Worst Practice Factsheets
Recovery of Secondary Metals


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Aim

- Annex A of Guidance Principles
- Factsheets as a Reference Document
- Standalone summaries
- Baseline for improvement
- Baseline for replacement of practices
Criteria for Factsheets

- Linked to recover metals from any waste (not limited to WEEE)
- Globally wide-spread practices as they might both be found in emerging and developed economies
- Practice is known for severe (typically multiple) negative impacts with regards to the first four Principles
**Target Audience**

- **USERS (page 9):**
  - Economic operators that wish to demonstrate that their metals recovered are compliant
  - Governments that develop laws based on the GP because they can identify worst practices
  - Public/private organisations wishing to use GP as framework for impact evaluation
  - NGOs and Civil Society organisation wishing to use GP to raise awareness and build capacities towards development and implementation of better practices

- **Implementors**
  - Economic operators (involved in SA, UBA, OBA) who wish to comply with the 4 Principles and 17 Objectives and want to refrain from any worst practices
Generic Fact Sheet Structure

- Description of identified worst practice
- Listing of process steps involved

- Impacts aligned with Guidance Principles:
  - Safe, healthy and equitable working conditions
  - Community relations and resilience
  - Environment and natural resources (pathways of pollutants release)
  - Secondary metals recovery efficiencies

- Better Practice Recommendations
Worst Practices (linked to Processes as covered by the GPs)

- **Collection**
  - Bad Collection Practices

- **Preparation**
  - Crude dismantling / coarse shredding

- **Metallurgical Processing**
  - Amalgamation
  - Uncontrolled Chemical Leaching
  - Cooking
  - Uncontrolled Open Burning

- **Disposal**
  - Uncontrolled Open Dumping