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**DESCRIPTION**

*Chemosphere* is an international journal designed for the publication of original communications and review articles. As a multidisciplinary journal, *Chemosphere* offers broad and impactful dissemination of investigations related to all aspects of environmental science and engineering.

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• Effects of nanoparticles, nanocomposites and microplastics in the environment
• Endocrine disruption
• High-throughput screening
• Mechanistic toxicology
• Fish toxicology
• DNA and protein adducts
• In vitro assays and omics techniques
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Treatment and Remediation

This section focuses on technologies that manage and/or reduce environmental contaminants, including reuse and recycling processes. The technology must be beyond a basic laboratory study or have obvious implications for current or potential treatment or remediation technologies. As an example, manuscripts focusing on fundamental (bio)adsorption studies or metal extraction by plant species should be submitted to a more suitable journal. The results of studies of a routine nature should not be submitted for review. For example, for oxidation processes, the intermediates and/or the extent of mineralization of the targeted compound(s) and wastes must be quantified in addition to target compound attenuation.

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• Electrochemical methods for water and solids treatment
• Nanotechnology
• Advanced oxidation processes
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