

BAT Fiedler & Lundgren - Progress Towards Good Water Stewardship, October 2023

The Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS, <https://a4ws.org/>) is a global membership collaboration comprising businesses, NGOs, and the public sector. Its 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, recognizes, and rewards good water stewardship performance.

Fiedler & Lundgren AB (F&L) has committed to good water stewardship through adoption of the AWS Standard in 2022 and aims to become AWS certified in 2023.

Accountability for water-related governance and compliance at F&L resides in first instance with the Engineering & Sustainability Manager, directly reporting to the CEO, whilst Quality team is responsible to conduct and document regular water testing. Regular reviews on all Sustainability metrics including water are integrated as part of the monthly Factory Leadership team as well as quarterly Safety Committee meetings.

Our vision is to achieve long-term sustainable water management for our business, our stakeholders and people. Our mission is to establish, support and promote good water stewardship and practices aligned to the AWS framework.

F&L has set three main strategies and summarized progress towards associated key targets below.

1. *Minimize impact of our business through increased governance, adherence to legislation and building awareness*

In September 2022, F&L commissioned a new wastewater treatment plant with sedimentation tank, which led to significant improvements on particles, pH and Cadmium levels. This was also presented to Malmö Miljöförvaltning during their supervisory visit in October 2022. To improve its water balance, F&L installed submeters on all relevant production equipment. These will be fully integrated to the technical facility system and used to set and monitor specific targets for water consumption in production in 2024. In terms of continuous improvements, F&L invested in external education for spill management and procured additional spill kits for the site. Through its work with the AWS standard, F&L has started to map and engage stakeholders on its efforts to create awareness and promote good water stewardship.

2. *Contribute to long-term sustainable drinking water supply by continued optimization of our water consumption and/or reduced water intensity*

F&L targets a 30% reduction in water withdrawn (and/or water intensity) and a 10% water recycling rate for its operations by 2025 (vs 2020 baseline year). By 2022, F&L has reached 26% reduction in water withdrawn (27% reduction in water intensity) and 4.1% water recycling rate. Ongoing focus is on identifying further opportunities for water recycling by end of 2023.

3. *Ensure equitable and sustainable access to WASH*

Since April 2022, F&L provides free menstrual health products onsite, supporting best practice on WASH as well as our commitment to promoting a diverse & inclusive workplace. F&L further aims to install a UV filter in 2024 for all incoming water to ensure continued access to safe drinking water onsite. The equipment was procured, and installation is planned for summer 2024.

Fiedler & Lundgren AB's work with the AWS standard and its progress towards good water stewardship will be shared in the Sustainability section of the organization's annual report, starting 2023.