



**Figure S1.** Barite recovered from FGD effluent.

**Table S1.** Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) of the measured elements by ICP-MS.

Element	LOD ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ )	LOQ ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ )	Element	LOD ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ )	LOQ ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ )
Ag	0.025	0.05	Mn	0.1	1
Al	3	10	Mo	0.2	3
As	1	2	Na	60	500
B	5	10	Ni	0.1	5
Ba	0.1	1	Pb	1	10
Be	0.025	0.05	Sb	0.025	0.05
Ca	10.7	100	Si	10	100
Cd	0.1	1	Se	1	2
Co	0.5	2	Sr	0.4	2
Cr	0.7	3	Ti	0.5	2
Cu	0.9	2	Tl	0.025	0.05
Fe	1	10	U	0.025	0.05
K	90	500	V	0.5	2
Li	5	100	Zn	0.3	3
Mg	50	100			

Table S2. Elements present in low and ultralow concentrations in the FGD effluent (determined by ICP-MS).

<b>Element</b>	<b>FGD (<math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}</math>)</b>	<b>Desulfurized FGD (<math>\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}</math>)</b>
As	4 ( $\pm 0.3$ )	12 ( $\pm 0.6$ )
Ag	0.33 ( $\pm 0.02$ )	1.09 ( $\pm 0.02$ )
Be	1.12 ( $\pm 0.31$ )	<0.05
Cr	21 ( $\pm 1.0$ )	19 ( $\pm 1.0$ )
Sb	0.51 ( $\pm 0.05$ )	0.36 ( $\pm 0.02$ )
Pb	0.2 ( $\pm 0.01$ )	1.94 ( $\pm 0.07$ )
Tl	4.7 ( $\pm 0.06$ )	1 ( $\pm 0.05$ )
V	3 ( $\pm 0.5$ )	<1

Table S3. FTIR assignments of recovered and commercial BaSO<sub>4</sub>.

IR [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]		Assignment
Recovered BaSO <sub>4</sub>	Commercial BaSO <sub>4</sub>	
3391	3401	v <sub>3</sub> OH stretching vibrations
2064	2064	overtones and combination bands
1543		
1398	1402	
1646	1644	δ H <sub>2</sub> O bending vibrations
1193	1192	v <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> antisymmetric stretching vibrations
1118	1120	
1078	1077	
983	983	v <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> symmetric stretching vibrations
639	640	v <sub>4</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> bending vibrations
610	610	
453	460	v <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> bending vibrations