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HM	Heavy metal
PM	Paper mill
MSW	Municipal solid waste
AAS	Atomic absorption spectroscopy
ICP-OES	Plasma optical emission spectrometry
GPS	Global positioning system
MF	Mobility factor
EF	Enrichment factor
I_{geo}	Geoaccumulation index
P_i	Pollution load index
IP_i	Integrated pollution load index
ICF	Individual contamination factor
GCF	Global contamination factor
PERI or E_{ir}	Potential ecological risk factor
RI	Ecological risk index
BDL	Below detectable limit
HCA	Hierarchical cluster analysis
CRD	Completely randomized design
BAF	Bioaccumulation factor
TF	Translocation factor
TI	Tolerance index
RLTI	Root length tolerance index
FWTI	Fresh weight tolerance index
CCME	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
WHO	World Health Organization
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
PCBA	Pollution Control Board Assam