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Collecting the Drops:

**A Water
Sustainability
Planner**

Case Example

3M: Reusing Wash Water in a New Jersey Plant

In Belle Mead, New Jersey in the U.S., a 3M facility developed a process to reuse the wash water generated when making colored roofing granules.

In the past, the Belle Mead facility sent their wash water off-site for disposal. Today, Belle Mead's new system recycles the wash water back into the process, eliminating the use of fresh water in colored granule production. This new system reduced over 200,000 gallons of annual off-site wash water disposal without increasing manufacturing cost or affecting color quality.