

Erosion	soil depletion caused by running water or wind
Gravity	the force which pushes objects to the earth; used to settle solids out of wastewater.
Grit	inorganic material, such as sand and gravel particles, removed from wastewater.
Hydrologic cycle	the natural steps of evaporation, precipitation and runoff which are involved in the water cycle.
Influent	wastewater which flows into the treatment plant, or a process in it.
Inorganic	made up of non-living matter; like minerals or salts.
Interceptor	a large pipeline which takes collected wastewater from sewers and delivers it to the treatment plant.
Landfill	a disposal site for solid wastes, such as sludge, in which the material is packed and covered with earth.
Marine	having to do with the ocean or a bay; as, a marine environment.
Micro	extremely small; as, with organisms.
Organic	made up of plant or animal material; such as sludge.
Organism	a living being, including such micro-beings as bacteria.
Oxidize	to "burn-up", or consume, organic material using oxygen; as, with suspended and dissolved organics in wastewater.
Percolates	to drain or ooze through a porous substance.
Pollutant	any substance which dirties air, land or water; as, the organic and inorganic matter found in wastewater.
Primary Treatment	the first in the order of several treatment stages in sewage treatment which removes about 30-40% of the pollutants.
Purification	the process by which pollutants are removed from wastewater.

