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Monitoring of Organic Contaminants

Message from the Guest Editors

Organic contaminants, whether natural or manmade, are constantly being released into the environment. Due to their potential toxicity, they are a matter of global concern and therefore it is crucial to monitor their levels. To achieve this goal, the different classes of chemicals should be appraised, as well as their distributions in different regions around the globe and in distinct environments. This knowledge will allow us not only to provide a clearer picture of the environmental risk associated with these contaminants, but also to evaluate the efficacy of the legislation already adopted and the chemical control efforts under development. It will also provide data on the effectiveness of the different treatment processes to reduce and remove organic contaminants from the environment, with the goal of protecting the environment and human health. This Special Issue aims to address all aspects associated with the monitoring of organic contaminants, including the description of their levels in different locations and in different matrices. Exposure assessment studies in humans and animals will also be considered, as well as the analytical aspects of the techniques used.

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