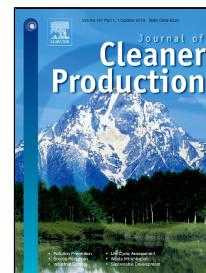


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Abstract

Engineering tools and methods based on Process Integration have flourished in recent years. The Process Integration methodology represents a key pathway to achieving high levels of sustainability and leading to cleaner production. The means of achieving those goals are based on integrating process operations for reusing secondary streams carrying residual heat, cold, mechanical work, and water, while also expanding the vision to the waste management and supply chain. This review discusses the latest developments through the lens of achieving cleaner production in the areas of energy integration and intensification, sustainable production and planning, CO_{2eqv} footprint reduction, and waste and wastewater management. The focus is given to the roles of process development, integration and intensification in the research methods. Key results of this review include: (1) New studies on cleaner production should consider all aspects of sustainability including economic, environmental and social; (2) More emphasis on developing complete practical engineering solutions to achieve cleaner production is needed; and, (3) Substantial cleaner production benefits can arise from extending the scope of integration to cover energy, materials, water, and supply chain.

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