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Diffuse Water Pollution Modeling, Monitoring and Mitigation

Message from the Guest Editor

Diffuse water pollution can be defined as pollution that is “weather-driven”. As global efforts to reduce point source pollution have increased, the problem of diffuse pollution has emerged as a separate issue, requiring a very different set of mitigation tools. Weather-driven loads vary greatly over space and time. This makes monitoring of loads and identification of sources a challenge for instrumentation and data analysis.

Apportionment of sources through modelling can help, but this presents challenges for both calibration and validation. The pollutants of concern include soluble and colloid-sorbed components, which influence public health, ecosystem function, and business viability.

Targeted approaches to mitigation require the analysis of what will be cost-effective, and the polluter-pays principle does not easily lend itself to the regulation of diffuse pollution. Policy-makers need simple instruments effective in delivering water quality benefits to justify public expenditure. In short, the scientific and governance challenges facing those addressing this emerging issue are significant.

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