

**Direct reuse of two deep-dewatered sludge cakes without
solidifying agent as landfill cover: Geotechnical properties and
heavy metals leaching characteristics**

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Table S1 Chemical compositions of the skeleton builders (wt.%)

Skeleton builders	SiO ₂	CaO	Al ₂ O ₃	MgO	Na ₂ O+K ₂ O	Fe ₂ O ₃	SO ₃	Cl ⁻	LOI ^a
Quick lime	7.2	62.0	-	1.7	-	-	-	-	24.1
Red mud	20.4	12.9	24.5	1.0	12.3	9.5	0.7	0.1	4.0

^aLOI = loss of ignition at 1200 °C.

Reference from the previous research (Li et al., 2015):

Li, C., Zhang, S., Yang, J., Shi, Y., Yu, W., Liang, S., Song, J., Xu, Q., Chen, Y., Hu, J., Li, Y., Yang, C., 2015. Distribution and speciation of heavy metals in two different sludge composite conditioning and deep-dewatering processes. RSC Adv. 5, 102332-102339.

Table S2 The scheme of sludge conditioning (DS = dry solid)

Conditioning system	Reagent dosage		Conditioning method
	Chemical agents	Skeleton builders	
Fe-Lime	FeCl ₃ (50 mg/g DS)	Quick lime (500 mg/g DS)	Quick lime (rapid mixing/15 min) → FeCl ₃ (slow mixing/5 min)
Fenton-RM	H ₂ SO ₄ (adjust pH to 5) Fe ²⁺ (32 mg/g DS) H ₂ O ₂ (34 mg/g DS)	Red mud (275 mg/g DS)	H ₂ SO ₄ (rapid mixing /3 min) → Fe ²⁺ solutions (rapid mixing /3 min) → H ₂ O ₂ (slow mixing /30 min) → red mud (slow mixing /10 min)

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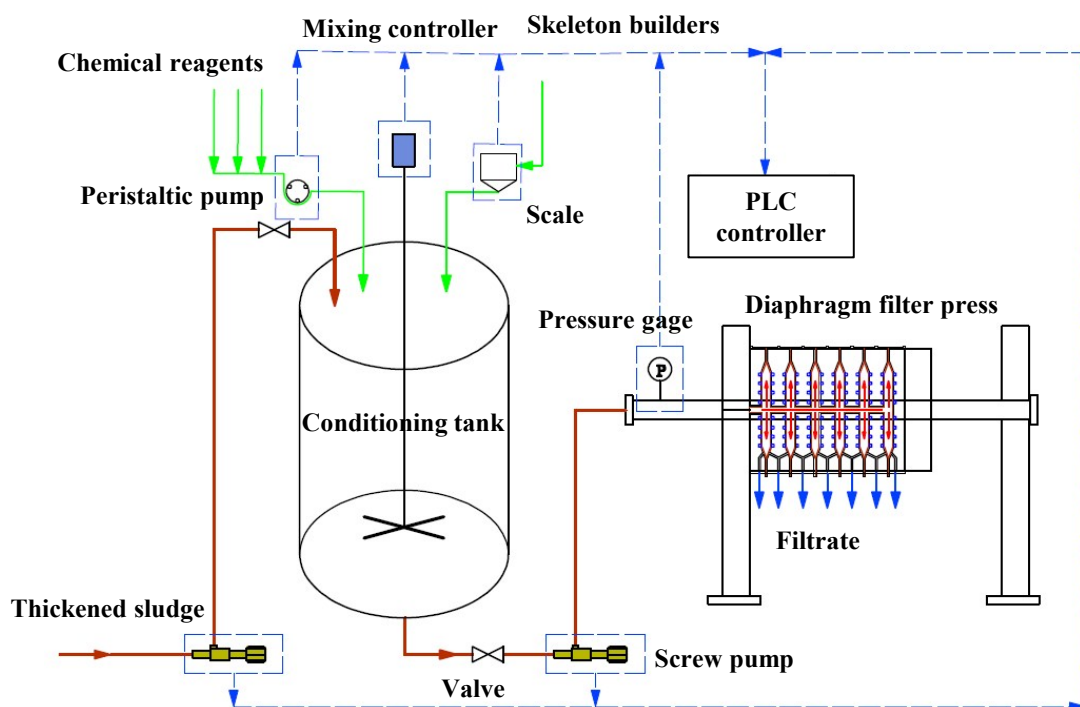


Fig. S1 Process flow diagram of conditioning and dewatering.

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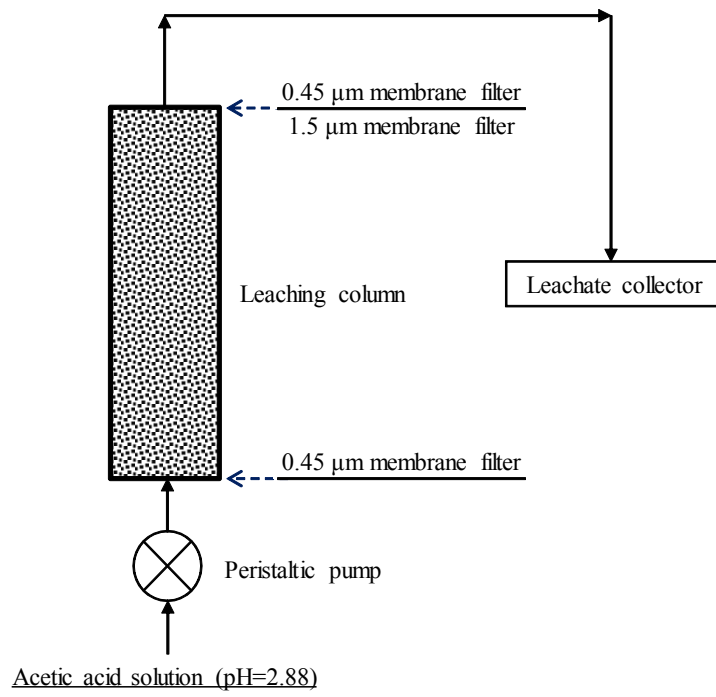


Fig. S2 The schematic of the column leaching test.