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## Subject: Veolia Water Projects Limited Drought Plan Announcement and Security Statement

We have been authorised to publish our draft Drought Management Plan for public consultation. The plan contains no sensitive information in relation to national security and has not been redacted.

Drought management plans are a statutory requirement for all water companies as prescribed under Section 39B of the Water Industry Act 1991 (WIA) and as introduced by the Water Act 2003.

The overall objective of this document is to establish a comprehensive set of plans and procedures that define the process for managing any potential drought conditions.

This will be achieved by:

- Being prepared for drought at any time and having a plan ready to deal with it via effective monitoring.
- Identifying the onset of drought and mobilising additional resources.
- Assessing drought duration and severity and the impact on water available to our customers.
- Minimising environmental impact of drought by optimising the use of our resources.
- Implementing measures to reduce the demand for water or increasing capacity of our assets to maintain security of supplies. The actions will become more strenuous as drought deepens and lengthens.
- Acting and communicating with customers and other stakeholders in partnership.

The final plan will be issued by March 2022 after the consultation period and final review of the draft. The plan will be reviewed regularly and any changes will be communicated.

A revised plan will be produced within five years from the date of the publication of this plan.

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