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Investigation New Technology for Separation of Plastic Wastes

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Dear Colleagues,

The environmental impact of post-consumer plastics is an important issue in waste management. In the hierarchy of sustainable waste management, when reduction and reuse of consumer goods cannot be carried out, recycling or energy recovery of materials must be preferred to landfilling. Therefore, plastic wastes can be considered as a resource, becoming the alternative to virgin materials or traditional fuels. The separation process within a recycling plant plays a major role in the contexts of production of high-quality secondary raw materials and reduction of extensive waste disposal in landfills. Nowadays, several promising technologies for plastic mixtures separation have undergone research, such as electrostatic separation, processes based on differential thermal behaviours, selective solvents and optical properties and, above all, separation by density.

This Special Issue of *Separations* invites papers addressing all aspects of the processes for plastics separations and impurities removal to reliably substitute virgin polymers reducing environmental impact and resource depletion.

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