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CASE STUDY

# AWS strengthens environmental compliance & assessment

## 01 The Project

At AWS, we're committed to providing wholesome water to our customers and managing the treatment of wastewater, with a focus on protecting the environment. It is essential for AWS when working with partners on our sites that we have confidence that they hold the same care & respect when it comes for caring for the environment as we do.

Our Procurement & Asset Compliance teams recently undertook a review of our Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) for onboarding new suppliers.

Focusing on improving environmental compliance and stewardship, the teams have developed a new rigorous assessment for new supply chain partners.

This enhanced criteria, builds on AWS existing PQQ environmental assessment and provides AWS with a broad picture of how suppliers create, manage and dispose of waste produced.

This evaluation requires suppliers to provide an evidenced approach on carbon and waste reduction polices along with how they manage ecological impact.

### TOPIC

Environmental compliance & working with suppliers.

### AIM OF THE PROJECT

The aim of this project was to build further rigorous assessment into our onboarding process for new suppliers.

This project was particularly targeted on environmental compliance & stewardship. It is crucial for AWS, that our supply chain partners hold the same care, respect, and values when it comes for caring for the environment when working with us on sites we maintain.



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A scoring system has been developed to suitably assess Environmental Compliance including:

- Governance
- Waste Management
- Handling Hazardous Substances
- Ecological Compliance
- Sustainability

The new Environmental evaluation guide within our PQQ, looks for the supplier to provide relevant documents, in-date policies, and accreditations.

The assessment also asks for descriptive answers rather than a “yes” or “no” so suppliers can elaborate on their future plans for environmental responsibility and stewardship.



This new PQQ process was rolled out recently and we have already onboarded a new supplier using this more detailed evaluation. Our Asset Compliance team & Procurement team are currently developing a plan to ensure that our existing suppliers over time, will be required to elaborate on the new PQQ questions so that we have an overall outlook on all our suppliers and their Environmental approach and commitments.

## 02 What's AWS doing about its own environmental impact?

As a business, our Asset Compliance team are working hard behind the scenes. We are already monitoring our own carbon footprint and continue to look at ways to off-set with environmentally friendly solutions on any work we do.

We are building our waste hierarchy, and this looks at all aspects of waste we produce, how much in weight, how much it costs, the frequency of removal and the disposal method – the aim of this is to ensure that we are able to explore all opportunities to reduce the waste in the first instance and recycle and re-use where applicable.