

WATER-READINESS CHECKLIST

IS YOUR OPERATION PREPARED FOR A WATER INTERRUPTION?

A **disruption** to your water supply can affect **production, essential services and day-to-day operations**. **Use this checklist** to **assess your current preparedness** and **identify** where you may need to **take action**.

1. Understand your water needs

- ☐ Have you identified the processes and essential services that depend on a reliable water supply?
- ☐ Do you know which activities must continue and which could temporarily be reduced or paused?
- ☐ Have you calculated how much water your essential activities require each day?

2. Know how long you need to last

- ☐ Have you considered how long a water interruption could last?
- ☐ Do you know how many days your current stored water supply would cover?
- Have you accounted for any alternative water sources available during an interruption?

CALCULATE YOUR DAYS OF COVER:

Usable stored water ÷ Daily essential water demand = Days of cover

For example, 500,000 litres of usable water divided by a daily demand of 100,000 litres gives you five days of cover.

3. Check your storage setup

- ☐ Is your storage capacity sufficient for your backup requirements?
- ☐ Is your storage positioned where the water is needed?
- ☐ Are your pumps, pipes and connections ready to access and move stored water?
- ☐ Is your stored water suitable for its intended use?

4. Make sure your plan is ready

- ☐ Is your water storage covered by the necessary water-use authorisations?
- ☐ Is someone responsible for checking your storage levels and equipment?
- ☐ Do the relevant people know how to access and use your backup supply?
- ☐ Do you review your plan when your operations or water requirements change?

HOW WATER-READY IS YOUR OPERATION?

If you couldn't tick every box, there may be gaps in your preparedness plan. Start by understanding your essential daily demand and how many days of backup supply you need.

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