

Appendix B

Background Papers

Foreword

The intention in presenting the background papers in this appendix is to describe the broad basis for the scoring by the experts. The audience for these topical reports includes technical peers, corporate level engineers and regulators. The depth of knowledge (including plant experience and laboratory data) differs immensely among the topics, and the nature of the papers reflects this. The papers are not consensus documents, but have each been written by individual panel members and reviewed by one or more of the panel members. Differing opinions and additional factors that enter into each expert's scoring/judgments are addressed in the individual comments put in the spreadsheet used for scoring each sub-group of components. The background papers also rely on Appendix A, which provides an overview of all environmental degradation phenomena.

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