

Examples of Point Sources

- On-site septic systems
- Leaky tanks or pipelines containing hydrocarbons
- Leaks or spills at manufacturing facilities
- Municipal landfills
- Livestock wastes (manure lagoons)
- Leaky sewer lines
- Spills related to highway or railway accidents



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Examples of Non-point Sources

- Fertilizers on agricultural land
- Pesticides on agricultural land and forests
- Contaminants in rain, snow, and atmospheric fallout

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