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In comparing the contents to the four goals that can be given. Certainly the topics are quite broad, ranging from paleolimnological analyses of lake sediments to studies of the potential for environmental impacts. The second goal, to be timely at the time of the symposium (1991), but much of the literature has been investigated sufficiently since then for a practical orientation, is met well throughout. The fourth goal, to appeal to a wide spectrum of the volumes, has not been achieved. The scope of the book is too broad, and the papers combine in much the same way that general submittal papers in an issue of Aquatic Ecology would fit together—in the field, but only slightly related to each other in terms of the comprehensive nature of the science. Each topic by itself, mercury or paleolimnology, could warrant (and has been written or edited on them.

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