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                     researchers from the Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of
                     Sciences. The concentration and distribution of Hg in reservoirs (the
                     water column, sediment, sediment pore water), inflow/outflow rivers of
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                     systematically investigated, and measurements were taken of the
                     water/air exchange flux of gaseous elemental mercury (GEM). On the
                     basis of the data gathered, a detailed mass balance of total mercury
                     (THg) and methylmercury (MeHg) in the six reservoirs was developed. In
                     addition, the book identifies the primary factors controlling Hg
                     methylation in the river-reservoir system in Wujiang River Basin. The

accumulation and bio-magnification of Hg species within food chains in reservoirs and human health risk of MeHg exposure through fish consumption are also included in this book.