Special Issue

Recovery of Precious Metals, Rare Earth Elements and Special Metals from Spent Secondary Products

Message from the Guest Editors

The global demand for precious metals, in chemical, petrochemical, electrical and electronic products, medical and dentistry applications, jewelry and automobile industries, against the dwindling natural deposits; demands the development of more efficient recovery methods, as well as a move towards urban mining. The latter is becoming more attractive due to the high yields compared with extraction from primary ores. Current recovery rates of precious metals and REEs from spent products are low and there is a need to drive towards a closed-loop recycling system. However; the heterogeneous nature of such secondary sources of precious metals and REEs demands the development of robust methods for the recovery of strategic metals. This Special Issue will contribute to the knowledge gap in the characterization and recycling of precious metals and REEs from spent secondary materials. Spent secondary materials include catalytic converters, electronic boards, magnet scraps, fluorescent lamps, CRTs, LCDs, PV cells, solar panels, batteries, and fly ash, among others.
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