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Water Coverage (Global)

- **EU Shifts Wastewater Cleanup Costs to Polluters:** The revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, effective **January 2025**, mandates pharmaceutical and cosmetics companies to fund **80%** of quaternary treatment costs under Extended Producer Responsibility. Plants must achieve **80%** micropollutant removal, rolling out to **20%** of large facilities by **2033**, **60%** by **2039**, and **100%** by **2045**, with energy neutrality targeted by **2045**. Cost estimates range from the Commission's **€1.56 billion** annually to industry projections of **€3.6–€24.5 billion**. Poland and Ireland have filed legal challenges at the CJEU.

