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Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources

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Message from the Guest Editors

Water resources is vital to both sustaining socioeconomics and ecoenvironments. However, its management has been becoming more and more challenged because of uncertainties resulting from climate change. The prominent effects of climate change on water resources can be comprehensive and may include that the: 1) total amount of available fresh water tends to decrease; 2) spatiotemporal distribution of precipitation will be altered, possiblly leading to more frequent flooding and/or drought with a larger magnitude, a longer duration, and a greater extent; 3) natural hydrologic cycle can be twisted, nonbenefitical evapotranspiration reducing soil water replenishment and groundwater recharge; and 4) sea level rises, causing coatsal flooding and salt water intrusion. These effects are usually intermingled with impacts of human activities on water resources. This special issue of Water calls for innovative will advance research papers that knowledge/capability in: 1) quantifing effects of climate change on water resources; and 2) taking such effects into account by water resources managers and practical engineers in practice.







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