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Water Pollution Guided Reading Worksheet

I. Introduction

- a. There are many different forms of _____ pollution.
 - i. Water _____ is the introduction of _____, physical, or _____ agents into the water that degrade water quality and adversely affect the _____ that depend on the water.
 - ii. In the last 30 years, _____ countries have made great strides in cleaning up many polluted water supplies.
 - iii. In _____ parts of the world, water pollution is still a big problem.
 1. _____ is not usually the major cause of water pollution in developing countries.
 - a. Often, the only water available for _____ in these countries is polluted with _____ and agricultural runoff.

II. Point-Source Pollution

- a. When you think of water pollution, you probably think of a single _____, such as a _____, a wastewater treatment plant, or a leaking _____ tanker.
 - i. These are all examples of _____ pollution, which is pollution discharged from a single source.
- b. Point-source pollution can often be identified and _____ to a source.

III. Nonpoint-Source Pollution

- a. _____ pollution comes from many different sources that are difficult to identify.
- b. For example, a _____ can be polluted by runoff from any of the land in its _____.
 - i. If a farm, a _____, or any other land surface in a watershed is _____, runoff from a rainstorm can carry the pollution into a nearby river.