

PETROLEUM OIL, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT

IN NIGERIA: (A CASE OF THE NIGER DELTA REGION)

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ABSTRACT

Petroleum oil exploration has dominated Nigeria's Economy since 1960s, contributing to about 80% of Federal Government revenue and 90% of the total export. Field-based data confirm that, oil exploration is also associated with the deplorable state of the Niger Delta environment, principally due to oil spillage and gas flaring. Emerging evidence from the present study show that in Akwa Ibom State, serious health complications have been noticed among children between the age of 1 to 10 years. Such complications include: chronic malnutrition, mental retardation, stunted growth, lost of memory, communication deficiency, and etcetera. The above imply that, such children will turn out to be adults who are physically and mentally unfit to complete in a fast growing world. They study therefore made useful recommendations that could prove useful in addressing the hazards pose by oil exploration in the area.

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