

# Measuring the Physico-Chemical Impact of Wastewater from the Open Sewer in an Industrial Area: Case of the Kossodo Industrial Area in the City of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso

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## Abstract

Wastewater from industrial units in the Kossodo district in the city of Ouagadougou has a physicochemical impact on the environment and the population. For several years the Kossodo area was famous for the effects of wastewater from industrial units on the environment (a foul odor). We took samples from various points of the open canals in order to determine the physico-chemical parameters of this wastewater. This choice was guided by a concern to measure the physico-chemical impact of wastewater from the open sewer in the industrial zone of Kossodo in the city of Ouagadougou on the one hand and to show the danger represented by this wastewater from industrial units on the environment and public health on the other hand.

The objective also guided the choice of the parameters retained for the measurement of the physicochemical impact of the industrial units wastewater of the open sewer of Kossodo zone in the city of Ouagadougou: MES, DCO, BOD<sub>5</sub>, pH, Potassium, Sodium.

The results show that the wastewater from the open sewers of the industrial units of Kossodo in the city of Ouagadougou, has a high physicochemical parameter content than the authorized discharge standard.

**Keywords:** measurement, physico-chemical impact, wastewater, open sewer

## 1. Introduction

Sanitation is a critical issue in Africa today. The galloping urbanization and the rapid industrialization of African cities make the task of the structures in charge of waste management (wastewater) complex because they do not have the necessary means and tools, and appropriate for the evacuation of wastewater. outside the cities. Urbanization is a source of great economic opportunities, but also a challenge that requires a substantial reform of development policy programs. The emergence of the notion of sustainable development has reinforced this trend. In addition, it is impossible today to dissociate sustainable development from sanitation, the role of which is to make the environment healthy, to eliminate the causes of pollution or insalubrity for the well-being and the best conditions of people's lives. In view of these requirements for sustainable development, Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, should not be the exception.

This study will highlight the harmful effects of the waste discharged into the open sewers on the environment and on the local population by measuring the physicochemical parameters.

## 2. Materials and Method

### 2.1 Choice of Study Devices

#### ☞ The site

**The treatment station:** it is located in the industrial zone of Kossodo, located northeast of the city of Ouagadougou, in district 4. Domestic and industrial waste conveyed through these sewers is dumped directly into the said station.

**Central canal:** it is an open sewer passing through the city center, Yalgado hospital, Kossodo industrial zone

**Wemtenga canal:** it consists of open sewers passing through Dassasgho, Maco, Kossodo industrial zone

**Zogona Canal:** it concerns the open sewer passing through Zogona, Professor Ki ZERBO University, Kossodo industrial zone

**Mogho Naaba Canal:** it is also an open sewer, and the most important. It drains the Samandin, Gounghin, Camp Guillaume, Bilbambili, Ouidi, Nemnin districts as well as the Gounghin industrial zone.

☞ **Ph meter:** This instrument was used for pH measurements of wastewater in open sewers (central channel, wemtenga channel, zogona channel and mogho naaba channel).

The pH meter consists of an electronic box allowing the display of the digital value of the pH and of a pH probe made up of a glass electrode allowing the measurement and a reference electrode. Its operation is based on the relationship that exists between the concentration of ions (definition of pH) and the difference in electrochemical potential that is established in the pH meter when it is immersed in wastewater.



Figure 1. The pH meter to measure the pH of the E.U of the channels

#### ☞ Microscope

It is an optical instrument equipped with a lens and an eyepiece which allows to observe the possible presence of bacteria and viruses present in wastewater so that they can be observed by the human eye.

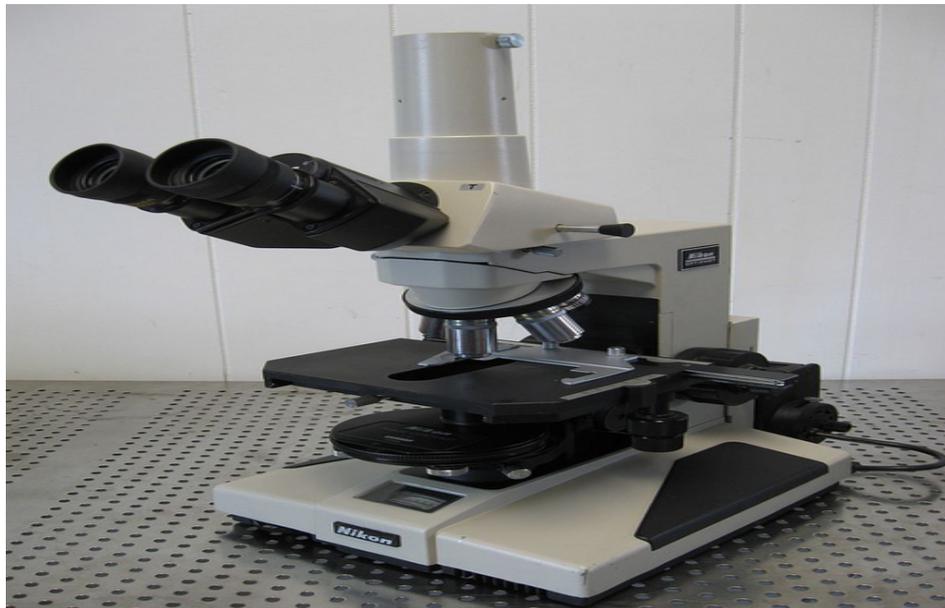


Figure 2. Microscope used to evaluate the microbiological parameters of the channels

☞ **WTW Cellox 325 oximeter:** This instrument was used for the measurement of dissolved oxygen. The DCO determination was made on samples filtered with 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  membranes, diluted and measured by the potassium dichromate method using a HACH spectrophotometer.



Figure 3. Oximeter measuring the DCO of the channels

☞ **A conductivity meter or conductivity meter:** this is a device for measuring the conductivity of wastewater contained in open sewers. It consists of two parts: an electronic box which displays the value of the conductivity and a cell which measures this value.

The conductivity measurement is done in alternating current to avoid polarization of the electrodes. The device measures the voltage at the terminals of a cell immersed in the waste water to be studied and the intensity of the current flowing there.

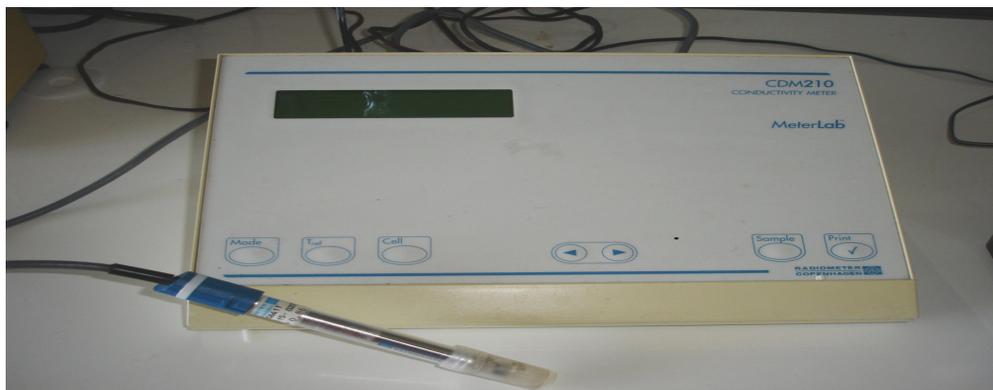


Figure 4. Digital conductivity meter measuring the electrical conductivity of the E.U.s of the channels

- ☞ **Beaker or graduated beaker with handle**
- ☞ **Bucket with rope**
- ☞ **Rod sump (telescopic) with holder and suitable cup / container (graduated) adapted**
- ☞ **a portable digital thermometer or thermocouple with an accuracy of up to 0.1 ° C**
- ☞ **plastic and / or glass containers for the (physico-chemical) parameters to be analyzed (pre-preserved, if applicable).**

## 2.2 Description of the Study

### ❖ *Water sampling*

For questions of complexity, it is difficult to make a judicious choice of sampling points. However, the recognition of the wastewater discharge network made it possible to opt for ten sampling points on each major drainage network, namely: ten points symbolized by P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10.

These privileged sampling points are shown in the figure below.

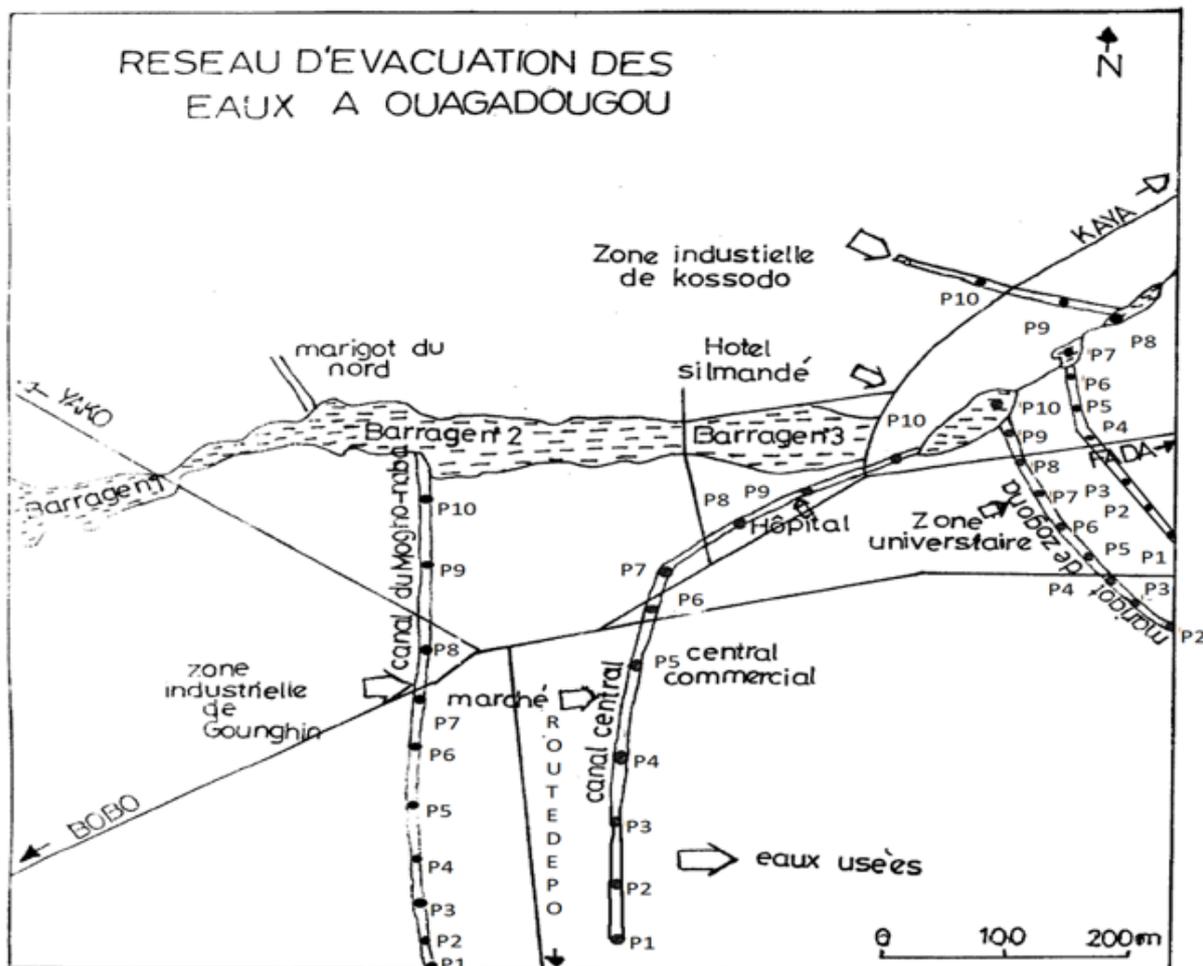


Figure 5. The water drainage network in the city of Ouagadougou where the sampling points are materialized

#### ❖ *Sample collection*

Wastewater has a more or less variable composition depending on the season. It was difficult to practice a satisfactory sampling technique in the rainy season. Sampling was used in the dry season with the advantage of more reliable data since in the rainy season the rainwater reduces the impact.

The used water samples were taken in a liter plastic bottles, previously washed with distilled water. In order to control and confirm the reproducibility of the measurements of these parameters, additional samples were taken whenever necessary. The samples were kept in a refrigerated cooler during transport to the laboratory where analyzes were immediately carried out. During the analyzes, the samples are kept in the refrigerator to avoid any contamination and to ensure good conservation.

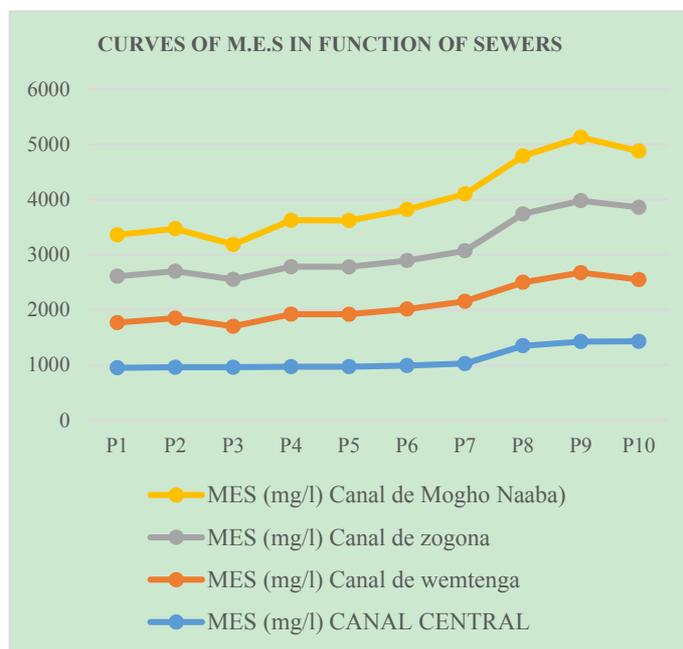
### 3. Results and Discussions

The results of the laboratory analyze for the physico-chemical parameters of the wastewater are presented in the tables and figures below:

#### ☞ **Suspended matter: MES**

Table 1. Suspended matter (MES) per channel (mg/l)

Points	Central canal	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	950	820	840	750
P2	960	891	850	771
P3	960	743	850	633
P4	970	952	860	842
P5	970	950	860	840
P6	990	1025	880	925
P7	1026	1130	916	1030
P8	1350	1150	1240	1050
P9	1425	1250	1305	1150
P10	1430	1120	1310	1020



Figures 6. Trends in suspended solids as a function of sewers (canals)

The analysis of the suspended matter curves of the channels (*figure 6*) shows an increase in the suspended matter content (MES) as the wastewater approaches the place of convergence (bangré-weogo park), which is higher than the limit value set before discharge into public sewerage systems at 1000 mg/l.

☞ The central sewer (central channel) from P1 to P6 the MES values are lower than the limit values provided for by the decree, from P7 to P10 the MES values are greater than the limit values. This situation is explained by the fact that from the city center (large market) to the Yalgado hospital we have a small amount of suspended solids (MES) in the central sewer and from the Yalgado hospital at Kossodo (industrial zone) we have a high concentration of MES. This increase is due to the activity of industrial companies and the discharge of wastewater into the sewer of Yalgado Hospital.

☞ The wemtenga sewer (wemtenga channel) from P1 to P5 the MES values are lower than the limit values provided for by the decree, from P6 to P10 the MES values are higher than the limit values. This situation is explained by the fact that from the Wemtenga district to the Ouagadougou Arrest and Correction Center (MACO) we have a small amount of suspended solids (MES) in the sewer and MACO at Kossodo (industrial zone) we have a high concentration of MES. This is due to the activity of industrial companies and the discharge of wastewater into the MACO sewer.

☞ The zogona sewer (zogona canal) from P1 to P7 the MES values are lower than the limit values provided for by the decree, from P8 to P10 the MES values are greater than the limit values. This is explained by the fact that from the Bonsyaar district to Professor Joseph KI Zerbo University (Ouaga I University) we have a small amount of suspended solids (MES) in the sewer and the Ouaga I University in Kossodo (industrial zone) we have a high concentration of MES due to the activity of industrial companies and the discharge of wastewater into the sewer of Ouaga I University.

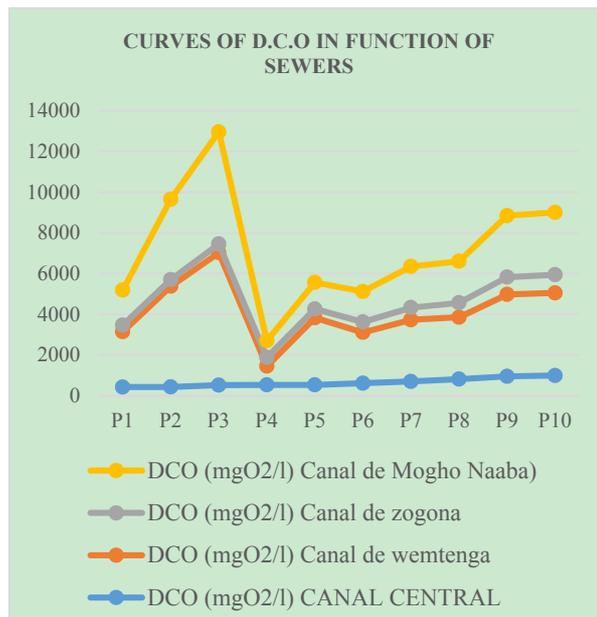
☞ The Mogho Naaba sewer (mogho naaba canal) from P1 to P6 the MES values are lower than the limit values provided for by the decree, from P7 to P10 the MES values are higher than the limit values. This situation is explained by the fact that from the Cissin district to the Gounghin district we have a small quantity of suspended solids (SS) in the sewer and from the Gounghin district to dams n°1, n°2 and n°3 until Kossodo (industrial zone) we have a high concentration of suspended solids. This is due to the activity of industrial companies in Gounghin and Kossodo each housing an industrial zone.

It is essential to install a filter system at the point of intersection (in the bangré-weogo park) of the canals (sewers) in order to avoid the rejection of MES in the natural environment, the consequences of which are harmful for the ecosystem in the bangré-weogo park and in the massili.

☞ **Demand of Chemical Oxygen: DCO**

Table 2. Demand of Chemical Oxygen per channel (mg/l)

Points	Central canal	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	425	2720	325	1720
P2	428	4950	324	3950
P3	520	6510	422	5512
P4	532	920	430	820
P5	532	3300	432	1302
P6	612	2500	510	1501
P7	702	3025	602	2023
P8	815	3040	712	2040
P9	950	4025	852	3025
P10	990	4060	892	3065



Figures 7. Trends in chemical oxygen demand by sewer (canals)

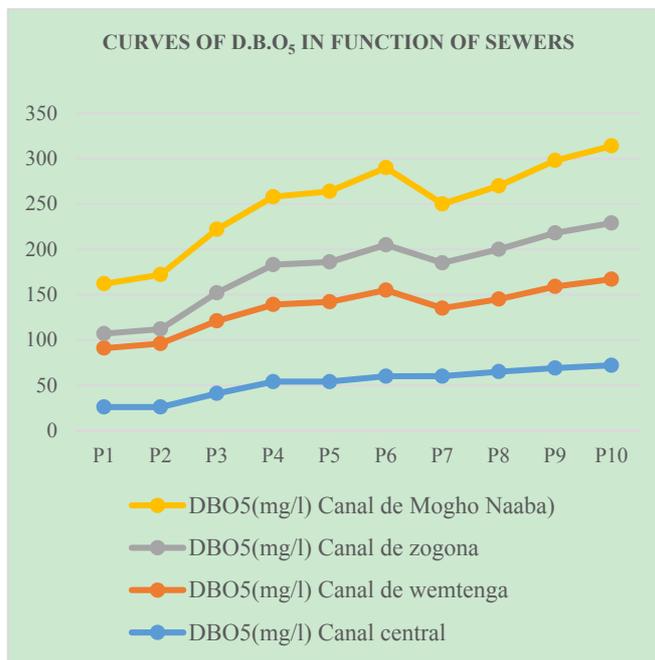
Analysis of the trend curves of chemical oxygen demands as a function of the sewers (Figures 7) shows linear growth in chemical oxygen demands for the central channel and a sawtooth growth for the channels of wemtenga, zogona, mogho naaba. We notice an increase in the DCO content as we approach the point of convergence towards the industrial zone (bangé -weogo park). This increase in DCO concentrations in the open canals to the area is due to discharges from industrial units that gravitate in the area. The limit values for DCO discharges into public sewers are set by the structures in charge of sanitation (ONEA) according to each industrial unit.

The limit values for DCO in public sewers are 2000mg/l. The effluents from these canals are discharged directly into the massili via the bangré-weogo park without treatment. There is an urgent need to take measures to reduce the impact of this flow polluting the environment. The limit values for DCO discharge into the natural environment are 150 mg/l. however, the DCO trends in the channels which will be poured into the massili (environment) are clearly greater than 150 mg/l.

☞ **Demand of Biochemical Oxygen in 5 days: DBO<sub>5</sub>**

Table 3. Demand of Biochemical Oxygen in 5 days per channel (mg/l)

Points	Canal central	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	26	65	16	55
P2	26	70	16	60
P3	41	80	31	70
P4	54	85	44	75
P5	54	88	44	78
P6	60	95	50	85
P7	60	75	50	65
P8	65	80	55	70
P9	69	90	59	80
P10	72	95	62	85



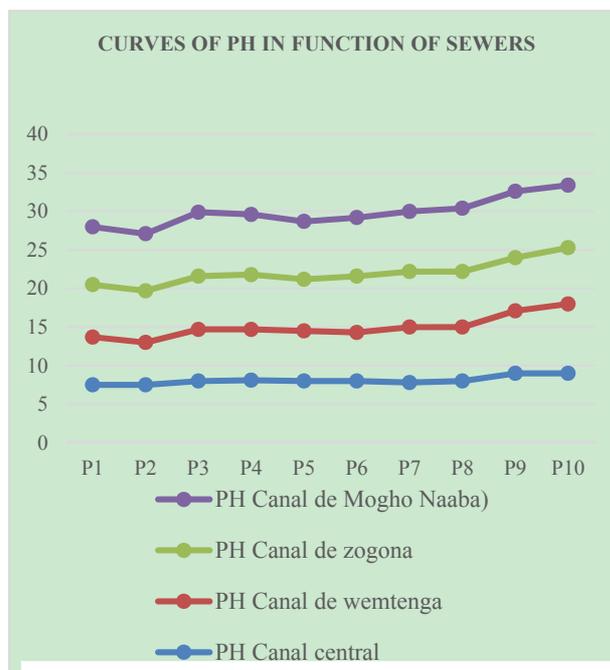
Figures 8. Trends in 5-day biochemical oxygen demand as a function of sewers (canals)

Analysis of the trend curves of biochemical oxygen demand in 5 days per channel (Figure 8) indicates an increase in DBO<sub>5</sub> content as one approaches the industrial zone. This increase in DBO<sub>5</sub> concentrations is explained by the discharge into open public sewers of wastewater from industrial units. If no measures have been taken for DBO<sub>5</sub> trends, this will have serious consequences on the ecosystem of the bangré -weogo park and the massili which receives these effluents. The limit value of DBO<sub>5</sub> for discharge into the natural environment (environment) at 40 mg/l. However, the concentrations of DBO<sub>5</sub> in the open canals have exceeded the authorized environmental release threshold, so diligent measures are essential to reduce the impact of this pollution.

**The hydrogen potential: pH**

Table 4. Hydrogen potential per channel

Points	Central Canal	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	7,5	6,2	6,8	7,5
P2	7,5	5,5	6,7	7,4
P3	8	6,7	6,9	8,3
P4	8,1	6,6	7,1	7,8
P5	8	6,5	6,7	7,5
P6	8	6,3	7,3	7,6
P7	7,8	7,2	7,2	7,8
P8	8	7	7,2	8,2
P9	9	8,1	6,9	8,6
P10	9	9	7,3	8,1



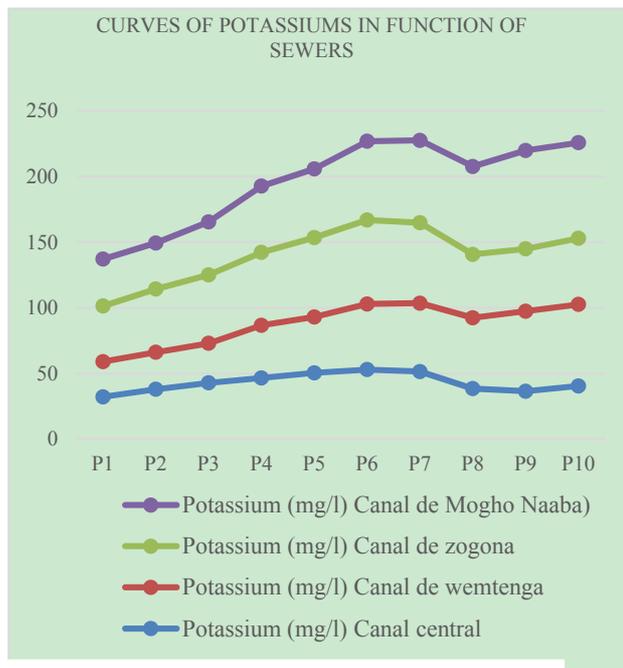
Figures 9. Trend of hydrogen potentials as a function of sewers (channels)

According to the analysis of the trend curves of the hydrogen potentials (*figure 9*) the pH increases as one approaches the industrial area. It takes maximum values from the start of the industrial zone. This is justified by the discharge of effluents from industrial units which are rich in hydrogen potential. Quite true, the pH values in the sewers are below the discharge threshold authorized by the Burkinabe authorities, pH between 6.5 and 9.0 for a discharge of effluents into the natural environment and pH between 6.5 and 10.5 for discharge into sewers (canals); it is necessary to take appropriate measures to stop this increase.

**Potassium**

Table 5. Potassium per channel (mg/l)

Points	Central canal	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	32,24	26,8	42,4	35,8
P2	38	28,2	48,2	35,1
P3	42,9	30,1	52,2	40,4
P4	46,6	40,15	55,6	50,5
P5	50,5	42,6	60,52	52,35
P6	53	50	64	60
P7	51,5	52,1	61,3	62,8
P8	38,5	54	48,32	67
P9	36,5	61	47,5	75
P10	40,5	62,2	50,4	72,8



Figures 10. Potassium trend as a function of sewers (canals)

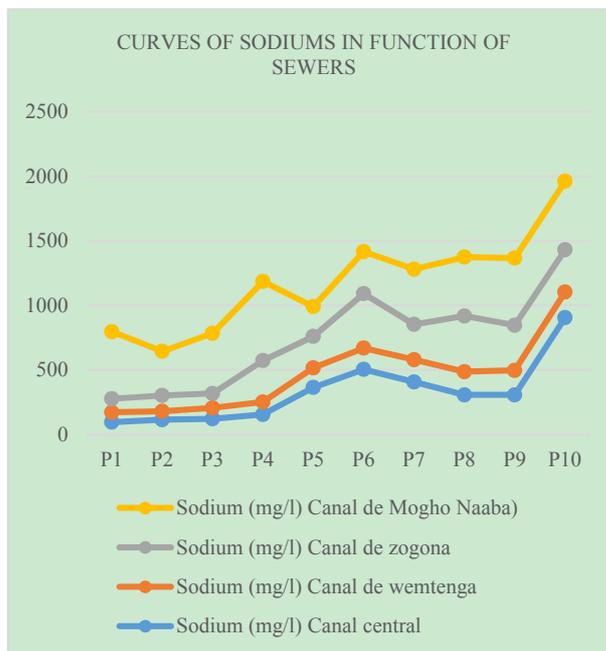
Analysis of the potassium trend curves as a function of the channels (*Figure 10*) shows an increase in potassium content with a maximum of P6 and P7. Then from P8 the potassium trend rises to reach its maximum value. This increase in the potassium concentration as one moves towards the area is explained by the discharge of effluents from industrial units. This rejection is much more important when we are in the area because of the density of industrial societies.

In order to protect the environment by reducing the negative impact, it is essential to force all industrial units to treat their effluent before it is released into the natural environment.

**Sodium**

Tableau 6. Sodium by canal (mg/l)

Points	Central canal	Wemtenga canal	Zogona canal	Mogho Naaba canal
P1	96	76	105,5	519,5
P2	115	65	123	342,5
P3	122	85	111,5	466,5
P4	156	97	320	613
P5	365	152	243,5	230,5
P6	505	165	421,5	326
P7	408	172	273,5	427
P8	307	180	431,5	456
P9	307	190	350	520
P10	906	198	328	530



Figures 11. Sodium trend as a function of sewers (canals)

Based on the analysis of the sodium trendlines as a function of the channels (Figure 11) we have an increase in sodium content from P1 to P10 with a maximum at point P10.

Point P10 is located in the industrial zone, which justifies the high sodium concentration values at this point because of the effluents from industrial units. Quick decisions should be taken to reduce this concentration for the sake of environmental protection and public health.

**4. Conclusion**

The experimental study carried out in this work is a contribution to the protection of the environment in order to meet certain requirements of green industry. The results of the study show that there is pollution of the entire ecosystem with greater acuity at the level of the open-air industrial effluent evacuation sewers of the industrial zone in the city of Ouagadougou. Our results confirm most of the studies carried out on industrial wastewater. As the impacts of the physico-chemical parameters of the wastewater from the industrial zone are not all immediate, these waters could have a negative impact on human health and the environment in the long term.

In addition, the non-open sewer system in the sewage disposal networks would play an important role in mitigating the effects of pollution, however, the intensification of industrial activities in the Kossodo area in the city of Ouagadougou, because of the non-treatment of the effluents and the dysfunction of certain existing settling tanks, would be a risk for the pollution of the soil and consequently of the water table.

It would be interesting to extend the additional studies on the fauna and flora of the bangre-weogo park and its surroundings which drains the effluent as far as the Massili, as well as the measurement of the pollution of the water table in the vicinity of the water pipes. evacuation where the population practices intensive agriculture.

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