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Definition of *flowage*

1a : an overflowing onto adjacent land

b : a body of water formed by overflowing or damming

c : floodwater especially of a stream

2 : gradual deformation of a body of plastic solid (such as rock) by intermolecular shear

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