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The term geodegradable refers to a material that could degrade in the **environment** over a geologic time period. While **biodegradable** generally refers to items that may degrade within our lifetime, geodegradable material does not decompose readily and may take hundreds or thousands of years. **Radioactive waste**, for example, is degraded only over thousands of years. The glass formed as an end result of a **hazardous waste** treatment technology known as "in situ vitrification," is considered geodegradable only after a million years.

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