Special Issue

Recycling and Air Pollution

Message from the Guest Editors

Controlling energy resource consumption and air pollutant emissions is necessary for environmental improvement and is essential for the sustainability of economic development and industrial transformation. Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as waste and turning them into new products. Recycling used materials, equipment, and production facilities limits mineral and raw material shortage and reduces air pollution. However, any hazardous substances contained within may also be released into the air during these processes. Therefore, identifying the relationship between recycling and air pollution is a key issue for efficient recycling in terms of environmental benefits. We invite authors to submit original and review articles that describe field, experimental, and modelling studies linked to the relationship between recycling rates and air pollution and the assessing the co-benefits of improved energy efficiency, resource conservation, and air pollution reduction. The topic is also related to detailed analyses of recycling processes as a major source of air pollution.

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