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## EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MODELS

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### Abstract

The great variety of available Solid Waste Management System (SWMS) models, along with a plethora of continuously developing technological advancements in the design and operation of the treatment facilities and collection and transport schemes, the continuous updating of national (and/or European) regulations on waste management and the increased computer literacy and availability, renders the selection of a SWMS model a complex endeavor. From the view point of a municipality, the following question arises: *"How can one select an appropriate model for a particular case at hand?"* The objective of this paper is to suggest a rough procedure for evaluating the appropriateness of a SWMS model for a given situation. The procedure suggested in this paper is employed, in a way of an example, for the comparison of two, readily available models. Both of these models have been applied to the city of Xanthi, Greece; the idea was to compare them using two SWMS scenarios: the existing SWM system and a proposed system.

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