

Introduction

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The energy supply

Radiant energy is defined as energy that travels in waves, like ripples on a pond. The distance between the waves is the wavelength