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Natural vs. Human-Made Pollution

Directions: Read each example below. Decide whether it comes from a **Natural Source** (caused by nature) or a **Human-Made Source** (caused by human activity). Write **N** for Natural or **H** for Human-Made next to each number.

N/H

1. Smoke and ash from a volcanic eruption.
2. Exhaust from cars stuck in traffic.
3. Oil leaking naturally from cracks in the ocean floor.
4. Garbage dumped into rivers by factories.
5. Dust storms carrying sand across deserts.
6. Plastic bottles left on beaches by visitors.
7. Loud thunder during a storm.
8. Loud construction machinery in a city.
9. Forest fires started by lightning.
10. Forest fires started by campfires left unattended.
11. Animal waste that washes into rivers after heavy rain.
12. Sewage released from a city into the sea.



Bonus Challenge: Pick one natural pollutant and one human-made pollutant from the list above. Write 2-3 sentences explaining how each can still cause harm to the environment.
