



Chemicals polluting soils – NEMA

Ugandan soils are getting polluted with chemicals which is depleting the soil fertility, lessening bee population and killing other important microorganisms, the National Environment Management Authority (Nema), has warned.

Christine Akello, the Nema deputy executive director said that the country is fast-turning to agricultural, industrial chemicals and with the current poor disposal, they are ending up in the environment and killing off useful microorganisms. "Our soils are getting choked," Akello said. Akello said in areas where flowers are being farmed, it has been observed that the bee population is reducing and this has had an impact on plant pollination, which in turn affect crop productivity. "When you use chemicals to get rid of weeds or pests, the chemical washes off into the soils," she said.

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