



LIQUID EFFLUENTS POLICY

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OCP GROUP



I. PURPOSE

As a major contributor to the global fertilizer market, OCP Group supports the transition towards a more prosperous, sustainable, and resilient agriculture. The Group is vertically integrated, from phosphate rock extraction to phosphoric acid and fertilizer production, and therefore strategically positioned to deliver its mission: contribute to sustainably feed a growing world population. This implies caring about the environmental, social and governance impacts in every decision that is made.

This Liquid Effluents Policy lies under the General Environmental Management Policy and further develops the commitment stated on it related to the control of liquid effluents during industrial operations.

Additionally, this policy is aligned with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Particularly, it contributes to achieve SDG 6: “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, SDG 13: “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”, SDG 14: “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”, and SDG 15: “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss”.

II. SCOPE

OCP Group, as a major producer in the fertilizer sector, generates significant quantities of effluents, particularly, phosphogypsum. In order to be aligned to international standards and regulatory requirements, OCP Group’s strategy is focused on finding new modes of recovery and alternative storage options; as well as a focus on submarine outfalls.

III. COMMITMENTS

As part of its environmental stewardship, OCP Group is committed to:

- Deploy the human, technical and organizational resources necessary to comply with the most rigorous international standards regarding liquid effluents.
- Comply with international standards regarding liquid discharges.
- Permanently reduce its environmental footprint.
- Guarantee the preservation of the quality of the natural environment in the vicinity of its operational sites.
- Ensure transparent monitoring of environmental impact.



IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is applicable for all operational activities of OCP Group and its subsidiaries nationwide, filiates and Joint Ventures.

OCP Group demonstrates its accountability by implementing the following objectives:

- Consistently complying with legal regulatory requirements for liquid discharge and other voluntary requirements enacted by OCP Group to ensure the prevention and control of related environmental risks.
- Adopting the most ecological technological choices (BAT) in terms of limiting liquid discharge from the design of projects.
- Setting up high-performance Environmental Management Systems in accordance with the international standard ISO 14001: 2015, enabling permanent evaluation of the aspects linked to liquid effluents and guaranteeing a continuous improvement of the related performances.
- Gradually abandoning the dumping of phosphogypsum into the marine environment by stocking it, starting in 2023, as a way to recover this co-product.
- Setting up a system for strengthened monitoring of the impact on the marine environment, focusing on online measurement means, continuous dispersion supervision models, forecasting systems according to sea conditions and periodic environmental assessment studies based on a field diagnosis.
- Achieving Zero freshwater effluents by 2028 through water consumption optimization programs.

V. GOVERNANCE

The responsibility of this policy lies under the ESG / Ethics committee that reports at least twice a year to the Board of Directors / Chief Executive Officer.

VI. REPORTING

For more information on OCP Group's approach to liquid effluents management , please consult OCP Group Sustainability report available on its website: <https://www.ocpgroup.ma/en/investors/annual-report>



VII. REVIEW

OCP Group will periodically review this policy to evaluate its relevance, to monitor compliance and to drive continuous improvement. OCP Group welcomes feedback and encourages dialogue with any interested party. All feedback and comments on this policy should be sent to: sustainability@ocpgroup.ma.

For consulting all the above-mentioned policies, please visit OCP Group's website <https://www.ocpgroup.ma/en/sustainability/policies-and-standards>.

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