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In preparing this index, use was made of the thesaurus of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's solid waste information retrieval system (SWIRS)—the *Users' Guide to the Solid Waste Information Retrieval System Thesaurus*, solid waste management publication SW-104.01. Where possible, index terms suggested by authors were converted to the equivalent terms from the Thesaurus. We hope this will not cause any inconvenience to users of this index. New terms were added as necessary to ensure adequate coverage of this publication (e.g., “refuse derived fuels,” “gasification”). Although this index is a straight alphabetical listing, future plans are to use the hierarchical, book-type index presently being used by SWIRS (for example, in its *Solid Waste Management Monthly Abstracts Bulletin*).

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