What are the factors influencing the mitigation of pesticides in constructed wetlands ?

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 'Free Water Surface Constructed Wetland (FWS CW)': mitigation of pesticides concentration transferred into the river *Schultz et al.* (1995), *Tournebize et al.* (2012)



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WHAT are the FACTORS influencing the mitigation of pesticides in CW and BY WHICH WAY?

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Results – Influence of hydraulic on effectiveness HRT 2 PC2 (14.2 %) Volume 0 Mitigation Flow rate Waterdepth Low High 1.8 mL/min -2 55 mL/min 1 cm depth Moderate 3 cm depth 8 mL/min 1.5 cm depth -5.0 -2.5 0.0 2.5 5.0 PC1 (70.3 %)

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What is the effectiveness and repartition of pesticides for one complete drainage period ?

 \rightarrow analysis in progress





















