IV. Conclusion

Results showed us that land altitude, water table properties, and differences of agricultural practices among the greenhouse regions may be affective on contamination characteristics of groundwater.

Physico-chemical characteristics except EC values of groundwater in the majority of greenhouse areas were within the acceptable limit values and differences in characteristics among the regions were found statistically important. High nitrate contents of groundwater due to agricultural activities all season in greenhouse regions seem the main threats for public health. According to this, control of nitrate pollution in groundwater especially in greenhouse areas requires a holistic approach to climate land, aquifer and land use factors.

According to metal evaluation parameters, generally, it can be concluded that most of groundwater in Kaş region may be considered less contaminated. However, data also showed that there was an alarming rate of NO3 and heavy metal pollution risks in some sampling sites. Results showed us that soil metal fractions and soil metal mobility factor were also effective on groundwater metal contamination.

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