

The slight impacts of marine current to Cd contents in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay

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Abstract. This paper analyzed the content, horizontal distribution and migration process of Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay based on the investigation of Cd in July and October 1984. Results showed that Cd contents in bottom waters in July and October were 0.05-0.18 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ and 0.05-0.06 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, respectively, and were lower than the upper limit for Cd in Grade I (1.00 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) in Sea water quality standard (GB 3097-1997) of China. Cd contents in July were decreasing from the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and then the outside of the bay mouth. Cd contents in October were decreasing from the outside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth; and the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth in October. The reasons of the sedimentation rates of Cd were different were that high Cd contents were occurring in different areas in surface waters, and the vertical water's effect. In generally, Marine current was the major source, whose impacts on Cd contents were very slight in 1984.

Introduction

Cd is one of the critical heavy metal which has been widely used both industry and agriculture. A lot of Cd-containing waste water was generated and discharged to the environment, including marine bay [1-2]. Once the ocean has been polluted bay Cd, whose marine current could be one of the Cd source [3-7]. Jiaozhou Bay is a semi-closed bay in Shandong Province, China, and has been long suffering from anthropogenic pollution due to the environmental protection was lagging from the rapid developing of agriculture, industry and urbanization [3-7].

This paper analyzed the content, distribution and migration of Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay based on investigation data of Cd in 1984. We found that the major source of Cd was marine current, and we assessed the impacts of marine current to Cd contents in bottom waters. These founding would be helpful to understand the background pollution level of Cd in the beginning stage of the reform and opening-up, as well as the research on the existence and migration of Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay.

Materials and method

Jiaozhou Bay is located in the south of Shandong Province, eastern China (35°55'-36°18' N, 120°04'-120°23' E), and is connected to the Yellow Sea in the south. The total area, average water depth and bay mouth width are 446 km², 7 m and 3 km, respectively. This bay is a typical of semi-closed bay. There are a dozen of inflow rivers, and the majors are Dagou River, Haibo River, Licun River, and Loushan River etc., all of which are seasonal rivers [8-9].

The investigation on Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay was carried on in July and October 1984 in three investigation sites namely 2031, 2032 and 2033, respectively (Fig. 1). Cd in bottom waters was sampled and monitored follow by National Specification for Marine Monitoring [10].

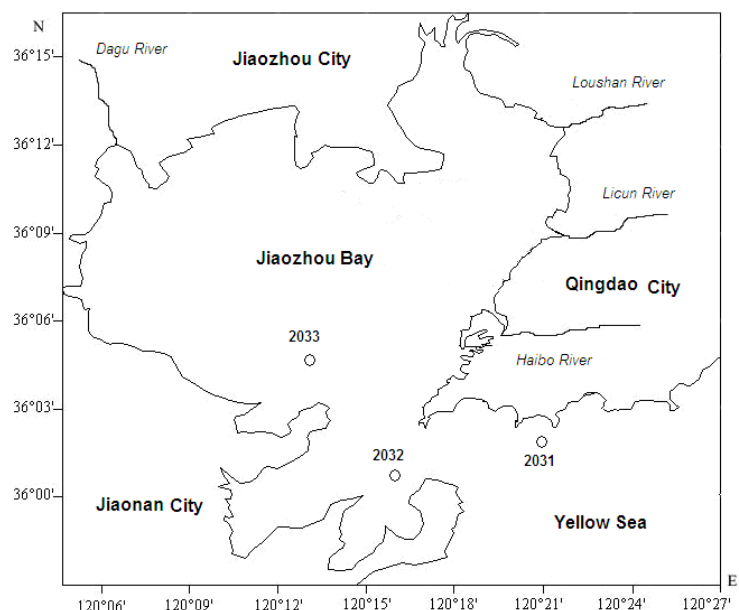


Fig.1 Investigation sites in Jiaozhou Bay

Contents of Cd in bottom waters

Cd content in July and October in bottom water in Jiaozhou Bay in July and October 1984 were $0.05\text{--}0.06\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ and $0.08\text{--}0.18\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, respectively, and were lower than the upper limit for Cd in Grade I ($1.00\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) in Sea water quality standard (GB 3097-1997) of China. July and October were summer and autumn in study area. Hence, it could be concluded that Cd contents in bottom waters were higher in autumn than in summer in Jiaozhou Bay. However, the pollution level of Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay was still very low in 1984.

Horizontal distribution of Cd in bottom waters

Investigation Sites of 2031, 2032 and 2033 were located in the inside of the bay mouth, the bay mouth and the outside of the bay mouth, respectively. In July, high Cd contents were occurring in Site 2033 in the inside of the bay mouth (Fig. 2), and a series of parallel lines were forming between Site 2031 ($0.06\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and 2033 ($0.06\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). Obviously, Cd contents were decreasing from the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and then the outside of the bay mouth in July. In October, high Cd contents were occurring in Site 2031 in the outside of the bay mouth, and a series of parallel lines were forming between Site 2031 ($0.18\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) and 2033 ($0.08\ \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). Cd contents were decreasing from the outside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth; and the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth in October.

Migration process and source of Cd in bottom waters

The contents of the substances in waters in Jiaozhou Bay are decreasing continuously by means of water exchange [11]. In July, Cd contents were lower than in October, and were increasing from the outside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and the inside of the bay mouth, indicating relative low sedimentation rate in the outside of the bay mouth and the bay mouth, yet relative high sedimentation rate in the inside of the bay mouth. While for October, Cd contents were relative high, and were decreasing from the outside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, indicating relative high sedimentation rate in the outside of the bay mouth and inside of the bay mouth, yet relative low sedimentation rate in the bay mouth. The reasons of the sedimentation rates of Cd were occurring in different areas were that high Cd contents were occurring in different areas in surface waters, and the vertical water's effect [10].

Marine current was only one of the major sources of Cd in Jiaozhou Bay. The source strength of Cd in July was relative low, and the low Cd contents could be transferred farther by marine current by means of vertical water's effect [10], leading to the relative high sedimentation rate in the inside of the bay mouth. On the contrary, Cd contents were relative high in October, and the relative high

Cd content were transferred closer by marine current by means of vertical water's effect [10], leading to the relative high sedimentation rate in the bay mouth.

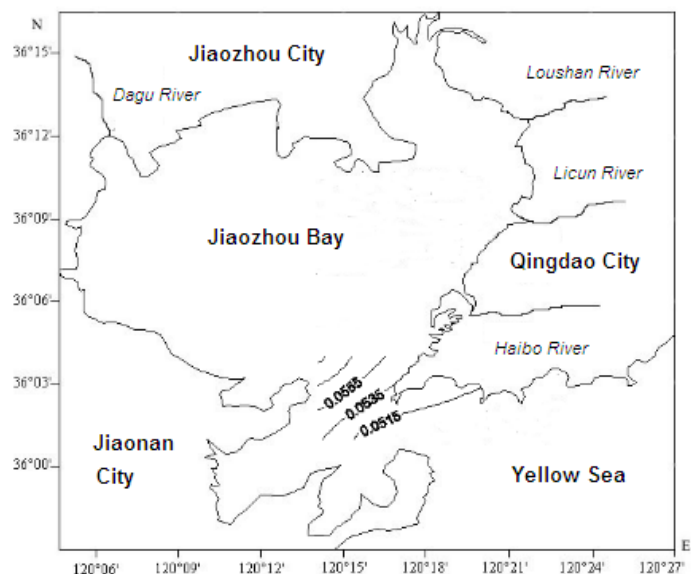


Fig. 2 Horizontal distributions of Cd in bottom waters of Jiaozhou Bay in July 1984/ $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$

Conclusion

Cd content in July and October in bottom water in Jiaozhou Bay in July and October 1984 $0.05\text{-}0.06 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ and $0.08\text{-}0.18 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, respectively, indicated the pollution level of Cd in bottom waters in Jiaozhou Bay was very low in 1984. In generally, Marine current was the major source, whose impacts on Cd contents were very slight in 1984. Cd contents in July were decreasing from the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and then the outside of the bay mouth in. Cd contents in October were decreasing from the outside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth, and the inside of the bay mouth to the bay mouth. Because of high Cd contents were occurring in different areas in surface waters, and by means of the vertical water's effect, the sedimentation rates of Cd were occurring in different areas.

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