

ISO 14001

***Sustainable development - SNF a
partener***



ISO 14001 - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – SNF A PARTNER

Since the beginning, **SNF** has had a very clear policy, based on precise commitments and aims. This results in concrete objectives, regarding:

- Air emission
- Energy consumption
- Water consumption
- Waste management
- Research and Environment

These objectives are followed by using specific indicators. Their analyses determine improvement actions (Quality Safety Environment Actions), such as:

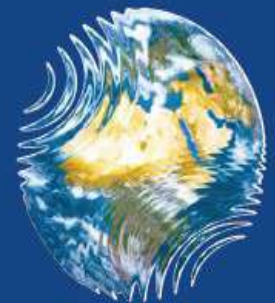
- Lower the use of packaging that cannot be recycled.
- Lower the use of toxic chemicals and lower their residual parameters: less free monomers, replacement of CMR chemicals (i.e. carcinogens², mutagens and reproductive toxins) by other ingredients which do not fall into this category.
- Install an automatic measuring system that will optimize product consumption.
- Replace mineral coagulants by organic coagulants that are more biodegradable and produce less sludge.
- Reduce reagents usage through:
 - A better dissolution
 - New products
 - On-site optimization trials
 - User training

Totally concerned with the sustainable development, **SNF**'s environmental policy has always been at the core of its strategy. In order to formalize and regroup in a global management system all of SNF's actions in this matter, the group has decided to become ISO 14001 certified.

SNF has signed with the UIC (French Union for Chemical Companies) to act for environmental protection. **SNF** has formalized its actions by:

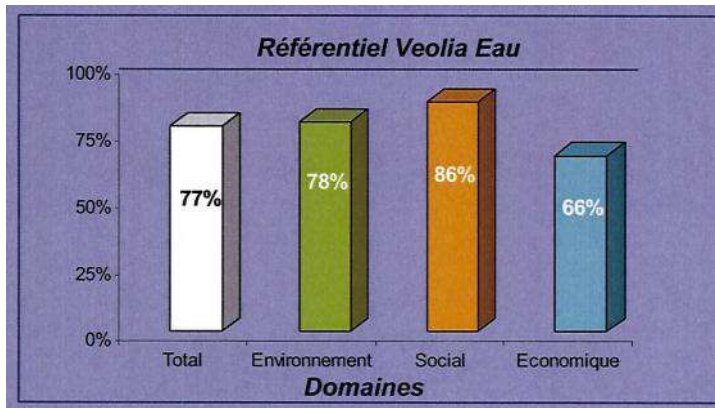
- Creating a workgroup as a follow-up of an energy study made by independent consultants. This workgroup will reduce the energy consumption of our production tools as well as due to human behaviour.
- Performing a Carbon Balance using the ADEME methodology in order to estimate our Green House gas emission for our environment impact reduction.

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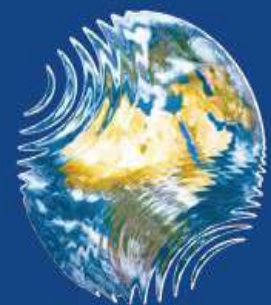
SNF systematically uses greenfield sites to invest in its new production facilities. For France in 1995, the new 40 hectare site was chosen in the countryside far from any neighbouring houses and with 120 hectares of protected land around (protected forests, agricultural land...). Thus, the infrastructure necessary for dealing with discharges can be built into the design of the plant right from the start, at the drawing-board stage. This is one of the best proofs of SF's total commitment to the environment.



SNF has laid down its Sustainable Development undertakings in its Management statement, its sustainable development programme, its commitment to the UNO's World Pact and its on-going internal actions. This approach was formed in association with all the players related to our business and involves our employees, our suppliers and our customers.

With this in mind, **SNF** has undertaken with its customers to reply to any requests in this field and to cooperate in assessment and audit requests.

SNF is open to all partnerships with its customers relating to sustainable development optimisation, carbon, energy saving analysis programmes, etc



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