



TVA-POL-05.001

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***Executive Policy***  
**Water Supply Practices & Interbasin Water Transfers**

**Policy Statement**

TVA manages an integrated river system for multiple uses while striving to provide clean and sufficient water for the Tennessee Valley's needs and promoting the responsible management of land, water, and natural resources. TVA will consider the potential environmental impacts of requests for interbasin water transfers through actions taken to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TVA is committed to maintaining an open dialogue with Tennessee Valley states, including advising states of significant interbasin water transfer requests and providing opportunity for comment. TVA will recover the annual financial impacts to ratepayers resulting from the interbasin transfer of water out of Tennessee River basin and outside of TVA's power service area.

**Policy Intent**

TVA must maintain its ability to meet its fundamental responsibilities for flood control, commercial navigation, and power production while protecting water quality and accommodating the increase demands created by recreational and residential growth. This policy is intended to communicate that the process for preparing environmental reviews under NEPA is effective in evaluating interbasin water transfer requests. When identifying an appropriate level of review, TVA staff will consider the comments/responses received from states on the proposed interbasin water transfer. The NEPA review will document impacts of the proposed interbasin water transfer on the overall river system, including individual as well as cumulative impacts.

**Applicability**

This policy applies to TVA employees and contractors involved in interbasin water transfer requests.

**Applicable Requirements**

TVA Act of 1933

National Environmental Policy Act of 1970

TVA Environmental Policy, originally approved in 2008 by the TVA Board, reviewed and re-approved biennially

TVA Operating and Interbasin Transfer Policy approved in 2004 by the TVA Board

**Implementation**

This policy is implemented by TVA-SPP-20.006.001, Interbasin Water Transfers, for a request of 0.05 MGD or greater. If less than 0.05 MGD, the request is reviewed in accordance with 26a permitting programs and processes defined in TVA-SPP-16.01, Shoreline Management/Section 26A. NEPA requirements are implemented in accordance with TVA Instruction IX Environmental Review and the TVA NEPA Reference Manual.

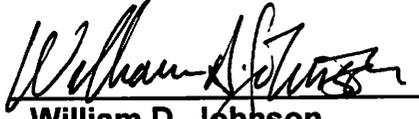
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