

Glossary of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products

Pharmaceutical (P): a compound manufactured for use as a medicinal drug.

Personal Care products (PCPs): products used for personal hygiene or beautification and are as diverse as cleansing pads, colognes, cotton swabs, cotton pads, deodorant, eye liner, facial tissue, hair clippers, lip gloss, lipstick, lotion, makeup, nail files, pomade, perfumes, razors, shaving cream, moisturizer, talcum powder, toilet paper, toothpaste, and wet wipes.

US Geological Survey (USGS): a scientific agency of the United States government; the scientists of the USGS study the landscape of the United States, its natural resources, and the natural hazards that threaten it.

Chemicals: form of matter that has constant chemical composition and characteristic properties, can be natural or manmade

Contaminate: make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP): a plant that completes the process to convert wastewater - which is water no longer needed or suitable for its most recent use - into an effluent- liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea- that can be either returned to the water cycle with minimal environmental issues or reused