

## National Diatomaceous Earth Day continued...



DE deposits form as diatoms die and fall to the bottom of bodies of water. Over geologic time, the organic portions of the diatoms weather away and the remaining frustules form DE. Some of the largest deposits of DE in the U.S. occur in ancient lakes in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, and some large deposits also occur along the coasts of North and South America.

DE has hundreds of industrial uses. For example, it is used to filtrate liquids, including, beer, wine, water (for swimming), chemicals, food and pharmaceuticals. So next time you take a swim in your pool, you can thank the mighty little diatom!

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