

## Special Issue

# Mercury Cycling and Health Effects—2nd Edition

### Message from the Guest Editors

Human exposure to mercury occurs through various pathways, including occupational exposure in artisanal gold mining, industrial activities, and the burning of fossil fuels. Additionally, dietary sources—particularly fish and seafood with high mercury concentrations—constitute a major route of exposure. Vegetables grown in contaminated soil or irrigated with polluted water also present potential risks. This Special Issue invites submissions including but not limited to the following:

- Local and regional factors influencing mercury distribution in the environment.
- The bioaccumulation and biomagnification of mercury in aquatic and terrestrial food chains.
- Risk assessments related to mercury exposure in abiotic compartments (atmosphere, water, sediment, soil) and food sources (fish, seafood, vegetables).
- Mercury exposure in human populations.
- Prenatal and postnatal mercury exposure, including transfer through breastfeeding.
- Urban mercury emissions from roads, industries, and power generation, along with their environmental and public health effects.
- Mercury emissions during forest fires and their implications for public health.

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