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GROUNDWATER CHEMISTRY OF THE SHALLOW AQUIFER, EL-TUR AREA, SOUTH SINAI, EGYPT

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## *ABSTRACT*

Twenty groundwater samples were collected and analyzed from several hand-dug wells at El-Tur City, South Sinai, Egypt. The results of chemical analyses indicate that the water types are  $Na_2SO_4$  of meteoric genesis,  $MgCl_2$  of marine genesis and  $CaCl_2$  of old marine genesis. The saturation indices with respect to minerals were calculated by the use of the hydrochemical program WATEQ and used to elucidate the rock-water interactions. The results point to the occurrence of 18 minerals that reflect the chemical characteristics of the shallow aquifer. A multivariate statistical analyses shows that a grouping exists. The suitability of the water for irrigation and potable purposes falls within five classes.

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