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New substances added to the EU's surface water watchlist¹

The Commission has adopted a new watchlist of substances in surface waters suspected of posing a risk to the environment and human health.

It contains twelve pollutants, including pesticides and pharmaceuticals, a sunscreen agent, and an antioxidant used in tyres, the impacts of which have been identified as a possible widespread concern by EU Member States' experts.

Member States will monitor the listed substances at a limited number of monitoring stations in selected representative surface waters for at least the next two years to provide data on their concentrations and environmental presence.

¹ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/new-substances-added-eu-surface-water-watchlist-2025-03-03_en