

# NGT seeks pollution report from landfill sites

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**New Delhi:** Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Litigation, an NGO, has approached NGT over large-scale methane emissions from the three landfill sites in the capital.

On Friday, NGT directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to take samples of air quality and groundwater from near the three landfill sites of Okhla, Ghazipur and Bhalswa and submit a report on the next date of hearing. It also issued notices to ministry of environment, forests and climate change, DPCC and the three municipal corporations, asking why further dumping in the three landfill sites should not be banned.

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## METHANE EMISSIONS

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The petition alleged that the condition of the sites was pathetic, especially since they were way past their capacity and yet continued to be used for dumping of Delhi's waste. "None of the three is a sanitary landfill site. Waste is lying in the open because of which leachate is generated during rain and as the waste presses down. We have also learnt from various case studies that the soil around the landfill sites is highly contaminated and toxic," said the NGO.

According to the study quoted by the applicant, the leachate at all three sites has a high concentration of chlorides, and heavy metals like nickel, copper and zinc.

Quoting further from the study, the applicant said rotting waste was emitting massive amount of green house gases.