Indonesia, Cinangka: Soccer field used as an old lead-battery dump now safe for children

Small scale, informal disposal of used acid-lead batteries contaminated the village of Cinangka. Locals dismantled car batteries in backyards, smelted the lead and dumped the remains at various locations. Soil contamination levels at a local football pitch (soccer field) were 500 times higher than the US safety limit. A project completed in April 2014 safely encapsulated the contaminated soil at the football pitch allowing children to safely use it again. This pilot project proved the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of this method, paving the way to similar, much-needed intervention at additional sites.

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Location	Cinangka, Indonesia
Pollutant	Lead
Source	Informal dismantling of used lead-acid batteries
Population affected	12,500
Health and environmental impacts	Soil contamination and air pollution
Intervention	Isolation and containment of contaminated soil
Outcome	Rehabilitation of the main football field in the village, dramatically reducing children's exposure to the hazardous waste
Co-benefits	Engaging a wide range of key stakeholders; proving the feasibility of the in-situ encapsulation strategy







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