

Water Policy

AkzoNobel Decorative Paints UK&I wants to play a positive role in creating a brighter, more sustainable future for our planet and our communities. We are fully aware that this hinges on our ability to do radically more while using less. By creating more value from fewer resources, we are also securing our own business success – and that of our customers.

Water is an essential resource for sustaining life but it is coming under increased pressure across the globe as demand for it grows. We recognise that as a user of water, as both a raw material in our products and during our manufacturing processes and other operations we must ensure we manage water sustainably across our value chain to limit the impact this could have on local communities.

To do this we are committed to:

- Using the AkzoNobel freshwater risk assessment tool for our manufacturing sites, to assess the sustainability of our fresh water management and highlight any areas for action;
- Reducing the freshwater intensity per tonne of product produced with no compromise on the safety or quality of the final product;
- Employing innovative solutions on our manufacturing sites to reduce water usage such as rainwater harvesting and wash water reuse;
- Ensuring we discharge waste water in line with local regulations and permits;
- Reducing the chemical oxygen demand (COD) of our effluent to surface water;
- Providing innovative services to allow our customers to minimise water use whilst cleaning out their decorating accessories.



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