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Emerging Contaminants in Water Environment: Sources and Hazards

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Emerging contaminants (ECs) constitute a suite of manmade or naturally occurring chemicals. The most prevalent ECs in the aquatic environment include microand nanoplastics, disinfection byproducts, PFAS and PPCPs. Recent advances in analytical techniques have facilitated the discovery and quantitation of numerous ECs.

Ecs have multiple sources, including storm runoff, fisheries, landfill leachate, as well as municipal, industrial, and agricultural wastewater discharge. The ecotoxicological effects on the aquatic organisms include reduced ecofunction and nutritional quality, bioaccumulation and biomagnification, and various acute and chronic toxicities. Therefore, establishing state-of-art protocols for pollution source identification and risk assessment of ECs in various aquatic compartments is urgently needed.

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