Dismantling Microplastic Menace: Strategies for Detection, Removal, Toxicity Evaluation, and Containment in Ecosystems

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Abstract

Over the past few decades, the accumulation and fragmentation of plastics on Earth's surface has resulted in a number of long-term climate and health risks. plastic-based materials, particularly microplastics (MPs; They have received a lot of attention from scientists all over the world because of their bioaccumulation, non-biodegradability, and ecotoxicological efects on living things. This study explains how microplastics are produced, transported, and disposed of in the environment on the basis of their physicochemical properties and sources. Additionally, the study investigates the impact of COVID-19 on global plastic waste production. MPs can be quantifed and identifed using physical and chemical techniques like SEM-EDX, PLM, FTIR, Raman, TG-DSC, and GC-MS. This paper discusses both established and cutting-edge methods for removing microplastics from aquatic systems. The fndings of this review help us better understand the studies on the toxicity of microplastics to humans, aquatic life, and soil ecosystems. Additionally, in order to lessen the risk posed by MP waste in the future, it is necessary to investigate the global eforts and measures taken to combat it.

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