5 things you need to know about the new GRI 303: Water and Effluents reporting standard

1. Holistic framework for measuring water use and the associated impacts in direct operations and across the value chain, with emphasis on context-based metrics and areas with water stress.

2. Expanded management approach to capture how water is managed as a shared resource and the impacts on local communities.

3. Content on water discharge incorporated into the standard to understand the water balance and provide full picture of water use impacts, from withdrawal to consumption and discharge.

4. Basis in the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal #6: Clean Water and Sanitation, providing a global standard to respond to the global water crisis and report on the SDG targets.

5. Developed together with the leading organizations in water stewardship, as well as business, investors, civil society, and international and governmental institutions.

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