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Sewage treatment plants, power generation plants, chemical manufacturers, and pulp and paper mills are among the facilities that emit or discharge various pollutants into the air and water. Urban development and agriculture also contribute pollutants to our environment, although often in a much more diffused manner (see fig. 1.) Pollutants from all of these facilities and activities can pose serious threats to human health - sometimes immediately upon contact when encountered in sufficient quantities; other times through long-term exposure to smaller quantities. Many pollutants also damage wildlife and other natural resources, and degrade overall environmental conditions. The primary purpose of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act is to regulate emissions of these pollutants.
Figure 1: Sources of Pollution Page 11 GAO-01-313
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