainability plans.
- That the site's stakeholders will be engaged in an open and transparent way.
- That the site will allocate resources to implement the Standard.

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Jonathan Harrington, DVP Operations, CRM and Global Supply Chain

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Date