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# HANDBOOK OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## BOOK DESCRIPTION

Human activities have been developing towards such a consumption of resources that everything relating this issue implies the production of wastes. When we look at the word waste we must understand that a huge set of concepts, practices and technological issues arise. Thus, a written text on solid waste management must always be a handbook, in the sense that the discussed subjects must be diverse, covering not only legislation, playing a very important role and being a significant part of this fundamental problem, but also management, facilities, treatment, planning, collection, and disposal. The whole and complete list would be long, as this book clearly shows.

This book includes a very important chapter, divided in several parts, focusing specific practical problems completely up to date, as it is the case of scrap tires, used oil, demolition and computer wastes, thus emphasizing the state-of-the-art of some of the wastes that only recently are driving attention. If one thinks about the main thing to do relating wastes yielding, that is its reduction, one

must think both in quantity reduction as well as in toxicity reduction. This implies, actually, two very different concepts, which the book clearly distinguishes. Financial issues and life-cycle cost are always explored.

We have then in this edition, the 2nd one, the contribution of several dozens of recognized experts in the municipal solid waste problem, which write about a world where incinerators have mostly banned, landfills are full and citizens severely make pressure on governments, industry and institutions to finally find a solution to solve the issue of solid wastes, in a manner that needs to be simultaneously environmentally sustainable and cost-effective. Discussed items cover a wide range of subjects, from technical and regulatory aspects, to some of the items already pointed out above. Questions like monitoring and control, safety and risk assessment are also discussed.

The book presents case studies with numerous how-to illustrations, intended to help engineers in planning and managing waste treatment facilities.

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