

In school we are taught that every civilization started around water. Even early on humans realized how important water was to grow as a society. In today's world it is no different. With my dad working in the water industry for over 10 years he has taught me more about the importance of the water industry in today's world. He has taught me that the water industry today allows billions of people access to safe and reliable water and that many industries such as agriculture and oil depend on water to access and obtain their product. Without water, modern day society would not be what it is today.

Very little things can exist without water and that is why it is the single most important resource on Earth today. So many people take it for granted. Even though it is essential to live, the importance of water does not stop there. Every day, people use water as an advantage. Many use water to clean their clothes, wash their dishes, and clean themselves. Not only do people take it for granted, industries do too.

Many businesses and large corporations use water every single day to obtain products. The agriculture industry uses water to grow crops and raise livestock while the oil industry uses water in a totally different way. They use water for fracking, cooling machinery, and drilling. With the help of water, many industries can thrive. Water can be used in millions of different ways. Now if we removed the water industry from society it will disrupt the entire world. Not only will it affect everyone, it will affect North Dakota and all of the local businesses inside the state.

In my hometown of Enderlin, we have an ADM plant that uses water to process beans, sunflowers, and peas. This plant uses over 90% of water that is processed at the water treatment plant. My dad states that the water plant treats about 700,000 to 1 million gallons of water with the ADM plant in town; with this much water being treated it takes four people to run and maintain the plant. He also said that without the ADM plant in town, the water plant would only need to treat 150,000 gallons of water, and that would take two workers to maintain the plant. ADM has four employees that they don't even know about just for using all of the water. Without the local water industry in my hometown, not only would the town be out of safe water, a large business would not exist, and a lot of people would be out of jobs.

The most important industry in America, the water industry allows millions of Americans access to safe and dependable water. The industry impacts everyone, including local businesses and large corporations. Thanks to the water industry we do not have to worry about whether our water is safe.