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Site Location:	120 Poland Spring Dr, Kingfield, Maine 04042
Report Date:	November 13, 2020

Standard: AWS International Water Stewardship Standard - Version 2.0, March 22, 2019

Audit Type	Gap Analysis	☑ Initial Certification	□ Surveillance
	Pre-assessment		□ Recertification

Level of	🗆 Core	🗌 Gold	🛛 Platinum
Certification			



Site Information

Site Description

The NWNA Kingfield Factory is a water bottling facility, producing bottled water products under the brand name of Poland Spring Water. The factory produces 16.9 FL OZ bottles in its three bottling lines. The geographic scope of the site is limited to the property boundary of the facility. The facility is located in a rural setting. Water for the bottling facility comes from several sources, including municipal water from the Kingfield Water District Well for facility needs, and spring water delivered by pipeline or tanker from one of several regional springs, primarily: Bradbury Spring, White Cedar Spring, and Spruce Spring. There is on-site subsurface wastewater discharge of treated site effluent.

Catchment Description

The Kingfield Factory is located in the Lower Kennebec Subbasin, (HUC 01030003). The AWS Kingfield Factory sub-catchment is approximately 61,060 acres and includes the bottling operations (Kingfield Factory), Bradbury Spring, Kingfield Water District Well, and the on-site subsurface wastewater discharge. Additional water sources are included within two non-contiguous sub-catchments: White Cedar Spring sub-catchment (approximately 39,428 acres) and Spruce Spring sub-catchment (approximately 12,530 acres). Collectively, these three sub-catchments comprise the Kingfield AWS Catchment.

The Poland Spring brand is supported by three factories in Maine (Poland, Hollis and Kingfield) and one factory in Massachusetts (Framingham). There are ten springs which may provide spring water for the factories: Poland Spring, Garden Spring, Ellis Spring, Bella Luna Spring, Spruce Spring, White Cedar Spring, Bradbury Spring, Evergreen Spring, Cold Spring, Clear Spring. Each of the spring catchments were mapped and are associated with a Maine Factory. Conformity assessments were conducted at the three factories, therefore including ten springs. The primary springs associated with each factory are noted in each Certification Report. This Certification Report is for the Kingfield Factory. The other reports include Hollis Factory, Poland Factory and Framingham. Regional/historic names may persist.

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Maine Factories and Spring Site system.

Green represents the Poland Factory and sub-catchments: Poland Spring, Garden Spring and Ellis Spring.

Blue represents the Hollis Factory and subcatchments: Clear Spring, Cold Spring/Evergreen Spring and Bella Luna Spring.

Yellow represents the Kingfield Factory and sub-catchments: Bradbury Spring, White Cedar Spring and Spruce Spring.



The Bradbury Spring sub-catchment (61,060 acres) includes the Factory, Kingfield Water District Well and the On-site subsurface Wastewater Discharge. There are two other non-contiguous subcatchments associated with the Factory including the White Cedar Spring subcatchment (39,428 acres) and the Spruce Spring sub-catchment (12,530 acres).

Shared Water Challenges

Shared water challenges are catchment water-related issues shared by the site and stakeholders. Stakeholder engagement was documented, and auditor interviews confirmed the topics of engagement.



Primary water-related risks to the site include water quantity; other shared water challenges include tankering (trucking), public education surrounding water use, water quality and weather extremes. A prioritized list of shared water challenges addressing the outcomes was provided.

To better understand catchment issues and opportunities, NWNA regularly meets with catchment authorities including on an annual basis. The Factory has implemented Forest Management Plans at each of the springs conducted tours of operations, provided local presentations on water stewardship through AWS, installed driver signage, conducted snowpack monitoring and hosted World Water Day 2019 focusing on WASH. Water efficiency projects in 2019 included filler rebuild project, rotary union rebuild project and continuing refinement of the factory water map.

Opening Meeting	Document Review	Site Inspection	Closing Meeting
Х	Х	Х	Х
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Audit Attendees

The NWNA Kingfield Factory provided documentation using SharePoint file share to support conformity with the AWS Standard v2.0 including: Stakeholder Outreach Log, Community Relations Process (CRP) Summary, Factory AWS Presentation, NWNA Water Map, Catchment Water Balance, and Water Stewardship Plan. The Water Stewardship Plan is a working document which is continually updated with information regarding how shared water challenges are being addressed included progress, performance evaluation and stakeholder feedback. Other supporting documentation were also provided as evidence.



Summary of Findings

Step	Major	Minor	Observations	Total Points
1. Gather & Understand	0	0	1	10
2. Commit & Plan	0	0	0	15
3. Implement	0	0	0	75
4. Evaluate	0	0	0	6
5. Communicate &	0	0	0	0
Disclose				
TOTAL	0	0	1	106

Audit Non-conformities and Observations

Non-Conformity (Major or Minor) or Observation	Citation	Criteria/ Indicator	Due Date	Detail and Corrective Action
Observation	OBS 2020.01	1.1.1	NR	Indicator requirements were provided on multiple maps and engineering drawings, it would be beneficial to provide the site related indicators on a single map. Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Not Required for Observation
				Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action



Certification Decision

Auditor's recommendation for initial,	X	Recommended
compliance with requirements:		Not Recommended
Level of Certification recommended		AWS Core
		AWS Gold
	Х	AWS Platinum
SCS Certification Decision:	Х	Approved
		Denied
Certification Decision/		
Technical Review by:		2.26
		Nicole Munoz, November 25, 2020
Date of Decision:		2.25
		Nicole Munoz, November 25, 2020
Surveillance Schedule:		Next audit is scheduled for:
		October 2021 to March 2022
		(18 Month Surveillance to be Recommended)



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Surveillance audits shall cover at a minimum those requirements highlighted in light green.

STEP 1: Gather and Understand Criteria **Objective Evidence/Finding** Level Indicator Yes No NA Core 1.1 Gather information 1.1.1 The physical scope of The Kingfield factory is located in Kingfield, Maine and covers an area of approximately Yes 352 acres. to define the site's the site shall be *mapped*. physical scope for water considering the regulatory stewardship purposes, landscape and zone of The factory is supplied by onsite spring water through pipelines and by off-site spring water through tankers. Spring water comes from Spruce Spring, White Cedar Spring, including: its operational stakeholder interests, boundaries; the water including: Bradbury Spring, Poland Spring, Garden Spring, Ellis Spring, Bella Luna Spring, sources from which the - Site boundaries; Evergreen Spring, Cold Spring, and/or Clear Spring. A map of each spring watershed - Water-related infrastructure, site draws; the locations was provided and reviewed. The factory also receives potable water from Kingfield to which the site returns including piping network, Water District (through piping), which is used for the facility utility needs (no purified its discharges: and the owned or managed by the site water is produced at this site). catchment(s) that the or its parent organization; site affect(s) and upon - Any water sources providing The water-related infrastructure at the factory was mapped including: layout of bottle which it is reliant water to the site that are lines, onsite springs pipeline, sanitary wetlands, subsurface leach fields, waste water owned or managed by the site discharge, water tanks, and stormwater ponds. or its parent organization; - Water service provider (if The facility produces wastewater that, after being pH neutralized, gets piped to a subsurface wastewater disposal field and then gets sent to Kingfield wastewater applicable) and its ultimate treatment plant which discharges to the Carrabassett River and ultimately the Atlantic water source: - Discharge points and waste Ocean. Sanitary waste is treated on site via sanitary wetlands and subsurface leach water service provider (if fields. applicable) and ultimate receiving water body or Site stormwater is managed on site: it gets directed into Storm Water Ponds and ultimately into onsite undisturbed natural wetland areas located downgradient of the bodies; - Catchment(s) that the site Storm Water Ponds. affect(s) and is reliant upon

Kingfield Catchment (113,018 acres) includes 3 non-contiguous sub-catchments: Bradbury Spring (61,060 acres), White Cedar Spring (39,428 acres), Spruce Spring (12,530 acres). The areas are defined and mapped. The catchments are located within the West Branch of Carrabassett River.

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Points



			OBS 2020.01 was issued. Indicator requirements were provided on multiple maps and engineering drawings, it would be beneficial to provide the site related indicators on a single map.	
1.2 Understand relevant stakeholders, their water related challenges, and the site's ability to influence beyond its boundaries.	 1.2.1 Stakeholders and their water-related challenges shall be <i>identified</i>. The process used for stakeholder identification shall be <i>identified</i>. This process shall: Inclusively cover all relevant stakeholder groups including vulnerable, women, minority, and Indigenous people; Consider the physical scope identified, including stakeholders, representative of the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body or bodies; Provide evidence of stakeholder consultation on water-related interests and challenges; Note that the ability and/or willingness of stakeholder stakeholder stakeholder stakeholder stakeholder body or bodies; 	Yes	The stakeholder map created during the Nestlé Community Relations Process (CRP) was reviewed. The CRP includes identification of local population, authorities (municipalities), businesses (economic neighbors), and NGOs. Stakeholders identified include Kingfield Fire Chief, Local Representative, Selectboard Members, local suppliers, manufacturers, school districts, community outreach programs, and regional and state representatives. The Outreach log included individuals and organizations consulted with since 2017, including notes on conversations which provided information on water-related interests/challenges. The summary includes actions, follow-up and feedback. The CRP includes ranking of stakeholder influence and interest with levels of influence and interest defined; suggested engagement based on characterization provided.	



1.3 Gather water-related	 1.2.2 Current and potential degree of influence between site and stakeholder shall be <i>identified</i>, within the catchment and considering the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body for wastewater. 1.3.1 Existing water-related 	Yes	Stakeholders are related to the site's catchment and identifies the stakeholders' ability to influence or be influenced. Influence/Interest is characterized (low to critical) and further describe opinions towards NWNA.
data for the site, including: water balance; water quality, Important Water-Related	incident response plans shall be identified .		Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Ammonia and Boiler Room Emergency Response Procedures were reviewed. Incident response was addressed in the plans.
Areas, water governance, WASH; water-related costs, revenues, and shared value creation.	1.3.2 Site water balance, including inflows, losses, storage, and outflows shall be <i>identified</i> and <i>mapped</i> .	Yes	NWNA Kingfield provided water maps containing inputs and outputs of water at this facility. Data showing monthly water inflows, outflows, storage and losses for each bottling line at the Factory were reviewed. The map indicates water sources, water treatment, process units, wastewater treatment and production. Water losses were identified and planned upgrades to optimize water efficiency were discussed, including filler improvements and the rotary union rebuild project.
	1.3.3 Site water balance, inflows, losses, storage, and outflows, including indication of annual variance in water usage rates, shall be quantified . Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to good water balance for people or environment, an indication of annual high and low variances shall be quantified .	Yes	NWNA Kingfield provided water maps containing inputs and outputs of water at this facility. NWNA Kingfield utilizes a Water Withdrawal Ratio (WWR) to evaluate efficiency, measuring Liters of water used to produce a Liter of product. The goal for 2019 was 1.100 l/l with an actual 1.106 l/l. The target WWR for 2020 is 1.100. NWNA provided WWR on a monthly basis for 2019 showing high and low variance. The comparison of previous years shows an overall increase in water efficiency over the course of several years
	1.3.4 Water quality of the site's water source(s), provided waters, effluent and receiving water bodies shall be quantified . Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to	Yes	A summary of water quality tests conducted at the site on incoming source water and finished product was provided. Water testing is conducted weekly and annually on all incoming water. To verify the internal water quality results, samples get sent once a year to an external accredited laboratory. Monthly or higher frequency data were provided for water quality of spring sources, receiving water, and effluent. NWNA water quality testing protocol includes pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, total dissolved solids and other constituents. Water quality data is regularly

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	good water quality status for		compared to NWNA and available MCL screening criteria. The records reviewed	
	people or environment, an		showed that no parameters exceeded any regulatory standards. The effluent and	
	indication of annual, and		discharge systems are automated so that if a value is out of limits, the system shuts	
	where appropriate, seasonal,		down. NWNA is notified and must respond if the effluent or discharge quality is out	
	high and low variances shall		of required limits (e.g. if pH exceeds certain amount).	
	be quantified .			
	1.3.5 Potential sources of	Yes	A list of all chemicals stored at the site was provided in the Storm Water	
	pollution shall be <i>identified</i>		Management Plan with a description of their location, container types and	
	and if applicable, <i>mapped</i> ,		quantities. The locations of the chemicals stored within the Factory were mapped on	
	including chemicals used or		the Kingfield Master Map.	
	stored on site.			
	1.3.6 On-site Important	Yes	Site IWRAs have been identified by NWNA Kingfield, and a description of their water-	
	Water-Related Areas shall be		related issues was provided. IWRAs include:	
	identified and mapped,		Freshwater Forested Wetlands	
	including a description of			
	their status including			
	Indigenous cultural values.			
	1.3.7 Annual water-related	Yes	Site level costs were presented including costs to implement water stewardship	
	costs, revenues, and a		actions and factory-related costs were provided and reviewed. Finances are prepared	
	description or quantification		by NWNA corporate headquarters with revenues complied at a company level.	
	of the social, cultural,		Annual revenue for NWNA is publicly available on the NWNA website. The shared	
	environmental, or economic		value generated included examples such as donations to local food banks and during	
	water-related value		emergency situations, preserving and improvement catchment quality through forest	
	generated by the site shall be		management, education provided to inform public, improved IWRAs, etc.	
	<i>identified</i> and used to inform		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	the evaluation of the plan in			
	4.1.2.			
1	1.3.8 Levels of access and	Yes	WASH is available on-site with potable water and toilets for employees and visitors.	
	adequacy of WASH at the site		The Factory utilized "Self-Assessment Tool for Evaluating Access to Water, Sanitation	
	shall be identified.		and Hygiene (WASH) at the Workplace".	
1.4 Gather data on the site's	1.4.1 The embedded water	Yes	A list of primary inputs for outsourced services was provided with designation of	
indirect water use, including:	use of primary inputs,		location. Information on water source with annual water consumption values, and	
its primary inputs; the water	including quantity, quality		origin for each input was provided by the Factory. Analysis includes water use	
use embedded in the	and level of water risk within		associated with packaging, transportation, cooling, end of life, and level of water	
production of those primary	the site's catchment, shall be		stress.	
inputs the status of the	identified.			

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waters at the origin of the inputs (where they can be <i>identified</i>); and water used in out-sourced water-related services.	1.4.2 The embedded water use of outsourced services shall be <i>identified</i> , and where those services originate within the site's catchment, <i>quantified</i> .	Yes	Documentation on embedded water use indicates values of water consumptions and availability. Calculations conducted indicate the score of the water stress. Only services outside the Catchment are used at the NWNA Kingfield facility.	
Advanced Indicator	1.4.3 Advanced Indicator The embedded water use of primary inputs in catchment(s) of origin shall be quantified .		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
1.5 Gather water-related data for the catchment, including: water governance, water balance, water quality, Important Water-Related Areas, infrastructure, and WASH	1.5.1 Water governance initiatives shall be <i>identified</i> , including catchment plan(s), water-related public policies, major publicly-led initiatives under way, and relevant goals to help inform site of possible opportunities for water stewardship collective action.	Yes	A list of significant publicly-led initiatives and water-related public policy goals for the catchment was provided at the state, regional, county, city, and district level.	
	1.5.2 Applicable water- related legal and regulatory requirements shall be <i>identified</i> , including legally- defined and/or stakeholder- verified customary water rights.	Yes	A list of federal, state, local permits and regulatory requirements was provided, including permits issued by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). List of relevant and applicable legal and other requirements were also provided and reviewed.	
	1.5.3 The catchment water- balance, and where applicable, scarcity, shall be <i>quantified</i> , including indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, variance.	Yes	The catchment water balance with precipitation, withdrawals from public water system, springs, agricultural, and private wells withdrawals, runoff, and stream flows data were provided for the NWNA Kingfield Factory sub-catchment. Data is presented as an annual average from long-term periods. The seasonal variability was provided using monthly data from the large public water systems and Kingfield Spring withdrawals. Narrative was provided to explain that even though climate model forecasts predict wetter future years, during drier years, the factory is flexible enough to adjust its operations and only extract water from sources located in wetter areas.	

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	1.5.4 Water quality, including physical, chemical, and biological status, of the catchment shall be <i>identified</i> , and where possible, <i>quantified</i> . Where there is a water-related challenge that would be a threat to good water quality status for people or environment, an indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, high and low variances shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		Publicly-available water quality information were provided for the site catchment. This included descriptions of the status of the Carrabassett River, which is the receiving water body in the catchment, before water gets discharged to the Atlantic Ocean and of other areas in the catchment identified as potentially affected by water quality risks. Spring water comes from separate catchments and water quality documentation was made available for each one of them. Spring water undergoes the standard State required annual water quality testing performed by third party, accredited laboratories. Additionally, NWNA Kingfield performs quarterly, monthly, and weekly water quality testing on additional constituents and parameters. Trending of all water quality sources is evaluated annually and compared to historical data and water quality goals.
	1.5.5 Important Water- Related Areas shall be identified, and where appropriate, <i>mapped</i> , and their status assessed including any threats to people or the natural environment, using scientific information and through stakeholder engagement.	Yes		IWRAs have been identified by NWNA, along with a description of their water-related issues. IWRAs include: - West Branch Carrabassett River - Rapid Stream - Carrabassett River - Alder Stream - Tufts Pond - Redington Stream - Cold Brook - Black Brook -
	1.5.6 Existing and planned water-related infrastructure shall be <i>identified</i> , including condition and potential exposure to extreme events.	Yes		A list of publicly available reports/data of water-related infrastructure with a description, exposure scenarios and opportunities. Infrastructure includes imported water infrastructure, municipal wells and ponds/dams.
	1.5.7 The adequacy of available WASH services	Yes		WWF Water Risk Filter (Sanitation and Access), Maine Water, Fryeburg Water Company information based on demographic information was provided to support the adequacy of WASH. NWNA Kingfield supports local food banks, disaster relief



	within the catchment shall be <i>identified</i> .		organizations, and local agencies work to meet the needs of populations who do not have access to WASH.	
Advanced Indicator	1.5.8 Advanced Indicator Efforts by the site to support and undertake catchment level water-related data collection shall be identified.	Yes	Annual monitoring report summaries and other documents were provided and reviewed for all spring sources, containing flow data and evidence of water samples and monitoring efforts conducted regularly and frequently at the water sources as well as in the adjacent environment. These data are reported to local and state agencies on a monthly, quarterly and/or annual basis and are available to agencies for water governance tracking and planning within the catchment.	7
Advanced Indicator	1.5.9 Advanced Indicator The adequacy of WASH provision within the catchments of origin of primary inputs shall be identified.		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site	
1.6 Understand current and future shared water challenges in the catchment, by linking the water	1.6.1 Shared water challenges shall be <i>identified</i> and prioritized from the information gathered.	Yes	A prioritized list with rationale of shared water challenges was provided and reviewed. Drivers and public-sector agency efforts are noted as well. Water quantity is prioritized as first, on a scale of 1-4. NWNA Kingfield challenges were prioritized based on stakeholder feedback and corporate initiatives.	
challenges <i>identified</i> by stakeholders with the site's water challenges.	1.6.2 Initiatives to address shared water challenges shall be identified .	Yes	A list of existing initiatives was provided and reviewed.	
Advanced Indicator	1.6.3 Advanced Indicator Future water issues shall be identified, including anticipated impacts and trends	Yes	Future water issues within the Kingfield factory catchment were identified and linked to shared water challenges (i.e.: water quantity). An assessment of existing trends and anticipated impacts was performed and summarized, and the water stewardship plan actions was updated accordingly.	3
Advanced Indicator	1.6.4 Advanced Indicator Potential water-related social impacts from the site shall be identified, resulting in a social impact assessment with a particular focus on water.		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
1.7 Understand the site's water risks and opportunities: Assess and prioritize the water risks and opportunities affecting the	1.7.1 Water risks faced by the site shall be <i>identified</i> , and prioritized, including likelihood and severity of impact within a given	Yes	A prioritized list of water risks was provided and reviewed. Water risks matched shared water challenges. Water quantity is prioritized first, on a scale of 1-4.	

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site based upon the status of	timeframe, potential costs			
the site, existing risk	and business impact.			
management plans and/or	1.7.2 Water-related	Yes	A prioritized list of water-related opportunities was provided for the site and match	
the issues and future risk	opportunities shall be		the shared water challenges and water risks lists. First priority is based on water	
trends identified in 1.6.	<i>identified</i> , including how the		quantity and to ensure available supply. A prioritized list of projects, savings and	
	site may participate,		value creation was submitted and reviewed. Value creation was quantified, as	
	assessment and prioritization		applicable.	
	of potential savings, and			
	business opportunities.			
1.8 Understand best practice	1.8.1 Relevant catchment	Yes	NWNA has identified multiple best practices toward achieving AWS outcomes at the	
towards achieving AWS	best practice for water		site and in the catchment. The following best practices are examples for Indicators	
outcomes: Determining sectoral best practices	governance shall be identified.		1.8.11.8.5	
having a local/catchment,			NWNA identified the U.S. Global Water Strategy, Pacific Institute/CEO Water	
regional, or national			Mandate, Setting Site Water Targets informed by Catchment Context, Case Study:	
relevance.			Santa Ana River Watershed, CA.	
			The study which references AWS, was supported by companies endorsing CEO	
			Water Mandate, including NWNA.	
			NIM/NIA angages with established authorities and other stakeholders to chara	
			information, practices and drive water stewardship practices	
	1.8.2 Relevant sector and/or	Voc	NWNA identified The Beverage Industry Continues to Drive Improvement in Water	
	catchment best practice for		Energy and Emissions Efficiency 2108 Renchmarking Study	
	water balance (either		Energy, and Emissions Enerency, 2100 Benemiarking Study.	
	through water efficiency or		NWNA uses the sector specific efficiency metric of water use ratio (liters of water	
	less total water use) shall be		used in the process/liter of bottles water) to track onsite efficiency and established a	
	identified.		target to monitor continual improvement.	
	1.8.3 Relevant sector and/or	Yes	NWNA identified Sector best practice for Processing and Bottling of Bottled Drinking	
	catchment best practice for		Water is established in CFR Title 21, Part 129.	
	water quality shall be			
	identified, including rationale		NWNA exceeds requirements outlined with sampling frequency, parameters	
	for data source.		analyzed and consistency across the business unit.	
	1.8.4 Relevant catchment	Yes	NWNA identified 1)Assessment, management and monitoring of High Conservation	
	best practice for site		Value Forest (HCVF) A practical guide for forest managers and 2)Good practice	
	maintenance of Important		guidelines for High Conservation Value assessments, A practical guide for	
	Water-Related Areas shall be		practitioners and auditors both by ProForest.	
	identified.			

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						NWNA follows practices described by ProForest by assigning Natural Resource Manager for each site who focuses on maintenance of springs and other IWRAs.	
		1.8.5 Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for site provision of equitable and adequate WASH services shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes			NWNA identified the Water Aid Corporate engagement on water supply, sanitation and hygiene: Driving progress on Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6) through supply-chains and voluntary standards. NWNA established the Nestlé Guidelines on Respecting the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation, which is extended to suppliers.	
						Advance Points Step 1	10
STEP	2: Commit and Plan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Level	Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence	Points
	2.1 Commit to water stewardship by having the senior-most manager in charge of water at the site, or if necessary, a suitable individual within the organization head office, sign and publicly disclose a commitment to water stewardship, the implementation of the AWS Standard and achieving its five outcomes, and the allocation of required resources.	 2.1.1 A signed and publicly disclosed site statement OR organizational document shall be <i>identified</i>. The statement or document shall include the following commitments: That the site will implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to achieve improvements in AWS water stewardship outcomes That the site implementation will be aligned to and in support of existing catchment sustainability plans That the site's stakeholders will be engaged in an open and transparent way That the site will allocate resources to implement the Standard. 	Yes			A pledge, signed by the site factory manager, was reviewed containing all elements described in this indicator.	

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F	Advanced Indicator	2.1.2 Advanced Indicator A statement that explicitly covers all requirements set out in Indicator 2.1.1 and is signed by the organization's senior-most executive or governance body and publicly disclosed shall be identified.		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.
2 F r r	2.2 Develop and document a process to achieve and maintain legal and regulatory compliance.	 2.2.1 The system to maintain compliance obligations for water and wastewater management shall be <i>identified</i>, including: Identification of responsible persons/positions within facility organizational structure Process for submissions to regulatory agencies. 	Yes	The NWNA Compliance Matrix was provided and reviewed. Included in the matrix are the listed permits and responsible staff to ensure maintenance of compliance. A third-party is contracted to confirm compliance is maintained. In addition, the facility is ISO 14001 Certified (documentation for this certification were reviewed).
2 s r r s c c	2.3 Create a water stewardship strategy and plan including addressing risks (to and from the site), shared catchment water challenges, and ppportunities.	2.3.1 A water stewardship strategy shall be identified that defines the overarching mission, vision, and goals of the organization towards good water stewardship in line with this AWS Standard.	Yes	A water stewardship strategy statement signed by the factory manager was provided and reviewed. NWNA Kingfield strategy is a high-level document stating the overall strategy is in alignment with the AWS requirements.
		 2.3.2 A water stewardship plan shall be <i>identified</i>, including for each target: How it will be measured and monitored Actions to achieve and maintain (or exceed) it Planned timeframes to achieve it Financial budgets allocated for actions 	Yes	A detailed water stewardship plan was created as part of the AWS process. The plan is broken into objectives, targets, and actions. There are different actions corresponding to different targets, each with their own metrics, budget, responsible person, status, and other criteria. Public Consumer/Education, Tankering, Weather Extremes, Water Quality, and Water Quantity are the water topics identified in this plan.

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	 Positions of persons responsible for actions and achieving targets Where available, note the link between each target and the achievement of best practice to help address shared water challenges and the AWS outcomes. 				
Advanced Indicator	2.3.3 Advanced Indicator The site's partnership/water stewardship activities with other sites within the same catchment (which may or may not be under the same organizational ownership) shall be <i>identified</i> and described.	Yes		The Kingfield Factory, and other Poland Spring Factories, conducts stewardship activities in the catchment. Brookie Buddies, an education program established in 2007 is conducted in the Bradbury Catchment. Brookie Buddies is an environmental stewardship program which provides hands-on experience cultivating fish habitats. Educational information on water cycle, monitoring trout growth, release of trout, and water quality is shared with students. The Factory partnered with the Kingfield Water District to fund the Kingfield Groundwater Model, with results shared with the KWD.	4
Advanced Indicator	2.3.4 Advanced Indicator The site's partnership/water stewardship activities with other sites in another catchment(s) (either under same corporate structure or with another corporate site) shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		Documentation was provided and reviewed, describing the Snowpack Monitoring work through the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Maine Geological Survey (MGS), whose objective is to conduct data gathering efforts, share data, and support emergency planning. The snowpack monitor data is available to the public on the USGS Portal.	4
Advanced Indicator	2.3.5 Advanced Indicator Stakeholder consensus shall be sought on the site's water stewardship plan. Consensus should be achieved on at least one target. A list of targets that have consensus and in which stakeholders are involved shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		Kingfield Factory team members meet on an annual basis to discuss updates on the water stewardship plan, including targets achieved. Stakeholders include Kingfield Selectman and Franklin County Economic Development Board.	7
2.4 Demonstrate the site's responsiveness and	2.4.1 A plan to mitigate or adapt to identified water	Yes		NWNA Kingfield provided their current Stormwater Management which included a description of their required responses and resilience operations to water-related	

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	resilience to respond to water risks	risks developed in co- ordination with relevant public-sector and infrastructure agencies shall be identified .				issues and risks. Modifications to the plans are captured through revision/amendment comments and an annual review is part of standard procedures to evaluate the plan's effectiveness. In addition, the Water Stewardship Plan is a working document which documents identification of water risks through performance, evaluation, and stakeholder	
						consultation. Stakeholders include the relevant public-sector agencies responsible for infrastructure. The WSP documents annual meetings with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) with discussions on supply reliability and resiliency.	
	Advanced Indicator	2.4.2 Advanced Indicator A plan to mitigate or adapt to water risks associated with climate change projections developed in co-ordination with relevant public-sector and infrastructure agencies shall be <i>identified</i> .				This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site	
			•		•	Advanced Points Step 2	15
STEP	3: Implement	-			-		
Level	Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence	Points
	3.1 Implement plan to participate positively in catchment governance.	3.1.1 Evidence that the site has supported good catchment governance shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes			The Factory provided documentation of their efforts to support good catchment governance through participation with the local governing agencies, sharing information with agencies and through continuing to expand education on AWS and outcomes toward good water governance.	
		3.1.2 Measures <i>identified</i> to respect the water rights of others including Indigenous peoples, that are not part of 3.2 shall be <i>implemented</i> .	Yes			Nestlé developed and abides by <i>Nestlé Guidelines on Respecting the Human Rights to</i> <i>Water and Sanitation</i> as one tool to access the impact of Nestle operations on communities to access water (water rights) and sanitation. Additional Nestlé tools and efforts complementing the Guidelines include the Community Relations Process and water-related outreach. Excluded water rights have not been identified through stakeholder engagements, including with key water agencies. As part of a continued dialog with the community, NWNA pursue feedback on this topic.	



	from a site-selected baseline			contribute to water sources adaptive management, studies, and plans which have	
	date shall be identified.			improved governance implications within and outside their catchments.	
Advanced Indicator	3.1.4 Advanced Indicator	Yes		Documentation from multiple stakeholders was reviewed and confirmed during	2
	Evidence from a			stakeholder interviews that NNWA Kingfield Factory is consistently viewed as a	
	representative range of			positive contributor to the catchments and State of Maine.	
	stakeholders showing				
	consensus that the site is				
	seen as positively				
	contributing to the good				
	water governance of the				
	catchment shall be <i>identified</i> .				
3.2 Implement system to	3.2.1 A process to verify full	Yes		The NWNA Compliance Matrix was provided and reviewed. Included in the matrix	
comply with water-related	legal and regulatory			are the listed permits and responsible staff to ensure maintenance of compliance. A	
legal and regulatory	compliance shall be			third-party is contracted to confirm compliance is maintained. In addition, the facility	
requirements and respect	implemented.			is ISO 14001 Certified (documentation for this certification were reviewed).	
water rights.	3.2.2 Where water rights are	Yes		The Factory's water use is within identified water rights. The primary site water	
	part of legal and regulatory			source in the catchment is the Kingfield Water District Well; which is permitted by	
	requirements, measures			the State of Maine to collect and treat water. Spring water provided for Factory use	
	<i>identified</i> to respect the			is within water rights identified by the State of Maine. Excluded water rights have not	
	water rights of others			been identified through conversations with stakeholders.	
	including Indigenous peoples,				
	shall be implemented .				
3.3 Implement plan to	3.3.1 Status of progress	Yes		Water withdrawal, water withdrawal rates, energy consumption and production	
achieve site water balance	towards meeting water			volume are tracked monthly and compared to previous years monthly values. The	
targets.	balance targets set in the			site has worked to improve its water efficiency as per its targets in 2019 by	
	water stewardship plan shall			implementing the following measures: filler rebuild project and rotary union rebuild	
	be identified .			project . The site achieved a WWR of 1.100 versus target of 1.106 for 2019.	
	3.3.2 Where water scarcity is	Yes		NWNA establishes site targets annually to improve water balance towards improving	
	a shared water challenge,			efficiency and strives to reduce volumetric total.	
	annual targets to improve the				
	site's water use efficiency, or				
	if practical and applicable,				
	reduce volumetric total use				
	shall be implemented .				
	3.3.3 Legally-binding	Yes		The site is not re-allocating water savings.	
	documentation, if applicable,				
	for the re-allocation of water				

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	to social, cultural or				
	environmental needs shall be				
	identified.				
Advanced Indicator	3.3.4 Advanced Indicator			This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	The total volume of water				
	voluntarily re-allocated (from				
	site water savings) for social,				
	cultural and environmental				
	needs shall be <i>quantified</i> .				
3.4 Implement plan to	3.4.1 Status of progress	Yes		Measurement system is in place for water quality targets throughout the site, data	
achieve site water quality	towards meeting water			from previous monitoring reports were reviewed. Annual review of data was found	
targets.	quality targets set in the			to be within historic values and regulatory limits. Wastewater results are within	
	water stewardship plan shall			permitted values.	
	be identified .				
	3.4.2 Where water quality is a	Yes		Water quality is a shared water challenge and an AWS Outcome. Improvements to	
	shared water challenge,			water quality are achieved through monitoring and management.	
	continual improvement to				
	achieve best practice for the				
	site's effluent shall be				
	identified and where				
	applicable, quantified.				
3.5 Implement plan to	3.5.1 Practices set in the	Yes		The Factory has established targets and goals associated with water withdrawal	
maintain or improve the	water stewardship plan to			management. Progress is documented in the Water Stewardship Plan.	
site's and/or catchment's	maintain and/or enhance the				
Important Water-Related	site's Important Water-				
Areas.	Related Areas shall be				
	implemented.				
Advanced Indicator	3.5.2 Advanced Indicator			This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	Evidence of completed				
	restoration of non-				
	functioning or severely				
	degraded Important Water-				
	Related Areas including				
	where appropriate cultural				
	values from a site-selected				
	baseline date shall be				
	identified. Restored areas				

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	may be outside of the site,			
	but within the catchment.			
Advanced Indicator	3.5.3 Advanced Indicator	Yes	Stakeholder discussions with the Kingfield Water District Board of Trustees and	2
	Evidence from a		Kingfield Water District benefitted from technical expertise provided by NWNA staff	
	representative range of		and consultants with information and discussions related to the Kingfield	
	stakeholders showing		Groundwater Model. Stakeholders commented on NWNA's installation of trash bins	
	consensus that the site is		along Route 27 are beneficial to users of the Carrabassett River.	
	seen as positively			
	contributing to the healthy			
	status of Important Water-			
	Related Areas in the			
	catchment shall be <i>identified</i> .			
3.6 Implement plan to	3.6.1 Evidence of the site's	Yes	NWNA uses a self-assessment tool at each site to review access to drinking water,	
provide access to safe	provision of adequate access		sanitation and hygiene awareness (WASH). The nature of the product made at the	
drinking water, effective	to safe drinking water,		facility requires strict adherence to these principals. Pledged compliance was	
sanitation, and protective	effective sanitation, and		achieved within the Kingfield facility.	
hygiene (WASH) for all	protective hygiene (WASH)			
workers at all premises	for all workers onsite shall be			
under the site's control.	identified and where			
	applicable, quantified.			
	3.6.2 Evidence that the site is	Yes	NWNA uses a self-assessment tool at each site to review access to drinking water,	
	not impinging on the human		sanitation and hygiene awareness (WASH). The Factory is not impacting WASH of	
	right to safe water and		communities. NWNA discussions with stakeholders did not indicate actual or	
	sanitation of communities		perceived concern that site was impinging on human right to safe water and	
	through their operations, and		sanitation in catchment.	
	that traditional access rights			
	for Indigenous and local			
	communities are being			
	respected, and that remedial			
	actions are in place where			
	this is not the case, and that			
	these are effective.			
Advanced Indicator	3.6.3 Advanced Indicator	Yes	NWNA Kingfield site provided documentation with evidence of 162 water donations	5
	A list of actions taken to		to different organizations. Stakeholder feedback was also reviewed on the Kingfield	
	support the provision to		Springs agreement and participation with the Maine Emergency Management	
	stakeholders in the		Agency, especially during COVID-19.	
	catchment of access to safe			

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	drinking water, adequate				
	sanitation and hygiene				
	awareness shall be <i>identified</i> .				
	3.6.4 Advanced Indicator			This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	In catchments where WASH				
	has been identified as a				
	shared water challenge,				
	evidence of efforts taken				
	with relevant public-sector				
	agencies to share information				
	and to advocate for change				
	to address access to safe				
	drinking water and sanitation				
	shall be identified .				
3.7 Implement plan to	3.7.1 Evidence that indirect	Yes		Indirect water use targets in the Water Stewardship Plan include engaging with	
maintain or improve indirect	water use targets set in the			vendors in catchment. NWNA has reached out to multiple suppliers, with one	
water use within the	water stewardship plan, as			supplier providing information on AWS and requested water use data.	
catchment.	applicable, have been met				
	shall be quantified .				
	3.7.2 Evidence of engagement	Yes		Communication requesting details from vendors were provided. One supplier	
	with suppliers and service			provided information on AWS and requested water use data.	
	providers, as well as, when				
	applicable, actions they have				
	taken in the catchment as a				
	result of the site's				
	engagement related to				
	indirect water use, shall be				
	identified.				
Advanced Indicator	3.7.3 Advanced Indicator	Yes		Vendor outreach communications were reviewed which provided information on the	5
	Actions taken to address			source of operation's water, annual water volume consumed, percentage of your	
	water related risks and			operation that supplies the Kingfield factory, source of water, water intensity for	
	challenges related to indirect			product/service, information on effluent water quality, and a list of recent water	
	water use outside the			savings initiatives.	
	catchment shall be				
 	documented and evaluated.				
3.8 Implement plan to	3.8.1 Evidence of	Yes		Evidence indicated there are no concerns with any shared water-related	
engage with and notify the	engagement, and the key			infrastructure. NWNA regularly shares data with stakeholders.	

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owners of any shared water- related infrastructure of any	messages relayed with confirmation of receipt, shall			
concerns the site may have.	be identified.			
3.9 Implement actions to	3.9.1 Actions towards	Yes	NWNA team engages with catchment authorities and other stakeholders to share	
achieve best practice	achieving best practice,		information, best practices and drive water stewardship efforts, one example is the	
towards AWS outcomes:	related to water governance,		participation and collaborative efforts of Water Resource Planning Committee.	
continually improve towards	as applicable, shall be			
achieving sectoral best	implemented.			
practice having a	3.9.2 Actions towards	Yes	Sector specific efficiency metric of water use ratio (liters of water used in the	
local/catchment, regional, or	achieving best practice,		process/liter of bottles water) are used to track onsite efficiency and established a	
national relevance.	related to targets in terms of		targets to monitor continual improvement. The 2019 Site WWR of 1.106 I/I was	
	water balance shall be		slightly above the Site Goal of 1.100. However, significant efforts were undertaken to	
	implemented.		reduce total water usage and increase operational efficiency.	
	3.9.3 Actions towards	Yes	NWNA exceeds requirements outlined with sampling frequency, parameters	
	achieving best practice,		analyzed and consistency across the business unit. Water quality data provided	
	related to targets in terms of		meets and exceeds regulatory requirements. Effluent is managed appropriately and	
	water quality shall be		in accordance with permit limits.	
	implemented.			
	3.9.4 Actions towards	Yes	NWNA follows practices described by ProForest by assigning Natural Resource	
	achieving best practice,		Manager for each site who focuses on maintenance of springs and other IWRAs.	
	related to targets in terms of		NWNA follows good practice guidelines for High Conservation Value assessments A	
	the site's maintenance of		practical guide for practitioners and auditors and Assessment, management and	
	Important Water-Related		monitoring of High Conservation Value Forest A practical guide for forest managers,	
	Areas shall be <i>implemented</i> .		as set by ProForest.	
	3.9.5 Actions towards	Yes	There is adequate WASH in the catchment. NWNA provides bottled water donations	
	achieving best practice		to the community on a monthly basis.	
	related to targets in terms of			
	WASH shall be <i>implemented</i> .			
Advanced Indicator	3.9.6 Advanced Indicator	Yes	Kingfield Spring team engages with catchment authorities and other stakeholders to	8
	Achievement of identified		share information, best practices and drive water stewardship efforts. Several of	
	best practice related to		these efforts undertaken by Kingfield Spring resulted in updates to existing local	
	targets in terms of good		water resource regulations, funding contribution, and advancement in climate	
	water governance shall be		change research.	
	quantified.		One example is the Maine Cooperative Snow Survey, an initiative to which Kingfield	
			Spring participates, to collect, interpret, and distribute information on the depth and	
			water content of Maine's snowpack in the late Winter and early Spring, when the	
			danger of flooding in Maine's rivers and streams is greatest. The survey is conducted	

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			at each spring site station that the Kingfield factory uses. Other examples include the publicly available spring brochures (containing flow and water quality data and distributed to local and state agencies) and the long-standing participation in regional and state-level advisory bodies (Main Board of Environmental Protection,	
			the Drinking Water Commission, and the Water Resource Planning Committee) that foster and expand water stewardship.	
Advanced Indicator	3.9.7 Advanced Indicator Achievement of identified best practice related to targets in terms of sustainable water balance shall be <i>quantified</i> .	Yes	Kingfield site provided documentation to support evidence of improvements in the WWR in the last ten years, despite a general increase in their production volume.	8
Advanced Indicator	3.9.8 Advanced Indicator Achievement of identified best practices related to targets in terms of water quality shall be <i>quantified</i> .	Yes	Annual monitoring report summaries and other documents were provided and reviewed for all spring sources used by the Kingfield factory, containing flow data and evidence of water samples and monitoring efforts conducted regularly and frequently at the water source as well as in the adjacent environment. These data, all in compliance with local and federal screening criteria, are reported to local and state agencies on a monthly, quarterly and/or annual basis and are available to agencies for water governance tracking and planning. Other examples of best practices include: - monitoring wells near the Town of Kingfield-operated subsurface discharge have detected elevated nitrate levels, on occasion; however, Kingfield factory discharges are within permitted values. - valid wastewater permits and effluent water quality results showing compliance with applicable criteria. - Annual review of incoming data to be within historic trends and values - good CIP effluent management from the spring sites to the receiving factory	8
Advanced Indicator	3.9.9 Advanced Indicator Achievement of identified best practices related to targets in terms of the site's maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas have been <i>implemented</i> .	Yes	Several documents were reviewed with evidence of best practices achieved related to Kingfield Spring site maintenance of IWRA. Examples include: - Annual spring monitoring report of all the site water springs - Forest management to promote healthy and productive forests and protect water quality as needed in various areas of the Freshwater Forested Wetlands surrounding the Kingfield spring sites. - Management of effluent discharge constituent concentrations to keep effluent sample results below permit limits	8
Advanced Indicator	3.9.10 Advanced Indicator		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site .	



	Achievement of identified best practice related to targets in terms of WASH				
Advanced Indicator	shall be quantified. 3.9.11 Advanced Indicator A list of efforts to spread best practices shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		A poster representing the water balance in Maine was prepared by NWNA . The poster well represents the site conceptual model and summarizes the actions undertaken by the site in collaboration with other agencies to promote best practices within the watersheds. In addition, a list of several outreach efforts is compiled and provided containing specific names of different agencies, companies, foundations points of contacts, and dates and notes of meetings.	3
Advanced Indicator	3.9.12 Advanced Indicator A list of collective action efforts, including the organizations involved, positions of responsible persons of other entities involved, and a description of the role played by the site shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		A list of several collective actions was provided and reviewed. The list contains information on parties and individuals involved, roles played by the NWNA Kingfield site, and references to the evidence of the change obtained through effective implementation of the actions. During the audit, additional information was provided regarding the multiple projects to improve water balance, quality, and/or governance within and outside the catchment. The common denominator of all their successful collaborations with different agencies and companies is the site's willingness to share their water stewardship experience, technology, contacts, hydrogeologic understanding, and ability to access funding.	14
Advanced Indicator	3.9.13 Advanced Indicator Evidence of the <i>quantified</i> improvement that has resulted from the collective action relative to a site- selected baseline date shall be <i>identified</i> and evidence from an appropriate range of stakeholders linked to the collective action (including both those implementing the action and those affected by the action) that the site is materially and positively contributing to the achievement of the collective action shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		Documentation was provided on evidence of the positive impact of collaborative efforts towards more efficient governmental policies, increased education and outreach, technical assistance, increased project opportunities. The documentation also includes explicit acknowledgement from different stakeholders that the NWNA Kingfield site contributed to the positive outcome.	10
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Level	Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points
	4.1 Evaluate the site's performance in light of its actions and targets from its water stewardship plan and demonstrate its contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes.	4.1.1 Performance against targets in the site's water stewardship plan and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes shall be evaluated	Yes			NWNA has evaluated performance of the Stewardship Plan which is aligned with realizing the AWS Outcomes. Targets established in the Plan are tracked based on multiple actions with measurable metrics, documentation of stakeholder engagement, and evaluation of changes in water risk for each target. The evaluation also includes a cost/benefits review and describes shared value benefits for each target. Further evaluation will be conducted during the surveillance and renewal audits.	
		4.1.2 Value creation resulting from the water stewardship plan shall be <i>evaluated</i> .	Yes			NWNA has created value related to multiple efforts including WASH access, Good Science Scholarships and outreach/educational benefits in the catchment.	
		4.1.3 The shared value benefits in the catchment shall be identified and where applicable, <i>quantified</i> .	Yes			Shared value benefits were provided in the Economic Impact Report, The Economic & Fiscal Impact on Maine on the Kingfield Spring Company.	
		4.1.4 Advanced Indicator A governance or executive- level review, including discussion of shared water challenges, water risks, and opportunities, and any water- related cost savings or benefits realized, and any relevant incidents shall be <i>identified</i> .				This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	4.2 Evaluate the impacts of water-related emergency incidents (including extreme events), if any occurred, and determine the effectiveness of corrective and preventative measures.	4.2.1 A written annual review and (where appropriate) root- cause analysis of the year's emergency incident(s) shall be prepared and the site's response to the incident(s) shall be evaluated and proposed preventative and corrective actions and	Yes			No water-related emergency events or shutdown occurred that was water related. The annual environmental reviews would document these emergency events, if any. The facility has a current Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).	



P 5. Communicate and	d Disclose			· · · · ·	•
				Advanced Points Step 4	6
4.4 Evaluate and update the site's water stewardship plan, incorporating the information obtained from the evaluation process in the context of continual improvement.	4.4.1 The site's water stewardship plan shall be modified and adapted to incorporate any relevant information and lessons learned from the evaluations in this step and these changes shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		The Water Stewardship Plan is a working document updated annually to reflect on- going actions and completed projects. The Plan tracks targets and actions tied to best practice and AWS outcomes addressed. Performance and stakeholder consultation with respect to the projects are included. Stakeholder consultation has led to sharing projects and adapting to stakeholder projects as requested.	
Advanced Indicator	4.3.2 Advanced Indicator The site's efforts to address shared water challenges shall be <i>evaluated</i> by stakeholders. This shall include stakeholder reviewing of the site's efforts across all five outcome areas, and their suggestions for continual improvement.	Yes		Communication with stakeholders were provided containing a presentation describing NWNA Kingfield site's efforts contributing to address shared water challenges, through positive participation in good water governance and supporting sustainable water balance, good water quality, public education, healthy status of IWRA, and WASH. The correspondence also requested feedback and additional stakeholders' suggestions to contact.	6
4.3 Evaluate stakeholders' consultation feedback regarding the site's water stewardship performance, including the effectiveness of the site's engagement process.	4.3.1 Consultation efforts with stakeholders on the site's water stewardship performance shall be <i>identified</i> .	Yes		Internal and external stakeholder outreach conducted and documented in the Stakeholder Outreach Log. Responses covered the main topics of catchment areas, WASH, IWRAs, water efficiency, water savings projects.	
	mitigations against future incidents shall be <i>identified</i> .				

Level	Criteria	Indicator	Yes	No	NA	Objective Evidence/Findings	Points
	5.1 Disclose water-related	5.1.1 The site's water-related	Yes			NWNA Kingfield facility posts the factory organization chart in the entry of the	
	internal governance of the	internal governance,				factory floor where it will be observed the most by staff and during factory open	
	site's management, including	including positions of those				houses with operational tours. The organization chart includes the staff and	
	the positions of those	accountable for compliance				relevant responsible personnel for water-related laws and regulations. Factory tours	
	accountable for legal	with water-related laws and				also include presentations on the site's water stewardship projects and	
	compliance with water-	regulations shall be <i>disclosed</i> .				implementation of the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard. Currently	
						factory tours are on hold due to COVID-19.	



related local laws and				
regulations.				
5.2 Communicate the water	5.2.1 The water stewardship	Yes	NWNA Kingfield provided the outreach log and communication with catchment	
stewardship plan with	plan, including how the water		authorities about the AWS process. The AWS Presentation summarizes the water	
relevant stakeholders.	stewardship plan contributes		stewardship plan and outcomes. The Presentation was shared with visitors of the	
	to AWS Standard outcomes,		Factory tours and other stakeholders. Communication and outreach confirmed	
	shall be communicated to		through stakeholder interviews. Currently factory tours are on hold due to COVID-	
	relevant stakeholders.		19.	
5.3 Disclose annual site	5.3.1 A summary of the site's	Yes	The stakeholder presentation was reviewed, the presentation includes the site's	
water stewardship summary,	water stewardship		water stewardship performance results. NWNA Kingfield conducted	
including the relevant	performance, including		public/consumer education outreach through tours; distribution of stakeholder	
information about the site's	quantified performance		presentations and providing stakeholders presentations that reviewed the sites	
annual water stewardship	against targets, shall be		water challenges, stakeholder feedback, targets, with implementation outcomes.	
performance and results	disclosed annually at a		The AWS Presentation was distributed to stakeholders as documented in the	
against the site's targets.	minimum.		Outreach Log.	
Advanced Indicator	5.3.2 Advanced Indicator		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	The site's efforts to			
	implement the AWS Standard			
	shall be disclosed in the			
	organization's annual report.			
Advanced Indicator	5.3.3 Advanced Indicator		This Advanced Indicator was not considered for the Site.	
	Benefits to the site and			
	stakeholders from			
	implementation of the AWS			
	Standard shall be quantified			
	in the organization's annual			
	report.			
5.4 Disclose efforts to	5.4.1 The site's shared water-	Yes	The stakeholder presentation was reviewed. Presentation includes the site's water	
collectively address shared	related challenges and efforts		stewardship performance results. The presentation was provided to stakeholders	
water challenges, including:	made to address these		prior to the onsite audit. List of attendees reviewed with the facility. NWNA	
associated efforts to address	challenges shall be <i>disclosed</i> .		Kingfield conducted public/consumer education outreach through tours and	
the challenges; engagement			providing stakeholders presentations that reviewed the sites water challenges,	
with stakeholders; and co-			stakeholder feedback, targets, with implementation outcomes.	
ordination with public-sector	5.4.2 Efforts made by the site	Yes	See 5.4.1	
agencies.	to engage stakeholders and			
	coordinate and support			



	public-sector agencies shall be <i>identified</i> .			
5.5 Communicate transparency in water- related compliance: make any site water-related	5.5.1 Any site water-related compliance violations and associated corrections shall be <i>disclosed</i> .	Yes	Violations are publicly available through state and federal reporting (ECHO/US EPA). There were no site water-related violations reported via ECHO.	
compliance violations available upon request as well as any corrective actions the site has taken to prevent future occurrences.	5.5.2 Necessary corrective actions taken by the site to prevent future occurrences shall be <i>disclosed</i> if applicable.	Yes	See 5.5.1	
	5.5.3 Any site water-related violation that may pose significant risk and threat to human or ecosystem health shall be immediately communicated to relevant public agencies and disclosed .	Yes	Violations are publicly available through state and federal reporting (ECHO/US EPA). There were no violations reported via ECHO. The ECHO reporting system would include violations that pose a significant risk and threat to human or ecosystem health.	
			Advanced Points Step 5	0



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