

## Contaminated Water Tops World-Wide Pollution Problem List

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Contaminated ground water, toxic surface water, and untreated sewage ranks second, third and sixth on the annual list of the most pollution-related activities in the world.

Compiled each year by New York-based environmental group [The Blacksmith Institute](#), the list rates human activities that contribute to death and disability.

"Almost 5 million deaths in the developing world annually are due to water related diseases, much of this being preventable with adequate supplies of safe water."

The complete list includes:

1. Arsenic gold mining
2. Contaminated surface water
3. Groundwater contamination
4. Indoor Air Pollution
5. Industrial Mining Activities
6. Metals, Smelters and Processing
7. Radioactive Waste and Uranium Mining
8. Untreated Sewage
9. Urban Air Quality
10. Used Lead Acid Battery Recycling

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