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Utilization of Industrial By-Products—Recovery of Rare Earth Elements

Message from the Guest Editor

An industrial by-product is a production residue from an industrial process that is not a waste, with a minor net realizable value (NRV) when compared with the main products. As economically exploitable minerals containing REEs are very scarce, the available stockpiles have decreased and the recovery of REEs from their
deposits is difficult due to the coexistence of radioactive elements; therefore, it is necessary to investigate the potential to recover REEs from different industrial byproducts. These industrial streams contain relatively low concentrations of REEs in comparison to primary ores, but large volumes are available, and therefore they could become economically attractive secondary sources of REEs. This Special Issue aims to publish papers dealing with the recovery of REEs from different industrial-by products.
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