TCLP INVESTIGATIONS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RAPID SCREENING FIELD ASSESSMENT TEST[1]

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Abstract: A common procedure to determine the metal concentration mine waste piles is the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Method 1311 developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This test takes considerable time and sample amount hindering the remediation process by slowing it down. The proposed Citizen's TCLP is a modified version of the EPA TCLP that will utilize everyday compounds such as baking soda, vinegar, and bottled water. With a reaction time of 1 hour and teaspoons of contaminated sediment needed, this scaled-down version of the TCLP may provide a rapid screening assessment tool that will speed up remediation decisions.

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