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Soil and Sediment Health Assessment: Geochemical Properties, Pollutants and Other Factors

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Soils and sediments are environmental compartments of vital importance for the biogeochemistry of nutrients, pollutants, potential toxic elements and other molecules. Therefore, in order to prevent ecosystem impacts, it is essential to maintain their correct biogeochemical state. Anthropogenic activities, along with natural processes to a lesser extent, affect these compartments by altering various physicochemical properties or biogeochemical partitions, putting at risk their proper health and the ecosystems in which they are found. This Special Issue will be devoted to studies (at local, regional or larger scales) and new analysis or evaluation techniques related to better understanding the parameters, or other factors, affecting soil and sediment health, as well as new techniques or applications to assess their proper physical, chemical or biological state. Other perspectives such as treatment techniques or processes to improve soil and sediment health, or studies related to important pollutants are also welcome. All authors interested in this Special Issue are encouraged to submit their contributions and to contact the editors with any questions they may have.

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