



Groundwater Quality in the UK; a Continuing Challenge

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Dear Colleagues,

Groundwater provides a wide range of functions in the UK; it is a critical drinking water source and supports environmental flows in surface waters, particularly in the south. Groundwater quality can be impacted by anthropogenic pollution, e.g., from agriculture or waste disposal; from geogenic sources, e.g. from arsenic in the aquifer matrix; or from pollutant mobilisation, e.g., from anthropogenic activity, coastal intrusion or climate change. Some activities are predominantly historical but have left behind problems for the present day, while others may be ongoing or new. Pollutants take many forms: inorganic major and trace elements, organic compounds, emerging contaminants, microplastics and pathogens. Their behaviour in aquifers can be controlled by geological or geochemical factors and may be perturbed by anthropogenic activity or less directly by climate change.

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