



“Conscious canoers”

While canoeing on the river with your friends last weekend, you found a pipe leading into the river that had water flowing from it. There was a strange chemical smell in the air around the pipe. Although there was not a lot of water running into the river, the scene did not look safe to you.

- What is the difference between point and non-point source pollution?

Point source pollution comes from a known or identifiable source like a pipe or a factory releasing pollutants.

Non-point source pollution includes all the pollutants that are not traceable to a specific source. This includes litter, oil from cars, sediment from developments, household chemicals, and more.

- Which type of pollution is easier to regulate? Why?

Point source pollution is easier to regulate because we know where it is coming from and can create laws that prevent pollution. Industry can be fined for violating laws.

- Who should you contact about the pipe in the river?

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

- What law may be being violated?

PA Clean Streams, Clean Water Act