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In the last few decades, environmental issues have been at the centre stage around the globe. Effects of poor environmental management have caused detrimental effects to the environment including air pollution, climate change and global warming. Saudi Arabia being an oil producing country is at the poses a high threat to the environment. this paper will discuss the major environmental factors in Saudi Arabia, and how they affect organizations.

One of the environmental issues in Saudi Arabia is the emission of carbon dioxide gas. In the period between 1990 and 2010, the carbon emission in Saudi Arabia had increased by 137% (Taher and Al-Hajjar, 2014). As a result, the Saudi government has been keen on tackling these environmental challenges. The enacted policies mandate the industry sectors to uphold sustainability and engage in carbon management practices at the organizational level.

Another major environmental challenge in the last 2 decades is the exhaustion of natural resources. According to Almasoud and Gandayh (2015), the rapid increase in Saudi’s population threatens to exhaust Saudi’s oil reservoirs. This, coupled with the global pressure to adopt sustainability and reduce the use fossil fuels, the industry sector is being compelled to adopt sustainable sources of energy such as the solar energy. As such, in 2016, the Saudi government implemented a major initiative, which placed renewable energy at the forefront in the achievement of vision 2030.

The third challenge is air and water pollution. One of the major challenges contributing to water pollution in the region is oil spills and hazardous waste disposal. Various areas including Arbaeen Laggon, and other areas adjacent to the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf have been receiving large amounts of raw sewage resulting in undesirable odors. Similarly, desalinization of water in Saudi leads to various environmental issues. As such, the government has enacted environmental conservation policies that affect the industry sector, and the way they dispose their waste (Balkhair and Ashraf).

In conclusion, the technological advancement and environmental degradation have yielded negative environmental impacts raising concern around the world. As such, every government and other stakeholders are doing the best they can to establish sustainability and environmental conservation. In Saudi Arabia, and the entire Arab region, being major producers of crude oil are major contributors of environmental pollution.

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