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EU Court case raises uncertainty over financing micropollutant removal

An Opinion issued by Advocate General Juliane Kokott in Case C-193/25 has raised questions about the financing of micropollutant removal under the revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive. While the obligation to introduce quaternary treatment would remain unaffected, the provisions requiring pharmaceutical and cosmetics producers to cover at least 80% of the associated costs could be annulled. This article outlines the case and its potential implications for wastewater utilities, municipalities and public authorities.

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