

REMOBILIZATION POTENTIAL OF METALLIC ELEMENTS (CU, ZN, AS, CD, AND PB) FROM AMENDED MINE SOIL UNDER UNSTEADY-STATE SEEPAGE CONDITIONS

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Remobilization potential of several metallic elements (Cu, Zn, As, Cd, and Pb) from mine soils amended with three stabilization materials (mine sludge, steel slag, and limestone) was evaluated by consecutive batch leaching, sequential extraction, and 1-D seepage flow experiments. Metallic elements were effectively immobilized by amendments treatment for one month, as proved by the decrement (10.6–92.7%) of the labile fraction compared to non-amended soil. However, metallic elements were remobilized during 14 consecutive leaching and 400 PV of seepage. In particular, repeated wetting-drying treatments during batch leaching tests and flow interruption events during seepage flow facilitated the remobilization, as demonstrated by increase in elution mass in effluents (gm), leaching rate (k , min⁻¹) to seepage water, and labile fraction in soil phase. Mechanism for increased remobilization potential as affected unsteady state soil-water interaction is being investigated

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