

Dear Mr Jacques Méhu,

On request from Hans van der Sloot we have answered your enquiry about H14.

The question about H14 is important - too important - I think that we are in a bad way mixing a lot of things when we have the same classification "Hazardous Waste" for most different properties. H14 should not be relevant for transportation of the waste more than what can happen at an accident - but in most cases you then can take up the waste again, H14 should not be relevant in a construction but for what can leach out and what can happen after it have been in the construction etc. It is mentally too difficult to use a waste that is classified as hazardous even if it is not hazardous in the actual application. We should all work for a new and better system based on relevant risks.

In Sweden we had mined and roasted sulphuric copper ore in at least 600 years at Falun. The impact on the environment was terrible. But the long term impact is much less than we could expect. That is described in the scientific but popular written book "The Environmental History of the Falun Mine" by Lennart Lindeström. I have given a copy to one of you at Lyon at Wascon 06 and he should rotate the book among as many as possible at the University. I don't know if you have seen it and I will gladly send you a copy if you want. My ambition with the book is that it should help us to get relevant rules for handling and using wastes knowing a lot about the long term effects of sulphuric dioxid and metals as Cu, Pd, Cd and Zn.

Kind regards

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