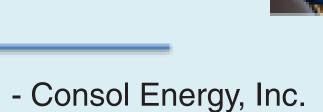
Recovery of Rare Earth

Recovery of Rare Earth Elements (REEs) from Coal Mine Drainage: FE0026927

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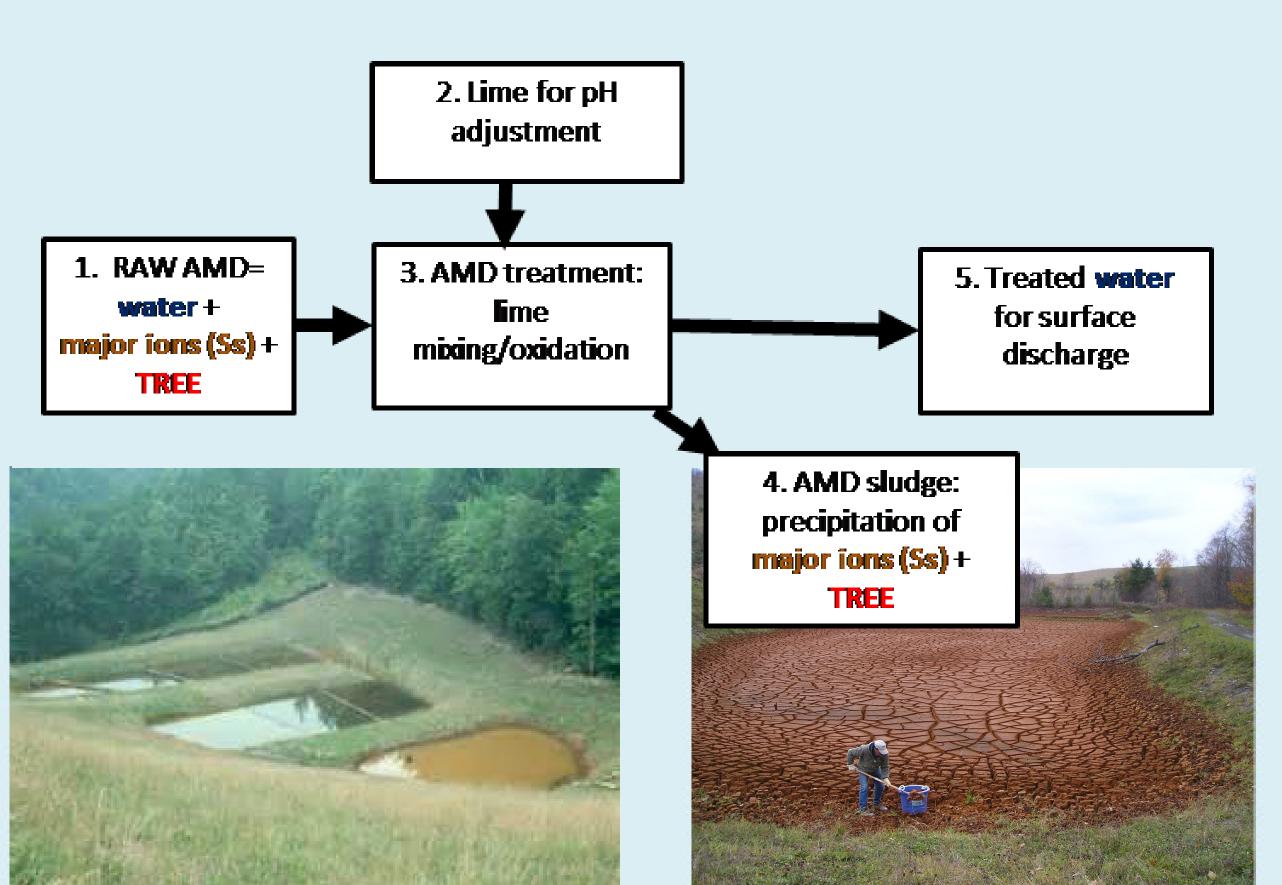
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Acid Mine Drainage Treatment



Rosebud Mining: McVille Refuse Freeport PA









TREE Concentration vs. raw water pH

µg total REE/L

2500

2000

y=165056x*5.443

R² = 0.6915

Geotubes for Sludge dewatering



Steele Shaft sludge dissolved in H₂SO₄, pH 1



Upgrading targets: Goal=2% TREE

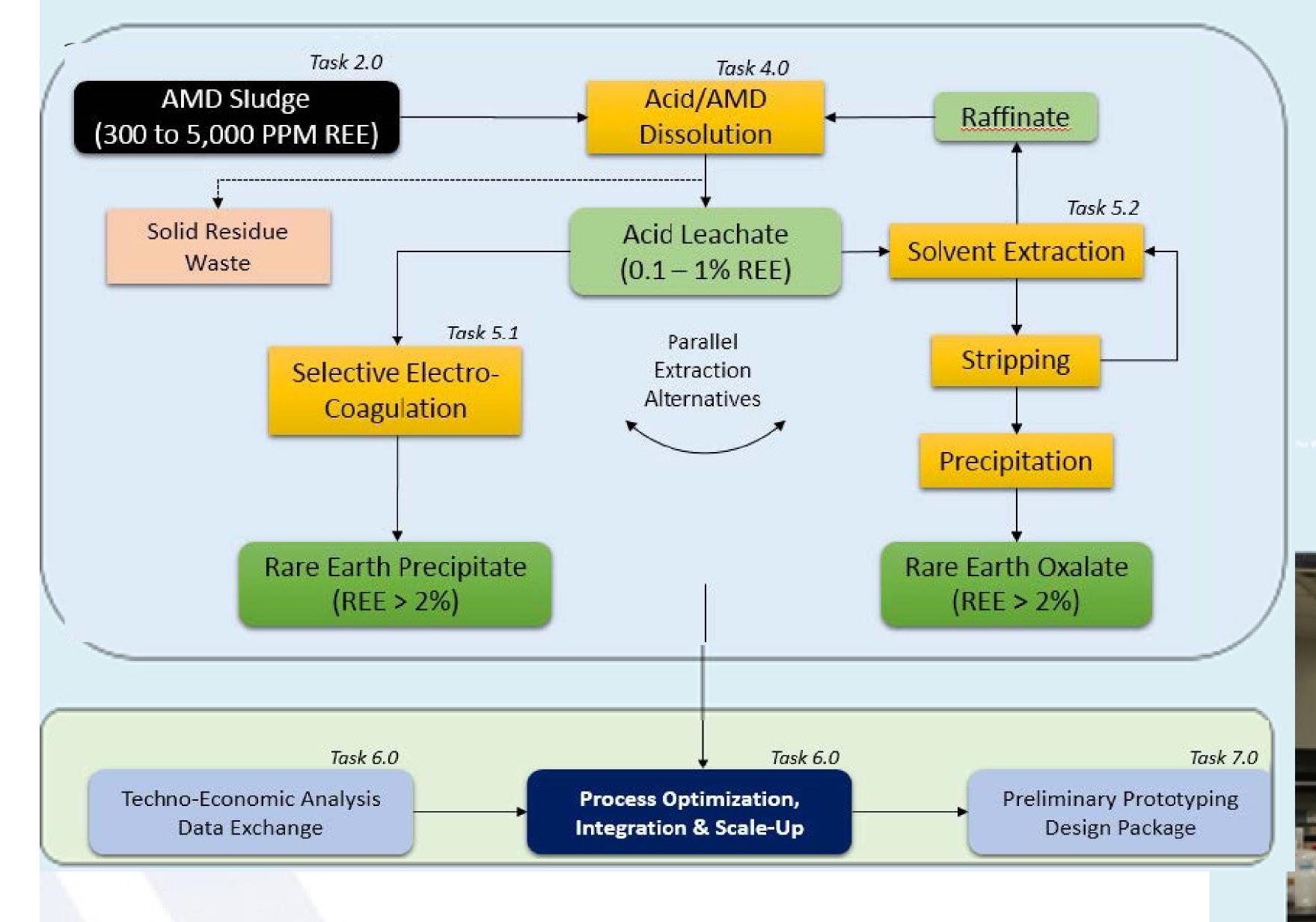
TREE		req'd conc.
mg/kg	%	factor to 2%
20,000	2.00%	1
10,000	1.00%	2
5,000	0.50%	4
2,563	0.26%	8
1,282	0.13%	16
714	0.07%	28
357	0.04%	56
152	0.02%	132
76	0.01%	263
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Average top 15 PA AMD sites (estimated)

DLM sludge (actual)

Sago sludge (actual)

Conceptual Process Flowsheet





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