

Contamination of basins with industrial wastes: Case study: Matanza Riachuelo, Argentina

Contaminación de cuencas con residuos industriales: estudio del caso Matanza Riachuelo, Argentina

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Abstract

Introduction: In Argentina the environmental thematic has become a high-priority topic, so much in the public opinion as in the management models that should make the decisions. We will analyze, through a judicial decision of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, how is solved an endemic problem, just as is the contamination by industrial wastes in the basin Matanza Riachuelo. **Material and Methods:** The basin concept has varied and, thereby, "the one affected" is not only who is located in the margins of different water courses. Now then, to arrive to the current situation it is need to carry out a historical deep analysis and to be able to figure out the juridical specific case and its remediation, without impairing the study of social, economic and political realities that makes this cause an emblem of the Environmental Right. **Results and Discussion:** Through the causes that determined the importance of the place object of study, we will be able to understand the magnitude of the problem that, direct or indirectly, involves more than 3.500.000 of people, and in a harmonic game of the Right, as strategy incorporate actors and defendants, in such a magnitude that the Right should start to the height of the circumstances. **Conclusion:** In consequence the Right necessarily follows to the facts and a more profuse environmental legislation are an exact example of how the Society, the Justice and the Management can be decisive to attain a healthy environment, where the population is free of consequences that could have been avoidable, and, mainly, when they have put in risk the population's more vulnerable sectors. The remediation is high-priority today, with concrete actions under the aegis of the Justice.

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