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## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN NIGERIA. ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS**

### **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

The industries all over the world that brought prosperity and affluence, made inroads in the biosphere and disturbed the ecological balances. The pall of smoke, the swirling gases, industrial effluents and the fall-out of scientific experiments became constant health hazards, pollution and contaminating both air and water. The important disposals of industrial wastes are the sources of soil and water pollution. Chemical waste resulting from industry can pollute lakes, rivers and seas and soil too as well as releasing fumes.

Dumping solid waste: Household and commercial waste pollute the environment when not disposed properly. Vehicles: the smoke emitted by vehicles using petrol and diesel and the cooking coal also pollutes the environment. The multiplication of vehicles, emitting black smoke that, being free and unfettered, spreads out and mixed the air we breathe. The harmful smoke of these vehicles causes air pollution.

Further, the sounds produced by these vehicles produce causes noise pollution. Rapid urbanization and industrialization: The urbanization and the rapid growth of industrialization are causing through environmental pollution the greatest harm to the plant life, which in turn causing harm to the animal kingdom and the human lives. Population overgrowth: Due to the increase in population, particularly in developing countries, there has been surge in demand for basic food, occupation and shelter. The world has witnessed massive deforestation to expand absorb the growing population and their and their demands. Combusting of fossil fuel: The combustion of fossils fuel pollutes the air, the soil the water with noxious gasses such as CO<sub>2</sub> and Co.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

1. To examine the extent improper disposal of industries wastes are the source of soil and water pollution
2. To ascertain the nature of smoke emitted by vehicle using petrol and diesel and the cooking coal pollutes the environment.
3. To determine the effect of the environmental pollutions human health.

## **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

1. What extent is improper disposal of industrial waste a source of soil and water pollution?
2. What is the nature of smoke emitted by vehicles using petrol and the cooking coals pollutes environment?
3. What are the effects of the environmental pollutions to human health?