

Sources of Pathogens

Untreated Municipal Sewage

Human sewage is the most common source of pathogen pollution, particularly in South America, Asia, and Africa.



Sewage From Ships

Waste from recreational and commercial vessels, particularly cruise ships, also introduces pathogens to ocean waters.



Livestock and Animal Waste

Discharge of waste from farm, domestic or wild animals can introduce bacteria, viruses and parasites into local water systems and coastal waters.

