

Water Utility	<p>HO CHI MINH CITY WATER SUPPLY COMPANY</p> <p>Address : 1 Cong Truong Quoc Te, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Telephone : (84-8) 829 1777, 829 1974 Fax : (84-8) 824 1644 E-mail : hcmcwater@hcm.vnn.vn Head : Vo Dung, Director</p> <p>The Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) Water Supply Company (WSC) is a government enterprise formed in 1966. It is under the city's Department of Transportation and Public Works. WSC manages the water supply system of HCMC's 17 urban and 5 rural districts, which have a population of about 5.3 million.</p>																																						
General Data About Water Utility	<p>Connections : 332,336 Staff : 1,147 Annual O&M Costs : US\$39,622,500 Annual Revenue : US\$35,683,770 Annual Capital Expenditure : US\$23,876,360 Source of Investment Funds : no data</p>																																						
Water Resources Management	<p>HCMC is in the northeastern part of the Mekong Delta in the downstream regions of the Sai Gon and the Dong Nai river basins. The Dong Nai River is the main water supply source for HCMC. This supply is augmented by the Sai Gon River, especially for the old urban districts. Groundwater is the primary source for drinking water outside the old districts, particularly in the northern half of the city and new development areas. There are plans to double the amount of water to be drawn from the two rivers by 2010 and up to three times the present amount by 2020.</p>																																						
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Policy and Regulation	<p>The Ministry of Construction's national water supply strategy study, begun in December 1994, recommended service level targets based on a national water supply policy that conformed to the general policy guidelines on economic development set by the Government. Ministerial decisions in late 1998 and early 1999 set out general planning parameters for HCMC in terms of total and per capita water demands for 2010 and 2020. The decisions gave guidelines on urban water supply management and development including water loss targets and human resources development. Surface water allocation is administered by the Ministry of Irrigation. Groundwater regulation is the responsibility of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. The Ministry of Health is responsible for regulating drinking water quality, and wastewater quality and pollution control are enforced by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment.</p>																																						
Wastewater and Sanitation	<p>The sewerage system in HCMC is combined with the storm drainage system and covers about 12% of the city. Coverage is particularly low in the new urban (1.0%) and rural districts (0.3%), which comprise about 73% of the city's total area. The old urban districts have coverage of 42%. About 79% of households in HCMC discharge their waste in septic tanks.</p>																																						