

Special Issue

Potentially Toxic Elements in Soils Affected by Metal Mining and Processing

Message from the Guest Editors

Production of metals has always been and remains an important constituent in the development of civilization. Mining of metal ores, as well as their processing that involves various methods of concentration and smelting, belong to those human activities that strongly affect the environment. They usually lead to its considerable enrichment in potentially toxic elements, such as heavy metals and metalloids. The problem of soil pollution in such sites relates both to abandoned historical mines and smelters and to currently operating plants...This Special Issue of *Minerals* welcomes works dealing with various problems related to soil contamination in the sites affected by metal ore mining and processing, including weathering of metal(loid)-hosting minerals, biogeochemistry of potentially toxic elements in soils, their release into water and uptake by plants, assessment of associated environmental risk, as well as the methods of soil remediation.

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