# **Environmental Pollution**



## Atmospheric Pollution

Tropospheric Pollution

Stratospheric pollution

#### Gaseous pollutants

eg: SO,,NO,,CO,,H,S,C,H,

Green house effect:

Trapping of infrared radiation by green house gas will lead to heating of earth atmosphere Green house gases:

CO., CH., O., CFC, Nitrous oxide and water vapour.

Increase in concentration of green house, will lead to rise in global temperature, which again leads to melting of polar ice caps & flooding in low areas.

#### Acid Rain:

Normal rain has pH = 5.6

When pH of rainwater is less than 5.6, it is acid rain. It is due to the presence of HNO3, H2SO4

- 1. Harmful for agriculture
- 2. Damages aquatic ecosystem
- 3. Respiratory Illness
- 4. Damage building made up of stone, marble, metal. eg: Tajmahal and Acid Rain

(discolouration and lustreless)

## Ozone laver depletion

Main reason for depletion is CFC's (AC, Fridge)

CF<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub> <sup>UV</sup> CF<sub>2</sub>CI + CI

CFCI, UV CFCI, + CI

 $\dot{C}I + O_3 \stackrel{\cup V}{\rightarrow} \dot{C}IO + O_2$ 

CIO + O UV CI + O.

1 molecule of CFC's destroys 1000 ozone molecule.

#### Ozone hole

In September and October each year ozone hole develops over Antarctica

• In summer

ClO reacts with NO, & CH, to form chlorine sink CIO + NO - CIONO

CI+CH, → CH, + HCI

This prevents ozone layer depletion.

Special type of clouds are formed called polar stratospheric clouds which contains HNO3.3H,O or ice

CIO + NO, - CIONO,

CIONO, HOCI + HNO,

CIONO, HCI, + HNO,

· During Spring

HOCI Hy OH + CI  $Cl_2 \xrightarrow{h_{\nu}} \dot{C}l + \dot{C}l$ 

The chlorine radicals thus formed initiate the chain reaction for ozone depletion.

## Water Pollution

### Biological Oxygen Demand (B.O.D)

oxygen required by bacteria to break down organic matter in a certain volume of water.

Pure water- BOD < 5 ppm

Highly polluted water- BOD > 17ppm

#### Eutrophication

Process in which nutrient enriched water bodies support a dense plant population, which kills animal life by depriving it of oxygen and results in subsequent loss of biodiversity is known as Eutrophication.

#### International standard of drinking water

Fluoride: 1ppm. Above 2ppm:- brown molting of teeth, over 10ppm: bones and teeth damage.

Lead: 50ppb. >50ppb- damages kidney, liver.

reproductive system.

Nitrate: 50ppm. >50ppm- blue baby syndrome(methemoglobinemia)

Sulphate: 500ppm. >500ppm: laxative effect

## Soil Pollution

#### Pesticide:

chemical used to kill/ stop growth of unwanted organism.

#### Insecticide:

DDT, BHC, Aldrin (stays in soil for long period & contaminates root crops like potato, carrot, radish etc.)

Herbicide: NaClO,, Na, AsO,

Fungicide:

Organo mercury compound. It leaves mercury in soil which is toxic.

## Green Chemistry

## Dry cleaning of clothes:

Earlier used: Cl, C=CCl, (carcinogenic) Replaced by: liquid CO, Presently used: H,O,

# Bleaching of paper:

Earlier used: Cl. gas Presently used: H,O,

### Ethanal preparation

Done in a harmful method previously Presently used: Pd/Cu/H2O

 $H_2C=CH_2 \xrightarrow{Catalyst} CH_3CHO$ 



### Particulate pollutants

Smog = smoke + fog

Classical smog or London smog	Photochemical smog Los Angeles smog
Cool and humid climate	Warm and dry climate
Contains oxides of sulphur	Contains oxides of Nitrogen
Contains primary pollutant	Contains secondary pollutant
Reducing nature/ Reducing smog	Oxidising nature/ oxidising smog

Formation of Photochemical Smog

Both NO, and O, are strong oxidising agent and reacts with unburnt hydrocarbon to produce formaldehyde, acrolein, PAN (peroxy acetyl nitrate)

Which one of the following is not a common component of photochemical smog?

- (a) Ozone
- (b) Acrolein
- (c) Peroxyacetyl nitrate (d) Chlorofluorocarbons

Which oxide of nitrogen is not a common pollutant introduced into the atmosphere both due to natural and human activity?

- (a) N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- (b) NO<sub>2</sub>
- (c) N<sub>2</sub>O
- (d) NO

Among the following, the one that is not a green house gas is:

- (a) sulphur dioxide (b) nitrous oxide
- (c) methane
- (d) ozone