



Sustainable Design for Safer Nanotechnology

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Nanomaterials generate scientific interest in the research community and a large number of industrial applications that involve manufactured nanomaterials (powders, composites, etc.). However, their nano-scale and properties raise the question of their risks for humanity and the environment. The benefit–risk balance remains a complex question that traditional models of risk analysis do not fully address.

Specific guidelines to nanomaterials design have been proposed recently as the principles of ‘Design for Safer Nanotechnology’. To date, all these design principles have been largely untested and do not include sustainable criteria. It is time to further define general guidelines including sustainable criteria and to take into account the evolution of the materials within the whole life cycle.

This Special Issue will discuss complementary angles of the eco-design conception and synthesis of sustainable nanomaterial-containing products.





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