EFFECT OF LONG-TERM SOIL AMENDMENTS ON SPECIATION OF FALLOUT ⁹⁰Sr AND STABLE Sr IN A CULTIVATED SOIL

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The present study examined speciation of fallout ⁹⁰Sr and stable Sr in a cultivated soil with different soil managements for three plots over 60 years: (1) F-plot, (2) FC-plot and (3) FCL-plot, where F, C and L represented chemical fertilizers, compost and lime, respectively. Four fractions of ⁹⁰Sr and stable Sr in the soil samples were individually extracted by means of 1M CH₃COONH₄ (E2, exchangeable ions). 0.04M NH₂OH HCl in 25% CH₃COOH (E3, E2 + bound to Fe-Mn oxides), H₂O₂ oxidization and then added 3.2M CH₃COONH₄ in 20% HNO₃ (E4, E3 + bound to organic matter), and 6M HCl after igniting at 450°C (E5, E4 + residue). The pHs of the water extractant in the F-, FC- and FCL-plots were 4.1, 4.7 and 6.2, respectively, and acidification of the soils in F- and FC-plots was enhanced by long-term applications of chemical fertilizers without liming. The ⁹⁰Sr concentrations of E5 fraction (total content) in the F-, FCand FCL-plots were 0.21, 0.89 and 1.8 Bq kg⁻¹, respectively. The ⁹⁰Sr contents in the four fractions decreased with acidification, and the application of compost inhibited the desorption of ⁹⁰Sr in the soil. The ⁹⁰Sr concentrations in the fractions increased in order of E2<E3<E4 for the F- and FC-plots, however, those in the E3 and E4 fractions in the FCL-plot were similar to the E5 fraction. Consequently, the concentration of ⁹⁰Sr in the cultivated soil varies with the type of soil amendments, and the distribution of the ⁹⁰Sr concentration in the fractions is also changed. The concentration of ⁹⁰Sr in each fraction had a good correlation with that of stable Sr, and the ratio of ⁹⁰Sr to stable Sr in the fractions will be discussed. This work was supported by a grant from the Aomori Prefectural Government, Japan.