



Ashes: Characterisation, Recovery and Utilization

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Dear Colleagues,

The main advantage of ashes is their readiness for utilization or processing because of their powder state. Additionally, in the case of combustion ashes, the heat removes almost all the organic elements and concentrates the inorganic ones as relics, amorphous materials or newly formed minerals.

As such, combustion ashes are important in civil construction applications, but also have potential as secondary raw materials as the source of rare earth elements, germanium, gallium, aluminium and other metals (in the case of ashes from coal and municipal solid waste), or to partially substitute primary raw materials such as phosphate rocks in the case of aviary manure ash or natural graphite in the case of coal char.

This Special Issue of *Minerals* is focused on ashes characterization, on the progress of their applications, and on the recovery of elements and materials from them.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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