



Ontario Clean Water Agency

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Val Rita Drinking Water System

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QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (QEMS) POLICY

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1. Purpose

To document a QEMS Policy that provides the foundation for OCWA's Quality & Environmental Management System.

2. Definitions

Quality Management System Policy – means the policy described in Element 2 developed for the Subject System or Subject Systems

3. Procedure

3.1 The Ontario Clean Water Agency, its Board of Directors, Officers and entire staff are committed to the principles and objectives set out in our QEMS Policy.

OCWA's Policy is to:

- Deliver safe, reliable and cost-effective clean water services that protect public health and the environment.
- Comply with applicable legislation and regulations.
- Promote client, consumer and stakeholder confidence through service excellence, effective communications and reporting.
- Train staff on their QEMS responsibilities.
- Maintain and continually improve the QEMS.

Originally issued as Environmental Policy on June 8, 1995

Last revised, approved by OCWA's Board of Directors on April 6, 2016

(This policy is annually reviewed)

3.2 Our Board of Directors, Officers and entire staff will act to ensure the implementation of this Policy and will monitor progress of the Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS).

3.3 OCWA's QEMS Policy is readily communicated and available to all OCWA personnel, the Owner and the public through OCWA's intranet and public websites. A hardcopy of the QEMS Policy is posted as specified in the OP-05 Document and Records Control procedure.

3.4 Essential suppliers and service providers are advised of OCWA's QEMS Policy as per the OP-13 Essential Supplies and Services procedure.



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- 3.5 Corporate Compliance coordinates the annual review and approval of the QEMS Policy by the Board of Directors and communicates the approval to all OCWA employees via an electronic communication.
- 3.6 The current version of the policy indicates the date of the last revision and that the policy is annually reviewed. Electronic and hard-copy documents that include the QEMS Policy will only be required to be updated in years when the Policy has been revised. A complete review/revision history of the QEMS Policy (documenting the annual policy review and/or revision approval date) is maintained on OCWA's intranet.

4. Related Documents

- Current QEMS Policy (Posted on OCWA's intranet and internet)
- QEMS Policy Revision History (Posted on OCWA's intranet)
- OP-05 Document and Records Control
- OP-13 Essential Supplies and Services

5. Revision History

Date	Revision #	Reason for Revision
2018 12 17	0	Procedure issued – Section 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 were added to the information originally set out in the main body of the Val Rita Drinking Water System Operational Plan (revision 4, dated September 1, 2016). New sections: Purpose, Definitions, Procedure, Related Documents and a separate Revision History. Minor revisions to wording in s. 3.3 to reference location of posted copy of the policy. Added sections on how annual policy review is conducted (s. 3.5 and s. 3.6) and reference to OP-13 ESS (s. 3.4). The full revision history for the QEMS policy is available on OCWA's intranet.