

# European Water Stewardship Standard Accreditation

ABP is one of Europe's largest food processors and a EPA Large Water User Community of Practice member. Management is committed to demonstrating their ethos of sustainable resource management.



## Lean water tools :

- Gap Analysis

*“The insight provided by the analysis created a clear roadmap tailored to our firm, streamlining our certification process.”*

## Before:

To help reach its 2020 corporate targets in terms of reduced resource consumption ABP sought to achieve certification with the European Water Stewardship at their site in Cahir. This accreditation process involved meeting a number of criteria site-wide related to sustainable water management in terms of water quantity, quality and governance.

## After:

Central-Solutions performed gap analysis at the site, which began with benchmarking the sites performance against individual criteria listed in the standard in order to highlight areas that needed further improvement. Ideas and strategies were then developed to improve on these areas so that all of the necessary criteria were met in time for certification.

## Benefits:

- ABP Cahir was the first food processor in Europe to achieve Gold status of the EWS standard for responsible water practices, demonstrating their continued commitment to resource management
- The EWS standard helped direct the firm's own improvements efforts as its criteria provide clear resource reduction goals
- Pre-Screening identified where improvements were needed and ensured resources were utilised effectively in meeting criteria
- Following success at ABP Cahir, management are keen to replicate these reductions and are currently implementing similar practices at all Irish sites