

## Special Issue

# Effect-Based Evaluation of Emerging Contaminants and Their By-Products in the Aquatic Environment

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue addresses the need for comprehensive effect-based evaluation of emerging contaminants (ECs) and their transformation products in aquatic environments. The focus encompasses pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, nanomaterials, microplastics, and other contaminants in freshwater, marine, groundwater, and wastewater systems. The objective is to bridge the gap between chemical detection and biological relevance, establishing cause–effect relationships for regulatory purposes. The timing is strategically aligned with increasing regulatory emphasis on effect-based methods, particularly in European water management, reflecting the recognition that chemical analysis alone cannot adequately protect aquatic ecosystems from complex contaminant mixtures. This comprehensive approach advances our understanding of how emerging contaminants affect aquatic life, supporting the development of more effective monitoring strategies and regulatory frameworks that better protect environmental and human health through scientifically robust effect-based evaluation methods.

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