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Market Dynamics Impacting FGD Gypsum Usage Rates

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Use of FGD Gypsum has begun to level off at a time when an unprecedented number of scrubbers are coming online. CAIR is currently causing a build up in new gypsum wallboard capacity, a trend similar to that observed prior to 2000 as a result of the Clean Air Act, but this time the market for wallboard is in decline. This paper will discuss the market factors impacting on further growth of FGD Gypsum for use in wallboard and cement, as well as the impact of mercury abatement and climate change programs on synthetic gypsum supply and demand. Recommendations will be made on what needs to be done to have continued growth in FGD gypsum utilization rates.

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