



Spatial Distribution of Arsenic and Cadmium in Industrial Waste Water of Bikaner City (Rajasthan) India

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ABSTRACT

The quality of industrial wastewater in Bikaner city has been analyzed by studying the metals, Arsenic (As) and Cadmium (Cd) from four Industrial areas. Metal analysis was carried out to find out the spatial distribution of Arsenic and Cadmium in the study area. Spatial distribution is essential to give information about the reality of contamination. The spatial distribution of Arsenic and Cadmium within the study area was carried out by implementing the Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS) technique. This technique was established on the Inverse Distance Weighted Predicted maps. The results showed that the content of As was 0.073 to 0.081 mg/L and the Cd content range was from 0.0175 to 0.0197 mg/L. These values were beyond the recommended limit of drinking water standards of WHO and BIS. It was found that the quality of industrial wastewater is not good for agricultural and domestic uses due to the direct discharge of effluents without prior treatment. Spatial distribution study assisted to analyze, understand and find out the solutions to industrial wastewater quality.

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INTRODUCTION

Industrial waste water is commonly used for agricultural irrigation as it is economically viable alternative. Waste water irrigation is a replacement for chemical fertilizers and water supply sources [1]. Several studies showed waste water irrigation promotes crop production because it contains many essential nutrients [2], [3], [4]. However, Industrial waste water also contains certain toxic pollutants, such as organic and inorganic pollutants [5], which can enter in human body via food chain and cause negative impacts to human health [6]. Industrial waste water usually contains heavy metals such as Cr, Cd, Cu, Ni, Pb, As and Zn [7]. There are several industries in Bikaner which are manufacturing agrochemical fertilizers, electroplate, paint, chemicals, ceramics and metals. As is released from metallurgical and chemical industries [8] and Cd is discharged by fertilizer, electroplating and paint industries [9]. These metals can cause serious human health problems. As can cause nervous system and gastrointestinal disorders [10]. High As concentration may cause headaches, vomiting, abdominal pain and even death [11]. Cd is also considered as toxic metal even low concentration can cause negative impacts [12]. Cd may cause kidney dysfunction, osteomalacia, prostate and breast cancer [13]. The main purpose of the study was to investigate arsenic and cadmium content in industrial waste water and spatial distribution of As and Cd in the study area. Geographic Information System (GIS) is one of the advanced technologies which is utilized in various fields. GIS is a data-based technology that can present, describe, and manage various data sets such as maps of spatial distribution [14]. The spatial distribution of water parameters can be assessed. It is also used to determine the source of pollution [15]. GIS technology is also used by scientists for spatial queries, analysis, and integration since last three decades [16]. It is very useful software for the analysis of heavy metals by developing contour maps [17]. Recently, GIS played an important role in promoting water-connected phenomena representation and analysis [18]. This technology is widely used to monitor and manage wastewater especially in economically expanding and developing countries [19]. It is used to predict the effects due to changes in agricultural activity, runoff, nutrient transport, and soil erosion [20]. GIS is helpful to find out high contamination levels around industrial areas of Punjab [21]. GIS-based maps provide information related to water quality sampling points and also provide information related to existing levels of some major water quality parameters of Swan River [22]. It is a useful technology to create the spatial distribution of physico-chemical parameters and raster maps, to find out the water quality of

Bhadravathi Taluka, Karnataka, India [23]. This modern tool assesses groundwater pollution due to industrial effluents around Pali city and these industrial effluents also release in the Bandi River [24]. Hence, GIS software is very advantageous to create spatial distribution maps of the physico-chemical parameters and heavy metals by using the Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW) approach in several research studies [17], [26], [27], [28], [29].

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Study area - The study is conducted in the Rani Bazar industrial area, Khara industrial area, Bichhwal industrial area, and Karni industrial area of Bikaner. The latitude of Rani Bazar industrial area is 28.007235, and the longitude is 73.317078. GPS coordinates are 28° 0' 26.0460" N and 73° 19' 1.4808" E. Its elevation is about 235 m. The latitude of Karni industrial area is 28.0605146, and the longitude is 73.2942267. GPS coordinates are 28° 3' 27.854" N and 73° 17' 39.2172" E and its elevation is about 225 m. The latitude of Khara industrial area is 28.182575, and the longitude is 73.387705. GPS coordinates are 28°10'57.27"N and 73°23'15.74"E and its elevation is about 225 m. The latitude of Bichhwal industrial area is 28.066203 and the longitude is 73.33725. GPS coordinates are 28°3'58.32"N and 73°20'14.1"E.

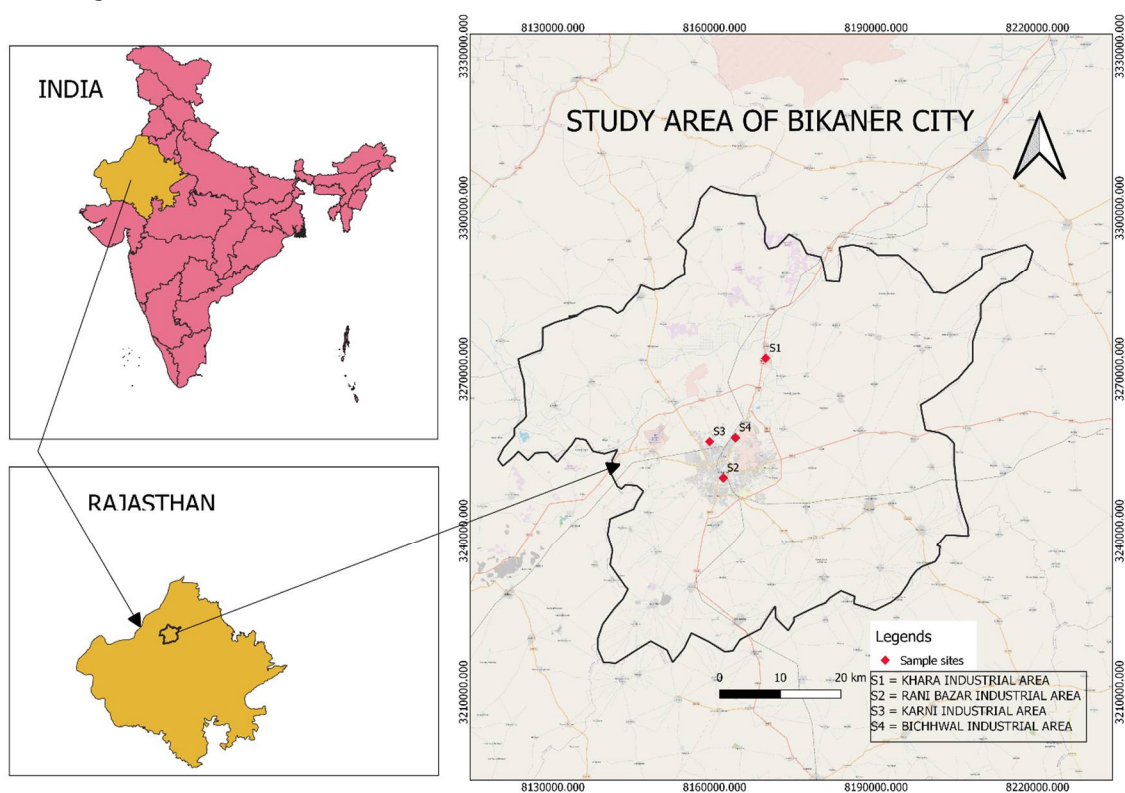


Figure 1. Study area.

Sample collection - In this study, arsenic and cadmium were evaluated in four industrial wastewater sites. The samples were collected in polypropylene 100 ml bottles. The bottles were pre-washed and rinsed with distilled water. Samples were stored at 40 °C until the analysis is done. **Sample preparation** - Samples were filtered in 250 ml conical flask. Nitric acid and hydrochloric acid (3:1 v/v) were added into samples for acid digestion. After then, each sample was put on the hot plate until a clean solution gets obtained, then the sample get cool down. A little amount of distilled water was added to the sample for filtration. Concentrations of arsenic and cadmium were determined by using an Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer (ICPE-9000, Shimadzu's Private Ltd., Japan). **Spatial analysis of As and Cd** - qGIS software (3.10.5) was used for the spatial modeling of As and Cd in the study area. Here, the continuous layer was created by the interpolation method. Further, the Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW) method of interpolation was applied to find out the interpolated values and then, maps were generated.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The collected 4 Industrial wastewater samples from the study area of Bikaner city were analyzed in the laboratory. Arsenic and Cadmium metals were analyzed by using the specific analytical instrument and standard procedures. According to WHO [30] and BIS [31], the desirable limit and permissible limit for

drinking water have been produced. The spatial distribution of As and Cd in Industrial wastewater was mapped based on IDW (Inverse Distance Weighted) interpolation using open-source software, QGIS. About 2 maps were generated. Concentrations of arsenic and cadmium in the study area are presented in Figure 2 and 3 respectively.

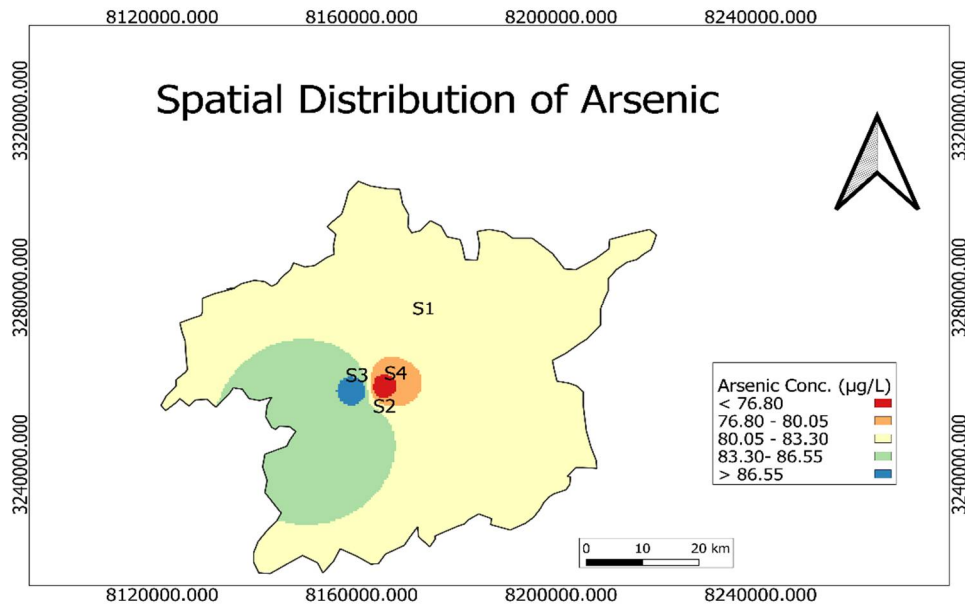


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of arsenic.

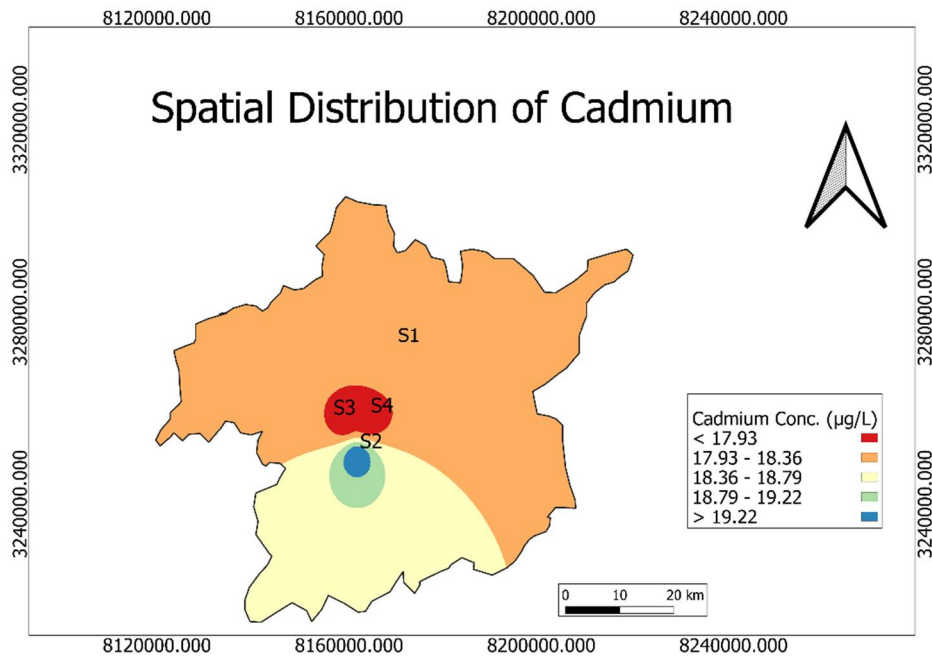


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of cadmium.

The result of the spatial analysis indicates that the study areas have high arsenic and cadmium concentrations. Here, S3 (Karni industrial area) and S2 (Rani Bazar industrial area) had high concentrations of As and Cd respectively. The average concentration of As and Cd exceeded the permissible limits given by WHO and BIS for drinking water. Industrial wastewater quality spatial assessment helps in the overall assessment of wastewater management issues for any area of taking necessary administrative decisions. It can provide useful insights for the development of wastewater management plans in study area.

CONCLUSION

The present study shows that GIS is an effective tool for industrial wastewater quality analysis and mapping. Spatial distribution maps help to create or anticipate the industrial wastewater quality status, pollution level, and the real extent of contamination in the study area. In this study, arsenic and cadmium concentrations are calculated and spatially analyzed by using the IDW interpolation method. The wastewater within the industrial area has a very high concentration of arsenic and cadmium. Which is proving that the wastewater nearby 4 Industrial areas is not only causing direct contamination of soil and vegetation but is also responsible for health hazards. Industrial wastewater quality is poor and not within WHO and BIS guidelines for drinking purposes as well as for domestic use. We need to follow adequate effluent treatment methods and reduce their potential environmental hazards. To control such stress, strict environmental laws become crucial.

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