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Washington - On World Water Day, it's worth reviewing how asset managers can incorporate water-related issues into their decision-making. Water access and water quality are near- and longer-term risks that Calvert prioritizes in both our investment research and investment philosophy.

Calvert Research and Management evaluates many issues around water scarcity, water quality and access to clean water across four key areas:

- Water utilities and distributors: Responsibly deliver and provide clean water at affordable rates, which we view as essential for economic growth and development.
- Water technology: Have proven or emerging technologies that test, monitor or improve the quality of water, or address the efficient use of water, helping reduce consumption globally.
- Water infrastructure: Are addressing the growing and urgent need to invest in the rehabilitation of aging infrastructure or expand infrastructure in order to deliver clean water to communities and drive economic growth.
- Solution providers: Are leading their peers in water efficiency and reuse practices in the most water-intensive industries, effectively reducing overall water demand.

Furthermore, we look at companies providing unique, innovative solutions to global water challenges that actively address water issues outlined in the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and contribute to poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

Bottom line: Calvert takes a solutions-oriented approach in our global water strategies, seeking to invest in companies that are proactively working to address global water challenges all along the water value chain.

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