



National Slag Association

Founded in 1918





National Slag Association

. . . In the Beginning!

- **Established in 1918 to address the huge volumes of slag being generated by the iron and steel industry. At that time**
 - **40,000,000 tons of pig iron being produced.**
 - **20,000,000 tons of slag being generated.**
- **Association adopted the mission to fully identify new potential applications for this co-product of the iron and steel industry.**





National Slag Association ... Today!

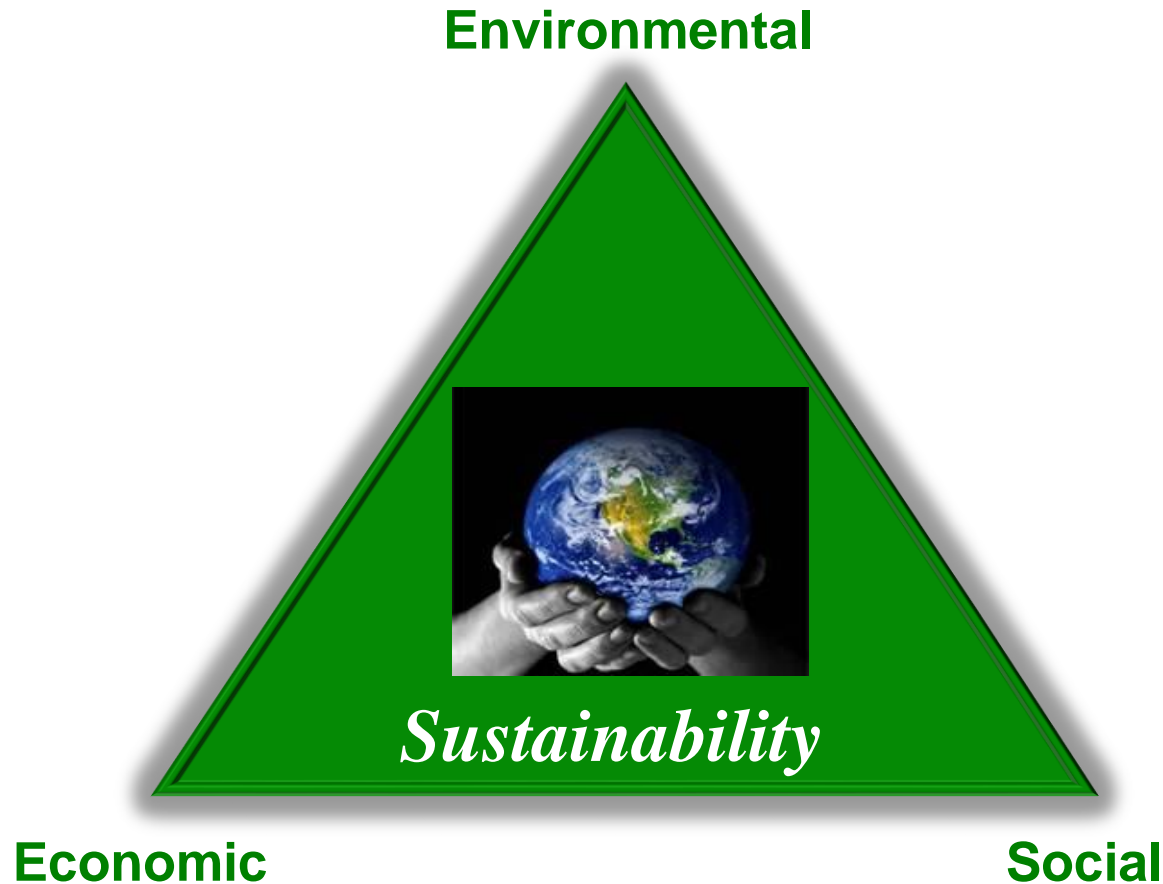
"SLAG ... The Material of choice"

- **In excess of 20,000,000 tons of slag produced and marketed annually.**
- **Member companies work closely together to expand utilization and develop new applications.**
- **Over the past 90 years slag has earned a reputation for long term performance across a wide range of responsible, environmentally sound applications.**
- **Through a commitment to safe and productive plant operations, NSA member companies continue to demonstrate their dedication to "Safety First"!**





SLAG . . . A Green Product in its Own Right !





SLAG . . . An Industrial Co-Product of the Iron & Steel Industry





SLAG

"A material which tends to be mischaracterized and misunderstood!"





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **Slag usage in road building dates back 2000 years ago to Roman road building.**

↙ **“Appian Way” in Italy** ↘





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

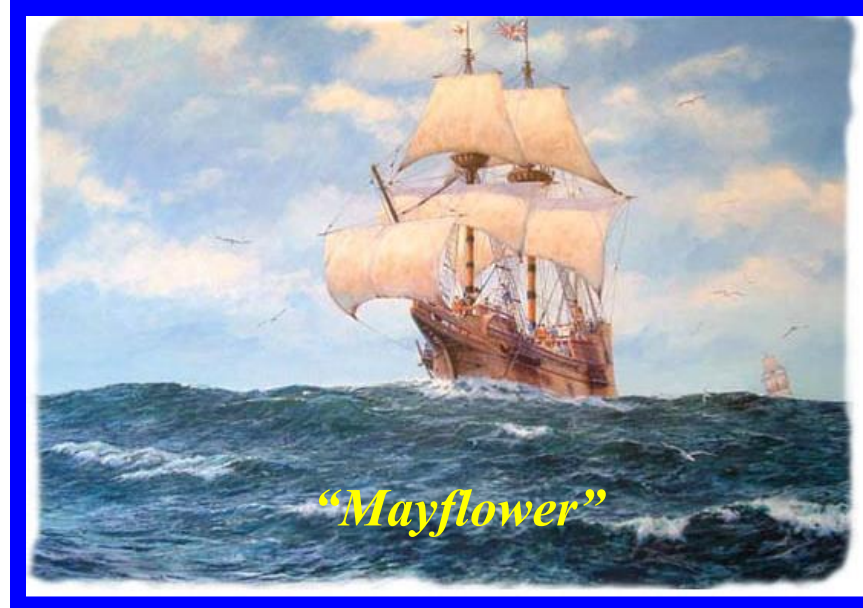
- **As early as 1589, Germany made cannon balls out of iron slag.**





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **Perhaps the first introduction of iron slag to America came with the pilgrims as slag was used as ship ballast.**





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **Cast iron slag stones were used for masonry work in Europe in the 18th century.**





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **Slag roads in England go back to 1813.**





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **First Slag road built in the US in 1830.**



- **By 1880 cast blocks of slag were in general use for street paving in both Europe and America.**





SLAG: A Proud History of Use for this Co-Product !

- **Major early use in America was as ballast for railroads.**





SLAG

WHAT IS SLAG ???





SLAG

- **AS OLD AS THE SMELTING PROCESS ITSELF!**
- **Every metallurgical smelting process generates Slag as a co-product.**
- **Slags used in construction applications are primarily co-products of the Iron and Steel making industry.**





Types of Slag

- **Iron Blast Furnace Slag (BFS)**
 - Air Cooled
 - Granulated
 - Pelletized

- **Steel Furnace Slag (SFS)**
 - Basic Oxygen Furnace (BOF)
 - Electric Arc Furnace (EAF)

- **Other Slags**
 - Foundry
 - Cupola
 - Ladle Metallurgical Furnace





Steel-Making Process

Integrated Mills:

- Blast Furnace Slag (BFS)
- Basic Oxygen Furnace Steel Slag (BOF)

Mini Mills:

- Electric Arc Furnace Steel Slag (EAF)





Integrated Mills

Blast Furnace Slag (BFS)







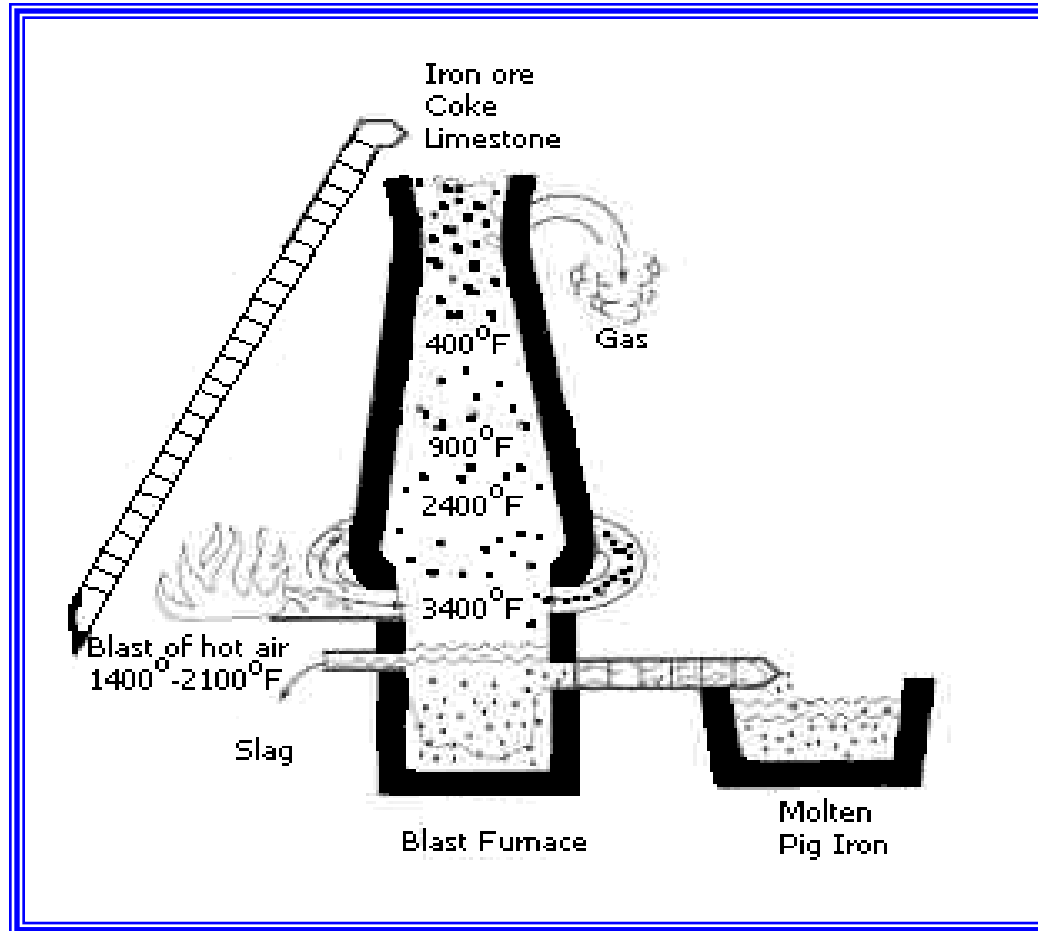
BLAST FURNACE SLAG

Blast Furnace Slag is formed when iron ore or iron pellets, coke and a flux (either limestone or dolomite) are melted together in a blast furnace. When the metallurgical smelting process is complete, the lime in the flux has been chemically combined with the aluminates and silicates of the ore and coke ash to form a non-metallic product called blast furnace slag. During the period of cooling and hardening from its molten state, BF slag can be cooled in several ways to form any of several types of BF slag products.



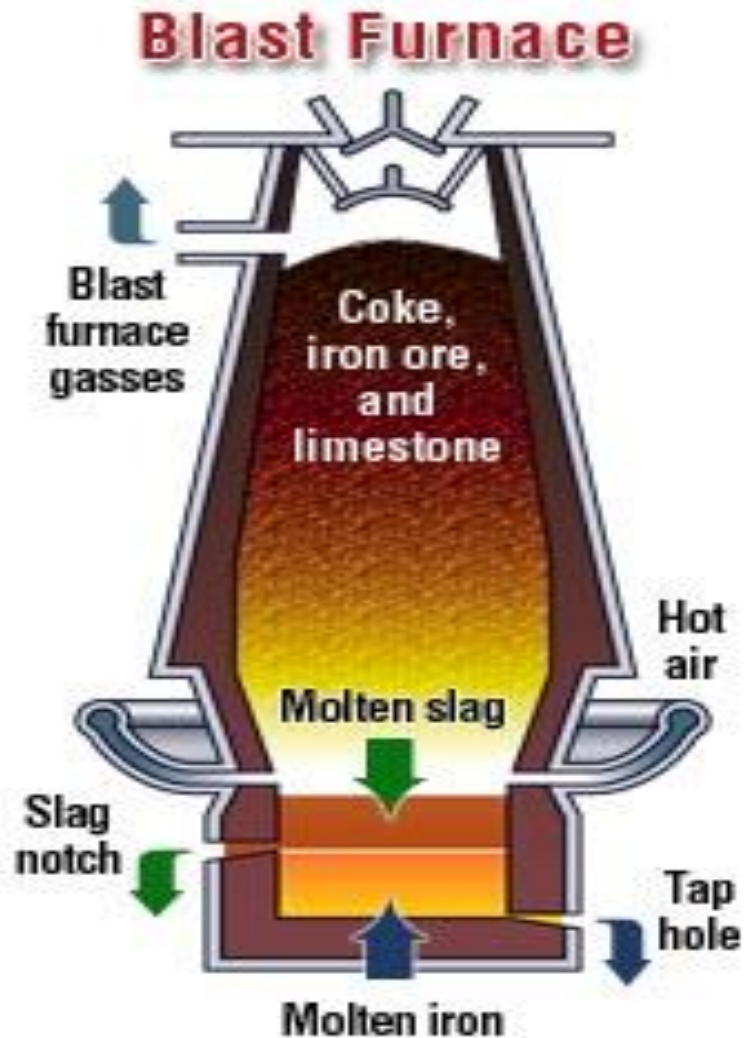


Iron Slag Making Process Through a Blast Furnace





Iron Blast Furnace





Blast Furnace Slag (BFS)

- Blast Furnace Slag is most often processed by allowing it to slowly cool by ambient air (Air Cool Blast Furnace Slag or ABCF), is processed through a screening and crushing plant, and then processed into different sizes for use primarily as an aggregate.
- In some instances Blast Furnace Slag may undergo either an expansive or pelletizing process for use in different applications.





GRANULATED SLAG

Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GBFS)



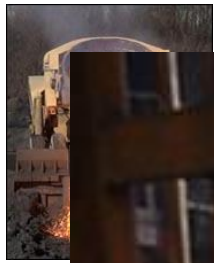


GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG



Granulated Blast Furnace slag is produced by being rapidly cooled by large quantities of water to produce a sand-like granule with glass-like properties.





**Granulated
Blast Furnace Slag**



GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG



➤ Granulated Blast Furnace Slag Applications:

- Ground to produce Slag Cement.
- Construction Aggregate (lightweight fill)
- Raw material in the manufacture of Portland Cement
- Raw material in the manufacture of glass





Steel Slag

- **Basic Oxygen Furnace Slag (BOF)**
- **Electric Arc Furnace Slag (EAF)**





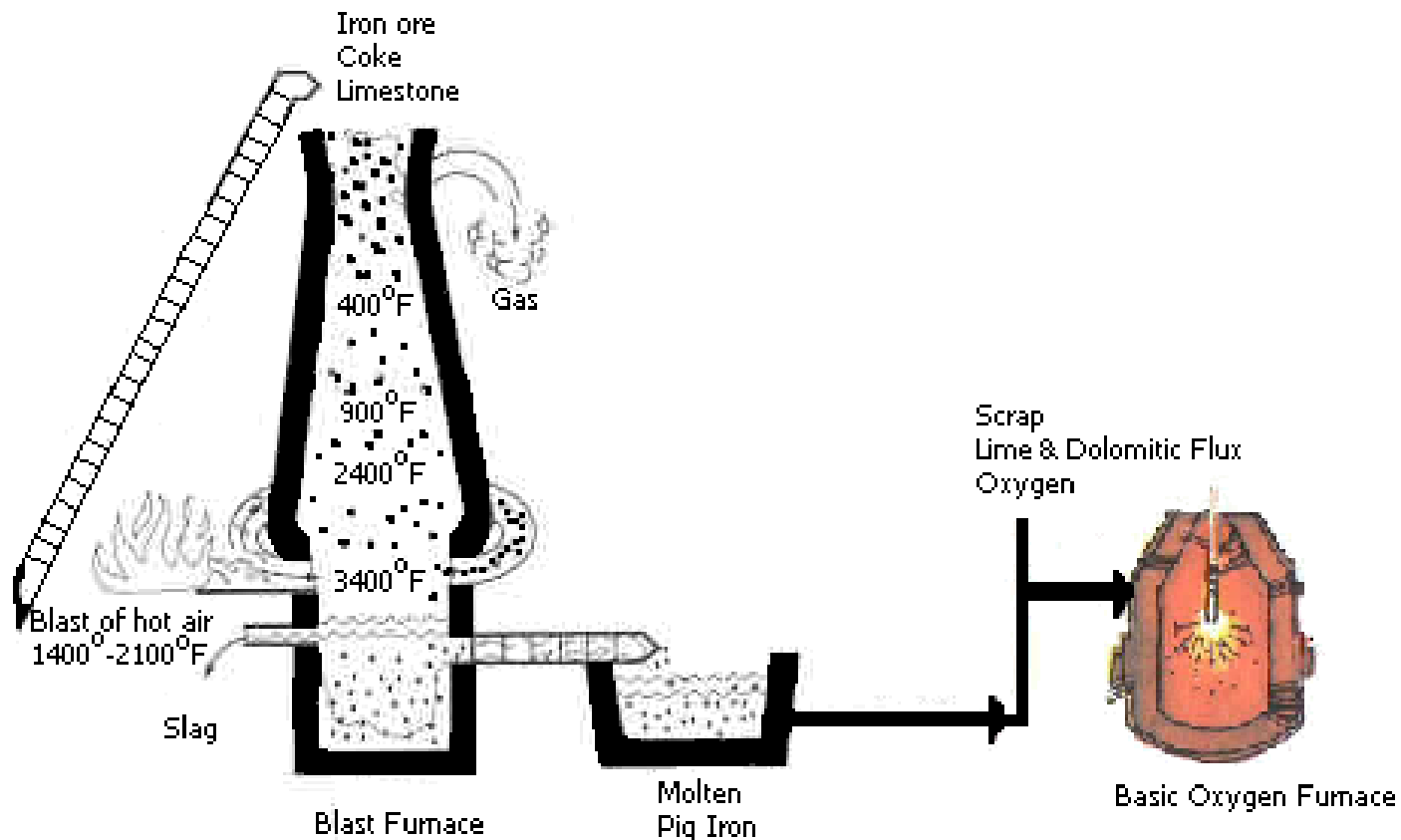
STEEL FURNACE SLAG

Steel Furnace Slag is produced in a (BOF) Basic Oxygen Furnace or an (EAF) Electric Arc Furnace. Hot iron (BOF) and/or scrap metal (EAF) are the primary metals to make steel in each process. Lime is injected to act a fluxing agent. The lime combines with the silicates, aluminum oxides, magnesium oxides, manganese oxides and ferrites to form steel furnace slag, commonly called steel slag. Slag is poured from the furnace in a molten state. After cooling from its molten state, steel slag is processed to remove all free metalilcs and sized into products.



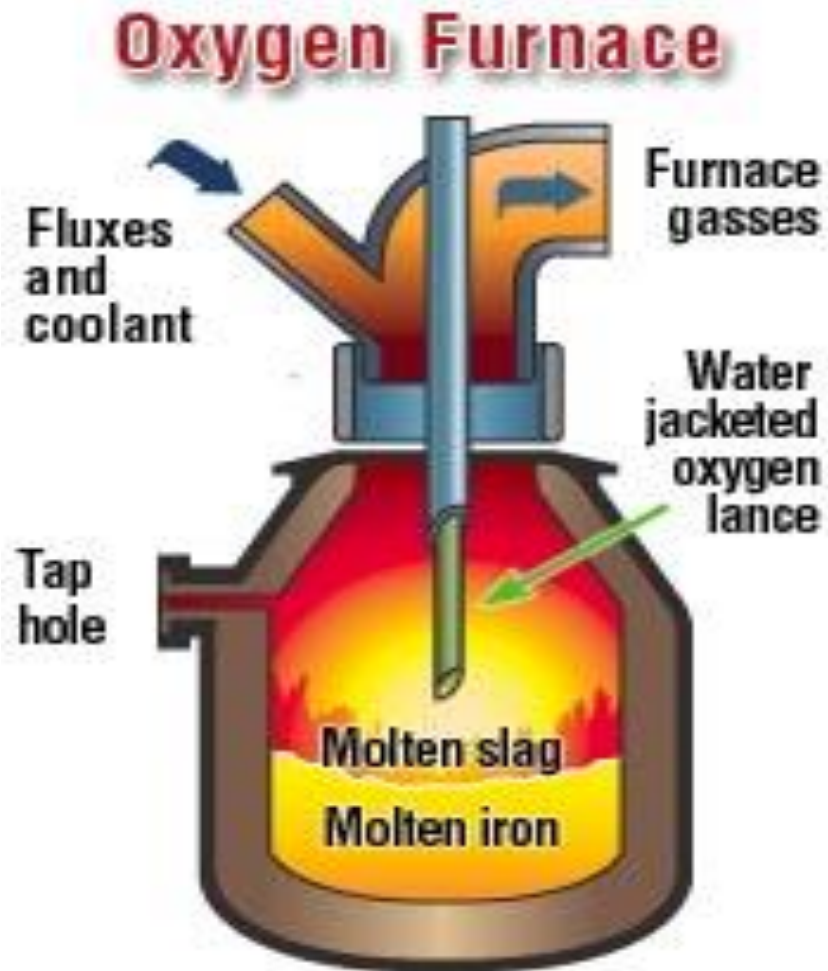


Steel Slag Made Through A Basic Oxygen Furnace





Basic Oxygen Furnace





Mini Mills

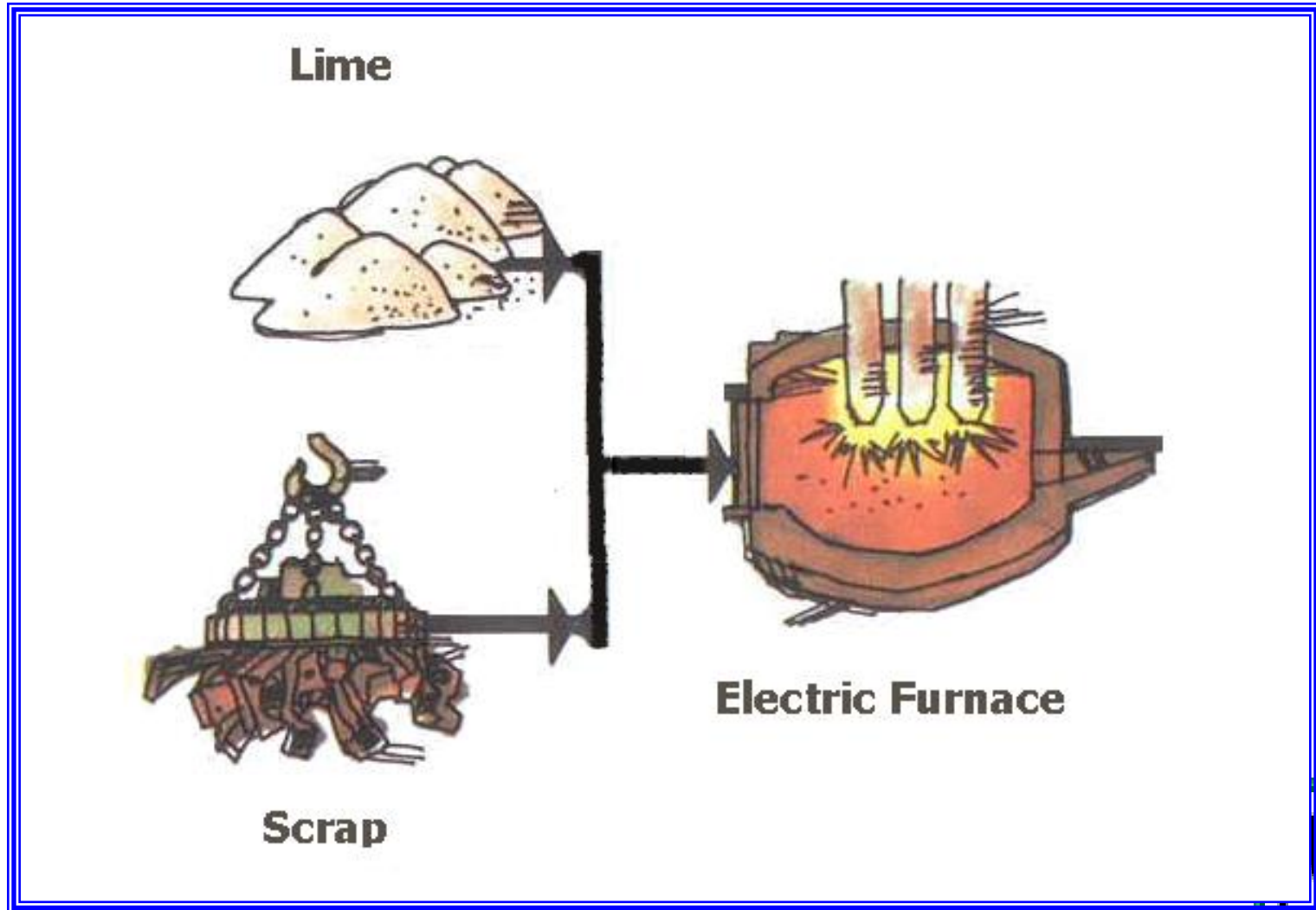
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Electric Arc Furnace Slag (EAF)





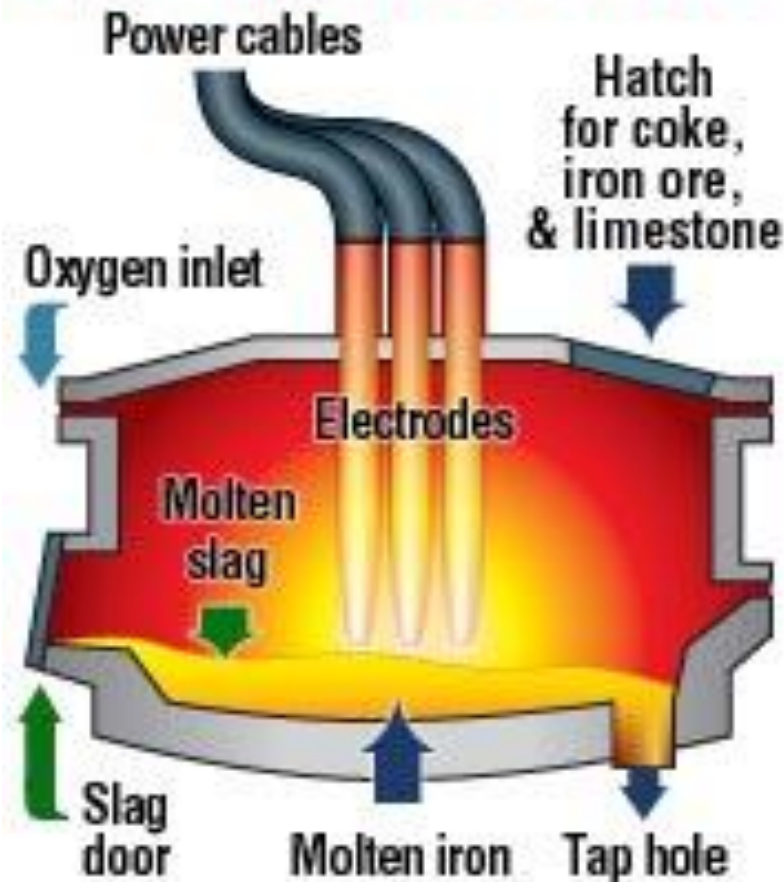
Process of Steel Slag (EAF)





Steel Slag (EAF)

Electric Arc Furnace





Electric Arc Furnace



STEEL FURNACE SLAG

Steel slag is processed as an air-cooled material. The free metallics are magnetically separated and the material is separated and sized into construction aggregates, used as an agricultural soil amendment, as a raw ingredient in Portland cement production, as an environmental remediation material and other uses.





Foundry Slag / Cupola Slag



- **Slags produced by metal casting foundries subject to the type of process being used.**
 - **Cupola Slag (air-cooled or water-quenched)**
 - **Induction Furnace Slag**
 - **Electric Arc Furnace Slag**
 - **Desulphurization Slag**
- **Properties and chemistries vary widely due to the type of processing and materials used.**





Ladle Metallurgical Furnace Slag



- **Slags that are co-products of specialized iron or steel manufacturing.**
- **Ferroalloys and Fluxes are added to the ladle to drive attainment of a particular chemistry.**
- **Slags possessing specialized chemistries such as high CaO can be produced.**
- **Volumes of Slag produced are generally lower than that typically seen in an iron or steel blast furnace.**



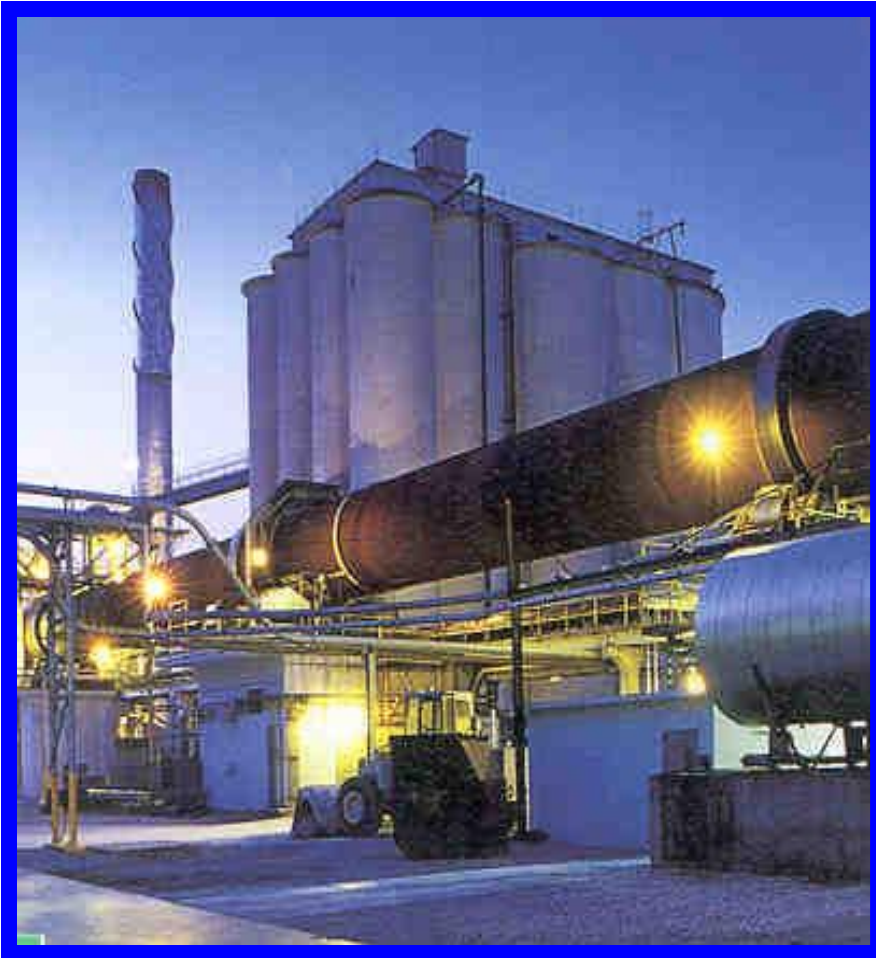


Other Proven Uses for Slag !





Clinker From Steel Making Slags



**“A Productivity
and
Environmental
Solution”**





Steel Industry



Cement Industry



***Why is Slag of interest to
the Cement Producer . . . ?***





The Chemistry of Slag is very similar to the basic materials found in Portland Cement !





SLAG & CEMENT PRODUCTION

- **Slag has been proven to be a valuable material addition in the Cement Production Process**
 - **Can be used as a supplemental raw material addition to the materials blended as feed and fed into a kiln to produce cement clinker.**
 - **Can be used as a grinding aid in the cement grinding and finishing process.**





SLAG & CEMENT PRODUCTION

➤ CemStar

- *Patented Process that uses Steel Slag and/or ACBF Slag added directly into the back of a cement kiln during the pyro-processing (burning) process to create cement clinker.*





CemStar

- **Increases the Production of Cement Clinker. (Slag is precalcined !)**
- **Reduces the consumption of natural fuels while increasing Productivity.**
- **Reduces Greenhouse Gases**
 - **CO₂**
 - **NO_x**
 - **Sox**
- **Increases the Sustainability of Natural Aggregate Sources.**





Steel Furnace Slag

Construction Aggregate Applications





Steel Furnace Slag

➤ Aggregate Properties:

- Rough, cubicle texture
- Increased toughness & soundness
- No deleterious materials

**Rounded Uncrushed
Gravel**



**Flat & Elongated
Limestone**



Cubical Steel Slag





Steel Furnace Slag for Bituminous Paving

- **Steel Slag has evolved as an ideal aggregate in Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) surface mixture applications.**
 - **Superior Skid Resistance**
 - Improved frictional properties
 - Higher coefficient of friction than most natural aggregates.
 - **High Shear Strength**
 - Resistance to rutting





Steel Furnace Slag

“Chip and Seal”





Steel Furnace Slag

Chip and Seal

1. After the surface has been prepared by patching, crack filling, etc. a binder is sprayed from a computer controlled and calibrated spray unit.
2. Then a layer of aggregate is applied using a computer controlled and calibrated self-propelled chip spreader.
3. The process is completed by compacting the surface via several passes from a multi-tired roller.





Steel Furnace Slag



Chip and Seal

- **Physically, many natural aggregates are unable to provide a surface that will resist polishing, therefore, they easily become slippery when wet.**
- **Steel slag contributes a high coefficient of friction to the roads surface by providing the roughness necessary to attain a skid resistant pavement.**
- **Steel Slag, with its hard, angular, skid resistant shape, low absorption, and greater asphalt binder affinity is the most advantageous choice of aggregate for Chip and Seal applications.**





Steel Furnace Slag

"Chip and Seal"

Chip and Seal is a cost-effective method of resurfacing low-volume roadways in rural areas!





ACBF & Steel Furnace Slag

Other Construction Applications

- **Unimproved Roadways & Parking Lots**
- **Driveways**
- **Shoulders & Berms**
- **Embankments**
- **Fill Applications**





Steel Furnace Slag

➤ Base & Fill Applications

- The chemical composition of some Steel Slag tends to be expansive and should not be used where potential expansion would be detrimental. This is especially true where a dense graded aggregate is used as a base or fill.
- Depending upon the level of potential expansion and material gradation, confined applications such as bases under pavements and structures may need to be avoided.
- Most Steel Slags however are suitable for use in applications where expansion will not be an issue such as in an open-graded fill or road surface course.





Pipe Bedding for Sewer and Storm Water Pipe





Steel Furnace Slag

- **Pipe Backfill**
- **Leach Field Stone**
- **Septic Stone**





COMMON USES FOR SLAG

Blast Furnace Slag			Steel Slag
Air-Cooled	Pelletized	Granulated	
Asphalt Aggregate	Concrete Masonry Aggregate	GGBFS Cement	Asphalt Aggregate
Concrete/Masonry Aggregate	Lightweight Concrete	Soil Cement	Fill
Insulation/Mineral Wool	Insulation	Roller Compacted Concrete	Cement Mfg. Raw Feed
Cement Mfg. Raw Feed	Lightweight Fill	Agricultural/Soil Amendment	Agricultural/Soil Amendment
Agriculture/Soil Amendment	Road Base		Environmental Applications
Base & Fill Material			Railroad Ballast
Roof Aggregate			Road Base
Railroad Ballast			Gabions/Rip Rap
Glass Manufacture			
Environmental Applications			
Gabions/Rip Rap			



Agricultural Applications

- **Substitute for Agricultural Lime**
- **Valuable for Remineralization:**

Calcium

Iron

Copper

Boron

Magnesium

Zinc

Manganese

Sulfur

Molybdenum





Slag's use for Environmental Remediation



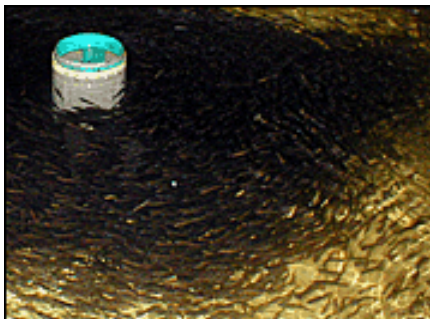
Water Purification



Water Filtration



**Permeable
Reactive
Barrier**



**Phosphorus
Removal**



Erosion Control



Environmental Remediation

- **Water Purification**
- **Hazardous Chemicals**
- **Permeable Reactive Barriers**

- **Acid Remediation**
 - ✓ **Acid Mine Drainage**
 - ✓ **Phosphorus**

- **Waste Pollution Remediation (Constructed Wetlands Technology)**
 - ✓ **Manure Pit Effluents**
 - ✓ **Barnyard & Feed Lot Effluents**
 - ✓ **Milk House Effluents**





Slag Utilization for Water Pollution Remediation



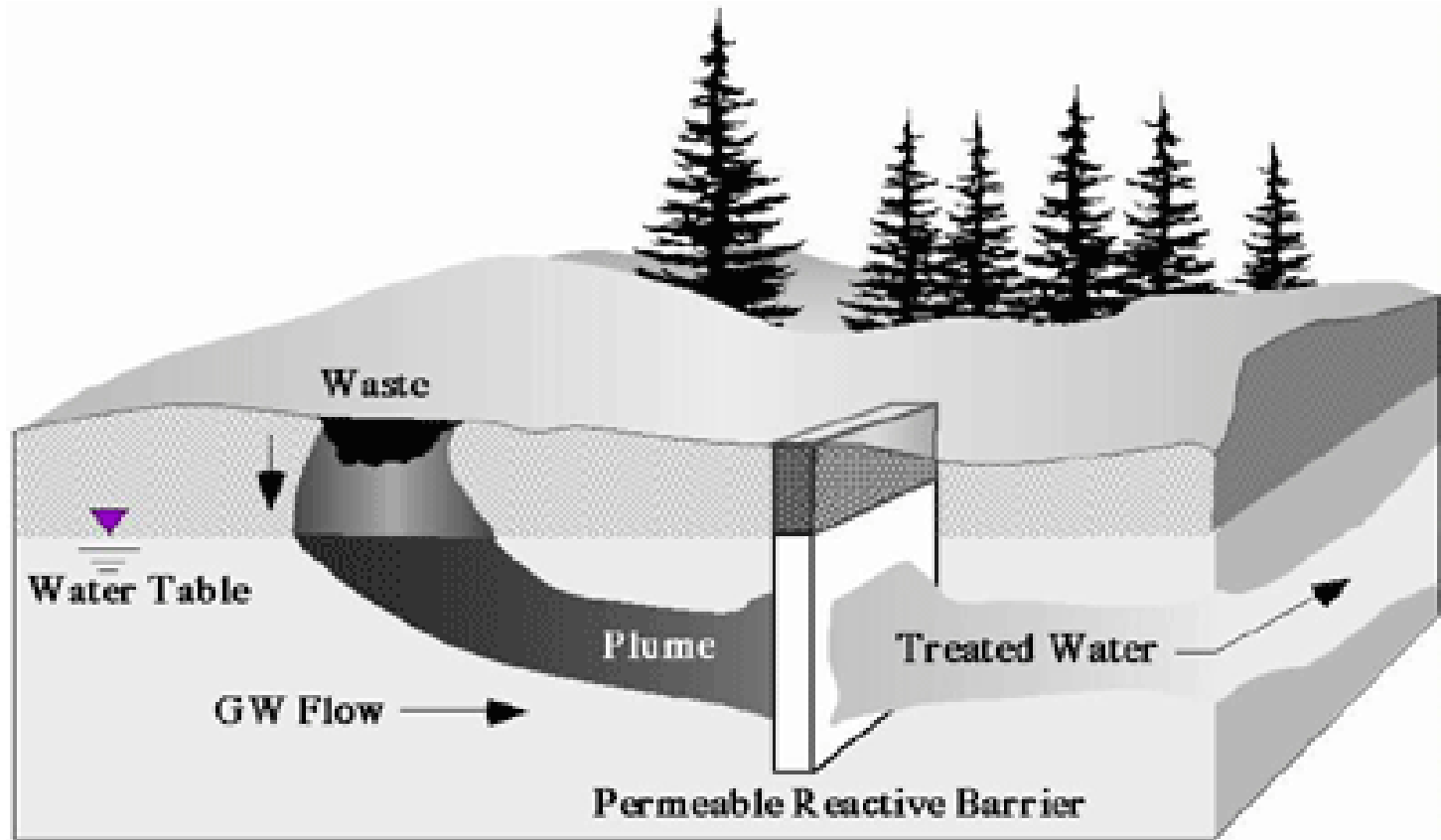


Slag for Permeable Reactive Barriers





Slag for Permeable Reactive Barriers



SLAG for Acid Mine Drainage





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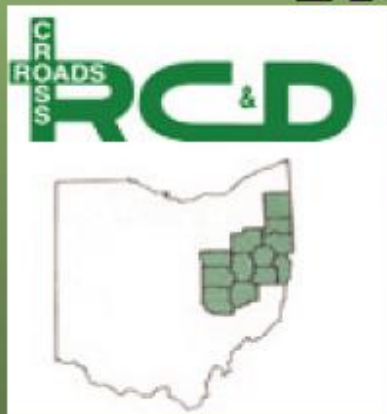
Presentation on the utilization of Slag to reduce Acid Mine Drainage

Jim Gue – Ohio Department of Natural Resources





“PASSIVE TREATMENT OF ACID MINE DRAINAGE USING STEEL SLAG IN THE HUFF RUN WATERSHED ”



Huff Run Watershed

- Muskingum Conservancy District
- Tuscarawas River Basin
- Conotton Creek
- 10 miles length
- 14.1 sq miles



A Primary Huff Run AMDAT

Goal:

Huff Run Watershed



Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Plan



Prepared By:
 Gannett Fleming

March 2000

“Identify and develop
AMD abatement
Projects in reaches 4
and 5 to buffer
downstream episodic
low flow pH
excursions.”

Pre-Construction Water Quality

Project Sample Location	pH	Fe	Mn	Al
Seep at Headwaters	5.8	.648	18.5	.357
Pond 1	2.99	6.94	44.1	21.3
Pond 2	6.64	.258	1.44	<.25
Impoundment 4	4.64	.169	12.3	.987
Impoundment 6	6.28	1.85	5.47	<.25
Wetland Outlet	4.78	.302	15.1	.51
Site Discharge	3.97	.75	18.8	3.33

pH (SU)

Metals (mg/l)

Steel Slag Advantages:

- Steel slags yield several hundred times more alkalinity per equal weight than limestone
- High alkalinity with low contact time
- Low cost (\$12.00/ton at Lindentree Project)
- Ease of availability
- Long-term passive treatment

Limestone/Steel Slag Channel



Limestone/Slag Treatment Swale



Limestone Rip-Rap Channel

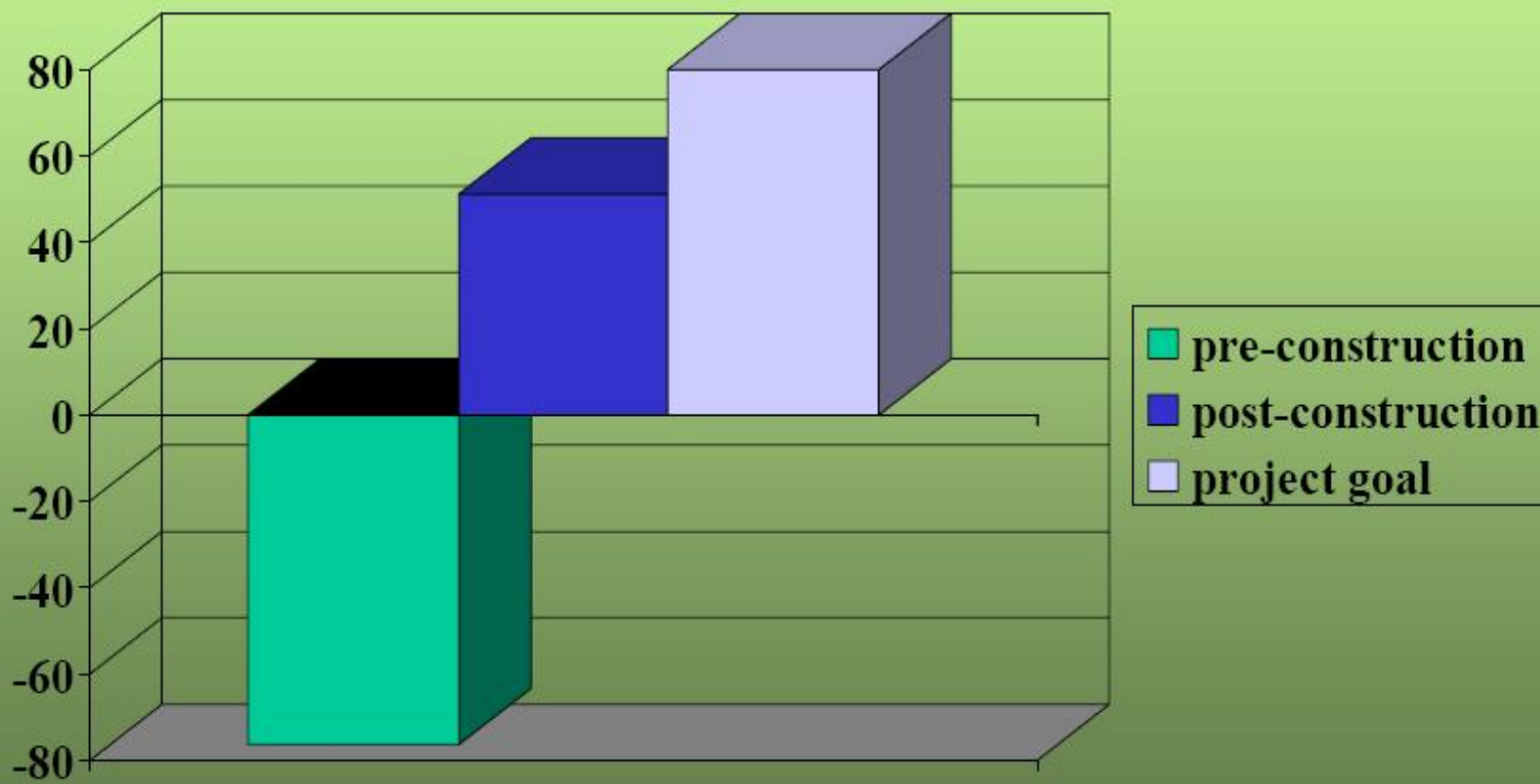


Discharge Analysis (pH)

Site Location	Pre-construction (4-11-02)	Post-construction (11-17-04)
Pond 6 discharge (limestone channel 2)	6.28	6.0
Slag channel 5	6.25, 4.87, 4.64, 6.8	10.5
Pond 1 (slag channel 7)	2.99	11.0
Channel 6	4.5, 6.64	10.0
Bog discharge into slag swale	5.88	7.0
Slag Swale Outlet	---	11.0
Weir outlet	4.78	10.0
Project Outlet Channel, downgrade	3.97	9.0
Brass Road Culvert	3.97	8.0

Acidity/Alkalinity

(mg CaCO₃/L)





SLAG for Constructed Wetlands



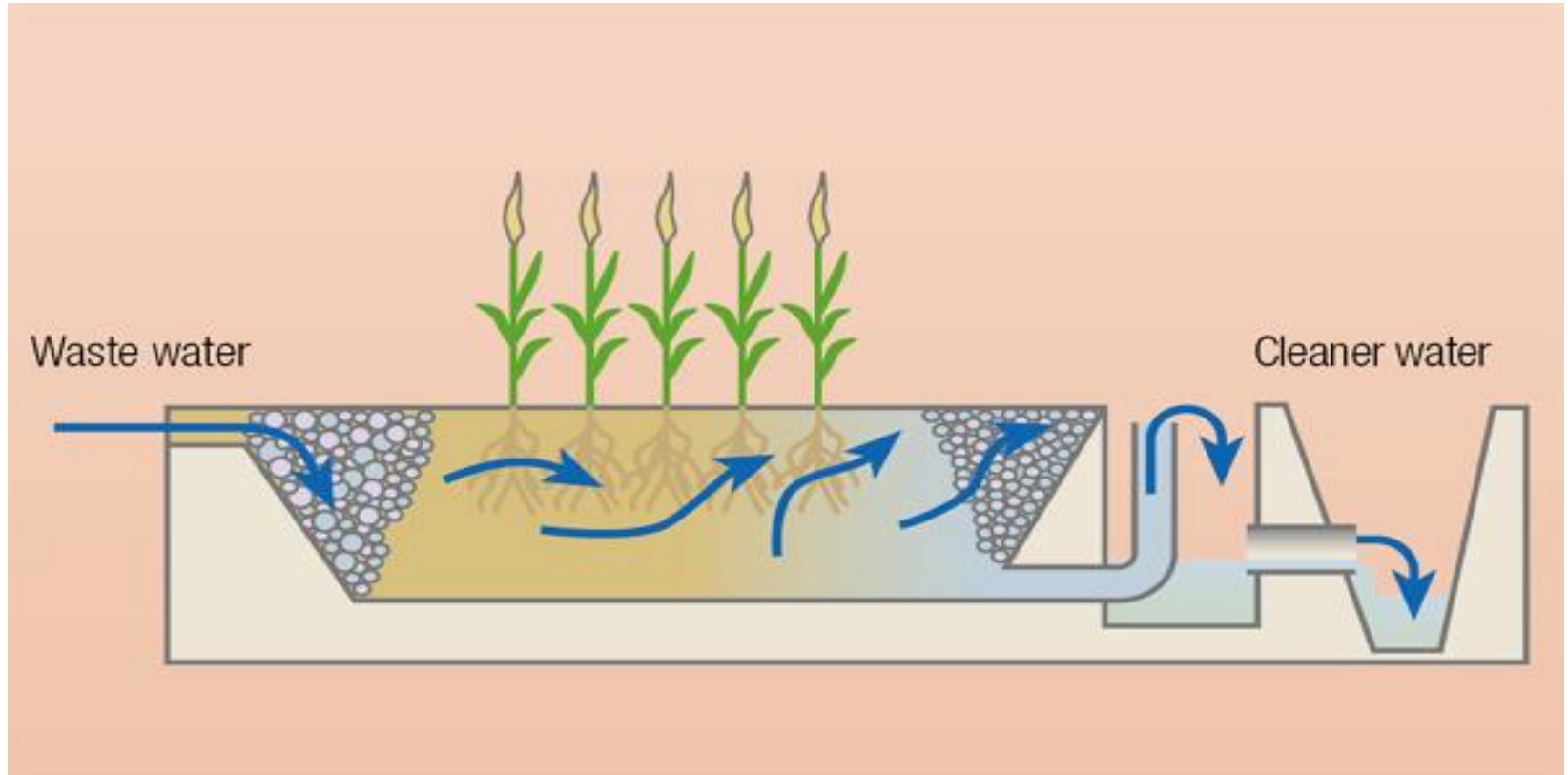
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Use of Steel Slag in Constructed Wetlands Technology to effect P (Phosphorus) removal.



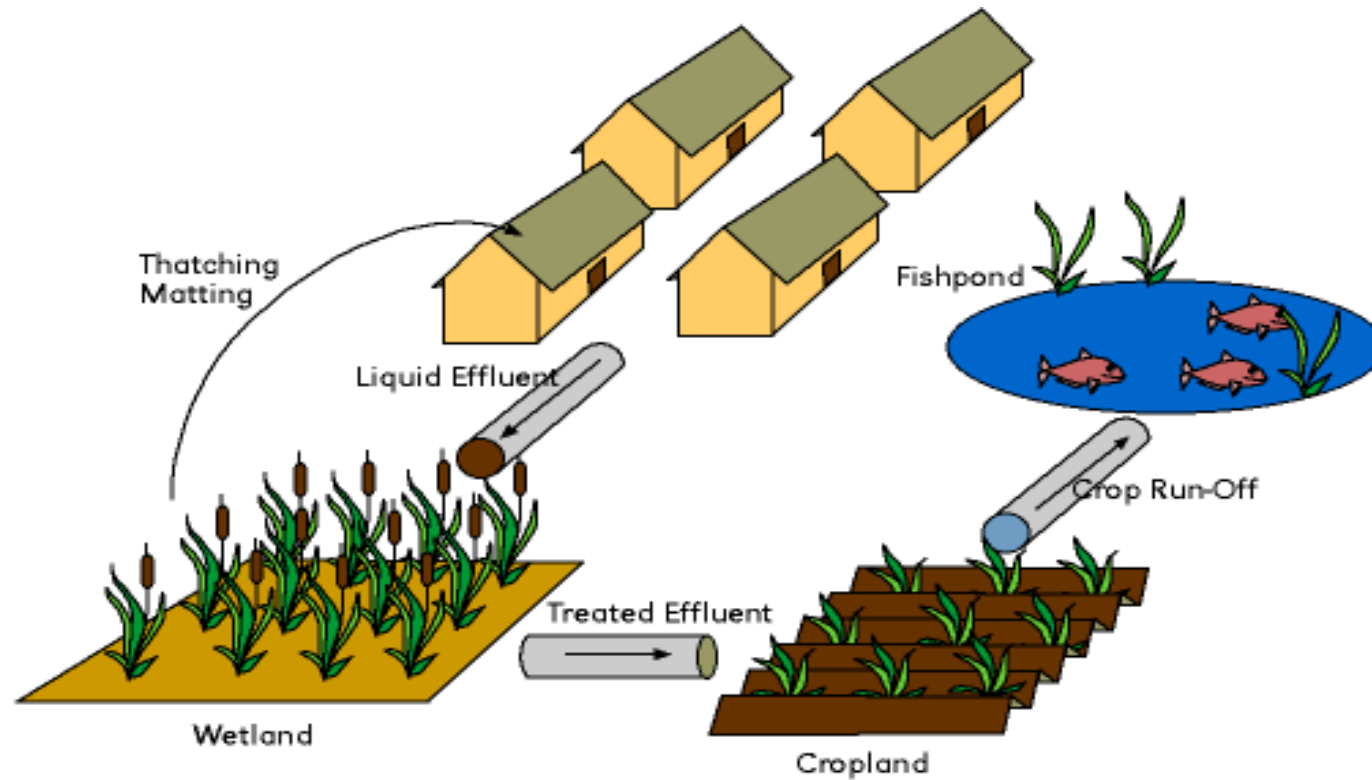


Constructed Wetlands





Constructed Wetlands





Constructed Wetlands UKRAINE (Before)





Constructed Wetlands UKRAINE (After)





Constructed Wetlands Africa





Constructed Wetlands Nevada



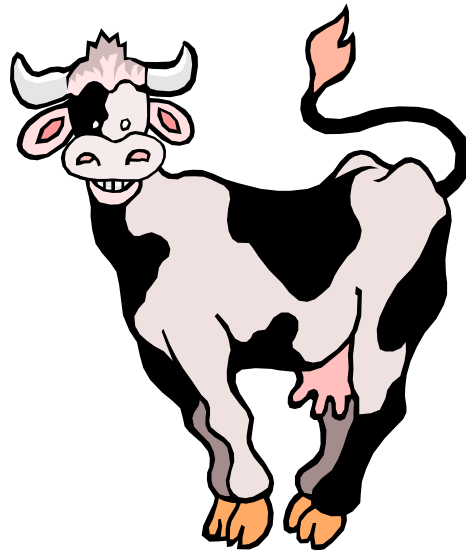
SLAG for Farm and Ranch Runoff





Steel Slag

Use of Steel Slag as a filter medium to treat water runoff from barnyards, feedlots, and milk house effluent.





Steel Slag Potential Use





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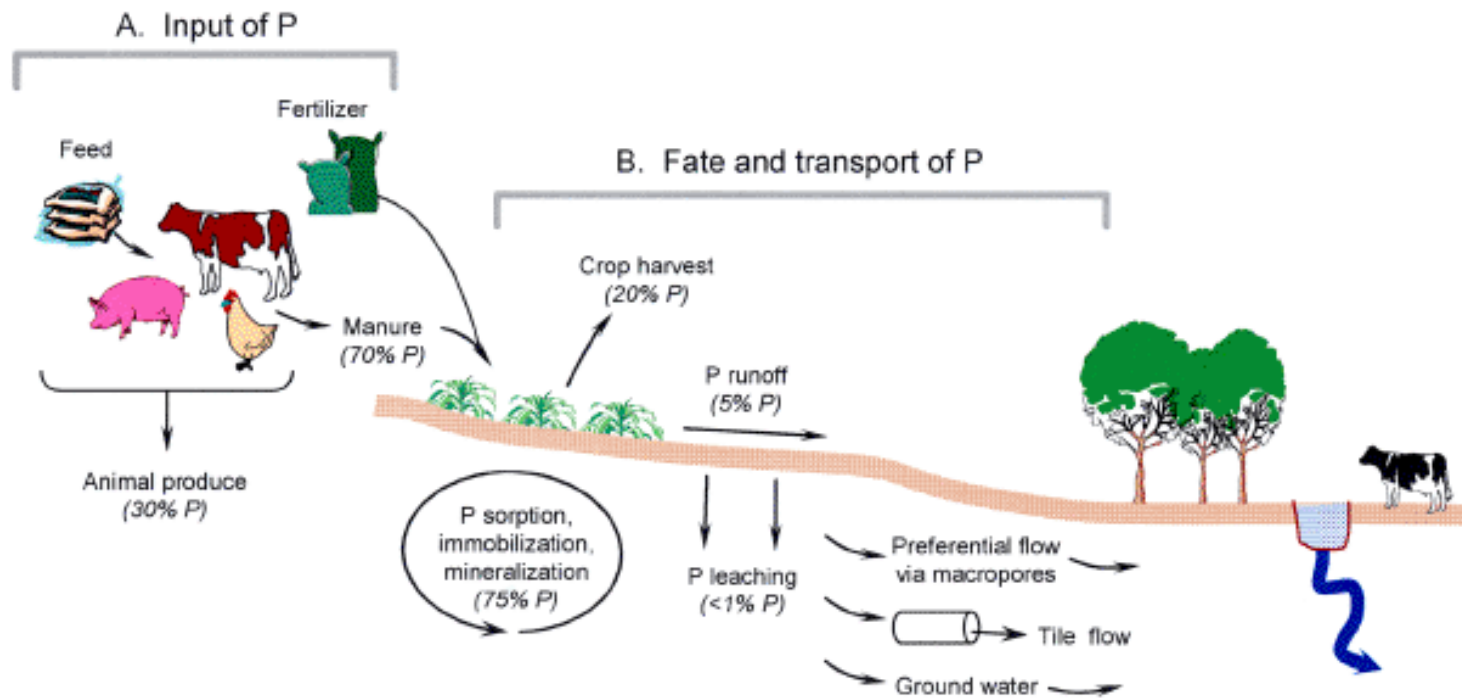


Figure 4 - Factors affecting the input, fate, and transport of P in agricultural systems. Numbers in parentheses are based on approximate farm inputs of P in animal feed and fertilizer and output in animal produce (A) and manure and fate in soils, crops, and transport in runoff (B). Adapted from Howarth et al. (2000) and Sims and Sharpley (2005).





Steel Slag Potential Use





SLAG as a "Green" Material !

- **Hundreds of years of use as an industrial co-product!**
- **A multitude of applications which contribute to its capabilities as a "Green Material"!**





“The recovery and reuse of slag conserves tens of millions of tons per year of other natural resources”

American Iron and Steel Institute





SLAG & the LEED Program!

"SLAG is a recognized industrial co-product under the LEED Program!"





LEED What is LEED®?

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

It is a green building rating system first launched by the US Green Building Council (USGBC) in 1998. The USGBC is a not for profit organization made up of companies and organizations from every sector of the building industry, who work to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, healthy and profitable.





LEED What is LEED®?

- **LEED is a third party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.**
- **LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings' performance.**
- **Establishes a rating system to evaluate green construction materials and building systems.**





LEED: Green Building Rating System

- **Encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.**
- **Developed by USGBC, LEED is a practical rating tool for green building design and construction that provides immediate and measurable results for building owners and occupants.**





LEED: Green Building Rating System

- **LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing state-of-the-art strategies for performance in five key areas of human and environmental health:**
 - **Sustainable site development**
 - **Water savings**
 - **Energy efficiency**
 - **Materials selection**
 - **Indoor environmental quality**
- **Builders can obtain credits for using materials or systems which are more energy efficient in construction, utilize recycled waste materials from other industries, or result in a more energy efficient and environmentally sound building.**





SLAG

**“A Green Product in
its own right ! ! ! ”**



A large industrial ladle, tilted, pouring a thick, bright yellow-orange molten liquid (slag) into a container below. The background shows an industrial setting with various structures and pipes.

SLAG

***A Hot Product with a myriad
of uses and applications! ! ! !***



SLAG . . . An Industrial Co-Product of the Iron & Steel Industry

Questions ? ? ? ?





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THANK YOU ! ! ! !

