What is Polluting America’s Waters?

These maps show, by state, the most common causes of impaired water body listings under the Clean Water Act*.

Leading Cause of Impairment by Acres of Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Leading Cause of Impairment by Miles of Rivers and Streams

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*The years of assessment vary by state, ranging from 2004 to 2014, but with the vast majority having been assessed after 2010. Additionally, the percentage of surface waters assessed varies by state.