# **Special Issue**

# Diffuse Contamination of the Environment – From Heavy Metals to Microplastics

### Message from the Guest Editor

Local, regional, and global environments are subject to a range of diffuse contamination issues that are caused or exacerbated by human activity. Some of these involve naturally occurring elements and compounds, whereas others relate to xenobiotics. Some are inconsequential, whereas others may pose serious threats to ecosystems, human health, and economic activity. Many are only poorly or partially characterized. In this second Special Issue devoted to diffuse contamination of the environment, we invite any papers that explore the spread, status, environmental behavior, and/or potential significance of any instance of diffuse contamination, from heavy metals to microplastics. Papers relating to any diffuse contamination issue are welcomed, and the scope is wide to facilitate a broader conversation. The selected topic may:

- a. involve one element or compound, or a class or category of substances;
- b. focus on one environmental compartment or be multicompartmental;
- c. take the form of a research paper or a systematic review article;
- d. include the results of specific monitoring investigations, or modeling studies, or applicable

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