

Special Issue

Editorial Board Members' Collection Series: Pollution-Driven, Persistent, and Emerging Threats to Urban Surface Water Quality

Message from the Guest Editors

For millennia, humans have settled near sources of water to support needs such as drinking, agriculture, and sanitation. As these settlements grew into larger communities and complex urban centers, the resulting pressures on local water sources have often led to environmental degradation and public health challenges. This Special Issue of *Water* invites original research articles and comprehensive reviews that address pollution-driven, persistent, and emerging threats to the quality of urban or urban-influenced surface waters. Topics of interest include the following:

- Nutrient enrichment and eutrophication;
- Harmful algal blooms;
- Waterborne pathogens;
- Emerging contaminants of concern (e.g., per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, micro- and nanoplastics, engineered nanomaterials);
- The harm these water quality issues pose to the integrity and ecosystem services of affected water bodies;
- Strategies for preventing or reducing these threats;
- Other relevant topics that advance our understanding of the challenges and solutions related to surface water quality in urban or urban-influenced environments.

We look forward to your contributions to this Special Issue.

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