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Solid Waste, A Critical Review: The Case of The Department of Sucre, Colombia

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Abstract : Solid waste, commonly known as garbage, are those materials discarded after having completed their work or function. Their origin depends on the human beings' activities and are divided into two large groups: Hazardous and nonhazardous. General issues about solid waste are exposed in this article to have a clear idea of the solid waste diversity and how to take advantage from them or discard them. Furthermore, management of solid waste in Colombia is reported, particularly, in the department of Sucre, where deficiencies in integral management were found. The department of Sucre has high contamination from solid waste due to lack of attention given by the competent regional and national authorities.

Key Words : Solid waste, Integral management, Reuse, Recycling.

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