

CERTIFICATION REPORT

Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)



Audit Number: AO-001810

SITE DETAILS

Site: **EES SA de CV**

Address: Calle Durango 2751, Col Lote Bravo, 32565, Juarez, Chihuahua, MEXICO

Contact Person: Lluvia Lopez

AWS Reference Number: AWS-000804

Site Structure: Single Site

CERTIFICATION DETAILS

Certification status: Certified Core

Date of certification decision: 2026-Feb-02

Validity of certificate: 2029-Feb-01

AUDIT DETAILS

Audited Service(s): AWS Standard v2.0 (2019)

Audit Type(s): Initial Audit

Audit Start Date: 2025-Oct-29

Audit End Date: 2025-Oct-31

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ADDITIONAL INFO

Summary of Audit Findings: During the certification audit, 7 non-conformities and 9 observations were raised.

The Client is requested to perform a root cause analysis and define corrective actions for each non-conformity, and to submit these to WSAS within 7 days of receipt of the audit report, by 12 January 2026.

The non-conformities must be closed within 90 days of the end of the audit. Due to the Christmas period delay in issuing the report, this timeline is extended to 16 February 2026. In order to meet this timeline when non-conformities are to be confirmed as closed, evidence is to be submitted to WSAS by 01 February 2026.

The audit team recommends certification of AWS-000804 Ethicon End-Surgery-Independencia at Core level once the site has closed all non-conformities.

Scope of Assessment: The scope of services covers the Initial certification audit for assessing conformity of Ethicon Endo Surgery-Independence Site against the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard Version 2.

The Site is located southeast of Juarez City, Chihuahua, approximately 7.5 kilometers from the US border, Juarez City lies 1140 m above sea level (a.s.l.) with a surface area of 356 km². Except for drinking water and treated water for irrigation in pipes] and description of all facilities, process activities and outputs that were included in the assessment].

The facility is located in the Catchment name is CONEJOS MEDANOS.

Water service provided JMAS, Conejos Medanos pumping station, interconnection of wells (water storage and distribution tanks).

The Site is in the Valle de Juárez aquifer, defined with the code 0833 by CONAGUA, located in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua, it covers an area of 3,386 km².

JMAS also obtains water from Conejos-Medanos. The Conejos-Medanos aquifer, designated code 0823 by the National Water Commission, is located in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua and covers an area of 6,138 km².

Except for drinking water and treated water for irrigation in pipes, the Site gets almost all its water from the municipal water department JMAS (Municipal Water and Sanitation Board, by its acronym in Spanish), which goes from the JMAS intake to some storage tanks and then to a treatment on-site.

The audit was conducted onsite on 29-31 October 2025.

The onsite site visit included the assessment on the administrative areas, sanitary services, production lines, dining room, car park, site where the WWTP is being built, hazardous waste storage facilities, pumping rooms, aquifer recharge wells, grease trap, water inlet point, water outlet points, and raw water storage tank for both process and firefighting purposes were visited as part of the audit.

FINDINGS

NUMBER OF FINDINGS PER LEVEL

Observation	9
Non-Conformity	7

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FINDING DETAILS

Finding No: TNR-021454
Checklist Item No: 1.2.1
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: Stakeholders and their water-related challenges shall be identified. The process used for stakeholder identification shall be identified. 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 stakeholders to participate may vary across the relevant stakeholder groups;
- Identify the degree of stakeholder engagement based on their level of interest and influence.

Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

Finding No: TNR-021823
Checklist Item No: 1.2.2
Status: Closed
Finding level: Non-Conformity
Due date: 2026-Feb-16
Checklist item: Current and potential degree of influence between site and stakeholder shall be identified, within the catchment and considering the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body for wastewater.

Findings: The site does not assess the potential influence of stakeholders.

Corrective action: 1. Add in the Stakeholders Engagement Plan (SEP) a column to determinate the level of potential influence for each stakeholder, depending on their roles, interests and relationships.
2. This result also included the table 1-4 Stakeholders profiling.

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Finding No: TNR-021427
Checklist Item No: 1.3.7
Status: Closed
Finding level: Non-Conformity
Due date: 2026-Feb-16
Checklist item: Annual water-related costs, revenues, and a description or quantification of the social, cultural, environmental, or economic water-related value generated by the site shall be identified and used to inform the evaluation of the plan in 4.1.2.
Findings: The site does not include in the evidence presented a description or quantification of the social, cultural, environmental or economic value related to water generated by the site.
Corrective action: The cost analysis will be considered in table 1-12 Detailed water related cost

The cost analysis will be considered in table 1-13

Detailed water related share benefits will include: Payment of consultants, data collection, technical studies, risk mitigation actions, stakeholder engagement activities, external communications, and personnel for the ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and management of water resources

Evidence of implementation: 1.3.7 Water Costs
This AWS Indicator focuses on the annual water related costs and revenues, and provides a description of the social, cultural, environmental and economic water-related value generated (Table 1 12).
• In general, there is an increasing trend in the Site water costs.
• Most expensive cost is related to cooling water.
Table 12.1 continuation Water costs 2025
Servicios de tratamiento de las aguas de superficiales
2025 Consultant service
WATER-RELATED REVENUES
• There's no Sale of water from the site, which could be excess water supply or treated wastewater, so there's no revenues.
WATER-RELATED SHARED BENEFITS
• Table below can explain if the share benefit is cultural, social, environmental, etc.
TABLE 1 13 DETAILED WATER-RELATED SHARED BENEFITS

Finding No: TNR-021838
Checklist Item No: 1.5.3
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: The catchment water-balance, and where applicable, scarcity, shall be quantified, including indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, variance.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

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Finding No: TNR-022635
Checklist Item No: 1.6.1
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: Shared water challenges shall be identified and prioritized from the information gathered.
Findings: Some challenges are worded in a generic way and do not fairly reflect the analysis undertaken in step 1. E.g. IWRAs is not a shared challenge - what kind of threats or issues at which IWRAs are challenges in this catchment?
The site also did not describe the process used to prioritise shared challenges

Finding No: TNR-022633
Checklist Item No: 2.1.1
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: A signed and publicly disclosed site statement OR organizational document shall be identified. 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.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

Finding No: TNR-021840
Checklist Item No: 2.3.2
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: A water stewardship plan shall be identified, 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
- 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.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

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Finding No: TNR-021848
Checklist Item No: 3.5.1
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: Practices set in the water stewardship plan to maintain and/or enhance the site's Important Water-Related Areas shall be implemented.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

Finding No: TNR-021849
Checklist Item No: 3.7.1
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: Evidence that indirect water use targets set in the water stewardship plan, as applicable, have been met shall be quantified.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

Finding No: TNR-021463
Checklist Item No: 3.9.5
Status: Open
Finding level: Observation
Checklist item: Actions towards achieving best practice related to targets in terms of WASH shall be implemented.
Findings: This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

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Finding No:	TNR-021450
Checklist Item No:	4.1.1
Status:	Closed
Finding level:	Non-Conformity
Due date:	2026-Feb-16
Checklist item:	Performance against targets in the site's water stewardship plan and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes shall be evaluated.
Findings:	The site has not provided an assessment of the performance against targets and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes.
Corrective action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The performance of each action implemented and its contribution to achieving the water stewardship outcomes will be evaluate in column K (Outcomes) and P (Status- percentage of progress) in the action plan (2021).2. In general terms, 76% of the objectives set out in the 2021 action plan were met.
Evidence of implementation:	<p>Evaluate the Site's performance</p> <p>Evaluate and Performance against targets in the Site's water stewardship plan and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes shall be evaluated.</p> <p>The performance of each action implemented and its contribution to achieving the water stewardship outcomes has been evaluated in column K (Outcomes) and R (Status- percentage of progress) in the action plan (2021)150.</p> <p>In general terms, 76% of the objectives set out in the 2021 action plan were met</p>

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Finding No:	TNR-021451
Checklist Item No:	4.1.3
Status:	Closed
Finding level:	Non-Conformity
Due date:	2026-Feb-16
Checklist item:	The shared value benefits in the catchment shall be identified and where applicable, quantified.
Findings:	The description of the shared value benefits benefits is generic and qualitative, and reflects expected benefits rather than actual ones achieved
Corrective action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The value benefit to the catchment and/or catchment stakeholders with quantified contributions it's going to be development as methodology.2. The value or shared benefits are going to be calculated and included in the action plan (Column X) under the development methodology.

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Evidence of implementation: 4.1.3 Identify and Quantify The shared value benefits in the catchment

The value of shared benefits of each of the actions carried out or proposed in the 2021 plan were identified (2021 Plan141 - Column Z). Some shared value benefits are:

Minimizes disruption to operations and logistics by anticipating and planning for flood-related risks.

Protects physical assets, inventory, and infrastructure, reducing potential losses.

Supports local disaster preparedness and resilience.

Reduces strain on emergency services during flood events.

Ensures employees can safely commute to and from work and are not displaced by flood events.

Protects livelihoods of employees and their families

- Reduces overall water withdrawal by identifying inefficiencies or leaks.
- Improves compliance with local environmental regulations and permits.
- Lowers water-related operational costs (sourcing, treatment, discharge fees).
- Reduces risks related to water scarcity, operational shutdowns, and regulatory penalties.

Ensure that the WASH services on the Site are secure

Supports compliance with internal standards, certifications, and government regulations related to water quality.

Helps avoid penalties or production stoppages related to non-compliance.

Promotes industry-wide best practices in responsible water use.

Provides the data needed for long-term planning, water footprint assessments, and continuous improvement.

Contributes to collective understanding of local water quality trends and risks.

Encourages open dialogue with local utilities and communities about shared water challenges.

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Finding No:	TNR-022552
Checklist Item No:	4.4.1
Status:	Closed
Finding level:	Non-Conformity
Due date:	2026-Feb-16
Checklist item:	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 identified.
Findings:	The site does not describe the changes in its 2025 WSP compared to its 2021 plan.
Corrective action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The value benefit to the catchment and/or catchment stakeholders with quantified contributions it's going to be development as methodology.2. The value or shared benefits are going to be calculated and included in the action plan (Column X) under the development methodology.
Evidence of implementation:	<p>The action plan will be update to reflect clearly the changes from 2025 WSP.</p> <p>The Site developed an action plan in 2021, and was update in February 2025 with a summary that reflects changes from 2021.</p> <p>For the 2021 action plan, column AA was added, which briefly describes the lessons learned from the implementation of the actions. For the 2025 plan, column AF is left to be filled in as soon as the actions are marked as 'complete'.</p>
Finding No:	TNR-022634
Checklist Item No:	5.1.1
Status:	Open
Finding level:	Observation
Checklist item:	The site's water-related internal governance, including positions of those accountable for compliance with water-related laws and regulations shall be disclosed.
Findings:	This information has been redacted for confidentiality reasons.

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Finding No:	TNR-021452
Checklist Item No:	5.2.1
Status:	Closed
Finding level:	Non-Conformity
Due date:	2026-Feb-16
Checklist item:	The water stewardship plan, including how the water stewardship plan contributes to AWS Standard outcomes, shall be communicated to relevant stakeholders.
Findings:	The site does not provide evidence of communicating its WSP to relevant stakeholders.
Corrective action:	The site will perform a traceability plan to assure that communication (WSP and other communication) is shared with all stakeholders.
Evidence of implementation:	<p>5.2 COMMUNICATE THE WATER STEWARDSHIP PLAN WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>5.2.1 Communication should be of a level of detail, language and format most relevant to each relevant stakeholder group.</p> <p>It was updated the CP0204 Environmental communication procedure of the Independencia Site to reflect the Traceability of the Stakeholder communication on the section 7.6.9 Stakeholders AWS communication.</p> <p>Letters from communication attached Meeting Minutes Pictures from visits etc.</p>

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Finding No:	TNR-022499
Checklist Item No:	5.3.1
Status:	Closed
Finding level:	Non-Conformity
Due date:	2026-Feb-16
Checklist item:	A summary of the site's water stewardship performance, including quantified performance against targets, shall be disclosed annually at a minimum.
Findings:	The site does not include quantified performance against targets in its communication of results to stakeholders.
Corrective action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A formal report will be prepared outlining the site's results and progress regarding the action plan and its commitment to aligning with the AWS standard.2. An email with an informative note (including non-confidential financial data) will be sent to stakeholders to inform them of the progress made in relation to AWS and its objectives.
Evidence of implementation:	<p>5.3 DISCLOSE ANNUAL SITE WATER STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY, INCLUDING THE RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITE'S ANNUAL WATER STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS AGAINST THE SITE'S TARGETS</p> <p>5.3.1 A SUMMARY OF THE SITE'S WATER STEWARDSHIP PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING QUANTIFIED PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS, SHALL BE DISCLOSED ANNUALLY AT A MINIMUM</p> <p>Internally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Site held a workshop on June 5, during the World Environment Day commemoration event where information was provided on the Water Stewardship Alliance .• Reforestation effort communicated in an internal staff meeting <p>Externally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A formal statement has been prepared outlining the site's results and progress regarding the action plan and its commitment to aligning with the AWS standard. This communication will be published in the Ciudad Juárez Chamber of Industry (Index) and in the Diario de Juárez to inform the public. <p>An email with an informative note was sent to stakeholders to inform them of the progress made in relation to AWS and its objectives.</p>

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Report Details

Report	Value
Report prepared by	Ricardo Salas
Report approved by	Juan Carlos Ceron
Report approved on (Date)	24-12-2025

Surveillance

Proposed date for next audit
2026-Oct-29

Stakeholder Announcements

Date of publication	Location
24/09/2025	Diario de Juárez, Región norte de Chihuahua
01/07/2025	https://www.jnj.com/policies-reports/our-position-on-environmental-stewardship AWS and WSAS Websites

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Catchment

- The Site is in the Hydrological-Administrative Region VI Río Bravo of the National Water Commission (CONAGUA, by its Spanish acronym) 2.
- The Hydrological-Administrative Region VI Río Bravo (RHAVI-RB) is the largest in the country, including four states and 144 municipalities. There are 19,235 localities in the region, of which 66 are urban and 19,169 are rural, with a population of ~2,500 inhabitants, indicating a high dispersion of localities and a high urban concentration.
- The RHAVI-RB includes hydrological regions: Bravo-Conchos, San Fernando, Soto La Marina, Cuencas Cerradas del Norte, and Región del Salado.
- The Site is in the Río Bravo-Conchos catchment, which has a runoff surface area of 226,275 km², specifically in the Alto Bravo sub-region (upper portion of the catchment).
- The Bravo-Conchos is a transboundary catchment (binational) shared with the United States.
- The main surface water body in the catchment is the Bravo River.
- The general catchment surface water flow in the Mexican portion is towards the southeast.

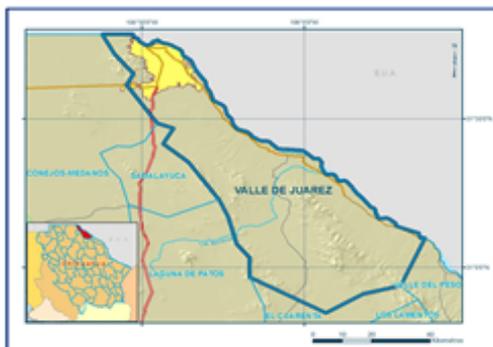
VALLE DE JUÁREZ AQUIFER

- The Site is in the Valle de Juárez aquifer, defined with the code 0833 by CONAGUA, located in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua, it covers an area of 3,386 km².
- The Valle de Juárez aquifer is bordered to the north and east by the international border between Mexico and the US, to the west by the Conejos-Médanos and Samalayuca aquifers, and to the south by the Laguna de Patos, El Cuarenta, and Valle del Peso aquifers.
- The Valle de Juárez aquifer covers the entire municipality of Praxedis G. Guerrero and partially Juárez and Guadalupe.
- According to the records of the Juárez weather station, which has information since 1957, the average annual temperature in the region is 18.2° C, with extreme values of 7.5 and 28.4° C in January and July, respectively.
- The recorded rainfall history since 1957 shows cycles with significant above-average rainfall every 9 to 10 years. However, the average annual precipitation is 265.3 mm, recorded mainly during July to September.
- The Bolson Deposits, according to information provided by wells located along the valley, vary laterally in their grain size, with sand, silts, and clays predominating.
- The faulting system determines the geometry of the aquifer; the thickness of the deposits is greater in the center of the depression and lesser towards the foothills of the mountain ranges that delimit it, with the Bravo River as its axis. In the U.S. portion of the Bolson del Hueco, exploratory drilling has determined that the maximum sediment thickness is approximately 2700 m. However, in the Mexican portion, wells have been drilled only to a depth of 500 m, without reaching the bedrock. CONEJO-MEDANO AQUIFER
- JMAS also obtains water from Conejos-Médanos (Bolson Mesilla as named in USA). The Conejos-Médanos aquifer, defined with the code 0823 by the National Water Commission, is in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua, covering an area of 6,138 km².
- It is bordered to the north by the border with the United States of America, to the east by the Valle de Juárez and Samalayuca aquifers, to the south by Laguna de Patos and Laguna de Santa María, and to the west by Las Palmas, all of which belong to the state of Chihuahua. Geopolitically, the aquifer partially includes the municipalities of Ascensión, Juárez, and Ahumada.
- The primary use of the water extracted is the domestic/livestock sector. However, with the entry into operation of the battery of wells that will supply water to Ciudad Juárez, the largest user will be the operating agency JMAS.
- Based on the climatological analysis of the climatological stations located in Ciudad Juárez, Palomas, Samalayuca, and Villa Ahumada, for a period of study from 1971 to 2000, it was determined that the average annual precipitation is 167 mm. The yearly average temperature is 17.4° C and shows a parabolic trend, more intense during May, June, July, August, and September, and decreasing during the rest of the year.
- Given its sandy nature, which tends to form dunes, high permeability, and the demand for moisture on the land surface, the scarce rainfall does not create natural watercourses in the current morphology. There are intermittent surface streams whose patterns belong to small, closed basins that run off during torrential events during the rainy season, which occur in isolation in the area.

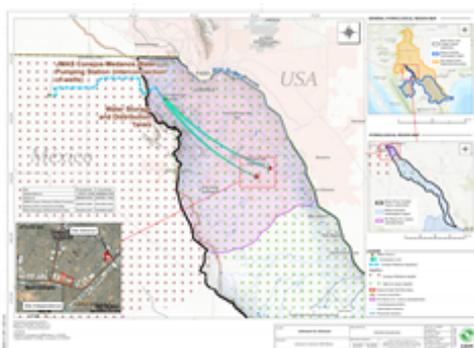
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Acuífero Valle de Juarez.png



2._Water_sources.jpg



3._Water_Discharge.jpg

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Client Description and Site Details

Client/Site Background

Site produces sutures and needles and also instruments for endoscopy surgery, there's no water on the production process only to wash the hands, the water is important to keep the conditions of humidity and environment conditions at the clean manufacturing areas.

The Site is located southeast of Juarez City, Chihuahua, approximately 7.5 kilometers from the US border. Lat 31.6053.45°, Long -106387263°.

Juarez City lies 1140 m above sea level (a.s.l.) with a surface area of 356 km². Except for drinking water and treated water for irrigation in pipes, the Site gets almost all its water from the municipal water department JMAS (Municipal Water and Sanitation Board, by its acronym in Spanish), which goes from the JMAS intake to some storage tanks and then to a treatment on-Site for the cooling towers and the canteen. The Site wastewater (process water from the cafeteria, is treated on-Site, then is discharged to the JMAS drainage and directed to the JMAS North WWTP. The treated water is then used for irrigation and/or discharged to Bravo River. The Site is in the Rio Bravo-Conchos catchment which has a runoff surface area of 226,275 km², specifically in the Alto Bravo sub-region (upper portion of the catchment). The Site is in the Valle de Juárez aquifer, defined with the code 0833 by CONAGUA, located in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua, it covers an area of 3,386 km². JMAS also obtains water from Conejos-Medanos (Bolson Mesilla as named in USA). The Conejos-Medanos aquifer, defined with the code 0823 by the National Water Commission, is in the northern portion of the state of Chihuahua, covering an area of 6,138 km².

Number of employees 5700, size of the site is built up 57 297.546m² and total area 161,880.310 ,m²

A. Site Location: The Site is located southeast of Juarez City, Chihuahua, México, Lat 31.6053.45°, Long -106387263°.

B. Briefly describe the surrounding área: The site is located in an industrial area.

C. Describe what the site produces: Site produces sutures and needles and also instruments for endoscopy surgery, there's no water on the production process

D. Describe the water-related infrastructure:

1. Any water sources on the site (wells, connection to the municipal water supply, etc.): connection to the municipal water supply,

2. Water treatment facilities: NO

3. Water use for production, if applicable: water on the production process only to wash the hands

4. Water use in power facilities, if applicable NO

5. Wastewater treatment facilities: NO

6. Cooling towers: Cooling towers, Boiler Pack. Cooling towers loop at roof.

7. Rainwater harvesting infrastructure: Yes

8. Stormwater management infrastructure No

9. Firefighting wáter: Yes



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1. Layout Independencia A.jpg

Uso del agua en las instalaciones



Uso del agua en las instalaciones.png

Summary of Shared Water Challenges

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- Water shortage.
- Increase in Water Demand.
- Impact on water quality.
- Effects of climate change.
- Water cost.
- Water Supply and Outsourced Services.
- Potential future regulation-

0.0.1 Water Source & Discharge Locations

0.01 *Have any water source or discharge locations been visited during the audit, if so, which and where? If none were visited, please provide justification.* No

Comment The site's water inlets and discharge points were visited. The water sources and JMAS WWTPs were not visited due to the time required; during the IWRA visit, there was no time to visit other areas within the basin. Visit to the IWRA 'Central Park' in Ciudad Juárez.

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1 STEP 1: GATHER AND UNDERSTAND

1.1 *Gather information to define the site's physical scope for water stewardship purposes, including: its operational boundaries; the water sources from which the site draws; the locations to which the site returns its discharges; and the catchment(s) that the site affect(s) and upon which it is reliant.*

1.1.1 *The physical scope of the site shall be mapped, considering the regulatory landscape and zone of stakeholder interests, including:*

- Site boundaries;
- Water-related infrastructure, including piping network, owned or managed by the site or its parent organization;
- Any water sources providing water to the site that are owned or managed by the site or its parent organization;
- Water service provider (if applicable) and its ultimate water source;
- Discharge points and waste water service provider (if applicable) and ultimate receiving water body or bodies;
- Catchment(s) that the site affect(s) and is reliant upon for water.


Yes

Comment The site has submitted the following maps:

- Maps showing the boundaries of the site
- Map of water-related infrastructure (including the water distribution network, water pre-treatment system, and water storage tanks).
- Map of water sources
- Map showing the service provider's discharge points and potential contamination sites. Site gets almost all its water from the municipal water department JMAS (Municipal Water and Sanitation Board, by its acronym in Spanish).
- Map of the watershed: Rio Bravo-Conchos watershed

The site has included images of the watershed and site boundary maps.

Evidence:
 1. Layout_Salvarcar
 2. _Water_sources
 3. _Water_Discharge
 4. _Site_location_within_the_catchment
 Uso del agua en las instalaciones

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 identified. The process used for stakeholder identification shall be identified. 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;
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Comment The site presents, as evidence, the document "1.2.2_ Stakeholders_and_water_related_challenges", the list of 24 stakeholders, and a table describing how the stakeholders have been characterised. The site identifies that there are no indigenous groups within its physical scope. Vulnerable groups are represented in a minimal way (in Ciudad Juárez, there is a considerable number of migrants, so it is essential to consider them as a vulnerable group). It is difficult to determine from the list whether other key water users within the basin have been included. The site has adopted the survey format on shared water challenges and has presented responses from several stakeholders. The evidence includes a column titled "Water-related Interests/Concerns/Challenges" that combines three distinct topics. It is not clear which are shared challenges and which correspond to other issues. Stakeholders include several of its suppliers of inputs and services; it classifies this group as having low interest and power. Only one NGO is included in the stakeholder map and is noted as having a moderate level of interest. The document "Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025" describes the process used to identify stakeholders.

Evidence:
1.2.2_ Stakeholders_and_water_related_challenges
Encuesta futura para Stakeholders externos
Cuestionario Proveedores - CIEL
Cuestionario Proveedores - Lavanderia La Francesa
comunicacion JMAS Lic Nevarez 06.24.22
Reunion_JMAS_Agua_Morada
Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p9-10

1.2.2 *Current and potential degree of influence between site and stakeholder shall be identified, within the catchment and considering the site's ultimate water source and ultimate receiving water body for wastewater.* ✔ closed

Comment The site does not assess the potential influence of the site on other stakeholders. It only indicates that "The potential degree of influence of the following stakeholders is expected to remain the same in the long term. While for the rest of the stakeholders identified in Table 1-4, the potential degree of influence may change".

- CONAGUA (National Water Commission)
- JCAS (Central Board of Water and Sanitation of the State of Chihuahua)
- JMAS ((Municipal Water and Sanitation Board).
- SEDUE (Secretary of Urban Development and Ecology of the State of Chihuahua)
- SEMARNAT (Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources)
- PROFEPA (Federal Environmental Protection Prosecutor).

The site does not assess the degree of potential influence that may vary among its stakeholders.

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1.3 *Gather water-related data for the site, including: water balance; water quality, Important Water-Related Areas, water governance, WASH; water-related costs, revenues, and shared value creation.*

1.3.1 *Existing water-related incident response plans shall be identified.* ✔ Yes

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Comment The Site has identified water-related emergencies arising from its operations. It has established procedures to address risks and events, as well as other risks related to maintenance activities, which are the following: siguientes:
SOP-EHS-0532 Emergency response plan procedures
SOP-ENV-0526 Wastewater Program for the Juarez Site
SOP-EHS-0527 Process for Wastewater Management, Disposal, And Sampling
SOP-EHS-0570 Working Procedure for The Inspection Of Rainwater And Wastewater
SOP-EH_4 Establecer el procedimiento para responder a situaciones de emergencia en las instalaciones de planta Juárez
FAC-031 Procedure for the Maintenance and Operation of the Backflow Preventer Equipment.

During the audit, the contingency plans were verified.

1.3.2 *Site water balance, including inflows, losses, storage, and outflows shall be identified and mapped* ✔
Yes

Comment The Site has provided a flow chart showing water inflows to the site, water used in its processes, water sent to its treatment plant, and discharges to the municipal network. The diagram describes the water flows at the site. Water is supplied by the municipal network and stored in six main tanks: five (322 m³) are used to pump water to the plant, and the other (773 m³) is used exclusively for the fire extinguishing system. There are six other 16 m³ storage tanks in different parts of the plant, and a specific 97 m³ tank for storing treated water before it is discharged into the sewerage system. The water is used for the following activities:

- The water undergoes a reverse osmosis process to be used in the grinding, extrusion, microbiology, and BWI areas. It is finally discharged into the JMAS sewer system, except for grinding, which is discharged into the WWTP.
- Another flow is sent to two cooling towers, from which the purges are sent to the drain.
- The water is used in the clean room humidification system and discharged to the WWTP and/or municipal sewer system.
- The water used in the kitchen first passes through the grease trap and then enters the WWTP.
- Water from toilets: water from sinks is sent to the WWTP, while water from toilets is discharged into the sewer system.
- Other sources of water include treated water obtained from tanker trucks, which is used entirely for irrigation. Drinking water is purchased in bottles and wholly consumed by workers.

Evidence:
1site_water_balance_mapped

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

Comment During the audit, the site presented evidence of its water balance, inflows, losses, storage, and outflows, including an indication of the annual variation in water use rates. It identified a water challenge that poses a threat to the people's water balance. The site presented evidence of an estimate of the maximum and minimum annual variations.

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 good water quality status for people or environment, an indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, high and low variances shall be quantified.* ✔
Yes

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Comment The site obtains almost all of its water from the municipal water department, JMAS (except for drinking water and treated irrigation water in pipes). No permit is required for the supply, and there are no restrictions on the water supplied by JMAS. Water is available 24 hours a day. The site has water quality reports for the period 2021-2024. The sampling points correspond to the water supplied by JMAS. Quality analyses are carried out annually. The site does not identify water quality as a challenge.

Evidence:
 1.3.4 Registro C
 1.3.4 Agua morada
 1.3.4 Registro P1
 1.3.4 Registro P2
 1.3.4 water quality catchment
 Water quality from JMAS

1.3.5 *Potential sources of pollution shall be identified and if applicable, mapped, including chemicals used or stored on site.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site presents as evidence the document "1.3.5 Inventory of Water Points update 2025", which lists all water usage points, including those posing a risk at the site's facilities. Additionally, it lists the substances used at the site.

1.3.6 *On-site Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified and mapped, including a description of their status including Indigenous cultural values.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site does not have any IWRA within facilities.

1.3.7 *Annual water-related costs, revenues, and a description or quantification of the social, cultural, environmental, or economic water-related value generated by the site shall be identified and used to inform the evaluation of the plan in 4.1.2.* ✔
closed

Comment The site includes an analysis of the annual costs associated with water use. The site does not include in its costs the payment of consultants, data collection, technical studies, risk mitigation actions, stakeholder engagement activities, external communications, and personnel, whether they are "one-off" actions or events or operational expenses for the ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and management of water resources. The site does not describe or quantify the social, cultural, environmental, or financial values it generates.

Evidence:
 1.3.7_water_related_costs

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1.3.8 *Levels of access and adequacy of WASH at the site shall be identified.* ✔
Yes

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Comment	<p>The site presents as evidence the document "WASH_Assessment_for_Plant_Independencia_DRAFT_v01_09.17.25".</p> <p>All employees, visitors, and subcontractors have access to drinking water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees, visitors, and subcontractors have access to toilets, handwashing facilities, and tools. • Feminine hygiene products are available to female employees and operational contractors, and disposal facilities are provided in all women's toilets. • Toilets and washing facilities are cleaned frequently and maintained in good condition. • • The facilities comply with federal occupational health and safety regulations, which stipulate in Article 18, Section IX, that toilets for men and women must be installed, as well as clean and safe washbasins for use by workers. <p>The evidence does not explicitly indicate the number of workers and their ratio of female, male, and mixed toilets.</p> <p>However, the degree of satisfaction among workers with WASH services on-site is very high, indicating adequate access.</p>	
1.4	<p><i>Gather data on the site's indirect water use, including: its primary inputs; the water use embedded in the production of those primary inputs the status of the waters at the origin of the inputs (where they can be identified); and water used in out-sourced water-related services.</i></p>	
1.4.1	<p><i>The embedded water use of primary inputs, including quantity, quality and level of water risk within the site's catchment, shall be identified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site presents its list of primary input suppliers, none of which are identified as being within the site's catchment area.</p> <p>Evidence: Embedded_Water_Use_for_Primary_Inputs</p>	
1.4.2	<p><i>The embedded water use of outsourced services shall be identified, and where those services originate within the site's catchment, quantified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site complies with the indicator; its sole service provider is Agua "Ciel". The site provides the provider with information about water usage and characteristics.</p> <p>Evidence: historia de CIEL Cuestionario Proveedores - CIEL 01. HOJA TÉCNICA DE AGUA CIEL ABRIL. 2025 (1)</p>	
1.5	<p><i>Gather water-related data for the catchment, including water governance, water balance, water quality, Important Water-Related Areas, infrastructure, and WASH</i></p>	
1.5.1	<p><i>Water governance initiatives shall be identified, 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.</i></p>	 Yes

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Comment The Site has identified 11 water governance initiatives, including basin plans, water-related public policies, and significant ongoing public initiatives. It has provided brief descriptions of the relevant aspects of each initiative at the river basin level.

Plan Municipal de Desarrollo, Municipio de Juárez 2021-2024.
 State Water Plan 2040 for the State of Chihuahua.
 Municipal Master Plan of Water and Sanitation of Ciudad Juárez 2012-2030.
 Basic information on natural hazards at the municipal level (CENAPRED).
 National development plan 2019-2024.
 Water Agenda 2030.
 National Drought Program: Drought Monitoring.
 National Water Program 2024-2030
 Regional Water Program 2021-2024 Hydrological-Administrative Region VI Rio Bravo.
 Federal Drinking Water and Sanitation Programs, 2024.
 National Program Against Hydraulic Contingencies, 2019

The Site identified more than 50 opportunities for collective action in these initiatives to participate in sustainable water management in the basin.

Evidence:
 1.5.1 Water Governance

1.5.2 *Applicable water-related legal and regulatory requirements shall be identified, including legally-defined and/or stakeholder-verified customary water rights.* ✔ Yes

Comment The Site presents its "Legal Compliance Matrix New 2025" as evidence.

The document, which includes a table listing the legal requirements the site must comply. Description of the requirement, the activity necessary for compliance, and its current status.

The matrix includes not only applicable water-related laws but also all environmental issues. The document "Water-related legal and regulatory applicable" contains laws related to water. In reviewing the legal requirements applicable to the site, none pertain to customary rights.

1.5.3 *The catchment water-balance, and where applicable, scarcity, shall be quantified, including indication of annual, and where appropriate, seasonal, variance.* 🔍 Obs.

Comment According to official information, the water balance of the Bravo-Conchos basin shows a deficit of 1,721 hm³. Similarly, the Upper Bravo subregion shows a deficit of 37.11 hm³. There is no publicly available data detailing seasonal variations in the Bravo-Conchos basin. According to CONAGUA 2022 data, for the Juárez Valley aquifer, the result indicates that there is no volume available to grant new concessions. On the contrary, the deficit is 73.33 hm³ per year, which is extracted at the expense of the aquifer's non-renewable storage. No information was found on seasonal variations in water availability in this aquifer. According to CONAGUA 2022, for the Conejos-Medanos aquifer, the study indicates that there is no volume available to grant new concessions. On the contrary, the deficit is 90.42 hm³ per year, which is extracted at the expense of the aquifer's non-renewable storage. No information was found on seasonal variation in water availability in this aquifer.

Evidence:
 Catchment_water-balance
 Final_J&J_AWS_Assessment__Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p64-74

1.5.4 *Water quality, including physical, chemical, and biological status, of the catchment shall be identified, and where possible, quantified. 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 identified.* ✔ Yes

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Comment According to historical data from CONAGUA for 2012-2023 on the quality of surface water in the Bravo-Conchos, the results show that of the 43 sites sampled and according to the water quality traffic light system, 28% (red) are contaminated with chemical oxygen demand, biochemical oxygen demand, faecal coliforms, dissolved oxygen and toxicity, 9% (yellow) are contaminated with faecal coliforms and 63% (green) are in good or excellent condition. In section 1.5.4, Table 1-28 presents historical CONAGUA data from 2012 to 2023 on the quality of surface water in the municipality of Juárez. According to the results of the physicochemical analyses carried out by JMAS and CONAGUA, in general, in the Conejos-Médanos aquifer, groundwater complies with the requirements established by Mexican Official Standard NOM-127-SSA1-2021 "Water for human use and consumption. Permissible limits for water quality," published in the Official Gazette of the Federation, since the concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS) are less than 1000 ppm in the first 100 metres. In section 1.5.4, Table 1-29 presents CONAGUA's historical data from 2012 to 2023 on groundwater quality in the Valle de Juárez and Conejos-Médanos aquifers. No variations in groundwater quality are identified in the publicly available data. The site presents, as additional evidence, the document that contains information on the water quality of the Rio Grande from 2004 to 2016. This document indicates that the river's water quality is not constant: during the period from 2004 to 2006, it exceeded the permitted limits for BOD, while from 2007 to 2016, it remained below them. On the other hand, the faecal coliform content has remained consistently above the standard during the period from 2004 to 2016.

Evidence:

Final_J&J_AWS_Assessment__Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p74-76
1.3.4 water quality catchment

1.5.5 *Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified, and where appropriate, mapped, and their status assessed including any threats to people or the natural environment, using scientific information and through stakeholder engagement.*


Yes

Comment The Site has provided a list of IWRAs in the basin, identifying six IWRAs in the basin:
- Oriente Chihuahua Park
- Rio Bravo
- Central Park
- El Chamizal Central Public Park
- Ascarate Park
- Médanos de Samalayuca

The site has described its ecological values and their current state in the evidence. A total of 4 IWRAs were identified, of which, according to the relevance classification, 1 is of high level, and 3 are of medium level.

- Neither Site is located within a protected area (national, regional, or local level).
- Only one IWRAs was found adjacent to the Sites' catchment water divide (Médanos de Samalayuca)
- The identified IWRAs provides primarily environmental, social, cultural, and economic value to the area.
- Three parks with economic and recreational significance for the city were found, which have lakes within their facilities (Parque Central, Oriente Central Chamizal).
- The Site is located approximately 18 km from Mexico's largest river, which has significant environmental value.

Evidence:

IWRAs
IWRAs Map
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1.5.6 *Existing and planned water-related infrastructure shall be identified, including condition and potential exposure to extreme events.*


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Comment The site presents as evidence the document "1.5.6 Water Related Infrastructures", which describes, according to JMAS data:

According to JMAS, in Ciudad Juárez, this water is extracted through an infrastructure of 212 deep wells, of which an average of 186 operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They feed 42 storage tanks and reach every corner through 39 pumping stations. The city's hydraulic infrastructure comprises 4,300 km of drinking water piping, serving 476,680 intakes. The depth of the wells ranges from 123 to 390 m below ground surface, with an average of 259 m. Purification and disinfection are integrated through chlorination systems installed in wells and tanks.

The sewerage network operated by JMAS Juárez in 2020 had 4,200 kilometers of sanitary sewage, with diameters ranging from 20 to 244 cm, and 29 backflows to seven sewage treatment plants.

Water infrastructure's exposure to extreme events.

The water risks to which the basin's water infrastructure may be exposed include drought, flooding, and extreme temperatures. These events pose significant threats to the operation and physical integrity of water collection, storage, distribution, and sanitation systems (Water infrastructure).

1.5.7 *The adequacy of available WASH services within the catchment shall be identified.*



Yes

Comment

- According to the Municipal Development Programme of the Juárez City Council, the 2020 Population and Housing Census indicated that there are 446,184 homes with municipal sewerage, equivalent to 99.3% coverage (pp.78).
- In addition, the sewerage network operated by JMAS Juárez in 2020 had 4,200 kilometres of sanitary sewerage, with diameters ranging from 20 to 244 cm, and 29 outflows to seven wastewater treatment plants.

According to the Municipal Development Programme of the municipality of Juárez, the 2020 Population and Housing Census indicated that the municipality's drinking water system reached 438,369 domestic connections, equivalent to 97.6% coverage of the drinking water supply service.

According to the Municipal Development Programme of Juárez, the 2020 Population and Housing Census indicated that there are 446,184 homes with municipal sewerage, equivalent to 99.3% coverage in the city.

The Municipality of Juarez has a total of eight wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) distributed throughout the municipality; seven are activated sludge plants, and one is a stabilization pond plant. These WWTPs are responsible for treating 100% of the wastewater generated in the municipality.

Evidence:

Final_J&J_AWS_Assessment__Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p88-92

1.6 *Understand current and future shared water challenges in the catchment, by linking the water challenges identified by stakeholders with the site's water challenges.*

1.6.1 *Shared water challenges shall be identified and prioritized from the information gathered.*



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Comment The site identifies the following challenges in the watershed:
Water Supply
Increase Water demand
Walidad del agua
Climate change
Water cost
Water Supply and Outsourced Services
Potential future regulation.

The site includes IWRAs as a shared challenge, which is a mistake, as their maintenance and protection are one of the expected outcomes of the standard.

In other challenges, such as water costs, CONAGUA is identified as the associated public sector, which is not true, as the site's water supply comes from JMAS, which is its public sector partner.

The site does not describe the prioritisation procedure.

Evidence:

1.6.1_Water_challenges

1.6.2 *Initiatives to address shared water challenges shall be identified.*



Yes

Comment The Site has identified one initiative to address shared water challenges:

Use of treated water (purple line): To protect the water that Juárez has for its consumption and basic needs, the Municipal Board of Water and Sanitation (JMAS) has the "Purple Line" project (treated water), which transports water that is not potable, for the irrigation of parks and use in toilets.

The site has implemented one additional measure that I have not included in the evidence: the collection and infiltration of rainwater.

Evidence:

1.6.2_initiatives_to_address_water_challenges

1.7 *Understand the site's water risks and opportunities: Assess and prioritize the water risks and opportunities affecting the site based upon the status of the site, existing risk management plans and/or the issues and future risk trends identified in 1.6.*

1.7.1 *Water risks faced by the site shall be identified, and prioritized, including likelihood and severity of impact within a given timeframe, potential costs and business impact.*



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Comment The Site has identified and prioritised water-related risks.

Water of available water (groundwater) and climate change.
 Water Quality. Sampling of bottled water at the fountains was conducted for only four parameters, not all the parameters requested in NOM-201-SSA1-2015. Sustainable site water balance unavailable or unclear. The Site has 29 meters installed; however, some meters are not registering data. To perform the water balance, some estimations were made in combination with the meter data. Reliance on estimated evaporation and loss data may introduce uncertainty about the actual water usage. The dependence on estimated data for wastewater discharge directly to the sewer introduces uncertainty about the actual water usage.
 Water Costs. The site's water-related costs have increased over the past three years.
 Water Supply and Outsourced Services. The Site purchases bottled jugs of potable water from Ciel (Coca-Cola Company) for J&J staff consumption; the ultimate source is the Valle de Juarez and Conejos-Médanos aquifers through JMAS, and the wastewater discharge is unknown for Ciel. The Site also purchases treated water for irrigation.
 Potential Future Regulation. This is a proposal from Congress for the General Water Law. The past administration developed it, and there is now no certainty that the new government will approve it. If approved, it will regulate the comprehensive management of national waters to ensure equitable and sustainable access and use of water resources.
 Stakeholder Engagement, the site identifies it as a reputational risk. The development of a comprehensive external stakeholder engagement plan would meet best management practices for effective water governance.
 The site identifies the probability and severity of the impact, with potential costs and the effect on the business.

Evidence:
 1.7.1_Identify_and_prioritize_water_risks

1.7.2 *Water-related opportunities shall be identified, including how the site may participate, assessment and prioritization of potential savings, and business opportunities.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site identifies three opportunities for improvement related to water:

Independencia Soccer Field watering. Salvarcar Water treatment plant to provide Independence plant water for the soccer fields
 Cooling Tower replacement. Replace obsolete equipment.
 Gray water re-use. use the handwash gray water for irrigation.

The site identifies the probability and severity of the impact, with potential costs and the effect on the business.

Evidence:
 1.7.2_water_related_opportunities

1.8 *Understand best practice towards achieving AWS outcomes: Determining sectoral best practices having a local/catchment, regional, or national relevance.*

1.8.1 *Relevant catchment best practice for water governance shall be identified.* ✔
Yes

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Comment	<p>The site identifies seven best practices related to water governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A designated Site water stewardship owner. - A comprehensive water stewardship plan that is routinely reviewed and updated. - The Water Stewardship program is sponsored by a member of the plant leadership team. - Reforestation activities in different areas of the city and the cleaning of rivers and parks. - Each plant understands the key basin stakeholders, has a system in place to monitor water stewardship policies, and engages as appropriate. - Engaging with peer plants and stakeholders to promote water stewardship. - Communicating the plant's water stewardship commitment to set a leading example to others. <p>Evidence: 1.8.1_relevant_catchment_best_practices Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025</p>	
1.8.2	<p><i>Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for water balance (either through water efficiency or less total water use) shall be identified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies 14 best practices related to water balance in the basin, some of which are presented below: Detailed water maps exist and are updated annually or with major changes to the Site water system. Meters are installed at water sources, discharges, and major water user locations. Site tracks its water costs. The site annually assesses current best available technologies and reapplication projects for utility, cleaning, and sanitization systems. The Sustainability Water Project Action Plan is written and updated annually. Evaluate the installation/expansion of Rainwater capture and reuse. Employee education programs are established and deployed annually. Basin Water Replenishment.</p> <p>Evidence: Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025</p>	
1.8.3	<p><i>Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for water quality shall be identified, including rationale for data source.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies four best practices related to water quality:</p> <p>Plant water systems are designed and maintained. Plant systems are designed and maintained for spill protection. The plant has a system in place for ongoing monitoring of groundwater supply. This applies only to Sites whose water supply is groundwater. Any J&J Site involved in the production or formulation of APIs (including antibiotics) needs to be able to assess its operations relating to the management of its API discharges to the environment and conduct necessary remediation of identified issues. The last best practice is unclear about why it is a water-related best practice.</p> <p>Evidence: Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p124</p>	
1.8.4	<p><i>Relevant catchment best practice for site maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas shall be identified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies three best practices related to IWRAs: Support maintenance of off-site IWRAs in good condition. Support the restoration of off-site IWRAs and endemic tree species. Maintenance of green areas.</p> <p>Evidence: Final J&J_AWS Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p125</p>	

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1.8.5	<i>Relevant sector and/or catchment best practice for site provision of equitable and adequate WASH services shall be identified.</i>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies six best practices for WASH in the basin and on the site. Annually, the WASH survey should be completed, and outages addressed. Compliance with local and national WASH laws/regulations for all permanent workplace facilities.</p> <p>Policies and procedures for WASH on-site.</p> <p>Availability of sufficient, free, physically accessible drinking water.</p> <p>Site facilities are clean and appropriately disinfected.</p> <p>Support off-site provision of equitable and adequate WASH services.</p> <p>Evidence: Final J&J_AWS Assessment_ Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p</p>	

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2 STEP 2: COMMIT & PLAN - Commit to be a responsible water steward and develop a Water Stewardship Plan	
2.1	<p><i>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.</i></p>
2.1.1	<p><i>A signed and publicly disclosed site statement OR organizational document shall be identified. The statement or document shall include the following commitments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>That the site will implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to achieve improvements in AWS water stewardship outcomes</i> - <i>That the site implementation will be aligned to and in support of existing catchment sustainability plans</i> - <i>That the site's stakeholders will be engaged in an open and transparent way</i> - <i>That the site will allocate resources to implement the Standard.</i>
Comment	<p>The site presents as evidence the document "Commitment_letter" and corporate documents related to its commitment to the environment and human health, as well as its environmental credo.</p> <p>All documents are published on the corporate page of the site, except for the letter with the indicator requirements.</p> <p>The letter complies with the indicator's requirements regarding the site's commitment to sustainable water management and the AWS standard.</p> <p>Evidence: Our_Credo_Powerpoint_Slides 2.0 Carta compromiso johnson-johnson-2024-health-for-humanity-report position-on-environmental-stewardship-jul2025</p>
2.2	<p><i>Develop and document a process to achieve and maintain legal and regulatory compliance.</i></p>
2.2.1	<p><i>The system to maintain compliance obligations for water and wastewater management shall be identified, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Identification of responsible persons/positions within facility organizational structure</i> - <i>Process for submissions to regulatory agencies.</i>

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Yes

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Comment The site presents, as evidence, the document "Legal Compliance Matrix New 2025", which identifies the applicable legal requirements and the procedures implemented to comply with them in a timely manner.
 The document has several pages identifying the legal requirements and their monitoring. In addition, the site presents its procedure "CP0201AB requerimientos legales," whose purpose is:
 To identify roles and responsibilities for maintaining compliance and periodic evaluation of all legal and other requirements applicable to the Juárez plant.
 Identify and document the legal and other non-regulatory environmental, health (understanding health to be within the scope of the EHS department, without interfering in topics under the responsibility of the GHS department), and safety requirements to which the Juárez plant is subject.
 Communicate those laws, regulations, and other environmental, health, and safety requirements to Juárez Plant employees, as well as to contractors working for or on behalf of the Juárez plant, who are involved in complying with the requirements as mentioned above.
 Ensure that the legal and other EHS requirements applicable to the Juárez plant are considered in the implementation and maintenance of the Environmental Management System.

2.3 *Create a water stewardship strategy and plan including addressing risks (to and from the site), shared catchment water challenges, and opportunities.*

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.*



Comment The site indicates that:

- Johnson & Johnson's Credo and Health for Humanity describes J&J's official corporate citizenship and sustainability approach.
- In addition, Johnson & Johnson released its Health for Humanity 2025 Goals and Independencia environmental goals 2025.
- The latest update from July 2025 on J&J's Position on Environmental Stewardship mentions the following regarding water objectives.
- Water stewardship The site works to improve water efficiency across all its operations by reducing water demand, increasing water reuse, and prioritising water management measures using a risk-based approach that takes into account the specific water risks of each location around the world. These measures include improvements and innovations in manufacturing and engineering, including:
 - Upgrading chillers, HVAC installations, and water treatment utilities to the most water-efficient options;
 - Applying alternative technologies for cooling towers to reduce water dependence;
 - Installing rainwater capture systems to augment non-manufacturing water supplies;
 - Applying leak detection technologies to support elimination of leaks; and
 - Designing manufacturing product cycles for water re-use.

The site's mission and vision were identified at the premises:

Mission: To provide hope to patients by delivering the highest quality, a world-class End to End supply chain committed to superior surgical outcomes.

Visión: To be best-in-class manufacturing advance instrumentation facility committed to perfecting employee experience.

Evidence:
 2.3.1 water stewardship strategy
 Misión visión

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2.3.2 *A water stewardship plan shall be identified, 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
- 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.

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Comment The site presents the document "Independencia_ Water_ Stewardship_ Action_ Plan_ 2021 & 2025", which is its WSP. The document's structure is heavily laden with topics not required by the indicator.

According to the site staff, column J "Planned action" corresponds to their objectives, which have a number at the beginning that relates directly to the numbers in column N "Completion indicator".

The plan contains 20 objectives covering the five expected outcomes of the AWS standard.

The WSP indicates for each objective:
How it will be measured and monitored;

- The measures to achieve and maintain it
- The expected timeframes for achieving it;
- The financial budgets allocated to the actions;
- The positions of those responsible for the actions and for achieving the objectives; and
- It takes into account the relationship between each objective and the achievement of best practices for addressing shared water challenges and AWS outcomes.

2.4 *Demonstrate the site's responsiveness and resilience to respond to water risks*

2.4.1 *A plan to mitigate or adapt to identified water risks developed in co-ordination with relevant public-sector and infrastructure agencies shall be identified.*

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Yes

Comment The site presents its procedure "WE0761V", which contains its emergency management plan, the purpose of which is:

To ensure that the Juárez plant has procedures in place to identify, prevent, mitigate, and respond to potential emergencies.

To establish a proactive approach to the prevention of emergency conditions or situations.

Ensure that the emergency procedures developed are appropriate, adequate, and effective when simulated exercises are carried out.

Ensure that the risk to the Juárez plant (internal and external) is adequately addressed.

Ensure that external emergency support contacts are in place.

Establish an organised emergency action plan for the Juárez plant facilities.

The site includes approval of the internal civil protection programme.

Evidence:
PC EES APROBADO
WE0761V

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3 STEP 3: IMPLEMENT - Implement the site's stewardship plan and improve impacts	
3.1	<i>Implement plan to participate positively in catchment governance.</i>
3.1.1	<i>Evidence that the site has supported good catchment governance shall be identified.</i> ✔ Yes
Comment	<p>The Site should describe how it has supported or contributed to good catchment governance. For example, it may have engaged with relevant authorities and demonstrated support for improved water governance and water management programmes, like the purple line for the reuse of treated water.</p> <p>Participation with stakeholders in reforestation projects in parks such as Chamizal and clean-up efforts along the banks of the Rio Bravo.</p> <p>Artificial recharge systems in green areas near your facilities.</p> <p>During the audit, JMAS staff were interviewed and indicated the site's interest and involvement in water management.</p> <p>Evidence: JMAS interview team Reunion_JMAS VISITA LAVANDERIA LA FRANCESA 2024 donacion Ethicon Cuestionario Proveedores - CIEL Carta compromiso JMAS comunicacion JMAS Lic Nevarez 06.24.22</p>
3.1.2	<i>Measures identified to respect the water rights of others including Indigenous peoples, that are not part of 3.2 shall be implemented.</i> ✔ Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies that it respects the rights of others to water through the implementation of its Credo, its Health for Humanity statement, and its environmental position.</p> <p>Evidence: Our_Credo_Spanish position-on-environmental-stewardship-jul2025 Johnson-Johnson-Health-for-Humanity-2020-Goals</p>
3.2	<i>Implement system to comply with water-related legal and regulatory requirements and respect water rights.</i>
3.2.1	<i>A process to verify full legal and regulatory compliance shall be implemented.</i> ✔ Yes
Comment	<p>During the audit, the site presented evidence of water payments that it did not include in the evidence; it also presented its legal compliance matrix and its procedure for complying with legal requirements.</p> <p>Evidence: Legal Compliance Matrix New 2025 Water-related_legal_and_regulatory_applicable CP0201AB requerimientos legales</p>
3.2.2	<i>Where water rights are part of legal and regulatory requirements, measures identified to respect the water rights of others including Indigenous peoples, shall be implemented.</i> ✔ Yes

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Comment The site identifies that, during the review of the requirements applicable to the site, it was established that those responsible for compliance with rights related to access to water are the responsibility of the Mexican State, and that, as there are no fines or warnings on this issue, they assume that it is not limiting other people's access to water.

It also presents document "3.2.2 Indigenous people", which states:
Periodic verifications and internal audits are carried out to ensure complying with legal and regulatory requirements, respecting the water rights of others, including Indigenous peoples. The Sites have a regulatory matrix to follow-up on compliance matters.
According to the 2020 census of population and housing of the National Institute of Statistic and Geography (INEGI), there are indigenous community located within Chihuahua[1]. Within the Rio Bravo Basin, the presence of mainly Tarahumara and northern Tepehuanos is observed. Outside the physical reach of the site.

3.3 *Implement plan to achieve site water balance targets.*

3.3.1 *Status of progress towards meeting water balance targets set in the water stewardship plan shall be identified.*



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Comment	<p>The site presents its Water Stewardship Plan as evidence. The document includes a specific section on progress towards the planned objectives. Progress is measured quarterly and indicates the site's performance relative to the planned schedule.</p> <p>The site in its WSP includes 16 objectives related to water balance in the basin and the site:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Obtain certification (AWS). 2) Connection/contracting to the purple line of JMAS 3) Reduce by 2% the total potable water entering the plant for the period January 1-December 31, 2025. 4) To contract the service of purified water with quaternary treatment for use in the cooling towers. 5) Remodeling of sanitary facilities that do not yet have low water consumption technology. 6) Perform a cost-benefit evaluation to analyze the possibility of changing the cooling towers (open to closed). 7) Investigate if there is a softener on the market whose % of backwash water is lower than the current one. 8) Evaluate change green areas, soccer field, etc. 9) Make campaigns to the community about J&J's good water practices. 10) Commit to the sustainability project of the JMAS (aquifer recharge). 11) Develop a maintenance plan of water meters . 12) Improve the system for monitoring and recording the volume of water from each of the installed meters (Automation). 13) Install the key meters in missing areas (Independencia: discharged point 3 JMAS, INC, CM1, CM2, Gray water). The water balance map indicates where the future meters will be located. 14) Refine the water balance/ with the new meters / establish trends of the different uses. 15)Check with the suppliers so that at the time of service the actual volume being removed from the grease trap is measured. <p>The objectives: objectives 5 to 16 are less than 25% complete, so no evidence of progress was presented.</p> <p>Progress was reported on objectives 1 and 3, while evidence of progress on objective 4 remained pending.</p> <p>Evidence: site_water_balance_mapped Independencia_ Water_Stewardship_Action_Plan_2021 & 2025 Estatus Medidores Oct 10 2025 Enviro Data 2012-2025 by hours worked proposed Environmental Scorecard Septiembre 2017 (1) Carta_compromiso_JMAS_agua_morada</p>	
3.3.2	<p><i>Where water scarcity is a shared water challenge, annual targets to improve the site's water use efficiency, or if practical and applicable, reduce volumetric total use shall be implemented.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site has the following objective within its WSP: - Reduce by 2% the total potable water entering the plant for the period January 1-December 31, 2025.</p>	
3.3.3	<p><i>Legally-binding documentation, if applicable, for the re-allocation of water to social, cultural or environmental needs shall be identified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>In its review of the legal requirements applicable to the site, the site did not identify any law or regulation applicable to the relocation of water rights.</p>	
3.4	<p><i>Implement plan to achieve site water quality targets</i></p>	

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3.4.1	<i>Status of progress towards meeting water quality targets set in the water stewardship plan shall be identified.</i>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site includes two objectives related to water quality in the basin and the site:</p> <p>1) Commit to the sustainability project of the JMAS (aquifer recharge) continuing to maintain parameters within discharge limits to sewer established in the discharge limit. The site indicates that this objective is 75% complete, presenting as evidence analyses of wastewater discharges in sump pump C, P, and P2</p> <p>2) Request from JMAS information on the treatment train of the north WWTP.</p> <p>Evidence: Visita a JMAS Independencia_ Water_ Stewardship_ Action_ Plan_ 2021 & 2025 Registro C Registro P Registro P2</p>	
3.4.2	<i>Where water quality is a shared water challenge, continual improvement to achieve best practice for the site's effluent shall be identified and where applicable, quantified.</i>	 Yes
Comment	<p>During the site tour, it was identified that there is no WWTP, but the point of greatest pollutant load is the grease trap in the dining room. To avoid exceeding the permitted parameters, the trap is emptied 3 to 4 times a week.</p> <p>Evidence: 3.4.2 COTEJO DE SERVICIOS AGOSTO-SEPTIEMBRE 2025 1.3.4 Registro P2 1.3.4 Registro C 1.3.4 Registro P1</p>	
3.5	<i>Implement plan to maintain or improve the site's and/or catchment's Important Water-Related Areas.</i>	
3.5.1	<i>Practices set in the water stewardship plan to maintain and/or enhance the site's Important Water-Related Areas shall be implemented.</i>	 Obs.
Comment	<p>The site includes two best practices related to IWRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request from JMAS information on the treatment train of the north WWTP. (the ptar discharges its waters into the Rio Bravo, the main IWRA in the basin, but the description of the implementation of the objective does not describe an improvement or protection of the IWRA.) - Search for NGOs to work in the reforestation of the watershed. <p>The site indicates in its base document that it carries out the following actions related to IWRAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Site supported a Bravo River cleanup project (Rotary club) by providing financial resources and personnel staff. <p>The site does not include this action in its sustainable management plan, even though its description indicates it was scheduled and carried out in Chamizal Park and along the banks of the Rio Bravo. (During the visit to Chimzal Park, staff from the Fondo Unido Association highlighted the actions carried out by the site.</p> <p>Evidence: Independencia_ Water_ Stewardship_ Action_ Plan_ 2021 & 2025 Fotos_donación_de_arboles Reforestacion_julio_2025</p>	

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3.6	<i>Implement plan to provide access to safe drinking water, effective sanitation, and protective hygiene (WASH) for all workers at all premises under the site's control.</i>	
3.6.1	<i>Evidence of the site's provision of adequate access to safe drinking water, effective sanitation, and protective hygiene (WASH) for all workers onsite shall be identified and where applicable, quantified.</i>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The Site conducts a detailed assessment of access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate if Ethicon provides access to drinking water and sanitation facilities in terms of coverage, availability • Evaluate Ethicon hygiene practices, knowledge, and infrastructure (hand washing, water management, and waste disposal). • Evaluate aspects related to WASH for the value and supply chain, and the community • Provide recommendations based on the findings to improve access to WASH services in the population. <p>Evidence: WASH_Assessment_for_Plant_Independencia_DRAFT_v01_09.17.25</p>	
3.6.2	<i>Evidence that the site is not impinging on the human right to safe water and sanitation of communities through their operations, and 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.</i>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site states that its operations do not affect the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation for communities. No complaints have been received from the community, nor have regulatory bodies imposed any sanctions that would prevent us from using or rationing water.</p> <p>There are no indigenous communities within the Alto Bravo catchment.</p> <p>Evidence: Final_WASH_Assessment_for_Plant_Salvarcar p141</p>	
3.7	<i>Implement plan to maintain or improve indirect water use within the catchment:</i>	
3.7.1	<i>Evidence that indirect water use targets set in the water stewardship plan, as applicable, have been met shall be quantified.</i>	 Obs.
Comment	<p>The site includes two objectives related to indirect water use in its WSP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Find out from the supplier if the address is where the raw material is produced or just a distribution center. 2) Continue the relationship with suppliers so that they provide information on their water consumption to produce raw materials. <p>Both objectives are only 5% complete.</p> <p>In 1.4.1, it was identified that none of its input suppliers applied to this concept. Only the laundry service provider applies to assess indirect water use.</p>	
3.7.2	<i>Evidence of engagement with suppliers and service 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.</i>	 Yes

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Comment	<p>The site provides evidence that it has consulted its laundry service provider regarding the volume of water used to wash the gowns it sent to the service provider. It also addresses other issues related to sustainable water management in the basin.</p> <p>Evidence: VISITA LAVANDERIA LA FRANCESA 2024 Cuestionario Proveedores - Lavandería La Francesa</p>	
3.8	<p><i>Implement plan to engage with and notify the owners of any shared water-related infrastructure of any concerns the site may have.</i></p>	
3.8.1	<p><i>Evidence of engagement, and the key messages relayed with confirmation of receipt, shall be identified.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site maintains constant communication with its water service provider, covering issues ranging from concerns about the reliability of the water supply to drainage and sanitation services. The site has also participated in the Línea Morada programme, which promotes the use of treated water in industry.</p> <p>Evidence: Encuesta_para_Stakeholders_externos_-_JMAS Reunion_JMAS visita_JMAS_2 Entrevista_JMAS Carta compromiso JMAS</p>	
3.9	<p><i>Implement actions to achieve best practice towards AWS outcomes: continually improve towards achieving sectoral best practice having a local/catchment, regional, or national relevance.</i></p>	
3.9.1	<p><i>Actions towards achieving best practice, related to water governance, as applicable, shall be implemented.</i></p>	 Yes
Comment	<p>The site identifies several best governance practices, such as designating specific personnel to develop actions to advance the site's WSP. These personnel were responsible for presenting evidence during the audit.</p> <p>The site includes evidence of best practices in the basin, such as: Stakeholders are identified (government, suppliers, users, and communities). There is permanent communication with JMAS.</p> <p>The site works together with the Independence and Horizons plants on water-related issues, shares best practices, and supports each other's environmental management areas.</p> <p>The site does not include best practices in water governance that it has already implemented, such as IWRA's reforestation and cleanup actions in the basin. An email was sent to interested parties (suppliers and neighboring industries) with an informative note regarding the actions J&J is taking to improve the watershed.</p> <p>Evidence: Final_J&J_AWS_Assessment_Salvarcar_26-09-2025_p144-146 Encuesta_para_Stakeholders_externos_prysa_lavanderia</p>	
3.9.2	<p><i>Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of water balance shall be implemented.</i></p>	 Yes

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Comment The site's base document indicates that gaps and future trends were identified in 2021.

- As a result of this exercise, the need to install meters in strategic areas of the Site was identified and included in the 2021 action plan171. As a result, 27 meters were installed in strategic areas.
- For the years 2021 to 2023, the water balance was carried out with estimates, then in 2024, the Site installed water flow meters and reduced uncertainties about the water imbalance. The site presents additional evidence on best practices for the site's and the basin's water balance, including agreements and meetings held with JMAS, such as the Morada line and the new WWTP project.

The site also has an internal water reuse project.
Aquifer recharge.

Evidence:
Reunion_JMAS
visita_JMAS_2

3.9.3 *Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of water quality shall be implemented.* ✔ Yes

Comment The site complies with the implementation of best practices and provides a list of the best practices implemented:

- . Such as monitoring drinking water, wastewater, and grease-trap cleaning.
- Currently, water discharges comply with the discharge limits.
- The Site supported a Bravo River cleanup project (Rotary club) by providing financial resources and personnel staff.

3.9.4 *Actions towards achieving best practice, related to targets in terms of the site's maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas shall be implemented.* ✔ Yes

Comment The site implemented best practices related to IWRAs:

- The Site supported a Bravo River cleanup project (Rotary club) by providing financial resources and personnel staff.
- The Site supported a reforestation project in 2025 by donating endemic species of trees.

Evidence:
Reforestacion_julio_2025 (During the audit, the reforested area was visited.)
Final_J&J_AWS_Assessment__Salvarcar_26-09-2025 p 147

3.9.5 *Actions towards achieving best practice related to targets in terms of WASH shall be implemented.* 🔍 Obs.

Comment he site indicates that it implemented WASH best practices.

- Evaluate if J&J provides access to drinking water and sanitation facilities in terms of coverage, availability
- Evaluate J&J hygiene practices, knowledge, and infrastructure (hand washing, water management, and waste disposal).
- Evaluate aspects related to WASH for the value and supply chain, and the community.

Provide recommendations based on the findings to improve access to WASH services in the population. The site does not provide evidence of its implementation.
The site does not have best practices for WASH in the watershed implemented.

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4 STEP 4: EVALUATE - Evaluate the site's performance.	
4.1	<i>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.</i>
4.1.1	<i>Performance against targets in the site's water stewardship plan and the contribution to achieving water stewardship outcomes shall be evaluated.</i>
Comment	The site presents its WSP as evidence; the plan does not describe the achievement of the expected results of the standard.
	Finding No: TNR-021450
4.1.2	<i>Value creation resulting from the water stewardship plan shall be evaluated.</i>
Comment	The site presents in its WSP a list of the actions implemented and the costs related to water; it includes project costs and the implementation of actions in the basin; it identifies a cost-benefit ratio. The R column shows the costs, the S column describes the actions, services, or inputs to which the expenses will be applied, and the AB and AC columns describe the cost-benefit ratio.
4.1.3	<i>The shared value benefits in the catchment shall be identified and where applicable, quantified.</i>
Comment	The site's WSP includes, in the AD column of the plan, an estimate of the benefits of shared values in the basin. The description of the benefits is generic and qualitative, and is often expected rather than actual. For example, the number of trees planted during reforestation. Volume of water saved. Number of stakeholders participating in collective action. Type of stakeholders
	Finding No: TNR-021451
4.2	<i>Evaluate the impacts of water-related emergency incidents (including extreme events), if any occurred, and determine the effectiveness of corrective and preventative measures.</i>
4.2.1	<i>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 mitigations against future incidents shall be identified.</i>
Comment	The site indicates that there were no incidents during the last year.
4.3	<i>Evaluate stakeholders' consultation feedback regarding the site's water stewardship performance, including the effectiveness of the site's engagement process.</i>
4.3.1	<i>Consultation efforts with stakeholders on the site's water stewardship performance shall be identified.</i>

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Comment The site has a survey ready to gather feedback from stakeholders:
The site features a survey with responses from stakeholders on the site's performance in relation to sustainable water management in the basin.
Evidence:
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 2
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 1
Future survey for external stakeholders

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 identified.*



closed

Comment The site presents the changes to its 2021 plan and the lessons learned. The changes are evident between the plans, but they are not clearly identified.

Evidence:
Independencia_ Water_ Stewardship_ Action_ Plan_ 2021 & 2025

Finding No: TNR-022552

Audit Number: AO-001810

5 STEP 5: COMMUNICATE & DISCLOSE - Communicate about water stewardship and disclose the site's stewardship efforts	
5.1	<i>Disclose water-related internal governance of the site's management, including the positions of those accountable for legal compliance with water-related local laws and regulations.</i>
5.1.1	<i>The site's water-related internal governance, including positions of those accountable for compliance with water-related laws and regulations shall be disclosed.</i>
Comment	The site presents the document "johnson-johnson-2024-health-for-humanity-report". The evidence includes internal governance at the corporate level, as well as the positions of those responsible for laws and regulations. The document is publicly available. Evidence: johnson-johnson-2024-health-for-humanity-report https://healthforhumanityreport.jnj.com/2024/5.2
5.2	<i>Communicate the water stewardship plan with relevant stakeholders.</i>
5.2.1	<i>The water stewardship plan, including how the water stewardship plan contributes to AWS Standard outcomes, shall be communicated to relevant stakeholders.</i>
Comment	The site does not provide evidence that it has communicated its WSP to relevant stakeholders. The site presents the document "5.2.1_Communication_to_relevant_stakeholders_September_2025_v1", which contains two slides related to the AWS standard but does not include information about the site's WSP or how it was communicated to relevant stakeholders. Finding No: TNR-021452
5.3	<i>Disclose annual site water stewardship summary, including: the relevant information about the site's annual water stewardship performance and results against the site's targets.</i>
5.3.1	<i>A summary of the site's water stewardship performance, including quantified performance against targets, shall be disclosed annually at a minimum.</i>
Comment	The site provides evidence of communicating some results to stakeholders, but does not evaluate them against its objectives. The site has held meetings with stakeholders in which it has described its interests and actions for sustainable water management. Evidence: Comunicacion_partes_interesadas_AWS. Oficio Municipio Pozos de absorción. visita_JMAS_2 FW AWS JMAS Carta_compromiso_JMAS_agua_morada Finding No: TNR-022499
5.4	<i>Disclose efforts to collectively address shared water challenges, including: associated efforts to address the challenges; engagement with stakeholders; and co-ordination with public-sector agencies.</i>
5.4.1	<i>The site's shared water-related challenges and efforts made to address these challenges shall be disclosed.</i>

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Comment The site has raised awareness of its shared water challenges and the efforts to address them.

Evidence:
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 2
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 1
Future survey for external stakeholders
visita_JMAS_2
FW AWS JMAS
Carta_compromiso_JMAS_agua_morada

5.4.2 *Efforts made by the site to engage stakeholders and coordinate and support public-sector agencies shall be identified.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site presents evidence of efforts made to involve stakeholders in water management in the basin, both with stakeholders and government entities.

Evidence:
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 2
Future survey for external stakeholders TPI Sheet 1
Future survey for external stakeholders
visita_JMAS_2
FW AWS JMAS
Carta_compromiso_JMAS_agua_morada

5.5 *Communicate transparency in water-related compliance: make any site water-related compliance violations available upon request as well as any corrective actions the site has taken to prevent future occurrences.*

5.5.1 *Any site water-related compliance violations and associated corrections shall be disclosed.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site indicates that it has not had any incidents related to water.

5.5.2 *Necessary corrective actions taken by the site to prevent future occurrences shall be disclosed if applicable.* ✔
Yes

Comment The site indicates that it has not had any incidents related to water.

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

Comment The site indicates that it has not had any incidents related to water.

Previous Findings

All non-conformities raised in the previous audit have been satisfactorily closed. ↓
N/A