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Uncontrolled Landfill Site in Tangier City »

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ABSTRACT

The increase in urbanization and the development of economy, as well as the raise in demographic rates usually result in a large production of waste in Moroccan cities. Unfortunately, the impact of these wastes on human health and the environment is substantial. Only solid wastes landfilled are very rarely inert, because numerous physicochemical and biological reactions take place between the waste and the receiving environment (soil).

The uncontrolled household waste dump of Tangier is located about five kilometers (km) to the southeast of the city. The total area which has been used for the landfill is about 48 hectares. The tonnage of the dumped waste registered during the follow-up period of our study (2016-2019) is 10.84 million tons. The leachate produced from the dumped waste of the public landfill in the city of Tangier, which is neither collected nor treated, could constitute a probable source of pollution. Not only the surface water and the groundwater table are polluted, but also the waters of the Wadis: Mlalah; Khandak Bou Hajjar; in the east, Mghogha; and Ghir Boudra to the south. This study will assess the degree of pollution in the municipal refuse dump site of Tangier. For this purpose, the soil and leachate samples were collected and analyzed during the period stretching from 2016 to 2019. Moreover, the analyses of these samples were determined on the basis of the physicochemical parameters (humidity, pH, organic matter, etc....), and the identification of the five heavy metals (Pb, Cd, Fe, Cr and Zn). The results of the landfill soil analyses showed the presence of heavy metal contents in significant quantities, as well as the organic matter levels. Another analysis of the well water showed the presence of polluting elements in the leachate water and a high concentration of metals, especially iron that exceeds standards. These results make the effluents extremely toxic, which presents a long-lasting danger to the health of the local population and the surrounding environment.

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