

Management of Domestic Wastes

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ABSTRACT

Studies of municipal waste discharges and sewage sludge dumping reveal that these sources account for more than half of the loadings of the most serious pollutants in the New York Bight region. Liquid municipal discharges account for 35-70% and municipal sludge dumping for 5-15% of total input, depending upon the contaminant under considerations.

Increasing costs of conventional waste disposal practices and regulation have not been accompanied by corresponding benefits. Consequently, there is increasing need to determine willingness to pay for alternative policy or institutional and technological options for waste generation and disposal practices in the New York metropolitan area.

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