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# Pollutant

National Cancer Institute

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*National Cancer Institute. Pollutant. NCI Thesaurus. Code C1751.*

Any chemical compound, biological object, physical factor in a concentration or amount that adversely alters the physical, chemical, or biological properties of the environment. The term includes pathogens, toxic metals, carcinogens, oxygen-demanding materials, radiation, natural substances, synthetic industrial chemicals, biocides and all other harmful substances and factors. (NCI)