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The water industry is very important to everyday life. Water is one of the things that is needed for survival and one can only go for 3 days before one passes away due to dehydration and depending on the person that can be longer or shorter. While not consuming enough water can quickly cause dehydration, but water that is infected with heavy metals and bacteria can cause illness that could even make us sick. The water industry makes sure that the water that everyone needs to survive is up to par. Furthermore, the water industry makes sure that the water has the good minerals that are needed in it along with making sure no bad chemicals or bacteria that cause illness aren't in it. The water industry is not only important to us, human beings, but also many industries that are around us like farming.

I have always been fascinated where everyone's water comes from whenever I have gone on trips. One thing that I love to see are the irrigation systems out by Sheldon and Lisbon, ND. The farmers in that area get water to irrigate their crops. And the amount of water that farmers get for their crops is very important. This brings me to mentioning that the water industry impacts everyone.

One of my favorite things to do is learn more about our water in Amenia. I have many times come along with my dad to switch the water in Amenia to rural water whenever the power goes out. We have to do that because if not we will have no water pressure when the power is out, and you never know when it will turn back on. Growing up I have been around the water industry in Amenia. What we call the hill there is where a water shed is and under the mound of dirt is where the water sits before it goes to the houses. I have plenty of memories where my sisters and I sled down it in the middle of winter. Or pretending that it is a ship because of the stuff poking out of the top on the mound.

Sometimes I forget how much I take for granted our water here and our water industry. In many underdeveloped places around the world and even developed places in history have had bad water. Places such as old England were known for their water being contaminated. And other places nowadays have to walk miles to some semi decent water, and sometimes the water is still really bad for them. Our water industry is so complex and amazing nowadays that we definitely all take it for granted. All I have to do to get drinkable water is walk to the sink and fill up my cup. Even some places in the United States people can't even do that. In all the water industry is not only important to our everyday life for drinking, but farming, and other industries around the world.