Geochemical characteristics of high-phosphorus spring water in Hachirogata land reclamation area, Akita prefecture

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to clarify the geochemical characteristics of high-phosphorus spring water in Hachirogata land reclamation area, Akita Prefecture. Concentrations of major elements in the spring water and suspended materials over 0.45 μ m in the water were measured using ion chromatography and the PIXE method. Cl⁻concentrations of the high-phosphorus spring water were 34-69 mg/l, similar to the concentration range (25-66 mg/l) in Hachirogata residual lake water. Na⁺, K⁺ and SO₄²⁻ concentrations in the spring water were high and Mg²⁺ and Ca²⁺ concentrations were low compared with concentrations in other water samples. The high-phosphorus spring water is thought to be derived from mixing of precipitation and agricultural water from a drainage pumping station in the southern part. The mixing ratio of precipitation to agricultural water (precipitation/agricultural water) is thought to be high for high-phosphorus spring water derived from shallow part and low for high-phosphorus spring water derived from deeper part.