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Global Perspective on Risk Assessment of Aquifer Contamination, Identification of Vulnerable Zones, and Implementation of Management Tactics

Message from the Guest Editors

Due to population growth, urbanization, and industrialization, the demand for fresh water is increasing worldwide. Fresh water is a necessity for every human being. This is why water quality is so important, because it directly affects human health and aquatic life. The ionic behavior of water, the accumulation of metals, and the presence of pathogens determine its quality for drinking, irrigation, and domestic use. Water quality has also been affected recently by climate change and the overuse of groundwater. Natural factors and anthropogenic activities affect the ionic behavior and concentration of toxic metals in groundwater. The world faces serious difficulties due to water scarcity and limited water resources if current trends continue. Globally, several billion people are affected by water scarcity at least one month a year, with increasing numbers of people living in countries with significant water stress.

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