



DF's dumpster under water

Flooding this year worsened the problems in Mexico City's garbage landfill at Bordo Poniente. It receives 13,000 tons of waste daily

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September's heavy rains in Mexico City drew attention to one the city's biggest environmental problems: the creation and collection of rubbish, blocking the entries to the country's biggest landfill due to flooding.

Flooding made it impossible to collect the 13,000 tons of garbage the city produces each day. Even though the capital government opened up an alternative route to reach the dump, collection services took several weeks to return to normal.

The closure of Bordo Poniente – due to its lack of capacity for more waste – has been a point of dispute between federal and local governments.

Finally – a few days ago – after

a long legal and political dispute, both governments agreed to close down the garbage landfill Bordo Poniente by the end of 2012, before the end of both Mayor Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon's and President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa's administrations.



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