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Looming of Ecological toxinology

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Ecological protection and environmental management are key factors affecting the sustainable development of modern society. For years, with the rise of economy and technology worldwide, persistent and severe environmental problems have greatly influenced the human society in many aspects. Although efforts have been made to reduce the pollutants, it remains a substantial gap to be well understood and fulfilled. To these circumstances, we forward the study for a new discipline as "Ecological Toxinology" and a retrospective review on this topic is described here. By exemplifying the long-lasting influence and cause of several ecological disasters happened in past decades, originated from toxic pollutants, human activity, venomous species and deadly virus, an extensive social attention and cognition will hopefully be built for. Further, for academically perspective, this review will provide insights into some public concerns, such as the unexpected prevalence of SARS, transgenic food and beyond. Overall, by combining the ongoing advances in techniques, ways to make a reasonable use and control of these ecological bio-toxins will be approached, which may help to well balance the relationship of environment, human life and social development.

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