

# Welcome to your CDP Water Security Questionnaire 2023

# **W0. Introduction**

#### W0.1

#### (W0.1) Give a general description of and introduction to your organization.

#### **Our Focus**

Founded in 1994, Vermilion is a publicly traded, widely held, international energy producer headquartered in Calgary, Canada. We seek to create value through the acquisition, exploration, development and optimization of producing properties in North America, Europe and Australia, regions noted for their stable, well-developed fiscal and regulatory policies related to energy exploration and development.

#### **Our Purpose**

At the core of our business is our purpose: To responsibly produce essential energy while delivering long-term value to our people, shareholders, customers, partners and communities. We believe that providing energy to the many people and businesses around the world that rely on it to meet their daily needs and sustain their quality of life is both a great privilege and a great responsibility.

#### **Our Priorities**

We prioritize health and safety, the environment, and profitability, in that order. Nothing is more important to us than the safety of the public and those who work with us, and the protection of our natural surroundings. Our energy transition strategy focuses on reducing environmental impacts of traditional oil and natural gas production while developing renewable energy projects closely related to our core competencies.

#### **Our Operations**

We focus on the exploitation of light oil and liquids-rich natural gas conventional and unconventional resource plays in North America and the exploration and development of conventional natural gas and oil opportunities in Europe and Australia.

#### **Our Strategic Plan**

Our plan includes six Matters of Importance, with strategic objectives that guide us to 2030: Extraordinary People & Culture; Health, Safety & Environment; Financial Discipline; Robust & Profitable Portfolio; Business & Operational Excellence; & Integrated Sustainability. We are a conventional producer in Europe and Australia, not employing hydraulic fracturing in our operated European assets. In North America, we use hydraulic fracturing of horizontal wells to develop some of our oil & gas reservoirs, complying with a stringent regulatory regime.



One of Vermilion's defining strengths is our belief that sharing our success is essential to being a success. We have embedded this philosophy in our purpose to ensure that our key stakeholders – shareholders, employees, communities, governments, partners & suppliers – benefit from our achievements. This approach, based on the concepts of inclusive & sustainable growth, frames our business strategy & guides our role in the energy transition. Our energy transition plan rests on three strategic activities: focusing on efficient and responsible production of oil and natural gas; implementing technically and economically feasible options for emission reduction; and exploring new and evolving technologies and processes to identify synergistic fits for our business in both traditional and renewable energy production. This includes our geothermal projects in France, research into biogas, geothermal and hydrogen potential in Netherlands, and hydrogen potential in France and Ireland.

Because traditional fuels, particularly natural gas, will be required to support the energy transition, providing energy security, accessibility and affordability, we believe that citizens, governments & investors should turn to best-in-class oil & gas operators. In particular, natural gas has a role to play by replacing high-carbon fuels such as coal for electricity generation, which will become increasingly important as the number of electric vehicles increases. In 2022, our natural gas production in Canada alone would have enabled a third party to avoid 8,932 kT of CO2e compared to utilizing power generated by a coal-fired power plant.

In our operating regions of North America, Europe & Australia, we comply with some of the world's most stringent health, safety, environmental & human rights regulations, including highly regulated water management areas. We voluntarily report to international frameworks such as TCFD, SASB & CDP. Environmental responsibility is only a part of our sustainability focus. Inclusive growth, which we see as ensuring that everyone has an opportunity for economic advancement, is fundamental to community wellbeing & long-term democratic stability. We are therefore committed to ensuring that we produce energy in a socially responsible manner, respecting worker rights & community engagement. This broad focus on sustainability (environmental, economic & social) is why we have integrated our sustainability strategy with the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs). The SDGs provide a common focus & language for the planet, stating a clear vision for our collective future. We recognize that our capabilities in health and safety, environmental stewardship, long-term economic growth generation, & creation of shareholder value provide us with opportunities and the responsibility to move the SDGs forward.

## W-OG0.1a

# (W-OG0.1a) Which business divisions in the oil & gas sector apply to your organization?

Upstream

#### W0.2

(W0.2) State the start and end date of the year for which you are reporting data.

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	Start date		End date			



Reporting year	January 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
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#### W0.3

(W0.3) Select the countries/areas in which you operate.

Australia Canada Croatia France Germany Hungary Ireland Netherlands Slovakia United States of America

#### **W0.4**

(W0.4) Select the currency used for all financial information disclosed throughout your response.

CAD

# W0.5

(W0.5) Select the option that best describes the reporting boundary for companies, entities, or groups for which water impacts on your business are being reported.

Companies, entities or groups over which operational control is exercised

#### **W0.6**

(W0.6) Within this boundary, are there any geographies, facilities, water aspects, or other exclusions from your disclosure?

No

## W0.7

(W0.7) Does your organization have an ISIN code or another unique identifier (e.g., Ticker, CUSIP, etc.)?

Indicate whether you are able to provide a unique identifier for	Provide your unique
your organization.	identifier
Yes, a Ticker symbol	VET (TSE and NYSE)



# W1. Current state

## W1.1

# (W1.1) Rate the importance (current and future) of water quality and water quantity to the success of your business.

	Direct use importance rating	Indirect use importance rating	Please explain
Sufficient amounts of good quality freshwater available for use	Important	Neutral	Reflecting our activities as an upstream oil & gas company, water is accessed within all of Vermilion's operational areas for various uses: e.g. dust control, drilling, well completion (fracturing - North America only), voidage replacement, enhanced oil recovery, etc. In all areas, water use is highly regulated and 100% of water volumes withdrawn (including purchased) and discharged are tracked and reported. The majority of our 2022 water withdrawals (84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production, primarily within the Canada, France and Australia Business Units (CBU, FBU, ABU). Strict compliance with regulatory requirements related to water use is mandatory across all business units. Through proactive water management, we are able to secure water for future activities, while reducing potential risk and impact.
			We prefer to use brackish rather than freshwater in our operations; however, the use of freshwater is a practical necessity in some locations. The availability of freshwater, both now and in the future, is therefore important to our operational activities. While freshwater alternatives are available now and are expected to continue to be available based on government licensing of water supplies in our regions, there would be an economic and potentially environmental (transport) impact should we need to seek sources other than our current options. For indirect use in our value chain - for example,



			our upstream suppliers (e.g. office contractors and supplies) and downstream customers (e.g. midstream pipeline operators) - these operations are not as dependent on sources of freshwater, so we consider its importance to be neutral, with a lack of availability unlikely to materially impact their ability to provide services or contracts to us. (Note that we have included the activities of contractors in areas such as drilling and completions in our direct use category, as they more accurately reflect activities under our direct control).
Sufficient amounts of recycled, brackish and/or produced water available for use	Important	Neutral	Reflecting our activities as an upstream oil & gas company, water is accessed within all of Vermilion's operational areas for various uses: e.g. dust control, drilling, well completion (fracturing - North America only), voidage replacement, enhanced oil recovery, etc. In all areas, water use is highly regulated and 100% of water volumes withdrawn (including purchased) and discharged are tracked and reported. The majority of our 2022 water withdrawals (84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production, primarily within the Canada, France and Australia Business Units (CBU, FBU, ABU). Strict compliance with regulatory requirements related to water use is mandatory across all business units. Through proactive water management, we are able to secure water for future activities, while reducing potential risk and impact. We prefer to use brackish rather than freshwater in our operations; however, the use of freshwater is a practical necessity in some locations. The availability of freshwater, both now and in the future, is therefore important to our operational activities. While freshwater alternatives are available now and are expected to continue to be available now and are expected to continue to be available based on government licensing of water supplies in our regions, there would be an economic and potentially environmental (transport) impact should we need to seek sources other than our current options.



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completions in our direct use category, as they
more accurately reflect activities under our direct
control).

# W1.2

(W1.2) Across all your operations, what proportion of the following water aspects are regularly measured and monitored?

	% of sites/facilities/operations	Frequency of measurement	Method of measurement	Please explain
Water withdrawals – total volumes	100%			Water is accessed within all of Vermilion's operational areas for various uses (dust control, drilling, well completion (fracturing - North America only), voidage replacement, enhanced oil recovery, etc.). In all areas, water use is highly regulated and 100% of water volumes withdrawn and discharged are tracked for internal and external accounting, management and reporting purposes. The majority of our 2022 water



			withdrawals (52,838 / 62,602 = 84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production, primarily within the CBU, FBU and ABU.
			Adherence to regulatory requirements and industry best practices related to water use is monitored across all BUs. All water volumes regardless of source are measured at the point of withdrawal and discharge (including deep well disposal) using a combination of meters and volumetric calculations. The data is tracked and analyzed to support regulatory reporting and internal governance and sustainability initiatives.
Water withdrawals – volumes by source	100%		Water is accessed within all of Vermilion's operational areas for various uses (dust control, drilling, well completion (fracturing - North America only), voidage replacement, enhanced oil



		recovery, etc.). In all	l
		areas, water use is	
		highly regulated and	
		100% of water	
		volumes withdrawn	
		and discharged are	
		tracked for internal	
		and external	
		accounting,	
		management and	
		reporting purposes.	
		The majority of our	
		2022 water	
		withdrawals (52,838 /	
		62,602 = 84%) were	
		produced water	
		associated with	
		conventional oil	
		production, primarily	
		within the CBU, FBU	
		and ABU.	
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		regulatory	
		requirements and	
		industry best	
		practices related to	
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		monitored across all	
		BUs. All water	
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		of source are	
		measured at the point	
		of withdrawal and	
		discharge (including	
		deep well disposal)	
		using a combination	
		of meters and	
		volumetric	
		calculations. The	
		data is tracked and	
		analyzed to support	
		regulatory reporting	
		and internal	
		governance and	



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Produced water	100%		Organizationally, the
associated with			majority of
your oil & gas			Vermilion's 2022
sector activities -			water withdrawals
total volumes			(52,838 / 62,602 =
[only oil and gas			84%) were produced
sector]			water associated with
			conventional oil
			production, most of
			which occurs within
			the CBU
			(Saskatchewan and
			Alberta), FBU and
			ABU. The tracking
			and reporting of
			produced water
			withdrawals and
			discharges
			(reinjection) is a
			regulatory
			requirement and is
			undertaken in
			accordance with
			defined accounting
			practices. Produced
			water withdrawal
			volumes are
			generally determined
			using metering
			systems and/or
			accounting
			calculations
			associated with
			capturing
			hydrocarbon
			production volumes
			The withdrawal data
			is collected in our
			production
			accounting systems
			which facilitate the
			associated regulatory
			reporting on well on
			reporting as well as



			financial accounting processes.
Water	76-99		Approximately 98%
withdrawals			(61,468/62,602 =
quality			98.2%) of Vermilion's
			2022 water
			withdrawals were
			assessed for water
			quality parameters.
			Produced water is
			assessed to
			determine
			compatibility and
			treatment
			requirements with
			respect to future re-
			injection and to
			assess corrosivity in
			the context of asset
			integrity
			and management
			programs (e.g.
			pipelines).
			Freshwater used for
			drilling purposes
			(e.g., drilling fluid
			systems) is also
			assessed to ensure
			compatibility with the
			drilling formations
			and to determine
			additive
			requirements.
			Depending on the
			circumstances, the
			water quality
			assessment may
			include routine
			chemistry parameters
			(pH, conductivity,
			major cations/anions.
			etc.), total and/or
			dissolved metals.
			hydrogen sulphide,



			and biological parameters iron reducing and acid producing bacteria. The majority of the analyses are completed at accredited laboratories. Some parameters (e.g. temperature) may also be monitored in the field.
Water discharges – total volumes	100%		As an organization, the majority of Vermilion's 2022 water withdrawals (52,838 / 62,602 = 84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production. The majority of this volume (44,276 / 52,838 = 84%) was reinjected into the oil producing formations for voidage replacement or disposed via deep well injection. Lifecycle tracking of produced water is a regulatory and corporate obligation with defined accounting and reporting requirements.



			government authorization that mandates water quality and quantity, as well as monitoring and reporting requirements. This volume (representing 17,500 / 62,602 = 28% of our 2022 discharge) was metered as part of the discharge process. The remaining approximately 1.2% of our 2022 water discharge was to third-party facilities and was metered or quantified using volumetric accounting calculations.
Water discharges – volumes by destination	100%		As an organization, the majority of Vermilion's 2022 water withdrawals (52,838 / 62,602 = 84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production. The majority of this volume (44,276 / 52,838 = 84%) was reinjected into the oil producing formations for voidage replacement or disposed via deep well injection. Lifecycle tracking of produced water is a regulatory and corporate obligation



			with defined
			accounting and
			reporting
			requirements.
			In Vermilion's
			offshore Australian
			operations, discharge
			occurs to seawater in
			accordance with a
			government
			authorization that
			mandates water
			quality and quantity,
			as well as monitoring
			and reporting
			requirements. This
			volume (representing
			17,500 / 62,602 =
			28% of our 2022
			discharge) was
			metered as part of
			the discharge
			process. The
			remaining
			approximately 1.2%
			of our 2022 water
			discharge was to
			third-party facilities
			and was metered or
			quantified using
			volumetric accounting
			calculations.
Water	100%		As an organization,
discharges -			the majority of
volumes by			Vermilion's 2022
treatment			water withdrawals
method			(~84%) were
			produced water
			associated with
			conventional oil
			production. The
			majority of this
			volume (~84%) was
			reinjected into the oil



		producing formations
		for voidage
		replacement or
		disposed via deep
		well injection, with
		primary treatment.
		In our offshore
		Australian operations.
		discharge occurs to
		seawater in
		accordance with a
		government
		authorization that
		mandates water
		quality and quantity,
		as well as monitoring
		and reporting
		requirements. This
		volume (28% of our
		2022 discharge) is
		metered as part of
		the discharge
		process.
		Approximately 50%
		of this volume
		(8,784.6/17,499.6 =
		50.2%) is cooling
		water that is
		discharged without
		treatment. The
		remaining (primarily
		produced) water
		receives primary
		treatment prior to
		discharge.
		The remaining
		approximately 1.2%
		of our 2022 water
		discharge was to
		third-narty facilities
		without prior
		treatment and was
		metered or quantified
		doing volumetric



			accounting calculations.
Water discharge	76-99		Approximately 98%
quality – by			of Vermilion's 2021
standard effluent			water withdrawals
parameters			were monitored for
			water quality prior to
			discharge as the
			chemical composition
			and compatibility of
			the water must be
			determined for
			environmental and
			operational purposes
			(e.g., reinjection,
			hydraulic fracturing,
			drilling fluid systems).
			Some parameters
			(e.g. temperature)
			may be measured
			continuously while
			other parameters are
			analyzed at
			accredited
			laboratories (e.g.,
			routine chemistry.
			metals, biological
			parameters, H2S.
			etc.).
			In Vermilion's
			offshore Australian
			operations, discharge
			to seawater (~28% of
			our total 2021 water
			discharge) occurs in
			accordance with a
			government
			authorization that
			defines water quality
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			various components (e,g. residual hydrocarbons, radionuclides, etc.) on the marine environment is part of the regulatory approval process.
Water discharge quality – emissions to water (nitrates, phosphates, pesticides, and/or other priority substances)			
Water discharge quality – temperature	76-99		Approximately 98% of Vermilion's 2022 water withdrawals were monitored for water quality prior to discharge as the chemical composition and compatibility of the water must be determined for operational purposes. Some parameters (e.g. temperature) may be measured continuously while others are analyzed at accredited laboratories (e.g., routine chemistry, metals, biological parameters, H2S, etc.). Water temperature is generally not a key operating parameter in the context of deep well injection. In



			Vermilion's offshore
			Australian operations,
			discharge to
			seawater (~28% of
			our 2022 water
			discharge) occurs in
			accordance with a
			government
			authorization that
			defines water quality
			monitoring and
			reporting
			requirements.
			Vermilion meets the
			assessment criteria
			for temperature set in
			the Environmental
			Health and Safety
			Guidelines for
			Offshore Oil and Gas
			Development (IFC,
			2007) of a
			temperature increase
			of no more than 3°C
			within 100 m of the
			discharge point.
Water	100%		As described
consumption –			previously, lifecycle
total volume			tracking of water
			withdrawals and
			discharges is
			undertaken within all
			operational areas in
			accordance with
			regulatory
			requirements and
			industry best
			practices Annual
			water consumption is
			calculated by
			subtracting water
			discharge volumes
			from water
			withdrawal volumes
			both of which are



			monitored and measured as per previous answers. As a conventional oil and gas producer, Vermilion's operations do not typically involve the consumption of water (ie. water withdrawals and discharges are generally in balance). Accordingly, in 2022 Vermilion's net water consumption was zero.
Water recycled/reused	Less than 1%		At this time, water recycling/reuse is not a material component of Vermilion's operations but may become more relevant in the future as opportunities for water use reduction and conservation continue to be evaluated as an organizational priority.
The provision of fully-functioning, safely managed WASH services to all workers	100%		Across the operational areas, Vermilion provides WASH services to ensure that the quality and quantity of water provided meets the safety standards for all workers and the communities where we operate. All drinking water associated with Vermilion's



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municipal s	sources or
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suppliers.	

#### W1.2b

(W1.2b) What are the total volumes of water withdrawn, discharged, and consumed across all your operations, how do they compare to the previous reporting year, and how are they forecasted to change?

	Volume (megaliters/year)	Comparison with previous reporting year	Primary reason for comparison with previous reporting year	Five- year forecast	Primary reason for forecast	Please explain
Total withdrawals	62,602	About the same				In all operational jurisdictions, water use reporting is a regulatory requirement and 100% of water volumes withdrawn, produced, and purchased are measured, monitored, and tracked internally. All water volumes regardless of source are tracked accordingly, e.g., using meters at extraction points or by volumetric calculations for trucked water. The total volume of Vermilion's



			is an aggregate
			of volumes
			tracked (i.e.,
			measured or
			calculated)
			across all the
			operational
			jurisdictions.
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			This is our fourth
			vear of compiling
			data under the
			CDP framework.
			Water-related
			measurements
			monitoring and
			reporting have
			heen undertaken
			by Vermilion
			historically in
			other contexts
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			sustainability
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				approximately (1- 62,602/65,605) = 4.6%] decrease in relation to the 2021 withdrawal volume. Consistent with prior reporting, it is expected that water volumes in this category will fluctuate from year to year based on activity and production levels.
Total discharges	62,602	About the same		As an organization, the majority of Vermilion's 2022 water withdrawals (84%) were produced water associated with conventional oil production. The majority of this volume (44,276/52,838 = 84% of the total discharge) was reinjected into the oil producing formations for voidage replacement or disposed via deep well injection. Lifecycle tracking of produced water is a regulatory obligation with defined



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				reporting
				requirements.
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				offshore
				Australian
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				in accordance
				with a
				government
				authorization that
				defines water
				quality,
				monitoring and
				reporting
				requirements.
				This volume
				(~28% of our total
				water discharge)
				was metered as
				part of the
				discharge
				process. The
				remaining
				approximately
				1.2% of 2022
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			25%.
			Our total 2022
			discharge
			represents an
			approximately
			(62,602-
			65,605)/65,605 =
			4.6% decrease in
			relation to the
			2021 volume.
			Consistent with
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				prior reporting, it is expected that water volumes in this category will fluctuate from year to year based on activity and production levels.
Total consumption	0	About the same		Lifecycle tracking of water withdrawals and discharges is undertaken within all operational areas in accordance with regulatory requirements and industry best practices. Annual water consumption is calculated by subtracting water discharge volumes from water withdrawal volumes, both of which are monitored and measured as per previous answers. As a conventional oil and gas producer, Vermilion's operations do not typically involve the consumption of water (i.e. water withdrawals and discharges



			balance).
			Accordingly,
			Vermilion's net
			water
			consumption in
			2022 was zero.

#### W-OG1.2c

(W-OG1.2c) In your oil & gas sector operations, what are the total volumes of water withdrawn, discharged, and consumed (by business division), how do they compare to the previous reporting year, and how are they forecasted to change?

	Volume (megaliters/year)	Comparison with previous reporting year	Primary reason for comparison with previous reporting year	Five- year forecast	Primary reason for forecast	Please explain
Total withdrawals - upstream	62,602	About the same				In all operational jurisdictions, water use reporting is a regulatory requirement and 100% of water volumes withdrawn, produced, and purchased are measured, monitored, and tracked internally. All water volumes regardless of source are tracked accordingly, e.g., using meters at extraction points or by volumetric calculations for trucked water. The total volume of Vermilion's



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			(i.e., measured or
			calculated) across
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Total discharges – upstream	62,516.3	About the same		As an organization, the majority of Vermilion's water withdrawals (84%) are produced water associated with conventional oil production. The majority of this volume [(44,276/52,838) = 84% of our total discharge] is reinjected into the oil producing formations for voidage replacement or disposed via deep well injection. Lifecycle tracking of produced water is a regulatory obligation with defined



			accounting and
			reporting
			requirements.
			In Vermilion's
			offshore
			Australian
			operations,
			discharge to
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			in accordance
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			authorization that
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			is metered as part
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			Vermilion's total
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			calculations The
			total volume of
			Vermilion's water
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			volumes tracked
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			all the operational



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		ha	ave applied the
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		20	)21 discharge
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				prior reporting, it is expected that water volumes in this category will fluctuate from year to year based on activity and production levels.
Total consumption – upstream	0	About the same		Lifecycle tracking of water withdrawals and discharges is undertaken within all operational areas in accordance with regulatory requirements and industry best practices. Annual water consumption is calculated by subtracting water discharge volumes from water withdrawal volumes, both of which are monitored and measured as per previous answers. As a conventional oil and gas producer, Vermilion's operations do not typically involve the consumption of water (i.e. water withdrawals and discharges are generally in



			Accordingly,
			Vermilion's net
			water
			consumption in
			2022 was zero.

## W1.2d

(W1.2d) Indicate whether water is withdrawn from areas with water stress, provide the proportion, how it compares with the previous reporting year, and how it is forecasted to change.

	Withdrawals are from areas with water stress	Identification tool	Please explain
Row 1	No	Other, please specify Vermilion considers several factors when evaluating water stress, including: regulatory consultation, regional risk or stress-based allocation requirements, and landowner engagement in relation to current water use practices and water availability.	As an organization, Vermilion recognizes that water is a shared resource and that our activities have implication beyond our direct operations. We also recognize that in general, our water privileges fall secondary to primary human and ecological needs, particularly in circumstances of water scarcity. Although freshwater use represents a relatively small percentage of our annual water withdrawal, water stewardship is a core element of our sustainability program and has been identified by our Executive Committee and Board as such within our sustainability strategy. Initiatives related to the identification of water-related risk and consequence, and related opportunities for the advancement of organizational or region-specific water management initiatives, is a prioritized objective within all business units. Several factors are considered when evaluating water stress within our operating areas, both in terms of water availability and the risk our operations may present to sensitive or region-critical water resources. In general, regulatory oversight of water use in all of our operated areas is well developed with water allocation or diversion licensing



	requirements that consider other water
	users and the capacity of the resource
	(surface and groundwater) to support the
	intended withdrawals.
	Regulatory authorizations for groundwater
	withdrawals typically involve an
	assessment of aquifer yield as part of the
	licensing process. Longer-term (i.e. multi-
	year) diversion licenses typically include a
	requirement for ongoing aquifer monitoring
	to ensure that the withdrawal, or collective
	withdrawals of multiple users, is not
	adversely impacting the reservoir with
	time. Authorizations for surface water
	withdrawals typically set limits with respect
	to maximum allowable drawdown and
	include additional provisions (e.g. inlet
	screening, access requirements, etc.) to
	mitigate risk to aquatic organisms and
	habitat. Limits with respect to the
	permitted withdrawal volumes and
	recovery rate are typically stipulated in the
	withdrawal authorizations and are
	enforceable under regulation.
	In addition to working within the existing
	regulatory frameworks in our operating
	areas and engaging with local, field-level
	environmental and fisheries officers with
	respect to water use and availability,
	Vermilion's surface land and community
	relations groups also actively engage with
	other stakeholders with respect to water
	related matters. Landowner consultation is
	an integral part of all drilling programs and
	includes dialogue with respect to current
	water uses and vulnerabilities. Where
	practical, and particularly in agricultural
	areas, landowners are often engaged in
	the provision of freshwater to limit risk and
	facilitate mutual benefit. Open attendance
	("townhall") events are also routinely
	hosted by Vermilion's operations and
	community relations teams which provide
	a forum for stakeholder discussion and



	communication of water-related concerns.
	Vermilion's field operations and joint-
	venture teams are also in regular
	communication with other industry
	operators, either through formal industry
	associations or ad hoc engagements,
	which allows for a direct sharing of water-
	related activities and concerns, as well as
	identification of collaborative opportunities.
	As part of our corporate risk evaluation
	process, which prioritizes water, we
	recognize that several publicly available
	water stress assessment tools, including
	the Water Resources Institute (WRI)
	Aqueduct tool and World Wildlife Fund
	(WWF) Water Risk Filter, would identify
	some of our operating areas as water
	stressed. However, based on our field-
	level observations and monitoring
	programs, regulatory communications,
	and interactions with other industrial,
	agricultural and domestic water users,
	none of our operating areas are at this
	time deemed to be under water stress in
	the context of our operations.
	Should our ongoing monitoring and
	stakeholder engagement activities indicate
	that an acute or chronic water stress
	condition is evolving in any of our
	operating areas, the risk presented to, and
	by, our operations would be further
	assessed and appropriate mitigative
	measures implemented. Depending on the
	area-specific circumstances, this could
	include sourcing (and hauling) water from
	outside of the water stressed area,
	switching to drilling fluid systems that do
	not require freshwater, implementation of
	additional risk management measures to
	monitor and safeguard vulnerable water
	resources (surface and groundwater) and,
	potentially, short or long-term suspension
	of operations within the water stressed
	areas.



# W1.2h

#### (W1.2h) Provide total water withdrawal data by source.

	Relevance	Volume (megaliters/year)	Comparison with previous reporting year	Primary reason for comparison with previous reporting year	Please explain
Fresh surface water, including rainwater, water from wetlands, rivers, and lakes	Relevant	312	Much higher		Approximately 0.5% of our 2022 water withdrawal came from fresh surface water, primarily within the CBU. This is relevant because the water is used for well drilling and development, and is part of our efforts toward increased water efficiency and the protection water bodies. This is our fourth year compiling data under the CDP framework. Water-related measurements, monitoring and reporting have been undertaken by Vermilion historically in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability reporting). With consideration to



				the more recent CDP and historical data, we have applied the following thresholds when evaluating year- over-year changes in the context of this question: About the Same < 10%; Higher/Lower 10 to 25%; Much Higher/Lower > 25%. Our 2022 fresh surface water withdrawal represents a (312.1 - 124.4)/124.4 = 150% increase in relation to the 2021 volume.
Brackish surface water/Seawater	Relevant	8,991.5	About the same	Approximately 14.4% of our 2022 water withdrawal came from seawater as part of offshore operations in our Australia Business Unit. The majority of this water (98%) is cooling water that is utilized in a direct, flow- through system. The remainder of the water is used for domestic or



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		purposes on the
		offshore platform.
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		CDP framework
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		have applied the
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		evaluating year-
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		relation to the


				2021 withdrawal volume.
Groundwater – renewable	Relevant	424.5	About the same	Approximately 0.7% of our total 2022 water withdrawal came from renewable groundwater sources. This is relevant because it is used operationally for well drilling, hydraulic fracturing (North America only) and enhanced oil recovery (waterflood), and is part of our efforts toward increased water efficiency and the protection of water bodies. This is our fourth year of compiling data under the CDP framework. Water-related measurements, monitoring and reporting have
				been undertaken by Vermilion historically in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability
				consideration to the more recent CDP and



				historical data, we have applied the following thresholds when evaluating year- over-year changes in the context of this question: About the Same < 10%; Higher/Lower 10 to 25%; Much Higher/Lower > 25%. Much Higher/Lower: > 25%. Our 2022 renewable groundwater withdrawal represents a (424.5 - 436.4)/ 436.4 = 2.7% decrease in relation to the 2021 withdrawal
Groundwater – non- renewable	Relevant	0	Much lower	Approximately 0% of our total 2022 withdrawal was non- renewable groundwater. This is relevant because it is generally used operationally for enhanced oil recovery or well completions (North America), and is part of our efforts toward increased water



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		water bodies.
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		25%
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		renewable
		aroundwater
		withdrawal
		50.5)/50.5 =
		100% decrease in
		relation to the

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				2021 withdrawal
				volume. The non-
				renewable
				aroundwater
				volumes in both
				years were
				 relatively small.
Produced/Entrained	Relevant	52,838	About the	Approximately
water			same	84% of our 2022
				water withdrawal
				was produced
				water. The
				tracking and
				reporting of
				produced water
				withdrawals and
				discharges is a
				regulatory
				requirement & is
				undertaken in
				accordance with
				defined
				accounting
				practices The
				withdrawal data is
				collected in our
				production
				accounting
				systems which
				facilitate
				regulatory
				reporting as well
				as financial
				accounting
				processes.
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				year of compiling
				data under the
				CDP framework.
				Water-related
				measurements,
				monitoring and
				reporting have
				been undertaken



				by Vermilion historically in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability reporting). With consideration to the more recent CDP and historical data, we have applied the following thresholds when evaluating year- over-year changes in the context of this question: About the Same < 10%; Higher/Lower 10 to 25%; Much Higher/Lower 5 25%. Our 2022 produced water withdrawal represents a (52,838 - 56,016/56,016 = 5.7% decrease in relation to the 2021 volume.
Third party sources	Relevant	35.2	Higher	Approximately 0.06% of Vermilion's total 2022 water withdrawal came from public or private third party sources. These withdrawal volumes were typically used for



		domestic or wash
		water purposes,
		and are part of
		our efforts toward
		increased water
		efficiency and the
		protection of
		water bodies. The
		third party water
		volumes were
		generally metered
		or measured at
		source.
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		year of compiling
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		CDP framework.
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		25%.
		Our 2022 third
		party water
		withdrawal
		represents a
		(35.2 - 29.3)/29.3]
		= 20.1% increase
		in relation to the
		2021 withdrawal
		volume.

# W1.2i

#### (W1.2i) Provide total water discharge data by destination.

	Relevance	Volume (megaliters/year)	Comparison with previous reporting year	Primary reason for comparison with previous reporting year	Please explain
Fresh surface water	Relevant	0.2	About the same		Discharge of water to fresh surface water bodies is generally prohibited in the regulatory jurisdictions in which we operate and is contrary to our standard organizational practices. In 2022, we had a single discharge to fresh surface water. The discharge was related to a non- standard operating condition and did not result in adverse impact to the receiving environment.



					Consistent with prior reporting years, there were no routine discharges to surface water in 2022 and no such discharges are anticipated in the future. This relevant because it is part of our efforts toward water efficiency and protecting water bodies.
Brasuri	ickish face ter/seawater	Relevant	17,500	About the same	In Vermilion's offshore Australian operations, discharge occurs to seawater in accordance with a government authorization that mandates water quality and quantity, as well as monitoring and reporting requirements. This volume (~28% of our total discharge) is metered as part of the discharge) is metered as part of the discharge process. This is our fourth year of compiling data under the CDP framework. Water- related measurements, monitoring and reporting have been undertaken by Vermilion historically in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability reporting). With



				consideration to the more recent CDP and historical data, we have applied the following thresholds when evaluating year-over-year changes in the context of this question: About the Same < 10%; Higher/Lower 10 to 25%; Much Higher/Lower > 25%. Our 2022 seawater discharge represents a (17,500 - 18,912)/18,912 = 7.5% decrease in relation to the 2021
Groundwater	Relevant	44,341	About the same	Approximately 71% (44,276/62,602 = 70.7%) of our total 2022 water discharge was reinjected into deep, non-renewable, saline aquifers for voidage replacement to maintain formation pressure, or disposed via similar deep well injection. The reinjection and disposal volumes are recorded and tracked for internal and external water accounting and reporting purposes. This is our fourth year of compiling data under the CDP



				framework. Water-
				related
				measurements,
				monitoring and
				reporting have been
				undertaken by
				Vermilion historically
				in other contexts (e.g.
				regulatory and/or
				sustainability
				reporting). With
				consideration to the
				more recent CDP and
				historical data, we
				have applied the
				following thresholds
				when evaluating
				year-over-year
				changes in the
				context of this
				question: About the
				Same < 10%;
				Higher/Lower 10 to
				25%; Much
				Higher/Lower > 25%.
				Our 2022
				groundwater
				discharge represents
				a (44,341 -
				46,048)/46,048 =
				3.7% decrease in
				relation to the 2020
				discharge volume.
Third-party	Relevant	759	Higher	Approximately 1.2%
destinations				of Vermilion's 2022
				water discharge
				volume was to third
				party waste water
				treatment and/or
				disposal facilities.
				This is relevant
				because it is part of
				our efforts toward
				increased water



			efficiency and the
			protection of water
			bodies.
			This is our fourth year
			of compiling data
			under the CDP
			framework. Water-
			related
			measurements,
			monitoring and
			reporting have been
			undertaken by
			Vermilion historically
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			regulatory and/or
			sustainability
			reporting). With
			consideration to the
			more recent CDP and
			historical data, we
			have applied the
			following thresholds
			when evaluating
			year-over-year
			changes in the
			context of this
			question: About the
			Same < 10%;
			Higher/Lower 10 to
			25%; Much
			Higher/Lower > 25%.
			Our 2022 third-party
			discharge represents
			a (759.0 -
			643.3)/643.3 = 18%
			increase in relation to
			the 2021 discharge
			volume.

# W1.2j

(W1.2j) Within your direct operations, indicate the highest level(s) to which you treat your discharge.



	Relevan ce of treatme nt level to discharg e	Volume (megaliters/ye ar)	Comparis on of treated volume with previous reporting year	Primary reason for comparis on with previous reporting year	% of your sites/facilities/operati ons this volume applies to	Please explain
Tertiary treatment	Not relevant					
Secondar y treatment	Not relevant					
Primary treatment only	Relevant	52,991	About the same		81-90	Our 2022 primary treatment volume represents an approximate ly $(52,991 -$ 56,191)/56,1 91 = 5.7% decrease in relation to the 2021 treatment volume.
Discharge to the natural environme nt without treatment	Relevant	8,850	About the same		11-20	Our 2022 discharge to the natural environment without treatment volume represents an approximate ly (8,850 - 8,769)/8,769 = 0.9% increase in relation to



					the 2021 volume.
Discharge to a third party without treatment	Relevant	762	Higher	1-10	Our 2022 discharge to a third-party volume represents an approximate ly (762 - 645)/645 = 18% increase in relation to the 2021 volume.
Other	Not relevant				

# W1.3

## (W1.3) Provide a figure for your organization's total water withdrawal efficiency.

	Revenue	Total water withdrawal volume (megaliters)	Total water withdrawal efficiency	Anticipated forward trend
Row 1	3,476,394,000	62,602	55,531.6763042714	Our 2022 water withdrawal efficiency represents an approximately (55,532 - 31,701/31,7017 = 75% increase in relation to the corresponding 2021 value. Although directly influenced by market factors that are outside of our control (i.e. global commodity prices), we feel that our continued focus on responsible water management and our strategic development plans, which emphasize low water-intensity natural gas, will generate ongoing improvements in our withdrawal efficiency.



# W-OG1.3

(W-OG1.3) Do you calculate water intensity for your activities associated with the oil & gas sector?

Yes

# W-OG1.3a

(W-OG1.3a) Provide water intensity information associated with your activities in the oil & gas sector.

Business division Upstream Water intensity value (m3/denominator)

0.02

#### Numerator: water aspect

Freshwater withdrawals

#### Denominator

Barrel of oil equivalent

#### Comparison with previous reporting year

About the same

#### **Please explain**

As described previously, water stewardship is a core element of our sustainability program and has been identified by our Executive Committee as such within our sustainability strategy. As part of our corporate risk management process, water-related risks, including renewable (fresh) and non-renewable water dependencies, are analyzed on a district level to help mitigate risk exposure and identify opportunities for organizational or region-specific water management initiatives, which is a prioritized objective within all business units.

As an organization, freshwater (i.e. renewable groundwater, surface water and thirdparty potable sources) represented approximately 1.2% of our total 2022 withdrawal (772/62,602 = 1.2%).

This is our fourth year of compiling data under the CDP framework. Water-related measurements, monitoring and reporting have been undertaken by Vermilion historically in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability reporting). With consideration to the more recent CDP data and historical data, Vermilion has applied the following thresholds when evaluating year-over-year changes in the context of this question:

- About the Same: < 10%



- Higher/Lower: 10 to 25%

- Much Higher/Lower: > 25%.

Our 2022 freshwater withdrawal intensity represents a (0.022 - 0.016)/0.016 = 37.5% increase in relation to the 2021 value. The increase was primarily associated with our Canadian drilling activities.

#### **Business division**

Upstream

#### Water intensity value (m3/denominator)

1.76

#### Numerator: water aspect

Total water withdrawals

#### Denominator

Barrel of oil equivalent

#### Comparison with previous reporting year

About the same

#### Please explain

As described previously, water stewardship is a core element of our sustainability program and has been identified by our Executive Committee as such within our sustainability strategy. As part of our corporate risk management process, water-related risks, including renewable (fresh) and non-renewable water dependencies, are analyzed on a district level to help mitigate risk exposure and identify opportunities for organizational or region-specific water management initiatives, which is a prioritized objective within all business units. Approximately 84% of our total water withdrawal in 2022 was produced water (52,838/62,602 = 84%).

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- About the Same: < 10%
- Higher/Lower: 10 to 25%
- Much Higher/Lower: > 25%.

Our 2022 total withdrawal intensity represents a (1.757 - 1.780)/1.780 = 1.3% decrease in relation to the 2021 value.



#### **Business division**

Upstream

# Water intensity value (m3/denominator)

0

#### Numerator: water aspect

Freshwater consumption

#### Denominator

Barrel of oil equivalent

#### Comparison with previous reporting year

About the same

#### Please explain

Vermilion's freshwater consumption (withdrawals - discharges) was zero in 2022.

#### **Business division**

Upstream

#### Water intensity value (m3/denominator)

0

#### Numerator: water aspect Total water consumption

# Denominator

Barrel of oil equivalent

#### Comparison with previous reporting year

About the same

#### Please explain

Vermilion's total water consumption (withdrawals - discharges) was zero in 2022.

# W1.4

# (W1.4) Do any of your products contain substances classified as hazardous by a regulatory authority?

	Products contain hazardous substances
Row 1	Yes

# W1.4a

(W1.4a) What percentage of your company's revenue is associated with products containing substances classified as hazardous by a regulatory authority?



Regulatory classification of hazardous substances	% of revenue associated with products containing substances in this list	Please explain
List of substances (Canadian Environmental Protection Act)	More than 80%	Vermilion is a producer of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids. All of our products contain constituents that would be classified as hazardous in one context or another.

# W1.5

#### (W1.5) Do you engage with your value chain on water-related issues?

	Engagement
Suppliers	Yes
Other value chain partners (e.g., customers)	Yes

# W1.5a

#### (W1.5a) Do you assess your suppliers according to their impact on water security?

Row 1

#### Assessment of supplier impact

No, we do not assess the impact of our suppliers and have no plans to do so within the next two years

Please explain

# W1.5b

# (W1.5b) Do your suppliers have to meet water-related requirements as part of your organization's purchasing process?

	Suppliers have to meet specific water-related requirements	Comment
Row 1	No, but we plan to introduce water-related requirements within the next two years	

# W1.5d

(W1.5d) Provide details of any other water-related supplier engagement activity.

Type of engagement Incentivization

**Details of engagement** 



Other, please specify

Requirement to adhere to our code of conduct regarding water stewardship and management

#### % of suppliers by number

76-99

#### Rationale for your engagement

As an organization, we require 100% of third-party contractors and sub-contractors to be HSE pre-qualified prior to commencing service work. This includes water-related issues, ranging from compliance with regulations to groundwater protection from spills. This helps ensure they have an HSE program in place that meets or exceeds our requirements. We also observe and interact with our vendors on an ongoing basis to ensure they are adhering to Vermilion's HSE practices, procedures and rules. This is essential to our governance strategy which not only prioritizes regulatory compliance, but also the safety and environmental protection of the communities in which we operate.

We engage with partners (vendors, consultants, peers, etc.) throughout our operating regions to ensure we are pursuing and/or developing industry best practices, and to identify opportunities to collaborate on innovative development solutions in relation to sustainability issues, including water. Vermilion's strategy currently allows for flexible engagement with an additional focus on engaging those organizations in our supply chain where the supplier has an understanding of sustainability and water management, and whose interest in water issues may impact business outcomes.

To support this, we hold mandatory monthly HSE meetings (virtually if needed) in every field district that all staff attend and senior management routinely participate in. On a quarterly basis, the HSE district meetings are replaced by HSE-focused town hall meetings that include our vendors.

With regard to our supply chain, our Corporate Contractor Selection and Management Standard and Guidance Document include specific activities to support HSE performance, including a pre-qualification questionnaire. In addition, we are currently conducting a global supply chain risk assessment, analyzing risks based on geography, industry and operations, including climate change policies. Annually, we are focusing on all suppliers with which we spent more than \$1 million, assessing whether they have public commitments to environmental protection, including climate change and water, in place, and the level of detail and external assurance.

#### Impact of the engagement and measures of success

The most important impact of engagement and measure of success is 100% compliance with water-related regulations in our operating areas, which has a direct impact on our company reputation. A further impact of the supply chain risk assessment is the identification of suppliers without public commitments to climate change including water. We are reassessing those suppliers in 2022-23 to assess change and the potential for direct engagement to encourage public commitments. We continually engage key



vendors on reduction of water use, among other areas. Measurements of success will eventually be the quantification of a sustainability capital effectiveness ratio to aid in our internal assessment of the supplemental benefit of our capital investments. This will support our strategic objective of Integrated Sustainability, while providing a way for Vermilion to demonstrate to our investors and the public that our market outperformance is correlated to our strong sustainability focus and performance.

#### Comment

# W1.5e

(W1.5e) Provide details of any water-related engagement activity with customers or other value chain partners.

#### Type of stakeholder

Customers

#### Type of engagement

Innovation & collaboration

#### **Details of engagement**

Collaborate with stakeholders on innovations to reduce water impacts in products and services

#### Rationale for your engagement

Our customers include North American midstream and downstream refiners, Asia Pacific refining and lubricant businesses, European downstream refiners, and key aggregators and utilities. In some cases, we are mandated to use specific customers (e.g. GasTerra); for the rest, there is a transparent bid process. Our goals for engaging with our value chain is to ensure awareness of our commitment to ESG, including climate change and water, and encourage activities to reduce climate change and water impacts. Our Marketing department has established an ESG section in customer communications, including requests for proposal, tenders and bid documents. This establishes our commitment to ESG, including water, and requests entities include information about their commitment to ESG in bids. We use this to compare between bidders and raise awareness with these customers – successful bidders or not – about the growing criticality of ESG, including water.

#### Impact of the engagement and measures of success

Our measures of success include the number of potential customers that we communicate with on ESG commitments, including climate change and water security, as our input measure. We also track the number of potential customers that respond with their ESG info – our output measure. As the initiative further develops, we anticipate using outcome measures, such as number of successful bids where ESG commitments made a material difference and the potential for developing partnerships



based on a mutual recognition of the importance of ESG, particularly climate change and water security, and tracking results from those partnerships.

Current impact is that 100% of new tenders/requests for proposals or bids, etc. for our crude oil and gas marketing in 2022 include our own ESG commitment and also request information on the potential customer's commitment. We track the bids that return with ESG, including climate and water, information and compare this to the companies' externally communicated ESG and climate information.

# **W2. Business impacts**

# W2.1

(W2.1) Has your organization experienced any detrimental water-related impacts? No

# W2.2

(W2.2) In the reporting year, was your organization subject to any fines, enforcement orders, and/or other penalties for water-related regulatory violations?

	Water-related regulatory violations	Comment
Row 1	No	

# **W3. Procedures**

# W3.1

(W3.1) Does your organization identify and classify potential water pollutants associated with its activities that could have a detrimental impact on water ecosystems or human health?

	Identification and classification of potential water pollutants	How potential water pollutants are identified and classified
Row 1	Yes, we identify and classify our potential water pollutants	Vermilion employs, or otherwise engages as required, subject matter specialists with knowledge in human health and ecological risk evaluation, groundwater assessment (including contaminant fate and transport processes), habitat assessment (aquatic and terrestrial), and occupational health & safety exposure monitoring and management. These specialists collectively drive the identification, classification and prioritization decisions at Vermilion with respect to potential environmental pollutants in water, soil and air.



	In the context of our operating practices, potential pollutants of
	concern are identified with consideration to published resources,
	including risk-based environmental quality guidelines and product-
	specific safety data sheets (SDS), technical guidance provided by
	agencies such as Health Canada, Environmental Protection Agency
	(EPA) and the World Health Organization, and prior experience (direct
	and third-party) with similar contaminants in similar circumstances.
	In general, the risk evaluation considers toxicity (human and
	ecological), potential for release, persistence in the environment,
	mobility, and product availability and frequency of use. On an
	application- or location-specific basis, site-specific considerations are
	also integrated, particularly in relation to relevant receptors and
	exposure pathways (e.g.aquatic toxicity concerns may not be a
	primary driver in circumstances where there are no nearby surface
	water boules).

# W3.1a

(W3.1a) Describe how your organization minimizes the adverse impacts of potential water pollutants on water ecosystems or human health associated with your activities.

# Water pollutant category

Oil

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs) are the principal output of upstream oil exploration and production activities and, as such, represent a primary contaminant of concern to our industry, both in free-liquid and dissolved phases. In addition to production fluids (i.e. crude oil and natural gas liquids), refined hydrocarbons are also widely used in the industry, examples of which include: vehicle and equipment fuels (e.g. drilling rigs, generators, etc.), oil based mud (OBM) systems, fracturing fluids, and various maintenance and cleaning products (e.g. lubricating oils, degreasing agents, etc.). Both production fluids and refined products commonly contain constituents of toxicological (or aesthetic) concern at concentrations and solubilities that represent a potential risk to groundwater and surface water bodies. Examples of such constituents include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and shorter-chain, higher solubility aliphatic hydrocarbons.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts



Assessment of critical infrastructure and storage condition (leakages, spillages, pipe erosion etc.) and their resilience

Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response

Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

Discharge treatment using sector-specific processes to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements

Other, please specify

Compliance with risk -based regulatory standards related to environmental assessment and remediation

#### **Please explain**

Our approach to minimizing the adverse impacts of potential water pollutants involves multiple elements, including:

• Application of a robust Process Safety Management System that includes asset integrity programs that involve technical experts in corrosion protection & control & sophisticated assessment & monitoring technologies including intelligent pigging systems.

• Product containment, storage & transfer facilities specifically engineered to reduce the risk of release & mitigate adverse effect (e.g. automated process monitoring & shutdown systems, pressure relief & backflow prevention devices, secondary containment facilities & multi-walled storage tanks, etc.).

• Groundwater & surface water monitoring programs undertaken at higher-risk operating locations as a regulatory condition, or in discretionary monitoring & risk management programs.

• Pre-construction assessments undertaken by environmental specialists to ensure sensitive or potentially at-risk aquatic environments are identified & avoided.

• Post construction, operator inspections typically completed daily at producing assets to identify potential problem scenarios.

• Project specific environmental monitoring during sensitive field programs (e.g. directional boring beneath water bodies).

• Area & job specific spill preparedness & response plans in all business units with mock ERP exercises involving spill response elements undertaken

periodically in accordance with corporate and/or regulatory requirements.

#### Water pollutant category

Other, please specify Salinity Parameters

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Salt (NaCl) is a common contaminant of concern associated with produced water, particularly in our Canadian Business Unit where chloride concentrations in produced water often exceed 150,000 ppm. Although generally not a concern from a human health perspective, freshwater aquatic toxicity guidelines for chloride have been



developed, as well as aesthetic guidelines for drinking water. Chloride is highly soluble and mobile and is not influenced by many of

the natural attenuation processes that apply to hydrocarbon compounds (e.g. sorption, biodegradation, volatilization). Consequently, salt often represents the dominant contaminant of concern in circumstances where lateral groundwater transport to a surface waterbody or downward migration into a potable aquifer is of concern.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts

Assessment of critical infrastructure and storage condition (leakages, spillages, pipe erosion etc.) and their resilience

Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

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#### Water pollutant category

Other, please specify Metals

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Metals are a common contaminant of concern associated with upstream exploration and production activities. Certain metals (e.g. boron) are often present in production fluids at concentrations that may represent a potential human health or ecological risk. Historically, certain metals (e.g. barium, zinc, chromium) have also been a constituent of drilling mud additives and represent a potential concern with respect to drilling waste handling and disposal. Metals in operational equipment (e.g. mercury switches) represent another potential source of metals concern in the context of facility decommissioning and abandonment activities. Experience has also shown that elevated concentrations of salt (NaCI) in groundwater can result in an associated increase in dissolved metals concentrations related to a shift in partitioning between sorbed and dissolved states.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts

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Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response

Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

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Other, please specify

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· Groundwater & surface water monitoring programs undertaken at higher-risk operating



locations as a regulatory condition, or in discretionary monitoring & risk management programs.

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#### Water pollutant category

Other synthetic organic compounds

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Numerous other commercially available chemical products are used in the upstream oil industry that have the potential to adversely impact groundwater or surface water quality if released. A few examples of such chemicals include ethylene and triethylene glycol used in natural gas refrigeration and dehydration process, methanol used for hydrate suppression, corrosion inhibitors used in asset integrity programs, and wax inhibitors or dispersants used in production maintenance applications. In addition to the pure products (e.g. glycols, methanol), the blended products also commonly contain organic and/or inorganic constituents of human health or ecological concern, and require due care in management and application.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts

Assessment of critical infrastructure and storage condition (leakages, spillages, pipe erosion etc.) and their resilience

Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

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regulatory requirements

Other, please specify

Compliance with risk -based regulatory standards related to environmental assessment and remediation

#### Please explain

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periodically in accordance with corporate and/or regulatory requirements.

#### Water pollutant category

Other, please specify

Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM)

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Similar to many other upstream operators, naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) has been identified as a potential contaminant of concern in relation to our oil and gas production operations. Although generally limited in magnitude and scope in the context of our operations, NORM is known to accumulate in scale, sludge and similar waste products and can result in contamination to process equipment (e.g. wellheads, vessels, pumps, etc.) and fluids, resulting in a potential human health risk.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts

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Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response

Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

Discharge treatment using sector-specific processes to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements

Other, please specify

Compliance with risk -based regulatory standards related to environmental assessment and remediation



#### **Please explain**

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periodically in accordance with corporate and/or regulatory requirements.

#### Water pollutant category

Other, please specify Drilling Fluids

#### Description of water pollutant and potential impacts

Although considerable advancements have been made in recent years in relation to environmentally friendly drilling products, drilling mud and completions fluids still often contain organic and/or inorganic constituents that may represent a potential risk to groundwater or surface water if released to the environment. Oil based mud systems, which typically use diesel or fuel oil as the continuous phase, and high salinity, waterbased systems (e.g. KCI) are two higher risk examples that warrant heightened management practices. Drilling fluids used in hydraulic fracturing in Canada and the US may also contain chemicals of concern, including hydrocarbons, inorganics and biocides.

#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Actions and procedures to minimize adverse impacts



Assessment of critical infrastructure and storage condition (leakages, spillages, pipe erosion etc.) and their resilience

Implementation of integrated solid waste management systems

Industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness, and response

Requirement for suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements

Discharge treatment using sector-specific processes to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements

Other, please specify

Compliance with risk -based regulatory standards related to environmental assessment and remediation

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# W3.3

#### (W3.3) Does your organization undertake a water-related risk assessment?

Yes, water-related risks are assessed

# W3.3a

(W3.3a) Select the options that best describe your procedures for identifying and assessing water-related risks.



#### Value chain stage

**Direct operations** 

#### Coverage

Full

#### **Risk assessment procedure**

Water risks are assessed as part of an established enterprise risk management framework

#### Frequency of assessment

Annually

#### How far into the future are risks considered?

More than 6 years

#### Type of tools and methods used

Tools on the market Enterprise risk management Databases

#### Tools and methods used

WRI Aqueduct WWF Water Risk Filter COSO Enterprise Risk Management Framework Enterprise Risk Management Regional government databases Other, please specify Equitable Origin certification for our West Pembina sites in Alberta, Business Working Responsibly Mark in Ireland and AFNOR "CSR Committed" label in France

#### **Contextual issues considered**

Water availability at a basin/catchment level Water quality at a basin/catchment level Stakeholder conflicts concerning water resources at a basin/catchment level Implications of water on your key commodities/raw materials Water regulatory frameworks Status of ecosystems and habitats Access to fully-functioning, safely managed WASH services for all employees Other, please specify Corporate Risk Register & Risk Matrix identify, assess and monitors new & emerging water-related risks on an ongoing basis, updating the Register as needed but annually at minimum.

#### Stakeholders considered

Customers Employees Investors Local communities



NGOs Regulators Suppliers Water utilities at a local level Other water users at the basin/catchment level

#### Comment

Vermilion uses our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) System, with its Corporate Risk Register & Risk Matrix, to identify, assess & monitor new & emerging water related risks on an ongoing basis, updating the Register as needed but annually at minimum. We also use tools such as WRI Aqueduct and WWF Water Risk Filters to identify water stress areas as it relates to our operations and value chain partners and ensure that the information is fed into operational development strategies to protect water bodies and increase water efficiency. We also use relevant regional government databases whenever available to us.

#### Value chain stage

Supply chain

#### Coverage

Partial

#### **Risk assessment procedure**

Water risks are assessed in an environmental risk assessment

#### Frequency of assessment

Annually

#### How far into the future are risks considered?

More than 6 years

#### Type of tools and methods used

Tools on the market

#### Tools and methods used

Other, please specify

Through our third-party compliance system in Canada and US + Internal global supply chain risk assessment, analyzing risks including climate & water, based on geography, industry & operations, for suppliers with >\$1MM spend annually.

#### **Contextual issues considered**

Water availability at a basin/catchment level Water quality at a basin/catchment level Implications of water on your key commodities/raw materials Water regulatory frameworks Status of ecosystems and habitats Access to fully-functioning, safely managed WASH services for all employees



#### Stakeholders considered

Customers Employees Investors Local communities NGOs Regulators Suppliers Water utilities at a local level Other water users at the basin/catchment level

#### Comment

We are conducting a global supply chain risk assessment, analyzing risks using publicly declared commitments to ESG issues, including climate and water, based on geography, industry and operations, for suppliers with > \$1MM spend annually. An impact of the supply chain risk assessment is the identification of suppliers without public commitments to climate change including water, which we then assess against the WRI Aqueduct tool for water stressed areas and water risk. We are reassessing those suppliers in 2022-23, to assess change and the potential for direct engagement with them to encourage public commitments.

Supported by a third-party information management platform (ISNetworld) in our Canada and US Business Units, approximately 72% of our suppliers have been successfully engaged on providing water-related risk information. Sample questions include: does your company track water use in your operations; does your company have a program in place to conserve, reduce and reuse water in your operations; what volume of water was used, recycled and re-used by your company; and, do any operations take place in areas of drought?

This constitutes another step in greater direct supplier engagement on water-related issues, and focuses on areas where our water use may potentially increase through acquisition and development, and where our use of third-party supplier compliance systems enables us to leverage existing supplier questionnaires.

Our supplier engagement questionnaires will be updated annually and reviewed by our Operations, HSE and sustainability teams to identify opportunities for further engagement and improvement over time. We have expanded this external supplier engagement while working to establish internal and external benchmarks for water use and intensity, and to demonstrate our own performance via CDP Water Security submissions. We believe this is providing a solid foundation for data gathering from suppliers, and helps to guide the data and information requests that we make of them.



# W3.3b

# (W3.3b) Describe your organization's process for identifying, assessing, and responding to water-related risks within your direct operations and other stages of your value chain.



land, air, or water.	using scales from 1 to 5,
- Requires a specific asset	in terms of human,
to be shut in for unknown	environment, financial,
duration during regulatory	regulatory, social license
or legal proceedings.	and cybersecurity
- Reputational damage is	impacts. Every risk case
national or international,	has also been assessed
or stakeholder concerns	to determine where
lead to regional or more	climate-related risk
widespread interruption of	contributes. The results
operations.	are
	provided annually at
At a minimum annually &	minimum to senior
more frequently when	management, Executive
required (e.g. daily during	Committee & the Board
cyclone season), we	& its Committees as
reassess water risk in	appropriate, who further
relation to:	assess the risks
Changes in temperature	including
& precipitation extremes	interdependencies.
Sea level rise	
Tropical cyclones	
(hurricanes & typhoons)	
Water reporting	
obligations	
<ul> <li>Uncertainty surrounding</li> </ul>	
new regulation	
• Legal	
Technology	
Reputation &	
Changing consumer	
behaviour	

# W4. Risks and opportunities

# W4.1

(W4.1) Have you identified any inherent water-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

Yes, only within our direct operations

# W4.1a

(W4.1a) How does your organization define substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?



Our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) system includes a corporate risk register in which we maintain records of all material risks to our business and our operations. Within the risk register, in addition to descriptions of the background and context of the risk, we use a risk matrix approved by our Executive and Board of Directors to identify the potential magnitude of the financial or strategic impact of each identified risk on our business. The risk matrix is used to establish impact thresholds across a broad range of risk categories, including people, environment, business loss, reputation, regulatory, and security.

We define substantive financial or strategic impact as part of this risk matrix, to ensure that the risks with the highest potential impact are appropriately managed. This definition applies to both direct operations and supply chain. As per our matrix, financial impact is deemed substantive if it could cause a business loss of more than \$10 MM CAD (unrisked & before mitigation/recovery instruments) A strategic impact is defined as substantive beginning at the following levels, and including any escalations, if it:

Has persistent but reversible, long term effects on habitat, ecological communities, land, air, or water. Escalations include irreversible effects on these elements, persistent reduction in sensitive ecosystem function, or effects beyond a regional or operations scale.
Requires a specific asset to be shut in for unknown duration during regulatory or legal proceedings. Escalations include the permanent withdrawal of authority to operate.
Has reputational damage nationally or internationally and where stakeholder concerns lead to regional or more widespread interruption of operations.

Potential impacts to our business are also assessed within the risk matrix and the corporate risk register in terms of likelihood in order to quantify (or qualify) risk exposure to the organization and determine order of priority in which these risks will be managed. Substantive impacts with a probability greater than one in one thousand (1/1000) or assessed as Possible require the implementation of additional safeguards to achieve ALARP (As Low As Reasonably Possible), or the formal approval from the VP level or Managing Director to temporary maintain operations while solutions are being implemented. Other measures such as speed of onset and organizational vulnerability are risk qualifiers that are also used to help us with our risk ranking process to provide greater context for risk management. An example of potential substantive impact is the risk scenario that Vermilion would not be able to maintain its water withdrawal license from the Lasseube aquifer due to a change in regulations, generating an estimated revenue loss of approximately \$15MM with a likelihood of " about as likely as not" (see W4.2).

# W4.1b

(W4.1b) What is the total number of facilities exposed to water risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and what proportion of your company-wide facilities does this represent?

Total number of	% company-wide	Comment
facilities exposed	facilities this	
to water risk	represents	



Row	2	1-25	Substantive, water-related risks have been
1			identified in relation to our Canada and France
			business units, which represents 25% of our total
			business units (2/8 = 25%).

# W4.1c

(W4.1c) By river basin, what is the number and proportion of facilities exposed to water risks that could have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and what is the potential business impact associated with those facilities?

#### Country/Area & River basin

Canada

Other, please specify

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#### Number of facilities exposed to water risk

1

#### % company-wide facilities this represents

1-25

# % company's global oil & gas production volume that could be affected by these facilities

26-50

# % company's total global revenue that could be affected

31-40

#### Comment

As an organization, Vermilion is comprised of eight Business Units, generally defined by operating country (Canada, United States, Australia, France, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland) or geographic region (Central Eastern Europe). In the context of this question, facilities correspond to Business Units. Consequently, one Business Unit (e.g. Canada) would represent 1/8 = 12.5% of company-wide facilities.

#### Country/Area & River basin

#### France

Other, please specify

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#### Number of facilities exposed to water risk

1

#### % company-wide facilities this represents 1-25

% company's global oil & gas production volume that could be affected by these facilities

1-25

% company's total global revenue that could be affected

11-20

#### Comment

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# W4.2

(W4.2) Provide details of identified risks in your direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.

#### Country/Area & River basin

France

Other, please specify

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#### Type of risk & Primary risk driver

Regulatory

Statutory water withdrawal limits/changes to water allocation

#### Primary potential impact

Reduction or disruption in production capacity

#### **Company-specific description**

Vermilion owns and operates the Champotran/Latorche and Chaunoy oil fields located in the department of Seine-et-Marne, France since 1999. Production comes from 34 wells drilled into the Chaunoy sandstone formation at a depth ranging from 1900 to 2500 m. Water is injected in 12 injection wells to support pressure of these reservoirs (also known as voidage replacement), and also to sweep or displace oil from the reservoir and push it towards producing wells. Water used to maintain reservoir


pressure and increase oil recovery comes in priority from the water that is produced with the oil and separated in our surface facilities. The water is stored in tanks and pipelined to injection wells. When there is insufficient volume of recycled water to maintain pressure in the reservoir, two additional sources of make-up water are used. Vermilion first uses saline water from well CHN 22, which produces from a non-renewableTriassic aquifer. Should a second source of water be required, water can be produced from the Champigny aquifer as authorized by prefectural decree n°09/DAIDD/M/017, July 17 2009 (ref. Appendix 2).

#### Timeframe

More than 6 years

#### Magnitude of potential impact

Medium

#### Likelihood

Unlikely

#### Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

Yes, a single figure estimate

#### Potential financial impact figure (currency)

10,000,000

#### Potential financial impact figure - minimum (currency)

#### Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

In the event that Vermilion is no longer be able to maintain its water withdrawal license from the Calcaires de Champigny aquifer due to a change in regulations, an alternative water source would have to be identified and tested to replace the current volume of make-up water used to maintain reservoir pressure in the Chaunoy,

Champotran/Latorche oil fields. It is estimated that 5 wells at a cost of 2.0MM/well would need to be drilled, equipped and tied-in to produce the new source water wells to existing facilities in replacement of volumes previously extracted from the Champigny aquifer (5 x 2MM = 10MM).

#### Primary response to risk

Comply with local regulatory requirements

#### **Description of response**

Vermilion is fully committed to operating responsibly in all of our jurisdictions, and as such meeting regulatory requirements and industry standards. This commitment makes both Current Regulation and Emerging Regulation material to our operations. On an ongoing basis in every BU our technical teams assess our current operations and planned development activities to ensure that we operate within our commitment to



responsible operations. We also engage external regulatory experts to ensure that our staff is up to date on current regulation, as well as upcoming changes to regulations impacting our operation. In addition, the Public and Government Relations staff in our business units provide important monitoring of the interpretation of current regulations, which can be subject to change by the courts and government departments. In this risk case, the steps that Vermilion would follow as part of regulatory approval process would include: Regulatory request sent to the Prefecture with Environment impact assessment (including a specific regional hydrogeological survey and study); consultation with the public, with water and health agencies, and with local health and safety committee.

#### Cost of response

200,000

#### Explanation of cost of response

The cost of response to this change of regulation is estimated at \$200K (1 FTE) and corresponds to time spent by internal resources to manage this work. Functions involved in this type of project include regulatory advisor, public-government relationship coordinator, communication, operations and technical services.

#### Country/Area & River basin

#### France

Other, please specify

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#### Type of risk & Primary risk driver

Regulatory Statutory water withdrawal limits/changes to water allocation

#### Primary potential impact

Reduction or disruption in production capacity

#### **Company-specific description**

Vermilion owns and operates the Vic Bilh oil field located in the department of Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France since 2012. Production comes from wells drilled into the Barrémien et Mano dolomite formations at a depth ranging from 2200 to 2500 m. Water is injected in 3 injection wells to support pressure of this reservoir (also known as voidage replacement), and also to sweep or displace oil from the reservoir and push it towards 30 producing wells. Water used to maintain reservoir pressure and increase oil recovery comes in priority from the water that is produced with the oil and separated in our surface facilities. The water is stored in tanks and pipelined to injection wells. When there is insufficient volume of recycled water to maintain pressure in the reservoir, additional make-up water is used. Vermilion is authorized to produce saline water from 3 source water wells from the Lasseube aquifer as per prefectural decree n° MI NES/ 2019/001, January 25 2019.



#### Timeframe

More than 6 years

#### Magnitude of potential impact High

Likelihood About as likely as not

#### Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

Yes, a single figure estimate

#### Potential financial impact figure (currency)

15,400,000

Potential financial impact figure - minimum (currency)

#### Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

In the event that Vermilion is no longer able to maintain its water withdrawal license from the Lasseube aquifer due to a change in regulations and the fact that there is no other known source of saline water that is available and economic to produce, Vermilion will most likely stop reinjecting make-up water in its Vic Bilh oil field. The lack of voidage replacement will cause the reservoir pressure to deplete over time and reduce the ultimate oil recovery of this reservoir. Reduction in water injection will also reduce sweeping efficiency of the waterflooding scheme and negatively impact ultimate oil recovery of the reservoir. Based on historical reservoir performance and modelling, the loss of make-up water reinjection would reduce the ultimate oil recovery of the Vic Bilh field by an average of 55 boe/d over the remaining 15 years of operations remaining for this field. The financial impact in lost revenue is estimated at approximately \$15MM (55 boe/d x 365d/yr x 15yrs x \$50/boe netback).

#### Primary response to risk

Comply with local regulatory requirements

#### **Description of response**

Vermilion is fully committed to operating responsibly in all of our jurisdictions, and as such meeting regulatory requirements and industry standards. This commitment makes both Current Regulation and Emerging Regulation material to our operations. On an ongoing basis in every BU our technical teams assess our current operations and planned development activities to ensure that we operate within our commitment to responsible operations. We also engage external regulatory experts to ensure that our staff is up to date on current regulation, as well as upcoming changes to regulations impacting our operation. In addition, the Public and Government Relations staff in our business units provide important monitoring of the interpretation of current regulations, which can be subject to change by the courts and government departments.



#### Cost of response

200,000

#### Explanation of cost of response

The cost of response to this change of regulation is estimated at \$200K (1 FTE) and corresponds to time spent by internal resources to manage this work. Functions involved in this type of project include regulatory advisor, public-government relationship coordinator, communication operations and technical services.

#### Country/Area & River basin

#### France

Other, please specify

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#### Type of risk & Primary risk driver

Regulatory Statutory water withdrawal limits/changes to water allocation

#### **Primary potential impact**

Reduction or disruption in production capacity

#### **Company-specific description**

Vermilion owns and operates five Neocomian oil fields from the Neocomian sandstone formation (multi-layer reservoirs) in the department of Loiret, France since 2012. In this region, the Neocomian aquifer (same layer than oil bearing reservoir) is at a depth of 550 -600 m is classified as a strategic resource for fresh water supply. No industrial use is allowed and every well must be authorized under very stringent +-conditions. Water is injected in 19 injection wells to support pressure of these reservoirs (also known as voidage replacement), and also to sweep or displace oil from the reservoir and push it towards 81 producing wells. Water used to maintain reservoir pressure and increase oil recovery comes from the water that is produced with the oil and separated in our surface facilities. The water is stored in tanks and pipelined to injection wells.

#### Timeframe

More than 6 years

#### Magnitude of potential impact

Medium

#### Likelihood

Unlikely

#### Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

Yes, a single figure estimate



#### Potential financial impact figure (currency) 12.000.000

#### Potential financial impact figure - minimum (currency)

#### Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

In the event that Vermilion temporarily (3 years) loses its permit to operate its Neocomian oil fields due to a change in regulations regarding the protection of the Neocomian aquifer (even though our reservoir are disconnected from regional fresh water aquifers), Vermilion will be required to shut in its operations prematurely and leave recoverable oil reserves still remaining in the reservoir. Based on historical reservoir performance and modelling, the financial impact in lost revenue is estimated at approximately \$12MM (238,000 bbl of reserves not recovered at \$50/bbl netback).

#### Primary response to risk

Comply with local regulatory requirements

#### **Description of response**

Vermilion is fully committed to operating responsibly in all of our jurisdictions, and as such meeting regulatory requirements and industry standards. This commitment makes both Current Regulation and Emerging Regulation material to our operations. On an ongoing basis in every BU our technical teams assess our current operations and planned development activities to ensure that we operate within our commitment to responsible operations. We also engage external regulatory experts to ensure that our staff is up to date on current regulation, as well as upcoming changes to regulations impacting our operation. In addition, the Public and Government Relations staff in our business units provide important monitoring of the interpretation of current regulations, which can be subject to change by the courts and government departments.

#### Cost of response

200,000

#### Explanation of cost of response

The cost of response to this change of regulation is estimated at \$200K (1 FTE) and corresponds to time spent by internal resources to manage this work. Functions involved in this type of project include regulatory advisor, public-government relationship coordinator, communication, operations and technical services.

#### Country/Area & River basin

Canada Other, please specify



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#### Type of risk & Primary risk driver

Regulatory Statutory water withdrawal limits/changes to water allocation

#### **Primary potential impact**

Increased operating costs

#### **Company-specific description**

Due to economic, operational (i.e. outcome) and fluid handling requirements, Vermilion currently uses freshwater based fluid systems in its hydraulic fracturing operations in Canadian (Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia). This risk case recognizes the possibility that future regulatory and/or social pressure, or water availability concerns, may limit or prohibit the use of freshwater in this application, either temporarily or over a longer-term.

Although more strategic than financial at current drilling levels, as a responsible energy producer we have identified this risk as substantive because of its links to reputation, social license to operate and current and future regulations, all of which will impact our ability to not only operate in our areas, but also to grow.

#### Timeframe

More than 6 years

#### Magnitude of potential impact

Medium

#### Likelihood

Unlikely

- Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure? Yes, a single figure estimate
- Potential financial impact figure (currency) 7,400,000

#### Potential financial impact figure - minimum (currency)

#### Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

In recognition of this risk, Vermilion has evaluated the technical feasibility and cost implications of switching from the freshwater fluid system to a saltwater based, High Viscosity Friction Reducer (HFVR) system. In relation to our Alberta operations, while technically feasible, the evaluation identified increased operational costs in relation to



fluid storage and handling (e.g. increased fluid requirements, bigger tanks, increased hauling, etc.), on-lease transfer equipment (including maintenance), and increased waste management and disposal. The total cost differential associated with these activities is estimated to be approximately \$105k/well. Direct, third-party fracturing costs (i.e. materials, consulting services, etc.) are estimated to be an additional \$20k per well.

Due to different geologic conditions, the feasibility assessment determined that the completion technologies applied in Saskatchewan can likely modified to handle saltwater without a similar change in frac fluid system. The incremental cost associated with shifting from freshwater to saltwater in Saskatchewan is estimated to be approximately \$30k/well.

With consideration of the current asset base, the potential financial impact of the risk is based on a 40 well per year drilling program in Alberta and 80 well per year drilling program in Saskatchewan ( $40 \times 125k + 80 \times 30k = 7.4MM$ ).

As part of our water management process, we evaluate freshwater intensities within all of our business units to identify higher current and potential users of water. Our newly acquired Northeast British Columbia (Mica) development includes near term plans for constructing a future water hub that will reduce freshwater requirements along with the requirement to transport freshwater via truck. The technical requirements and costs associated with constructing and operating the hub are under evaluation.

#### Primary response to risk

Comply with local regulatory requirements

#### **Description of response**

Should future circumstances limit access to freshwater for fracturing purposes, the drilling program in the affected area(s) would be reassessed and, with consideration to the scope and anticipated duration of the expected restriction, an appropriate decision would be made with respect to modifying the drilling program to maintain regulatory compliance. This may include prioritizing drilling activities in other areas where freshwater availability is not a concern and/or shifting to a saltwater frac fluid system.

#### Cost of response

100,000

#### Explanation of cost of response

The cost differential associated with shifting from freshwater to saltwater based fracturing fluids forms the basis of the potential impact figure. At current drilling levels, the increased engineering, coordination and management costs associated with the change is estimated to be approximately 0.5 FTE = 100k ( $200k \times 0.5 = 100k$ ) per annum.

The technical requirements and costs associated with constructing and operating the planned freshwater recycling hub are under evaluation.



# W4.2c

# (W4.2c) Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?

	Primary reason	Please explain
Row	Risks exist, but	The suppliers with the greatest water risk exposure have been included as
1	no substantive	part of our direct operations, as we have direct control over these activities.
	impact	These suppliers work directly with us, managed by us, in our drilling and
	anticipated	production activities, and we thus have direct control over them. Other
		suppliers, such as those providing personnel or administration supplies,
		have far lower exposure to water risks.

### W4.3

# (W4.3) Have you identified any water-related opportunities with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

Yes, we have identified opportunities, and some/all are being realized

### W4.3a

(W4.3a) Provide details of opportunities currently being realized that could have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business.

#### Type of opportunity

Efficiency

#### Primary water-related opportunity

Improved water efficiency in operations

#### Company-specific description & strategy to realize opportunity

Environmental stewardship of water resources includes two key focus areas for Vermilion: protection of water bodies, including oceans, lakes and rivers; and increasing our water efficiency. We support this using key performance indicators on water use in the Performance Metrics section of our Sustainability Report and, beginning in 2020, in our CDP Water Security questionnaire submission. This includes water withdrawal by source, and percentage and volume of water recycled and reused. We are committed to careful stewardship of the planet's resources, including water. We do not currently operate in areas that are considered water stressed; however, our capital and operating procedures recognize the critical importance of this resource. As a result, we emphasize:

- The efficient use of all water,
- The prioritization of non-potable water over potable water,



- The consideration of our communities and their concerns, and
- The protection of vulnerable ecosystems.

Operationally and environmentally, we continue to work hard to establish the most efficient and sustainable ways of sourcing and reusing this critical resource. As the single largest component used in hydraulic fracturing operations, water is essential to developing many types of oil and gas reservoirs, particularly in North America. In Vermilion's operations, our use of hydraulic fracturing in some semi-conventional clastic reservoirs is significantly less frac intensive than shale development, requiring much lower volumes of water. Approximately one-quarter of the water we pump during a Canadian frac, for example, returns immediately during flowback operations. We then employ fracture fluid technology that lets us re-use this flowback water on subsequent wells. We are also assessing where we can adjust completion schedules to optimize water use, and recycle flowback water to reduce overall make-up water requirements.

Finally, we are also looking at the potential of using produced water (non-potable water produced with oil and gas) from our operations to replace other water sources. To support water efficiency, all business units assessed water risks and opportunities in 2019-2021, and will be identifying potential opportunities for increased water efficiency in 2022-2023.

#### Estimated timeframe for realization

1 to 3 years

Magnitude of potential financial impact

Low

- Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure? No, we do not have this figure
- Potential financial impact figure (currency)

Potential financial impact figure – minimum (currency)

Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

Efficiency in water use will reduce water that needs to be either (a) purchased or (b) produced, transported and disposed of, all of which will lead to cost efficiencies.

#### Type of opportunity

Products and services

Primary water-related opportunity



Sales of new products/services

#### Company-specific description & strategy to realize opportunity

We are assessing circular economy approaches to our operations, particularly with respect to the use of produced water, including geothermal energy, metals extraction such as lithium, & distillation to create usable or potable water rather than disposal. The most advanced opportunity is the development of community-based geothermal applications in our France business, using the heat from our produced water to heat an industrial-sized tomato greenhouse operation. Today, this ongoing operation has catalyzed an entire agricultural sector, and we have expanded the concept to heating a residential neighbourhood and, in 2021, a spirulina (microalgae) agricultural operation and a college. In Parentis, our commitment to provide heat free-of-charge and free of carbon emissions for 25 years has made the greenhouse operation profitable to build and operate, which in turn has enabled our partners to expand, and has attracted other business to the area. Our similar geothermal community-building project specifically target economic inclusivity in the form of social housing: 30% of residences are reserved for those with lower incomes.

In the Netherlands and France, we are continuing to research the potential to convert depleted gas wells to geothermal assets, which could supply energy to community and economic assets such as eco-neighbourhoods and agriculture centres, and to use our land base for partnerships with renewable energy suppliers. An example of the development of low emission goods/services is our France-based industry partnership with Avenia to expand the use of geothermal energy production in oil production, & a geothermal association in Germany. We also partnered with the Green Deal partnership in the Netherlands to investigate the potential for ultra-deep geothermal development appropriate to industrial power and heat requirements. This consortium of industry, research and government partners is continuing on, although our regional partnership identified that the local potential was not strong enough. This does, however, demonstrate our commitment to reusing and indeed repurposing our sources of water to support the community.

While we are providing our geothermal energy in France as part of our strong community relations program there, we are using the projects as pilots to assess the potential to develop similar projects in other regions that would produce revenue.

#### Estimated timeframe for realization

More than 6 years

#### Magnitude of potential financial impact

Low-medium

Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure? No, we do not have this figure

#### Potential financial impact figure (currency)



#### Potential financial impact figure – minimum (currency)

#### Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

#### **Explanation of financial impact**

The financial impact of our current projects is difficult to quantify, as it is a contributor to positive community relations, and the resulting social license to operate. However, we believe our work in this area has potential for revenue through the sales of new products and services, along with potential cost savings from the reduction of produced water transportation and disposal. The exploration of these revenue and cost impacts is at too early a stage to identify the full scale of the financial impact.

# W5. Facility-level water accounting

### W5.1

(W5.1) For each facility referenced in W4.1c, provide coordinates, water accounting data, and a comparison with the previous reporting year.

Facility reference number

Facility 1

#### Facility name (optional)

Canada Business Unit

#### Country/Area & River basin

Canada

Other, please specify

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#### Latitude

51.0447

#### Longitude

114.0719

#### Located in area with water stress

No

Oil & gas sector business division Upstream

Total water withdrawals at this facility (megaliters/year)



#### 30,580

#### Comparison of total withdrawals with previous reporting year About the same

Withdrawals from fresh surface water, including rainwater, water from wetlands, rivers and lakes

312

#### Withdrawals from brackish surface water/seawater

0

# Withdrawals from groundwater - renewable

Withdrawals from groundwater - non-renewable 0

Withdrawals from produced/entrained water 30,246

### Withdrawals from third party sources

9.1

Total water discharges at this facility (megaliters/year) 30.580

Comparison of total discharges with previous reporting year About the same

#### Discharges to fresh surface water

0

#### Discharges to brackish surface water/seawater

0

### Discharges to groundwater

30,272

#### Discharges to third party destinations

308.3

#### Total water consumption at this facility (megaliters/year)

0

#### Comparison of total consumption with previous reporting year About the same

About the same

#### Please explain

This is our fourth year of compiling data under the CDP framework. Water-related measurements, monitoring and reporting have been undertaken by Vermilion historically



in other contexts (e.g. regulatory and/or sustainability reporting). With consideration to the more recent CDP data and historical data, Vermilion has applied the following thresholds when evaluating year-over-year changes in the context of this question:

- About the Same: < 10%
- Higher/Lower: 10 to 25%
- Much Higher/Lower: > 25%.

As a conventional oil and gas producer, Vermilion's operations do not typically involve the consumption of water (i.e. water withdrawals and discharges are generally in balance). Accordingly, in 2022 net water consumption was zero.

#### Facility reference number

Facility 2

#### Facility name (optional)

France Business Unit

#### Country/Area & River basin

France

Other, please specify

At this time, Vermilion's water accounting data is aggregated at the business unit level rather than river basin level. As such, all of the referenced water accounting metrics reflect business unit totals rather than river basin totals.

#### Latitude

44.3526

#### Longitude

1.073

#### Located in area with water stress

No

#### Oil & gas sector business division

Upstream

#### Total water withdrawals at this facility (megaliters/year)

12,982

# Comparison of total withdrawals with previous reporting year

About the same

# Withdrawals from fresh surface water, including rainwater, water from wetlands, rivers and lakes

0

#### Withdrawals from brackish surface water/seawater



#### 0

Withdrawals from groundwater - renewable 411.5 Withdrawals from groundwater - non-renewable 0 Withdrawals from produced/entrained water 12,562 Withdrawals from third party sources 8 Total water discharges at this facility (megaliters/year) 12,982 Comparison of total discharges with previous reporting year About the same Discharges to fresh surface water 0 Discharges to brackish surface water/seawater 0 **Discharges to groundwater** 12.562 **Discharges to third party destinations** 419.5 Total water consumption at this facility (megaliters/year) 0

Comparison of total consumption with previous reporting year

About the same

#### **Please explain**

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the consumption of water (i.e. water withdrawals and discharges are generally in balance). Accordingly, in 2022 net water consumption was zero.

## W5.1a

# (W5.1a) For the facilities referenced in W5.1, what proportion of water accounting data has been third party verified?

#### Water withdrawals - total volumes

% verified Not verified

**Please explain** 

#### Water withdrawals - volume by source

% verified Not verified

**Please explain** 

#### Water withdrawals – quality by standard water quality parameters

% verified Not verified

#### Please explain

#### Water discharges – total volumes

% verified Not verified

**Please explain** 

#### Water discharges - volume by destination

% verified Not verified

Please explain

#### Water discharges - volume by final treatment level



# % verified

Not verified

#### Please explain

Water discharges - quality by standard water quality parameters

% verified Not verified

Please explain

#### Water consumption - total volume

% verified Not verified

Please explain

# W6. Governance

### W6.1

#### (W6.1) Does your organization have a water policy?

Yes, we have a documented water policy that is publicly available

### W6.1a

# (W6.1a) Select the options that best describe the scope and content of your water policy.

	Scope	Content	Please explain
Row	Company-	Description of	Policy/position statement on water
1	wide	business impact	□ We recognize water as a basic human right, and as a vital
on water		on water	resource that is shared among many stakeholders in our communities
			□ We are committed to protecting both the supply and the
			quality of water sources in our areas of operation, by:
			<ul> <li>Proactively preventing harm and supporting healthy surface and groundwater bodies</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Reducing potable and freshwater usage to the lowest level</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Taking a lifecycle and circular economy approach to water,</li> </ul>
			produced water



		□ As part of this commitment, in 2021 -23 we are building on
		our existing water data reporting to benchmark our
		performance against our peers, and assess potential for next
		steps, including reductions

### W6.2

(W6.2) Is there board level oversight of water-related issues within your organization? Yes

# W6.2a

(W6.2a) Identify the position(s) (do not include any names) of the individual(s) on the board with responsibility for water-related issues.

Position of individual or committee	Responsibilities for water-related issues
Board-level committee	Sustainability is 1 of 6 strategic objectives in our long-range business plan. As such, the Board has responsibility for oversight of Vermilion's sustainability performance, with Board committees providing additional expertise.
	Comprised of 5 independent directors, the Board's Sustainability Committee (SC) provides targeted oversight of & advice for our approach, including: Sustainability Policy & long-range strategic plan; performance & progress on sustainability goals; id & mgmt of sustainability risks and opportunities; impact of sustainability & climate issues, including water, on business strategy, budgets & risk management; & communication of sustainability policies & performance. At least quarterly, the SC reviews management's sustainability performance reports, which include ESG & climate risks, opportunities, activities & performance; environmental & social trends; & strategic community investment activities.
	The SC Chair reports to the Board on the SC's work, including the Company's performance & progress. Most members of the full Board attended SC meetings in 2022, & the Board also reviewed ESG thought leadership papers such as oversight frameworks, decarbonization pathways & managing the energy transition, from experts eg McKinsey, State Street & Kimmeridge Energy. The Board also oversees sustainability strategy & performance via the HSE Committee (environment & safety, risk management), Audit Committee (risk management), & GHR Committee (governance & people).
	The Board & SC use this info to ensure integration of sustainability & climate risks & opportunities, including water, into major decisions, such as long-range planning, budget and capital allocation, and mergers, acquisitions and divestments. In 2021 the Board reviewed the 10-year sustainability strategy for managing risks and opportunities identified under each strategy pillar of carbon, conservation (including



water) and community and in 2022 reviewed freshwater intensity peer
benchmarking.

# W6.2b

#### (W6.2b) Provide further details on the board's oversight of water-related issues.

	Frequency that water-related issues are a scheduled agenda item	Governance mechanisms into which water-related issues are integrated	Please explain
Row 1	Scheduled - all meetings	Monitoring implementation and performance Overseeing acquisitions, mergers, and divestitures Overseeing major capital expenditures Reviewing and guiding annual budgets Reviewing and guiding business plans Reviewing and guiding corporate responsibility strategy Reviewing and guiding major plans of action Reviewing and guiding risk management policies Reviewing and guiding strategy Setting performance objectives	The Board's primary responsibility is to foster the long-term success of Vermilion for all stakeholders, consistent with the Board's responsibility to the shareholders to maximize shareholder value. The Board is also responsible to ensure management identifies the principal risks of Vermilion's business and implements the appropriate systems to manage risks identified. In climate-related work in 2022, the Board and its Sustainability Committee followed its previous materiality assessment, climate scenario analysis and emission reduction target-setting by: • Linking executive and employee compensation to climate concerns by adding targets for emission reduction, in addition to Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) liability reduction, to the LTIP scorecard • Evaluating performance against our 2025 target to reduce Scope 1 emissions intensity by 15 to 20% by 2025 • Ensuring the Company developed a clear pathway in 2023 and 2024 to achieve Scope 1 and 2 net zero emissions by 2050 target, including a 2030 Scope 1 and 2 emission intensity reduction target • Receiving business unit updates on sustainability- related projects, including potential renewable fuel partnerships and projects utilizing end of life assets • Assessing freshwater use in our global operations, and ensuring water management plans for higher freshwater intensity assets are developed and/or maintained • Approving corporate lobbying activities to ensure alignment with our stated climate and other positions, including the Paris Agreement



# W6.2d

# (W6.2d) Does your organization have at least one board member with competence on water-related issues?

	Board member(s) have competence on water-related issues	Criteria used to assess competence of board member(s) on water- related issues
Row 1	Yes	Vermilion maintains a skills matrix to evaluate the skill set of the Board based on individual Director self-assessments, including with respect to sustainability skills and experience. The results are then evaluated for individual Directors and for the Board as a whole. The skills matrix helps us identify gaps in skills and is used when we search for new Directors. The GHR Committee reviewed the completed skills matrix and evaluations and is satisfied that the Board has the appropriate experience and skills to ensure the Board is performing well. The Board completed a discussion on the results with the objective of continuously improving Board effectiveness. Skills matrix: Our Board members have significant relevant experience in all facets of our business. All Board members are skilled in all of the areas within our matrix, which were updated to reflect additional sustainability-specific areas, including climate- and water-related issues. The matrix illustrates the skill set of our Board based on: - senior executive experience in the area from a function, role and knowledge perspective and/or significant operational experience; and - some familiarity and specific experience. All board members have senior executive experience in the Sustainability (ESG) criteria of: Management or executive experience with, or knowledge of, risks and opportunities related to a broad range of environment impacts, including climate-related issues such as emissions reduction, regulatory frameworks and renewable energy, and social impacts such as human rights, labour rights, community development and investment, and overall stakeholder engagement and communications. We also assess continuing education, which in 2022 included our directors taking courses or workshops on the Net Zero Transition, CCUS, climate change, ecosystems, environmental management, ESG, ESG strategy, energy transition and sustainability financing, purpose & profit and operationalizing ESG., many of which encompassed water-



# W6.3

(W6.3) Provide the highest management-level position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals).

# Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities Managing water-related risks and opportunities Setting water-related corporate targets Monitoring progress against water-related corporate targets

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly

#### **Please explain**

Organizational responsibility for sustainability & climate-related issues, including water, flows from the Board & its Sustainability Committee throughout the Company via our Executive Committee principal members: the President & CEO, Chief Financial Officer, VP Business Development, VP International & HSE, and VP North America. Our Executive Committee as a group is responsible to review & approve key financial, operational & strategic decisions. The Committee reports to the Board more frequently than quarterly & is responsible through its reporting lines for assessing, monitoring & managing climate issues including water use, regulatory changes, & weather impacts, etc. As part of the Executive Committee, the President & CEO has oversight of risks & opportunities pertaining to water such as current & emerging regulations, emerging technology, legal, market, company reputation & exposure to extreme weather events (e.g. drought).

#### Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities Managing water-related risks and opportunities Setting water-related corporate targets Monitoring progress against water-related corporate targets

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly



#### **Please explain**

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#### Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Chief Operating Officer (COO)

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities Managing water-related risks and opportunities Setting water-related corporate targets Monitoring progress against water-related corporate targets

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly

#### Please explain

Our VP North America and our VP International & HSE together replace the position of Chief Operations Officer and lead the operationalization of sustainability. They are both members of the Executive Committee, and thus have oversight of risks & opportunities pertaining to water with respect to current & emerging regulations, emerging technology, legal, market, company reputation & exposure to extreme weather events (e.g. drought). Both VPs attend the Sustainability and HSE Board Committee meetings. These committees meet at least three times per year, in addition to a full Board strategy meeting & quarterly Board meetings.

#### Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Other, please specify Vice President, Sustainability

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities



Managing water-related risks and opportunities Conducting water-related scenario analysis Setting water-related corporate targets Monitoring progress against water-related corporate targets Managing public policy engagement that may impact water security

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly

#### Please explain

The VP Sustainability is a corporate function that reports to the President & is responsible for assessing & managing Sustainability (including water) risks & opportunities as part of developing & implementing sustainability strategy. This function leads a team that provides a Centre of Excellence approach, advising the business on all aspects of sustainability & reporting at least quarterly to the Board. The VP Sustainability focuses on integrating sustainability throughout our business, including identifying & managing associated risks & opportunities, particularly climate-related including water. The VP Sustainability briefs the Board's Sustainability Committee, which meets at least three times a year, in addition to a full Board strategy meeting &, as required, quarterly Board meetings.

#### Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Business unit manager

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities Managing water-related risks and opportunities

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly

#### Please explain

Organizational responsibility for sustainability & climate-related risks & opportunities, including those related to water, flows from the Board to our President & CEO, & throughout the Company via our Executive Committee. Our business unit managers have responsibility for assessing & managing sustainability (including water) risks & opportunities in their regions, and they present to the Board on sustainability strategy, projects & progress in rotation, generally at least one per Sustainability Committee meeting. Each of our business units has also identified a Sustainability Lead, to support sustainability-related work. This work is aided by risk identification & management by BU public & government relations staff focusing on our external stakeholders.

#### Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Other, please specify



Manager, Corporate HSE

#### Water-related responsibilities of this position

Assessing future trends in water demand Assessing water-related risks and opportunities Managing water-related risks and opportunities

#### Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

More frequently than quarterly

#### Please explain

The Manager Corporate HSE is a corporate function that reports to the VP International & HSE, & is responsible for assessing & managing health safety & environmental (including water) risks & opportunities within Vermilion's operations. This function works closely with the corporate sustainability function, focused on integrating sustainability throughout our business, including identifying & managing associated risks & opportunities, particularly climate-related and including water-related, including risk of releases into water bodies, and freshwater use intensity. The Manager, Corporate HSE briefs the Board's HSE committee, which meets at least three times a year, in addition to a full Board strategy meeting &, as required, quarterly Board meetings.

### W6.4

# (W6.4) Do you provide incentives to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues?

	Provide incentives for management of water-related issues	Comment
Row 1	Yes	Our compensation approach is one program for all to incentivize staff at every level to work toward our strategic objectives, including climate- related issues. Compensation program elements include base salary & short & long-term incentives, which we believe strengthens our organizational alignment with shareholder expectations. Our objectives are: - ensuring our operations worldwide are sustainable under a range of commodity price environments & when changes occur in our workforce; - aligning compensation programs with our strategy to ensure prudent risk taking; - allowing us to attract & retain high-calibre employees that are important to our success - rewarding all employees & executives when their performance & the Company's performance is top quartile. We measure Company performance annually using our balanced scorecards, which include water-related measures such as releases (bonus) & ESG rating agency scores, including water management (long-term incentive plan)



# W6.4a

# (W6.4a) What incentives are provided to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals)?

	Role(s) entitled	Performance indicator	Contribution of incentives to the achievement of your	Please explain
	to incentive		commitments	
Moneta	ary Corporate executive team		Employee & executive compensation is tied directly to performance targets, including those related to sustainability and climate, through our corporate performance scorecards. Achievements within the short- term incentive plan (STIP or bonus) & long-term incentive plan (LTIP) scorecards also help determine STIP & LTIP budgets overall. The 2022 corporate performance scorecards included both standard industry metrics & internal measures of performance which were compared to management plans approved by the Board. Our STIP scorecard (past year performance) includes a 10% weighting on HSE Performance, including water- related goals such as HSE inspections, compliance / regulatory inspections, and spills.	We believe there is a direct link between sustainability performance, including climate performance & overall business performance, & we expect sustainability performance to be a very significant factor in the long-term viability of our economic model. Our 2023 LTIP corporate performance scorecard includes a sustainability- specific measure to illustrate to our organization the importance of this measure & to incentivize all staff to focus on sustainability performance in their daily work, including measuring our emissions, ARO target performance relative to our peer group in 4 third- party sustainability rankings: S&P Global, MSCI, ISS and Sustainalytics, all of which include water questions. This holds a 10% weighting & applies to all employees & executives.



Non-	Corporate	Recognition is provided to groups	
monetary	executive	& individual employees &	
reward	team	executives by managers, the	
		executive committee &/or Board	
		based on performance & project-	
		specific successes. Our	
		Extraordinary Effort recognition	
		program also provides small	
		monetary rewards when staff	
		have contributed significantly to	
		project success, including	
		environmental/energy efficiency	
		projects & the rollout of a future-	
		forward assessment of business	
		strategy in France.	

### W6.5

# (W6.5) Do you engage in activities that could either directly or indirectly influence public policy on water through any of the following?

- Yes, direct engagement with policy makers
- Yes, trade associations
- Yes, funding research organizations

### W6.5a

# (W6.5a) What processes do you have in place to ensure that all of your direct and indirect activities seeking to influence policy are consistent with your water policy/water commitments?

Staff in our Sustainability, HSE, Communications, Community Investment & Investor Relations (IR) groups ensure that corporate guidance & direction relating to health, safety, environment & sustainability, including water, is passed effectively & consistently to the Business Units (BUs) & external parties. This responsibility extends to our BUs to ensure their activities & engagement support our sustainability strategy, including water. Our VP Sustainability regularly engages with BU leaders, VP Europe & our Public & Government Relations teams to ensure multi-directional communication on sustainability, including expectations & shared best practices, & consistency of external messaging. All external messaging is approved via our Disclosure Committee (President, CFO & VP IR). We are aware that trade & industry associations may represent their membership by advocating for government policy & regulations. We monitor this to ensure it fairly represents our position & the goals of the Paris agreement; if there are discrepancies between their position and ours, we engage with them to understand and influence the issue. We consider withdrawal of membership only if no improvement proves likely. To support this, we annually review all memberships to assess alignment, & provide our Executive Committee & Board Sustainability Cttee with a summary, including misalignment & recommendations, including on water.



## W6.6

# (W6.6) Did your organization include information about its response to water-related risks in its most recent mainstream financial report?

Yes (you may attach the report - this is optional)

VEI-2022-Annual-Report.pdf

# **W7. Business strategy**

## W7.1

# (W7.1) Are water-related issues integrated into any aspects of your long-term strategic business plan, and if so how?

	Are water- related issues integrated?	Long- term time horizon (years)	Please explain
Long-term business objectives	Yes, water- related issues are integrated	5-10	Based on the results of our scenario analysis in 2019 and 2020, we reassessed and revitalized our business strategy. This included establishing Integrated Sustainability as 1 of 6 strategic objectives, with clear priorities set within the three areas of Carbon, Conservation (including Water, Abandonment & Reclamation, & Biodiversity) & Community. Within the Water objective, we established long-term tangible objectives to 2030, along with short-to mid-term commitments that included creating a low-carbon transition plan. We recognize water as a basic human right, and as a vital resource that is shared among many stakeholders in our communities, and we are committed to protecting both the supply and the quality of water sources in our areas of operation, by: – Proactively preventing harm and supporting healthy surface and groundwater bodies, – Reducing potable and freshwater usage to the lowest level practical – Taking a lifecycle and circular economy approach to water, exploring opportunities to reuse and recycle products such as produced water. As part of this commitment, in 2022-23 we are building
			on our existing water data reporting to benchmark our performance against our peers, and assess potential for



			next steps, including reductions. Assessment of water issues, including water availability & pollution risk, is built into this planning through our enterprise risk management system.
Strategy for achieving long-term objectives	Yes, water- related issues are integrated	5-10	Based on our Enterprise Risk Management system, our long-range sustainability-specific planning & business need, water-related issue mitigations are prioritized & completed that allow us to support healthy communities as well as augment our strong shareholder value & return. This includes: • Water availability; • Water reporting & protection regulation changes by governments & regulators; • Water protection measures; • Reputational issues related to water protection & use; • Opportunities to view water, including produced water, from a circular economy perspective. The results annually feed back into our risk/opportunity management process to ensure Vermilion has a sound data foundation to support responsible decisions in our operating areas. Detailed analysis of these risks, including potential impact, financial implications, management methods & cost of management, support our business strategy related to managing water. Example: taking a circular economy approach, we have expanded our geothermal-from-produced-water projects in France from 2 to 4 in 2021, providing heat to a spirulina (algae) production facility and a college. 1 of 4 of these projects is now creating revenue. This aligns with both water issues (using produced water rather than externally sourced water to maintain reservoir pressure) and energy issues (providing renewable energy option to our communities).
Financial planning	Yes, water- related issues are integrated	11-15	Our strategic long range business plan focuses on the economic impacts of production & commodity pricing levels. Assessment of water issues, including water availability & pollution risk, is built into this planning through our enterprise risk management system. Overall, we prioritize risk & opportunities based on the materiality, probability & potential impact to our operations; impact to the environment plus financial & strategic implications of identified climate change, including water-related, risks & potential project opportunities are also built into the ERM process. This



includes identifying the financial impacts of water-related
issues, such as water availability at each site, increased
regulation in water protection zones such as more
detailed environmental impact assessments, & potential
clean-up costs if spills into water bodies occurred.
Financial implications support prioritization & the
resulting projects approved for development. We have
identified cases related to water that either have or
could impact operating expenditures: financial impact
associated with regulation & taxation & impact from
physical risks, including changes in temperature
extremes, changes in precipitation, frequency &
intensity of cyclones/storms, & rising sea levels.
Example: we are participating in & funding a Rigs to
Reef study with University of Western Australia, which
could lead to recognition of undersea infrastructure as
valuable ocean ecosystems while reducing ARO
liabilities.

## W7.2

(W7.2) What is the trend in your organization's water-related capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operating expenditure (OPEX) for the reporting year, and the anticipated trend for the next reporting year?

Row 1

Water-related CAPEX (+/- % change)

44

Anticipated forward trend for CAPEX (+/- % change)

Water-related OPEX (+/- % change)

13

Anticipated forward trend for OPEX (+/- % change)

#### Please explain

The year-over-year spends are based on a cursory evaluation of Capex and Opex accounts and represent approximate values. Water related Capex expenditures are expected to increase in 2023, in line with our drilling priorities. Similar to 2022, water related OPEX expenses are also expected to increase in 2023.



# W7.3

#### (W7.3) Does your organization use scenario analysis to inform its business strategy?

Row       Yes       In 2023, we augmented previous work         1       with a new analysis of climate-related transition and physical risks. We have used them to inform our discussions on short, mid and long-term business strategy, along with risk identification and management.         In our scenario analysis, our       Executive Committee and Board reviewed an internally developed comparison of a diverse range of climate-related transition scenarios. We focused on changes in demand for oil and natural gas based on a Reference (business as usual) case and a Climate Policy (government support for reduced GHG emissions) case for Global, Advanced Economy and Emerging Economy scenarios. The analysis showed the potential for energy demand declines over a 5- to 15-year horizon, but also showed greater impacts on specific assets based on government policies, location and logistics (landlocked vs waterborne), and proximity to petrochemical or carbon capture and capture a		Use of scenario analysis	Comment
sequestration capacities.	Row 1	Yes	In 2023, we augmented previous work with a new analysis of climate-related transition and physical risks. We have used them to inform our discussions on short, mid and long-term business strategy, along with risk identification and management. In our scenario analysis, our Executive Committee and Board reviewed an internally developed comparison of a diverse range of climate-related transition scenarios. We focused on changes in demand for oil and natural gas based on a Reference (business as usual) case and a Climate Policy (government support for reduced GHG emissions) case for Global, Advanced Economy and Emerging Economy scenarios. The analysis showed the potential for energy demand declines over a 5- to 15-year horizon, but also showed greater impacts on specific assets based on government policies, location and logistics (landlocked vs waterborne), and proximity to petrochemical or carbon capture and sequestration capacities.

### W7.3a

(W7.3a) Provide details of the scenario analysis, what water-related outcomes were identified, and how they have influenced your organization's business strategy.

	Type of scenario analysis used	Parameters, assumptions, analytical choices	Description of possible water- related outcomes	Influence on business strategy
Row	Water-	In our scenario	We have identified several	Mitigate - Strategy
1	related	analysis, our	water-related risks associated	- As weather-related incidents



Climate-	Executive	with climate change, including	are out of Vermilion's control,
related	Committee and	tropical cyclones, rising sea	we take all measures possible
	Board reviewed	levels, changes in temperature	to ensure effective emergency
	an internally	extremes & changes in	response to extreme weather
	developed	precipitation extremes, which	events, to ensure the
	comparison of a	could result in outcomes such	protection of the health and
	diverse	as lack of water availability for	safety of our workers,
	range of climate-	our operations, flooding, drought	contractors and the public, the
	related transition	or storm damage. Flooding	protection of the environment
	scenarios. We	could result in limited access to	and limitation of financial
	focused on	locations and poses a risk to our	impact of the event.
	changes in	corporate headquarters	- In the case of a longer term
	demand for oil	(mitigated since flooding	extreme precipitation event or
	and natural gas	occurred 2013). Alternatively,	drought, Vermilion would
	based on a	drought could impact the	implement water management
	Reference	availability of surface and/or	programs to reduce our
	(business as	groundwater, which Vermilion,	reliance on fresh water
	usual) case and	in part, relies on for drilling and	sources to limit the potential
	a Climate Policy	completion activities, and could	impact on operations.
	(government	negatively impact forecasted	- In the event of a wildfire, we
	support for	growth by increasing timelines	would eliminate water
	reduced	and capital costs to bring new	diversion and/or shut-in
	GHG emissions)	infrastructure onto production.	production to protect the
	case for	This could also increase the	health and safety of our
	Global,	likelihood of wildfires. In the	workers, and the community.
	Advanced	Netherlands, we have assessed	- We invest >\$0.5MM in
	Economy and	the potential risk associated with	emergency response training
	Emerging	rising sea levels. This could	annually.
	Economy	impact our operations due to	
	scenarios.	flooding, transportation	Mitigate – Strategy: Our
	Specific	difficulties ,supply chain	robust asset integrity program
	scenarios	interruptions & the salinization	maintains our facilities to
	included the	of groundwater. The financial	appropriate design
	International	implications of a one-time event	specifications (e.g. at
	Energy Agency	(e.g. wildfire, cyclone, flooding)	Wandoo, to CAT 5 hurricane
	(Stated Policy,	are assessed on a case-specific	force). Via our Emergency
	Announced	basis, and are estimated to be	Response Plan and business
	Pledges	greater than \$10MM. Examples	continuity plans, we also have
	and Net Zero),	include potential for physical	detailed protocols for
	Equinor (Walls,	damage to our assets (\$129MM	monitoring, preparing for, and
	Bridges), and BP	<ul> <li>Wandoo B platform &amp; \$21MM</li> </ul>	responding to severe weather
	(New	<ul> <li>Garijp plant), loss of</li> </ul>	events.
	Momentum,	production capacity (\$105MM -	Transfer: We purchase
	Accelerated),	Wandoo field, \$54MM - Garijp	insurance as a mitigative
	along with	field) & environmental clean-up	measure to reduce the
	reference	(\$8MM- Garijp field). Note that	financial impact associated



	cases from	all costs are before mitigation	with damage to our assets
	Exxon, OPEC	(i.e. Insurance).	due to severe weather events.
	and the		Accept: We track evolving
	Energy		weather trends, such as
	Information		cyclone season in Australia,
	Administration.		wildfire seasons in Canada
	The analysis		and the United States, and
	showed the		winter snowpack levels in
	potential for		Alberta.
	energy demand		
	declines over a		
	5- to		
	15-year horizon,		
	but also showed		
	greater impacts		
	on specific		
	assets		
	based on		
	government		
	policies,		
	location and		
	logistics		
	(landlocked vs		
	waterborne), and		
	proximity to		
	petrochemical or		
	carbon capture		
	and		
	sequestration		
	capacities.		
	For example, our		
	analysis for the		
	Reference case		
	in advanced		
	economies		
	points to strong		
	policy		
	uptake in Europe		
	and		
	Industrialized		
	Asia, as well as		
	energy efficiency		
	improvements in		
	the residential		
	and		
	commercial		



sectors. Oil	
demand	
declines as	
energy transition	
policy	
momentum	
pushes road	
transport	
towards	
electrification,	
which is	
further displaced	
by biofuels after	
2030. Efficiency	
gains reduce	
consumption,	
while	
demographic	
trends work	
against oil	
demand.	
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advanced	
economies	
driving a rapid	
uptake of	
renewables to a	
near full	
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finale in the role	
of	
transition fuel	
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2050 is mostly	
consumed by the	
petrochemical	
sector and for	
hydrogen	
production. Both	
scenarios	
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i	advanced	
t	technology	
	development for	
1	renewables (for	
	example, battery	
i	improvement);	
i	and the	
i	addressing of	
5	supply chain	
1	human rights	
i	and	
	environmental	
i	issues for critical	
1	minerals.	

## W7.4

#### (W7.4) Does your company use an internal price on water?

#### Row 1

#### Does your company use an internal price on water?

No, but we are currently exploring water valuation practices

#### **Please explain**

As part of the integrated sustainability objective within our business strategy, in 2021 we are building on our existing water data reporting to benchmark our performance against our peers, and assess potential for next steps, including reductions. This includes an assessment of natural capital accounting to identify its potential to support water valuation.

## W7.5

# (W7.5) Do you classify any of your current products and/or services as low water impact?

Products	Primary reason for not	Please explain
and/or	classifying any of your	
services	current products and/or	
classified as	services as low water	
low water	impact	
impact		



Row	No, but we	Other, please specify	As part of our overarching governance objectives,
1	plan to address		Vermilion is currently undertaking a systematic
	this within the		evaluation of the freshwater withdrawal intensity
	next two years		of our operations. This evaluation is intended to
			identify opportunities for improved water
			management practice, and will serve to further
			benchmark our performance in relation to peer
			companies in similar operating areas. Although
			not initially contemplated as a driver for the study,
			it is expected that the study findings may also
			identify areas (or regions) where we currently
			possess, our could develop, a strategic
			advantage in terms of low freshwater intensity
			production. The study has a target completion
			date of Q4 2023.

# W8. Targets

## W8.1

#### (W8.1) Do you have any water-related targets?

No, but we plan to within the next two years

# W8.1c

# (W8.1c) Why do you not have water-related target(s) and what are your plans to develop these in the future?

	Primary reason	Please explain
Row	We are planning to introduce a target within the	We are currently developing a water
1	next two years	related target.

# **W9. Verification**

## **W9.1**

# (W9.1) Do you verify any other water information reported in your CDP disclosure (not already covered by W5.1a)?

No, but we are actively considering verifying within the next two years



# W10. Plastics

## W10.1

# (W10.1) Have you mapped where in your value chain plastics are used and/or produced?

	Plastics mapping	Please explain
Row 1	Not mapped – and we do not plan to within the next two years	

### W10.2

(W10.2) Across your value chain, have you assessed the potential environmental and human health impacts of your use and/or production of plastics?

	Impact assessment	Please explain
Row 1	Not assessed – and we do not plan to within the next two years	

### W10.3

(W10.3) Across your value chain, are you exposed to plastics-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business? If so, provide details.

	Risk exposure	Please explain
Row 1	No, risks assessed, and none considered as substantive	

## W10.4

#### (W10.4) Do you have plastics-related targets, and if so what type?

	Targets in place	Please explain
Row 1	No – and we do not plan to within the next two years	

### W10.5

#### (W10.5) Indicate whether your organization engages in the following activities.

	Activity applies	Comment
Production of plastic polymers	No	
Production of durable plastic components	No	
Production / commercialization of durable plastic goods (including mixed materials)	No	
Production / commercialization of plastic packaging	No	
Production of goods packaged in plastics	No	



Provision / commercialization of services or goods that use plastic	No	
packaging (e.g., retail and food services)		

# W11. Sign off

# W-FI

(W-FI) Use this field to provide any additional information or context that you feel is relevant to your organization's response. Please note that this field is optional and is not scored.

# W11.1

(W11.1) Provide details for the person that has signed off (approved) your CDP water response.

	Job title	Corresponding job category
Row 1	Vice President, Sustainability	Other, please specify
		Vice President, Sustainability

# SW. Supply chain module

## SW0.1

(SW0.1) What is your organization's annual revenue for the reporting period?

	Annual revenue
Row 1	

## SW1.1

(SW1.1) Could any of your facilities reported in W5.1 have an impact on a requesting CDP supply chain member?

# SW1.2

#### (SW1.2) Are you able to provide geolocation data for your facilities?

	Are you able to provide geolocation data for your facilities?	Comment
Row 1		


## SW2.1

(SW2.1) Please propose any mutually beneficial water-related projects you could collaborate on with specific CDP supply chain members.

### SW2.2

(SW2.2) Have any water projects been implemented due to CDP supply chain member engagement?

## SW3.1

(SW3.1) Provide any available water intensity values for your organization's products or services.

# Submit your response

### In which language are you submitting your response?

English

### Please confirm how your response should be handled by CDP

	I understand that my response will be shared with all requesting stakeholders	Response permission
Please select your submission options	Yes	Public

Please indicate your consent for CDP to share contact details with the Pacific Institute to support content for its Water Action Hub website.

No

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