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GDP AND POLLUTION: EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS FOR THE NAFTA TRADE BLOC

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ABSTRACT

The tradeoff between pollution control and GDP growth is one of the major concerns for the economists. It is observed that with the increase in GDP pollution/emission also increases. In this paper I have examined the relationship between level of emission and GDP for NAFTA countries. The linkages between emission and GDP has been examined by using correlation analysis. The empirical analysis has indicated that there is positive correlation between GDP and emission for the NAFTA countries.

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