input. The coefficient of determination and the Nash-Sutcliffe coefficient with the Monte Carlo inputs may still not be high, but that is because the predictions were conducted without any reference to observed pesticide concentration data and without any model parameter calibration for pesticide, by which we could investigate the predictability of true sense.

It should also be noted that the 50th percentile values of concentrations predicted with the Monte Carlo method did not coincide with the concentrations predicted with the deterministic input, although a median value was selected for each parameter from the range of reported values as a deterministic input. This result was actually contrary to our expectation. Although the reason for this result is not yet clear, it suggests that pesticide runoff from rice-paddy fields is affected synergistically and nonlinearly by timing of pesticide application, degradation and sorption, and spill-over of rice-paddy ponding water by rain or artificial drainage. Therefore, pesticide concentrations as a consequence of runoff cannot yet be predicted with model inputs using representative values (deterministic input).

The model was calibrated with hydrological data only, without reference to observed pesticide concentration data. The Monte Carlo method provided a surrogate approach for obtaining precise data on individual farming schedules (including pesticide application dates), degradation rates, and sorption coefficients in each soil. Therefore, once data for the quantities of pesticides applied in the river basin are available, the model should give a rough estimate of pesticide concentrations before the pesticide concentration observation. The model should be potentially useful for selecting new pesticides to be monitored and determining the monitoring schedule for river basins where different and new pesticides are applied from year to year.

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS

In this article, we presented an application of the Monte Carlo method for creating input data for rice-paddy pesticides in a basin-scale diffuse pollution hydrological model. We showed its effectiveness when the model predicts the pesticide concentrations in the river water of a large catchment. The Monte Carlo method was used to account for uncertainties in input data: the names of the pesticide products applied, amounts and the dates of pesticide application, varieties of rice planted, dates of transplantation of rice seedlings, time-variation patterns of desired water depth of rice-paddy ponding, parameter values of pesticide decomposition, and parameter values of pesticide sorption.

However, these may not be the only sources of uncertainty in predicting pesticide concentrations. Other factors might affect prediction of pesticide concentrations, although their contributions are still largely unknown. In fact, 32% of observed data points were still outside the range predicted with the 2000 data set of the Monte Carlo inputs. Incorporation of the remaining uncertainty factors would decrease the percentage outside the predicted range and improve predictive accuracy. Among the remaining uncertainty factors, the uncertainty related not to model inputs but to the model itself still needs to be evaluated, and it should be evaluated particularly whether the model represents all the significant

processes for pesticide runoff and changes in pesticide concentrations in river water. The ability of the model to represent the significant processes will be examined when precise model inputs are used.

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Analysis of Active Oxon Forms of Nine Organophosphorus Pesticides in Water Samples Using Gas Chromatography with Mass Spectrometric Detection

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We established a method for the simultaneous quantitative analysis of nine organophosphorus pesticides (OPs) and their active oxon forms in water samples using gas chromatography with mass spectrometric detection with solid-phase extraction (SPE). In this method, the lower limit of detection for the nine oxons ranged from 0.5 to 20 ng/ml. Each calibration curve had good linearity, with correlation coefficients (R²) greater than 0.991. In comparing three SPE cartridges, the recovery rate of these compounds extracted from water was highly reproducible using a cartridge of packed silica bonded with C18. The limit of quantification ranged from 2.5 to 200 ng/ml at 500-fold concentrations. When the OPs were examined after chlorination treatment to simulate the water treatment process, they decomposed rapidly and were converted to their oxon forms as primary reaction products of chlorination. Under these established analytical conditions, the behavior of oxons formed in the environment and after water treatment can be determined accurately.

Key words —— organophosphorus pesticide, oxon, Water Quality Standard, gas chromatography/mass spectrometry, tap water, chlorination

INTRODUCTION

In recent decades, there have been several incidents involving various environmental pollutants which have drawn attention to their effects on human health. Among environmental pollutants, pesticides are commonly detected in river water and groundwater as the source of tap water, 1-5) giving rise to concerns about pesticide contamination of drinking water. Organophosphorus pesticides (OPs) of the thiono form with a P = S structure are used extensively. They are activated to the oxon form with a P = O structure by an oxidation reaction and are known to have adverse effects on living organisms through the inhibition of acethylcholinesterase. 6-10) Numerous papers have described the simultaneous detection of parent OP compounds. 1,11,12) However, there are few reports detailing the simultaneous analysis of their oxon forms. Furthermore, there were no standard methods for the analysis of oxons in the Water Quality Standard Guidelines of Japan.

Solid-phase extraction (SPE) is useful for the isolation of a wide spectrum of organic micropollutants in various fields, such as environmental sampling, 13) pharmaceuticals, 14) and food analysis. 15) The SPE extraction procedure is applied to carry out simultaneous extraction and concentration of pesticides in water samples. 16-20) The sorbents commonly used are C₁₈ chemically bonded to slica, carbon black and polymeric resins, and styrene-divinylbenzene polymer. Gas chromatography with mass spectrometric detection (GC/MS) has been applied to detect a wide range of pesticides due to its superior sensitivity and specificity in identification and quantification. 5,15,19) The analysis employs electron-impact ionization using a full scan and selected characteristic ions for each compound. Our study focused on the combination of selective extraction and sensitive determination using SPE-GC/MS. We established an SPE method and employed GC/MS for the subsequent analysis of samples to detect parent OP compounds and their oxon forms in water samples.

OPs of the thiono form are converted to their respective oxon forms *via* oxidation, and we therefore investigated the influence of chlorination on the parent pesticides, since the compounds are exposed to chlorine during the water treatment process. Our goal is to examine the behavior of pesticides contaminating raw water under water treatment conditions. The nine OPs examined were isoxathion, isofenphos, EPN, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, tolclofosmethyl, fenitrothion (MEP), butamifos, and

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prothiofos.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals — Butamifos, diazinon, diazinon oxon, EPN, EPN oxon, isofenphos, isofenphos oxon, isoxathion, isoxathion oxon, MEP, MEP oxon, prothiofos, and prothiofos oxon (pesticide residue analysis grade) were all purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Osaka, Japan). Butamifos oxon, chlorpyrifos oxon, and tolclofos-methyl oxon (pesticide residue analysis grade) were obtained from Havashi Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Osaka, Japan), and chlorpyrifos and tolclofos-methyl were obtained from GL Sciences Inc. (Tokyo, Japan). EPA 525 Fortification Solution B containing phenanthrene- d_{10} used as an internal standard was supplied from Supelco (Bellefonte, PA, U.S.A.). Individual standard solutions were prepared in a volume of 1000 mg/l in acetone. A 0.1 mg/l solution of phenanthrene- d_{10} was prepared in dichloromethane as an internal standard. All standard solutions were stored at -20°C, and working solutions were prepared fresh for each use by diluting the standard stock solution.

Dichloromethane and acetone [pesticide residue polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) analysis grade], methanol (HPLC grade), sodium hypochlorite solution, and L(+)-ascorbic acid sodium salt were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. Laboratory water was purified with a Milli-Q gradient A10 Elix system with an EDS polisher (Millipore, Bedford, MA, U.S.A.).

GC/MS Analysis —— GC was carried out using an HP6890 Series Gas Chromatograph system (Hewlett Packard, Wilmington, DE, U.S.A.) with an HP6890 Series autosampler and split/splitless injector. The analytical column was a DB-5 fused-silica capillary column, 30 m \times 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 μ m film thickness (J&W Scientific, Folsom, CA, U.S.A.). The oven temperature program was 70°C initial temperature for 2 min; ramped at 15°C/min to 190°C, 1.5°C/ min to 220°C, and then 10°C/min to 290°C; and holding for 3 min at 290°C. The carrier gas (helium) flow was set at 1.2 ml/min. Pulsed splitless injection of a 2 μ l volume was carried out at 250°C. MS was carried out using a 5973 Mass Selective Detector (Hewlett Packard) in electron-ionization mode with an ionization voltage of 70 eV and ion source temperature of 280°C. The instrument was operated in selected-ion monitoring (SIM) mode. Two selected ions for each compound were monitored for identification and quantification and are summarized in Table 1.

Analytical Procedures —— The standard solutions were diluted with acetone to 50 ng/ml for diazinon oxon and tolclofos-methyl oxon, 100 ng/ml for isofenphos oxon and prothiofos oxon, 200 ng/ml for butamifos oxon, 500 ng/ml for EPN oxon and MEP oxon, 1000 ng/ml for chlorpyrifos oxon, and 2000 ng/ml for isoxathion oxon. A 250 μ l aliquot of sodium ascorbic acid solution 100 g/l was added to 500 ml of tap water to remove the chlorine and then was fortified with 50 μ l of each solution. The fortified water samples were concentrated following the SPE method described below with each of three cartridges: Oasis HLB Plus Extraction Cartridge, Sep-Pak Plus PS-2, and Sep-Pak Plus C18 (Waters, Milford, MA, U.S.A.). The cartridges were equilibrated with dichloromethane 5 ml, methanol 5 ml, and water 5 ml, respectively. The extraction of water samples was carried out at a flow rate of approximately 10 ml/min. Air was then pulled though the cartridges for 10 min, followed by nitrogen gas for 20 min. The analytes were eluted from the cartridges with dichloromethane 5 ml. After evaporating the samples to less than 1 ml under a gentle nitrogen steam, the eluate was added to 50 μ l of internal standard solution and adjusted to a final volume of 1.0 ml with dichloromethane for GC/MS analysis. The automatic concentrator used was a Sep-Pak Concentrator Plus (Waters).

Chlorination Processing — Standard solutions of pesticides were added to purified water to make a final concentration of 10 ng/l. After dissolving the pesticides at room temperature, a 100 ml of the solution was collected as a sample at the start time. Subsequently, sodium hypochlorite solution was added to produce 1 mg/l of free chlorine. After mixing in an incubator at 20°C, a 100 ml sample of each solution was collected at reaction times of 0.5, 1, and 2 hr after the addition of the sodium hypochlorite solution. A 250 μ l aliquot of sodium ascorbic acid 100 g/l was added to the sample solutions in order to eliminate chlorine. OPs and their by-products were extracted with SPE and then eluted with dichloromethane for GC/MS analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

GC/MS Validation Study

We established the analytical conditions for detecting nine OPs and their oxon forms in GC/MS.

Table 1. Analytical SIM Conditions for GC/MS Analysis of Nine Parent OPs and their Oxons

Compound	Retention time ^{a)}	Quantitation ion	Identification ion
	(min)	(m/z)	(m/z)
Butamifos	20.3	286	200
Chlorpyrifos	16.3	199	197
Daizinon	13.0	179	137
EPN	30.4	157	169
Isofenphos	18.2	213	121
Isoxathion	22.3	177	105
MEP	15.4	277	260
Prothiofos	20.7	309	267
Tolclofos-methyl	14.6	265	125
Butamifos oxon	18.8	244	216
Chlorpyrifos oxon	16.0	270	197
Daizinon oxon	12.6	273	137
EPN oxon	26.7	141	169
Isofenphos oxon	16.6	229	201
Isoxathion oxon	20.7	161	105
MEP oxon	14.1	244	109
Prothiofos oxon	18.1	162	139
Tolclofos-methyl oxon	14.0	249	109
Phenanthrene-d ₁₀	12.9	188	

a) On a DB-5 column.

The two monitored ions were selected based on their relative abundance in the MS spectrum, characteristic fragment ions, and lack of interference with nearby peaks. If the selected ions of the parent compound and its oxon were the same, we chose the next most relatively abundant ion. All compounds studied were separated with high sensitivity and selectivity in GC/MS on the DB-5 column. Retention times and selected ions are summarized in Table 1.

The quantitative analysis of oxon forms of the nine OPs was performed using GC/MS in the SIM mode under the conditions described above. For quantification, an internal standard solution was added to each sample. Standard curves showed good linearity, with correlation coefficients (R2) greater than 0.991 for all oxons in the concentration ranges studied. The limit of detection (LOD) was calculated as 3-fold the standard deviation of the slope of the calibration curve. LOD values were 0.5 ng/ml for diazinon oxon and tolclofos-methyl oxon, 1.0 ng/ml for isofenphos oxon and prothiofos oxon, 2.0 ng/ml for butamifos oxon, 5.0 ng/ml for EPN oxon and MEP oxon, 10 ng/ml for chlorpyrifos oxon, and 20 ng/ml for isoxathion oxon. Correlation coefficients, concentration ranges, and LOD values of the nine oxons are summarized in Table 2. The LOD

values of the parent compounds were 0.5 ng/ml for tolclofos-methyl; 2.0 ng/ml for butamifos, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, EPN, MEP, isofenphos, and prothiofos; and 50 ng/ml for isoxathion. Under the present conditions, the nine oxons were analyzed with nearly equal sensitivity as the parent compounds.

Optimization of SPE

A recovery test was performed with tap water to determine the presence of matrix in water samples. Standard solutions in acetone were added at 5-fold the LOD levels to dechlorinated tap water. Recovery rates and relative standard deviations (RSDs) were assessed at 500-fold concentrations. Dechlorinated tap water 500 ml was used as the blank control. For quantification, an internal standard solution was added to all samples. Table 3 shows the level of the standard, mean recovery rates, and RSDs obtained for all compounds. Recovery rates were satisfactory with RSDs of less than 20%. The recovery test of isoxathion oxon was performed at 10-fold the LOD level because the recovery rate at 5-fold the LOD level was low. Butamifos oxon and EPN oxon had in low recovery rates for all SPE cartridges. The lowest results were obtained for EPN oxon, Recov-

Table	2. Lim	it of Detection	Limit of (Quantity	and Linear	Range	of Nine OP Oxons
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Compound	Correlation	Linear range	Limit of detection	Limit of quantity
	coefficient (R2)	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)	(ng/ml)
Butamifos oxon	0.996	1–50	2.0	10.0
Chlorpyrifos oxon	0.994	10-1000	10.0	50.0
Daizinon oxon	0.997	0.2-20	0.5	2.5
EPN oxon	0.998	5-100	5.0	25.0
Isofenphos oxon	0.995	1-100	1.0	5.0
Isoxathion oxon	0.991	20-2000	50.0	200.0
MEP oxon	0.998	5-500	5.0	25.0
Prothiofos oxon	0.996	1-100	1.0	5.0
Tolclofos-methyl oxon	0.999	0.5–50	0.5	2.5

Table 3. Average Recovery Rates of Nine OP Oxons from Tap Water Using Three Solid-Phase Extraction Cartridges

Compound	Spike level		Recovery (%) (RSD%	p)
	(ng/ml)	HLB	PS-2	C18
Butamifos oxon	10.0	57.3 (8.1)	60.0 (0.3)	67.3 (4.2)
Chlorpyrifos oxon	50.0	69.0 (1.9)	62.0 (0.2)	92.5 (16.7)
Daizinon oxon	2.5	96.1 (8.3)	110.5 (7.3)	107.2 (6.5)
EPN oxon	25.0	58.7 (2.6)	38.7 (4.9)	58.9 (2.3)
Isofenphos oxon	5.0	80.0 (9.0)	77.9 (7.2)	78.7 (1.0)
Isoxathion oxon	200.0	118.1 (8.0)	82.5 (1.8)	72.1 (2.9)
MEP oxon	25.0	83.6 (9.2)	84.2 (5.0)	89.9 (8.0)
Prothiofos oxon	5.0	71.1 (0.6)	68.5 (0.9)	84.6 (10.2)
Tolclofos-methyl oxon	2.5	84.7 (11.3)	120.8 (6.2)	118.2 (11.4)

ery was less than 60% with an RSD of less than 5%. To improve this, additional investigation was carried out on the pretreatment method with C18-HLB, C18-C18, and HLB-C18 cartridges. Tandem cartridges were equilibrated separately. After extraction of the water samples, tandem cartridges were dried separately and elution was carried out as described above. However, not all compounds were detected from the second of the tandem cartridge pairs. It is thus necessary to take the recovery rate into account when calculating the concentration based on the calibration curves to ensure precision in the analysis of compounds for which the recovery rate is low.

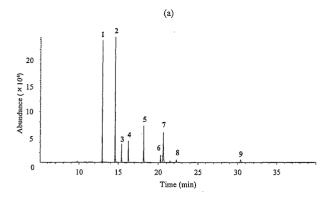
The performance of each cartridge was compared based on extraction efficiency. The cartridge packed with C_{18} bonded to silica (Sep-Pak Plus C18) was a suitable for the extraction of oxons from water samples. Most compounds were extracted with high reproducibility and good recovery rates of more than 70%, and the RSDs for the studied compounds were 12% lower when using Sep-Pak Plus C18.

The limit of quantification (LOQ) was calculated to be 10-fold the standard deviation and as the low-

est concentration that provided RSDs of less than 10% in the recovery test. LOQ values obtained at 500-fold concentrations were 2.5 ng/ml for diazinon oxon and tolclofos-methyl oxon, 5.0 ng/ml for isofenphos oxon and prothiofos oxon, 10 ng/ml for butamifos oxon, 25 ng/ml for EPN oxon and MEP oxon, 50 ng/ml for chlorpyrifos oxon, and 200 ng/ ml for isoxathion oxon. Actual sample concentrations converted those LOQ values were 5 ng/l for diazinon oxon and tolclofos-methyl oxon, 10 ng/l for isofenphos oxon and prothiofos oxon, 20 ng/l for butamifos oxon, 50 ng/l for EPN oxon and MEP oxon, 100 ng/l for chlorpyrifos oxon, and 400 ng/l for isoxathion oxon. The LOQ values of their parent compounds were obtained at 5-fold the LOD level with the Sep-Pak Plus C18 cartridge, corresponding to 1% or less of the guideline values, except for the values of isoxathion and isofenphos.

Behavior of OPs upon Chlorination

Free chlorine 1 mg/l was added to water samples containing each OP 10 ng/l. Parent compounds rapidly decomposed, and their oxons were detected as



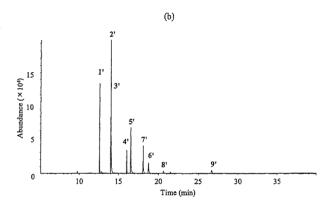
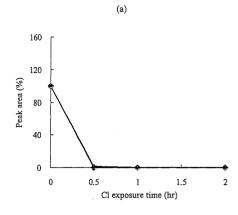


Fig. 1. Chromatograms of Nine OPs and their Products after Chlorination

(a) OPs: 1, diazinon; 2, tolclofos-methyl; 3, MEP; 4, chlorpyrifos; 5, isofenphos; 6, butamifos; 7, prothiofos; 8, isoxathion; 9, EPN. (b) Chlorinated products after 30 min: 1', diazinon oxon; 2', tolclofos-methyl oxon; 3', MEP oxon; 4', chlorpyrifos oxon; 5', isofenphos oxon; 6', butamifos oxon; 7', prothiofos oxon; 8', isoxathion oxon; 9', EPN oxon.

primary reaction products. Figure 1 shows the chromatograms of nine OPs and their oxons after chlorination at the start time and after 30 min. Figure 2 shows the time-dependent reactions of nine OPs and their oxons. The parent compounds decreased and the oxon forms increased upon chlorination in comparison with concentrations at the start time. The generation of oxons due to chlorination occurred rapidly. In addition, the effect of chlorination on diazinon was independently examined. The reaction was completed within 5 min at low concentrations of the parent compound (Figs. 3 and 4). It is known that the oxon forms of OPs are more toxic than their parent compounds. 6-8) These results highlight the necessity of detecting both forms to trace the presence of OPs and their oxons during the water treatment process.

In conclusions, we established a selective and sensitive method for the quantitative analysis of oxon forms of OPs in water samples using GC/MS with



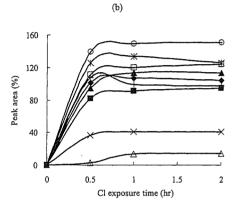
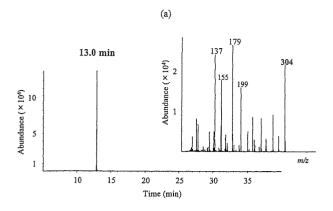


Fig. 2. Time-Dependent Behavior of OPs and their Oxon Forms after Chlorination

(a) Parent compounds, ←, butamifos; ★, isofenphos; ⊢, EPN; ★, MEP; ←, diazinon; +, prothiofos; −, tolclofosmethyl; ←, chlorpyrifos; △, isoxathion. (b) Oxons, ←, butamifos oxon; ★, isofenphos oxon; ⊢, EPN oxon; ★, MEP oxon; ←, diazinon oxon; +, prothiofos oxon; −, tolclofos-methyl oxon; ←, chlorpyrifos oxon; △, isoxathion oxon. The concentration at the start of the reaction was defined as 100%.

SPE. This method is suitable for the simultaneous detection and determination of OPs and their oxons and allows the tracing their reactions in water. Calibration curves for the oxons showed good linearity. The method yielded low LOD values and reproducible recovery rates for the accurate quantification, simultaneous extraction, and the determination of the concentration of 18 compounds in water. The LOD values of oxons were from 0.5 to 20 ng/ml. The LOQ values ranged from 5 to 400 ng/l in actual water samples. In addition, we found that OPs were rapidly converted to their oxon forms in the presence of chlorine.

Many OPs are highly toxic, and thus it is necessary to detect and control not only the parent compounds but also the oxon forms in the environment and after the water treatment process. Quality con-



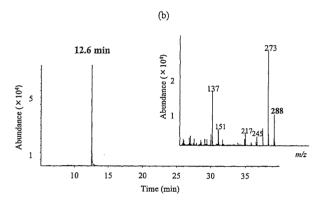
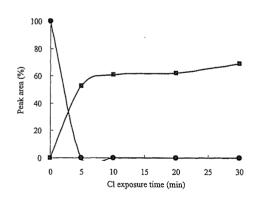


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trol of natural water has become an urgent issue. Regulations governing drinking water quality are meant to limit human risk and environmental pollution. However, regulations for OP oxons are not defined and no standard method for their detection has been given in Japan. Our approach can be applied

as a screening method for field monitoring of OP parent compounds and oxons. The risk of these compounds to human health and ecosystems can be accurately evaluated using the present method. We believe that our results will be important in enforcing the Water Quality Standard of Japan.

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流域の環境負荷評価のための農薬流出推定

Estimation of Pesticide Runoff for Evaluating Environmental Load of River Basin

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要旨:河川流域の環境評価として、事業所や家庭などの点源負荷と並び、流出農薬の負荷は重要であり、これを的確に評価する必要がある。本稿では、農薬の流出をフガシティモデルを用いてモデル化し、地域的な偏りの大きい農薬の使用状況を反映した流域別流出量推定法を検討した。この方法を用いて、神奈川県内河川における 249 種の農薬の流出量を算出し、環境負荷が大きな PRTR 対象外農薬の寄与、排出源別の環境負荷の寄与等を流域単位で把握できることを示した。

キーワード:農薬流出、フガシティモデル、流出量推定、流域

Abstract: In order to evaluate environment of river basin, it is very important to calculate load of pesticide runoff as well as load from point sources. In this paper, we modelled a mechanism of pesticide runoff by using fugacity model, and constructed a method of estimating pesticide spillage by each basin based on actual pesticide usage which had large regional deflection. We calculated the spillage of 249 pesticides into the river of Kanagawa prefecture by using this method. As a result, this method indicated that contribution of pesticide which does not belong to PRTR and contribution of environmental load of each pollution source could be calculated by each basin.

Key Words: pesticide runoff, fugacity model, spillage estimation, basin

はじめに

近年、流域をひとつの単位として河川環境の保全を行 う流域管理の重要性が広く認識されるようになった。流 域管理では、水循環によって維持される自然生態系全体 を保全する観点から、生態リスクに着目した対策を講じ ることが重要とされ、そのために河川の環境負荷の的確 な評価が求められる。河川生態系に影響を及ぼす汚濁負 荷として、事業所や家庭由来の物質と並び、農薬の存在 は無視できない。例えば、神奈川県の金目川ではチオベ ンカルブ等の高濃度検出が報告されており (大塚ら, 2004), これは河川生態系に対する影響が懸念される状 況にある。一方、水道法においては平成16年度から農 薬が水質管理目標設定項目に位置付けられ、水道事業体 による水質管理の強化が図られている。このような状況 から、流域における農薬の流出状況の把握は、河川環境 の管理及び評価において不可欠の要素であると考えられ る。

環境負荷の評価に利用可能なデータとして,近年 PRTR (Pollutant Release and Transfer Register: 化学 物質排出移動量届出制度)の運用が開始され,有害性の ある多種多様な化学物質について,発生源ごとの環境中 への排出量に関する情報が整備されつつある。しかし、 PRTRにおいては農薬は非点源として扱われており、県 単位の排出量しか算出されないため、この数値から流域 単位の流出量を直接算出することはできない。農薬の使 用状況は、同一県内でも農作物の耕作状況の違いによっ て地域的な偏りが大きいため、流出量を求めるにはこれ らの地域情報を考慮した推定手段を用いる必要がある。

そこで、本稿では、農薬の登録内容からその使用方法を特定し、散布対象作物の作付面積等の土地利用面積情報と組み合わせて流域単位の農薬散布量を算出するとともに、農薬の流域への流出をモデル化し、年間流出量を推定する手法について検討した。さらに、この推定法で算出した農薬流出量をもとに、神奈川県における流域ごとの環境負荷の評価を行ったので、その結果を報告する。

1. 研究の方法

本稿で提案する推定法では、PRTRの届出排出量と同様に排出先河川ごとの水域排出量としての農薬流出量を算出することを想定している。そのため、多種類の農薬を対象に比較的単純化した方法で包括的に流出量が計算できることを前提に推定法の組み立てを行った。本稿で

は、(1) 流域別散布量の推定と、(2) 散布量に対する流 出比率の推定をそれぞれ行い、これらの数値を掛け合わ せることによって流域別流出量を推定する方法を検討し た。ここで、流域別散布量の全県合計値は、PRTR 対象 である化管法の第一種指定化学物質に該当する農薬につ いては県別排出量公表値に一致する。

1.1 流域別散布量の推定

農地散布製剤の流域別散布量の推計フローを図1に示 した。散布量の基礎数値は、登録内容から32種の作物 ごとに特定した製剤の希釈倍率, 散布回数, 散布液量と 市町村別作付面積である。これらの数値から製剤別作物 別の基準使用量を求め、県内出荷量で補正して市町村別 散布量を算出し(池貝ら, 2003), さらに, 国土数値情 報の土地利用メッシュデータを用いてこれを流域別に変 換した。散布量算出の基礎数値である作付面積は、流域 別に把握できない。そこで、市町村別散布量を一度3次 メッシュに分解し、これを流域単位に再編成することに より、流域別散布量を求めた。したがって、各流域は3 次メッシュの組み合わせとしてその境界を特定すること となる。なお、非農耕地用製剤については前述の散布回 数等の情報がないため、表1に示すように出荷量を散布 対象として想定される土地利用区分の面積で3次メッシ コに直接配分することにより、水域別散布量とした。

評価対象流域は、流域に農地が多い神奈川県の主要河川である相模川及び酒匂川については主たる支流を一つの流域とし、他の河川は全流域をまとめて一つの流域に区分し、全51流域について流出量の算出を行った。

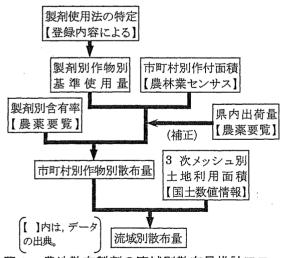


図1 農地散布製剤の流域別散布量推計フロー

表1 非農耕地用製剤のメッシュ配分指標

種別	配分指標とする 土地利用区分	実際の散布場所
ゴルフ場用	ゴルフ場面積	ゴルフ場
家庭園芸用	建物面積の1/2	宅地周辺
他の非農耕地用	その他の土地	公園, 駐車場, のり面等

1、2 散布量に対する流出比率の推定

流出比率は、農薬の散布及び流出の状況をモデル化し、 fugacity model で算出した。Fugacity model は環境媒体 間での移動過程の表現方法や、変換過程の取り扱いの違 いなどにより 4 つのレベルがあるが、本稿では対象物質 の変換過程を考慮しない平衡モデルである fugacity model (level I) を使用した。農薬の散布と流出のモデ ル化の条件は、次のとおりである。

- (1) 農薬の流出しやすさを「平衡時における農薬の水相への存在しやすさ」であるととらえ、水相に分配する農薬量を水域への流出量とみなす。
- (2) 農薬の散布環境を図 2 のように水田型と畑地型に区分する。
- (3) 畑地型では、降雨時に土壌中水分に分配する農薬が水域に流出するとみなす。

図2に示すモデル環境中で一定量の農薬の散布を考えたとき、散布された農薬は各媒体へ移行し、平衡状態となる。実際の環境では生分解及び物理化学的分解過程が関与するが、本稿では安全サイドにたったワーストケースを想定し、これら散布後の消長は考慮しないこととした。この場合、平衡時の各媒体の農薬の存在しやすさはフガシティ容量のみに依存する。同一面積のモデル環境を考えた場合、平衡時は各相のフガシティが等しいので、(1)式からフガシティ容量と媒体相厚の積(以下、「Z(p)L(p)値」という。)の比が媒体別存在比に等しいと考えることができる。

$$M = \sum_{p} C(p) \cdot V(p) = f \cdot \sum_{p} Z(p) \cdot V(p)$$
$$= f \cdot S \sum_{p} Z(p) \cdot L(p) \cdot \cdots (1)$$

ここで、Mは散布量 (mol)、p は媒体 (水、大気、土壌)、C は平衡時の濃度 (mol·m³)、V は媒体体積 (m³)、f はフガシティ (Pa)、Zはフガシティ容量 (mol·m³·Pa¹)、Sはモデル環境面積 (m²)、L は媒体相厚 (m) である。媒体別のフガシティ容量 Z(p)は後述の(2)~(5)式で表されるため、媒体相厚 L(p)を適切に設定すれば各媒体の

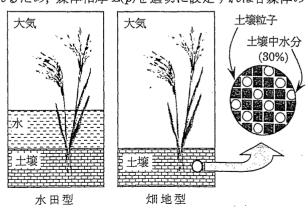


図2 散布環境モデル

Z(p)L(p)値が算出できることになる。水相存在比は、三 媒体の Z(p)L(p)値の水相寄与率として与えられる。

水田型の媒体相厚は、湛水部に分配する農薬がそのま ま水域に流出すると考え, 水相厚を平均的な湛水部水深 である 5cm とした。畑地型では、農薬は土壌中に存在す る間隙水(体積含水率30%とする)に分配するが、これ が日降水量 1mm 以上の降雨時に流出するものと考え、 土壌水分量に降雨頻度を乗じて流出に寄与する有効土壌 水相厚を設定した。本稿では、2000~2004 年における 平均降雨日数(海老名 AMeDAS による)から、降雨頻 度を 110/365 とし、畑地土壌厚を 20cm として有効土壌 水相厚 1.81cm とした。そのほかの媒体相厚は、大気相 厚 200m、水田土壌相厚 5cm に設定した。

流出比率は、2 つのモデル環境の水相存在比と散布比 率を乗じることにより算出した。この流出比率を流域別 散布量に乗じたものが流出量に相当する。なお、非湛水 期に使用される水田農薬は、畑地型で推定した。フガシ ティ容量の算出式 (Mackay, 1979, Mackay et al., 1981, Karickhoff, 1981, Karickhoff, 1985) を次に示す。

ただし、 $Kp = 0.48 \cdot \gamma \cdot Kow$ ここで、R は気体定数 (=8.31Pa·m³·mol-1·K-1), Tは 絶対温度 (K), Hは Henry 定数 (Pa·m³·mol-1), Kp は十壌吸着定数 (10-3・m3・kg1), Kow はオクタノール/ 水分配係数(一)である。これらの農薬物性値には, HSDB1) または PhysProp2) のいずれかのデータベース の数値を用いた。また、αは固相率(畑地型の場合 0.4、 水田型の場合 0.5), γは土壌有機炭素含有率 (0.05), ρ soi は土壌粒子密度 (2700kg·m-3) である。これら土壌 環境条件の設定値は、文献値(土質試験法編集委員会、 1990, 山根, 1990, 地学団体研究会, 1982) を参考に 平均的な数値として設定した。

2. 結果と考察

2. 1 推定流出量と実測データの比較

相模川及び酒匂川において県内の水道事業体が実施し た農薬モニタリング結果を用いて、推定流出量の妥当性 を検討した。モニタリングは、河川ごとに選定した80 ~90 種の測定対象農薬の濃度を年数回測定したもので ある。本推定法は、県内で散布された農薬を対象にして いるため、上流県からの流下がない河川のうち、測定が

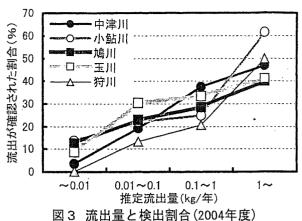


図3 流出量と検出割合(2004年度)

年間4回以上行われた5河川(相模川水系の中津川,小 鮎川、鳩川、玉川及び酒匂川水系の狩川)を対象に検討 した。流量の実測値がなく、負荷量の比較ができないた め、ここでは推定流出量と検出回数の関係を調べた。

2004 農薬年度(2003 年 10 月~2004 年 9 月)の推定 流出量と 2004 年のモニタリングにおいて流出が確認さ れた割合との関係を図3に示した。いずれの流域におい ても推定流出量が多くなると測定農薬のうち流出が確認 された農薬の割合が高くなる傾向が見られた。検出回数 が多いことは直ちに負荷量が大きいことを意味しないが、 相対的に散布量が多く、河川に流出しやすい農薬である ことを示している。したがって、この推定流出量は、農 薬の流出しやすさを示す指標として利用できると考えら れる。なお、推定流出量と検出濃度との比較も試みたが、 主として以下に述べる理由により、明確な傾向は認めら れなかった。本推定法では、前述のとおり散布後の分解 過程を考慮していないため、分解性の大きい農薬につい ては流出量が過大評価されている。また、殺虫、殺菌剤 には対象とする病害虫の発生地域でのみ散布される製剤 があるが、散布方法は全県一律で計算を行っている。こ の推定流出量を用いて環境負荷を評価する場合には、こ のような推計法上の限界に起因する実態との乖離に留意 する必要がある。



2. 2 流域別推定流出量

PRTRの第一種及び第二種指定化学物質に含まれる農薬並びに水道法の水質管理目標に係る第一群,第二群及び第三群に該当する農薬は,あわせて249種となる。これらを有効成分として含有し,2002年度以降に神奈川県に出荷実績のある製剤を特定したところ,577種が該当した。このうち,使用形態から判断して流出がほとんどないと考えられる苗・種子等消毒剤,育苗箱施用剤,塗布剤等の非散布型の製剤31種を除外した546種を対象に

前述の方法で流域別推定流出量を算出した。

農薬流出が比較的多い神奈川県内河川 5 流域の 2003 農薬年度における上位 20 位までの流出量を表 2 に示した。なお、グリホサート系農薬などのイオン性の農薬については Kp を(5)式で適切に推定することが困難であるため、除外した。表 2 に示す河川は、図 4 に示すように、相模川を中心として、鶴見川と境川が県東部、金目川と酒匂川が県西部に位置しているが、流域によって流出量の多い農薬に違いが見られた。算出結果によると、

表 2 神奈川県内主要流域の農薬推定流出量(上位 20 位まで)

単位:kg/年

								平江, 民	<i>B</i> 1
鶴見川		境川		相模川		金目川		酒匂川	
72-74-8-8-8-1	100	7/47A 智能	990	7>=7A := 0.31	700	アシュラム・ドード	460	マンネブ	790
アセフェート	460	アセフェート	340	アセフェート	410	マンネブ	440	マンゼブ	420
マンネブ	350	ダゾメット	250	マンネブ	370	アセフェート	280	アシェラム	340
			240	ダゾメット	350	マンゼブ	260	アセフェート	320
プロピネブ	240	メンシレー・ニュー・ニ	170	メンミル・エー・エー・エ	220	ダゾメット	240	DEP	220
対対できませる。	190	マンゼブ	140	DEP	220	DEP	190	ジメトエート	110
マンゼブ	190	DEP	120	プロピネブ	220	オグミル。一旦	180	ホセチル	99
DEP 1	160	ホセチル	120	マンゼブ	210	プロピネブ	150	チオファネートメチル	94
ホセチル	150	プロピネブ	110	ホセチル	200	ジメトエート	150	DDVP	92
DDVP	52	DDVP	39	ジメトエート	140	ホセチル	110	イミダクロプリト	83
ジメトエート	46	ジメトエート	35	イミダクロプリド語	60	イミダクロプリド	65	プロピネブ	68
ジネブ	32	ジネブ	26	ACN	58	ACN	62	ジネブ	64
D-D	29	D-D	25	DDVP	52	DDVP	48	メスル	57
イスダクロブリド	26	イミタクロプリド	21	ジネブ	39	ジネブ	46	ダゾメット	50
ナオンカルブ・ミューニ	20	ホスチアゼート	18	パクロブトラゾール	36	パクロブトラゾール	40	ACN	30
メチルイソチオンアネート	19	メチルイソチオシアネート	17	D-D	35	チオファネートメチル。	34	ニテンピラム	29
ハロスルフロンメチル	16	チオブかじくして	16	ピラゾスルフロンエチル	28	ピラゾスルフロンエチル	30	パクロブトラゾール	19
チオフテネートメテル・	15	ハロスルフロンメチル	14	メチルインチオンアネート	26	D-D	27	ピラゾスルフロンエチル	15
ホスチアゼート	13	オオファネードメチル	13	チオンカルブ	25	メフェナセット	24	DMTP	12
DCMU .	10	DCMU	10	ハロスルフロンメチル	W-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-	ニテンピラム	22	メフェナセット	12

注)本文中に記載した農薬を網掛けで表示。

表3 神奈川県内主要流域の RRI 値 (上位 20 位まで)

単位;1×106 kg-bw

鶴見川		境川		相模川		金目川		酒匂川	
ダゾメット 3	340	ダゾメット	280	ダゾメット 3	80	ダゾメット	270	マンネブ 4	140
プロピネブ 2	260	マンネブ	130	プロピネブ 2	40	マンネブ	240	マンゼブ 1	190
マンネブ 1	190	プロピネブ	120	マンネブ 2	00	L		DDVP	77
マンゼブ	84	マンゼブ	61	マンゼブ	91	マンゼブ	110	プロピネブ	75
DEP	44	ホステアセート。こことは			75	ACN	82	DEP	60
DDVP	43	メンシルには、自然をは	38			DEP	53	ダゾメット	55
72-74 = 255	42	プレイフム・ディー	38	DEP	60	ホスチアセート	44	ACN	39
707 Mary 1991	42	DEP	33	表对对一个	55	DDVP	40	ジネブ	35
		DDVP	32	275 N E E E	48	メソラル 計画 まま	38	プセフェート	29
オスチアセートシュニュニ	36	对专业的	31	DDVP	43	7674-1	25	DMTP	21
メチルイソチオシアネート	21	メチルインチオシアネート	18	アセフュート ごうしょうし	38	ジネブ	25	ジメトエート	15
ジネブ	18	ジネブ	14	メチルイソチオシアネート	28	ジメトエート	21	アンユラム	13
ジメトエート	6	ACN	6	ジネブ	22	メフェナセット	19	メグラル	12
ACN: 4 SEE	6	ジメトエート	5	ジメトエート	19	プルラム ニー・ニ	18	メチルイソチオシアネート	11
DCMU	5	DCMU	4	メフェナセット	17	メチルイソチオンアネート	16	#### P	H
ハロスルフロンメチル	4	シマジン	4	ダイアジノン	10	ダイアジノン	10	メフェナセット	9
ジラム	4	ハロスルフロンメチル	4	DCMU	7	シマジン	7	シマジン	6
シマジン	3	ジラム	2	ハロスルフロンメチル	6	MPP	6	ダイアジノン	5
	2	シナナシンドニニニテ	2	MPP	5	ベンチオカーブ	5	MPP	3
チオブカルチェニニ	2	ダイアジノン	2	シマジン	5	DMTP	5	有数据JUK	3

注)本文中に記載した農薬を網掛けで表示。

除草剤のアシュラムは非農耕地に散布されるため、農作物の耕作状況の違いによらずどの流域でも推定流出量が大きかったが、特に県東部河川において顕著であった。また、主として野菜に施用される殺虫剤のメソミル、チオジカルブの推定流出量も県西部に比べて県東部の方が大きくなる傾向が見られた。一方、果樹に施用されることが多い殺菌剤のチオファネートメチルや殺虫剤のイミダクロプリドは、耕作状況の地域差を反映し、県西部地域における推定流出量は県東部より大きかった。このように、推定流出量により、流出の可能性の高い農薬を流域ごとにリストアップすることができると考えられる。

2. 3 人健康リスクからみた農薬の環境負荷

推定流出量を用いて流域における農薬の環境負荷を評価するため、毒性を考慮した指標を設定し、流域ごとの評価を試みた。本稿では、推定流出量を ADI で除した数値を Runoff Risk Index と定義し、これを農薬別、流域別に算出した。 RRI 値は、「体重 1kg あたり許容摂取量の何倍の農薬が流域から流出するか」を表す数値であり、人健康リスクからみた流域の環境負荷の指標と考えることができる。前述のとおり、推定流出量が厳密に流域の負荷量を表しているとはいえないため、この数値による定量的な比較はできないが、流出農薬に関する人健康リスクに着目した流域ごとの特徴は把握可能であると考えられる。

表2に示した5流域について,RRI値を算出した結果を表3に示した。表3にリストアップされた農薬は全部で26種あるが,このうちアシュラム(除草剤),アセフェート(殺虫剤),イミダクロプリド(殺虫剤),シアナ

ジン (除草剤), チオジカルブ (殺虫剤), ホスチアゼート (殺虫剤), メソミル (殺虫剤), ACN (除草剤) の8種は PRTR 対象外の農薬であった。神奈川県の各流域においては, これらの物質の環境負荷にも留意する必要があると考えられた。

2. 4 河川生態系の環境負荷の包括的評価

神奈川県では、生活環境の保全等に関する条例第 40 条の3に規定する「化学物質の安全性影響度の評価に関する指針」において、毒性係数を定めている。これは、対象物質の人健康及び生態系に対する有害性に応じ、化管法の第一種及び第二種指定化学物質を対象に物質ごとに4段階の数値として設定されている。表4には、生態影響に係る毒性係数表を示した。毒性係数を同指針に定める手順によって算出する年間排出量に乗じると換算排出量が得られる。物質別の換算排出量及びこれを合算した総換算排出量は、環境負荷としての比較が可能な量であり、事業所における化学物質排出削減対策に利用されている。本稿では、前述の推定流出量と農薬以外のPRTRデータを用いて流域別の換算排出量を算出し、2003年度における河川生態系に関する環境負荷の包括的評価を試みた。

表 4 毒性係数表

総合 判定	生態系への影響	毒性 係数
A	LC50 又は EC50 が 0.1mg/l 以下のもの	1,000
В	LC50 又は EC50 が 1mg/e 以下のもの	100
C	LC50 又は EC50 が 10mg/l 以下のもの	10
D	LC50 又は EC50 が 10mg/e を超えるのもの	1

化学物質の安全性影響度の評価に関する指針別表4から抜粋。

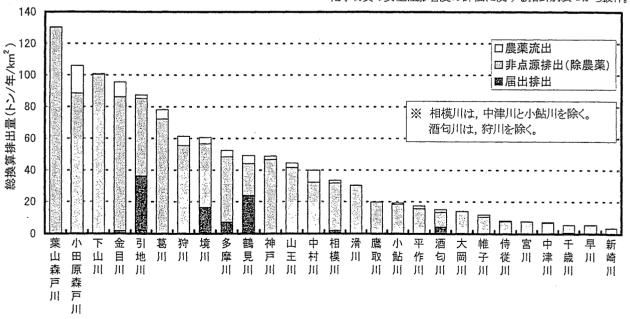


図5 神奈川県内河川の流域面積あたり総換算排出量(2003年度)

農薬を除く非点源排出量は、市区町村別排出量を排出源の区分に応じたメッシュ統計データで3次メッシュに配分し、これを流域単位に再編成して流域別排出量とした。これを流域単位に集計した届出排出量及び前述の農薬の推定流出量と合わせて、流域ごとの排出量データとした。この排出量に表4に示す毒性係数を乗じ、これらを合算して流域ごとに流域面積あたりの総換算排出量を算出した。このような農薬流出量、PRTRデータ及び換算排出量を組み合わせた解析を行うことにより、流域における環境負荷の構造の違いを把握することができると考えられる。

図 5 に神奈川県内の 27 流域の流域面積あたり総換算排出量を示した。どの流域も農薬以外の非点源排出の寄与が大きく、平均で 87%を占めた。農薬流出の寄与が10%を超えたのは、県西部に位置する中村川 (19%)、森戸川 (16%)、酒匂川 (11%)、県東部に位置する平作川 (11%)、帷子川 (11%)、鶴見川 (10%) の 6 河川であった。また、農業が盛んな県西部ばかりでなく、市街化の進んだ県東部においても農薬に起因する環境負荷が無視できない河川があることが考えられた。一方、水域への届出排出がある流域は 12 河川あり、その寄与が最も大きかったのは鶴見川 (49%)、次いで引地川 (42%)、酒匂川 (28%)、境川 (27%) であった。届出排出の寄与が大きい流域では、このような解析により届出事業所が排出先河川に与える負荷を具体的に示すことが可能となると考えられる。

おわりに

農薬使用状況の地域差を反映し、かつ、多種類の農薬を対象に比較的単純化した方法で流域別農薬流出量を算出する手法を検討した。農薬散布環境をfugacity model (level I) でモデル化し、流域別散布量の推定と流出比率の推定を別々に行い、これらを掛け合わせて流出量を推定する手法を作成した。この手法を用いて水道法及び化管法対象農薬249種の神奈川県内河川における流出量評価を行い、次のような知見を得た。

- (1) 推定流出量が多くなるほど実測で検出される農薬の 割合が高くなる傾向が見られた。推定流出量は、農薬 の流出しやすさを示す指標として利用できると考え られた。
- (2) 神奈川県の東部と西部で推定流出量を比較したところ、流域の耕作状況を反映した違いが見られた。
- (3) 人健康リスクからみた流域環境の負荷指標値として

Runoff Risk Index を定義し、県内で負荷が高いと考えられる農薬 26 種を抽出したところ、このうち 8 種は PRTR 対象外農薬であり、これらの農薬環境負荷にも留意する必要があると考えられた。

(4) 神奈川県条例で規定する毒性係数と農薬以外の PRTR データを加えて県内河川の生態系に係る包括 的評価を行ったところ、各流域における環境負荷の発 生源別寄与の違いを把握することができた。

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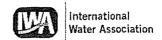
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Precise Data Sets on Farming and Pesticide Properties Verify a Diffuse Pollution Hydrological Model for Predicting Pesticide Concentration

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ABSTRACT Verification of a diffuse pollution model involves comparing results actually observed with those predicted by precise model inputs. Acquisition of precise model inputs is, however, problematic. In particular, when the target catchment is large and substantial estimation uncertainty exists, not only model verification but also prediction is difficult. Therefore, in this study, rice-farming data were collected for all paddy fields from all farmers in a catchment and pesticide adsorption and degradation rates in paddy field soil samples were measured to obtain precise model inputs. The model inputs successfully verified the model's capability to predict pesticide concentrations in river water. Sensitivity analyses of the model inputs elucidated the processes significantly affecting pesticide runoff from rice farms. Pesticide adsorption and degradation rates of the soil did not significantly affect pesticide concentrations, although pesticide discharge to river water accounted for less than 50% of the total quantity of pesticide applied to fields, possibly owing to pesticide adsorption and degradation. The timing of increases in pesticide concentrations in river water was affected mostly by the farming schedule, including the time of pesticide application and irrigation, and secondarily by rainfall events.

Key words adsorption, degradation, isoprothiolane, pollutograph, uncertainty

INTRODUCTION

Pesticide release from agricultural fields and contamination of surface waters are major threats to human health as well as local ecology in many regions, because surface waters are a primary source of drinking water (e.g., Gilliom et al., 1999). Although pesticide usage in Japan has recently begun to gradually decrease (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan), coinciding with changes in farming practices, the more stringent, recently promulgated drinking water quality guidelines have caused concern at local, regional, and national scales. In general, the amount of pesticide transported to surface waters depends on several factors, including pesticide and soil properties, agricultural practices, watershed characteristics, and weather conditions. Pesticides that are sufficiently resistant to degradation in water and soil and are adequately soluble may be transported readily and may reach water bodies in significant amounts. Various mathematical models have been developed to describe quantitatively pesticide runoff as a function of the factors mentioned above and to predict pesticide concentrations in surface waters (Borah and Bera, 2003, 2004). However, pesticide runoff and the processes by which pesticides are distributed environmentally are complex, and their modelling inevitably involves uncertainty associated with model shortcomings (structural errors or model inadequacy) as well as model inputs and parameters (Dubus et al., 2003). The ability or inability of a model to represent reality and the accurate determination of significant processes affecting pesticide fate can be tested if adequate and precise model inputs and parameters are used. However, precise model inputs and parameters are hard to obtain, and substantial estimation uncertainty also exists, in particular for large, basin-scale catchments, making not only model prediction but also model testing difficult (Matsui et al., 2005, 2006). Pesticides applied to rice paddies are the main types of pollutant pesticides in Japan and some other countries, because pesticides used in rice farming add pollutants to surface waters at higher rates than do those used in upland fields (Matsui et al., 2002). Rice-farming pesticides may be transported from rice paddy fields to surface waters primarily by spill-over during or after rainfall or by rice-paddy drainage.

In this study, we undertook a daunting task: collection of precise information on the farming work schedules of all farmers in a river basin and obtaining pesticide adsorption/decomposition rates for rice-paddy soils in the catchment. Our objective was to test the ability of a diffuse pollution hydrological model to reproduce experimental observations of rice-farming pesticide concentrations in river water by using adequate and precise model inputs. We also analysed the sensitivity of the model to elucidate rice-farming pesticide runoff phenomena.

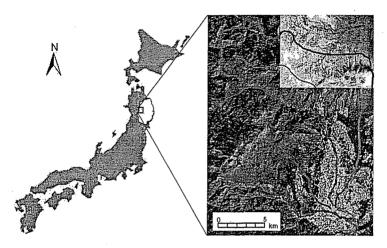


Figure 1 The target catchment. The red dot indicates the water sampling point, where pesticide concentrations were measured (composed using Google satellite map)

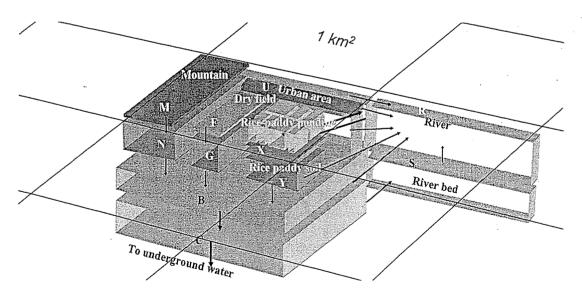


Figure 2 Compartments in a 1-km² grid cell and flow directions

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Site description and modelling

The Kakkonda River basin (191 km²), consisting mainly of forest and rice-paddy fields cultivated by 372 farmers (Figure 1), was selected to test the model and to predict pesticide concentrations. In the model, the river basin was divided into a grid of 1 km by 1 km grid cells. Each grid cell was subdivided into 12 or more compartments: several rice-paddy ponding compartments (W compartments), rice-paddy soil compartments (X and Y compartments), a river-water compartment (R compartment), a riverbed compartment (S compartment), and so on, as shown in Figure 2. The paddy fields in the river basin were divided into a total of 686 W compartments. The size of each compartment varied, depending upon the land cover of the grid cell containing the compartments, allowing the heterogeneity of the watershed characteristics to be taken into account. Areas of the W compartments were obtained from the Iwate Agricultural Research Center, and those of the other compartments were determined from a Geographic Information System land-cover data file (Geographical Survey Institute, Tokyo, Japan). Water flow directions among grid cells were determined from GIS data and a 1:50 000 topographic map (Geographical Survey Institute, Tokyo, Japan). In modelling, the solute concentration and water level were assumed to be uniform within a compartment, and each was represented by a single variable. Therefore, a set of differential mass-balance equations describing the dynamics of a solute (pesticide) and water in each compartment was defined, based on the law of conservation (i.e., mass balance) for the solute and the water. The details of the model have been published elsewhere (Matsui et al., 2002, 2005, 2006).

Target pesticide and farming data

The target pesticide was a fungicide, isoprothiolane, one of the most applied pesticides in the rice-paddy fields of the target catchment. The data on pesticide concentrations, observed at a site close to Kakkonda Bridge, were provided as a courtesy by A. Nakano and used for the comparison with the model predictions. Data from the Cultivation Management Register, which contains the complete farming schedule, including irrigation and pesticide application dates and the quantity of pesticide applied for each paddy field, for the years 2003 and 2004 for all 372 farmers cultivating the 686 paddy fields, were compiled, and a database was constructed for use as model input.

Soil map and sampling

Rice paddy field soils in the target watershed belong mainly to six soil groups or subgroups: three types of wet Andosol and Brown Lowland, Gray Lowland, and Peat soils (Iwate Agricultural Research Center, 1997). In the model, therefore, paddy soils were categorised into six types: three subgroups of wet Andosols (wet Andosol 1, wet Andosol 2, and wet Andosol 3), Brown Lowland soils, Gray Lowland soils, and Peat soils, and the soil types present in each paddy field were determined. Twenty-seven soil samples representing all soil types were collected on 1 July 2005 from nine paddy fields (three soil samples were collected from each paddy field) and stored at 4 $^{\circ}$ C in a refrigerator. Batch pesticide adsorption and degradation tests were conducted on the individual soil samples in a laboratory maintained at 20 $^{\circ}$ C to estimate the soil adsorption coefficient (K_d) and the degradation rate constant for the pesticide.

Estimation of K_d

Batch tests for estimation of K_d were conducted according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) guidelines (OECD, 2000), with some modifications as follows. Four grams (dry weight) of wet soil was added to a glass tube containing 20 mL of 0.01 M CaCl₂ and 2.0 mg/L isoprothiolane. The tube was shaken at 100 rpm for 12 h at 20 °C in the dark; it was confirmed that shaking for 12 h resulted in an equilibrium distribution of isoprothiolane