

Preface

The consumption and degradation of our limited water resources has not only brought numerous challenges to our safe water supply but also various adverse impacts on the environment. These challenges and environmental problems are the main impetus for promoting green technologies to ensure our own well-being in the future as well as preserve the environment for a better tomorrow. Thus, in terms of sustainable water management, the main strategies are directed toward developing environmental-friendly, economically viable and energy effective treatment processes, which have higher removal efficiency of pollutants and possible nutrient recovery while enabling to reduce carbon footprint, minimize waste production and protect human and environmental health.

According to United Nations Environment Programme, "Green technology covers a broad area of production and consumption technologies. The adoption and use of green technologies involves the use of environmental technologies for monitoring and assessment, pollution prevention and control, resource and energy recovery, mitigation of climate change, and remediation and restoration."

Nowadays, increasing environmental awareness has driven new insights into the competing factors for water and wastewater treatment technology such as energy consumption, use of hazardous chemicals, health impacts, waste generation, sludge handling and disposal. The purpose of this book is to elucidate basic scientific principles and technological advances of current green technologies for sustainable water management. Solutions to pressing all concerned problems associated with energy optimization during wastewater treatment, the possibility of wastewater as a possible resource, health impacts of treatment technology due to the release of trace organic contaminants and prevention of surface water pollution, are presented in this book.

This 28-chapter book consists of three themes: 1) green technologies for water and wastewater management; 2) green technologies for pollution prevention/control and remediation/restoration; and 3) green technologies toward sustainable society. These three themes are linked by the central thread of sustainable water and wastewater management.

We hope that this book will be of interest to researchers, students, scientists, engineers, government officers, process managers and practicing professionals. As an excellent state-of-the-art reference material, the book will contain rich knowledge on the principles and provide them in-depth understanding and comprehensive information of current green technologies, their different environmental applications, recent advantages and disadvantages, critical analysis and modeling

of the processes, and future perspective toward research directions and development.

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