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The process or action of depositing **sediment**. Sediment is composed of solid material, mineral or organic, and can be of any texture. The material has been moved from its site of origin by the forces of air, water, gravity, or ice and has come to rest on the earth's surface. The term siltation does not imply the deposition of **silt** separates, although the sediment deposited from **erosion** of agricultural land is often high in silt because of the sorting action into **soil** separates during the erosion process.