

Water Positive™ Pre-Validation & Verification

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**Strengthening Water Stewardship
Claims with Independent Assurance**

Water Positive™ Pre-Validation

Readiness Assessment

An early-stage technical review designed to strengthen your project before formal Water Positive™ Verification. Pre-Validation helps ensure that project design, data, and methodology are fully aligned with the Volumetric Water Benefit Accounting (VWBA) framework.

What SCS Reviews

Project design & boundaries to ensure alignment with VWBA requirements.

Data readiness for quality and completeness of water use data, baselines, monitoring plans, and quantification methods.

Reviewing appropriate methodology in assessing water accounting approaches, models, and assumptions.

Reviewing internal controls, traceability, and documentation practices.

SCS offers comprehensive support for organizations pursuing Water Positive™ status—from early-stage readiness assessments to formal independent verification using the Volumetric Water Benefit Accounting (VWBA) 2.0 methodology.

Value to Your Organization



Identifies gaps and risks early—before formal verification.



Reduces rework and accelerates the verification timeline.



Improves accuracy, transparency, and credibility of water benefit claims.



Increases the likelihood of achieving Water Positive™ outcomes.

Water Positive™ Verification

Formal Independent Audit

Verification is the required third-party assurance process confirming that an organization's water performance and Water Positive™ claims are real, measurable, and credible. SCS validates water benefits in accordance with VWBA methodology.

Document Review

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- Water withdrawals, discharges, consumption, and return flows.
- Evidence supporting water recovery, replenishment, or conservation claims.
- Accounting models, baselines, monitoring protocols, and QA/QC procedures.

Data Validation

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- Assessment of accuracy, consistency, completeness, and traceability of datasets.
- Review of measurement systems and key assumptions.

On-Site or Virtual Audit

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- Interviews with operational and technical staff.
- Confirmation of stewardship activities and benefit project implementation.
- Evaluation of governance, internal controls, and compliance.

Calculation Verification

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- Recalculation or spot-checking of volumetric water benefit results.
- Confirmation of alignment with VWBA requirements.

Findings & Corrective Actions

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- SCS issues non-conformities, observations, and improvement opportunities.
- Organization completes corrective actions to close all findings.

Certification Decision

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- Upon successful closure, SCS issues the Water Positive™ Verification certificate.
- A public summary report is prepared for transparent communication.



Why SCS Global Services?

SCS is a global leader in third-party verification with 40+ years of experience supporting companies across sectors. Our water stewardship experts apply deep technical knowledge of VWBA to ensure reliable, efficient, and credible verification. In addition to Water Positive™ services, SCS also offers:

- WAVE Verification
- Water Stewardship & Resiliency Certification
- Technical Advisory for Water Programs



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