

Groundwater Vulnerability towards Pollution in Area Around the Piyungan Landfill, Bantul Regency, D. I. Yogyakarta

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Abstract

The Piyungan landfill is located in Bantul Regency, Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta, still uses an open dumping system. The open dumping system produced more quantity of leachate from other systems. Leachate spreads to the ground and seeps into the ground to the groundwater surface. These conditions have an impact on the environment. This study aims to assess the groundwater vulnerability to leachate contamination in the area around the Piyungan landfill. The research method used is survey and mapping, and data analysis is carried out using the Le Grand method. Geographic Information System (GIS) is also used to visualize data into maps. The Le Grand method considers as many as 5 physical environmental parameters, including the groundwater depth, absorption above ground, aquifer permeability, groundwater slope, and horizontal distance of wells with pollutant sources. Next, scoring is carried out for each of these parameters, and then a groundwater vulnerability map is made using the overlay method. The results of the study were three classes of the potential vulnerability of groundwater pollutions. That were large pollution potential (may or may be polluted), medium pollution potential (maybe polluted but slightly), and small pollution potential (very difficult to pollute).

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INTRODUCTION

The increasingly diverse human needs ultimately increase the amount of waste and waste generated, both from domestic activities, industry, agriculture, and other activities. Most people only collect and pile waste to the landfill without any processing first so that the current landfill can pose a pollution threat. This condition causes landfills to turn into open dumping. The main problem was the potential to arise from the existence of the landfill. There is the release of leachate from rainwater percolation through garbage, thereby making water resources contaminated by pollutants. Leachate can move to surface water, soil, and even into groundwater. High levels of contaminants in groundwater can cause the quality of the groundwater to decline.

Leachate is water produced from a mixture of the percolation process by rainwater. Treatment of leachate is often complicated by its occurrence which varies and depends on the climate, surface conditions, type of waste, and location (Bhalla et. al., 2012). Effective leachate treatment technology is very important to be applied in processing (Guanyi et. al., 2021). Leachate can worsen groundwater quality, mainly has located around a landfill, due to the content in leachate that can cause pollutants such as minerals, organic compounds, inorganic minerals, heavy metals, bacteria, and viruses to contaminate groundwater. Heavy metals contained in landfill leachate can cause acute toxicity and carcinogenic effects on living things, especially humans (Gajski at. al., 2012). The condition becomes worse if it turns out that the geophysical conditions in the area around the landfill have a high level of vulnerability. Groundwater vulnerability will increase along with the position of the landfill, closed in the groundwater well to the landfill location, the groundwater quality will become more vulnerable. (Gamar et.al., 2018). Groundwater is a substantial part of water resources to support human survival. The important thing behind this research is that clean water and sanitation are important factors to support sustainable development following the goals set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Therefore, this research is very important to be carried out and known by the community to provide an understanding of the importance of maintaining the

quality of water sources. The purpose of this study was to determine the level of vulnerability of groundwater to pollution around the Piyungan landfill, as well as to determine the direction of the next landfill management.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The research location is in the area around the Piyungan Landfill, Bantul Regency, D. I. Yogyakarta. Initially, this landfill has designed using a sanitary landfill system, but as time goes by because increasing garbages were coming in.

The average municipal solid waste generated in the province of D.I. Yogyakarta reaches 470 tons/day, where organic waste dominates with a percentage of up to 77%. (Sudibyo et. al., 2017). The Piyungan landfill accommodates garbage from several surrounding districts, which until now has been piling up more and more garbage. The right step in reducing the amount of solid waste should be by increasing the role of the Integrated Waste Management Site (TPST) in their respective regions in reducing waste before it is transported to the Piyungan landfill.

The Piyungan landfill has been operating since 1996 until now still uses an open dumping system so that there is still the possibility to produce leachate. Leachate is water produced from a mixture of the percolation process by rainwater, a solution of solid waste biodegradation, and water from the waste itself. Leachate generally contains pollutant materials that can reduce groundwater quality (Chunying et. al., 2021).

To protect water resources, a groundwater vulnerability assessment is needed that aims to determine areas where groundwater may be more vulnerable to pollution (Wanzhou et. al., 2022). According to the US EPA, groundwater vulnerability is the level of ease with which contaminants can contaminate aquifer systems (ACSAD & BGR, 2003). Groundwater vulnerability assessment is needed to determine the possibility of groundwater contamination.

One of the methods of assessing groundwater vulnerability to evaluate potential contamination is the Le Grand method (1964). Le Grand method takes into account 5 physical parameters, including the depth of the groundwater table, the horizontal distance from the pollutant source, absorption above the soil surface, aquifer permeability, and groundwater slope (Singhal & Gupta, 2010). This method is devoted to one type of pollutant source.

Assessment for the prevention of groundwater pollution is a more effective way than handling it (Machdar et. al., 2018). Research on potential groundwater vulnerability has also been studied intensively through several approaches in previous years. Previous research conducted by Nnadozie et. al. (2019) evaluates the vulnerability of groundwater to pollution using several approaches, one of which is the Le Grand method, in the region of Southeastern Nigeria. In carrying out the assessment, they integrate the data of geology, geotechnical and geophysical.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGI

A. Data Collection

The data required consists of data on each vulnerability parameter obtained based on direct observations in the field and from secondary data. The data taken directly in the field are groundwater depth data and cross-check soil texture, while data on groundwater level slope and horizontal distance from pollutant sources are obtained from calculation analysis using ArcGIS software. As for the aquifer permeability parameters obtained from the drill log data of the Department of Public Works, Housing, and Energy and Mineral Resources of the D.I. Yogyakarta in 2016.

B. Data Analysis

The level of vulnerability of groundwater from pollutant contamination is analyzed from 5 aspects according to Le Grand. Aspects to be considered are as follows :

1. Groundwater Depth

Groundwater level is certainly very influential on the size of the pollutant contamination. The shallower the depth of the groundwater table, the more easily it will be contaminated with pollutant flows. The groundwater table depth score can be seen in the following figure :

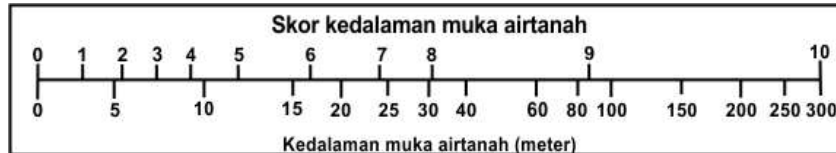


Figure 1. Diagram of Groundwater table depth

2. Absorption Above Ground

Absorption above ground is obtained from reading the soil map and cross-checking the soil texture at the research site. Le Grand assessed that the coarser the soil constituent material, the greater the potential for pollution. The absorption score above the groundwater table presented in the following image:



Figure 2. Diagram of water absorption score above ground level

3. Aquifer Permeability

Determined based on the material that makes up the aquifer. This parameter is related to the process of contaminants reaching the groundwater surface, if the aquifer permeability is high, it can make it easier for contaminants to seep into groundwater. The permeability score can be seen in the following figure:

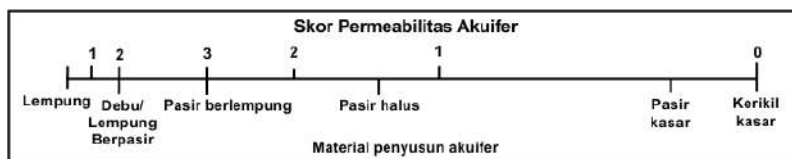


Figure 3. Diagram of aquifer permeability score

4. Groundwater Slope

Affects the speed of contamination of contaminants to groundwater. The higher the level of groundwater slope with a pollutant source, the movement of contaminants to groundwater will also be faster. The slope score can be seen in the following figure:



Figure 4. Diagram of groundwater slope score

5. Horizontal Distance of Wells with Pollutant Sources

The closer the distance to the pollutant source, the smaller the score, so the potential for vulnerability to pollution is greater. The horizontal distance score of the well with the pollutant source can be seen in the following figure:

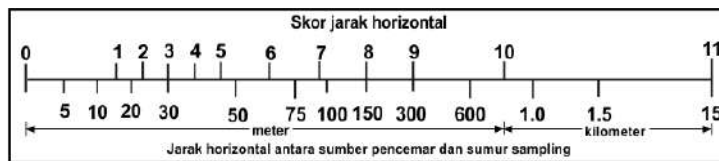


Figure 5. Diagram of the horizontal distance of the well with the pollutant source

The value on each graph is read by looking at the numbers at the top of the line and adjusted for the data at the bottom of the line. Data analysis is calculating the score of each parameter. Furthermore, the scoring map of 5 (five) parameters of potential vulnerability to groundwater pollution is superimposed using the overlay method in Geographic Information System (GIS). The map overlay has done using ArcGIS software. The final result of the map overlay is a Map of Groundwater Vulnerability to Pollution. While the results of the total scoring of each parameter will produce classes of potential pollutions, as in the following table.

Table 1. Pollution Potential Scoring

No.	Total Score	Pollution Potential Class
1.	0 – 4	Very large (very likely polluted)
2.	5 – 8	Large (could or might be polluted)
3.	9 – 12	Moderate (maybe polluted but slightly)
4.	13 – 25	Small (very difficult to pollute)
5.	26 - 35	Very small (almost impossible to pollute)

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

A. Parameters of Groundwater Vulnerability Analysis

1. The Depth of The Groundwater Table

Based on the results of the measurement study of 36 wells in the field, the research area has a groundwater level that varies from 1-10 meters. The dominating groundwater level is at shallow depths (+ 1-5 meters), especially those around the landfill. The shallower depth of the groundwater table will increase the vulnerability to groundwater pollution. The groundwater characteristic in the study area was included in the unconfined aquifer.

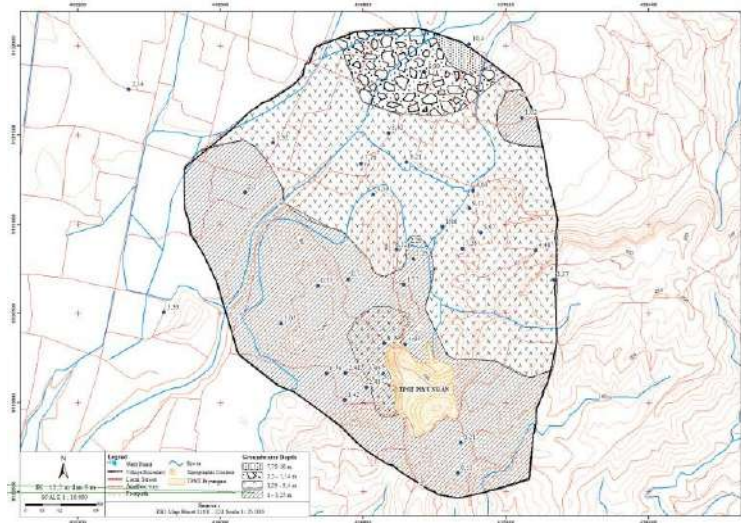


Figure 6. Map of Groundwater Table

2. Absorption Above The Water Table

Based on drill log data, the aquifer material in the study area is sand to clay. The soil texture in the study area is Loam sand (Score 2,5), Sandy loam (Score 4,5), Clay loam (Score 3,5), and Silty clay (Score 5). The dominant soil texture was Loamsand and clay loam. The coarser the grain size of the soil constituent material, the greater the potential for groundwater contamination.

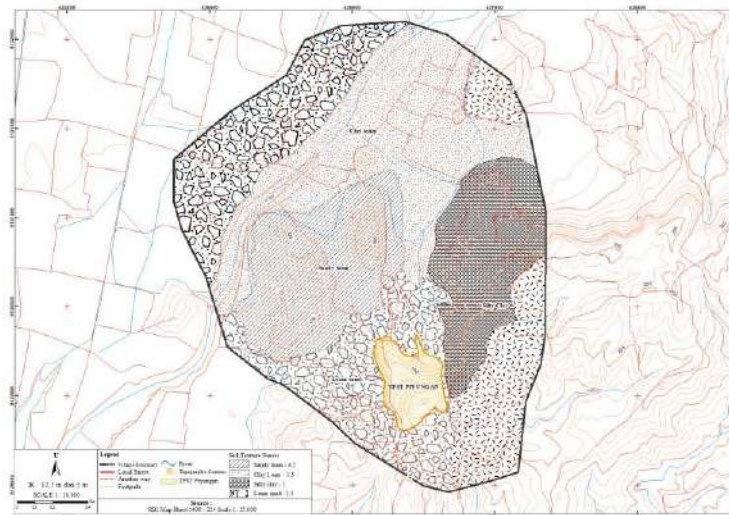


Figure 7. Map of Absorption above the water table

3. Aquifer Permeability

The condition of the aquifer in the study area was composed of medium sand material with a mixture of clay which causes runoff to infiltrate well. The hydraulic conductivity value of the aquifer, which is composed of layers of sand, clay, clay sand, and fine sands were 11,76 m/day (score 1,692). Based on the hydraulic conductivity value, the aquifer permeability level in the study area is classified as fast.

The faster the aquifer permeability rate, the higher the potential for groundwater pollution susceptibility.

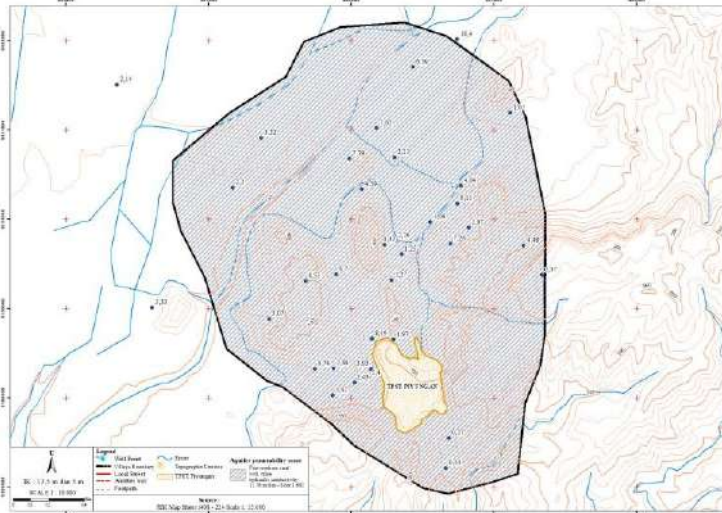


Figure 8. Map of Aquifer Permeability

4. Groundwater Slope

The highest slope is 18.84% and the lowest slope is 0.2%. The slope of groundwater, especially around the landfill, has a slope angle of between 1% - 8%. The higher the level of groundwater slope, the higher the potential vulnerability of groundwater to pollution. The point of the well near the landfill has a slope in the direction of the wells below it so that it will be easier for leachate to flow into wells close to residential areas. The large slope of the groundwater has a large potential for contamination as well.

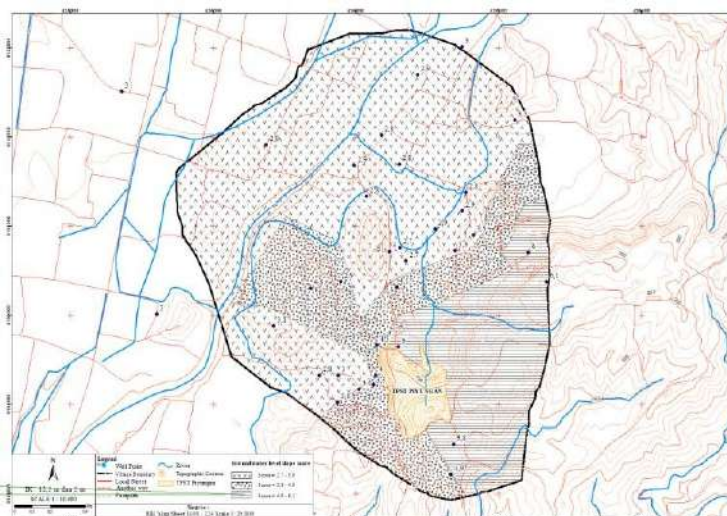


Figure 9. Map of Groundwater Slope

5. The Horizontal Distance of The Well from The Pollutant

The horizontal distance of the well to the pollutant source at the study site varies greatly (± 300 -2000 meters). Wells located close to the landfill have a higher level of vulnerability to pollution. There are about 10 dug wells which are located quite close to the Piyungan landfill. These wells will certainly have more potential to be contaminated by contaminants, especially leachate.

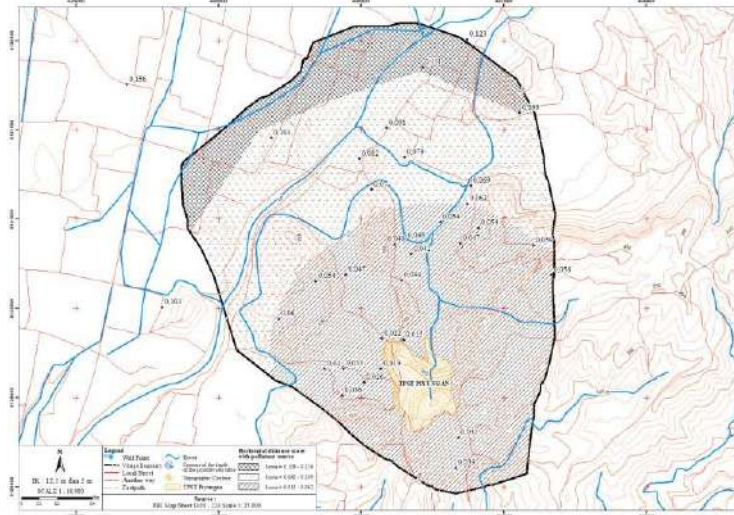


Figure 10. Map of Horizontal Distance to Pollutant Source

B. Groundwater Vulnerability Map Results

The level of groundwater vulnerability to pollution was analyzed based on the Le Grand parameter, then scoring and overlaying the entire map was carried out. The total scoring results are obtained from the sum of all Le Grand parameter scores using the overlay method in ArcGIS software. The results of the scoring calculation show different values. The potential for pollution that occurs in the research area based on the Le Grand method is divided into 4 classes, namely the class of very large pollution potential (Total score 0-4), large pollution potential (Total score 5-8), moderate pollution potential (Total score 9-12), and the potential for pollution is small (Total Score 13-25). The scoring value is calculated by several factors that have been mentioned. Based on the results of scoring using the Le Grand method and overlaying a map of all parameters, at the research location, there are 3 classes of Pollution Potential, namely Large Pollution Potential, which means that the area can or may experience pollution; Moderate Pollution Potential, which means that it has the potential to be polluted even though it is slightly; Small Pollution Potential, which means it is very difficult to pollute. This condition needs to be taken into account because the research area is dominated by Large and Medium Pollution Potential Classes where it is still possible for pollution to occur. There needs to be a synergy between the management of the Piyungan landfill, the surrounding community, and the local government in overcoming problems related to the leachate produced from the Piyungan landfill.

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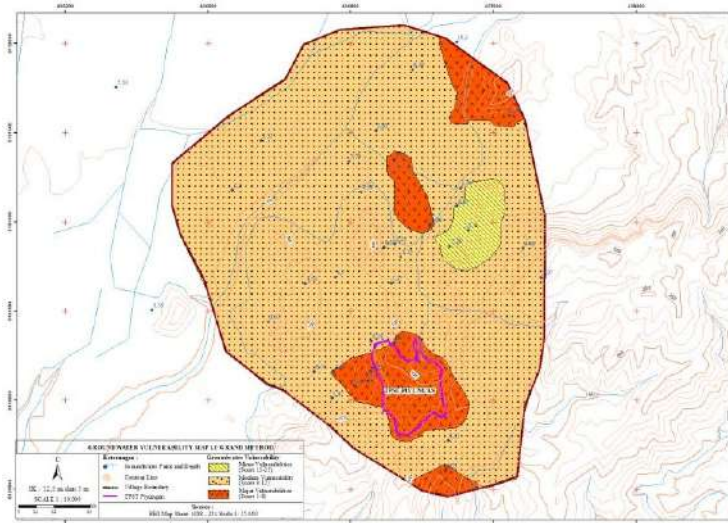


Figure 11. Map of Groundwater Vulnerability

CONCLUSION AND FURTHER RESEARCH

Based on the results of the analysis that has been carried out, it can be concluded that:

The level of vulnerability of groundwater to pollution in the area around the Piyungan landfill, Bantul Regency, D.I. Yogyakarta is divided into 3 classes of potential pollution, namely the Large Pollution Potential class (Total Score 5-8), meaning that the area can or may experience pollution; Moderate Pollution Potential Class (Total Score 9-12) which means that it has the potential to be polluted even though it is slightly; Small Pollution Potential Class (Total Score 13-25) which means it is very difficult to pollute. Because of the condition of groundwater vulnerability to pollution in the study area is dominated by medium to high vulnerability classes, so further research is needed to examine how to properly manage the landfill so as not to produce abundant leachate.

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