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**Transfer Tasks:  
Applying Successful Energy  
Strategies to Water Reduction Goals**  
Better Buildings Summit  
May 11, 2016

# Agenda

- 02:00** Welcome & Introductions
- 02:05** Speaker Presentations
- 02:45** Discussion
- 03:15** Adjourn

# Today's Presenters

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# Importance of Water Savings

- Energy required for treating and transporting water
  - Water saving actions lead to energy savings
- In 2015, BBC and Better Plants set water goals alongside energy efficiency targets
- 30+ partners have joined

**Brandon Chase,  
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## Water on earth:



**97%**

In oceans and seas

**2%**

Frozen and unusable

**1%**

Potable



Buildings consume **14%**  
of all potable water

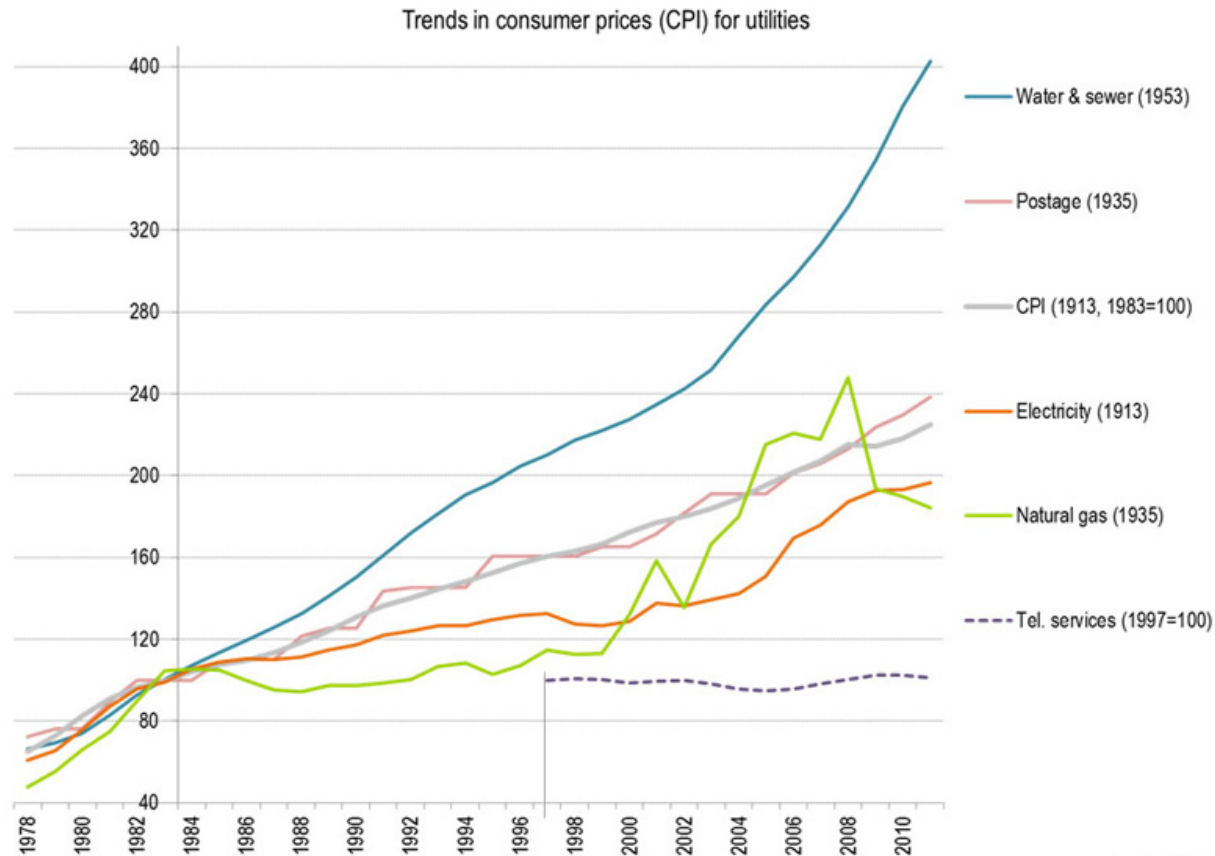
(which is)

**FIFTEEN**  
**TRILLION**  **N**

gallons per year

# The Rising Cost of Water

The price of water has increased by 400% since 1983, 2x more than electricity



Beecher/IPU-MSU

Exhibit 2. Trends in the Consumer Price Index for utilities (general, 1979-2011). The index is set to 100 for 1982-1984 except for telephone services, where the index is set to 100 for 1997.



# Regulations & Certifications Support Efficiency



## CA TITLE 24 - 2013

- Water submetering required for buildings >50K SF
- Water efficiency standards for indoor appliances
- New irrigation standards



## ASHRAE 189.1 – 2014

- More stringent water efficiency standards
- WE section rewards appliance efficiency, irrigation, & water metering



## LEED V.4 – 2013

- Up to 2 LEED points for water metering
- Tiered/Volumetric pricing more prevalent

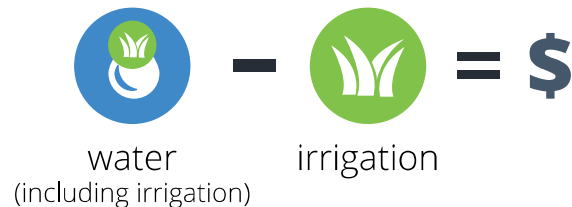
# The Business Case For Water Management

- Water costs are lower than energy costs, but rising
  - Cities across the US have steadily rising water rates
- Sewer billing often inaccurate
  - Client overcharged for 9 years

## BILLING ERROR IDENTIFICATION



Billed an extra \$81,000 for 9 years:  
Charged for water PLUS irrigation



Utility fixed the problem, saving \$9,000/ year & \$81,000 reimbursed

# What Is Real-Time Water Monitoring?



## Trend

29% of consumption is during non-working hours



## Opportunity

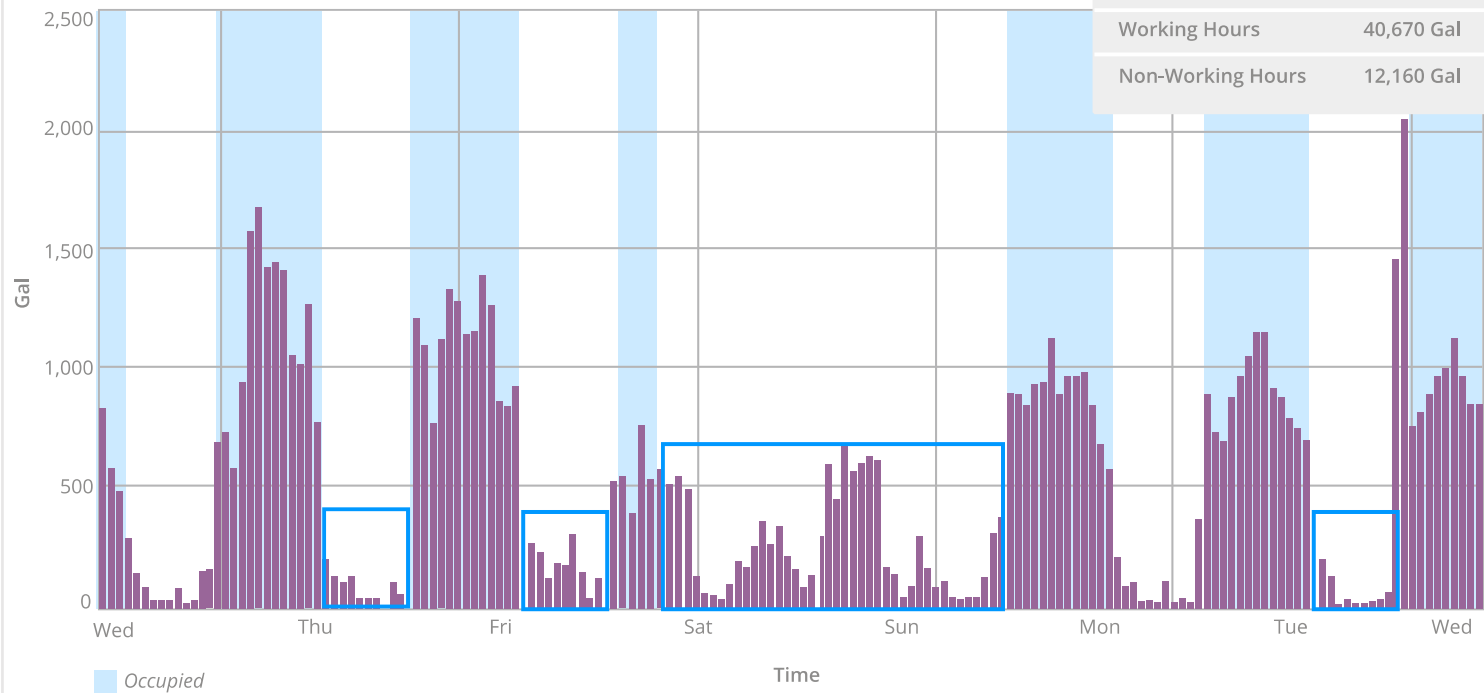
Eliminate weekend and off-hours consumption



## Estimated Savings

**\$10,915**

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# Case Study Example: The Tower Companies



4,000,000 gal / year



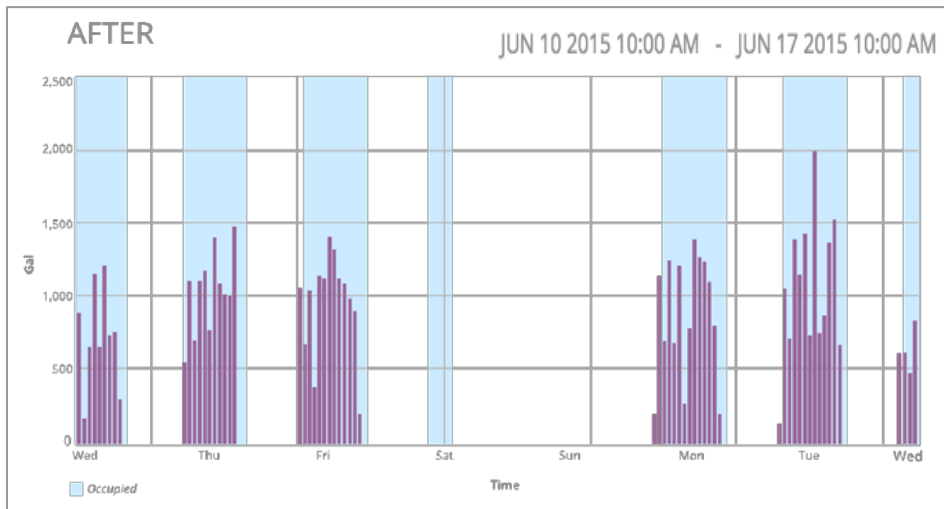
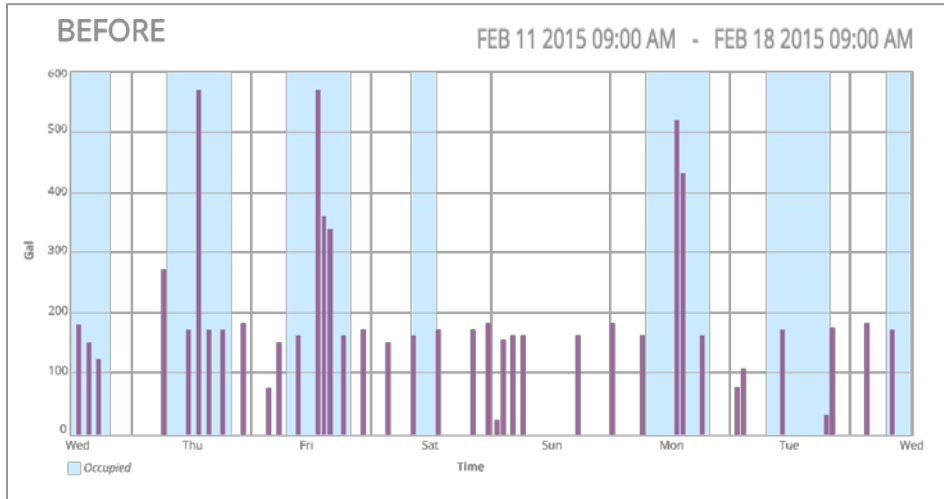
\$45,000 / year



100,000 showers



# Cooling Tower Water Optimization



- Changed Float Assembly
- Lowered High Water Level in CT
- Relocated Water Sensors in CT sump

45% Water Reduction

# Cooling Tower Real-Time Monitoring Results

2015 Savings from Optimization of Operations .....	\$14,000
Total Gallons Saved.....	1.5M

What's Next?

**Travis Blomberg,  
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# DROP

## Transwestern's Internal Water Rating Program

MAY 11, 2015 | WASHINGTON D.C.



# OVERVIEW of TRANSWESTERN

*Experience Extraordinary*

# Breadth and depth

## AGENCY LEASING

 3,403 transactions

 approximately  
34.1 MSF

 valued at 2.53 billion

## TENANT ADVISORY SERVICES

 1,562 transactions

 approximately  
23.2 MSF

 valued at 1.56 billion

## MANAGEMENT SERVICES

 897 projects

 approximately  
221.3 MSF



66% office  
30% industrial  
2% retail  
2% healthcare

## CAPITAL MARKETS

Investment Services & Structured  
Finance  491 transactions

 approximately  
4.5 billion

*\*Statistics are year-end 2015*

# Sustainability Service



Operational and energy efficiency experts blend passion with an ownership mentality to deliver greater results and return on investment.

## ▪ SINCE 2008

LEED



certified 112 properties LEED



37.71 MSF



total waste recycled  
4,809 tons



59.79 million gallons  
of water saved

ENERGY STAR



398 buildings benchmarked



75 average  
portfolio rating



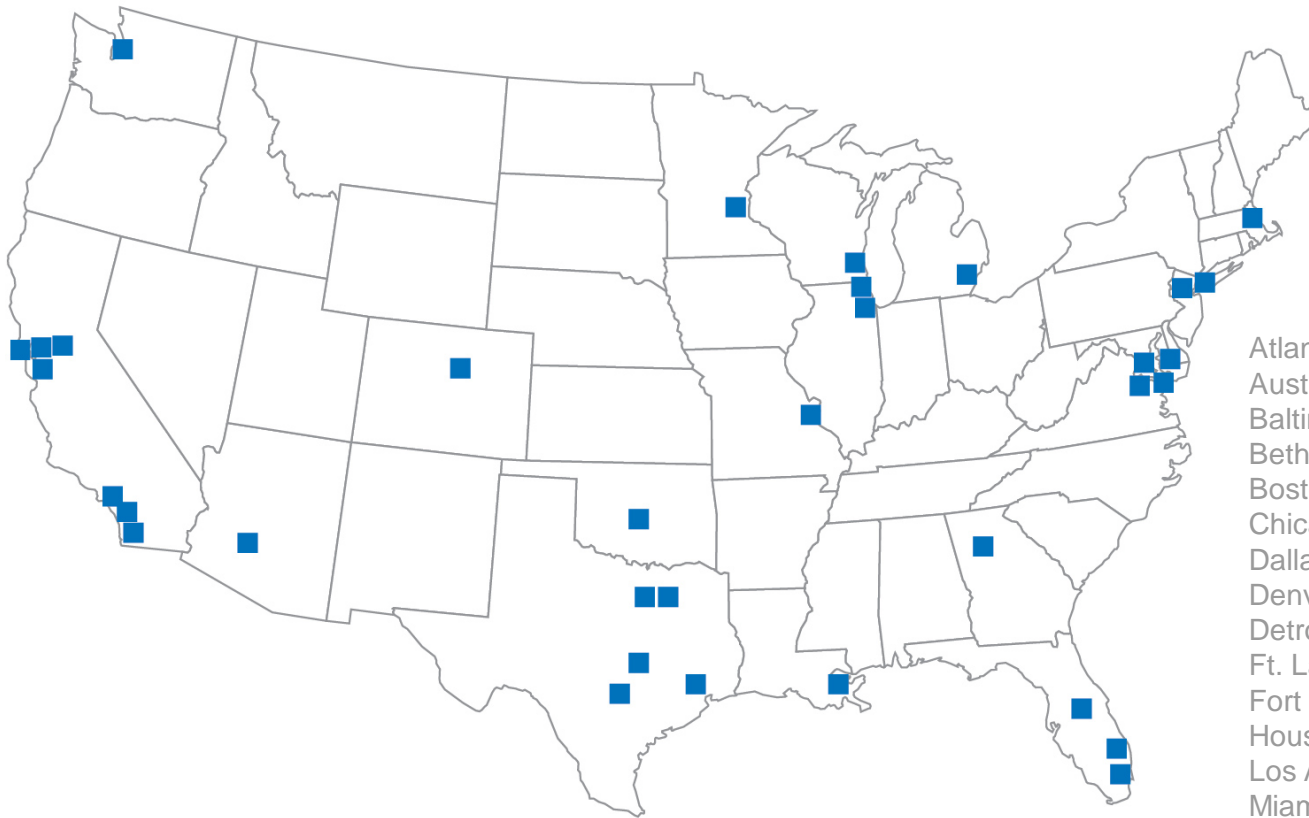
14.67 billion kBtu saved

## ▪ WORLDWIDE SERVICE



# WHERE WE ARE

## U.S. Commercial Office Locations



- Atlanta, GA
- Austin, TX
- Baltimore, MD
- Bethesda, MD
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Denver, CO
- Detroit, MI
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Fort Worth, TX
- Houston, TX
- Los Angeles, CA
- Miami, FL
- Milwaukee, WI
- Minneapolis, MN
- New Orleans, LA
- New York, NY
- Oakland, CA
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Orange County, CA
- Orlando, FL
- Parsippany, NJ
- Phoenix, AZ
- Rosemont, IL
- San Antonio, TX
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Silicon Valley, CA
- St. Louis, MO
- Vienna, VA
- Walnut Creek, CA
- Washington, DC



*Transwestern's Internal Water Rating Program*

# GOALS & ACTIONS

- Prepare clients for water-centric, operational challenges
- Participation in Programs
  - U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge
  - ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year
- Participate in Transwestern Programs
  - DROP
  - Enhance
- Tune year-over-year goals

# BETTER BUILDINGS CHALLENGE

## Goal

- 20% energy and water reduction by the year 2020

## How We Reach Our Goal

- Benchmark 400 commercial office properties (2012)
- Implement energy and water conservation measures
- Keep Energy Star Portfolio Manager up to date
- Engage building occupants



# TRANSWESTERN SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

## Transwestern's DROP Team



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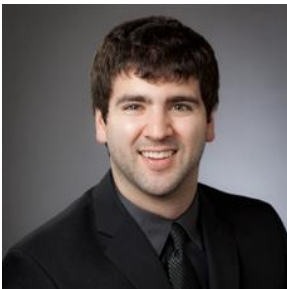
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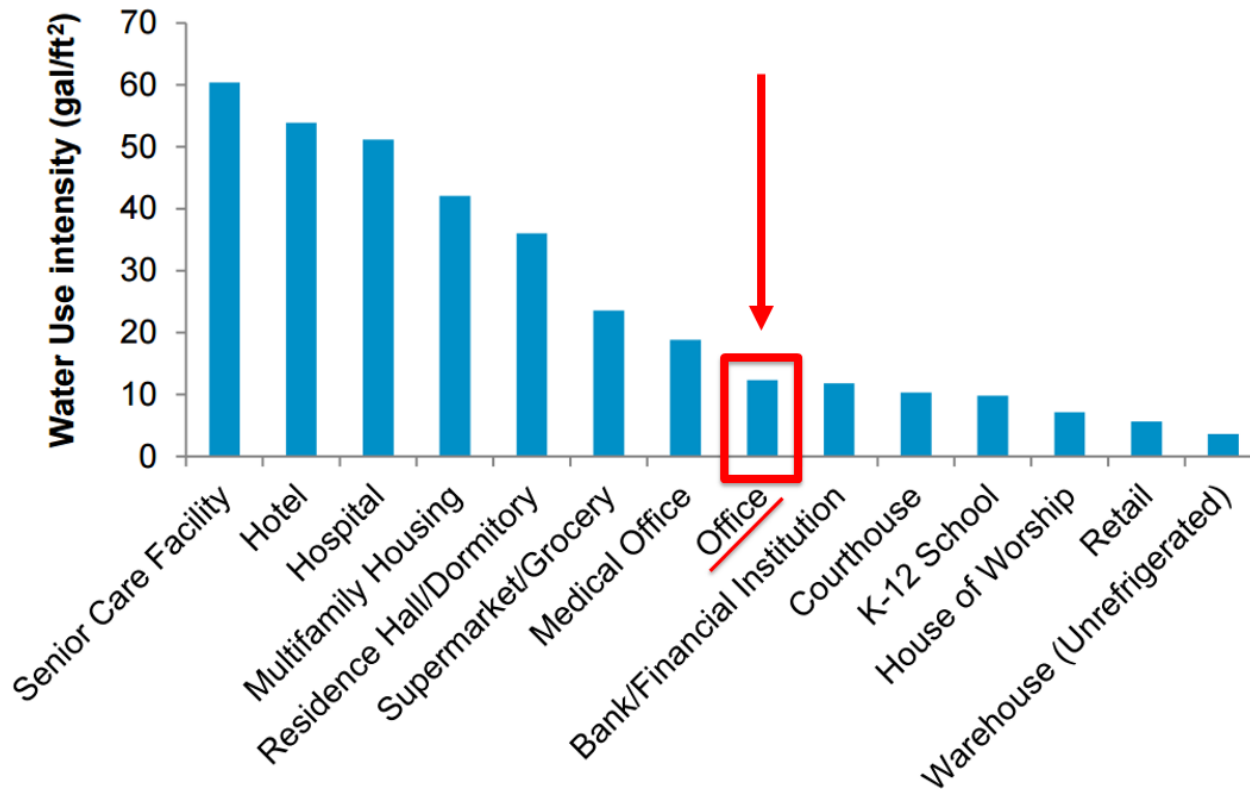


# HOW IS MY BUILDING PERFORMING?



# BUILDING TYPES - OFFICES

## Median Water Use Intensity



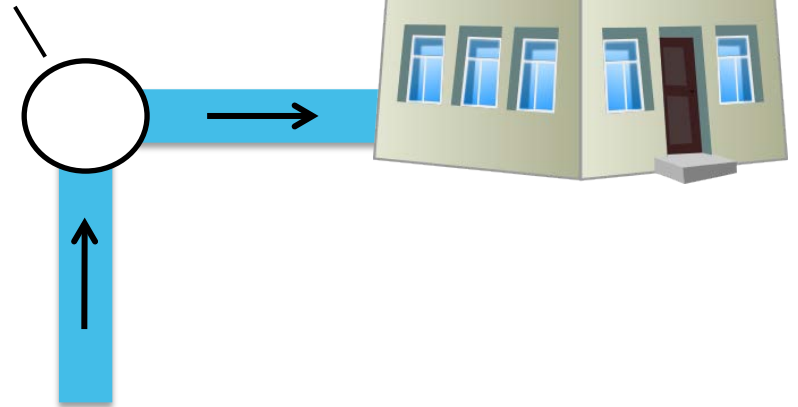
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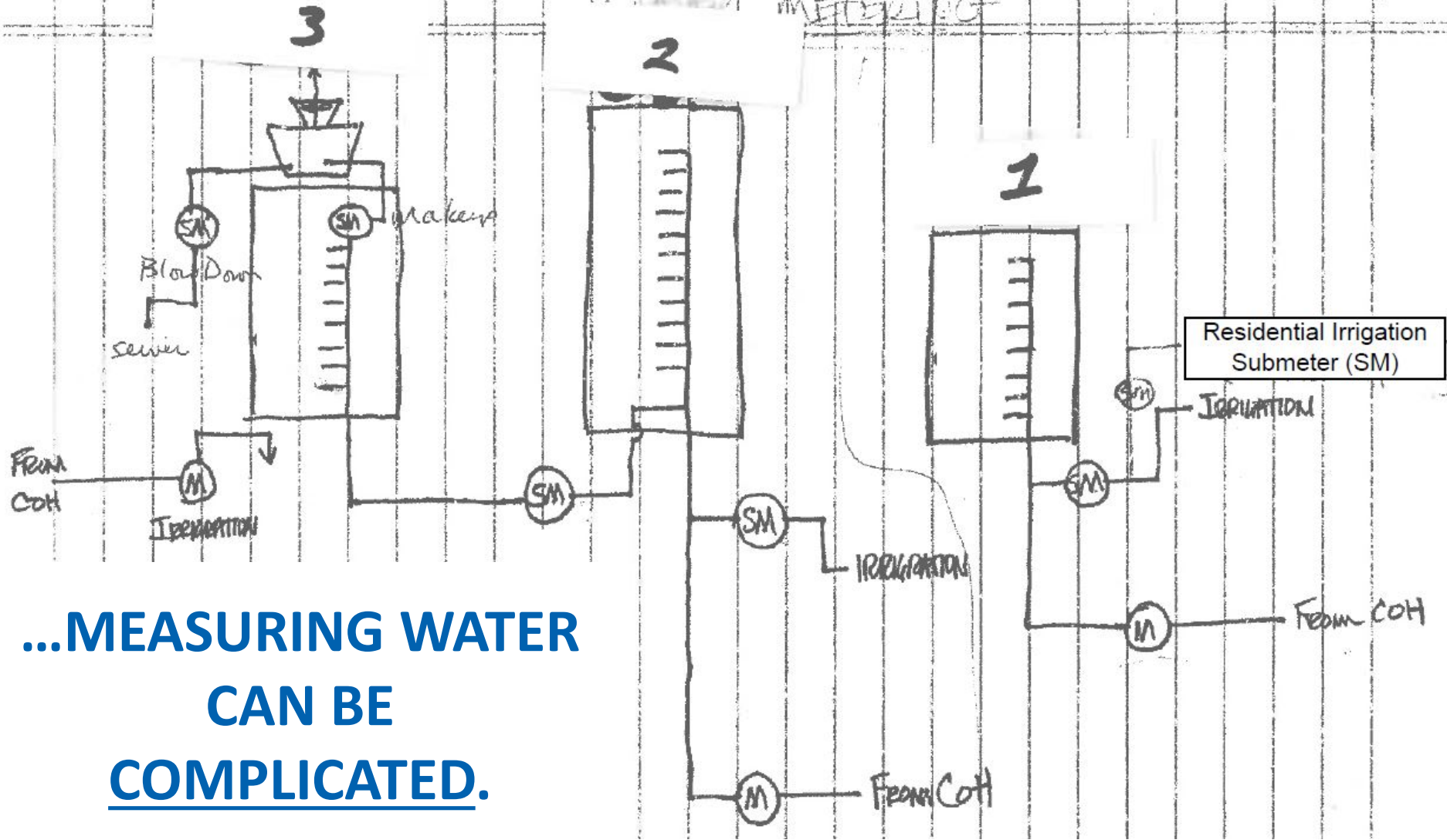
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MEASURING WATER  
CAN BE EASY.

OR...

**Main Meter**  
(Utility Owned Meter)



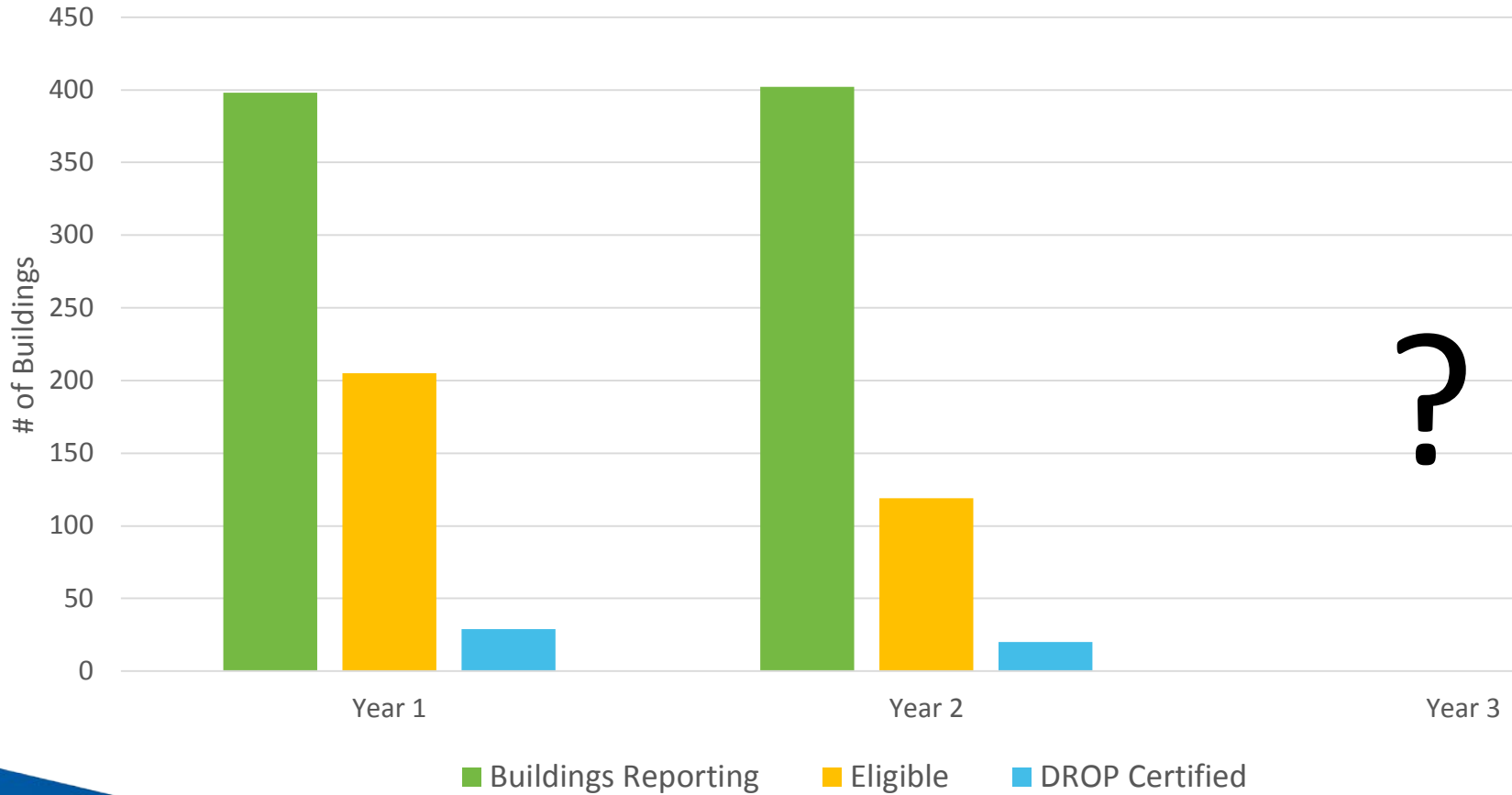


**...MEASURING WATER  
CAN BE  
COMPLICATED.**

*Example: Water Flow Diagram Sketch*

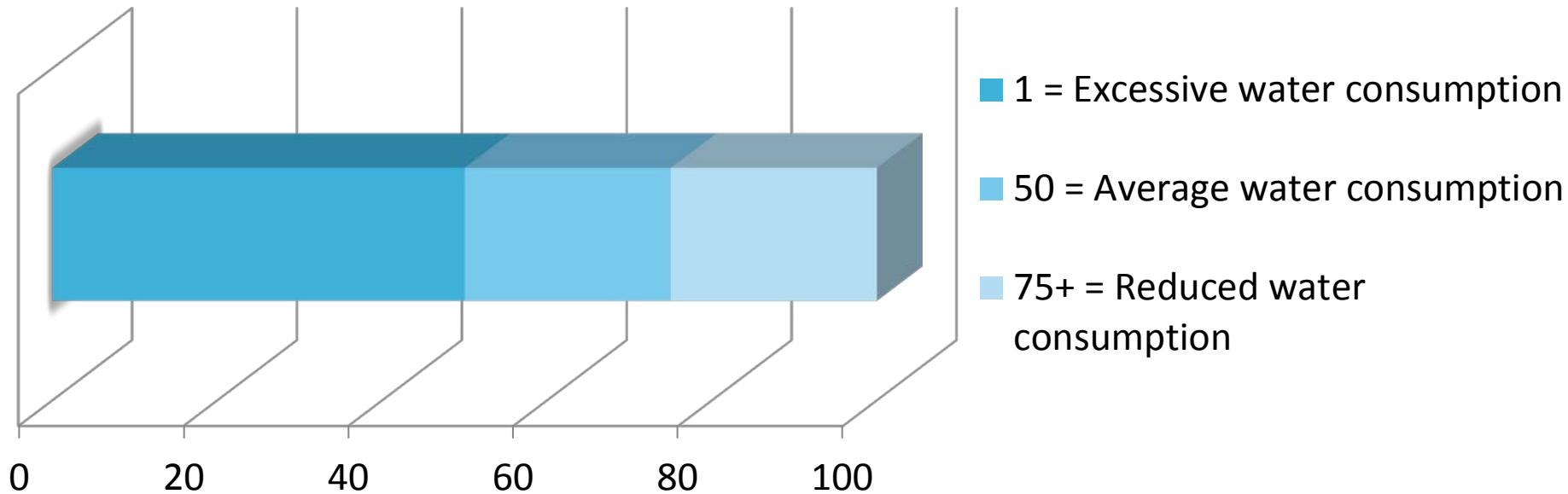
# DROP PARTICIPATION

## WATER DATA REPORTING



# DROP

## DROP Score





## Improve your DROPS Score

### Indoor Water Usage

- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Interval faucets
- Efficient equipment
- Submeter readings
- Vacancy Checks

### Outdoor Water Usage

- No irrigation
- Drip irrigation
- Rainwater capture
  - Sewer savings

# RECAP

- Internal Tool for Benchmarking Water Usage
- Track water use data
  - **ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager**
- Utilize water use data from
  - Indoor Use
  - Irrigation
  - Cooling Tower
- Provide Recognition



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# Leveraging Energy Management to Address Water Conservation

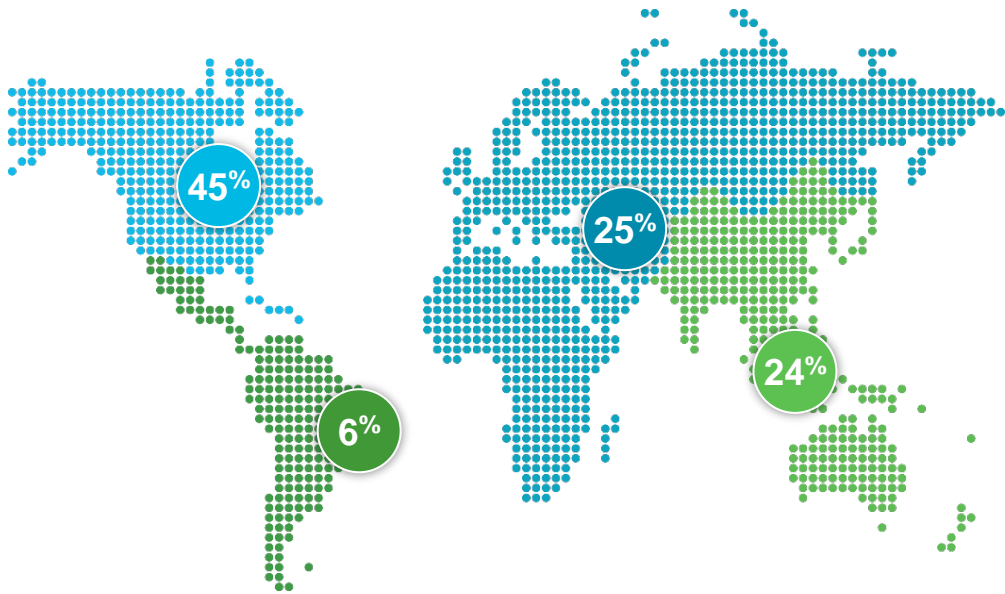
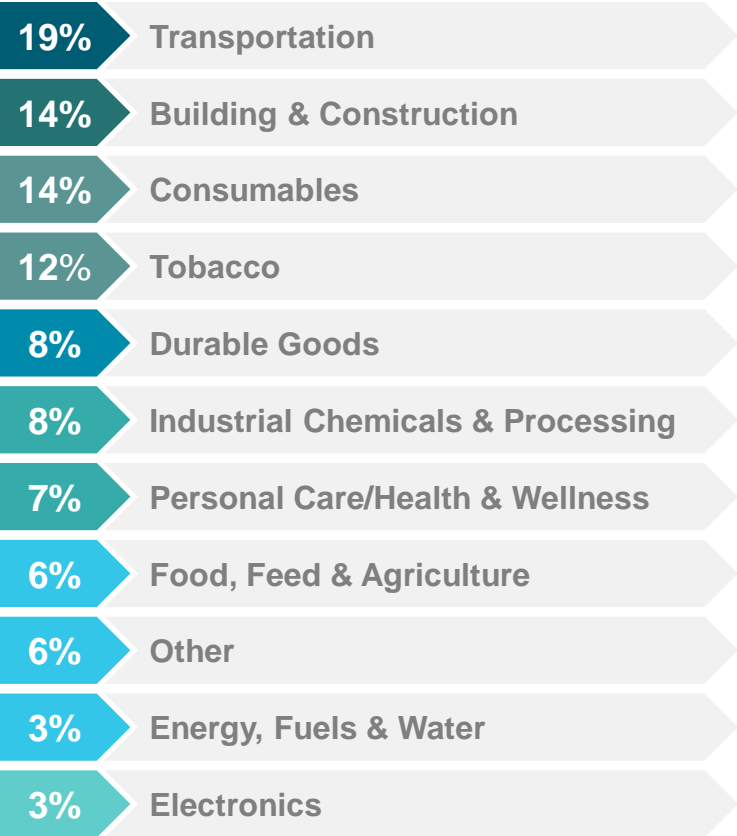
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Eastman Chemical Company  
Manager, Worldwide Energy Program

# Who we are

- A global specialty chemical company headquartered in Kingsport, Tennessee
- Approximately 15,000 employees and 50 manufacturing sites around the globe
- Serving customers in approximately 100 countries
- A company dedicated to environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic growth
- 2016 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence
- 2016 Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical® Companies
- 2016 Glassdoor Employees' Choice Best Places to Work (# 11)
- 2015 revenue of \$9.6 billion

# End-market and geographic diversity contribute to growth

## 2015 sales revenue by end market and geography



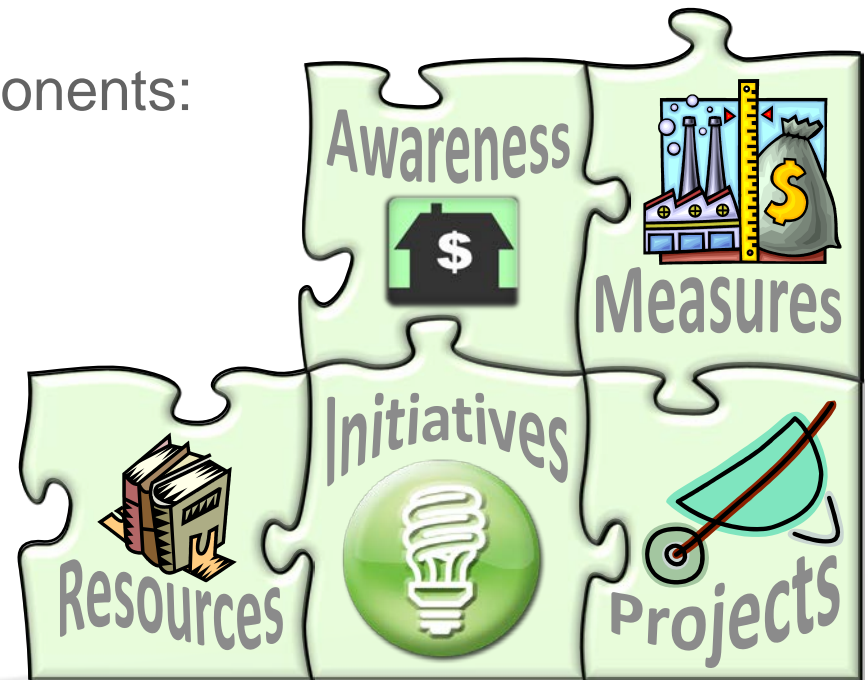
# Eastman's energy management program



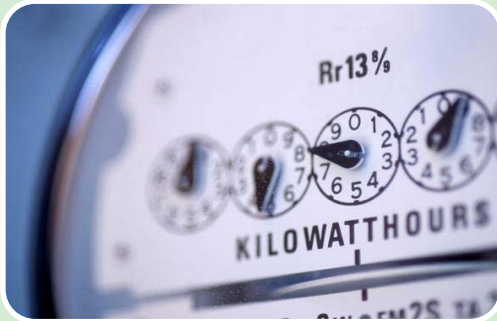
- Eastman Chemical Company started in Kingsport, TN in 1920
- This plant (now one of the largest chemical manufacturing sites in North America) began operating its first CHP system in the 1920's
- Eastman has a long history of incorporating energy efficiency in operations including site initiatives, sub-metering, training, and energy projects
- In 2010, the company set an ambitious public goal through the DOE Better Building, Better Plants program that caused a complete revamp of the worldwide energy program
- An Executive Level Steering Team was formed under the Sustainability Council and became the Design and Natural Resources Sub-council.

# Principles and strategy

- Three guiding principles were developed as a reference to ensure that decisions made related to the energy program are consistent with the intended direction
- Strategy utilizes five key components:
  - Measures
  - External resources
  - Awareness
  - Initiatives
  - Projects



# Guiding principles



## Ensure the Accuracy of Utility Information

- Creates a basis for sound business decisions
- Required for accurate reporting and life cycle assessments

## Maximize Operating Efficiency

- Reduces energy usage economically
- Typically improves the reliability of equipment

## Incorporate Energy Efficiency in Capital Investments

- Improves lifetime equipment costs
- Positively impacts carbon emissions



# Strategy

## Employee awareness

- Energy program was originally only project-focused
- Program expanded to include employee engagement and awareness
- Energy fairs
  - Local utilities and retail stores manned booths showcasing energy efficiency products
- Green Teams
  - Geared toward sharing information with employees that have personal interests in preserving the environment





# Strategy - Water

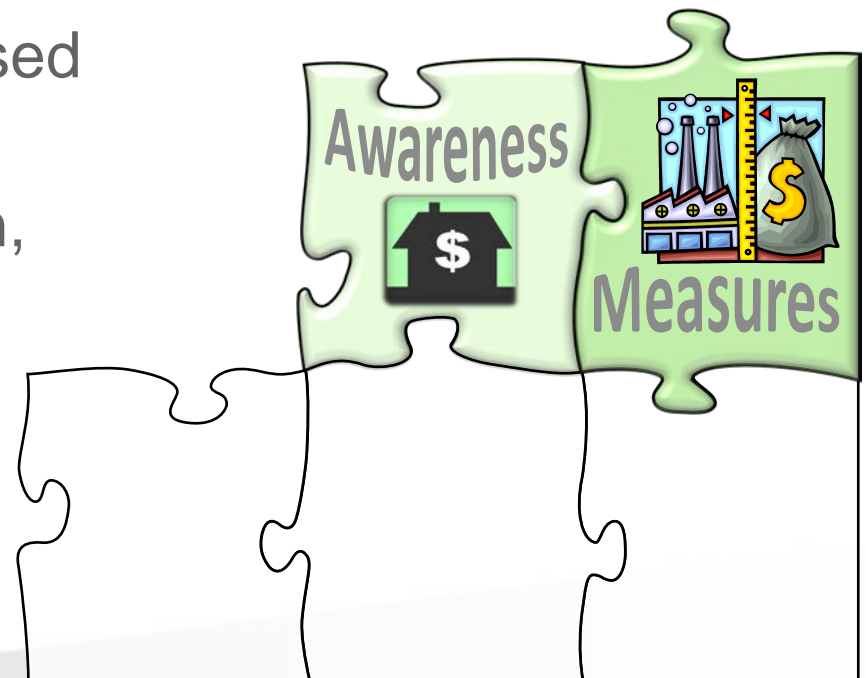
- Some may have to be convinced that it really is an issue
  - Water is plentiful and cheap in some parts of the world
- Some of the same methods of communication can be used, i.e. Green Team Newsletters
- Employees can be asked to relate issues at home to issues at work
- The same employees who are interested in conserving energy will likely be interested in saving water



# Strategy

## Measures

- Critical to have a well-defined, auditable measure with meaningful goals
- Energy intensity is widely used
- **Water** measures could be based on amount withdrawn, consumed, or intensity or limited to specific sites
- **Water** goals may be quantitative or qualitative

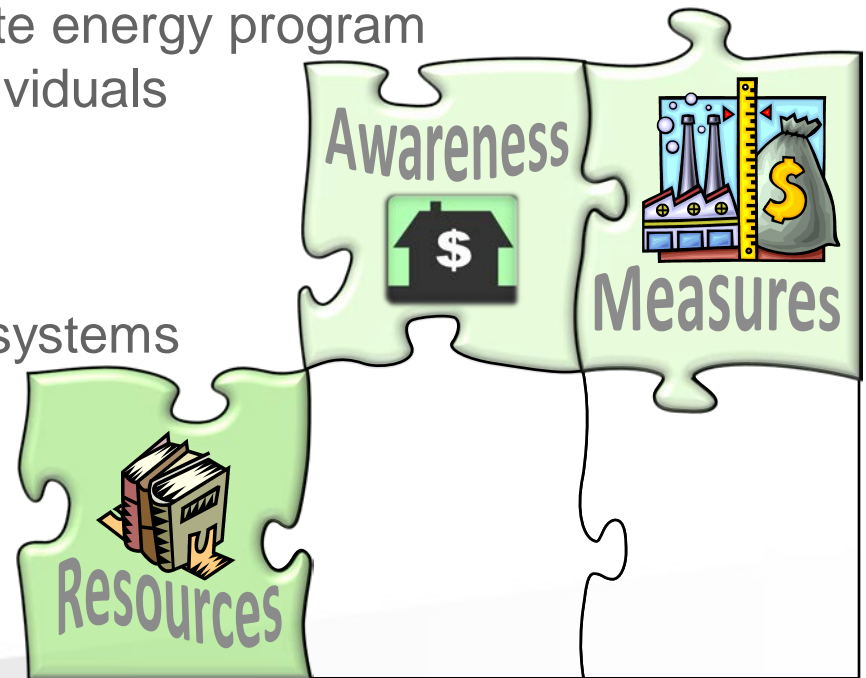


# Strategy

## External resources

- ENERGY STAR®
  - ENERGY STAR Guidelines for Energy Management used to identify gaps in the existing program
  - Review of the existing corporate energy program by knowledgeable, outside individuals
- DOE
  - On-site training
  - On-site assessments of utility systems

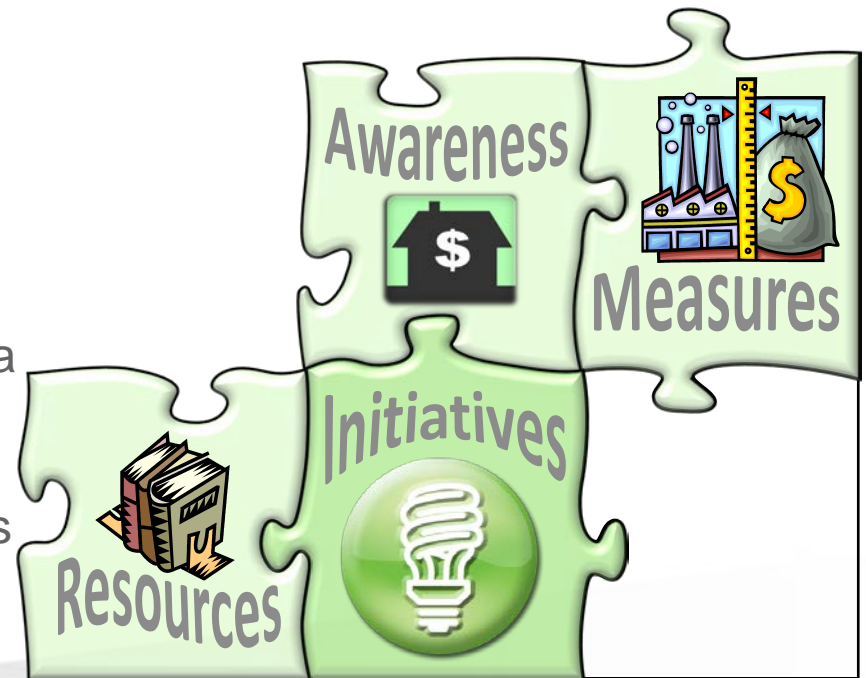
Both ENERGY STAR and the DOE hold meetings where partner companies share information both through formal presentations and networking opportunities



# Strategy

## Energy initiatives

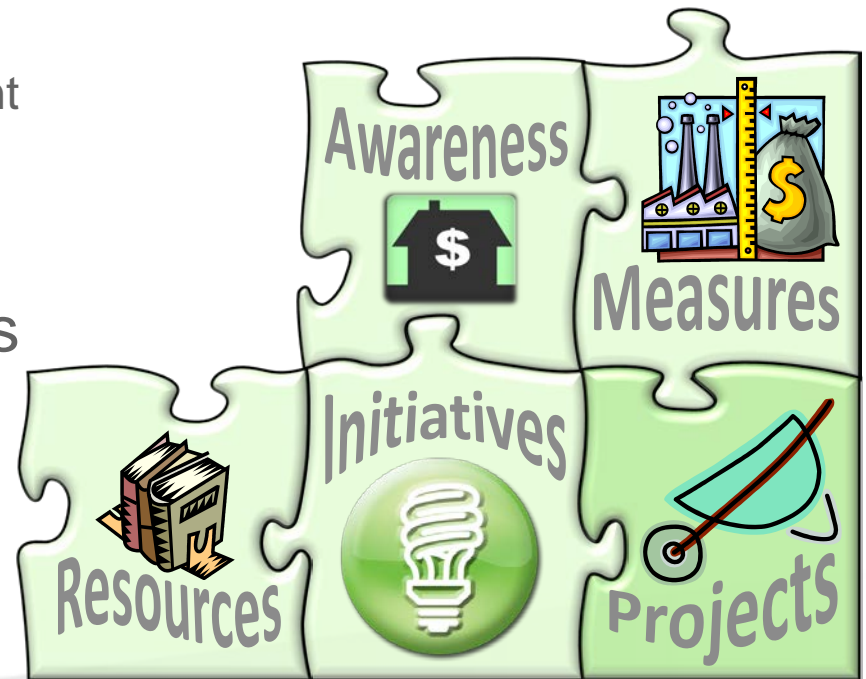
- Potential identified for a centralized, standardized approach for other initiatives
  - Steam traps
  - Motors
  - HVAC
  - **Condensate Return**
- Evaluation
  - Questionnaire to assess the progress of each site in each area
  - Results serve to identify common areas of concern, needs for improvements, and best practices at individual sites for sharing



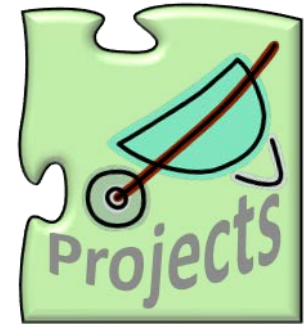
# Strategy

## Energy efficiency projects

- Database of potential projects is continually updated
- Best projects are identified
- Typical projects
  - Upgrades to more energy-efficient equipment
  - Heat recovery opportunities
- Project ideas are usually process-specific, but there is some potential to find common opportunity across the company



# Strategy - Water



- Add water conservation to the energy surveys
  - Check meter accuracy and location
  - Capture project ideas in the energy project database for future consideration
- Consider water conservation in design
- Look for opportunities for water reuse (much like heat integration)

Challenge: Energy projects often have good returns, water projects almost never do

# American Chemistry Council Energy Efficiency Awards

- Hot Water Recycle Project – Cooling water which was previously being sent to the sewer is now being recycled for use as feed to the washing process.
- RB Condensate Coil Heat Recovery – A reduction in dryer steam consumption was achieved by installing a new heat recovery system designed to re-use waste condensate which was previously being sent to the sewer.
- Installation of a flash system that utilized 600 psig condensate from columns eliminated sending 600 psig steam through valves to produce 300 psig steam.

# Summary

- Many elements of an energy management program can be applied to natural resources other than energy
- Eastman is leveraging its energy management program to address water conservation
- Several internal and external drivers are escalating the importance of water
- Eastman is currently focused on:
  - Identifying water conservation projects
  - Identifying water risks
  - Increasing employee awareness
  - Establishing water-related goals and strategies
  - Identifying best practices





More information available in the April issue of  
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# Discussion

# Thank you!

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