



## **Industrial Water Systems** **Virtual INPLT Training & Assessment**

Session 1

Tuesday – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

10 am – 12:30 pm

# Welcome

- Welcome to the first Water Virtual INPLT training series
- Eight, 2-1/2 hour webinars, focused on Industrial Water Systems, Water Assessment and Optimization
- These webinars will help you gain a significant understanding of your industrial water system, undertake a water assessment, evaluate and quantify water and cost-saving opportunities using US DOE tools and resources
- Thank you for your interest!



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# Industrial Water INPLT: Goals

- Train INPLT participants to conduct a facility level water use assessment
  - Conduct water use assessment to establish **baseline water use** and **true cost** for the host facility
- Identify measures for achieving water and cost savings
- Replicate INPLT results in other facilities

# Water Virtual INPLT Agenda

- **Week 1 (May 21<sup>st</sup>) – Introduction to Industrial Water Assessment and Plant Water Profiler**
- **Week 2 (May 28<sup>th</sup>) – Understanding System Level Water use**
- **Week 3 (June 4<sup>th</sup>) – True Cost of Water**
- **Week 4 (June 11<sup>th</sup>) – Plant Water Profiler Working Session**
- **Week 5 (June 13<sup>th</sup>) – Identifying Water Savings Opportunity**
- **Week 6 (June 25<sup>th</sup>) – Virtual Treasure Hunt**
- **Week 7 (July 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Estimating Water Savings Opportunities**
- **Week 8 (July 9<sup>th</sup>) – Industrial Water System VINPLT Wrap-up Presentations**

# Agenda – Session ONE

## Today's Content:

- Introduction
  - Overview of Industrial Water Use
  - Water Risks
  - Water-Energy Nexus
- Components of an Industrial Water Assessment
- Getting Started with Water assessment
  - Plant Water Flow diagram
- Kahoot Quiz Game
- Q&A

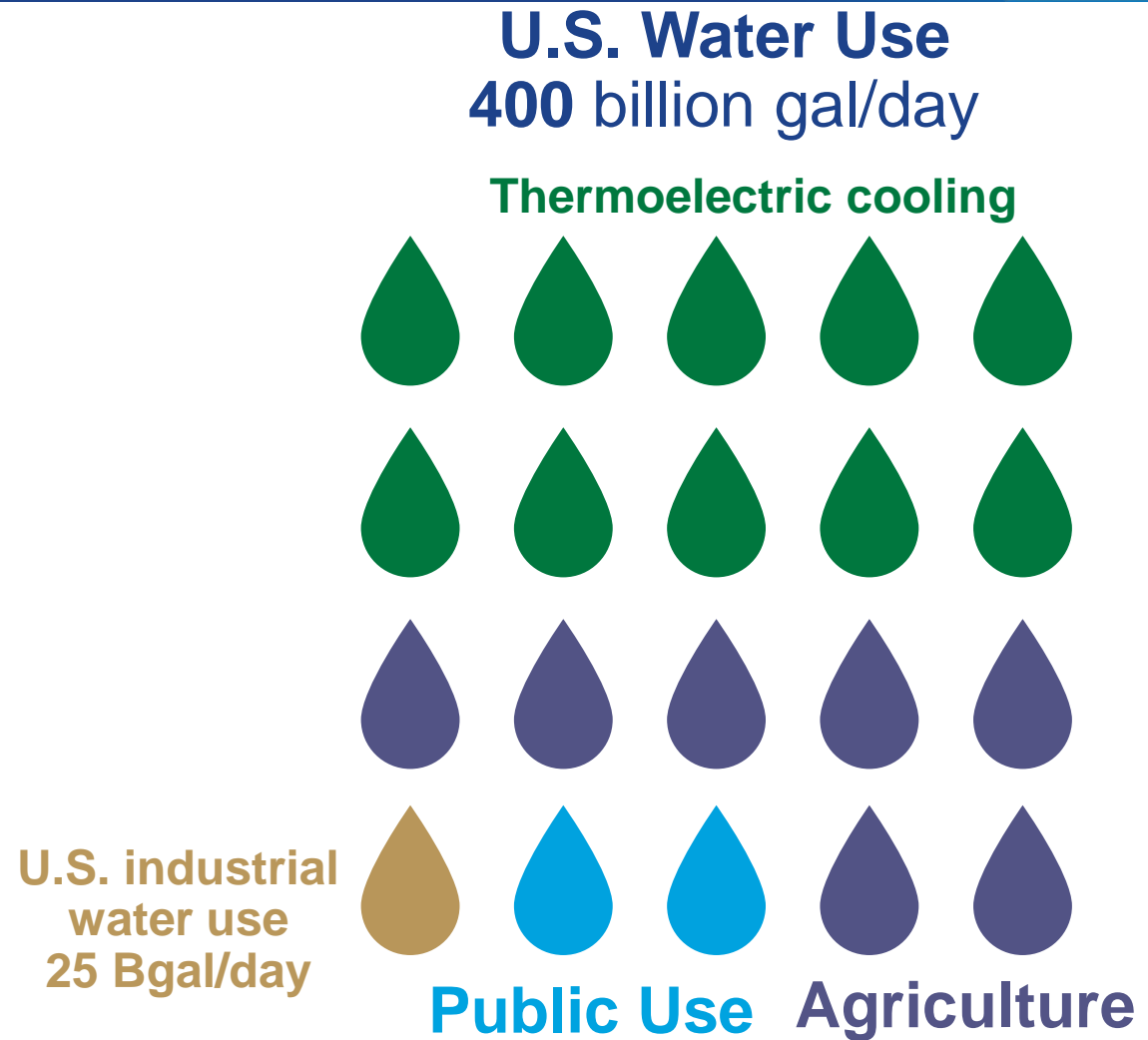




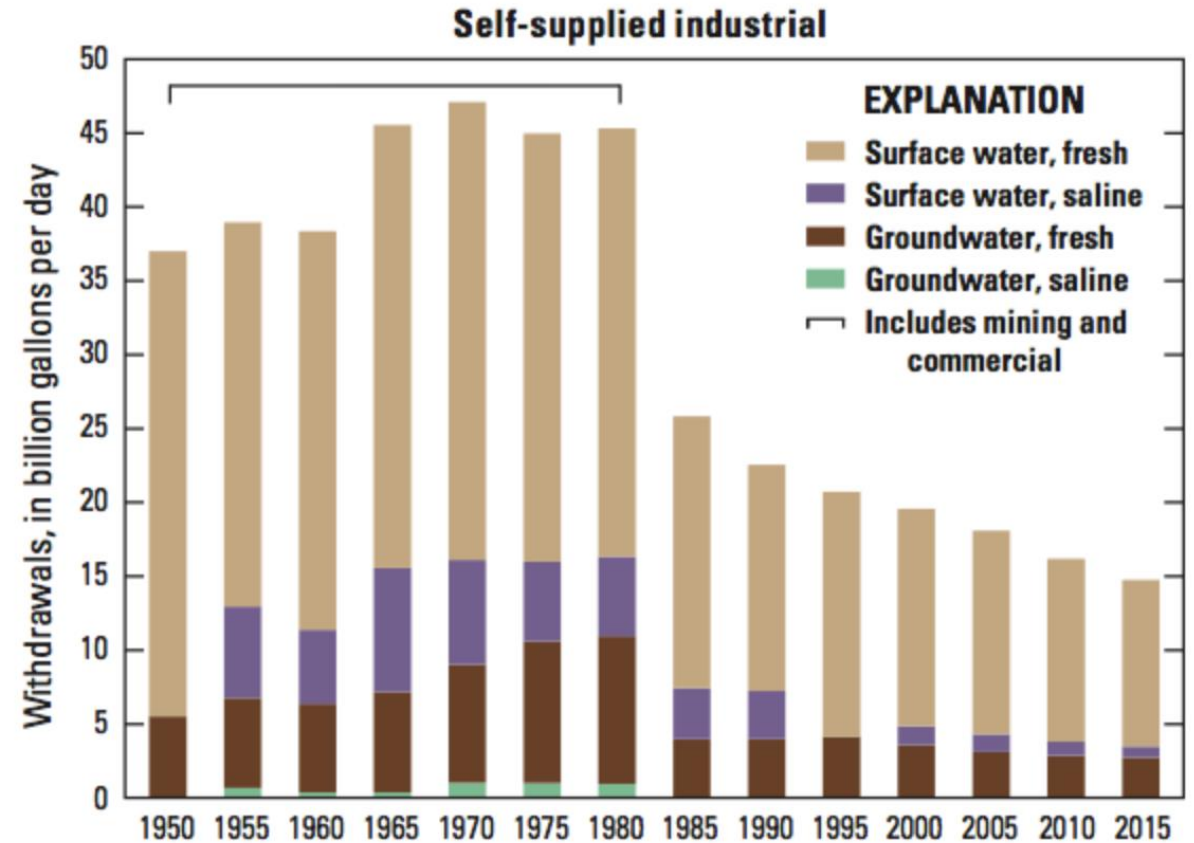
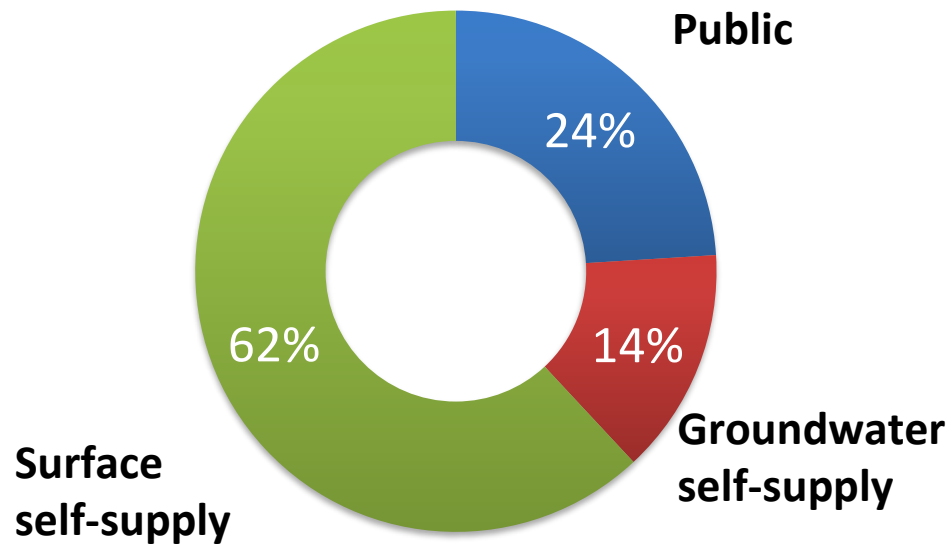
# Industrial Water Use: Overview

# Industrial Water Use: Snapshot

- Industrial water use  
~ 5 – 6 % U.S. Total
- Most self-supplied
- Small fraction of total  
operational costs



# Estimated sources of manufacturing water use

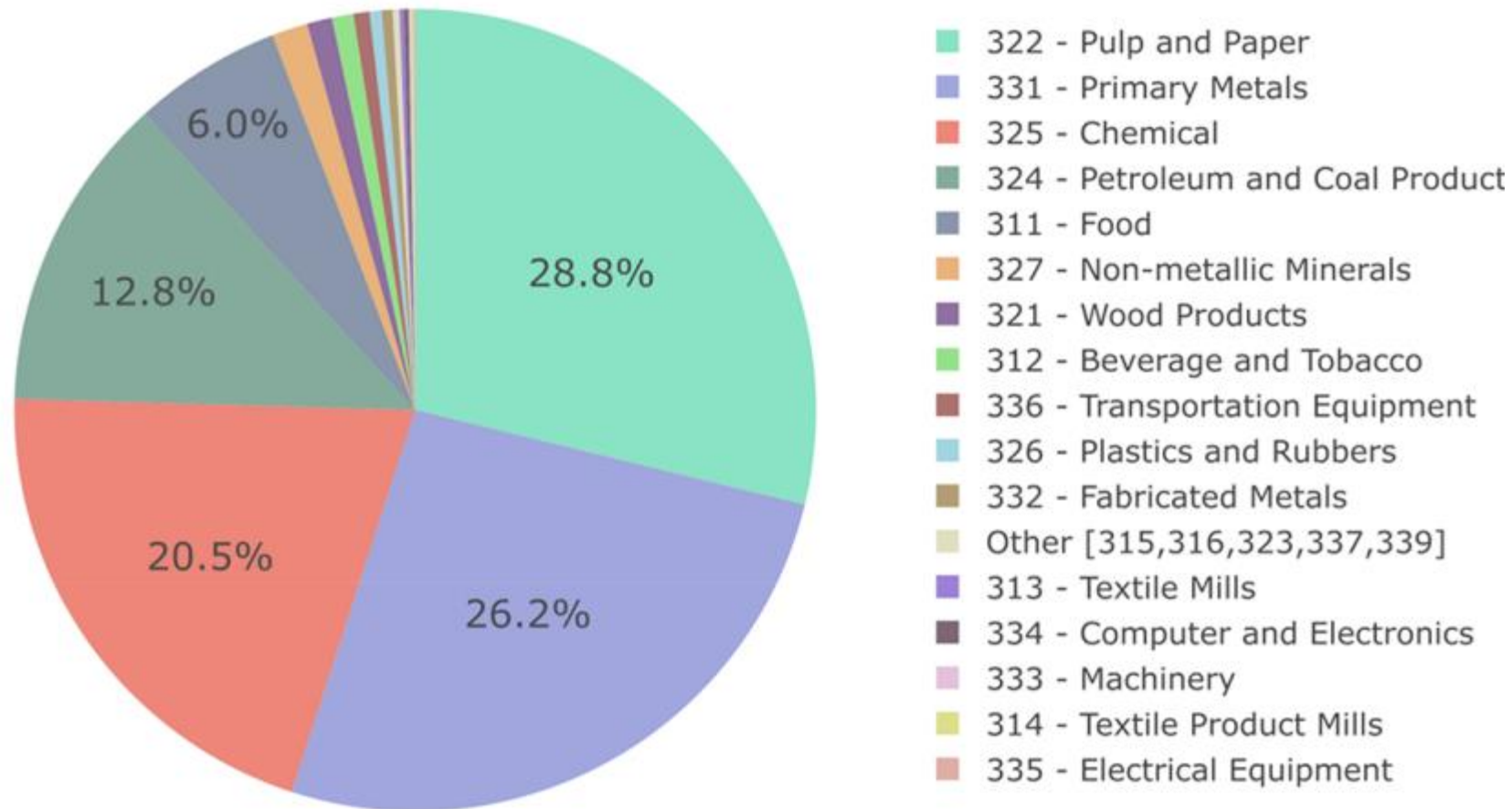


- Only 15% of total water intake in industries is consumptive

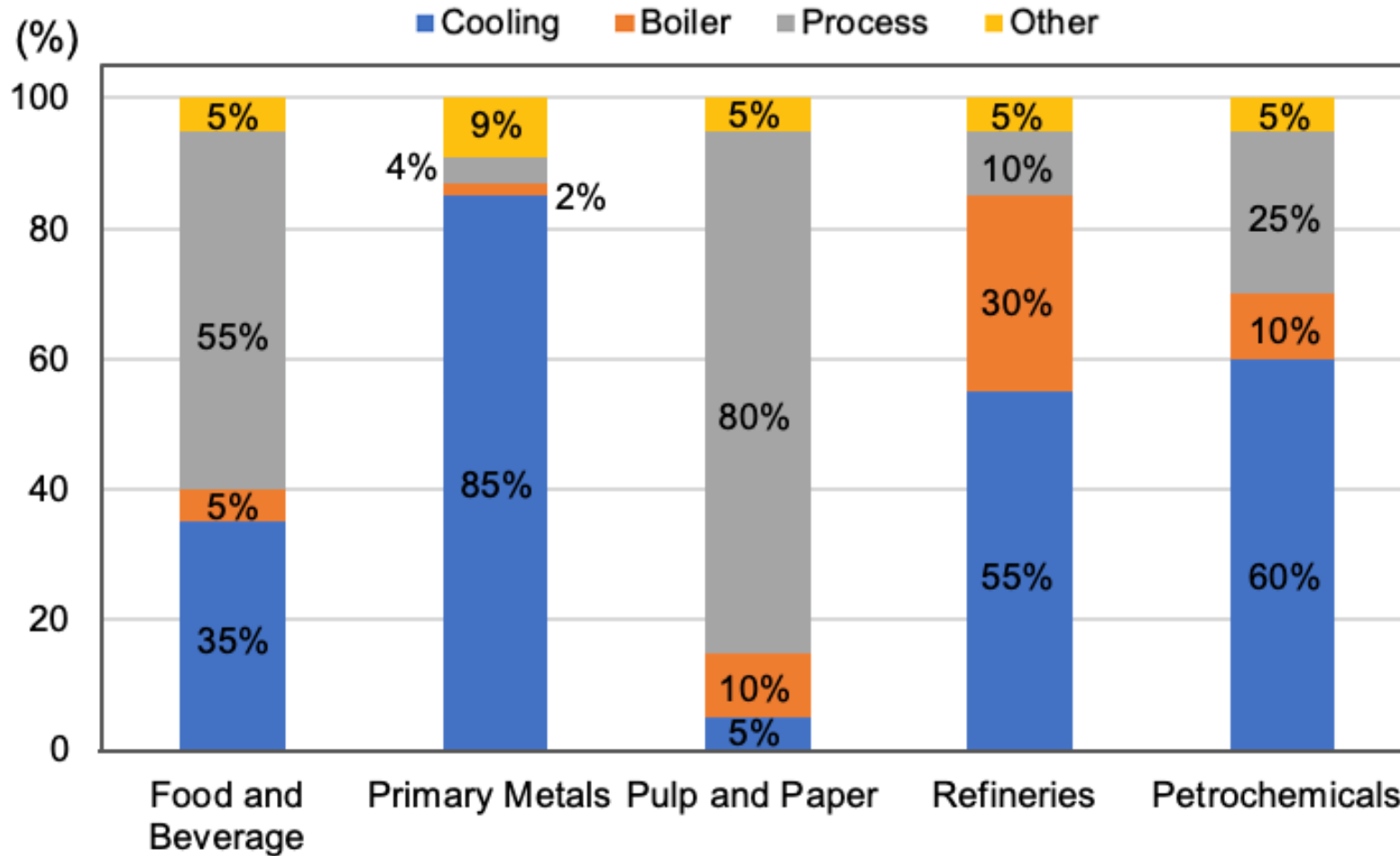
- Self supplied water: 94% fresh and 6% saline

# Breakdown of water use by industry

US Manufacturing Estimated Water Intake by Sector (MGD)



# Breakdown of water use by application



- Process water includes,
- Washing/Cleaning
  - Diluting (e.g., paint shop)
  - Transporting a product
  - Fabrication
  - Bleaching
  - Lubrication
  - Sterilizing..

# Polling Question 1

Polling Question

## 1) Which category best describes your facility?

- A.** Heavy water user — e.g., Petrochemicals, Refineries, Forest Products, Primary Metals, Food and Beverage, Textiles
- B.** Medium water user — e.g., Non-Metallic Minerals, Transportation equipment, Fabricated Metals, Plastics and Rubber etc.
- C.** Small water user — e.g., Electronics, Specialty manufacturing, etc.
- D.** Not a water user

# Why should manufacturers consider water efficiency

## Cost savings and operational improvements

- Cost of **purchasing** water for facility
- Cost of **material** for water and wastewater treatment
- Cost of **discharging** wastewater
- Cost of energy for **heating and cooling** water
- Cost of energy for **pumping** water

Water Energy Nexus

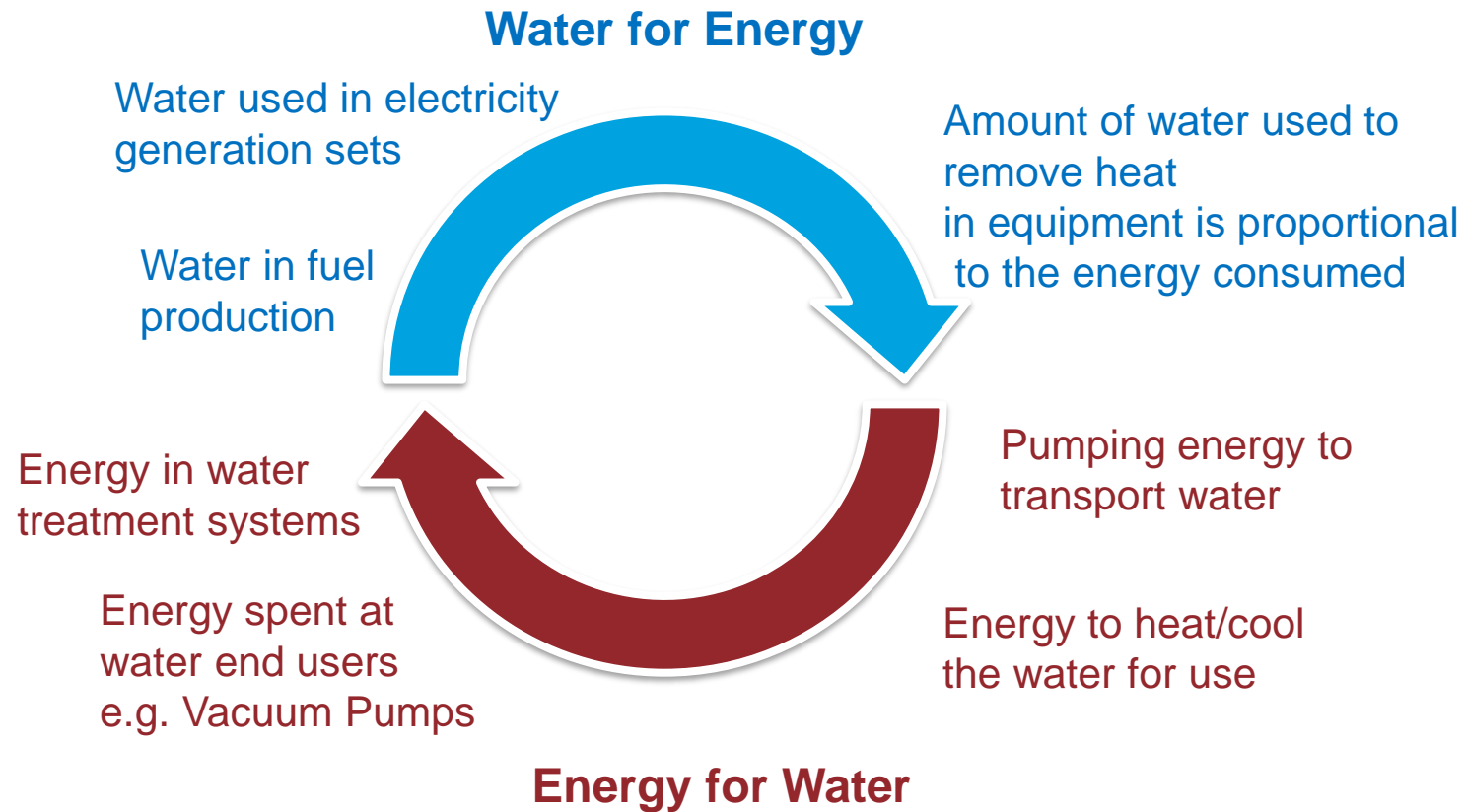
## Business risks

- Scarcity – **Risk of disruption** of water supply to plant due to drought conditions, regional scarcity etc.
- Regulatory – Risk of increased **government regulation** on water use and pollution regulations
- Disruption of water supply in supply chain

## Environmental and Social Responsibility

- Sustainability strengthens public trust and helps create better relationship for business

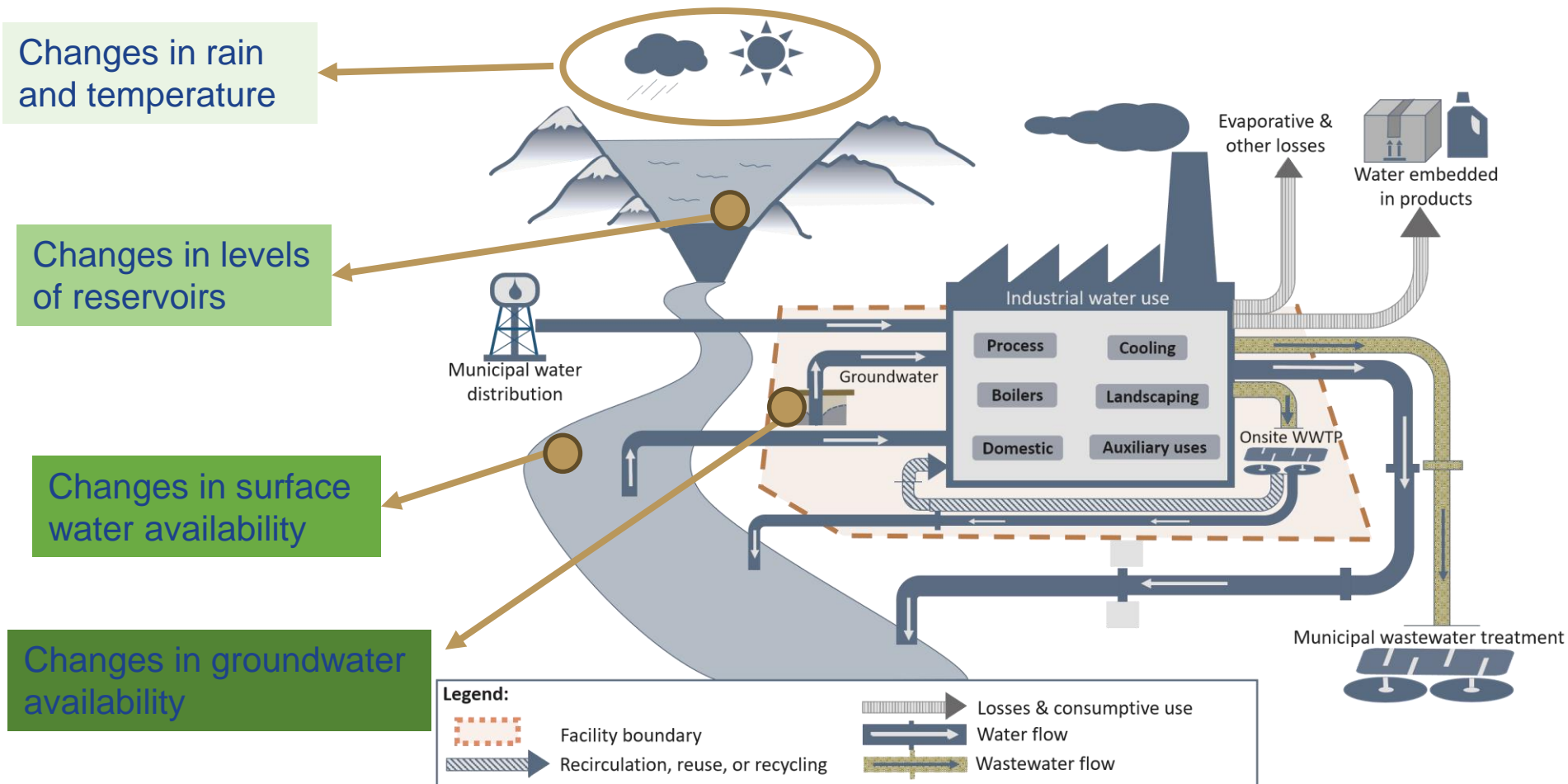
# Water - Energy Nexus : Interdependence at facility level



Even if water is cheap, the correlating impact water use has on energy can make it expensive



# Industrial water supply is affected by external factors



Significant changes in water availability can cause:

Low levels in reservoirs, rivers, and wells

Water curtailments

Regulatory changes

Reputational risk

Water emergencies

Local water availability is the predominate factor that determines the business risk related to water

# Water risks in your region

## Physical Risks – Quantity

Measure's risk related to too little or too much water Eg. Water Stress

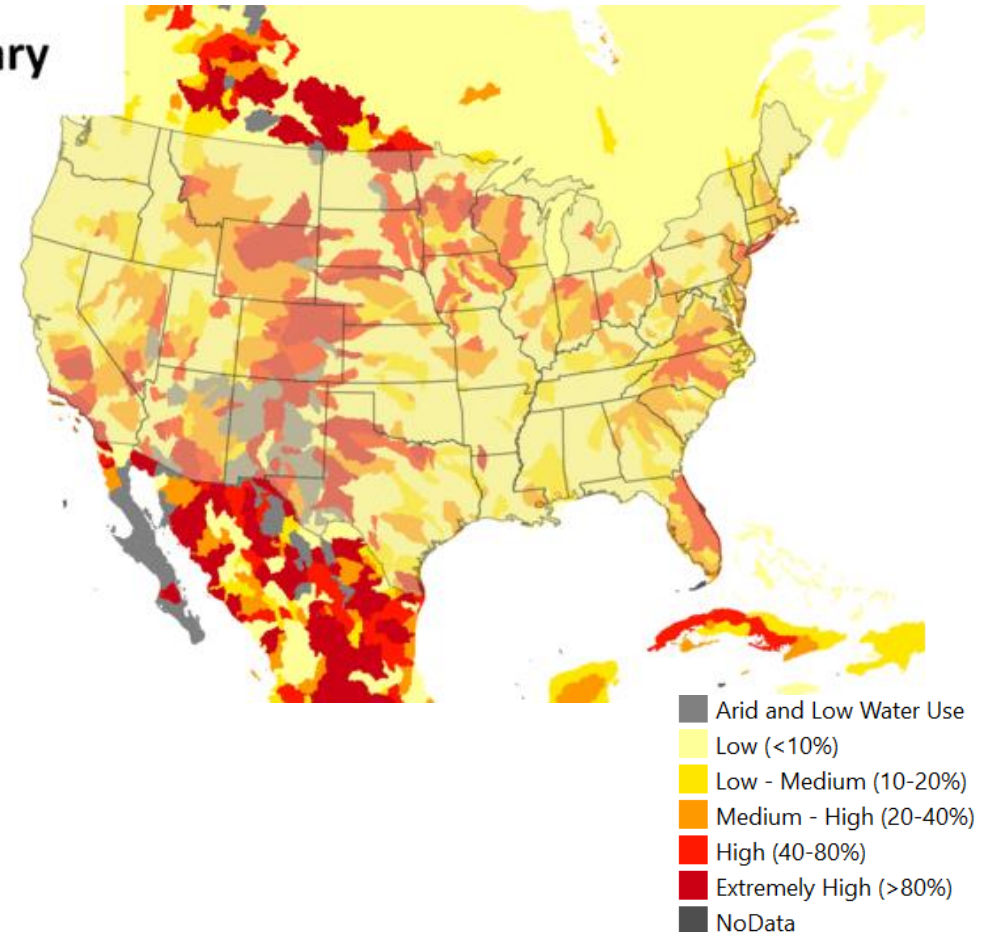
## Physical Risk – Quality

Measure's risk related to water that is unfit for use. Eg. Untreated Connected Wastewater

## Regulatory and Reputation Risks

Measures risk related to uncertainty in regulatory change and perception with the public. Eg. Environmental, social, and governance risk

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# Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas – World Resource Institute (WRI)

WRI's tool for measuring and mapping water risks worldwide.



<https://www.wri.org/data/aqueduct-water-risk-atlas>

## Physical Risks – Quantity

- Water Stress
- Water Depletion
- Interannual Variability
- Seasonal Variability
- Groundwater Table Decline
- Riverine flood risk
- Coastal flood risk
- Drought Risk

## Physical Risk – Quality

- Untreated Connected Wastewater
- Coastal Eutrophication Potential

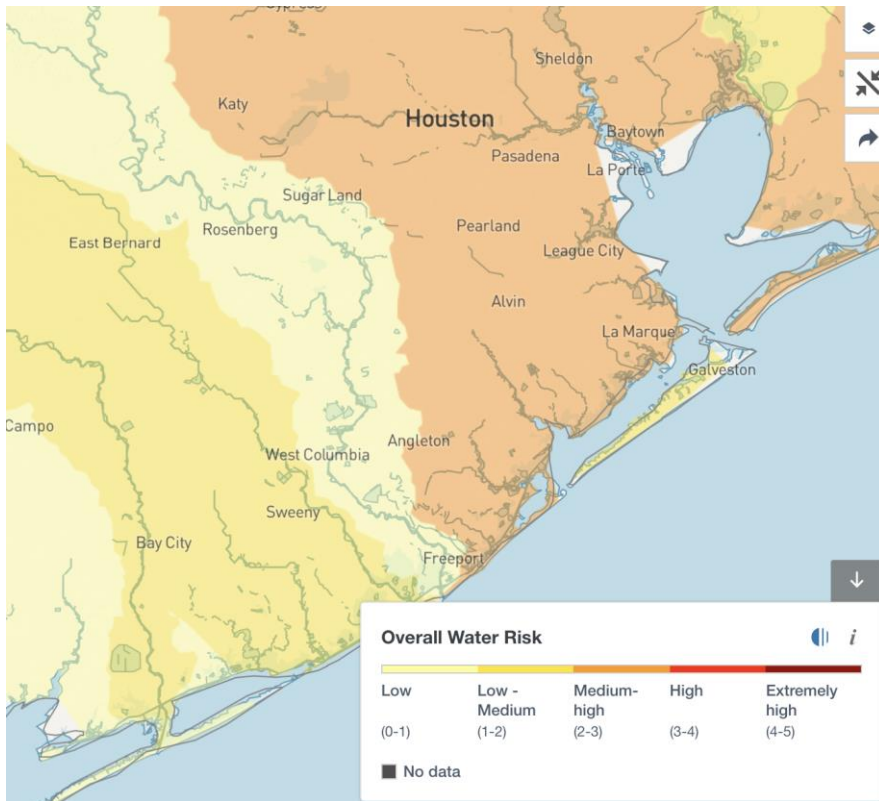
## Regulatory and Reputation Risks

- Unimproved/No Drinking Water
- Unimproved/No Sanitation
- Country ESG Risk Index

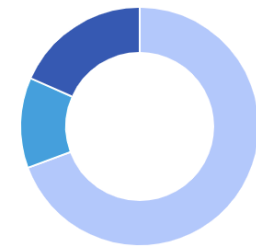
**Risk  
Indicators  
Measured**

# Aquaduct Water Risk Atlas – Overall Water Risk Index

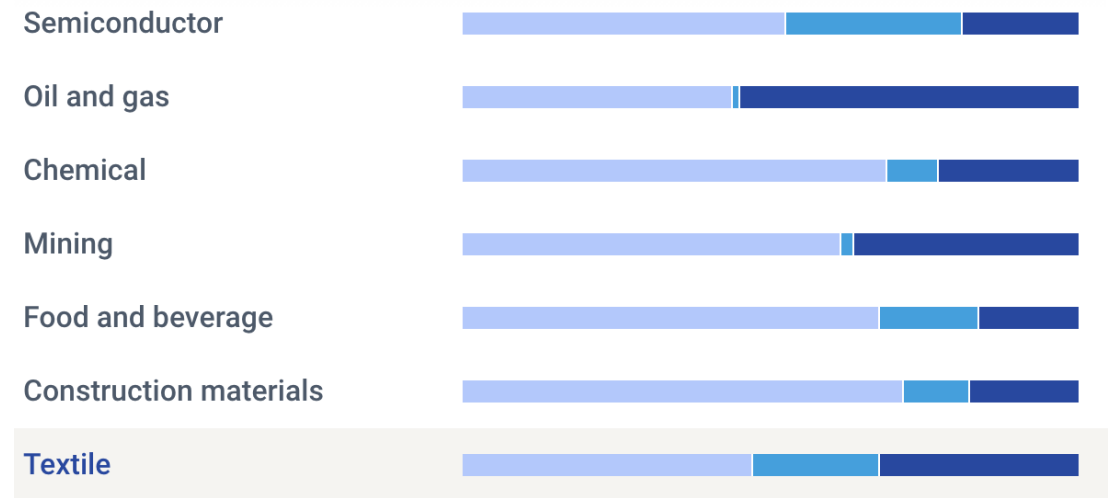
**Overall Water Risk Index:** Measures all water-related risks, by aggregating all selected indicators from the Physical Quantity, Quality and Regulatory & Reputational Risk categories.



**Overall Risk Index for a Food and Beverage manufacturer in the Houston, TX area.**



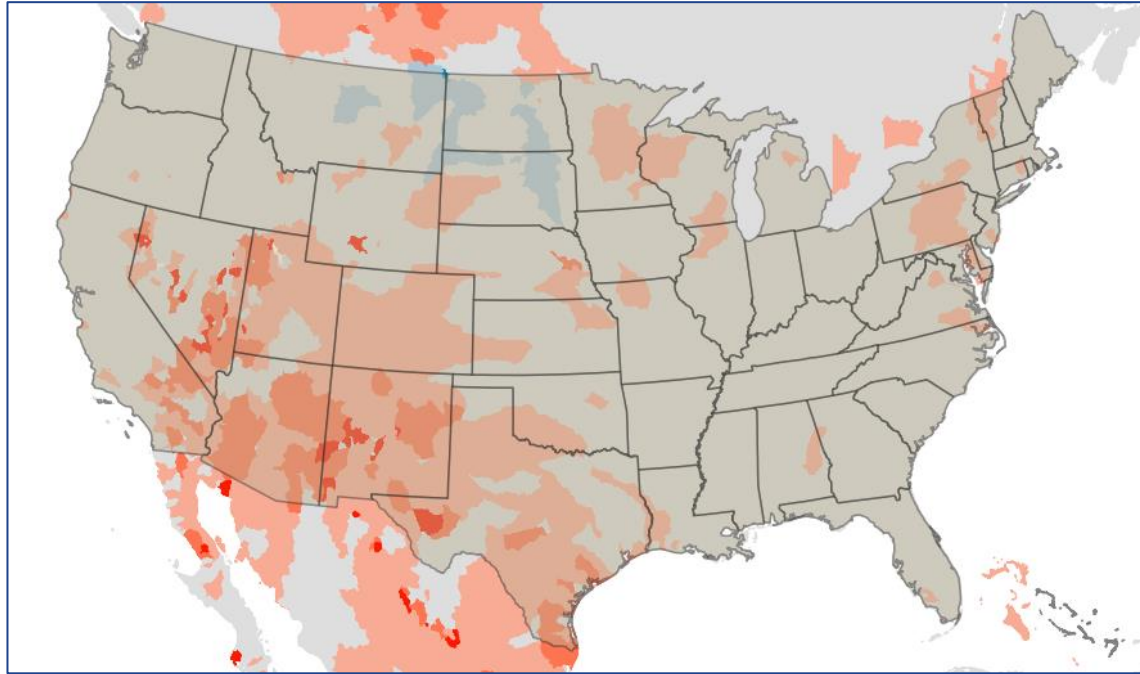
69% Water Quantity Risk  
 12% Water Quality Risk  
 18% Regulatory and Reputational



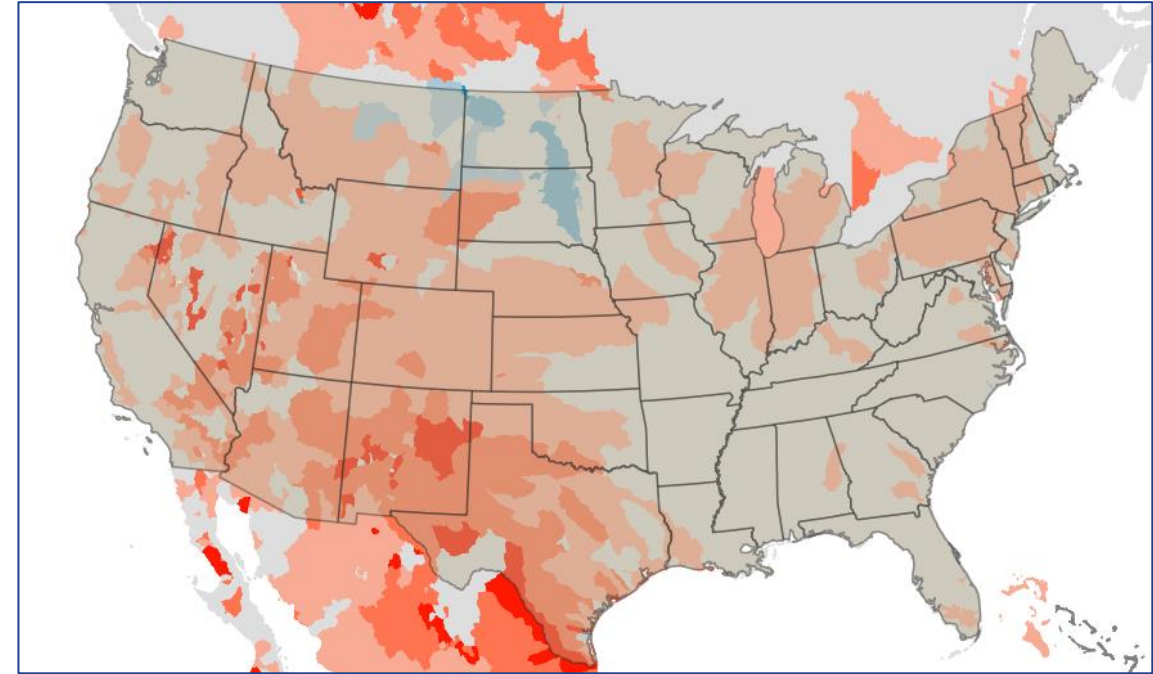
**Water Risk weightages considered to calculate the overall risk metric**

# Water Stress - Business as usual

Water stress is an indicator of competition for water resources and is defined informally as the ratio of demand for water by human society divided by available water.



2030



2040

**Water Stress** = water withdrawals/available water



Source: WRI Aqueduct – Water Risk Atlas

# Polling Question 2

Polling Question

- 1) Why is water efficiency important to you?
  - A. Cost Savings
  - B. Reducing risk and improve resilience
  - C. Sustainability Targets
  - D. Product Quality improvement
  - E. Others

# Barriers to Industrial Water Use Reduction

- Lack of reliable data of industrial water use -- the extent of water-use related risks is unknown
- Lack of understanding of hidden costs of water use
- Lack of incentives from utility & state government

**Economic justification for potentially expensive water use reduction projects**

This is changing ...

# Introduction to Industrial Water Assessment



# Conducting a Water Use Assessment

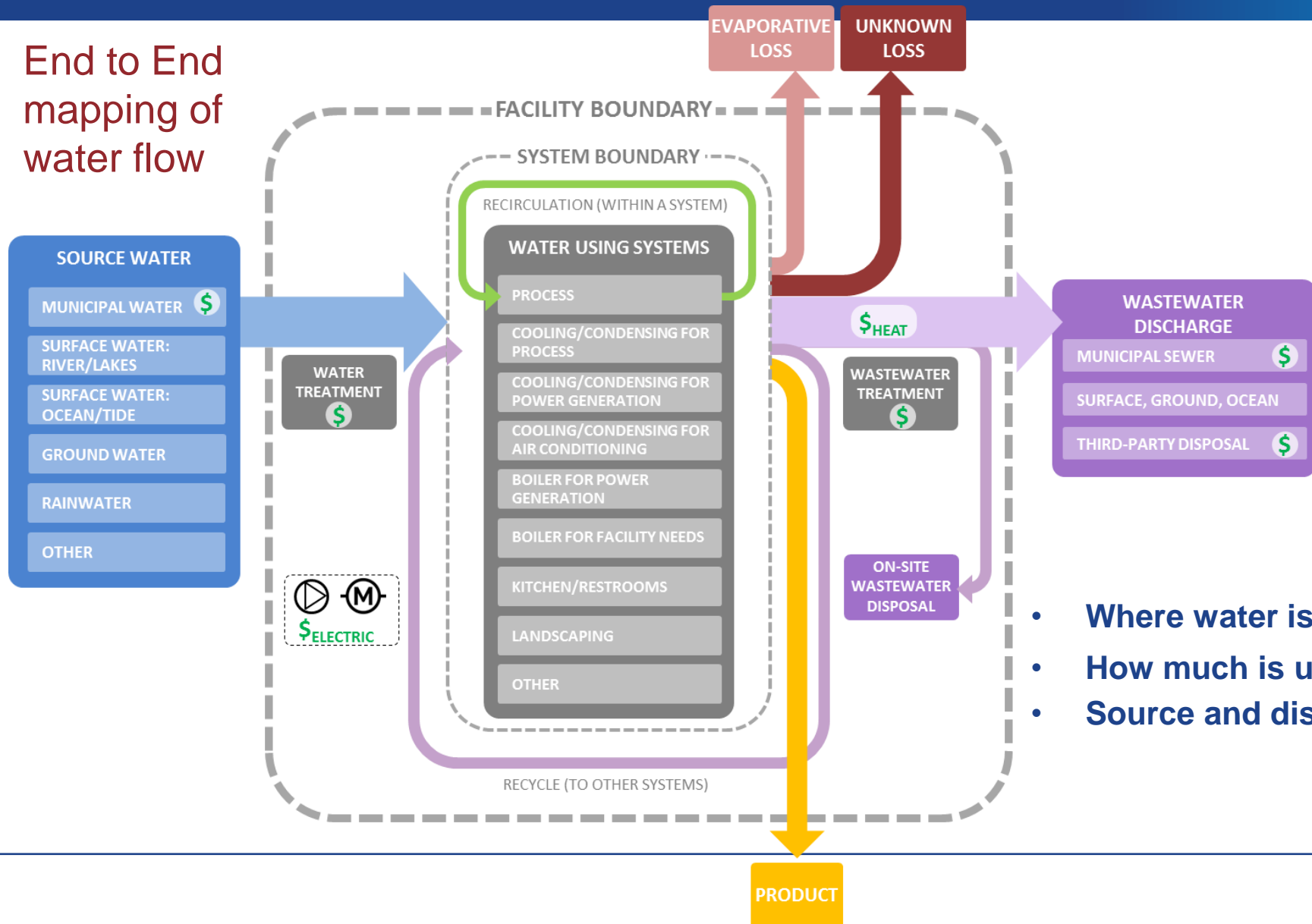
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Step 2. Quantify true cost of water

Step 3. Identifying water savings opportunity

# Step 1. Baseline water use

End to End mapping of water flow

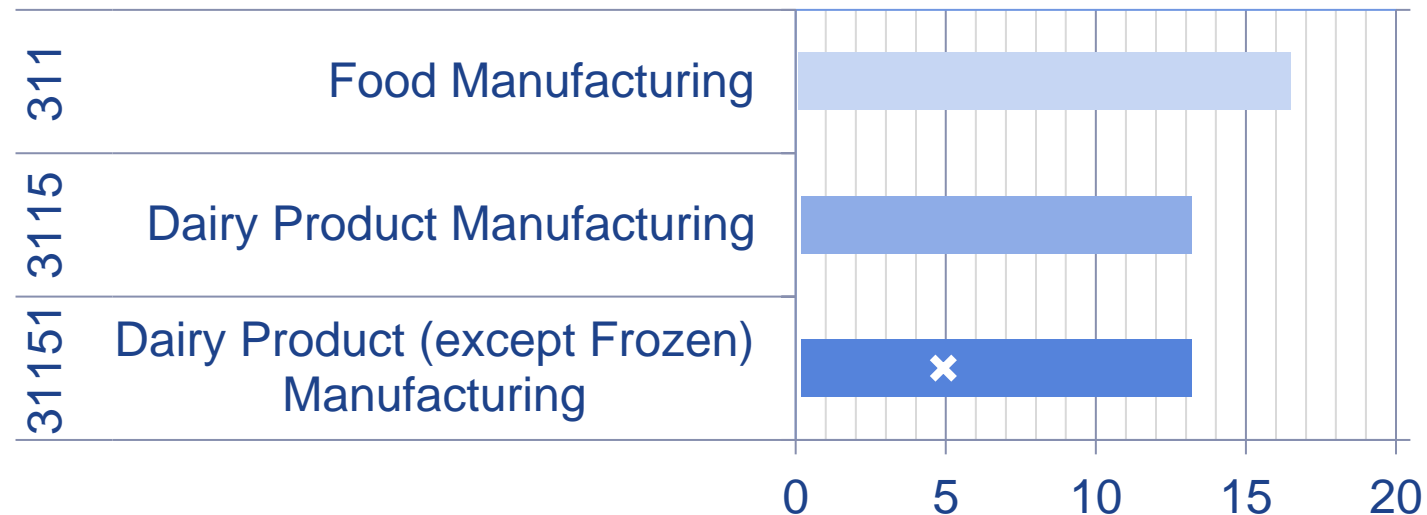


- Where water is used
- How much is used
- Source and discharge

# Step 1. Baseline water use

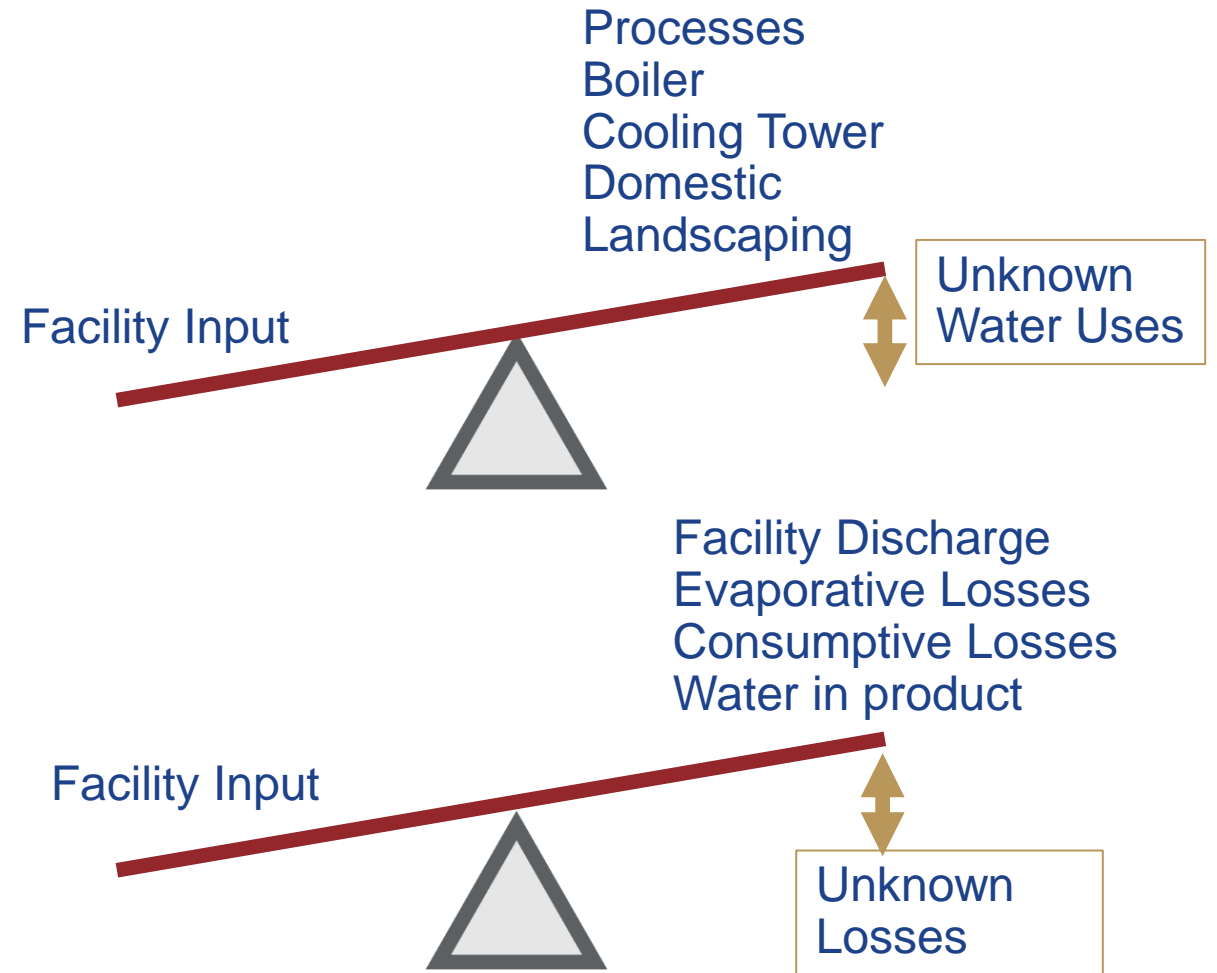
## Significance to the facility

- Establishes baseline to track water use over time
- Allows comparison with other industries (motivation)



# Water Balance

- Total of all water used by individual **Systems** should equal **Plant Water Intake**
- **Plant Water Intake** should equal **Plant Water outflows**

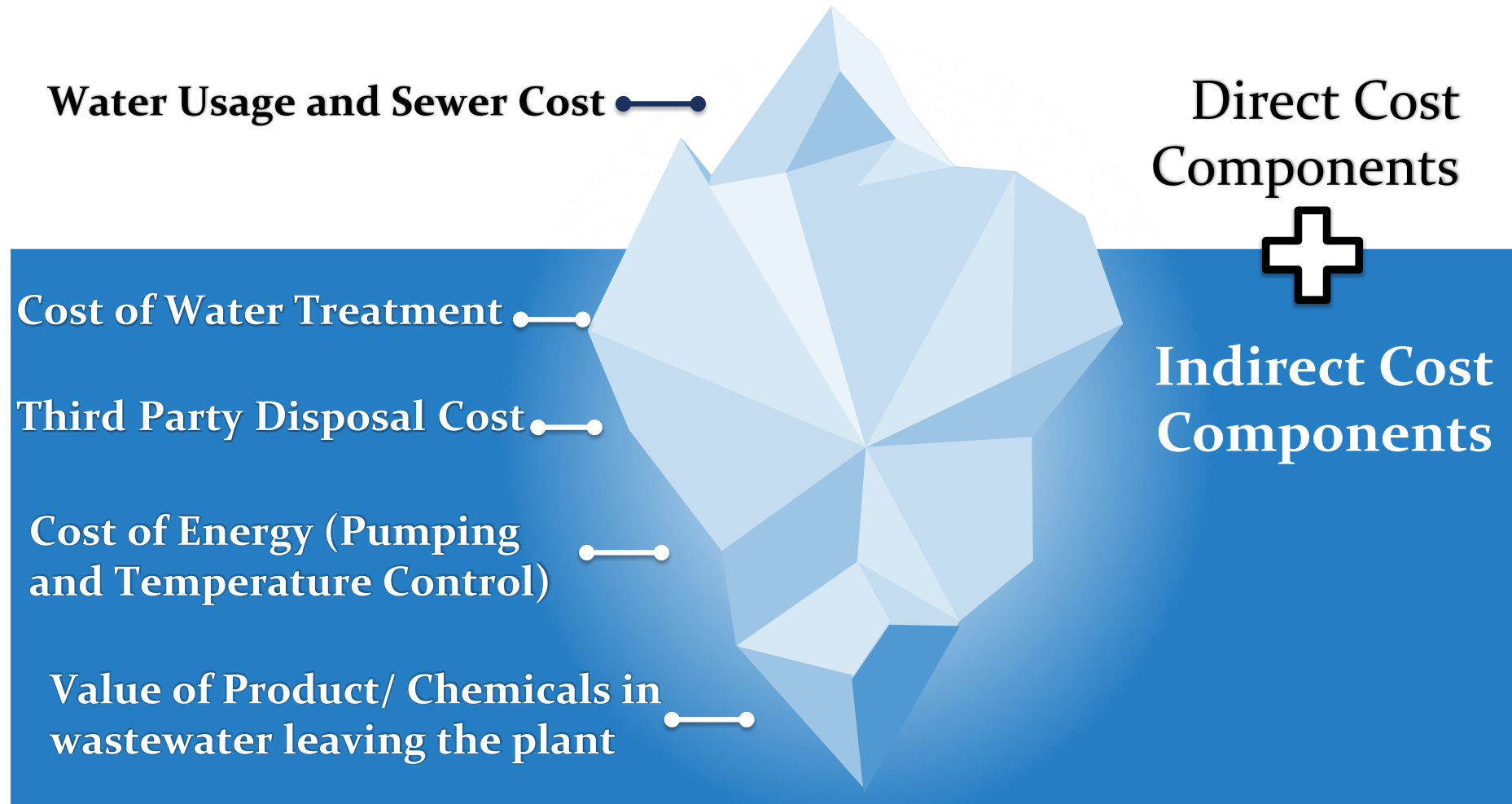


# A “Water Balance” helps baseline water consumption

## Why to Conduct a Water Balance?

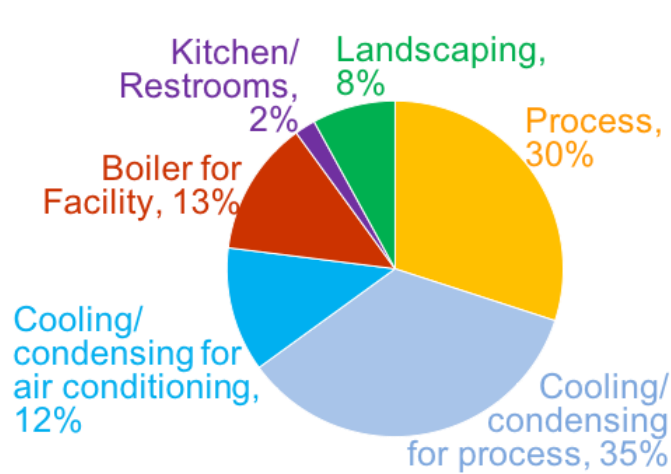
- **Accurate water accounting is the key to true cost determination**
- **Water balance** gives the opportunity to
  - Perform sanity check on water estimates
  - Reduce uncertainty in baseline water use and associated true cost components
  - Quantify **unaccounted water use or unknown water loss**
  - Better accuracy in estimating water and true cost savings from water-efficiency measures

# Step 2. True Cost of Water

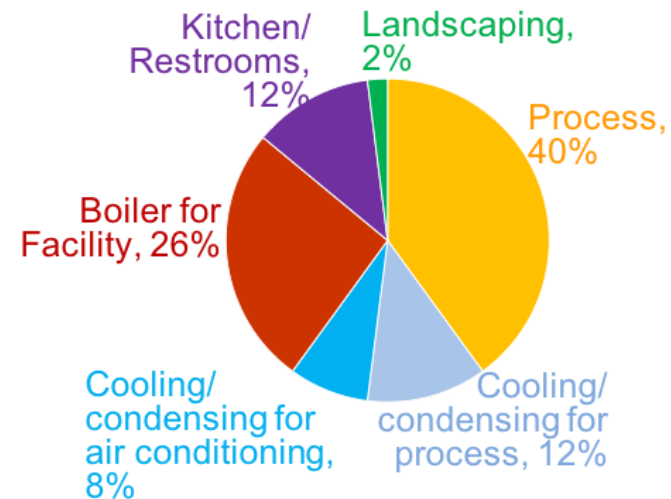


# Significance to finding True Cost of Water

- Reveals hidden costs of using water
- Identifies water use-intensive versus cost-intensive systems to help prioritize measures



Source water intake



True cost of water

# Step 3: Identifying Water Savings Opportunity

**Water efficiency can reduce cost, improve resilience and reduce environmental impacts.**

- Recycle and Reuse Water
- Efficient Design
- Implementing new technologies
- Optimized Operations
- Behavioral Improvements
- Proper Maintenance





# Examples



## New Technology

PepsiCo switched to purified air for cleaning Gatorade® bottles, achieving a **20 percent reduction** in water consumption throughout the process

## New technology

Canola Processor uses RO system to treat incoming water **saving 965,000 gallons of water** used for softener regeneration



## Recycle and Reuse Water

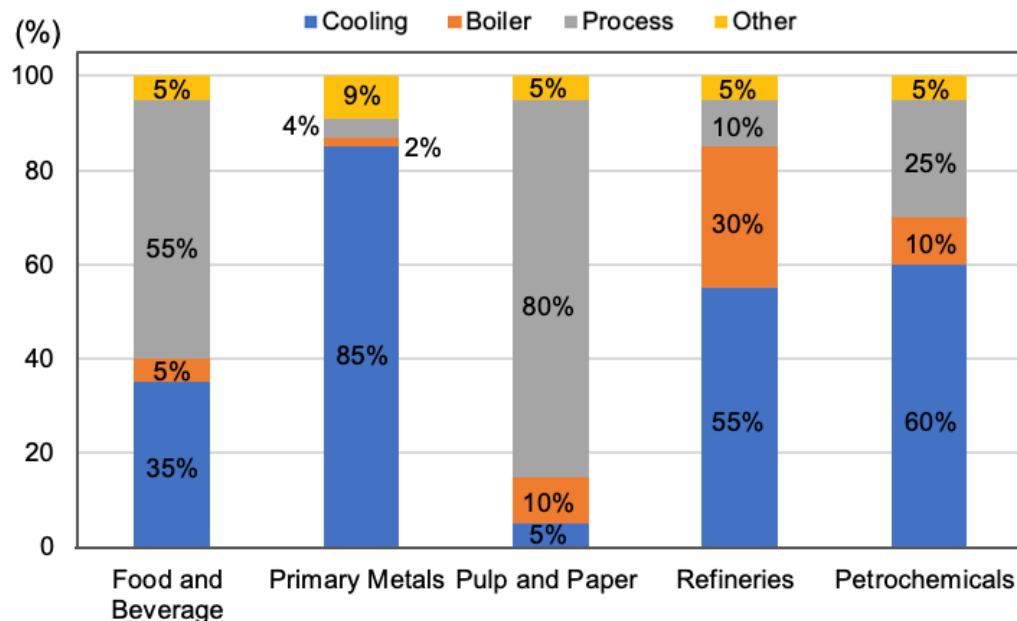
Nissan installed an automated water filtration system to eliminate the once-through rinse water, saving **48.6 million gallons** of water annually.

# Plant Water Flow Diagram

# Plant water flow diagram connects all water users in a plant

A water flow diagram helps understand the water users in a facility and its components intuitively and makes performing a water balance easier.

## Typical water using systems in industries: Cooling (direct or indirect), Boilers and Process water uses



Process water includes,

- Washing/Cleaning
- Diluting (e.g., paint shop)
- Transporting a product
- Fabrication
- Bleaching
- Lubrication
- Sterilizing..

# Direct and Indirect Water Users

Indirect or non-contact water does not touch any raw material, intermediate product, waste product, or finished product. They are typically part of a closed loop system.

## Most relevant and typically seen in cooling applications

### Direct Cooling

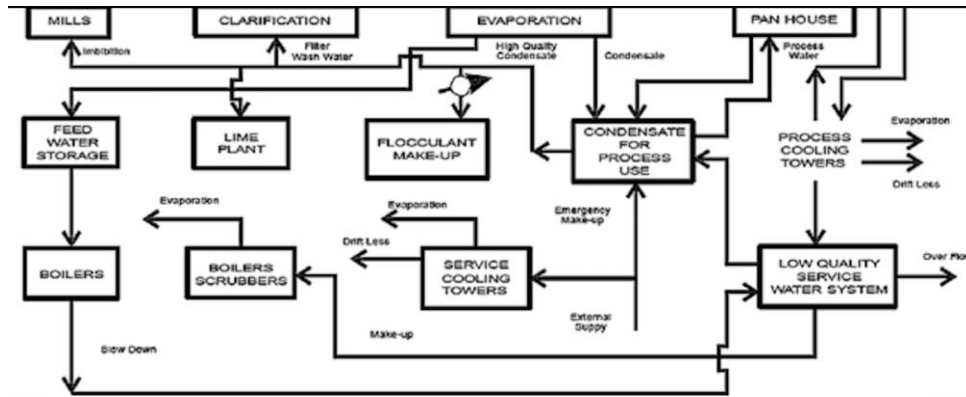
- Product cooling by contact (plastic extrusion, metal surface cooling)
- Effluent picks up contaminants from the product/raw material and needs to be treated

### Indirect Cooling

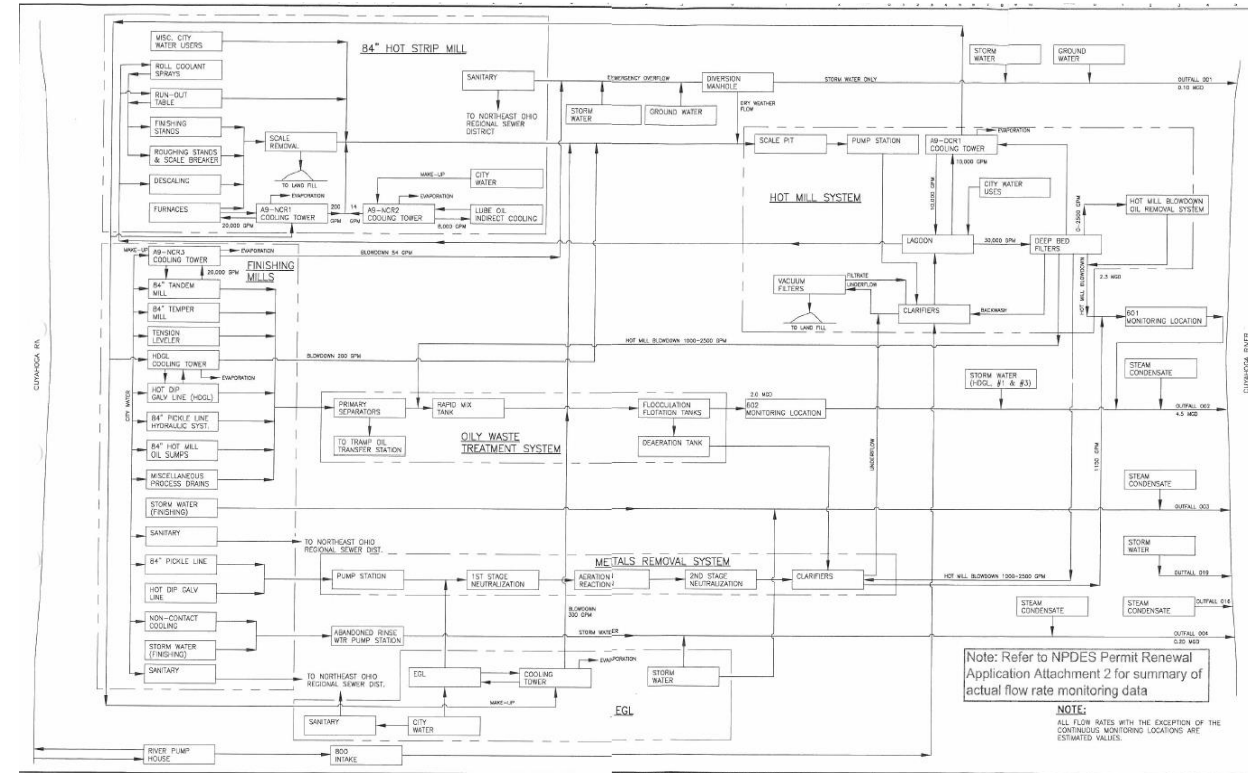
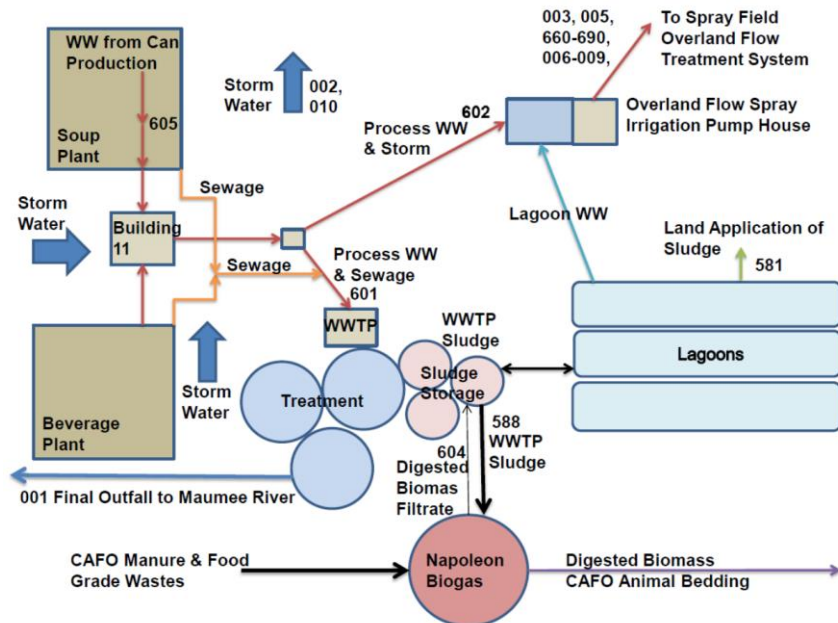
- Cooling done via a heat exchangers and cooling tower or once through indirect cooling system (furnace cooling)
- Effluent stream is typically contaminant free and requires no/minimum treatment before being reused

# Water Flow Diagrams can be complex

Water Flow in Sugar Industry [1]



Water and Wastewater Flow in a Food plant [2]

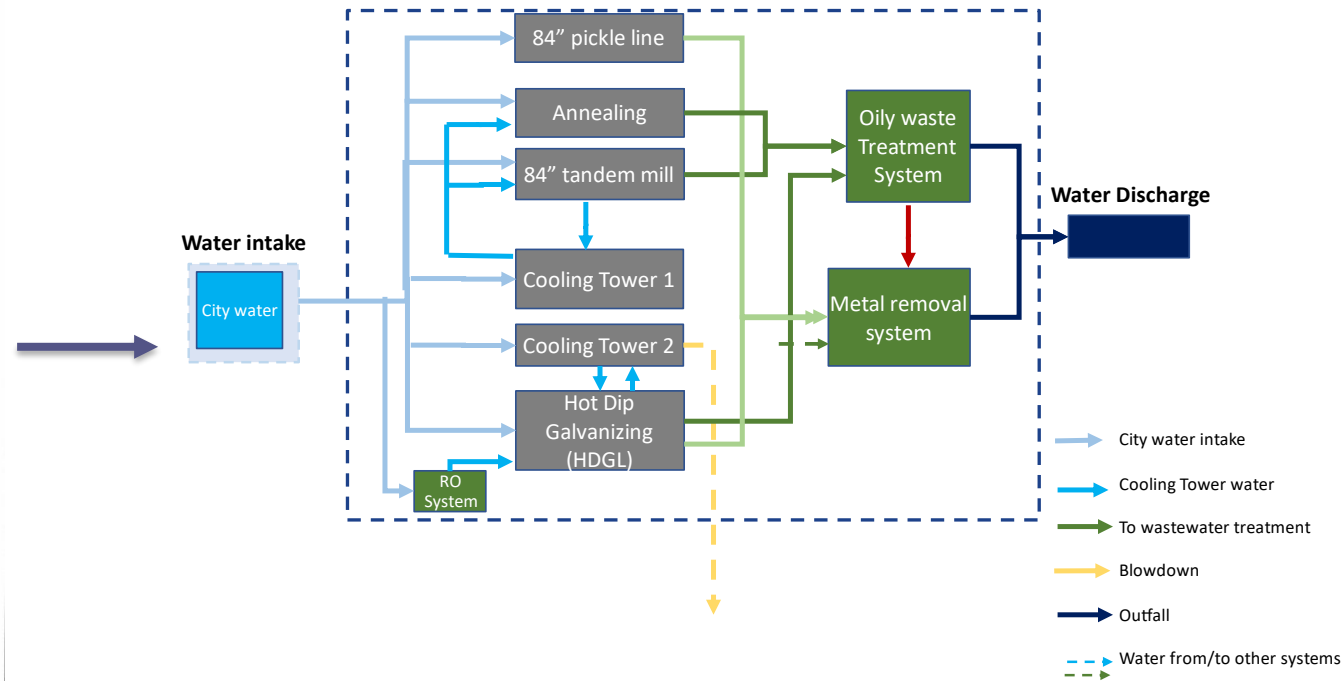
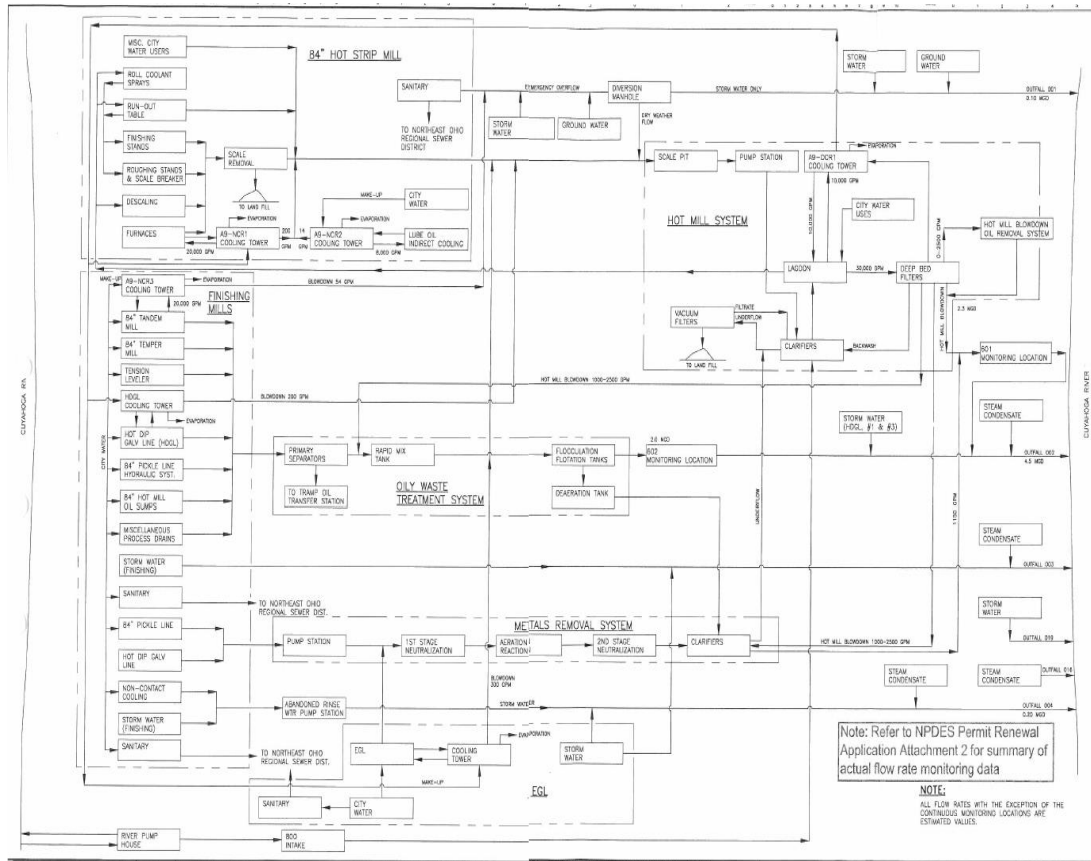


Water flow in a integrated steel plant [2]

[1] Poddar, Pradeep & Sahu, Omprakash. (2015). Quality and management of wastewater in sugar industry. Applied Water Science.

[2] EPA fact Sheet - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

# An ideal water flow diagram makes baselining simpler



For a baseline assessment and water balance, water flow across each system or group need to be known

# Creating a diagram optimized for water assessment

- Define appropriate plant and system boundaries:
  - Depending on the size of the plant, plant boundary may be the entire facility or only include specific parts of a plant
  - System Boundaries are defined by segregating or combining processes/systems into manageable groups such that you can quantify water flows across each group
- Trade-off between System Resolution and Data Availability
  - While consider each water users separately (e.g. every quench tank in each production line) will give more insight and resolution into water consumption, it would need more effort to collect the data
  - Start of with a basic water flow diagram that consolidates as many water users as possible, complexities can be added after

# Some Guidelines for defining system boundary

- Step 1: Identify all water using systems
  - Define the cooling towers and boilers separately from the process water users
  - Separate direct and indirect cooling water users
  - Indirect cooling applications need to be considered separately only if water is consumed or gained in the process e.g., partially open loop that requires water makeup, fully open single pass cooling systems.
- Step 2: For each system that uses water directly, understand the water intake sources, wastewater discharge outlets, water treatment processes, and wastewater treatment processes
- Step 3: Group systems based on if water consumption and discharge is easier to estimate as a group
  - Each group should draw water from the same intake source, have similar water treatment steps and discharge to the same outlet.
  - Multiple cooling towers/boilers can be combined if needed
  - Combine all sanitary water use (kitchen, restrooms, laundry, etc.) into a single group



# Creating Master Table and Water Flow Diagram

Plant Boundary:	Water Intake Source	Wastewater Discharge Outlets	Water Treatment Process	Wastewater Treatment Process	Water Recirculation within a System	Water recycled for use in other systems	Water used in product	Evaporative loss	Other loss
<b>Water-Using System</b>									

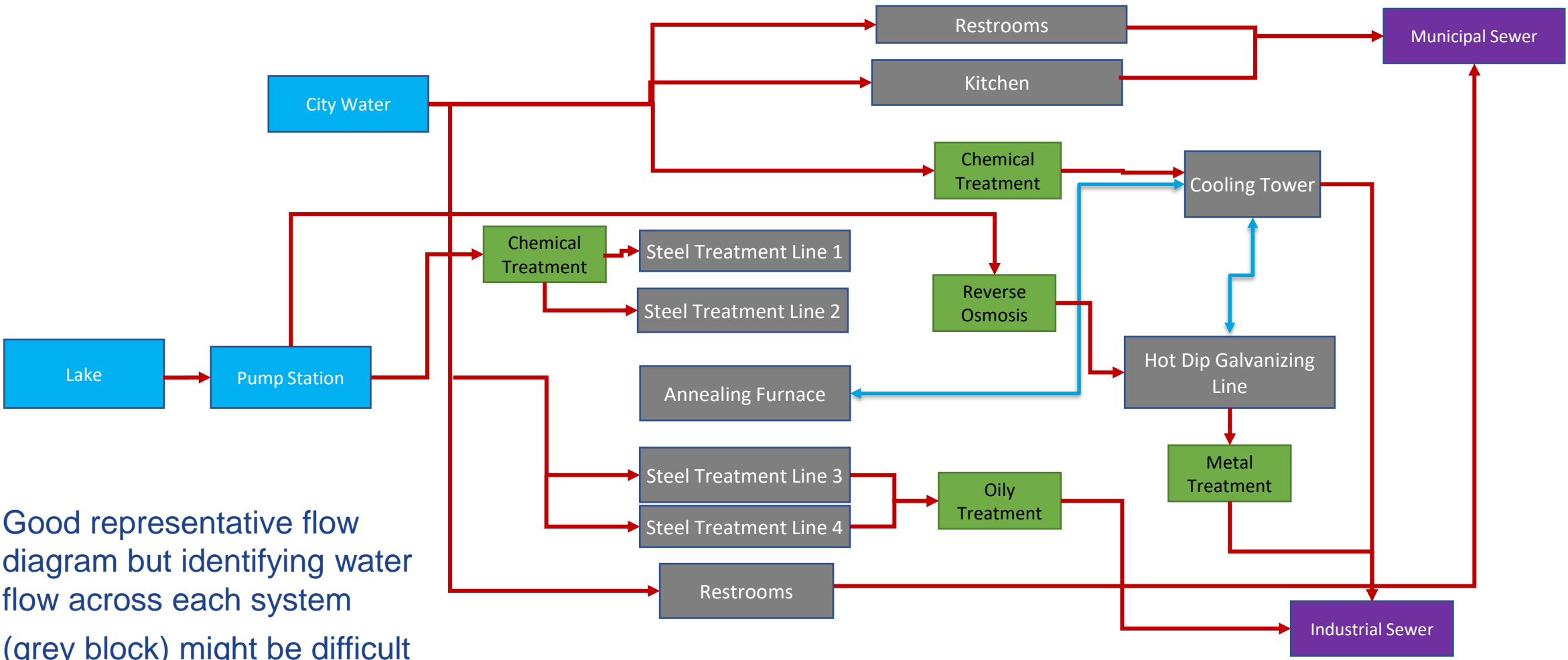
Master Table helps compile all information needed to draw a water flow diagram optimized for water assessment

# Example Facility – Water Users

## **A metal finishing facility has following operations that use water**

- There are 4 steel surface treatment lines
  - Lines 1 and 2 served by the lake water after being chemically treated
  - Lines 3 and 4 are served by untreated city water.
  - All the discharge needs to be treated for oil contaminates before being discharged to industrial sewer.
- An annealing furnace that uses cooling tower water for furnace cooling (closed loop system via a heat exchanger)
- A hot dip galvanization line (HDGL)
  - Uses reverse osmosis (RO) treated lake water as make up for diluting its chemical bath
  - Cooling tower water to remove heat from the gears and other mechanical equipment via a heat exchanger
  - The discharge needs to be treated for metal contaminates before being discharged to industrial sewer
- The cooling tower that serves annealing furnace and the HDGL line gets its water from the nearby lake which must be chemically treated before being used as makeup. Blowdown is sent to industrial sewer.
- The restrooms in the location use city water and drains to domestic sewer.

# Example Facility – Draft Flow Diagram



Good representative flow diagram but identifying water flow across each system (grey block) might be difficult

# Identify all water using systems

## Plant Boundary – Entire Facility

### System Boundary

#### List of Direct Water Use System

- Hot Dip Galvanization Line
- Steel Treatment Line 1
- Steel Treatment Line 2
- Steel Treatment Line 3
- Steel Treatment Line 4

#### Water Treatment System

- Chemical Treatment
- RO System

#### Non-Contact (indirect) Water Using System

- ~~Furnace Cooling (Annealing)~~
  - ~~Equipment Cooling (HDGL)~~
  - Cooling Tower Makeup
- } cooling loads

#### Wastewater Treatment System

- Metal Treatment
- Oil Treatment

# Understand the water flows and group systems

- Cooling Tower
  - Make up from chemically treated city water
  - Blowdown to industrial sewer
- Steel treatment Line 1 and 2
  - Make up from lake water after chemical treatment
  - Discharge to industrial sewer after oil removal
- Steel treatment Line 3 and 4
  - Make up from City water
  - Discharge to industrial sewer after oil removal
- Hot Dip Galvanization Line
  - Make up from RO treated lake water
  - Discharge to industrial sewer after metal removal
- Sanitary
  - Make up from city water
  - Discharge to domestic sewer

# Master Table to compile information

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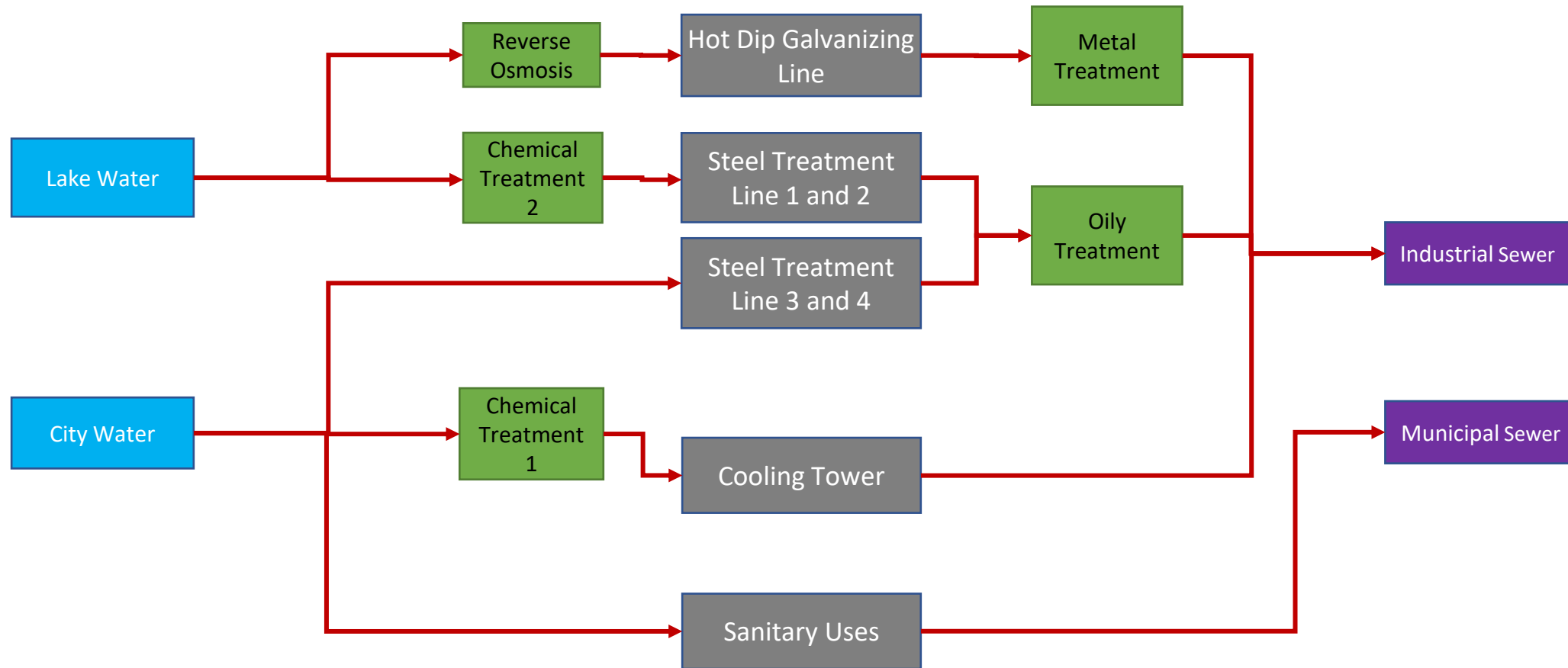
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<b>Water-Using System</b>									
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<b>Steel treatment 1 &amp; 2</b>	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	x	-
<b>Steel treatment 3 &amp; 4</b>	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	x	-
<b>Hot Dip Galvanization Line</b>	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	x	-
<b>Sanitary</b>	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	x	x

# Creating Plant Water Flow Diagram

- **List all water discharge outlets (on the left)**
  - Example : Municipal Water, River or Lake, Ocean or Tide, Groundwater, Rainwater, Other.
- **List all wastewater discharge outlets (on the right)**
  - Example : Municipal Sewer, Third-party Disposal, River or Lake, Ocean or Tide, Groundwater, Onsite Disposal, Stormwater
- List all system boundaries identified for water balance in the middle
  - Example : Direct water users , Cooling towers , boilers etc.
- List all water treatment processes and wastewater treatment processes between the systems are the inlet/discharge
- Mark the appropriate water flows including water recycle, recirculation, losses etc.

# Example Facility –Flow Diagram Optimized for Water Balance



# Exercise

List out the water users in your facility, think through their water flows and based on the guidelines discussed identify how they can be grouped together for water baselining/water balance.

# Let's review what we've learned

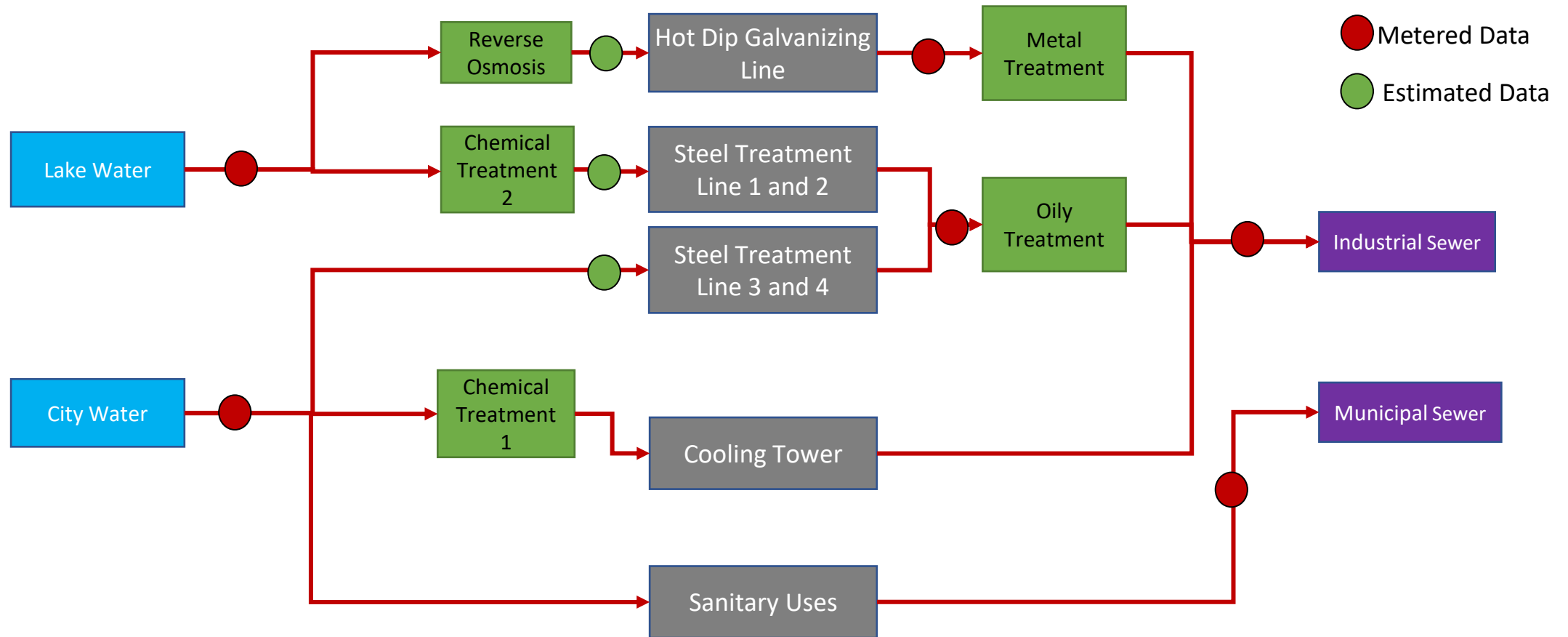
## Steps to Water Flow Diagram

- Understand where water is used the facility and list them
- Group water end users to make water assessment easier
- Determine the water flows including recirculation and create a master table
- Draw a schematic easy to follow water flow diagram

## Next Step

- Put together a data collection strategy

# Example Facility – Water Flow Diagram



# Homework #1

1. Draw a water flow diagram for your facility based on the guidelines discussed – you can make use of the master table template provided as needed
2. Mark the points where metered data is available.

## Optional Exercises

1. Use the WRI Aqueduct tool to identify the overall water risk for your location. Change the weighting of the risk indicators according to your industry, you can create a custom weightage as you see appropriate if your sector does not have default indicator weights.
2. What will be the water stress in your area under a Business-as-Usual Scenario in 2030 and 2040?

# Plant Water Profiler Tool - Overview



# Plant Water Profiler (PWP) Tool

The Plant Water Profiler (PWP) tool is a comprehensive excel-based tool designed for use by manufacturing plants to help perform a facility level water assessment

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/amo/plant-water-profiler-tool-excel-beta-version-pwpex-v01>



## Plant Water Profiler Tool

<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Water Measurement Unit:</b>	Million Gallons
<b>Currency:</b>	USD

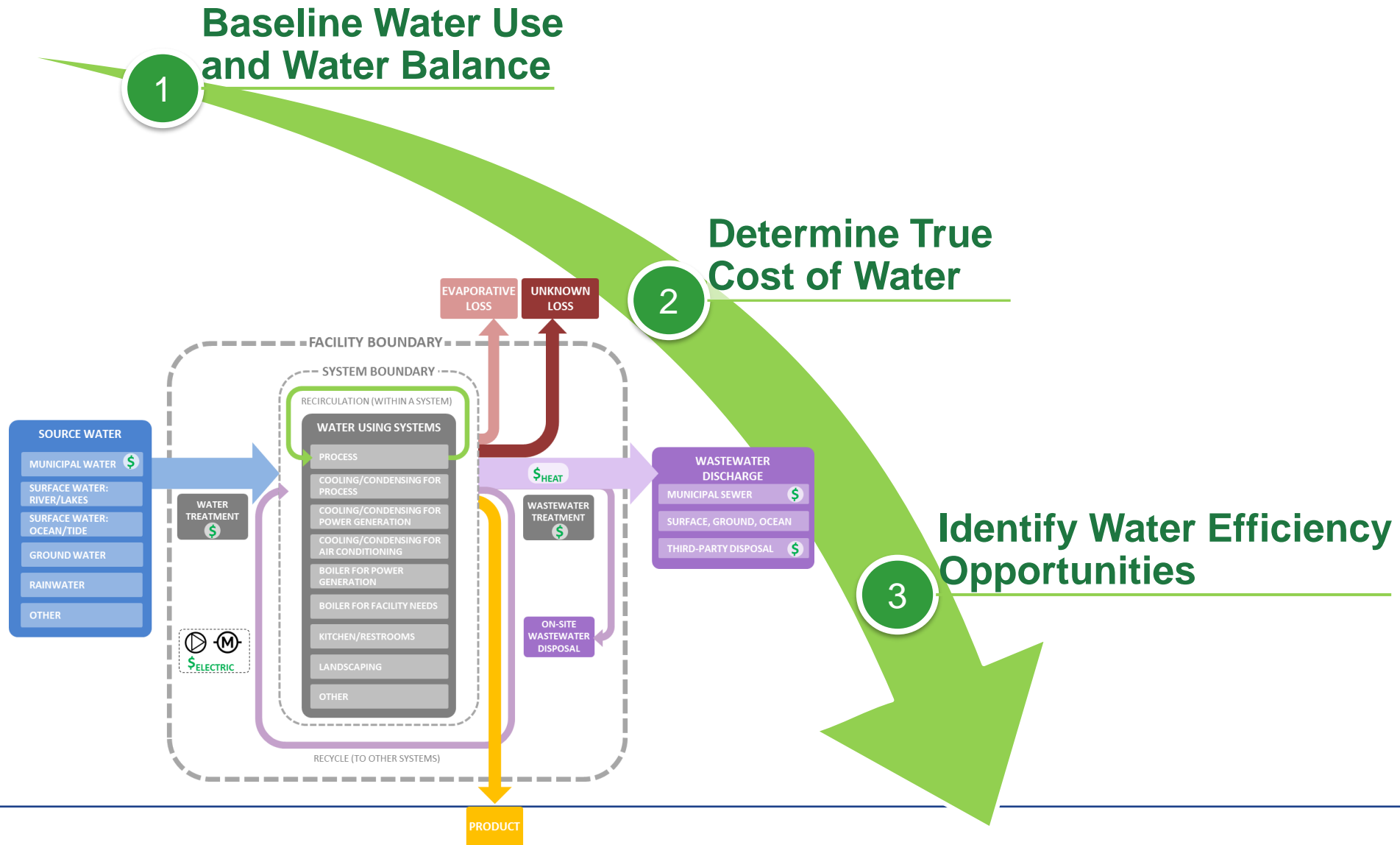
**Note:** The Plant Water Profiler Tool is currently available in the English language only. It uses only Million Gallons for water use calculations and USD for cost calculations.

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# PWP Tool Concept



**Thank You all for attending today's webinar.**

**See you all on next Tuesday – May 28, 2024 – 10 am ET**

**If you have specific questions, please stay online and we will try and answer them.**

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