



New research on Water & Society

Dear Ms. Patino:

Following is information on a conference proceedings just published by WIT Press that we believe will interest readers of *RNIU*, especially as it contains the following Mexican contribution:

Toxic waste dumping, water contamination, and people's disablement in semi-arid rural Mexico: local water pond issues for the fair siting of a landfill

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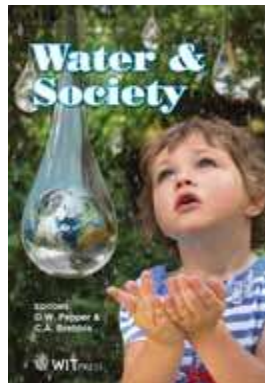
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Containing most of the papers presented at the First International Conference on Water and Society, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in December 2011, *Water and Society* addresses the interaction between available water resources and society.

Issues regarding quality, quantity, and technology associated with water are quickly becoming major issues that will require global involvement and financial support. Aside from mankind's reliance upon water for survival, water touches many different topics and industries. It is becoming clear that the supplies of inexpensive clean water are no longer unlimited.

There is mounting pressure worldwide to develop new strategies and methods to meet the growing demands of water in order to just maintain our current standards of living. Costs continue to spiral upwards as more demands are made on available water supplies. In many less developed parts of the world, water is a daily life and death struggle. As developing countries continue to grow and expand, industrialization and improved standards of living are putting increased demands on water supplies. In the developed world, aging infrastructure in water distribution systems and hardware is becoming problematic, interfering with access to clean, affordable water. Pollution has also become a serious issue. In many older and larger cities throughout the world, sewer collapses occur routinely and significant quantities of treated water are lost in leakage. Water extracted from aquifers and wells is beginning to dry up, and new locations are now being sought. In areas where the population is large, such as California and Florida, desalination, once considered too costly to use, is now the only current option in the foreseeable future for meeting projected water demands. And then there is the interaction between water supply and energy production, which is becoming a major political issue in many countries, including both the energy demands of water supply systems and the demand for water in the production of energy.

The operations of water companies throughout the world vary. In some developing countries, innovative techniques and policies have been developed that could become models for well developed countries with technically aging water systems. Government workers and politicians need more information in order to develop policies and regulations that will support the water systems that can meet society's needs in the future. The papers contained in this book address all of these issues and provide some of the needed information.

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