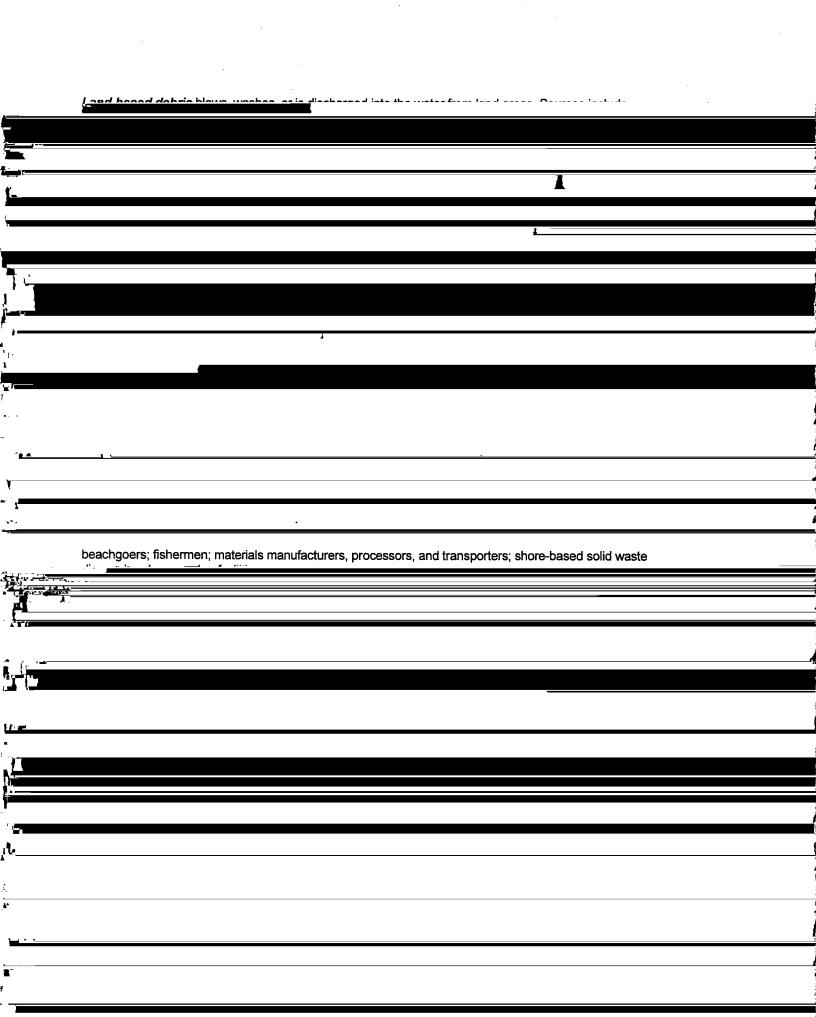


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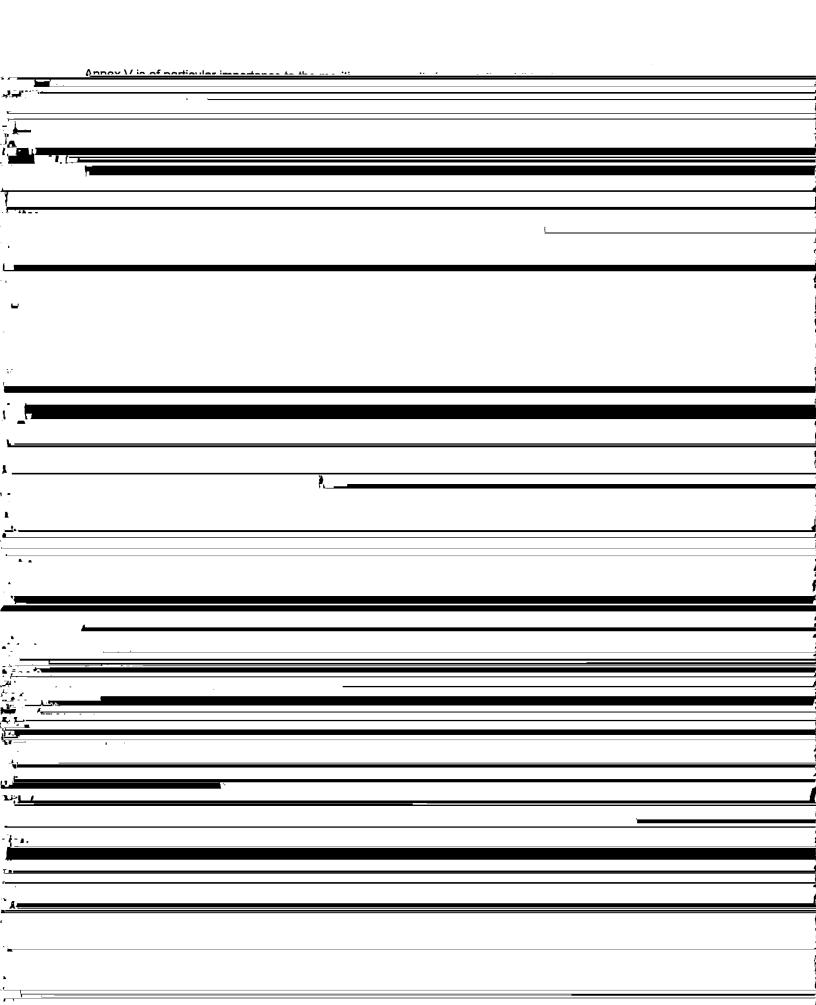
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	Consumption or contact with water polluted with these pathogens can result in infectious hepatitis,
	diarrhea, bacillary dysentery, skin rashes, and even typhoid and cholera.
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	Marine debris is one of the most pervasive and solvable pollution problems plaguing the world's oceans
	and waterways Successful management of the problem requires a comprehensive understanding of both
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	marine debris and human behavior. Education and outreach programs, strong laws and policies, and
	governmental and private enforcement are the building blocks for a successful marine pollution
	prevention initiative.
	Monitoring and Education/Outreach Programs
	On December 31, 1987, the United States ratified Annex V of the International Convention for the
	Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78). Annex V prohibits the at-sea disposal of plastic
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	National Marine Debris Monitoring Program Through a multi-year cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Ocean Conservancy developed and field-tested the National Marine Debris Monitoring Program (NMDMP). This					
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	marine debris legislation. NMDMP assesses several aspects of debris, including accumulation rates,					
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