explosions, etc

- c. Industrial (fertilizers) takes a lot of heat and pressure
- 2. Nitrification- conversion of ammonium to nitrate (NO₃-)

Performed by several species of nitrifying bacteria that live in the soil

- NH₄+ --> NO₃- (nitrate)
- 3. Assimilation- the intake of either ammonium or nitrate by plants and its conversion to protein and other N-containing compounds

When animals eat plants and convert plant proteins to animal proteins, they are also assimilating

4. Ammonification- the conversion of organic nitrogen (in animal wastes and in dead organic matter) to ammonium (NH₄+)

Performed by ammonifying bacteria in the soil

5. Denitrification- the conversion of nitrate to nitrogen gas Performed by denitrifying bacteria

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$$NO_{3}$$
- --> N_{2}

D. Additional cycles included the oxygen cycle and the phosphorous we will look at these another day.

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