

COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN SOME ASIAN CITIES

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Abstract

Until about 25-30 years ago, managing solid wastes was considered simply transporting waste to faraway places and just dumping it there indefinitely for nature to take care of it. Today, with nearly 6 billions of people on our planet there is not much space available to accommodate the dumping of solid wastes multiplied in unthinkable amount. Moreover, the nature of the wastes has also changed so drastically that it is no longer safe for man and its environment to just leave the wastes as they are. One of the most pressing problems afflicting the Asian countries is the lack of proper sanitation and waste disposal programs. In the past, governmental policies in developing countries emphasized development, where as pollution control was largely neglected. Contaminated water sources and uncontrolled disposal of wastes and excreta are major threats to public health and environmental quality. These problems are especially acute and evident in the larger cities and their surrounding metropolitan areas.

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