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ABSTRACT

Impact Assessment of Odor Nuisance and Health Risk and Its Variations from Landfill Surface

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Many people worry that the public health from municipal solid waste (MSW) will threaten their health and cause them to focus on odor pollution increasingly. However, the long-time assessment of odor nuisance and health risk impact of landfill gas in developing countries remains less understood.

In this work, five stages of the operational conditions were considered as an integral monitoring from beginning to the end process of the landfill surface in Guangzhou, China. Main compounds and odor concentration were measured on the site of opening membrane (OM), tipping (TA), capping membrane (CM), temporarily capped (TC) and land filling-up (LF), to identify the impact for the surrounding residents by an appropriate air dispersion model with two-year meteorological data. Differences of landfill surface geometry, such as emission height and source area and variations of residents living floors were taken into account in the air dispersion model to illustrate the changes of odor nuisance effect and health risk impact. Odor nuisance of sensitive receptors and the separation distances were assessed by the 98th percentile of hourly averages of odor concentration. Aromatics, halocarbons, and other chemicals under the toxic substances of USEPA were evaluated by the risks of carcinogenic, non-carcinogenic and cumulative effects for nearby residents, based on the annual average concentration of hazardous substances.

The results indicated that four of the eight sensitive receptors which were 2.6 km away from the landfill surface were basically affected by the odor nuisance and the health risk. Dichloromethane had an indelible and crucial impact on body health based on a comprehensive investigation of aromatics, halocarbons, and other chemicals. Odor nuisance and health risk impact were significant nearby the landfill, and were remarkable factors in damaging the local environment. It is noticed that the study of olfactory and toxic environment impact should be useful for the management and control of landfill and further development of the city.

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