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CHAPTER	RECORD OF RESERVATION BY NATIONS

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RECORD OF SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS

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DEU	DEU acknowledges the effort of the writing team to establish a common standard on the water supply chain in NATO operations. Although, DEU ratifies this document, a near-term revision is recommended to harmonize the STANAG 2629. DEU has an interest in further amending this STANAG though and remains fully committed to enhancing interoperability in this area of logistic. Reason: The provided document duplicates existing publications, in several parts incomplete. Simultaneously, the focus of the STANAG 2629 remains unclear so that a future implementation seems to be realizable after revision of the document.	
DNK	The STANAG 2136 and thus ATP-104 will only be used for land-based water-supply and not for ship-produced water. The rules will not supersede Danish law where applicable.	
GBR	3.2.1: Following assessments by the Joint Force Engineer (JFEng), the Joint Force Medical Advisor (JFMed) and Joint Force Logistics Advisor (JFLog), the JFC and/or the Duty Delivery Holder (DDH) are the only approved military authority entitled to authorise the distribution of potable water. Water production and development solutions are operational decisions and, within a multi-national framework, pre-arranged technical agreements will delineate the responsibilities. This amendment clarifies that the JFC, on occasion, may not necessarily be the DDH and that both JFC and DDH are authorised to permit distribution but are not necessarily qualified (in the subject of water development) to do so. The JFEng, JFMed and JFLog provide the technical expertise to the JFC/DDH.	
	3.4.1.a: Operational forces must have equipment at their disposal that is capable of transporting, transferring, storing and distributing drinking water in the operational area from the designated point of transfer. At the unit level, forward water extraction, treatment, and storage may be carried out using the unit's equipment.	
	3.6: The Medical Service is responsible for authorising the release of the water intended for human consumption. This release is carried out under the responsibility of the medical adviser of the JFC. The Medical Service ensures potable water sanitary control, provides expertise and advises on the restriction of use. Additionally, the Medical Services conduct the following critical evaluation of natural and bottled water sources: Para reworded.	
	a. Provide raw water analysis in accordance with AMedP-4.9 – Annex B – Test A / STANAG 2136 to ensure it is not contaminated and to complete the risk analysis (annex A).	
	b. Suggest remove serial B.	
	c. Identify a certified/authorised local vendor for the procurement of bottled and/or bulk water.	
	d. Identify a certified and authorised laboratory for primary or reserve for water testing, in accordance with relevant testing procedures, during the water production and development processes.	
	3.10: The water extraction and purification installation, as well as the distribution net, should 'where feasible' be integrated within a military installation (and be safeguarded). For this reason, depending on the tactical situation, it might be necessary to deploy forces for the protection of military water supply installations. Any well used for the production and supply of water to NATO personnel must be periodically and routinely monitored to ensure serviceability of the well and its associated production equipment (eg pump, casing, controls etc). The integrity and condition of a well are subject to a number of adverse factors that require monitoring to ensure a sustainable supply of water from the source. Information on frequency of well inspections and servicing should be sought from the operations nations' water specialists, in conjunction with the medical services.	
	4.2.1.c: Qualified medical staff, assisted by water specialists should conduct a full analytical survey of potential sources of water. For more information see (test A – annex B – STANAG 2136/AMedP4.9). For groundwater, hydraulic pumping parameters (flow, dynamic level, turbidity) need to be stable before performing the analysis.	
	4.3: WATER SOURCE RISK LEVEL CLASSIFICATION	

- 1. An Engineering report should contain a risk analysis, security report and raw water analysis. The three water resource categories are defined below and are contained in the flowchart in annex A.
- a. Water resource type 1: Brackish water, sea water or water which does not meet at least one of the parameters of STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, Annex B, test A), or when a risk analysis, conducted by an appropriate and competent person, has identified vulnerability of the source (eg visible evidence of contamination such as dead fish, rotting vegetation, oil film/sheen, floating or submerged garbage, industrial discharge, sabotage or poor geological protection).
- b. Water resource type 2: Results of raw water analysis identify that the source complies with all chemical parameters of STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, Annex B, test A), but does not comply bacteriologically. The risk analysis identifies a low water resource vulnerability.
- c. Water resource type 3: Results of raw water analysis identify that the source complies fully with the chemical and bacteriological parameters of STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, Annex B, test A). The risk analysis identifies a low water resource vulnerability.
- 4.4.7 (New): Where a host nations treatment and distribution system contains non-conforming fixtures/fittings, leakage, and an increased risk of leachate intrusion, back-syphoning or Legionella, the source must be considered potentially hazardous. A thorough evaluation of vulnerability and risk should be undertaken in these circumstances and advice sought from the medical service and water specialists. New para to ensure that due consideration is given to the condition and suitability of host nation infrastructure.
- 5.2.2: Well drilling, borehole drilling, or "drilling" is the process of drilling a hole in the ground for the extraction of a natural resource to access groundwater in an underground water source. Several factors affect drill bit selection and the method of drilling. Unrelated content removed.
- 5.2.3: Water from source is drawn by pump, to the surface, by mechanical process. In-depth analysis of source water quality cannot be obtained until water has been extracted from the well. Water treatment methods, therefore, cannot be determined until extraction and testing has been accomplished. No guarantee exists that well drilling procedures will strike water. A sustainable supply of water can only be ascertained once yield testing of the source has been undertaken.
- 5.2.4: The personnel directly involved in the mechanical drilling must be trained, have the technical knowledge, skills and experience necessary for the proper execution of the work. Well drilling personnel should: Addition
- a. Obtain HN approval for drilling and compliance with regulations.
- b. Conduct a Hydrological and Geological (as required) assessment of the area to determine a preferred drilling location.
- c. Produce a detailed borehole design.
- d. Ensure sufficient equipment/materials are available for the drilling task.
- e. Account for support equipment needed. (example: generators, compressors).
- f. Provide analytical testing of the source and undertake water quality testing to inform future treatment requirements.
- g. Where a civilian contractor is employed, ensure contractor oversight to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.
- h. Provide well head protection (raised concrete seal, locked access).
- i. Provide security (ie. fence around Borehole).
- j. Provide capability parameters for borehole operations (static level, dynamic, flow, conductivity, turbidity, PH, etc...).
- k. Ensure all disused boreholes are properly de-commissioned, adequately back-filled, sealed, capped and secured to prevent contamination and collapse.
- I. Conduct an environmental impact assessment if the nature of the drilling procedure, or extraction from the source, is likely to have impact on any environmental aspect. This point has been added to ensure that well drilling procedures are not conducted without properly investigating the environmental consequences of doing so (ie. extraction of water from an

	area could significantly impact on another area, and Drilling procedures could cause seismic activity).	
	6.1.5: Prevention of contamination of water within the treatment and storage facility is the responsibility of all personnel operating within, or responsible for, those facilities.	
	Annex B: The medical requirements para and table should read as follows: Medical Requirements	
	The following requirements are in addition to those required by the staff and patients in the facilities:	
	Serial Use Requirement	
	(litres/individual/day)	
	1. Battalion Aid Station 38	
	2. Clearing Station (Brigade/Corps Level) 250	
	3. Evacuation Hospital 400	
ITA	IT ARMY: The parameters assessed in ATP-104 - Annex B "Estimate water quantities per day for planning do not comply with Italian current national doctrine, therefore the aforesaid Annex will not be ratified by Italy.	
NLD	page 1-3: Remineralization	
	Content should remain to the definition. The recommendation 'what is best to be done' is depending on the use of the treated water. Remineralization is not a standard procedure for NLD. The example 'too high calcium and magnesium concentration' is applicable for the need of demineralization and not remineralization.	
	page 3-3 – 3-5.:	
	para 3.6 Medical Service	
	3.6.c: finding possible certified/authorized local vendors for the procurement of bottled and/or bulk water is not a responsibility of the NLD Medical Services.	
	3.11 Disinfection Testing Frequencies	
	Table 3.1: Non-potable shower water, field shower water and personal sanitation water are not definitions of water used by NLD.	
	page 4-1	
	4.2 WATER SOURCE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY AND WATER TREATMENT PROPOSAL Para 1.c. Medical Staff survey	
	The aspect of 'For groundwater, hydraulic pumping parameters (flow, dynamic level, turbidity) need to be stable before performing the analysis' is not a medical issue.	
	page 4-2	
	4.3 WATER SOURCE RISK LEVEL CLASSIFICATION	
	Para 1. a. Water resource type 1	
	Brackish and sea water, and water which does not meet the chemical parameters of the STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, refer to Annex B, test A) are categorized by NLD as Water resource type 1 by NLD.	
	page 5-2	
	5.4 SURFACE WATER	
	Para 1: Sea and brackish water are, after appropriated treatment, accepted by NLD as source of potable water.	
	Annex A: WATER RISK ANALYSIS FLOWCHART	
	Flow chart is too simple and cannot be used by NLD.	
	'Test A-Annex B-LTS-AMedP4.9' on its own cannot discriminate for the decisions in the flowchart what kind of the treatment is needed; these decisions should be based on a risk assessment that can be supported by the test Annex B-LTS-AMedP-4.9.	
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PREFACE

1. During NATO Operations water production is a national responsibility. However, the scarce resource of water production and distribution assets raises the necessity to consider creating, punctually, multinational capabilities for water production, storage and distribution and as a consequence the need for increased interoperability This publication ATP-104 aims to provide a tool for planners from the strategic to the tactical levels and covers all aspects of water production. This document takes into account existing NATO doctrinal publications and STANAGs. This Publication does not supersede STANAG 2885 — Emergency Supply of Water in Operations, STANAG 2136, AMedP-4.9 — Requirements for Water Potability During Field Operations and in Emergency Situations, or STANAG 2582/AJEPP-2 — Environmental Protection Best Practices and Standards for Military Camps in NATO Operations. Check the NSO website www.nso.nato.int/nso/ for the most recent edition of the publications as mentioned above to ensure most current information.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 WATER OVERVIEW

- 1. Water is a vital resource for host nation's populations and deployed NATO Forces. Mismanagement of this resource has a significant impact on the short term operational readiness of a force and long-lasting effects on the host nation's populations. Water is a significant operational requirement, and all planning and orders must be in accordance with STANAG 2582/AJEPP-2 concerning environmental protection best practices and standards for military camps in NATO operations. Commanders, NATO command organizations, ad hoc entities and troop contributing nations (TCNs), are responsible for integrating operational, military engineering (MILENG), logistics, force protection and force health protection (FHP) in all aspects of water planning, and management in their assigned mission area. The following factors must be considered:
 - a. Water planning;
 - b. Water reconnaissance;
 - c. Water category approval;
 - d. Water production; and
 - e. Storage and distribution.

1.2 Scope

1. This document encompasses technical information from STANAG 2885, STANAG 2136, and STANAG 2582. It is meant to be a singular source reference to assist commanders and planners in water operations and must be referred to when a nation is named the lead nation (LN) or role specialist nation (RSN) in any NATO multinational setting. This document also covers Tier 1 and 2 NATO camps in accordance with Bi-SC Directive 85-5 NATO Approved Criteria and Standards for Airfields as detailed in ATP-3-12-1 / STANAG 2394.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

Approved source for bottled water

An approved source for bottled water is a production plant that has been approved by the competent national military authority based on a performed audit (e.g. Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement), existing accepted certificates (ISO 22000, BRC, IFS, NSF) or information received by a partner nation based on STANAG 2541.

Approved source for packaged water

An approved source for packaged water is a production plant that has been approved by the competent national military authority based on the following criteria:

Initially performed audit with extended sampling;

Production and distribution according to the HACCP principles; and

Existing monitoring plan of the source performed or controlled by a competent military authority assuring that the quality of the produced water is in compliance with the Long-Term Standards of ANNEX B of AMedP-4.9.

Black water

Black water is wastewater containing fecal matter and/or urine.

Bottled water

Bottled water is potable water that is sealed in plastic or glass bottles by commercial businesses and produced for human consumption.

Bulk water

Bulk water does not refer to a type of water but to the larger volume. Bulk water is transported/distributed by trucks, trailers, flexible tanks or containers.

Contaminated water

Water which contains disease-producing organisms, poisonous substances or NBC agents and is therefore unfit for human consumption.

Domestic water (see technical water)

Drinking water

Drinking water is potable water. Drinking water must also be palatable so personnel will be willing to drink it in adequate quantities.

Emergency potable water

Water that is from a medical point of view, safe to drink with respect to performance degradation during a maximum period of 7 days.

Grey water

Water that is the leftover from baths, showers, kitchens and washing machines.

Hygienic water (see sanitary water)

Non-potable water

Water that is not safe to drink. In the operational environment, it is water from any source that has not been approved by the local medical authority for use as drinking water.

Packaged Field water

Water that is treated to make it potable and sealed in plastic pouches or bottles by military units or contracted services for ultimate distribution to individual personnel for drinking.

Palatable water

Palatable water is cool, aerated, significantly free from colour, turbidity, taste, and odour, and is generally pleasing to the senses. Palatable water is not necessarily potable and may contain disease- or illness-causing substances.

Polluted water

Water that contains substances such as garbage, sewage, industrial/agriculture waste or mud which makes it objectionable because of appearance, taste or odour.

Potable water

Water that is fit for human consumption and therefore safe to drink. This water from a medical point of view, is suitable for drinking and can be used in the preparation of food and all other domestic uses, including personal hygiene. It does not contain chemical, microbiological, radiological or other contaminants in concentrations that may result in adverse health effects.

Raw water

Raw water is fresh, brackish or sea water that has not been previously used, treated, or purified. Raw water must be treated and/or disinfected prior to use as potable or sanitary water.

Remineralization

Restoring the depleted mineral content of water that results after it has been processed in a ROWPU or in other mineral filtration process. It is best to remineralize water after these types of treatment and before chlorination. For example, water too high in calcium and magnesium can causing scaling on equipment and pipes.

Sanitary water

Sanitary water is water to be used for personal hygiene.

Technical water

Water that is required for a variety of purposes such as firefighting, decontamination (other than human CBRN decontamination), cooling of vehicles and machinery, as well as construction work.

Water disinfection

Water treatment process in which pathogenic (disease producing) organisms are killed, destroyed or otherwise inactivated. Common methods of disinfecting drinking water include boiling, ultraviolet (UV) radiation, and various procedures using chlorine, chlorine dioxide, iodine, or ozone.

Water purification

The process used to remove suspended solids, undesirable chemicals and (micro)biological contaminants.

Water treatment

The process used to make the water acceptable for its intended use.

1.4 PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. While water production is a national responsibility, water planning is a deployed commander's responsibility and requires coordination and planning with host nations (HN) and troop contributing nations (TCN). To plan effectively, commanders rely on their staffs to provide them with detailed requirements based on planning factors and estimates needed in each phase of the operation. Water management is an iterative process and is a part of the overall operations risk assessments conducted by the planning team. Moreover, this planning has to encompass the water chain operations which consists of:
 - a. estimated water needed for the operation;
 - b. identification of existing water infrastructure and natural resources that can be used by deployed formations and units;
 - c. environmental concerns; and
 - d. host nation's water regulations.
- 2. Also, water studies need to be performed by water experts before deployment to identify existing water resources (surface water, existing boreholes, water networks). The results of the water study help determine the type and quantity of water production units/equipment needed. Reconnaissance team/s need to verify the above-mentioned water planning information. Furthermore, units initially deployed can also participate in the information feedback to commanders.

1.5 WATER STUDIES

1. During the initial planning phases, all aspects of water operations must be considered from early deployment to the sustainment phase with the goal of minimizing any adverse effects. During the initial deployment, individual nations or a lead nation are responsible for producing water, but as the mission matures and with the completion of advanced water studies, the water production and distribution might become a multinational issue.

1.6 WATER RECONNAISSANCE

1. The initial water characterization studies are completed by a multidisciplinary reconnaissance team (for example military engineers, logisticians, security personnel, medical personnel, and hydrologists). These water characterization studies must follow the Environmental Baseline Study (EBS) AJEPP-6/STANAG 6500. The water characterization studies are used to create the water characterization report which is completed by the reconnaissance team. When defining water categories reconnaissance teams should follow the flowchart found in Annex A. The reconnaissance team provides the characterization report to the Deputy Chief of Staff Support (DCOS support). These reports include a risk assessment and recommend treatment processes to mitigate identified risks in accordance water with STANAG 2136. During operations, the water characterization studies and reports must be updated as often as necessary. Depending on the outcome of the water characterization study update, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) may choose to define a new level of acceptable risk regarding water and submit it to the Commander.

1.7 WATER CATEGORY APPROVAL

1. Based on the characterization report drafted by the reconnaissance team and the advice of water experts, the commander decides the water category and the treatment process.

1.8 WATER PRODUCTION

1. Water production starts with the extraction of raw water from surface, boreholes and/or water networks, this extracted water requires treatment in accordance with its intendant use. The point of extraction should be as close as possible to established camps to in able better security. Also before any water production can start a vulnerability risk assessment must be conducted to ensure the site can be secured. Furthermore, water production intended for human consumption must be in accordance with STANAG 2136, Requirements for Water Potability During Field Operations and In Emergency Situations.

1.9 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION

1. The type of water distribution should be chosen in accordance with the kind of camp (Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4). For more information on Tier 1 to 4 camps refer to Bi-SC Directive 85-5 NATO Approved Criteria and Standards for Airfields as detailed in ATP-3-12-1. Methods for the distribution of water are but not limited: portable/mobile tanks, pipeline networks and bottled/packaged water. Whatever the configuration, the water distribution must adhere to the requirements in STANAG 2136 and 2582. Also, all material in contact with potable water must be suitable and sanitary to guarantee water quality.

1.10 WATER CHAIN

1. The Commander needs to understand the water chain and needs to receive feedback on all aspects of water operations. This vital information is required for the commander to manage this critical resource and ensure water is continually provided to all TCNs. A major factor in the water chain is the maintenance of the water quality during the distribution process. The logistic (distribution) chain should always be as short as possible. See annex D – Water Quality Control Report. The chart below presents a basic water chain and is in accordance with medical standards. Nations must agree to a common point of surveillance.

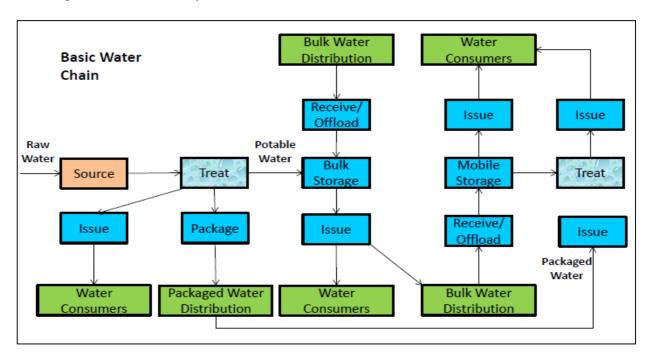


Figure 1.1: Water Chain Example

CHAPTER 2 WATER PLANNING

2.1 GENERAL

- 1. Water management is a command responsibility. MILENG, Logistics, Medical and Force Protection must be involved in all aspects of water planning to provide water during operations from the beginning to the end.
- 2. Based on preliminary planning and the study of the operational area will identify potential water sources, these estimates determine potential methods of providing potable water and other types of water to troops with the smallest footprint as possible as while ensuring it is safe and sanitary. A lack of water cannot compromise the operation, and the ratios in Annex B must be used to estimate the global volume needed. Finally, waste water management must be integrated into any planning.
- 3. This preliminary planning should be updated by a reconnaissance mission which validates the first hypothesis and provides commanders with an update on water planning and the water characterization report. The reconnaissance team should identify the best water resource for fixed water points. Reconnaissance teams will characterize the level of vulnerability (natural, anthropic and operational), to determine a water treatment that will cover the risks identified to guarantee health and environmental protection. This study is called the risk management process and is in accordance with STANAG 2136.

2.2 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Water SMEs' study of the Area of Operations (AOO) for water availability should include:
 - a. climatic data: Weather report can be collected to provide data about quantity of water which may be expected (water aquifer recharge, evaporation, flood risk of the water point...);
 - b. maps can be collected to localize surface water sources (river, lake...) and, in addition with climatic data, determine the sustainability of water surface which could change depending on the season;
 - aerial photography (aircrafts, UFVs, satellites...) studies can confirm map data and can be used to pre-identify potential polluting activities in the area.
 It can provide information about a communication network which can be used by logistic units;
 - d. geological maps and hydrogeological maps can be used to locate ground water in the area considered to be the area of operation;
 - e. geologist or hydrogeologist studies from university or military services;

- f. Environmental Baseline Studies (EBS) and environmental health site assessment (EHSA), previously perform by other nation in accordance with STANAG 6500; and
- g. host nation water infrastructures, to include cultural implications, land access real estate and ownership.
- 2. Some additional planning considerations are as follows:
 - a. estimate water requirements across all phases of the operation;
 - b. security requirements (to include but not limited to: force protection, safety, medical, environmental, etc.);
 - c. ensure reconnaissance team includes water experts;
- 3. Determine the distribution network to distribute potable water could include:
 - a. bottles from national companies;
 - b. bulk or bottles from NATO host nation;
 - c. bulk or bottles from host nation companies; or
 - d. from military treatment plant;
- 4. Planning must include waste water management, AJEPP-2/STANAG 2582 details responsibilities and best practices for waste water management. Some considerations are:
 - a. a risk assessment should be conducted to determine options for the discharge of effluent created during water production. Options for effluent discharge are a wastewater treatment plant or discharge;
 - b. water sources downstream of the camp operations;
 - c. direct discharge onto the ground or into a lake should be avoided;
 - all necessary precautions need to be taken to ensure host nation environmental regulations are met;
 - e. A plan to minimize the water related logistic burden, including petroleum, oil, lubricants (POL) and power generation requirement;
 - f. CBRN (Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear) threat to include decontamination water requirements;
 - g. units will deploy with basic load of water; and
 - h. bottled water maybe the primary source for potable water during the initial phase of deployment.

CHAPTER 3 WATER OPERATIONS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMPONENTS

- 1. The fundamental act of production and distribution strategy for water that is intended for human consumption is safety and security of the potable water. Commanders should consider the following criteria to ensure proper control:
 - a. Operational context and Area of Operations (AOO);
 - b. The analysis of the hazards; and
 - c. Followed by an evaluation of the risks.
- 2. At the end of this evaluation, the logistic or technical means are implemented according to the availability of equipment and resources.

3.2 THE JOINT FORCE COMMANDER (JFC)

- 1. After the assessment of the chief engineer, the medical adviser (JMed) and Logistic adviser J4, the JFC is the only qualified military authority, entitled to authorize the distribution of potable water. The production and storage of potable water sites choices are operational decisions, and within a multinational framework, pre-arranged technical agreements will delineate the responsibilities.
- 2. The JFC is responsible for the sanitary security of water and establishing the water organization. The JFC is also responsible for environmental protection and should take into account the impact of the water chain (water production, treatment, storage, distribution, consumption and effluent discharge). In particular, treatment and effluent discharge must be controlled and managed.

3.3 THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF SUPPORT (DCOS)

- 1. DCOS is the coordinator of the water chain. The DCOS defines the role and responsibilities of each/formation/unit to control water quality, in particular for potable water. The DCOS relies on qualified experts to ensure that the water production, storage, and distribution hazard analysis is conducted in the following manner:
 - a. promptly, inform the sanitary control authority (DCOS) of an incident that could compromise the water quality, and could have a health impact on consumers;
 - b. setup remedial actions if water restrictions and dysfunction are in place;

- c. ensure consumers are informed of any risks identified in the water chain; and
- d. in case of decentralization water operations, ensure all water producers are aware of the technical specification and set up a safety and security inspections of decentralized water systems.

3.4 ENGINEERS, LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND CBRN DEFENCE FORCE

- 1. STANAG 2885 describes the responsibility for the water supply process, assets available within the logistic, MILENG, health services and CBRN defense forces. This STANAG also covers the extraction, pumping, transport, storage, safety/security and distribution of water for military operations. The implementation of tasks within the water chain is handled differently by each NATO member nations armed forces. However, the following are common within member nations.
 - a. operational forces must have equipment at their disposal that will take over transporting, transferring, storing and distributing drinking water in the operational area from the designated point of transfer. At the unit level, forward water extraction, treatment, and storage may be carried out using the unit's equipment.
 - b. logistic forces can include sub-units to store and transport water in bulk. They transport potable water – which may be bottled - to remote mobile or stationary units up to designated points of transfer within the operational area.
 - c. In the deployment phase MILENG and/or CBRN Defense forces or engineers are responsible for developing raw water sources and treatment, purification, sterilization, and setting up bulk storage and pumping facilities.

3.5 ROLE SPECIALIST NATION

- 1. One nation assumes the responsibility for providing or procuring a specific capability and service for all or a part of the multinational force within a geographical area for the defined period. The water production site should have an RSN which will provide instructions to supporting nations. The RSN is also responsible: to report to the lead nation on the accountability and operational capabilities daily and for the quality of water at the point of production. Additionally, supporting nations could report and provide to the lead nation upon request:
 - a. analytical results of produced water from each producing nation
 - b. total production;
 - c. consumables status:

- d. any purification systems outages due to equipment failure or if water parameters are exceeded;
- e. potable water on hand;
- f. date produced by storage tank (mobile tanks not connected to circulation loop);
- g. the amount issued with date and recipient;
- h. all network modifications need to have an RSN authorization;
- i. all personnel within the water treatment and storage facility are secure from contamination. Periodic surveillance should be conducted around the source, treatment complex and potable water storage tanks.

3.6 MEDICAL SERVICE

The Medical Service is responsible for authorizing the release of the water intended for human consumption. This release is carried out under the responsibility of the medical adviser of the JFC. Also, the Medical Service ensures potable water sanitary control, provides expertise and advises on the restriction of use. As well Medical Services conduct the following: a critical evaluation of the natural and bottled water sources:

- a. provide an analysis of the raw water in accordance with AMedP-4.9 Annex B Test A / STANAG 2136 to ensure that it is not contaminated and to complete the risk analysis (annex A);
- b. assist in determinate location;
- c. finding possible certified/authorized local vendors for the procurement of bottled and/or bulk water: and
- d. identify a local laboratory as backup or even as a primary source for water testing during the water production process.

3.7 FORCE PROTECTION

1. This paragraph deal with only physical protection of water production. For more information refer to AJP-3.14/STANAG 2528. Force protection ensures that the location of water production sites all have the appropriate security measures available. It also provides an assessment of the local threat. Force Protection personnel will work with Engineers and Logisticians also complete a survey of the road networks to ensure transportation of the water can be delivered to the user.

3.8 CENTRALIZED AND DECENTRALIZED WATER PRODUCTION

1. The first phase of an operation may be a rapidly evolving situation, during this time it is advisable to implement a centralized and mobile means of water production. When the situation is stabilized, a decentralized water chain can be employed. Due to the diversity of local conditions, a "standard water-purification-plant" for all operations cannot be defined

3.9 COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONS

1. Coordination between nations is essential during multinational military operations. The responsibility of water supply could be attributed to a specific nation RSN. The lead nation should coordinate and control the capabilities offered by different nations. In this case, the lead nation should take all necessary actions to deliver a standardized quality.

3.10 PROTECTION AND MONITORING OF WATER PRODUCTION AREAS (INCLUDING EXTRACTION, TREATMENT AND STORAGE)

1. The water extraction and purification installation, as well as the distribution net, should ideally be integrated in a military installation (and be safeguarded). For this reason, depending on the tactical situation, it might be necessary to deploy forces for the protection of military water supply installations. The wells should be permanently monitored by specialists to ensure the proper maintenance of the wells and to check the quantity of collected water.

3.11 DISINFECTION TESTING FREQUENCIES

1. Military and contractor water treatment system operators, water delivery personnel, trained unit personnel, and medical personnel, as appropriate, should measure chlorine residuals at the specified times and frequencies, depending on the location and function of the water supply. The measurement times and results should be recorded, reported in accordance with unit and command policy, and be made available for inspecting and assessing by medical personnel.

Measurement Points	Frequency Requirements
Potable water purification	Operators required to measure and
points or as directed from	record the chlorine residual at a minimum
the RSN	three times daily (during high demands)
	and maximum every hour during
	production operations
Bulk potable water	At times of receipt and bulk loading for
distribution points	further bulk transport or distribution
Non-potable shower and	At least twice daily or every hour during
personal sanitation water	high demand. Also at the time of bulk
treatment/chlorination points	loading for transport and point of delivery.
Field shower and personal	At the time of delivery/receipt and at least
sanitation water storage	two additional times daily (recommend
points	prior to periods of high use)
Potable water trailers	Measure chlorine residuals at least twice
	daily
Food preparation areas	Food service personnel should measure
	chlorine residuals in their water supply
	prior to beginning food preparations for
	each meal

Table 3.1 – Disinfection testing frequencies

CHAPTER 4 WATER SOURCE RECONNAISSANCE AND CHARACTERIZATION

4.1 GENERAL

- 1. Commanders are responsible for tasking SMEs to perform a water source reconnaissance and characterization, before the deployment of a NATO operation or exercise. Information needed of the water source characterization can be obtained from planning studies and Environmental Baseline Studies (EBS) as per STANAG 6500. If the EBS has not been conducted yet, the information of the water source characterization can be used in support of the EBS development.
- 2. Reconnaissance and water characterization members are generally engineers and medical personnel. This team can be augmented with the designated EP officer. Planners will ensure they have listed the capabilities of each TCN.

4.2 WATER SOURCE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY AND WATER TREATMENT PROPOSAL

- 1. This water source characterization study aims to identify, water source vulnerabilities, evaluation of the quantity and quality of the water, and to propose treatment options to provide potable water, and any other types of water needed by the deployed force. Medical officers should advise commander on the release of water for consumption only after the water sources characterization study has been completed. The water characterization study includes.
 - a. **Survey of water sources.** The water reconnaissance team should complete a hydrological survey of the area (existing supply networks, sub surface configuration, retention of water and natural filtration quality, groundwater recharge systems, direction of subsurface water flow, pollution risks, etc.), road networks and logistical infrastructure.
 - b. **Gather environmental data.** The water reconnaissance team should gather environmental data (presence of sources of pollution in the catchment recharge area, local water network infrastructure) and determine the chemical and microbiological water resource vulnerability depending on the type of soil or watershed.
 - c. **Medical Staff survey.** Qualified medical staff need to conduct a full analytical survey of potential sources of water. For more information see (test A Annex B STANAG 2136/AMedP4.9). For groundwater, hydraulic pumping parameters (flow, dynamic level, turbidity) need to be stable before performing the analysis.

4.3 WATER SOURCE RISK LEVEL CLASSIFICATION

- 1. Depending on Engineering report containing risk analysis, security report and result of raw water analysis, three water resource categories are defined as described below and in the flowchart in Annex A.
 - a. Water resource type 1: Brackish water, sea water or water which does not meet, at least, one of the parameters of the STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, refer to Annex B, test A); or when risk analysis performed by engineer security has identified vulnerabilities (visible evidence of contamination such as dead fish, rotting vegetation, oil film or sheen, floating or submerged garbage, or discharges from industrial, no geological protection for groundwater, sabotage, waste water...).
 - b. **Water resource type 2:** Results of raw water analysis conform for chemical parameters of the STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, refer to Annex B, test A) and risk analysis performed by engineer and security conclude to a low water resource vulnerability.
 - c. Water resource type 3: Results of raw water analysis conform for all parameters (chemical and bacteriological) of the STANAG 2136 (AMed-4.9, refer to Annex B, test A) and risk analysis performed by engineer and security conclude to a low water resource vulnerability.

4.4 HOST NATION MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM AS A SOURCE

- 1. Where a host nation municipal water system is identified as a potential water source for deployed forces, it must be considered as a raw water source until it has been characterized by reconnaissance team as any other water resource; even though there may be what appears to be an adequate water treatment system in place. All infrastructures of the HN municipal water system should be evaluated and the vulnerability assessment report should provide a conclusion for each segment of the water system.
- 2. Water network and chemical products used for treatment and disinfection should be evaluated. The potential risk for accidental or intentional contamination of the water system by hostile individuals or groups should be considered, and the results should be recorded in the vulnerability assessment report.
- 3. Water coming from host nation municipal should be considered as a vulnerable resource because military forces cannot control each segment of the water chain and therefore cannot prevent acts of sabotage.
- 4. Medical personnel will request a sanitary survey of the identified municipal source, treatment, and distribution system, and test the water at the point designated as the source for the force water system.

- 5. The reconnaissance team should, if possible, assess the technical performance and the overall condition of the municipal treatment and distribution system to be used as the water source, and conduct as thorough an analysis and assessment as the tactical mission will allow. The potential for accidental or intentional contamination of the water system by hostile individuals or groups should be considered, and the results should be recorded in the vulnerability assessment report.
- 6. Whatever the results of the risk assessment included in the water characterization report, host municipal water used during a military operation should be considered vulnerable because of risk of sabotage.

4.5 CHARACTERIZATION DECISION

1. DCOS Support examines the water risk level proposal and the treatment associated and ensures the treatment is in place or treatment proposal is in accordance with the water risk analysis flowchart.

CHAPTER 5 WATER PRODUCTION

5.1 GENERAL

1. Water production covers raw water extraction and treatment for potable water. This chapter gives principles and information on how to manage water production during an operation also proposes a document to evaluate the quality of water sources available.

5.2 WELL DRILLING

- 2. Well, drilling, borehole drilling, or "drilling" is the process of drilling a hole in the ground for the extraction of a natural resource to access groundwater in underground aquifers. Several factors affect drill bit selection. Information from an adjacent well is most often used to make the appropriate choice. A major factor in drill selection is the type of formation to be drilled.
- 3. The good water is drawn by a pump which is water raised to the surface by a mechanical process. Wells can vary greatly in depth, water volume, and water quality. Well water may contain a lot of minerals and may require treatment to soften the water.
- 4. The personnel directly involved in the mechanical drilling must be trained, have the technical knowledge, skills and experience necessary for the proper execution of the work:
 - a. obtain HN approval for drilling and compliance with regulations;
 - b. identify location with Hydrology study (reconnaissance and characterization report team);
 - c. design for Borehole;
 - d. account for equipment/materials needed for drilling (pipe, gravel, spare parts);
 - e. account for support equipment needed. (example: generators, compressors);
 - f. provide analytical testing (flow {short test/long test}, water quality taking in account for new operation results);
 - g. ensure contractor oversight as needed (regulations compliance, final product information provided);
 - h. provide well head protection (raised concrete seal, locked access);

- i. provide security (fence around Borehole);
- j. provide capability parameters for borehole operations (static level, dynamic, flow, conductivity, turbidity, PH, etc...);
- k. ensure all boreholes no longer in use should be sealed to prevent contamination.

5.3 WELL DRILLING PROTECTION MEASURES

1. Priority should be given to conducting well drilling inside a military camp. If not possible, passive (fence) or active (force protection) protection are recommended. Furthermore, well head protection should be established to prohibit all activity close to the well, and security perimeter should be implemented where actions may affect the well based on the vulnerability assessment report.

5.4 SURFACE WATER

1. Surface water includes all standing or flowing bodies of surface water, springs, and unused wells as well as water sources in solid form such as ice and snow. Sea and brackish water may only be used for the supply of potable water in particular cases, but it is always suited for fighting fires and decontamination (of vehicles, equipment, ground surfaces, etc.). Since, as a rule, raw water from surface water must be purified, this supply option is subject to restrictions. Public swimming pools may also be useful as a source of already chlorinated water for use in decontamination. For more information see STANAG 2885.

5.5 PURIFICATION

- 1. Water Purification is the process to remove suspended solids, unwanted chemicals and (micro) biological contaminants. For more information see STANAG 2136. Purification is required when the quality of the available raw water does not meet the minimum requirements referenced in STANAG 2136. The type of treatment process that will be used will be determined from the results of the characterization study and analysis flowchart which can be found in Annex A.
- 2. If a decision is made to purify the water with a Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit (ROWPU), particularly for type 1 water, a complementary analysis should be conducted to check if pollution can damage the ROWPU. Minimum performance standards for ROWPU and maximum pollution levels of the raw water must be identified.
- 3. When multiple water purification units must be used to meet the water requirements of an a deployed force, the individual units/nations can be consolidated into water purification plants to collect into a single storage point. In low threat areas, where an enemy attack is unlikely, one central water plant is most efficient. Less

human resources and logistic support are required to operate one facility than two separate units that produce an equal amount of treated water. Where an enemy attack is likely, multiple water plants should be established to enhance survivability. The number of water plants should cover water demand with the ability to expand for future operations.

- a. all efforts should be taken to have single raw water pumping system for all nations to use as their source.
- b. to prevent contamination of product water system, do not use hoses intended for potable water in the raw water system.

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CHAPTER 6 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION

6.1 STORAGE

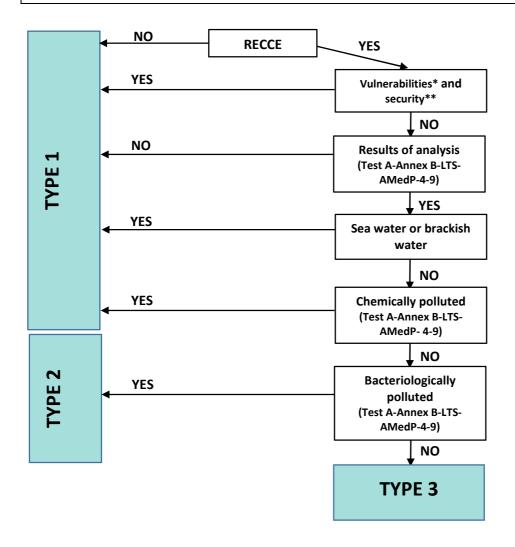
- 1. A camp should have the capacity to store a minimum of one-day supply during initial camp establishment and up to a five-day supply of water during full operations. The storage capacity should consist of potable water and untreated water based on the climate and use of water. Refer to Annex B for total amounts per day. At bases using multiple purification plants, the storage capacity should be as evenly split as possible between the plants.
- 2. Packaged water storage should be compliant with the manufacture's storage instructions and expiration dates unless cleared medically. This packaged water should be stored away from extreme weather with a sunshade to protect against the sun.
- 3. All potable water should only be stored and distributed in containers and vehicles that have been cleaned, inspected and approved for use by the local medical authority. See AMedP-4.9/STANAG 2136. All tanks should be cleaned at least once per year but frequency can be determined by local conditions. The water used to clean tanks should be disposed of in accordance with the established waste water management plan.
- 4. Storage tanks used for potable water need to be appropriately marked, see STANAG 2885. It is recommended that waste or brine water storage should not be located in the same immediate area where the potable water is stored.
- 5. Responsibility of all personnel within the water treatment and storage facility is the security from contamination. Periodic surveillance should be conducted around the source, treatment facility and potable water storage tanks.

6.2 DISTRIBUTION

- 1. Water distribution consists of two main methods of delivery. The first is through a system of piping or hoses that will be directly feed to points of use and strategically placed fill stations. This type of system should be designed and constructed in a loop back to the main storage facility. This loop design will ensure constant residual disinfection with the circulation of potable water. Also, the distribution loop should be monitored for usage to prevent water loss. The second method is the delivery of water to points of use by truck. Using this method requires additional manpower and vehicles but is necessary when the water production site is dislocated from main operations/points of use. An additional option of delivery is the use of bottled/packaged water.
- 2. Volume meters should be installed on distribution loop and truck loading is recommended to ensure water accountability. Also, one-way valve or backflow devices should be installed to prevent contamination to the systems.

- 3. Potable water must be checked by medical personnel before water can be distributed to points of use for consumption. Additional disinfection testing frequencies are needed when water is being loaded for delivery and at points of use. Refer to table 3.1 for the various frequencies and locations.
- 4. A report of the quality control at production should be available for nations receiving the water and specify: Time/date/place sampling, identification production point, used by producing nation for drinking/ shower, water quality (potable or non-potable), result per constituent/parameter, standards for quality, laboratory responsible for analyses. See Annex C-1.
- 5. Water should be conserved to the greatest extent possible, reference STANAG 2582 for conservation best practices.

ANNEX A WATER RISK ANALYSIS FLOWCHART



TYPE 1

- -Micro or ultrafiltration + Reverse Osmosis (RO) (or same result as RO) + Remineralisation* (optional) +
- -Typical treatment designed for the risk previously identified as deferisation (i.e. iron removal)

TYPE 2

-Biological process (minimum ultrafiltration) + chlorination

TYPE 3

-Chlorination

- *Vulnerabilities: degree of natural protection of groundwater, presence/absence of industries close to water point or in the watershed of the surface pumping, military camp activities...
- **Security: forces control the raw water point. If borehole or surface pumping area is not within the immediate camp area, security must be provided for the entire chain from local water source to distribution.

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ANNEX B ESTIMATE WATER QUANTITIES PER DAY FOR PLANNING

WATER QUANTITIES (L) PER PERSON/DAY

	Phase		Qualitative Water
Types of Use	Arrival in Theater	Full Ops in Theater	Characterization
Drinking	15	15	Potable
Kitchen	10	10	Potable
Showers	20	40	Potable
Laundry	10	10	Potable
WC	10	10	Technical
Cleaning Premises	10	10	Technical
Cleaning	-	50	Technical
Equipment			
TOTAL	75	145	

Figure B.1 – Cold Weather requirements per person/day

	Phase		Qualitative Water
Types of Use	Arrival in Theater	Full Ops in Theater	Characterization
Drinking	30	30	Potable
Kitchen	10	10	Potable
Showers	20	40	Potable
Laundry	10	10	Potable
WC	10	10	Technical
Cleaning Premises	10	10	Technical
Cleaning	-	50	Technical
Equipment			
TOTAL	95	165	

Figure B.2 – Warm/Hot Weather requirements per person/day

The minimum individual requirements per person/day is 10 liters drinking and 1 liter for food preparation

SPECIFIC NEEDS

Medical requirements

Serial	Use	Requirement
		(litres/individual/day)
1.	Battalion Aid Station	120
2.	Clearing Station (Brigade-Corps Level)	170
3.	Evacuation Hospital	270

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Refer to STANAG 2885

CBRN

Water use for human CBRN decontamination should be potable. In justified emergency situations, a risk analysis must be carried out. STANAG 2358.

Dog requirements

10 per dog, per day.

ANNEX C-1 QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

Resource

Raw water analysis

- Water resource category

Water production

- Different treatment used
- Product and process used for water remineralisation
- Chlorine process and quantity of chlorine

Storage

- Material used for storage
- Sanitary agreement

Distribution

- Material used for distribution
- Sanitary agreement

The report should be simple for proper application, one page only.

The lead nation should plan and conduct periodic audits to control the compliance of the water chain.

ANNEX C-2 WATER SITE RECCE REPORT

This report template aims to give the necessary information (not exhaustive) for planning purposes.

This report will be drafted during the first phase of the operation and is provided before the sustainment phase.

It can be used to draft the characterization report as a support, as well as the Environmental Baseline Study.

Water Site RECCE Report Date:			Date :	
Drafter: Name, Rank, Unit				Duration : Season :
Location : Map :		Local Name : Grid coordinates	:	
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	– WATER SI	TE TYPE		
(1) ☐ Stream ☐ River (2) ☐ Lake ☐ Ponce (3) ☐ Well ☐ Source (4) ☐ Network Water (5) ☐ Sea Water ☐ Brace	l ce			Canal
(5) Sea Water Brack (6) Other (precise)	kish water (tide var	riation)		
(1) Running Water Width: Depth: Assessed Speed: Level Variation: Tide influence: Brackish water:	(2) Stagnant Wat Surface (m²) Depth: Level Variation:		(3) Undergro Height to acc Water gauge Water flow Im Level Variation	ess water : : iportance:
(4) Water Supply Network Pipes general state: Diameter: Used materials: Water Tower (height): Reservoir: Tank: Pumps state: Water booster: Fire Hydrant		(5) Sea Water Brackish water (tide variation) Rmks:		
II - PRODUCTION CAPACITY ESTIMATE				
(a) PRODUCTION ☐ Immediate Production capacity: Required works:		Production capacity after works : Dedicated means estimate :		

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(b) WATER QUALITY Date: Smell: PH: Sampling: (c) WATER ANALYSIS Date: Controller:	Hour : Colour : Ammonium : Conclusions :	Location : Turbidity : Conductivity Temperature :	Presence of floating : Mineralisation : Specific remarks	
III – SITE FEATURES				
Banks: Soil type: Gravel Sand Sludge other (to	o be specified)	Suction height / treatment unit Distance water point / treatmed Drop:		
Concrete platform : Dock :				
(d) VEGETATION Importance : Type :		(e) DRAINAGE Water sewage possibilities :		
IV – ENVIRONMENT				
(f) POLLUTION / CONTAMINATION POSSIBLE SOURCES Factories: Sewers: Landfills:		☐ Agriculture : ☐ Mines : ☐ Miscellaneous :		
(g) SITUATION REL	ATIVE TO	(h) IMPORTANCE OF (city, village, locality)	HABITAT	

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(i) ACCESSIBILITY			
Distances:	Bridges:		
Paves roads:	One way :		
Path:	Bypass:		
Rail road:			
V – HUMAN EN'	VIRONNEMENT		
USE BY INDIGENOUS	FREQUENTATION RATE		
☐ Consumption ☐ Fishing	Regular		
☐ Wash, grooming ☐ Leisure	Occasional		
Breeding	☐ None in appearance		
Irrigation			
Other			
POPULATION:	POPULATION HEALTH STATUS:		
Sensitivity: Traditions:			
Received welcome :			
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V – SECURITY	V – SECURITY ENVIRONMENT		
Own troops area :	Hostile area :		
Protected area:	Clashes / Skirmish:		

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Distribution	
	LUSION
Production capacity:	Possible production assets :
Site layout improvement :	Necessary means :
Free text, site layout (drainage, sanitation	n, effluent disposal)

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REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

STANAG 2136	REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER POTABILITY DURING FIELD OPERATIONS AND IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (AMedP-4.9)
STANAG 2406	LAND FORCES LOGISTICS DOCTRINE (ALP-4.2)
STANAG 2528	ALLIED JOINT DOCTRINE FOR FORCE PROTECTION (AJP-3.14)
STANAG 2885	EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF WATER IN OPERATIONS
STANAG 2582	ENVIRONNEMENTAL PROTECTION BEST PRACTICES AND STANDARDS FOR MILITARY CAMPS IN NATO OPERATIONS (AJEPP-2)
STANAG 2358	CBRN FIRST AID HANDBOOK (AMedP-7.2)
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