

Review of: "How to search for patents on the recovery of rare earth metals from electronic waste"

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The information passed through the sentence "Waste and electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), generally disposed of in landfills, contains precious elements, called rare earth metals" is incorrect. Gold, silver, platinum, palladium etc. are referred to as "precious elements" whereas rare earth metals are a group of 17 metals, namely yttrium, scandium, and 15 lanthanides. Please rectify it.

The title of the article is '**How** to search for patents on the recovery of rare earth metals from electronic waste'. However, the content discusses "**what** you find when you search for patents on the recovery of rare earth metals from electronic waste". The title and the content do not do justice to each other. If the author wishes to keep the content unchanged he should change the title as suggested above.

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