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Water Profile of the U.S. Forest Products Industry

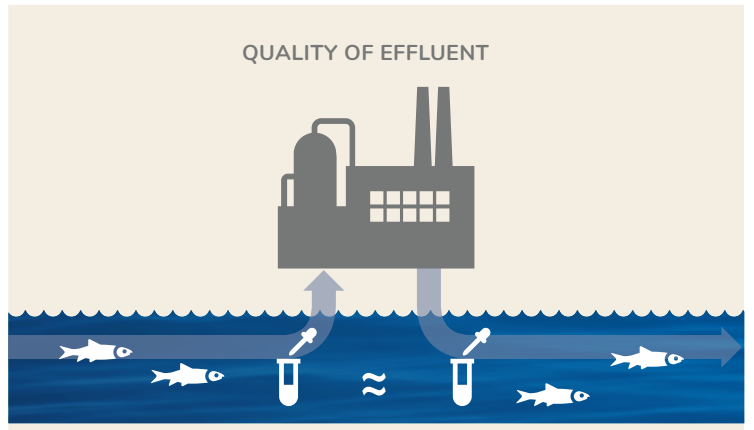
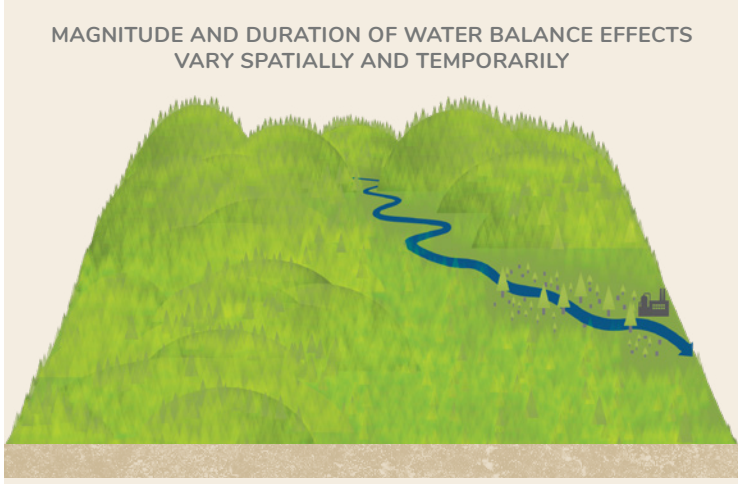
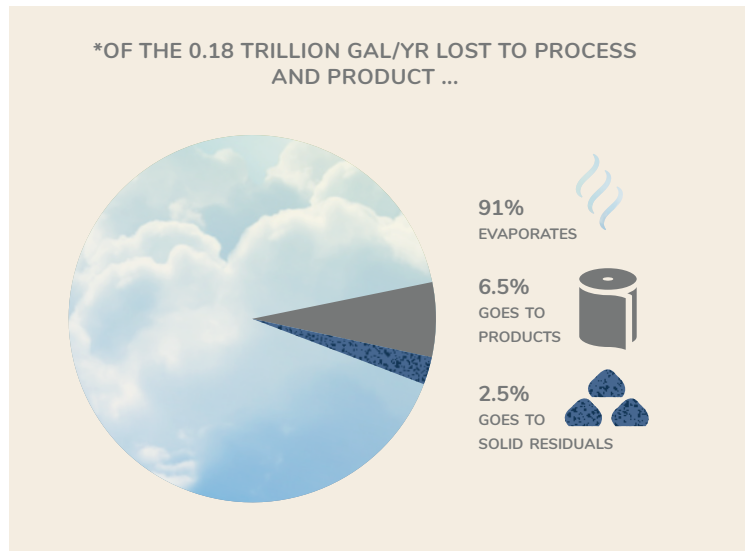
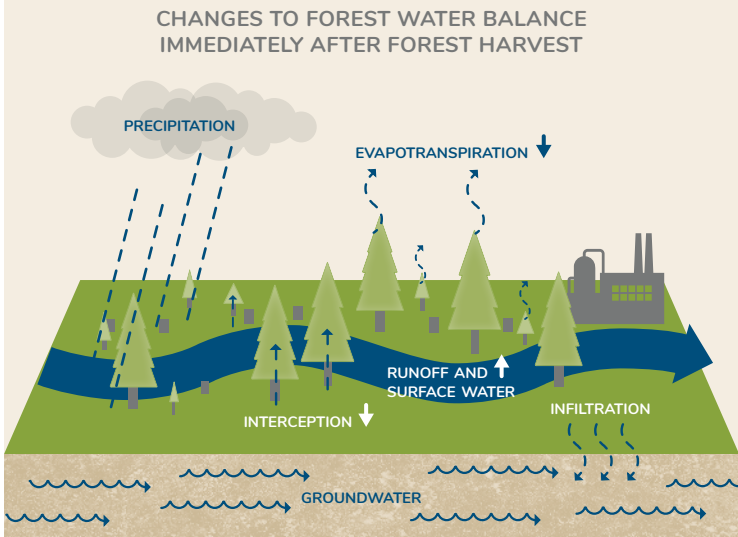
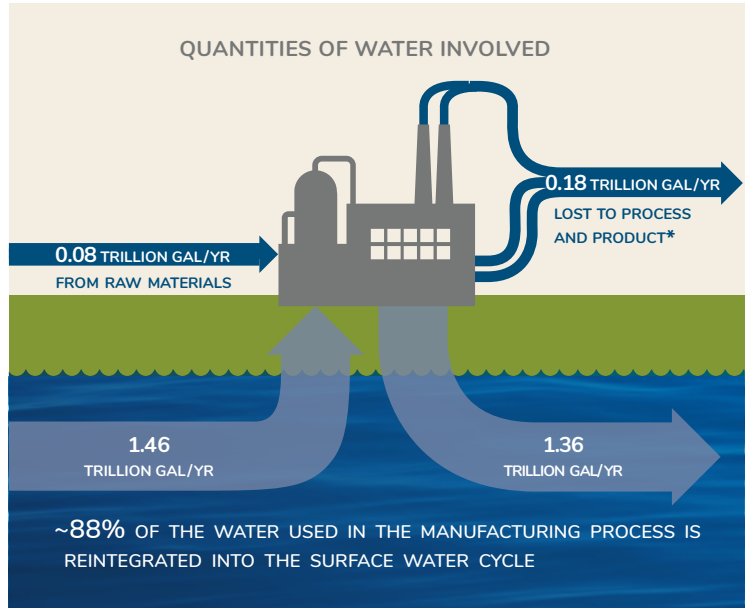
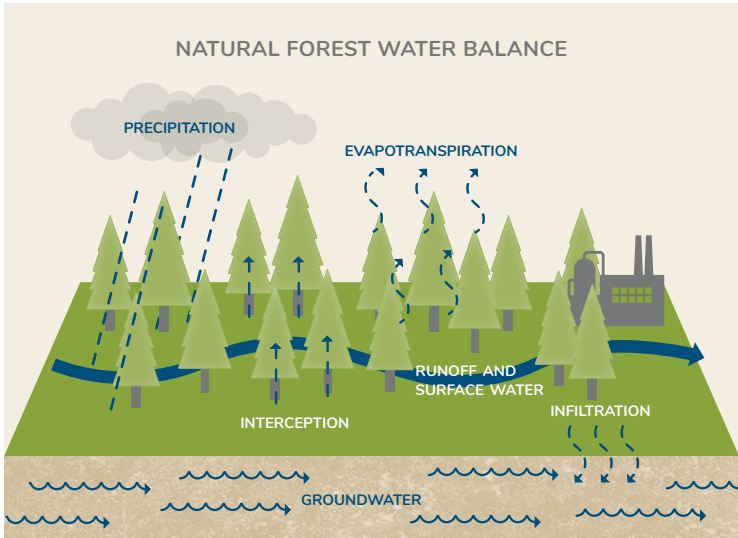
The forest products industry has important interactions with water resources. While the US industry uses a significant amount of water during the manufacture of pulp, paper and wood products, it treats and returns nearly 90% of that water to the environment. About 2/3 of the country's fresh water comes from forested watersheds, and the industry uses best management practices and forest regrowth to minimize effects on water availability and water quality.



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FOREST TYPE AND CLIMATE INFLUENCE THE WATER BALANCE. EFFECTS ARE MINIMIZED WHEN A) BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ARE USED DURING HARVESTING; AND B) ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE LANDSCAPE IS HARVESTED ANNUALLY.

THE COMPATIBILITY OF EFFLUENTS WITH RECEIVING WATERS IS ADDRESSED BY STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR EFFLUENT QUALITY AND THROUGH PROTECTION OF SPECIFIC WATERS RECEIVING TREATED EFFLUENT DISCHARGES.