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Diagenetic remobilization of manganese, iron, copper and lead in anoxic sediment of a freshwater pond

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Abstract

The diagenetic remobilization of manganese, iron, copper and lead in anoxic sediment of a freshwater pond, T Reservoir, Japan has been examined in an *in situ* submerged chamber system, through the interstitial water and sediment analyses. Manganese was released continuously from the sediment into the overlying water during the experiment, whereas iron was released from the sediment abruptly after the 2nd day of the experiment. The steep vertical concentration gradients of manganese and iron were observed in the interstitial water. The release of manganese and iron from the sediment is due to the dissolution of ferro-manganese oxides and hydroxides in the surface sediment under anoxic condition. In contrast to manganese and iron, copper and lead were not released from the sediment during the experiment, and their concentrations in the interstitial water were not significantly different from the values of the overlying water. The results show that the diagenetic remobilization of copper and lead in the sediment is negligibly small. It is likely that copper and lead are fixed into the sediment by some process other than the formation of sulfides.



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Keywords

diagenetic remobilization; sulfide-forming metal; iron; copper; lead; manganese; anoxic sediment; freshwater pond; interstitial water; submerged chamber experiment

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