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ABSTRACT

Environmentalism has become an important global issue in the present century. During the recent years, the closed-loop green supply chain management has been increasingly a center of attention as a result of governmental laws and legislations (regarding the environmental effects of any activity) and the soaring consumers' expectations. In this study, effort has been made to investigate a facility location/allocation model for a multi-product closed-loop green supply chain network consisting of manufacturing/remanufacturing and collection/inspection centers as well as disposal center and markets. To design the network, we have proposed a mixed-integer linear programming model capable of reducing the network total costs. The model has been so developed as to consider such environmental objectives as reducing the rate of carbon dioxide emission in the environment throughout the network in question. Moreover, the model has been developed using a robust fuzzy programming approach to investigate the effects of uncertainties of the variable costs, as well as the demand rate, on the network design. To solve the bi-objective programming model, use has been made of the ϵ -constraint approach and a numerical illustration of Copiers Industry is used to show the applicability of the proposed optimization model. Results have revealed that the model is capable of controlling the network uncertainties as a result of which a robustness price will be imposed on the system.

Keywords: Closed-loop green supply chain network, Facility location, Carbon dioxide emission, chance constrained fuzzy programming, Robust optimization

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