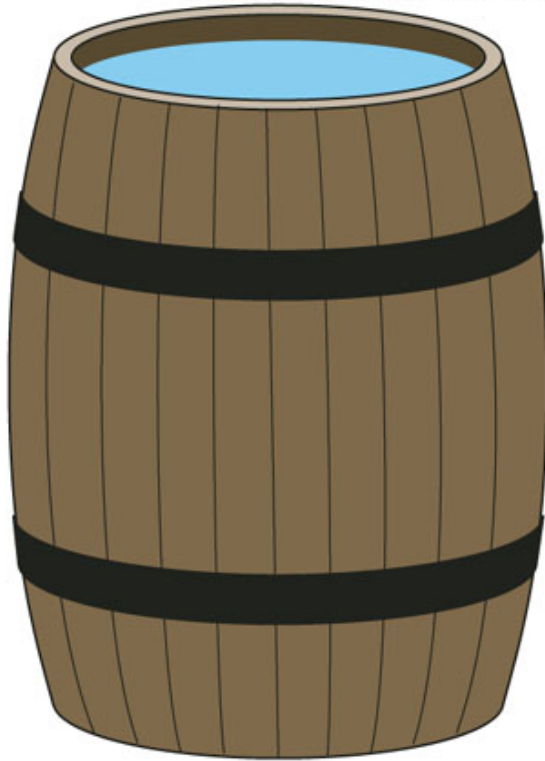


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Oceans
(97.4%)

Salt water



Ice caps, glaciers,
groundwater
(2.59%)



Lakes, rivers,
atmosphere,
soil moisture
(0.014%)

Fresh water

Table 5.1

Importance of Water as a Solvent

In our bodies:

- Blood plasma is an aqueous solution containing a variety of life-supporting substances.
- Inhaled oxygen dissolves in blood plasma in the lungs allowing O₂ to combine with hemoglobin.
- Blood plasma carries dissolved CO₂ to the lungs to be exhaled.
- Blood plasma transports nutrients into all the cells and organs.
- Water helps to maintain a chemical balance by carrying wastes away.

In the environment:

- Water can transport toxic substances into, within, and out of living organisms.
- Water-soluble toxic substances, such as some pesticides, lead ions, and mercury ions, can be widely distributed.
- Water may reduce the concentrations of pollutants to safe levels by dilution or by carrying them away (or both).
- Rainwater carries substances, including those responsible for acid rain, from the atmosphere down to Earth.

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Table 5.2

Mineral Composition of Tap Water, mg/L

Calcium	66	Sulfates	42
Magnesium	24	Chlorides	48
Sodium	18	Nitrates	6
		Fluorides	1

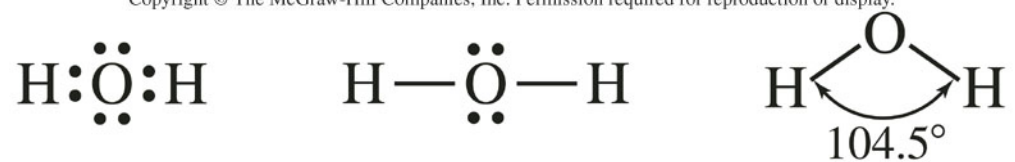
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Table 5.3

Mineral Composition of Evian, mg/L

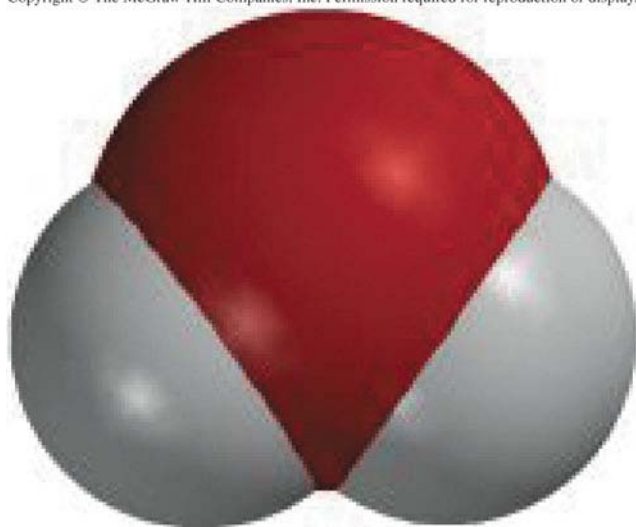
Calcium	78	Bicarbonates	357
Magnesium	24	Sulfates	10
Silica	14	Chlorides	4
		Nitrates (N)	1

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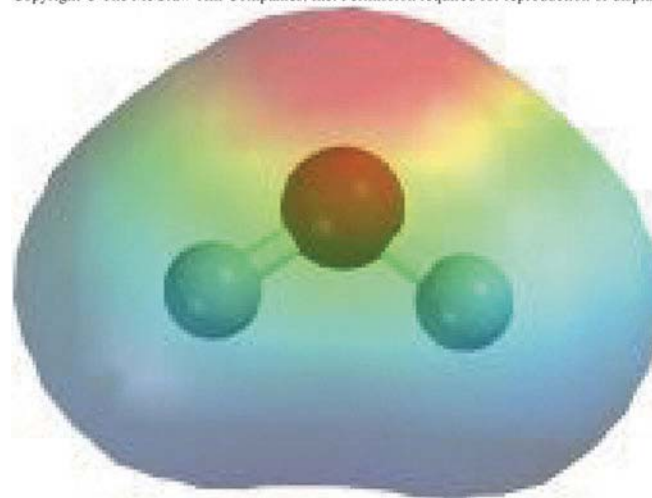
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Table 5.4

**Electronegativity Values, Arranged
by Group Number**

1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A
H 2.1							He —
Li 1.0	Be 1.5	B 2.0	C 2.5	N 3.0	O 3.5	F 4.0	Ne —
Na 0.9	Mg 1.2	Al 1.5	Si 1.8	P 2.1	S 2.5	Cl 3.0	Ar —

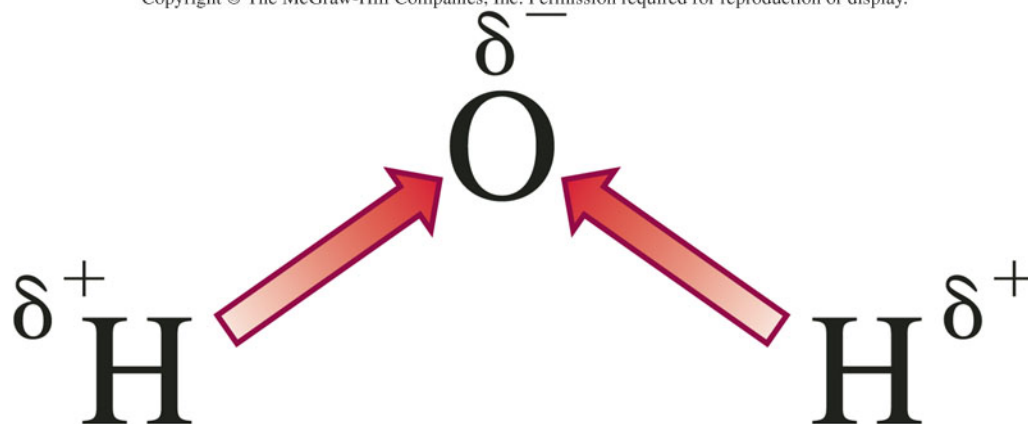
Electronegativity value (EN)

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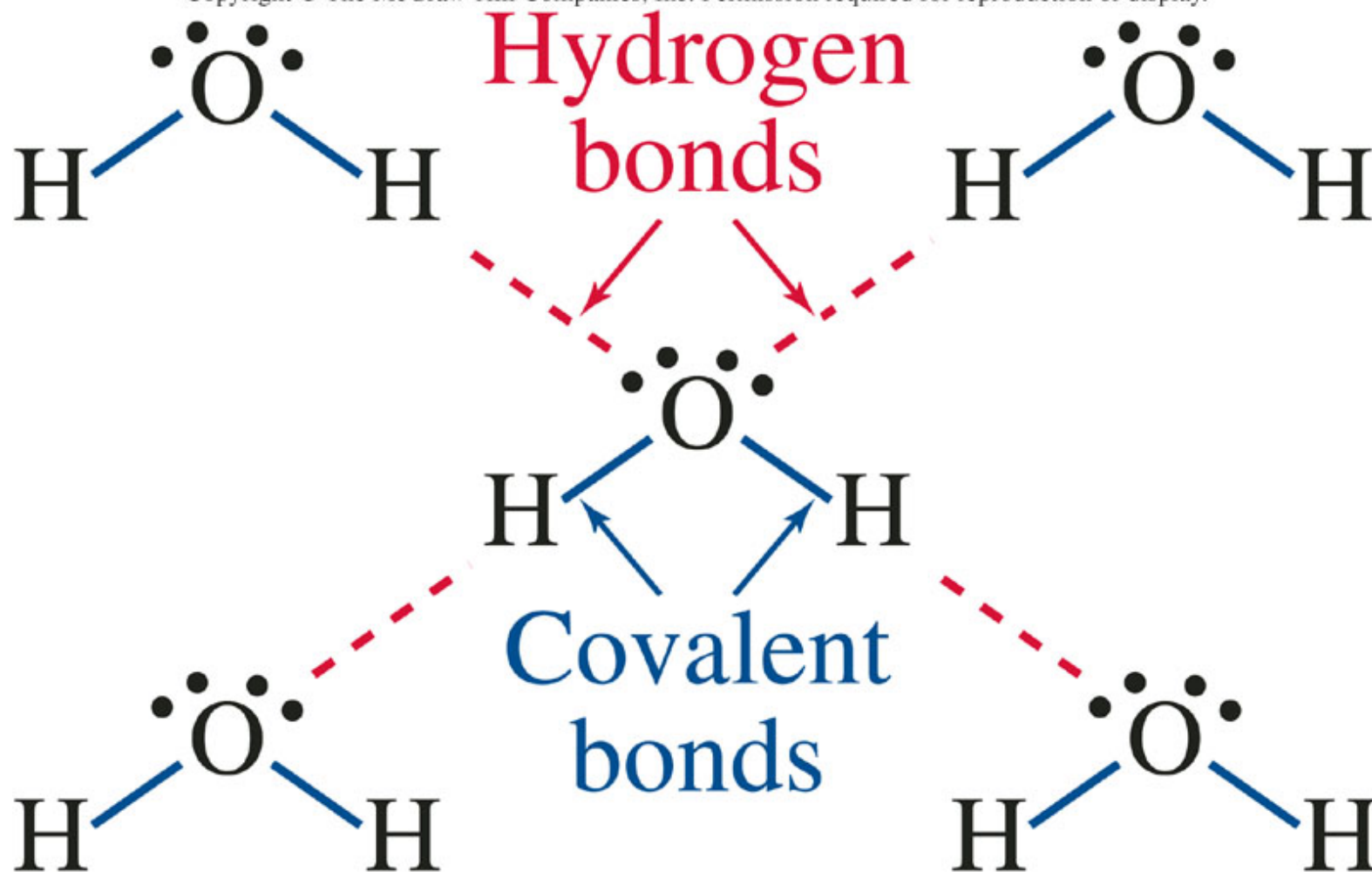
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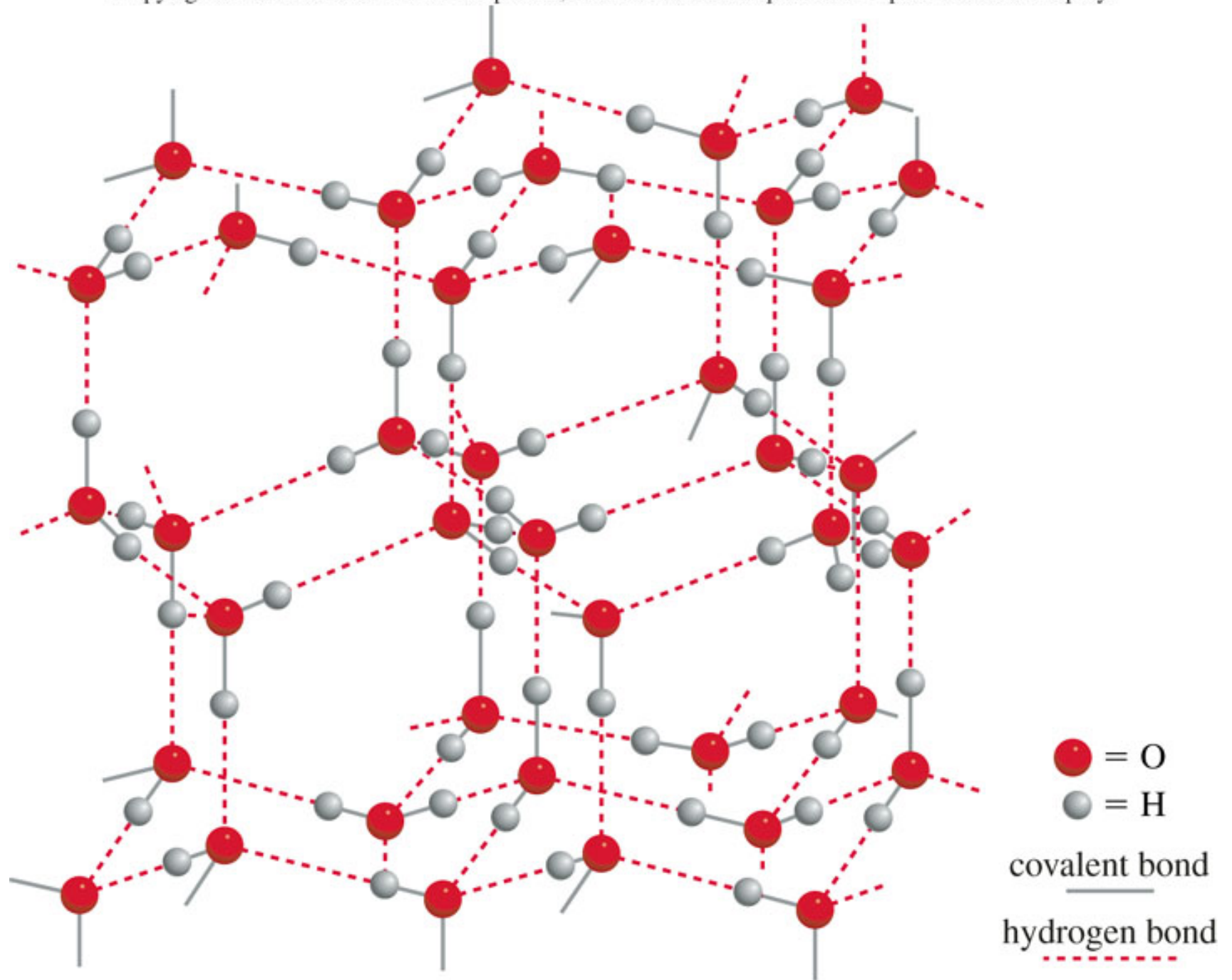


EN *difference* = 1.4



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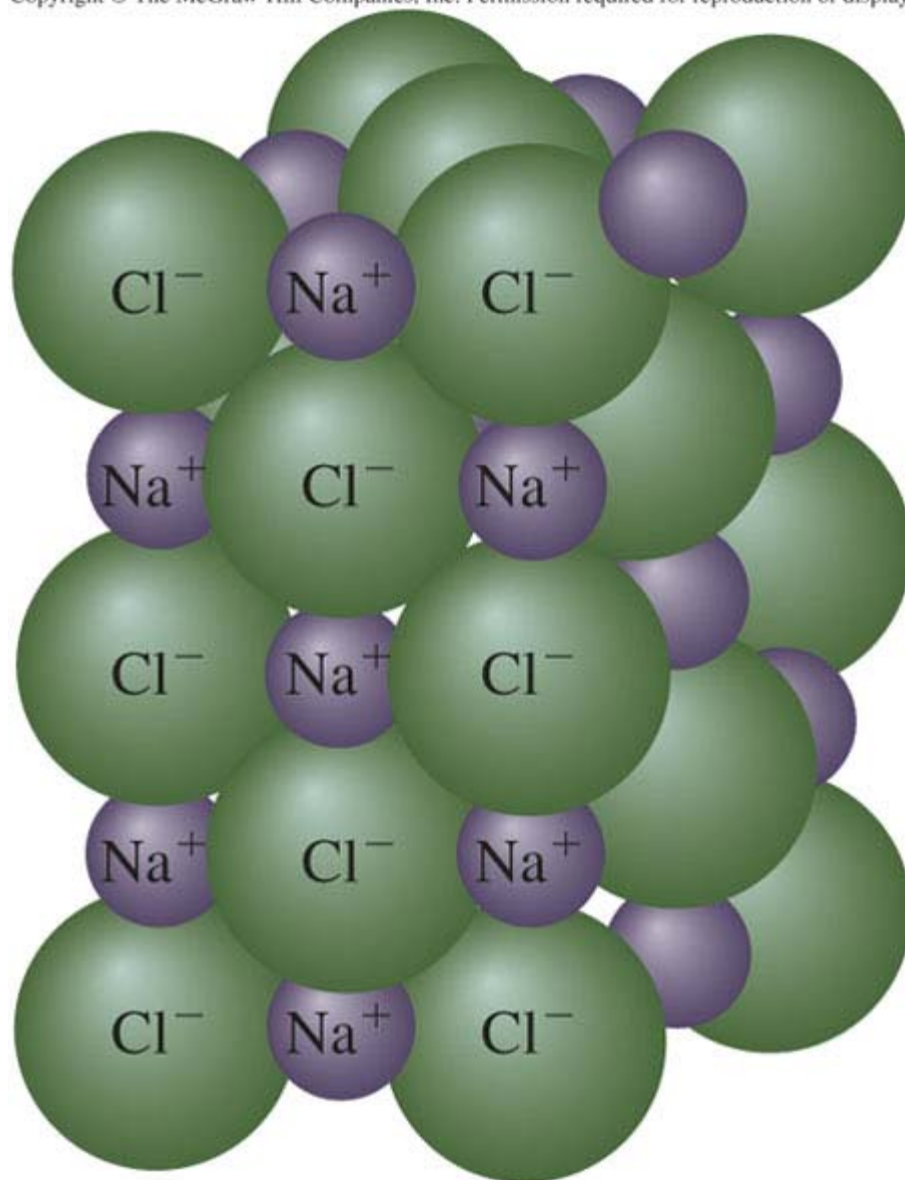


Table 5.5

Comparison of a Sodium Atom with a Sodium Ion

Sodium Atom		Sodium Ion	
Na[•]	Na	Na	Na ⁺
	11 protons		11 protons
	11 electrons		10 electrons
	<i>Net charge: zero</i>		<i>Net charge: 1+</i>

Table 5.6

Comparison of a Chlorine Atom with a Chloride Ion

Chlorine Atom		Chloride Ion	
:Cl[•]	Cl	:Cl:	Cl ⁻
	17 protons		17 protons
	17 electrons		18 electrons
	<i>Net charge: zero</i>		<i>Net charge: 1-</i>

Table 5.7

Common Polyatomic Ions

Name	Formula	Name	Formula
acetate	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$	nitrite	NO_2^-
bicarbonate*	HCO_3^-	phosphate	PO_4^{3-}
carbonate	CO_3^{2-}	sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
hydroxide	OH^-	sulfite	SO_3^{2-}
hypochlorite	OCl^-	ammonium	NH_4^+
nitrate	NO_3^-		

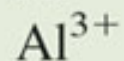
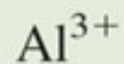
* Also called the hydrogen carbonate ion.

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Table 5.8

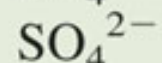
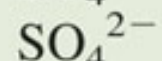
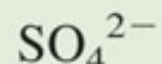
Writing the Formula for an Ionic Compound

Aluminum Cation



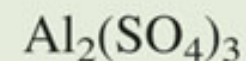
$$2(+3) = +6$$

Sulfate Anion



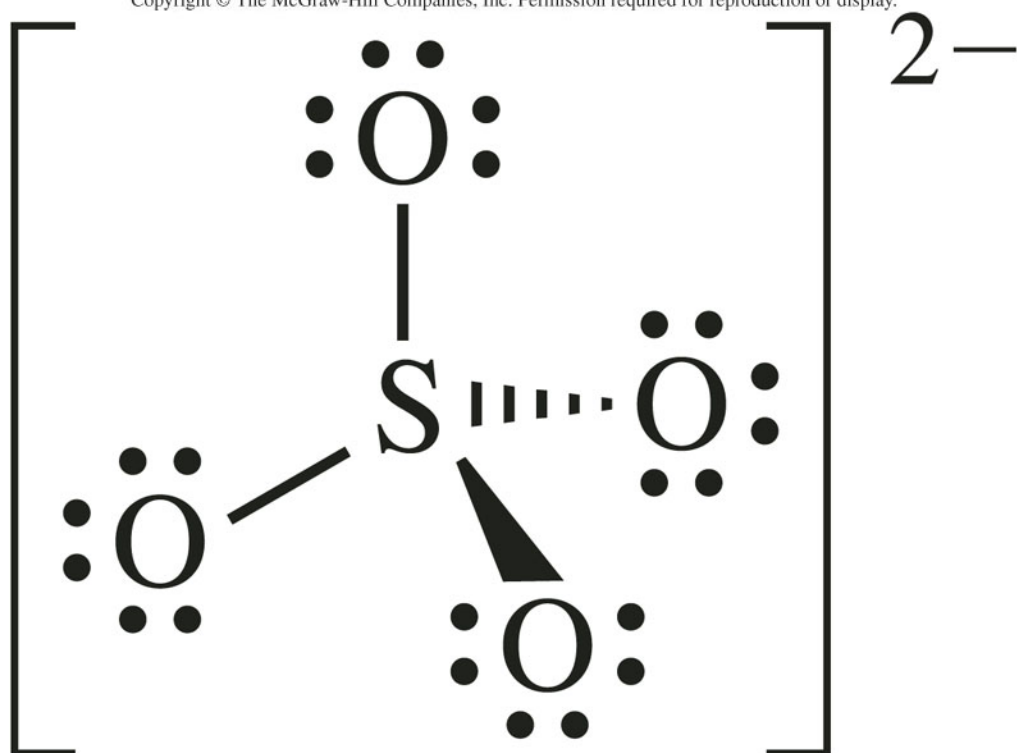
$$3(-2) = -6$$

Aluminum Sulfate

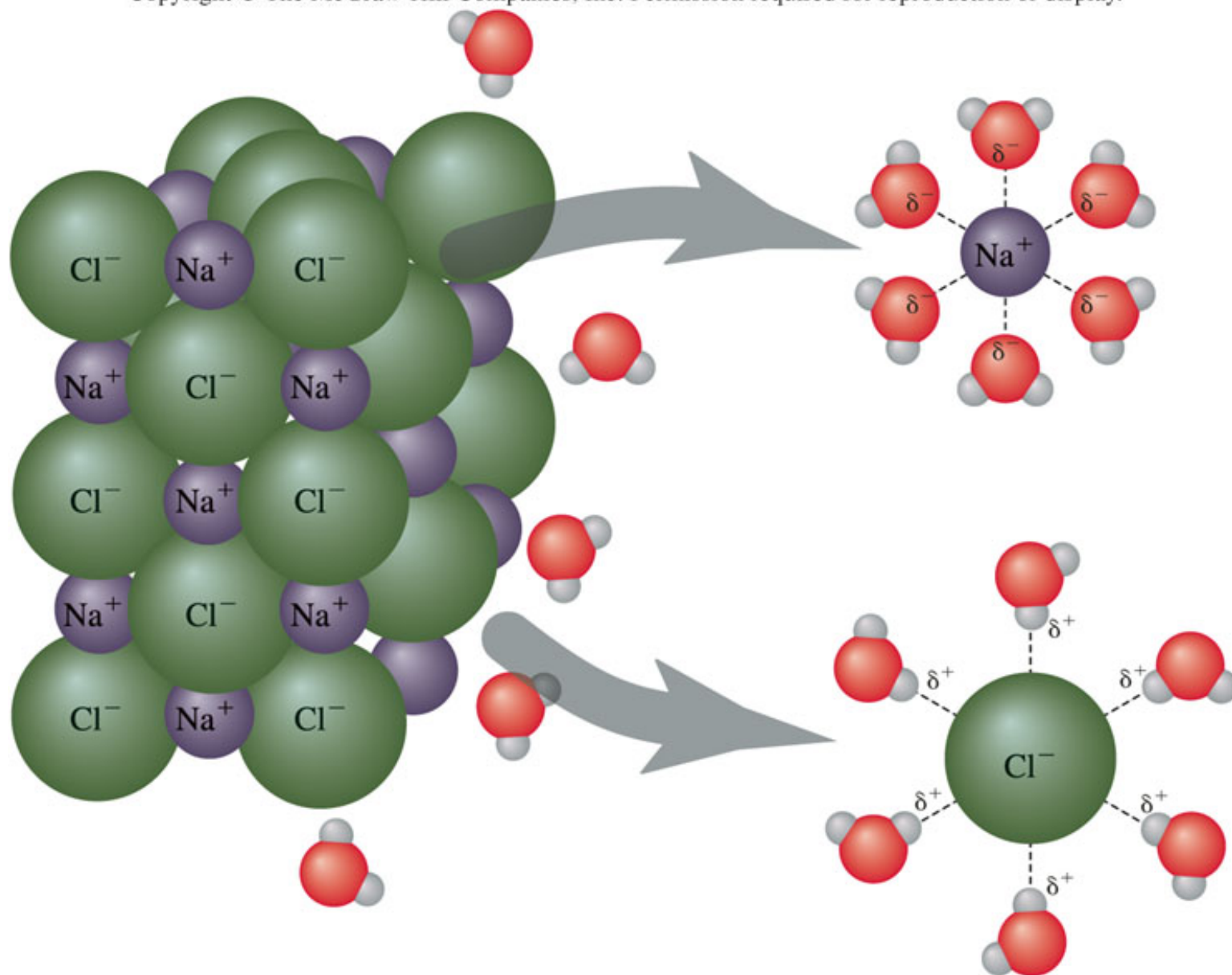


Electrically neutral

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Not all ionic compounds are soluble

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Table 5.9

Generalizations About the Solubility of Ionic Compounds in Water

All **sodium**, **potassium**, and **ammonium** (NH_4^+) compounds are soluble.

All **nitrates** are soluble.

Most **chlorides** are soluble (except silver, some mercury, and lead chlorides).

Most **sulfates** are soluble (except strontium, barium, and lead sulfate).

Most **carbonates** are insoluble* (except those with Group 1A or NH_4^+ cations).

Most **hydroxides** and **oxides** are insoluble (except those with Group 1A or NH_4^+ cations).

Most **sulfides** are insoluble (except those with Group 1A or NH_4^+ cations).

* “Insoluble” means that the compounds have extremely low solubility in water (less than 0.01 M). All ionic compounds have at least a very small solubility in water.

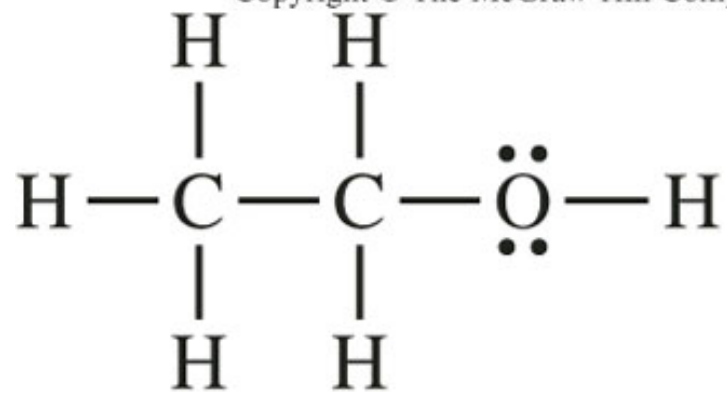
Table 5.10

Environmental Consequences of Solubility

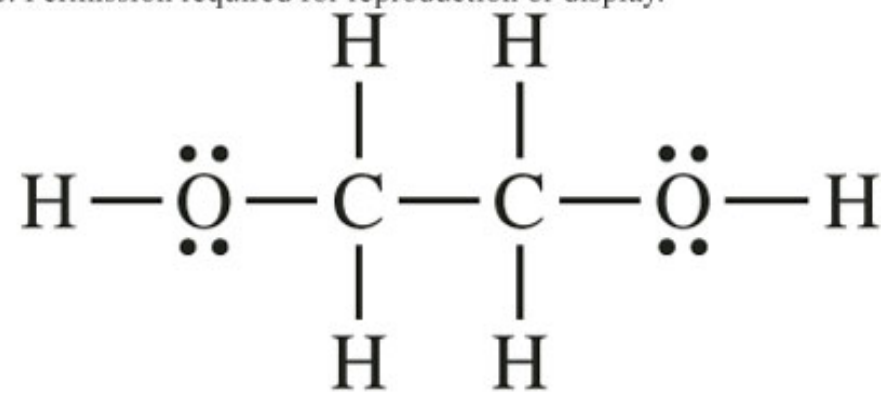
Source	Ions	Solubility and Consequences
Salt deposits	sodium and potassium halides*	These salts are soluble. Over time, they dissolve from the land and wash into the sea. Thus, oceans are salty and sea water cannot be used for drinking without expensive purification.
Agricultural fertilizers	nitrates	All nitrates are soluble. The runoff from fertilized fields carries nitrates into surface and groundwater. Nitrates are toxic, especially for infants.
Metal ores	sulfides and oxides	Most sulfides and oxides are insoluble. Minerals containing iron, copper, and zinc are often sulfides and oxides. If these minerals had been soluble in water, they would have been washed out to sea long ago.
Mining waste	mercury, lead	Most mercury and lead compounds are insoluble. They are leached slowly from waste piles into rivers and lakes where they contaminate water supplies.

* Halides are the anions in Group 7, such as Cl^- and I^- .

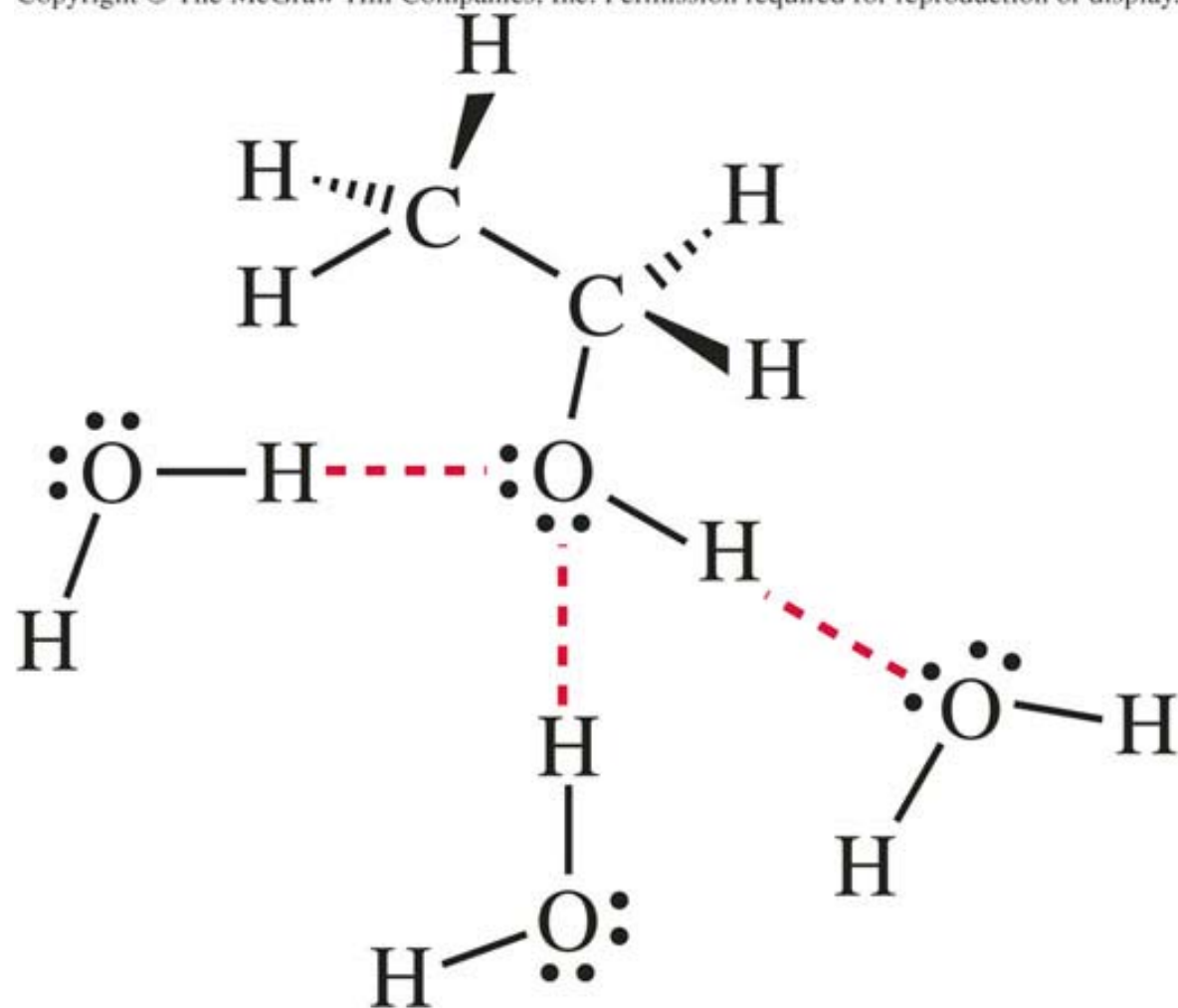
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Ethanol



Ethylene glycol



— covalent bond

- - - hydrogen bond

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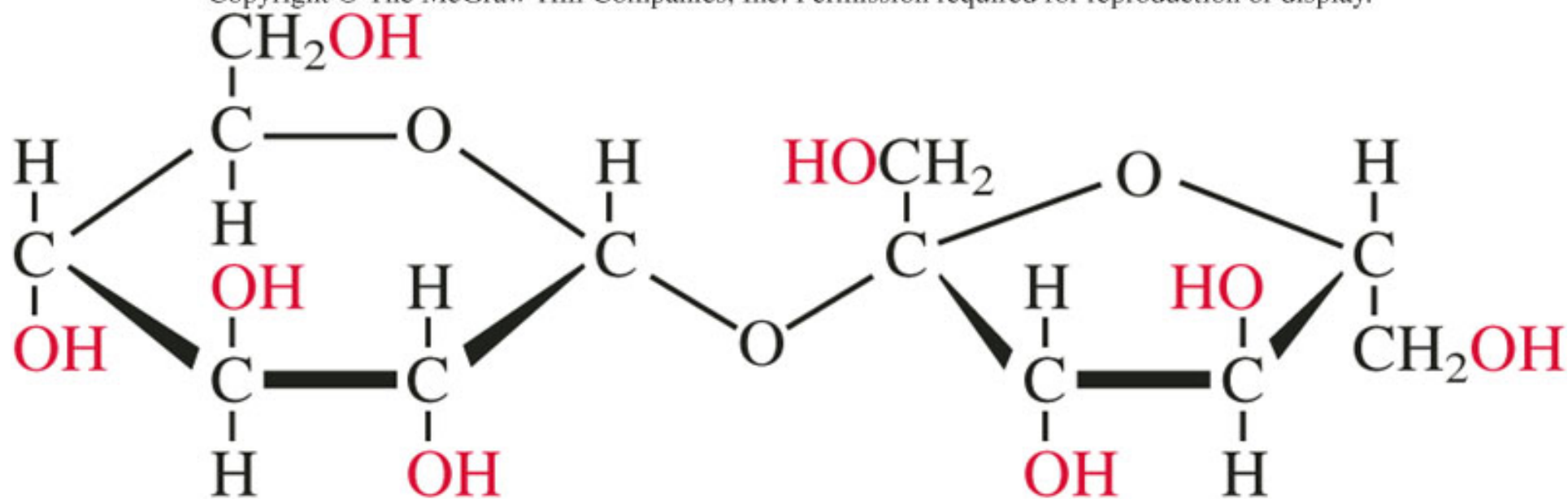


Table 5.11

**MCLGs and MCLs (in ppm) for Selected Pollutants
in Drinking Water**

Pollutant	MCLG	MCL
Cadmium (Cd^{2+})	0.005	0.005
Chromium (Cr^{3+} , CrO_4^{2-})	0.1	0.1
Lead (Pb^{2+})	0	0.015
Mercury (Hg^{2+})	0.002	0.002
Nitrate (NO_3^-)	10	10
Benzene (C_6H_6)	0	0.005
Trihalomethanes (CHCl_3 , etc.)	0	0.080

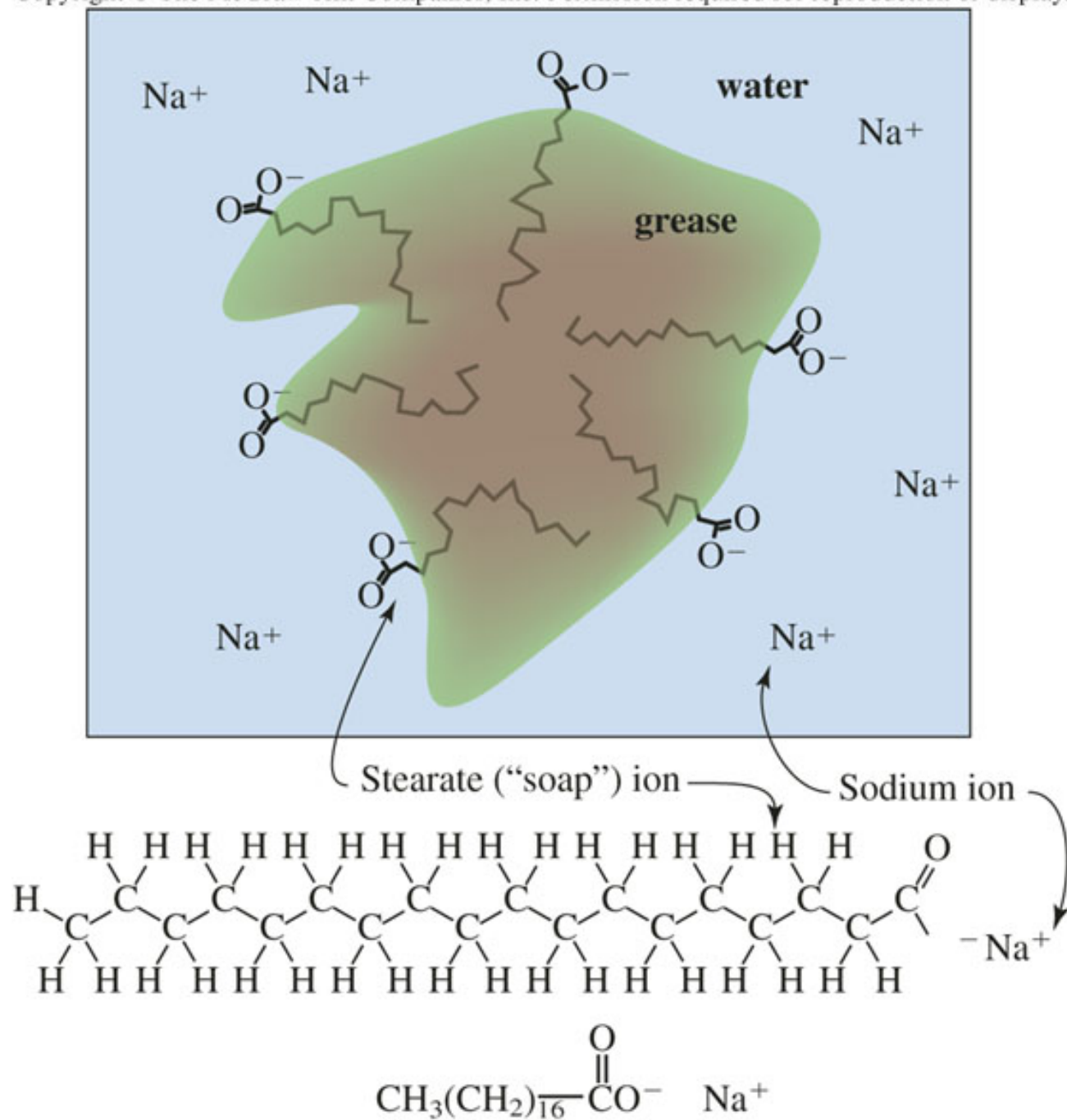
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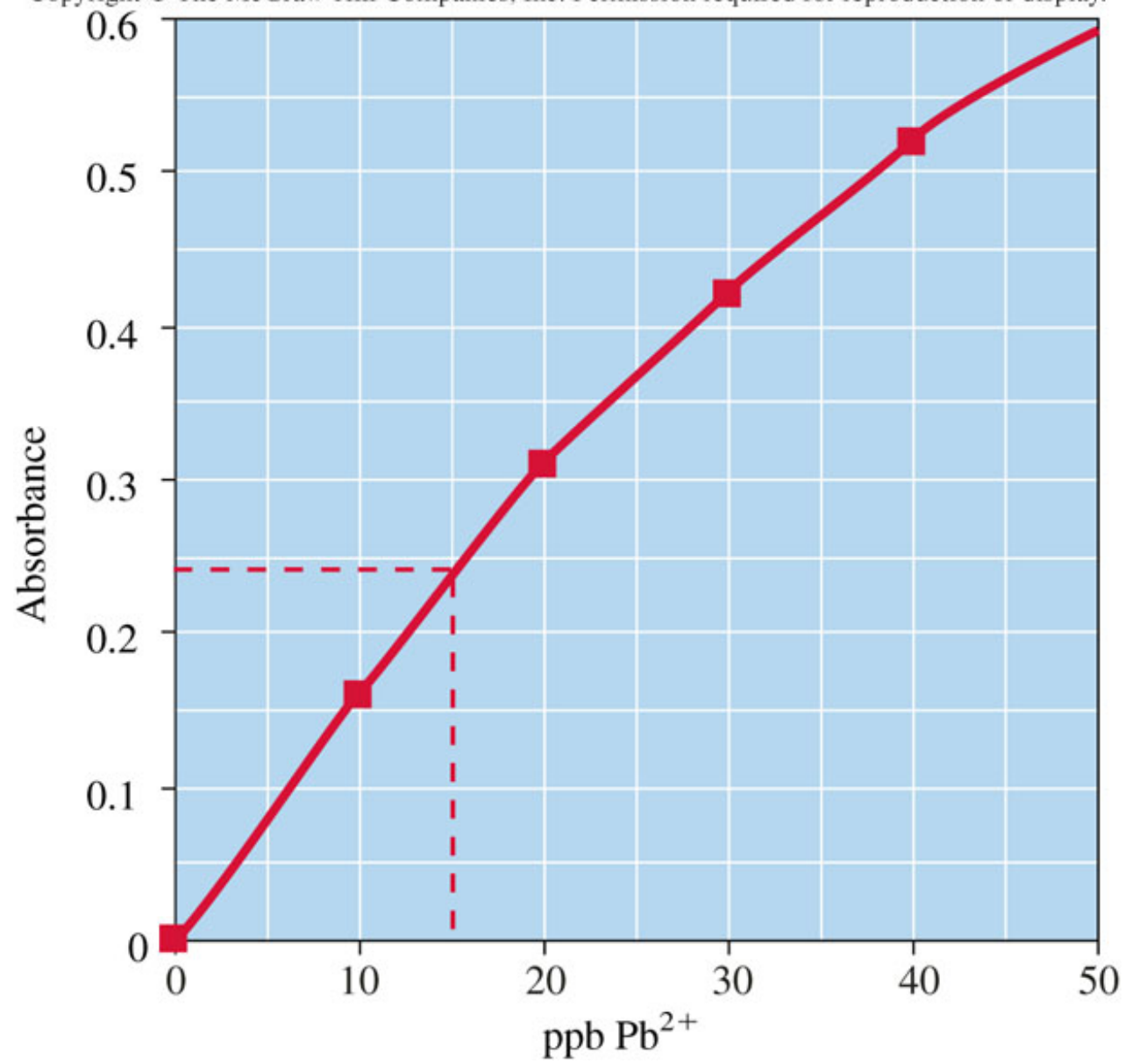
Classification of Water Hardness

Classification	mg/L (ppm)	grains/gal*
Soft	0–17.1	0–1
Slightly hard	17.1–60	1–3.5
Moderately hard	60–120	3.5–7.0
Hard	120–180	7.0–10.5
Very Hard	180 & over	10.5 & over

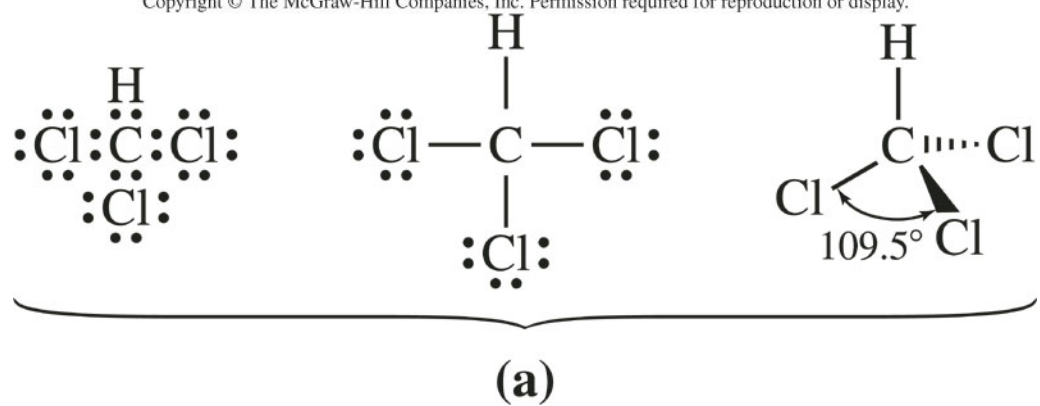
* One grain of hardness per gallon equals 17.1 mg/L (ppm). Many water-softening companies will test your water and report its hardness in grains/gallon.



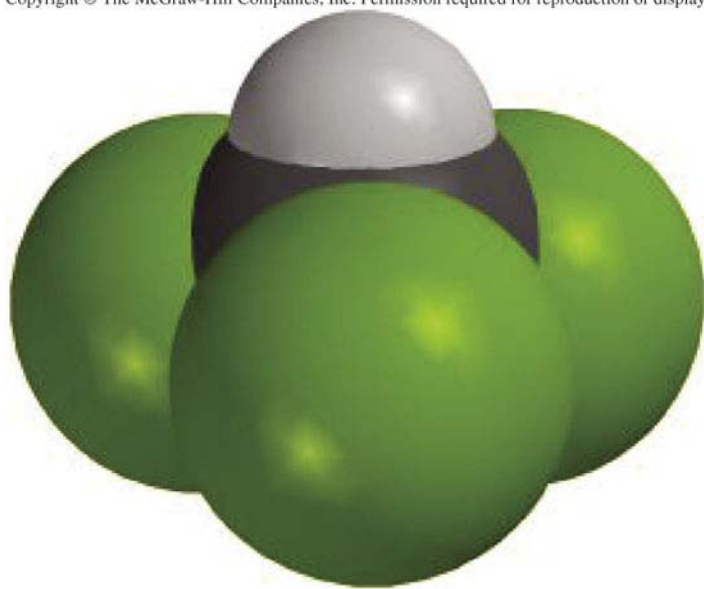
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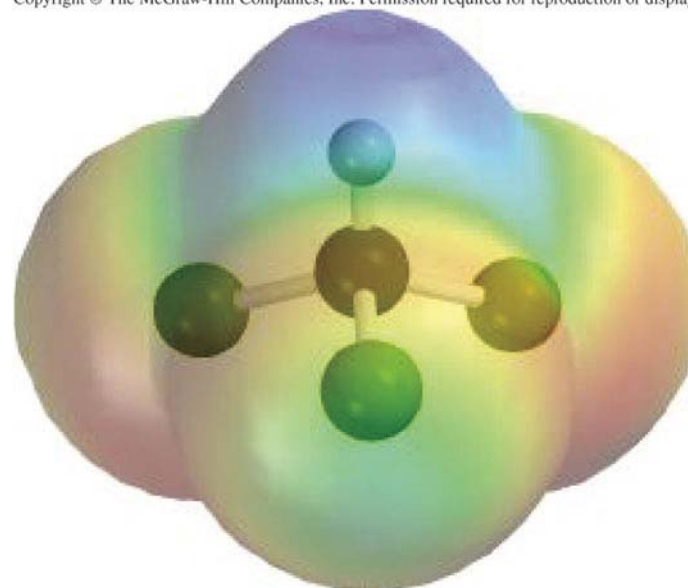


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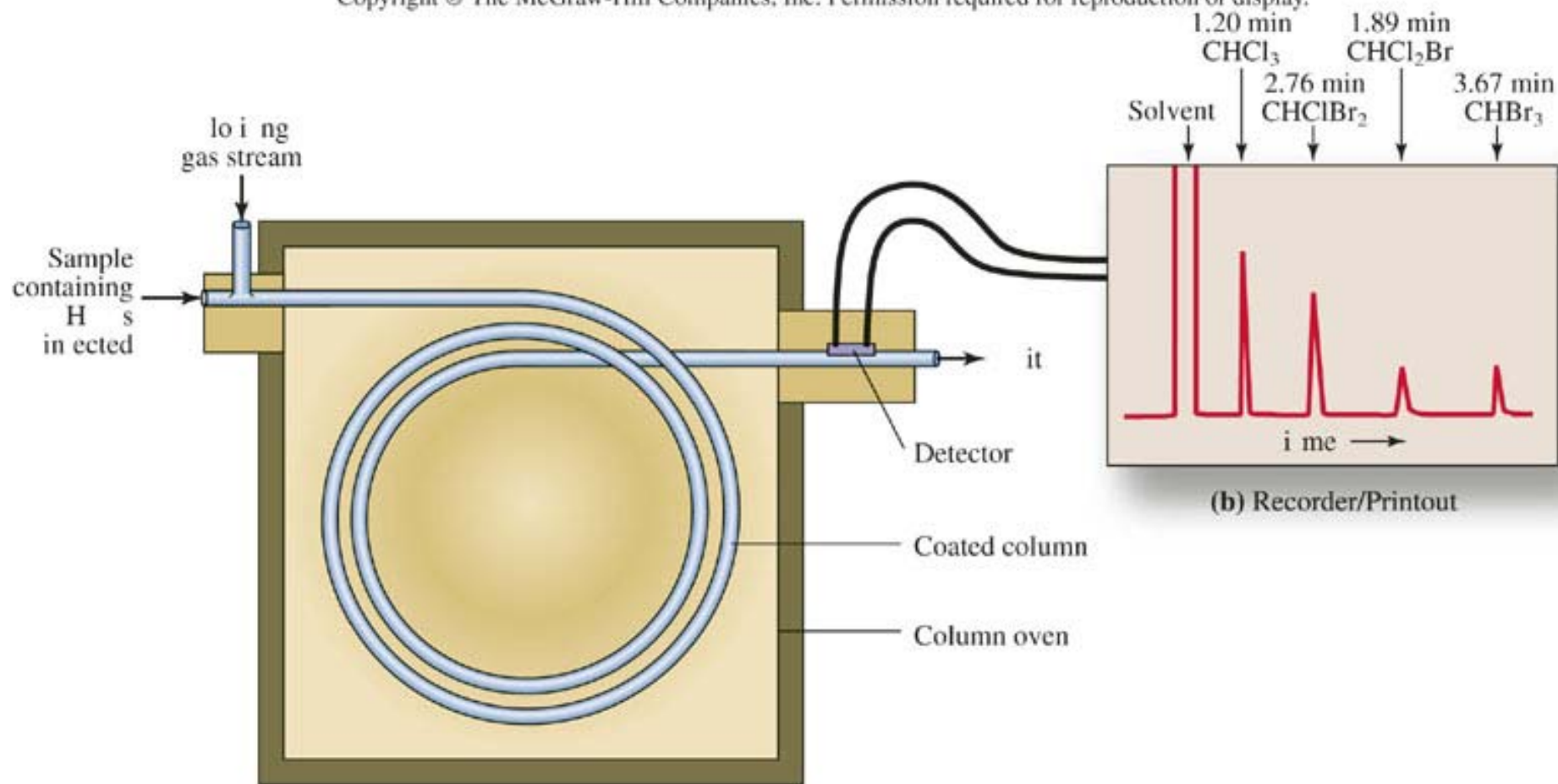


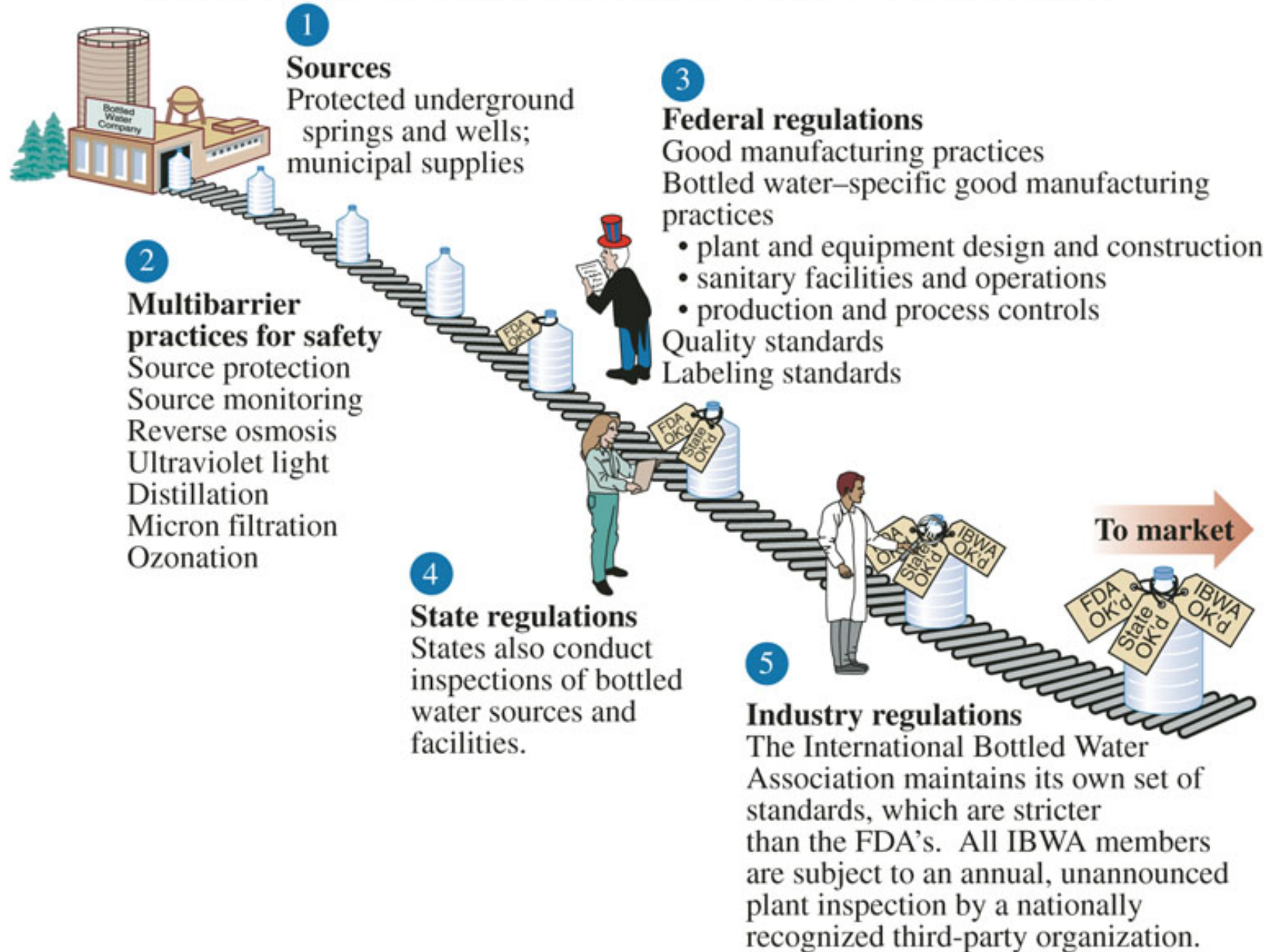
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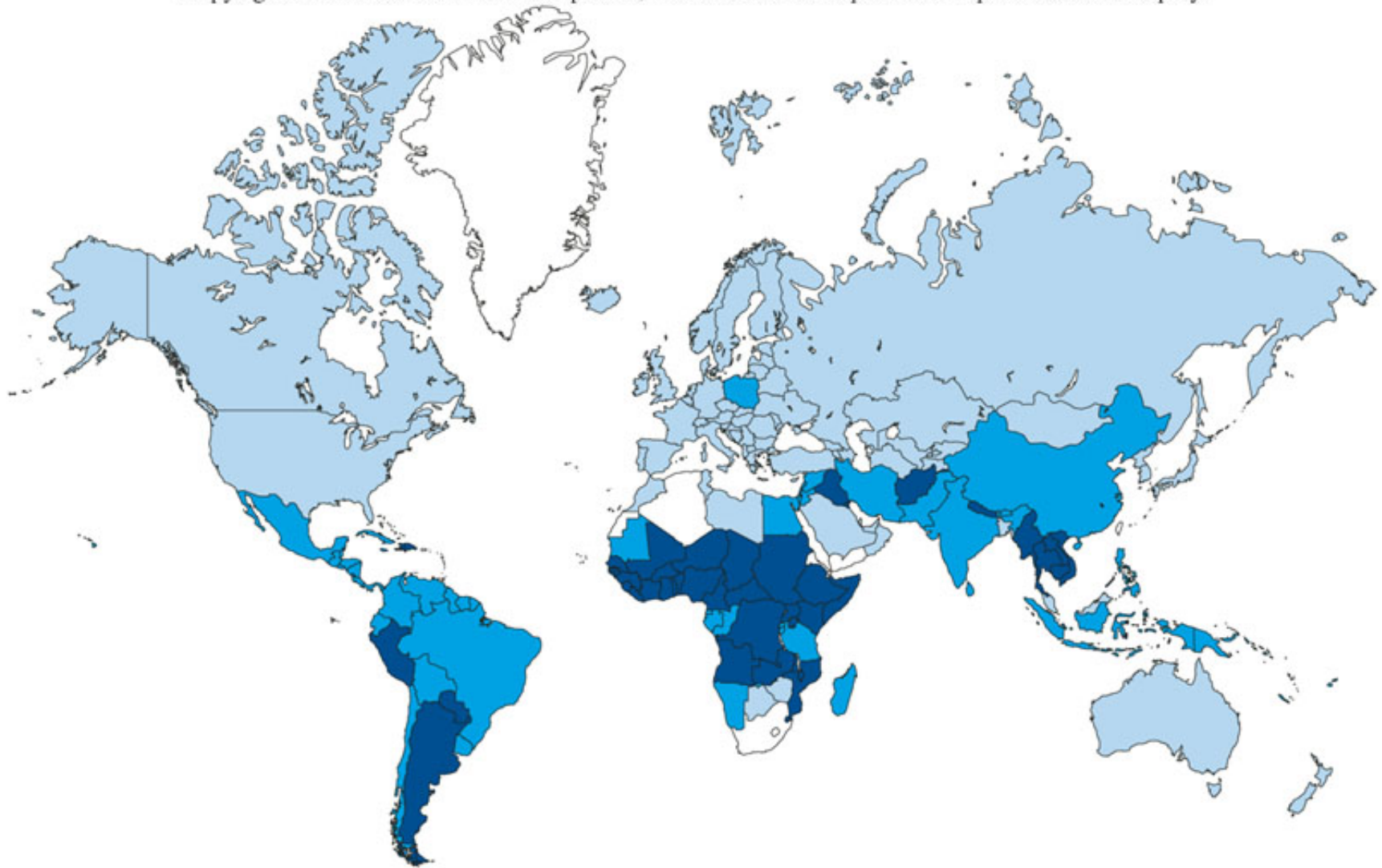


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Percent of population in urban areas having access to clean water

■ Less than 75	■ 75 to 94.9	■ 95 or more	□ No data
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