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Nano-Based Materials for Soil Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Among other fields, engineered nanoparticles can be used for environmental management, through the prevention or treatment and remediation of contaminated sites, or in improving soil fertility. Additionally, the combined use of nanotechnologies and biotechnologies for soil remediation is an emerging and environmentally friendly method with significant scientific and economic potential. Engineered nanoparticles can thus become promising materials for the gentle remediation of contaminated soils and for improving soil fertility. The regulatory framework generally assumes that engineered nanoparticles possess toxicity and risk equivalent to those materials with larger particles, but the smaller size of engineered nanoparticles results in entirely different physicalchemical and toxicological properties. This Special Issue aims to cover all potential aspects related to the use of engineered nanoparticles for improving soil properties, fertility, and for remediation, including an assessment of potential ecotoxicologal risks.

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