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Title of the Manuscript:	Effect of cement dust on soil chemical properties in the vicinity of a Cement Factory, Ramnagar Chandauli
Type of the Article	Original research

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>The article's importance for the scientific community is limited. It is an assessment of the soil state around a cement factory in comparison with a control sample. The most notable effect noticed was the tendency of the pH to slightly increasing due to the industrial activity, but the other parameters don't seem to be affected by the industrial activity.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>The references are sufficient but rather old.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>I have some observation:</p> <p>1. For the limits of K, N, P content in soil, a reference is cited, Jaiswal (2011), which is a book hard to find and check. There should be environmental state agencies regulations to be cited.</p> <p>2. Potassium, Phosphorous and Nitrogen content is express in kg/h??? They should be in mg/kg or ppm.</p> <p>The highlights I made in the manuscript should be considered for the correction.</p>	

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