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ACID RAIN: ITS CAUSES AND EFFECTS

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Abstract

Rainwater acidity is one of the main environmental issues facing the world today. Usually composed of a mixture of nitric and sulphurous acids, the precise composition of acid rain is determined by the emissions of these two gases. The soil becomes more acidic as a result of protons being released when these acids mix with other elements in the air. Toxic heavy metals are more readily available due to soil acidification, which also mobilises and leaches away cations that are rich in nutrients. The development of trees in the forest and the yield of plants in the fields are slowed by these changes because they lower the fertility of the soil. Fish and other aquatic species suffer greatly when bodies of water become more acidic. Additionally, acidification has an indirect impact on human health. All living things in an environment are negatively impacted by acid rain. Acid rain's chemicals have the ability to damage metal and concrete. Over the past 20 years, the acidity issue in terrestrial and aquatic settings has been lessened thanks to decreased emissions of precursors to acid rain and, to a lesser extent, liming.

Keywords: Acid rain, acidity, chemicals, environments, health

Introduction

Ever since the dawn of civilization, people have taken advantage of the abundance of resources on Earth. To make their life easier, they have built facilities to utilise the many sources of energy found on Earth. Today, power plants that use fossil fuels like natural gas, coal, and oil provide the majority of the world's electricity. Undoubtedly, this type of development made our lives easier, but it also contributes to pollution because it releases hazardous materials into the environment. The burning of fossil fuels in industry and transportation, as well as in urbanisation and industrialization, has resulted in a greater discharge of gaseous and particle pollutants into the atmosphere, which has led to an increase in air pollution (Tripathi and Gautam, 2007; Dwivedi and Tripathi, 2007). Acid rain is one of the biggest and most significant environmental issues brought on by air pollution.

The acidic rain that comes from clouds is very bad for aquatic environments like streams, lakes, and forests. It kills many plant and animal species. The rate of rain is one of the main things that decides whether or not people and animals can live. Rainfall is important for life on Earth because it brings much-needed water to the surface. Even though rain has an acidic pH level naturally, pollution from industry, cars, and other places is making it more acidic. Acid rain can look like fog, hail, or snow, among other things. In his 1872 study called "The air and rain beginning of chemical climatology," Robert Angus Smith was the first person to use this term to talk about how acidic the rain was in Manchester, UK, an industrial town. People have had to deal with acid rain for a lot longer than thirty or twenty years. This took place more than one hundred years ago. It has been a worry for most countries as the majority of the world has become industrialized that pollution will hurt people. A big part of this man-made waste is the acid in the rain.

The phrase "acid deposition" is frequently used to mean acid rain because it includes precipitation that is acidic in all of its forms, including snow. Wet deposition and dry deposition are the two different deposition formats. Snow, fog, and acidic precipitation are examples of wet deposition. If the acid substances in the air are blown into areas with rainy weather, they may descend to the earth as snow, fog, rain, or mist. This caustic water seeps into the soil and water tables, harming a great deal of life. In arid areas, the acid substances may combine with smoke or dust and fall to the ground as a result of dry deposition. There, they may attach themselves to any surface they come into touch with, including trees, buildings, cars, and the ground. Because rainstorms wash away the dry generated gases and particles, they have the ability to raise runoff from these surfaces.

The main cause of acid rain is believed to be discharge of oxides of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen, and other components in the atmosphere. The majority of these oxides are released by smelters that emit sulphur dioxide, car exhaust that releases nitrogen oxides, and coal-fired power stations. These oxides have the ability to react with other substances to form acids, which can subsequently be removed by rain or dry acid deposition. Initially, the only areas where acid rain caused issues were the main cities and surrounding heavy industries. However, air pollutants are being transported over longer distances and even over international boundaries due to the extensive development of towering stacks at power plants and manufacturing facilities (Galloway and Whelpdale, 1980; Wagh et al., 2006).

Several countries in Europe, Eastern Asia, and North America including Canada as well, the UK, Scotland, Denmark, Norway, Germany's western part, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, the southwest

About the Book

"The Eco-Blueprint: Crafting a Sustainable Future" addresses global sustainability's critical steps. The book may address climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and resource depletion. Sustainability involves renewable energy, conservation, trash reduction, and green technologies. A book may study how government policies, regulations, and international agreements promote environmental sustainability. "The Eco-Blueprint: Crafting a Sustainable Future" helps individuals, lawmakers, and companies plan for the future. This resource could suggest sustainable social, economic, and environmental ideas.

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