

**Abstract:**  
**Water Pollution and Contamination**

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Water-related diseases are one of the leading causes of death worldwide. Over three million people die each year, nearly all in developing countries. In the United States there is regulation, such as the Clean Water Act, the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Heath Act and Comprehensive Environmental Responses, Compensation and Liability Act to protect the population, but point source and nonpoint source pollution are still growing issues. Categories of pollution include microbiological, Eutrophication, chemical, suspended solids, solid wastes, thermal, radionuclides and spills. Water must be carefully treated in order to make it safe to drink. It is the responsibility of all citizens to be aware of the importance of clean water and help preserve it