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# A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to prevent water pollution within our campus and the surrounding areas. This policy aims to safeguard water quality and minimize the risk of polluted water entering our water systems.

The Vishwakarma University strictly adheres to all relevant local, state, and central government regulations concerning water quality and pollution prevention. Compliance with these laws is essential to our commitment to environmental responsibility.

# B. Scope and Applicability

This policy is primarily applicable to students, teaching faculty, and non-teaching staff members, Administrators, etc. This policy outlines the rights and responsibilities of all the stakeholders on the University campus. Hence, in addition, this policy is also applicable to the parents, and University partners providing student facilities in collaboration with the University.

# C. Policy Statement

The policy outlines a range of preventive measures, including spill containment, hazardous materials management, and waste disposal procedures, to minimize the risk of water pollution on campus. The University has developed some best practices to encourage and enforce campus water quality assurance. The University departments, officials, and individuals have specific roles and responsibilities in ensuring compliance with this policy. Clear lines of accountability are well established to facilitate the effective implementation of the policy through the Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management. The University has established a comprehensive emergency response plan for addressing water pollution incidents. This plan includes reporting procedures, containment strategies, and cleanup protocols to effectively manage any emergencies that may arise.

#### D. Procedure

The policy is implemented through the Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management. The office is engaged in training and awareness programs along with regular inspections, documentation, reporting, communication, and the necessary record-keeping.

**Training and Awareness:** The University emphasizes the importance of ongoing training programs and awareness campaigns for university faculty, staff, and students. Spreading awareness about pollution prevention measures and emergency response procedures is the first step of these efforts.

**Regular Inspections:** Frequent inspections and monitoring of potential pollution sources, such as laboratories, maintenance areas, construction sites, etc. conducted by the Director of Infrastructure & Campus Management helps in the identification of potential violations of the policy. The frequency of these inspections is increased or lowered as per the need of the season, events to be organised, and information received from the students, faculty, or staff members to maintain a proactive approach.

Documentation and Reporting: The Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management documents every reported incident, near-misses, and accidents to avoid such potential

possibility of causing water pollution in the future. The students, faculty, or staff members are encouraged to report incidences of water pollution so that immediate action can be taken to decrease the loss of water resources and to prevent it in the future.

**Communication:** The Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management has a well-defined communication plan for notifying relevant authorities, affected parties, and the public in the event of significant pollution incidents. The students, faculty, and staff members are made aware of the same during their training and awareness sessions. Transparency in communication is always given a top priority.

## E. Terms and Conditions

The University is committed to continuous evaluation and improvement of pollution prevention measures and response procedures. Regular assessments ensure that the University adapts to the changing regulations and circumstances. The Director, Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management ensures the allocation of necessary resources, funding, and equipment to support its implementation and enforcement of the policy through the University Authorities. This ensures that the prevention efforts of the University are adequately resourced from time to time. The Consequences for non-compliance are well outlined, including potential disciplinary actions for individuals or Departments failing to adhere to the policy. The compliance with the policy is essential for the collective responsibility of Campus Water Quality Assurance.

#### F. Process

Students, teaching faculty, and non-teaching staff members, Administrators, and all other stakeholders are encouraged to contact the Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management through email, call, or oral communication to report potential incidences of violation of this policy. The complaints about violations of the policy are also received through such modes of communication and the Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management ensures immediate action is taken about the same.

### G. Policy Custodian

The Office of Infrastructure & Campus Management.

# H. Approval Body

This revised policy is approved on the 16th Day of January month in the Year 2024 by the Vice Chancellor of Vishwakarma University and is in effect from the 16th Day of January month in the Year 2024.

# I. Responsibility for Administration of Policy

The office of the Director, Infrastructure & Campus Management will be responsible for the implementation of this policy. The office of the Vice Chancellor will be responsible for administering the implementation of this policy.

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