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#### **REVIEWER'S REPORT**

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# Title: Water Optimization in Large-Scale Infrastructure Interventions in Colombia: A Perspective from Waste Management

| Recommendation:                        | Rating         | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|--|----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Accept as it isYES                     | Originality    |        |      |      |      |
| Accept after minor revision            | Techn. Quality |        |      |      |      |
| Do not accept ( <i>Reasons below</i> ) | Clarity        |        |      |      |      |
|  | Significance   |        |      |      |      |

Reviewer's Name: Tahir Ahmad

**Reviewer's Decision about Paper:** 

**Recommended for Publication.** 

**Comments** (Use additional pages, if required)

### **Reviewer's Comment / Report**

#### **General Overview:**

This article addresses the critical issue of water resource management within the context of large-scale infrastructure projects in Colombia, focusing particularly on the role of waste management as a strategy to optimize water use. The manuscript provides a thoughtful review of current practices and proposes practical guidelines aimed at reducing the environmental footprint of infrastructure development while maintaining operational and social effectiveness.

#### Abstract:

The abstract effectively summarizes the scope of the paper, emphasizing the linkage between infrastructure growth, water resource challenges, and the strategic role of waste management. It clearly states the objective to propose actionable guidelines based on national experiences, setting appropriate expectations for the reader.

#### Introduction:

The introduction situates the problem well within the Colombian context, highlighting water management as a primary challenge in infrastructure planning despite existing regulations. The focus on waste management as an underexplored avenue for water optimization is well framed, indicating a fresh perspective on sustainability in urban and civil construction sectors.

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#### **Content and Structure:**

The manuscript is organized logically, beginning with an overview of water's role in infrastructure, followed by an analysis of waste's impact on water use and quality. The sections clearly articulate the practical implications of waste mismanagement, such as contamination and increased water consumption, and the ways in which planned waste management practices can mitigate these issues.

#### **Relevance and Contribution:**

By connecting waste management practices directly to water sustainability objectives, the article fills an important niche in infrastructure planning discourse. It aligns environmental efficiency with urban planning and infrastructure development goals, addressing a vital sustainability axis in a country with significant water resource concerns.

#### **Practical Implications:**

The emphasis on reducing water needs via material reuse, containment to avoid unnecessary washing, and pretreatment of waste before discharge is pertinent and actionable. These points provide a pragmatic roadmap for practitioners and policymakers involved in infrastructure projects.

#### Language and Presentation:

The text is clear, concise, and accessible to both academic and professional audiences. Technical terms are used appropriately without excessive jargon, facilitating understanding of complex sustainability issues.

#### Summary:

This manuscript presents a relevant and well-structured analysis of water optimization through waste management in Colombian infrastructure development. It makes a valuable contribution by linking environmental management practices with resource efficiency in a developing country context. The inclusion of national experiences and guideline proposals enhances its applicability and significance for sustainable infrastructure planning.