

Chapter 6 Pollution

This chapter continues the study of environmental issues by placing the lens on pollution.

Three authors have written about some sources of pollution that our society is currently dealing with. Solid waste stream pollution deals with most things that we as consumers discard, as well as the solid wastes from manufacturing and construction. What we do with things when we no longer need or want them plays a big role in whether they are a significant source of pollution of our air, water, and soil.

In the article on landfill design, you will learn about how landfills are designed to contain pollution as securely as possible, to protect our air, land and drinking water.

The third article discusses one specific industry, and the pollution it produces. Paper mills have long been a source of unpleasant smells that prompt residents in neighboring areas to complain. To find out whether those foul smells are really harmful, please read the article. Solid Waste Stream Pollution Musaad Alrawili

Solid waste is a term that is used to refer to everyday substances we use, consume and then throw away. Such items are no longer useful and include wasted food, polyethylene bags, electronic accessories, many forms of plastics, old tattered clothes—among many others. Also, parts of liquid waste materials are also considered as solid wastes. Solid waste stream pollution is when the streams and rivers are filled with non-bio-degradable and non-compostable biodegradable wastes that have negative effects on water bodies. Although there are laws and regulations that safeguard the quality of streams and rivers, solid waste in the form of plastics, sediments, garbage, and trash in most cases ends up in these streams and rivers. Generally water collects in depressions and hence solid waste that is dropped or blown into such a waterbody will eventually reach a stream or a river in form of a drainage way. Trash and litter (general terms for dry solid waste) in urban areas are transported by surface water runoff. In both urban and rural areas, solid waste is sometimes illegally disposed directly into streams or rivers. Trash can also be from fishermen or from people who participate

in water recreation activities like swimming or boat riding. Regardless of the type of solid waste, trash is a form of water pollution and is harmful to living organisms.

Ironically, some form of discarded solid wastes like plastic containers, tires, and non-organic construction debris provide suitable habitat for some aquatic organisms. On the other hand, trash items are an eye sore and suggest human negligence and disrespect for aesthetic values of the environment and natural ecosystems. Despite increased environmental awareness by the government through the mass media and public campaigns, some people still use rivers and streams as a depository for solid waste, including couches and mattresses, electronic equipment, medical equipment, clothes and plastic containers. However, when solid wastes accumulate in streams and rivers they disrupt the ecosystem of the marine life, such as the fish, turtles, and even marine plants.

Classification of Solid Wastes

- Biodegradable waste: these include left overs of food and kitchen waste, plant residue waste, papers like newspapers.
- Recyclable material: these include polyethylene paper, glass, plastic bottles and cans, metals, fabrics, clothes, batteries etc.
- Inert waste: these include waste derived from buildings and constructions and also demolition waste, dirt, rocks, debris.
- Electrical and electronic waste: electrical appliances like sockets, extensions and equipment like television sets, computers, and monitors would be some examples.
- Composite wastes: these include waste clothing from textile industries, tetra packs, waste plastics. such as toys.
- Hazardous waste: these include nearly all forms of paints, petrol chemicals, light bulbs and fluorescent tubes, containers, fertilizers, spray cans.
- Toxic waste: these include harmful chemicals that are used by human beings in daily activities like nematicides, pesticides, acaricides, fungicides, herbicides.

- Medical waste: these are wastes from hospitals, which are disposed in the landfills, e.g. used syringes, used cotton wools and bandages, expired medicine, scalpels etc.

Repercussions of Solid Waste on Streams

Death of Aquatic Organisms The main problem caused by water pollution is that it kills life that depends on these streams and rivers. Among the organisms that depend on streams and rivers are fish, crabs, birds, insects and others. When organic wastes are produced by people and animals, they include things like fecal matter, yard clippings, crop debris, plastic cans, food wastes, rubber,

and wood among others. In presence of oxygen such solid wastes will decompose. When they are discarded into rivers and streams and begin to decompose, they will definitely deprive aquatic organisms of the oxygen the latter require for their survival hence leading to their death.

Although there is no expert consensus about the impact of solid waste on surface and underground water sources, some experts argue that even common solid waste items like polyethylene bags and newspapers pose a considerable risk to the quality of water. Other experts still argue that the impacts of landfills on underground water would be insignificant if perilous materials for example paint, motor oil, chemicals and incinerator ashes were banned from the underground water sites (Johnson, 1978 and DeLong, 1993).

Affect the Reproductive Behavior of Marine Life

Organic waste (e.g., wood wastes) can have chemical and biological effects on rivers and streams. For instance, they may interfere with the establishment of aquatic plants, which in turn affects the reproductive behavior of fish and other animals, and also deplete the water of dissolved oxygen as the wastes decompose. This in the long run interferes with the spawning of fish, hence interrupting the entire cycle of fish reproduction.

Inhibit Penetration of Light

Activities like bush clearing, mining, grading, excavating, and filling of land make the soil to loosen, making it prone to agents of erosion. When there is heavy rainfall, it causes erosion to occur on the land thus making sediments to be deposited into rivers and streams. According to

Philip R. O'Leary, and Patrick H. Walsh (1995), various mining activities can lead to minerals such as zinc, tin, chromium, platinum, iron, copper, etc., to be discharged into streams and rivers. When excessive levels of sediments and minerals are transported and deposited in water they inhibit the penetration of sunlight, which in turn reduces the production of photosynthetic organisms. This will in the long run hinder their growth and development.

Lowers Quality of Water

Some solid wastes like polyethylene papers, newspapers, paint cans—when thrown in rivers, lower the quality of water. This is because they contain toxic chemicals and other perilous materials. The environmental protection agency (EPA) has recognized approximately 582 extremely poisonous chemicals, which are produced, manufactured, and stored in locations across the United States. Some chemical manufacturing industries incinerate toxic waste, which in turn produces hazardous by-products like furans and chlorinated dioxins, which are extremely dangerous (Rogers, William, 1986). When such toxins mix with water they can form other deadly compounds which when they find their way into rivers and streams are very hazardous. Other solid wastes that are produced or stored by households include used motor oil, among others. However, some solid wastes when disposed in water tend to react with it. For instance, some can dissolve in water and make the rivers water to discolor. This will have adverse effects because for one, dis-colored water destroys the aesthetic nature of the environment. Also, such water can be highly toxic to an extent of being of no economic benefit to the human beings. This is high level of destruction of natural resources.

Effect on Human Health

Some solid waste disposed in streams and rivers have poisonous substances that can have negative impact on human health, with children being more vulnerable to these contaminants. Habitual drinking of water that is contaminated leads to communicable and chronic diseases like diarrhea and typhoid. This is because release of chemical waste into the streams makes it prone to disease causing pathogens (Gregory S. Weber, 1997). Organic domestic waste disposed in any uncontrolled manner poses a serious threat to the health of people. The major

cause for this is that the biodegradable materials decompose and ferment under un-controlled and unhygienic conditions thus creating conditions that are favorable to the survival and growth of microbial pathogens. According to a World Health Organization report, diarrhea caused by this type of contaminated water leads to millions of deaths each year worldwide.

Disruption of Food Chains

Pollution disrupts the natural food chain as well. Some solid wastes can contain minerals such as lead and cadmium that are eaten by microscopic animals. Later, these animals are consumed by some aquatic organisms like fish. Human beings will consume such fish that is highly toxic hence inducing that poison in their blood stream. The worrying thing is that in some cases consumption of some organisms can lead to death of other organisms. This will lead to increase of particular organism because there are no predators. Therefore the food chain continues to be disrupted at all higher levels if the rivers and streams continue to be polluted by solid wastes.

Can Lead to Desertification Some solid wastes contain nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen and support the growth of algae and other plants forming the lower levels of the food chain. However, excessive levels of nutrients from solid wastes with hormonal chemicals can lead to eutrophication, which is the over-growth of aquatic vegetation. For instance, this vegetation spreads over water and weakens some plants. Over time, this overgrowth of water plants colonizes the streams and rivers making them to evolve slowly into dry land eventually leading to desertification.

Interferes with Fishing Activities

Some forms of solid waste contain hormones that hasten plant growth in the water bodies. For example, untreated effluent released into lakes can lead to fast growth of water weeds, e.g. water hyacinth—which interferes with the fishing activities as such weeds hinder movement of fishing vessels in the lake. Also such weeds hinder permeation of light into the water thus

discouraging breeding of fish. Plastic cans and wire mesh disposed in rivers can cause damage to fishing nets thereby hampering fishing activities.

Increases Temperature of Water Some solid wastes such as fluids and hot water are released into streams and rivers by power plants' cooling systems. The power plants use water for cooling their turbines and reactors and then discharge it into streams and rivers when it has been heated. When the temperature of water rises it speeds chemical and biological processes in rivers and streams therefore reducing the ability of water to retain oxygen dissolved in water. Consequently this increases algae growth, thus disrupting fish reproduction.

Can Lead to Extinction of Species Most solid wastes, especially polyethylene papers and plastics, often end up in streams and rivers where they tend to wind up. In the long run these plastics, polyethylene papers and synthetic nets are carried down-stream and end up in oceans and lakes. In such big water bodies they can even be seen floating in water and they are a threat to many organisms living in such water bodies. Researchers believe that plastic plays a role in rising rates of species extinction. Professor Richard Thompson from the Plymouth University in Britain quoted this, "It is evident that marine debris may be contributing to the potential for species extinction." According to reports worldwide, the researchers have found evidence that many marine organisms are swallowing debris or becoming entangled in the debris. Such entanglement has resulted in direct harm or even death of marine life. Plastic rope and netting are responsible for the majority of entanglements, whereas plastic fragments are the most ingested. Eventually most species are becoming extinct due to the intrusion of their ecosystem by solid waste pollutants.

Ways of Curbing Solid Waste Stream Pollution

Despite all these negative impacts of solid waste pollution there are various techniques by which this menace can be curbed, as discussed below.

Source reduction: Firstly, the government should come up with source reduction practices.

This technique entails crafting of products in such a

way that it reduces the amount of waste that will later have to be thrown away and also to make the resultant waste to be less toxic. That is minimizing the quantity of waste generated and discarded at each step of a product development or use. For instance, consumers, because they are the major contributors to solid waste additions, should decline using goods that make use of wrapping or implements made from non-biodegradable or non-compostable biodegradable materials.

Recycling factor, whereby a given solid waste material is separated from other wastes and then processed so that it can be used again in a form similar to its original use. It also involves collection of used and discarded materials and then processing them to come up with new goods. In this approach, the volume of waste that is thrown into the landfills reduces and this eventually reduces the volume of landfill space (Spiegelman and Sheehan, 2005). Recycling allows post-consumption materials to substitute virgin resources in manufacturing, therefore decreasing the need for additional trees or oil needed to produce paper products and plastics. Also solid wastes can be directly combusted to generate electrical power. The benefit is that no new fuel sources are required other than the solid waste that would otherwise be discarded in the dumping sites. Further still, the solid waste is regarded as a regeneratable source of energy because it is always available. At the electrical power generation station, the solid waste is shredded to facilitate easy handling after offloading from garbage collection trucks. Then materials that can be recycled are sorted out, while the remaining waste that remains is put in a combustion chamber for burning. The heat that is released from the solid waste that is being burnt produces steam, which in turn rotates a turbine to generate electricity.

Creating Public Awareness The government, through the ministry of environmental conservation, and also NGOs, should from time to time hold vigorous campaigns on the solid waste streams pollution issue. They should conduct such campaigns in the affected areas so as to educate people on the dangers of polluting the rivers and streams with solid waste (Browner, Carol. 2002). By doing this the public is warned and after a period of time the people will be fully educated and become cautious. By using the mass media there should be

advertisements aired on the possible dangers of stream pollution by solid waste. By practicing this, the community will be in the limelight and will assist in conserving and managing waste pollution in the streams.

Prevention of Soil Erosion

When soil is eroded by water it transfers sediments from the land and ends up in streams, rivers and other waterways. Some chemicals that exist in the soil mix with the water and therefore create complications in the life of various organisms. For example, the levels of phosphorus rises in the rivers and streams, which leads to algae blooms that lead to death of large numbers of fish. One of the most highly recommended and the best methods of preventing soil erosion is by planting a lot of trees, herbs, grasses, and fodder. This variety of plant life will help to bind the soil particles together and make them compact, hence preventing them from being carried away easily by the running water. This reduces the rate of sedimentation in the streams and rivers thus making the flow of water to be natural and appealing.

Cleaning up Stress and Rivers Through Community Based Programs In every place where there is human recreation in or nearby rivers and streams, there is a lot of evidence of solid waste pollution. In such areas what meets the eyes are polyethylene bags, plastic containers and other forms of trash that are an eyesore to the human beings who are concerned about environmental conservation. Such kind of solid waste often ends up in rivers causing pollution. People should take bold steps by being responsible in taking care of their environment. People should pick up litter whenever they come across it. In the long run this is fairly the best and fastest way for an individual to take part in conserving the water bodies. Also, people, institutions, and even clubs should organize cleaning parties with local people so as to increase numbers and also to extend the reach (Velz, 1984). Even the participants and the general public should be encouraged through providing incentives. Also, institutions involved should get sponsors who will give prizes to the individual who collects the most litter.

Keeping of the Machinery in Good Working Conditions The oil used to cool and lubricate engines in various kinds of machines requires to be checked and changed from time to time. If this changed old oil is not disposed in the right manner it presents a number of environmental hazards to both the human beings and the animals. As oil moves all over the crank case of an engine, it breaks down into numerous diverse types of cancer-causing and even mutagenic compounds. When an engine is dripping it discharges this poisonous oil into the roads and streets and eventually finds its way into the sewer. From the sewer it becomes part of other harmful solid wastes that end up into rivers and streams. The government should decree implementable laws targeting the automobile industry that every leaking car should be considered unroadworthy and the driver of such a car be charged by a court of law.

Reusing: In this case, people should be encouraged to embrace the idea of reusing as many things as possible before throwing them away. For example, after buying goods in a supermarket the paper bags given to carry your goods should be recycled. The same case applies to plastic containers and bottles. In many rural homes, such containers—specifically the twenty liters—are used for fetching water and putting farm produce like eggs and milk. Finally, composting can be emphasized and it involves collecting organic waste, such as food scraps and trimmings from hedges and yards, and keeping it under anaerobic conditions so as to enable it to naturally decompose. After decaying, the resultant compost can then be used as a natural fertilizer. Yard waste that sits around can easily wash into storm drains when it rains. Sometimes the waste can be free of toxic chemicals and pollutants but the introduction of large quantities of trash like leaves, sticks, and grass clippings can overwhelm watercourses with unhealthy quantities of nutrients (Jenkins, J.C. 2005). People should use bins to dispose their compost to prevent the materials from being carried away by rain water. However, there are municipalities that provide them at a subsidized cost. Also, people should be exhilarated to use mulching mowers instead of collecting grass clippings and putting them in bag. This is because the

mulching mowers add a natural layer of com-post to the lawns and hence one does not have to deal with disposal of grass clippings.

Conclusion

Pollution as a result of solid waste streams is an issue that requires maximum attention and should be addressed by all the stakeholders involved. This is because nearly everybody is involved in solid waste pollution ranging from manufacturers all the way to consumers of the manufactured products. With the government in the forefront, incidences of solid waste pollution will reduce considerably. As years go by the amount of dumpsites will reduce and so will the negative consequences of the same. By the end of it all, we are going to live in a clean and fresh environment, thus reducing incidences of lifestyle ailments.

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Landfill Design for Waste Management Jaber Almakhalas

The effect of specific practices during landfill design and operation on landfill decomposition is an area that has attracted investigation since the 1970s.

(Komilis, 1999, p. 20)

Fifteen years ago under amendments to the Resource Conservation and Re-covery Act (RCRA), Congress mandated the first multilayered liner and cap systems (including geomembranes) for hazardous waste landfills, thereby creating the basis for “dry tomb” storage of wastes.

(Richardson, 2000, p. 1) Abstract

Waste management, being one among the foremost vital aspects of urban development, is constantly getting importance among developing nations. Landfills, that were initiated for hazardous waste management and after-ward reworked into hygienic landfills, are the foremost wide custom-made practice for municipal solid waste management worldwide. However, the standard style of landfills not solely fails to fulfill the wants of waste management however conjointly fails to focus on best resource recovery and energy generation. Within the gift study, changed style was planned for part designed lowland system supported theoretical issues. Its potential for energy generation and resource exercise was analyzed with a case study of urban center municipal solid waste. It had been found that the system with changed style might yield zero.157 million tons of landfill gas (0.145 million heaps of coal equivalent) out of one year of solid waste. Further, this might recover resource valued at US\$2.49 million each year.

Introduction

Rapid growth and urbanization ends up in increasing environmental issues and municipal solid waste (MSW) management is of prime importance in such rising urban problems. The state of economy, to an outsized extent influences waste generation and MSW specifically. In contrast to alternative solid wastes, particularly industrial solid waste, hazardous waste, hospital waste, MSW involves waste generation from varied sources. Komilis, 1999 suggested that "Landfill design and operational practices can be used, sometimes in combination with municipal solid waste (MSW) pretreatment techniques, to control effectively land-fill behavior".

The generation being the non-point/area supply, assortment and disposal poses a heavy downside to the native municipalities and alternative regulative bodies. The per capita waste generation rate among developing countries was recorded as low as three hundred g (g/capita/ day) (CES, 2000). However, thanks to changes in living conditions and influence of western throw away culture, continuing raise in solid waste generation is anticipated (CES, 2000; IIT, 1997). This increase in solid waste generation not solely ends up in environmental degradation however additionally involves great loss of natural resources, that remains unaccounted for (Bagchi 2004).

MSW management involves numerous steps, specifically collection, transportation, process and disposal. Land disposal is that the most typical technique adopted. In developed countries correct landfills exist together with correct construction and maintenance of a similar (DOE/ EIA, 1999). However, in developing countries properly designed and maintained landfills area unit rarely found. The waste is disposed of in open dumps that not solely results in severe environmental degradation, however conjointly leads to loss of natural resources (Parikh and Parikh, 1997). Existing designs are developed for landfills within the developed countries with the target of ultimate disposal of waste and a few provisions is formed to handle the gas generated consequently (EIIP, 1999; Johennessen, 1999). These style procedures were never targeted to handle waste in integration with natural resources utilization. Even although, several landfills with gas recovery system exist within

the USA, they were designed with standard methodology and therefore yield a lot of lesser landfill gas (LFG) (LMOP-USEPA, 1996).

The essential criteria for the landfill style involve the safe disposal of waste. However, method for improved rates of gas generation and its harvest are still missing. With the expected rise in waste generation within the developing countries as conjointly availableness of well-tried technology for gas recovery, a replacement and changed approach to the look of landfill system with gas recovery has been developed for the Asian conditions. Not like developed countries, Asian countries have no landfills however solely open dumps. Now, since landfills with correct style having been created obligatory by the Central Government, this new style would be a timely try. This projected design targets the new lowland sites and can't be applied to the present dumpsites. Landfills are designed to some extent to boost the gas generation rates so there may well be quicker yield of LFG and fewer land demand. LFG yield and its energy values were calculated by means that of practical models developed supported theoretical concerns.

Landfill Technology

Until recently, the conception of land filling was used to dump stuff for disposal. Therefore, not abundant care was taken regarding their construction. Inserting the waste within the Earths social class was thought of because the safest follow of waste disposal. However with fast indus-try and urbanization, land filling has metamorphosed. As uncontrolled landfills have shown potential of polluting numerous elements of the setting and plenty of accidents have additionally happened, rules are obligatory on lowland location, web site style and their preparation and maintenance. A particular degree of engineering was created obligatory for landfills. Figure three shows the schematic illustration of landfills. Landfill location was supported several factors and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is obligatory for the siting of landfills. Land accessibility for extended marketing periods and accessibility of canopy material square measure a number of the vital guiding parameters in low frequency selected site choice.

Due to these engineering inputs, landfills are tightened up effort far better setting within the cells for better waste decomposition. As a result of careful protection of cells with daily cowl, nuisance might be reduced beside improved anaerobic conditions among the cell and also the lifetime of the lowland might be reduced. This could cause redou-bled emission of LFG and its escape into the atmosphere is a potential threat to the world setting that ends up in warming. On the opposite hand, LFG has extended energy price and it depends on the composition of waste and additionally alternative conditions. Typically, the LFG col-lected is employed for electricity generation and boiler heating in varied industries.

Uses of Landfill technology It was established that LFG can be used for electricity generation by utilizing each single similarly as twin fuel engines. It is used as fuel for preparation requirements and for heating boilers of varied treatment systems. Effective use of LFG in countries like the United States of America and in Europe not solely might offer resolution for waste man-agement however conjointly contributes considerably to non-renewable energy generation and minimize GHG emission from MSW. Within the year 1997, LFG contributed as high as $952,314 \times 10^3 \text{ kWh}$ $3.428 \times 10^9 \text{ MJ}$) of electricity within the USA and is that the next highest con-tributor to the renewable energy sector when electricity sector (DOE/ EIA, 1999). Throughout 1993-1997, from among the biomass energy consumption within the United States of America, MSW Associate in Nursing LFG contributed a big half and it absolutely was consumed by the commercial sector to an extent of seventy-three (DOE/EIA, 1999). In the United States of America, 133 landfill sites were recovering LFG in 1997 among which around 120 turn out energy for generating fa-cilities. These facilities have a combined generating capability of 832 MW. Most of the landfills within the USA area unit made for waste disposal solely, that ne'er thought of gas generation and harvest in their styles. Thus, the gas generation rate is lower thanks to the absence of any thought for sweetening of gas generation within the landfill design-ing method.

Usage in Asian countries

Though in Asian countries where land could be a tropical country, and one in every of the foremost favorable places for landfill system of waste disposal with recovery of gas, no efforts are being created for its development. High complex organic fraction and larger wetness content of Asian MSW favors gas generation significantly (Bhide, 1994). MSW in metropolis consists of concerning four-hundredth organic and com-plex elements with a wetness content of a lot of that fifty. In spite of all this, MSW in Asian nation is disposed of in open dumps. Because of the actual fact that MSW in Asian nation consists of a lot of organic waste and conjointly high wetness content besides prevailing tropical climate, LFG generates even in open dumps and escapes into the atmosphere. Additionally to the current, improper selling consumes a lot of space. In metropolitan cities like metropolis, considering that the prevailing dumpsites reach their full capability, waste is directed to derelict lands, that aren't in any respect appropriate for waste disposal and LFG gener-ation and escape to the atmosphere from open dumps could be a major concern for specialists of temperature change. Hence, to avoid this danger, the government of an Asian nation recently ordered that properly designed landfills are a compulsory de-mand for MSW disposal. Within the light-weight of the recently devel-oped legislation for correctly designed landfills, MSW from metropolis with its made organic and wetness content, would end in a lot of gas generation that conjointly has to be handled. Further, because of the actual fact that paraffin could be a major constituent of LFG and has appreciable energy worth, its energy potential has to be evaluated. This might lead the means for LFG assortment from landfills and its use for varied functions.

Land fill gas As waste decomposes in landfills it produces biogas with some 45% CO₂ and 55% CH₄ (Bhide, 1994; EIIP, 1999). This gas is termed as LFG. Owing to the presence of methane series, LFG incorporates a heat content of around five hundred BTU/ft³ (18629.5 KJ/m³), that is around 112 that of commercially marketed gas. Given the potential of landfills to come up with gas for energy, commitment to mitigation of GHG emissions and a high demand of land for standard landfills, there is a requirement for rising the planning and layout of landfills

so all the preceding requirements are met. The projected style may even be optimized for economic performance.

The EPA estimates that for each a million loads of municipal solid waste, 432,000 cubic feet of landfill gas is created daily. If not controlled and monitored, the gas will migrate beneath a landfill site and cause fires and explosions. Landfills will unleash methane and greenhouse gas into the atmosphere, intensifying international warming; they will additionally emit VOAes that manufacture ground-level gas or smogginess, unsafe pollutants and pernicious odors. In 1996, the independent agency ordered larger lowlands to gather and combust landfill gas by flaring it or putting in an energy recovery system. The gas should be monitored whereas a landfill is active and for 30 years once it is sealed.

Methodology

Landfill site selection A landfill should be set and designed therefore as to meet the required conditions for preventing pollution of the soil, groundwater or surface water and making certain efficient collection of leachate. Also, a low-land website ought to be unbroken as so much as doable away from population density, for reducing pollution impact to public health. On the opposite hand, the Landfill location ought to be placed as close as doable to existing roads for saving road development, transportation and assortment prices. What is more, the lowland website with slope either too steep or too flat is not applicable for constructing the landfill.

The landfill site should not be placed close to a residential or as-sociate urban area, to avoid adversely affecting land price and future development and to protect the final public from doable environmental hazards free from landfill sites. The landfill should be situated inside ten km of associate urban area (Baban and Flannagan 1998) and lowland shall not be situated inside 1,000 m of associate urban area.

Waste Characteristics Waste characteristics can give vital design data for decisions in operation procedures. Waste kind affects the handling techniques, and waste amount determines web site life, daily in operation procedures and can-opy necessities. A waste characterization

study ought to precede landfill siting work, however extra data is also required whereas the ability is being designed. As an example, sure waste varieties is also used as daily cover or onsite road base.

When making ready a profile of the wastes which will be received at the new landfill, concentrate to sources which will be inadvertently mixture dangerous waste with solid waste. In suspicious cases, dangerous waste testing procedures is also necessary. Systematic load check-ing throughout web site operation conjointly ought to be planned. The types and variety of vehicles that transport solid waste to the location ought to be tabulated, too. Traffic data are helpful for later analysis of roadways and access points.

Site layout development The landfill's layout are greatly influenced by the site's geology. The potential for gas and leachate migration and also the suitability of the soil for landfill base and cover material ought to be a specific concern. The location layout begins with geotechnical data, which incorporates information on the surrounding site earth science, geophysical science and soils. This information sometimes is collected throughout the location choice method, then supplemented throughout ensuing investigation.

Soil-boring logs and different information describing subterranean formations and groundwater conditions are diagrammed to present an interpretation of the subterranean conditions at the planned web site. Soil-boring logs facilitate to point out the extent of every formation compute between the boreholes. The depths to bedrock and also the groundwater table are also shown. More boring logs and extra cross sections at regular coordinate intervals in many (minimum of two) directions generally square measure needed to properly find the waste disposal space among the developing web site.

Phase diagrams

The site plan ought to chronologically illustrate the developing landfill's options. The landfill's end-use will begin on completed sections whereas different as within the landfill still are being employed for disposal.

Phasing diagrams show the landfill's evolution at totally different stages through the site's life.

Phases ought to be developed for key times in sufficient detail to make sure that the operator is aware of what's to be done at any purpose. The engineers and management should be assured that the location is continuing in step with arrange in order that contracts is let or finances organized for construction. Restrictive bodies conjointly should be assured that landfill operators be-ing following the plan which the locations are completed as designed at the agreed-upon time. The scale of every part area unit is determined by many factors.

Generally, every part accommodates two to three years of refuse volume.

Landfill Design Steps Determination of solid waste quantities and characteristics:

a. Existing b. Projected or planned Compilation of information for potential sites:

a. Performance factor for boundary and topographic surveys b. Preparation for the base maps of existing situation on and near sites

Property boundaries, topography and slopes, surface water, wetlands, utilities roads, structures, residences, and land use.

Compilation of hydrogeological information & preparation of location map:

Soils (depth, texture, structure, bulk density, porosity, permeability, moisture, ease of excavation, stability, pH, and cat-ion exchange ca-pacity), bedrock (depth, type, presence of fractures, and location of surface outcrops), groundwater (average depth. seasonal fluctuations, hydraulic gradient and direction of flow, rate of flow, quality, and uses).

Compilation of climatological data:

Precipitation, evaporation, temperature, number of freezing days, and wind direction.

Identification of regulations (federal, state & local) and Standards of design:

Loading rates, frequency of cover, distances to residences, roads, sur-face water and airports, monitoring, groundwater quality standards, roads, building codes, and contents of application for permit.

Design of filling area

- a. Selection of landfilling method based on: Site topography, site soils, site bedrock, and site groundwater.
- b. Specification design dimensions: Cell width, depth, length, fill depth, liner thickness. Interim cover soil thickness, and final soil cover thickness.
- c. Specification of operational features: Use of cover soil, method of cover application, need for imported soil, equipment requirements, and personnel requirements.

Design features:

- a. Leachate controls b. Gas controls c. Surface water controls d. Access roads e. Special working areas f. Special waste handling g. Structures h. Utilities i. Recycling drop-off j. Fencing k. Lighting l. Wash racks m. Monitoring wells n. Landscaping

Preparation of design package:

- a. Develop preliminary site plan of fill areas. b. Develop landfill contour plans.

Excavation plans (including benches), sequential fill plans, completed fill plans, fire, litter, vector, odor and noise controls.

- c. Compute solid waste storage volume, soil requirement volumes, and site life.

- d. Develop final site plan showing:

Normal fill areas, special working areas, leachate controls, gas controls, surface water controls, access roads, structures, utilities, fencing, lighting, wash racks, monitoring wells, landscaping.

- e. Prepare elevation plans with cross-sections of: Excavated fill, completed fill, phase development of fill at interim points

- f. Preparation of construction details Leachate controls, gas controls, surface water controls, access roads, structures, monitoring wells.

- g. Prepare ultimate land use plan. h. Prepare cost estimate. i. Prepare design report. j. Prepare environmental impact assessment. k. Submit application and obtaining required permits. l.

Prepare operator's manual.

Conclusion

Landfill scenario has been dynamic over time. With increase in waste generation rates, scarceness of land handiness and warming problems, there is a good want for modifications to

the present landfill designs targeting at energy generation from waste and with less demand of space. Manifold land saving has been attainable on account of those cells styled by the new approach as they might need solely a set space of land whereas the traditional styles would want land on an eternal basis as a result of the waste takes quite twenty years to totally get composted and settle within the case of landfill designed as per the present design procedures.

The goal of siting a landfill is to produce long environmental protection that's economically economical and complies with applicable rules. Only a few potential lowland sites are ideal. However the landfill's style part permits managers to beat web site deficiencies mistreatment verified engineering techniques. A well-developed style arrangement can create construction, operation and closure less technically tough and more cost effective.

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Paper Mill Air Pollution Emad Hawsawi

Paper mill pollution denotes the ecological contamination founded by the manufacturing, utilization and the reprocessing of paper. According to US Legal, Inc (2014), “Pulp and paper is the third largest industrial polluter to air, water, and land in the United States, and studies show that it releases well over 100 million kg of toxic pollution each year.” Paper contamination causes harsh unpleasant outcomes to the eminence of air, water as well as land. Dumped

papers are chief constituent of numerous landfill locations. Paper reprocessing is moreover a cause of effluence owing to the sludge generated throughout de-inking. The paper quantity along with paper products being utilized is very gigantic and the ecological outcome of paper pollution is momentous. The process of manufacturing paper requires huge quantity of clean water and generates gigantic amounts of wastewater, which is polluted with numerous macrobiotic and inorganic chemicals such as lignin, phenols and sulfides amongst others. The wastewater quantity along with attributes relies on the level of operation, the utilized raw materials as well as the engaged procedure. In general, the aim of this study is to discuss the process of paper production in terms of chemical plus mechanical pulp production and the bleaching process, together with the resultant air, water and land pollution.

In United States, pulp and paper factories are the biggest producers of pulp and paper in the world. On average, the factories manufacture about 9 million tons of pulp per year as well as “26 billion newspapers, books, and magazines” (U.S. Department of Labor, 2015). These mills are responsible for 35% of pulp generated on earth and constitute 16% of the pulp factories worldwide. Consequently, the pulp and paper factories in the United States are the cause of noteworthy quantities of contaminants, which are discharged to the atmosphere. The factories are estimated to produce about 245,000 metric tons of poisonous air contaminants per year. According to Ince, Cetecioglu and Ince (2011),

“Pulp and paper industry is considered as one of the most polluter industry in the world.” (p. 223) However, the pulp and paper factories are a crucial employer in the United States.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor (2015), the mills “are one of the nation’s largest industries made up of approximately 565 manufacturing facilities located in 42 states and employ over 200,000 people.”

The manufacture of papers first requires the production of pulp. The most significant element during pulp and paper production is cellulose (Bajpai, 2012, p. 1). Generally, cellulose refers to a long-chain carbohydrate made up of polymerized glucose. Cellulose creates sturdy fibres that are perfect for paper-production. To acquire the fibres of cellulose, short-chain

carbohydrates known as hemicelluloses (mixtures of sugars such as glucose, galactose, and arabinose amongst others) have to be eliminated. Measured up to cellulose, the short-chain carbohydrates are effortlessly ruined and liquefied.

In addition, the woody plant substance includes a formless, extremely polymerized gist known as lignin that creates a surface layer around the fibres, cementing them as one. Lignin is as well enclosed inside the fibre. The lignin's chemistry is intricate since it is principally made up of phenyl propane components connected jointly in a three-dimensional arrangement. According to N. Agrawal, A. Agarwal and Mukherjee (2015), "The three linkages between the propane side chains and the benzene rings are broken during chemical pulping operations to free the cellulosic fibres" (p. 60). Numerous additional essences, for instance, resin acids, alcohols and turpenoid compounds are available in indigenous fibres. Nonetheless, their precise components and quantities depends on their plant resource. A majority of these elements can dissolve in water or in nonaligned solvents, and are jointly known as extractives. Pulp factories extort and process wood to obtain cellulose fibres, concurrently eliminating unnecessary ingredients like lignin.

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semi-chemical processes. The chemical pulping process incorporates the use of three chemicals referred to as kraft, sulfite, and soda. In general, there are three paces involved during the pulping procedure. In chemical pulping, the first process involves cooking wood in a digester at a very high pressure with a liquid of the apposite elements that liquefy the lignin along with leaving the cellulose behind. This cooking procedure ends up in emanation of a diversity of dangerous air contaminants such as "methanol, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and methyl ethyl ketone, as well as reduced sulfur gases" (U.S. Department of Energy, 2005, p. 38). During the mechanical pulping procedure, the wood material is

compressed against a dicer, which actually detaches the fibers. This process, which is power demanding, generates an unclear product that is scrawny and loses its color straightforwardly if exposed to luminosity. The process of semi-chemical pulping utilizes an amalgamation of chemical and mechanical procedures. The chips of wood are moderately ripened with chemicals, whilst the rest of the pulping is carried out mechanically.

The second step in the pulping process involves cleansing of the pulp. Subsequent to removal of the pulp, the obtained pulp is cleansed so as to eliminate the liquefied lignin along with other chemicals. During the cleansing procedure, the pulp is passed through a sequence of cleansers and panels. The cleansing procedure takes place at elevated temperatures that produces a huge amount of exhaust fumes that contains poisonous air contaminants, which are discharged to the environment. The resultant fluid from the procedure of washing comprises lignin in addition to the chemicals employed during the separation of lignin from the cellulose. The chemical healing procedures utilized to recover the resultant chemicals results in secretions of harmful air contaminants as well.

The third pulping procedure comprises the bleaching of the pulp. Subsequent to washing, in case one desires a white product, the pulp ought to be bleached so as to eliminate the dye linked with outstanding

residual lignin. The bleaching procedure also has three common approaches namely elemental chlorine bleaching, elemental chlorine free bleaching and totally chlorine free bleaching. The Elemental Chlorine Bleaching is a procedure which is presently being used at several existing bleaching factories, and utilizes chlorine (Cl) as well as twofold hypochlorite to make the pulp brighter. Additionally, Sodium hydroxide with or devoid of peroxide is employed in extracting chlorine from the pulp. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (2006), "When elemental chlorine and hypochlorite react with the lignin, they form chlorinated pollutants such as chloroform, dioxins, and furans in the wastewater stream." (p. 22)

The process of Elemental Chlorine Free Bleaching (ECF) involves replacing chlorine with chlorine dioxide as the agent of bleaching, whereby hypochlorite is never utilized. Bleaching

through ECF bleaching ensures that there is a reduction in amounts of chlorinated contaminants released in the wastewater rivulet. Finally, the bleaching process of Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) does not utilize any chlorinated bleaching substance during pulp bleaching. As an alternative, bleaching substances like oxygen along with peroxide are exploited. According to the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (2013), "Because the TCF process does not use chlorine, it does not produce chlorine residuals in wastewaters" (p. 5). In general, during the procedure of bleaching, the chemicals used to bleach are introduced into the pulp, along with the resultant combination being cleansed with water. The procedure takes place in numerous instances and produces a huge amount of liquid dissipate. In addition, ventilations from the bleaching cisterns discharge dangerous air contaminants that include chloroform, formaldehyde, and methanol amongst others.

With regards to the bleaching compounds utilized, the resultant waste torrent from the bleaching procedure could include chlorine compounds as well as organics. The assortment of chemicals might cause the development of numerous poisonous chemicals (for instance dioxins, furans, as well as chlorinated organics). Even though the runoff is in general discharged to a waste water curing plant, the toxic elements basically go through (that is, the curing plant does not succeed in reducing the pollutants concentrations) the plant where consequently they mount up in the rivers as well as seas, whereby the curing plants releases them.

There are numerous air pollution concerns that arise as a result of the paper industry. For instance, air productions of oxidized sulphur chemicals from factories of pulp and paper have resulted in devastating damages to plant life, in addition to discharges of reduced sulphur compounds that have engendered grumbles regarding "rotten egg" smells. (Aminvaziri, 2009, p. 13) Researches amongst inhabitants of pulp factory societies, particularly children, have demonstrated respiratory outcomes associated with particulate discharges, as well as the irritation of mucous membrane and headaches considered to be allied to reduced sulphur

compounds. Out of the entire pulping procedures, chemical methods especially kraft pulping has the utmost prospective of causing air pollution tribulations. This is because it emits “a substantial volume of noxious and malodorous air pollutants, including particulate matter, sulfur compounds, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds” (Center for Biological Diversity, 2012).

Most of the sulphite operations discharge huge amounts of sulphur oxides, particularly those utilizing calcium or magnesium bases. According to Stellman and International Labour Office (1998), “The main sources of sulphur oxides consist of batch digester blows, evaporators and liquor preparation, with washing, screening and recovery operations contributing lesser amounts” (p. 69). Kraft recuperation kilns are in addition a supply of sulphur dioxide, since they are energy boilers that exploit high-sulphur gas or oil as energy.

Hydrogen sulphide, methyl mercaptan, dimethyl sulphide and di-methyl disulphide, amongst other reduced sulphur compounds, are nearly completely allied with kraft pulping, in addition to giving these factories their distinguishing stench. These compounds mainly originate from the recovery kiln, digester blow, its relieve valves, along with washer ventilations. Additionally, evaporators, smelt cisterns, the lime furnace as well as waste water might contribute too. A number of sulphite functions utilize reducing surroundings in their recovery heaters and might have allied reduced sulphur stench tribulations.

The gases of sulphur discharged by the recovery kiln are best pro-scribed by plummeting secretions at the source. They are controlled through low-odor recovery kilns, black liquor oxidation, operating the recovery furnace suitably, as well as diminution in liquor sulphidity. Sulphur fumes from digester blow, digester relief regulators along with liquor evaporation could be gathered and cremated—for instance, in the lime furnace. Incineration flue fumes may be amassed through the use of scrubbers. According to E Instruments International (2015), “Nitrogen oxides form when fuels are burned at high temperatures, as in a combustion process.” Therefore, the gas may be generated in whichever factory that has a recovery boiler, power oven or a lime furnace, regarding on the operating circumstances. The generation of

nitrogen oxides could be checked through the regulation of hotness, air-fuel proportions as well as time of dwelling in the incineration zone. Other gaseous chemicals are inconsequential contributors to factory air contamination—chemicals such as carbon monoxide from partial incineration, chloroform as a result of bleaching functions, and unstable “organics from digester relief and liquor evaporation.” (Teschke, 2008).

Particulates crop up mostly from incineration operations, although smelt-disbanding cisterns could as well be a negligible source. Over 50 percent of pulp factories particles are extremely fine (smaller than 1 μm in thickness). Such fine substance comprises sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4) as well as sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3)

from recovery ovens, lime furnaces along with smelt-dissolving cisterns, as well as sodium chloride from smoldering by-products of woods that have been stockpiled in salt water.

The discharges from lime furnace incorporate a noteworthy quantity of crude particulates owing to the calcium salts entrainment as well as sublimation of sodium elements. These might as well comprise fly ash along with products of organic incineration, particularly from power cisterns. Diminution of particle concentrations could be attained through surpassing flue fumes via electrostatic precipitators or scrubbers. Modern inventions in power cistern expertise take in liquidized bed incinerators that flame at exceedingly high hotness, bringing about more resourceful power conversion, along with facilitating smoldering of less consistent wood waste.

Pulp and paper industries also cause a lot of water pollution issues. The polluted wastewater being released from pulp and paper factories could cause the bereavement of marine organisms, permit bioaccumulation of poisonous elements in fish, as well as damaging the flavor of downstream consumption water. (Forestry Department, 2015) The emissions from pulp and paper wastewater are distinguished on the basis of corporeal, chemical or organic attributes, with the most significant being the content of solids, oxygen requirement and toxicity.

The wastewater solids substance is normally categorized on the foundation of the portion that is floating (against dissolved), the portion of floating particles that can be settled, along with the portions of either that are volatile. The portion that can settle is the most obnoxious, since it might create an opaque sludge coverlet near to the emancipation point, which swiftly reduces dissolved oxygen in the obtaining water along with permitting the propagation of anaerobic microorganisms that produce methane as well as reduced sulphur fumes. Even though non-settleable particles are typically weakened by the receiving stream and are consequently of lower anxiety, they might convey poisonous organic chemicals to marine beings. Suspended particles emitted by pulp and paper factories take in bark atoms, wood fibre, sand, gravel from mechanical pulp processing, papermaking stabilizers, fluid dregs, water curing procedure by-products along with microbial cells from minor treatment processes (Janzé, 2011).

According to Gangwar (2014), "Wood derivatives dissolved in the pulping liquors, including oligosaccharides, simple sugars, low-molecular-weight lignin derivatives, acetic acid and solubilized cellulose fibres, are the main contributors to both biological oxygen demand (BOD) and chemical oxygen demand (COD)" (p. 3740). Chemicals that are poisonous to marine life forms incorporate chlorinated organics (AOX), resin acids, and unsaturated fatty acids, amongst others. Of meticulous concern are the chlorinated organics since they are extremely poisonous to nautical organisms along with being able to bio-accumulate. This class of chemicals, incorporating the polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, is the chief momentum for decreasing the exploit of chlorine in bleaching pulp.

The quantities along with supply of suspended solids, demand for oxygen as well as poisonous expulsions are dependent on procedure. Owing to the solubility of timber extractives with diminutive or without compound plus resin acid recovery, the sulphite and CTMP pulping produce intensely poisonous runoffs with elevated BOD. Kraft factories traditionally utilized a lot of chlorine for bleaching, causing their discharges to be more poisonous; nonetheless, overflows from kraft factories, which have abolished chlorine in bleaching in addition to

utilizing secondary treatment normally showing modest to severe toxicity if any, as well as subacute toxicity being seriously plummeted.

Suspended solids are recently less of a predicament since majority factories exploit the primary clarification procedure, which eradicates about 95% of the settleable solids (Sappi Fine Paper North America, 2012, p. 5). There also are secondary wastewater curing technologies like aerated lagoons which are meant to diminish BOD, COD as well as chlorinated organics in the bilge water (United States Environmental Protection Agency, 2011, p. 11). Nonetheless, procedure along with operational alterations might still found sporadic toxicity breaches. A comparatively new contamination control approach to eradicate water pollution completely is the “closed mill” notion. What differentiates closed mills is that liquefied overflow is “evaporated and the condensate is treated, filtered, then reused” (Greenberg, 2003, p. 539). However, rust is a chief problem facing mills that utilize closed systems, along with concentrations of microorganisms and endotoxin increasing in cast-off process water. Paper and pulp industry also brings about land pollution challenges. Most solids (sludges) confiscated from fluid sewage treatment systems fluctuates, in relation to their source. The primary treatment emits solids that mainly are made up of cellulose fibres. Microbial cells are the chief constituent of solids from secondary treatment procedures. In case the factory utilizes chlorinated bleaching chemicals, both primary as well as secondary solids might as well include chlorinated organic chemicals, a crucial contemplation in finding out the degree of treatment necessitated.

Before the disposal, solids are condensed in the units of gravity sedimentation where they are automatically dewatered in centrifuges or vacuum sifts. Solids from primary healing are moderately simple to remove water. According to Kay and Anya (2015), “Secondary sludges contain a large quantity of intracellular water and exist in a matrix of slime; therefore they require the addition of chemical flocculants.” The moment it is adequately dewatered, slush is discarded in land-based uses such as spreading on farming or forested land, utilized as manure or burnt. Even though burning is more expensive and may

add to air contamination tribulations, it could be beneficial since it can obliterate or decrease poisonous substances (for instance, chlorinated organics), which can generate staid ecological tribulations in case they were to trickle into the groundwater from other land uses.

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