

Special Issue

Community Health, Social, and Ecological Impacts of Mine-Waste Exposures

Message from the Guest Editors

The exploration and exploitation of mineral resources have produced a legacy of environmental degradation as well as risks to human health, ecosystems, societies and cultures in some of the most vulnerable communities around the globe. In this Special Issue, we aim to include research which studies the complex effects on human health and ecosystems, as well as the resulting social and cultural disruptions. We are seeking articles that examine how the changing climate can alter exposure and innovative strategies to reduce risk. While this issue is focused on the impacts of metal mixtures from uranium mining on Indigenous populations around the world, these issues cannot be separated from the impacts of other hard-rock mine waste and exposure in other, non-Indigenous rural communities. We hope a broader global perspective will shed light on both the risks and the integrated impacts on health, ecology, society and cultures in ways that will advance novel interventions and create more informed policies and regulatory practices that reduce those risks.

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