

Glossary

Building services - The utilities, including electricity, gas, steam, telephone, and water, supplied to and used within a building.

Contaminants – something that makes a place or a substance (such as water, air, or food) no longer suitable for use

Desalination – an artificial process by which saline water is converted to fresh water

Dissolved - (with reference to a solid) become or cause to become incorporated into a liquid so as to form a solution

Glaciers - an extended mass of ice formed from snow falling and accumulating over the years and moving very slowly, either descending from high mountains, as in valley glaciers, or moving outward from centers of accumulation, as in continental glaciers.

Hardness – that quality in water that is imparted by the presence of dissolved salts, especially calcium sulfate or bicarbonate.

Salinity - of, containing, or resembling common table salt; salty or saltlike: a saline solution

Suspended - hang (something) from somewhere.

Turbidity - not clear or transparent because of stirred-up sediment or the like; clouded; opaque; obscured