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Troubled Waters: Understanding Water Pollution

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What are point sources of water pollution?
 - a) Diffuse and harder to trace
 - b) Direct and identifiable sources
 - c) Natural sources of pollution
 - d) Pathogens such as bacteria

2. Which of the following is NOT a type of water pollutant?
 - a) Chemical pollutants
 - b) Biological pollutants
 - c) Physical pollutants
 - d) Thermal pollutants

3. How do excess nutrients contribute to water pollution?
 - a) By causing algal blooms and eutrophication
 - b) By improving water quality
 - c) By reducing sedimentation
 - d) By increasing biodiversity

4. What is a common pathway for water pollution caused by runoff?
 - a) Rainwater washes pollutants from streets, lawns, and agricultural fields into water bodies
 - b) Industrial facilities release pollutants directly into water bodies
 - c) Sewage systems release untreated waste into rivers and streams
 - d) Chemicals from landfills leach into groundwater

5. What are non-point sources of water pollution?
 - a) Direct and identifiable sources
 - b) Industrial discharge pipes
 - c) Diffuse and harder to trace sources
 - d) Sewage treatment plants

