

# Study and analysis of sewage sludge waste as an ingredient in brick making

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**Abstract.** The disposal of sewage waste is the most important hassle in urban cities because it causes much harmful impact to the surroundings. Sludge is the number one product from sewage waste. Conventional brick is widely talking prepared via the usage of clay. Chemical composition of sludge is type of just like the clay. Therefore sludge may be used rather for clay, soil in manufacturing of bricks. This paper shows that the sludge turned into checked for its physical characterization which includes bulk density, compressive electricity and chemical homes which includes water absorption percent, presence of poisonous metals inclusive of Pb, Zn, Cu and Fe for the commercial motive. The energy calculated at 5000C temperatures met the needs of the national requirements with up to 6.66 percent sludge brought to the bricks.

**Keywords.** Dry sludge, Flyash, Soil, Sieve,Physical&chemical properties.

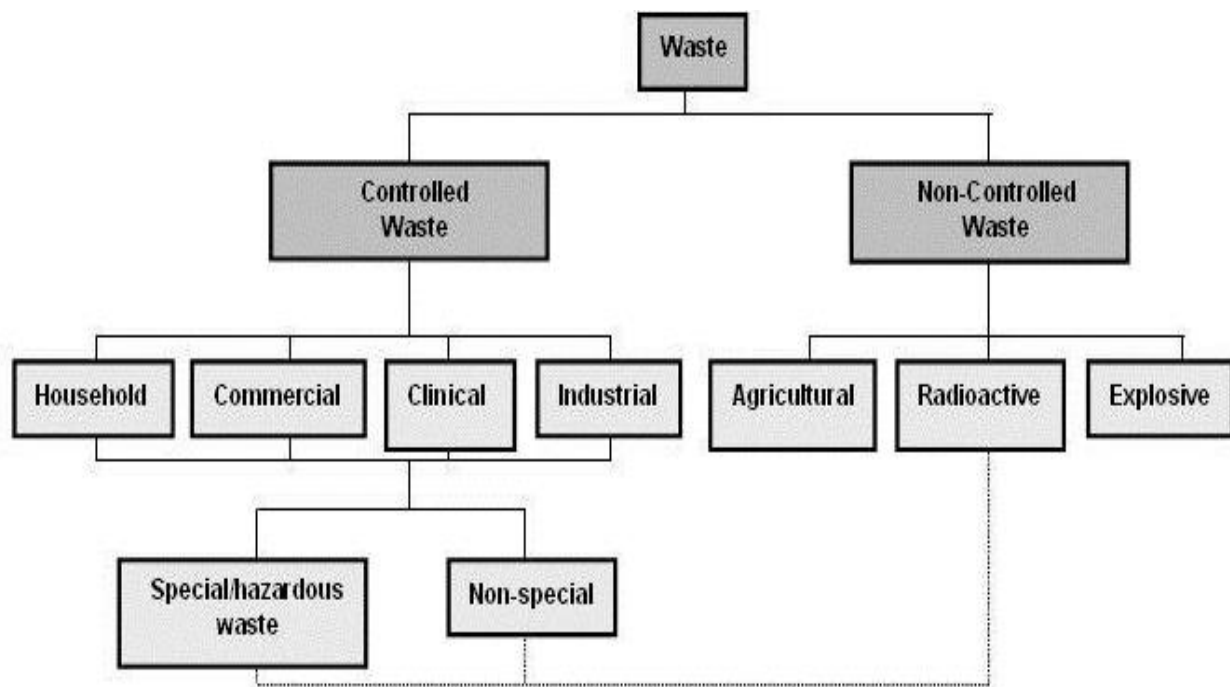
## 1. Introduction

Waste may be described as an undesired substance created after manufacturing process of business, or from farming, or from pastime retention in residence [1]. It is the discarded content that is the main disposal requirement [2, 3].

Fast industrialization and urbanization is inflicting extreme environmental issues. one of the fundamental worries among these is secure and sound disposal of strong wastes [1,8]. There is a strong demand for environmentally friendly reuse and efficient sludge disposal solutions due to the growing quantity of sludge generated by wastewater treatment plants[4,5,6]. While sanitary landfills are typically used for waste disposal or sewage sludge, it has become increasingly difficult to find acceptable landfill sites through rapid urbanization [7].

In the environment, waste produces many nuisances. For humans and animals, it produces several kinds of viral or bacterial infection that generate mattress effect on fitness [9,10].

1.1 Generally waste types are



**Figure 1.** Classifying different waste types.

## 2. Experimental materials

The characteristics and details of all the material forms to be used in the design of the concrete mix are given below

- 1) Soil
- 2) Fly-ash
- 3) Dry sludge

### 2.1. Dry sludge



**Figure 2.** Sample image of dry sludge.

### 2.2 Physical properties

S.no	Properties	Results
1	Bulk density, $kg/m^3$	686
2	Specific gravity	1.34
3	Clay and sulphate content%	0.3- 0.7
4	Water absorption	0.7
5	Grain type Coefficient	1.3
6	Softening coefficient	0.97
7	Moisture content, %	0.1-11.5

**Table 1.**Typical dry sludge Physical Properties.

### 2.2 Analysis of dry sludge by Sieve

Quantitative scale determination of the Distribution of a fine grained proportion of the particles of dried sludge. Collect a sufficient amount of dry sludge. The mass of a sample of dried sludge necessary to the maximum cloth size depends on each inspection. It is important to The sieve to be used would be washed and the weight of each sieve and pan registered. To get the most important mesh size, place the sieves on the tip of the pile. Pour the sample into the pot. of soil carefully into top of sieve and put the cover it. On the mechanical shaker, position the sieve stack, screw off, cap, and vibrate pattern 10 minutes of dry sludge. Take away the Stacking and re-weighing each sieve and the lowest Pan with retained fraction of the soil sample on it. Soil pattern of preliminary mass is taken to study in(kg) = zero.500.500 kg.



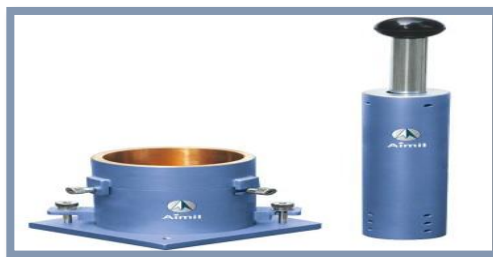
**Figure 3.** oven dried sludge.

**Table 2.** Observation table.

Size of sieve (mm)	retained Soil (g)	Retained (%)	Cumulative (%) retained	finer(%)
3.75mm	224.4	43.7	45.7	53.3
2.0mm	95.1	18.4	69.1	37.9
1.0mm	92.2	16	85.1	18.9
600µm	26.4	5.7	85.8	12.2
425µm	16.2	2.4	91.2	8.8
300µm	10.8	2.2	92.4	7.6
212µm	9.1	1.8	94.2	5.8
150µm	8.5	1.7	95.9	4.1
75µm	10.2	2.0	97.9	2.1
pan	11.1	3.1	99	0.1

### 2.3 Proctor compaction test

Obtain and pulverize an appropriate amount Take about 3 kg of soil from the air-dried soil. in a blending tray through four. seventy five mm sieve. The base plate weights the mold and gently follows the grease on the inner surfaces. The mildew on a strong base fits the collar and surroundings. Upload In order to bring water to the soil its material of Up to around 8 percent moisture content, after which it is blended very well with the trowel until a uniform color is obtained by the soil. In three, compress the wet field identical layers for light compaction Usage of a rammer with a weight of 2.8kg and an unfastened fall of 32 cm. Quietly disperse blows to each sheet, add 25 blows to. Ensure that ultimate compact Above the joint, the layer extends of the neck Instead, compact the soil with 25 blows in conjunction with the layer for extreme compaction, in 5 equal layers with a 4.9kg mass rammer and forty-five cm loose slide. To set it off, rotate the collar, cut the Compacted field flush with the mildew pinnacle, and measure A mildew with a foundation plate and soil. For water content dedication, Extrude the mould from the soil and accumulate samples of soil from the pinnacle, mid and bottom sections. The position of the soil returned in the effort, entirely dependent on the specific soil mass, upload 2 percent more water, and re blend as in phase three. Repeat steps 4 to 5 times.



**Figure 4.** Proctor (mould and hammer).

**Table 3.**Chemical properties.

Test no.	1	2	3	4
Mould weight + compacted sludge(g)	4980	4910	5076	5010
Weight of compacted sludge mass , $w_t$ (g)	1011	1042	1078	1130
Bulk density $\gamma_t = \frac{w_t}{V}$	1.02	1.03	1.06	1.11
Average percent of water w(%)	0.03	1.15	1.13	1.14
Dry density, $(\frac{g}{cc})$ $\gamma_d = \frac{\gamma_t}{1 + w}$	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.90
dry density 100% saturation(g/cc)	1.50	1.51	1.51	1.50

**Table 4.**Chemical features of dried sludge.

S.no	Particulars	Percentage of cont.
1	SiO <sub>2</sub>	34.68
2	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.46
3	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.84
4	MgO	13.55
5	CaO	25.2
6	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.5
7	K <sub>2</sub> O	0.33
8	SO <sub>3</sub>	0.61
9	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0
10	TiO <sub>2</sub>	3
11	MnO	2.2
12	L <sub>oi</sub>	7.96
	Total	92.901

**Source:** Erode Mineral Research &Development Society Article, Petrography and Laboratory of Mineral Chemistry.

### 3. Experimental design analysis

#### 3.1 Mix design

Table 5. Brick mix design.

Different sludge percentage	Soil	Sand (murum)	Fly ash	H <sub>2</sub> O
15%	51%	27%	13%	41lit
25%	43%	24%	13%	43 lit
35%	37%	19%	11%	42 lit
45%	33%	18%	13%	44 lit
55%	22%	12%	10%	43 lit

#### 3.2 Manufacturing process

Batching is considered the scale of substances for processing. Two batching methods are available.

##### Batching volumes, batching weights.

Strictly speaking, weight batching is the required material calculation technique. For critical mix, the weight batching gadget should always be accompanied in batching by the weight machine, allowing accuracy, versatility and simplicity. There are exclusive Usable types of weight batchers. The exact design had been used depends on the purpose of the mission.

#### 3.2 Mixing



Figure 5. Materials in site.

Working on site with the use of brick-making material mix design (Soil, dry sludge, fullest, mist and fly ash)

### 3.3 Placing



**Figure 6.** Bricks preparation.

Put the mould on a solid, flat board. Form the collected test sample by injecting the content mix (size 190x 90x 80 mm) into three layers, nearly equal in volume, into mould. Move the scoop along, the mould's top edge to the mould allow a symmetric distribute the substance blend within mould. After 2 days of drying it, in sunlight, bricks were needed for the fester to be placed in the kiln

### 3.4 Testing of bricks and results



**Figure 7.** Bricks for testing.

**Source:** Kongu engineering college

**Table 6.**Weight of different percentage of sludge bricks.

No.of bricks	Conventional bricks	10% sludge bricks	20% sludge bricks	30% sludge bricks
1	2320gm	2131gm	1780gm	1560gm
2	2330gm	2120gm	1810gm	1550gm
3	2370gm	2180gm	1780gm	1590gm
4	2330gm	2150gm	1760gm	1595gm
5	2320gm	2110gm	1740gm	1555gm
6	2340gm	2110gm	1720gm	1580gm
7	2320gm	2110gm	1780gm	1570gm

3.5 Water absorption



**Figure 8.** Absorption of water by bricks.

Source:Kongu engineering college

**Table 7.**Brick Weight after the Water Absorption.

Number of bricks	Normal bricks	10% sludge bricks	20% sludge bricks	30% sludge bricks
1	2710gm	2510gm	2140gm	1860gm
2	2780gm	2540gm	2135gm	1850gm
3	2820gm	2540gm	2164gm	1890gm
4	2730gm	2520gm	2125gm	1817gm
5	2720gm	2520gm	2120gm	1870gm
6	2760gm	2530gm	2127gm	1850gm
7	2720gm	2534gm	2114gm	1850gm

3.6 Compressive strength test



**Figure 9.** Measuring compressive strength

Source: Kongu engineering college  
**Table 8.**Compressive brick strength.

No. Of bricks	Normal bricks	10% of sludge bricks	20% of sludge bricks	30% of sludge bricks
1	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.0
2	3.5	3.0	2.5	1.8
3	3.4	3.1	2.8	1.5
4	3.6	3.2	2.6	1.9
5	3.8	3.0	2.7	2.0
6	3.5	2.9	2.4	1.7
7	4.0	3.2	2.6	1.6

**Table 9.**Reduce bricks cost.

No. Of bricks	About traditional bricks (rupees)	20% sludge bricks (rupees)	30% sludge bricks (rupees)	40% sludge bricks (rupees)
1	3.51	3.10	2.3	2.3

#### 4. Results and discussion

The compressive strength of Normal bricks is high when compared to the sewage sludge waste bricks. But the cost of sewage sludge bricks is very low when compared to normal or conventional bricks. And that to the sewage sludge waste is frequently available in the water treatment plants. That sewage sludge waste is generally not useful for anything and that it will create unhealthy conditions. So, when we use that as a ingredient in the brick making then the cost of bricks will reduce and also working process also will reduce some what.

The compressive strength of sun dried conventional bricks is about 4-15kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. As well as the compressive strength of sewage sludge waste brick is about 2.5-8kg/cm<sup>2</sup>so,it cannot be useful for the high load acting places. But when we are going for small type of constructions like constructing a parapet wall and compound walls this bricks are highly recomended because they reduce the cost and they will also give good durability properties. Finally the bricks are prepared with this sewage sludge waste is economical and highly recomended for small type of construction works.

#### 5. Conclusion

Dry sludge is useless, so we can reduce the price of bricks. We pick some houses after doing the practical are fit with soil. And the plastic limit will be zero.We also included the use of dry sludge in bricks in this challenge to substitute soil by up to 50 percent (10%, 20%, 30 percent, forty percent and 50 percent dry sludge).The Based on minimal laboratory experiments on Compressive and water absorption sludge, the following findings made on resistance of partly replaced by dry sludge. Energy of bricks Water absorption has reduced soil replacement by dry sludge by up to 20 percent. Compressive electricity increases when dry sludge substitution increases by a percentage when analyzing regular bricks. Replacement of soil with this dry sludge cloth from this mission offers the right compressive strength at 20 percent alternative to dry sludge.

For that reason, this challenge demonstrates that replacing the this dry sludge soil fabric The brick load reduces. And this is the end product of mild weight.The Usage of dry sludge in brick will shop for the disposal of Factories of ferrous and non-ferrous metals Contamination of land, expense and bringing a "greener" brick for manufacturing.Through this study, environmental impacts from waste and waste disposal problems can be decreased or managed.Through this mission, a better level is shaped with the support of progressive development content.Take out the soil from the mildew and collect the samples of soil for water content engagement from the top, middle and bottom sections. Area the soil lower back within the attempt, add 2 percent extra water Completely focused on the initial soil mass, and as in step three, re-mix. Repeat last 2 steps until a height value of compacted soil mass through some samples of lower compacted soil masses, it is reached.



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