

Ameren Water Policy

Ameren is committed to protecting our natural resources, including reducing our water use and returning clean water to our environment. Water is a shared resource and we strive to uphold environmental standards and reduce our reliance on this critical resource in order to protect it for future generations.

Though our facilities are geographically situated in an area of ample water supply, we understand the implications of climate change on water stress. We rely on large quantities of fresh surface water from local rivers for power generation at our hydroelectric energy centers, as well as for cooling purposes at our coal and nuclear fueled energy centers. Consistent with our regulatory obligations, we strive to minimize impact on water ecosystems and habitats. Almost all of the water we withdraw for operations is returned back to the environment from where it came, and only a small fraction of water is evaporated during these processes.

Water we discharge back to the environment complies with environmental permitting requirements, and we plan to significantly reduce our use of water as we transition to increased low- and no-carbon generation, primarily through the retirement of our coal-fired energy centers.

We will implement this policy through the following actions:

- Assess water resource resiliency to understand how climate change may affect water resources and consistent water availability.
- Reduce water use in accordance with our water reduction targets.
- Track and publicly report on water use in our generation operations.
- Consider water management practices in our planning and decision-making processes and identify improvement opportunities, such as implementing water conservation and efficiency technologies in our facilities, where feasible.
- Provide co-workers adequate access to water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in the workplace.
- Engage with stakeholders on water-related issues, including government and businesses when feasible.
- Comply with applicable laws and regulations and monitor impacts to water quality from operations in accordance with Ameren's Environmental Policy.
- Periodically review and update the Water Policy.