# Basic Environmental Engineering and Pollution Abatement Professor Prasenjit Mondal Department of Chemical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee Lecture 06 Pollution Types and Sources

Hello everyone, today, now, we will discuss on the topic Pollution types and sources. In the previous classes, we have seen that nature has cyclic processes and if pollution is generated into the environment, then naturally it can heal to some extent, but due to ever increasing population growth and the increase in pollution load, the natural cycles, that processes are not able to accommodate those, as a result many places the ecosystem is being altered and different types of consequences we are facing.

So, pollution generation is very very important, we have to know how the pollutions is being generated, what are the sources and what are the types, how it is entering into the water or it is entering into the air and how it is entering into the living organisms. So, one way what is the source, where it is coming into the environment and from environment to the living organisms. So, transportation of the pollutants in the environment is also very important.



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So, in this class we will see what are pollution, pollutants and their types, then sources of pollution or pollutants and we will see water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution and pollution from industries.

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So, what is pollution? Pollution is the introduction of contaminants or harmful materials into the natural environment that cause adverse change. So, this is the pollution and these harmful materials are called pollutants.

Then, pollution can take the form of chemical substances or energy such as noise, heat, etc. And as I mentioned, that entry of these pollutants to the environment is very important along with its pathway, how it is being passed from one place to others, and how it enters into the living organism that is also very important.

So, the pathway of pollution is the way the pollutant moves from source, enters into the environment and finally, how it reaches the human body or other recipients. So, these are the phenomenon which is happening in the environment and we are getting more pollutants in our body automatically.

Now, pollutants can be either naturally occurring contaminants or it may be man made. So, naturally occurring contaminants such as volcanic ash or maybe created by human activity that we are talking about that is from household, from industrial sectors, from commercial sectors, different human activities are creating the pollution.

So, one is natural and other is man made and pollutants maybe in the form of gas, liquid and solid as well as energy, it may be heat energy or it may be noise also and these damage the quality of air, water and land.

Now, natural or manmade whatever may be the source the pollutants may be generated in a point that is called point source that is we are able to identify where the pollution is being generated and maybe some nonpoint sources, so, nonpoint source is very difficult to identify where from these pollutants has entered into the environment. I will give you some example.

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	Sources of pollution/pollutants						
	Natural pollution/pollutants $\ :$ Produced through natural phenomena, calamities etc. ; for example, geogenic arsenic in ground water						
	Man made pollutants : Produced through human activities; can be classified as follows:						
	✤Point and non point sources						
	*Domestic, industrial, agricultural and transport activities						
~	Gaseous pollutants						
	Gaseous air pollutants are emitted from various natural sources, such as volcanoes and forest fires. However, anthropogenic emissions of some gases may be greater than the natural ones and are increasing because of population growth and industrialization						
	Liquid pollutants						
	Liquid pollutants usually come from liquid waste, which includes human excreta (both faeces						
	and urine), industrial wastewaters and other forms of waste from water-using activities.						
	Factories generate liquid waste from activities related to washing in the manufacturing						
	process, cleaning objects and chemical mixing, wastes						
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And apart from these man made pollutants can be from domestic, industrial, agricultural and transport activities. So, now we have seen that pollutants can be in gaseous, liquid or solid phase. Now we will see what are the gaseous pollutants.

So, gaseous air pollutants are emitted from various natural sources such as volcanoes and forest fires. These are the two major sources for air pollution, however, anthropogenic emissions of some gases may be greater than the natural ones and are increasing because of population growth and industrialization.

So, many man made pollutions are also entering into the atmosphere and liquid pollutants you can see, then liquid pollutants usually come from liquid waste which includes human excreta, both faeces and urine. Industrial waste waters and other forms of waste from water-using activities. Factories generate liquid waste from activities related to washing in the manufacturing process, cleaning objects and chemical mixing.

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Sewage another liquid form of waste. This is a mixture of human excreta from water-flushed toilets and other wastewater from houses and businesses. Sewage and human waste from overflowing septic tanks and latrines are frequent sources of the pollution these are very regular.

Apart from this Urban run-off, so, when raining. So, the urban run-off can contain a lot of organic matter and this may come from open defecation or inappropriate handling of organic wastes produced from households and businesses during rainy season. So, it is very small period huge amount of water is flowing and at that time that flood like situations or huge amount of water is going to the river and taking the pollutants which is available on the land.

So, organic matter includes anything that is derived from living organisms such as human and animal waste and decaying plants and foods these are also going to the water and industry also industrial wastewater is generated we have mentioned and now we are coming to solid waste.

So, Solid waste is any solid material that is assumed not to be useful and is therefore thrown away. So, factories, businesses and households produce different kinds of solid wastes such as paper, plastics, metals, chemicals in solid form, pieces of cloth or food and animal remains sometimes faecal matter is discarded with solid waste which adds to the problems. So, those are also one way of the solid waste contamination. And the noise pollution we know that means unacceptable levels of noise in work residential and recreational places.

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Now, we will see the point source and nonpoint source. A point source as we mentioned that are identifiable points or places that we can easily locate. An example is say diesel truck or motor vehicles or say scooter. So, there engine is using fuel and it is emitting the pollution, emission. So, that why, we are able to identify but when the pollution comes say runoff. So, during flood situations or huge rainings.

So, at that time the pollutants is coming from many places and getting into the river, but here in some other cases a particular factory or say Roorkee's town, so, after the collection of the wastewater, so, that can go to the river so that we can identify like for example here for any town it is coming here.

So, this can be a point source, but here we cannot identify from where sources the water is coming in from where source what sources the pollutants are getting enter into the water stream. So, this is our nonpoint sources.

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Sources of pollution/pollutants contd					
<ul> <li>Point Sources</li> <li>Municipal WW</li> <li>Industrial WW</li> <li>Tributaries</li> </ul>	Well defined origin easily measured more constant	Easier to treat/regulate			
<ul> <li>Non-point Sources</li> <li>Untreated sewage</li> <li>Agricultural runoff</li> <li>Urban &amp; Suburban Runoff</li> <li>Groundwater</li> </ul>	Diffuse origin more transient often dependent on precipitation	Difficult to treat/regulate			
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Now, we will see point sources like municipal wastewater it is coming as a I have given you an example from Roorkee. So, industrial wastewater from each industry is coming and getting into each river or tributaries. So, from small tributaries to big river it is going so then also we can identify so, all are point sources.

The nonpoint sources say untreated sewage, sewage is not treated it is going and entered into this agricultural runoff, urban and suburban runoff and groundwater. So, these are the nonpoint sources we do not know where from these pollutants are coming and it is very difficult to treat and regulate for nonpoint sources but point sources are easier to regulate and treat. So, these are different types of pollutants we are getting. (Refer Slide Time: 09:30)



Now we will be seeing the pathways, the how the pollutants are distributed from one place to other place, and how it is getting entry into the living organisms. So, the pathway between source and recipient can take several different forms depending on the type of pollutants, primary recipients for pollution, primary recipients for pollution are water, air and soil and pollutants usually reach human through the consumption of contaminated and polluted water and food and breathing polluted air.

So, these are the major routes through which the pollutants are getting into the human body. And once the pollutants is released into the environment, the worst effects of many pollutants are reduced by one or more of the following processes, how it is say some industry is producing some gas streams which is having some pollutants, but when it will be distributed in a local area.

So, the concentration will be gradually decreased as we go away from the point of source. So, that way dispersion. So, smoke dispersions into the air and is no longer noticeable away from the source. Another example, so, due to the dispersion of that, the concentration of pollutants gradually decreases and that its severity becomes lower.

Another is dilution, so, a river stream is going so, from any municipality some water stream is wastewater stream is coming and getting entry into it. So, with downstream if we go away, then we will see the concentration is gradually decreasing. So, that way dilution and then deposition and sometimes some chemical reactions can take place and something can settle in that riverbed also.

So, the deposition and degradation and some compounds can be degraded, they say in a river stream some organics are available. So, those say easily biodegradable. So, what microbes will work on it and will be degraded and some pollutants are there those cannot be easily bio degraded and those are called persistent chemicals and those remains for longer period in the environment.

So, that way, there are different methods through which the concentration is reduced or can be reduced that is why if the pollution generation is less so, naturally the environment can be healed up, but if the generation of pollution is very high, so, natural process cannot work.

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	POINT SOURCES		NON-POINT SOURCES	
POLLUTANT	MUNCIPAL SEWAGE 🗸	INDUSTRIAL WASTE	AGRICULTURAL RUNOFF	URBAN RUNOFF
BOD	√	√	√	✓
Nutrients	√	$\checkmark$	√	$\checkmark$
Pathogens	√	$\checkmark$	√	$\checkmark$
Suspended solids	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	√
Salts		$\checkmark$	√	✓
Toxic metals		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Toxic organics		$\checkmark$	√	$\checkmark$
Heat		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Maior pollution sources for fresh and saline waters				

So, now, we will see here say point sources like municipal sewage and industrial waste, these are we know that point sources and non point source agricultural runoff and urban runoff and we see different pollutants which may be available in this. So, BOD, nutrients, pathogens, suspended solid, salts, toxic metals, toxic organics, heat, etc. as given in this table.

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Now, we will see what is water pollution. So, we will focusing on the contamination of water. So, we see that major sources are domestic sewage, industrialization and then population growth, pesticides and fertilizers used and plastics and polythene bags, and this is another plastics and polythene bag, that is micro plastic issue, which is being reported very recently that it is available in the human blood also.

So, although the impact is not known, but it is getting entry, the plastic is getting entry into the human body through the drinking water that has been reported and then urbanization is another source and weak management systems, if your management systems is not that strong, so, proper treatment will not be possible. So, easily the surface water will be contaminated or even the groundwater will be contaminated. So, that way, the pollution will be taking place.

And usually, the water pollution is characterized by the presence of excess physical, chemical or biological substances that change the qualities of the water and are capable of causing harm to living organisms. And polluted waters should not be used for drinking, washing, bathing or agriculture. We will be seeing the standards in next chapters. If polluted water is used by humans, then it can adversely affect the body in different ways depending on the type and concentration of pollutants.

So, it is reported that 75 to 80% water pollution is caused by the domestic sewage. So, you were this is very good information, there is a debate or we do not know in normally that which one is producing more pollution, industry or domestic.

You see here some statistics on it. It is reported that 75 to 80% water pollution is caused by domestic sewage and 80% of the world's population is facing threats to waters security and 25% percent pollution is caused by the industries and is more harmful, although pollution is less but more severe and more are harmful in case of industrial pollution of the water.

And the WHO reports that 80% diseases are water born and water pollution can affect surface water such as rivers and lakes, soil moisture and groundwater in aquifers and as well as the oceans, like say microplastics in ocean is another current topic that people are giving more focus on it day by day.



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And these are the different sources of wastewater you see from the domestic I have already discussed and industries and Seawater Ingress and Rain Leachate and oil spilling, so, out of these, these domestic, industrial and leachates these are very very important and larger in volume and regular we can get it and this domestic also we can get sewage and now, the new thought process is going on to separate the wastewater generated in the domestic sectors into two part that is black water and gray water.

So, gray water the wastewater which is generated in the kitchen, bathroom, washing machines, etc. And the black water is latrines and toilets. So, these two different types of

water that means in terms of quality. So, now efforts are on to separate these two and separate greywater from this black water and with treatment to reuse it so that is the efforts are going on.

	Concentration			
Contaminants	Low strength (mg/L)	Medium strength (mg/L)	High strength (mg/L)	
Solids, total(TS)	390	720	1230	
Dissolved, total (TDS)	250	500	850	
Suspended solids(TSS)	120	210	400	
BOD, 5 day,20°	110	220	400	
тос	75	140	290	
COD /	250	500	1000	
Total nitrogen (as N)	20	40	70	
Total Phosphorus(asP)	4	8	15	
Chloride	30	50	100	
Sulfate	20	30	50	
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	50	100	200	
Grease	50	100	150	
Total coliform	10 <sup>6</sup> -10 <sup>7</sup> (No/100 ml)	107-108 (No/100 ml)	107 -109 (No/100 ml)	

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Now we will see because of these different sources, different types of pollutants are also getting entry into the water stream. Say for example, if we consider a domestic wastewater, it can contain say solids, that is, total solid, dissolved solids, suspended solids, BOD, TOC, COD, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, chloride, sulphate, alkalinity, grease, total coliform.

So, these are and their concentration can also vary, so some are low strength, some are medium strength and some are high strength and the concentrations are given in this table. So, that way we know what pollutants are getting entry into the water through what type of sources.

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Waste water and their classification contd. Typical composition of landfill leachates				
Parameter	Acidogenic phase		Methanogenic phase	
	Average	Range	Average	Range
рН	5	4.5 - 5.5	8	7.5 - 9
BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/l)	13000	4000-40000	180	20 – 550
COD (mg/l)	22000	6000-60000	3000	500 - 4500
BOD <sub>5</sub> /COD /	0.58		0.06	
Sulphate (mg/l) /	500	70-1750	80	10 - 420
Calcium (mg/l) /	1200	10-2500	60	20 - 600
Magnesium (mg/l)	470	50 - 1150	180	40 – 350
Iron (mg/l) 🗸	780	20 - 2100	1.5	3 - 280
Manganese (mg/l) 🗸	25	0.3-65	0.7	0.03 - 45

Now, if we see the landfill leachates, so then the parameters are something different, some metals are there manganese, iron, magnesium, calcium, sulphate, BOD, COD is also there, pH is also there.

So, here we are getting some acidogenic phase and methanogenic phase in case of leaching or when the organics are in a landfill so, then anaerobic condition prevails. So, the organic compounds are converted into biogas through different steps. The first step is acidogenic, acidogen is hydrolysis acidogenesis, acidogenesis and the last is methanogenesis. So, methanogenesis takes place at higher pH, but other are lower pH.

So, these two if we take the leaching, or the water getting out from the solids under these two different steps, so we will be getting different pollutants. So, these are the given here in this table.

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And these are the common water pollutants available in the water. And these are the quality parameters as well. We will discuss in the next class on it. So, different types of physical, biochemical properties, and then chemical and microbiological different properties we will discuss in the next class.

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•	Air pollution is defined as the presence of abnormal amounts of chemical constituents in
	the air, which are capable of causing harm to living organisms.
•	Polluted air may contain particulate matter (such as black soot) and many different gaseous
	chemicals such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides,
	ozone, nitrates, sulphates, organic hydrocarbons and many others.
•	The most common sources of air include the burning of wood, charcoal and other biomass
	fuel by households, small businesses such as bakeries, manufacturing industries, and
	vehicles.
•	Clean air consists of nitrogen (78% by volume), oxygen (21%) and trace gases (< 1%)
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And now we are coming to air pollution. So, air pollution is defined as the presence of abnormal amounts of chemical constituents in the air, which are capable of causing harm to living organisms. And then polluted air may contain particulate matter and many different gaseous chemicals such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, SOx, ozone, nitrates, sulphates, organic hydrocarbons, and many others.

The most common sources of air include the burning of wood, charcoal, and other biomass fuel by households, small businesses such as bakeries, manufacturing industries and vehicles. And then clean air consists we know that around 78 to 79% of Nitrogen and around 21% of oxygen and rest is your gases.

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➤Air pollution contd	Main cause				
<ul> <li>Dust storm and Wildfires:</li> <li>Animal and Vegetation:</li> <li>Volcanic Activity:</li> <li>Fossil-Fuel Emissions:</li> <li>Agriculture and Animal Husbandry:</li> <li>Waste</li> </ul>					
Main cause: Combustion					
Fuel (C,H,S,N,Pb,Hg,ash) + Air (N2 + O2)					
CO2, CO, NOx, SOx, Pb, Hg, SPM, PM10, PM2.5, VOCs					
Usage/handling of Chemicals: paint, varnishes, perfumes, CFCs, petrol pumps, etc. Cement handling, insulation on winding of motors/alternators/transformers etc.					
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And the main cause of this air pollution we see both from your natural as well as man made sources and natural sources dust storm and wildfires and other animal and vegetations and then volcanic activity and manmade your fossil fuel emissions, agriculture and animal husbandry sectors and waste also, we can burn it or we can during managing it some pollutants can also come into the air and main cause is your combustion, this is the main cause.

So, we use the fuels, then air and then it gives these other different pollutants which are produced during the combustion of it. So, particulate matter SPM suspended particulate matter, particulate matter 10, particulate matter 2.5 are those are very important and previously SPM was used, but now, with the day by day more understanding is being developed and it is found that the particle size of the suspended particles are not same and they are having different impact on human health.

So, PM 10 that means 10 micrometer particle solid space then PM 2.5 particle size of average is 2.5 or less so, that the why so, PM 2.5 and 10 are there and VOC is your volatile organic carbons. So, these are available in the air through different sources.

Like say uses handling of chemicals, paint, varnishes, perfumes, CFCs, petrol pumps, etc. Cement handling, insulation on winding of motors, alternators and transformers, etc. Those are also the source of air pollution.

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And this is the main culprit if we see here contribution of PM 10. So, here trasport 18%, 14% is biofuel and then 11% percent industry, 5% power and 52% others. Similarly, for contribution of PM 2.5 emissions from different sources you see here transport is 38. So, then, industry 16 and other 26 and 3 is power and 17 is biofuel. So, that we are talking about, so, these different PM 10 and PM 2.5 has different toxicity or different impact on human health and those are generated from different sources also. So, that I wanted to highlight here.

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And then SOx and NOx, which are also available, SOx is coming from burning combustion of fuel containing sulfur. So, that is H<sub>2</sub>S released is converted to SO<sub>2</sub>. 10 Tg/yr natural sources used to production and 75 Tg/yr anthropogenic sources of SOx. And for Nitrogen we see NOx. So, primarily NO and NO<sub>2</sub> these two and others are maybe NO<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> are also known to occur. So, these are the different composition of NOx and thermal NOx created by oxidation such atmospheric nitrogen when temperature greater than 1000 K. So, again through the process and fuel NOx from oxidation of nitrogen in fuel.

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And the lead pollutant of air that is the gasoline and paints. So, this gasoline was an history today, the unleaded petrol are used and metal processing that is another sources and highest air lead concentrations in the vicinity of nonferrous and ferrous smelters, and battery manufacturers. So, these are the source of lead in the air.

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>Soil pollution	
Soil pollution, also called land pollution, is linked to water pollution Liquid wastes containing toxic chemicals or pathogenic micro-organisms on the s the land can seep slowly into the soil and may percolate down to contaminate gr which can affect people using springs or wells in the area Possible sources include open defecation, pit latrines or leaking storage containe industrial chemicals and wastes Solid waste can cause soil pollution. Household waste typically consists mostly of that will gradually decompose. This produces a bad odour and attracts insects an of which contribute to the transmission of disease As the waste decomposes it produces a liquid called <b>leachate</b> which trickles down soil. Leachate is a highly concentrated liquid pollutant that may contain toxic che pathogenic micro-organisms as well as high levels of organic compounds Rainwater falling on, and washing through, solid waste adds to the problem. Soil pollution also affects agricultural activity and pollute food items	urface of oundwater rs for food wast d rats, bot n into the micals and
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And then we see the Soil pollution. So, soil pollution, also called land pollution is linked to water pollution, liquid waste containing toxic chemicals or pathogenic microorganisms on the surface of the land can sweep slowly into the soil and may percolate down to contaminate groundwater.

So, when it is going, then this can affect people using springs or wells in the area. And possible sources include open defecation, pit latrines or leakings storage containers for industrial chemicals and wastes.

And solid waste can cause soil pollution. Household waste typically consists mostly of food waste, that will gradually decompose and it will contaminate the soil as well as the water also. So, this produces a bad odor and attracts insects and rats, both of which contribute to the transmission of disease.

And as the waste decomposes, it produces a liquid called leachate which trickles down into the soil. And leachate is a highly concentrated liquid pollutant that may contain toxic chemicals and pathogenic microorganisms as well as high levels of organic compounds. And rainwater falling on and washing through solid waste adds to the problem. So, solid waste when it rain takes place. So, then also leaching takes place and it gets entry into into the soil as well as the water and soil pollution can affects agricultural activity and pollute the foods. So, nowadays it is report that arsenic is available in rice also, heavy metals are available in vegetables. So, those food also are been contaminated and soil contamination is one of the reason for that.

Now, we will see the industrial emission or from the industry we will see here. So, there are different types of industries and different types of industries have different potential to generate pollution and according to the nature of the industry and the amount of pollution generated and that type of toxicity or severity, these industries are classified into three category.

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Basically, red category, orange category and green category. So, Red type that is, this A 17 and B 47. So, these are the red type industries, which are very hazardous type, basically, the pollutants generated by these are more toxic and has more severe impact, so these are separated from the others, but orange type is intermediate around 25, 25 types of industry types are under orange type and green type are another those industries which has very less pollution creation.

So, those are green type, so, now the industry which do not fall in any of the above mentioned three categories, then decision with regard to their categorization will be taken by committee at Head Office Level comprising of the member secretary and two senior officers of the board committee in which state the industry is there. So, the members Secretary of the State pollution control board along with some other officers, they will decide under which category it would fall and what is the importance of this categorization of industry because their pollution generation will be more and it will be more impact on the human health. So, more strict or norms will be applicable.

So, that is the reason to categorize these industries and grossly polluting industries are basically under the red type industry those produces extensive pollution. So, their amount is also high and their type is such that the pollutants are very harmful to the human health and other animals as well. So, in industry we can get emission, we can get efffluents, we can get noise also. So, all types of pollution are created by the industry.

Composition of some industrial wastewater				
Industry type	Organic load (mg/l)	Typical composition of organic compound		
Pulp and paper	COD: 32000 - 40000	Soaps: 40-45% ; lignin: 35-45%		
1	BOD: 12 000-16 000	Other organics: 10-15%		
Distillery	COD: 110000-190000	Reducing sugar (g/l): 0.5; Total sugar (g/l): 0.8		
	BOD: 50000-60000	Total acids (g/l): 3.34; Free amino acids (g/l): 3.18		
	Melanoidin for colour	Total nitrogen (g/l): 11.0		
Sugar	COD: 385 – 978	Glucose		
	BOD: 112 – 225	Fructose		
Oil refinery 🖊	COD:1965, BOD: 685	Oil contents , total solids, phenol		
Petrochemicals	COD:1500; BOD: 350,	Octanol, HCHO, phenol, organic acid, petroleum		
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And now some examples composition of some industrial wastewater here you see paper and pulp, distillery, sugar, oil refinery, petrochemicals. So, here BOD, COD is extreme in case of distillery you see, in case of domestic we have only COD around 1000.

So, here we have COD is equal to 110000 to 190000. So, special type of pollutants are present in it. So, certainly this will be more undesirable and it will be having more potential to create impacts on human health and some other composition of the organic compounds present in the industrial wastewater are provided here. And we see there is no similarity all are different and some are specific.

So, special treatment is also needed for the management of these waste streams, and more stricter norms are applied. So, that these will be treated in the factory premise and the treated water will only be getting entry into the water stream.

So, now, we are able to discuss the different sources of pollutions into the environment, into the water, into the air and into the soil and how these get entry into the living organisms that we have discussed. So, upto this in this class, thank you very much for your patience.