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The process by which water gradually flows through the **soil**. Seepage is the cause of a variety of environmental problems. For example, pesticides used on a farm may enter **groundwater** and be transported by seepage to a human water supply. In some cases, toxic or radioactive wastes stored in sealed tanks underground have gotten into water supplies by seepage after the tanks have rusted and broken apart.

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