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I was employed by Masonite Corporation in 1974-2006. I served as Plant Engineer of Masonite's industrial facility.

In my capacity as Plant Engineer I was aware of Masonite's water use. Before the plant closed Masonite Corporation pumped 1200 gallons per minute twenty-four hours a day that the plant was in operation and the boilers functioning. Additional water was derived from a well referred to as Well 6 which was put on line sometime in the 1990's.

The Masonite Plant had a water treatment plant which was installed to permit the recycling of water pumped from the Russian River. The recycling system resulted in virtually all of the pumped water being recycled by removal of sugars and virtually all of the water pumped from the Russian River was reutilized at least once. The Recycling Plant was capable of recycling both processed and non-processed water.

The Masonite Plant used water for industrial purposes with the biggest demand being supply for the plant boilers. Water was also used for domestic purposes in the plant. Water was also used for irrigation on land, and fire protection.

Within the month of September 2011 the last manufacturing was conducted at the Masonite Plant although the shutdown process had been ongoing since 2000. After the last manufacturing was conducted, water continued to be utilized for domestic purposes through at least 2006, irrigation and fire protection and dust suppression during the removal of plant equipment during the 2001-2006 period.

Masonite sold a major portion of the Masonite plant property to DDR after the plant was closed and the equipment removal was in part to facilitate the demolition of the plant by DDR. After I ceased employment with Masonite in 2006 DDR dismantled the plant and during that process utilized water for demolition including active asbestos abatement. I also understand that the water recycling plant was removed and that water was used up until 2011 by Ernie Whif, a contractor.