



Mercury in Fluvial Systems: Distribution and Cycling Processes

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Mercury (Hg) is a pollutant of much concern due to its global distribution and toxicity to living organisms. Fluvial ecosystems are crucial sites to investigate Hg biogeochemistry due to the pivotal role of floodplains for human activities. Once they enter rivers, Hg hotspots are rapidly diluted and transported hundreds of kilometers from the original source, and finally redistributed in all sediment of the river corridors ruled out by river hydrodynamics. Sediments then become new nonpoint sources of Hg in rivers, and Hg recycling may last for hundreds of years, leading to great variability in spatial patterns, and difficult management strategies. Additionally, Hg methylation may occur in anoxic sediments, favoring the uptake by local biota.

This Special Issue invites critical reviews, research papers, and communications bringing together knowledge on the behavior of Hg in fluvial environments, including implications for human health, management of contaminated sediment, and future research needs.





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