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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

IOT Internet of Things

RS Remote Sensing

PH Potential Hydrogen

WHO World Health Organization

DO Dissolved Oxygen

COD Chemical Oxygen Demand

BOD Biochemical Oxygen Demand

NWSC National Water and Sewerage Cooperation

EC Electrical Conductivity

Wi-Fi Wireless Fidelity

USEPA US Environmental Protection Agency

GSM Global System for Mobile communications

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

TCP/IP Transfer Control Protocol

LCD Liquid Crystal Display

RD1 Recommended Daily intake

TDS Total Dissolved Solids

WLAN Wireless Local Area Network

WPA Wi-Fi Protected Access

WPS Wi-Fi Protected Setup

M2M Machine to Machine

NEMA National Environment Management Authority

#### **ABSTRACT**

With the rapid development of the economy, more and more serious problems of environment arise. Water contamination is one of these problems. Routinely monitored parameters of water quality are temperature, pH, turbidity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen (DO), chemical oxygen demand (COD), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), ammonia nitrogen, nitrate, nitrite, phosphate, various metal ions and so on.

The most common method to detect these parameters is to collect samples manually and then send them to laboratory for detecting and analyzing. This method wastes too much man power and material resource, and has the limitations of the samples collecting, long-time analyzing, the aging of experiment equipment and other issues. Sensor is an ideal detecting device to solve these problems. It can convert no power information into electrical signals. It can easily transfer process, transform and control signals, and has many special advantages such as good selectivity, high sensitivity, fast response speed and so on. According to these characteristics and advantages of sensors, Monitoring of Turbidity, PH & Temperature of Water is designed and developed.

The model developed is used for testing water samples and the data uploaded over the Internet are analyzed. The system also controls the supply of water when there is a deviation of water quality parameters from the pre-defined set of standard value.

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## **CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION**

## 1.1: Background

Ensuring the safety of water is a challenge due the excessive sources of pollutants, most of which are man-made. The main causes for water contamination are over-exploitation of natural resources due to rapid pace of industrialization and greater emphasis on agricultural growth combined with latest advancements, agricultural fertilizers and non-enforcement of laws have led to water pollution to a large extent(Central Ground Water Board, 2017). The problem is sometimes aggravated due to the non-uniform distribution of rainfall. Individual practices also play an important role in determining the quality of water.

Water quality is affected by both point and non-point sources of pollution, which include sewage discharge, discharge from industries, run-off from agricultural fields and urban run-off. Other sources of water contamination include floods and due to lack of awareness and education among users. The need for user involvement in maintaining water quality and looking at other aspects like hygiene, environment sanitation, storage and disposal are critical elements to maintain the quality of water resources.

Routinely monitored parameters of water quality are temperature, pH, turbidity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen (DO), chemical oxygen demand (COD), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), ammonia nitrogen, nitrate, nitrite, phosphate, various metal ions and so on (Based on extensive experimental evaluation carried out by US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)).

The most common method to detect these parameters is to collect samples manually and then send them to laboratory for detecting and analyzing. This method wastes too much man power and material resource, and has the limitations of the samples collecting, long-time analyzing, the aging of experiment equipment and other issues.

#### 1.2: Problem statement:

Waters in and around Uganda have gradually succumbed to a fair degree of pollution. Chemical waste and oil spills being the major causes of water contamination. sewage discharge, discharge from industries, run-off from agricultural fields and urban run-off are other primary forms of

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