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Volume 99, February 2017, Pages 282-292Water hardness and salinity Kaschin-Beck (CBD) Scientific study of chemicals and phenomena occurring in natural places White bags filled with contaminated stones are located on the seafront near an industrial oil spill in Raahe, Finland Environmental chemistry is the scientific study of chemical and biochemical phenomena that occur in natural places. It should not be confused with green chemistry, which aims to reduce potential pollution at source. It can be defined as the study of the sources, reactions, transport, effects and destinies of chemical species in the air environment, soil and water; and the effect of human activity and biological activity on them. Environmental chemistry is an interdisciplinary science that includes atmospheric, aquatic and soil chemistry, as well as relying heavily on analytical chemistry and being linked to the environment and other fields of science. Environmental chemistry first involves understanding how the uncontaminated environment works, which chemicals are naturally present and with what effects. Without this it would be impossible to accurately study the effects that humans have on the environment by releasing chemicals. Environmental chemists rely on a number of concepts in chemistry and various environmental sciences to help study their what happens to a chemical species in the environment. Important general concepts in chemistry include understanding chemical reactions and equations, solutions, units, sampling and analytical techniques. [1] Contamination A contaminant is a substance present in nature at a level higher than fixed levels or otherwise not there. [2] [3] This may be due to human activity and bioactivity. The term contaminant is often used alternately with the pollutant, which is a substance that has a negative impact on the environment. [4] [5] Although a contaminant is sometimes defined as a substance present in the environment as a result of human activity, but without harmful effects, sometimes the toxic or harmful effects of contamination become apparent only at a later date. [6] The environment would be soil or organism, it would be fish affected by the pollutant or contaminant, it is called a receptor, while a sink is a chemical medium or a species that retains and interacts with the pollutant, would be the carbon sink and its effects by microbes. Environmental indicators Main article: Freshwater quality parameters Chemical water quality measures include dissolved oxygen (DO), chemical oxygen demand (COD), biochemical oxygen demand (CBO), total dissolved solids (TDS), pH, nutrients (nitrates and phosphorus), heavy metals, soil chemicals (including copper, zinc, cadmium, lead and mercury) and pesticides. See also: Category: Water Quality Indicators Applications Environmental Chemistry used by the Environment Agency of England, Natural Resources Wales, Wales, The United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Association of Public Analysts, as well as other environmental agencies and research bodies around the world to detect and identify the nature and source of pollutants. These may include: heavy metal contamination of land by industry. They can then be transported into bodies of water and taken over by living organisms. PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) in large bodies of water contaminated with oil spills or spills. Many of the PAHs are carcinogenic and are extremely toxic. They are regulated by concentration (ppb) using environmental chemistry and laboratory chromatography tests. Nutrients leaching from agricultural land in watercourses, which can lead to algal flowering and eutrophication. [7] Urban leakage of pollutants that wash impermeable surfaces (roads, parking lots and roofs) during rainstorms. Typical pollutants include gasoline, motor oil and other hydrocarbon compounds, metals, nutrients and sediments (soil). [8] Organometallic compounds. [9] Methods Quantitative chemical analysis is an essential part of environmental chemistry, as it provides data that covers most environmental studies. [10] Common analytical techniques used for quantitative determinations in environmental chemistry include classical wet chemistry, such as gravimetric, titrimetric and electrochemical methods. More sophisticated approaches are used in determining traces of metals and organic compounds. Metals are usually measured by atomic spectroscopy and mass spectrometry: atomic absorption spectrophotometry (AAS) and inductive coupled plasma atomic emission (ICP-AES) or inductive lycused plasma mass spectrometric (ICP-MS). Organic compounds, including PAH, are usually also measured by mass spectrometric methods, such as gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC/MS) and mass spectrometry -liquid chromatography (LC/MS). MS/MS tandem mass spectrometry and HR/AM high-resolution/precise mass spectrometry provide below-one per trillion detection. Non-SM methods using GC and LC with universal or specific detectors are still stapled into the available arsenal of analytical tools. Other parameters often measured in environmental chemistry are radiochemicals. These are pollutants that emit radioactive materials, such as alpha and beta particles, which pose a danger to human health and the environment. Particle meters and scintillation meters are most commonly used for these measurements. Biotests and immunotests are used for toxicity assessments of chemical effects on different organisms. The pcr polymerase chain reaction is able to identify species of bacteria and other organisms by specific isolation and amplification of the DNA and RNA gene and demonstrates promise as a valuable technique for identifying contamination environment. Published analytical methods The test methods evaluated by colleagues were published by government agencies[11][12] and by private research organizations. [13] Approved published published must be used for testing to demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements. See also monitoring the freshwater environment quality parameters of the environment Green Chemistry Green Chemistry Journal of Environmental Monitoring Important Publications in Environmental Chemistry List of Methods of Chemical Analysis References ^ Williams, Jan. Environmental chemistry, a modular approach. Wiley. 2001. ISBN 0-471-48942-5 ^ Glossary at Buzzards Bay Watershed Management Plan ^ American Meteorological Society. 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