

# Wastewater Zero Commitment: Guidance document





## Appendix A: Commitment Statement



# Four modular proposed commitment language to support the journey towards impact-driven action to eliminate wastewater pollution by 2030

**Note:** Companies may provide their own language aligned with the spirit of the initiative but proposing different tangible components than the below  
 – Please contact WBCSD to discuss.

**We commit to publicly disclose our progress annually on the following (opt for one or more of the below)**

	Wastewater Zero Operations 	Wastewater Zero Supply Chains 	Impact-driven Wastewater Zero Facilities	Water Quality Watersheds
 <b>ZERO POLLUTION</b>	By [insert year] we aim to treat all industrial wastewater produced so that the discharge meets relevant regulatory or industry requirements* and minimizes the release of priority hazardous substances.	By [insert year] we aim to have [insert percentage] of our suppliers** compliant with relevant regulatory or industry effluent quality requirements**.	By [insert year] we commit to using the Wastewater Impact Assessment Tool (WIAT)  for [insert percentage] of our own facilities AND/OR [insert percentage] of our suppliers,  AND/OR  for [insert percentage] of our total water use within our own facilities AND/OR by [insert percentage] of our suppliers,  with the objective to prioritize actions that most reduce negative impacts on water quality, water availability, and GHG emissions related to wastewater.	By [insert year] we commit to taking action towards meeting science-based water quality and water quantity targets  for [insert percentage] of our own facilities AND/OR [insert percentage] of our suppliers,  AND/OR  for [insert percentage] of our total water use within our own facilities AND/OR by [insert percentage] of our suppliers,  and where feasible, ensure that actions taken reduce GHG emissions and net energy requirements related to wastewater management.
 <b>ZERO FRESHWATER IMPACT</b>	By [insert year] we commit to ensuring that [insert percentage] of total water use in our own facilities in water scarce regions is reused or recycled water.	By [insert year] we commit to ensuring that [insert percentage] of our suppliers** in water scarce region have reuse or recycling capabilities.		
 <b>LOW-CARBON TREATMENT</b>	In alignment with our science-based emissions reduction targets made on [insert date] we commit to reducing the emissions associated with treatment and discharge of wastewater by using low-carbon processes.	By [insert year] we commit to ensuring that [insert percentage] of our suppliers** have made a science-based emissions reduction target.		

\* Requirements about point source pollution, which would usually include a list of priority pollutant specific to the industry that may differ from region to region.

\*\* Tier 1 suppliers that produce point source wastewater OR Companies to adjust to the most impactful Tier producing point source wastewater relevant for their sector.