

Brian Van Nortwick Environmental Engineer



I help design water treatment plants to keep drinking water safe.

How long have you been an environmental engineer?

I have been working as an environmental engineer for 6 years.

Where do you currently work?

I work for CDM Smith.

How do you spend most of your time at work?

- 1) Working on developing designs of water treatment facilities
- 2) Reviewing construction progress on utility infrastructure projects
- 3) Teamwork and collaboration with my co-workers



Why did you choose this career?

Because there is simply nothing more important than clean drinking water. My first boss inspired me to grow and learn and become the engineer I am today.

What did you do to prepare for this career?

I earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in Environmental Engineering, along with a Professional Engineering License

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Helping to provide safe, clean, reliable drinking water to the public.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Time management! There's a lot of work to do and competing project deadlines, and sometimes it's challenging to juggle it all.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

Work hard and don't be afraid to ask questions.

BRIAN'S FUN FACT

My favorite band is Guster.



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