

**Figure S1.** Number of IUWSs included in this study per each country of the world.

**Table S1.** Number of sewer systems with only concentration data (C), volumes data (V), and their combination (C and V) per each discharge and surface water recipient.

	<i>CSO</i>			<i>BP</i>			<i>EFF</i>			<i>Q<sub>R</sub></i>		
	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>C&amp;V</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>C&amp;V</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>C&amp;V</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>C&amp;V</i>
<i>Number of sewer systems</i>	27	9	16	7	6	16	15	115	102	52	13	
<i>TOT</i>		52			29			232		65		

**Table S2.** For V, Q<sub>R</sub>, and C of each discharge, ranges of values, number of references used, and specific references are reported. “Values range” represents the minimum and maximum values registered for V and Q<sub>R</sub> across all articles, while for concentrations the interval is reported as the average values of the 25<sup>th</sup> percentiles and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the detected concentrations.

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Discharge type</i>	<i>Values range</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>N° references</i>	<i>References</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>CSO</i>	9.5·10 <sup>3</sup> – 9.3·10 <sup>6</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> /y	13	1–13
	<i>BP</i>	6.0·10 <sup>3</sup> – 9.0·10 <sup>6</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> /y	14	1, 5, 6, 14–24
	<i>EFF</i>	1.8·10 <sup>3</sup> – 3.5·10 <sup>9</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> /y	35	1, 10, 21, 25–56
<i>Q<sub>R</sub></i>	<i>RIVER</i>	0.01 – 7993	m <sup>3</sup> /s	21	7, 9, 39, 41, 43, 45, 46, 49, 52, 56–58, 22, 59, 28, 33–38
<i>E. Coli</i>	<i>CSO</i>	1.0 10 <sup>6</sup> -2.0 10 <sup>6</sup>	CFU/100 mL	3	6, 60, 61
	<i>BP</i>	1.2 10 <sup>6</sup> -3.1 10 <sup>6</sup>	CFU/100 mL	4	6, 17, 18, 62
	<i>EFF</i>	1-7.4	CFU/100 mL	2	25, 26
<i>TSS</i>	<i>CSO</i>	87.5-195.3	mg/L	11	1, 2, 8, 9, 51, 60, 61, 63–66
	<i>BP</i>	76.8-148.5	mg/L	8	1, 18, 19, 22, 23, 51, 62, 67
	<i>EFF</i>	2.8-6.5	mg/L	4	25, 26, 30, 51
<i>BOD<sub>5</sub></i>	<i>CSO</i>	55.0-117.4	mg/L	6	8, 51, 61, 63, 64, 66
	<i>BP</i>	144.3-220.5	mg/L	4	22, 23, 51, 67
	<i>EFF</i>	5.0-6.0	mg/L	4	25, 28, 30, 51
<i>COD</i>	<i>CSO</i>	72.5-154.9	mg/L	9	1, 8, 9, 51, 61, 63–66

<i>Variable</i>	<b>Discharge type</b>	<b>Values range</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>N° references</b>	<b>References</b>
	<b>BP</b>	195.6-220.1	mg/L	<b>6</b>	1, 18, 19, 22, 23, 51
	<b>EFF</b>	19.0-39.4	mg/L	<b>6</b>	1, 25, 26, 28, 30, 51
<i>NH<sub>4</sub></i>	<b>CSO</b>	4.0-5.5	mg/L	<b>5</b>	1, 8, 61, 64, 66
	<b>BP</b>	5.5-10.9	mg/L	<b>4</b>	1, 19, 22, 62
	<b>EFF</b>	0.1-0.8	mg/L	<b>3</b>	1, 25, 30
<i>NO<sub>3</sub></i>	<b>CSO</b>	0.0-0.2	mg/L	<b>3</b>	1, 61, 64
	<b>BP</b>	0.1-0.2	mg/L	<b>2</b>	1, 19
	<b>EFF</b>	2.8-7.0	mg/L	<b>2</b>	1, 30
<i>TP</i>	<b>CSO</b>	0.7-1.3	mg/L	<b>5</b>	1, 8, 51, 64, 66
	<b>BP</b>	1.0-1.9	mg/L	<b>4</b>	1, 22, 51, 62
	<b>EFF</b>	0.4-13.4	mg/L	<b>4</b>	1, 25, 30, 51
<i>Cd</i>	<b>CSO</b>	0.1-0.1	µg/L	<b>3</b>	1, 64, 68
	<b>BP</b>	0.1-0.1	µg/L	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>EFF</b>	0.0-0.0	µg/L	<b>1</b>	1
<i>Ni</i>	<b>CSO</b>	1.7-4.3	µg/L	<b>3</b>	1, 64, 68
	<b>BP</b>	2.3-2.8	µg/L	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>EFF</b>	4.0-6.2	µg/L	<b>1</b>	1
<i>Pb</i>	<b>CSO</b>	2.5-8.8	µg/L	<b>5</b>	1, 63, 64, 66, 68
	<b>BP</b>	2.5-3.4	µg/L	<b>3</b>	1, 19, 22
	<b>EFF</b>	0.1-0.2	µg/L	<b>1</b>	1
<i>CBZ</i>	<b>CSO</b>	47.2-102.5	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 69
	<b>BP</b>	113.5-151.7	ng/L	<b>5</b>	1, 17, 18, 20, 51
	<b>EFF</b>	240.0-300.0	ng/L	<b>12</b>	27, 28, 56, 70, 29, 31, 32, 47, 51-53, 55
<i>DCF</i>	<b>CSO</b>	115.4-289.6	ng/L	<b>3</b>	1, 45, 69
	<b>BP</b>	186.4-322.7	ng/L	<b>5</b>	1, 17, 18, 20, 51
	<b>EFF</b>	590.7-625.0	ng/L	<b>14</b>	27, 28, 53, 55, 56, 70, 29-32, 45, 47, 51, 52
<i>TCS</i>	<b>CSO</b>	5.2-32.8	ng/L	<b>1</b>	1
	<b>BP</b>	30.0-42.9	ng/L	<b>4</b>	1, 20, 21, 51
	<b>EFF</b>	48.1-62.9	ng/L	<b>4</b>	21, 51-53
<i>CBD</i>	<b>CSO</b>	46.0-72.0	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 69
	<b>BP</b>	15.7-26.4	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 20
	<b>EFF</b>	17.8-41.9	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 71
<i>DRN</i>	<b>CSO</b>	54.8-137.2	ng/L	<b>6</b>	1, 8, 10, 66, 68, 69
	<b>BP</b>	10.7-20.0	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 20
	<b>EFF</b>	11.8-28.5	ng/L	<b>5</b>	1, 10, 27, 56, 71
<i>TRB</i>	<b>CSO</b>	39.8-64.8	ng/L	<b>3</b>	1, 10, 69
	<b>BP</b>	22.6-34.0	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 20
	<b>EFF</b>	13.4-15.0	ng/L	<b>3</b>	10, 27, 71
<i>BaP</i>	<b>CSO</b>	14.4-49.6	ng/L	<b>5</b>	1, 8, 64, 66, 68
	<b>BP</b>	14.7-26.3	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 20
	<b>EFF</b>	0.2-0.5	ng/L	<b>1</b>	1
<i>CHR</i>	<b>CSO</b>	29.3-74.0	ng/L	<b>4</b>	1, 64, 66, 68
	<b>BP</b>	26.3-51.6	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 20
	<b>EFF</b>	0.5-0.7	ng/L	<b>1</b>	1
<i>FLU</i>	<b>CSO</b>	42.9-110.8	ng/L	<b>5</b>	1, 8, 64, 66, 68
	<b>BP</b>	57.4-79.1	ng/L	<b>3</b>	1, 20, 50
	<b>EFF</b>	1.2-2.7	ng/L	<b>2</b>	1, 50

30 **Table S3.** Contaminants for which the chronic risk assessment was performed. The toxic level chosen was  
 31 the lowest value between AA-EQS and lowest PNEC<sub>chronic</sub>.

<i>Micropollutant</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Toxic Level</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>AA-EQS or PNEC<sub>chronic</sub>?</i>
<i>Cadmium</i>	Cd			0.08	µg/L	AA-EQS
<i>Lead</i>	Pb	Metals	HM	1.2	µg/L	AA-EQS
<i>Nickel</i>	Ni			4	µg/L	AA-EQS
<i>Carbamazepine</i>	CBZ			50	ng/L	PNEC <sub>chronic</sub>
<i>Diclofenac</i>	DCF	Pharmaceuticals	PHARM	50	ng/L	PNEC <sub>chronic</sub>
<i>Triclosan</i>	TCS			20	ng/L	PNEC <sub>chronic</sub>
<i>Carbendazim</i>	CBD			150	ng/L	PNEC <sub>chronic</sub>
<i>Diuron</i>	DRN	Pesticides	PEST	70	ng/L	PNEC <sub>chronic</sub>
<i>Terbutryn</i>	TRB			65	ng/L	AA-EQS
<i>Benzo(a)pyrene</i>	BaP	Polycyclic Aromatic		0.17	ng/L	AA-EQS
<i>Chrysene</i>	CHR	Hydrocarbons	PAH	2.9	ng/L	AA-EQS
<i>Fluoranthene</i>	FLU			6.3	ng/L	AA-EQS

AA-EQS from <sup>72</sup>, PNEC<sub>chronic</sub> from NORMAN database..

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33 **Table S4.** Statistical distributions of volumes and river flow. The parameters of each distribution and AD  
 34 values resulting from Anderson-Darling goodness of fit test are reported.

<i>VARIABLE</i>	<b>BEST FITTING DISTRIBUTION: Lognormal</b>				
	<b>Distribution parameters</b>			<b>Goodness of fit test</b>	
	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>AD value</b>	
<i>V<sub>CSO</sub></i>	11.23	2.40	9367.54	0.922	
<i>V<sub>BP</sub></i>	11.36	2.15	5621.79	0.307	
<i>V<sub>EFF</sub></i>	14.48	2.72	-	0.271	
<i>Q<sub>R</sub></i>	0.04	3.21	-	1.080	

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36 **Table S5.** Percentiles of V<sub>i</sub> and Q<sub>R</sub> used for the definition of each DF scenario. V<sub>i</sub> refers to single discharge  
 37 structure, while resulting DF considers the number of structures used: 1 for BP and EFF, a random number  
 38 between 2 and 20 for CSO.

<i>SCENARIO</i>	<i>V<sub>i</sub></i>		<i>Q<sub>R</sub></i>		<i>DF</i>		
	<i>m<sup>3</sup>/y</i>		<i>m<sup>3</sup>/s</i>		<i>-</i>		
	<b>Discharge</b>	<b>15P</b>	<b>35P</b>	<b>65P</b>	<b>85P</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>95P</b>
<i>Safe</i>	CSO (N=25)	1.57E+04	3.94E+04			437.42	8512.34
	BP (N=22)	1.49E+04	4.30E+04	3.57	28.91	5114.46	41021.32
	EFF (N=217)	1.16E+05	6.81E+05			357.46	4092.48
<i>Medium</i>	<b>Discharge</b>	<b>40P</b>	<b>60P</b>	<b>40P</b>	<b>60P</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>95P</b>
	CSO (N=25)	5.05E+04	1.47E+05			12.60	202.47
	BP (N=22)	5.53E+04	1.53E+05	0.46	2.34	158.06	909.10
EFF (N=217)	9.76E+05	3.87E+06			6.61	46.14	
<i>Worst</i>	<b>Discharge</b>	<b>65P</b>	<b>85P</b>	<b>15P</b>	<b>35P</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>95P</b>
	CSO (N=25)	1.99E+05	9.06E+05			0.22	5.10
	BP (N=22)	2.01E+05	7.96E+05	0.04	0.30	3.13	28.4
EFF (N=217)	5.54E+06	3.26E+07			0.08	0.90	

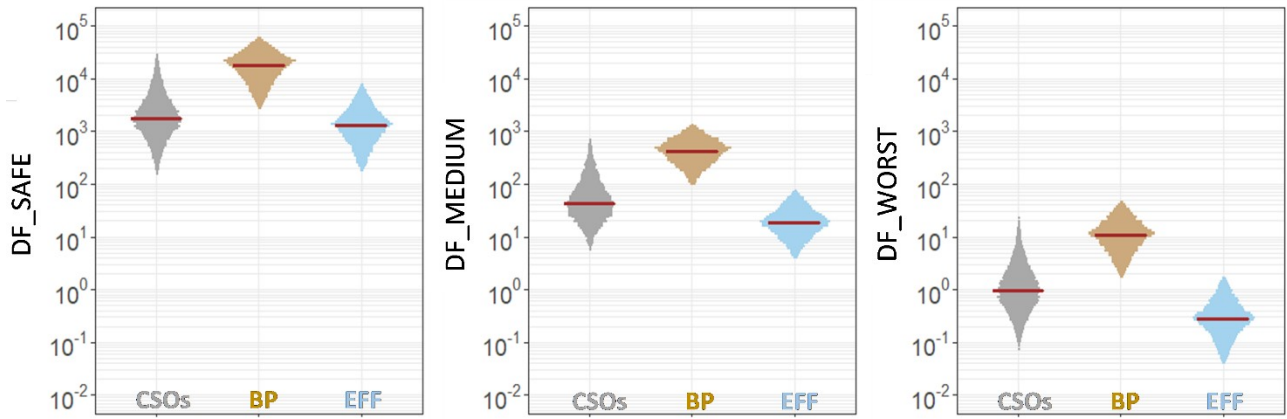


Figure S2. DF values for each DF scenario and each discharge type.

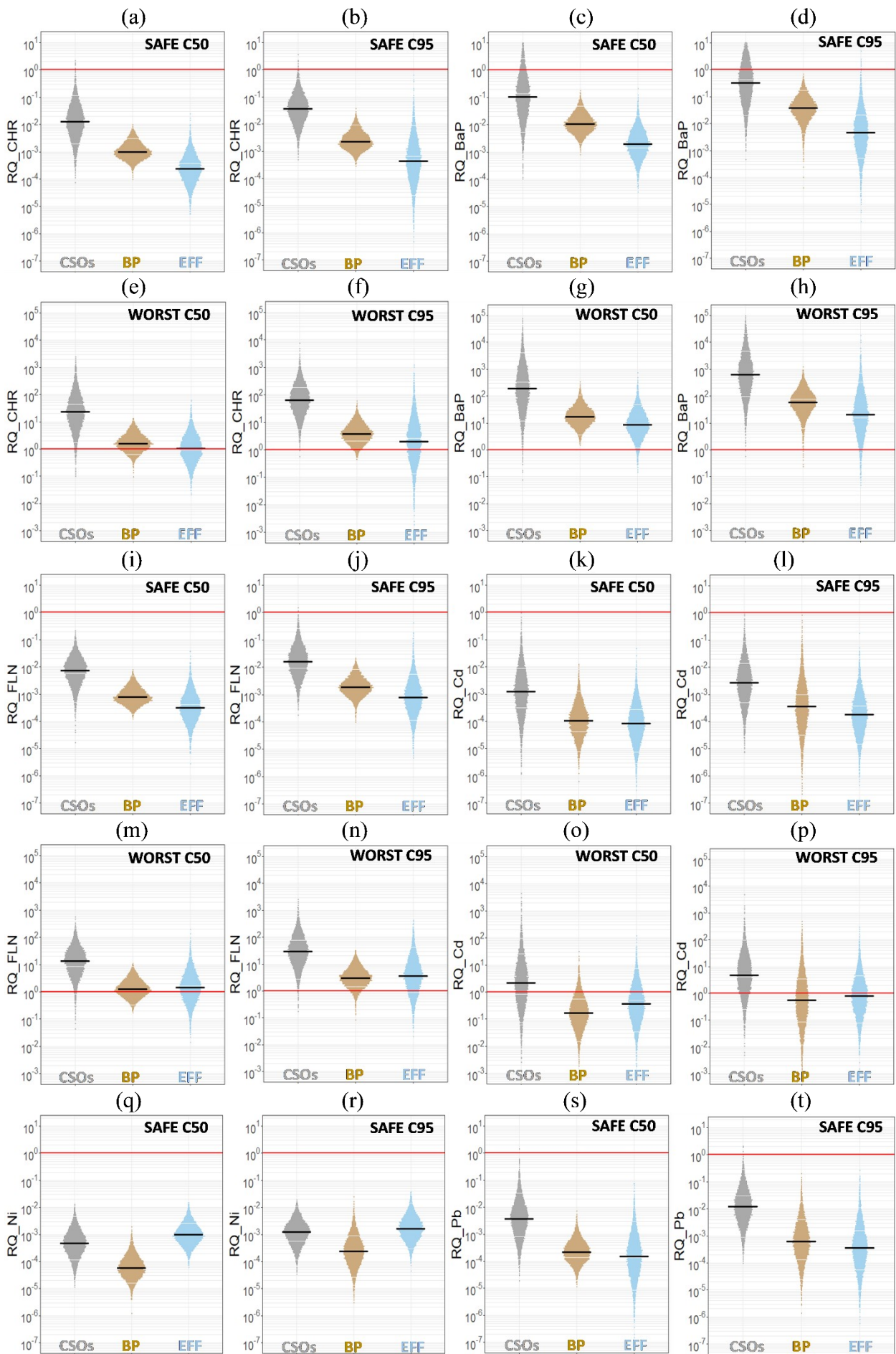
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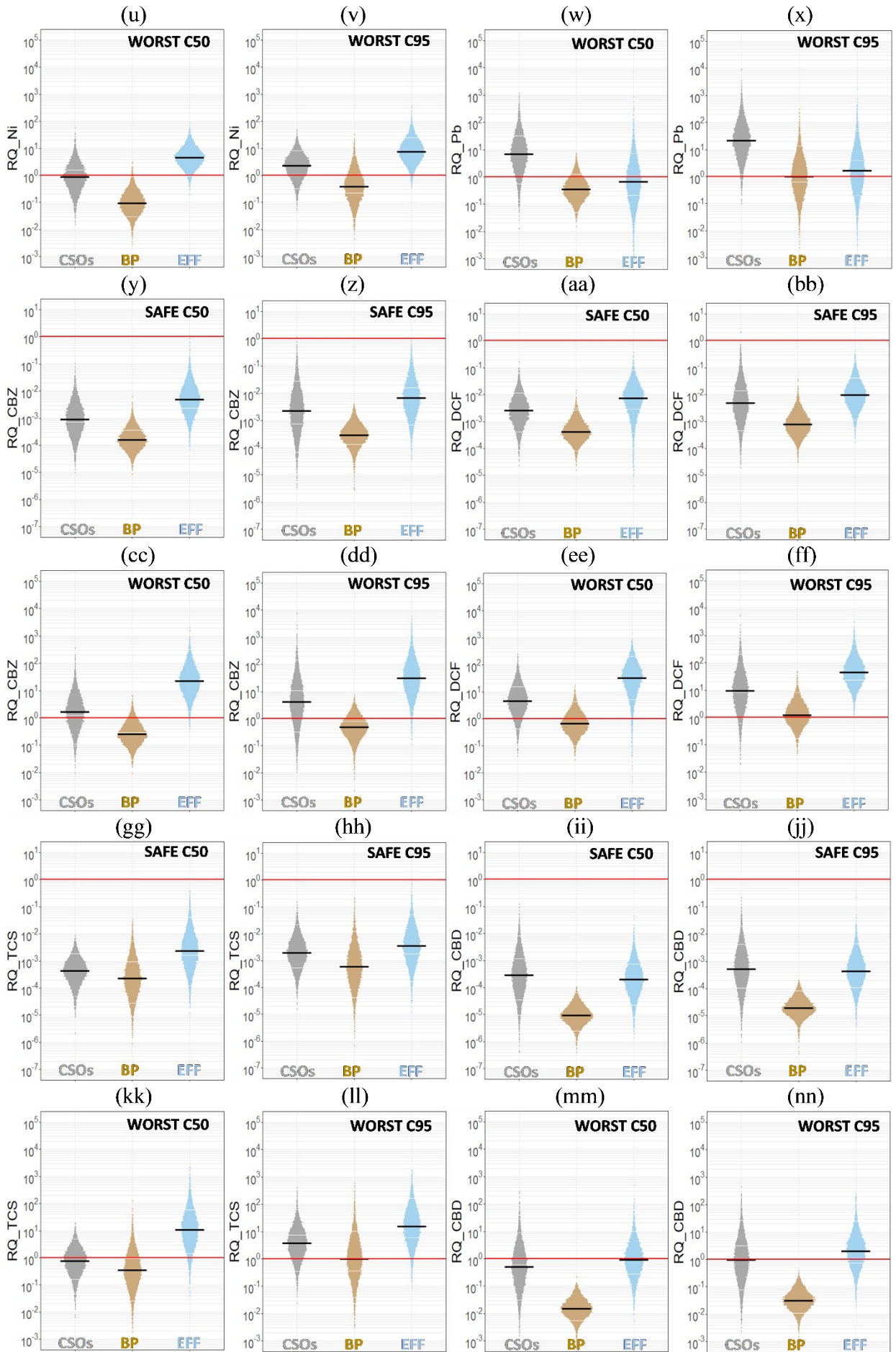
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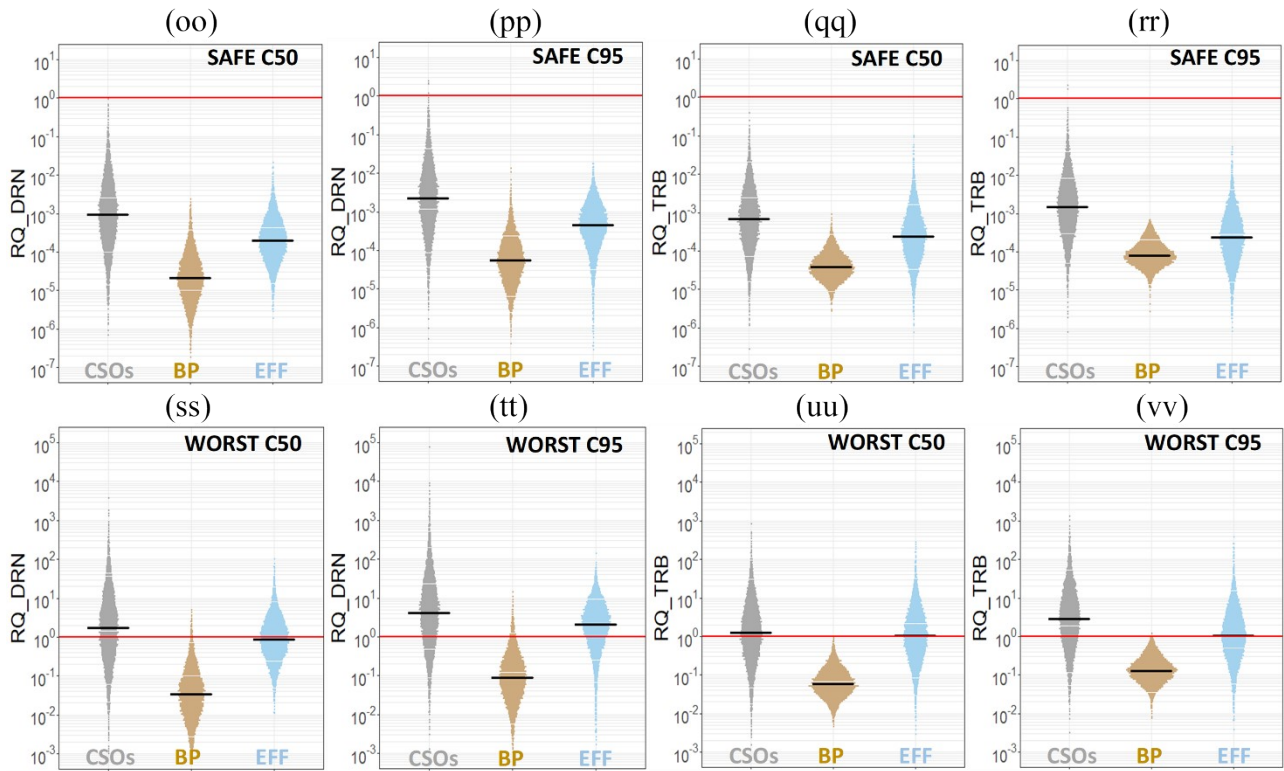
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Table S6. Pollution levels of river water expressed by Macro-descriptors Pollution Level (LIM)

MACRO- DESCRIPTORS	QUALITY LEVEL				
	1	2	3	4	5
<i>100-DO (%)</i>	< 10	< 20	< 30	< 50	> 50
<i>N-NO<sub>3</sub></i>	<0.3	<1.5	<5	<10	>10
<i>N-NH<sub>4</sub></i>	<0.03	<0.1	<0.5	<1.5	>1.5
<i>Total P</i>	<0.07	<0.15	<0.3	<0.6	>0.6
<i>BOD<sub>5</sub></i>	<2.5	<4	<8	<15	>15
<i>COD</i>	<5	<10	<15	<25	>25
<i>E. Coli</i>	<100	<1000	<5000	<20,000	>20,000
<i>Single score</i>	<b>80</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>LIM - Total score</i>	<b>480-560</b>	<b>240-475</b>	<b>120-235</b>	<b>60-115</b>	<b>&lt;60</b>
<i>LIM - Score interpretation</i>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Scarce</b>	<b>Bad</b>







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46 **Figure S3.** RQ values for each micropollutant (C50 and C95 scenarios) for each discharge in Safe and Worst  
47 scenarios.

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SCENARIOS		$n_{RQ_{i,j}>1}$			SCENARIOS		$n_{RQ_{i,j}>1}$			SCENARIOS		$n_{RQ_{i,j}>1}$					
		CSOs	BP	EFF			CSOs	BP	EFF			CSOs	BP	EFF			
DF	CP	RQP				DF	CP	RQP				DF	CP	RQP			
SAFE	C50	RQ50	0	0	0	MEDIUM	C50	RQ50	1	0	0	WORST	C50	RQ50	9	3	8
		RQ75	0	0	0			RQ75	2	0	1			RQ75	12	4	12
		RQ95	1	0	0			RQ95	4	1	3			RQ95	12	7	12
	C75	RQ50	0	0	0		C75	RQ50	1	0	0		C75	RQ50	11	3	10
		RQ75	0	0	0			RQ75	2	1	1			RQ75	12	6	12
		RQ95	1	0	0			RQ95	7	1	4			RQ95	12	7	12
	C95	RQ50	0	0	0		C95	RQ50	2	1	0		C95	RQ50	11	6	11
		RQ75	1	0	0			RQ75	4	1	2			RQ75	12	6	12
		RQ95	1	0	0			RQ95	9	1	4			RQ95	12	8	12

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50 **Figure S4.** Number of pollutants exceeding the threshold  $RQ_{i,j}=1$  per each discharge type and per each  
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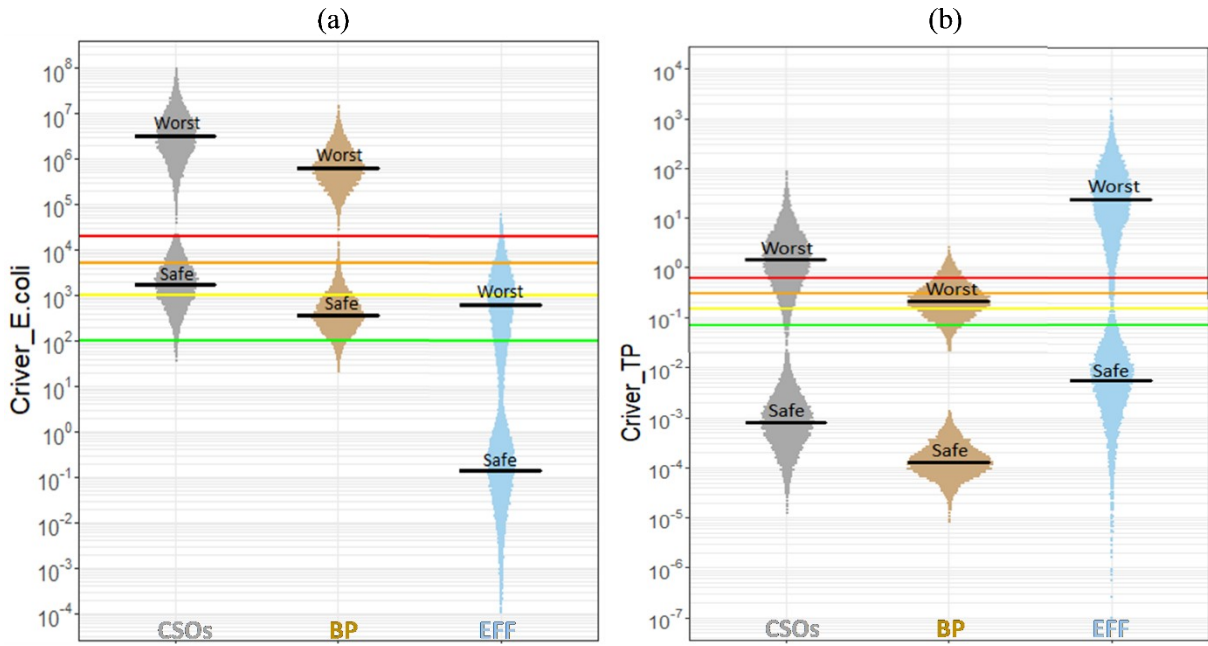


53 **Table S7.** P-value of the Mann-Whitney tests performed to compare the RQ values obtained with different  
 54 combinations of CP and RQP. Results refer to the Worst scenario. The p-values below 0.1 are reported in  
 55 red, the p-values below 0.05 are reported in bold red.

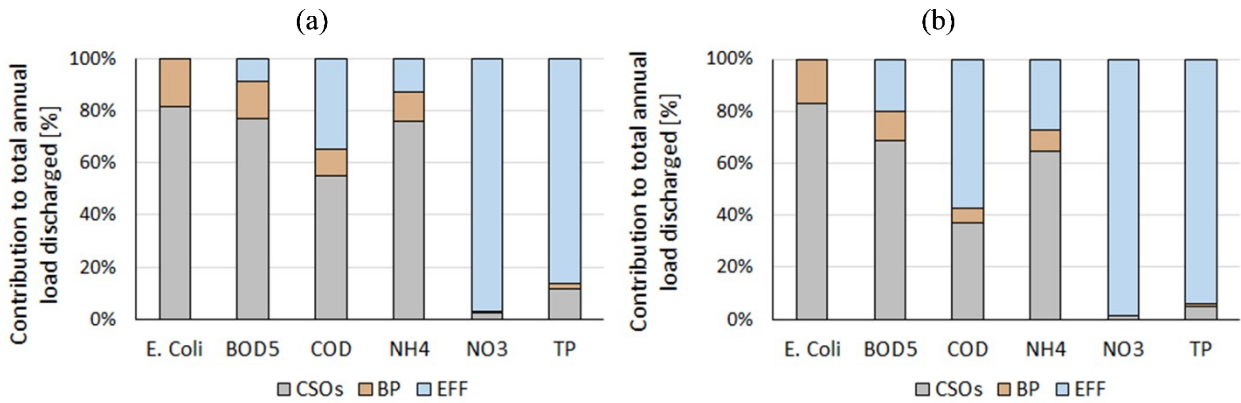
WORST SCENARIO		C50			C75			C95		
		RQ50	RQ75	RQ95	RQ50	RQ75	RQ95	RQ50	RQ75	RQ95
<b>CSOs</b>										
C50	RQ50	-	0.141	<b>0.004</b>	0.436	-	-	0.126	-	-
	RQ75	0.141	-	<b>0.035</b>	-	0.47	-	-	0.112	-
	RQ95	<b>0.004</b>	<b>0.035</b>	-	-	-	0.47	-	-	<b>0.023</b>
C75	RQ50	0.436	-	-	-	0.112	<b>0.003</b>	0.312	-	-
	RQ75	-	0.47	-	0.112	-	<b>0.035</b>	-	0.371	-
	RQ95	-	-	0.47	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.035</b>	-	-	-	0.312
C95	RQ50	0.126	-	-	0.312	-	-	-	0.100	<b>0.003</b>
	RQ75	-	0.112	-	-	0.371	-	0.100	-	<b>0.026</b>
	RQ95	-	-	<b>0.023</b>	-	-	0.312	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.026</b>	-
<b>BP</b>										
C50	RQ50	-	0.453	<b>0.100</b>	0.624	-	-	0.237	-	-
	RQ75	0.453	-	0.248	-	0.544	-	-	0.157	-
	RQ95	<b>0.100</b>	0.248	-	-	-	0.507	-	-	0.141
C75	RQ50	0.624	-	-	-	<b>0.083</b>	<b>0.083</b>	0.371	-	-
	RQ75	-	0.544	-	<b>0.083</b>	-	0.248	-	0.436	-
	RQ95	-	-	0.507	<b>0.083</b>	0.248	-	-	-	0.341
C95	RQ50	0.237	-	-	0.371	-	-	-	0.453	<b>0.073</b>
	RQ75	-	0.157	-	-	0.436	-	0.453	-	0.225
	RQ95	-	-	0.141	-	-	0.341	<b>0.073</b>	0.225	-
<b>EFF</b>										
C50	RQ50	-	0.126	<b>0.009</b>	0.403	-	-	0.214	-	-
	RQ75	0.126	-	<b>0.04</b>	-	0.371	-	-	0.126	-
	RQ95	<b>0.009</b>	<b>0.040</b>	-	-	-	0.312	-	-	<b>0.046</b>
C75	RQ50	0.403	-	-	-	<b>0.089</b>	<b>0.009</b>	0.403	-	-
	RQ75	-	0.371	-	<b>0.089</b>	-	<b>0.030</b>	-	0.312	-
	RQ95	-	-	0.312	<b>0.009</b>	<b>0.03</b>	-	-	-	0.157
C95	RQ50	0.214	-	-	0.403	-	-	-	0.078	<b>0.002</b>
	RQ75	-	0.126	-	-	0.312	-	0.078	-	<b>0.035</b>
	RQ95	-	-	<b>0.046</b>	-	-	0.157	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.035</b>	-

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 59 **Figure S5.** Concentration in the river in Safe and Worst scenario using C75 for *E. coli* (a) and TP (b). The 5  
 60 quality level classes are enclosed in the graphs between lines with different colors, where green line  
 61 represent the threshold between class 1 and 2.  
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 64 **Figure S6.** (b) Apportionment of the total annual load discharged to the river in (a) Safe and (b) Worst  
 65 scenario.  
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