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Sustainable Water Reuse in Agriculture: Advances in Contaminant Treatment and Management

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite the benefits of recycling wastewater for agricultural irrigation, the future expansion of irrigation with recycled wastewater faces many challenges. This includes optimally managing chemical (e.g., heavy metals, organic contaminants, and microplastics) and biological (e.g., pathogenic bacteria, antimicrobial resistance genes, and viruses) contaminants in wastewater and wastewater-irrigated soils to mitigate their risks in the agricultural environment. Current work addressing this key issue is carried out across research scales and stages in the wastewater recyclingapplication continuum. This includes studies from laboratory to pilot-scale that are focused on developing novel physicochemical wastewater treatment processes, such as adsorption, oxidation, and membrane filtration, as well as refining established treatment methods. Research on the post-application management of wastewater-borne contaminants through soil amendments (e.g., biochar, ash, and compost), irrigation strategies, and different crop characteristics to limit plant uptake of contaminants has also been conducted.

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