# **Special Issue**

# Formation, Fate, and Transformation of Toxic Heavy Metal Minerals (U, Pb, As, Cr, Se and Hg) in the Environment

## Message from the Guest Editors

Exposure to heavy metals such as lead (Pb), arsenic (As). uranium (U), chromium (Cr), selenium (Se), and mercury (Hg) has long been identified as a threat to human health. Though these threats are known, exposure to toxic heavy metals continues to rise all over the world...Taking into consideration the urgent need for high-quality research on this topic, we would like to introduce a special platform in *Minerals* that welcomes investigations focused on the formation, fate, transformation, and transport of synthesized and natural toxic heavy metal minerals, including research areas in geology, minerology, crystal chemistry, environmental toxicology, resource recovery, mineral synthesis, mining legacy, mill tailings, site reclamation, remediation, mining, surface/ground water contamination, biogeochemical reactions, redox transformations, reactions at the soil-water interface, and toxic heavy metal minerals in the air.

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