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# DISPOSAL OF OLIVE OIL MILLS WASTES IN EVAPORATION PONDS: A SERIOUS THREAT FOR SOIL QUALITY

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**Abstract :** Bioremediation is a process in which microorganisms metabolize contaminants either through oxidative or reductive processes. As such, it uses relatively low-cost and simple techniques, which generally have high public acceptance and can often be carried out on site. Under favorable conditions, microorganisms can completely oxidize organic contaminants and convert them into non-toxic by-products such as carbon dioxide and water or organic acids and methane. The implementation of bioremediation technology for olive oil mills wastes (OMW) disposal areas although could be suitable for Mediterranean countries, where the disposal of OMW in open evaporation ponds or directly on soil is a current and common practice, has not been developed as an alternative soil remediation technology so far. ....