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Water board Groot Salland

Water is of vital importantce. The Netherlands: 34,000 square kilometres where land meets water. Much of this area consists of artificial land created by man. Without dunes and water barriers, more than half of the Netherlands would be under water. The many dykes, locks, pumping stations, flood barriers, canals and ditches keep the Netherlands habitable. Local and regional water management in the Netherlands is in the hands of water boards. Water boards are decentralised public authorities with legal tasks and a self-supporting financial system. Water boards are responsible for flood control, water quantity, water quality and treatment of urban wastewater. Operational task include the management of pumping stations, waste water treatment plants, maintenance of waterways and flood defence structures. Water boards are embedded in the general democratic structures. In 1850 there were about 3500 water boards. Mergers soon reduced this number. By 1 January 2004 there were 37 water boards. Now there are 26. Approximately 10,000 people work at the water boards.

Water board Groot Salland

We ensure that in West-Overijssel there is enough good quality surface water in the right place. We protect

the area against high water levels and flooding.
In practice this means we strive for sustainable management of the water system (both ground and surface water) and the water chain (drinking water supplies, sewage, water purification). In addition, we take account of the sometimes conflicting concerns of nature, agriculture and recreation as much as possible.

A portrait of the area West-Overijssel

The Board of the Groot Salland water board is democratically elected, with elections held once every four years. The next elections will be in November 2008.
The General board has 25 members. They represent the residents, landowners, house owners, businesses and institutions. The General board chooses four of its members to form the Executive board. Both boards are chaired by the Dike Reeve, who is appointed by the Crown.
Approximately 380 people work for Groot Salland. Approximately 360,000 people live in the area under its control and a great many businesses are also established there.

High water

The care of the dams that protect the area against high water is our responsibility. The water board improves dikes and quaysides in its area. When you would like to know more about our important inflatable dam at Ramspol, surf to our website www.wgs.nl.

Clean water

One of our other tasks is to prevent pollution of surface water and to deal with contaminated riverbeds. We have nine water purification plants for purifying the wastewater from housing and industry. The water board controls discharge from agricultural and industrial companies by means of a permit system.
The Water board Groot Salland is not responsible for drinking water. There is a water company in the area that handles that: Vitens.

Sufficient water

We ensure goad drainage and supply of surface water to prevent flooding and also to prevent drying out. To do this there is a system of waterways, pumping stations and dams for controlling water levels.

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