Background documents for development of 
WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality and 
Guidelines for safe recreational water environments

For the WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality (GDWQ) and Guidelines for safe recreational water environments:
- Anatoxin-a and analogues
- Cylindrospermopsins
- Microcystins
- Saxitoxins

For the WHO GDWQ:
- Bentazone
- Chromium
- Iodine
- Organotins
- Tetrachloroethene
- Trichloroethene

These background documents will inform the development of the GDWQ 4th edition, incorporating the 2nd addendum, to be published later in 2021. The recommendations in these publications, including any changes in guideline values, supersede the recommendations in the GDWQ, 4th edition, incorporating the 1st addendum, published in 2017.

The cyanotoxin background documents will also inform the update of the WHO Guidelines for safe recreational water environments, also to be published later in 2021.

These documents, and other publications of interest including additional background documents for the GDWQ, can also be accessed here.