

NITRATE CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING WATER AROUND THE VILLAGES OF KALI EAST RIVER, MEERUT U.P., INDIA

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Abstract: Nitrate contaminations in drinking water were measured around the villages of Kali east river of Meerut district. The results indicate a large variation of nitrate from 2.5 mg/l-80 mg/l. In this study 32 sample were collected for the study and found about 21.85% high nitrate contents (>50 mg/l), which is more than the permissible limit in drinking water. The study indicates that ground water of villages near Kali east river is more polluted. The possible source for the high nitrate level in ground water were identified as excessive utilization of nitrogenous fertilizers for agricultural purposes and effluent from different industries, sewerage of city and villages are dumped in to kali east river without any treatment which pollute the river and ground water resources.

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