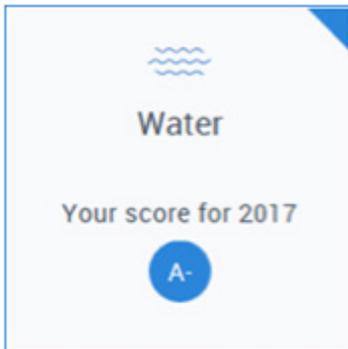


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CDP Recognizes Ingredion for Water Management Transparency

WESTCHESTER, Illinois – On October 24, the CDP, formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project, gave Ingredion a score of “A-” for transparency in its water management disclosure efforts in 2017.



Ingredion's CDP score for its 2017 water management disclosure efforts

“This rating demonstrates to our customers and investors Ingredion’s commitment to being transparent about our sustainable water efforts,” said Brian Nash, Senior Director of Sustainability.

The CDP is a not-for-profit charity that runs a global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts. The CDP has a voluntary reporting website that enables companies to answer questionnaires on their water, climate change and forestry efforts. Companies receive scores based on their level of disclosure, which they can choose to keep private or make public. More than 5,600 companies responded to CDP’s climate change, water, forests and supply chain questionnaire in 2017.

CDP scores are disclosure-based, not performance-based, with an “A” indicating excellent disclosure and high-quality responses. An “F” score indicates a complete lack of disclosure. The most common score for most respondents is a “D” (minimal disclosure). In 2016, Ingredion scored a “C” for its water questionnaire responses, according to Ron McCrimmond, Vice President, Environmental, Health, Safety and Security.



“While it was better than the average score, we knew it was important for us to improve our transparency involving water. This year, Ingredion made a concerted effort to improve its responses in the CDP Water questionnaire, working with various groups inside the company, as well as an outside consultant, to answer the questions as completely as possible,” said McCrimmond.



Brian Nash

There is an increasing linkage between a company having a strong sustainability program and being a well-run business, and more investors and customers are asking for greater transparency in regards to Ingredion’s sustainable water management efforts, according to Nash. “While these requests come in a number of forms, the two primary sources of information on Ingredion’s program come from our annual sustainability report and our CDP water questionnaire responses,” said Nash.

In addition to improving its performance with CDP, Ingredion's improved transparency has been noticed by others. Ceres, an organization dedicated to connecting companies with investors and other stakeholders to improve their sustainability performance, gave Ingredion a score of only 5/100 in its 2015 report Feeding Ourselves Thirsty. In its 2017 report, Ceres raised Ingredion's score to 22/100 in water performance in the Agricultural Products category because of its improved transparency. This was the second best score for a company in the Agricultural Products sector, and Ceres ranked Ingredion as the sector's most improved company in 2017. The score was significantly higher than those of ADM, Bunge and Cargill, competitors of Ingredion that were also assessed in the report.



Ingredion's customers, overall, fared very well in this report, with Nestle grabbing the highest score at 82/100. Other scores include Unilever (73/100), Coca-Cola (72/100), ConAgra (21/100), and Kraft Heinz (9/100).

"I'm very pleased with Ingredion's improvement in the Ceres report. It's also interesting to note that Ceres gathered information for this year's report in March of 2017, which was before our improved transparency in both our Sustainability Update and our CDP report. Who knows how well we would have scored if Ceres had access to the information in our water questionnaire," said Nash.

Ingredion will continue to look for opportunities to enhance transparency around sustainable water management activities and further build investor and customer confidence in our business, according to Nash.