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Polymers: From Waste to Potential Reuse

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, environmental pollution is a problem affecting our ability to solve the impacts of polymer solid waste that are evident in the ever-increasing levels of global plastic pollution, both on land and in the oceans. Plastics have become widely used materials in everyday life due to their special properties such as their durability, easy processing, lightweight nature, and low cost of production. However, because of their stable and nonbiodegradable nature, postconsumer plastics become an issue to the environment. Growing amounts of waste are generated, as plastic products are commonly used only once before disposal. The alternatives of practical techniques for solid waste management are redesign, reprocessing, and recycling. Recycling techniques should be constantly developed. The recycling of plastic waste helps to conserve natural resources due to polymeric materials being made from oil and gas. There are four main recycling methods: reuse, mechanical recycling, chemical recycling, and energy recovery.

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