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The Industrial Drain: Understanding Industrial Pollution and Water Contamination

Short Answer Key

1. Mercury
2. Oil spills can coat plants, animals, and shorelines, smother aquatic life, disrupt food chains, and harm sensitive ecosystems.
3. Thermal pollution is the discharge of heated water back into water bodies, which can reduce oxygen levels and stress aquatic organisms.
4. Excessive nutrient levels can lead to harmful algal blooms, oxygen depletion, and degraded water quality.
5. Microplastics are small particles of plastic that can be ingested by marine animals, posing risks to ecosystems and human health.

