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Asbestos Containing Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

The term asbestos derives from a Greek word meaning unquenchable. Today, the commercial term asbestos is applied to a group of six silicate minerals characterized by their fibrous structure and useful commercial properties. Over recent years, there has been increasing interest in natural occurrences of asbestos and asbestos containing materials as a source of possible environmental risk and negative health effects have been associated with exposure to this material. Today, asbestos and asbestos containing materials are considered hazardous waste, whose management has become a matter of great concern; however, the use of asbestos is not restricted or banned in all countries. This Special Issue, entitled *Asbestos Containing Materials*, concerns the latest findings on naturally occurring asbestos, as well as asbestos containing materials, in terms of their identification, characterization, and treatment from the point of view of waste management and recycling technologies, along with possible solutions for reducing asbestos exposure.

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