Covestro Corporate Commitment

Water

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Covestro aims to achieve sustainable economic growth without harming our planet or exhausting its resources while improving the quality of life for current and future inhabitants.
In this context, the **protection and preservation of water is of very high importance**. Covestro takes a **holistic view** of water management by addressing the problem of **fresh water scarcity and quality**, as well as **wastewater** and the growing concern of **plastic waste** in the oceans.

Water Scarcity

An increasing number of regions are suffering from reduced access to sufficient fresh water supplies to meet industrial or sometimes even basic health needs.
For Covestro's production activities the **availability of fresh water** is also **essential** and therefore **we are committed** to ensuring our operations never compromise **freshwater access** for local populations.
Although most of our **production sites** are currently **not yet affected by water scarcity**, Covestro has initiated a **water risk assessment** with the aim to continuously adapt and improve its approach. This risk assessment includes a range of factors, including water availability and quality, risk of flooding and forecasted water consumption. This corporate risk-based approach enables Covestro to set priorities for establishing local measures at production sites.

Wastewater

Covestro primarily **generates wastewater from once-through cooling systems** as well as **through production processes**. We rigorously monitor and analyze our wastewater in **full compliance with applicable legal regulations**, and work to reduce pollutant levels before discharge to treatment facilities.
At Covestro, **globally accepted rules for wastewater handling** are set down and defined in our HSEQ policy and directives. These are adhered to at all local facilities.

Marine Litter

Plastic waste is increasingly impacting marine life in the world´s oceans and on coastlines. Covestro works in cooperation with partners in the plastics industry **to ensure that as little plastic waste as possible enters our waters and the environment.**
From its inception, Covestro has **been part of the global initiative "Operation Clean Sweep"** (formerly known as "Zero Pellet Loss") to **prevent plastic pellets from entering the environment.**