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Contaminated Land in Greece Recent Developments

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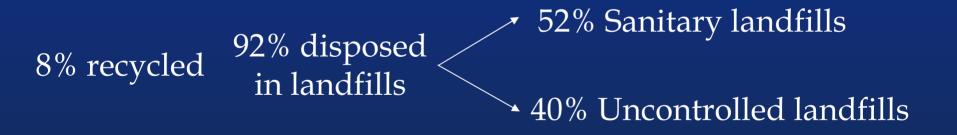
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Introduction

- There is *no specific legislation* for soil or for the management of contaminated land
- There is *no comprehensive inventory* of contaminated sites
- There is progress in the *registration* and *rehabilitation* of contaminated sites related with:
 - Improper disposal of municipal wastes
 - Improper storage and disposal of hazardous and nonhazardous industrial wastes

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

➤ Land disposal is the predominant method for the management of municipal solid waste (4.6 Mt/y):



Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

- ➤ The National Solid Wastes Management Plan was issued in 2003 and set two parallel objectives:
 - Eliminate and rehabilitate all the uncontrolled landfills
 - Create the required new infrastructure for appropriate MSW management and disposal

Both to be completed till the end of 2008

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

➤ New infrastructure for MSW management and disposal :

	In operation	Under construction
Sanitary landfills:	45	56
 Waste Transfer Station: 	: 6	48
Population served	<i>55</i> %	40%

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

- > The programme of rehabilitation was launched on July 2004.
- ➤ The implementation of the programme comprised the following steps:
 - ✓ Nomination of a Working Group to promote and manage on a national level all the rehabilitation projects
 - ✓ Questionnaires sent to the Municipalities to collect the initial information (occurrence, size, location, main characteristics, etc.) and establish the complete list of 'uncontrolled' landfills

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

- Main steps for the implementation of the rehabilitation programme (continues):
 - ✓ Development of a Risk Assessment Methodology
 - a. to set the priorities for remediation and
 - b. to facilitate the selection of rehabilitation measures
 - Elaboration of Guidelines that were sent to the municipalities for the preparation of required technical studies:
 - a. Preliminary Technical Study to obtain the permits
 - b. Final Technical Study to obtain the funding

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

The Risk Assessment Methodology

A simplified procedure based on the "Source-Pathway-Receptor" principle, comprising the following steps:

- 1. Evaluation of the "source" taking into consideration a) the volume and (b) the type of wastes
- 2. Evaluation of the "pathway", i.e. permeability, distance from the aquifer.
- 3. Evaluation of the "receptors", e.g. distance of landfill from drinking water wells, inhabited areas, sensitive ecosystems, etc.

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The Risk Assessment Methodology

Matrix M1:	Contamination Source				
Waste Volume	Excavation	Demolition Municipal > 30 y < 30 y	Municipal		Hazardous
(m^3)	materials		> 30 y	< 30 y	wastes
<1.000	0	5	10	15	45
1.001-5.000	1	7	14	19	47
5.001-10.000	2	10	18	23	49
10.001-20.000	3	13	22	27	51
20.001-50.000	4	15	26	31	53
50.001-100.000	5	17	29	34	54
100.001-500.000	5	19	32	37	55
>500.000	5	20	35	40	55

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Matrix M2:	Pathway			
Distance from	Permeability, m/sec			
aquifer	$K_{\rm f} < 10^{-6}$	$10^{-4} > K_f > 10^{-6}$	$K_f > 10^{-4}$	
> 10 m	0	4	8	
2 – 10 m	1	5	10	
< 2 m	3	8	13	
Inside the aquifer	9	12	15	

The Risk Assessment Methodology

Matrix M3: Receptor							
Distance from:	>1000m	501-1000m	101-500m	<100m	inside		
Abstraction of drinking water	0	15	25	25	25	a1	max
Future abstraction of DW	0	0	0	0	10	a2	a
Other water sources	0	0	12	12	25	a3	
Children Playground	0	0	10	10	25	b1	
Gardens - Fields	0	0	10	10	20	b2	
Houses-Schools	0	0	10	10	20	b3	max
Industries	0	0	0	5	20	b4	b
Roads	0	0	0	5	10	b5	
Mines-Quarries	0	0	0	2	10	b 6	
Estuaries	0	0	0	2	5	c1	
Surface waters	0	0	2	2	5	c2	max c
Protected ecosystems	0	0	0	2	4	c 3	

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The Risk Assessment Methodology

The scores from the three matrices are summed up and the landfills are classified in four categories:

Category	Priority	Score
Α	Immediate rehabilitation measures are required (a` priority)	≥ 90
В	Immediate rehabilitation measures are required (b` priority)	70-90
С	Rehabilitation measures should be taken but there is no urgency	30-69
D	There is no need for rehabilitation measures	0-29

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS)

Selection of Rehabilitation Measures

- ➤ The results of the risk assessment analysis were used by the municipalities (and/or their consultants) for the selection of appropriate remedial measures
- ➤ The Guidelines issued by the Ministry included some general suggestions for the minimum requirements of the rehabilitation measures, according to the risk category of the landfills

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Progress of the Rehabilitation Programme

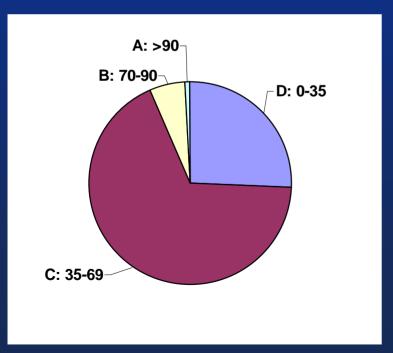
According to the data collected during the registration phase, the number of uncontrolled landfills amounts to (April 2005):

Inactive	1.173
Active	1.453
Total	2.626

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Progress of the Rehabilitation Programme

Distribution of landfills in the various risk categories:



Category A :Risk rating	>90	0,7 %
Category B : Risk rating	70-89	5,6 %
Category C : Risk rating	35-69	67,9 %
Category D : Risk rating	0-35	25,8 %

Rehabilitation of old landfills (MWS) Progress of the Rehabilitation Programme

> Actions completed till 28/3/2006

Actions completed (28/3/2006)	Percent of sites
Decisions for closure by the Prefecture	87,6 %
Decisions for rehabilitation permits by Regional Authorities	67,6 %
Implementation of rehabilitation measures using only the resources of the Municipalities (no need for external funding)	9,9 %
Rehabilitation projects included in various funding programmes	24,6 %
Rehabilitation projects, ready for inclusion in funding programmes	22,7 %
Rehabilitation activities completed	0,8 %

Industrial Hazardous and Non Hazardous Wastes Management

- New legislative framework for Hazardous Wastes recently issued: J.M.D. 13588/725/2006, March 2006.
- This J.M.D. includes provisions for the rehabilitation of sites contaminated due to improper management of hazardous wastes
- ➤ Will be soon supplemented with General Technical Specifications

Industrial Hazardous and Non Hazardous Wastes Management

Few data were available before 2004, e.g.

- Total annual production of HW: 280.000 tons/y (1998)
- ≥90% produced by ~20 industries

Industrial Hazardous and Non Hazardous Wastes Management

- Since October 2004, all industrial units are asked to submit Managerial Plans for their wastes (hazardous and non hazardous) with details about
 - ✓ Wastes produced during their operation
 - ✓ Wastes stored in the facilities
 - ✓ Specific schedules and plans for the final disposal of stored wastes and for the rehabilitation of storage sites.
- Submission of Managerial Plans is today still in progress.

Conclusions

- Considerable *delay in the legislative framework* for soil and contaminated sites
- ➤ Progress in the Rehabilitation of Uncontrolled Landfills. The implementation of this programme is expected to contribute in the built-up of valuable know-how in all the levels of administration
- Managerial Plans, submitted by the industries since 2004, are expected to contribute in establishing the *inventory of industrial sites*, which are contaminated due to the disposal or storage of hazardous and non hazardous industrial wastes