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METAL COMPLEXES and FREE RADICAL **TOXINS** Produced by Pfiesteria piscicida

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Just because something happens in the laboratory doesn't mean it will happen in the real world. Reconciling laboratory and field observations remains a major challenge for both fundamental and applied research in aquatic sciences. Vignati et al. de-

scribe some well-known laboratory-versus-field gaps, examine the reasons for their existence and persistence, and propose a conceptual framework to improve the current situation.

Cover: A major kill of juvenile menhaden, the fish most commonly affected by *Pfiesteria*, in North Carolina's Neuse River estuary was photographed by Rick Dove, www.doveimaging.com.

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Atmospheric transport and temperature-dependent precipitation scavenging lead to greatly elevated levels of currently used pesticides in tropical mountain forests.

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Organochlorine Pesticides in the Soils and Atmosphere of Costa Rica

Gillian L. Daly, Ying D. Lei, Camilla Teixeira, Derek C. G. Muir, Luisa E. Castillo, Liisa M. M. Jantunen, and Frank Wania

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Jeffrey W. Short, Gail V. Irvine, Daniel H. Mann, Jacek M. Maselko, Jerome J. Pella, Mandy R. Lindeberg, James R. Payne, William B. Driskell, and Stanley D. Rice

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Stephanie L. Shaw, Frank M. Mitloehner, Wendi Jackson, Edward J. DePeters, James G. Fadel, Peter H. Robinson, Rupert Holzinger, and Allen H. Goldstein

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Rachel G. Adams, Rainer Lohmann, Loretta A. Fernandez, John K. MacFarlane, and Philip M. Gschwend

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The use of passive samplers (polyethylene devices) for the measurement of hydrophobic organic contaminants is demonstrated using polyethylene—water partitioning coefficients and impregnated reference compounds.

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Regional Calibration of Erosion Radiotracers (²¹⁰Pb and ¹³⁷Cs): Atmospheric Fluxes to Soils (Northern Spain)

Joan-Albert Sanchez-Cabeza, Marta Garcia-Talavera, Eduard Costa, Victor Peña, Jordi Garcia-Orellana, Pere Masqué, and Constantino Nalda

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Andrew R. Bukata and T. Kurtis Kyser

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C. T. Gibson, Ian J. Turner, Clive J. Roberts, and J. R. Lead

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Bradley M. Patterson, Elizabeth Cohen, Henning Prommer, David G Thomas, Stuart Rhodes, and Allan J. McKinley

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Tatsuo Maruyama, Hironari Matsushita, Yukiko Shimada, Ichiro Kamata, Misa Hanaki, Saori Sonokawa, Noriho Kamiya, and Masahiro Goto

Proteins and protein-rich biomass function as environmentally friendly adsorbents selective for recycling precious-metal ions from industrial refining solution and wastes.

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Andrew P. Jones, Jeffrey W. Hoffmann, Dennis N. Smith, Thomas J. Feeley, III, and James T. Murphy

Preliminary costs are estimated for mercury control via conventional (untreated) activated carbon injection (ACI), brominated ACI, and conventional ACI coupled with sorbent enhancement additives.

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Preparation of Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂) from Sludge Produced by Titanium Tetrachloride (TiCl₄) Flocculation of Wastewater

H. K. Shon, S. Vigneswaran, In S. Kim, J. Cho, G. J. Kim, J. B. Kim, and J.-H. Kim

 $\rm TiCl_4$ is used instead of more commonly used salts of iron (FeCl_3) and aluminum $\rm [Al_2(SO_4)_3]$ as an alternative coagulant to remove dissolved organic matter, which is not removed in conventional sewage treatment plants.

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Pieter van Dillewijn, Antonio Caballero, José A. Paz, M. Mar González-Pérez, José M. Oliva, and Juan L. Ramos

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Kent C. Glover, Junko Munakata-Marr, and Tissa H. Illangasekare

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Novel NO Trapping Catalysts Derived from Co–Mg/X–Al (X = Fe, Mn, Zr, La) Hydrotalcite-like Compounds

Jun Jie Yu, Yan Xin Tao, Chang Chun Liu, Zheng Ping Hao, and Zhi Ping Xu

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Shou-Heng Liu, Nai-Qiang Yan, Zhao-Rong Liu, Zan Qu, H. Paul Wang, Shih-Ger Chang, and Charles Miller

The use of bromine gas to enhance mercury removal from the flue gas of coal-fired plants is discussed.

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Sung-Wook Jeen, K. Ulrich Mayer, Robert W. Gillham, and David W. Blowes

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Yunging Xing, Xueming Chen, and Dahui Wang

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Justin C. Biffinger, Ricky Ray, Brenda Little, and Bradley R. Ringeisen

Nanoporous membranes are adequate replacements for expensive proton-exchange membranes in a traditional microbial-fuel-cell flow reactor and novel passive diffusion devices.

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Michael H. Farkas, James O. Berry, and Diana S. Aga

Evidence of enzyme-catalyzed glutathione conjugation to chlortetracycline is provided for the first time in maize grown in soil treated with antibiotics.

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Life Cycle of the Corn—Soybean Agroecosystem for Biobased Production

Amy E. Landis, Shelie A. Miller, and Thomas L. Theis

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Simple Indicator To Identify the Environmental Soundness of Growth of Consumption and Technology: "Eco-velocity of Consumption"

Keisuke Nansai, Shigemi Kagawa, Sangwon Suh, Rokuta Inaba, and Yuichi Moriguchi

A new environmental indicator for consumption is invented to identify the soundness of the relationship between consumption growth and technological advancement.

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Quantitative Bioimaging Analysis of Gonads in *olvas-GFP*/ST-II YI Medaka (Transgenic *Oryzias latipes*) Exposed to Ethinylestradiol

Takeshi Hano, Yuji Oshima, Masato Kinoshita, Minoru Tanaka, Noriko Mishima, Tetsuji Ohyama, Takashi Yanagawa, Yuko Wakamatsu, Kenjiro Ozato, and Tsuneo Honjo

In a living model, gonadal impairment caused by endocrinedisrupting chemicals is reported, and chronological changes from atrophy to restitution of the testis in vivo after depuration are followed.

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New Ecotoxicological Model To Simulate Survival of Aquatic Invertebrates after Exposure to Fluctuating and Sequential Pulses of Pesticides

Roman Ashauer, Alistair B. A. Boxall, and Colin D. Brown

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Dioxin-Like and Transthyretin-Binding Compounds in Indoor Dusts Collected from Japan: Average Daily Dose and Possible Implications for Children

Go Suzuki, Hidetaka Takigami, Kazutoshi Nose, Shin Takahashi, Misuzu Asari, and Shin-ichi Sakai

Dioxin-like and TTR-binding activities in indoor dusts are investigated with in vitro bioassays, and human exposure to house dust containing these active compounds is assessed.

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Arsenic Accumulation in Bark Beetles and Forest Birds Occupying Mountain Pine Beetle Infested Stands Treated with Monosodium Methanearsonate

Christy A. Morrissey, Courtney A. Albert, Patti L. Dods, William R. Cullen, Vivian W.-M. Lai, and John E. Elliott

A study of the arsenic-based pesticide MSMA, used to suppress bark beetle outbreaks, reveals toxicological concerns for woodpeckers and other forest birds.

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