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ABSTRACT

Asian countries are facing municipal solid waste management problems due to the rapid growth in solid waste generation rate and open dumping practices. There is a need for dumpsite reclamation processes to solve the environmental problems associated with dumpsites. Chennai is the fourth largest metro city in India with the current population of 6 millions, generating 3700 t/d of municipal solid waste. The wastes are disposed by open dumping at Perungudi and Kodungaiyur dumping grounds.

Assessment of reclamation and hazard potential of these dumpsites was carried out. Detailed investigations on solid waste characteristics, leachate quality and methane emission potential of the dumpsites were used to assess the reclamation potential. Hazard potential was assessed based on heavy metal speciation pattern in the solid waste samples and their mobile fraction having adverse environmental effects due to their leaching potential. An integrated risk based approach was also developed for the rapid assessment of the hazard potential of the dumpsites, which will be useful for prioritization of rehabilitation activities of the existing dumpsites.

The soil fraction of the mined waste collected from Perungudi and Kodungaiyur dumping grounds are 30-40% and 56-68%, respectively. The physicochemical properties of the soil fractions are similar for samples collected from Perungudi and Kodungaiyur dumping ground. Chromium, Cu, Hg, Ni and Pb contents of the soil fraction of the solid wastes are exceeding the Indian compost quality standards but less than the compost quality standards specified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Heavy metal speciation studies of the soil fraction of the solid waste samples into exchangeable, acid extractable, reducible, oxidizable and residual fraction for the metals Cu, Cr, Cd, Fe, Pb, Ni, Mn and Zn showed that less than 60% of the total metal contents are bioavailable (mobile fraction). Bioavailability is restricted to a maximum of 40% in the case of Cr, Pb, Cu and Fe. The soil fraction (40-60%) of the waste can be reclaimed as compost or cover material.

Leachate quality data showed that chemical oxygen demand and total dissolved solids are exceeding the Indian standards for disposal of treated leachates into inland surface water while biochemical oxygen demand, pH and heavy metals are less than the specified standard limits. Leachate treatment systems and protection liners will be useful to prevent the leachate contamination to surface and ground water. Methane content of both the borehole and the ambient air samples from the dumpsites varied between 0 and 220 ppm.

Validation of the developed decision making tool to access the hazard potential of the dumpsite to Perungudi and Kodungaiyur dumping grounds resulted with scores of 569 and 579 out of 1000, respectively. This indicates that both sites have moderate hazard potential and need to be rehabilitated. Based on the present study suggestions and remedial measures for environmentally sound solid waste disposal are proposed. APPENDIX – IV: (A typical Specimen of Table of Contents)

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

APHA	American Public Health Association
AWWA	American Water Works Association
А	Amps
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
С	Celsius
cm	Centimetre
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
CPHEEO	Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization
CES	Centre for Environmental Studies
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CETP	Common Effluent Treatment Plant
CRE	Conventional Reactive Effluent
сс	Cubic Centimetre
m ³	Cubicmetre
DEPA	Danish Environmental Protection Agency
d	Day
DIN	Deutsches Institut fur Normung
DC	Direct Current
ETP	Effluent Treatment Plant
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GAC	Granular Activated Carbon
g	Gram
h	Hour
IGEP	Indo – German Export Promotion
IPD	Institute for Product Development
kg	kilogram
kWh	kilo Watt hour
S	Kubelka – Munk Absorption Coefficient

Κ	Kubelka – Munk Scattering Coefficient
L	Litre
LS	Low Salt
LSRE	Low Salt Reactive Effluent
m	Metre
μm	Micrometre
μS	Micro Siemens
mL	Millilitre
mLd	Million litres per day
mm	Millimetre
min.	Minute
nm	Nanometre
Ν	Normal
D	Path Length of the cell
PAC	Powdered Activated Carbon
RO	Reverse Osmosis
Α(λ)	Spectral Absorbance at wavelength λ nm
DFZ	Spectral Absorption Coefficient
R	Spectral Reflectance
m ²	Squaremetre
SD	Standard Deviation
SS	Suspended Solids
t	Time
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
UV	Ultra Violet
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
V	Volts
WEF	Water Environment Federation
vol.	Volume

APPENDIX – VIII: CITING AND LISTING OF REFERENCES

CITING means formally recognizing, and including in the text, the resources from where information was obtained in the preparation of the Report. **REFERENCE** is the detailed description of the resources from which the information was obtained. Any work of other researchers, if used either directly or indirectly, the origin of the material thus referred to should be cited at appropriate places in the thesis. The details of the source should be provided in the list of REFERENCES at the end of the Thesis. Since providing relevant references gives increased credibility to the arguments presented in the thesis, it is useful to reference frequently, especially in Literature Review and Discussion.

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http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/learningconnection/student/studying/referencing.asp

The basic format for books is: Author's family name, Initials (year in brackets), *Title of book*, Publisher, Place of publication. Please refer Table 1 for examples.

The basic format for Journals is: Author's family name, Initials (year in bracket), 'Title of article,' *Title of journal*, vol., Issue No., Page range. Please refer Table 2 for examples.

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Schwartz, Robert. The Cold War Revisited: A Splintered USSR. [Online] Available http://usa.coldwar.server.gov/index/cold.war/countries/former.soviet.block/, Accessed on November 1, 2008

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In a recent publication Pedder (2001b) argued that this process was only applicable in a few circumstances and that for small business alternative processes were more suitable (Pedder 2001a).

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author				
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2.1.2 Low Salt Dyes

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Property	Benefit			
High fixation rate	Low dye concentration in effluent			
Low elecrolyte concentration	Low salt in effluent			
Good washing off	Cost / time savings			
	Lesser water and energy requirement			
Eccologically selected cutting agents	Low BOD values			
Halogen free chromophores	No AOX in effluent			
No use of banned amines	No health risk to dyes and no risk of ban			
High repeatability of dyeing	Less shading and stripping			

Table 2.2 Ecological Benefits of Cibacron [®] LS Dyes

Source: (Buttler 1998)

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

4.1.1 Domestic

The classification of the households surveyed during the present study on the basis of their income level is depicted in Figure 4.1.



Fig 4.1 Classification of Consumer Samples Based on Income Level

It may be noted that 39 % of the respondents were from low-income class with income level less than Rs. 10,000 per month and 11 % belonged to the upper income class with income level above Rs. 30,000 per month. The average usage of the PC, TV and mobile phones by these households is presented in Table 4.1. The study revealed that per household usage of the PC ranges from 0.39 for low-income class to 1.70 for the upper income class, per household usage of TV ranges from 1.07 to 1.78 and that of mobile phone ranges from 0.88 to 1.70. The usage increases with the increase in the income level (Figure 4.2).

Sl No	Income	Sample size	Number of items used			Average use of items		
110.	(Rs.)	households)	PC	TV	Mobile phone	PC PC	TV	Mobile phone
1	< 10,000	227	89	243	200	0.39	1.07	0.88
2	10,000 – 20,000	183	126	229	227	0.69	1.25	1.24
3	20,000 - 30,000	116	108	176	184	0.93	1.52	1.59
4	> 30,000	74	126	132	126	1.70	1.78	1.70

Table 4.1 Average usage of the PC, TV and Mobile phone by households



Fig 4.2 Average usage of the PC, TV and Mobile Phone Per Household

APPENDIX – X: SAMPLE SECTION FROM A LIST OF REFERENCE

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