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MONITORING AND MODELING LAND-BASED MARINE POLLUTION

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Highlights

- Water quality parameters were measured for a year in Izmir Inner Bay, Turkey.
- Effects of land-based pollutant sources on coastal water quality were modeled.
- Izmir Inner Bay coastal waters were evaluated to be hypertrophic.
- SWMM and HYDROTAM-3D successfully simulated land-based marine pollution.
- Marine water quality can improve after remediation of land-based pollution.

Abstract

An integrated numerical coastal water quality model was developed to simulate the effects of land-based pollutants. The model was applied to Izmir Inner Bay, Turkey. Water temperature, salinity, conductivity, pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, total dissolved solids, ammonium, nitrite, nitrate, total dissolved and inorganic phosphorus, and total dissolved and organic carbon were measured monthly, for one year. Land-based pollutant loadings were estimated using the USEPA's Storm Water Management Model (SWMM, v5.1). The study considered the loads washed off from the surrounding basin of the Izmir Inner Bay, namely, total suspended solids, biological and chemical oxygen demand, inorganic phosphorus, ammonia, nitrite, and nitrate concentrations, from urban and as well as industrial effluents. The coastal circulations and changes in the water quality parameters were simulated by HYDROTAM-3D, a three-dimensional coastal hydrodynamics, transport, and water quality model. The concentrations of water quality parameters, namely, total dissolved phosphorus, ammonia,

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