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POLLUTION OF WATER BODIES AND GROUND WATER BY INDUSTRIAL UNITS ESPECIALLY LEATHER TANNERY INDUSTRY IN UNNAO DISTRICT OF UTTAR PRADESH.



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ABSTRACT

nnao is the one of major industrial towns adjacent to Kanpur having most of cotton, leather, pharmaceutical, steel and other industries. The Unnao industrial area is bounded in the north by Safipur block, in the east by the Bichhia block, in the south Sikandarpur Karon block, whereas the Ganga river in the west separates it from the district of Kanpur. The total area is about 220 square kilometers.

KEYWORDS :Water Bodies , major industrial , pharmaceutical, steel and other industries.

INTRODUCTION

Unnao industrial area is situated near Kanpur in northen side of Ganga River having more than 50 industrial units mainly tannery, catering the need of nation. The effluents discharged by the industries, after passing through a common effluent treatment plant having approx 70% treating capacity, is finally discharged in the Ganga River. The quality of ground water in the industrial areas is under constant threat of contamination directly or indirectly. Remarkable high concentration of chromium in some parts of ground water of Unnao and Kanpur districts is a common feature in the region.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES :

The tanning industry is known to be very polluting especially through effluents which are very toxic in nature. it contains potentially toxic metal salt residues, chemicals used in leather processing is not actually absorbed in the process but is discharged into the environment.

Liquid effluents from lather processing contains organic matter, chromium, sulphide and solid waste includes fleshing, wet blue splits, trimmings and shavings, buffring dust etc thatswhy tannery effluents are ranked as the highest pollutants.

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS :

To investigate the present extent to which Unnao water bodies/ ground water has been affected by the industrial pollution and analyze the polution lavel in water by discharging untreated industrial effluents directly into the surface water/ ground water bodies, the water sample was collected from 27 different sites and their examination has done by CSIR-IITR (Indian Institute of Toxicology Research) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

After the examination of CSIR-IITR the reports shows -

1- Out of 27 drinking water samples, 16 samples were found to exceed the recommended TDS limit, 15 samples were found to exceed the limits in terms of total hardness, 15 samples were found to exceed the limit for fluoride, 9 samples were found to exceed the limit for sulphate, 5 samples were found to exceed the limit for alkalinity, 3 samples were found to exceed the limit for alkalinity, 3 samples were found to exceed the limit for mercury.

2-Each water sample exceed the limit for Chromium.

- 3-BOD and COD values exceed the prescribed limit in all the samples.
- 4-Total hardness in 33% ground water samples exceeds the permissible limit.
- 5- Iron concentration in 40% ground water samples exceeds the permissible limit.
- 6-Manganese consentration in 50% ground water samples exceeds the permissible limit.

7- Concentration of copper, cadmium, zinc and nickel found within the permissible limit in water samples.

8-Significant contamination of arsenic in the ground water structure of the Dakari, Bazar kheda, akarmpur and Banthar areas in excees than the permissible limit.

9- High values of arsenic in water has been recorded from Galglaha village, Neardua , Bacchu kheda, and Dakari village.

10- The concentration of Chromium, electrical conductivity and fluoride content in some samples of water are higher than the permissible limit prescribed by BIS.

11-Samples near Dahichauki has recorded total chromium as 1.448 mg/l.

12- High value of hexavalent chromium has been recorded near Bazar kheda village (1.339mg/l), Dakari village (1.482mg/l) areas in Unnao.

13- High salinity in water samples has also been observed in Durjan kheda, Maswari, Jamka, Kazi kheda areas in Unnao district.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION :

Unnao is one of the major industrial towns adjacent to Kanpur having most of the lather, slaughter house, textile, steel and other industries. Unnao industrial ares is situated near Kanpur in northen side of River Ganga having more than 50 industrial units mainly tannery. The effluents discharged by the industries, after passing through a Commen Effluent Treatment Plant, is finally discharged in the River Ganga. Some industries also have their own Effluent Treatment Plants.

The Quality of ground water in the industrial area is under constant threat of contamination directly or indirectly. Remarkable high concentration of chromium in some parts of ground water of Unnao and Kanpur Districts is a common feature in the region.

All the areas monitored have insufficient provision for collection and disposal of sewage as well as industrial effluents. the existing situation has high potential of ground water contamination.

Chrome bearing solid waste was found illegally dumped along National Highway. Ground water sample collected from this site was yellow in color indicating high Cr+6 contamination. Indiscriminate

and illegal bio-fertilizer industries are also mushrooming throughout the industrial area specially Dakari village. Shaving waste (contaminating chromium) from tanneries are being used as raw materials by these industries. These units have potential hazards for air, soil and water environment.

All the areas monitored have insufficient provision for proper collection and disposal of sewage as well as industrial effluents and have high potential of ground water contamination. The injudicious disposal of solid waste has further compounded the problem and need priority attention in a time bound manner.

The untreated sewage and industrial effluents flowing in open drains are one of the major cause of ground water quality deterioration.

Due to contaminated water peoples of Unnao and near by areas suffers from skin disease, abdomen pain, less growth, TB, kidney disease, shortness of breath, eye etching etc.

Fever, coughing, skin disease, stomach problem and weakness are also common problems in children of Unnao. Child death ratio is increased in few years in the area and may persons suffering from incurable disease like cancer.

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