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What are the risks associated with the supply chain of lithium-ion batteries?

We discuss four selected risk categories that are frequently associated with the supply chain of lithium-ion batteries, namely the risk of child labor (CL), the risk of corruption (C), the risk of occupational toxics and hazards (OTH), and the risk of poverty (P).

Are lithium-ion batteries socially sustainable?

While the environmental impacts of lithium-ion batteries have been investigated in numerous studies, little attention has been given to the potential social impacts. Therefore, an assessment of the social sustainability hotspots of lithium-ion batteries is carried out.

Are environmental social and governance challenges affecting sustainable lithium extraction?

The endowment in the Lithium Triangle is significant, and the expectations for the global supply are high in terms of resources and sustainability. In this paper, we investigate the impact of environmental, social and governance (ESG) challenges to the future of sustainable lithium extraction.

What are the social impacts of battery supply chain?

Identifying the social impacts of battery supply chain must necessarily include all life cycle phases, such as the extraction and processing of raw materials, the production of intermediates, the production of battery cells, the assembly of the battery pack as final product and the disposal or recycling.

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Is the recycling rate of lithium batteries a challenge to sustainability?

The low recycling rate of lithium batteries poses a significant challenge to sustainability. The ESG rating system, which measures corporate practices in environmental, social, and governance areas, is crucial to stakeholders but currently inadequate in addressing the recycling issue.

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We argue that criticality is actively produced in socio-technological processes, involving three interrelated levels - demand, supply and price perceptions, policies linked to green extractivism, and underlying narratives around the role of commodities in development.

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Understanding Lithium Battery Risks. Lithium batteries are favored for their high energy density, long lifespan, and efficiency. However, their inherent characteristics can also lead to hazardous situations if not handled correctly. The primary risks include fire hazards, explosions, chemical leakage, and environmental damage. 1. Fire Hazards

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Lithium Battery Recycling goes beyond the mere act of waste management; it holds the key to numerous environmental and social benefits that resonate in our pursuit of a sustainable future. From conserving precious natural resources to fostering local economies, the practice of Lithium Battery Recycling offers a spectrum of advantages that are both environmentally conscious ...

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