# **Special Issue**

# Contaminants in Aquatic Systems: Biogeochemical Processes, Ecological Impacts

## Message from the Guest Editors

Lakes, reservoirs, rivers, wetlands, and estuarine systems are increasingly affected by diverse environmental contaminants. In addition to traditional pollutants like heavy metals, emerging contaminants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pharmaceuticals, and other persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in personal care products raise concerns due to their persistence, bioaccumulation, and ecological and human health risks. These pollutants threaten water quality, biodiversity, and ecosystem services. This Special Issue aims to enhance understanding of contaminant behavior in aquatic ecosystems and support science-based solutions for their protection. We invite original research, reviews, and case studies on the sources, distribution, transport, transformation, and fate of contaminants. Studies on contaminant interactions with sediments or biota, ecological and health impacts, and novel analytical or modeling approaches are welcome. We also encourage contributions addressing multiple stressors and redoxdriven processes.

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