



Talisman Kurdistan Operations Reaches Important Environmental Milestone

Talisman is committed to environmental performance that meets or exceeds regulations in the areas where we operate. Understanding and minimizing our impact on the environment are important considerations in the decisions we make, both before and after we commence operations.

Minimizing the environmental impacts of energy exploration and production is one of our industry's key challenges and opportunities in Kurdistan. Our goal of continuous improvement in our environmental performance includes fully integrating environmental considerations into our business. As our operations grow here in Kurdistan, so does our potential impact on the environment.

The Kurdistan team members brought with them the reduce, re-use, recycle, and recover mentality many of us grew up with and have become accustomed to in North America, the UK and other areas we operate in. There were not a lot of options for handling or recycling waste in Kurdistan but through the contacts of the local staff, many trips to various facilities and speaking with local businesses, a plastic recycler was found near our field operations.

With the extreme temperatures we face in our operations here in Kurdistan, water is an important safety factor as we must ensure that our field staff remain hydrated at all times. With concerns on the quality of the local drinking water, plastic water bottles are the primary source of water for our staff. This obviously leads to an almost overwhelming amount of bottles used daily by our staff and contractors. With the discovery of the plastic recycling facility, the Kurdistan team started to collect the plastic bottles at our field sites and our offices in July 2012.

The bottles that are taken to the facility are put through a process that eventually turns them into Bio-degradable, re-useable bags as seen here:



Since July, Talisman Kurdistan Personnel have collected and recycled an estimated 1 million plastic drinking bottles from our operations. As our bottle recycling program grew from the field sites to our offices, the office personnel in Sulaymaniah made a trip to a popular picnic area on the way to our field operations for a clean up day. Not only did the area get cleaned up but the local staff were very grateful that Talisman was so concerned with protecting the environment, not only from the impact of our operations but to go beyond and try to improve the areas around us.



1 Million Plastic Bottles Recycled by Talisman Kurdistan Operations