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**Current Problems of Hydrogeology in Urban Areas, Urban Agglomerates and Industrial Centres** - Ken W.F. Howard 2012-12-06 Groundwater issues have generated worldwide concern in recent decades. The problems are numerous: too little groundwater, too much groundwater, groundwater contaminated by either saline water or a broad spectrum of industrial and domestic pollutants. Many urban groundwater problems are not unique to any one region, which is the thinking behind this book. Many of the case studies presented here have never before been described in English. Overall, the papers represent the work and experience of researchers and groundwater professionals who have worked on urban groundwater issues in developed and less-developed nations around the world. They reveal the magnitude and scope of the problem as well as identify future challenges, potential courses of action, and emerging technologies that
offer hope for the future.

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by LEUNG, CHI MAN for the degree of Master of Philosophy at The University of Hong Kong in May 2004 This study investigates the hydrogeochemical characteristics of the Mid-Levels area, a highly urbanized area of Hong Kong Island, with a particular focus on the impacts of urbanization on the local groundwater chemical systems. Groundwater samples were collected from natural slopes and highly urbanized spaces in the Mid-Levels area and analyzed for chemical composition, including major ions, trace elements, rare earth elements (REEs), and stable isotopes. A spring located in the developed area was monitored weekly for physicochemical parameters and chemical contents for almost one year. Piezometric data and historical groundwater information of the study area were also reviewed and analyzed. The piezometric and seepage records indicated that downhill groundwater movement might be inhibited by the extensive construction of subsurface engineering structures in the urbanized slope and that these impediments might in turn affect the observed groundwater chemistry. The piezometric information also demonstrated the presence of a highly permeable zone near the rockhead in the study area. Groundwater samples collected from the natural slope showed significant variations in hydrochemical facies, which demonstrated that the geological environment of the study area was complex. Although water-rock interactions continued to take place in the urbanized area, the groundwater chemistry was affected mainly by leakage from service pipes and dissolution of concrete materials. The results from trace element analysis also indicated the occurrence of leakage from service pipes. Groundwater in the developed area did not show elevated levels of major heavy metals commonly found in stormwater. Many of the major heavy metals in the leaked stormwater might have been filtered by the vadose zone before reaching the underlying groundwater. Certain steel-related heavy metals were detected at elevated levels in groundwater, which may imply that steel corrosion occurs due to the prolonged submergence of man-made structures. The REE results also suggest that groundwater in the developed area moves very slowly. Furthermore, foundations of buildings may divide the developed area into different segments with poor hydraulic connection, as demonstrated by the REE results. REE analysis was also useful for identification of the relative length of flow path and determination of leakage from service pipes. It was found that the amount of leakage from service pipes appeared to have reduced during the last 20 years. However, piezometric data indicated that the water level in the study area had been increasing. One possible explanation is that it has become increasingly difficult for groundwater to move downhill and discharge to the sea over the last 20 years. This study provides convincing field evidence to demonstrate the impediment of groundwater movement by extensive construction of subsurface engineering structures. This may have implications for slope stability in other highly urbanized hillslopes in Hong Kong. The study may also help leakages from service pipes in the Mid-Levels area to be identified, and may suggest

Urban Groundwater Management and Sustainability: John H. Tellam 2007-01-07 The forty papers in this book explore the state of sustainable groundwater management in a wide range of countries and cultures, climates, and geologies. They are organized in topic areas covering flow, chemical water quality, biological water quality, remediation, engineering, and socio-economics. An introductory section presents a range of integrated regional-scale studies. This volume will interest groundwater specialists in industry and research,
and will provide insight for other urban specialists, including planners.

**Groundwater Problems in Urban Areas**-Institution of Civil Engineers (Great Britain) 1994 Changing groundwater levels are causing problems in many cities and urban areas throughout the world. Over-abstraction of water for prolonged periods has caused levels to fall with ensuing foundation settlement and structural damage caused by consolidation of the underlying strata, in addition to frequent deterioration of water quality. Conversely, the decline of industry in many cities and/or the provision of better piped supplies has led to greatly reduced water abstraction.

**Thirsty Cities**-Danilo J. Anton 1993-01-01 Water shortages are a complex issue of both supply and demand. In Thirsty Cities, author Danilo Anton provides pertinent geological and environmental information as he discusses surface and groundwater supplies and explores the many issues surrounding access to water in cities. He explains the significance of surface water contamination and the vulnerability of groundwater systems and provides a persuasive argument that the consequences of this situation may be catastrophic. He also outlines policies and investments that are needed to improve urban water supplies.

**Groundwater and soil properties in an urban environment and their effects on the corrosion of soil buried constructions of carbon steel and zinc**-Malin Norin 1998

**Urban Geology**-Peter Huggenberger 2011-09-01 Urban subsurface resources and particularly urban groundwater are vulnerable to environmental impacts, and their rational management is of major importance. In this book a multidisciplinary team of specialists and scientists presents innovative process-oriented approaches to the sustainable use of these resources. The included case studies from northwestern Switzerland describe representative environments and are relevant for urban areas in general. They illustrate the protection of groundwater; river restoration; engineering and hydrogeological questions related to urban infrastructure and management concepts; as well as monitoring, modeling and remediation strategies for contaminated sites; problems caused by karst in urban environments; the use of shallow geothermal energy; and natural hazards such as flood events and earthquakes. It is demonstrated that modern quantitative earth sciences can contribute significantly in finding solutions concerning the sustainable use of subsurface resources in urban environments. The book is an invaluable source of information for hydrogeologists, geologists, urban planners, water supply engineers, and environmental agencies.
Groundwater in Urban Development - Stephen S. D. Foster 1998 This paper highlights key urban groundwater issues and management needs. It also raises awareness and understanding of hydrogeological processes in urban areas and provides a framework for the proper and systematic consideration of groundwater dimensions in urban management. This paper suggests options for greater sustainable development and management of groundwater in urban areas.

Assessment of Groundwater Recharge in Urban Areas - Isabel Tubau Fernández 2016 In the city of Barcelona and the townships situated in the deltaic area of the Besòs River, groundwater is recognized as an aspect of urban water cycle management. There is groundwater seepage into infrastructure and buildings that in turn require drainage, a part of which is introduced into sewage systems. Sensitized by this issue, city councils have had hydrologic studies carried out to analyze its causes and to plan alternative ways of using these resources while reducing treatment costs, and minimizing the impacts that groundwater and drainage have on infrastructure and vice versa. Based on these studies, and starting in 2000 some of this has been used for municipal practices (garden irrigation and street cleaning). Subsequently, due to a drought that affected the region between April 2007 and January 2009, the government entity in charge of Catalonian water sources (ACA) aims to get greater use out of urban groundwater in this area. This requires a comprehensive understanding of the hydrogeological characteristics of the environment, the availability and quality of these resources, and the appropriate tools for proper assessment and management. This has been the framework of this thesis. Recharge is one of the most relevant aspects of water balance in aquifer systems in urban areas. Urbanization of the area alters the natural hydrological cycle and direct water recharge into aquifers by infiltration is reduced. In turn, evapotranspiration decreases and new recharge sources appear. This thesis presents, first, a methodology that allows for the quantifying of variability in space and time of the recharge in urban areas. Potential sources of recharge that have been considered are: (1) direct infiltration from rain and urban runoff, (2) losses from the sewer system, (3) losses from the water supply system, and (4) other specific sources of recharge (i.e. river infiltration, seawater intrusion, etc.). Recharge calculations are initially performed by applying analytical equations under various hypotheses. These results have been evaluated in the hydrogeological context through a numerical model of flow and transport in the whole area of study. Secondly, detection of some substances in groundwater has been analyzed. These substances and their degradation products, potentially present in recharging sources associated with urban environments, belong to so-called ‘emerging organic pollutants’. These are organic chemical compounds used in the formulation of daily products for widespread use, such as pharmaceuticals, emulsions, care products and personal hygiene, household and industrial detergents, plastics, pesticides and herbicides, among others. There is relatively little known about these substances’ introduction to and evolution in the aquifers. Organic pollutants whose evolution and behavior in the groundwater is better understood can be degraded by natural processes controlled mainly by oxidation-reduction reactions. Even in situ stimulation techniques have been developed which are able to accelerate these processes of natural attenuation of contaminated environments. A methodology is presented using an end-member mixing analysis (E09A) and MIX to compute mixing ratios and identify
hydrochemical reactions. The methodology consists of (1) identifying the potential sources of recharge, (2) characterising recharge sources and mixed water samples using hydrogeochemistry, (3) selecting chemical species to be used in the analysis and (4) calculating mixing ratios and when departures from the mixing line exist, identifying hydrochemical processes. This approach has been applied in a pilot area in the Besòs River Delta.

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**Intensive Use of Groundwater**-M. Ramon Llamas 2002-01-01 This text is written by a number of authors from different countries and disciplines, affording the reader an invaluable and unbiased perspective on the subject of intensive groundwater development. Based on information gathered from the experience of many countries over the last decades, the text aims to present a clear discussion on the conventional hydrogeological aspects of intensive groundwater use, along with the ecological, legal, institutional, economic and social challenges. Divided into two main sections, the first group of authors put forward the positive and negative aspects of intensive groundwater use, whilst a second group provide an overview of the situation specific countries face as a consequence of this phenomenon. Fully revised and up-to-date, Groundwater Intensive Use makes a significant number of discoveries in a subject area that is topical in today's climate.

**Urban Groundwater Pollution**-David Lerner 2003-01-01 More than 50% of the world's population already live in cities, and the proportion is rising extremely rapidly towards developed country levels of more than 90%. Groundwater from wells is the major source of water supply for many of these cities, however, groundwater is polluted by the cities that overlie it and sewerage systems are oft

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Groundwater Environment in Asian Cities - Sangam Shrestha 2016-02-11

Groundwater contributes to the sustainable development of many Asian cities by providing water for domestic, industrial and agricultural uses and regulating ecosystem flows. However, groundwater has not always been properly managed, which often has resulted in depletion and degradation of the resource. Groundwater Environment in Asian Cities presents the up-to-date scientific knowledge on groundwater environment in fourteen Asian cities using Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework. In detail the book presents the facts and figures of groundwater dependency, problems related to groundwater over exploitation, implementation of various policy instruments and management practices and their results in selected fourteen Asian cities, namely; Bandung (Indonesia), Bangkok (Thailand), Beijing (China), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Chitwan (Nepal), Delhi (India), Dili (East Timor), Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam), Hyderabad (India), Khulna (Bangladesh), Lahore (Pakistan), Phnom Penh (Cambodia), Seoul (South Korea), and Tokyo (Japan).
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(Pakistan), Seoul (South Korea), Tokyo (Japan), and Yangon (Myanmar). The book provides the one-step platform to get sufficient details about groundwater aquifers, hydrogeology, groundwater status, impacts on groundwater environment and responses (technology, policy, institutional, etc.) deployed in the case studies cities, and therefore, provides a snap-shot of Asian groundwater environments. The theoretical background of the topics discussed along with the case studies help the readers understand the similarities and differences about the status of groundwater development and use in each city. In addition, the information in the book will serve as a baseline for other research such as mitigation of groundwater related problems (e.g., land subsidence), impact of climate change on groundwater, and importance of groundwater for implementing sustainable development goals in future. Presents a framework for evaluating groundwater environment in urban environments Includes case studies and local examples from a broad geographical range of urban environments from virtually every region in Asia, including Bandung, Bangkok, Delhi, Bishkek, Beijing and Tokyo. The book will be a valuable resource for groundwater adversaries in the scientific, decision-making and end-user communities, particularly for understanding and assessing state of groundwater resources in the region as well as learning from the responses practiced so far (Dr. Linda Anne Stevenson, APN). The contents in this book are very much useful for informed decision-making for protecting groundwater environment and therefore contributes in making invisible visible (Dr. Neno Kukuric, IGRAC). With concrete examples and lessons for readers, this book responds to the call for comprehensive research and studies, the implementation of new science-based methodologies and endorsement of principles for groundwater resources management and cities (Dr. Aureli Alice, UNESCO-IHP). As a “Regional Hub for Groundwater Management in the Asia Pacific Region”, IGES finds this book as a very much useful reference for knowledge hub partners, groundwater managers, academic institutions, research scholars, and international organizations working in the areas of groundwater in Asia and beyond (Dr. Hideyuki Mori, IGES).

**Frontiers of Land and Water Governance in Urban Areas** - Thomas Hartmann 2017-10-02

A society that intensifies and expands the use of land and water in urban areas needs to search for solutions to manage the frontiers between these two essential elements for urban living. Sustainable governance of land and water is one of the major challenges of our times. Managing retention areas for floods and droughts, designing resilient urban waterfronts, implementing floating homes, or managing wastewater in shrinking cities are just a few examples where spatial planning steps into the governance arena of water management and vice versa. However, water management and spatial planning pursue different modes of governance, and therefore the frontiers between the two disciplines require developing approaches for setting up governance schemes for sustainable cities of the future. What are the particularities of the governance of land and water? What is the role of regional and local spatial planning? What institutional barriers may arise? This book focuses on questions such as these, and covers groundwater governance, water supply and wastewater treatment, urban riverscapes, urban flooding, flood risk management, and concepts of resilience. The project resulted from a Summer School by the German Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL) organized by the editors at Utrecht University in 2013. This book was published as a special...
Geology and the Urban Environment - David Leveson 1980

Urban Drought - Bhaswati Ray 2018-12-30 This book presents water insecurity issues in urban areas while developing a water security index and explores the innovative approaches to water development and management with examples from Asian cities. The urban water crisis is a global phenomenon, but it is more obvious in the megacities of the developing world. Urban drought, although not a familiar term, will pose a significant threat to humankind in the near future, especially in the context of increasing population in cities. Many cities are already unable to provide safe, clean water for their citizens. Some of the world’s largest cities depend heavily on groundwater for their water supply. It is unlikely that dependence on aquifers, which take many years to recharge, will be sustainable. As urban populations grow, water use will need to shift from agriculture to municipal and industrial uses, making decisions about allocating between different sectors difficult. Inefficient water-use practices by households and industries, fragmented management of water between sectors and institutions, climate-induced water shortages, environmental degradation of water sources, and inadequate use of alternate sources are also issues of major concern. Despite recent advances in the literature, there exists a considerable gap in attempting an integrated water-resource management approach. Covering all aspects of urban drought and water insecurity, this book is a valuable resource for students, researchers, academics, policy makers, and development practitioners.

Advanced Simulation and Modeling for Urban Groundwater Management - UGROW - Dubravka Pokrajc 2010-11-16 Advanced Simulation and Modelling for Urban Groundwater Management - UGROW Groundwater plays a vital role in the urban water cycle but is frequently ignored. The assessment and evaluation of urban water systems rarely consider the contribution of groundwater to the urban water budget, and available decision-support tools for integrated urban water management often fail to include aquifer storage and the strong two-way interaction that commonly occurs between groundwater and surface water and other urban water system components. Advanced Simulation and Modelling for Urban Groundwater Management - UGROW presents the result of a project of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme on the topic. The book presents UGROW - a complete and fully integrated Modelling package - for simulating urban water systems. As a decision-support tool for urban water management, it focuses on urban groundwater, but all other key urban water system elements are fully represented and seamlessly linked. The theory behind UGROW is thoroughly described in the book, with three case studies illustrating how UGROW can be applied in practice. A CD-ROM containing a fully functional version of UGROW is included in the book.
Groundwater, Self-supply and Poor Urban Dwellers-Jenny T. Grönwall 2010

Sustainable Management of Soil and Groundwater Resources in Urban Areas-Gundula Prokop 2003

Groundwater Pollution in Africa-Yongxin Xu 2006-10-05 In 2000, various UN organizations launched a collaborative effort to assess the vulnerability of groundwater in several African cities. The project addressed the issue of aquifer vulnerability and the protection of groundwater quality. This book is a collection of thirty peer-reviewed papers on the topic, and provides a glimpse of the situation acr

Ground-water Quality in Three Urban Areas in the Coastal Plain of the Southeastern United States, 1995- 1998

Land Subsidence Analysis in Urban Areas-David G. Zeitoun 2013-01-05 Cities built on unconsolidated sediments consisting of clays, silt, peat, and sand, are particularly susceptible to subsidence. Such regions are common in delta areas, where rivers empty into the oceans, along flood plains adjacent to rivers, and in coastal marsh lands. Building cities in such areas aggravates the problem for several reasons: 1. Construction of buildings and streets adds weight to the region causing additional soil deformations. 2. Often the regions have to be drained in order to be occupied. This results in lowering of the water table and leads to hydro-compaction. 3. Often the groundwater is used as a source of water for both human consumption and industrial use. 4. Levees and dams are often built to prevent or control flooding. Earth fissures caused by ground failure in areas of uneven or differential compaction have damaged buildings, roads and highways, railroads, flood-control structures and sewer lines. As emphasized by Barends , "in order to develop a legal framework to claims and litigation, it is essential that direct and indirect causes of land subsidence effects can be quantified with sufficient accuracy from a technical and scientific point of view." Most existing methods and software applications treat the subsidence problem by analyzing one of the causes. This is due to the fact that the causes appear at different spatial scales. For example, over-pumping creates large scale subsidence, while building loading creates local subsidence/consolidation only. Then, maximum permissible land subsidence (or consolidation) is a constraint in different management problems such as: groundwater management, planning of town and/or laws on building construction. It is, therefore, necessary to quantify the contribution of each cause to soil subsidence of the ground surface in cities urban area. In this text book, we present an engineering approach based on the Biot system of equations to predict the soil settlement due to subsidence, resulting from different causes. Also we present a case study of The Bangkok Metropolitan Area (BMA).
**Sustainable Urban Environments**-Ellen M. van Bueren 2011-09-15 The urban environment – buildings, cities and infrastructure – represents one of the most important contributors to climate change, while at the same time holding the key to a more sustainable way of living. The transformation from traditional to sustainable systems requires interdisciplinary knowledge of the re-design, construction, operation and maintenance of the built environment. **Sustainable Urban Environments: An Ecosystem Approach** presents fundamental knowledge of the built environment. Approaching the topic from an ecosystems perspective, it shows the reader how to combine diverse practical elements into sustainable solutions for future buildings and cities. You’ll learn to connect problems and solutions at different spatial scales, from urban ecology to material, water and energy use, from urban transport to livability and health. The authors introduce and explore a variety of governance tools that support the transformation process, and show how they can help overcome institutional barriers. The book concludes with an account of promising perspectives for achieving a sustainable built environment in industrialized countries. Offering a unique overview and understanding of the most pressing challenges in the built environment, **Sustainable Urban Environments** helps the reader grasp opportunities for integration of knowledge and technologies in the design, construction and management of the built environment. Students and practitioners who are eager to look beyond their own fields of interest will appreciate this book because of its depth and breadth of coverage.

**Groundwater Intensive Use**-Andrés Sahuquillo 2005-06-30 Intensive use of groundwater has resolved the demand for drinking water and, through irrigation, has contributed to the eradication of malnourishment in many developing countries. The spectacular worldwide increase in groundwater use in the last decades, especially in arid and semi-arid regions, has been a silent revolution carried out by millions of small farmers. In some instances, groundwater abstraction has caused problems of quality degradation, excessive drawdown of groundwater levels, land subsidence, reduction of spring and baseflows or degradation of groundwater-dependent ecosystems. Most of these problems could be anticipated, mitigated, or even avoided with more active water agencies, adequate regulations and users’ participation in management. **Groundwater Intensive Use** contains a selection of papers presented at a symposium held in December 2002 in Valencia, Spain. It constitutes a step forward in creating a greater worldwide awareness of the relevance of groundwater in water resources policy. The book presents new ideas and accounts of recent advances in technical, economic, legal, administrative and political issues. It addresses groundwater development to ecosystems sustainability, through different or complementary approaches. A wide series of case studies from North and South America, Europe, South Asia and North and Sub-Saharan Africa cover the various issues. These case studies represent countries with a wide diversity of social circumstances, from areas in which development is emerging, to communities with a long history of successful groundwater use.

**Geostatistics and Geospatial Technologies for Groundwater Resources in India**-Partha Pratim Adhikary 2021-02-26 This book
offers essential information on geospatial technologies for water resource management and highlights the latest GIS and geostatistics techniques as they relate to groundwater. Groundwater is inarguably India's single most important natural resource. It is the foundation of millions of Indian farmers' livelihood security and the primary source of drinking water for a vast majority of Indians in rural and urban areas. The prospects of continued high rates of growth in the Indian economy will, to a great extent, depend on how judiciously we can manage groundwater in the years to come. Over the past three decades, India has emerged as by far the single largest consumer of groundwater in the world. Though groundwater has made the country self-sufficient in terms of food, we face a crisis of dwindling water tables and declining water quality. Deep drilling by tube wells, which was once part of the solution to water shortages, is now in danger of becoming part of the problem. Consequently, we urgently need to focus our efforts on the sustainable and equitable management of groundwater. Addressing that need, this book presents novel advances in and applications of RS–GIS and geostatistical techniques to the research community in a precise and straightforward manner.

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability-Daniel T. Rogers 2019-11-04 This book provides a critical understanding of the challenges that exist in protecting the local and global environment through compliance efforts using existing environmental regulations. The best compliance measures with the most useful regulations from over 50 countries are surveyed and are combined with science-based quantitative analysis of geology, hydrogeology, and the chemistry of contaminants from anthropogenic sources. The results are presented as a model that establishes a means by which protection of the environment can be greatly improved. This is accomplished through a deeper understanding of our natural world and how anthropogenic activities and their management affect our planet. Features The first book that examines the successes of environmental regulation worldwide and highlights the areas that need improvement Presents a tested and verified scientific model for enhanced environmental protection with scalability from local parcels to global levels Describes and integrates the importance of understanding the geologic and hydrogeologic environment of urban and developed areas Explains the importance of understanding the different types of pollution and their behavior in the environment Identifies the need for consistency in banning chemicals that are harmful in not just one country but throughout the world
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