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## Summary

The 1996 objectives, addressing the winter problem, represented collectively one of the most complex years spent addressing decommissioning of the Buchans unit. The approach taken to solving the winter problem was two fold. One avenue was to define and quantify the pathway of zinc during the summer. The second avenue was to review the entire site with the knowledge gained during the years of investigation. Had we missed something, or were some aspects of the process misinterpreted?

In Schematic 3 (Section 9), an overview of the different aspects of science are given, including all players which can interfere or contribute to the winter problem, a phenomenon overall controlled by temperature. Firstly, the monitoring data were reviewed for Buchans with respect to seasonal trends relating to temperature (Section 1). It was evident that carbon dioxide-bicarbonate-carbonate chemistry is producing changes in pH in all monitoring data which result in changes in zinc concentration.

Secondly, a mass balance of the groundwater distribution using chloride for the Drainage Tunnel - OEP - OWP suggests that clean groundwater is entering the OEP, contrary to what was previously postulated (Section 2). These findings suggested that the proposed gradual decrease in zinc concentrations in the OEP had to be due to additional causes other than the depletion of zinc released from the sludge in the underground workings.

The iron mass balance in the system suggested that more iron is being collected in the sedimentation traps than could be accounted for in the ground water. The iron mass balance for the polishing ponds also suggested iron cycling. Iron oxidation and reduction have therefore set up a recycling of iron, increasing the material collected in the sedimentation traps. This was further supported by the results of the iron oxidation experiments carried out this year (Section 3.2). While iron oxidation is controlled by the temperature and oxygen supply, it is not related to the removal of

zinc from the solution. Zinc removal is independent of the iron oxidation process and, contrary to the earlier proposal, not directly related to the formation of iron hydroxide, a reportedly very good adsorbent of zinc.

The SEM-EDX investigations of the particles collected in the sedimentation traps and the biological material supported further the elusive nature of the iron III hydroxide adsorption process. Zinc was not associated with the surface of the sedimentation trap material at magnifications of 200 - 2000 x. It was found predominantly in the biological material in Polishing Pond 17, where particle surfaces reporting up to 40 % zinc, likely a zinc carbonate. Magnification of the sedimentation material at 20,000 x revealed that crystals are surrounding the iron particles, and up to 3 % zinc was found on these surfaces. If the proposed zinc adsorption was indeed taking place, these findings did not support this zinc removal process. Connecting this with the oxidation experimental results, which suggested that iron precipitation and zinc removal was not related, further refutes the importance of the process of zinc adsorption onto iron hydroxide at this specific site.

Through a review of the old work (for example, the inorganic chemistry section in the 1991 report and the field data prior to construction of the polishing ponds), it was evident that zinc removal and iron III hydroxide formation were not related. Where did all the iron in the algae/ moss in the polishing ponds originate, given that most iron remained in the OEP during the ice-free season? On the other hand, during the summer, zinc was effectively removed by the polishing ponds ( Section 3.0).

The laboratory and field fertilization experiments, the latter carefully planned according to flow and retention time, did not result in increased zinc removal. However, in the small-scale field experiment, zinc did drop out along with the phosphate added in fertilizer. Because the experiment was conducted for less than 24 hours, the large-scale field application of fertilizer in the polishing ponds for zinc removal produced negative results (Section 3.7).

The large scale experiment was also carefully planned. The flow in the ponds was modelled, along with the dosage of fertilizer related to the growth rates of the algae derived from the laboratory experiments. No zinc removal was noted. A filter paper collecting the particles from the small scale field experiment (mini limnocorral), carried out in July preceding the scaled up fertilization effort, was submitted for chemical analysis. There indeed was phosphate, as well as iron, zinc and, in addition, reasonable amounts of Mg. Zinc was precipitating in some other form, but not adsorbed onto iron-hydroxide.

The answer had to be found in the areas of particle formation, surface charges of particles and colloid formation. This was definitely supported by the experiments where bentonite and sand (rich in iron oxide) did not result in zinc removal. Thus, the surface charges of the zinc were not positive, as would be predicted if zinc has actually adsorbed onto the negatively charged bentonite. The literature on formation of environmental particles reports that iron hydroxides are smaller than  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  (Section 3.8). These smaller particles have difficulties settling, and must aggregate into particles large enough for gravity to overcome hydrodynamic forces. The major difference between the large scale fertilization experiment and the mini-limnocorral experiment was that the latter provided less turbulent conditions, allowing smaller particles to settle.

The formation of particles in winter in OEP is hindered, since the larger particles of Fe III hydroxide do not form, and no nucleation sites are provided to collect the zinc precipitates. Interesting support for the strong hydrodynamic forces on the particles was obtained from the phytoplankton enumerations (Section 3.5). Phytoplankton productivity in OEP is virtually nil, despite apparently suitable chemical and nutritional conditions for periphyton. Physical factors, such as light limitation, the presence of the thermocline associated with a chemocline and a change in redox, may collectively prevent the growth of algae with a free-floating growth habit. While the hydrodynamic conditions of OEP are only slightly different from OWP, these

differences result in relatively sterile pit water. The picoplankton results, when available, will indicate whether living organisms smaller than 2  $\mu\text{m}$  are present in OEP; these organisms may have lower light requirements than phytoplankton. If these minute organisms are present, this may indicate that organisms in this size range are too small to aggregate precipitates and settle.

All evidence suggests that particle formation in the OEP is hindered by the hydrodynamics of the OEP water column, rather than its chemistry. The question, then, is what could be done to overcome the difference in hydrodynamics in the OEP between summer and winter, a classical problem of flotation, or possibly microflotation. The degassing of the  $\text{CO}_2$  in the open bottle treatments of the oxidation experiments is the most likely explanation for the observed decreases in the zinc at 20° C, since a precipitate could form as a result of  $\text{CO}_2$  leaving the bottle.

The current strategy for solving the winter problem is to form a zinc precipitate particles which are relatively independent of the carbon dioxide-bicarbonate-carbonate chemical reactions and are large enough to effectively settle in OEP. Phosphate was an old candidate, discussed in detail in the 1991 report in connection with the Long Harbour sand. The 1996 fertilization experiments suggested some involvement of zinc removal with phosphate. Since iron is predominantly in the reduced form in pit bottom water, it should not compete with cations, such as zinc, calcium and magnesium, for phosphate if added to the bottom of OEP in molar proportions which promote the formation of calcium, magnesium and zinc phosphate. Competition for phosphate by iron was observed when fertilizer was added to the ponds to increase biological production of particle formation.

In January, 1997, George Neary performed an experiment using water collected from beneath the ice of the OEP. The best zinc removal occurred in the treatment where enough phosphate was provided to combine with all zinc and magnesium present in OEP water. Upon addition of smaller or larger amounts of phosphate, less zinc was



removed. Inadequate phosphate for zinc removal may have been provided in the low treatment, while interference by nitrate in the larger fertilizer treatment may explain lower zinc removal in the high application treatment.

Since phosphate can interact with magnesium, this may in part affect the fraction of the zinc which precipitates in the pit and contributes to the annual zinc reductions at the outflow. The fraction of the settled zinc carbonate solids likely recycles each year, due to changes in solubility of this compound due to seasonal changes in inorganic carbon forms and concentrations present in the pit water column. To remove the zinc, clearly a particulate needs to be formed which can settle out, and remain as a solid at the pit bottom under the prevailing conditions.

It is were assumed that no new zinc is currently being added to the pit, and zinc remobilization from precipitate deposits is responsible for the current zinc load at the outflow, the observed annual decrease could be due to dilution of the remobilized zinc by fresh water, and the slope of such a decrease should be quite even. It could, however, also be that a precipitate is formed which is stable and settles out in the bottom of the pit. If this is the case, magnesium concentrations for OEP should decrease similarly to those for zinc. The slope of both magnesium and zinc concentration decreases in the OEP pit (Figure 1; Section 3.8) for the years 1989 to 1996 are convincingly similar, suggesting a similar removal process.

If these observations can be confirmed, then practically it provides the following options. The zinc carbonate is recycling between shifts of carbonate and bicarbonate and only removed through formation of a more stable forms such as zinc phosphate. As fertilizer added more than just phosphate (e.g., nitrate, ammonia), the precipitates have to be analyzed and further experiments conducted to ascertain the possibility of forming a zinc precipitate other than the carbonate.

Through changes in the hydrodynamics, we can bring about particle formation which should settle to the sediment. We could therefore form a stable zinc precipitate with a one-time application, as long as the application consists of the correct chemical addition. The formed precipitate will be collected by biological polishing. The same approach can be taken for the Lucky Strike, resulting in reductions of zinc in the Valley Seeps, the Drainage Tunnel; essentially, the problem could be solved. The precipitation with hydroxide should also be evaluated in relation to the stability of the zinc precipitate formed. It is likely that, if the zinc is precipitated in the carbonate form, it will eventually remobilize from the sludge.

In summary, the key breakthroughs from the investigation of the winter problem in 1996 were:

- Zinc is precipitating independently from iron III hydroxide; iron is likely recycled in the pit.
- Zinc phosphates can be formed in the winter conditions of the OEP.
- The hydrodynamics of OEP hinder particle formation which are sufficiently large to settle in the pit.
- It is likely that a significant flow of clean groundwater enters OEP, in addition to the zinc and iron-contaminated groundwater emerging from the underground workings.
- The Old Buchans Valley seeps receive water from the Lucky Strike.
- The Lucky Strike is in many ways similar to the OWP, which raises concerns regarding the buffering capacity of the groundwater entering the pit, presently not suggested, as water is leaving the gloryhole, rather than entering it, which

was a similar situation in the OWP, prior to Drainage Tunnel additions.

- Biomass production in the OEP is limited hydrodynamics and light, but not in the OWP and the Polishing ponds.
- **The below data report now needs to be interpreted, using all the newly assembled data, to confirm or refute tentative conclusions reached to date. A large amount of data accumulated since 1988 can be utilized to ascertain a firm understanding of the site.**



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## 1.0 MONITORING DATA

The main objective in 1996 was to address the winter problems with the absence of zinc removal in the polishing ponds. The approach taken to view the monitoring data was different then in the years prior. Data were plotted with respect to seasonal variations in zinc concentrations. The zinc removal in the polishing ponds appeared to display curves which seasonally reflected the temperature, pH and to some degree also to conductivity changes, like being opposed or similar.

The 1991 report (Section 3) dealt with the inorganic chemistry of Buchans waters on a non-site specific basis. It was concluded that Buchans waters are dominated by carbonate - bicarbonate couple. Therefore, the temperature would affect all formation of carbonaceous zinc species, due to the solubility of carbon dioxide. Zinc carbonate and zinc bicarbonate possess different behaviours, shifting from precipitating and settling to remaining dissolved. If this is the case, then pH should show similar trends seasonally in all monitoring points, which are relatively close to contaminant sources, such as the pits and the tailings. Higher concentrations should be evident both in the beginning and at the end of the year, and the lowest concentrations should be found in the summer time. The pH should be lower in the winter months and increasing slightly in the summer months.

This pattern would suggest that the carbonate-bicarbonate couple dominates in the zinc removal process related to CO<sub>2</sub> solubility, which is related to the temperature. If this is the case in the monitoring data, then the behaviour of OEP is more pronounced, solely due to the degassing of CO<sub>2</sub> from the ground water.

From this perspective, it also would follow that seasonal fluctuations should be essentially eliminated as the water is further away from the zinc source, i.e. either tailings or pits. Zinc removal through a precipitate would have settled out of the water column resulting in lower zinc concentrations and very flat shaped curves.

In Schematic 1, the sequence of water entering the Buchans River is given. The monitoring point, Buchans River at Highway Bridge should be flat, i.e. show not seasonal trends. In Figure 1a and Figure 1b, the zinc concentrations and the pH values are plotted. Essentially, since 1992, which was a year with large fluctuations, the zinc concentrations are around 0.1 mg/L and the pH displays a slight trend of lower pH with lower temperatures and high pH in the summer, generally ranging from 6.2 to 7.4. The same applies for the station below the Hydro Plant (Figures 2a and 2b).

In Figures 3a and 3b, the zinc concentrations for Simms Brook show a trend with lower concentrations in the winter month increasing over the summer, but the pH values do not show a seasonal trend.

In Figures 4a and 4b, the concentrations of zinc in TP1 show an increase after the ice melts and climbing over the summer month from less than 1 mg/L to about 2 mg/L and the pH depression in the beginning of the year is pronounced. In Figures 5a and 5b, the data from TP2, show that the ice cover releases some zinc from the beaches, but the pronounced drop in zinc at the end of the season is evident.

The dramatic increase from about 1.5 mg/L to 4 mg/L in 1996 is due to raising the water level in TP2. The origin of zinc in this pond was identified previously as pore water in beach tailings, which is exemplified by the 1996 data (Figure 5a). The pH of TP2 decreases in winter and remains around neutral pH over the remainder of the year (Figure 5b). This would be expected, given that the solubility of carbon dioxide in the pond water is lower during the warm summer months.

These trends are not new, and were previously interpreted as solely due to dilution taking place during spring run off, followed by concentration of zinc due to evaporation. Although this can not be excluded, the corresponding trends in pH values are more difficult to explain due to spring run-off dilution, and are likely related to the dominant bicarbonate couple.

The Drainage Tunnel should not show any seasonal trends, given that it is measured at the outflow, and is essentially degassed ground water. Figure 6a shows essentially a steady concentrations along with a steady pH value (Figure 6b). Average zinc concentrations for the year have increased for the Drainage Tunnel, particularly in 1996 (Figure 6c) and the flow is higher in the last two years (Figure 6d). This was suggested in previous evaluations of the Lucky Strike flooding.

The seasonal trends in the OWP are given in Figure 7a for the zinc concentrations. The trend was very evident in the years prior to Drainage Tunnel discharge to the OWP. Since 1995, seasonal variations in the Drainage Tunnel loading has diminished. However, the 1996 pH values (Figure 7b) increased by about 1 unit, when the system had stabilized. Overall, the OWP zinc concentrations are increasing as expected, reflecting input from the Drainage Tunnel (Figure 7c).

In the OEP, the 1996 annual decrease in zinc concentration is lower than the year before (Figure 8a). In Figure 8b, the seasonal variation in the water are displayed and magnified by changing the scale on the graph in Figure 8c.

Finally, the Lucky Strike annual average zinc concentration continues to increase, but appears to level out with respect to the magnitude (Figure 9a). In 1996, the increase was only about 2 mg/L, in comparison to the previous year with a 6 mg/L increase. The seasonal behaviour of the Lucky Strike resembles that of the OWP with dilution or ground water input producing a significant decrease in the spring and increasing steadily as the water warms up and the pH decreases by typically 1 unit (Figure 9b and 9c). Given the similarity to the Orientals, it is therefore not surprising that the Lucky Strike also stratifies during the summer. Since an anchor was placed into the pit, the pit can be monitored and sampled also during the summer months (Figure 10).

The water was sampled during the last field trip for titration (Table 1). The acidities are much lower than the OEP suggesting that there are very few metals in the water

up to about 25 m, where the values then approach those of the OEP (Figure 11a). The acidities in the summer time in the OEP are below 50 mg/L and rise to about 160 mg/L in September, when the iron starts to remain in solution. This suggests that only the lower portion of the Lucky Strike pit receives or remains ground water containing iron. Comparing the alkalinities of the Lucky Strike and the OEP (Figure 11b), little ground water appears to be added to Lucky Strike, since the alkalinities are very low at 20 mg/L, compared to the OEP with alkalinities ranging from 200 to 300 mg/L. At present, the Lucky Strike water resembles more that of the old OWP with respect to buffer capacity, expressed by acidity/alkalinity values (Table 2).

Table 1: Lucky Strike Pit Water Chemistry With Depth, September 27, 1996.

| Depth<br>(m) | Field<br>O <sub>2</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Field<br>Temp<br>°C | Field<br>pH | Lab<br>pH | Field<br>Cond<br>uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Lab<br>Cond<br>uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Field<br>Em<br>mV | Lab<br>Em<br>mV | Lab<br>Acidity<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Lab<br>Alkalinity<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Lab<br>Temp<br>°C |
|--------------|---|---------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Surface      | 12.5  | 10.6                | 6.64        | 6.61      | 520                                  | 295                                | 139               | 69              | 59                                   | 22                                      | 6.2               |
| 5            | 10.1  | 10.6                | 6.64        | 6.8       | 520                                  | 325                                | 140               | 123             | 53                                   | 20                                      | 10.4              |
| 10           | 10  | 10.5                | 6.64        | 6.81      | 510                                  | 350                                | 145               | 126             | 52                                   | 21                                      | 12.1              |
| 15           | 10.3  | 6.4                 | 6.64        | 6.79      | 560                                  | 360                                | 158               | 133             | 66                                   | 24                                      | 11.9              |
| 20           | 9.3   | 5                   | 6.77        | 6.76      | 670                                  | 390                                | 171               | 145             | 81                                   | 32                                      | 12                |
| 25           | 5.8   | 5.1                 | 6.31        | 6.57      | 960                                  | 530                                | 185               | 152             | 122                                  | 49                                      | 13                |
| 33           |   | 5.6                 | 6.29        | 6.4       | 770                                  | 580                                |                   | 129             | 138                                  | 52                                      | 7.8               |

Table 2: Concentrations of Selected Elements in Oriental West Pit, 1988-1996

| Date   | pH   | Acidity,mg/L CaCO3 |         | Iron, mg/L |         | Aluminum, mg/L |         | Zinc, mg/L |         | Sulphur, mg/L |         |
|--------|------|--------------------|---------|------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|        |      | Bottom             | Surface | Bottom     | Surface | Bottom         | Surface | Bottom     | Surface | Bottom        | Surface |
| Jul-88 |      |                    |         | 1.3        | 3.6     | 3.8            | 4.9     | 53         | 75      | 170           | 230     |
| Jul-88 |      |                    |         | 1.4        | 2.7     | 3.9            | 4.7     | 54         | 70      | 176           | 220     |
| Dec-88 |      |                    |         |            | 0.05    |                | <0.01   |            | 55      |               | 195     |
| Mar-89 |      |                    |         | 0.1        |         | 3.6            |         | 48         |         | 169           |         |
| Jun-89 |      |                    |         | 1.2        |         | 4.4            |         | >10        |         |               |         |
| Aug-89 |      |                    |         |            | 0.7     |                | 4.1     |            | 53      |               | 291     |
| Sep-89 |      |                    |         | 1.2        |         | 4.7            |         | 58         |         | 362           |         |
| Jul-90 |      |                    |         | 1.2        |         | 3.8            |         | 39         |         | 120           |         |
| May-91 | 3.55 | 67                 | 167     | 1.3        | 2.1     | 2.44           | 4.96    | 23.5       | 52.3    | 73.3          | 146     |
| Aug-91 | 3.94 | 118                | 122     | <1         | 1       | 7              | 6       | 33         | 33      | 107           | 107     |
| Oct-91 | 3.72 |                    |         | 1.5        | 1.3     | 7.4            | 7.2     | 39         | 37.3    | 119           | 105     |
| May-92 | 3.55 | 38                 | 138     | 0.9        | 3.2     | 1.6            | 4.2     | 15.4       | 50      | 52.4          | 144     |
| May-92 | 3.7  | 37                 | 110     | 0.8        | 1.4     | 1.45           | 6.35    | 12.4       | 35.1    | 47.3          | 114     |
| Jul-92 | 4.13 |                    | 57      |            | <1      |                | 2.15    |            | 21.7    |               | 73.1    |
| Jul-92 | 3.92 | 61.5               | 70      | 0.07       | 0.03    | 2.17           | 1.62    | 20.9       | 23.6    | 75.3          | 76.8    |
| Sep-92 | 3.62 |                    | 70.5    | <1         | <1      | 3              | 3       | 31.3       | 31.6    | 98            | 97      |
| Feb-93 | 3.76 | 87.8               | 105     | 0.95       | 1.03    |                |         | 26.9       | 30      |               |         |
| Mar-93 | 3.77 | 97.9               | 110.7   | 0.95       | 1.1     |                |         | 34.6       | 33.8    |               |         |
| Apr-93 | 3.84 | 81.4               | 94.3    | 0.15       | 0.202   | 2.72           | 3.07    | 30.7       | 33.8    | 94.9          | 106     |
| May-93 | 4.04 | 40.3               | 101.5   | 0.069      | 0.205   | 1.29           | 3.15    | 11.5       | 33.6    | 43.4          | 107     |
| Jul-94 | 6.07 | 35.0               | 226.0   | 0.308      | 21.1    | 0.032          | 0.076   | 17.4       | 26.6    | 172           | 204     |
| Jul-94 | 6.05 | 47.0               | 235.0   | 0.786      | 8.59    | 0.06           | 0.112   | 16.6       | 24.8    | 151           | 196     |
| Aug-96 | 5.80 | 32.9               | 171.3   | <0.02      | <0.02   | <0.025         | <0.025  | 16.3       | 29.9    |               |         |

Fig. 1a: River at Highway Bridge  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

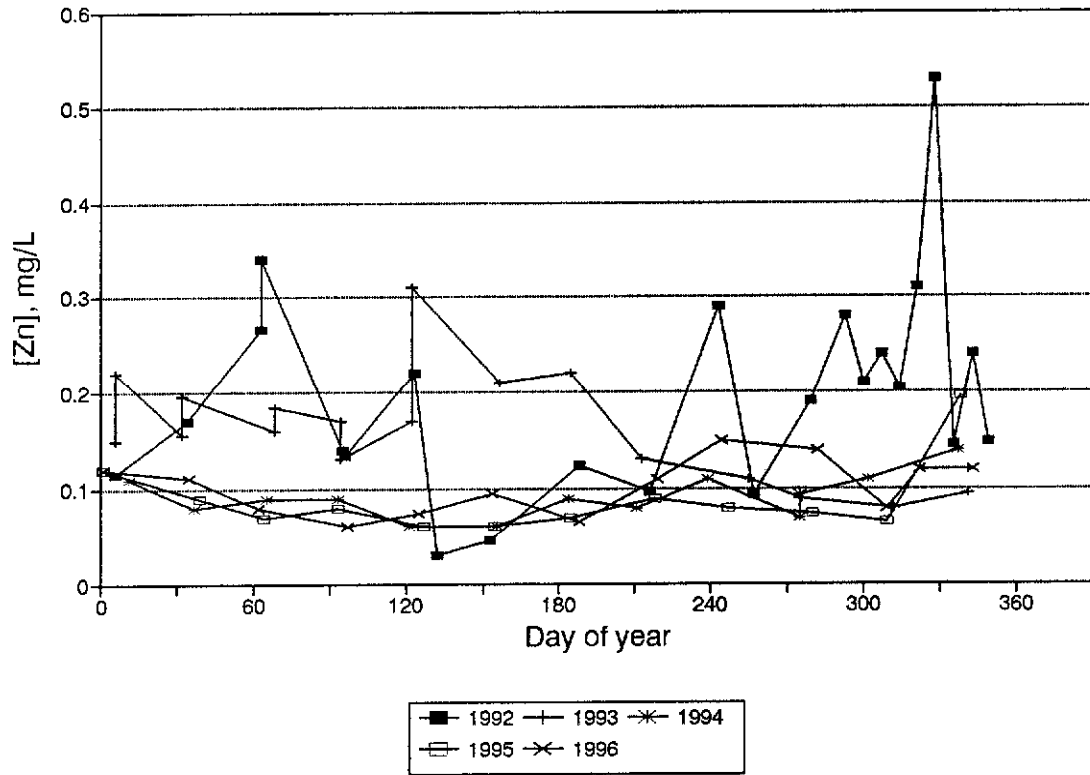


Fig. 1b: River at Highway Bridge  
pH, 1992-1996

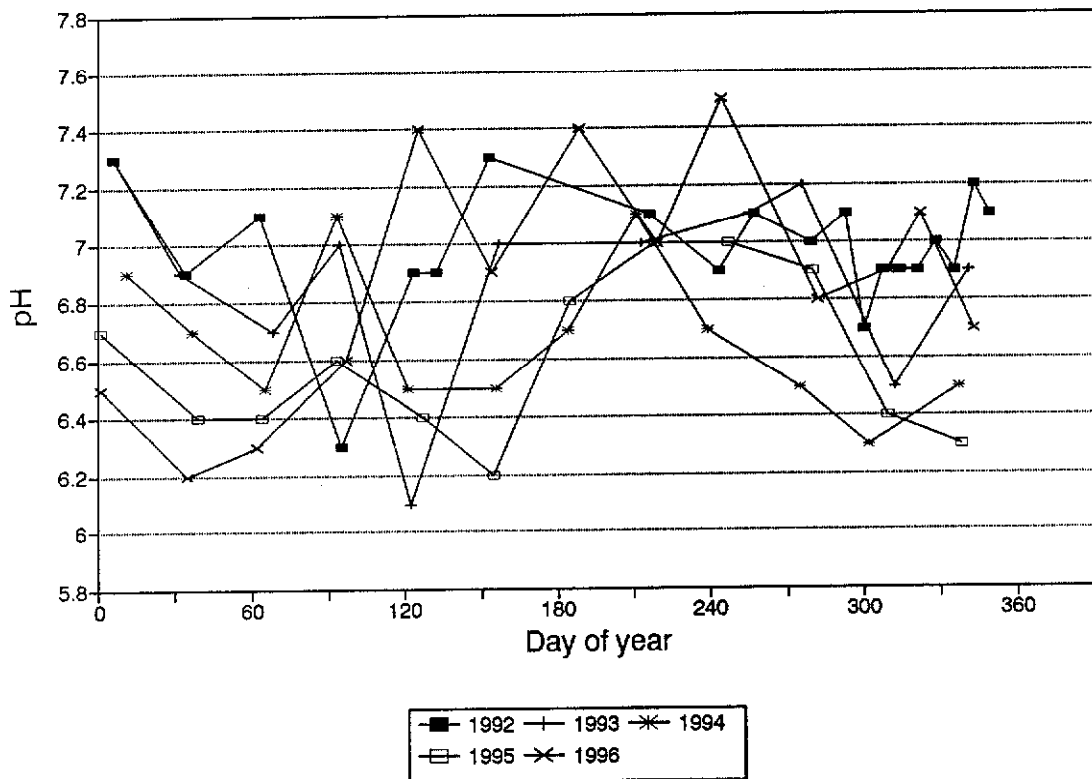




Fig. 2a: River below Hydro Plant  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

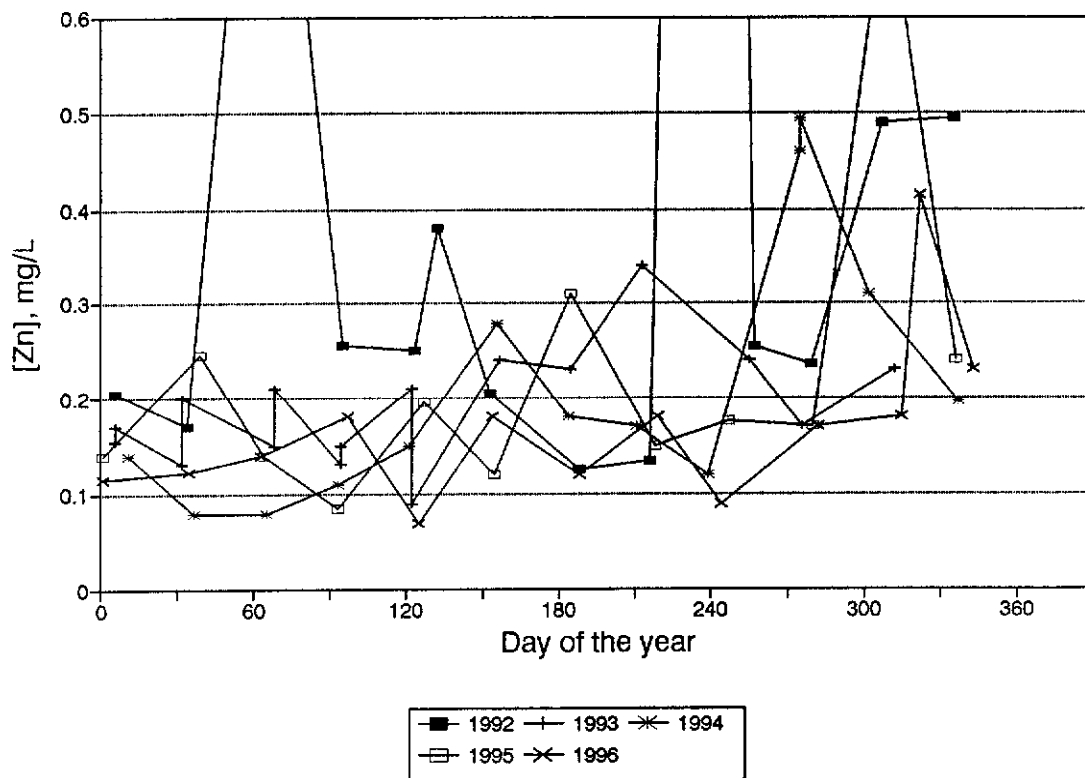


Fig. 2b: River below Hydro Plant  
pH, 1992-1996

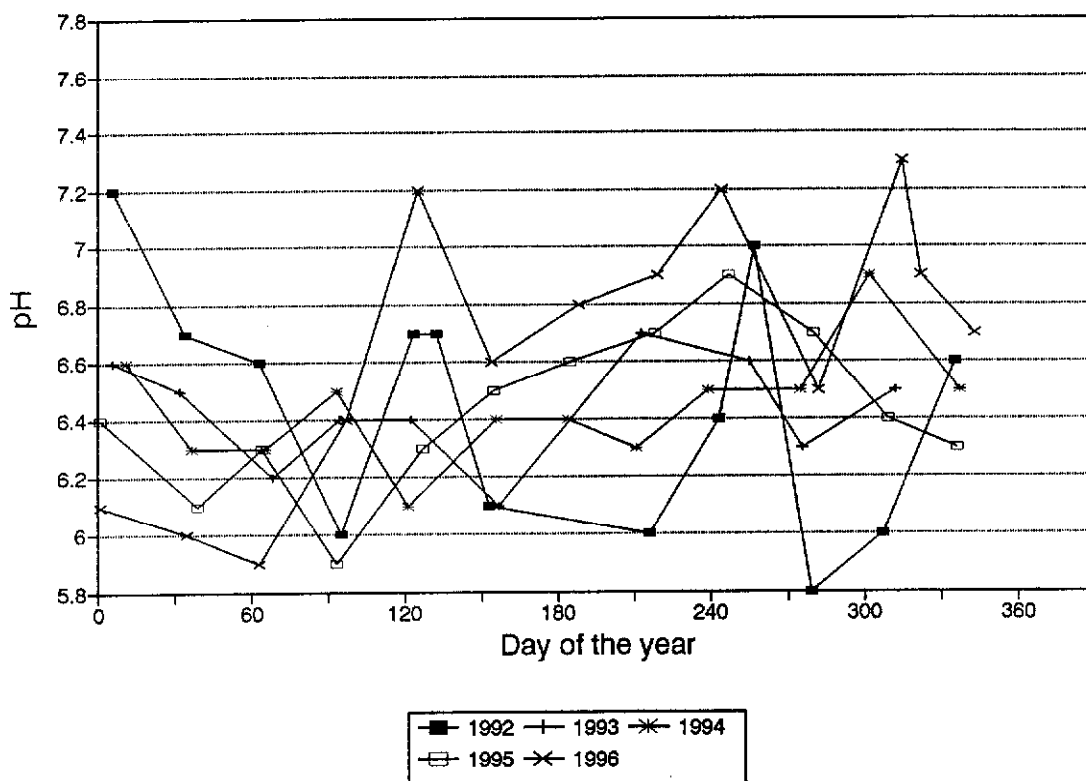


Fig. 3a: Simms Brook  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

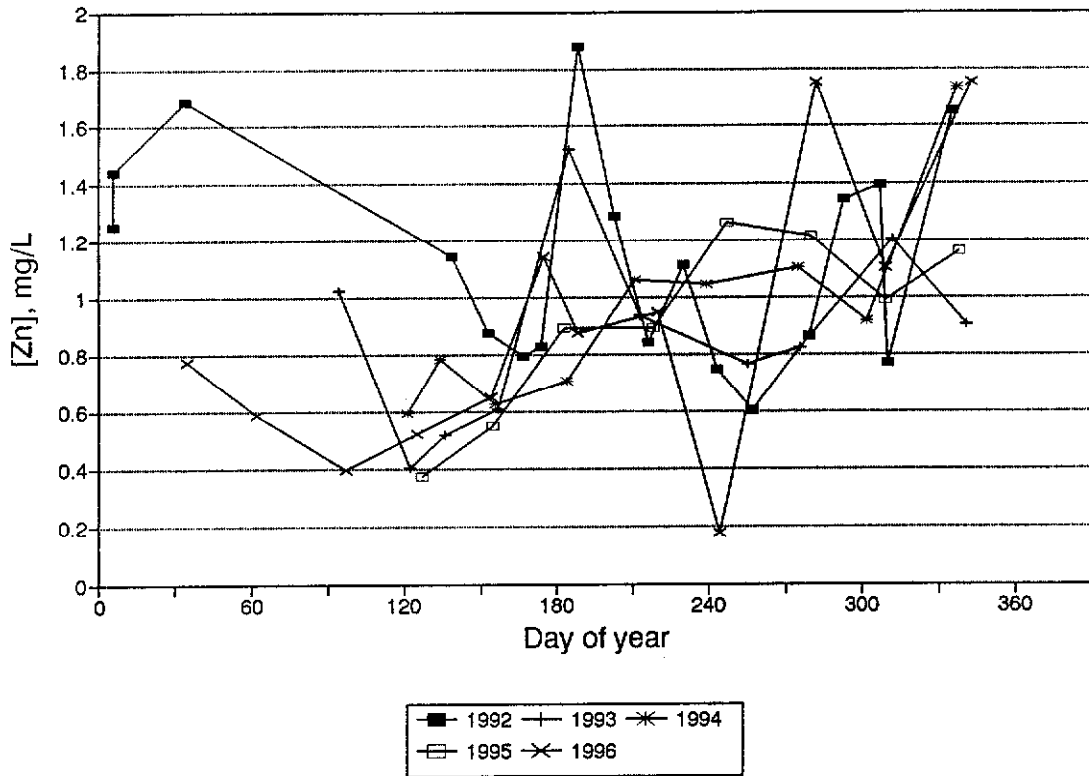


Fig. 3b: Simms Brook  
pH, 1992-1996

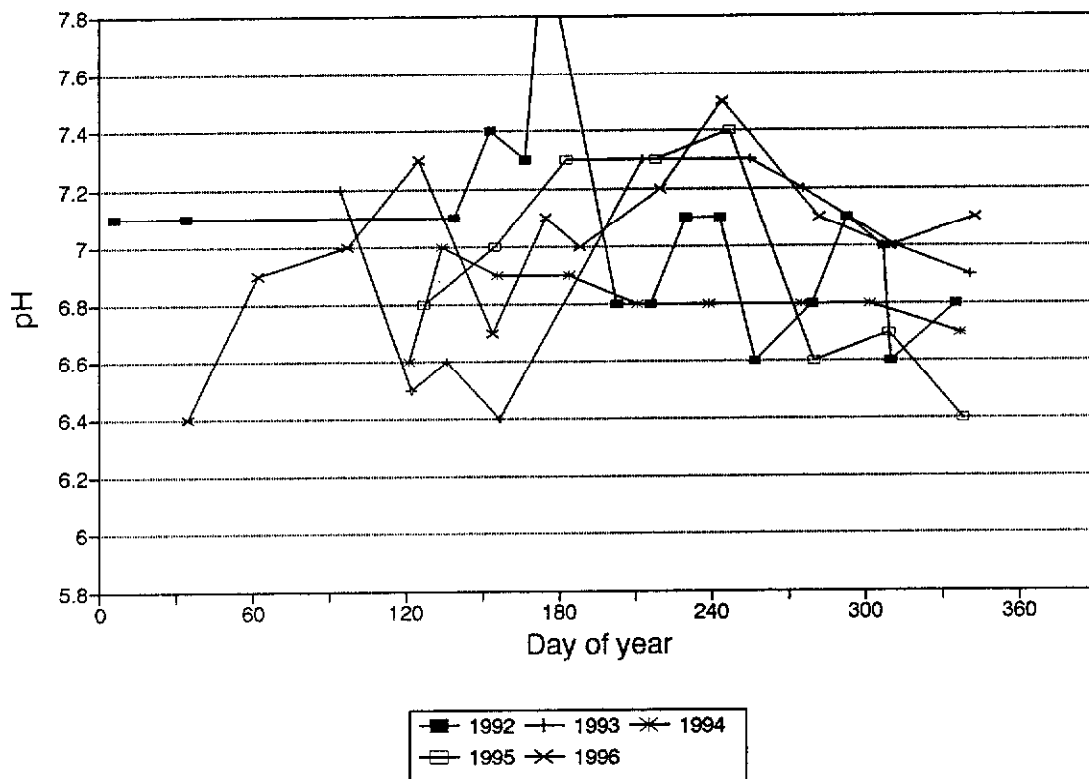


Fig. 4a: Tailing Pond 1  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

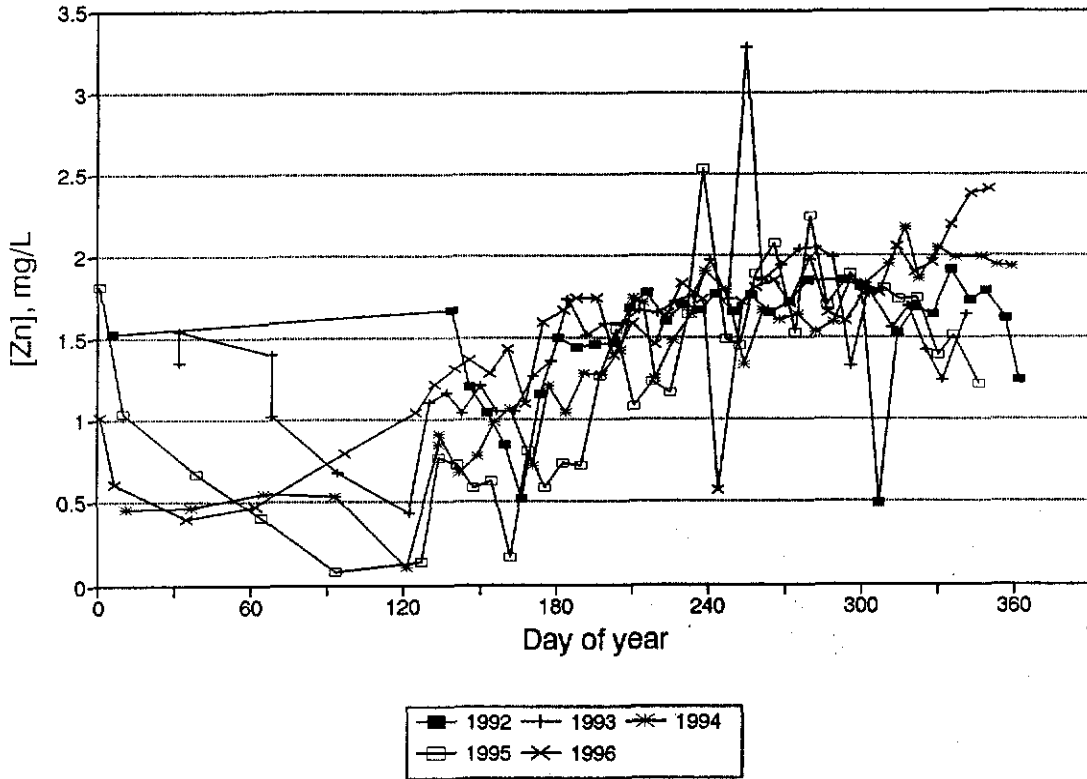


Fig. 4b: Tailing Pond 1  
pH, 1992-1996

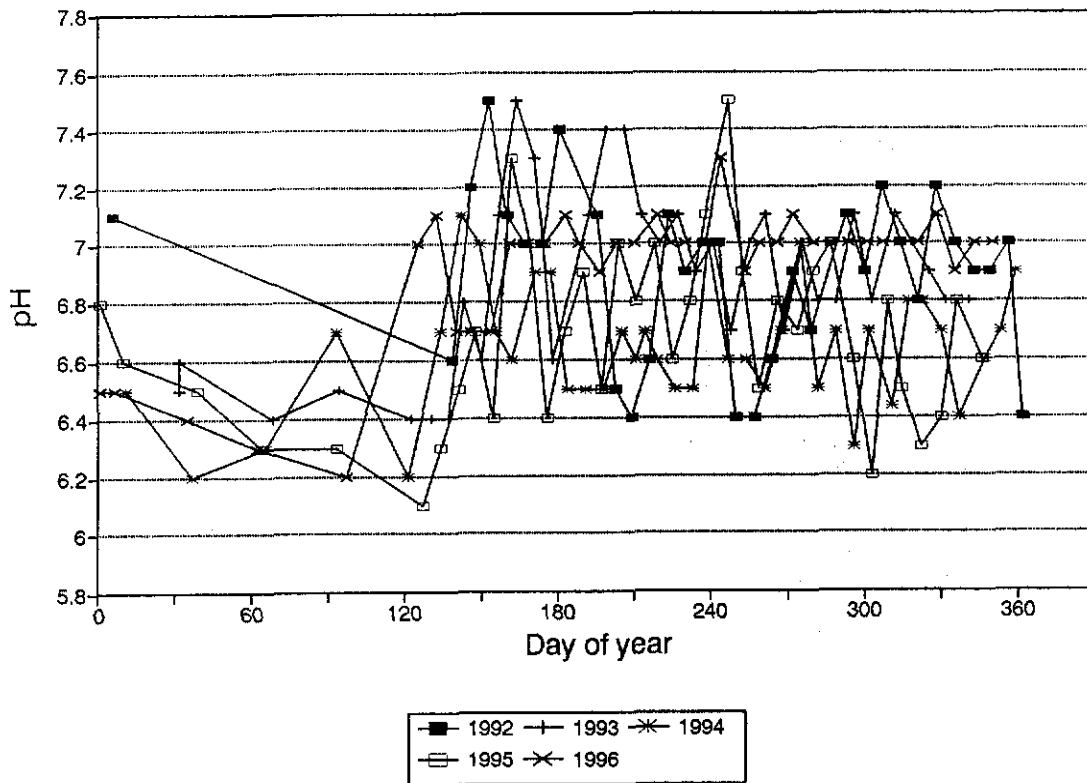


Fig. 5a: Tailing Pond 2  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

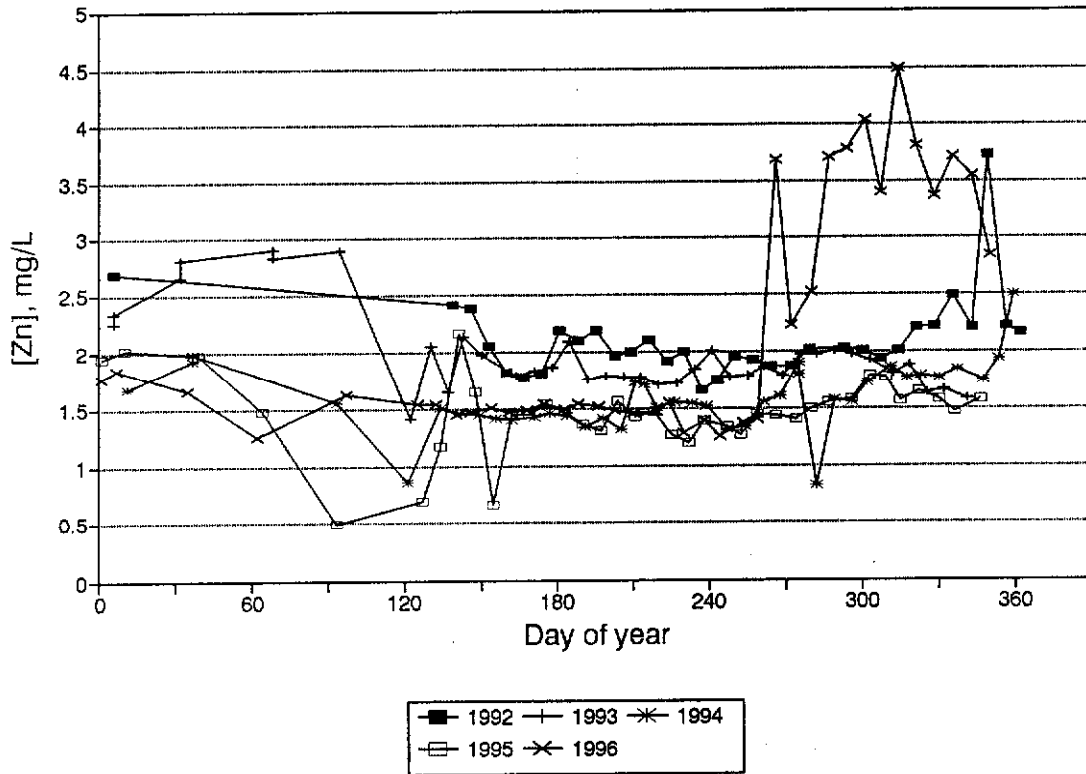


Fig. 5b: Tailing Pond 2  
pH, 1992-1996

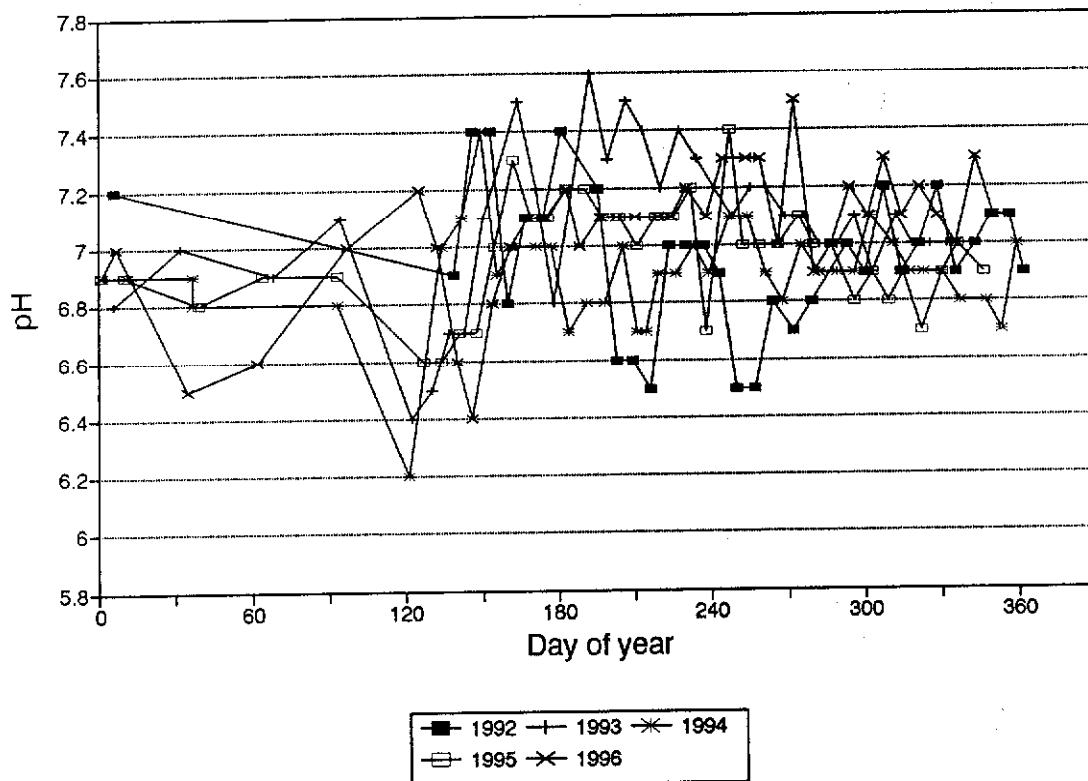


Fig. 6a: Drainage Tunnel  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

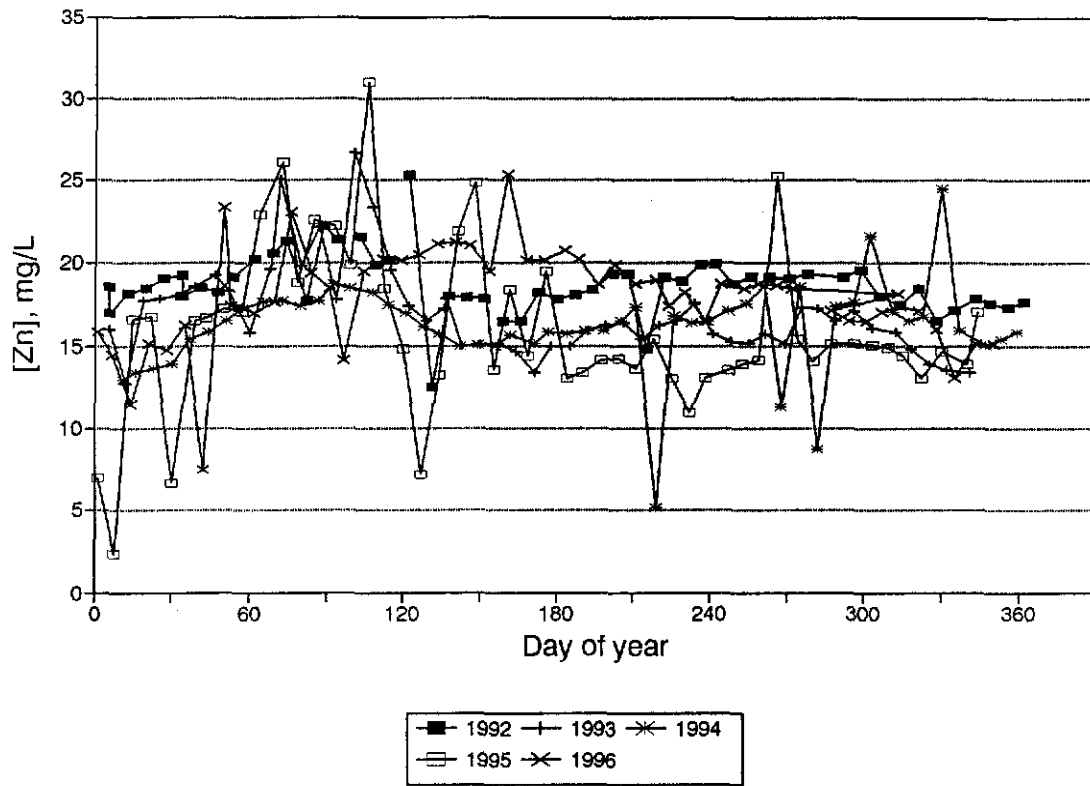


Fig. 6b: Drainage Tunnel  
pH, 1992-1996

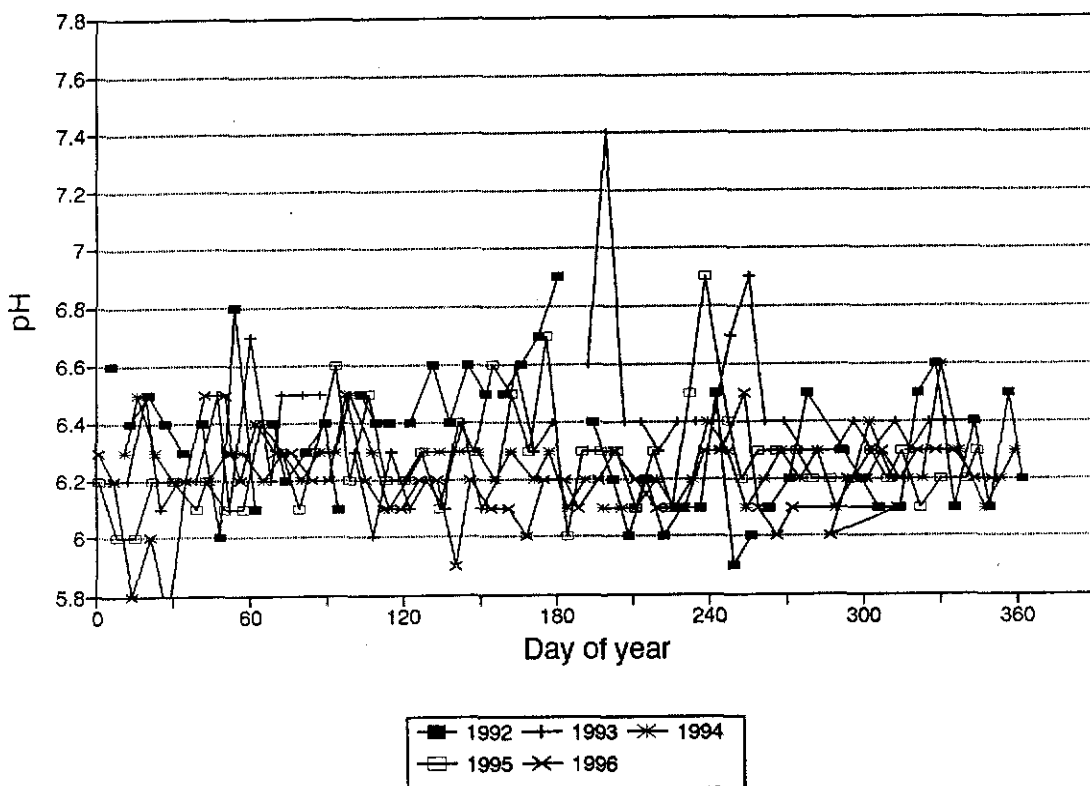


Fig. 6c: Drainage Tunnel  
Average [Zn], 1990-1996

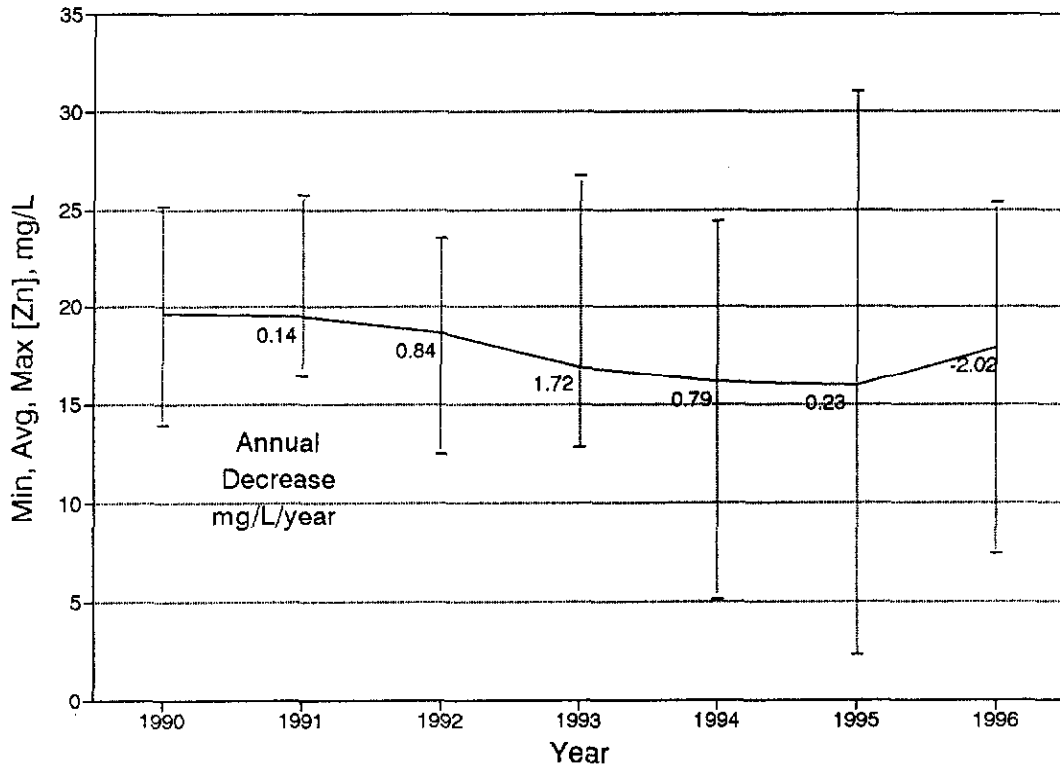


Fig. 6d: Drainage Tunnel  
Flow, 1992-1996

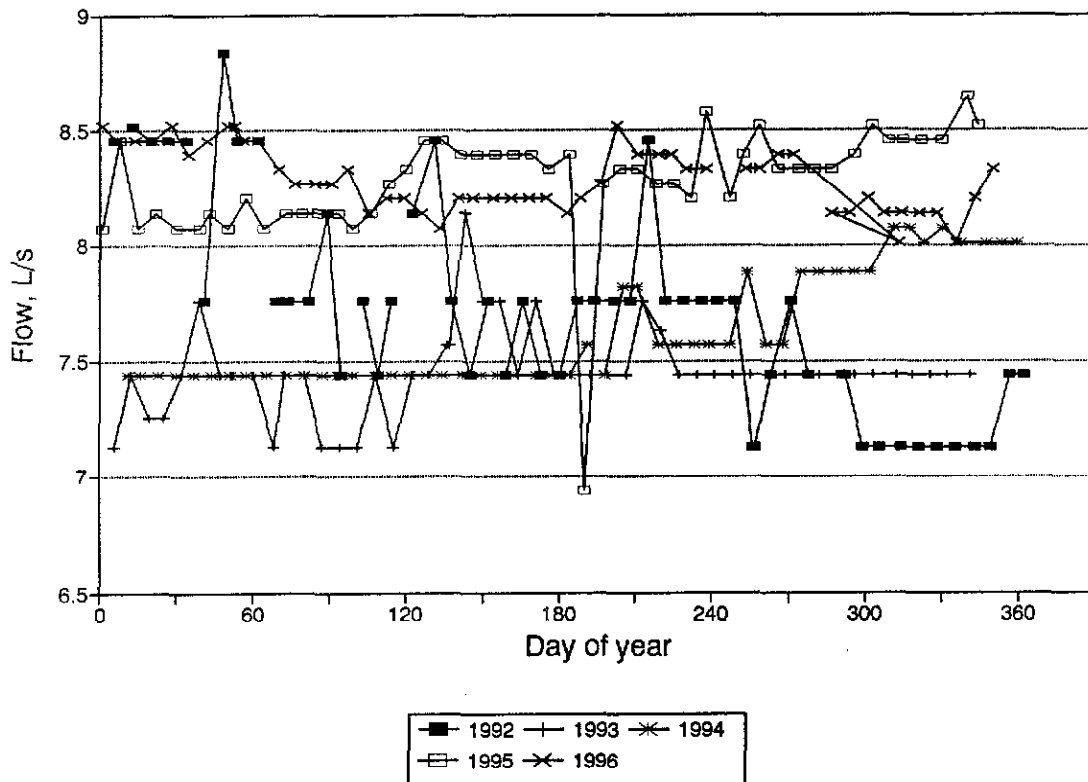


Fig. 7a: Oriental West Pit  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

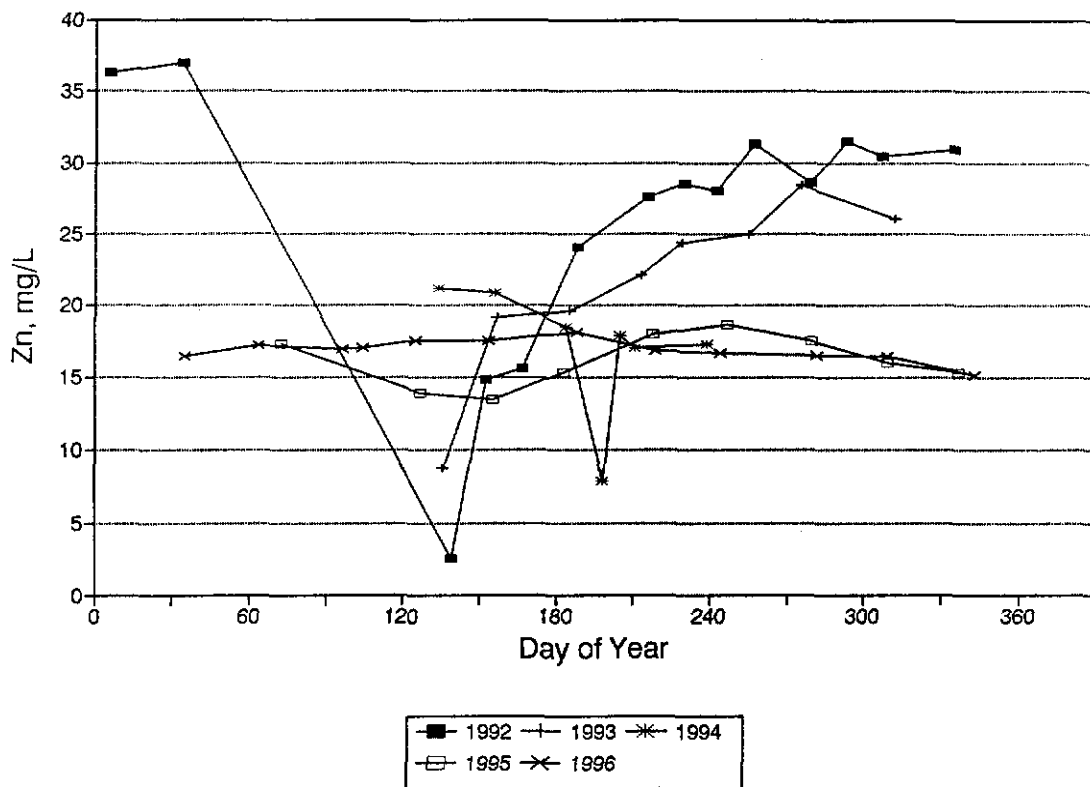


Fig. 7b: Oriental West Pit  
pH, 1992-1996

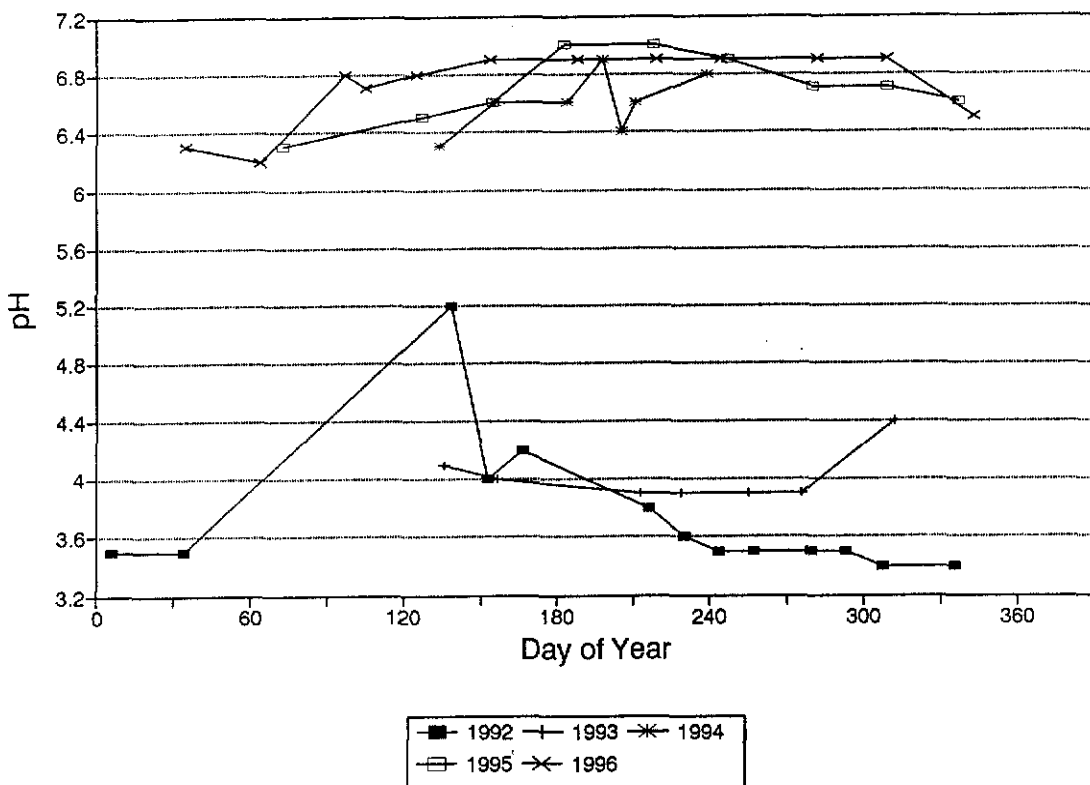


Fig. 7c: Oriental West Pit  
Average [Zn], 1989-1996

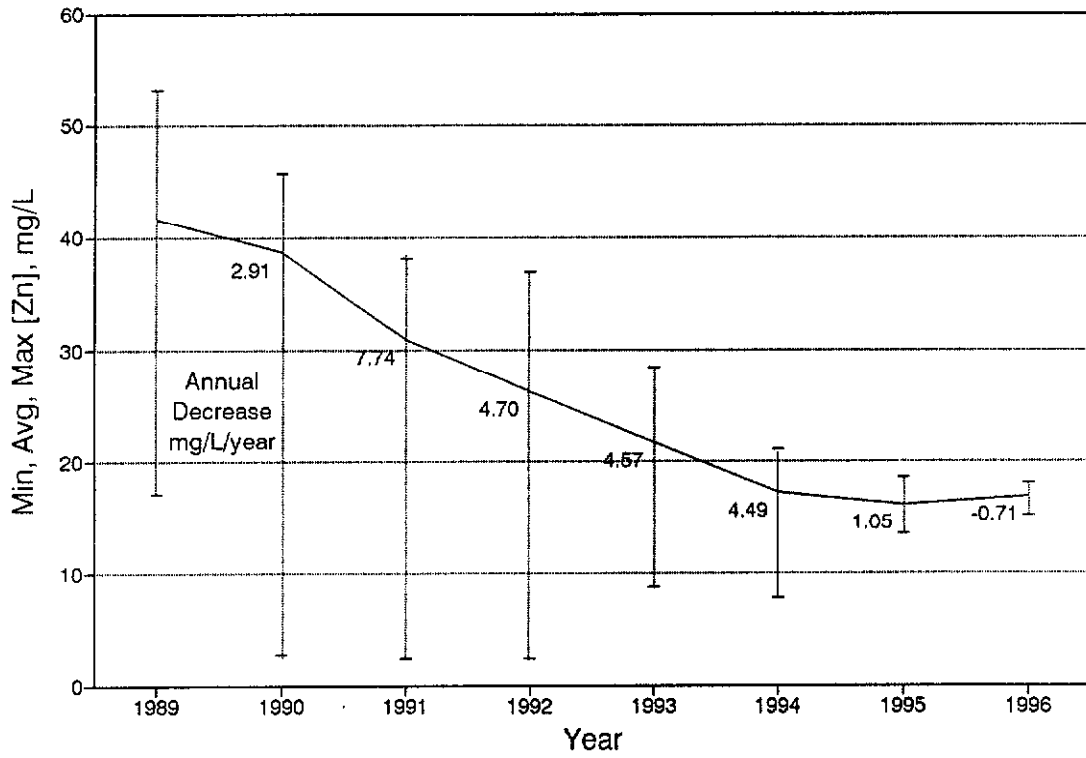


Fig. 8a: Oriental East Pit  
Average [Zn], 1989-1996

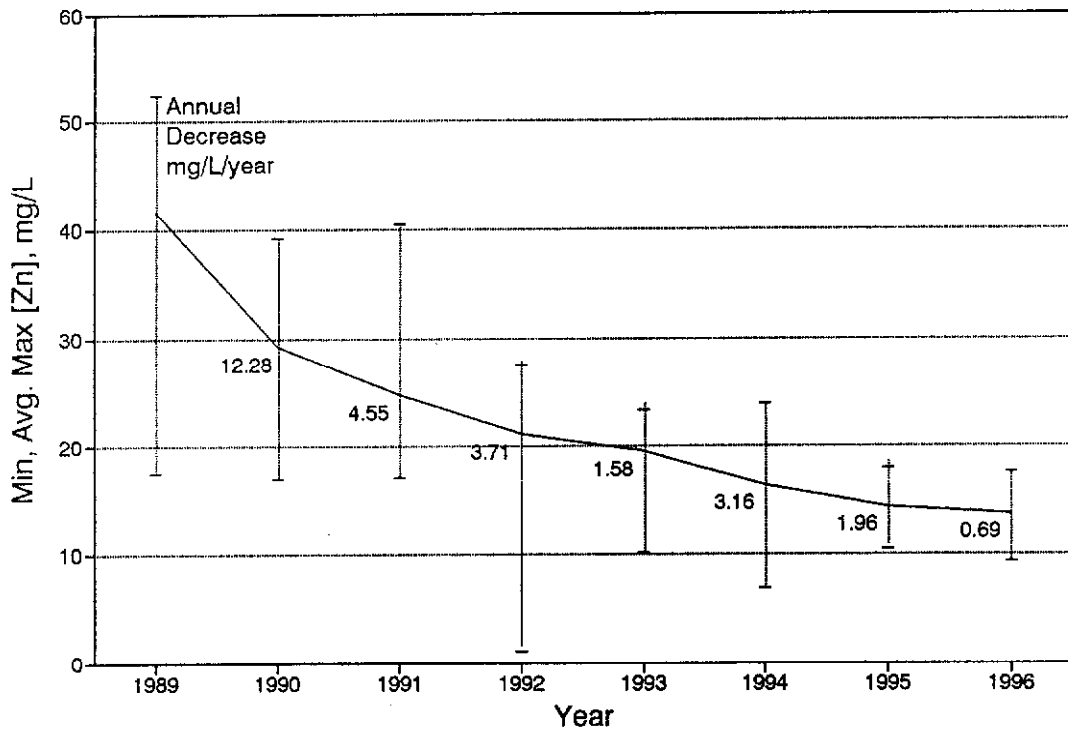




Fig. 8b: Oriental East Pit  
Zinc Concentration, 1995-1996

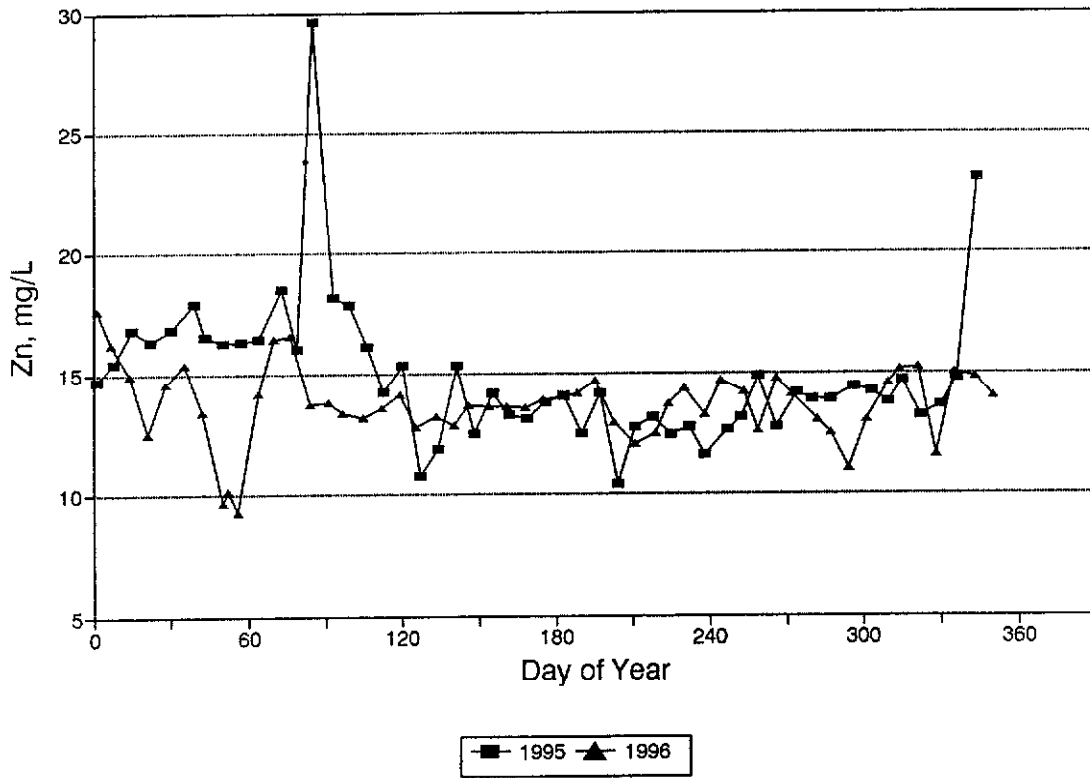


Fig. 8c: Oriental East Pit  
Zinc Concentration, 1995-1996

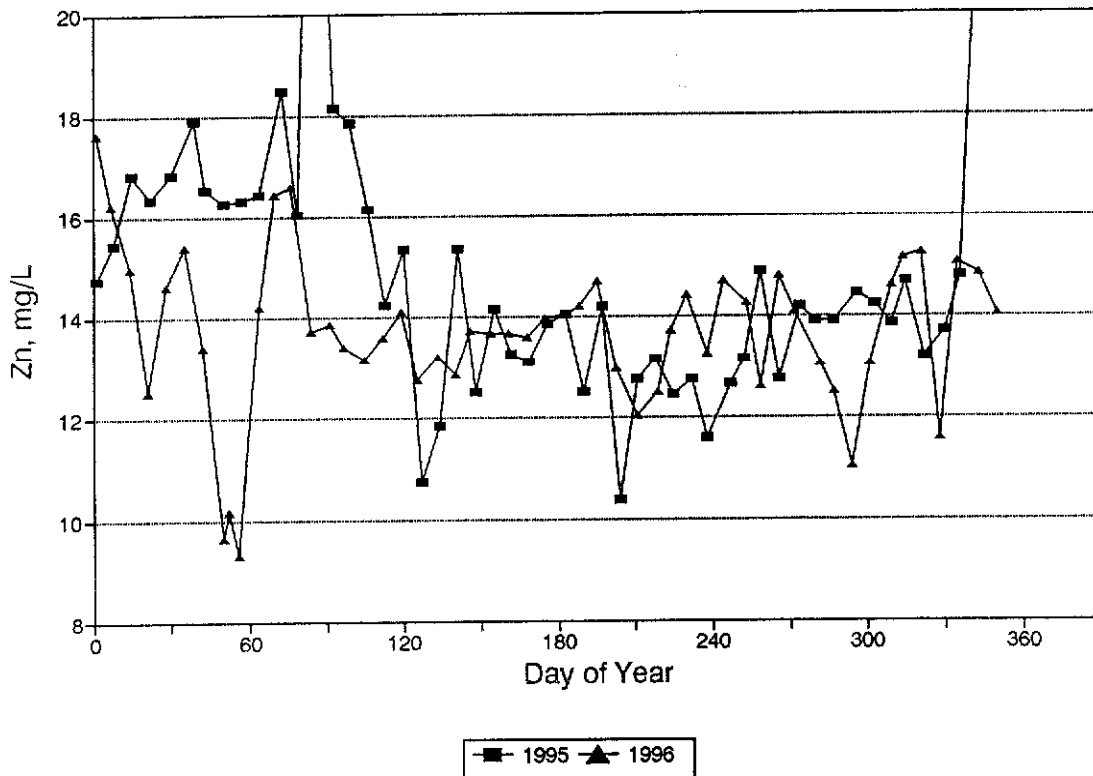


Fig. 9a: Lucky Strike Glory Hole  
Average [Zn], 1991-1996

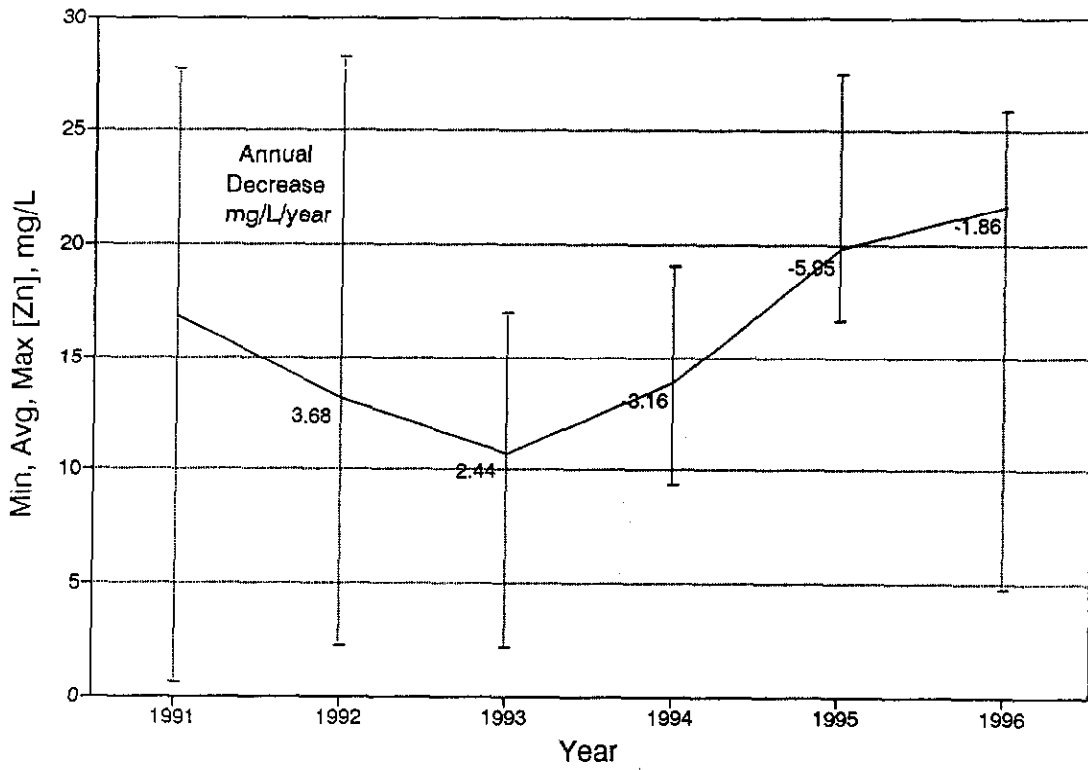


Fig. 9b: Lucky Strike Glory Hole  
Zinc Concentration, 1992-1996

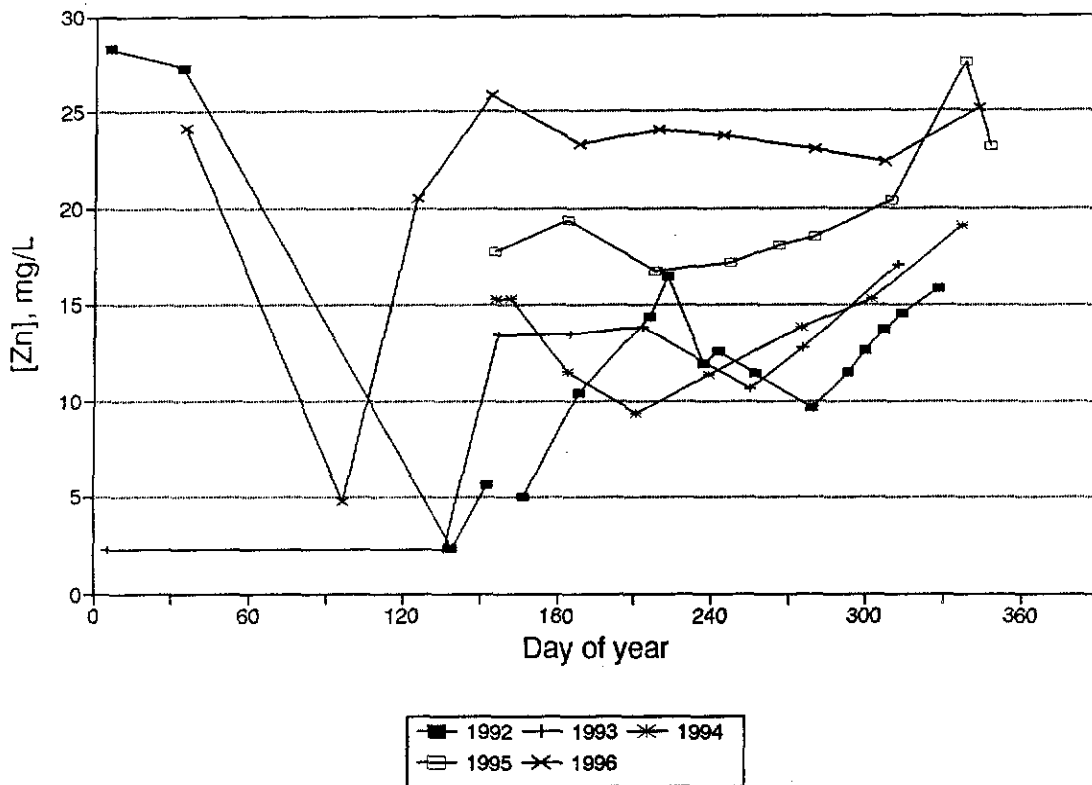


Fig. 9c: Lucky Strike Glory Hole  
pH, 1992-1996

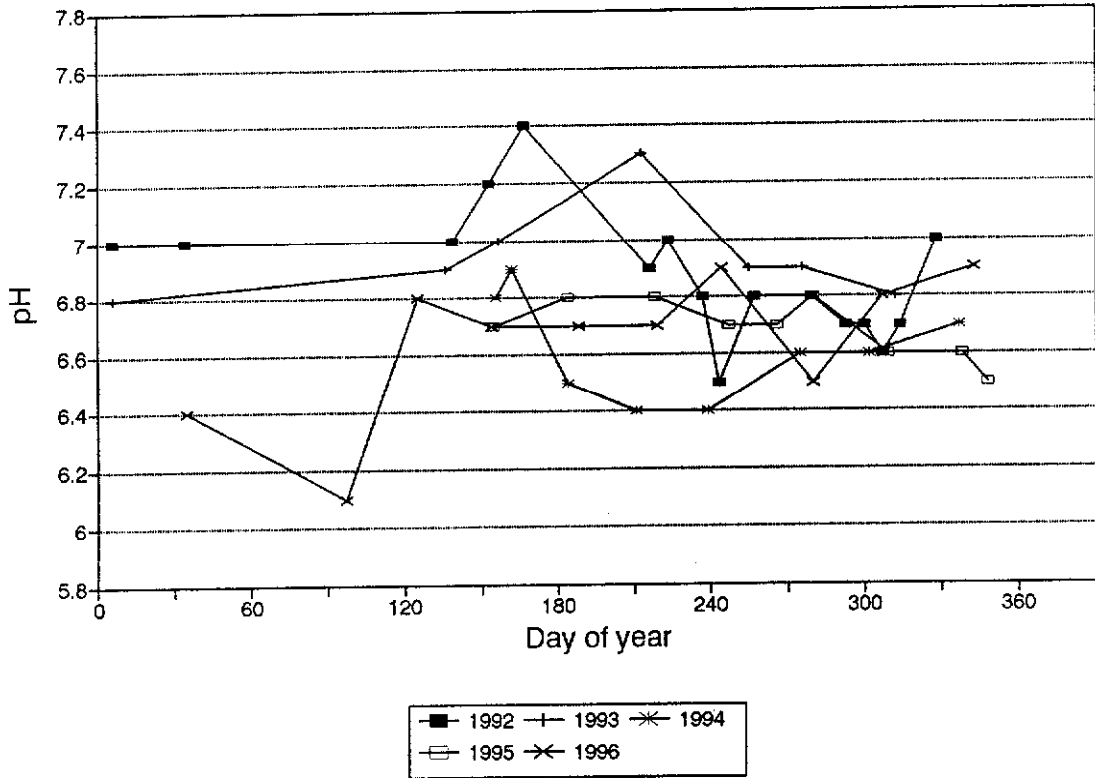


Fig. 10: Lucky Strike Glory Hole  
Limnology, September 27, 1996

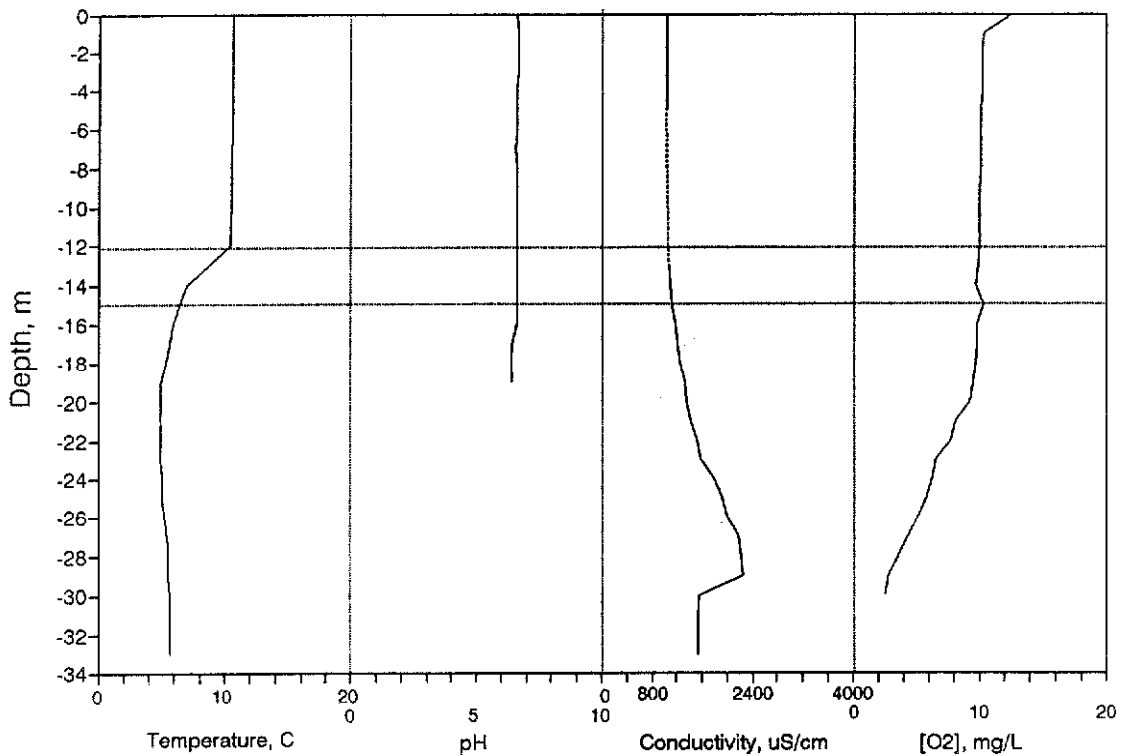


Fig. 11a: Oriental East Pit  
Acidity by Depth, 1993-1996

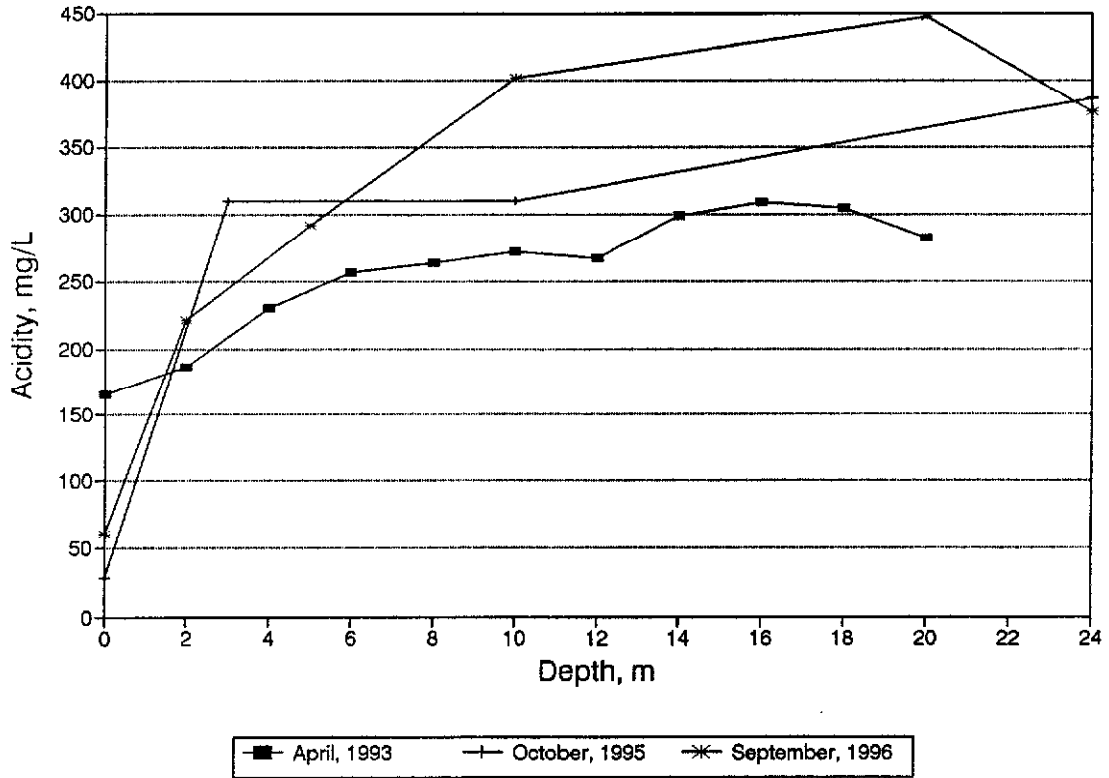
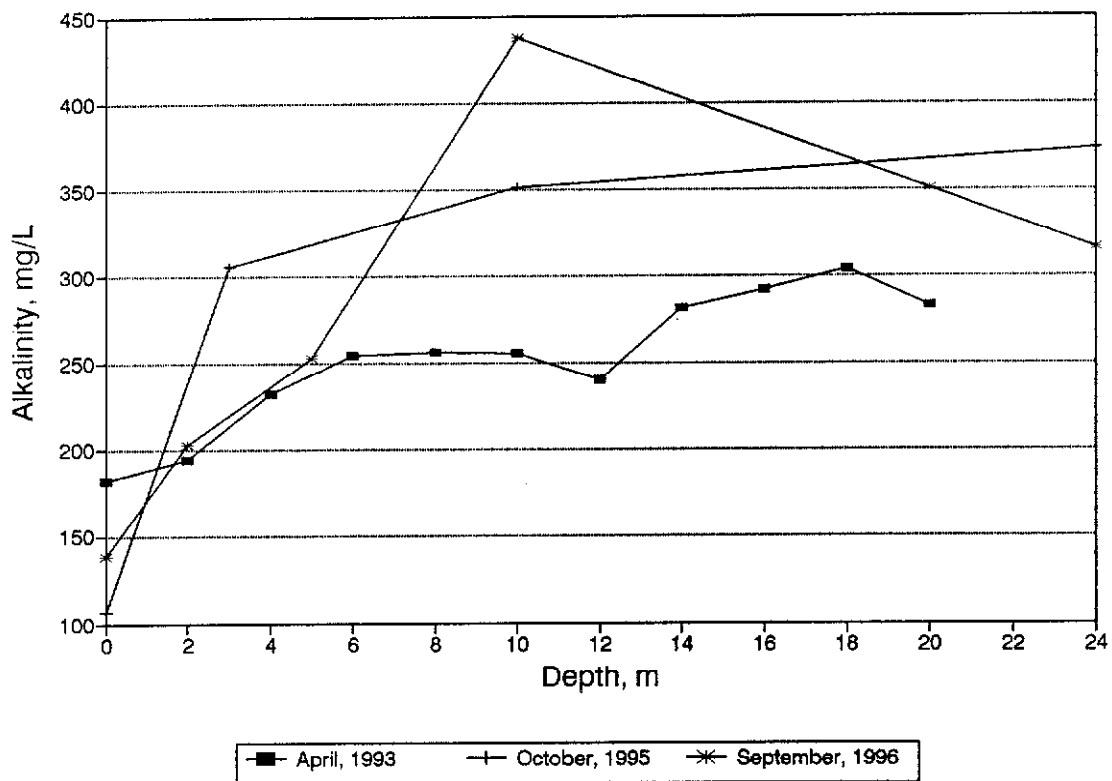
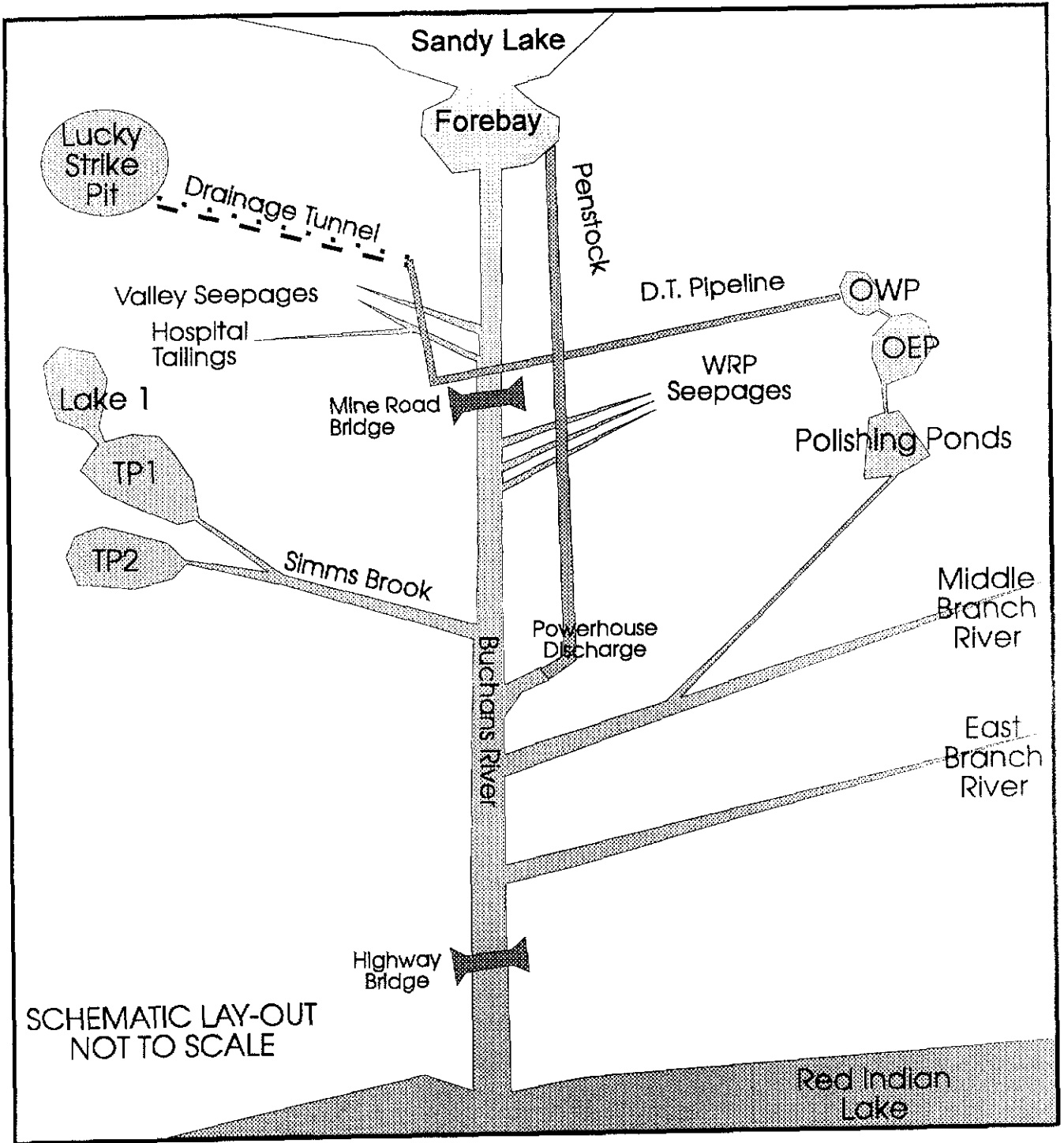


Fig. 11b: Oriental East Pit  
Alkalinity by Depth, 1993-1996





Schematic 1: Generalized lay-out of sources of drainage to the Buchans River

## **2.0 GROUND WATER DISTRIBUTION IN THE SYSTEM**

### **2.1 Introduction**

- Until recently, the contributions of various surface and ground water flows to the OEP and OWP which make up the flow at OEP weir could not be confirmed, due to the lay-out of the system and the lack of appropriate monitoring data.
- Sufficient information is now available to estimate the contributions of these various flows.

### **2.2 Brief History**

- Following completion of flooding of the OEP and OWP (August, 1987), the flow volume at the outflow was approximately 10 L/s, with slight variation due to high spring run-off and lower base flows during mid winter.
- No surface water inflow, other than local run-off during precipitation events, contributed to the flow volume at the OEP weir.
- Ground water containing elevated zinc and ferrous iron concentrations was essentially the only source of flow.
- The pH of OEP water was near neutral.
- Following flooding of the OWP, no surface inflow or outflow could be seen, while the water level remained relatively constant year-round. However, variation in zinc concentrations, particularly during spring run-off when surface water zinc concentrations temporarily decreases, suggested that clean water entered the

OWP and OWP water must have been displaced from the pit in spring in order to maintain the water levels at a constant elevation. This phenomenon is depicted in Figure 12 for 1995. This phenomenon did not occur in 1996, as shown in Figure 12.

- Between 1987 and 1993, the pH of the OWP water column was low (pH 3.5), and the water column was clear and contained little suspended solids. Due to its high clarity, light penetrated the water column and thermal stratification did not establish during the ice-free season. This is shown for September 27, 1992 in Figure 13.
- The surface water of the OWP was joined to the OEP's surface water by a culvert in September, 1993. Pumping of Drainage Tunnel water to the surface of OWP commenced in August, 1994.
- Following joining of the two pits and lowering of the OWP water level by approximately 0.3 to 0.6 m, major changes in the OWP's water column occurred and have since remained. The pH of the OWP water column increased to near neutral pH, while the OWP pit became and remains thermally stratified, as shown in Figure 13. OWP's stratification is similar to that which has existed in OEP since flooding (Figure 14).
- There is now a ground water source of ferrous iron source to the OWP, and ferrous iron oxidation and ferric hydroxide precipitation occurs in near surface strata of the pit.
- Drainage tunnel water entering the OWP oxygenates the surface water.

## 2.3 Flow Distribution Using Chloride Data

- A summary of flows, chloride concentrations and mass balance is provided in Table 3.

### 2.3.1 Oriental West Pit

- Prior to the joining of OWP and OEP surface waters, chloride concentrations in the OWP were low, ranging from 0.8 to 1.5 mg/L.
- Drainage Tunnel water, now pumped to the OWP, contains on average 12.7 mg/L chloride.
- However, OWP water now contains 35 mg/L Cl on average, a higher concentration than the Drainage Tunnel.
- Ground water entering OWP containing an elevated Cl concentration is likely the source of this extra chloride.
- Assuming that the ground water is from the same source as that entering OEP, then the Cl concentration in OEP 7 m samples (similar to the depth of the bottom of OWP) can be used to estimate the flow of ground water required to contribute that extra chloride present in OWP in addition to the Cl contributed by the Drainage Tunnel flow.

$$(D.T. [Cl] \times D.T. \text{ Flow}) + (GW [Cl] \times GW \text{ Flow}) = (OWP [Cl] \times OWP \text{ Out Flow})$$

$$(12.7 \text{ mg/L} \times 8.3 \text{ L/s}) + (144 \text{ mg/L} \times X \text{ L/s}) = 35 \text{ mg/L} \times (X \text{ L/s} + 8.3 \text{ L/s})$$

Solving for X:            Ground water flow is 1.7 L/s.



- According to the chloride concentrations, approximately 10 L/s (8.3 + 1.7 L/s) of water leaves OWP and joins OEP surface water.

### 2.3.2 Oriental East Pit

- The contribution of ground waters to the OEP can be estimated based on the estimated flow and chloride load from OWP and the measured flow and chloride load leaving OEP at the weir.
- The OWP contributes 354 mg of Cl per second, in 10 L/s of water, to the OEP via the culvert joining the two pits.
- Based on monitoring data, approximately 1231 mg Cl leave OEP per second in a flow of 19.2 L/s. Therefore, by difference, the ground water is contributing 9.2 L/s of water, and a Cl load of 877 mg/s.
- OEP bottom waters contain 149 mg/L chloride (1996 average). If all ground water entering the OEP contained this concentration of chloride, then the ground water chloride contribution to the chloride loading at OEP outflow would be 1371 mg/s, a load exceeding the above estimate (877 mg/s) by 494 mg/s.

A high chloride ground water flow of only 5.8 L/s is required to add the 870 mg/s to the chloride load at OEP outflow. The remaining 3.4 L/s (6.7 mg/s Cl) likely originates from a low chloride (2 mg/L: DDH 2367 groundwater sample) groundwater flow, perhaps emerging at the overburden-bedrock interface along the pit walls.

## 2.4 Verification of Estimates Using Sodium Concentration Data

- A mass balance for sodium in the OWP-OEP system is provided in Table 4. In this table, flows determined using chloride as a tracer were used, and sodium concentrations determined for equivalent locations from the same data set were used.
- Chloride is typically the element of choice as a natural tracer of surface and ground water mass balance estimates, such as that performed above, since chloride compounds rarely form and chloride is not precipitating.
- While more opportunities may exist for loss of sodium mass from a system, such as in jarosites, this element can be used to evaluate the assumption that NaCl is the source of chloride, as used in the geochemical simulations presented in Section 4.
- The estimated Na load at OWP outflow from Drainage Tunnel and groundwater is 22 % less than the measured Na load estimated by multiplying the OWP outflow by the OWP surface sodium concentration. For OEP outflow, the estimated Na load is only 1 % less than the measured Na load (Table 4).
- These comparisons provide confidence that the flow volume estimates derived from the chloride mass balance exercise may adequately represent field conditions. Therefore, it can be assumed that clean ground water contributes about 3.4 L/s to OEP.

## 2.5 Application of Mass Balance Model to Zinc, Iron and Sulphate Loads

### 2.5.1 Zinc

- A mass balance for zinc in the OWP-OEP system is provided in Table 5. In this table, flows determined using chloride as a tracer were used, and zinc concentrations determined for equivalent locations from the same data set were used.
- The estimated zinc load leaving OWP (162 mg/s) is 3% less than the measured zinc load leaving OWP (166 mg/s). This indicates that zinc removal in OWP may be negligible. However, sedimentation of zinc-bearing compounds and algal uptake of zinc have been measured in the OWP.
- The estimated zinc load leaving OEP is 10 % greater than the measured zinc load exiting OEP at the weir. This suggests that processes in OEP remove zinc prior to discharge here but not in the OWP.
- According to these estimates, the Drainage Tunnel Input (135 mg/s) is a larger contributor of zinc (166 mg/s) to the OWP-OEP system than OEP (255-162=93 mg/s).

### 2.5.2 Iron

- A mass balance for iron in the OWP-OEP system is presented in Table 6.
- According to this mass balance, 99 % of iron entering OWP remains in the pit as sedimented particles, while 91 % of the iron entering OEP remains in the pit as sedimented particles. While this is consistent with summer water quality data and

observations, significantly less iron removal occurs in the winter, when an ice layer covers OEP, blocking oxygen transport into OEP surface waters, which in turn slows ferrous iron oxidation and ferric hydroxide precipitation.

### **2.5.3 Sulphate**

- A mass balance for sulphate is presented on Table 7.
- Using flows estimated from the chloride mass balance, 11 % of the sulphate entering OWP remains in the pit, while 2 % of the sulphate entering OEP remains in the pit. Sulphate removal in the pits appears to be minor. Some gypsum formation could be occurring.

### **2.6 Areas, Volumes and Residence Times in OWP, OEP and Polishing Ponds**

- In Table 8, the areas, water volumes and flows are used to estimate residence time of water in these water bodies.
- The theoretical residence of OWP is 77 days. However, Drainage Tunnel water (8.3 L/s) joins the top 1 m of surface water of OWP, and likely exits OWP without mixing with the entire water volume. The 1.7 L/s groundwater flow also enters the top 1 m of surface water. Therefore, the residence time of the top 1 m of water may only be 5.4 days.
- The theoretical residence of OEP is 126 days. However, as in OWP, water enters OEP from OWP (10 L/s) joining OEP surface water, and does not likely mix with the entire OEP volume before exiting OEP via the weir. Meanwhile, another 9.2 L/s of groundwater joins the top 1 m of OEP surface water, and the flow through

this layer totals 19.2 L/s. Therefore, the residence time of the top 1 m of OEP surface water may be only 11.8 days.

- The Polishing Ponds are relatively shallow, averaging only 0.46 m deep. The theoretical residence times of the PP10-PP13 and PP14-PP17 series of ponds are 9 and 6 days, respectively. However, a large fraction of these ponds' areas are virtually stagnant or above water, and actual residence times in these ponds are likely much shorter.

## **2.7 Sedimentation Rates in OWP, OEP and the Polishing Ponds**

### **2.7.1 Sedimentation Data**

- Measurements of sedimentation rates in OEP and OWP have been measured since 1990 and 1994, respectively. These data, in  $\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ , are presented in Table 9.
- Generally, the rates are consistent from year to year, with two exceptions where very high rates were determined: OEP 20 m and OWP 7 m, but in place between October 12, 1995 to July 10, 1996. These two data were not used in calculations, as they may have been due to improper placement of the traps or erosion of iron hydroxide into the traps from the pit walls into the traps.
- The sedimentation rate data were used to estimate the total weight of sediment settling to the bottom of OWP and OEP each year (Table 10). Since many sedimentation trap incubation periods span two chronological years (e.g., October 18, 1991 to September 29, 1992), a proportional fraction of the measured sedimentation spanning two different years was allocated to the each of the two years (e.g. 21 % of the measured amount of sediment for October 18 to

December 31, 1991 and 79 % for January 1 to September 29, 1992).

- Using OEP sedimentation rates, the estimated sedimentation in OEP ranges from 41 t per year (1995) to 113 t per year (1992). The 1996 weight (27 t) is that amount up to September 26, and does not represent a full year.
- Sedimentation in OWP ranges from 4 t to 9 t per year. Sedimentation traps were not installed in OWP until 1993, following joining of the two pits when it was observed that iron hydroxide was forming due to changes in OWP's limnology.

## **2.7.2 Comparison of Sedimentation Rate Data With Iron Load Estimates**

### **2.7.2.1 Oriental West Pit**

- In Table 11, estimated loads of iron to OWP is presented for the ice-free season (May 1 to November 1), based on iron mass balance presented in Table 6. The estimated Fe load for the 183 day ice-free period is 1,700 kg.
- The elemental composition of particulates captured by the sedimentation traps in the OEP and OWP sedimentation traps are presented in Table 13.
- Estimates of total kg of iron sedimenting in OWP over the ice-free season, based on sedimentation rates and sediment iron assay data for 1994, 1995 and 1996 are 1,163 kg, 817 kg and 439 kg, respectively. In 1995 and 1996, iron settling rates, based on sedimentation trap data, are lower than estimates of the iron load to OWP during the ice-free season. It is possible that the actual mass of iron entering the OWP is diminishing with time. Another possibility is that smaller particles are being formed in more recent years, and settling rates have diminished.

### **2.7.2.2 Oriental East Pit**

- Estimated loads of iron to OEP are presented in Table 12 for the ice-free season, for comparison to measured sedimentation of iron in particles according to sedimentation trap data.
- The estimated iron load to OEP between May 1 and October 31 is 4,759 kg for the 183 day period. In 1995 and 1996, the sedimentation traps collected a similar amount of iron (7,758 and 8,038 kg) in this period.
- Using sedimentation trap data and sediment sample analytical data, between 7 and 8 t of iron settle in OEP during the ice-free season. The iron load estimates are about half the mass of iron collected by the sedimentation traps for the same period. Re-suspension of settled iron may account for higher Fe load captured by the sedimentation traps than indicated by the iron mass balance.

### **2.7.3 Iron Loads to Polishing Ponds**

- An estimate of the accumulation of iron by new algal biomass grown over the 183 day ice-free season is given in Table 14. Data on pond areas, alder substrate surface areas, algal growth rates and iron content of algal biomass are available in the 1995 Report (Tables 1b, 2b and 5b).
- It is estimated that new algal biomass grown over 183 days captures 772 kg of iron. This suggests that the algal biomass may capture iron settled from previous periods which has been resuspended from the pond sediments. In other words, iron is being recycled in the ponds.
- There is direct visual evidence of this process in the ponds. Slabs of algal

biomass covering the sediment and substrates periodically buoy to the surface due to an accumulation of air bubbles in the biomass. These floating slabs of algae are broken up by wave agitation or upon being carried over the weirs where they are smashed into smaller particles. Resuspended iron particles are likely recaptured by sieving by algal biomass.

- The iron load to OEP was estimated in the Fe mass balance. A mass of 4,733 kg of Fe enters the OEP in the 182 day ice-covered season. High iron concentrations in PP17 discharge water in winter suggest that little iron is removed from the Polishing Pond system, and that a large fraction of the discharge iron remains in the ferrous form.
- The ice covers over the pits and polishing ponds serve to prevent ferrous iron oxidation and ferric hydroxide precipitation.



Table 3: Chloride Mass Balance for OWP, OEP System.

| CHLORIDE                     | Flow<br>L/s    | [Cl]<br>mg/L      | Cl Load<br>mg/s    | Removal<br>% |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Drainage Tunnel              | 8.3            | 12.7 <sup>✓</sup> | 105                |              |
| OWP Contaminated Groundwater | 1.7            | 144 <sup>✓</sup>  | 249                |              |
| OWP Surface Outflow          | 10             | 35.3 <sup>✓</sup> | 354                |              |
|                              | <del>9.2</del> |                   |                    |              |
| OEP Surface Inflow           | 6.1            | 35.3              | 206 <sup>354</sup> |              |
| OEP Contaminated Groundwater | 5.84           | 149               | 870                |              |
| OEP Clean Groundwater        | 3.36           | 2                 | 6.7                |              |
| OEP Outflow                  | 19.2           | 64.1              | 1231               | 877          |

Table 4: Sodium Mass Balance for OWP, OEP System Based on Flows Derived from Chloride Mass Balance

| SODIUM                       | Flow<br>L/s | [Na]<br>mg/L | Na Load<br>mg/s | Removal<br>% |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Drainage Tunnel              | 8.3         | 10.2         | 85              |              |
| OWP Contaminated Groundwater | 1.7         | 114          | 197             |              |
| OWP Surface Outflow          | 10          | 22           | 221             | 22%          |
|                              |             |              | 281             |              |
| OEP Surface Inflow           | 10          | 22           | 221             |              |
| OEP Contaminated Groundwater | 5.8         | 120          | 701             |              |
| OEP Clean Groundwater        | 3.4         | 8            | 26.9            |              |
| OEP Outflow                  | 19.2        | 49           | 941             | 1%           |

Table 5: Zinc Mass Balance for OWP, OEP System Based on Flows Derived from Chloride Mass Balance

| ZINC                         | Flow<br>L/s | [Zn]<br>mg/L | Zn Load<br>mg/s     | Removal<br>% |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Drainage Tunnel              | 8.3         | 16.3         | 135                 |              |
| OWP Contaminated Groundwater | 1.7         | 15.5         | 27                  |              |
| OWP Surface Outflow          | 10          | 16.6         | 166                 | -3%          |
|                              |             |              | 162                 |              |
|                              |             |              | 5,108 <sup>63</sup> |              |
| OEP Surface Inflow           | 10          | 16.6         | 166                 |              |
| OEP Contaminated Groundwater | 5.8         | 15.2         | 89                  |              |
| OEP Clean Groundwater        | 3.4         | 0.01         | 0.03                |              |
| OEP Outflow                  | 19.2        | 11.9         | 228                 | 10%          |

Table 6: Iron Mass Balance for OWP, OEP System Based on Flows  
Derived from Chloride Mass Balance

| IRON                         | Flow<br>L/s | [Fe]<br>mg/L | Fe Load<br>mg/s |  | Removal<br>% |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| Drainage Tunnel              | 8.3         | 0.131        | 1.1             |  | 99%          |
| OWP Contaminated Groundwater | 1.7         | 63.2         | 109             |  |              |
| OWP Surface Outflow          | 10          | 0.1065       | 1.1             |  |              |
| OEP Surface Inflow           | 10          | 0.1065       | 1.1             |  | 91%          |
| OEP Contaminated Groundwater | 5.8         | 51.27        | 300             |  |              |
| OEP Clean Groundwater        | 3.4         | 0.01         | 0.03            |  |              |
| OEP Outflow                  | 19.2        | 1.46         | 28              |  |              |

Table 7: Sulphate Mass Balance for OWP, OEP System Based on Flows  
Derived from Chloride Mass Balance

| SULPHATE                     | Flow<br>L/s | [SO <sub>4</sub> ]<br>mg/L | SO <sub>4</sub> Load<br>mg/s |  | Removal<br>% |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Drainage Tunnel              | 8.3         | 120                        | 998                          |  | 11%          |
| OWP Contaminated Groundwater | 1.7         | 1080                       | 1863                         |  |              |
| OWP Surface Outflow          | 10          | 255                        | 2552                         |  |              |
| OEP Surface Inflow           | 10          | 255                        | 2552                         |  | 2%           |
| OEP Contaminated Groundwater | 5.8         | 1166                       | 6812                         |  |              |
| OEP Clean Groundwater        | 3.4         | 10                         | 34                           |  |              |
| OEP Outflow                  | 19.2        | 479                        | 9197                         |  |              |

Table 8: Areas, Volumes and Residence Times of Water in OWP, OEP and Polishing Ponds

|                            | Area<br>m <sup>2</sup> | Whole<br>Volume<br>m <sup>3</sup> | Top 1 m<br>Volume<br>m <sup>3</sup> | Flow<br>L/s | Theoretical<br>Residence<br>Time<br>days | Top 1 m<br>Residence<br>Time<br>days |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Drainage Tunnel            |                        |                                   |                                     | 8.3         |  |                                      |
| OWP                        | 4,645                  | 66,245                            | 4,645                               | 10.0        | 77                                       | 5.4                                  |
| OEP                        | 19,510                 | 208,197                           | 19,510                              | 19.2        | 126                                      | 11.8                                 |
| PP10-13 (40% of OEP flow)  | 13016                  | 5951                              |                                     | 7.7         | 9.0                                      |                                      |
| PP14-17 (60 % of OEP flow) | 13142                  | 6009                              |                                     | 11.5        | 6.0                                      |                                      |

Table 9: Summary of Sedimentation Trap Data for OEP and OWP.

| From      | To        | Days | Summer<br>Period? | Sedimentation Rate, g.m <sup>-2</sup> .d <sup>-1</sup> |     |     |      |      |     |            |
|-----------|-----------|------|-------------------|--|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------------|
|           |           |      |                   | OEP<br>Outflow   |     | 4 m | 11 m | 20 m |     | OWP<br>7 m |
|           |           |      |                   | A  | B   |     |      | A    | B   |            |
| 20-Sep-90 | 22-Oct-90 | 32   | Yes               | 0.62   |     |     |      | 2.1  |     |            |
| 20-Sep-90 | 28-May-91 | 250  |                   |  | 2.1 |     |      |      | 5.4 |            |
| 22-Oct-90 | 28-May-91 | 218  |                   | 4.57   |     |     |      | 4.6  |     |            |
| 28-May-91 | 18-Oct-91 | 143  | Yes               | 1.87   |     |     |      | 5.3  |     |            |
| 18-Oct-91 | 29-Sep-92 | 347  |                   | 3.84   |     |     |      | 19   |     |            |
| 14-Jun-93 | 30-Aug-93 | 77   | Yes               |  |     | 5.9 | 9.9  |      |     |            |
| 30-Aug-93 | 11-Jul-94 | 315  |                   |  |     | 5.1 | 4.5  |      |     |            |
| 11-Jul-94 | 07-Sep-94 | 58   | Yes               |  |     |     |      |      |     | 6.22       |
| 07-Sep-94 | 07-Jul-95 | 303  |                   |  |     | 3.9 | 3.2  | 12   |     | 4.89       |
| 07-Jul-95 | 12-Oct-95 | 97   | Yes               |  |     | 5.3 | 4.9  | 6    |     | 6.16       |
| 12-Oct-95 | 10-Jul-96 | 272  |                   |  |     | 4.5 | 4.5  | 60   |     | 42.7       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 29-Sep-96 | 81   | Yes               |  |     | 4.8 | 5.5  | 9.3  |     | 7          |

Table 10: Sedimentation Rate Data and Calculations for OEP and OWP, 1990 to 1996.

| Sedimentation Traps |           |     | Oriental East Pit (OEP) |           |                                     |  |       |                    |                    |                           |                     |                             | Oriental West Pit (OWP) |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                     |           |     | No. of Days in Period   |           |                                     | Average Sedimentation                            |       | Sediment in period | Cumulative to date | Proportions for years *** |                     | Estimate for year (to date) | 10 m S.T.               |                                       | Sediment in period                  | Cumulative to date | Estimated for year |
|                     |           |     | Placed                  | Retrieved | Period                              | Sed. rate, kg.d <sup>-1</sup> .pit <sup>-1</sup> |       |                    | kg in period       | kg                        | current, prev/next) | Year                        | kg.y <sup>-1</sup>      | kg.d <sup>-1</sup> .pit <sup>-1</sup> | kg.m <sup>-2</sup> .d <sup>-1</sup> | kg                 | kg                 |
| 20-Sep-90           | 22-Oct-90 | 32  | 40                      |           |                                     | 40.1   | 2.06  | 1,283              | 1,283              | 1.00                      |                     |                             |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 22-Oct-90           | 28-May-91 | 218 | 89                      |           |                                     | 89.2   | 4.57  | 19,446             | 20,729             | 0.32 0.68                 | 1991                | 54,775                      |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 28-May-91           | 18-Oct-91 | 143 | 104                     |           |                                     | 103.5  | 5.30  | 14,801             | 35,529             | 1.00                      |                     |                             |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 18-Oct-91           | 29-Sep-92 | 347 | 362                     |           |                                     | 361.8  | 18.54 | 125,545            | 161,074            | 0.21 0.79                 | 1992                | 113,144                     |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 29-Sep-92           | 14-Jun-93 | 258 |                         |           |                                     | 154.5 **   |       | 39,873             | 200,947            | 0.36 0.64                 | 1993                | 48,816                      |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 14-Jun-93           | 30-Aug-93 | 77  | 6,904 *                 | 115       | 193                                 | 153.8  | 7.88  | 11,839             | 212,786            | 1.00                      |                     |                             |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |
| 30-Aug-93           | 11-Jul-94 | 315 | 2,006 *                 | 99        | 88                                  | 93.3   | 4.78  | 29,393             | 242,179            | 0.39 0.61                 | 1994                | 56,229                      |                         |                                       |                                     | 4,287              |                    |
| 11-Jul-94           | 07-Sep-94 | 58  | 415                     |           |                                     | 414.6  | 21.25 | 24,047             | 266,226            | 1.00                      |                     |                             | 28.9                    | 6.22                                  | 1,676                               | 1,676              |                    |
| 07-Sep-94           | 07-Jul-95 | 303 | 233                     | 77        | 62                                  | 124.1  | 6.36  | 37,589             | 303,815            | 0.38 0.62                 | 1995                | 40,513                      | 22.7                    | 4.89                                  | 6,878                               | 8,554              | 9,298              |
| 07-Jul-95           | 12-Oct-95 | 97  | 116                     | 103       | 95                                  | 104.6  | 5.36  | 10,143             | 313,958            | 1.00                      |                     |                             | 28.6                    | 6.16                                  | 2,774                               | 11,329             |                    |
| 12-Oct-95           | 10-Jul-96 | 272 | 1,162 *                 | 88        | 88                                  | 88.1   | 4.52  | 23,963             | 337,921            | 0.29 0.71                 | 1996                | 27,205                      | 198.3 *                 | 6.07 @                                | 7,670                               | 65,266             | 8,055              |
| 10-Jul-96           | 29-Sep-96 | 81  | 181                     | 93        | 107                                 | 127.0  | 6.51  | 10,290             | 348,211            | 1.00                      |                     |                             | 32.6                    | 7.00                                  | 2,641                               | 67,907             |                    |
| equiv. to           |           |     | 6.0 years               |           | Avg = 154.5 (avg used for ** above) |  |       |                    |                    |                           |                     | 28.2 (avg used in @ above)  |                         |                                       |                                     |                    |                    |

\* High values likely due to sediment subsidence; Values not used in calculations

\*\*\* proportion of total kg of sediment collected in sed trap for a period which spanned more than one year

Table 11: Ice-free season (May 1 - Oct 31) Iron Load to OWP versus Measured Ice-free Season Sedimentation Rate.

|  | OWP IRON                  |                           |                           |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | 1994<br>kg in 183<br>days | 1995<br>kg in 183<br>days | 1996<br>kg in 183<br>days |
| OWP Fe Load in 183 days, based on Fe Mass Balance (Table 6)  | 1,739                     | 1,739                     | 1,739                     |
| Sed Trap Captured Iron Mass, May 1-Nov 1, kg<br>Using summer sedimentation rates; Fe content of sediment | 1,163                     | 817                       | 439                       |

Table 12: Ice-free season (May 1 - Oct 31) Iron Load to OEP versus Measured Ice-free Season Sedimentation Rate.

|  | OEP IRON                  |                           |                           |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | 1994<br>kg in 183<br>days | 1995<br>kg in 183<br>days | 1996<br>kg in 183<br>days |
| OEP Fe Load in 183 days, based on Fe Mass Balance (Table 6)  | 4,759                     | 4,759                     | 4,759                     |
| Sed Trap Captured Iron Mass, May 1-Nov 1, kg<br>Using summer sedimentation rates; Fe content of sediment |                           | 7,758                     | 8,038                     |

Table 13: Elemental Composition of Periphyton Grown on Alder Branches or Nylon Netting and Sedimentation Traps in OWP and OEP, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

|             |           | OWP, % of dry weight   |                   |                     | OEP, % of dry weight |         |          |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|
|             |           | Branches               | Netting           | Sed Trap            | Branches             | Netting | Sed Trap |
| 1994        | Assay No. | 5735                   | 5736              | 5733 ✓              | 5729                 | 5730    | 5725 ✓   |
|             | ug/g, Al  | 0.72                   | 0.61              | 0.97                | 0.24                 | 0.34    | 0.45     |
|             | Ba        | 0.15                   | 0.13              | 0.12                | 0.05                 | 0.04    | 0.065    |
|             | Cd        | 0.003                  | 0.005             | 0.003               | 0.005                | 0.005   | 0.003    |
|             | Cu        | 0.08                   | 0.11              | 0.18                | 0.03                 | 0.04    | 0.026    |
|             | Fe        | 8.5                    | 15                | 22                  | 29                   | 29      | 17       |
|             | Mn        | 0.04                   | 0.06              | 0.06                | 0.09                 | 0.09    | 0.056    |
|             | Pb        | 0.19                   | 0.19              | 0.36                | 0.04                 | 0.04    | 0.19     |
|             | Zn        | 0.93                   | 1.9               | 1.2                 | 4.3                  | 4.4     | 1.1      |
| 1995        | Assay No. | 5737                   | 5738              | 5734 ✓              | 5731                 | 5732    | 5726 ✓   |
|             | ug/g, Al  | 0.54                   | 0.48              | 0.38                | 0.17                 | 0.16    | 0.10     |
|             | Ba        | 0.073                  | 0.064             | 0.077               | 0.021                | 0.062   | 0.021    |
|             | Cd        | 0.010                  | 0.012             | 0.003               | 0.012                | 0.013   | 0.003    |
|             | Cu        | 0.26                   | 0.31              | 0.11                | 0.05                 | 0.06    | 0.03     |
|             | Fe        | 24                     | 28                | 16                  | 38                   | 38      | 41       |
|             | Mn        | 0.08                   | 0.03              | 0.02                | 0.14                 | 0.09    | 0.11     |
|             | Pb        | 0.16                   | 0.17              | 0.17                | 0.02                 | 0.03    | 0.02     |
|             | Zn        | 1.6                    | 2.5               | 0.6                 | 5.1                  | 5.8     | 2.5      |
| 1996        | Assay No. | Fil Algae<br>Bulk 5993 | Fil Algae<br>5989 | Fil Algae<br>5990 ✓ |                      |         | 5988 ✓   |
|             | ug/g, Al  | 0.29                   | 0.18              | 1.15                |                      |         | 0.18     |
|             | Ba        | 0.013                  | 0.007             | 0.068               |                      |         | 0.016    |
|             | Cd        | 0.006                  | 0.003             | 0.001               |                      |         | 0.003    |
|             | Cu        | 0.16                   | 0.11              | 0.04                |                      |         | 0.03     |
|             | Fe        | 7.4                    | 4                 | 7                   |                      |         | 47       |
|             | Mn        | 0.02                   | 0.01              | 0.02                |                      |         | 0.10     |
|             | Pb        | 0.07                   | 0.04              | 0.16                |                      |         | 0.03     |
|             | Zn        | 1.1                    | 0.6               | 0.2                 |                      |         | 1.8      |
|             | N, total  | 3.1                    |                   |                     |                      |         |          |
|             | P, total  | 0.16                   |                   |                     |                      |         |          |
| Organic C   | 39        |                        |                   |                     |                      |         |          |
| Inorganic C | 0.020     |                        |                   |                     |                      |         |          |

Table 14: Iron accumulation in polishing ponds algal biomass over 183 d ice-free season.  
May 1 - Oct 31

| Pond  | Substrate            | Alga Biomass                             |                        |              | Fe Accum             | Pond   | Substrate                                | Alga Biomass           |          |        | Fe  |
|---|----------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|--|------------------------|----------|--------|-----|
|   |                      | In Period                                | [Fe] in                | Fe Accum     |                      |  |  | In Period              | [Fe] in  | Mass   |     |
| Area, m <sup>2</sup>                        | Area, m <sup>2</sup> | @ 1.8 g.m <sup>-2</sup> .d <sup>-1</sup> | Biomass                | in Algae     | Area, m <sup>2</sup> | Area, m <sup>2</sup>                                     | @ 1.8 g.m <sup>-2</sup> .d <sup>-1</sup> | Biomass                | in Algae | kg     |     |
| (a)   | (b)                  | (c)                                      | kg Fe.kg <sup>-1</sup> | in 183 d, kg | (a)                  | (b)  | (c)                                      | kg Fe.kg <sup>-1</sup> | (d)      | kg     |     |
| PP10  | 595                  | 1153                                     | 386                    | 0.157        | 61                   | PP14   | 1867                                     | 3617                   | 1211     | 0.067  | 81  |
| PP11  | 2490                 | 4824                                     | 1615                   | 0.040        | 64                   | PP15   | 3465                                     | 6713                   | 2247     | 0.04   | 90  |
| PP12  | 4041                 | 7828                                     | 2620                   | 0.021        | 54                   | PP16   | 4038                                     | 7823                   | 2618     | 0.0423 | 111 |
| PP13  | 5890                 | 11410                                    | 3819                   | 0.050        | 190                  | PP17   | 3772.0                                   | 7307                   | 2446     | 0.050  | 122 |
|   |                      |  |                        |              | 368                  |  |  |                        |          |        | 403 |
|   |                      |  |                        |              | 772                  | kg Fe accumulated by new algae over 193 ice-free season. |  |                        |          |        |     |
| Fe Load from OEP in ice-free season (183 d) |                      |  |                        |              | 443                  | kg Fe (Fe Mass Balance, Fe Load at OEP Weir).            |  |                        |          |        |     |
| Fe Load from OEP in winter (1982 d)         |                      |  |                        |              | 4733                 | kg Fe (Fe Mass Balance, Input to OEP from D.T. and GW)   |  |                        |          |        |     |

(a) Pond areas from Table 1b, 1995 Report.

(b) Alder substrate surface area of 50,430 m<sup>2</sup> (Table 2b, 1995 Report) split among ponds proportional to pond areas.

(c) Growth rate of 1.829 g.m<sup>-2</sup>.d<sup>-1</sup> for fertilized ponds from Table 2b of 1995 Report.

(d) Iron content (ICAP) of branch and netting algae collected in 1994 and 1995 used, from Table 5b of 1995 report.

Fig. 12: Oriental West Pit  
Zinc Concentration, 1995-1996

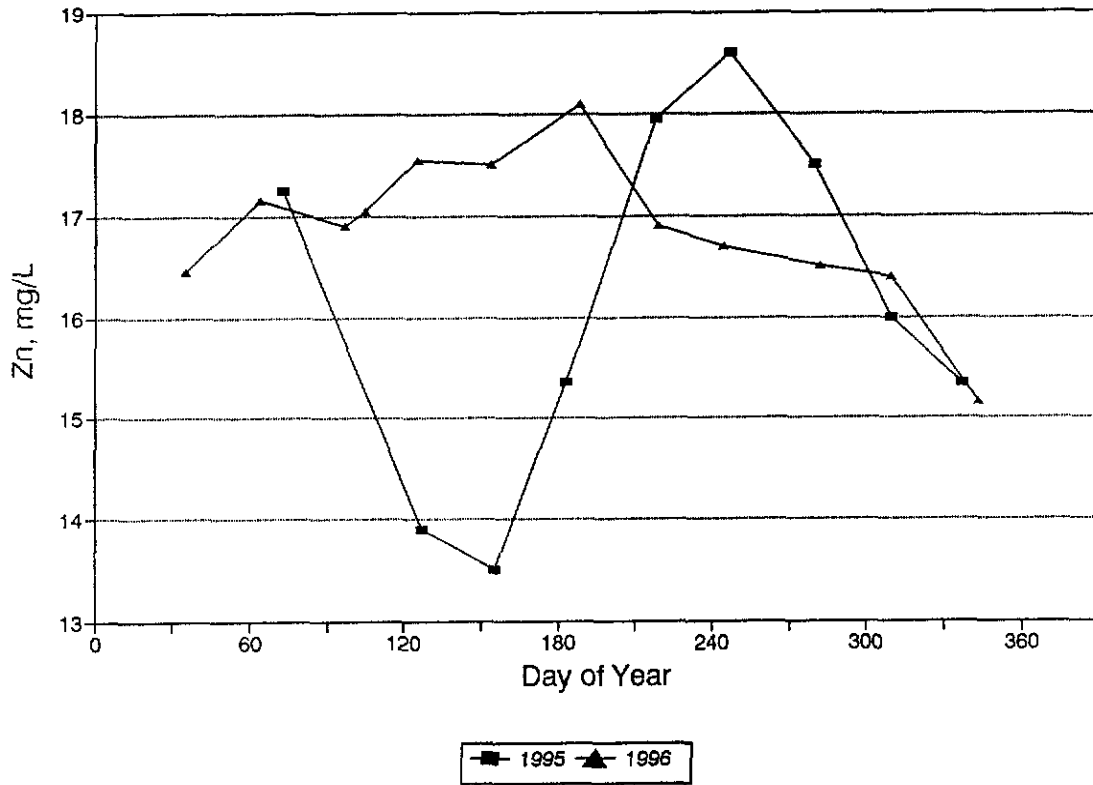


Fig. 13: Oriental West Pit Centre  
Limnology, 1992-1996

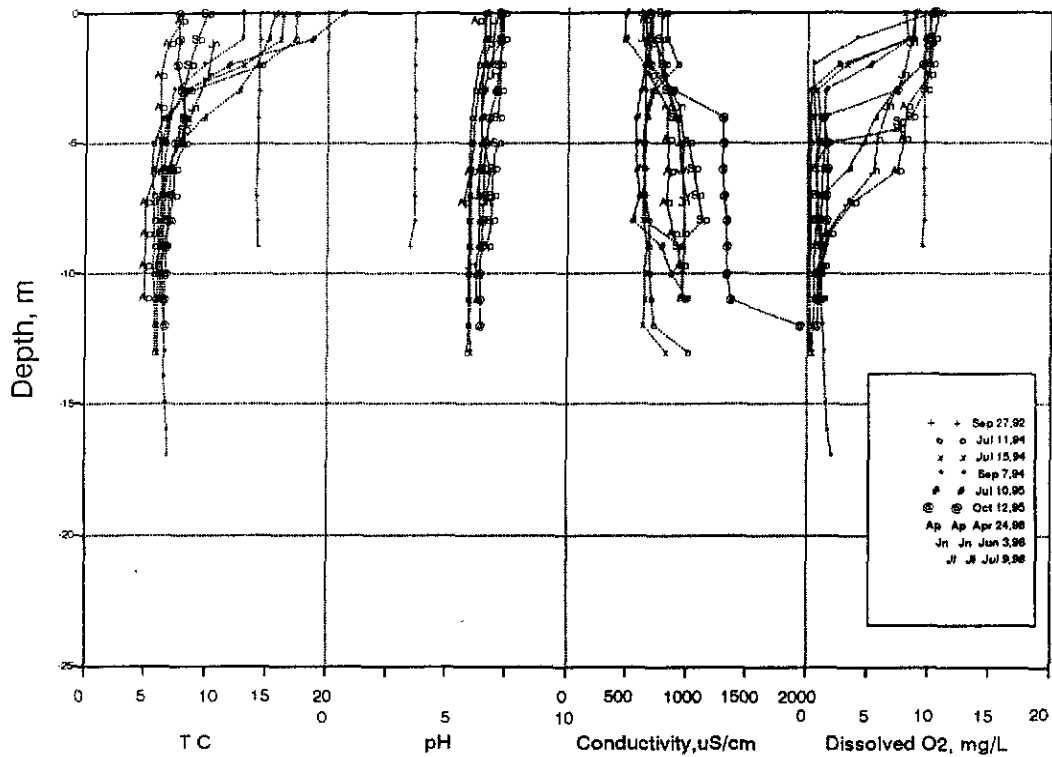
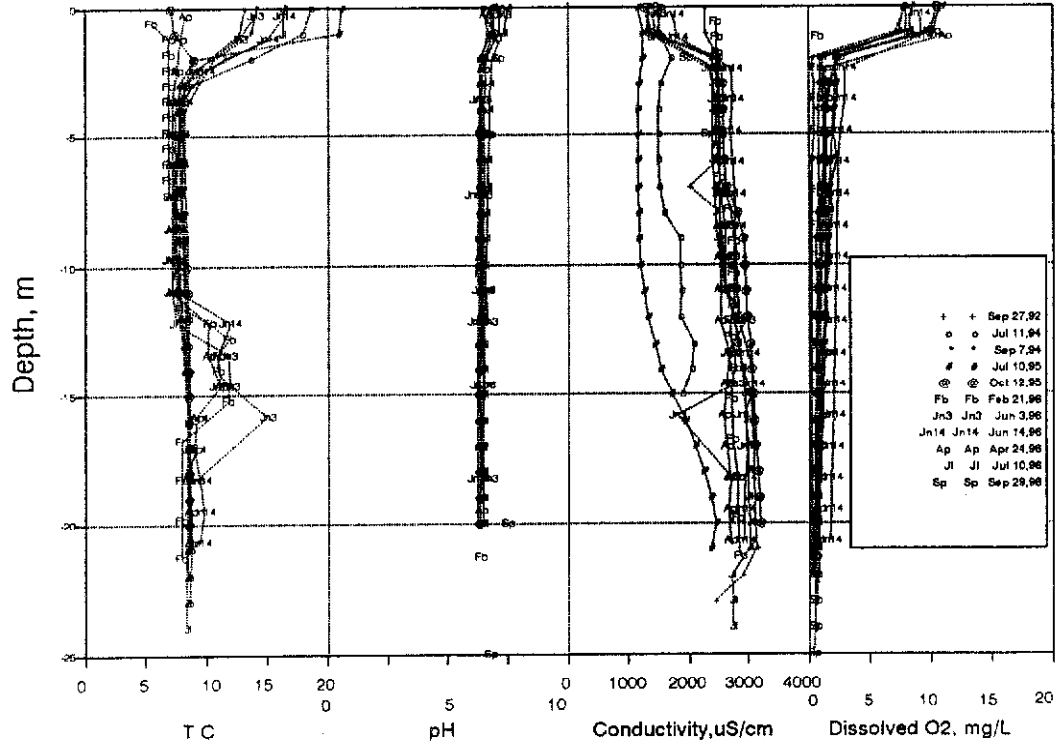




Fig. 14: Oriental East Pit Centre  
Limnology, 1992-1996



### 3.0 IRON AND ZINC REMOVAL MECHANISMS

#### 3.1 Review of Zinc Removal Processes

In the evaluation presented in the 1995 report, it is suggested that virtually no zinc is removed from the system during winter months. Adsorption of zinc on the iron oxides and hydroxides formed during the ice-free season was previously proposed as the removal mechanism. This mechanism is well known from the literature (M.Langens; Hobert and B.Hamacher; B.Muller and L.Sigg, 1990). It was therefore a natural choice for explaining the process of zinc removal in the OEP.

This adsorption mechanism would include a significant role for oxygen in the process of zinc adsorption to the iron oxides and hydroxides. Therefore, a significant quantity of oxygen is required in the pit to oxidise ferrous iron dissolved in solution, which is followed by precipitation as ferric iron hydroxide/oxide.

The process of iron oxidation is slow. The kinetics of oxidation were described by J.L.Liu and M.Kalin (1990) as an exponential curve with the varying coefficients, depending on the conditions of the AMD in which the oxidation takes place. The limitation of oxygen when the pits and ponds are covered by ice was used to explain the increase of the concentration of zinc in the outflow; there was not enough oxygen in the water to oxidize iron, preventing iron hydroxide formation and zinc adsorption. This was also a plausible explanation for observed zinc removal patterns.

However, other experimental facts were collected and have to be examined. The scanning electron microscopy and X-ray microanalyses of sedimentation trap samples have shown that the samples from the OEP itself consist largely of Fe-rich grains with high oxygen signal. This means that there was enough oxygen to form iron oxides/hydroxides and, if the proposed zinc adsorption mechanism was adequate, zinc should have been detected in the samples. The SEM-EDX work showed that zinc could

only be detected at 20,000 x magnification. This suggested that the zinc removal mechanism may not be based on adsorption to iron precipitates.

The SEM-EDX analyses detected microzones within polishing pond solid samples with very high concentrations of zinc, but comparatively little iron. This must be considered in light of 1991 observations; a lot of zinc was present in the upper part of the "meadows" close to the outflow of OEP. In this area, large amounts of ferrous iron were detected, while ferric iron was present in large quantities only in the lower part of the "meadows". The fact that zinc was concentrated in areas with little ferric iron, while lower concentrations were present in areas with higher concentrations of ferric iron, contradicts the expected distribution of iron and zinc if zinc adsorption was the primary removal mechanism. However, the pattern of zinc removal can be explained in terms of zinc carbonate precipitation, suggested from the oxidation experiments discussed in Section 3.2 below.

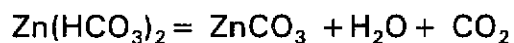
The ferrous iron oxidation-ferric hydroxide precipitation process and the zinc removal process do not appear to be directly related. The process of iron oxidation is not important for the removal of zinc, since this element was not adsorbed in large quantities when iron oxide/hydroxide particles are abundant, such as in OEP. The zinc removal process and iron oxidation/precipitation process take place simultaneously, but are likely independent.

Another observation was presented in the 1995 Final Report (page 13); the zinc concentration dropped rapidly in April (ice melting) but increased again starting in August, when water temperatures began to decrease. The solubility of oxygen in water was therefore increasing as the water temperature decreased. Contrary to the observed zinc concentration increase, higher dissolved oxygen concentrations should have enhanced ferric iron oxidation, and zinc adsorption, if this were the major zinc removal mechanism.

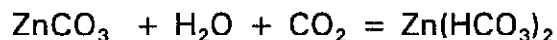
This analysis of old data leads to the conclusion that it is necessary to examine whether the proposed mechanism of zinc adsorption on iron oxides, suggested in the literature, is a significant process removing this metal from OEP water. In the 1991 report, it was determined that both zinc and iron enter the pit through the bottom primarily in the forms of soluble  $Zn(HCO_3)_2$  (zinc bicarbonate) and  $Fe(HCO_3)_2$  (ferrous bicarbonate). Ferrous bicarbonate hydrolyse to produce ferrous hydroxide and release carbon dioxide.



Taking this equation, it is possible than iron precipitates can form in the absence of oxygen, if carbon dioxide is removed from water (e.g. degassing). With zinc, the situation seems more difficult. There is the possibility that zinc bicarbonate decomposes to zinc carbonate, which in turn precipitates. This reaction is favoured if carbon dioxide were removed from solution by, for instance degassing as ground water rises to the pit surface.



However, zinc carbonate settling through the water column and entering pit bottom water, supersaturated with carbon dioxide and bicarbonate (with respect to surface water), may redissolved into solution as zinc bicarbonate.



The production of carbon dioxide by the formation of ferrous hydroxide may maintain high carbon dioxide concentrations in water, and suppress the formation of zinc carbonates. This may explain why relatively little zinc removal takes place in the pit. Zinc carbonate formation and precipitation may take place only after the removal of significant amounts of iron and loss of carbon dioxide from the system. This analysis suggests that the presence of oxygen may not be necessary for the removal of zinc.

However another factor(s), as yet not described, may also be very important, which is a reaction which is producing precipitating forms of zinc, a process which takes place only in the upper part of the pit (< 2 m) but not at depth. Some zinc removal occurs in the top layer of the OEP during the summer when surface water temperatures are high and exposed to sunlight. Sunlight could assist in iron oxidation and may also assist zinc removal. An experiment examining the effects of aeration and temperature upon zinc removal from OEP and OWP surface and bottom water samples is described in Section 3.2.

### **3.2 The Precipitation of Iron and Zinc: The OWP, OEP Oxidation Experiments**

- An experiment was conducted examining changes in dissolved zinc and iron concentrations in samples collected from OWP and OEP surface and at depth according to time following collection and storage conditions (open bottles versus closed; 5° C, 15° C or 20° C storage temperatures).
- All zinc and iron analyses presented were performed on whole samples using the Buchans Asarco AAS equipment. The results of these two experiment are presented in Figure 15 a-f (OEP Surface), 16 a-f (OEP Bottom), 17 a-f (OWP Surface) and 18 a-f (OWP Bottom).

#### **3.2.1 OEP Surface Water Samples**

- OEP surface samples were collected and analyzed for iron and zinc within 24 hours of collection. Three identical pairs of samples (open, closed bottle) were stored at room temperature (20° C), in the Asarco vault (~ 12° C) and in a fridge (5° C). These samples' zinc and iron concentrations were determined 4 and 14 days after collection (Figure 15 a - f).

- The dissolved iron concentration in these samples was less than 0.1 mg/L at the time of collection, and remained so over the 14 day experiment. The zinc concentration was 14.1 mg/L.
- After 4 days of storage, zinc concentrations remained virtually the same in all treatments. A slight decrease in the zinc concentration in the 20° C bottle stored open was observed.
- After 14 days, zinc concentrations decreased in the open bottle treatment stored at 20° C, but remained near original zinc concentrations in the remaining five treatments.
- In summary, zinc was removed from OEP surface water if the sample was stored at 20° C and open to aeration. Dissolved or suspended iron was not required for this process.

### **3.2.2 OEP Bottom Water Samples**

- Six OEP bottom water samples were collected, stored and analyzed for zinc and iron in an identical manner as the OEP surface water samples (Figure 16 a - f).
- The iron concentration in the OEP bottom water was 64 mg/L. The initial zinc concentration was 16.9 mg/L.
- After 4 days, the zinc concentration diminished in the sample stored at 20° C open to aeration. By 14 days, most of the zinc was removed from the solution. Zinc removal was not observed in the remaining five treatments by day 14.
- Upon storage for 4 days, iron concentrations decreased in samples stored at

20° and 12° C. Larger decreases in iron concentrations occurred at 20° C temperature, compared to 12° C.

- By day 14, iron concentrations had dropped to undetectable concentrations at 12° and 20° C in both open and closed bottles. Iron concentrations had also decreased in samples stored at 5° C, but to a lesser degree than at higher temperatures.
- In summary, zinc was removed from OEP bottom water if the sample was stored at 20° C and open to aeration, as observed for the OEP surface water sample treatment stored open at 20° C. Iron oxidation, precipitation and settling did not enhance zinc removal in the remaining five treatments. Based on the observations of iron and zinc removal in OEP surface and bottom water in this experiment, zinc removal appears to be independent of iron removal.

### **3.2.3 OWP Surface Water Samples**

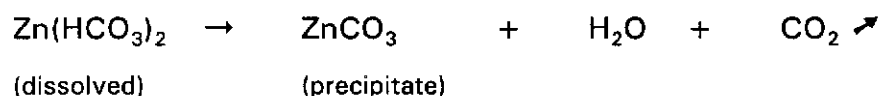
- Six OWP surface water samples were collected, stored and analyzed for zinc and iron in an identical manner as the OEP surface and bottom water samples (Figure 17 a - f).
- The iron concentration in these samples was less than detection limit. The zinc concentration at collection 16.9 mg/L.
- As observed for OEP samples, the zinc concentration in OWP surface water declined in the open sample stored at 20° C, but not in the remainder of treatments. Over 14 days, the zinc concentration diminished from 16.9 mg/L to 12.4 mg/L, a smaller decline than observed for OEP surface and bottom water samples.

### 3.2.4 OWP Bottom Water Samples

- Six OWP bottom water samples were collected, stored and analyzed for zinc and iron in an identical manner as the other three sets of samples (Figure 18a-f).
- The iron concentration in these samples was less than detection limit. The zinc concentration at collection 18 mg/L.
- The zinc concentration declined from 18 mg/L to 7 mg/L in the OWP bottom water sample open to aeration and stored at 20° C. This decline was much greater than observed in the same treatment of OWP surface water.

In summary, zinc removal was observed in OEP and OWP surface and bottom water samples only if the samples were stored at 20° C and were left open to the atmosphere. Zinc removal appears to be unrelated to iron removal. Instead, zinc may be present in OEP and OWP bottom water as a soluble zinc bicarbonate, coexisting with high bicarbonate and dissolved carbon dioxide. When these waters flow to the surface, the water warms in the epilimnion, and carbon dioxide solubility decreases. As CO<sub>2</sub> is degassed from solution, soluble zinc bicarbonate decomposes to zinc carbonate, CO<sub>2</sub> and water.

In the equation below, CO<sub>2</sub> degassing from the right side of the equation favours the reaction from left to right.



- In the experiment, high temperatures reduced the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub>. The open bottles favoured degassing, while the closed bottles prevented degassing. In the 12° C and 5° C treatments, enough dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> remained in solution, and zinc bicarbonate was not decomposed. This process was originally described



in the December 1991 Final Boojum Report to Asarco (Section 3, pgs 3-3 to 3-10).

### **3.3 Zinc Precipitation With Phosphate**

- Permanent removal of zinc, presently in the form of bicarbonates and carbonates, from OEP water could be achieved by adding phosphate to form zinc phosphates.
- A precipitation experiment consisting of the addition of 10-52-10 fertilizer to four samples, 4 L in volume, of OEP water collected from a depth of 0.6 m below the ice cover. The experiment was set up on January 7, 1997 and run until January 20, 1997.
- Fertilizer was added to three samples, and the fourth was left as a control. To Treatment 1, 45 g were added, while to Treatment 2, 6.3 g, and to Treatment 3, 0.87 g were added. Treatment 4 was the control. The samples were stored in the laboratory at 20 °C. The amounts of fertilizer added were based on the molar phosphate equivalent of zinc, magnesium and calcium concentrations present in OEP bottom water. For instance, 45 g of 10-52-10 fertilizer added to 4 US gallons of OEP water contains the equivalent number of moles of phosphate as the sum of the moles of calcium, magnesium and zinc present in 4 US gallons of OEP bottom water (Tables 15 - 17).
- Zinc concentrations were monitored regularly over the first 50 hours, then again after 190 and 320 hours (Figure 19 a - d).
- The zinc concentration in Treatment 1, the control, remained relatively constant over the first 50 hours of the experiment. Zinc concentrations declined over the

first 50 hours in Treatments 1 through 3 where fertilizer was added.

- The greatest zinc removal was measured in Treatment 2, where 6.3 g of 10-52-10 fertilizer was added. After 13 days, the zinc concentration had declined by 87 %, compared to the concentration 1 hour after set-up (Table 18). The high fertilizer addition, Treatment 1 (45 g/4 USG), removed less zinc (57 %), comparable to Treatment 3 (73 %: 0.87 g/4 USG) after 13 days.
- Unlike the earlier oxidation experiment, appreciable zinc removal in the control, Treatment 4, was not observed after 8 days, despite the fact this sample was stored open to aeration at room temperature. After 13 days, the control samples' zinc concentration had begun to decrease. At this time, the zinc concentration was 10.6 mg/L, equivalent to a 43 % decrease, compared to the concentration 1 hour after set-up of the experiment.
- The delay in zinc removal in the control sample stored open at 20° C, compared to the previous experiment's 20° C, open treatments, may have been due to the larger sample size in this experiment (4 USG) compared to the previous experiment (0.25 L). Also, for this experiment, water samples were collected from OEP from beneath the ice in January, when any very fine zinc precipitates formed in the ice-free season would have been flushed out of the pit. These fine particles may serve as flocculation nuclei, accelerating the process of zinc removal through promoting larger particle formation and settling.

Table 15: Experimental Design of January 7-15, 1997 Fertilizer Experiment.

|                 | M.W.<br>g | OEP {<br>used<br>mg/L | mM/L | Equiv. PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg/L | Equiv. mg<br>of 10-52-10<br>Fert per L | Equiv. g<br>of 10-52-10<br>Fert per 4 USG |                      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Ca              | 40.1      | 502                   | 12.5 | 1190                           | 2527                                   | 38  |                      |
| Mg              | 24.3      | 44.5                  | 1.8  | 174                            | 369                                    | 5.6                                       |                      |
| Zn              | 65.4      | 16.2                  | 0.2  | 24                             | 51                                     | 0.76                                      | (0.87 g added to #3) |
| NO <sub>3</sub> | 62        |                       |      |                                |  |   |                      |
| NH <sub>4</sub> | 18        |                       |      |                                |  |   |                      |

Table 16: Composition of Treatments Immediately Following Fertilizer Addition.

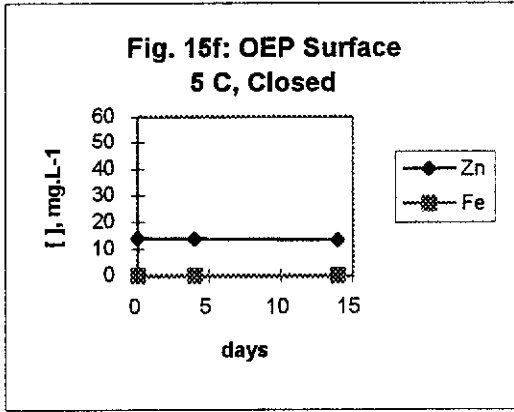
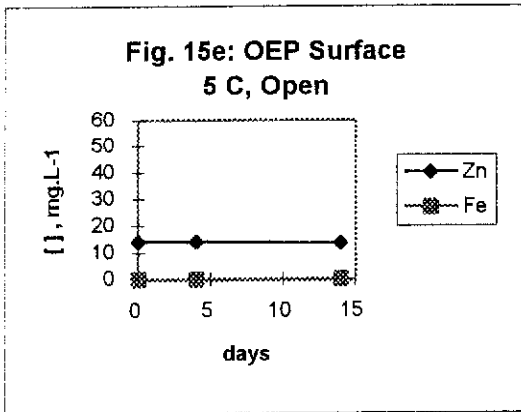
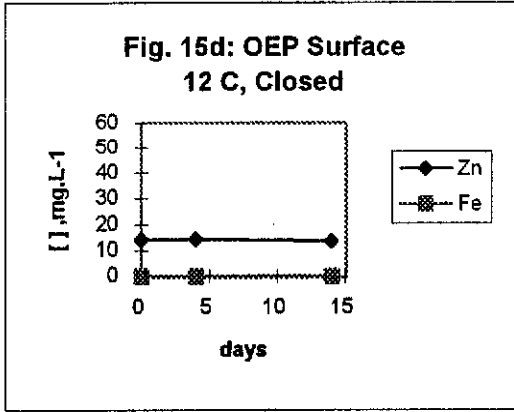
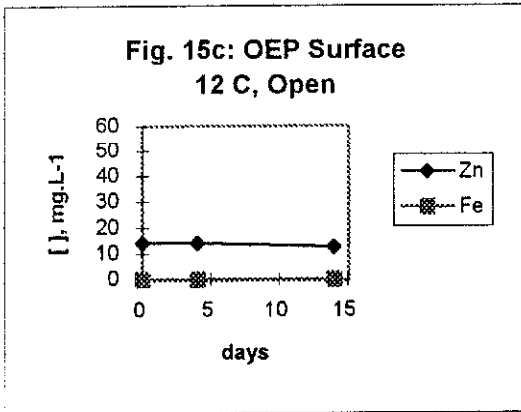
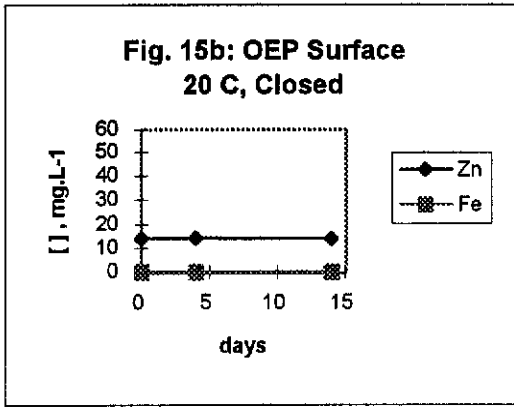
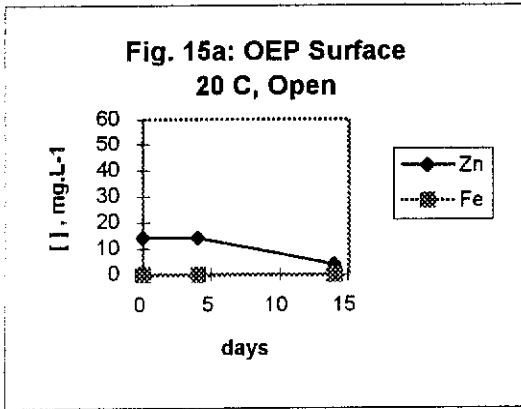
|                                 | ADDITION                           |   |                                |                                |                                |   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
|                                 | g of<br>10-52-10 Fert<br>per 4 USG | Equiv.<br>mM of PO <sub>4</sub><br>in 4 USG | Equiv.<br>mM of Ca<br>in 4 USG | Equiv.<br>mM of Mg<br>in 4 USG | Equiv.<br>mM of Zn<br>in 4 USG | Equiv.<br>mM of NO <sub>3</sub><br>in 4 USG |
| Treatment 1 for Ca, Mg and Zinc | 45                                 | 221   | 190                            | 28                             | 3.8                            | 26  |
| Treatment 2 for Mg and Zinc     | 6.3                                | 31  | 190                            | 28                             | 3.8                            | 3.7   |
| Treatment 3 for Zinc only       | 0.87                               | 4.3   | 190                            | 28                             | 3.8                            | 0.51  |
| Treatment 4: Control            | 0                                  | 0   | 190                            | 28                             | 3.8                            | 0   |

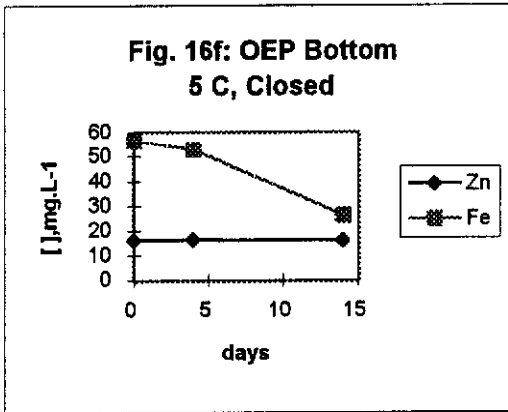
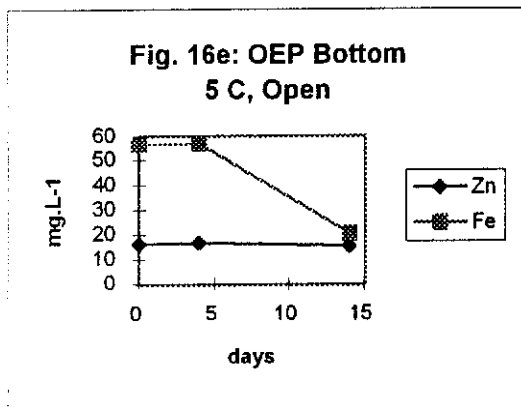
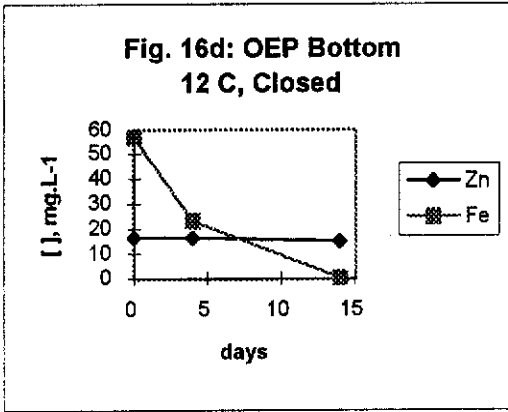
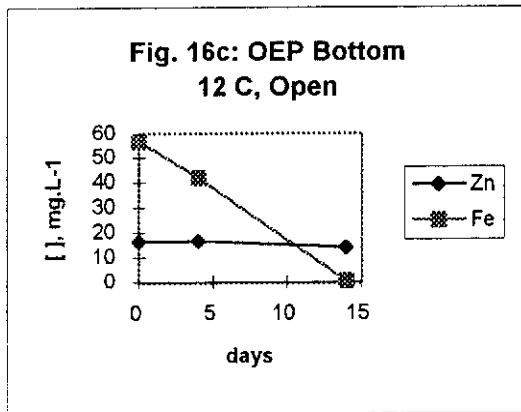
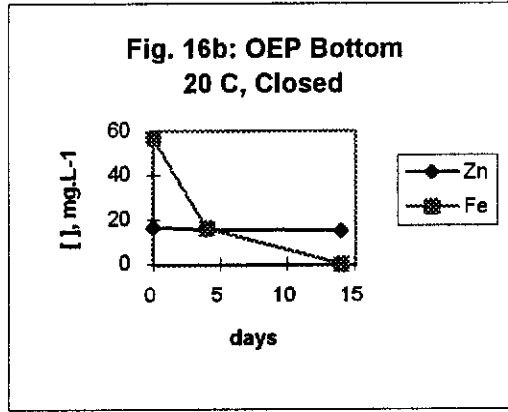
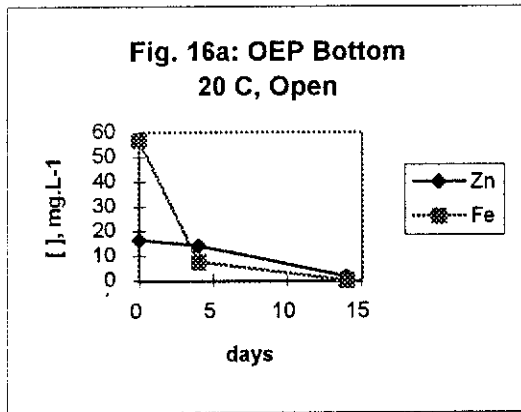
Table 17: Mass Calculations for Elements Present in OEP and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> equivalents.

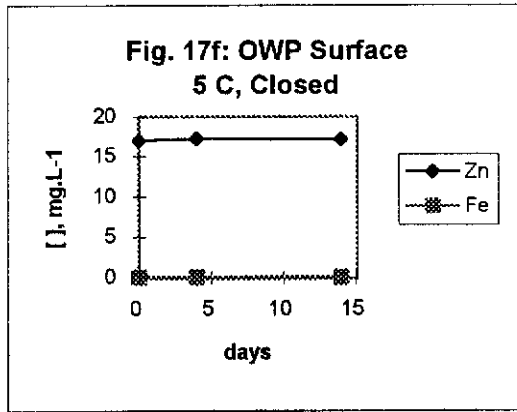
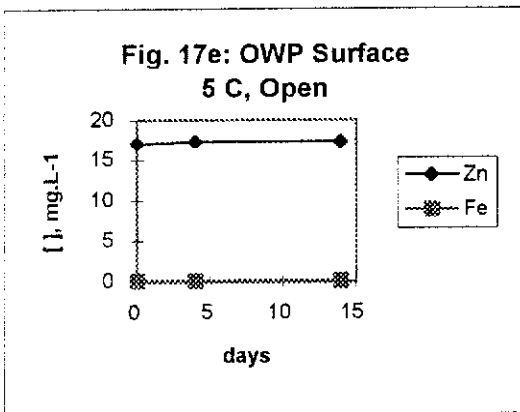
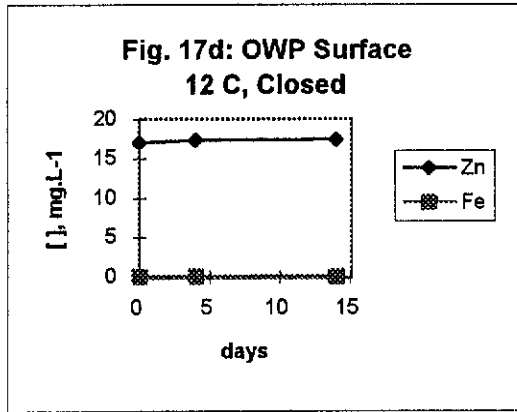
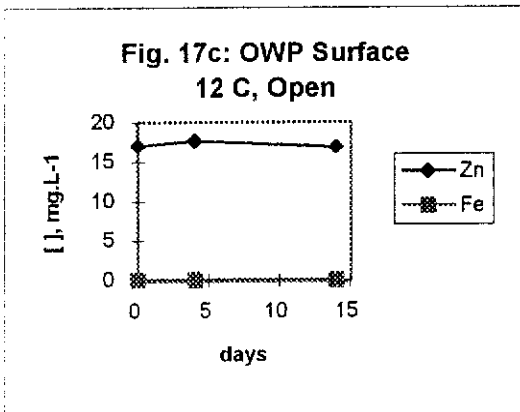
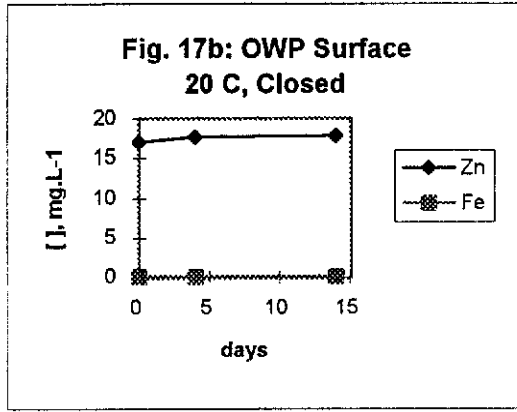
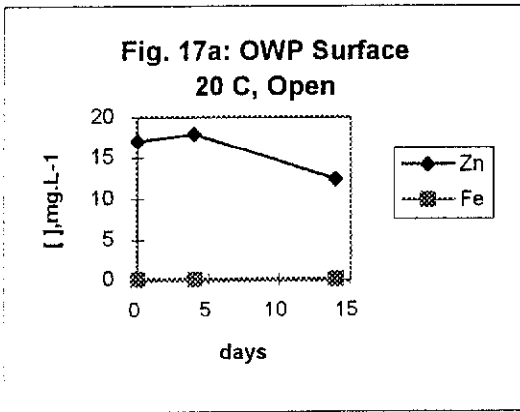
|   | M.W.<br>g | OEP<br>Volume<br>L | [<br>mg/L | Mass<br>kg | Mass<br>Moles | Equiv. PO <sub>4</sub><br>Mass, kg | Equiv. K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub><br>Mass, kg |
|---|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| OEP   |           | 208,197,000        |           |            |               |                                    |   |
| Zn  | 65        |                    | 14.6      | 3,047      | 46,606        | 4,428                              | 8,636   |
| Fe  | 56        |                    | 47.0      | 9,785      | 175,212       | 16,645                             | 32,468  |
| Ca  | 40        |                    | 390       | 81,197     | 2,025,869     | 192,458                            | 375,406   |
| Mg  | 24        |                    | 34.7      | 7,217      | 296,870       | 28,203                             | 55,012  |
| Mn  | 55        |                    | 9.9       | 2,062      | 37,530        | 3,565                              | 6,955   |
| PO <sub>4</sub>   | 95        |                    |           |            |               |                                    |   |
| K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>  | 185       |                    |           |            |               |                                    |   |
| For Entire Pit  |           |                    |           |            |               |                                    |   |
| Treatment 4: Control  |           |                    |           |            |               |                                    |   |
| Treatment 3: Add K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> equiv. to Zn Mass in Pit            |           |                    |           |            |               | 8,636                              | kg K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>                 |
| Treatment 2: Add K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> equiv. to Zn and Mg Mass in Pit     |           |                    |           |            |               | 63,648                             | kg K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>                 |
| Treatment 1: Add K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> equiv. to Zn, Mg and Ca Mass in Pit |           |                    |           |            |               | 439,054                            | kg K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>                 |

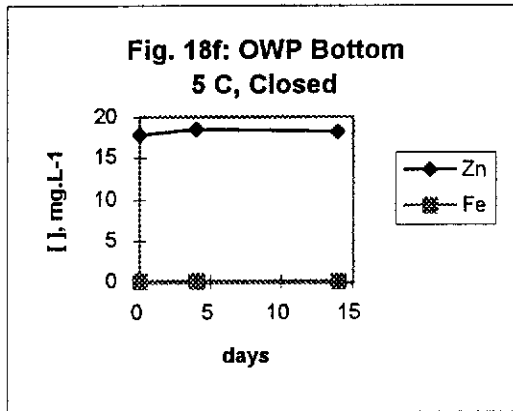
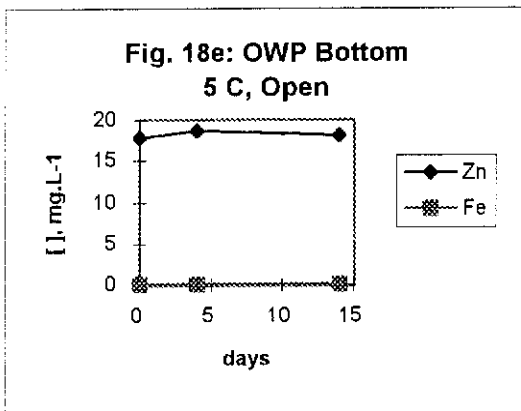
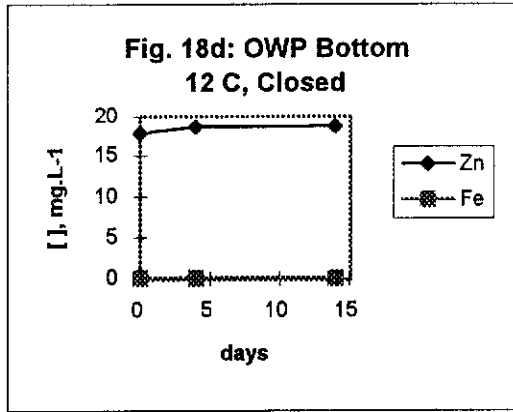
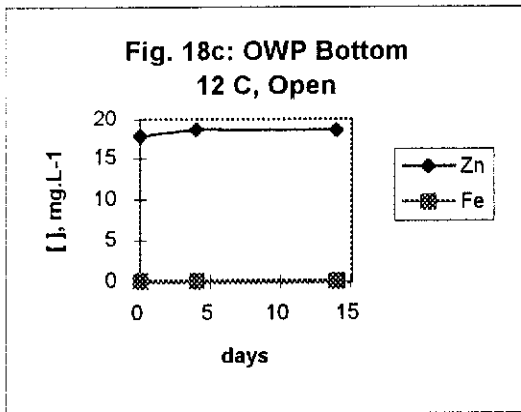
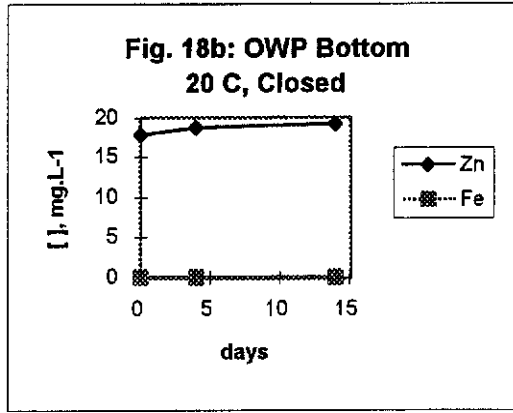
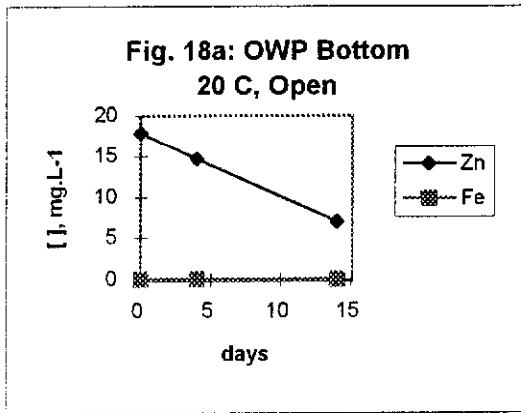
Table 18: Zinc Concentrations in 4 USG OEP (5') Samples Treated with 10-52-10 Fertilizer.

| Treatment            | 7-Jan-97<br>[Zn],mg/L<br>1 hour<br>Whole | 7-Jan-97<br>[Zn],mg/L<br>314 hours |          | %<br>Removal |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
|                      |  | Whole                              | Filtered |              |
| #1: 45 g per 4 USG   | 17.4                                     | 7.4                                | 7.4      | 57           |
| #2: 6.3 g per 4 USG  | 17.6                                     | 2.8                                | 2.4      | 87           |
| #3: 0.87 g per 4 USG | 17.5                                     | 4.8                                | 4.7      | 73           |
| #4: Control          | 17.5                                     | 10.6                               | 9.9      | 43           |

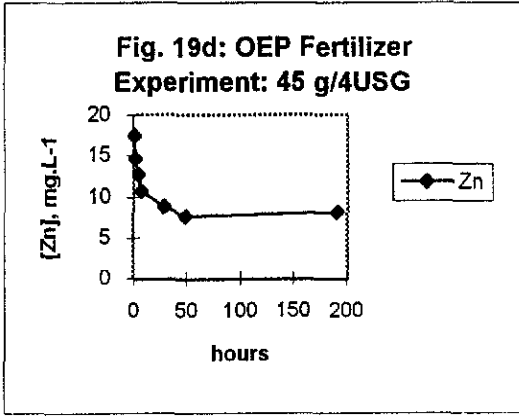
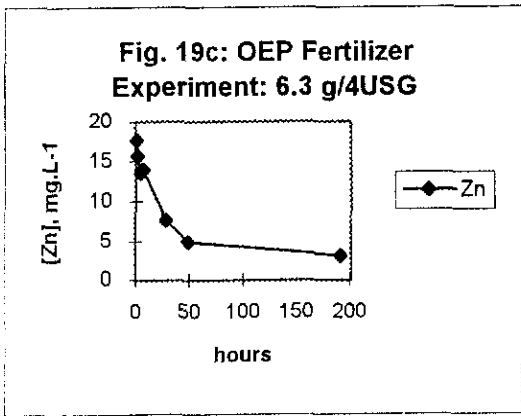
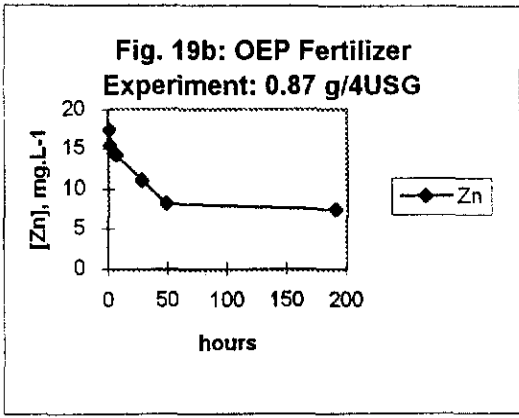
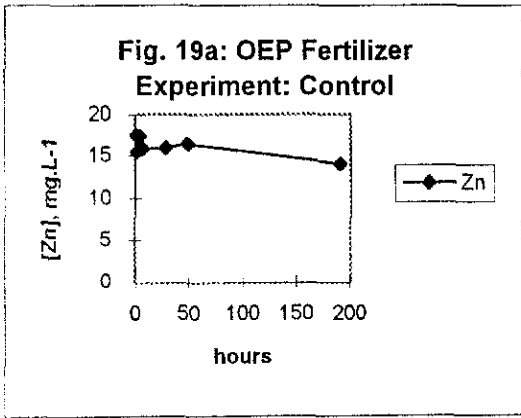












#### 4.0 SEM-EDX EXAMINATION OF PARTICLES

The purpose of this work is to identify the chemical and physical nature of zinc present on particles formed in the OWP-OEP Polishing Pond system. This was done through SEM-EDX investigations on particles and through sequential extractions using material collected in sedimentation traps (chemical particles).

Variation of concentration of zinc in OEP with depth in the summer shows that there is a zinc removal mechanism operating in the pit, and zinc-containing particles should collect in sedimentation traps. The EDX-SEM surface investigation of the particles in the sedimentation traps did not detect sufficient zinc on the surfaces of the particles to yield a zinc signal (0.1 %) from the surface when investigated at magnifications covering a range of 200 x to 2,000 x. The particle size in these magnifications was identified as submicron ( $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) size.

The bulk samples, however, report, on average, about 1.1 to 2.5% Zn in sedimentation traps (Table 13, Section 2). These two findings suggest that the particles containing zinc which settle in the sedimentation traps are small, but they must be numerous, as the concentrations of zinc accumulated are relatively high. Samples collected in July, 1996 were examined at a magnification of 20,000 x (data presented at the end of this section under SEM-EDX, September 15, 1996 samples). Particles sizes ranged from 0.25 to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The same samples were previously examined at 200 x to 2,000 x magnification to derive confirmation of the biological accumulation of zinc (data presented at the end of the section under EDX: Samples Collected July 10 & 12, 1995).

At the 20,000 x magnification, it could be confirmed that, indeed, these smaller particles are associated with zinc. It also was determined that there is a distinct layer of precipitate with a thickness of about 100 nm coating the larger particles. The coating was thinner on particles in samples from the bottom of the OEP (25 m deep).

The OWP had particles (at 20,000 x magnification) free of precipitate coatings, which was also the case for the particles in the Polishing Pond samples examined at this magnification.

The observations of the coatings on precipitate particles suggests that a chemical mechanism is involved in the removal of zinc which is associated with the formation of larger particles, governed by colloid formation processes. It is well known from the chemical kinetics that large particles or aggregates can only be formed when small particles are present.

The phytoplankton identified in the Buchans system cover a size range of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . No populations were detected in the OEP, but they were present in the OWP and the Polishing Ponds. This finding also adds to the conclusion that physical forces must be overwhelming to phytoplankton in the OEP since the nutrient status should support phytoplankton growth, demonstrated by the growth of periphyton (attached algae) and cattails in OEP. Since chemical and biological factors inhibiting phytoplankton growth can be ruled out, the only other factors not considered to date, but relevant to particle formation, are hydrodynamical forces.

The microscopic investigations counting phytoplankton (both in Germany and Canada) reported the presence of needle-like crystals in the single OEP sample collected close to the thermocline in September. Particles experience different hydrodynamical influences when the thermocline is deeper during the summer months. In the September samples, the needle-like form of particles suggests that particles of such shape can be formed only as a result of different hydrodynamic forces, compared to those which lead to round aggregates of colloidal particles. A needle-like crystal can be induced when the hydrodynamical forces are laminar and not turbulent, as would be the case when the thermocline deepens and dissipates towards the end of the ice-free season (Figure 14, Section 2). The gradual decrease in Polishing Pond performance may also be related to particle formation and settling, due to seasonal

changes in both temperature and pH.

The observations to date can, in part, be explained in terms of those water flow patterns which influence those processes involved in the formation of zinc-bearing particles and the settling of these precipitates. After the formation of small particles of zinc carbonate, two simultaneous processes are taking place in the OEP to remove zinc via particle formation.

- a) the further growth and/or aggregation of particles.
- b) once the particle sizes is sufficiently large, then it is possible that they can settle.

Ferric iron oxidation and iron hydroxide formation may provide sufficiently large particles to assist in the aggregation of particles containing zinc.

Some zinc particle formation and settling occurs in OEP during the ice-free season, when ground water must enter and, prior to discharge from the pit, mix with the horizontally and vertically circulating epilimnion (1-2 m thick) covering the entire surface of the pit. Particulates borne in the circulating epilimnion are subjected to both zones of laminar (middle stratum of epilimnion) and turbulent (at epilimnion-thermocline interface) flow, and quiescent zones (pit perimeter). Particle aggregation and settling are possible in these months. However, in winter, gravity and hydrodynamics (dragging of particles with water) are, unfortunately, acting in opposite directions.

For example, while small particles may be forming in winter along the flow paths between ground water input and the OEP outflow, these flow paths may be both relatively laminar and high velocity, such that particles can neither aggregate by turbulent mixing, nor settle out of the rapid flow path. Particles may remain in the moving volume of water until discharged from the pit. The association of zinc with the small particles also explains in part why the polishing ponds, where no dissolved iron is present, still remove zinc at better rates when periphyton growth rates are high,

through providing turbulent and quiescent zones for particle aggregation and settling by gravity. The SEM-EDX analyses revealed that a significant amount of zinc in precipitates is associated with algal biomass in the first polishing pond, located very close to the weir of OEP (data presented at the end of this section under EDX, Samples Collected July 10 & 12, 1995; SEM/EDX, February 1996 with 1995 Samples).

The differences between the summer hydrodynamics suggest an opportunity for particle formation and removal of zinc by inducing changes in flow patterns in the OEP. Potentially, changes in the flow pattern may improve the current hydrodynamic conditions. An evaluation of the physical changes which are required can be carried out by evaluating the particles sizes present in the pit, and the orders of magnitude of changes required to augment the particle formation/precipitation process will be estimated.

**SEM/EDX**

**February 1996**

**with 1995 Samples**

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Figure 1

OEP.

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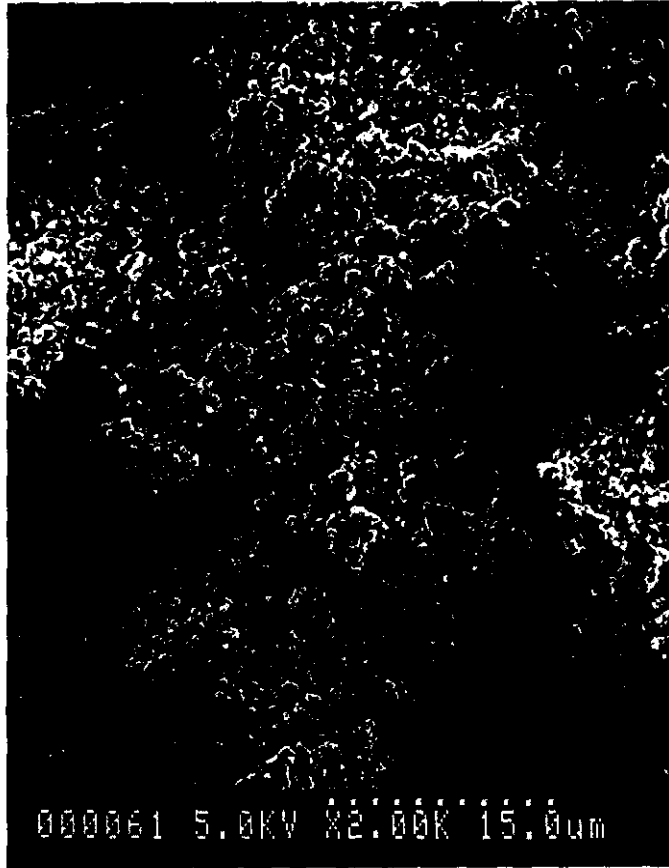
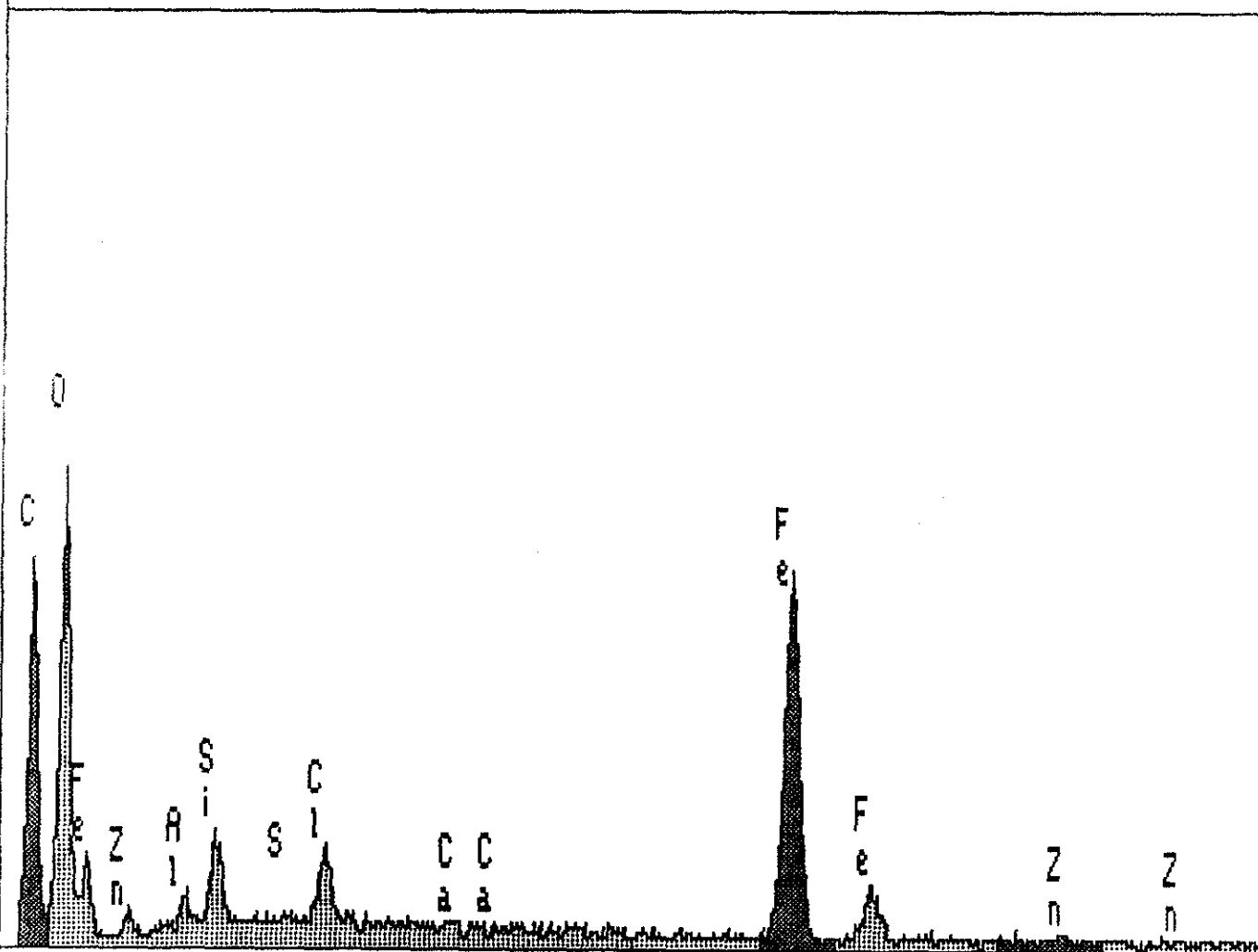




Figure 2

X-RAY: 0 - 20 KeV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 69s 28% Dead



< - .0 5.130 KeV 10.3 >  
FS= 2K ch 265= 47 cts  
MEM1: OEP 02/96

Spectrum file : NCE

E 02/96

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
5.2 79.52 37048

TOTAL AREA= 51491

.....  
Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 1.92

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)       |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| S K : 0 | .076     | .074* < 2 Sigma* |
| CuK : 0 | .146     | .236* < 2 Sigma* |
| SiK : 0 | 1.158    | .079             |
| NaK : 0 | .415     | .055             |
| ClK : 0 | 1.144    | .095             |
| ZnK : 0 | .669     | .331             |
| FeK : 0 | 16.097   | .392             |
| MnK : 0 | .106     | .125* < 2 Sigma* |
| AlK : 0 | .401     | .082             |
| CaK : 0 | .022     | .076* < 2 Sigma* |
| K K : 0 | .079     | .076* < 2 Sigma* |

#### ZAF CALCULATIONS

...[ 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: E 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .712  | < .148 +- | .074  |         |
| CuK : 0 | .834  | < .471 +- | .236  |         |
| SiK : 0 | .542  | 2.138 +-  | .146  | 14.251  |
| NaK : 0 | .311  | 1.334 +-  | .178  | 10.863  |
| ClK : 0 | .789  | 1.449 +-  | .121  | 7.652   |
| ZnK : 0 | .852  | .784 +-   | .388  | 2.246   |
| FeK : 0 | .953  | 16.897 +- | .411  | 56.636  |
| MnK : 0 | .925  | < .250 +- | .125  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .439  | .914 +-   | .188  | 6.339   |
| CaK : 0 | 1.000 | < .152 +- | .076  |         |
| K K : 0 | .969  | < .152 +- | .076  |         |
| TOTAL   |       | 23.516    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 3

OWP

02/96.

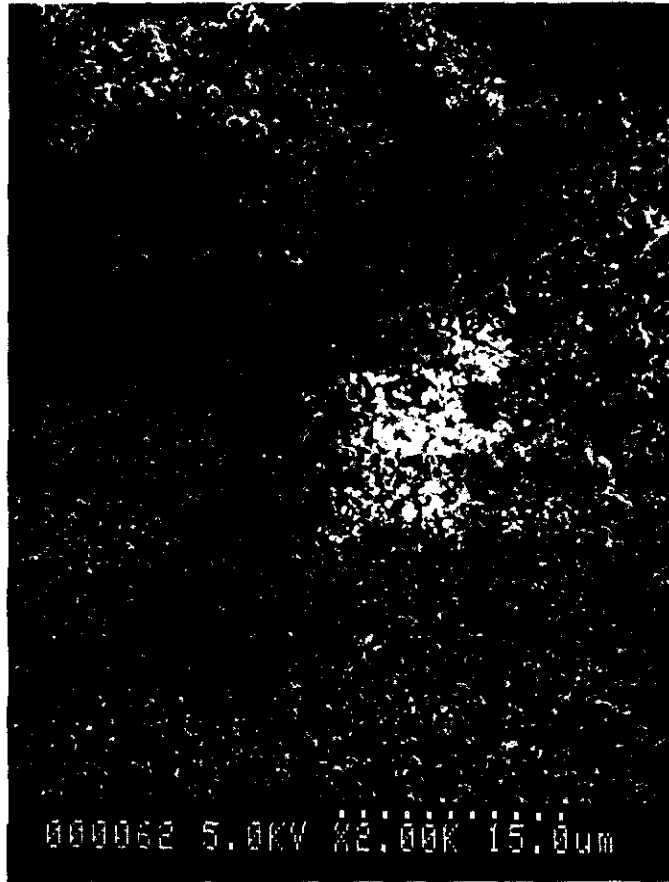
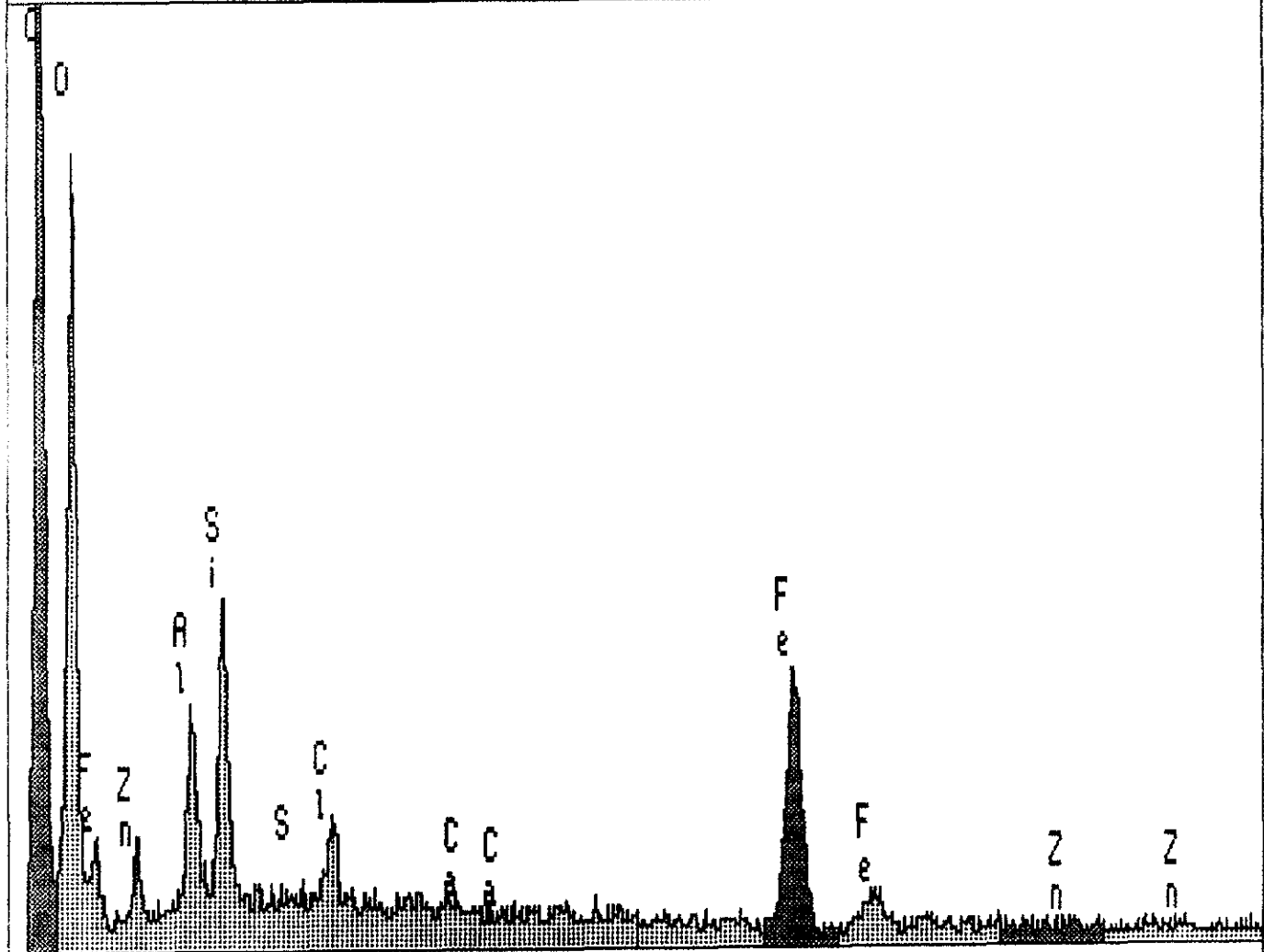


Figure 4

X-RAY: 0 - 20 KeV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 67s 25% Dead



< - .0 5.130 KeV 10.3 >  
FS= 1K ch 265= 46 cts  
MEM1: OWP 02/96

Spectrum file : NCW

W 02/96

LIVETIME (spec.)= 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
5.8 78.21 36464

TOTAL AREA= 42109

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Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 1.48

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)       |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| S K : 0 | .022     | .067* < 2 Sigma* |
| CuK : 0 | .173     | .204* < 2 Sigma* |
| SiK : 0 | 1.872    | .087             |
| NaK : 0 | .552     | .059             |
| ClK : 0 | .617     | .078             |
| ZnK : 0 | .287     | .271* < 2 Sigma* |
| FeK : 0 | 5.648    | .256             |
| MnK : 0 | .103     | .104* < 2 Sigma* |
| AlK : 0 | 1.502    | .101             |
| CaK : 0 | -.058    | .069* < 2 Sigma* |
| K K : 0 | .117     | .070* < 2 Sigma* |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

... [ 3 iterations ]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: W 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .618 | < .133 +- | .067  |         |
| CuK : 0 | .822 | < .408 +- | .204  |         |
| SiK : 0 | .535 | 3.498 +-  | .163  | 28.628  |
| NaK : 0 | .440 | 1.256 +-  | .134  | 12.563  |
| ClK : 0 | .698 | .883 +-   | .112  | 5.728   |
| ZnK : 0 | .833 | < .542 +- | .271  |         |
| FeK : 0 | .899 | 6.283 +-  | .285  | 25.866  |
| MnK : 0 | .871 | < .209 +- | .104  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .541 | 2.781 +-  | .188  | 23.703  |
| CaK : 0 | .908 | < .137 +- | .069  |         |
| K K : 0 | .879 | < .141 +- | .070  |         |
| TOTAL   |      | 14.702    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 5b



Figure 5

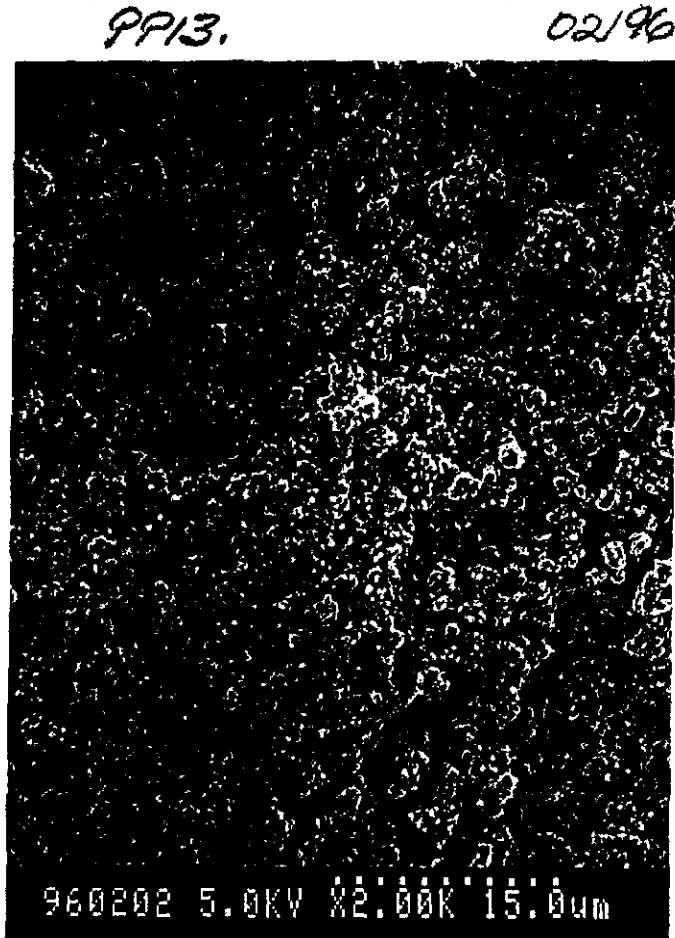
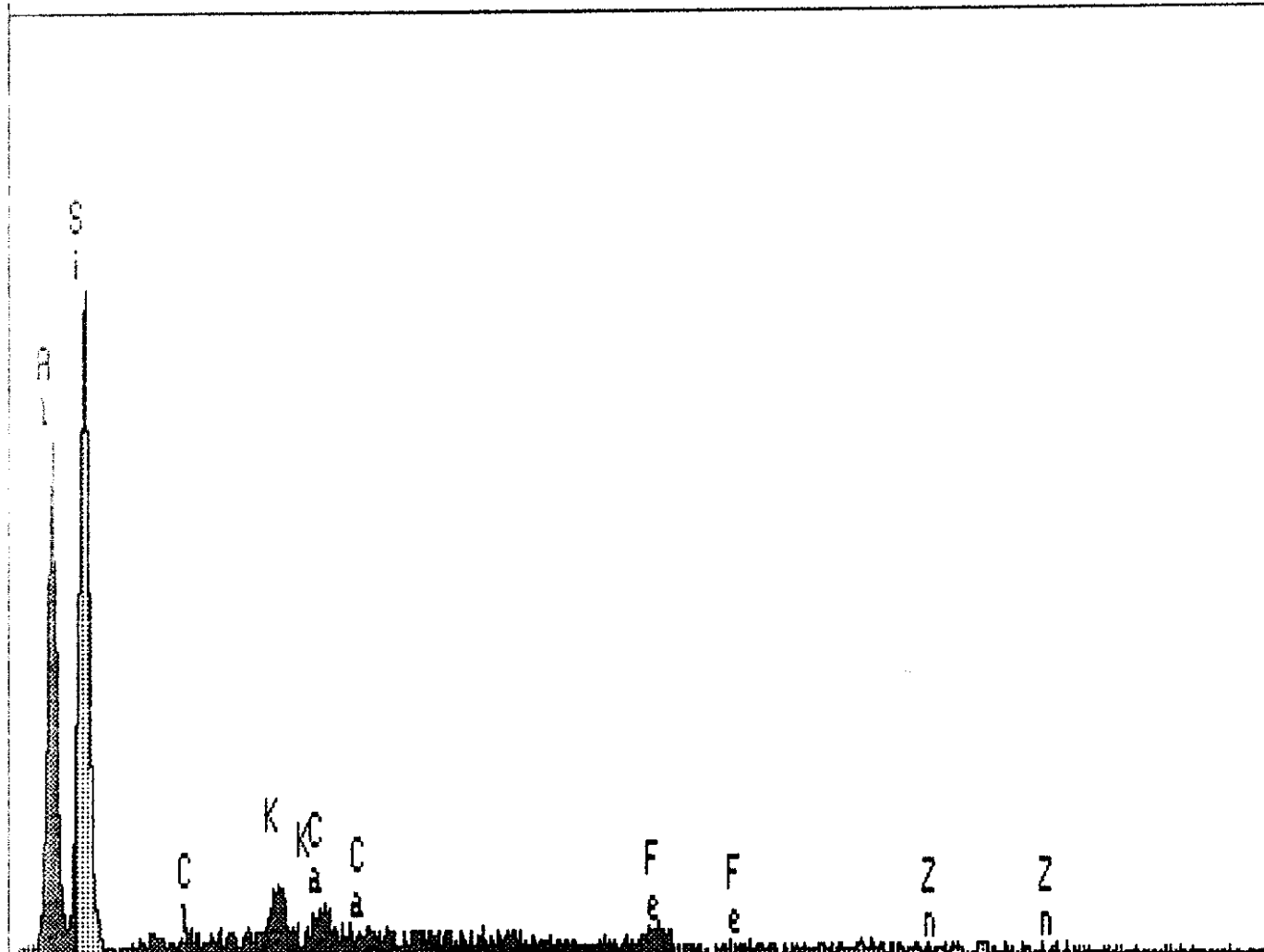


Figure 6

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 64s 22% Dead



< 1.1 6.240 keV 11.4 >  
FS= 1K ch 322= 30 cts  
MEM1: 13(PP13) 02/96



Spectrum file : NC13

13 02/96

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
- 5.9 77.59 37092  
TOTAL AREA= 19890

.....  
FIT INDEX= 1.58

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| S K : 0 | .073      | .041* < 2 Sigma* |
| FeK : 0 | .419      | .122             |
| NaK : 0 | .549      | .042             |
| CaK : 0 | .252      | .064             |
| ClK : 0 | .072      | .045* < 2 Sigma* |
| ZnK : 0 | -.056     | .195* < 2 Sigma* |
| MnK : 0 | -.017     | .084* < 2 Sigma* |
| AlK : 0 | 3.813     | .124             |
| SiK : 0 | 4.147     | .105             |
| K K : 0 | .493      | .069             |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

... [ 3 iterations ]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: 13 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

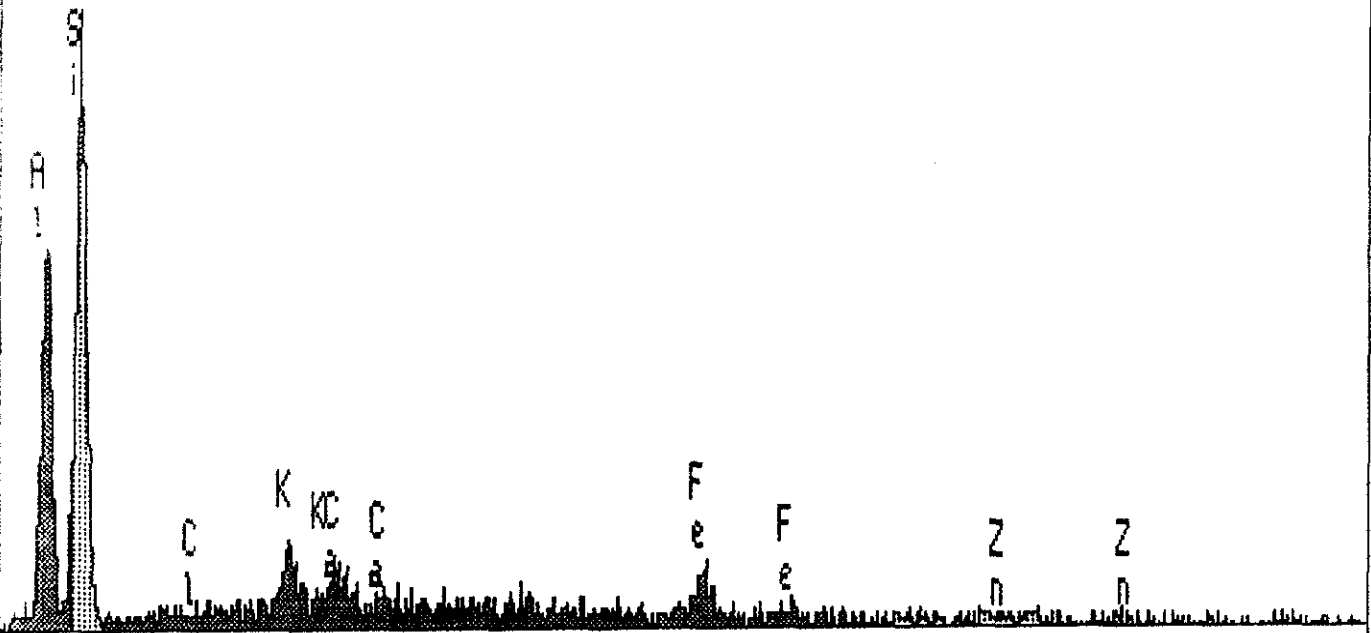
| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .509 | < .082 +- | .041  |         |
| FeK : 0 | .825 | 3.855 +-  | 1.125 | 1.979   |
| NaK : 0 | .953 | 4.365 +-  | .337  | 5.444   |
| CaK : 0 | .794 | 2.408 +-  | .614  | 1.722   |
| ClK : 0 | .584 | < .089 +- | .045  |         |
| ZnK : 0 | .809 | < .390 +- | .195  |         |
| MnK : 0 | .797 | < .168 +- | .084  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .925 | 31.248 +- | 1.014 | 33.204  |
| SiK : 0 | .613 | 51.364 +- | 1.302 | 52.423  |
| K K : 0 | .785 | 4.764 +-  | .665  | 3.493   |
| TOTAL   |      | 98.004    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 7



Figure 8

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 60s 17% Dead



< 1.1 6.240 keV 11.4 >  
FS=511 ch 322= 13 cts  
MEM1: 17 (PPI7) 02/96

Spectrum file : NC17

17 02/96

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 6.3         | 75.99 | 35655 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 8843  |

.....  
FIT INDEX= .54

| ELMT    | AFF. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| S K : 0 | .009      | .026* < 2 Sigma* |
| FeK : 0 | .391      | .095             |
| NaK : 0 | .182      | .024             |
| CaK : 0 | .132      | .046             |
| ClK : 0 | -.016     | .028* < 2 Sigma* |
| ZnK : 0 | -.023     | .141* < 2 Sigma* |
| MnK : 0 | .020      | .051* < 2 Sigma* |
| AlK : 0 | 1.356     | .075             |
| SiK : 0 | 1.631     | .066             |
| K K : 0 | .220      | .047             |

#### ZAF CALCULATIONS

.. [ 2 iterations ]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: 17 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .516 | < .052 +- | .026  |         |
| FeK : 0 | .832 | 8.616 +-  | 2.092 | 4.555   |
| NaK : 0 | .833 | 4.013 +-  | .536  | 5.154   |
| CaK : 0 | .810 | 2.975 +-  | 1.051 | 2.191   |
| ClK : 0 | .597 | < .057 +- | .028  |         |
| ZnK : 0 | .811 | < .281 +- | .141  |         |
| MnK : 0 | .804 | < .101 +- | .051  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .858 | 29.029 +- | 1.607 | 31.771  |
| SiK : 0 | .602 | 49.461 +- | 2.001 | 51.994  |
| K K : 0 | .803 | 5.009 +-  | 1.076 | 3.783   |
| TOTAL   |      | 99.102    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 9

PP17 B.

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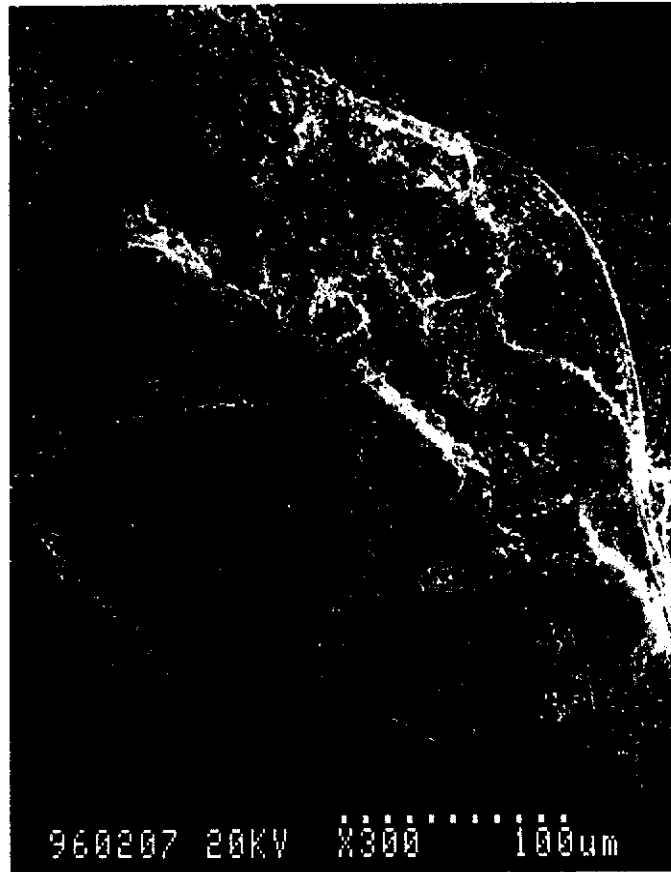
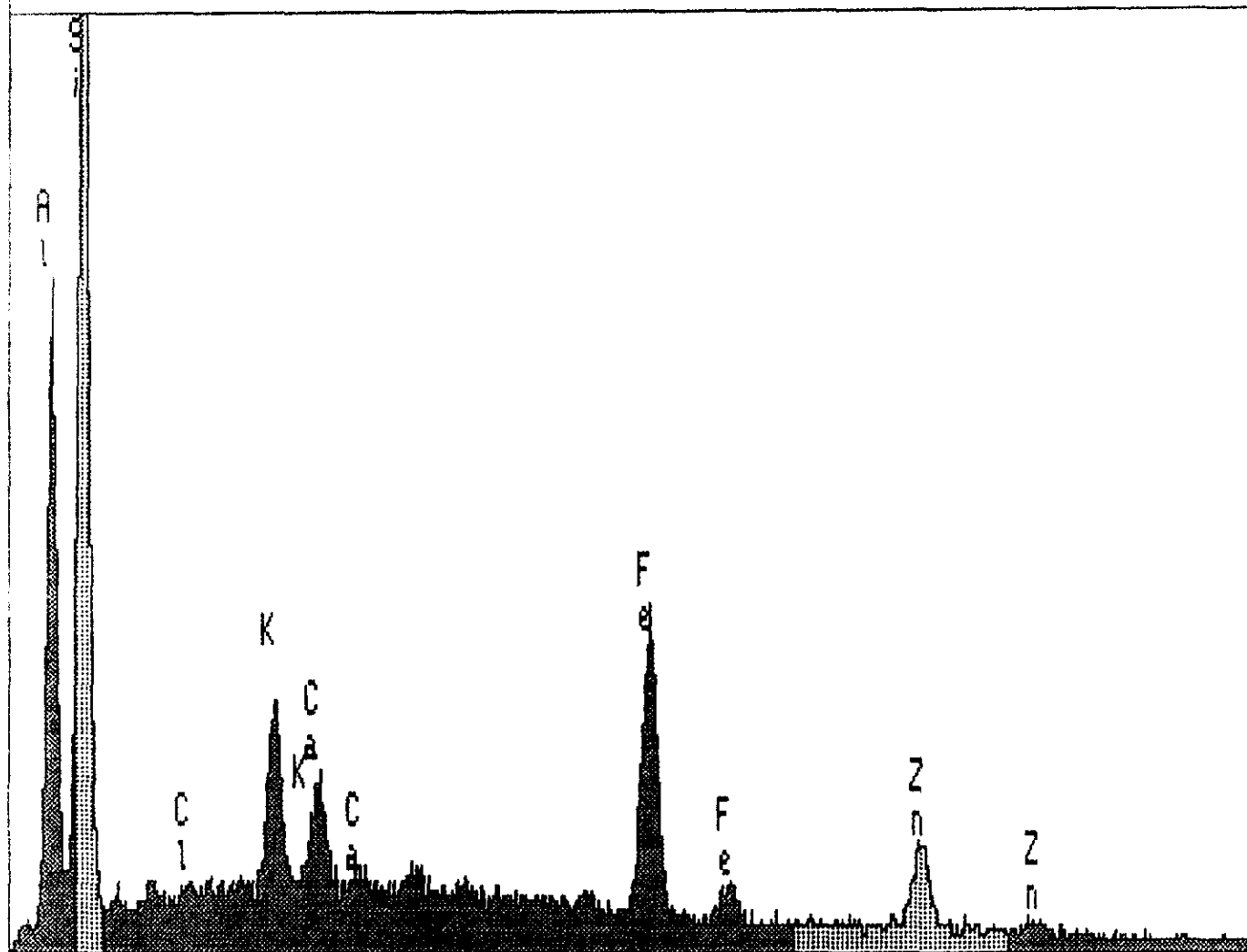


Figure 10

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 80s 38% Dead



< 1.1 6.240 keV 11.4 >  
FS= 2K ch 322= 162 cts  
MEM1: 17B (PP17) 02/96

Spectrum file : NC17B

17B 02/96

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 5.9         | 81.05 | 40698 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 94911 |

\*\*\*\*\*

Peak at 4.46 keV omitted?

FIT INDEX= 4.13

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)       |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| S K : 0 | .447     | .095             |
| FeK : 0 | 13.173   | .412             |
| NaK : 0 | 1.084    | .065             |
| CaK : 0 | 1.934    | .153             |
| ClK : 0 | .148     | .100* < 2 Sigma* |
| ZnK : 0 | 7.998    | .618             |
| MnK : 0 | .654     | .200             |
| AlK : 0 | 9.751    | .208             |
| SiK : 0 | 15.618   | .205             |
| K K : 0 | 3.720    | .165             |

#### ZAF CALCULATIONS

....[ 4 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: 17B 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM.%  |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .566 | .997 +-   | .212  | 1.064   |
| FeK : 0 | .878 | 18.933 +- | .592  | 11.606  |
| NaK : 0 | .520 | 2.632 +-  | .158  | 3.920   |
| CaK : 0 | .855 | 2.854 +-  | .225  | 2.438   |
| ClK : 0 | .644 | < .200 +- | .100  |         |
| ZnK : 0 | .835 | 12.095 +- | .935  | 6.334   |
| MnK : 0 | .846 | .976 +-   | .299  | .608    |
| AlK : 0 | .604 | 20.361 +- | .434  | 25.836  |
| SiK : 0 | .558 | 35.363 +- | .464  | 43.099  |
| K K : 0 | .854 | 5.499 +-  | .244  | 4.815   |
| TOTAL   |      | 99.711    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 11

9917 C.

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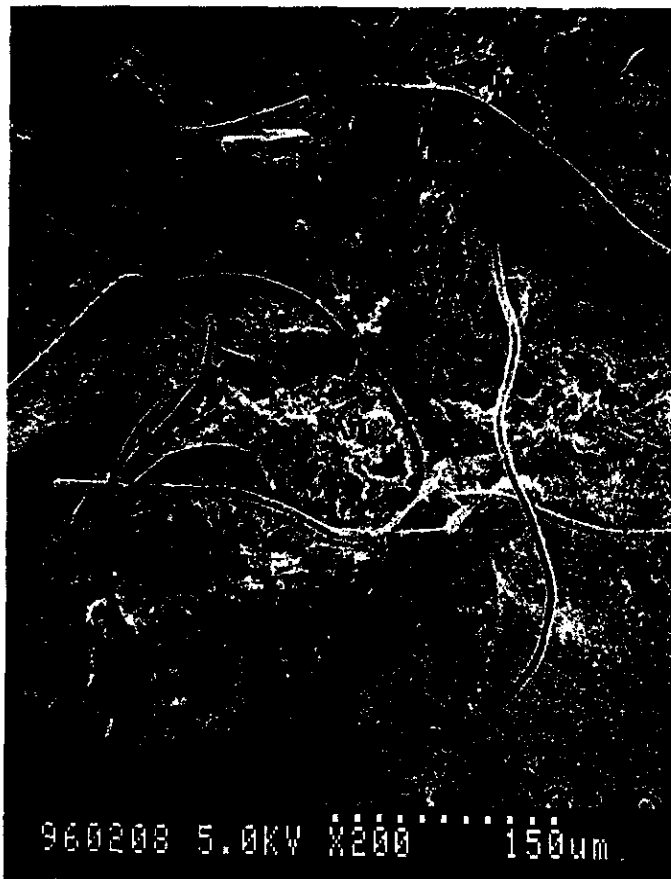
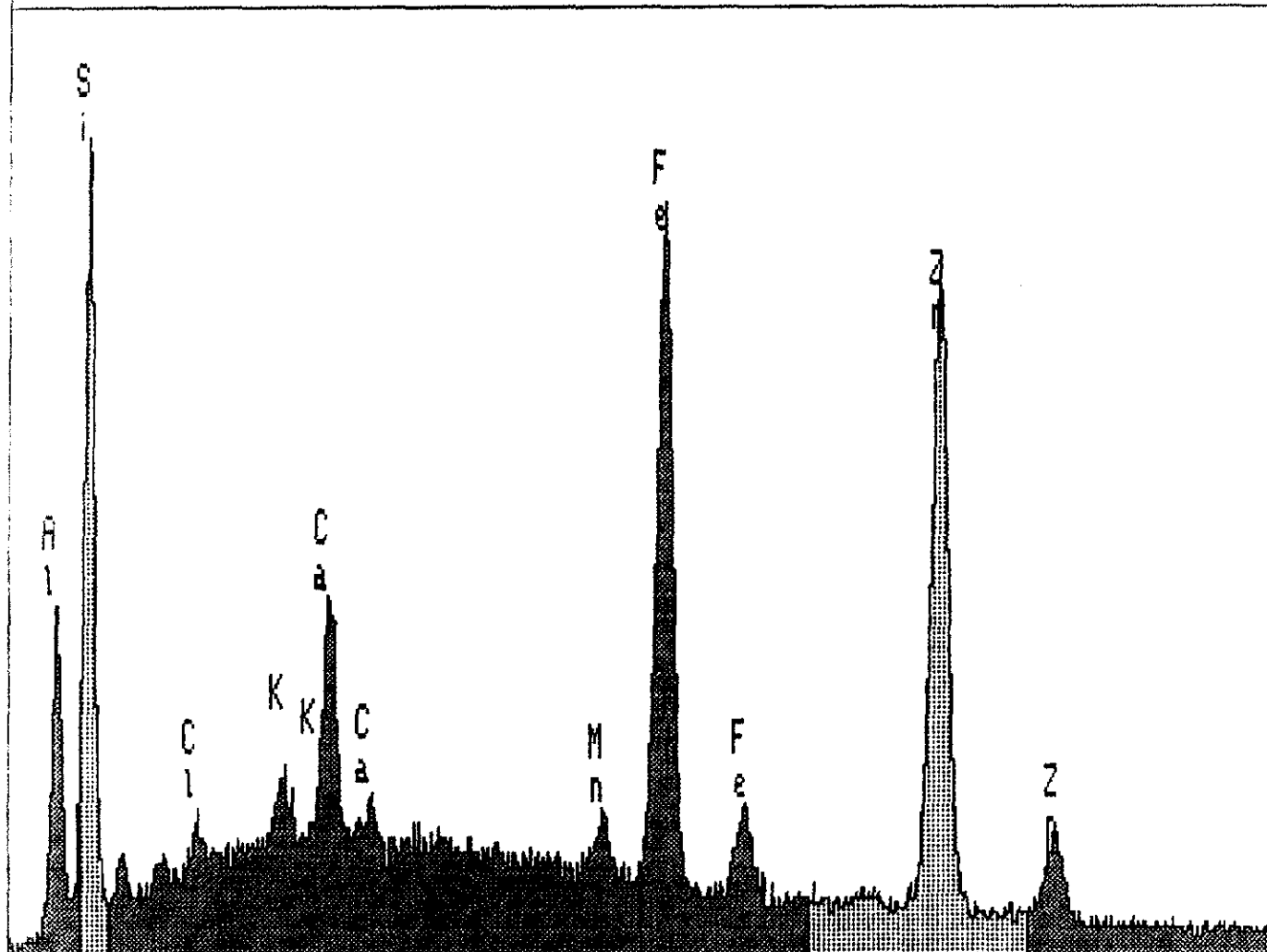




Figure 12

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 87s 43% Dead



< 1.1 6.200 keV 11.3 >  
FS= 2K ch 320= 210 cts  
MEM1: 170 (PP17) 02/96

Spectrum file : NC17C

17C 02/96

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
- 5.8 80.06 39993

TOTAL AREA = 139680

.....  
FIT INDEX = 3.95

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%) |
|---------|-----------|-------------|
| S K : 0 | .527      | .112        |
| FeK : 0 | 29.749    | .597        |
| NaK : 0 | .838      | .057        |
| CaK : 0 | 4.834     | .205        |
| ClK : 0 | .696      | .128        |
| ZnK : 0 | 59.544    | 1.263       |
| MnK : 0 | 1.899     | .280        |
| AlK : 0 | 5.103     | .159        |
| SiK : 0 | 10.022    | .170        |
| K K : 0 | 1.232     | .167        |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

...[ 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: 17C 02/96

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| S K : 0 | .615 | .596 +-   | .126  | .847    |
| FeK : 0 | .981 | 21.118 +- | .424  | 17.214  |
| NaK : 0 | .340 | 1.717 +-  | .118  | 3.400   |
| CaK : 0 | .949 | 3.549 +-  | .151  | 4.031   |
| ClK : 0 | .700 | .693 +-   | .127  | .890    |
| ZnK : 0 | .898 | 46.152 +- | .979  | 32.141  |
| MnK : 0 | .935 | 1.415 +-  | .209  | 1.172   |
| AlK : 0 | .396 | 8.975 +-  | .280  | 15.144  |
| SiK : 0 | .470 | 14.857 +- | .253  | 24.078  |
| K K : 0 | .922 | .931 +-   | .126  | 1.084   |
| TOTAL   |      | 100.002   |       | 100.000 |

Figure 13

PP17

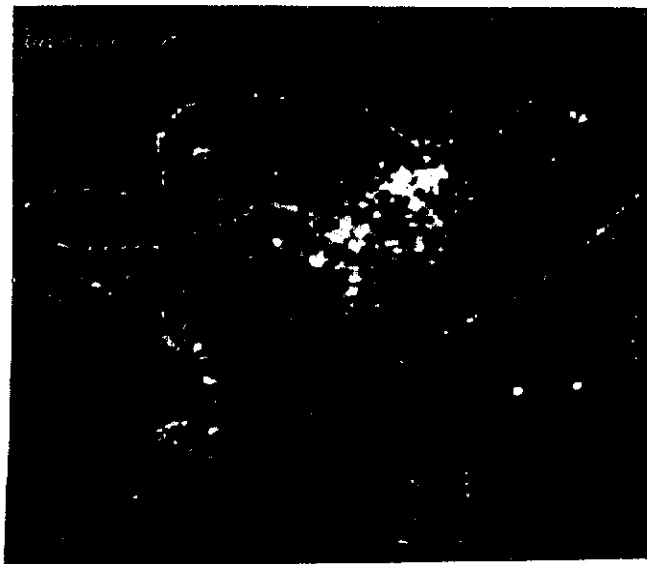
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Figure 14



SEM  
Image



Carbon  
Distribution



Zinc  
Distribution

**EDX**

**Samples Collected**

**July 10 & 12 1995**

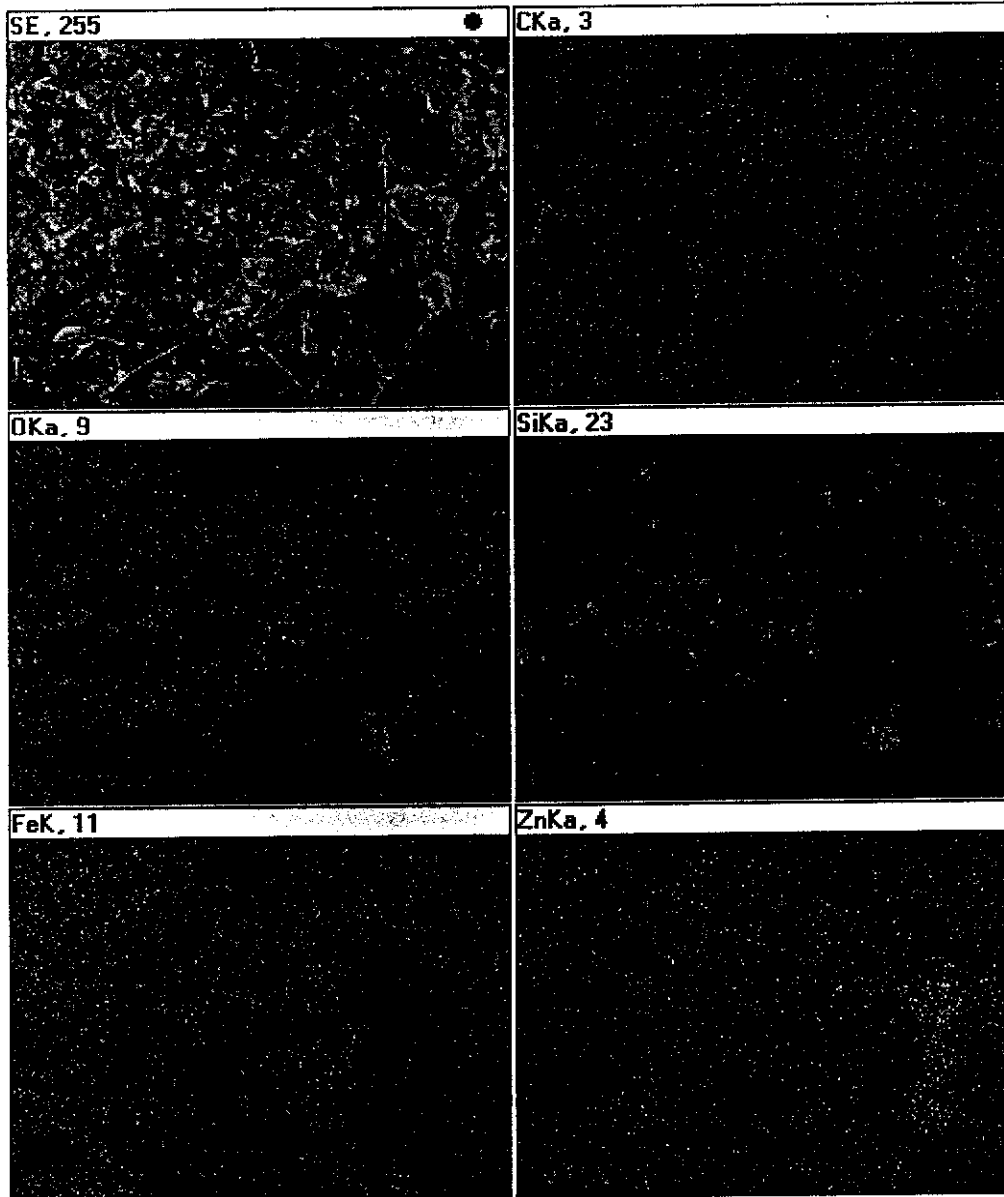
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**Figure 1**  
**PP13 New Stub 09/96**

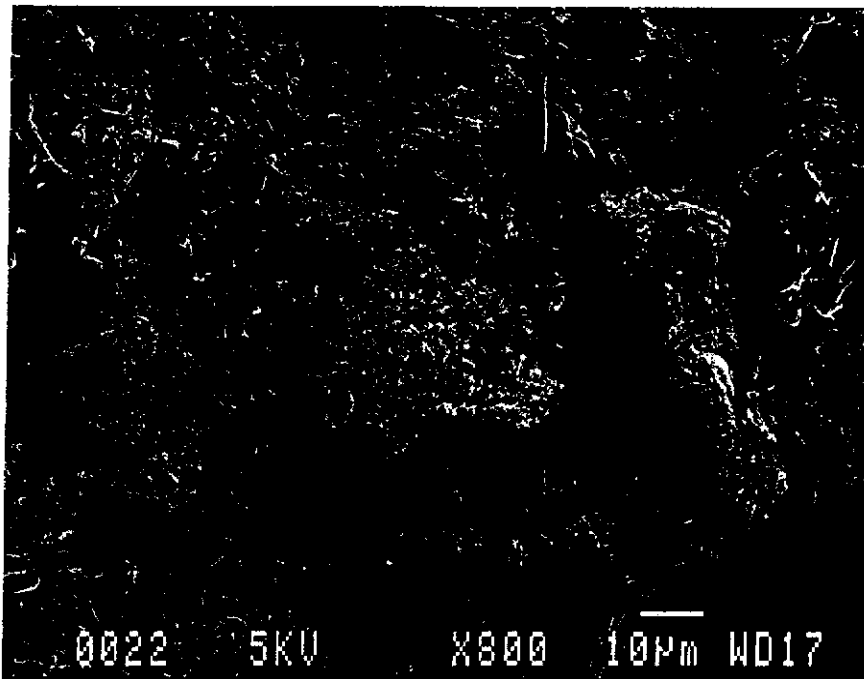
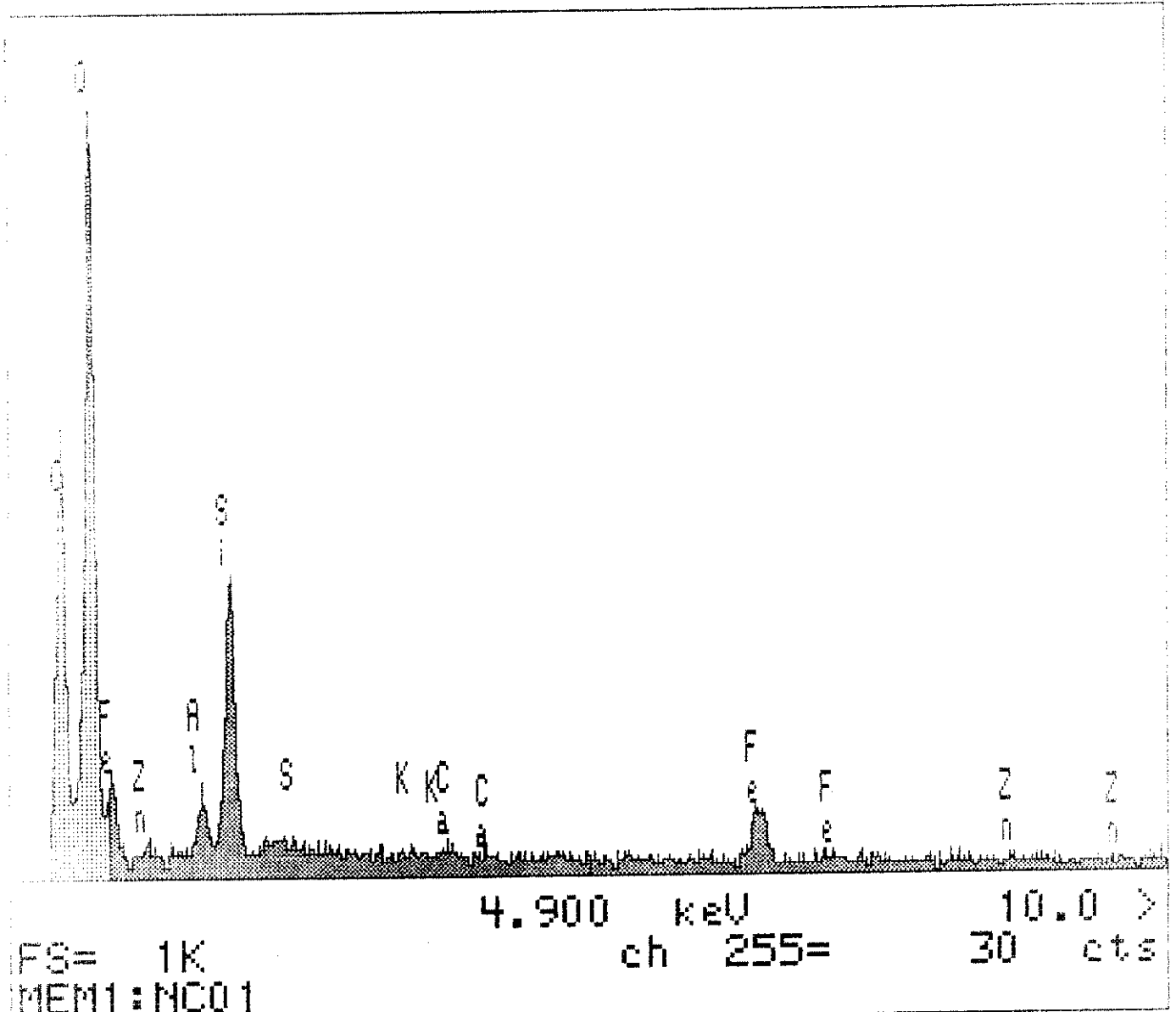


Figure 2

Buchans OWP Branch #2 10/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 65s 23% Dead



Spectrum file : NC01

NC01

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY       | RES   | AREA  |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 6.2          | 83.98 | 36438 |
| TOTAL AREA = |       | 31369 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?

CFI INDEX = 1.37

| ELMT     | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|----------|-----------|---|
| ClK : 0  | .005      | .058* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| NaK : 0  | .173      | .050                                      |
| S K : 0  | -.000     | .079* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ar L : 0 | .281      | .270* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ca L : 0 | 1.548     | .174                                      |
| Sc L : 0 | -.174     | .204* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ti L : 0 | .089      | .100* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| V L : 0  | .465      | .082                                      |
| Cr L : 0 | 2.162     | .090                                      |
| Mn L : 0 | .013      | .068* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Fe L : 0 | .080      | .534* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Co L : 0 | -.054     | .086* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ni L : 0 | .083      | .062* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Cu L : 0 | .067      | .060* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zn L : 0 | -1.544    | .879* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Ga L : 0 | .021      | .174* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

[1.1 2 iterations]

20.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC01

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

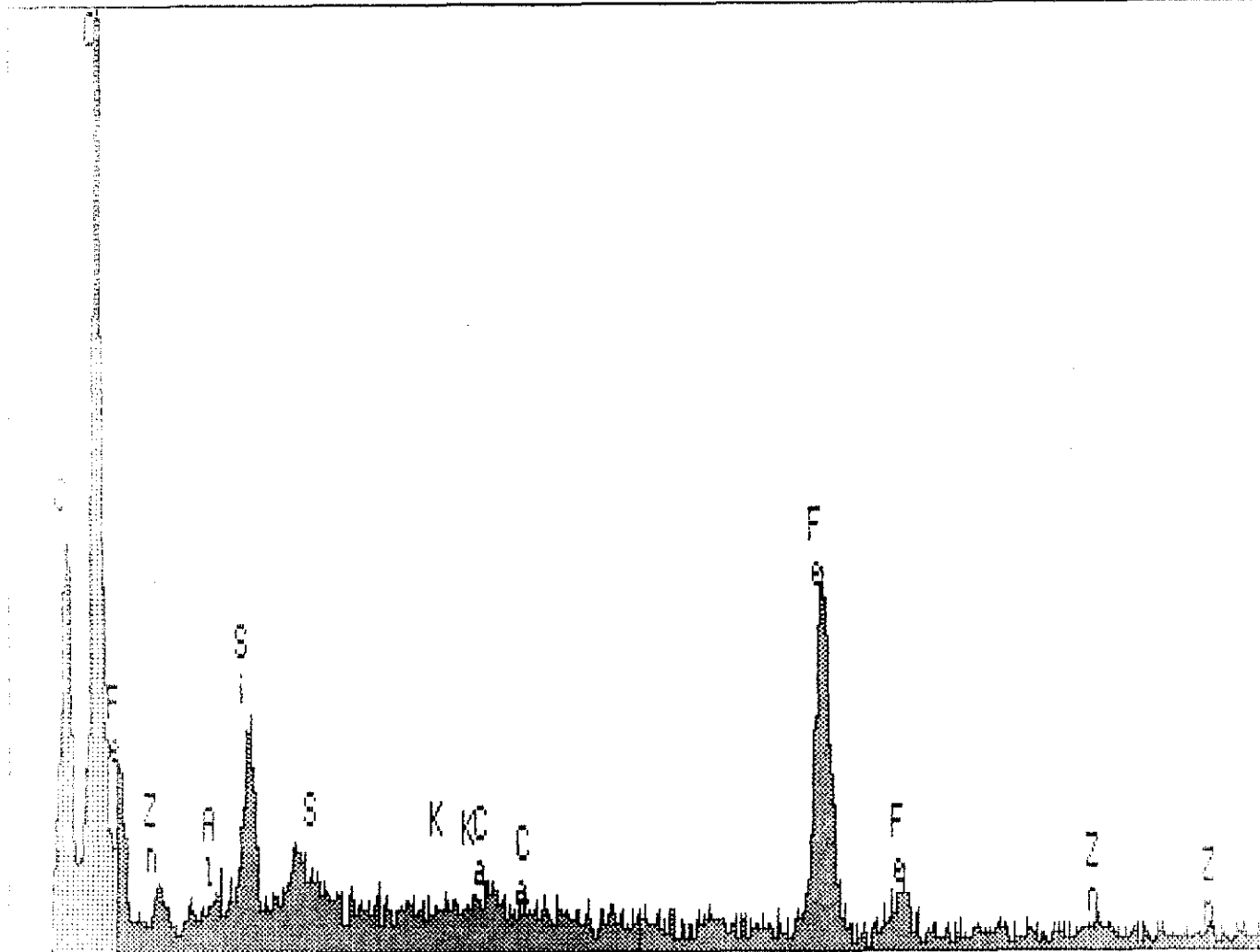
All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT     | ZAF  | %ELMT +-   | Error | ATOM. % |
|----------|------|------------|-------|---------|
| ClK : 0  | .625 | < .116 +-  | .058  |         |
| NaK : 0  | .542 | 4.541 +-   | 1.309 | 6.644   |
| Ar L : 0 | .542 | < .158 +-  | .079  |         |
| Ca L : 0 | .827 | < .539 +-  | .270  |         |
| Sc L : 0 | .872 | 25.076 +-  | 2.825 | 15.103  |
| Ti L : 0 | .818 | < .408 +-  | .204  |         |
| V L : 0  | .844 | < .201 +-  | .100  |         |
| Cr L : 0 | .614 | 10.749 +-  | 1.899 | 13.402  |
| Mn L : 0 | .623 | 48.784 +-  | 2.020 | 58.421  |
| Fe L : 0 | .817 | < .136 +-  | .068  |         |
| Co L : 0 | .753 | < 1.069 +- | .534  |         |
| Ni L : 0 | .882 | < .173 +-  | .086  |         |
| Cu L : 0 | .866 | < .124 +-  | .062  |         |
| Zn L : 0 | .837 | < .121 +-  | .060  |         |
| TOTAL    |      | 89.150     |       | 100.000 |

Figure 3

Buchans OWP Branch #3 10/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 62s 19% Dead



4.900 keV 10.0 >  
ch 255= 26 cts  
FS=511  
MEM1:NC02

Spectrum file : NC02

NC02

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 5.0         | 80.81 | 35686 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 19821 |

.....  
Mask at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= .95

| ELMT | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|------|-----------|---|
| Al   | -.015     | .049* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ar   | .179      | .042                                      |
| Ca   | .073      | .072* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Fe   | .378      | .232* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Na   | 4.033     | .223                                      |
| Ni   | .072      | .152* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Pb   | -.010     | .079* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Pt   | .003      | .057* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Sr   | .651      | .059                                      |
| Ti   | -.067     | .058* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zn   | .348      | .378* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zr   | .113      | .073* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Br   | .108      | .060* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Cr   | .051      | .054* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Bi   | -.055     | .660* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Bom  | .410      | .165Not used for quantitation             |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

[ 2 iterations]

1000 keV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC02

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

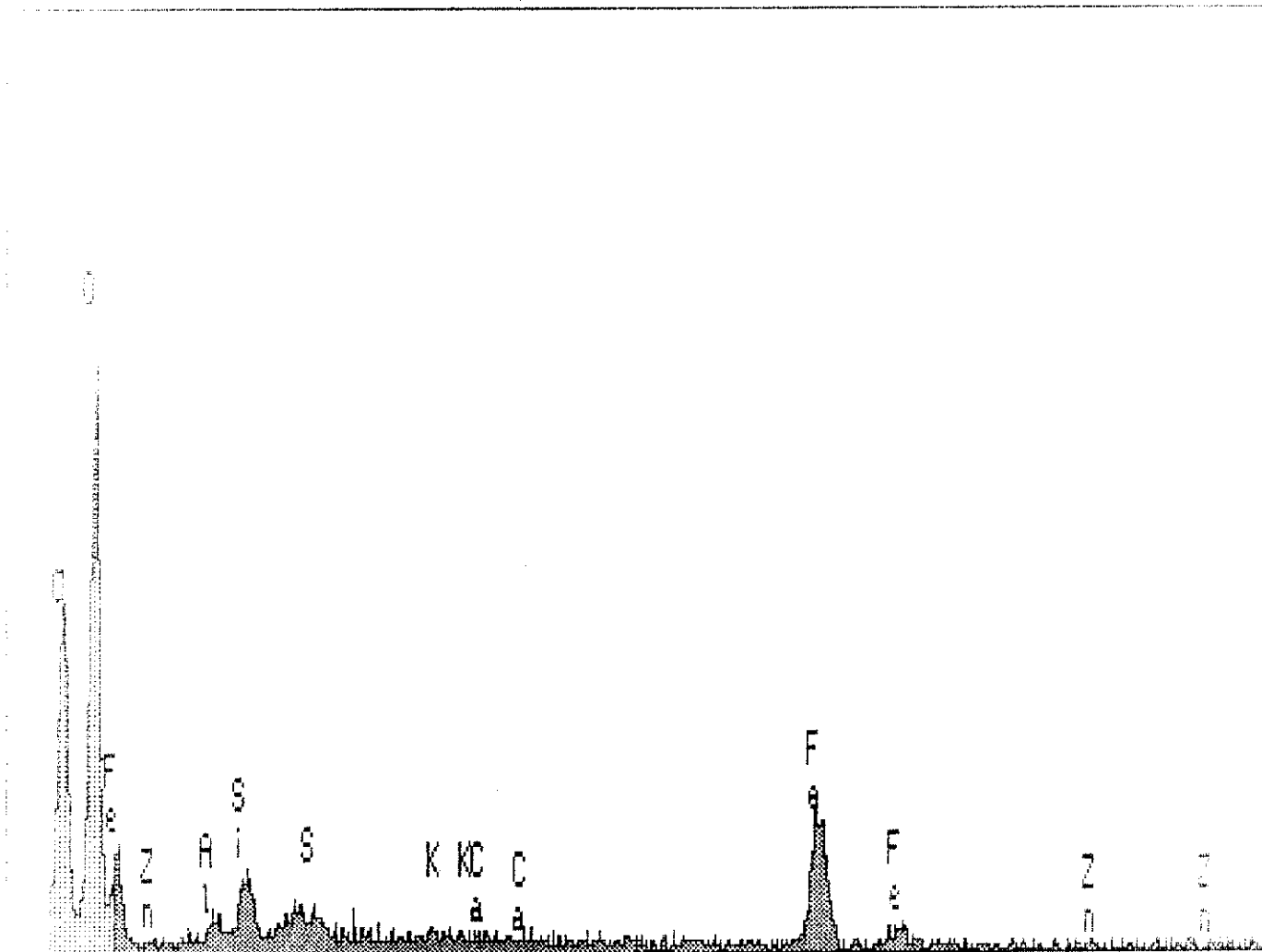
All elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT  | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Al    | .738  | < .099 +- | .049  |         |
| Ar    | .344  | 7.124 +-  | 1.658 | 13.709  |
| Ca    | .662  | < .144 +- | .072  |         |
| Fe    | .864  | < .465 +- | .232  |         |
| Na    | .947  | 58.002 +- | 3.208 | 45.946  |
| Ni    | .847  | < .303 +- | .152  |         |
| Pb    | .921  | < .158 +- | .079  |         |
| Pt    | .422  | < .114 +- | .057  |         |
| Bi    | .536  | 16.534 +- | 1.501 | 26.041  |
| Ti    | .930  | < .116 +- | .058  |         |
| Zn    | .800  | < .756 +- | .378  |         |
| Zr    | 1.032 | < .146 +- | .073  |         |
| Br    | .987  | < .120 +- | .060  |         |
| Cr    | .962  | < .107 +- | .054  |         |
| TOTAL |       | 81.660    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 4

Buchans OWP Bottom Sed Trap 10/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 62s 19% Dead



4.900 keV 10.0 >  
ch 255= 27 cts  
FS= 1K  
MEM1: NC03

Spectrum file : NC03

NC03

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 6.0         | 80.57 | 35884 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 20625 |

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 FIT INDEX= .86

| ELP0 | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|------|-----------|---|
| Al   | .066      | .052* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Be   | .047      | .038* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| B    | .110      | .074* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| C    | .139      | .211* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Fe   | 3.292     | .208                                      |
| Li   | .132      | .163* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Mg   | -.033     | .078* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ni   | .184      | .059                                      |
| O    | .490      | .055                                      |
| P    | .043      | .055* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| S    | -.502     | .402* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ti   | .024      | .071* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| V    | .036      | .053* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zn   | .040      | .052* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zr   | .132      | .720* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Y    | .364      | .169Not used for quantitation             |

REF CALCULATIONS

[ 2 iterations]

20.00 keV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC03

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

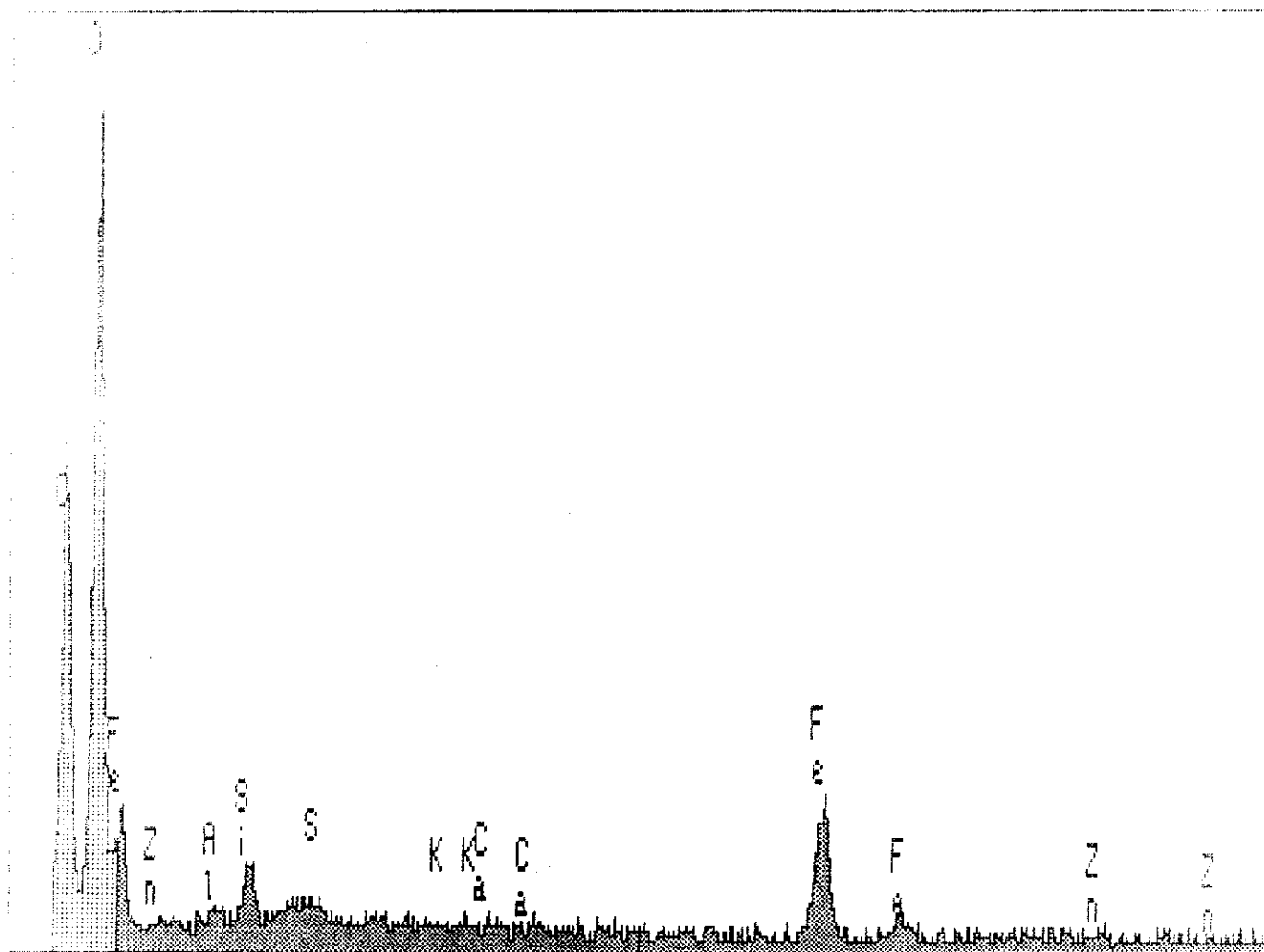
All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT  | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Al    | .739  | < .104 +- | .052  |         |
| Be    | .329  | < .076 +- | .038  |         |
| B     | .674  | < .149 +- | .074  |         |
| C     | .848  | < .421 +- | .211  |         |
| Fe    | .938  | 61.942 +- | 3.908 | 47.763  |
| Li    | .831  | < .325 +- | .163  |         |
| Mg    | .910  | < .156 +- | .078  |         |
| Ni    | .467  | 6.965 +-  | 2.238 | 11.118  |
| Si    | .547  | 15.773 +- | 1.774 | 24.183  |
| Ti    | .926  | < .109 +- | .055  |         |
| V     | .791  | < .805 +- | .402  |         |
| Zn    | 1.029 | < .142 +- | .071  |         |
| Zr    | .978  | < .106 +- | .053  |         |
| Y     | .951  | < .105 +- | .052  |         |
| TOTAL |       | 84.681    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 5

Buchans OWP 32 Sed Trap 10/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 65s 23% Dead



4.900 keV 10.0 >  
ch 255= 37 cts

FS= 1K  
MEM1: NCO4



Spectrum file : NC04

NC04

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 6.0         | 80.63 | 35792 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 32676 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 1.26

| ELMT | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|------|-----------|---|
| Ca   | -.049     | .059* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Na   | .132      | .051                                      |
| K    | .125      | .084* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Cl   | .419      | .293* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Fe   | 3.168     | .219                                      |
| Co   | .023      | .222* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ni   | .035      | .104* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Cu   | .073      | .067* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zn   | .416      | .060                                      |
| As   | -.095     | .070* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Se   | -.445     | .547* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Br   | -.043     | .092* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Rb   | .056      | .066* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Sr   | -.043     | .063* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Y    | .133      | .965* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Zr   | .293      | .188* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

3 iterations

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC04

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

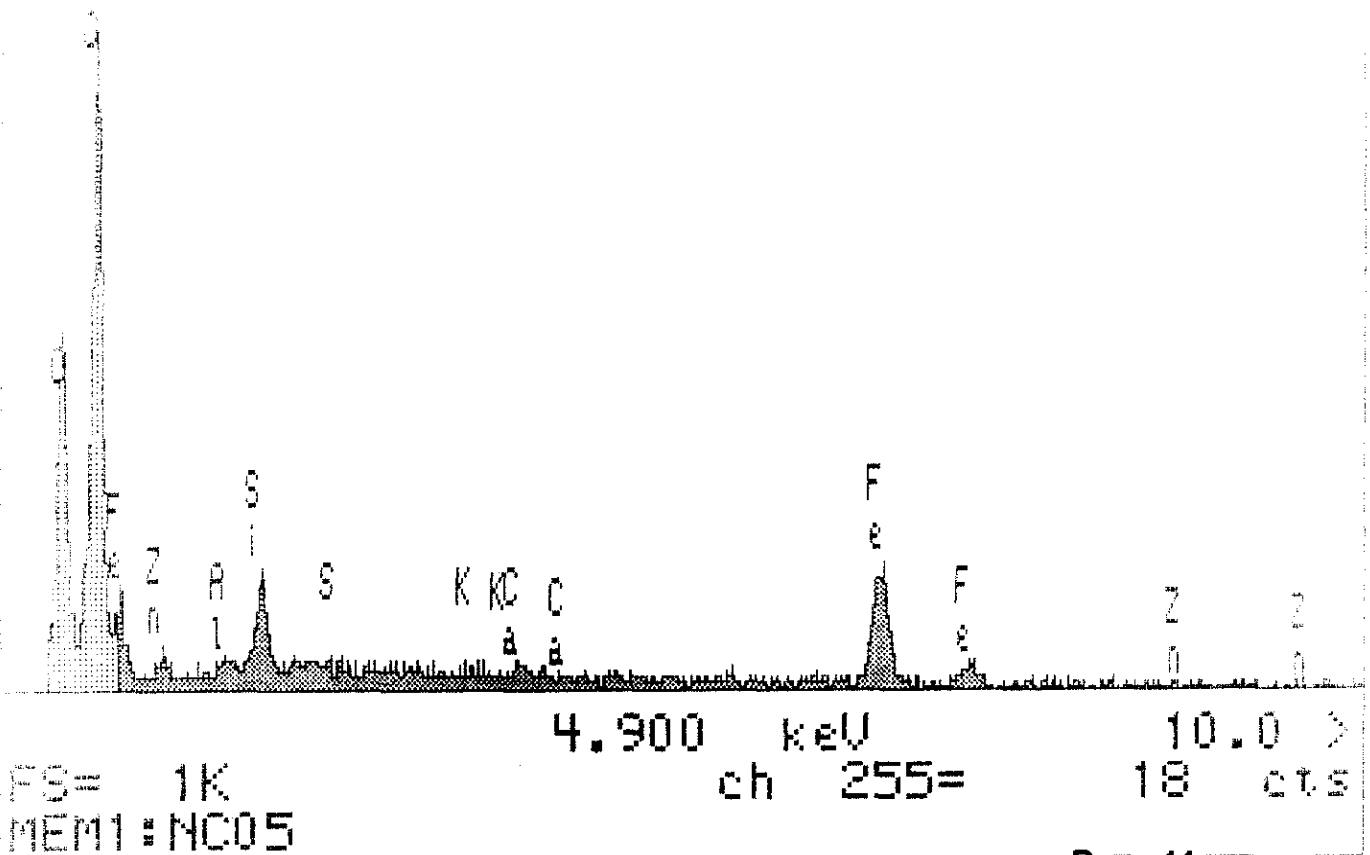
All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT  | ZAF   | %ELMT +-   | Error | ATOM. % |
|-------|-------|------------|-------|---------|
| Ca    | .737  | < .117 +-  | .059  |         |
| Na    | .325  | 7.441 +-   | 2.891 | 13.964  |
| K     | .674  | < .167 +-  | .084  |         |
| Cl    | .853  | < .586 +-  | .293  |         |
| Fe    | .947  | 60.817 +-  | 4.211 | 46.981  |
| Co    | .836  | < .444 +-  | .222  |         |
| Ni    | .918  | < .207 +-  | .104  |         |
| Cu    | .431  | < .135 +-  | .067  |         |
| Zn    | .535  | 14.132 +-  | 2.048 | 21.705  |
| As    | .934  | < .139 +-  | .070  |         |
| Se    | .792  | < 1.094 +- | .547  |         |
| Br    | 1.043 | < .183 +-  | .092  |         |
| Rb    | .990  | < .131 +-  | .066  |         |
| Sr    | .959  | < .127 +-  | .063  |         |
| TOTAL |       | 82.390     |       | 100.000 |

Figure 6

Buchans PP-10 Folating Mat Algae 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 61s 18% Dead



Sample File : NC05  
 ENERGY RES AREA  
 5.0 80.29 35452  
 TOTAL AREA= 18555

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 FIT INDEX= 1.02

| APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|-----------|---|
| .026      | .049* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .152      | .042                                      |
| .052      | .066* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .088      | .167* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| 2.552     | .180                                      |
| .058      | .139* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .067      | .083* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .086      | .057* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .600      | .057                                      |
| .018      | .055* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .105      | .311* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .056      | .066* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .080      | .053* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .099      | .051* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| .504      | .567* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| .007      | .145* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

\*\*\* CALCULATIONS

10.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000  
 Spectrum: NC05 \* INITIAL START-UP \*

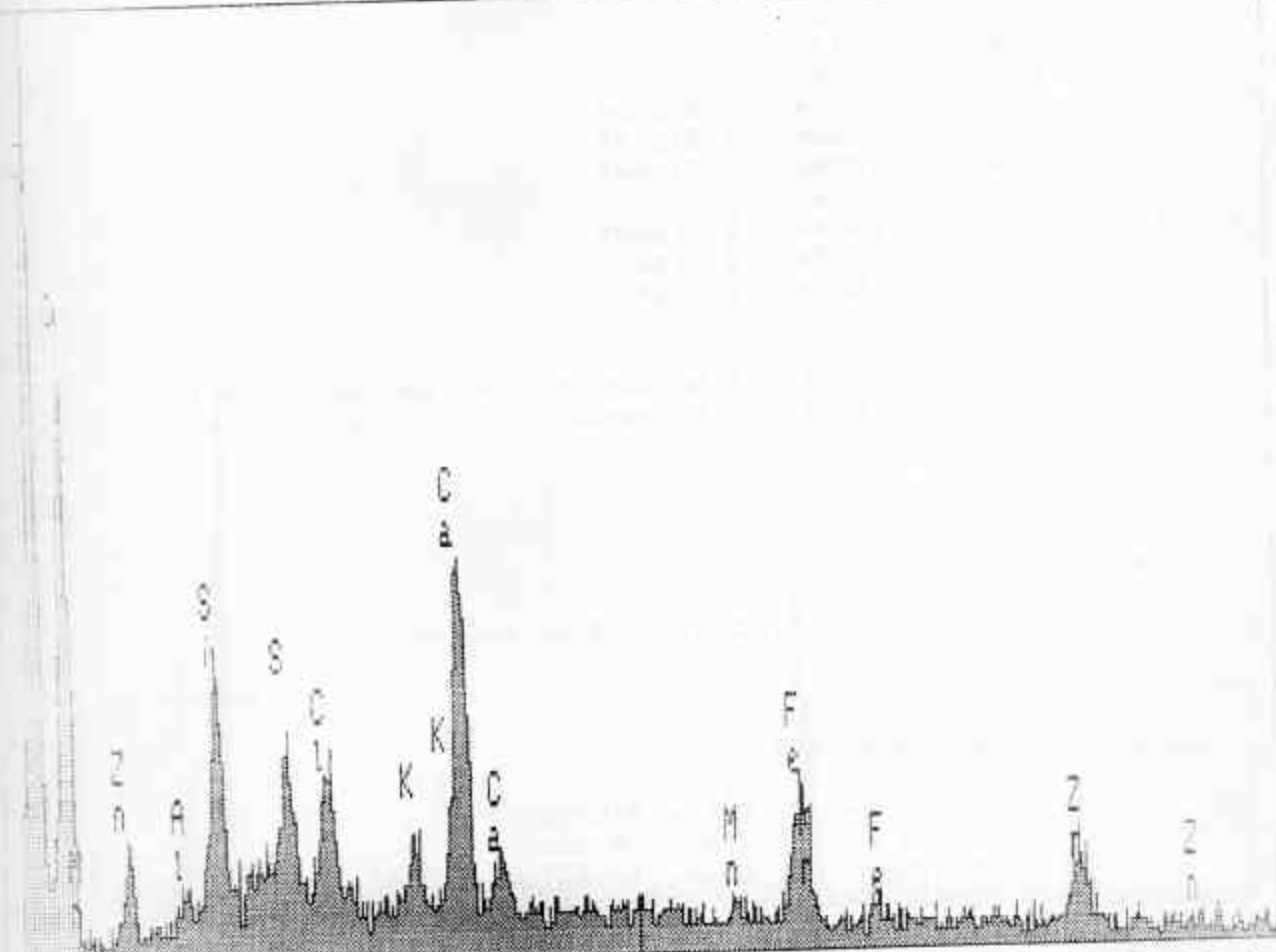
\*\*\* elements analysed, NORMALISED

| PLAT  | ZAF   | %ELMT    | Error | ATOM.%  |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| 0     | .732  | < .098   | .049  |         |
| 0     | .358  | < 8.754  | 2.428 | 15.109  |
| 0     | .659  | < .132   | .066  |         |
| 0     | .837  | < .334   | .167  |         |
| 0     | .919  | < 56.863 | 4.008 | 40.401  |
| 0     | .821  | < .279   | .139  |         |
| 0     | .893  | < .167   | .083  |         |
| 0     | .473  | < .113   | .057  |         |
| 0     | .572  | < 21.453 | 2.021 | 30.306  |
| 0     | .903  | < .110   | .055  |         |
| 0     | .780  | < .622   | .311  |         |
| 0     | 1.002 | < .132   | .066  |         |
| 0     | .959  | < .105   | .053  |         |
| 0     | .944  | < .102   | .051  |         |
| TOTAL |       | 87.070   |       | 100.000 |

Figure 7

Buchans PP-1Moss 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 64s 22% Dead



< -0.0 5.100 keV 10.2 >  
FS=511 ch 265= 35 cts  
MEM1:NC6

Spectrum file : NC6

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

| ENERGY      | RES | AREA  |
|-------------|-----|-------|
| 53.96       |     | 35313 |
| TOTAL AREA= |     | 22662 |

Peak at 53.96 keV omitted?  
INDEX= 1.45

| ELMT | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|------|-----------|---|
| Al   | .586      | .074                                      |
| Si   | .279      | .045                                      |
| S    | .582      | .096                                      |
| Ca   | 1.968     | .314                                      |
| Fe   | 1.630     | .170                                      |
| Mg   | .015      | .166* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ni   | .175      | .100* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Co   | .064      | .058* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Zn   | .054      | .066                                      |
| Cu   | -.012     | .064* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Pb   | .241      | .357* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Bi   | .067      | .085* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| U    | 1.832     | .104                                      |
| Th   | .395      | .070                                      |
| Pa   | .098      | .706* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Am   | .118      | .194* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

2 iterations

50KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC6

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

41 elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT  | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Al    | .735 | 7.205 +-  | .907  | 8.232   |
| Na    | .423 | 5.970 +-  | .958  | 10.531  |
| S     | .707 | 7.440 +-  | 1.223 | 9.398   |
| Ca    | .863 | 20.625 +- | 3.288 | 12.779* |
| Fe    | .893 | 16.509 +- | 1.716 | 11.972  |
| Mg    | .052 | < .332 +- | .166  |         |
| Ni    | .055 | < .200 +- | .100  |         |
| Co    | .471 | < .116 +- | .058  |         |
| Zn    | .501 | 13.287 +- | 1.023 | 19.157  |
| Cu    | .788 | < .120 +- | .064  |         |
| Pb    | .777 | < .714 +- | .357  |         |
| Bi    | .863 | < .169 +- | .085  |         |
| U     | .906 | 18.285 +- | 1.035 | 18.477  |
| Th    | .911 | 3.924 +-  | .699  | 4.065   |
| TOTAL |      | 93.254    |       | 100.000 |

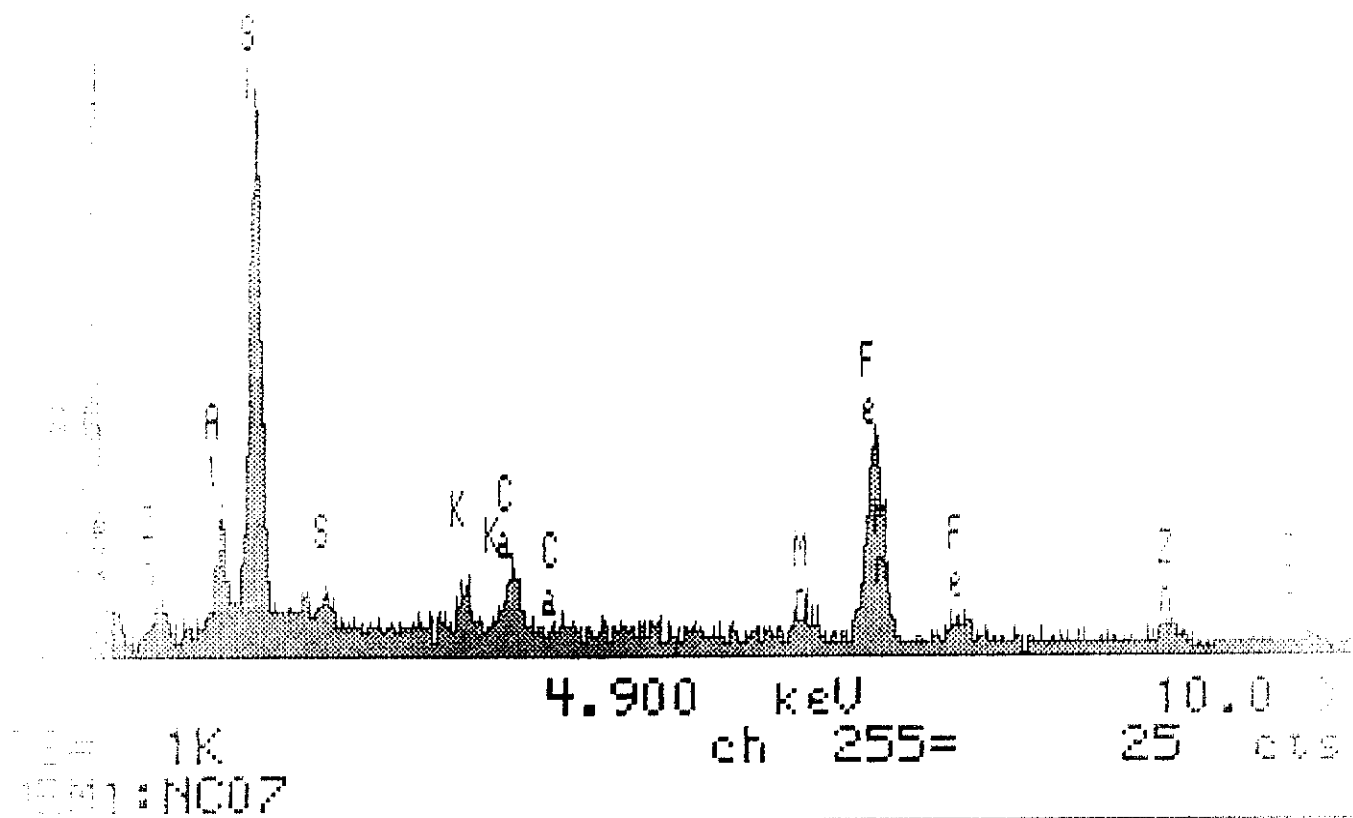
Figure 8

Buchans PP-13 Bubble Algae 12/7/95

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RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Time: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 6s  
Count: 66s 24% Dead

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Spectrum file : NC07  
 NC07

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 5.6         | 83.28 | 36199 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 32039 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 FIT INDEX= 1.75

| ELMT | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|------|-----------|---|
| Al   | .022      | .056* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Si   | .337      | .053                                      |
| S    | .141      | .083* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| K    | .866      | .313                                      |
| Ca   | 4.569     | .249                                      |
| Fe   | -.089     | .202* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ni   | .505      | .127                                      |
| Cu   | .708      | .093                                      |
| Zn   | 3.576     | .111                                      |
| As   | -.037     | .072* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Br   | .290      | .485* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Se   | -.060     | .092* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| Ag   | .531      | .080                                      |
| Au   | .411      | .074                                      |
| Pb   | 1.062     | .907* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| Bi   | .131      | .194* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

REF. CALCULATIONS

[11 3 iterations]

10.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC07

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

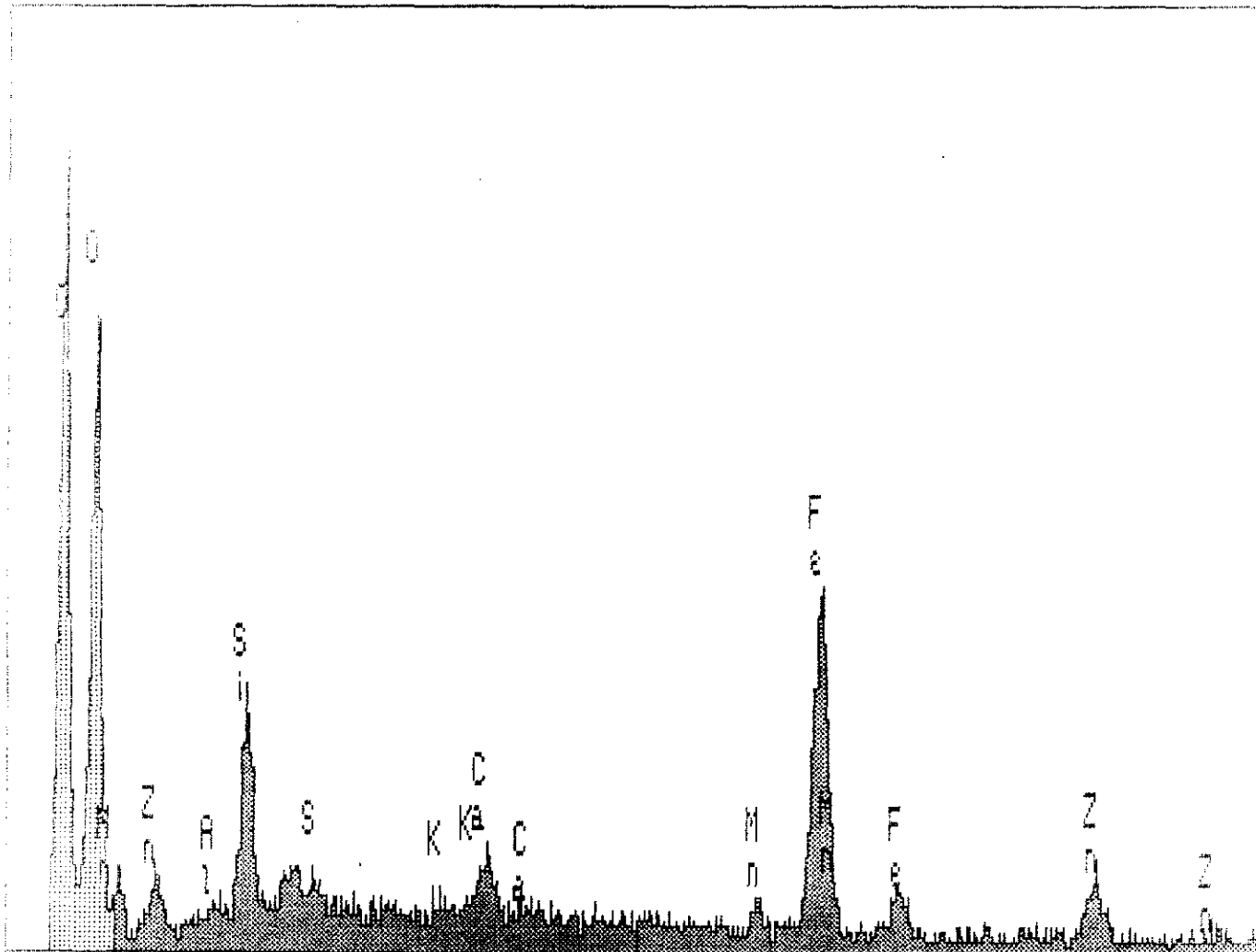
11 elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT  | IAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Al    | .666 | < .111 +- | .056  |         |
| Si    | .456 | 4.490 +-  | .702  | 7.126   |
| S     | .590 | < .166 +- | .083  |         |
| K     | .837 | 6.280 +-  | 2.274 | 3.505 * |
| Ca    | .891 | 31.166 +- | 1.701 | 20.361  |
| Fe    | .826 | < .404 +- | .202  |         |
| Ni    | .860 | 3.563 +-  | .895  | 2.367   |
| Cu    | .545 | 7.892 +-  | 1.033 | 10.672  |
| Zn    | .600 | 36.230 +- | 1.120 | 47.060  |
| Pb    | .835 | < .144 +- | .072  |         |
| Bi    | .766 | < .969 +- | .485  |         |
| Ag    | .907 | < .184 +- | .092  |         |
| Au    | .894 | 3.606 +-  | .542  | 3.283   |
| As    | .880 | 2.840 +-  | .512  | 2.650   |
| TOTAL |      | 96.066    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 9

Buchans PP-14 Folating Algae 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 65s 23% Dead



FS= 1K  
MEM1:NC08  
4.900 keV  
ch 255= 10.0 >  
40 cts



Spectrum file : NC08

NC08

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 5.6         | 01.50 | 36000 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 38372 |

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 Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 FIT INDEX= 2.06

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|---------|-----------|---|
| ClK : 0 | -.015     | .067* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| NaK : 0 | .368      | .059                                      |
| S K : 0 | .164      | .097* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| ZnK : 0 | 3.312     | .407                                      |
| FeK : 0 | 7.914     | .315                                      |
| CaK : 0 | .284      | .221* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| MnK : 0 | .549      | .133                                      |
| Pb : 0  | -.031     | .074* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| SiK : 0 | 1.534     | .085                                      |
| TiK : 0 | .008      | .080* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| AsK : 0 | .040      | .538* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CrK : 0 | -.085     | .103* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CaK : 0 | .569      | .092                                      |
| AlK : 0 | .141      | .076* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| SnL : 0 | -.097     | .949* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| MoL : 0 | .356      | .224* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

... [ 3 iterations ]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC08

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

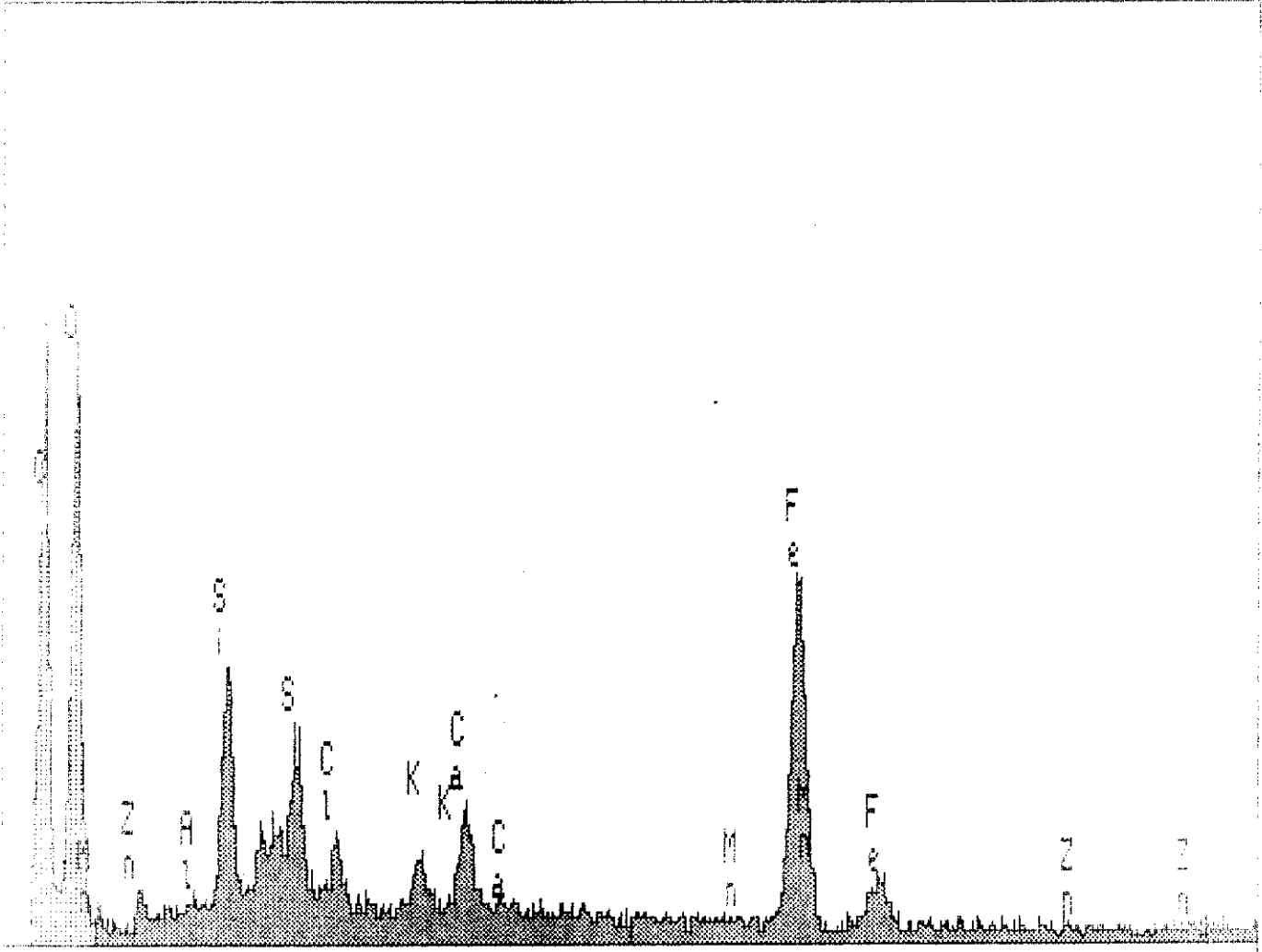
All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-   | Error | ATOM. %  |
|---------|-------|------------|-------|----------|
| ClK : 0 | .736  | < .135 +-  | .067  |          |
| NaK : 0 | .323  | 6.318 +-   | 1.007 | 12.352   |
| S K : 0 | .659  | < .194 +-  | .097  |          |
| ZnK : 0 | .871  | 21.067 +-  | 2.590 | 14.485 * |
| FeK : 0 | .960  | 45.686 +-  | 1.820 | 36.768   |
| CaK : 0 | .857  | < .442 +-  | .221  |          |
| MnK : 0 | .925  | 3.286 +-   | .798  | 2.688    |
| AlK : 0 | .410  | < .148 +-  | .074  |          |
| SiK : 0 | .529  | 16.080 +-  | .890  | 25.730   |
| TiK : 0 | .916  | < .161 +-  | .080  |          |
| AsK : 0 | .796  | < 1.077 +- | .538  |          |
| CrK : 0 | 1.007 | < .206 +-  | .103  |          |
| CaK : 0 | .984  | 3.205 +-   | .516  | 3.594    |
| AlK : 0 | .960  | < .151 +-  | .076  |          |
| TOTAL   |       | 95.641     |       | 100.000  |

Figure 10

Buchans PP-14 Filamentous Algae 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 67s 25% Dead



< - .1 5.020 keV 10.1 >  
FS= 1K ch 261= 38 cts  
MEM1:NC9

Spectrum file : NC9

NC9

LIVETIME (spec.)= 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 8.1         | 83.57 | 36585 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 37382 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 FIT INDEX= 1.96

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|---------|----------|---|
| ClK : 0 | .639     | .083                                      |
| NaK : 0 | .271     | .051                                      |
| S K : 0 | 1.149    | .131                                      |
| AlK : 0 | .011     | .274* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| FeK : 0 | 8.505    | .314                                      |
| CaK : 0 | .020     | .215* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| MgK : 0 | .012     | .117* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| TiK : 0 | .029     | .073* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| SiK : 0 | 1.864    | .089                                      |
| CrK : 0 | .035     | .080* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| AsK : 0 | .239     | .483* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CeK : 0 | .002     | .098* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| LaK : 0 | .995     | .099                                      |
| PrK : 0 | .524     | .087                                      |
| NdK : 0 | .102     | .934* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| SmK : 0 | .177     | .282* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

REF CALCULATIONS

[.f 2 iterations]

10.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC9

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

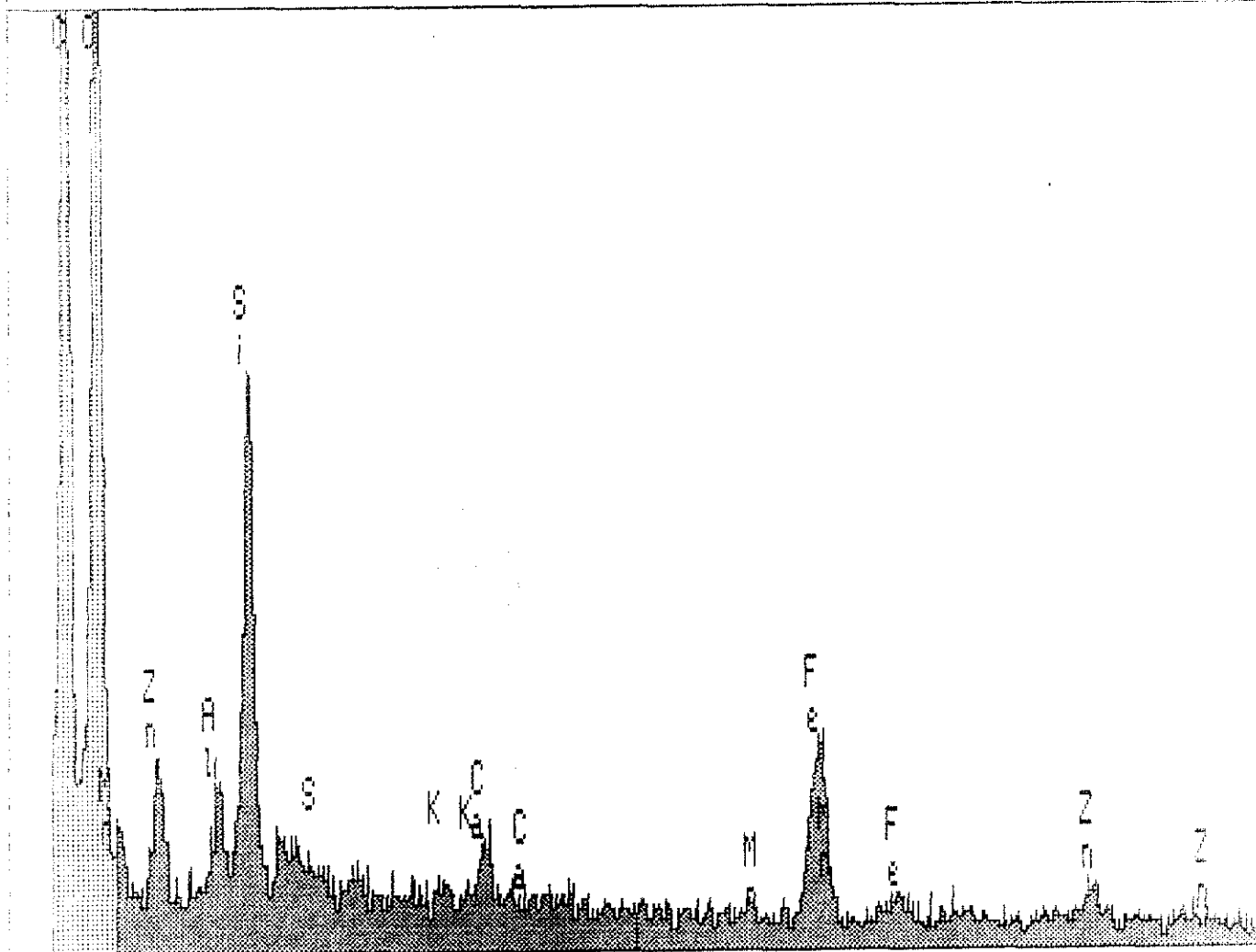
All elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM.%  |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| ClK : 0 | .731 | 4.925 +-  | .641  | 5.705   |
| NaK : 0 | .371 | 4.135 +-  | .778  | 7.387   |
| S K : 0 | .714 | 9.078 +-  | 1.038 | 11.630  |
| InK : 0 | .839 | < .547 +- | .274  |         |
| FeK : 0 | .905 | 53.076 +- | 1.962 | 39.032  |
| CaK : 0 | .823 | < .431 +- | .215  |         |
| MgK : 0 | .875 | < .234 +- | .117  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .499 | < .147 +- | .073  |         |
| SiK : 0 | .619 | 16.983 +- | .813  | 24.831  |
| TiK : 0 | .860 | < .160 +- | .080  |         |
| AsK : 0 | .782 | < .965 +- | .483  |         |
| CeK : 0 | .953 | < .196 +- | .098  |         |
| LaK : 0 | .929 | 6.042 +-  | .602  | 6.192   |
| PrK : 0 | .919 | 3.215 +-  | .535  | 3.377   |
| TOTAL   |      | 97.453    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 11

Buchans PP-17 Filamentous Algae 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 65s 23% Dead



FS=511  
MEM1:NC10  
4.900 keV 10.0 >  
ch 255= 22 cts

Spectrum file : NC10

NC10

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY | RES   | AREA  |
|--------|-------|-------|
| 5.5    | 84.16 | 36449 |

TOTAL AREA= 28823

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 1.72

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)                                |
|---------|----------|---|
| ClK : 0 | .136     | .058                                      |
| NaK : 0 | .437     | .061                                      |
| S K : 0 | -.016    | .079* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| ZnK : 0 | .933     | .293                                      |
| FeK : 0 | 2.265    | .194                                      |
| CaK : 0 | -.075    | .184* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CrK : 0 | .000     | .095* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| AlK : 0 | .409     | .080                                      |
| SiK : 0 | 1.866    | .086                                      |
| TiK : 0 | -.056    | .066* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| AsK : 0 | -.572    | .447* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CrK : 0 | .029     | .080* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CaK : 0 | .233     | .069                                      |
| FeK : 0 | .099     | .060* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| AsK : 0 | .068     | .759* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| CaK : 0 | -.133    | .184* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

...[ 3 iterations]

20.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC10

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

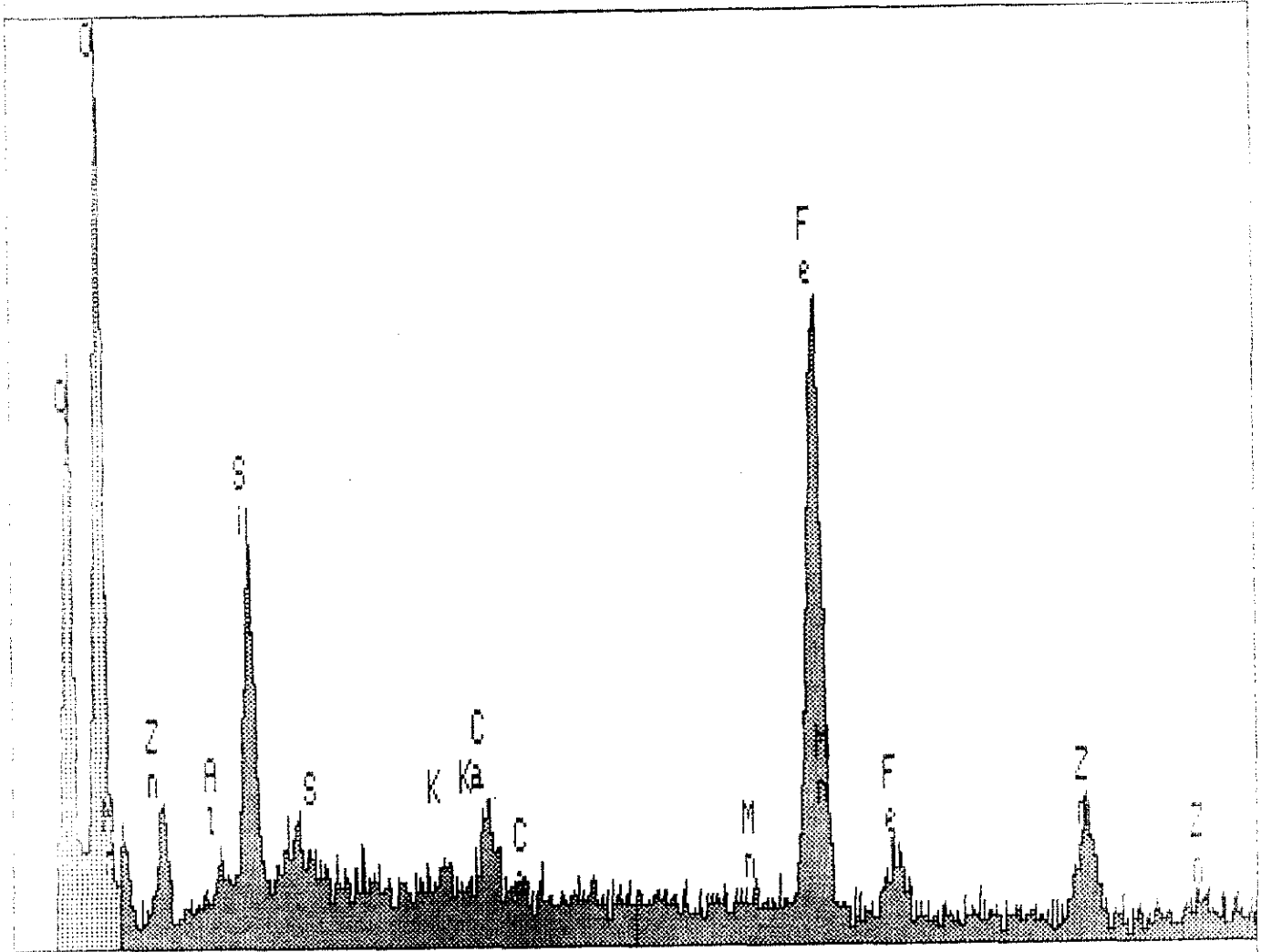
All elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| ClK : 0 | .664 | 2.218 +-  | .944  | 2.192   |
| NaK : 0 | .467 | 10.125 +- | 1.412 | 15.428  |
| S K : 0 | .581 | < .157 +- | .079  |         |
| ZnK : 0 | .837 | 12.070 +- | 3.790 | 6.468*  |
| FeK : 0 | .892 | 27.509 +- | 2.351 | 17.255  |
| CaK : 0 | .828 | < .367 +- | .184  |         |
| CrK : 0 | .861 | < .191 +- | .095  |         |
| AlK : 0 | .521 | 8.519 +-  | 1.666 | 11.062  |
| SiK : 0 | .577 | 35.045 +- | 1.617 | 43.705  |
| TiK : 0 | .832 | < .132 +- | .066  |         |
| AsK : 0 | .760 | < .895 +- | .447  |         |
| CrK : 0 | .903 | < .160 +- | .080  |         |
| CaK : 0 | .891 | 2.833 +-  | .840  | 2.476   |
| FeK : 0 | .866 | < .121 +- | .060  |         |
| TOTAL   |      | 98.318    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 12

Buchans PP-17 Seep Algae 12/7/95

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 64s 22% Dead



4.900 keV 10.0 >  
ch 255= 35 cts  
FS=511  
MEM1:NC11

Spectrum file : NC11

NC11

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
5.9 82.10 36595  
TOTAL AREA= 26835

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 1.56

| ELM     | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)                               |
|---------|-----------|---|
| ClK : 0 | .042      | .058* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| NaK : 0 | .409      | .052                                      |
| S K : 0 | .007      | .079* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| InK : 0 | 2.025     | .365                                      |
| FeK : 0 | 7.369     | .293                                      |
| CoK : 0 | .084      | .186* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| MnK : 0 | .080      | .105* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| OPK : 0 | .064      | .065* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| CaK : 0 | 1.308     | .076                                      |
| TiK : 0 | .075      | .071* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| SeK : 0 | -.050     | .439* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| ZnK : 0 | -.110     | .087* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| ZnK : 0 | .435      | .077                                      |
| AsK : 0 | .121      | .066* < 2 Sigma*                          |
| SrL : 0 | -.361     | .868* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |
| BaM : 0 | .214      | .187* < 2 Sigma*Not used for quantitation |

#### NET CALCULATIONS

[ 3 iterations]

20.00 keV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: NC11

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. %  |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|
| ClK : 0 | .740  | < .117 +- | .058  |          |
| NaK : 0 | .325  | 7.966 +-  | 1.005 | 15.258   |
| S K : 0 | .655  | < .159 +- | .079  |          |
| InK : 0 | .068  | 20.631 +- | 2.666 | 13.898 * |
| FeK : 0 | .956  | 48.835 +- | 1.944 | 38.503   |
| CoK : 0 | .853  | < .371 +- | .186  |          |
| MnK : 0 | .922  | < .211 +- | .105  |          |
| AlK : 0 | .409  | < .130 +- | .065  |          |
| OPK : 0 | .523  | 15.849 +- | .916  | 24.846   |
| TiK : 0 | .917  | < .142 +- | .071  |          |
| SeK : 0 | .794  | < .878 +- | .439  |          |
| ZnK : 0 | 1.011 | < .174 +- | .087  |          |
| ZnK : 0 | .984  | 2.802 +-  | .497  | 3.078    |
| AsK : 0 | .961  | < .132 +- | .066  |          |
| TOTAL   |       | 96.085    |       | 100.000  |

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## Report on analysis of Buchans sediment samples (1996)

### Sample preparation and analysis

Sediment samples from Buchans (10 in all) were examined by high resolution scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive X-ray microanalysis (EDX). Samples fixed in glutaraldehyde were dehydrated by taking them through an ethanol series. The sediments were then dispersed on filter paper and allowed to air dry. All samples were carbon coated prior to examination. Imaging of the samples was carried out using an Hitachi S-4500 field emission SEM (N.B. All micrographs were recorded at a magnification of 20,000x.). Each sample was also analysed by EDX with an analysed area of approx.  $50\mu\text{m} \times 50\mu\text{m}$ . A windowless detector was used allowing for the qualitative detection of light elements including carbon and oxygen. Quantative results were obtained for elements in the range Na - U.

### Results & Discussion

#### High Resolution SEM & EDX:

All three OEP samples (13', middle, bottom) have a grain size in the range  $0.25-1.0\mu\text{m}$ . A close examination of the micrographs (Fig. 1a,2a,3a) reveals that the grains are uniformly coated with what appear to be precipitate particles. The particles are largest in the OEP 13' sample (approx. 100nm) and smallest in the OEP Bottom sample (approx. 25nm). The results from EDX analysis of the three samples are shown in fig. 1b,2b,3b. All three of the samples have high Fe (40-70%) and Si (15-30%) content. OEP 13' also showed a significant amount of Zn (approx. 3%).

An example of the morphology of the OWP sample is shown in figure 4a. The sample grain size falls in the range  $0.25 - 1.0\mu\text{m}$ . The grains are somewhat faceted and free of any obvious surface coating. EDX of the sample (fig.4b) indicates that the grains are aluminosilicate in composition.

The structure of sample D.T. is illustrated in Fig.5a. Examination of the specimen by SEM revealed that the grain size was finer than the other samples ( in the range  $0.25 - 0.5\mu\text{m}$ ). Additionally, the grains appear to be coated with a smooth, essentially continuous coating. EDX (fig.5b) showed that the sample was Al/Si rich with significant amounts of Fe (20%) and Zn (4%). The coating is probably a thin adsorbed layer. Determination of the specific chemistry of this layer would require alternate analytical techniques.

SEM images for PP11, PP12, PP14 (branch, float & bubble) are shown in figures 6a - 10a respectively. All samples have a grain size in the range  $0.25 - 1.0\mu\text{m}$ . There are no obvious signs of surface adsorption or precipitation. EDX of the samples (fig.6b - 10b) indicate that the samples are essentially aluminosilicates with traces of Fe and no Zn.

Figure 1a

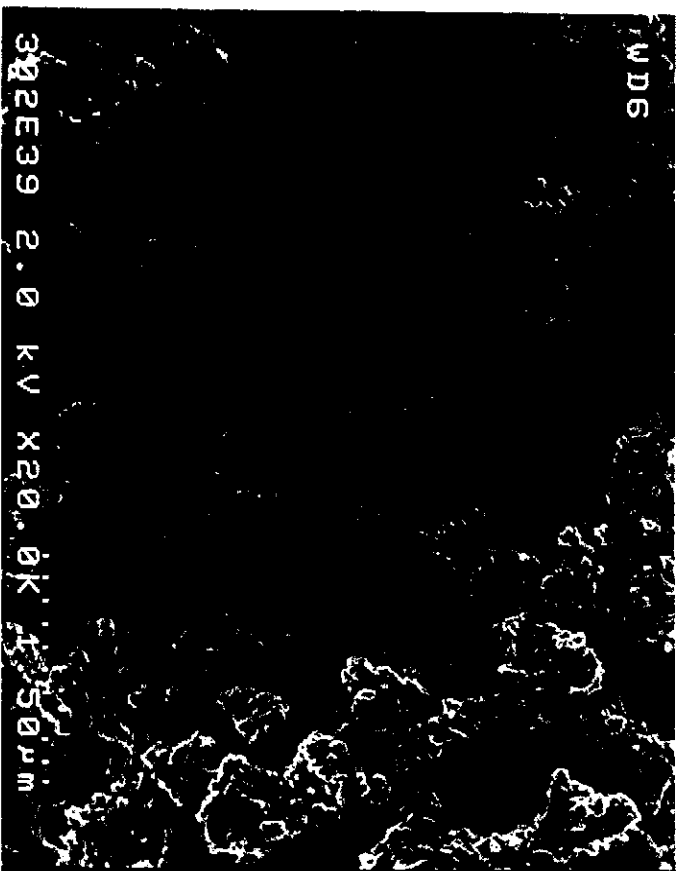
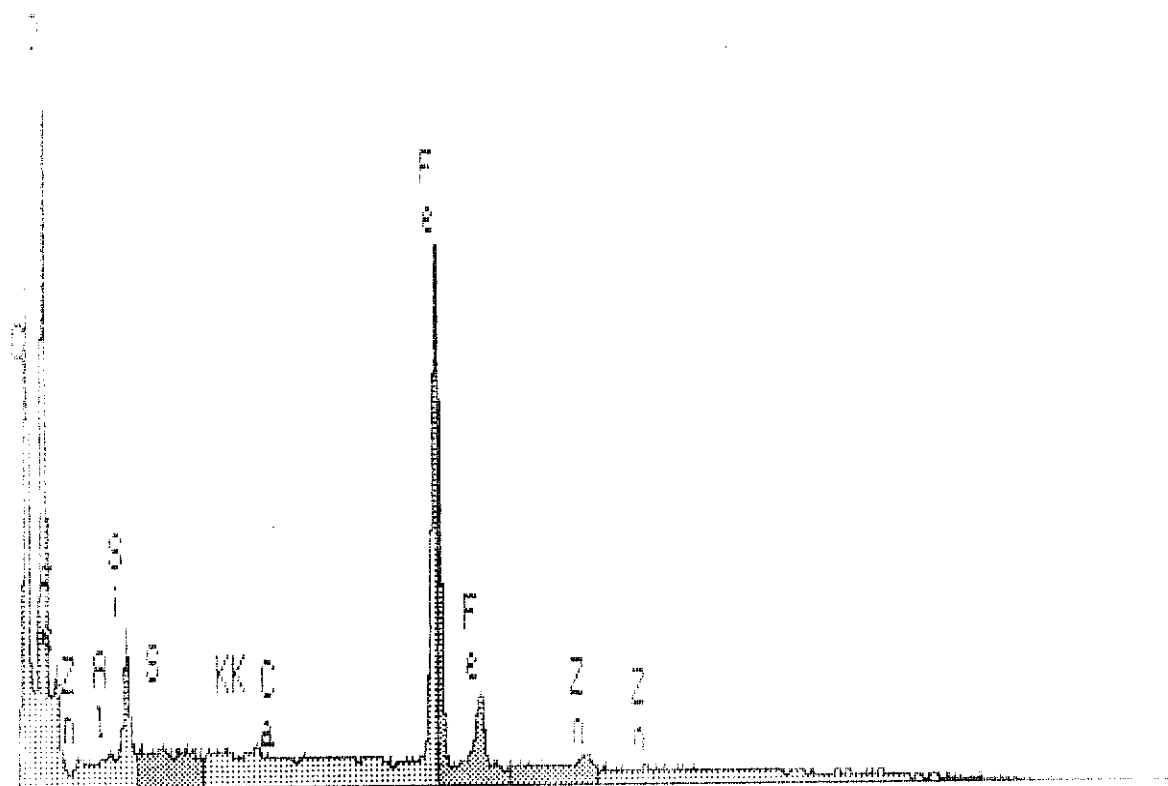


Figure 1b

Energy: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 87s 43% Dead



7.480 keV 17.7  
ch 384= 119 cts  
ES= 4K  
MEM: DEP 13'S.T.

Spectrum file : NCOEP13  
DEP 13'S.T.

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY | RES   | AREA  |
|--------|-------|-------|
| 4.4    | 01.97 | 37621 |

TOTAL AREA= 129504

.....  
Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 5.49

| ELMT     | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|----------|-----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0  | .610      | .092             |
| K K : 0  | -.079     | .136* < 2 Sigma* |
| Cl K : 0 | .011      | .124* < 2 Sigma* |
| S K : 0  | -.004     | .123* < 2 Sigma* |
| CaK : 0  | .427      | .142             |
| SiK : 0  | 3.372     | .136             |
| AlK : 0  | .256      | .128             |
| FeK : 0  | 50.568    | .749             |
| ZnK : 0  | 2.312     | .637             |
| P K : 0  | .136      | .172* < 2 Sigma* |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

[... 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: DEP 13'S.T.

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT     | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0  | .287  | 3.306 +-  | .500  | 6.970   |
| K K : 0  | 1.014 | < .271 +- | .136  |         |
| Cl K : 0 | .790  | < .248 +- | .124  |         |
| S K : 0  | .705  | < .247 +- | .123  |         |
| CaK : 0  | 1.044 | .636 +-   | .211  | .769    |
| SiK : 0  | .539  | 9.719 +-  | .392  | 16.771  |
| AlK : 0  | .421  | .946 +-   | .472  | 1.699   |
| FeK : 0  | .970  | 80.902 +- | 1.199 | 70.216  |
| ZnK : 0  | .857  | 4.189 +-  | 1.155 | 3.106   |
| P K : 0  | .749  | < .344 +- | .172  |         |
| TOTAL    |       | 99.697    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 2a

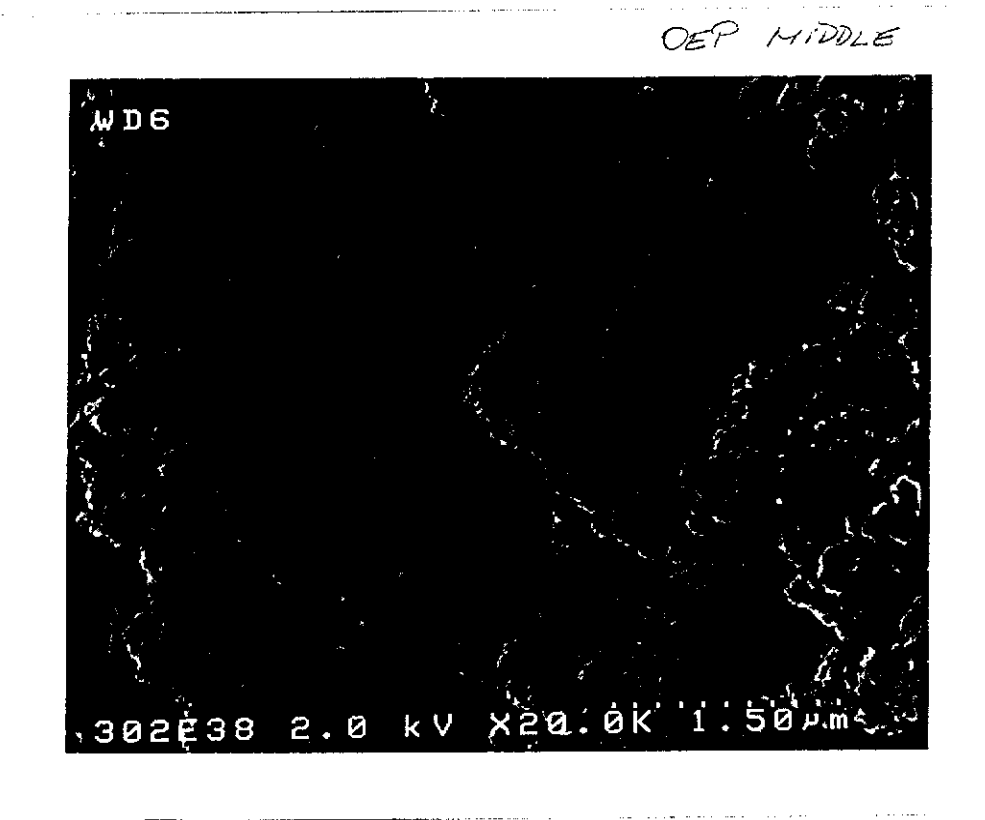
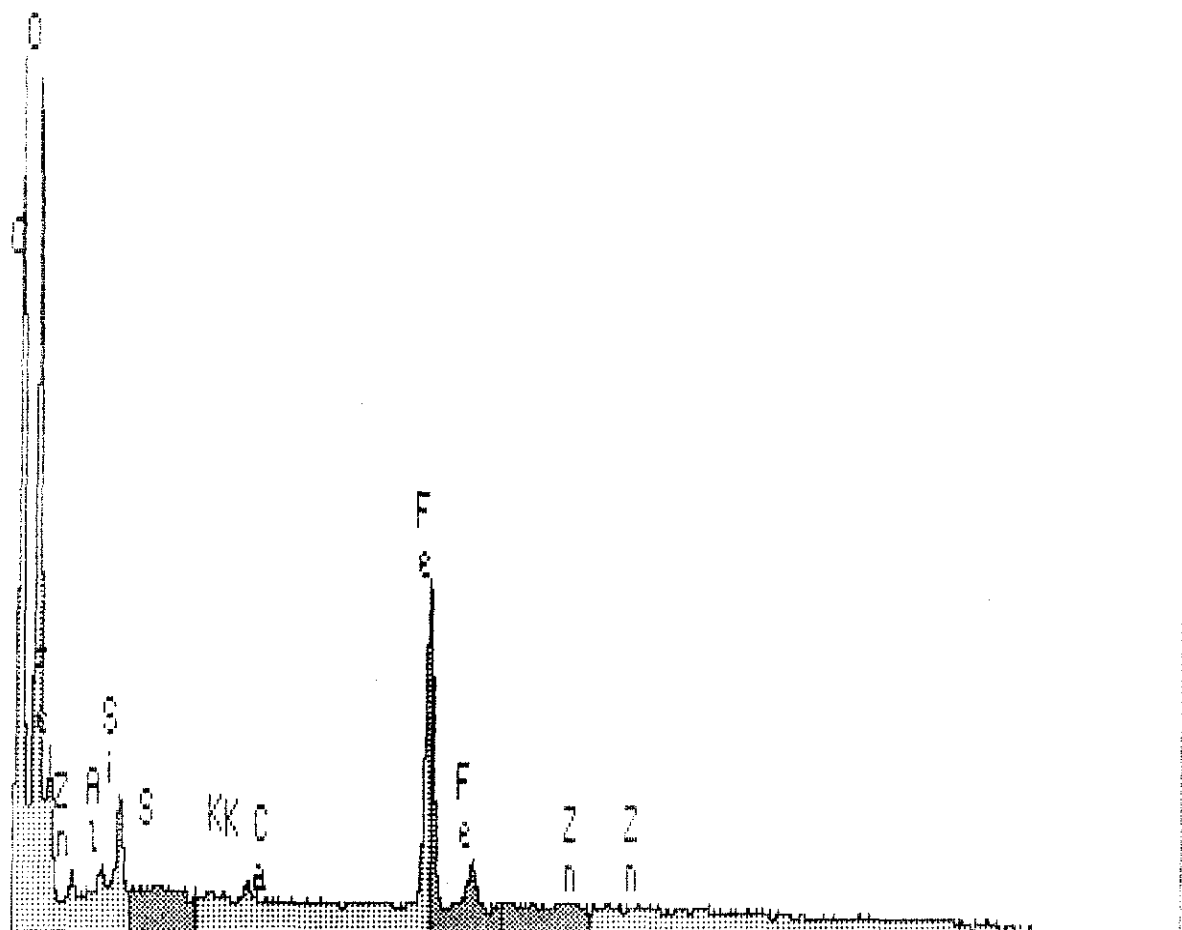


Figure 2b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 92s 46% Dead



7.480 keV 17.7 >  
FS= 4K ch 384= 149 cts  
MEM1: OEP MIDDLE



Spectrum file : NCOEPMID

DEP MIDDLE

LIVETIME (spec.)= 50

| ENERGY             | RES   | AREA  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 4.0                | 81.27 | 38125 |
| TOTAL AREA= 151830 |       |       |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
CHI INDEX= 5.73

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0 | 1.141     | .117             |
| CaK : 0 | .093      | .137* < 2 Sigma* |
| SiK : 0 | -.040     | .126* < 2 Sigma* |
| S : 0   | .215      | .130* < 2 Sigma* |
| FeK : 0 | .673      | .146             |
| AlK : 0 | 2.729     | .140             |
| AlK : 0 | .743      | .153             |
| FeK : 0 | 31.181    | .637             |
| FeK : 0 | 1.042     | .669* < 2 Sigma* |
| FeK : 0 | .255      | .183* < 2 Sigma* |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

[ 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: DEP MIDDLE

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0 | .313  | 7.932 +-  | .811  | 15.093  |
| CaK : 0 | .988  | < .275 +- | .137  |         |
| SiK : 0 | .766  | < .251 +- | .126  |         |
| S : 0   | .687  | < .260 +- | .130  |         |
| FeK : 0 | 1.014 | 1.444 +-  | .312  | 1.576   |
| AlK : 0 | .535  | 11.089 +- | .569  | 17.269  |
| AlK : 0 | .433  | 3.731 +-  | .767  | 6.049   |
| FeK : 0 | .949  | 71.483 +- | 1.460 | 55.991  |
| FeK : 0 | .848  | <1.338 +- | .669  |         |
| FeK : 0 | .732  | < .365 +- | .183  |         |
| TOTAL   |       | 95.678    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 3a

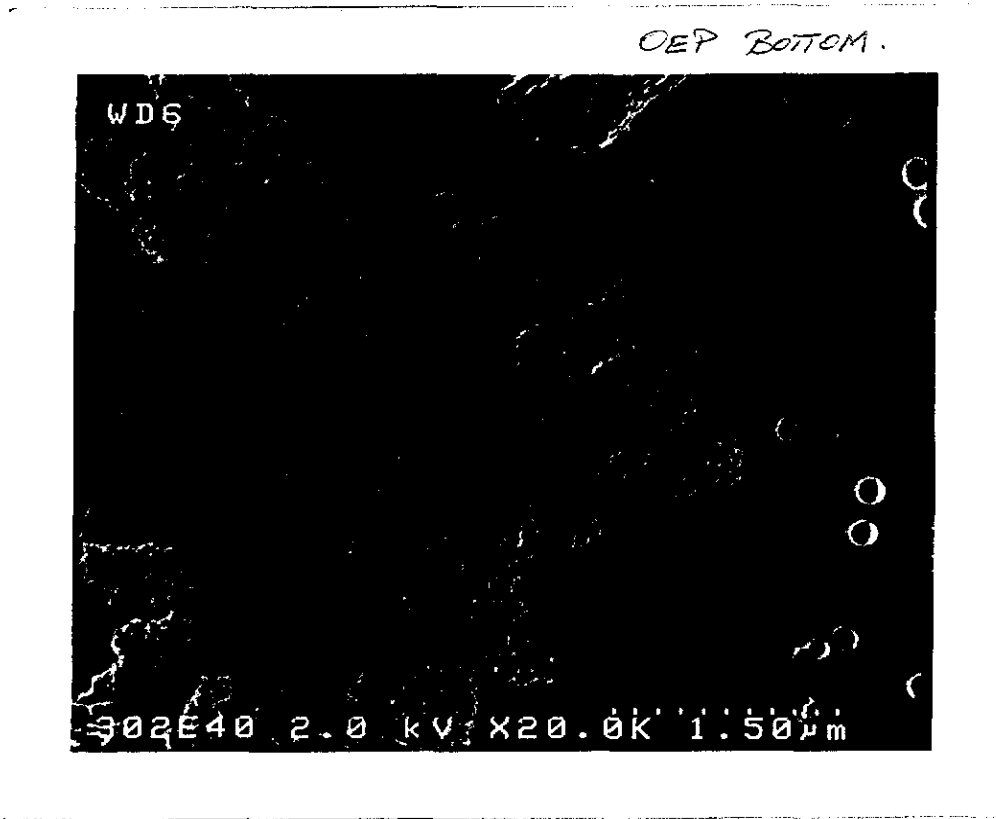
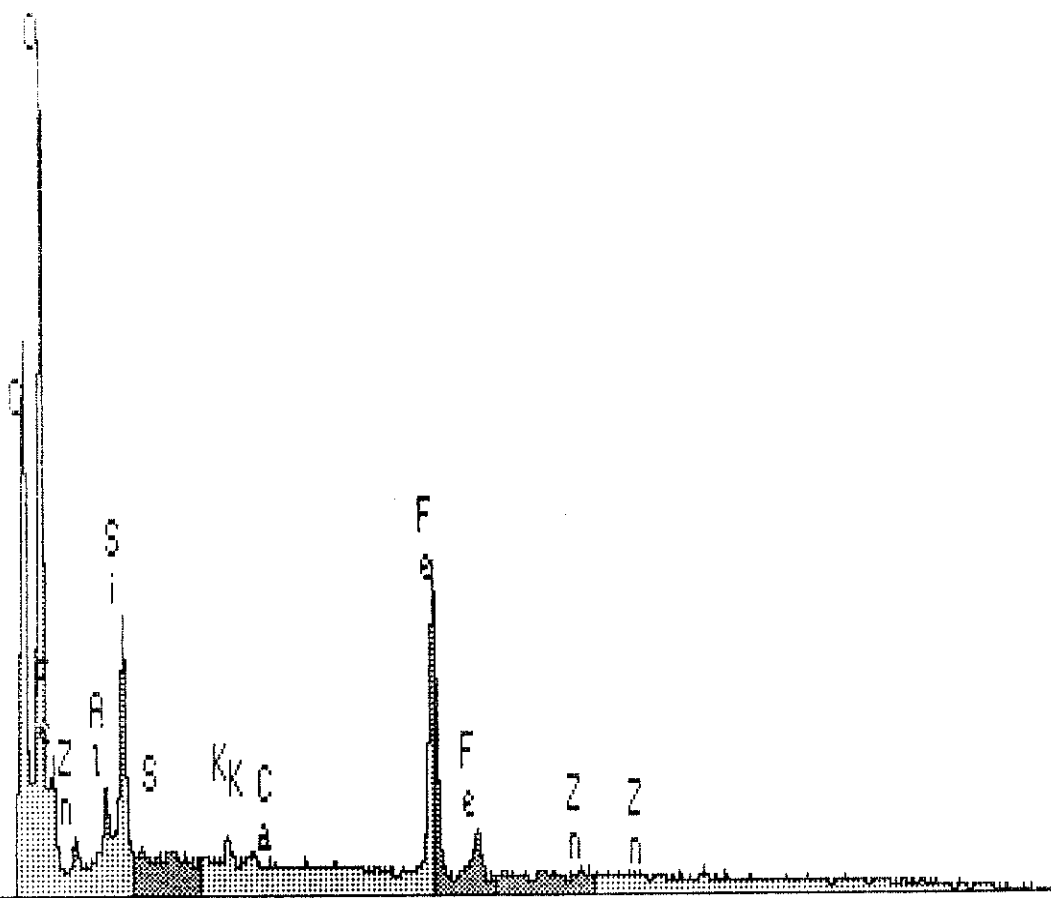


Figure 3b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50 s Preset: 50 s Remaining: 0 s  
Real: 80 s 38% Dead



7.320 keV 17.6 >  
ch 376= 107 cts  
FS= 4K  
MEM1:DEP BOTTOM

Spectrum file : NCOEPBOT

DEP BOTTOM

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA   |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| 4.2         | 82.97 | 36196  |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 137591 |

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Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 6.16

| ELMT     | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)       |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0  | 1.134    | .110             |
| Cl K : 0 | .948     | .149             |
| Cl K : 0 | .028     | .124* < 2 Sigma* |
| S K : 0  | -.014    | .126* < 2 Sigma* |
| CaK : 0  | .377     | .144             |
| SiK : 0  | 6.689    | .173             |
| AlK : 0  | 2.184    | .173             |
| FeK : 0  | 29.010   | .604             |
| ZnK : 0  | .994     | .617* < 2 Sigma* |
| P K : 0  | .398     | .182             |

REF CALCULATIONS

[... 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: DEP BOTTOM

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT     | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM.%  |
|----------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0  | .360 | 5.787 +-  | .563  | 9.999   |
| Cl K : 0 | .936 | 1.861 +-  | .292  | 1.890   |
| Cl K : 0 | .720 | < .249 +- | .124  |         |
| S K : 0  | .635 | < .252 +- | .126  |         |
| CaK : 0  | .955 | .727 +-   | .277  | .720    |
| SiK : 0  | .557 | 22.094 +- | .571  | 31.244  |
| AlK : 0  | .488 | 8.237 +-  | .653  | 12.128  |
| FeK : 0  | .920 | 57.950 +- | 1.207 | 41.216  |
| ZnK : 0  | .837 | <1.234 +- | .617  |         |
| P K : 0  | .672 | 1.087 +-  | .497  | 1.395   |
| TOTAL    |      | 97.743    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 4a

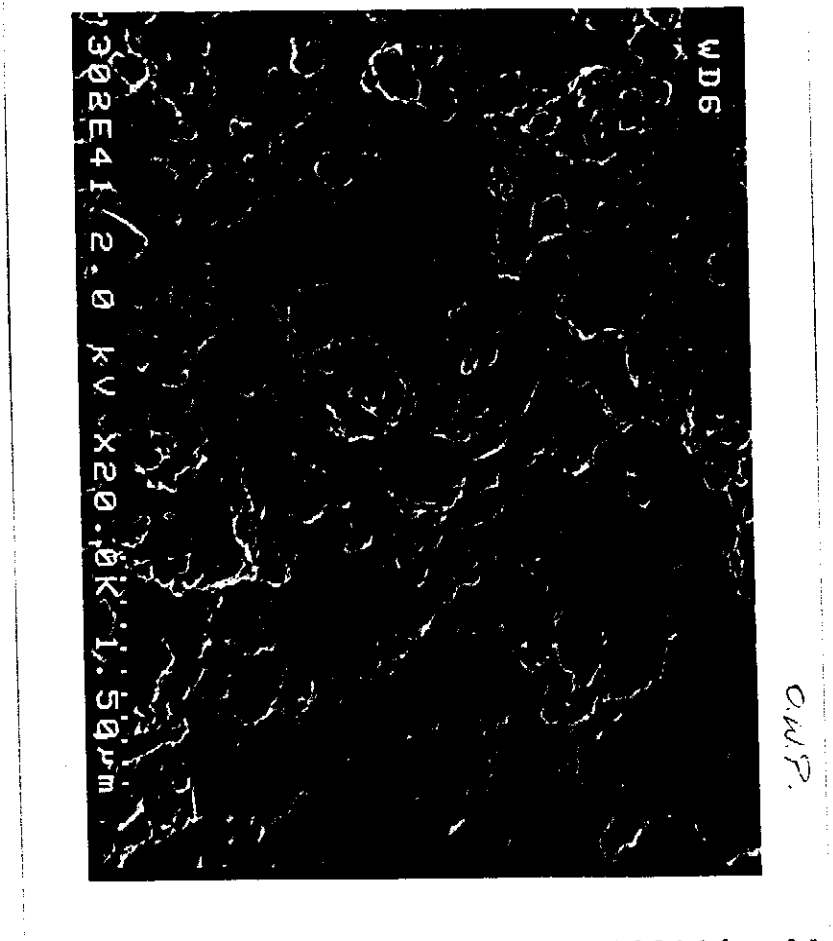
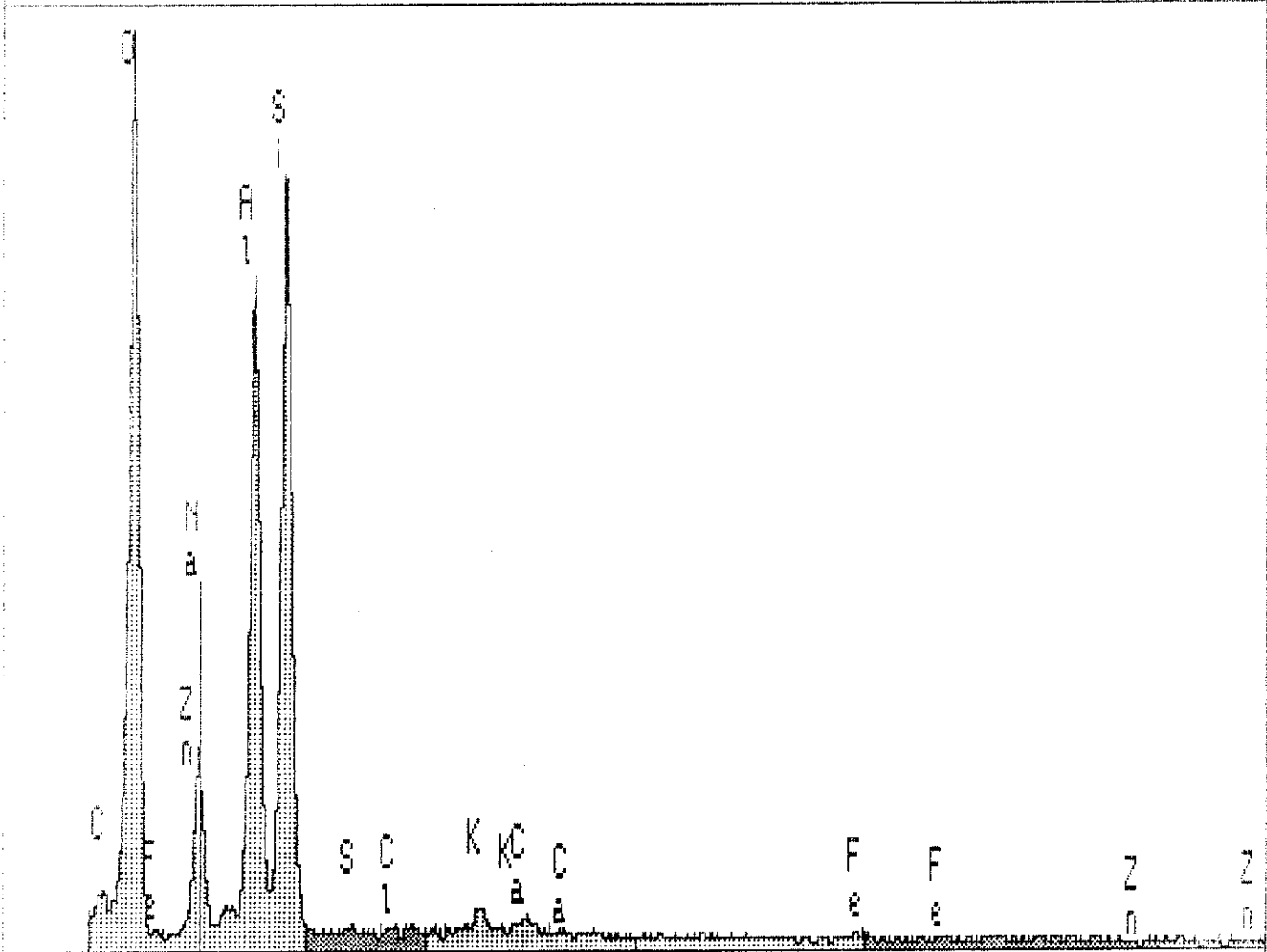


Figure 4b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 93s 46% Dead



FS= 4K  
NEM1:OWP  
4.560 keV  
ch 238=  
89 9.7 >  
cts

Spectrum file : NCOWP

QWP

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
4.4 83.64 45075  
TOTAL AREA= 121535

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Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX=27.86

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0 | 5.957     | .161             |
| K K : 0 | .933      | .131             |
| ClK : 0 | -.001     | .103* < 2 Sigma* |
| S K : 0 | .053      | .101* < 2 Sigma* |
| CaK : 0 | .631      | .130             |
| SiK : 0 | 22.828    | .270             |
| AlK : 0 | 23.518    | .341             |
| FeK : 0 | .894      | .240             |
| ZnK : 0 | -.663     | .464* < 2 Sigma* |
| P K : 0 | .208      | .156* < 2 Sigma* |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

[... 3 iterations]

99.00 EV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: QWP

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0 | 1.092 | 7.487 +-  | .203  | 9.012   |
| K K : 0 | .772  | 1.658 +-  | .234  | 1.173   |
| ClK : 0 | .567  | < .205 +- | .103  |         |
| S K : 0 | .487  | < .202 +- | .101  |         |
| CaK : 0 | .799  | 1.083 +-  | .224  | .749    |
| SiK : 0 | .589  | 53.235 +- | .630  | 52.443  |
| AlK : 0 | .939  | 34.360 +- | .499  | 35.241  |
| FeK : 0 | .825  | 1.489 +-  | .399  | .738    |
| ZnK : 0 | .808  | < .928 +- | .464  |         |
| P K : 0 | .495  | < .311 +- | .156  |         |
| TOTAL   |       | 99.312    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 5a

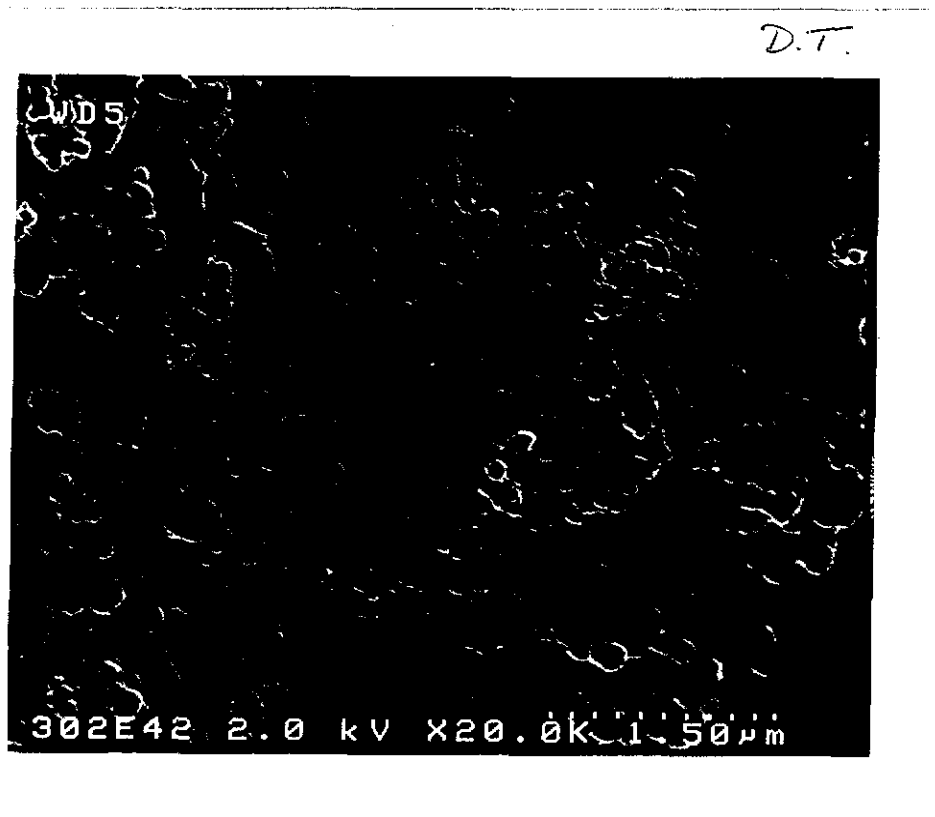
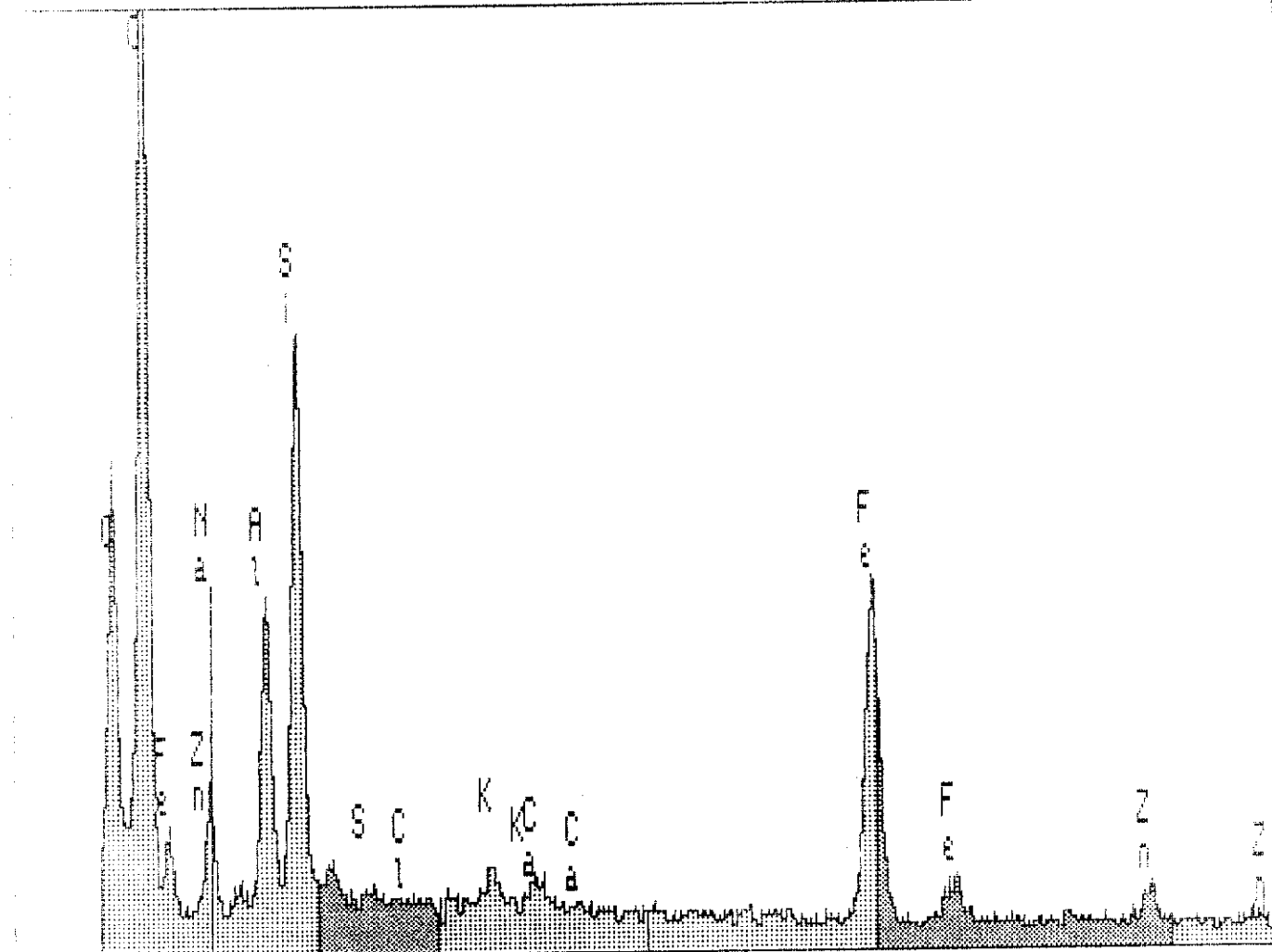




Figure 5b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 83s 40% Dead



FS= 2K  
MEM1: D.T.  
4.560 keV  
ch 238=  
9.7 >  
98 cts

Spectrum file : NCDT  
D.T.

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

ENERGY RES AREA  
4.4 79.35 37093  
TOTAL AREA= 105243

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Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 7.21

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR(WT%)       |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| BeK : 0 | 1.863    | .116             |
| BK : 0  | .704     | .133             |
| ClK : 0 | .012     | .109* < 2 Sigma* |
| Ca : 0  | .205     | .113* < 2 Sigma* |
| Sc : 0  | .548     | .132             |
| Ti : 0  | 2.379    | .185             |
| V : 0   | 5.375    | .200             |
| FeK : 0 | 16.964   | .476             |
| ZnK : 0 | 3.682    | .588             |
| PbK : 0 | .941     | .177             |

[OF CALCULATIONS

[... 4 iterations]

20.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: D.T.

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF  | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM.%  |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|---------|
| BeK : 0 | .460 | 7.211 +-  | .449  | 11.015  |
| BK : 0  | .674 | 1.434 +-  | .272  | 1.288   |
| ClK : 0 | .560 | < .219 +- | .109  |         |
| Ca : 0  | .579 | < .225 +- | .113  |         |
| Sc : 0  | .998 | 1.087 +-  | .263  | .952    |
| Ti : 0  | .539 | 27.681 +- | .610  | 34.608  |
| V : 0   | .545 | 17.566 +- | .652  | 22.865  |
| FeK : 0 | .895 | 33.774 +- | .948  | 21.237  |
| ZnK : 0 | .834 | 7.861 +-  | 1.256 | 4.223   |
| PbK : 0 | .615 | 2.725 +-  | .514  | 3.090   |
| TOTAL   |      | 99.339    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 6a

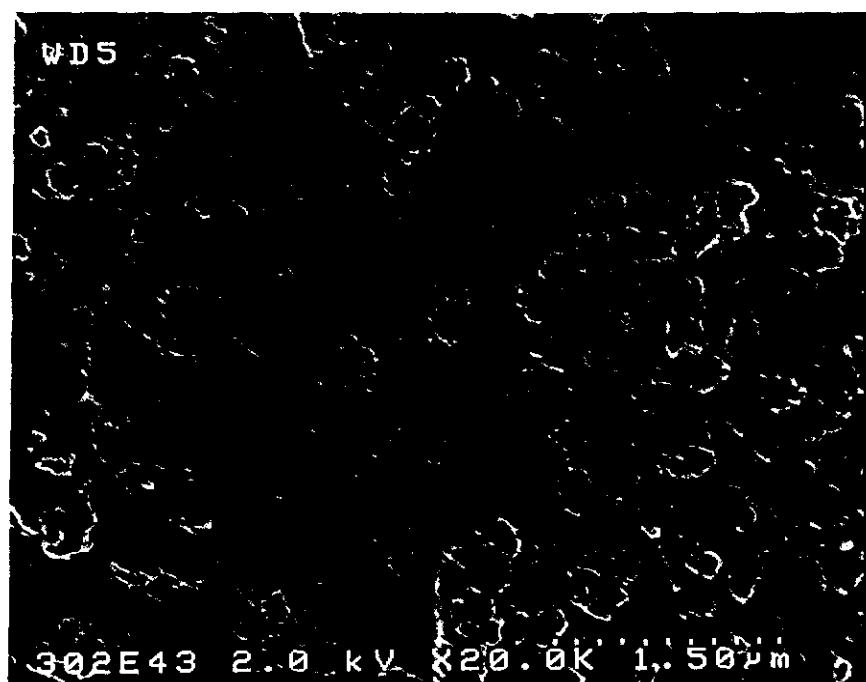
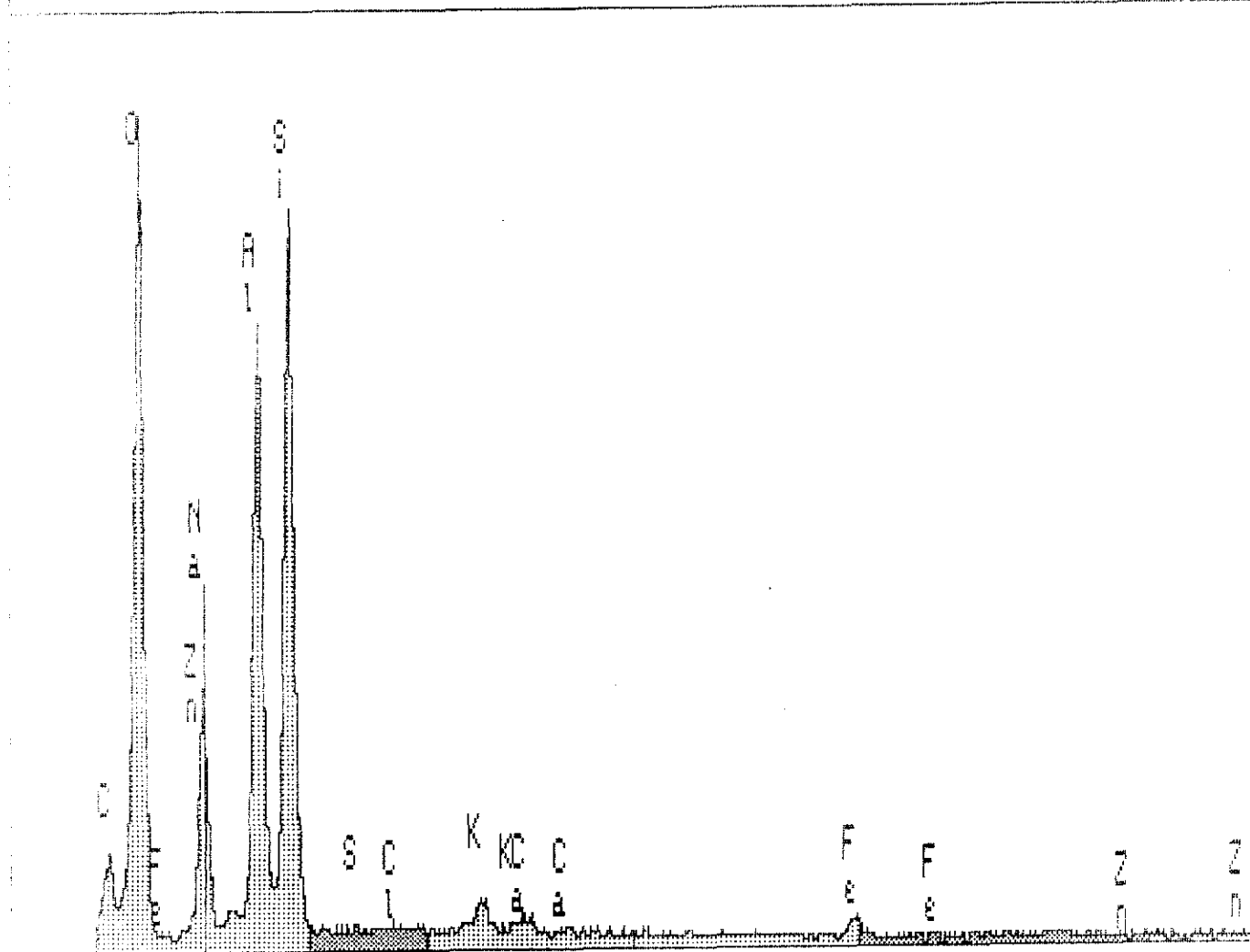


Figure 6b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 89s 44% Dead



4.560 keV 9.7 >  
ch 238= 103 etc  
FS= 4K  
MEM1:PP11

Spectrum file : NCPPI1

LIVETIME (SPEC.) =

50

ENERGY RES AREA  
4.5 80.23 43113  
TOTAL AREA= 118228

Peak at .50 key omitted?  
FIT INDEX=23.14

| ELMT | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|------|-----------|------------------|
| 1    | 7.705     | .173             |
| 2    | 1.217     | .138             |
| 3    | .093      | .105* < 2 Sigma* |
| 4    | .039      | .104* < 2 Sigma* |
| 5    | .717      | .129             |
| 6    | 20.784    | .261             |
| 7    | 21.640    | .328             |
| 8    | 1.966     | .260             |
| 9    | -.090     | .453* < 2 Sigma* |
| 10   | .247      | .159* < 2 Sigma* |

INITIAL CALCULATIONS

[ 4 iterations]

20.00 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: PPI1

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

Elements analysed, NORMALISED

| ZAF    | %ELMT     | Error | ATOM.%  |
|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| 1.037  | 10.058 +- | .226  | 12.175  |
| .793   | 2.104 +-  | .238  | 1.497   |
| .579   | < .210 +- | .105  |         |
| .498   | < .207 +- | .104  |         |
| .806   | 1.202 +-  | .216  | .835    |
| .575   | 48.950 +- | .614  | 48.492  |
| .874   | 33.496 +- | .508  | 34.548  |
| .828   | 3.212 +-  | .425  | 1.500   |
| .810   | < .906 +- | .453  |         |
| .508   | < .318 +- | .159  |         |
| 99.022 |           |       | 100.000 |

Figure 7a

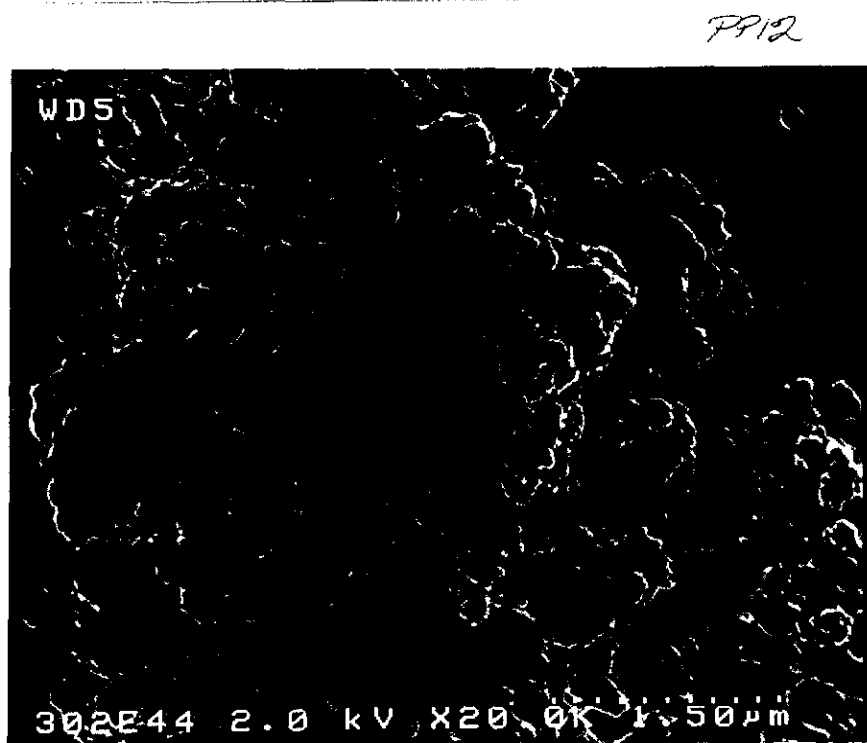
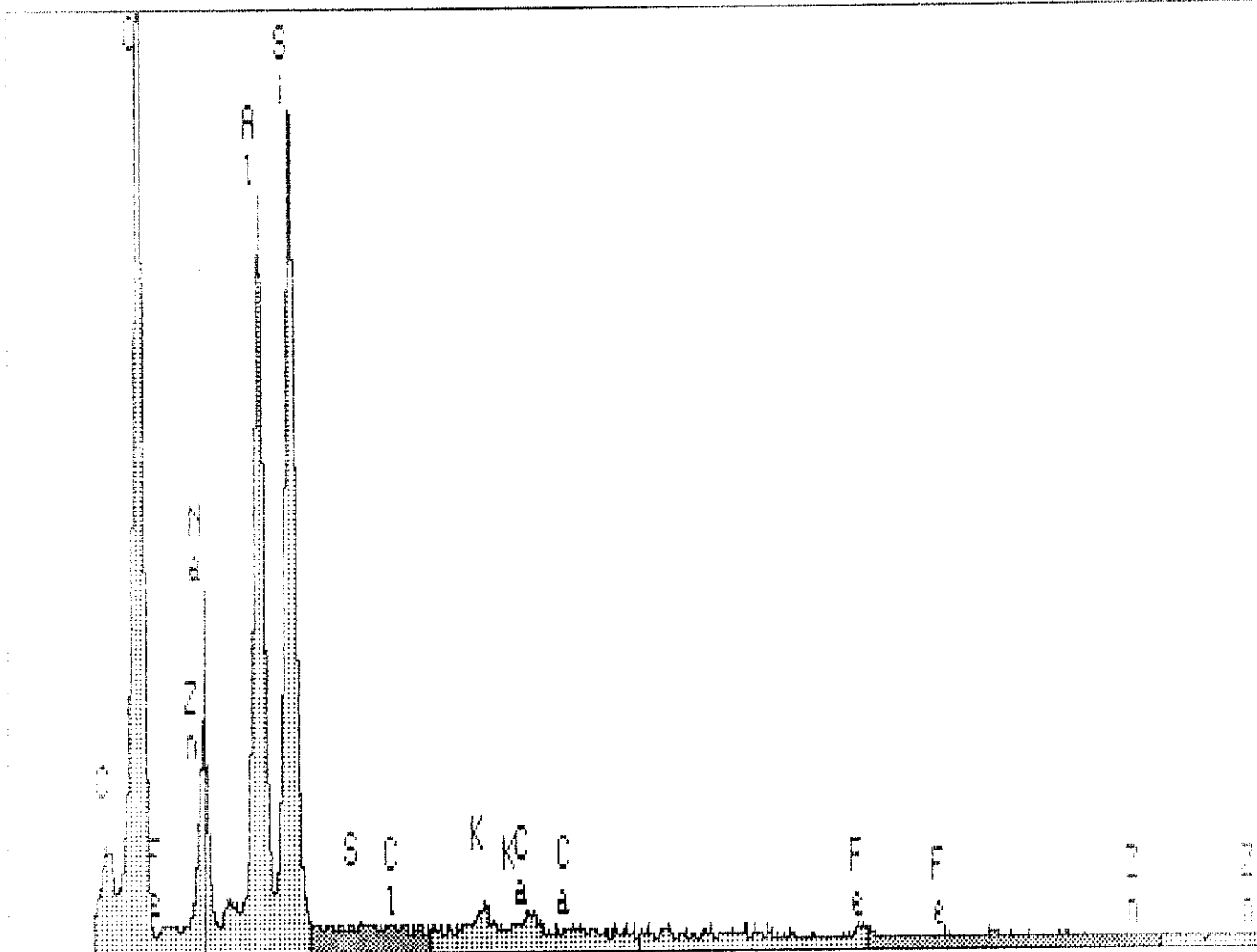


Figure 7b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 94s 47% Dead



4.560 keV 9.7 >  
FS= 4K ch 238= 100 cts  
MEM1:PP12

spectrum file : NCPP12

FP12

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA   |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| 1.4         | 80.64 | 46698  |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 137698 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
 T INDEX=28.15

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0 | 6.309    | .169             |
| Si : 0  | 1.076    | .139             |
| Al : 0  | .013     | .109* < 2 Sigma* |
| P : 0   | .079     | .111* < 2 Sigma* |
| Cl : 0  | .886     | .137             |
| S : 0   | 24.176   | .281             |
| SiK : 0 | 26.083   | .358             |
| FeK : 0 | .973     | .267             |
| ZnK : 0 | .219     | .534* < 2 Sigma* |
| PbK : 0 | .395     | .172             |

AF CALCULATIONS

[ 3 iterations]

1.400 KV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: FP12

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

11 elmts analysed,NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0 | 1.076 | 7.309 +-  | .196  | 8.829   |
| Si : 0  | .774  | 1.733 +-  | .224  | 1.231   |
| Al : 0  | .569  | < .219 +- | .109  |         |
| P : 0   | .489  | < .222 +- | .111  |         |
| ClK : 0 | .800  | 1.380 +-  | .213  | .956    |
| SiK : 0 | .584  | 51.714 +- | .601  | 51.126  |
| AlK : 0 | .932  | 34.881 +- | .479  | 35.903  |
| FeK : 0 | .826  | 1.470 +-  | .403  | .731    |
| ZnK : 0 | .809  | <1.068 +- | .534  |         |
| PbK : 0 | .499  | .986 +-   | .429  | .884    |
| TOTAL   |       | 99.474    |       | 100.000 |



Figure 8a

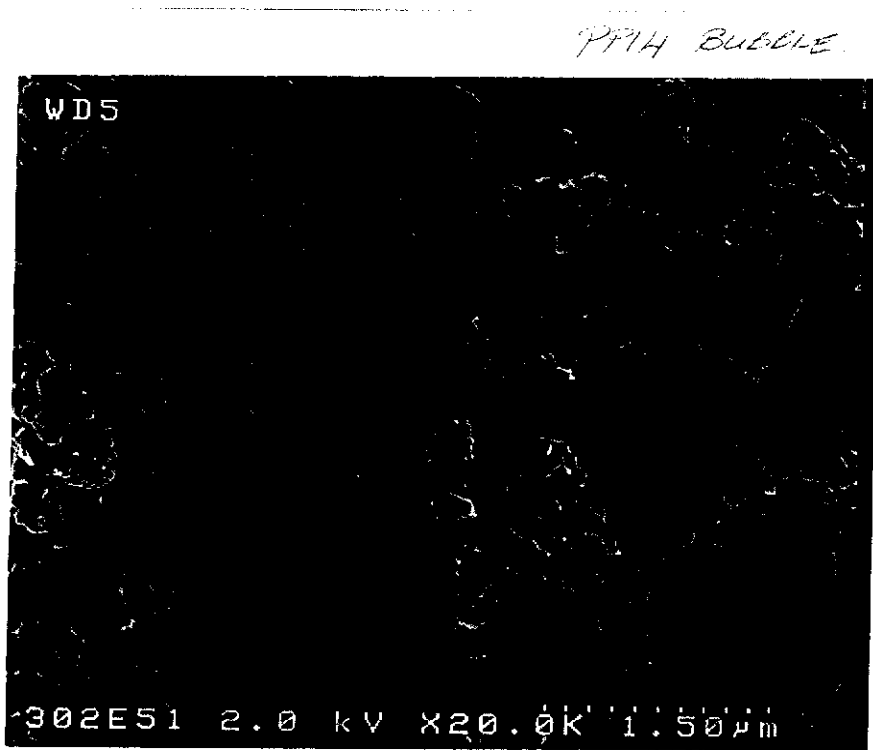
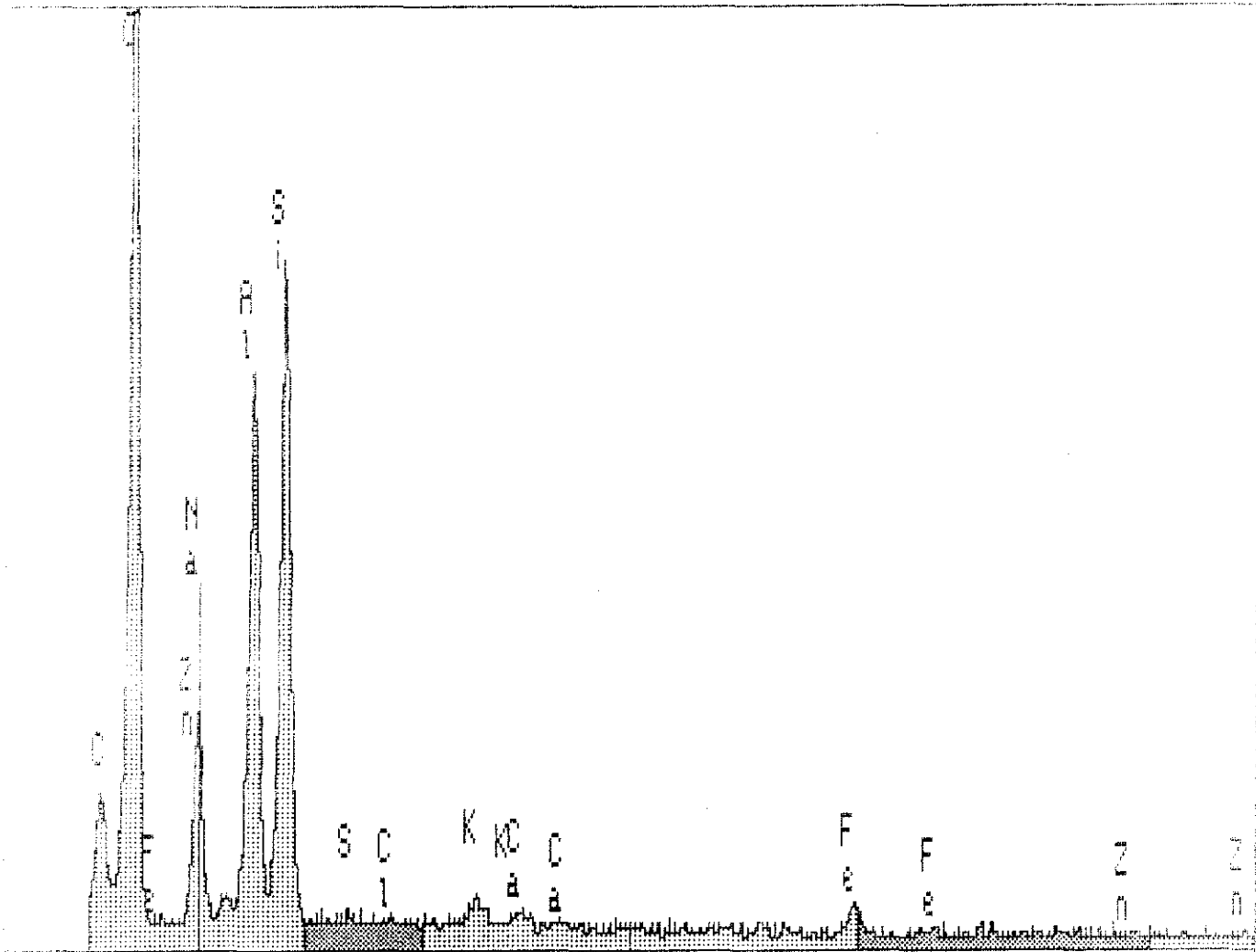


Figure 8b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 77s 35% Dead



4.560 keV  
ch 238= 67 9.7 >  
FS= 2K  
MEM1: PP14 BRANCH

Spectrum file : NCPPI4BRA  
 PP14 BRANCH  
 ENERGY RES AREA  
 4.4 79.92 37193  
 TOTAL AREA= 72050  
 .50 key omitted?  
 INDEX=12.74

LIVETIME(spec.)= 50

| APP. CONC | ERRCR(WT%)       |
|-----------|------------------|
| 3.375     | .124             |
| .531      | .104             |
| .039      | .084* < 2 Sigma* |
| .075      | .086* < 2 Sigma* |
| .290      | .100             |
| 9.841     | .184             |
| 9.894     | .231             |
| 1.526     | .224             |
| .006      | .412* < 2 Sigma* |
| .159      | .130* < 2 Sigma* |

2A: CALCULATIONS

3 iterations

TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: PP14 BRANCH

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

3. Limits analysed, NORMALISED

| ZAF   | %ELMT     | Error | ATON.%  |
|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| .979  | 9.701 +-  | .357  | 11.862  |
| .786  | 1.904 +-  | .373  | 1.369   |
| .590  | < .169 +- | .084  |         |
| .501  | < .172 +- | .086  |         |
| .810  | 1.007 +-  | .347  | .706    |
| .576  | 48.164 +- | .901  | 48.200  |
| .856  | 32.575 +- | .761  | 33.940  |
| .831  | 5.170 +-  | .758  | 2.602   |
| .810  | < .824 +- | .412  |         |
| .513  | < .261 +- | .130  |         |
| TOTAL | 98.521    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 9a

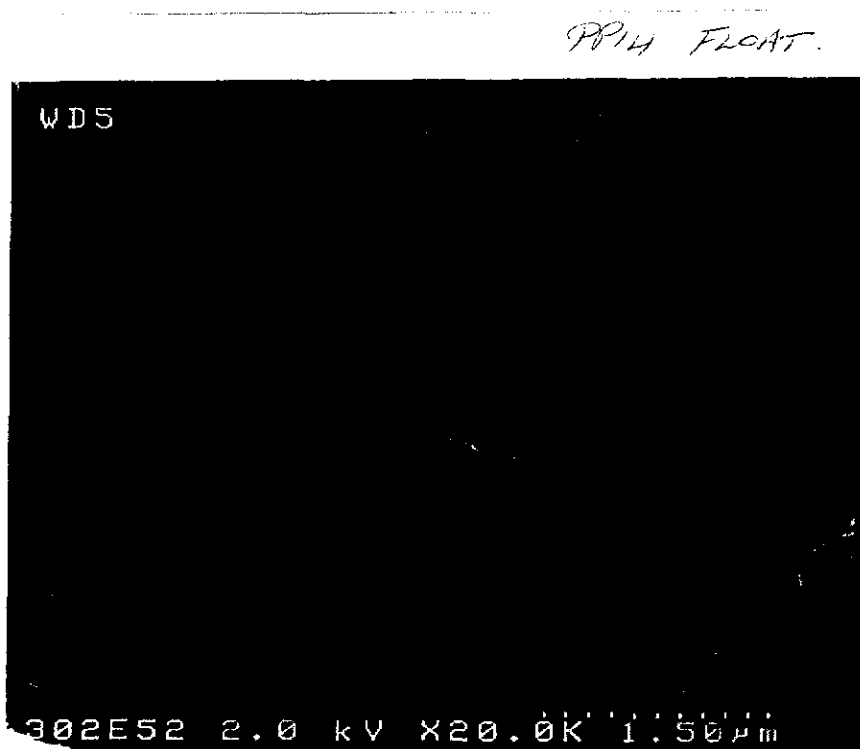
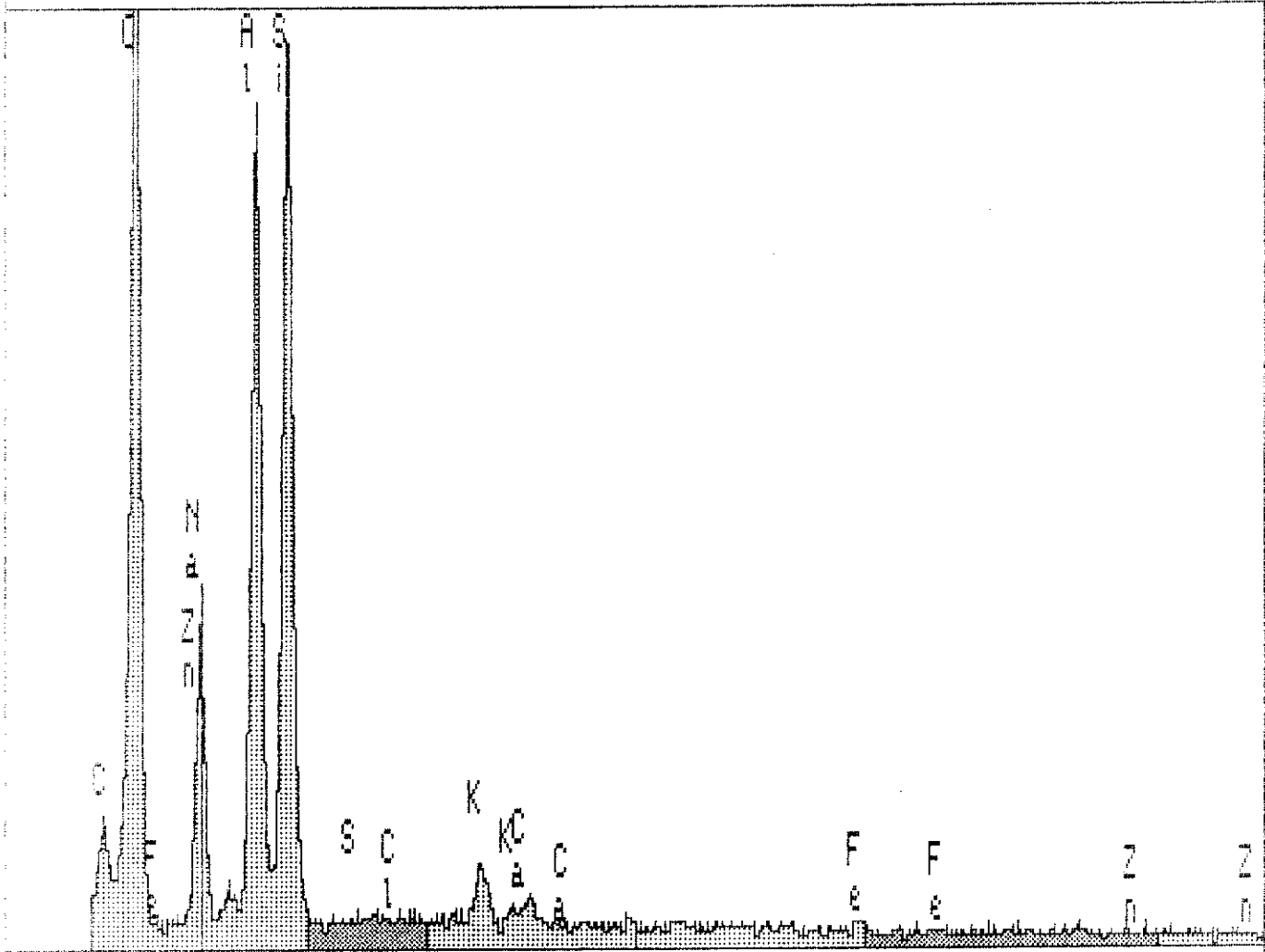


Figure 9b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 80s 38% Dead



PS= 2K  
MEM1: PP14 FLOAT  
4.560 keV  
ch 238=  
9.7 >  
66 cts

Spectrum file : NCPP14FLO  
PP14 FLOAT

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 4.6         | 82.40 | 38847 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 79035 |

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Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX=15.73

| ELMT    | APP.CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0 | 4.710    | .138             |
| K K : 0 | 1.219    | .119             |
| ClK : 0 | -.051    | .087* < 2 Sigma* |
| S K : 0 | .008     | .085* < 2 Sigma* |
| CaK : 0 | .431     | .108             |
| SiK : 0 | 13.320   | .209             |
| AlK : 0 | 14.653   | .267             |
| FeK : 0 | .633     | .199             |
| ZnK : 0 | .307     | .408* < 2 Sigma* |
| P K : 0 | .131     | .128* < 2 Sigma* |

ZAF CALCULATIONS

...[ 3 iterations]

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: PP14 FLOAT

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0 | 1.054 | 9.347 +-  | .273  | 11.310  |
| K K : 0 | .783  | 3.256 +-  | .317  | 2.317   |
| ClK : 0 | .578  | < .174 +- | .087  |         |
| S K : 0 | .497  | < .169 +- | .085  |         |
| CaK : 0 | .801  | 1.126 +-  | .282  | .782    |
| SiK : 0 | .571  | 48.790 +- | .765  | 48.320  |
| AlK : 0 | .887  | 34.549 +- | .629  | 35.624  |
| FeK : 0 | .828  | 1.599 +-  | .503  | .797    |
| ZnK : 0 | .810  | < .816 +- | .408  |         |
| P K : 0 | .507  | < .257 +- | .128  |         |
| TOTAL   |       | 98.667    |       | 100.000 |

Figure 10a

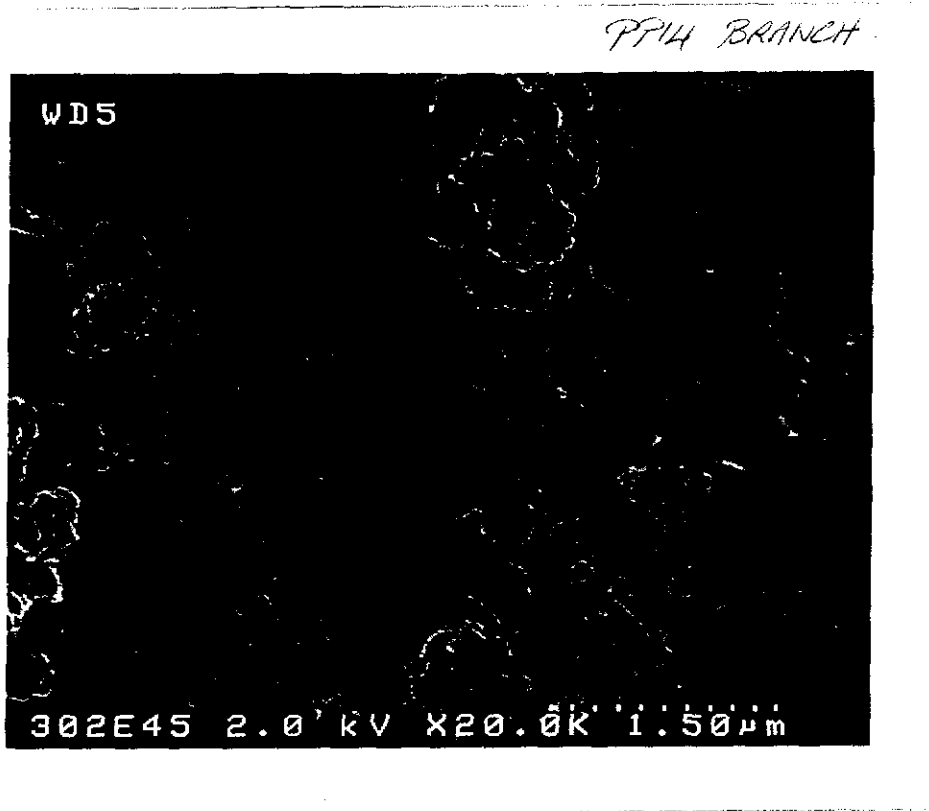
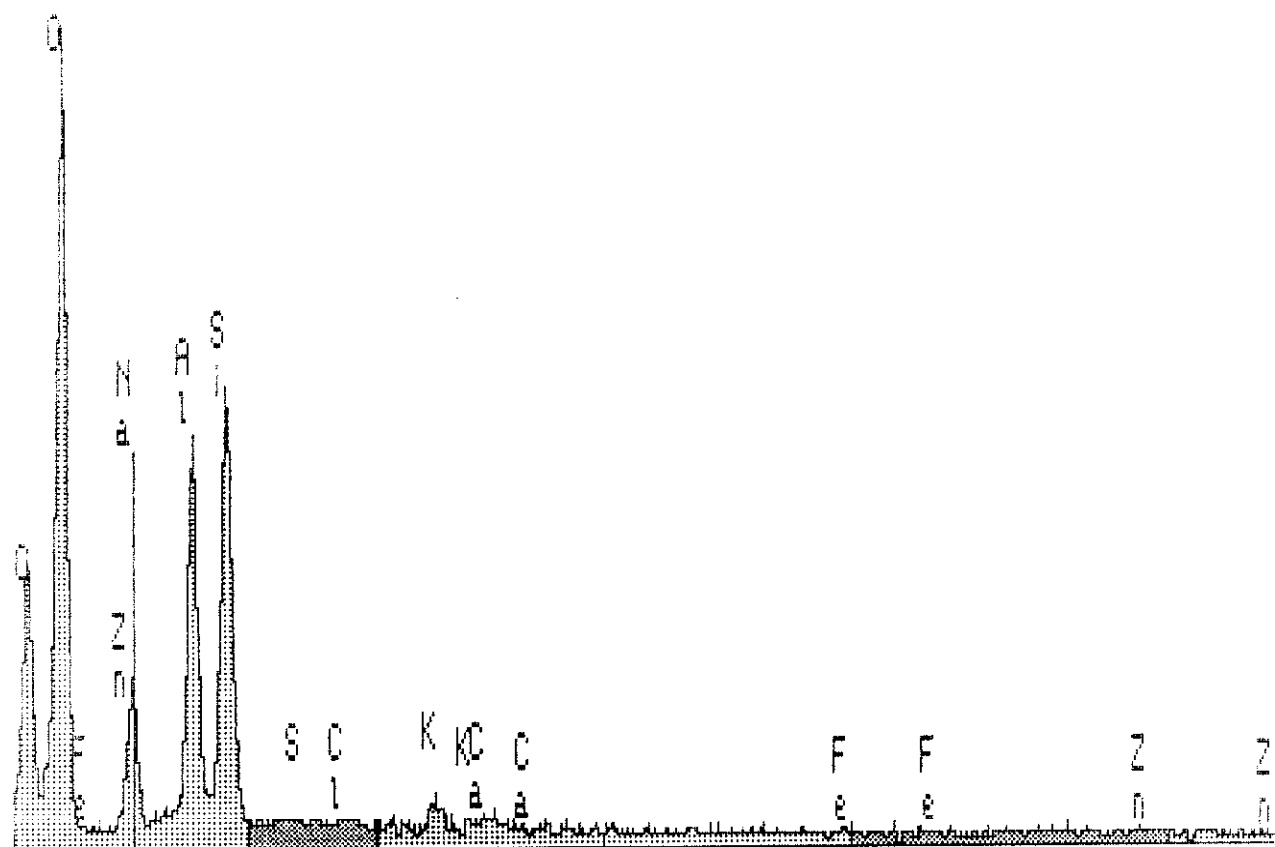


Figure 10b

X-RAY: 0 - 20 keV  
Live: 50s Preset: 50s Remaining: 0s  
Real: 73s 32% Dead



FS= 2K  
MEM1: PP14 BUBBLE  
4.560 keV  
ch 238=  
9.7 >  
37 cts



Spectrum file : NCPP14BUB  
PP14 BUBBLE

LIVETIME (spec.) = 50

| ENERGY      | RES   | AREA  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 4.7         | 79.03 | 36117 |
| TOTAL AREA= |       | 53441 |

Peak at .50 keV omitted?  
FIT INDEX= 8.73

| ELMT    | APP. CONC | ERROR (WT%)      |
|---------|-----------|------------------|
| NaK : 0 | 2.208     | .103             |
| K K : 0 | .572      | .093             |
| ClK : 0 | .100      | .077* < 2 Sigma* |
| S K : 0 | -.037     | .078* < 2 Sigma* |
| CaK : 0 | .115      | .089* < 2 Sigma* |
| SiK : 0 | 6.033     | .149             |
| AlK : 0 | 6.095     | .185             |
| FeK : 0 | .351      | .172             |
| ZnK : 0 | .302      | .370* < 2 Sigma* |
| P K : 0 | .090      | .117* < 2 Sigma* |

#### ZAF CALCULATIONS

.. 3 iterations

20.00 kV TILT=15.00 ELEV=10.00 AZIM=15.00 COSINE=1.000

Spectrum: PP14 BUBBLE

\* INITIAL START-UP \*

All elmts analysed, NORMALISED

| ELMT    | ZAF   | %ELMT +-  | Error | ATOM. % |
|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| NaK : 0 | 1.016 | 9.962 +-  | .464  | 12.139  |
| K K : 0 | .783  | 3.351 +-  | .545  | 2.401   |
| ClK : 0 | .582  | < .154 +- | .077  |         |
| S K : 0 | .501  | < .157 +- | .078  |         |
| CaK : 0 | .801  | < .178 +- | .089  |         |
| SiK : 0 | .575  | 48.157 +- | 1.192 | 48.027  |
| AlK : 0 | .856  | 32.662 +- | .991  | 33.914  |
| FeK : 0 | .831  | 1.937 +-  | .949  | .971    |
| ZnK : 0 | .812  | < .739 +- | .370  |         |
| P K : 0 | .512  | < .234 +- | .117  |         |
| TOTAL   |       | 96.069    |       | 100.000 |

## 5.0 PARTICLE FORMATION BY PHYTOPLANKTON AND PICOPLANKTON

To purpose of this component is to identify the biological contribution of phytoplankton and picoplankton populations as initiators of particle formation. Picoplankton data we generated out of an independent contract and are arriving in time for the meeting.

The enumeration of small organisms were carried out by flow cytometry and using autofluorescence of pigments in the algal groups. This was done through systematic sampling of phytoplankton (size greater than  $> 2 \mu\text{m}$ ) and picoplankton ( $< 2 \mu\text{m}$ ). All phytoplankton and periphyton data are presented at the end of this section ("PHYTOPLANKTON AND PERIPHYTON TAXA IN 1996 BUCHANS SAMPLES AND BUCHANS CULTURING EXPERIMENT").

### 5.1 Phytoplankton Productivity and Diversity

Samples from different locations at Buchans were analyzed for phytoplankton density, biomass and species diversity into different classes of algae during spring, summer and fall of 1996 (Table 19 and Table 20). As expected, cell density and biomass were very low in early May, and increased in general during the summer and fall. However, one can note very specific differences in these parameters for different locations.

The Drainage Tunnel (DT) water had low cell density, biomass and species diversity at all times sampled. Phytoplankton in OWP increased its cell density, biomass and species diversity during fall and summer, while OEP supported exceptionally low cell densities and biomass at all times of the year (spring, summer and fall) as seen in Table 19. Interestingly, Tailings Pond 2 (TP2) had quite high phytoplankton population and biomass in early May.

As expected, the polishing ponds (PP) supported considerable phytoplankton populations and biomass, and generally had high species diversity both in the spring and the fall. The qualitative assessment of species diversity shows high species diversity for the polishing ponds during the summer (Table 20).

According to nutrient data available for Oriental East Pit (phosphate, nitrate and ammonium), one would have expected significant phytoplankton biomass to have developed. This did not take place at any time of the year. The data indicate that the system behaves as an exceptionally oligotrophic (nutrient-poor) aquatic ecosystem. There may be several reasons for this:

- (1) phosphate may not be available for uptake by the algae due to complexing with metals (e.g., zinc);
- (2) the low Secchi disc values (around 1.4 m) indicates low water transparency in spite of the very low phytoplankton biomass, indicating that light is rapidly lost due to scattering or absorption by abiotic particles;
- (3) the very shallow chemo/thermocline (at about 1.5 m during most of the productive season).

It is very likely that the unfavourable chemistry and establishment of a very shallow epilimnion, coupled with very low water transparency, inhibits development of a significant phytoplankton productivity and biomass. Only the top meter is strongly oxygenated, light is rapidly absorbed in the top 1-2 meters and it appears likely that key nutrients, such as phosphorus, may not be available for algal transport system due to metal complexing. The conditions on Oriental West Pit appear to be much more favourable for phytoplankton productivity in addition to rapid development of aquatic mosses.

The experiments conducted in the laboratory (see Sections 6.1 and 6.2) and in the field suggest that:

- a) Results of laboratory experiments examining the effects of nutrients upon primary productivity cannot be related to the Polishing Pond ecosystem, due to interferences by zinc, iron and manganese present in the effluent in the field, but attenuated or eliminated in effluent samples shipped to the laboratory.
- b) Geochemical reactions precipitating phosphate in the pits and Polishing Ponds are potentially competing with the algal population for phosphate.
- c) N:P ratios in Polishing Pond algal biomass indicate that these plants have access to sufficient P for growth, and are not nutrient-starved. While a large fraction of added phosphate appears to be relegated to the sediments by precipitation reactions, remobilization of P from the sediments could supply adequate phosphate to the Polishing Pond ecosystem. Phosphorus cycling can be addressed in the field in 1997 using a new radioactive isotope of phosphorus,  $^{33}\text{P}$ , a compound analogous to  $^{14}\text{C}$  in terms of acceptability by agencies regulating the application of this isotope in scientific field work.

Table 19: Phytoplankton density, biomass and percent distribution into different classes. Samples were collected spring, summer and fall of 1996 at different locations at Buchans, Newfoundland.

| Date   | Location <sup>1</sup> | Cell Density<br>( $\times 10^6 \cdot L^{-1}$ ) | Biomass<br>( $\mu g \cdot L^{-1}$ ) | Diversity (%) <sup>2</sup> |    |    |     |
|--------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----|----|-----|
|        |                       |  |                                     | G                          | D  | Cy | Chr |
| May 3  | DT                    | 0.02   | 1.2                                 | 80                         | -  | -  | 20  |
|        | OWP                   | 0.01   | 0.7                                 | 38                         | 63 | -  | -   |
|        | OEP                   | 0.06   | 25                                  | 60                         | 40 | -  | -   |
|        | PP13                  | 0.1  | 10                                  | 38                         | 6  | 48 | 8   |
|        | PP17                  | 0.7  | 59                                  | 54                         | 6  | 21 | 16  |
|        | TP2                   | 1.8  | 240                                 | 8                          | 25 | 5  | 60  |
| Jul 11 | OWP                   | 1.9  | 168                                 | 40                         | 26 | 6  | 29  |
|        | OEP                   | 0.06   | 4                                   | 35                         | 10 | -  | 55  |
| Sep 29 | DT                    | 0.3  | 16                                  | 75                         | 22 | 1  | 3   |
|        | OWP                   | 1.1  | 127                                 | 39                         | 18 | 27 | 14  |
|        | OEP                   | 0.1  | 2.5                                 | 32                         | 12 | -  | 56  |
|        | PP13                  | 1.5  | 480                                 | 60                         | 33 | 1  | 1   |
|        | PP17                  | 0.6  | 38                                  | 50                         | 18 | 7  | 25  |

<sup>1</sup> DT=Drainage Tunnel; OWP=Oriental West Pit; OEP=Oriental East Pit; PP13=Polishing Pond 13; PP17=Polishing Pond 17; TP2=Tailings Pond 2

<sup>2</sup> Diversity expresses as percent of total algae identified; G=Green algae; D=diatoms; Cy=cyanobacteria; Chr=chrysophytes

Table 20: Qualitative assessment of diversity of phytoplankton as distribution into different classes. Samples were collected during the summer 1996.

| Date   | Location <sup>1</sup> | Diversity (%) <sup>2</sup> |    |    |     |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----|----|-----|
|        |                       | G                          | D  | Cy | Chr |
| May 5  | OWP                   | 30                         | 70 | -  | -   |
| Jul 8  | PP-In                 | 40                         | 20 | 20 | 20  |
|        | PP-Out                | 10                         | 60 | 10 | 20  |
| Jul 11 | PP-In                 | 30                         | 40 | 10 | 25  |
|        | PP-Out                | 45                         | 35 | 15 | 5   |
| Jul 12 | PP12                  | 70                         | 20 | 5  | -   |
|        | PP14                  | 60                         | 25 | 10 | -   |

<sup>1</sup> OWP=Oriental West Pit; PP-In=intake water for Polishing Ponds;  
 PP-Out=exit water from Polishing Ponds; PP12=Polishing Pond 12;  
 PP14=Polishing Pond 14

<sup>2</sup> Diversity expresses as percent of total algae identified; G = Green algae;  
 D = diatoms; Cy = cyanobacteria; Chr = chrysophytes

**PHYTOPLANKTON AND PERIPHYTON TAXA PRESENT**

**IN 1996 BUCHANS SAMPLES**

**AND**

**BUCHANS CULTURING EXPERIMENT**

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|    |         |  |    |
|----|---------|--|----|
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| 5  | A96-33  | Drainage Tunnel, May 3, 1996 . . . . .                 | 5  |
| 6  | A96-34  | TP-2, May 3, 1996 . . . . .                            | 6  |
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| 9  | A96-37  | PP17, May 3, 1996 . . . . .                            | 9  |
| 10 | A96-43  | OWP, May 3, 1996 . . . . .                             | 10 |
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| 10 | A96-45 | OEP, May 13, 1996 . . . . .                      | 26 |
| 11 | A96-46 | PP13, May 13, 1996 . . . . .                     | 27 |
| 12 | A96-47 | PP17, May 13, 1996 . . . . .                     | 28 |
| 18 | A96-55 | PP14, Mat "Bubble", July 12, 1996 . . . . .      | 29 |
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| 21 | A96-58 | PP14, "Floating Bubble", July 12, 1996 . . . . . | 32 |

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## List of Algal Taxon Codes for Boojum Research Samples - 1996

### Cyanobacteria (Bluegreen Algae)

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| AN spp 1R | Anabaena spp.  |
| BG fil 1R | Undentified filamentous bluegreen sp.  |
| ME min 1E | Merismopedia minutus   |
| OS lim 1R | Oscillatoria limnetica   |
| OS spp 1R | Oscillatoria spp. (small spp.)   |
| OS ten 1R | Oscillatoria tenuis  |
| UN bgf 1R | Unidentified bluegreen filament (small)  |
| UN blg 1E | Unidentified small spp. (e.g. Synechococcus,<br>Merismopedia, Chroococcus, etc.) |

### Chlorophyceae (Green Algae)

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| AK fal 2R | Ankistrodesmus falcatus  |
| BO bra 2E | Botryococcus braunii   |
| CH spp 2E | Chlamydomonas spp.   |
| CL spp 2R | Chlorogonium sp.   |
| CT spp 2E | Carteria spp.  |
| DT pul 2E | Dictyosphaerium pulchellum   |
| MG spm 2R | Mougeotia sp. (medium width filament)  |
| MG spn 2R | Mougeotia sp. (narrow filaments)   |
| MG spw 2R | Mougeotia sp. (wide filaments)   |
| MT spp 2E | Mesotaenium sp.  |
| OO spp 2E | Oocystis spp.  |
| SC spp 2E | Scenedesmus spp.   |
| SP sub 2E | Sphaerellopsis cylindrica  |
| TM spp 2R | Temnogametum spp.  |
| UL spp 2R | Ulothrix sp.   |
| UN chl 2E | Unidentified small spp. (e.g. Chlorella,<br>Chlamydomonas, Chlorococcum, etc.) |

### Euglenophyceae (Euglenoids)

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| EG spp 3E | Euglena spp.      |
| LP spp 3E | Lepocinclis sp.   |
| TR spp 3E | Trachelomonas sp. |

### **Chrysophyceae (Chrysophytes)**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| CK pla 4E | Chrysolykos planctonicus                                       |
| CM spp 4E | Chromulina spp.  |
| CS spp 4E | Chrysosphaerella sp.   |
| DI mon 4E | Dinobryon monads   |
| DI ser 4E | Dinobryon sertularia   |
| DI spp 4E | Dinobryon sp.  |
| EP spp 4E | Epipyxis sp.   |
| KP spp 4E | Kephyrion sp.  |
| OM spp 4E | Ochromonas spp.  |
| PK spp 4E | Pseudokephyrion spp.   |
| UN chr 4E | Unidentified small spp. (e.g. Chromulina, Ochromonas,<br>etc.) |

### **Cryptophyceae (Cryptophytes)**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| CR ero 5F | Cryptomonas erosa   |
| CR ova 5F | Cryptomonas ovata   |
| CR spp 5E | Cryptomonas spp. (small taxa)   |
| RH min 5E | Rhodomonas minutus  |
| UN cry 5E | Unidentified spp. (e.g. Chroomonas, Cryptomonas,<br>Rhodomonas, etc.) |

### **Dinophyceae (Dinoflagellates)**

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| GM spp 6E | Gymnodinium spp.        |
| PE inc 6E | Peridinium inconspicuum |

### **Bacillariophyceae (Diatoms)**

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| MS isl 7R | Melosira islandica           |
| AC spp 7R | Achnanthes spp.              |
| AH spp 7R | Achnanthes spp. (small taxa) |
| AS for 7R | Asterionella formosa         |
| EU ssp 7R | Eunotia spp. (small)         |
| FR rhm 7D | Frustulia rhomboides         |
| NV spp 7D | Navicula spp.                |

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| NZ spp 7R | Nitzschia spp.   |
| PN spm 7R | Pinnularia sp. (medium frustule)   |
| PN spp 7R | Pinnularia spp.  |
| SY spl 7R | Synedra spp. (large frustule)  |
| SY spm 7R | Synedra spp. (medium frustule)   |
| TA flc 7T | Tabellaria flocculosa  |
| TA fen 7T | Tabellaris fenestrata  |
| UN dia 7R | Unidentified spp. (e.g. Achnanthes, Cyclotella,<br>Cymbella, Eunotia, Navicula, Pinnularia,<br>etc.) |

**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel**

**3/05/96**

**(A96-17)**

Sample File BR9617

DATE ANALYSED...09-12-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 500.0 mLs

| TAXON         | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|---------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----         |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN blg 1E     | 11404                                       | 0.0038                           | 0   | 289   | 1.0         | 0.8         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 0.34                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chl 2E     | 3117  | 0.1480                           | 0   | 79    | 7.4         | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 47.46                        | 59.19 |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EG spp 3E     | 308   | 1.0167                           | 0   | 26    | 41.7        | 12.3        | 0         | 1 | 5     | 3303.28                      | 29.59 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E     | 1184  | 0.0486                           | 0   | 30    | 4.9         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 41.05                        | 59.19 |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CR spp 5E     | 252   | 0.2479                           | 0   | 17    | 19.6        | 9.8         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 985.61                       | 29.59 |
| -----         |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT       | 16264                                       | 1.4650                           |     | 441   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel**

**3/05/96**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 11404                     | 0.004                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 3117                      | 0.148                       |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 308                       | 1.017                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 1184                      | 0.049                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 252                       | 0.248                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 16264                     | 1.465                       |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.52 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 1.47 μg/L

**Buchans - OWP (surface)**

**9/07/96 (A96-30)**

(Sample File BR9630)

DATE ANALYSED...09-22-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 125.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| OS lim 1R       | 119799                                      | 9.4090                           | 0   | 253   | 100.0       | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 78.54                        | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 114117                                      | 0.0896                           | 0   | 241   | 1.5         | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 0.79                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UL spp 2R       | 789   | 0.1458                           | 0   | 10    | 9.8         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 184.80                       | 29.59 |
| TM spp 2R       | 11838                                       | 18.0595                          | 0   | 150   | 80.9        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 1525.56                      | 29.59 |
| CH spp 2E       | 40722                                       | 7.7314                           | 0   | 86    | 7.4         | 7.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 189.86                       | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 573427                                      | 39.6490                          | 0   | 1211  | 5.5         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 69.14                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EP spp 4E       | 66292                                       | 1.0630                           | 0   | 140   | 4.9         | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 16.04                        | 59.19 |
| UN chr 4E       | 374551                                      | 7.0287                           | 0   | 791   | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 226814                                      | 37.1301                          | 0   | 479   | 7.4         | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 163.70                       | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 90441                                       | 4.6988                           | 0   | 191   | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AC spp 7R       | 304470                                      | 43.0614                          | 0   | 643   | 14.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 141.43                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 1923262                                     | 168.0664                         |     | 4195  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - OWP (surface)**

**9/07/96 (A96-30)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 233917                    | 9.499                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 626777                    | 65.586                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 758098                    | 49.921                      |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 304470                    | 43.061                      |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 1923262                   | 168.066                     |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.92 X 10<sup>6</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 168.01 μg/L

**Buchans - OEP - surface**

**10/07/96 (A96-31)**

Sample File BR9631

DATE ANALYSED...09-26-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 26.3 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chl 2E       | 22548                                       | 1.5591                           | 0   | 10    | 5.5         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 69.14                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 38332                                       | 1.4451                           | 0   | 17    | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| DI spp 4E       | 6765  | 0.8334                           | 0   | 3     | 9.8         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 123.20                       | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AH spp 7D       | 8268  | 0.4561                           | 0   | 22    | 17.2        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 55.16                        | 29.59 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 75913                                       | 4.2936                           |     | 52    |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - OEP - surface**

**10/07/96 (A96-31)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 22548                     | 1.559                       |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 45097                     | 2.278                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 8268                      | 0.456                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 75913                     | 4.294                       |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 7.59 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 4.29 μg/L



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3/05/96

(A96-32)

Sample File BR9632

DATE ANALYSED...09-22-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN blg 1E       | 7892  | 0.0186                           | 0   | 14    | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| MG spw 2R       | 141   | 1.3128                           | 0   | 2     | 78.4        | 12.3        | 0         | 1 | 4     | 9315.72                      | 29.59 |
| MT spp 2E       | 352   | 9.6677                           | 0   | 5     | 51.5        | 31.9        | 0         | 1 | 4     | 27440.20                     | 29.59 |
| MG spn 2R       | 493   | 0.1974                           | 0   | 7     | 41.6        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 400.24                       | 29.59 |
| UL spp 2R       | 13177                                       | 2.4351                           | 0   | 187   | 9.8         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 184.80                       | 29.59 |
| UN chl 2E       | 10147                                       | 1.6611                           | 0   | 18    | 7.4         | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 163.70                       | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 9583  | 0.4979                           | 0   | 17    | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| NV spp 7D       | 775   | 0.1651                           | 0   | 11    | 26.9        | 5.5         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 213.03                       | 29.59 |
| EU spp 7R       | 6201  | 3.7301                           | 0   | 88    | 31.9        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 601.55                       | 29.59 |
| UN dia 7R       | 11838                                       | 5.4692                           | 0   | 21    | 24.5        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 462.01                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 60599                                       | 25.1549                          |     | 370   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

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3/05/96

(A96-32)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 7892                      | 0.019                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 24310                     | 15.274                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 9583                      | 0.498                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 18814                     | 9.364                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 60599                     | 25.155                      |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 6.06 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 25.16 μg/L

**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel**

**3/05/96 (A96-33)**

Sample File BR9633

DATE ANALYSED...09-21-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 500.0 mLs

| TAXON         | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|---------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----         |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN blg 1E     | 3038  | 0.0024                           | 0   | 77    | 1.5         | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 0.79                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chl 2E     | 2091  | 0.1446                           | 0   | 53    | 5.5         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 69.14                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E     | 1539  | 0.0289                           | 0   | 39    | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| -----         |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT       | 6669  | 0.1759                           |     | 169   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel**

**3/05/96 (A96-33)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 3038                      | 0.002                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 2091                      | 0.145                       |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 1539                      | 0.029                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 6669                      | 0.176                       |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 6.67 X 10<sup>3</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 0.18 μg/L

**Buchans - Tailings Pond 2 (TP-2)**

**3/05/96**

**(A96-34)**

Sample File BR9634

DATE ANALYSED...09-22-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN bgf 1R       | 142055                                      | 11.1569                          | 0   | 252   | 100.0       | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 78.54                        | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 112742                                      | 0.0885                           | 0   | 200   | 1.5         | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 0.79                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TM spp 2R       | 940   | 0.9124                           | 0   | 10    | 51.5        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 971.16                       | 29.59 |
| UN chl 2E       | 133599                                      | 16.3688                          | 0   | 237   | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EP spp 4E       | 14656                                       | 0.2750                           | 0   | 26    | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| UN chr 4E       | 404179                                      | 7.5847                           | 0   | 717   | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 81174                                       | 13.2885                          | 0   | 144   | 7.4         | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 163.70                       | 59.19 |
| DI ser 4E       | 275654                                      | 42.6245                          | 0   | 489   | 12.3        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 154.63                       | 59.19 |
| DI mon 4E       | 299329                                      | 46.2855                          | 0   | 531   | 12.3        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 154.63                       | 59.19 |
| KP spp 4E       | 90757                                       | 2.3285                           | 0   | 161   | 4.0         | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 25.66                        | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 130217                                      | 4.9091                           | 0   | 231   | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN dia 7R       | 27622                                       | 10.2091                          | 0   | 49    | 19.6        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 369.61                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 1712923                                     | 156.0317                         |     | 3048  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - Tailings Pond 2 (TP-2)**

**3/05/96**

**(A96-34)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 254796                    | 11.245                      |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 134539                    | 17.281                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 1295967                   | 117.296                     |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 27622                     | 10.209                      |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 1712923                   | 156.032                     |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.71 X 10<sup>6</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 156.03 μg/L

**Buchans - Tailings Pond 2 (TP 2)**

**3/05/96**

**(A96-35)**

Sample File BR9635

DATE ANALYSED...09-25-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN bgf 1R       | 49606                                       | 3.8961                           | 0   | 88    | 100.0       | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 78.54                        | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 164603                                      | 0.1293                           | 0   | 292   | 1.5         | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 0.79                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| MT spp 2R       | 211   | 2.3471                           | 0   | 3     | 36.8        | 19.6        | 0         | 1 | 4     | 11103.24                     | 29.59 |
| TM spp 2R       | 282   | 0.3386                           | 0   | 4     | 63.7        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 4     | 1201.22                      | 29.59 |
| UN chl 2E       | 104286                                      | 12.7774                          | 0   | 185   | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 315113                                      | 8.0847                           | 0   | 559   | 4.0         | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 25.66                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 98649                                       | 16.1492                          | 0   | 175   | 7.4         | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 163.70                       | 59.19 |
| DI ser 4E       | 220974                                      | 51.4496                          | 0   | 392   | 14.7        | 5.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 232.83                       | 59.19 |
| DI mon 4E       | 312295                                      | 57.7129                          | 0   | 554   | 14.7        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 184.80                       | 59.19 |
| KP spp 4E       | 103159                                      | 3.8890                           | 0   | 183   | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 153893                                      | 5.8016                           | 0   | 273   | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| CRYPTOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN cry 5E       | 1691  | 0.0000                           | 0   | 3     | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 0.00                         | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| FR rhm 7D       | 1015  | 3.3753                           | 0   | 18    | 58.8        | 14.7        | 0         | 1 | 5     | 3326.45                      | 29.59 |
| TA fle 7T       | 113   | 0.1787                           | 0   | 2     | 14.7        | 4.9         | 22        | 1 | 5     | 1584.66                      | 29.59 |
| PN spp 7R       | 41714                                       | 66.0219                          | 0   | 74    | 36.8        | 7.4         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 1582.71                      | 59.19 |
| NZ spp 7R       | 2255  | 1.3819                           | 0   | 4     | 63.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 612.87                       | 59.19 |
| UN dia 7R       | 219283                                      | 81.0481                          | 0   | 389   | 19.6        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 369.61                       | 59.19 |
| TOT CNT         | 1789142                                     | 314.5811                         |     | 3198  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - Tailings Pond 2 (TP 2)**

**3/05/96 (A96-35)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CYANOBACTERIA | 214209                    | 4.025                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 104779                    | 15.463                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 1204082                   | 143.087                     |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 1691                      | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 264379                    | 152.006                     |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 1789142                   | 314.581                     |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.78 X 10<sup>6</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 314.58 μg/L

Buchans - Pool 13

3/05/96

(A96-36)

Sample File BR9636

DATE ANALYSED...09-23-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| OS sps 1R       | 27058                                       | 4.7815                           | 0   | 48    | 100.0       | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 176.71                       | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 10147                                       | 0.0531                           | 0   | 18    | 2.5         | 2.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 5.24                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TM spp 2R       | 5543  | 2.8118                           | 0   | 59    | 26.9        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 507.26                       | 29.59 |
| UN chl 2E       | 15220                                       | 1.0524                           | 0   | 27    | 5.5         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 69.14                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 21985                                       | 0.4126                           | 0   | 39    | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 7892  | 0.4100                           | 0   | 14    | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN dia 7R       | 3946  | 0.5581                           | 0   | 7     | 14.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 141.43                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 91791                                       | 10.0795                          |     | 212   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - Pool 13

3/05/96 (A96-36)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 37205                     | 4.835                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 20763                     | 3.864                       |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 29877                     | 0.823                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 3946                      | 0.558                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 91791                     | 10.080                      |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 9.18 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 10.08 μg/L

Buchans - Pool 17

3/05/96

(A96-37)

Sample File BR9637

DATE ANALYSED...09-24-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AN spp 1R       | 5073  | 1.5938                           | 0   | 9     | 100.0       | 2.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 314.16                       | 59.19 |
| OS lim 1R       | 134726                                      | 10.5814                          | 0   | 239   | 100.0       | 1.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 78.54                        | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 166858                                      | 0.3931                           | 0   | 296   | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TM spp 2R       | 12402                                       | 10.8980                          | 0   | 88    | 46.6        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 2     | 878.76                       | 29.59 |
| SP cyl 2E       | 2819  | 0.9940                           | 0   | 5     | 12.3        | 7.4         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 352.67                       | 59.19 |
| OO spp 2E       | 6201  | 2.0165                           | 0   | 11    | 14.7        | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 325.19                       | 59.19 |
| SC spp 2E       | 6201  | 0.9588                           | 0   | 11    | 12.3        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 154.63                       | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 112742                                      | 13.8134                          | 0   | 200   | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| EUGLENOPHYTA    |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EG spp 3E       | 1691  | 3.1295                           | 0   | 36    | 36.8        | 9.8         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 1850.54                      | 14.80 |
| TR spp 3E       | 188   | 1.2057                           | 0   | 4     | 31.9        | 19.6        | 0         | 1 | 3     | 6416.55                      | 14.80 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 217028                                      | 8.1818                           | 0   | 385   | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 25931                                       | 1.3472                           | 0   | 46    | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| CRYPTOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CR ova 5F       | 141   | 0.4071                           | 0   | 3     | 41.7        | 14.7        | 9         | 1 | 3     | 2888.65                      | 14.80 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| PN spm 7R       | 1550  | 1.9601                           | 0   | 11    | 29.4        | 7.4         | 0         | 1 | 2     | 1264.45                      | 29.59 |
| UN dia 7R       | 4510  | 1.6668                           | 0   | 8     | 19.6        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 369.61                       | 59.19 |
| TOT CNT         | 698059                                      | 59.1472                          |     | 1352  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - Pool 17

3/05/96 (A96-37)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CYANOBACTERIA | 306658                    | 12.568                      |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 140364                    | 28.681                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 1879                      | 4.335                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 242959                    | 9.529                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 141                       | 0.407                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 6060                      | 3.627                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 698059                    | 59.147                      |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 6.98 X 10<sup>5</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 59.15 μg/L

Buchans - OWP

3/05/96

(A96-43)

Sample File BR9643

DATE ANALYSED...01-11-1997

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 52.5 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chl 2E       | 6765  | 0.2550                           | 0   | 6     | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AH sps 7R       | 6952  | 0.4198                           | 0   | 37    | 12.3        | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 60.38                        | 29.59 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 13717                                       | 0.6748                           |     | 43    |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - OWP

3/05/96

(A96-43)

| PHYLUM | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|

|               |       |       |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| CYANOBACTERIA | 0     | 0.000 |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 6765  | 0.255 |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0     | 0.000 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 0     | 0.000 |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0     | 0.000 |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0     | 0.000 |
| DIATOMS       | 6952  | 0.420 |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0     | 0.000 |
| -----         |       |       |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 13717 | 0.675 |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.37 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 0.68 μg/L

**Buchans - PP13 (regular) 29/09/96 (A96-99)**

Sample File BR9699

DATE ANALYSED...11-05-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AN spp 1R       | 4651  | 4.4744                           | 0   | 33    | 100.0       | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 2     | 962.11                       | 29.59 |
| BG fil 1R       | 40023                                       | 3.5364                           | 0   | 71    | 50.0        | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 88.36                        | 59.19 |
| RB lin 1R       | 12402                                       | 2.2918                           | 0   | 22    | 9.8         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 184.80                       | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 61444                                       | 0.1448                           | 0   | 109   | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TM spp 2R       | 133035                                      | 196.6822                         | 0   | 944   | 78.4        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 2     | 1478.42                      | 29.59 |
| SP cyl 2E       | 141   | 0.0458                           | 0   | 1     | 14.7        | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 2     | 325.19                       | 29.59 |
| OO spp 2E       | 153893                                      | 54.2731                          | 0   | 273   | 12.3        | 7.4         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 352.67                       | 59.19 |
| KS spp 2R       | 636427                                      | 13.9958                          | 0   | 1129  | 7.0         | 2.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 21.99                        | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 141491                                      | 9.7832                           | 0   | 251   | 5.5         | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 69.14                        | 59.19 |
| EUGLENOPHYTA    |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EG spp 3E       | 3100  | 24.0830                          | 0   | 22    | 49.0        | 17.4        | 0         | 1 | 2     | 7767.71                      | 29.59 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 120634                                      | 6.2674                           | 0   | 214   | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 37768                                       | 4.6275                           | 0   | 67    | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 92448                                       | 1.7349                           | 0   | 164   | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| CRYPTOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CR ero 5F       | 1973  | 2.1792                           | 0   | 14    | 24.5        | 12.3        | 7         | 1 | 2     | 1104.51                      | 29.59 |
| UN cry 5E       | 6765  | 1.3178                           | 0   | 12    | 12.3        | 5.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 194.82                       | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EN spm 7R       | 16207                                       | 150.9763                         | 0   | 115   | 78.4        | 12.3        | 0         | 1 | 2     | 9315.72                      | 29.59 |
| NZ spp 7R       | 7892  | 1.3288                           | 0   | 14    | 34.3        | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 168.37                       | 59.19 |
| UN dia 7R       | 42278                                       | 5.9794                           | 0   | 75    | 14.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 141.43                       | 59.19 |
| TOT CNT         | 1512572                                     | 483.7218                         |     | 3530  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - PP13 (regular - unconcentrated) 29/09/96 (A96-99)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CYANOBACTERIA | 118520                    | 10.447                      |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 1064987                   | 274.780                     |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 3100                      | 24.083                      |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 250850                    | 12.630                      |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 8737                      | 3.497                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 66377                     | 158.285                     |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 1512572                   | 483.722                     |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.51 X 10<sup>6</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 483.72 μg/L



**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel (regular) 29/09/96 (A96-101)**

Sample File BR96C1

DATE ANALYSED...10-12-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN blg 1E       | 15220                                       | 0.0359                           | 0   | 27    | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 2 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| SC spp 2E       | 165730                                      | 10.4175                          | 0   | 294   | 9.8         | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 62.86                        | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 23676                                       | 1.2301                           | 0   | 42    | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 23676                                       | 0.4443                           | 0   | 42    | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EU spp 7R       | 20294                                       | 0.7842                           | 0   | 36    | 12.3        | 2.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 38.64                        | 59.19 |
| AH spp 7R       | 42842                                       | 2.5867                           | 0   | 76    | 12.3        | 2.5         | 0         | 2 | 1     | 60.38                        | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 291437                                      | 15.4986                          |     | 517   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

**Buchans - Drainage Tunnel (regular-unconcentrated) 29/09/96 (A96-101)**

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 15220                     | 0.036                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 189406                    | 11.648                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 23676                     | 0.444                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 63135                     | 3.371                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 291437                    | 15.499                      |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 2.91 X 10<sup>5</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 15.5 μg/L

Buchans - OWP (regular)

29/09/96

(A96-103)

Sample File BR96C3

DATE ANALYSED...12-10-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 52.5 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| OS spl 1R       | 14469                                       | 27.2839                          | 0   | 77    | 100.0       | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 1885.74                      | 29.59 |
| BG fil 1R       | 80047                                       | 7.0727                           | 0   | 71    | 50.0        | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 88.36                        | 59.19 |
| UN blg 1E       | 138672                                      | 0.3267                           | 0   | 123   | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| PD spp 2F       | 451   | 1.9150                           | 0   | 8     | 61.3        | 44.1        | 3         | 1 | 5     | 4246.38                      | 14.80 |
| TM spp 2R       | 1879  | 2.6044                           | 0   | 10    | 73.5        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 1386.02                      | 29.59 |
| MC spp 2R       | 8080  | 1.1427                           | 0   | 43    | 14.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 141.43                       | 29.59 |
| SC spp 2E       | 48479                                       | 7.4963                           | 0   | 43    | 12.3        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 154.63                       | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 289746                                      | 35.5003                          | 0   | 257   | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| EUGLENOPHYTA    |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| EG spp 3E       | 752   | 2.6257                           | 0   | 4     | 44.1        | 12.3        | 0         | 1 | 3     | 3493.39                      | 29.59 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 224356                                      | 11.6562                          | 0   | 199   | 4.9         | 4.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 51.95                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 27058                                       | 3.5399                           | 0   | 24    | 6.5         | 6.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 130.83                       | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 135290                                      | 2.5388                           | 0   | 120   | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| AH sps 7R       | 23676                                       | 1.7084                           | 0   | 21    | 14.7        | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 72.16                        | 59.19 |
| NZ sps 7R       | 4510  | 0.4339                           | 0   | 4     | 19.6        | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 96.21                        | 59.19 |
| UN dia 7R       | 65390                                       | 21.2092                          | 0   | 58    | 17.2        | 4.9         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 324.35                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 1062854                                     | 127.0542                         |     | 1062  |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - OWP (regular - unconcentrated)

29/09/96

(A96-103)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 233188                    | 34.683                      |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 348635                    | 48.659                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 752                       | 2.626                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 386704                    | 17.735                      |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 93576                     | 23.351                      |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 1062854                   | 127.054                     |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 1.06 X 10<sup>6</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 127.05 μg/L

Buchans - PP 17 (regular)

29/09/96

(A96-105)

Sample File BR96C5

DATE ANALYSED...11-29-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 52.5 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CYANOBACTERIA   |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| BG fil 1R       | 25179                                       | 2.2247                           | 0   | 134   | 50.0        | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 88.36                        | 29.59 |
| UN blg 1E       | 157838                                      | 0.3719                           | 0   | 140   | 2.0         | 1.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 2.36                         | 59.19 |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| KS spp 2R       | 25931                                       | 0.5295                           | 0   | 23    | 6.5         | 2.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 20.42                        | 59.19 |
| OO spp 2E       | 9019  | 3.1808                           | 0   | 8     | 12.3        | 7.4         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 352.67                       | 59.19 |
| UN chl 2E       | 125143                                      | 15.3328                          | 0   | 111   | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 131908                                      | 4.9728                           | 0   | 117   | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| CM spp 4E       | 29313                                       | 3.5915                           | 0   | 26    | 6.5         | 6.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 122.52                       | 59.19 |
| OM spp 4E       | 55243                                       | 1.0367                           | 0   | 49    | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| PN spm 7R       | 564   | 5.0839                           | 0   | 1     | 75.9        | 12.3        | 0         | 1 | 1     | 9018.66                      | 29.59 |
| AH sps 7R       | 9019  | 0.5446                           | 0   | 8     | 12.3        | 2.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 60.38                        | 59.19 |
| UN dia 7R       | 6765  | 0.9567                           | 0   | 6     | 14.7        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 141.43                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 575922                                      | 37.8260                          |     | 623   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - PP 17 (regular-unconcentrated)

29/09/96

(A96-105)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 183017                    | 2.597                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 160093                    | 19.043                      |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 216464                    | 9.601                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 16348                     | 6.585                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 575922                    | 37.826                      |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 5.76 X 10<sup>5</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 37.83 μg/L

Buchans - OEP (regular)

29/09/96

(A96-107)

Sample File BR96C7

DATE ANALYSED...10-27-1996

SUBSAMPLE VOLUME... 105.0 mLs

| TAXON           | CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup><br>(L <sup>-1</sup> ) | BIOMASS<br>(MG.M <sup>-3</sup> ) | COL | CELLS | LEN<br>(μM) | WID<br>(μM) | D<br>(μM) | # | TRANS | BIOVOL<br>(μM <sup>3</sup> ) | COR.F |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| CHLOROPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chl 2E       | 1785  | 0.2922                           | 0   | 19    | 7.4         | 6.5         | 0         | 1 | 3     | 163.70                       | 29.59 |
| UN chl 2E       | 12965                                       | 0.4888                           | 0   | 23    | 4.5         | 4.0         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 37.70                        | 59.19 |
| CHRYSOPHYTA     |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN chr 4E       | 75537                                       | 1.4175                           | 0   | 134   | 3.5         | 3.2         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 18.77                        | 59.19 |
| BACILLARIOPHYTA |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| UN dia 7R       | 1691  | 0.3189                           | 0   | 3     | 19.6        | 3.5         | 0         | 1 | 1     | 188.57                       | 59.19 |
| -----           |   |                                  |     |       |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |
| TOT CNT         | 91978                                       | 2.5174                           |     | 179   |             |             |           |   |       |                              |       |

Buchans - OEP (regular-unconcentrated)

29/09/96

(A96-107)

| PHYLUM        | TOT CELLS.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOT BIOMASS.M <sup>-3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----         |                           |                             |
| CYANOBACTERIA | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHLOROPHYTA   | 14750                     | 0.781                       |
| EUGLENOPHYTA  | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| CHRYSOPHYTA   | 75537                     | 1.418                       |
| CRYPTOPHYTA   | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| PYRROPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| DIATOMS       | 1691                      | 0.319                       |
| RHODOPHYTA    | 0                         | 0.000                       |
| -----         |                           |                             |
| TOTAL ALGAE   | 91978                     | 2.517                       |

**SUMMARY:**

Cell Density: 9.2 X 10<sup>4</sup> cells/L

Biomass Estimate: 2.52 μg/L



**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-23**

Location: **Buchans - PP in (00:56)**

Date: **8/07/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; settled 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- some floc-like material and fine debris present; very little algal matter present

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                             | Ranking |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Oscillatoria sp. (small filament) | 1       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Chlamydomonas spp.                | 1       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.                      | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp.     | 2       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                                   |         |
| Chrysophyceae     | Ochromonas spp.                   | 2       |
|                   | Unidentified small chrysophytes   | 2       |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                    | 2       |
|                   | Eunotia fallax                    | 2       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                   |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                   |         |

Note: - fungal hyphae evident in sample

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-24**

Location: **Buchans - PP out (00:36)**

Date: **8/07/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; settled 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- very dilute sample with very little algal material present; some floc-like precipitate present

- similar to sample A96-23

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                             | Ranking |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Oscillatoria sp. (small filament) | 2       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Unidentified small green spp.     | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                                   |         |
| Chrysophyceae     | Ochromonas spp.                   | 3       |
|                   | Unidentified small chrysophytes   | 2       |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                    | 1       |
|                   | Eunotia fallax                    | 2       |
|                   | Fragilaria sp.                    | 1       |
|                   | Navicula sp. (small sp.)          | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                   |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                   |         |

Note: - fungal hyphae evident in sample

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-38**

Location: **Buchans - MLC - I (16:54)**

Date: **11/07/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; concentrated 10 mLs to 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- very dilute sample with very little algal material present; also very little debris present

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                         | Ranking |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                               |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Scenedesmus acuminatus        | 2       |
|                   | Selenastrum sp.               | 2       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp. | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                               |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                               |         |
| Bacillariophyceae |                               |         |
| Cryptophyceae     |                               |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                               |         |



**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-39**

Location: **Buchans - MLC - II (17:21)**

Date: **11/07/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; concentrated 10 mLs to 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- very dilute sample with very little algal material present; also very little debris present

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                         | Ranking |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                               |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Selenastrum sp.               | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp. | 2       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                               |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                               |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Navicula sp. (small sp.)      | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                               |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                               |         |

# ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

SITE: Buchans

Sample # A96-40

Location: Buchans - MLC - III (17:41)

Date: 11/07/96

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; concentrated 10 mLs to 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- very dilute sample with very little algal material present; also very little debris present

## Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                           | Ranking |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Unidentified bluegreen filament | 1       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Scenedesmus acuminatus          | 1       |
|                   | Selenastrum sp.                 | 1       |
|                   | Temnogametum sp.                | 3       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.                    | 2       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp.   | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                                 |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                                 |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                  | 2       |
|                   | Navicula sp. (small sp.)        | 3       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                 |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                 |         |

## ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

SITE: Buchans

Sample # A96-41

Location: Buchans - PP - In (18:42)

Date: 11/07/96

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; concentrated 10 mLs to 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- dilute sample with very little debris present

### Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                           | Ranking |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Unidentified bluegreen filament | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified bluegreen spp.     | 2       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Chlamydomonas sp.               | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp.   | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    | Euglena sp.                     | 1       |
| Chrysophyceae     | Epipyxis sp.                    | 1       |
|                   | Ochromonas spp.                 | 3       |
|                   | Unidentified small chrysophytes | 2       |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                  | 2       |
|                   | Navicula spp. (small spp.)      | 2       |
|                   | Nitzschia sp.                   | 1       |
|                   | Pinnularia sp. (small sp.)      | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                 |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                 |         |

Note: - amoeboid species also present

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-42**

Location: **Buchans - PP out (18:16)**

Date: **11/07/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; concentrated 10 mLs to 2.1 mLs for examination (at 200X and 400X)

- dilute sample with very little algal material present

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                           | Ranking |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Unidentified bluegreen filament | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified small bluegreens   | 2       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Chlamydomonas spp.              | 1       |
|                   | Scenedesmus acuminatus          | 1       |
|                   | Selenastrum sp.                 | 1       |
|                   | Temnogametum sp.                | 1       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.                    | 1       |
|                   | Unidentified small green spp.   | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    | Euglena sp.                     | 1       |
| Chrysophyceae     | Unidentified small chrysophytes | 2       |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                  | 1       |
|                   | Navicula sp. (small sp.)        | 1       |
|                   | Nitzschia sp.                   | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     | Chroomonas sp.                  | 1       |
| Dinophyceae       |                                 |         |

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-43**

Location: **Oriental West Pit (OWP)**

Date: **3/05/96**

- 1000 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; considerable amount of sediment and floc-like precipitate present

- too much sediment to permit enumeration; very little algae present

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON          | Ranking |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Oocystis sp.   | 1       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.   | 2       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp. | 2       |
|                   | Eunotia fallax | 2       |
|                   | Navicula spp.  | 1       |
|                   | Nitzschia spp. | 1       |
|                   | Pinnularia sp. | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                |         |

# ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

SITE: Buchans

Sample # A96-44

Location: Oriental West Pit (OWP)

Date: 13/05/96

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; considerable amount of sediment and floc-like precipitate present
- considerable amount of filamentous algae; many filaments coated with precipitate; also many filaments look 'unhealthy' with distorted cell shapes

## Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON           | Ranking |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                 |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Microspora spp. | 5       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.    | 2       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                 |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                 |         |
| Bacillariophyceae |                 |         |
| Cryptophyceae     |                 |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                 |         |

## ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

SITE: Buchans

Sample # A96-45

Location: Oriental East Pit (OEP)

Date: 13/05/96

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; considerable amount of floc-like precipitate present

- cells appear healthy and greater algal diversity is evident
- considerable amount of moss protonemata present ( at least 2 distinct sizes);  
much of the protonemata is coated with floc-like precipitate
- narrow fungal hyphae also present

### Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                          | Ranking |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Bluegreen filament (small sp.) | 3       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Temnogametum sp.               | 2       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                                |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                                |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Achnanthes sp.                 | 4       |
|                   | Nitzschia spp.                 | 3       |
|                   | Pinnularia sp. (medium)        | 3       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                |         |

## ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-46**

Location: **Pool 13 (PP 13)**

Date: **13/05/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; relatively little precipitate present

- moss protonemata also common; not coated with precipitate in this sample

### Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON   | Ranking |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Bluegreen filament (small spp.)<br>(maybe Phormidium sp.) | 4       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Temnogametum sp.<br>(very healthy filaments)              | 5       |
| Euglenophyceae    |   |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |   |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Pinnularia sp. (medium)                                   | 2       |
| Cryptophyceae     |   |         |
| Dinophyceae       |   |         |



**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-47**

Location: **Pool 17 (PP 17)**

Date: **13/05/96**

- 250 mLs concentrated to 20 mLs; considerable amount of sediment and floc-like precipitate present

- moss protonemata co-dominant with filamentous algae

- narrow fungal hyphae also common

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                          | Ranking |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Bluegreen filament (small sp.) | 3       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Ternogametum sp.               | 4       |
| Euglenophyceae    |                                |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |                                |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Pinnularia sp. (medium)        | 1       |
|                   | Pinnularia sp. (small)         | 1       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                                |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                                |         |

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-55**

Location: **Buchans - Polishing Pond (PP14) - Mat "Bubble"** (pH 6.93)  
(sample labelled A)

Date: **12/07/96**

- 100 mLs "pureed" sample for Culturing Experiment
- considerable amount of floc-like sediment present; let sample settle then examined algae in supernatant
- sample dominated by moss protonemata (wide filament form)

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON                        | Ranking |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     | Oscillatoria sp. (small sp.) | 1       |
| Chlorophyceae     | Microthamnion sp.            | 2       |
|                   | Oocystis sp.                 | 2       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.                 | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    | Euglena gracilis             | 2       |
| Chrysophyceae     |                              |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Nitzschia spp.               | 3       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                              |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                              |         |

NOTE: - numerous bacteria and heterotrophic flagellates also present

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-56**

Location: **Buchans Polishing Pond (PP 12) - Seep Algae** (pH 6.99)  
(sample labelled B)

Date: **12/07/96**

- 100 mLs "pureed" sample for Culturing Experiment

- considerable amount of floc-like sediment present; let sample settle then examined algae in supernatant  
(sample similar to samples A96-55 and A96-58)

- sample dominated by moss protonemata (both wide and narrow filament forms)

**Algal Taxa Present:**

| CLASS             | TAXON              | Ranking |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                    |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Chlamydomonas spp. | 2       |
|                   | Chlorella sp.      | 1       |
|                   | Microthamnion sp.  | 2       |
|                   | Oocystis sp.       | 2       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.       | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    | Euglena gracilis   | 2       |
| Chrysophyceae     |                    |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Nitzschia spp.     | 2       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                    |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                    |         |

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-57**

Location: **Oriental West Pit (OWP) - Filamentous Algae** (pH 4.83)  
(sample labelled C)

Date: **12/07/96**

- 100 mLs "pureed" sample for Culturing Experiment

- very little debris or sediment present; essentially 'pure' sample of Ulothrix sp.

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON        | Ranking |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |              |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Ulothrix sp. | 5       |
| Euglenophyceae    |              |         |
| Chrysophyceae     |              |         |
| Bacillariophyceae |              |         |
| Cryptophyceae     |              |         |
| Dinophyceae       |              |         |

NOTE: - bacteria and fungal hyphae also noted

**ALGATAX CONSULTING - ALGAL IDENTIFICATION REPORT**

SITE: Buchans

Sample # **A96-58**

Location: **Buchans Polishing Pond (PP 14) - "Floating Bubble"** (pH 6.98)  
**(sampled labelled D)**

Date: **12/07/96**

- 100 mLs "pureed" sample for Culturing Experiment
- considerable amount of floc-like sediment present; let sample settle then examined algae in supernatant (sample similar to A96-55 and A96-56)
- sample dominated by moss protonemata (wide filament form)

Algal Taxa Present:

| CLASS             | TAXON             | Ranking |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Cyanobacteria     |                   |         |
| Chlorophyceae     | Chlamydomonas sp. | 2       |
|                   | Chlorella sp.     | 2       |
|                   | Microthamnion sp. | 2       |
|                   | Oocystis sp.      | 2       |
|                   | Ulothrix sp.      | 3       |
| Euglenophyceae    | Euglena gracilis  | 2       |
| Chrysophyceae     |                   |         |
| Bacillariophyceae | Nitzschia spp.    | 2       |
| Cryptophyceae     |                   |         |
| Dinophyceae       |                   |         |

NOTE: - fungal hyphae also present in sample

Summary of Macronutrients Present in Media Used for Culturing  
 Buchans Algal Mat Samples and for Dictyosphaerium pulchellum

MEDIA TYPES  
 (concentrations given in mmolar and mg/L)

| Inorganic Macronutrients                   | Regular and Modified Chu-1 0 |       |                        |       | Field Levels (1:1 N to P) |       |
|--|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Regular (10:1 N to P)        |       | Reduced Silica Content |       | mM                        | mg/L  |
|  | mM                           | mg/L  | mM                     | mg/L  | mM                        | mg/L  |
| Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> )   | ---                          | ---   | ---                    | ---   | ---                       | ---   |
| Calcium (Ca <sup>2+</sup> )                | 0.17                         | 6.81  | 0.17                   | 6.81  | 0.085                     | 3.41  |
| Magnesium (Mg <sup>2+</sup> )              | 0.1                          | 2.43  | 0.1                    | 2.43  | 0.1                       | 2.43  |
| Potassium (K <sup>+</sup> )                | 0.11                         | 4.3   | 0.11                   | 4.3   | 0.46                      | 4.3   |
| Sodium (Na <sup>+</sup> )                  | 0.55                         | 12.6  | 0.39                   | 8.97  | 0.55                      | 12.6  |
| Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) | 0.19                         | 11.4  | 0.19                   | 11.4  | 0.19                      | 11.4  |
| Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )                | 0.0089                       | 0.32  | 0.0089                 | 0.32  | 0.0089                    | 0.32  |
| Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )    | 0.34                         | 21.08 | 0.34                   | 21.08 | 0.17                      | 10.54 |
| Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> ) | 0.057                        | 5.41  | 0.057                  | 5.41  | 0.23                      | 21.84 |
| Silicate (SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) | 0.088                        | 6.69  | 0.0088                 | 0.669 | 0.0088                    | 0.669 |
| Sulphate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )  | 0.1                          | 9.6   | 0.1                    | 9.6   | 0.1                       | 9.6   |

Summary of Macronutrients Present in Media Used for Culturing  
 Buchans Algal Mat Samples and for Dictyosphaerium pulchellum

MEDIA TYPES  
 (concentrations given in mmolar and mg/L)

| Inorganic Macronutrients                   | B.B.M.<br>Bold's Basal Medium |        | B.G.-11<br>Blue-Green-11 Medium |        |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
|  | mM                            | mg/L   | mM                              | mg/L   |
| Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> )   | ---                           | ---    |                                 |        |
| Calcium (Ca <sup>2+</sup> )                | 0.17                          | 6.81   | 0.25                            | 10.02  |
| Magnesium (Mg <sup>2+</sup> )              | 0.3                           | 7.29   | 0.3                             | 7.29   |
| Potassium (K <sup>+</sup> )                | 2.7                           | 105.56 | 0.34                            | 13.29  |
| Sodium (Na <sup>+</sup> )                  | 3.37                          | 77.48  | 18.03                           | 414.51 |
| Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) | ---                           | ---    | 0.19                            | 11.4   |
| Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )                | 0.77                          | 27.3   | 0.49                            | 17.37  |
| Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )    | 2.94                          | 182.28 | 17.65                           | 1094.3 |
| Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> ) | 1.72                          | 117.27 | 0.17                            | 16.15  |
| Silicate (SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ) | ---                           | ---    | ---                             | ---    |
| Sulphate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )  | 0.34                          | 32.66  | 0.3                             | 28.82  |

BUCHAN'S CULTURING EXPERIMENT- Sampling Day 31

Identification of Major Taxa Found in Four Different Types of Freshwater Media

Ranking System Used:

5 = most abundant, found dominating most  
fields of view  
4 = very abundant

3 = common  
2 = less common  
1 = rare

Innoculum Taken From Sampling Container Marked:  
C - OWP fil.algae from 12/7/96

REGULAR CHU 10 MEDIA

| CATEGORY             | GENERA      | RANK |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae          | Scenedesmus | 5    |
| Filamentous greens   | Mougeotia   | 5    |
| Blue-Green filaments | Phormidium  | 4    |
|                      | Anabaena    | 1    |
| Diatoms              | Pinnularia  | 4    |
|                      | Navicula    | 2    |
|                      | Achnanthes  | 3    |
| Small Greens         |             | 1    |

CHU 10 WITH LESS SILICA

| CATEGORY             | GENERA      | RANK |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae          | Scenedesmus | 5    |
| Filamentous greens   | Mougeotia   | 5    |
| Blue-Green filaments | Lyngbya     | 4    |
|                      | Anabaena    | 3    |
|                      | Phormidium  | 1    |
| Diatoms              | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|                      | Navicula    | 2    |
| Moss                 |             | 2    |
| Small Greens         |             | 2    |

BOLD'S BASAL MEDIUM (B.B.M.)

| CATEGORY             | GENERA      | RANK |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae          | Scenedesmus | 5    |
| Filamentous greens   | Mougeotia   | 3    |
| Blue-Green filaments | Phormidium  | 4    |
|                      | Lyngbya     | 2    |
| Diatoms              | Pinnularia  | 2    |
| Moss                 |             | 1    |

BLUE - GREEN 11 (B.G.11)

| CATEGORY             | GENERA      | RANK |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae          | Scenedesmus | 4    |
| Blue-Green filaments | Phormidium  | 4    |
|                      | Lyngbya     | 4    |
|                      | Anabaena    | 3    |
| Small Greens         |             | 2    |



BUCHAN'S CULTURING EXPERIMENT- Sampling Day 31

Identification of Major Taxa Found in Four Different Types of Freshwater Media

Ranking System Used:

- 5 = most abundant, found dominating most fields of view
- 4 = very abundant

- 3 = common
- 2 = less common
- 1 = rare

Innoculum Taken From Sampling Container Marked:

**D - PP14 Float Bubble from 11/7/96**

REGULAR CHU 10 MEDIA

| CATEGORY             | GENERA      | RANK |
|----------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae          | Scenedesmus | 1    |
| Filamentous greens   | Mougeotia   | 1    |
|                      | Ulothrix    | 5    |
| Blue-Green filaments | Lyngbya     | 3    |
| Small Greens         |             | 1    |

CHU 10 WITH LESS SILICA

| CATEGORY           | GENERA      | RANK |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae        | Scenedesmus | 1    |
| Filamentous greens | Mougeotia   | 3    |
|                    | Ulothrix    | 5    |
| Small Greens       |             | 4    |

BOLD'S BASAL MEDIUM (B.B.M.)

| CATEGORY           | GENERA      | RANK |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae        | Scenedesmus | 4    |
| Filamentous greens | Mougeotia   | 1    |
|                    | Ulothrix    | 5    |
| Small Greens       |             | 1    |

BLUE - GREEN 11 (B.G.11)

| CATEGORY           | GENERA      | RANK |
|--------------------|-------------|------|
| Green algae        | Scenedesmus | 3    |
| Filamentous greens | Mougeotia   | 4    |
|                    | Ulothrix    | 5    |
| Small Greens       |             | 2    |

BUCHAN'S CULTURING EXPERIMENT- Sampling Day 31

Identification of Major Taxa in Preserved Samples

Ranking System Used:

5 = most abundant, found dominating most  
fields of view  
4 = very abundant

3 = common  
2 = less common  
1 = rare

| SAMPLE VIAL | CATEGORY                 | GENERA     | RANK |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------|------|
| A1          | Diatoms                  | Pinnularia | 4    |
|             |                          | Navicula   | 4    |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Phormidium | 2    |
|             | Moss                     |            | 5    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 5    |
| A2          | Diatoms                  | Pinnularia | 3    |
|             |                          | Navicula   | 3    |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Phormidium | 3    |
|             | Moss                     |            | 5    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 5    |
| A3          | Diatoms                  | Pinnularia | 2    |
|             |                          | Navicula   | 2    |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Phormidium | 4    |
|             | Moss                     |            | 5    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 4    |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| B1 | CATEGORY                 | GENERA     | RANK |
|----|--------------------------|------------|------|
|    | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora | 5    |
|    |                          | Ulothrix   | 1    |
|    | Diatoms                  | Pinnularia | 1    |
|    |                          | Navicula   | 1    |
|    | Blue-Green Filaments     | Phormidium | 4    |
|    | Moss                     |            | 5    |
|    | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
|    | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 3    |

| B2 | CATEGORY                 | GENERA     | RANK |
|----|--------------------------|------------|------|
|    | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora | 5    |
|    |                          | Ulothrix   | 1    |
|    | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 4    |

| B3 | CATEGORY                 | GENERA     | RANK |
|----|--------------------------|------------|------|
|    | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora | 5    |
|    | Blue-Green Filaments     | Phormidium | 3    |
|    | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 4    |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| SAMPLE VIAL              | CATEGORY                 | GENERA      | RANK |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|
| C1                       | Green algae              | Scenedesmus | 1    |
|                          | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora  | 5    |
|                          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 5    |
|                          | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia   | 3    |
|                          |                          | Navicula    | 3    |
|                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 3    |
| C2                       | Green algae              | Scenedesmus | 1    |
|                          | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora  | 5    |
|                          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 5    |
|                          | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia   | 3    |
|                          |                          | Navicula    | 3    |
|                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 3    |
| C3                       | Green algae              | Scenedesmus | 2    |
|                          | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora  | 5    |
|                          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 4    |
|                          |                          | Phormidium  | 4    |
|                          | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia   | 3    |
|                          |                          | Navicula    | 3    |
| Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |                          | 4           |      |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| SAMPLE VIAL | CATEGORY                 | GENERA      | RANK |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|
| D1          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 2    |
|             |                          | Phormidium  | 2    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Navicula    | 3    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 5    |
|             | Moss                     |             | 5    |
|             | Fungal Hyphae            |             | 5    |
| D2          | CATEGORY                 | GENERA      | RANK |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 2    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Navicula    | 2    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia  | 2    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 5    |
|             | Moss                     |             | 5    |
|             | Fungal Hyphae            |             | 5    |
|             | Small Greens             |             | 1    |
| D3          | CATEGORY                 | GENERA      | RANK |
|             | Green Algae              | Scenedesmus | 1    |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 5    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Navicula    | 3    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia  | 3    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 4    |
|             | Moss                     |             | 5    |
|             | Fungal Hyphae            |             | 5    |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| SAMPLE VIAL | CATEGORY                 | GENERA     | RANK |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------|------|
| E1          | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix   | 5    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes | 2    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia | 2    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 3    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
| E2          | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix   | 5    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes | 2    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia | 2    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 2    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
| E3          | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix   | 5    |
|             | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes | 2    |
|             |                          | Pinnularia | 2    |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |            | 1    |
|             | Small Greens             |            | 1    |
|             | Fungal Hyphae            |            | 4    |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| SAMPLE VIAL              | CATEGORY                 | GENERA             | RANK     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| F1                       | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix           | 2        |
|                          |                          | Microspora         | 2        |
|                          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya            | 4        |
|                          |                          | Phormidium         | 2        |
|                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |                    | 2        |
|                          | Small Greens             |                    | 1        |
|                          | Fungal Hyphae            |                    | 5        |
|                          | Moss                     |                    | 5        |
|                          | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes         | 3        |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia         | 3        |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia          | 3        |
| Navicula                 |                          | 3                  |          |
| F2                       | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix           | 4        |
|                          |                          | Microspora         | 5        |
|                          | Diatoms                  | Achnanthes         | 4        |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia         | 4        |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia          | 4        |
|                          |                          | Navicula           | 4        |
|                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |                    | 3        |
|                          | Fungal Hyphae            |                    | 4        |
|                          | Moss                     |                    | 5        |
|                          | F3                       | Filamentous Greens | Ulothrix |
| Microspora               |                          |                    | 2        |
| Green algae              |                          | Scenedesmus        | 1        |
| Blue-Green Filaments     |                          | Lyngbya            | 3        |
| Diatoms                  |                          | Achnanthes         | 4        |
|                          |                          | Pinnularia         | 4        |
|                          |                          | Nitzschia          | 4        |
|                          |                          | Navicula           | 4        |
|                          |                          | Eunotia            | 1        |
| Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |                          |                    | 2        |
| Fungal Hyphae            |                          |                    | 5        |
| Moss                     |                          | 5                  |          |

CULTURING EXPERIMENT Continued

SAMPLE  
VIAL

| SAMPLE VIAL | CATEGORY                 | GENERA                   | RANK        |   |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| G1          | Filamentous Greens       | Ulothrix                 | 1           |   |
|             |                          | Microspora               | 3           |   |
|             | Green algae              | Scenedesmus              | 1           |   |
|             |                          | Lyngbya                  | 3           |   |
|             | Blue-Green Filaments     | Achnanthes               | 2           |   |
|             |                          | Pinnularia               | 2           |   |
|             | Diatoms                  | Nitzschia                | 2           |   |
|             |                          | Navicula                 | 2           |   |
|             |                          | Eunotia                  | 1           |   |
|             |                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 2 |
|             |                          | Fungal Hyphae            |             | 5 |
|             | Moss                     |                          | 5           |   |
|             | G2                       | Blue-Green Filaments     | Lyngbya     | 3 |
| Achnanthes  |                          |                          | 3           |   |
| Diatoms     |                          | Pinnularia               | 3           |   |
|             |                          | Nitzschia                | 3           |   |
|             |                          | Navicula                 | 3           |   |
|             |                          | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |             | 3 |
|             |                          | Fungal Hyphae            |             | 5 |
| Moss        |                          |                          | 5           |   |
| G3          |                          | Filamentous Greens       | Microspora  | 2 |
|             |                          |                          | Scenedesmus | 4 |
|             |                          | Green algae              | Lyngbya     | 4 |
|             |                          |                          | Achnanthes  | 3 |
|             |                          | Blue-Green Filaments     | Pinnularia  | 3 |
|             | Nitzschia                |                          | 3           |   |
|             | Navicula                 |                          | 3           |   |
|             | Rod and Coccoid Bacteria |                          |             | 2 |
|             | Fungal Hyphae            |                          |             | 5 |
|             | Moss                     |                          | 5           |   |
|             | Small Greens             |                          | 1           |   |



## **6.0 PHOSPHATE: LIMITING NUTRIENT FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY**

Phosphate was identified as the limiting nutrient in the system, based on the water chemistry and previous studies. Fertilization of Polishing Pond water assisted in the productivity and growth of algae. It was inferred that this assisted zinc removal through providing more sites to collect particles. This was addressed through a series of lab and field experiments.

### **6.1 Nutrient Availability: Lab Experiments**

#### **6.1.1 Nitrogen and Phosphorus Solubility in Distilled and Boomerang Lake Water**

Laboratory studies were performed to determine the solubility of various fertilizer formulations in distilled water and in OEP and polishing pond water.

A wide range of fertilizer formulations are available for supplying nutrients to plants and bacteria for agriculture and land reclamation. However, few fertilizers are marketed for application as a slow-release source of nutrients for aquatic environmental applications, such as supplying nitrogen and phosphorus to acidic water bodies to enhance primary productivity.

Fertilizers are typically described according to their available nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N-P-K) content in percent. However, there is typically ambiguity whether the P content actually refers to, for instance, P,  $\text{PO}_4$  or  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , while the form of nitrogen (e.g., ammonia, nitrate and/or urea) is not specified. 'Slow-release' refers to the dissolution rate in soil conditions; submerged in water, most slow release fertilizers rapidly dissolve.

The section reports on the dissolution behaviour of eleven types of fertilizer, and describes the release of nitrate, ammonia and phosphate to distilled water or acidic lake water in stirred conditions for up to 14 days.

### **Methods and Materials**

**Fertilizer Types:** In total, eleven types of fertilizer were tested (see Table 21). For many of the types, the N, P and K content is given. However, whether a fertilizer contains 10%  $P_2O_5$  or 10 % P could not always be verified from manufacturers' specifications provided on packaging. In Tables 21 and 22, manufacturers' specifications are given under "Reported N:P:K", while under "Amount of N/P added, mg/L" the best estimate of the actual amount of N or P present in the experimental solution is given.

Types 1, 2 and 3 are resin-coated fertilizer granules, designed to slowly release nutrients even in saturated conditions (Osmocote, Grace; Nutricote, Plant Products).. According to the manufacturer, Type 1 contains potassium nitrate, while Type 3 contains 21%-7%-7% N-P-K. Information on the composition of Type 2 is not available.

Fertilizer Types 4 and 5 are liquid fertilizers containing 14-4-6 and 4-18-6 N-P-K, respectively. These fertilizers were designed as foliar fertilizers for supplementing the nutrient supply to citrus trees. These types are presumed to contain 14% and 4% N as specified. Without additional information, these types are presumed to contain 4% and 18% P.

Type 6 fertilizer is molasses. While this is not specifically a fertilizer, molasses has been used to augment bacterial growth, and may be suitable for initiating remediation processes for AMD and groundwater. Therefore, information regarding the release of nitrate, ammonia and phosphate from molasses may be of utility.

Type 7 is calcium nitrate, in the form of soluble white crystals. The manufacturer specifications indicate that Type 7 is composed of 15.5-0-0 N-P-K. Type 7 is presumed to contain 15.5% N.

Fertilizer types 8 and 9 are two forms of ground natural phosphate rock, used as soil supplements in agriculture as long term sources of phosphate and alkalinity. Type 8 is Code 30 phosphate rock, ground to a fine sand consistency, while Type 9 is Code 31 phosphate rock ground finely to a flour-like powder. Phosphorus content (P) of these materials were determined by ICAP by Boojum.

Fertilizer Types 10 and 11 are water soluble horticultural formulation which, according to the manufacturer, contains 15-30-15 and 10-52-10 N-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-K, respectively. Type 11 is exactly the same fertilizer used to supplement the Buchans polishing ponds with nutrients. Converting P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to P, Type 10 contains 13.1.7% P and Type 11 contains 22.7 % P.

Experiment Set-up: A 100 mg sample of each solid fertilizer was added to 1 l of distilled water or 1 L water sample from Boomerang Lake (an acidified water body). For fertilizer Type 3, 1000 mg were added, since this type was a blend of several solids types of different colours. For liquid fertilizers, 1 mL was added, and the equivalent dry weight was determined by drying down a 25 mL sample at 75°C.

The 1 L samples were continuously stirred using a magnetic stirrer and stir bar at room temperature. Controls were set up, consisting of distilled water or Boomerang Lake water with no added fertilizer.

The pH, conductivity and temperature were measured 1 hour, 24 hours, 1 week, 11 days and 2 weeks following set up. Nitrate, ammonium and phosphate concentrations were determined at these times using Hach reagents and hand-held colorimeters.

## Results

- The results of phosphate concentration determinations are expressed as P in Table 21, and nitrate and ammonium concentrations as N are presented in Table 22.
- Measurable phosphate concentrations were detected in solutions of fertilizer types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11. as expected, phosphate was not released from type 7 (calcium nitrate).
- For types 1, 2 and 3, phosphate release to distilled water could be compared to release to Boomerang Lake water. More phosphate was measured in distilled water leachates, indicating that phosphate may be precipitated by iron and/or zinc present in Boomerang L. water.
- Actual phosphate release could be compared to the manufacturer's specification on phosphate content for types 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11. With the exception of type 10 (15-13.1-15), all fertilizers released less phosphate than specified.
- Relatively little phosphate was released by types 1 and 2 resin-coated slow release fertilizers. However, up to 70 % of the phosphate content of type 3 (resin coated) was released, indicating that the resin coating did not impede release in the stirred solutions.
- The fertilizer type used to provide nutrients to the Polishing Ponds (type 11) readily dissolved, providing 133 % of the specified phosphate content within 1 hour of dissolving.
- Measurable nitrogen concentrations were detected in solutions of all fertilizer types, including the phosphate rock samples (ammonia: types 8 and 9).

- For types 1, 2 and 3, nitrogen release to distilled water could be compared to release to Boomerang Lake water. Much more nitrogen was measured in Boomerang Lake water than in distilled water leachates, indicating that nitrogen compound dissolution may be enhanced by the low pH of Boomerang L. water.
- Actual nitrogen release could be compared to the manufacturer's specification on nitrogen content for types 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 11. In many instances, fertilizers released more nitrogen than specified.
- Relatively little nitrogen was released by type 1 resin-coated slow release fertilizer. Type 2 released up to 93 mg/L N as ammonia in Boomerang L. water. However, up to 38 and 152 % of the nitrogen content of type 3 (resin coated) was released, indicating that the resin coating did not impede release in the stirred solutions.
- The fertilizer type used to provide nutrients to the Polishing Ponds (type 11) readily dissolved, providing 256 % of the specified nitrogen content within 1 hour of dissolving.

### **Discussion**

This experiment was required to determine whether one particular fertilizer was particularly suitable among the types available for experimentation. The type 11 fertilizer, used in Buchans to date, appears to readily dissolve and release nutrients upon addition.

### 6.1.2 Manipulation of N and P Concentrations and Ratios

Laboratory studies with OWP water and algae were performed to determine a fertilization rate based on the consumption rate of phosphate by the periphyton population in the Polishing Ponds.

Background concentrations of nutrients in OWP water were determined using Hach reagents and a spectrophotometer. Phosphate and nitrate were then added to set up the following type of nutrient status:

- 1) N:P ratio of 10:1, achieved by adding  $\text{KNO}_3$  or  $\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4$ .
- 2) N concentration of 10 mg/L, by adding  $\text{KNO}_3$ .
- 3) N concentration of 10 mg/L and P concentration of 1 mg/L.

The results indicated that some nitrate was taken up by the algae. Ammonia release occurred in some cultures. Phosphate was rapidly depleted from the solutions, and its concentration was less than detection limits, including control samples without algae (Table 23).

It was concluded that phosphate determinations are prone to interference, and meaningful results could not be obtained, unless phosphorus isotopes could be used and monitored.

### 6.1.3 Periphyton Growth Study in Media

Growth studies with the biological material growing in the ponds in chemically defined growth media to determine which biological group might be the dominant component of the biological activity and what differences are possibly related to the chemical composition, ie. nutrient limitation other than phosphate.

The results of this study indicated that upon transfer to laboratory conditions, those algal species dominant in the periphyton community in the field are replaced by species more suited for growth in the laboratory (see "PHYTOPLANKTON AND PERIPHYTON TAXA IN 1996 BUCHANS SAMPLES AND BUCHANS CULTURING EXPERIMENT", Section 5). Without extensive further work, field conditions cannot be emulated in the lab.

## 6.2 Periphyton Communities

The periphyton in Polishing Pond system were characterized according to growth form. At the time of observations, periphyton in the polishing ponds consists primarily of aquatic moss, with some algal biomass, growing as 'mat bubble algae' over the bottom and as 'branch algae' on alder branches of the ponds.

- As 'mat bubble algae' accumulate air bubbles ( $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$ ), slabs of this mat buoy up from the bottom, and become 'float bubble algae'. Sand and gravel lifted from the bottom sifts out of the mat, while iron hydroxide accumulates on the underside of the floating mat.
- 'Float bubble algae' is found as large mats in the ponds. Portions breaking away and passing over the weirs is pulverized and returns to the pond bottom, probably to reform as 'mat bubble algae'.
- In terms of nutrients, the existing mat and float bubble periphyton in the polishing ponds have nitrogen available primarily as ammonia (0.5 mg/L N as  $NH_4$ ), with a small amount of N as  $NO_3$  (0.03 to 0.05 mg/L) and trace amounts of phosphate (0.1 mg/L  $PO_4$ ; see Table 24, PP11 In data).

- Small populations of 'seep algae' remain along the upstream berm of Polishing Pond 12, in areas where water is seeping from the pond bottom from the Pond 11 area. This periphyton is clearly a filamentous species with no moss present. Nutrient concentrations were not measured in the vicinity of the this algae.
- A special interest is the filamentous algae growing on the remaining section of the peribasket in OWP. Large tough ropes of filamentous algae up to 5 m long have grown in the area where the Drainage Tunnel inflow maintains a relatively constant flow pattern. This massive growth of periphyton in OWP is encouraging, as the new perigrind can now be anticipated to be readily colonized by this algae.
- The OWP 'rope periphyton' is growing in the area of the drainage Tunnel input. This flow generally maintains a unidirectional flow, which may favour the growth of this form of periphyton. In addition, the primary form of N is nitrate, present at a concentration of 0.4 mg/L N as NO<sub>3</sub> ). The ammonia concentration in the D.T. water was less than 0.1 mg/L as N (Hach, determined in field), while trace amounts of PO<sub>4</sub> was measured, as observed in the polishing ponds.

### **Summary**

- The field data on the periphyton biomass produced in the OWP and the results of the perigrind suggest that the OWP is a suitable area to focus on increasing biological productivity (Table 25, Schematic 2, Plates 1 and 2).



## 6.3 Nutrient Additions in Field

### 6.3.1 Polishing Pond 11 Small-Scale Study

With fertilizer additions based on the rates determined in the laboratory studies, both mini limnocorrals (96 L) and in Pond 11 with monitoring phosphate concentrations in the field.

The nutrient concentrations and general water chemistry were measured for PP11 in and out on the morning of July 8, 1996. At noon, 3.7 kg of 10-52-10 fertilizer was added in a 20 L slurry. At noon on July 9, 3.7 kg were added, on July 10, 2.8 kg and on July 11, 3.7 kg.

According to Plant Products (G.Neary, p.c.) the 10% N in the 10-52-10 fertilizer is 7.8 ammonia, 0.9 % nitrate and 1.3 % urea.

Phosphate, [N] as nitrate and [N] as ammonia were determined at 2 to 4 hr intervals during daylight hours. Small amounts of precipitates regularly developed during the ammonia tests, while nitrate tests were frequently unsuccessful due to formation of yellow colour, instead of the expected pink colour formation. Overall, phosphate concentrations are likely the most reliable results. All PP11 fertilizer experiment data are presented in Table 24.

The actual flows at PP11 in and out were measured once using a water collection system, a bucket and stopwatch. The water levels over these weirs were also periodically measured. These levels were used to estimate flow, using G. Neary's equation relating head with flow.

The changes in [phosphate], [N] as nitrate and [N] as ammonia in PP11 in and PP11 out are presented in Figures 20, 21 and 22. Water samples were saved in the event

that the Hach kit results can be compared to results produced by an analytical lab.

In Figure 22, N concentrations as ammonia at the inflow and outflow of PP11 are presented. As expected, N as ammonia concentrations increased upon addition of ammonia-containing fertilizer just below the inflow of PP11. N as ammonia concentrations reached as high as 1.2 mg/L. The N as ammonia concentrations in the PP11 inflow at a location just upstream of additions remained relatively constant over the course of the experiment, ranging from 0.45 to 0.7 mg/L, and averaging about 0.5 mg/L N.

In Figure 20, phosphate concentrations in PP11 in and out are plotted. As observed for ammonia, measured phosphate concentrations also increased following addition of fertilizer to the PP11 inflow. Phosphate concentrations reached as high as 1.3 mg/L as  $\text{PO}_4$ . Background (PP11 Inflow) concentrations remained around < 1 to 0.3 mg/L, averaging about 0.1 mg/L.

The Hach nitrate tests were very unreliable during the experiment. Typically, following the three minute shaking period with the Nitraver 6 (Cadmium reduction step), transfer to clean tube and addition of the Nitraver 3 reagent, the sample turned a light to deep yellow, masking the pink to red colour indicative of the presence of nitrate. Addition of the Nitraver 3 alone also resulted in the yellow colour. However, occasionally the test worked and detectable nitrate could be measured. The results of the nitrate tests are shown in Figure 21.

Nitrate concentrations, when detected, ranged from 0.03 to 0.1 mg/L  $\text{N-NO}_3$  in the PP11 outflow samples. The test worked only once for the PP11 in samples, and a 0.03 mg/L  $\text{N-NO}_3$  was recorded. This suggests that upon addition of the 10-52-10 fertilizer, nitrate concentrations increased in PP11.

A model of the polishing ponds has been developed. This model simulates nutrient

concentrations in the polishing ponds, taking into account the volumes of the cells, the flow volumes, the background concentrations and the additions of phosphate. The program repeats calculations in iterations of 1 hour. The program assumes complete mixing of a fertilizer addition with the receiving pond's volume within an hour; in reality, the mixing process is probably not this rapid.

The model was run for ammonia and phosphate. The expected  $\text{N-NH}_4$  concentrations in PP10, PP11, PP12 and PP13 are shown in Figure 23 upon addition of fertilizer (starting at hour 0) at the rate applied during the experiment, and at the flow volumes measured during the experiment. In addition, the actual concentrations measured in the field are also plotted in the graph.

The model was started 456 hours (19 days) prior to the addition of the first lot of fertilizer, since ammonia was already present in the inflows to PP10 prior to the experiment, and the model needed these 19 days to reach equilibrium with respect to ammonia concentrations throughout the PP10-PP13 system.

The match between predicted ammonia concentrations (red) and the measured ammonia concentrations determined during the field experiment (blue) is remarkable. Both the magnitude of ammonia concentrations match well, as well as undulations in concentrations due to the 24 hour time spans between successive additions of fertilizer. There appears from Figure 23 that the actual ammonia concentration increases were delayed, compared to the modeled concentration increases. This is likely due to actual mixing times exceeding modeled mixing times.

Overall, it appears that PP11's behaviour is closely simulated by the model. Given that similar ammonia concentrations were measured as modeled, it appears that ammonia uptake by algae or ammonia adsorption onto organics during the field experiment may have been negligible. This also indicates that the ammonia was well mixed in the estimated pond volume. Finally, although some doubt remains regarding

the accuracy of the Hach ammonia kit (precipitate formation), it appears to be working adequately.

The model was also run for phosphate in the system, for comparison to measured phosphate concentrations in PP11 during the field experiment (Figure 24). The measured phosphate concentrations (blue) were much lower than those predicted by the model (red), although undulations relating to the fertilizer additions, and delays due to mixing, can be seen in the curve. This suggests that a substantial fraction of the phosphate added to PP11 was lost by, for example, adsorption onto algae and/or precipitation with other compounds, such that the Hach phosphate kit did not detect the phosphate present in solution.

Apparent loss of phosphate mass during the field experiment was anticipated. A second static field experiment was performed during the site visit in order to examine apparent losses of nutrients from the system. This results of the Mini-Limnocorral Experiment, is described in the next section.

### **6.3.2 Fate of Nutrients: Mini-Limnocorral Experiment**

Mini-Limnocorrals (MLCs) were set up in PP11. These consisted of plastic bags containing 96 L of PP11 water added prior to addition of the large doses of fertilizer to PP11. All MLC fertilizer experiment data are presented in Table 26.

MLC-i was set up as a control. This container did not receive any fertilizer, nor was periphyton added. A dose of 0.797 g of 10-52-10 fertilizer was added to MLC-ii and MLC-iii. A sample of float bubble algae was carefully added to the surface of MLC-iii such that the mat remained afloat over the course of the experiment. Nutrient concentrations were periodically measured in each MLC. The entire algal sample was recovered at the end of the experiment in order that its dry weight could be

determined.

The results of ammonia determinations in the MLCs are shown in Figure 25. In the control set-up, MLC-i, ammonia concentrations remained at background (0.5-0.6 mg/L N-NH<sub>4</sub>). In MLC-ii, where fertilizer was added, the ammonia concentration stayed relatively constant at 1.7 to 1.8 mg/L N-NH<sub>4</sub> over the course of the experiment. A slight decrease in the ammonia concentration, to 1.4 mg/L N-NH<sub>4</sub> was measured in MLC-iii, the set-up where a clump of float bubble algae was added.

In a separate test ('dose check'), an identical dose of the fertilizer was added to distilled water, and diluted to the correct fertilizer dose:96 L ratio. This sample contained 1.2 mg/L N as ammonia. Since the background N (ammonia) concentration was 0.5 mg/L, the expected N as ammonia concentration in MLC-ii and MLC-iii was 1.7 mg/L, a perfect match with measured concentrations.

These results match the PP11 Fertilizer Experiment. Ammonia added to PP11 and the MLCs remained dissolved in the solutions. Despite formation of precipitates, the Hach ammonia test was functioning well.

The 'dose check' test indicated that the fertilizer dose added to MLC-ii and MLC-iii should yield a final concentration of 3.8 mg/L PO<sub>4</sub>. In fact, PO<sub>4</sub> concentrations in MLC-ii and MLC-ii were 3.5 to 3.7 mg/L at the start of the experiment and after 20 hours (Figure 26). However, the phosphate concentration decreased to 1.8 to 1.9 mg/L after 55 hours, both in water only (MLC-ii) or in the presence of periphyton (MLC-iii). This indicates that the phosphate was initially present at the expected dose at the start of the MLC experiment, but was adsorbed by organics and was removed from the system, or had combined with compounds and was not detected by the Hach kit 35 hours later in the experiment (Table 27).

The MLC experiment's phosphate results also match well with the PP11 Fertilizer

experiment. A substantial fraction (~ 70 %) of the phosphate 'disappeared' (no longer detected by Hach test) in the MLC experiment between hours 20 and 55. In the Field Fertilizer experiment, the peak phosphate concentration was 1.3 mg/L, while the modeled (expected) concentration for that fertilizer dose was 4 mg/L, a difference where the measured concentration was 67 % lower than the expected concentration.

Unfortunately, the Hach nitrate test did not function properly for most attempts, including during measurements of the MLC experiment (Figure 27). Only one observation can be made from the very limited results, namely, that the final nitrate concentration in MLC-iii (with periphyton) was lower than the nitrate concentration in MLC-ii (no periphyton), suggesting measurable nitrate uptake by the periphyton in MLC-iii.

**Table 21: Dissolution of Phosphorus from Various Fertilizer Types in Distilled Water and Boomerang Lake Water.**

| Fertilizer Sample | Fertilizer Description                          | Reported N:P:K | Medium          | Am't Fert. added to 1 L, mg | Amount of P added mg/L | [P] mg/L 1 Hour | [P] mg/L 24 Hours | [P] mg/L 1 Week | [P] mg/L 11 days | [P] mg/L 2 Weeks | % of P Dissolved |
|-------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1                 | Dearborn resin coated potassium nitrate pellets | unknown        | Distilled Water | 108                         | unknown                | 0.03            | 0.24              | 0.16            | 0.2              | 0.13             | N.C.             |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 135                         | unknown                | 0.03            | 0.03              | 0.03            | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.C.             |
| 2                 | Dearborn resin coated pellets                   | unknown        | Distilled Water | 109                         | unknown                | 0.03            | 0.1               | 0.23            | 0.1              | 0.13             | N.C.             |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 146                         | unknown                | 0.03            | 0.03              | 0.03            | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.C.             |
| 3                 | Dearborn resin coated pellets                   | 21-7-7         | Distilled Water | 1044                        | 73                     | 51              | 29                | 29              | 29               | 29               | 70               |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 321                         | 22                     | 7               | 8                 | 8               | N.R.             | N.R.             | 36               |
| 4                 | Harvest Plus liquid fertilizer                  | 14-4-6         | Distilled Water | 462                         | 18                     | 12              | 12                | 13              | N.R.             | N.R.             | 71               |
| 5                 | Harvest Plus liquid fertilizer                  | 4-18-6         | Distilled Water | 610                         | 110                    | 88              | 91                | 95              | N.R.             | N.R.             | 86               |
| 6                 | Liquid molasses                                 | unknown        | Distilled Water | 1200                        | unknown                | 0.75            | 0.72              | 0.52            | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.C.             |
| 7                 | Calcium nitrate crystalline                     | 15.5-0-0       | Distilled Water | 95                          | 0                      | 0.01            | 0.01              | 0.012           | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.C.             |
| 8                 | Natural phosphate rock<br>Code 30 fine sand     | ?-12.8-?       | Distilled Water | 106                         | 14                     | 0.62            | 1.2               | 1.3             | 1.1              | N.R.             | 10               |
| 9                 | Natural phosphate rock<br>Code 31 powder        | ?-12.1-?       | Distilled Water | 89                          | 11                     | 0.85            | 0.85              | 0.82            | 0.78             | N.R.             | 8                |
| 10                | Plant Products fertilizer, powder               | 15-13.1-15     | Distilled Water | 103                         | 14                     | 18              | 11                | 12              | N.R.             | N.R.             | 133              |
| 11                | Plant Products fertilizer, powder               | 10-22.7-10     | Distilled Water | 104                         | 24                     | 16              | 16                | 16              | N.R.             | N.R.             | 69               |
|                   | Distilled Water (Control)                       |                | Distilled Water | 0                           | 0                      | 0.07            | 0.1               | 0.1             | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.A.             |
|                   | Boomerang Lake (Control)                        |                | Boomerang L.    | 0                           | 0                      | N.R.            | 0.03              | 0.03            | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.A.             |
|                   | New Boomerang lake (Control)                    |                | Boomerang L.    | 0                           | 0                      | N.R.            | 0.03              | 0.03            | N.R.             | N.R.             | N.A.             |

**Table 22: Dissolution of Nitrogen from Various Fertilizer Types in Distilled Water and Boomerang Lake Water.**

| Fertilizer Sample | Fertilizer Description                          | Reported N:P:K | Medium          | Am't Fert. added to 1 L, mg | Amount of N added, mg/L | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | [N] as NH <sub>4</sub> | [N] mg/L 1 Hour | [N] mg/L 24 Hours | [N] mg/L 1 Week | [N] mg/L 11 days | [N] mg/L 2 Weeks | % of N Dissolved |
|-------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1                 | Dearborn resin coated potassium nitrate pellets | unknown        | Distilled Water | 108                         | unknown                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | 0.90            | 1.7               | 1.7             | N.C.             |                  |                  |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 135                         | unknown                 | < 0.16                 | 1.8                    | 21              | 0.37              | 0.37            | N.C.             |                  |                  |
| 2                 | Dearborn resin coated pellets                   | unknown        | Distilled Water | 109                         | unknown                 | < 0.02                 | 0.045                  | < 0.02          | 1.1               | 1.4             | N.C.             |                  |                  |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 146                         | unknown                 | < 0.12                 | 0.14                   | 9               | 0.46              | 1.6             | 2.3              | N.C.             |                  |
| 3                 | Dearborn resin coated pellets                   | 21-7-7         | Distilled Water | 1044                        | 219                     | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          | < 0.02            | < 0.02          | < 0.02           | 38               |                  |
|                   |   |                | Boomerang L.    | 321                         | 67                      | < 0.12                 | 0.13                   | 0.17            | 65                | 102             | 74               | 84               | 65               |
| 4                 | Harvest Plus liquid fertilizer                  | 14-4-6         | Distilled Water | 462                         | 65                      | < 0                    | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          |                   |                 |                  |                  | 115              |
| 5                 | Harvest Plus liquid fertilizer                  | 4-18-6         | Distilled Water | 610                         | 24                      | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          |                   |                 |                  |                  | 38               |
| 6                 | Liquid molasses                                 | unknown        | Distilled Water | 1200                        | unknown                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          |                   |                 |                  |                  | N.C.             |
| 7                 | Calcium nitrate crystalline                     | 15.5-0-0       | Distilled Water | 95                          | 15                      | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | 11                     | 10              | 13.17             |                 |                  |                  | 101              |
| 8                 | Natural phosphate rock, Code 30, fine sand      | ?-12.8-?       | Distilled Water | 106                         | unknown                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          | < 0.02            | < 0.02          | < 0.02           |                  | N.C.             |
| 9                 | Natural phosphate rock, Code 31, powder         | ?-12.1-?       | Distilled Water | 89                          | unknown                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02                 | < 0.02          | < 0.02            | < 0.02          | < 0.02           |                  | N.C.             |
| 10                | Plant Products fertilizer, powder               | 15-13.1-15     | Distilled Water | 103                         | 15                      | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | 3.6                    | 3.8             | 3.70              |                 |                  |                  | 95               |
| 11                | Plant Products fertilizer powder                | 10-22.7-10     | Distilled Water | 104                         | 10                      | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | 8.0                    | 2.0             | 1.00              |                 |                  |                  | 256              |
|                   | Distilled Water (Control)                       |                | Distilled Water | 0                           | 0                       | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | 0.08                   | 0.10            | 0.09              |                 |                  |                  | N.C.             |
|                   | Boomerang Lake (Control)                        |                | Boomerang L.    | 0                           | 0                       | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | < 0.11                 | 0.13            | 0.08              |                 |                  |                  | N.C.             |
|                   | New Boomerang L.(Control)                       |                | Boomerang L.    | 0                           | 0                       | [N] as NO <sub>3</sub> | 1.2                    | 1.5             | 1.11              |                 |                  |                  | N.C.             |
|                   |   |                |                 |                             |                         | [N] as NH <sub>4</sub> |                        | 1.6             | 1.11              |                 |                  |                  |                  |



Table 23: Treatments and Nutrient Concentrations in Buchans and South Bay Algal Cultures.

| Culture | DATE STARTED: 21/7/96<br>DESCRIPTION | BEFORE ADDITION OF NUTRIENTS                            |   |   | TREATMENT   | ADDED NUTRIENTS                      | TARGETED CONCENTRATIONS                     | MEASURED CONCENTRATIONS                     |   |   |   |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|         |                                      | [NO <sub>3</sub> OLD]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>1/8/1996 | [NH <sub>3</sub> OLD]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>1/8/1996 | [PO <sub>4</sub> OLD]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>1/8/1996 | 1: N:P 10:1<br>2: N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>3: [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | 2/8/1996                             | [NO <sub>3</sub> NEW]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | [PO <sub>4</sub> NEW]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | [NO <sub>3</sub> NEW]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>7/8/96 | [NH <sub>3</sub> NEW]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>7/8/96 | [PO <sub>4</sub> NEW]<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>7/8/96 |
| A1      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE                      | 0.06  | 0.12  | 0.08  | N:P 10:1  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 0.22  | 0.05  | 0.07  | 0.07  |   |
| A2      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE                      | 0.13  | 0.13  | 0.08  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.86  | 6.39  | 0.07  | 0.09  |   |
| A3      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE                      | 0.05  | 0.10  | 0.14  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.89  | 2.21  | 5.77  | 0.07  | 0.12  |
| C1      | PP12 SEEP ALGAE                      | 0.05  | 0.10  | 0.11  | N:P 10:1  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 0.39  | 0.04  | 0.07  | 0.07  |   |
| C2      | PP12 SEEP ALGAE                      | 0.06  | 0.20  | 0.18  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.79  | 8.42  | 0.08  | 0.08  |   |
| C3      | PP12 SEEP ALGAE                      | 0.05  | 0.11  | 0.14  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.89  | 2.21  | 5.27  | 0.08  | 0.07  |
| D1      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE                    | 0.22  | 0.12  | 0.09  | N:P 10:1  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 0.29  | 0.05  | 0.11  | 0.07  |   |
| D2      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE                    | 0.32  | 0.12  | 0.10  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.88  | 8.63  | 0.08  | 0.08  |   |
| D3      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE                    | 0.23  | 0.11  | 0.13  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.89  | 2.21  | 6.55  | 0.07  | 0.11  |
| F1      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE PUREE                | 0.05  | 0.10  | 0.25  | N:P 10:1  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 1.04  | 0.04  | 0.07  | 0.07  |   |
| F2      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE PUREE                | 0.05  | 0.09  | 0.25  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.91  | 7.81  | 0.07  | 0.07  |   |
| F3      | PP14 MAT BUBBLE PUREE                | 0.05  | 0.11  | 0.24  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.88  | 2.21  | 3.09  | 0.07  | 0.10  |
| G1      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE PUREE              | 0.53  | 0.43  | 0.12  | N:P 10:1  | P-PO <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.53  | 0.18  | 0.05  | 0.08  | 0.07  |
| G2      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE PUREE              | 1.30  | 0.22  | 0.13  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.77  | 9.09  | 0.07  | 0.07  |   |
| G3      | PP14 FLOAT BUBBLE PUREE              | 0.53  | 0.37  | 0.10  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.63  | 2.21  | 4.43  | 0.07  | 0.06  |
| B1      | OWP PERI                             | 0.38  | 0.70  | 0.14  | N:P 10:1  | P-PO <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.38  | 0.20  | 0.36  | 3.55  | 0.09  |
| B2      | OWP PERI                             | 0.34  | 0.67  | 0.13  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.33  | 9.20  | 3.85  | 0.11  |   |
| B3      | OWP PERI                             | 0.53  | 0.68  | 0.29  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.32  | 2.21  | 10.94   | 3.65  | 0.68  |
| E1      | BOOMERANG LAKE ALGAE                 | 0.07  | 2.00  | 0.08  | N:P 10:1  | P-PO <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.07  | 0.33  | 0.07  | 4.29  | 0.11  |
| E2      | BOOMERANG LAKE ALGAE                 | 0.05  | 2.00  | 0.08  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 8.00  | 6.55  | 5.02  | 0.08  |   |
| E3      | BOOMERANG LAKE ALGAE                 | 0.05  | 1.30  | 0.09  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 8.69  | 2.21  | 8.11  | 4.34  | 0.11  |
| OWP-1   | ORIENTAL WEST PIT                    | 0.47  | 0.10  | 0.08  | N:P 10:1  | P-PO <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.47  | 0.11  | 0.52  | 0.09  | 0.07  |
| OWP-2   | ORIENTAL WEST PIT                    | 0.55  | 0.12  | 0.08  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.88  | 10.22                                       | 0.09  | 0.06  |   |
| OWP-3   | ORIENTAL WEST PIT                    | 0.51  | 0.11  | 0.07  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.89  | 2.21  | 10.22   | 0.08  | 0.55  |
| BL1     | BOOMERANG LAKE 1                     | 0.24  | 0.77  | 0.06  | N:P 10:1  | P-PO <sub>4</sub>                    | 0.24  | 0.17  | 0.25  | 0.56  | 0.17  |
| BL2     | BOOMERANG LAKE 2                     | 0.24  | 0.78  | 0.09  | N, 10 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub>                    | 9.22  | 10.09                                       | 0.48  | 0.07  |   |
| BL3     | BOOMERANG LAKE 3                     | 0.24  | 0.73  | 0.07  | [N],[P],10, 1 mg.L <sup>-1</sup>  | N-NO <sub>3</sub> +P-PO <sub>4</sub> | 9.27  | 2.21  | 7.71  | 0.52  | 3.11  |

Table 24: PP11 Nutrient Exp't Data.

| Date      | Days | Hr | Min | Hours<br>after start | PP11 In |               |               |      |     |      |      | W.L.<br>[O2]<br>(CM) | Flow<br>(l/s) | Kg Fert<br>Added |       |
|-----------|------|----|-----|----------------------|---------|---------------|---------------|------|-----|------|------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-------|
|           |      |    |     |                      | [PO4]   | [N]<br>as NO3 | [N]<br>as NH4 | pH   | T C | Cond | Em   |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 8   | -2.98                | 0.1     |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 16  | -2.85                | 0.1     | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 0.6 | 6.4  | 18   | 1365                 | 110           | 8.04             |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 7   | 0                    |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  | 3.7   |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 27  | 0.33                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 15  | 1.13                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 32  | 1.42                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 15 | 2   | 2.92                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      | 2.2                  | 6.78          |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 16 | 55  | 4.80                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 19 | 14  | 7.12                 |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 22 | 20  | 10.22                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 36  | 20.48                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 53  | 20.77                | 0.1     |               | N.M.          | 0.45 |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 0   | 20.88                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 15  | 21.13                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      | 2                    | 5.88          |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 30  | 21.38                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  | 3.7   |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 31  | 23.40                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 43  | 23.60                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 13 | 46  | 25.65                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 18  | 28.18                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 48  | 28.68                | 0.1     |               | N.M.          | 0.45 | 6.7 | 18   | 1346 | 149                  | 2.1           | 6.33             |       |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 21 | 35  | 33.47                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 8  | 42  | 44.58                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 30  | 47.38                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 50  | 47.72                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  | 2.815 |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 52  | 47.75                | 0.1     |               | 0.05          | 0.5  | 6.9 | 16   | 1209 | 143                  | 2.5           | 8.22             |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 15 | 18  | 51.18                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 18 | 43  | 54.60                | <       | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.5  |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 21 | 30  | 57.38                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 8  | 54  | 68.78                | 0.2     | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 0.5 |      |      |                      | 2.4           | 7.73             |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 10  | 69.05                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 45  | 69.63                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 10 | 5   | 69.97                |         |               |               |      | 6.9 | 17   | 1303 | 138                  |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 11  | 72.07                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  | 3.7   |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 13  | 72.10                | 0.1     | <             | 0.01          | 0.5  |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 28  | 72.35                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 10  | 75.05                | 0.3     | <             | 0.01          | 0.6  |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 32  | 75.42                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      | 2.3                  | 7.25          |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 16 | 54  | 76.78                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 22  | 77.25                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 44  | 77.62                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 24  | 78.28                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 45  | 78.63                | 0.1     |               | 0.03          | 0.7  | 7.1 | 21   | 1307 | 109                  | 2.2           | 6.78             |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40  | 95.55                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40  | 95.55                |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30  | 103.38               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30  | 103.38               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30  | 103.38               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30  | 103.38               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0   | 119.88               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0   | 119.88               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0   | 119.88               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0   | 119.88               |         |               |               |      |     |      |      |                      |               |                  |       |

Table 24: PP11 Nutrient Exp't Data.

| Date      | Days | Hr | Hours |             | PP11 Out |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
|-----------|------|----|-------|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|-----|
|           |      |    | Min   | after start | [PO4]    | [N]<br>as NO3 | [N]<br>as NH4 | pH   | T C  | Cond | Em   | [O2] | W.L.<br>(cm) |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 8     | -2.98       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 16    | -2.85       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 7     | 0           |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 27    | 0.33        | 0.1      | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 0.4  | 6.64 | 17.4 | 1235 | 102          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 15    | 1.13        |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 32    | 1.42        |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 15 | 2     | 2.92        | 0.1      | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 0.5  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 16 | 55    | 4.80        | 0.3      |               |               | N.M. | 0.5  | 6.68 | 18.6 | 1264 | 137          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 19 | 14    | 7.12        | 0.4      |               |               | N.M. | 0.4  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 22 | 20    | 10.22       | 0.6      |               |               | N.M. | 0.6  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 36    | 20.48       | 0.6      | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 0.7  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 53    | 20.77       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 0     | 20.88       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 15    | 21.13       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 30    | 21.38       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 31    | 23.40       | 0.6      |               |               | N.M. | 0.6  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 43    | 23.60       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 13 | 46    | 25.65       | 0.6      |               |               | N.M. | 0.7  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 18    | 28.18       | 0.6      |               |               | N.M. | 0.7  | 6.6  | 17.6 | 1291 | 122          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 48    | 28.68       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 21 | 35    | 33.47       | 0.9      |               | 0.06          | tr   | 0.9  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 8  | 42    | 44.58       | 0.9      |               | 0.09          |      | 0.75 |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 30    | 47.38       | 0.95     |               | 0.03          |      | 0.85 | 6.58 | 15.6 | 1264 | 177          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 50    | 47.72       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 52    | 47.75       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 15 | 18    | 51.18       | 1        |               | 0.07          |      | 1    | 7.46 | 16.4 | 1327 | 162          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 18 | 43    | 54.60       | 0.95     |               | 0.1           |      | 1    |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 21 | 30    | 57.38       | 1.3      |               | 0.07          |      | 0.9  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 8  | 54    | 68.78       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  | 2.3 |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 10    | 69.05       | 0.9      | <             | 0.01          | Y    | 1.2  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 45    | 69.63       |          |               |               |      |      | 6.83 | 17.1 | 1289 | 155          |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 10 | 5     | 69.97       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 11    | 72.07       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 13    | 72.10       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 28    | 72.35       | 0.7      | <             | 0.01          |      | 0.9  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 10    | 75.05       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 32    | 75.42       | 1        | <             | 0.01          |      | 1.1  |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 16 | 54    | 76.78       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 22    | 77.25       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 44    | 77.62       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 24    | 78.28       | 1.05     | <             | 0.01          |      | 0.95 | 6.53 | 20.4 | 1333 | 96           |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 45    | 78.63       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40    | 95.55       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40    | 95.55       |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |          |               |               |      |      |      |      |      |              |  |  |  |  |  |     |

Table 25: OWP Perigrind Zinc Removal Performance and Scale-up.

|                                  |        |   |
|----------------------------------|--------|---|
| Days installed (Jul 13-Sep 29)   | 78     | days                                      |
| Area of perigrind netting        | 391    | m <sup>2</sup>                            |
| Algal fresh biomass              | 0.5    | cm <sup>3</sup> per cm <sup>2</sup>       |
| Wet volume of algae              | 1.955  | m <sup>3</sup>                            |
| Periphyton dry weight:wet volume | 0.1    | g.cm <sup>-3</sup>                        |
| Dry weight of algae              | 0.196  | t   |
| Growth rate                      | 6.41   | g.m <sup>-2</sup> netting.d <sup>-1</sup> |
| Zn content in periphyton         | 10,900 | ug.g <sup>-1</sup> (#5993)                |
| Zn content of periphyton biomass | 2.13   | kg  |
| If perigrind scaled up 19 x      | 40.5   | kg  |
| Potential Zinc removal rate      | 0.52   | kg.d <sup>-1</sup>                        |
| OWP Zinc load from D.T.          | 11.4   | kg.d <sup>-1</sup>                        |
| Zinc Removal                     | 4.6    | % of load                                 |

Table 26: PP11 Nutrient Exp't Data.

| Date      | Days | Hr | Hours |             | MLC I |               |               | MLC II |               |               | MLC III |               |               |      |      |
|-----------|------|----|-------|-------------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
|           |      |    | Min   | after start | [PO4] | [N]<br>as NO3 | [N]<br>as NH4 | [PO4]  | [N]<br>as NO3 | [N]<br>as NH4 | [PO4]   | [N]<br>as NO3 | [N]<br>as NH4 |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 8     | -2.98       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 16    | -2.85       | 0.1   | 0.01          | 0.6           |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 7     | 0           |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 27    | 0.33        |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 15    | 1.13        |       |               |               | 3.5    | 0.01          | Y             | 1.8     |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 32    | 1.42        |       |               |               |        |               |               |         | 3.7           | 0.01          | Y    | 1.8  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 15 | 2     | 2.92        |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 16 | 55    | 4.80        |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 19 | 14    | 7.12        |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 22 | 20    | 10.22       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 36    | 20.48       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 53    | 20.77       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 0     | 20.88       | 0.1   | N.M.          | 0.5           |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 15    | 21.13       |       |               |               | 3.5    |               | N.M.          | 1.7     |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 30    | 21.38       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         | 3.7           |               | N.M. | 1.5  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 31    | 23.40       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 43    | 23.60       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 13 | 46    | 25.65       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 18    | 28.18       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 48    | 28.68       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 21 | 35    | 33.47       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 8  | 42    | 44.58       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 30    | 47.38       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 50    | 47.72       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 52    | 47.75       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 15 | 18    | 51.18       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 18 | 43    | 54.60       | 0.2   | 0.09          | 0.5           | 1.9    | 0.14          |               | 1.7     | 1.8           | 0.12          |      | 1.4  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 21 | 30    | 57.38       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 8  | 54    | 68.78       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 10    | 69.05       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 45    | 69.63       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 10 | 5     | 69.97       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 11    | 72.07       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 13    | 72.10       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 28    | 72.35       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 10    | 75.05       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 32    | 75.42       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 16 | 54    | 76.78       | 0.1   |               | 0.6           |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 22    | 77.25       |       |               |               | 1.7    |               |               | 1.9     |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 44    | 77.62       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         | 1.7           |               |      | 1.55 |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 24    | 78.28       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 45    | 78.63       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40    | 95.55       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 11 | 40    | 95.55       |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 12-Jul-96 | 4    | 19 | 30    | 103.38      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |
| 13-Jul-96 | 5    | 12 | 0     | 119.88      |       |               |               |        |               |               |         |               |               |      |      |

Table 27: Mini-Limnocorral iii Filter Paper Analysis

| Element | M.W., g | # 5999                             |             |       |
|---------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
|         |         | total ug on F.P. from 0.1 L sample | Equiv. mg/L |       |
| Al      | 27      | 2.5                                | 0.025       | 0.93  |
| Ba      | 137     | 2.4                                | 0.024       | 0.17  |
| Ca      | 40      | 339                                | 3.4         | 85    |
| Cd      | 112     | 6.6                                | 0.066       | 0.59  |
| Co      | 59      | 0.3                                | <0.003      | <0.05 |
| Cu      | 64      | 3.1                                | 0.031       | 0.49  |
| Fe      | 56      | 55.1                               | 0.55        | 9.9   |
| Mg      | 24      | 4.6                                | 0.046       | 1.9   |
| Mn      | 55      | 28.3                               | 0.28        | 5.2   |
| Na      | 23      | 17.2                               | 0.17        | 7.5   |
| P       | 31      | 544                                | 5.4         | 176   |
| S       | 32      | 2.77                               | 0.028       | 0.86  |
| Zn      | 65      | 2300                               | 23          | 352   |

Fig. 20: PP11 Phosphate

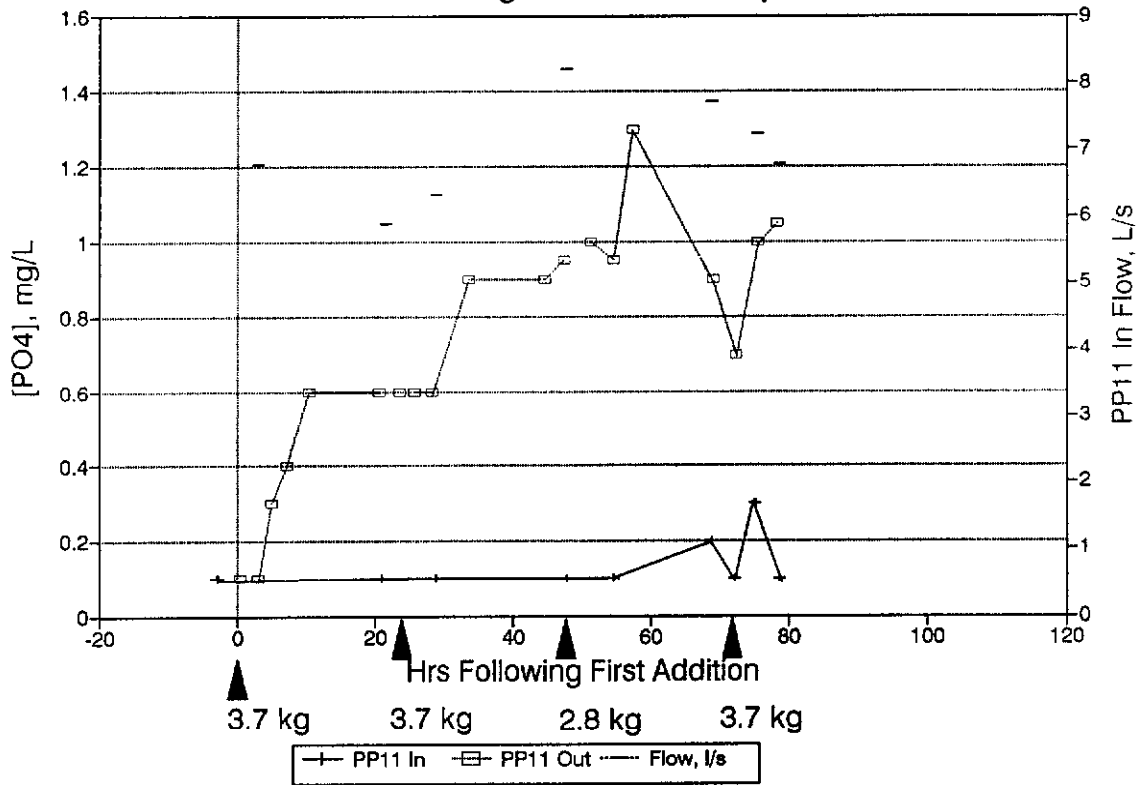


Fig. 21: PP11 N as Nitrate

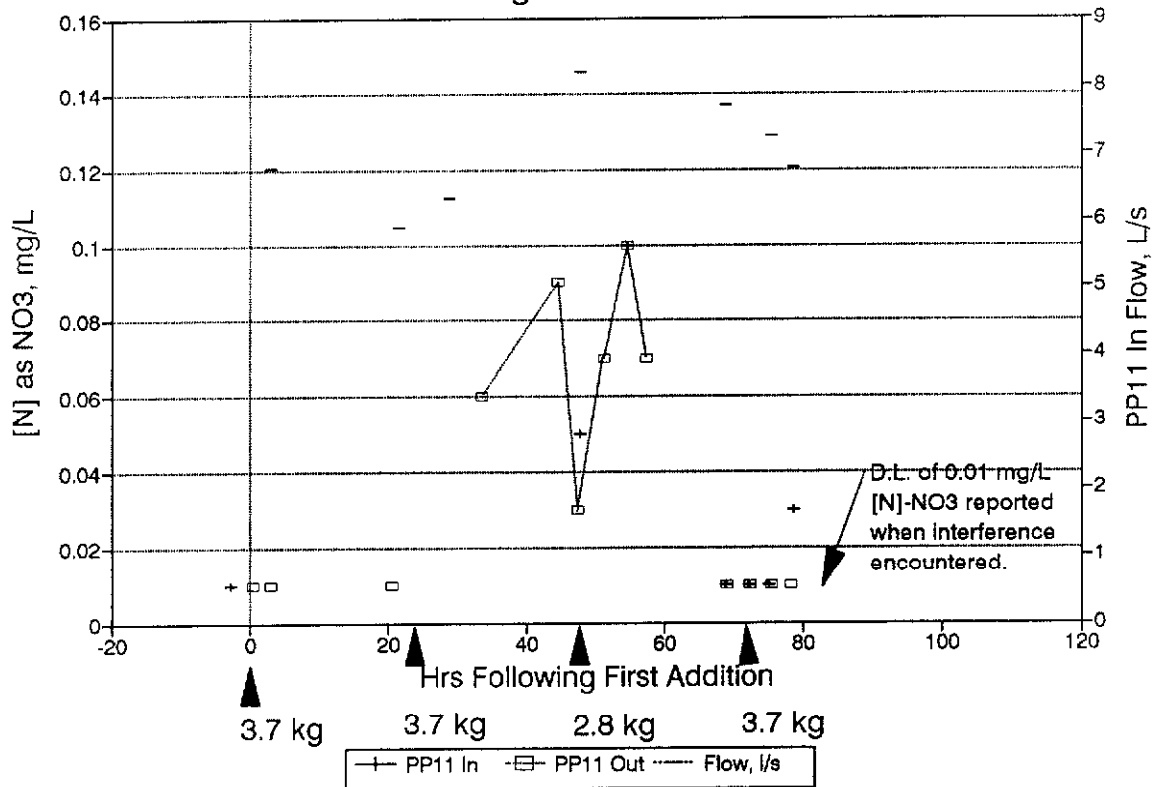


Fig. 22: PP11 N as Ammonia

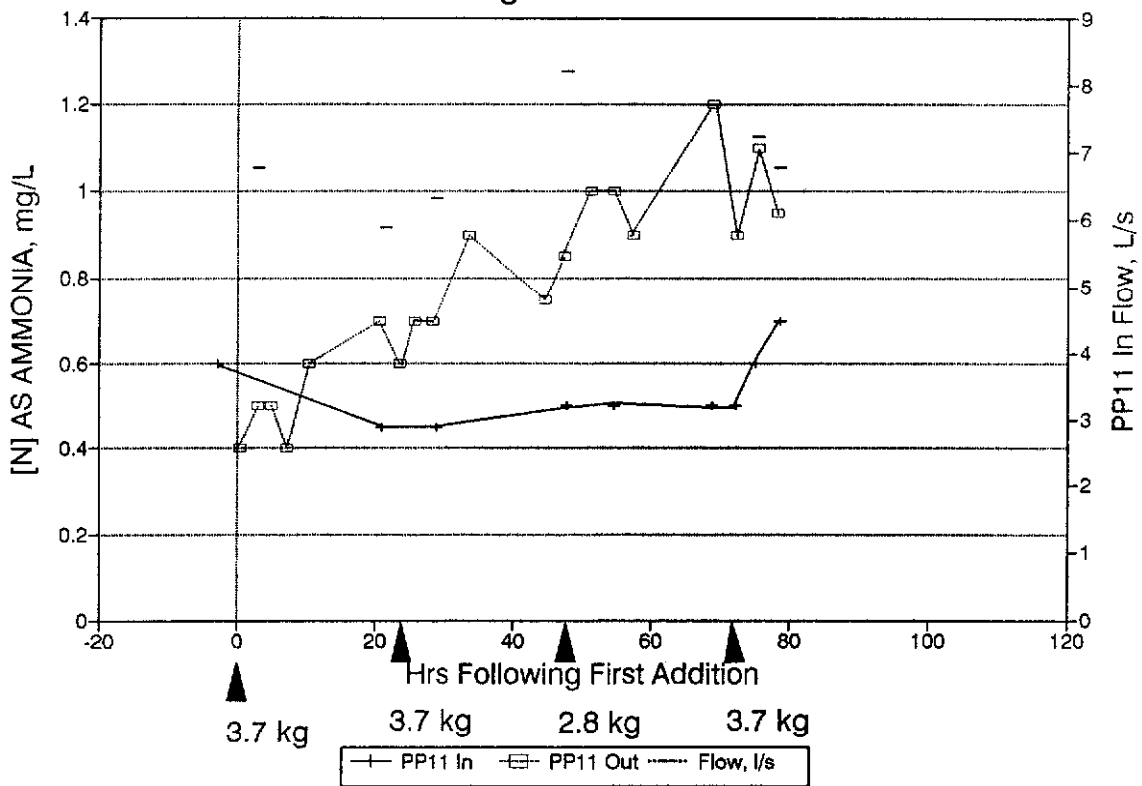


Fig. 23: [N]-NH4 in PP10 - PP13 Modelled vs. Measured

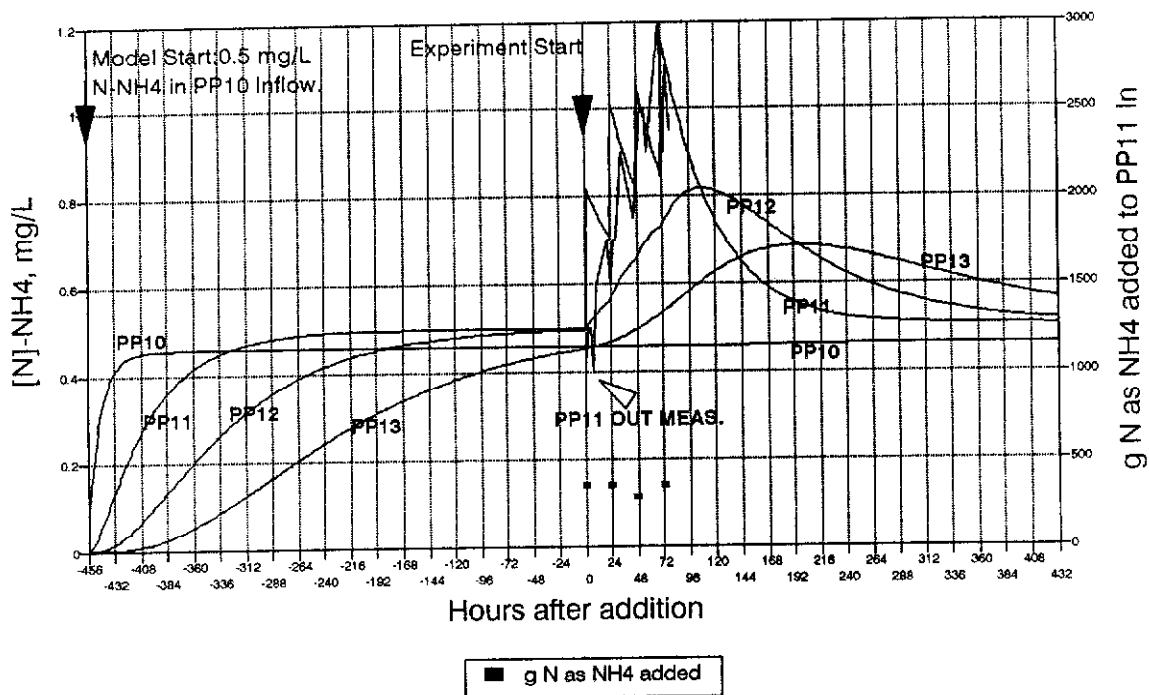




Fig. 24: [PO4] in PP10 - PP13  
Modelled vs. Measured

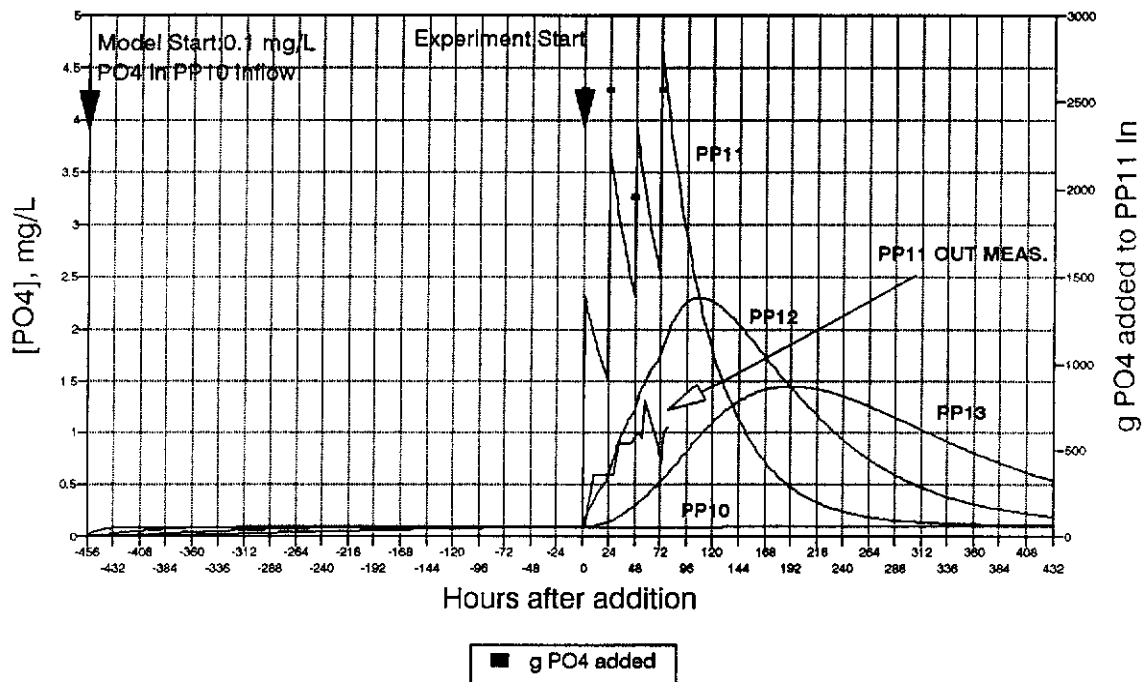


Fig. 25: [N] as NH4 in Mini-Limnocorrals

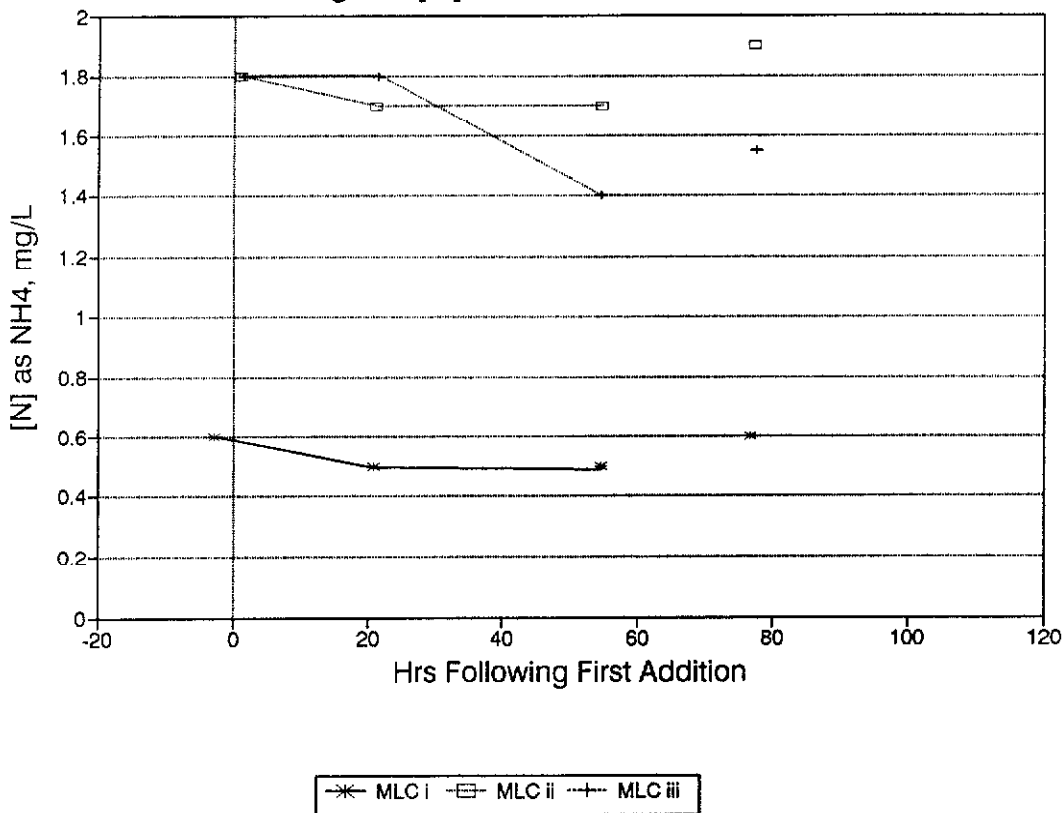


Fig. 26: [PO4] in Mini-Limnocorrals

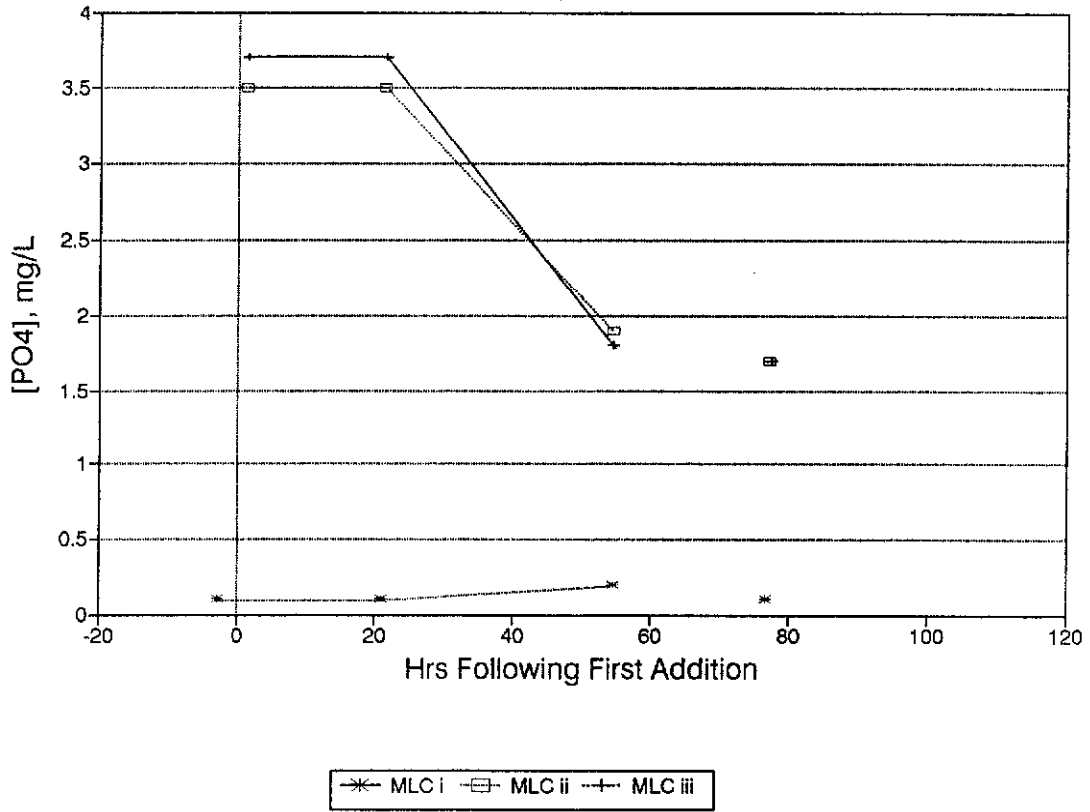
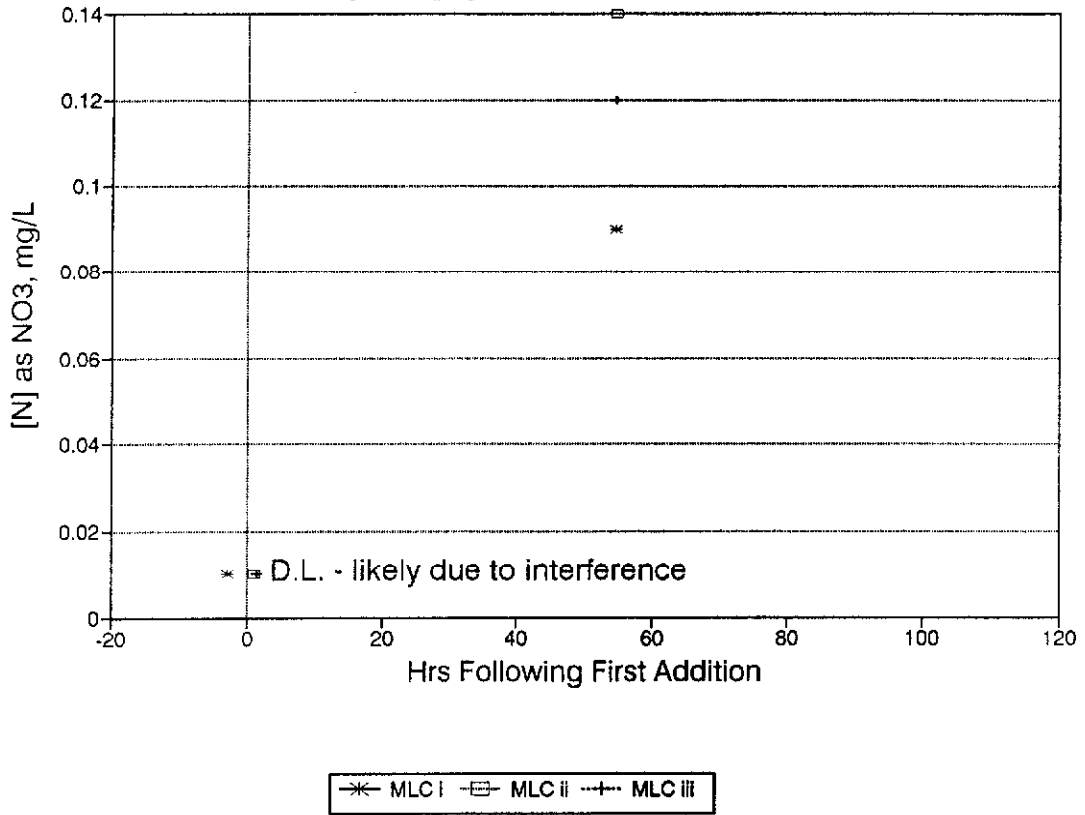
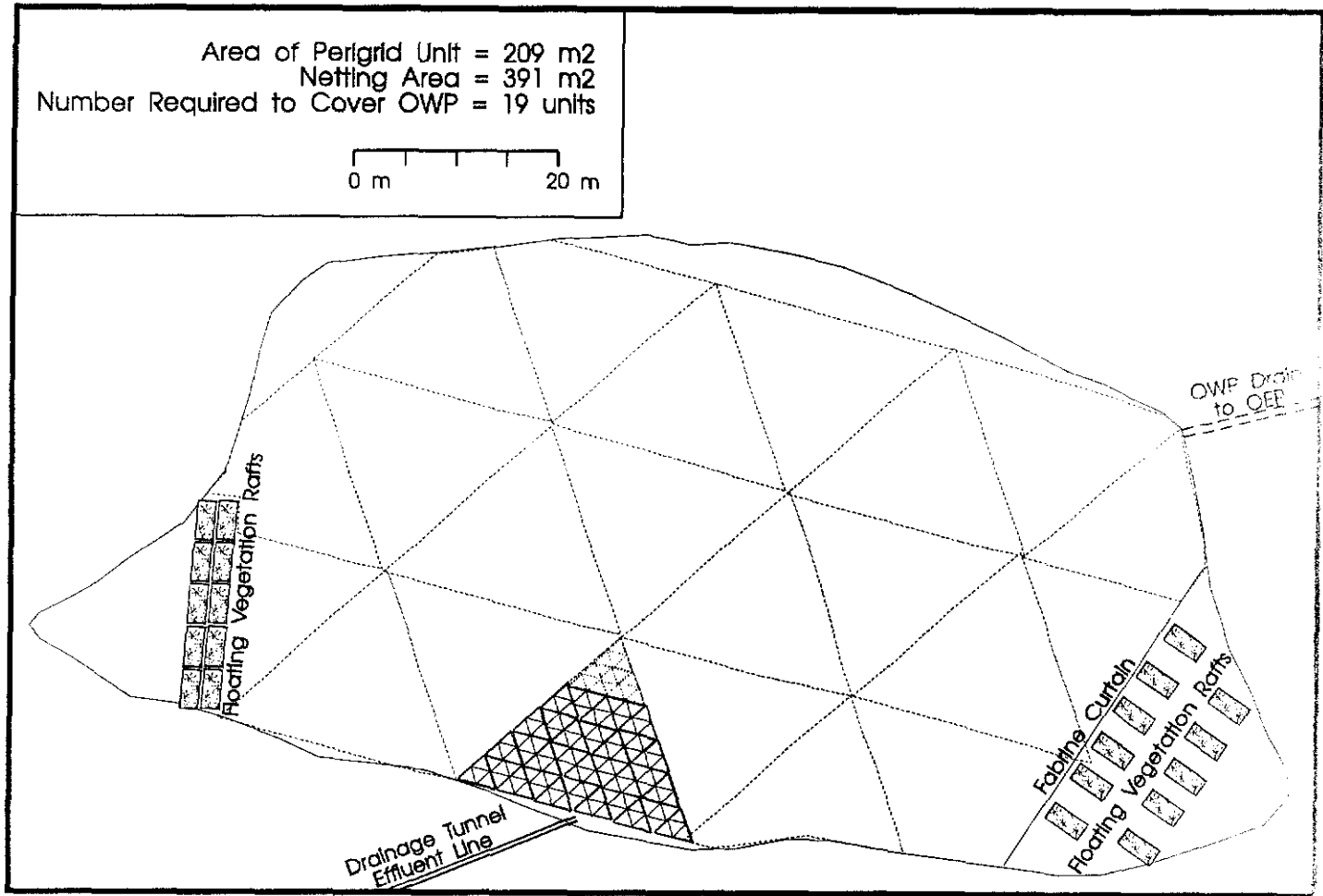


Fig. 27: [N] as NO3 in Mini-Limnocorrals





Schematic 2: OWP Perigrind Construction and Possible Scale-up.



Plate 1: Overview of Perigrig structure during installation in OWP, July 13, 1996.



Plate 2: Installed Perigrig supporting periphyton population adjacent to Drainage Tunnel inflow, August 1, 1996.

## 7.0 POLISHING POND PERFORMANCE AND SCALE-UP

### 7.1 Fate of Nutrient Additions: Mass Balance Calculations

The ammonia and phosphate data collected during the PP11 Fertilizer Experiment was used to estimate a mass balance of these nutrients during the experiment. Table 27 presents the data and estimates made to perform the mass balance. Data is shaded in grey, while interpolated and calculated values are not shaded.

In Figure 28, a mass balance for ammonia is presented. The cumulative mass of N as ammonia added to PP11 (PP11 In, '+' ) is plotted versus hours after the experiment was started. The cumulative mass of N as ammonia is constantly increasing, as ammonia was present in PP11 inflow water. Big jumps in the cumulative mass occur every 24 hours when fertilizer was added.

The PP11 out cumulative mass of N as ammonia (squares) is based on measured N as ammonia concentrations at the outflow, multiplied by the flow measured leaving PP11.

Overall, the slope of the expected mass of ammonia entering the pond closely parallels the measured mass of ammonia leaving PP11. The mass of ammonia leaving PP11 is delayed with respect to the mass entering PP11. This is most likely due to the residence time of water in PP11. In 1995, the results of a Rhodamine tracer experiment conducted in PP11 suggested that the residence time of water in PP11 is 18 hours. In Figure 28, the slope of the PP11 out ammonia mass is delayed by approximately 17 hours with respect to the PP11 In ammonia balance, again a very close match between data sets and projections.

In Figure 29, the results of the phosphate mass balance for PP11 are presented. This presentation indicates that either phosphate is remaining in PP11, or that phosphate has reacted with other compounds in PP11 pond water such that the Hach phosphate

kit does not detect it.

## 7.2 Large-Scale Study in Polishing Ponds 14 to 17

A field study was conducted on August 21, 1996, between 8 am and 6 pm, examining zinc concentrations in Polishing Ponds 11 to 13 following addition of a large dose of fertilizer (Figure 30). Unfortunately, given the results of phosphate consumption by algal biomass in the laboratory experiments, the field experiment was not conducted over a sufficiently long period in order to detect zinc concentration changes induced by the phosphate addition.

## 7.3 Drainage Tunnel-OWP-OEP-Polishing Pond Mass Balance Modelling

The model is based on the mass equation. This model assumes that the added fertilizer dissolves and mixes immediately. For one time step (all simulations were made using 1 hour time step) for each "vessel" (OWP, OEP, PP10, PP11, PP12, PP13), the mass and the new concentration is calculated. The mass consists of the following components:

- (1) existing mass = the concentration multiplied by the volume.
- (2) mass coming in = flow in multiplied by the concentration and by time step.
- (3) mass leaving the "vessel" = flow out multiplied by the concentration and by time step.
- (4) mass consumed by algae = rate multiplied by volume and by time step.

Then the new mass is calculated:

$$\text{new mass} = \text{mass existing} + \text{mass in} - \text{mass out} - \text{mass eaten}$$

and new concentration in the "vessel"

$$\text{new concentration} = \text{new mass/volume}$$

The program does this calculation for each "vessel" in this same time step and repeats so many time steps as required by user.

As input data, the following parameters have to be prepared:

- the initial concentration in each "vessel"
- rate of consumption of the nutrient (P or N) by algae
- the volume of each "vessel"
- the flows between the "vessels"
- the time intervals and rates, when and how much fertilizer is added to each "vessel"

The results (mass, concentration) are stored in ASCII format. The examples of the input parameters and output results are given below.

**Model#1 - 1994** (Figure 31)

Pool 10 - Pool 13

June 24 - September 8 , PP10 addition of 350 g of fertilizer /day

September 9 - September 26, PP13 addition of 350 g of fertilizer/day

September 27 - October 31, PP12 addition of 350 g of fertilizer/day

**Model #5** (Figure 32)

for 4 days addition of 3700 g of fertilizer/day to PP11

*According to Boojum's Lab Experiment*

*100 g of 10-52-10 fertilizer converts to 77.03 g of PO<sub>4</sub> or 25.12 g of P*

*So:*

*350 g = 269.6 g of PO<sub>4</sub> or 87.9 g of P*

*3700 g = 2850 g of PO<sub>4</sub>*

## P MODEL # 1

Calculation time: 1441 hours

### Initial concentration:

|      |          |              |
|------|----------|--------------|
| DT   | 0.0 mg/L |              |
| GW   | 0.0      | ground water |
| OWP  | 0.0      |              |
| OEP  | 0.0      |              |
| PP10 | 0.0      |              |
| PP11 | 0.0      |              |
| PP12 | 0.0      |              |
| PP13 | 0.0      |              |

Rate of P consumption by algae: 0.018 mg/L/hour

|          |      |                       |  |
|----------|------|-----------------------|--|
| Volumes: | OWP  | 23,225 m <sup>3</sup> | (area 4645 m <sup>2</sup> x 5 m thermocline) |
|          | OEP  | 48,775                | (area 19510 x 2.5)                           |
|          | PP10 | 272                   |  |
|          | PP11 | 1,138                 |  |
|          | PP12 | 1,848                 |  |
|          | PP13 | 2,693                 |  |

|        |      |                         |                                    |
|--------|------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Flows: | DT   | 29.52 m <sup>3</sup> /h | = 8.2 L/s                          |
|        | GW   | 39.312                  | = 10.92                            |
|        | OWP  | 29.52                   | = 8.2                              |
|        | OEP  | 68.832                  | = 19.12 (8.2 + 10.92)              |
|        | PP10 | 26.156                  | 38 % of OEP flow, 62% goes to PP14 |
|        | PP11 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP12 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP13 | 26.156                  |                                    |

FROM LAB EXPERIMENT: 15% of 10-52-10 fertilizer converts to P

### Addition of P:

|      |            |         |                     |
|------|------------|---------|---------------------|
| OWP  | 5000 g/day | approx. | 30 kg of fertilizer |
| PP10 | 50 g/day   |         | 0.3                 |
| PP11 | 150 g/day  |         | 0.9                 |
| PP12 | 250 g/day  |         | 1.5                 |
| PP13 | 400 g/day  |         | 2.4                 |

Figure 33 shows the results for one day. All phosphate is used by algae, so the process repeats every day.



## P MODEL # 2

Calculation time: 1441 hours

### Initial concentration:

|      |          |              |
|------|----------|--------------|
| DT   | 0.0 mg/L |              |
| GW   | 0.0      | ground water |
| OWP  | 0.0      |              |
| OEP  | 0.0      |              |
| PP10 | 0.0      |              |
| PP11 | 0.0      |              |
| PP12 | 0.0      |              |
| PP13 | 0.0      |              |

Rate of P consumption by algae: 0.009 mg/L/hour

|          |      |                      |  |
|----------|------|----------------------|--|
| Volumes: | OWP  | 23225 m <sup>3</sup> | (area 4645 m <sup>2</sup> x 5 m thermocline) |
|          | OEP  | 48775                | (area 19510 x 2.5)                           |
|          | PP10 | 272                  |  |
|          | PP11 | 1138                 |  |
|          | PP12 | 1848                 |  |
|          | PP13 | 2693                 |  |

|        |      |                         |                                    |
|--------|------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Flows: | DT   | 29.52 m <sup>3</sup> /h | = 8.2 L/s                          |
|        | GW   | 39.312                  | = 10.92                            |
|        | OWP  | 29.52                   | = 8.2                              |
|        | OEP  | 68.832                  | = 19.12 (8.2 + 10.92)              |
|        | PP10 | 26.156                  | 38 % of OEP flow, 62% goes to PP14 |
|        | PP11 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP12 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP13 | 26.156                  |                                    |

**FROM LAB EXPERIMENT: 15% of 10-52-10 fertilizer converts to P**

### Addition of P:

|      |            |         |                     |
|------|------------|---------|---------------------|
| OWP  | 5000 g/day | approx. | 30 kg of fertilizer |
| PP10 | 50 g/day   |         | 0.3                 |
| PP11 | 150 g/day  |         | 0.9                 |
| PP12 | 250 g/day  |         | 1.5                 |
| PP13 | 400 g/day  |         | 2.4                 |

Figure 34 shows the results for one day. All phosphate is used by algae, so the process repeats every day.

## N MODEL # 1

Calculation time: 1441 hours

### Initial concentration:

|      |          |              |
|------|----------|--------------|
| DT   | 0.0 mg/L |              |
| GW   | 0.0      | ground water |
| OWP  | 0.0      |              |
| OEP  | 0.0      |              |
| PP10 | 0.0      |              |
| PP11 | 0.0      |              |
| PP12 | 0.0      |              |
| PP13 | 0.0      |              |

Rate of N consumption by algae: 0.041 mg/L/hour

|          |      |                      |  |
|----------|------|----------------------|--|
| Volumes: | OWP  | 23225 m <sup>3</sup> | (area 4645 m <sup>2</sup> x 5 m thermocline) |
|          | OEP  | 48775                | (area 19510 x 2.5)                           |
|          | PP10 | 272                  |  |
|          | PP11 | 1138                 |  |
|          | PP12 | 1848                 |  |
|          | PP13 | 2693                 |  |

|        |      |                         |                                    |
|--------|------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Flows: | DT   | 29.52 m <sup>3</sup> /h | = 8.2 L/s                          |
|        | GW   | 39.312                  | = 10.92                            |
|        | OWP  | 29.52                   | = 8.2                              |
|        | OEP  | 68.832                  | = 19.12 (8.2 + 10.92)              |
|        | PP10 | 26.156                  | 38 % of OEP flow, 62% goes to PP14 |
|        | PP11 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP12 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP13 | 26.156                  |                                    |

**FROM LAB EXPERIMENT: 10% of 10-52-10 fertilizer converts to N**

### Addition of N (Calculated from amount of fertilizer added in P models 1 & 2):

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| OWP  | 3000 g/day |
| PP10 | 30 g/day   |
| PP11 | 90 g/day   |
| PP12 | 150 g/day  |
| PP13 | 240 g/day  |

From Figure 35, it can be seen that all N is consumed in about 4-5 hours.

## N MODEL # 2

Calculation time: 1441 hours

### Initial concentration:

|      |          |              |
|------|----------|--------------|
| DT   | 0.0 mg/L |              |
| GW   | 0.0      | ground water |
| OWP  | 0.0      |              |
| OEP  | 0.0      |              |
| PP10 | 0.0      |              |
| PP11 | 0.0      |              |
| PP12 | 0.0      |              |
| PP13 | 0.0      |              |

Rate of N consumption by algae: 0.002 mg/L/hour

|          |      |                      |  |
|----------|------|----------------------|--|
| Volumes: | OWP  | 23225 m <sup>3</sup> | (area 4645 m <sup>2</sup> x 5 m thermocline) |
|          | OEP  | 48775                | (area 19510 x 2.5)                           |
|          | PP10 | 272                  |  |
|          | PP11 | 1138                 |  |
|          | PP12 | 1848                 |  |
|          | PP13 | 2693                 |  |

|        |      |                         |                                    |
|--------|------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Flows: | DT   | 29.52 m <sup>3</sup> /h | = 8.2 L/s                          |
|        | GW   | 39.312                  | = 10.92                            |
|        | OWP  | 29.52                   | = 8.2                              |
|        | OEP  | 68.832                  | = 19.12 (8.2 + 10.92)              |
|        | PP10 | 26.156                  | 38 % of OEP flow, 62% goes to PP14 |
|        | PP11 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP12 | 26.156                  |                                    |
|        | PP13 | 26.156                  |                                    |

**FROM LAB EXPERIMENT: 10% of 10-52-10 fertilizer converts to N**

**Addition of N (Calculated from amount of fertilizer added in P models 1 & 2):**

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| OWP  | 3000 g/day |
| PP10 | 30 g/day   |
| PP11 | 90 g/day   |
| PP12 | 150 g/day  |
| PP13 | 240 g/day  |

From Figure 36, it can be seen that all N is consumed in about 4-5 hours.

## 7.4 Polishing Pond System Performance - 1996

Long term monitoring and performance data are presented in Figures 37 - 43 and Table 29 for the following:

- OEP weir and Polishing Pond system effluent seasonal zinc loads.
- PP10 and PP13 seasonal zinc loads.
- PP14 and PP17 seasonal zinc loads.
- Polishing Pond system seasonal zinc removal performance.
- OEP weir and Polishing Pond system final effluent seasonal pH.
- OEP weir and Polishing Pond system final effluent seasonal zinc concentrations.
- OEP weir and Polishing Pond final effluent seasonal zinc concentrations, by year.
- Iron and zinc concentrations in OEP with depth, 1993 to 1996.

Table 28: Mass Balance of Phosphate and Ammonia in PP11 fertilizer Experiment, Buchans.

| Date      | Days | Hr | Min | Hours after start | PP11 In    |            | W.L. (CM) | Flow (l/s) | Kg Fert Added | Kg PO4 Added | Kg N-NH4 Added | mg PO4 entering PP11 | Cumulative mg PO4 ent.PP11 | mg N-NH4 entering PP11 | Cumulative mg N-NH4 ent.PP11 | PP11 Out   |            | mg PO4 exiting PP11 | Cumulative mg PO4 exit PP11 | mg N-NH4 exiting PP11 | Cumulative mg N-NH4 exit PP11 | PP In In Smoothed |   |  |
|-----------|------|----|-----|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
|           |      |    |     |                   | [PO4] Data | [N] as NH4 |           |            |               |              |                |                      |                            |                        |                              | [PO4] Data | [N] as NH4 |                     |                             |                       |                               |                   |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 8   | -2.98             | 0.1        |            |           |            |               |              |                |                      |                            |                        |                              |            |            |                     |                             |                       |                               |                   |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 9  | 16  | -2.85             | 0.1        |            |           |            |               |              |                |                      |                            |                        |                              |            |            |                     |                             |                       |                               |                   |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 7   | 0                 | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.78       |               |              |                | 0                    | 0                          | 0                      | 0                            |            |            | 0                   | 0                           | 0                     | 0                             | 0                 | 0 |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 12 | 27  | 0.33              | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.78       | 3.7           | 2.57039      | 0.2886         | 2571204              | 2571203.6                  | 292871                 | 292871                       |            |            | 814                 | 814                         | 3254                  | 3254                          | 8901              |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 15  | 1.13              | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.78       |               |              |                | 1953                 | 2573156.2                  | 10251                  | 303123                       |            |            | 1953                | 2766                        | 8787                  | 12041                         | 30264             |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 13 | 32  | 1.42              | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.78       |               |              |                | 692                  | 2573847.8                  | 3631                   | 306753                       |            |            | 692                 | 3458                        | 3112                  | 15153                         | 37830             |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 15 | 2   | 2.92              | 0.1        | 0.525      | 2.2       | 6.78       |               |              |                | 3663                 | 2577510.6                  | 19230                  | 325983                       |            |            | 3663                | 7121                        | 18314                 | 33467                         | 77886             |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 16 | 55  | 4.80              | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 4293                 | 2581803.2                  | 22536                  | 348519                       |            |            | 12878               | 19998                       | 21463                 | 54930                         | 128178            |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 19 | 14  | 7.12              | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 5280                 | 2587083.5                  | 27721                  | 376241                       |            |            | 21121               | 41119                       | 21121                 | 76051                         | 190042            |   |  |
| 08-Jul-96 | 0    | 22 | 20  | 10.22             | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 7066                 | 2594149.1                  | 37095                  | 413335                       |            |            | 42394               | 83513                       | 42394                 | 118445                        | 272824            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 36  | 20.48             | 0.1        | 0.525      |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 23400                | 2617549.3                  | 122851                 | 536186                       |            |            | 140401              | 223915                      | 163801                | 282247                        | 546983            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 8  | 53  | 20.77             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 645                  | 2618195.1                  | 2906                   | 539092                       |            |            | 3875                | 227789                      | 4843                  | 287090                        | 554549            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 0   | 20.88             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 266                  | 2618461                    | 1197                   | 540289                       |            |            | 1595                | 229385                      | 1994                  | 289084                        | 557685            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 15  | 21.13             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.331      |               |              |                | 570                  | 2619030.8                  | 2564                   | 542853                       |            |            | 3419                | 232804                      | 4274                  | 293358                        | 584341            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 9  | 30  | 21.38             | 0.1        | 0.45       | 2         | 5.88       |               |              |                | 529                  | 2619560                    | 2381                   | 545234                       |            |            | 3175                | 235978                      | 3969                  | 297327                        | 571017            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 31  | 23.40             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.103      |               |              |                | 4431                 | 2620990.5                  | 19937                  | 565172                       |            |            | 26583               | 262562                      | 26583                 | 329310                        | 624869            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 11 | 43  | 23.80             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.103      | 3.7           | 2.57039      | 0.2886         | 2570629              | 5194819.9                  | 290577                 | 855749                       |            |            | 2636                | 265198                      | 2856                  | 328766                        | 630210            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 13 | 46  | 25.85             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.103      |               |              |                | 4504                 | 5199323.6                  | 20287                  | 878016                       |            |            | 27022               | 292220                      | 31526                 | 358292                        | 884953            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 18  | 28.18             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.103      |               |              |                | 5566                 | 5204888.2                  | 25045                  | 901061                       |            |            | 33394               | 325614                      | 38959                 | 397251                        | 752603            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 16 | 48  | 28.68             | 0.1        | 0.45       |           | 6.33       |               |              |                | 1139                 | 5206027.9                  | 5124                   | 906185                       |            |            | 8540                | 334154                      | 9109                  | 406360                        | 765954            |   |  |
| 09-Jul-96 | 1    | 21 | 35  | 33.47             | 0.1        | 0.475      |           | 7.271      |               |              |                | 12521                | 5218549                    | 59476                  | 965660                       |            |            | 112691              | 446844                      | 112691                | 519051                        | 893688            |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 8  | 42  | 44.58             | 0.1        | 0.475      |           | 7.271      |               |              |                | 29100                | 5247648.8                  | 138224                 | 1103884                      |            |            | 261898              | 708742                      | 218248                | 737299                        | 1190545           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 30  | 47.38             | 0.1        | 0.475      |           | 7.271      |               |              |                | 7329                 | 5254978.2                  | 34815                  | 1138699                      |            |            | 69630               | 778372                      | 82300                 | 799599                        | 1285316           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 50  | 47.72             | 0.1        | 0.475      |           | 7.271      | 2.815         | 1.9555805    | 0.21957        | 1956453              | 7211431.3                  | 223715                 | 1382414                      |            |            | 8507                | 786879                      | 8071                  | 807670                        | 1274217           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 11 | 52  | 47.75             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 8.22       |               |              |                | 99                   | 7211529.9                  | 493                    | 1382907                      |            |            | 981                 | 787841                      | 912                   | 808582                        | 1276107           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 15 | 18  | 51.18             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 7.973      |               |              |                | 9854                 | 7221384.2                  | 49271                  | 1412178                      |            |            | 98543               | 888383                      | 98543                 | 907125                        | 1368790           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 18 | 43  | 54.60             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 7.973      |               |              |                | 9806                 | 7231190.6                  | 49032                  | 1461210                      |            |            | 93161               | 979545                      | 98064                 | 1005190                       | 1458028           |   |  |
| 10-Jul-96 | 2    | 21 | 30  | 57.38             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 7.973      |               |              |                | 7989                 | 7239178.3                  | 39943                  | 1501154                      |            |            | 103853              | 1083397                     | 71896                 | 1077068                       | 1532354           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 8  | 54  | 68.78             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 7.73       |               |              |                | 63437                | 7302616.5                  | 158593                 | 1859747                      |            |            | 348905              | 1432302                     | 333045                | 1410133                       | 1836777           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 10  | 69.05             | 0.15       | 0.5        |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 1079                 | 7303895                    | 3595                   | 1863342                      |            |            | 8471                | 1438773                     | 8828                  | 1418781                       | 1843888           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 9  | 45  | 69.63             | 0.15       | 0.5        |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 2359                 | 7306054.3                  | 7854                   | 1871206                      |            |            | 12583               | 1451356                     | 18515                 | 1435278                       | 1859478           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 10 | 5   | 69.97             | 0.15       | 0.5        |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 1348                 | 7307402.4                  | 4494                   | 1875700                      |            |            | 7190                | 1458546                     | 9437                  | 1444713                       | 1868377           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 11  | 72.07             | 0.15       | 0.5        |           | 7.49       | 3.7           | 2.57039      | 0.2886         | 2578883              | 8886285.7                  | 316911                 | 1992611                      |            |            | 45298               | 1503844                     | 59453                 | 1504166                       | 1924455           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 13  | 72.10             | 0.1        | 0.5        |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 90                   | 8888375.6                  | 449                    | 1993000                      |            |            | 719                 | 1504583                     | 944                   | 1505110                       | 1925345           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 12 | 28  | 72.35             | 0.2        | 0.55       |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 1348                 | 8887723.8                  | 3707                   | 1996765                      |            |            | 4719                | 1509281                     | 6067                  | 1511177                       | 1932021           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 10  | 75.05             | 0.2        | 0.6        |           | 7.49       |               |              |                | 21840                | 9909563.8                  | 43680                  | 2040448                      |            |            | 61880               | 1571161                     | 72800                 | 1583977                       | 2004121           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 15 | 32  | 75.42             | 0.2        | 0.65       |           | 7.25       |               |              |                | 1914                 | 9911478                    | 6221                   | 2046669                      |            |            | 9571                | 1580732                     | 10528                 | 1594505                       | 2013913           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 16 | 54  | 78.78             | 0.2        | 0.65       |           | 7.017      |               |              |                | 6905                 | 9918382.6                  | 22440                  | 2069109                      |            |            | 35386               | 1616118                     | 33660                 | 1628165                       | 2050408           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 22  | 77.25             | 0.2        | 0.65       |           | 7.017      |               |              |                | 2358                 | 9920740.2                  | 7682                   | 2076771                      |            |            | 12083               | 1628201                     | 11494                 | 1639659                       | 2062870           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 17 | 44  | 77.62             | 0.2        | 0.65       |           | 7.017      |               |              |                | 1852                 | 9922592.7                  | 6020                   | 2082792                      |            |            | 9494                | 1637895                     | 9031                  | 1648689                       | 2072681           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 24  | 78.28             | 0.2        | 0.65       |           | 7.017      |               |              |                | 3368                 | 9925980.8                  | 10946                  | 2093738                      |            |            | 17683               | 1655378                     | 15998                 | 1664688                       | 2090484           |   |  |
| 11-Jul-96 | 3    | 18 | 45  | 78.63             | 0.1        | 0.7        |           | 6.78       |               |              |                | 855                  | 9926815.5                  | 5983                   | 2099721                      |            |            | 8974                | 1664352                     | 8119                  | 1672807                       | 2099810           |   |  |

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Table 29: Water Quality Data for OEP Profile Water Samples, 1993 - 1996

| Depth | Zinc<br>(mg/L) |           |           |           |           | Iron<br>(mg/L) |           |           |           |           |
|-------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|       | Apr 17,93      | Apr 12,95 | Oct 10,95 | May 10,96 | Jun 18,96 | Apr-17-93      | Apr-12-95 | Oct-10-95 | May 10,96 | Jun 18,96 |
| weir  | 18.4           |           | 13.1      | 13.5      | 13.8      | 45.8           |           | 0.1       | ND        | ND        |
| 2m    | 18.3           | 15.4      |           |           |           | 41.0           | 3.9       |           |           |           |
| 3 m   |                |           | 16.7      |           |           |                |           | 1.2       |           |           |
| 4m    | 22.7           |           |           |           | 15.7      | 29.2           |           |           |           | 45.1      |
| 6m    | 23.8           |           |           |           |           | 53.6           |           |           |           |           |
| 8m    | 24.9           |           |           |           | 14.3      | 54.7           |           |           |           | 51.3      |
| 10m   | 25.7           | 19.5      | 17.7      | 15.4      | 14.8      | 49.0           | 10.6      | 7.4       | 43.3      | 50.9      |
| 12m   | 21.1           |           |           | 15.4      | 15.9      | 59.8           |           |           | 49.9      | 53.1      |
| 14m   | 24.8           |           |           | 16.3      | 16.6      | 56.2           |           |           | 51.9      | 56.4      |
| 16m   | 26.9           |           |           |           |           | 70.9           |           |           |           |           |
| 18m   | 27.7           |           |           | 16.6      | 17.6      | 76.4           |           |           | 53.8      | 58.4      |
| 20m   | 28.1           | 20.2      | 19.2      |           |           | 188.0          | 6.4       | 30.8      |           |           |

Fig. 28: N-NH4 Mass Balance

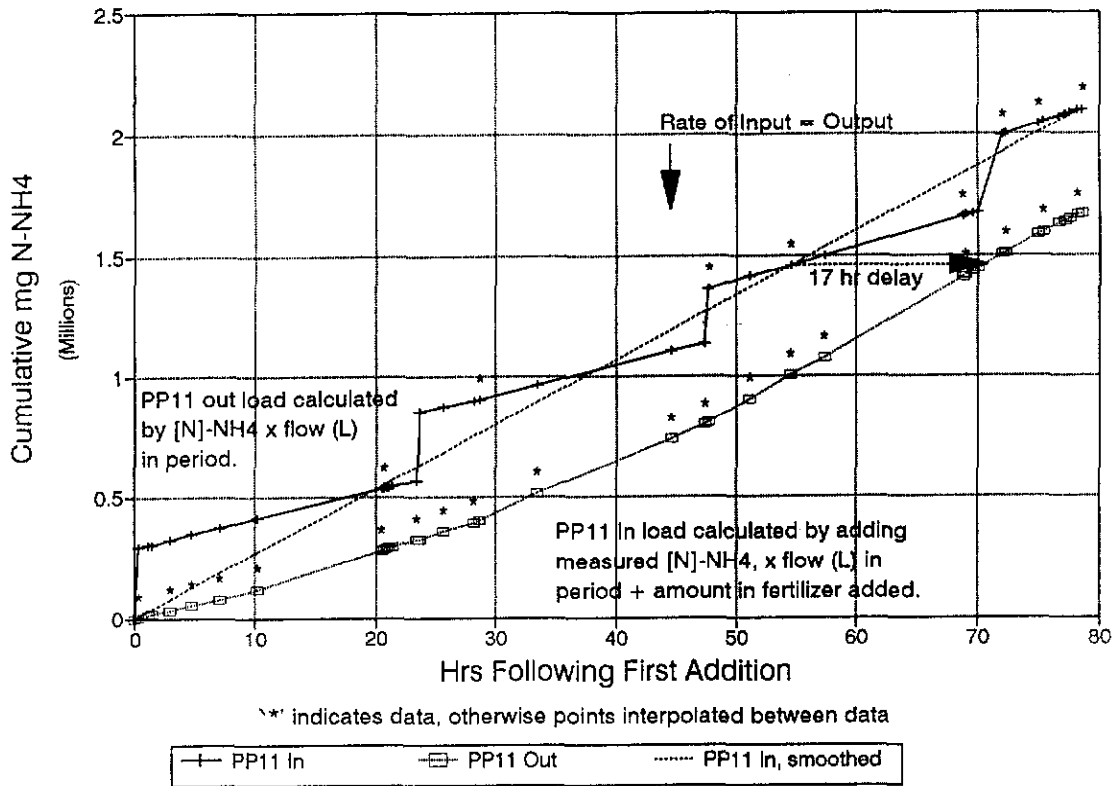


Fig. 29: PO4 Mass Balance

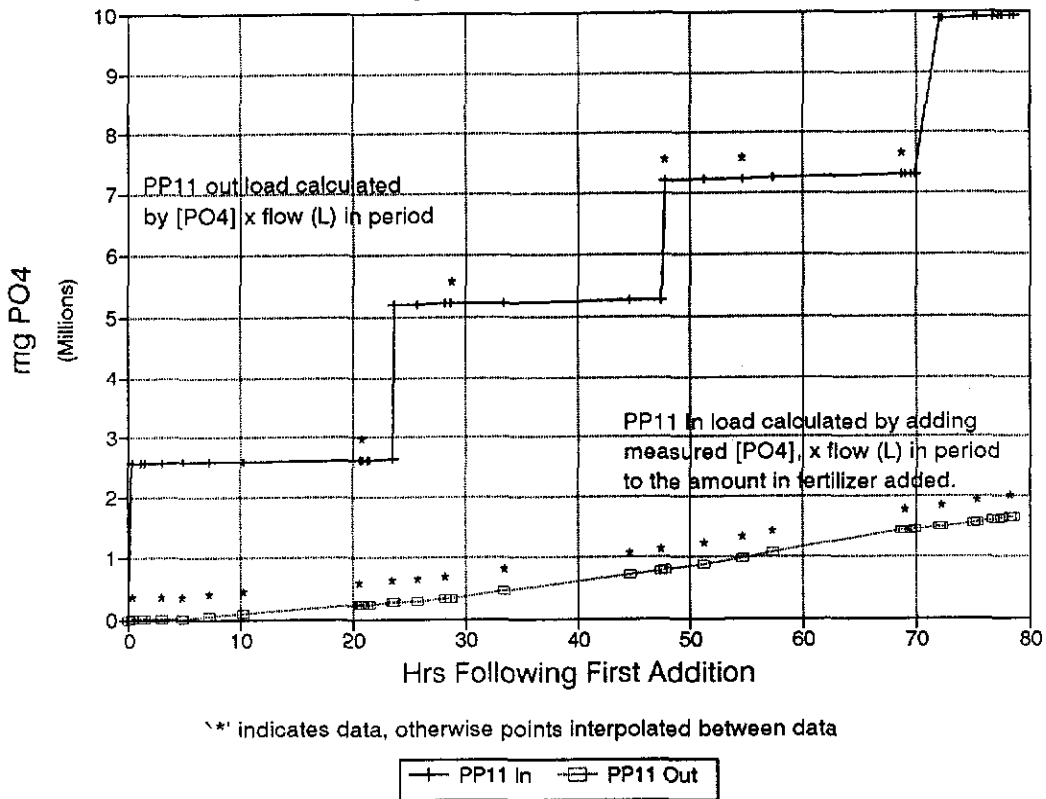


Fig 30: [Zn] - fertilizer experiment  
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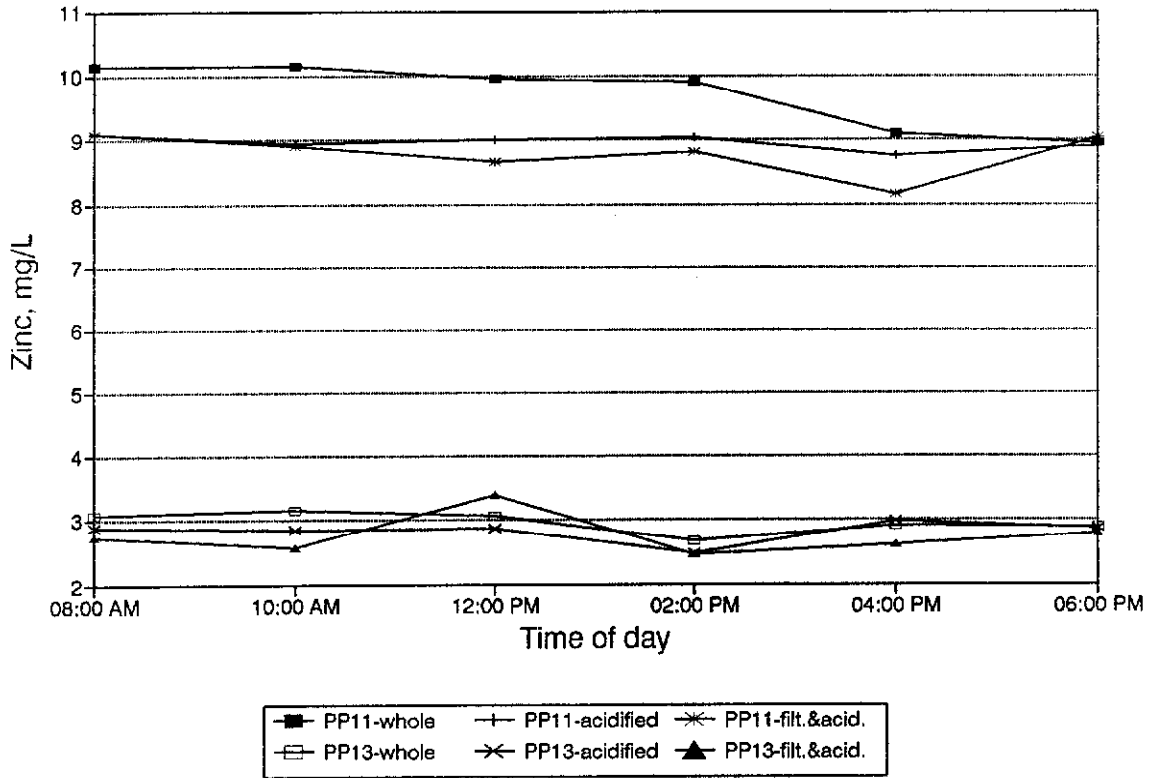




Fig. 31: Model#1  
350g of fertilizer=269.6 g of PO4

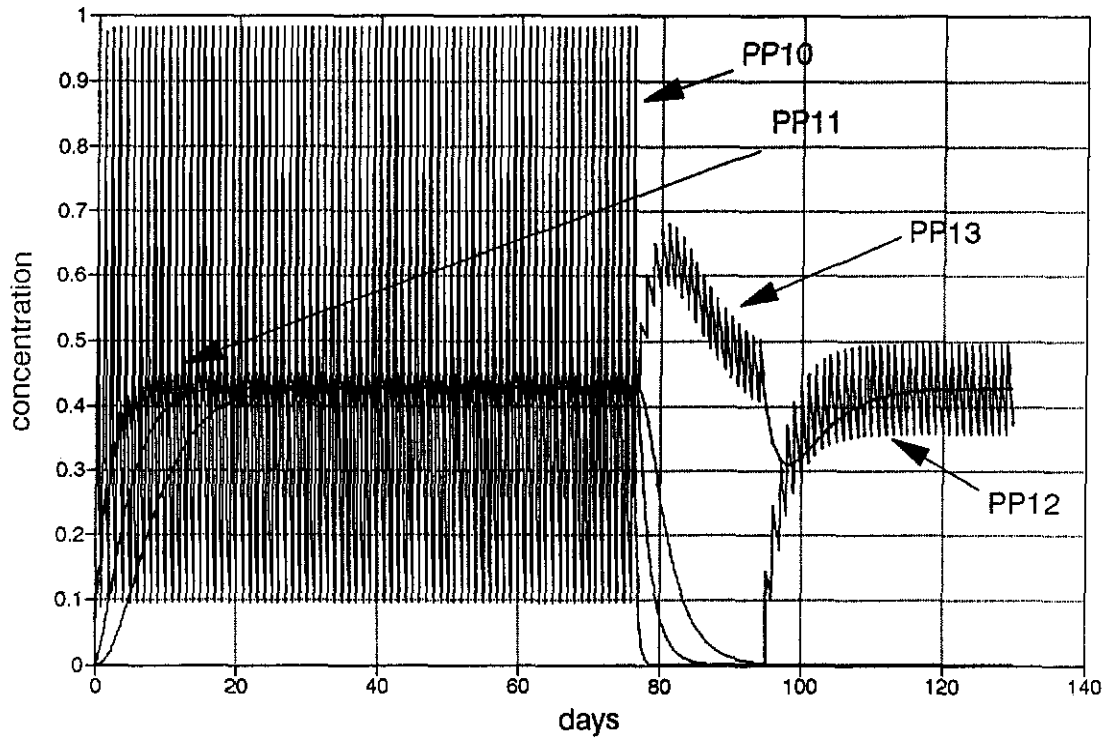


Fig. 32: Model #5  
3700g of fertilizer=2850g of PO4

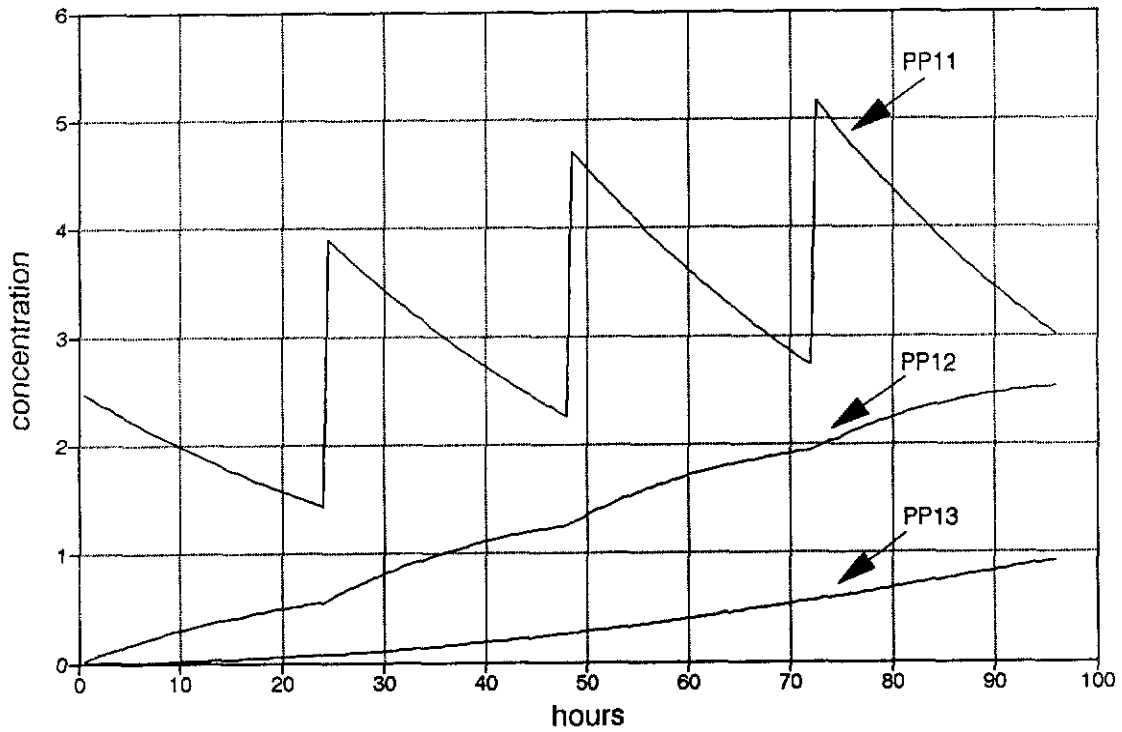


Fig. 33: P Model#1, Concentration of P  
OWP, PP10, PP11, PP12, PP13

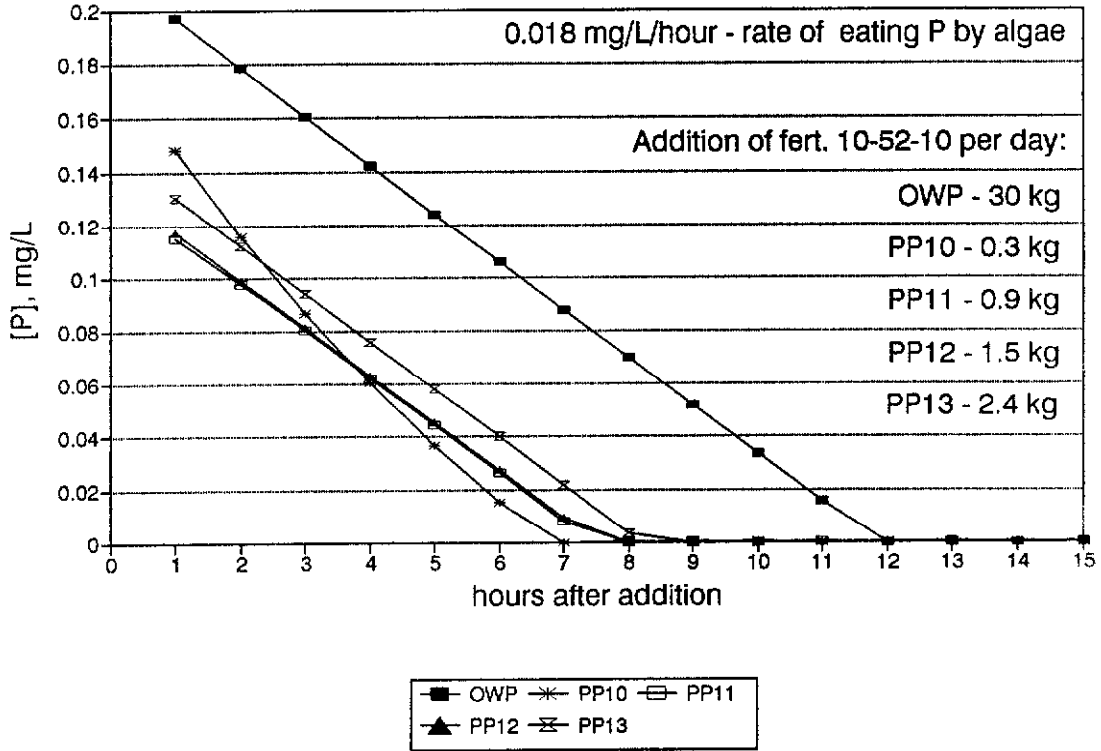


Fig. 34: P Model#2, Concentration of P  
OWP, PP10, PP11, PP12, PP13

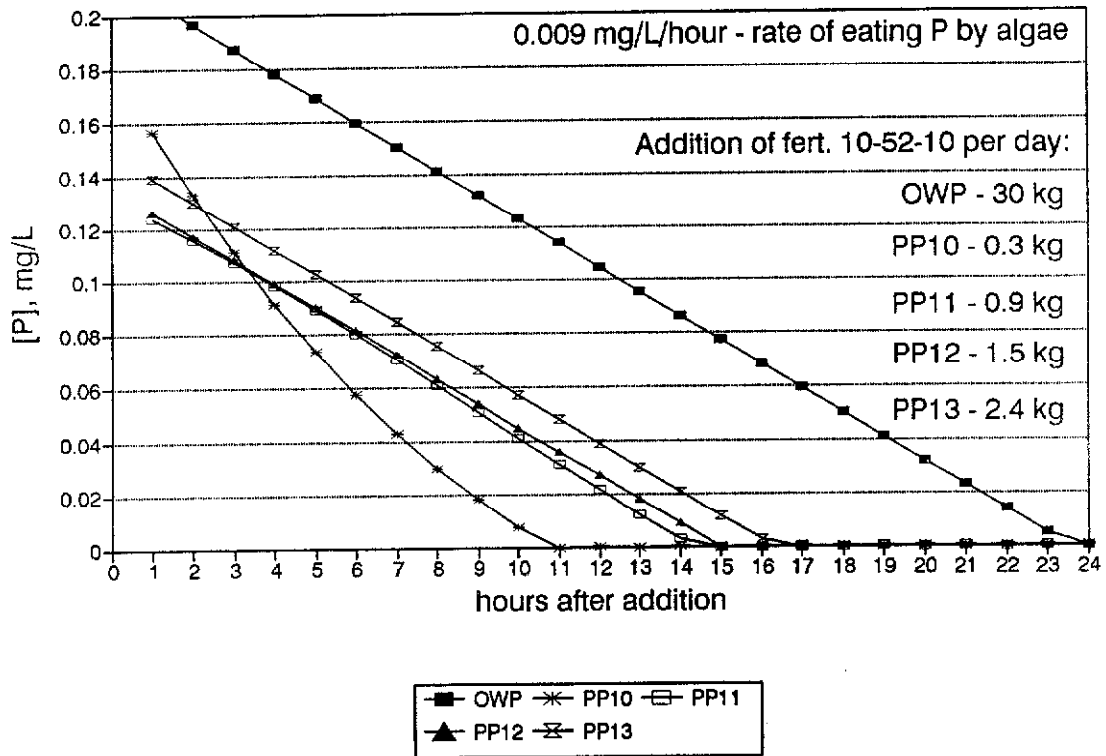


Fig. 35: N Model#1, Concentration of N  
OWP, PP10, PP11, PP12, PP13

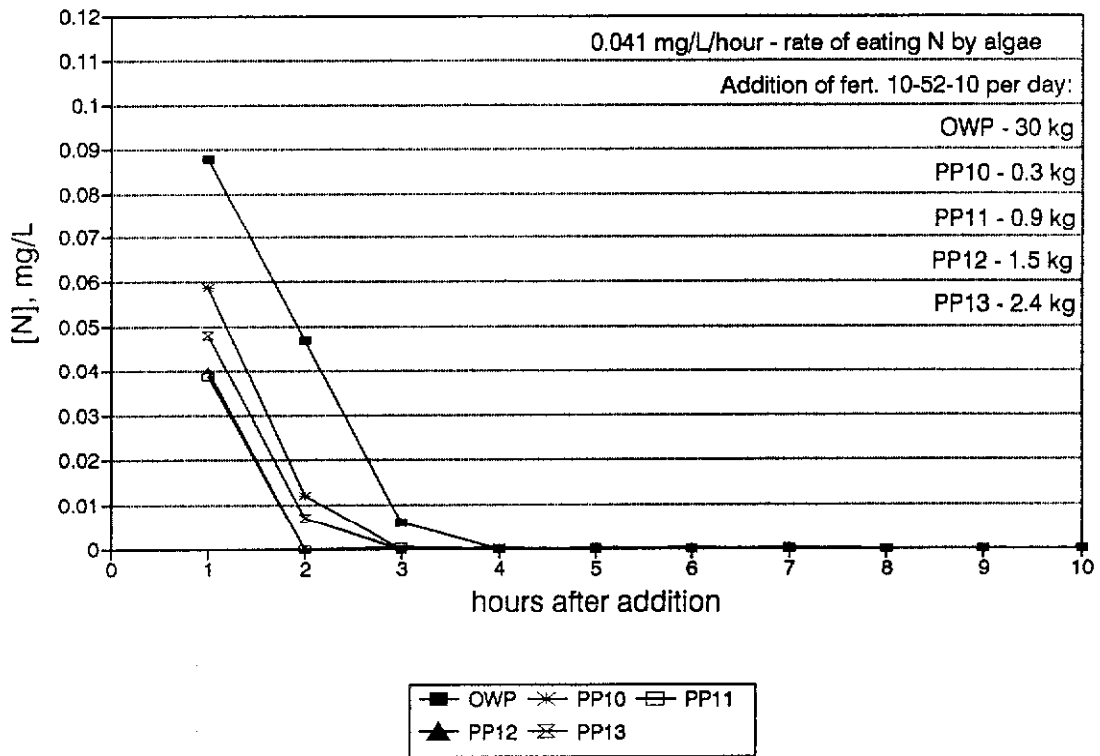


Fig. 36: N Model#2, Concentration of N  
OWP, PP10, PP11, PP12, PP13

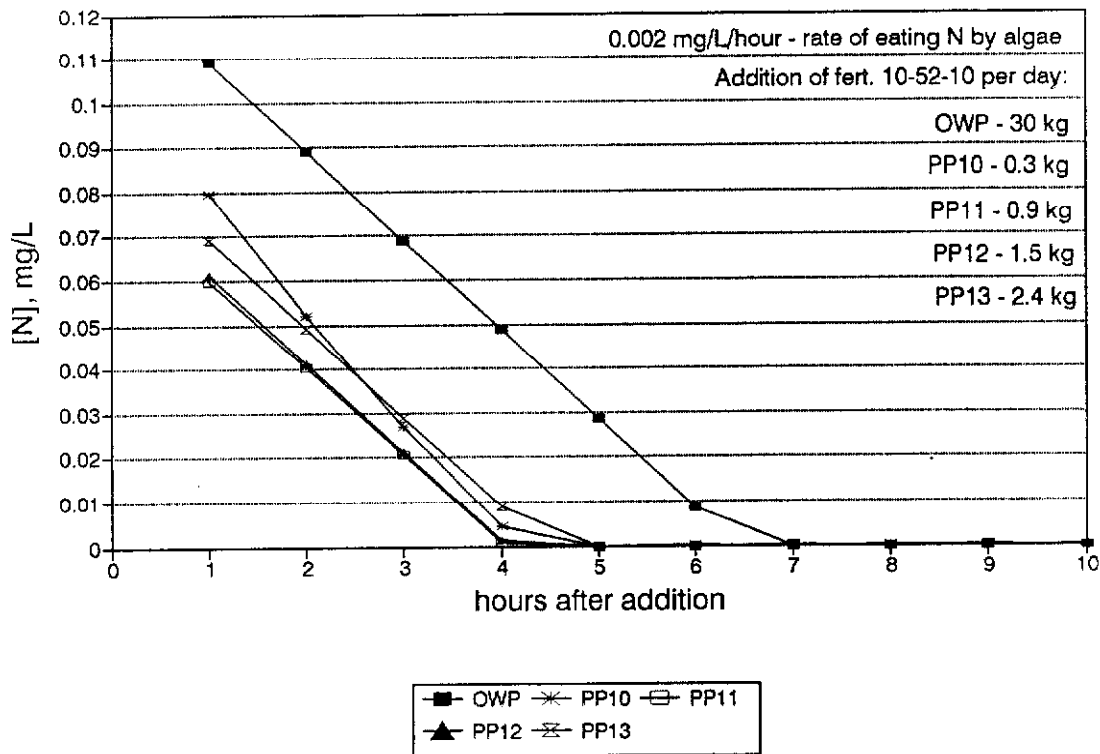


Fig. 37: Zinc Load, 1995-1996  
OEP Weir and Final Effluent

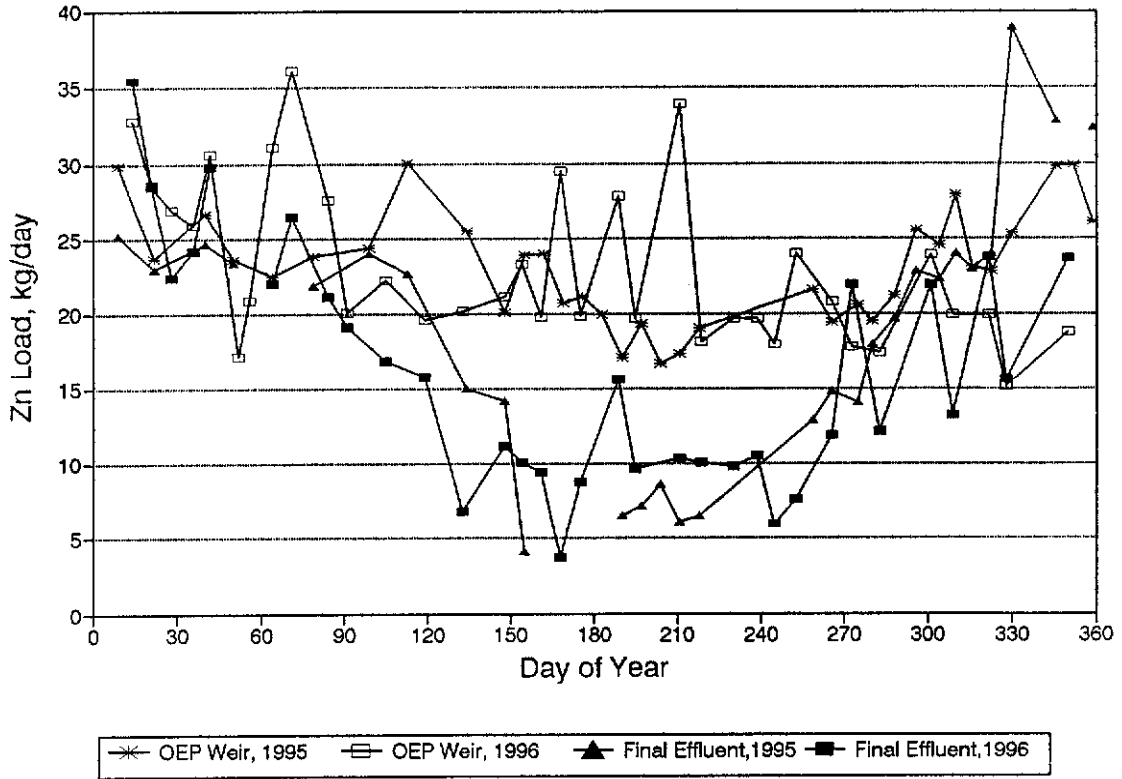


Fig. 38: Zinc Load, 1995-1996  
PP10 and PP13

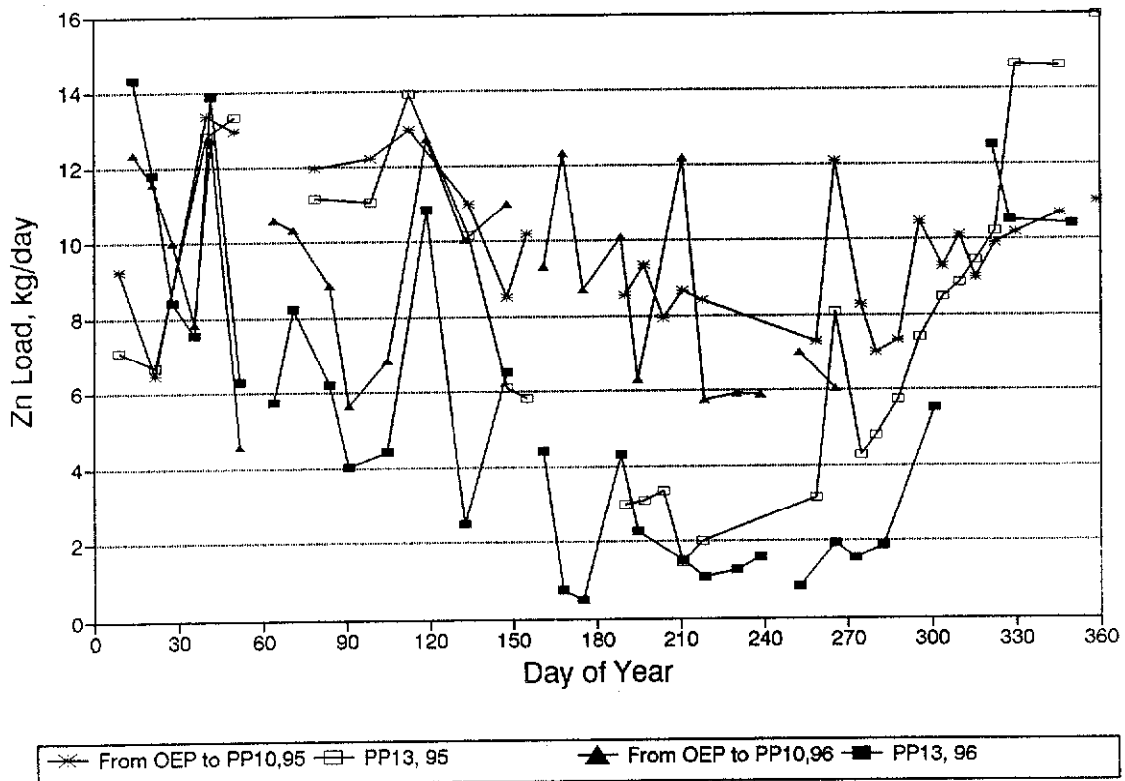


Fig. 39: Zinc Load, 1995-1996  
PP14 and PP17

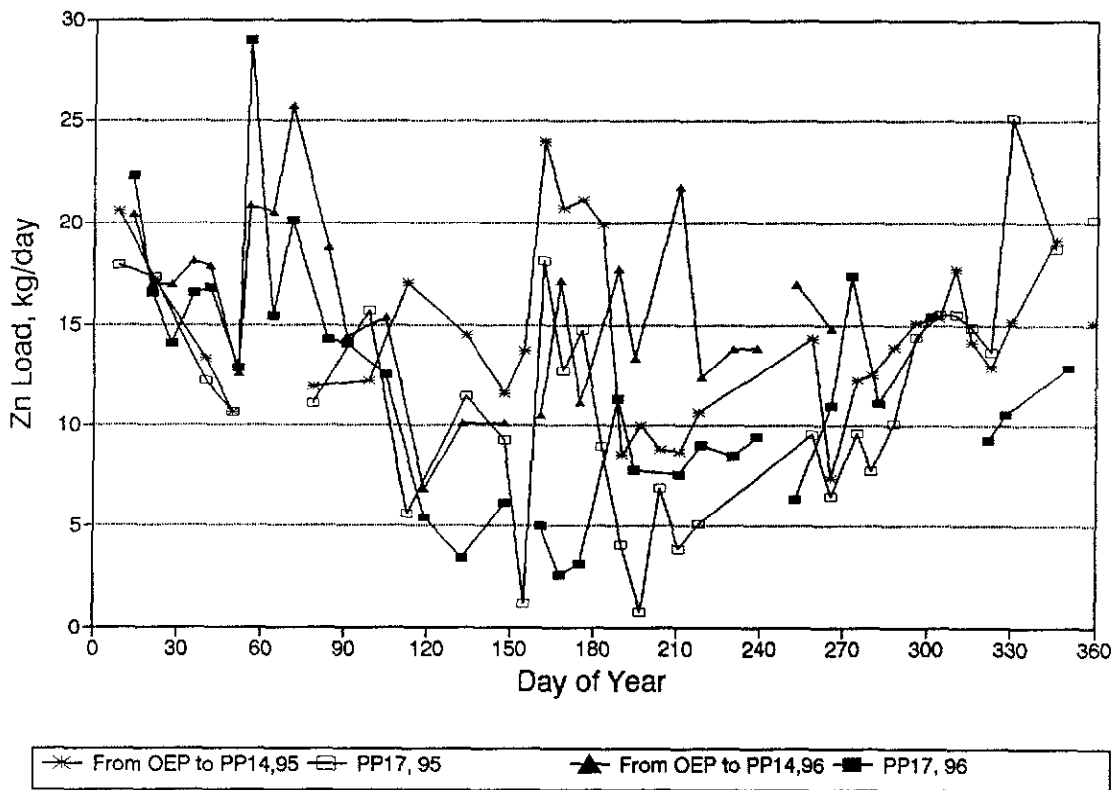


Fig. 40: Pond Performance  
1995 - 1996

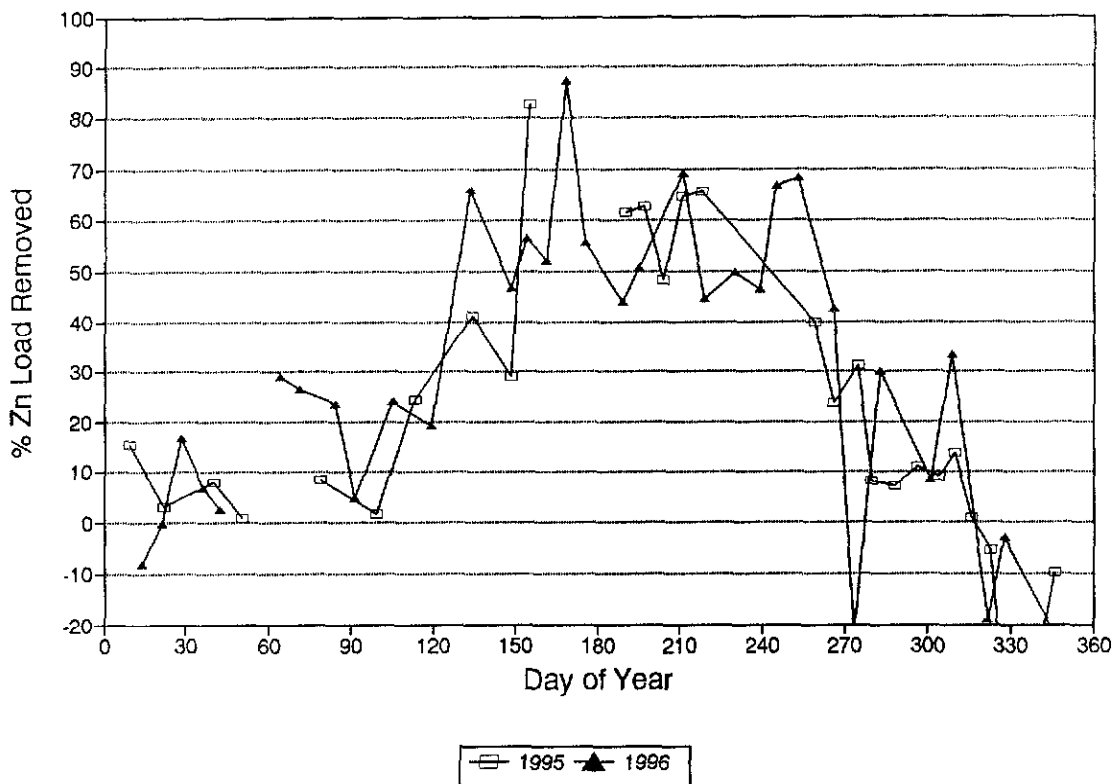


Fig. 41: pH, 1995-1996  
OEP Weir, Final Effluent, PP13, PP17

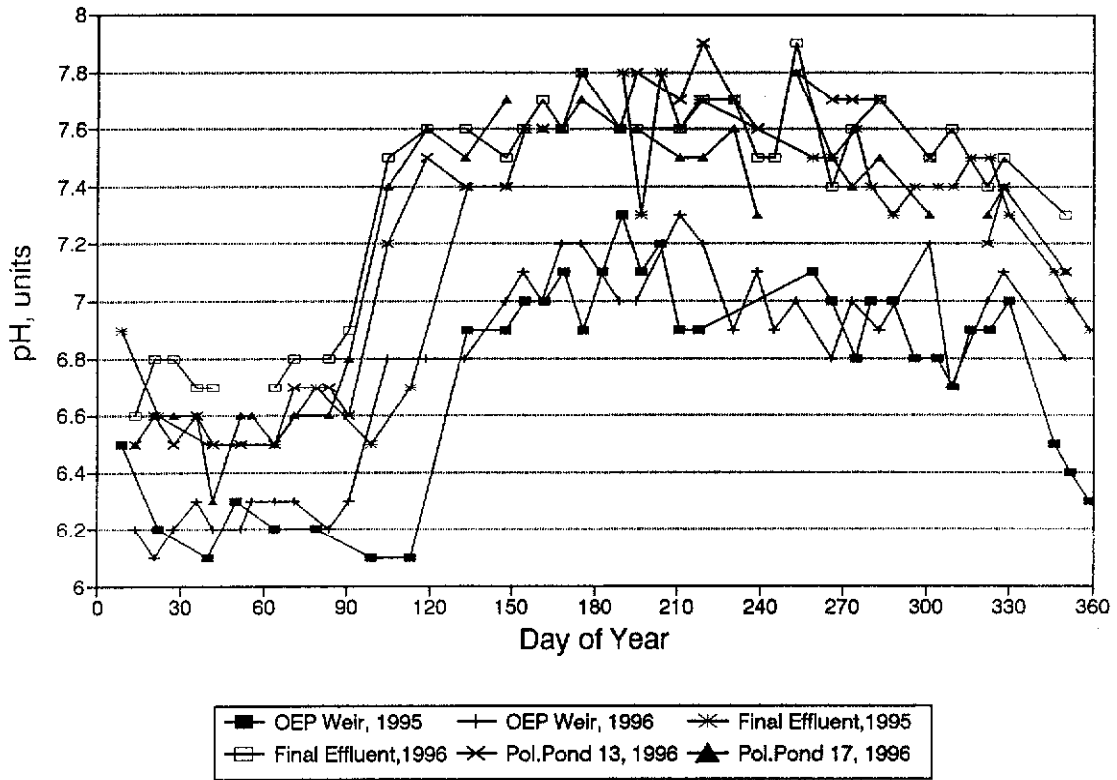


Fig. 42: Zinc Concentration, 1995-1996  
OEP Weir and Final Effluent

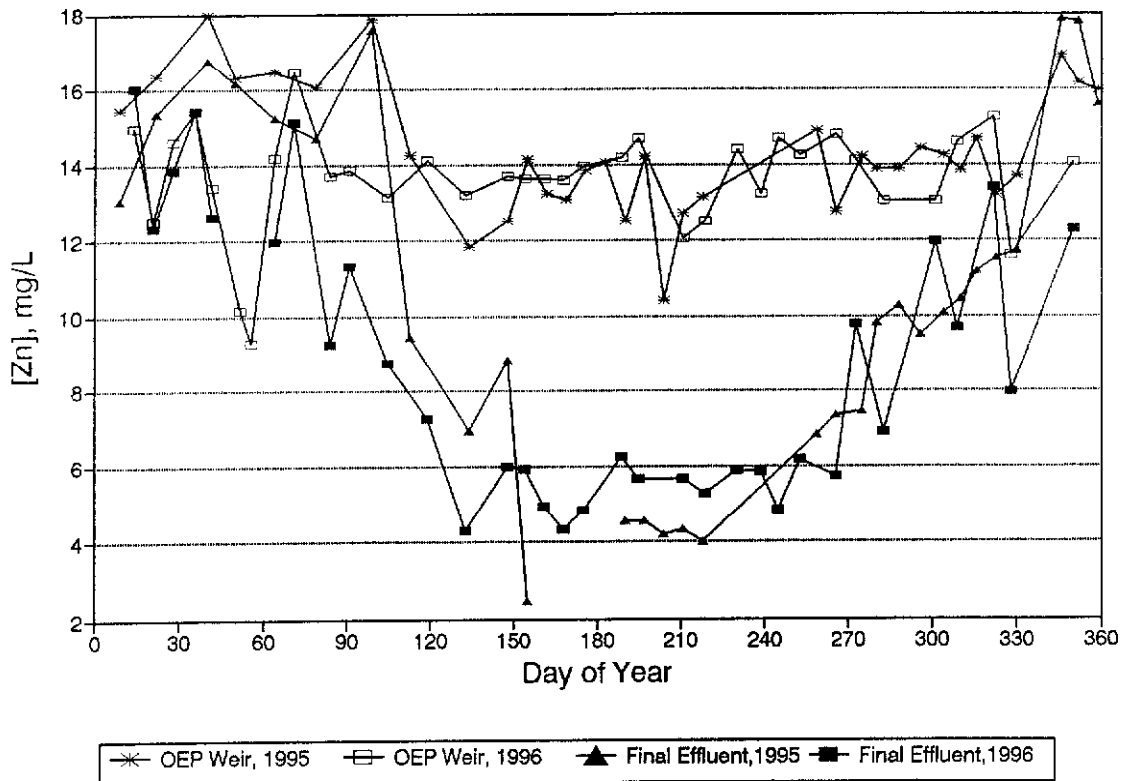
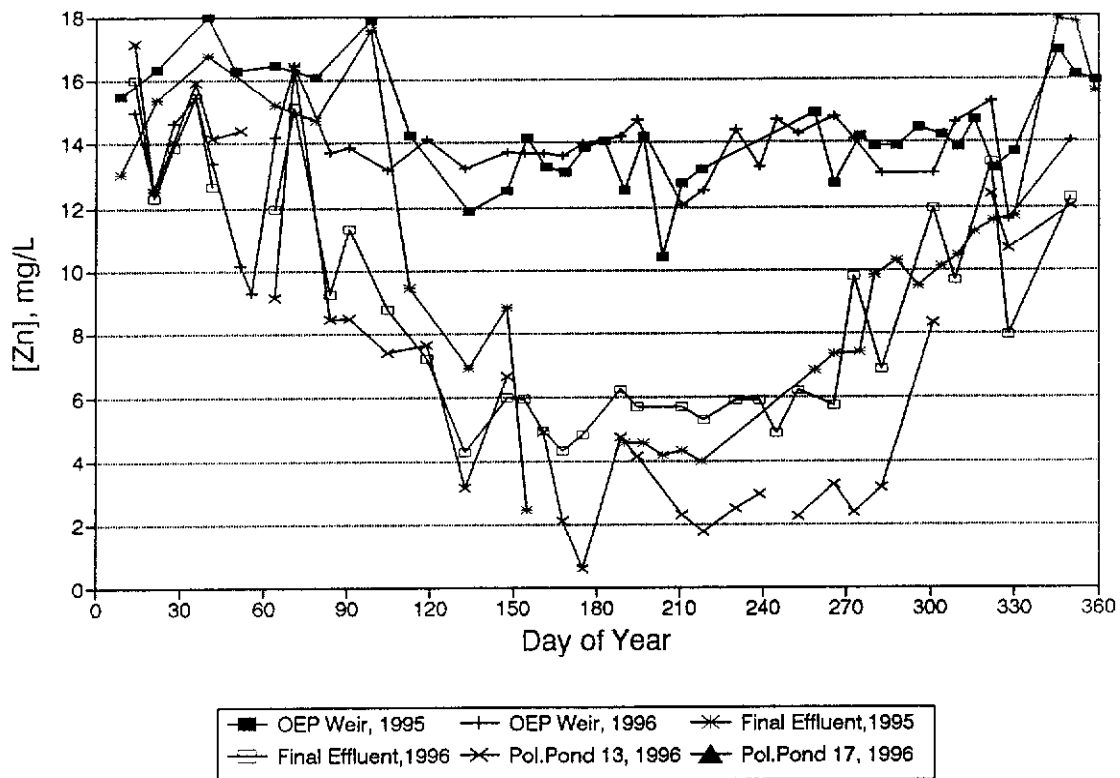


Fig. 43: Zinc Concentration, 1995-1996  
 OEP Weir, Final Effluent, PP13 and PP17







## 8.0 GEOCHEMICAL ASSESSMENTS OF OLD BUCHANS VALLEY SEEPAGES

The primary nutrient and chemistry data used in mass balance and nutrient status assessments are presented in the attached tables.

A overview of the Buchans areas is presented in Map 1. Sampling locations in the Old Buchans Valley drainage area are presented in Map 2.

The report by R.O. Van Everdingen (December 28, 1996), "ASARCO-Buchans. The Valley Seeps, 1995/1996" is attached. The report by J. Gerits (January, 1997), "Valley Seepages at Buchans" is also attached.

Table 30: PO<sub>4</sub>, N as NO<sub>3</sub> and N as NH<sub>4</sub> Concentrations in OWP, OEP and Polishing Ponds, July 1, 1990 to August 13, 1996.

|                 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>01-Jul-90 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>05-Jul-91 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>06-Apr-93 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>16-May-93 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>14-Jun-95 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>21-Feb-96 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>09-Jul-96 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>15-Jul-96 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>09-Jul-96 | PO <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>13-Aug-96 |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                 | EPL  | EPL  | EPL  | EPL  | MDS  | MDS  | Hach<br>Field                                      | Hach<br>Lab  | MDS  | MDS  |
| Drainage Tunnel |  | <3.1   | <0.18  |  | <0.18  | <0.18  | 0.12   | <0.1   | <0.18  |  |
| OWP Surface     |  | <3.1   | <0.18  | <0.18  |  |  | <0.1   | <0.1   | <0.18  | <0.31  |
| OWP Bottom      |  |  | <0.18  | <0.18  |  |  |  |  |  | <0.31  |
| OEP Surface     | <0.03  |  | <0.18  |  |  |  |  | <0.1   | <0.18  | <0.31  |
| OEP Middle      |  |  |  |  |  | <0.18  |  |  |  |  |
| OEP Bottom      | <0.03  |  | 0.28   |  |  | <0.18  |  |  |  | <0.31  |
| OEP outflow     | <0.03  | <3.1   |  |  | <0.18  | <0.18  |  | <0.1   | <0.18  |  |
| PP11 In         |  |  |  |  |  | <0.18  | 0.1  | <0.1   | <0.18  |  |
| PP13 out        |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1  | <0.1   | <0.18  |  |
| PP17 out        |  |  |  |  |  | <0.18  | 0.15   | <0.1   | <0.18  |  |

|                 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>01-Jul-90 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>05-Jul-91 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>06-Apr-93 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>16-May-93 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>15-Jun-95 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>21-Feb-96 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>09-Jul-96 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>15-Jul-96 | N-NO <sub>3</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>13-Aug-96 | N-NH <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>09-Jul-96 | N-NH <sub>4</sub><br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup><br>15-Jul-96 |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                 | EPL  | EPL  | EPL  | EPL  | MDS  | MDS  | Hach<br>Field  | Hach<br>Lab  | MDS  | Hach<br>Field  | Hach<br>Lab  |
| Drainage Tunnel |  | 2.27   | 1.07   |  | 0.94   | 0.8  | 0.4  | 0.5  |  | <0.1   | 0.2  |
| OWP Surface     |  | <0.05  | <0.03  | 0.14   |  |  | 0.12   | 0.28   | 0.36   | 0.3  | 0.3  |
| OWP Bottom      |  |  | <0.03  | <0.03  |  |  |  |  | <0.05  |  |  |
| OEP Surface     | <0.01  |  | <0.03  |  |  |  |  | 0.2  | 0.2  |  | 0.4  |
| OEP Middle      |  |  |  |  |  | <0.03  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OEP Bottom      | <0.01  |  | <0.03  |  |  | <0.03  |  |  | <0.05  |  |  |
| OEP outflow     | <0.01  | <0.05  |  |  | 0.35   | 0.23   |  | 0.18   |  |  | 0.2  |
| PP11 In         |  |  |  |  |  | <0.03  | <0.01  | 0.16   |  | 0.6  | 0.5  |
| PP13 out        |  |  |  |  |  |  | <0.01  | 0.04   |  | 0.5  | 0.2  |
| PP17 out        |  |  |  |  |  | 0.11   | 0.02   | 0.04   |  | 0.5  | 0.2  |

Table 31: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected July 1, 1990.

|                 | Assay No. | pH  | Cond.<br>uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity<br>mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn           |                    | Diss. Iron         |                    | Diss. Mn           | Diss. Ca           | Diss. Mg           | Diss. Na           |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 |           |     |                              |                               |                                  | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                 |           |     |                              |                               |                                  | AAS                | ICAP               | AAS                | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               |
| Drainage Tunnel |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface     |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP 7 m         |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        | 1822      | 6.4 | 1400                         |                               |                                  |                    | 20                 | 1.1                | 6.5                | 240                | 30                 | 111                |                    |
| OEP bottom      | 1824      | 6.4 | 1400                         |                               |                                  |                    | 24                 | 8.6                | 8.3                | 292                | 37                 | 149                |                    |
| OEP outflow     | 1825      | 6.9 |                              |                               |                                  |                    | 15                 | <0.01              | 6.3                | 231                | 30                 | 116                |                    |
| PP11 In         |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |           |     |                              |                               |                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>   | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | g.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                 | ICAP               |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Drainage Tunnel |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface     |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP 7 m         |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |                    | 732               | 8.1                | 170                |                    | 232                |
| OEP bottom      |                    | 900               | 9.4                | 188                |                    | 256                |
| OEP outflow     |                    | 726               | 6.6                | 157                |                    | 128                |
| PP11 In         |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |                    |                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |

Table 32: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected July 5, 1991.

|                 | Assay No | pH   | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn           |                    | Diss. Fe           |                    | Diss. Mn           | Diss. Ca           | Diss. Mg           | Diss. Na           |
|-----------------|----------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 |          |      |                           |                            |                               | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                 |          |      |                           |                            |                               | AAS                | ICAP               | AAS                | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               |
| Drainage Tunnel | 2914     | 5.61 | 483                       |                            |                               |                    | 17                 |                    | <1                 | <1                 | 37                 | 5                  | 13                 |
| OWP Surface     | 2909     | 3.9  | 733                       |                            |                               |                    | 35                 |                    | 2                  | 2                  | 85                 | 11                 | 4                  |
| OWP 7 m         |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP outflow     | 2910     | 6.47 | 2410                      |                            |                               |                    | 23                 |                    | <1                 | 11                 | 389                | 40                 | 98                 |
| PP11 In         |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |          |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                 |                    |                    | ICAP               |                    |                    |                    |
| Drainage Tunnel |                    | 106                | 17.1               | 4.88               |                    | 16                 |
| OWP Surface     |                    | 316                | 12.8               | 1.22               |                    | 1.5                |
| OWP 7 m         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP outflow     |                    | 907                | 17.1               | 25.93              |                    | 123                |
| PP11 In         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

Table 33: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected April 6, 1993.

|                 | Assay No. | pH   | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn           |                    | Diss. Iron         |                    | Diss. Mn           | Diss. Ca           | Diss. Mg           | Diss. Na           |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 |           |      |                           |                            |                               | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 4413      | 5.72 | 450                       | 54.5                       | 29.5                          | AAS                | ICAP               | AAS                | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               |
| OWP Surface     | 4414      | 3.91 | 456                       | 81.4                       |                               |                    | 23.9               |                    | 0.006              | 0.267              | 43.2               | 5.76               | 12.6               |
| OWP 7 m         | 4415      | 3.84 | 495                       | 94.3                       |                               |                    | 29                 |                    | 0.15               | 2                  | 71.1               | 9.61               | 2.86               |
| OEP Surface     | 4416      | 6.02 | 1510                      | 248.5                      | 229.7                         |                    | 33.8               |                    | 0.202              | 2.22               | 79                 | 10.2               | 2.86               |
| OEP 11 m        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    | 17.2               |                    | 0.788              | 10.3               | 332                | 32.6               | 88.5               |
| OEP bottom      | 4417      | 6.09 | 2040                      | 397.8                      | 340.6                         |                    | 24.2               |                    | 3.97               | 14.6               | 508                | 45.9               | 127                |
| OEP outflow     |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 259                | 122                | 19.8               | 23                 |                    | 20.9               |
| OWP Surface     | 390                | 267                | 12.8               | <0.1               |                    | 1.54               |
| OWP 7 m         | 447                | 310                | 13.8               | <0.1               |                    | 1.54               |
| OEP Surface     | 1650               | 861                | 16.3               | 170                |                    | 129                |
| OEP 11 m        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      | 2410               | 1260               | 18.9               | 220                |                    | 196                |
| OEP outflow     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

Table 34: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected May 16, 1993.

|                 | Assay No. | pH   | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn           |                    | Diss. Iron         |                    | Diss. Mn           | Diss. Ca           | Diss. Mg           | Diss. Na           |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 |           |      |                           |                            |                               | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                 |           |      |                           |                            |                               | AAS                | ICAP               | AAS                | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               | ICAP               |
| Drainage Tunnel |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface     | 4418      | 4.24 | 315                       | 40.3                       |                               |                    | 13.2               |                    | 0.69               | 0.834              | 32                 | 4.16               | 1.36               |
| OWP 7 m         | 4419      | 4.04 | 700                       | 101.5                      |                               |                    | 34.4               |                    | 0.205              | 2.14               | 75.8               | 9.86               | 2.78               |
| OEP Surface     |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP outflow     |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| ICAP            |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Drainage Tunnel |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface     | 182                | 125                | 6.2                | <0.1               |                    | 0.83               |
| OWP 7 m         | 450                | 316                | 13.6               | <0.1               |                    | 1.48               |
| OEP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP outflow     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

Table 35: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected June 14, 1995.

|                 | Assay No. | pH  | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn               |                         | Diss. Iron             |                         | Diss. Mn                | Diss. Ca                | Diss. Mg                | Diss. Na                |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                 |           |     |                           |                            |                               | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 5575      | 6.4 | 192                       |                            |                               | AAS                    | ICAP                    | AAS                    | ICAP                    | ICAP                    | ICAP                    | ICAP                    | ICAP                    |
| OWP Surface     |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        | 13                      |                        | 0.009                   | 0.172                   | 41.1                    | 3.88                    | 9.41                    |
| OWP 7 m         |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| OEP Surface     |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| OEP 11 m        |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| OEP bottom      |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| OEP outflow     | 5576      | 7.1 | 1080                      |                            |                               |                        | 12.2                    |                        | 0.024                   | 6.29                    | 243                     | 21.7                    | 58.3                    |
| PP11 In         |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| PP11 out        |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| PP13 out        |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| PP17 out        |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 205                | 93.6               | ICAP               |                    | 28                 | 10.9               |
| OWP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP 7 m         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP outflow     | 1070               | 535                |                    | 114                |                    | 70.5               |
| PP11 In         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |

Table 36: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected February 21, 1996.

|                 | Assay No. | pH  | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn               |                         | Diss. Iron             |                         | Diss. Mn mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Ca mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Mg mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Na mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 |           |     |                           |                            |                               | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Drainage Tunnel | 5857      | 6.3 | 215                       | 26.6                       | 21.2                          | AAS                    | ICAP                    | AAS                    | ICAP                    | ICAP                        | ICAP                        | ICAP                        | ICAP                        |
| OWP Surface     |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| OWP 7 m         |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| OEP Surface     |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| OEP 11 m        | 5853      | 6.4 | 2050                      | 227                        | 361                           |                        | 16.4                    |                        | 63.7                    | 13.6                        | 489                         | 41.7                        | 116                         |
| OEP bottom      | 5852      | 6.4 | 2270                      | 206.2                      | 256.9                         |                        | 16.5                    |                        | 65.6                    | 13.6                        | 492                         | 41.4                        | 116                         |
| OEP outflow     | 5854      | 6.2 | 900                       | 43.5                       | 73.6                          |                        | 10.5                    |                        | 4.26                    | 4.21                        | 150                         | 13.3                        | 34.8                        |
| PP11 In         |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| PP11 out        | 5855      | 6.5 | 1292                      | 49.8                       | 132.3                         |                        | 11.9                    |                        | 7.93                    | 9.1                         | 265                         | 23.3                        | 62.8                        |
| PP13 out        |           |     |                           |                            |                               |                        |                         |                        |                         |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| PP17 out        | 5856      | 6.6 | 1177                      | 33.8                       | 109.1                         |                        | 10.8                    |                        | 5.33                    | 6.62                        | 226                         | 20                          | 53.5                        |

|                 | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                 | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 254                | 125                | 17.1               | 26.3               | 3                  | 11.6               |
| OWP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP 7 m         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP Surface     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP 11 m        | 2320               | 1160               | 15.8               | 255                | 8.9                | 154                |
| OEP bottom      | 2320               | 1160               | 15                 | 249                | 16.9               | 157                |
| OEP outflow     | 716                | 363                | 10.8               | 84.9               | 2.8                | 46.5               |
| PP11 In         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out        | 1250               | 624                | 12                 | 154                | 6                  | 86.6               |
| PP13 out        |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out        | 1060               | 534                | 11.4               | 128                | 5.3                | 73                 |



Table 37. Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected July 9, 1996.

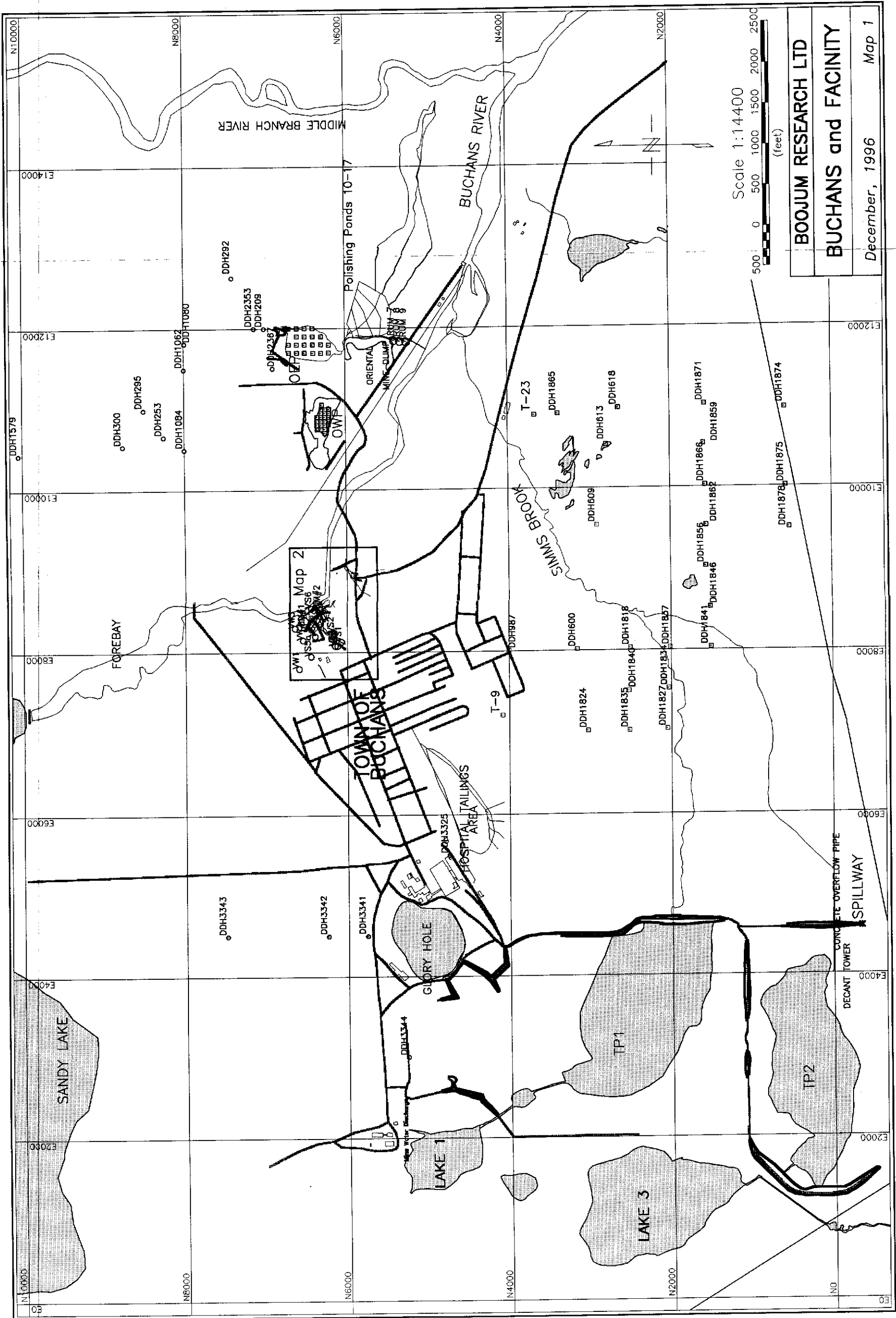
|                 | Assay No. | pH   | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn               |                         | Diss. Iron             |                         | Diss. Mn                | Diss. Ca                | Diss. Mg                | Diss. Na                |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                 |           |      |                           |                            |                               | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | AAS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | ICAP mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel | 5927      | 6.26 | 410                       | 49.4                       |                               | 18.75                  | 19.6                    | <d.l.                  | 0.036                   | 0.173                   | 47                      | 5.15                    | 11.9                    |
| OWP Surface     | 5928      | 6.6  | 624                       | 44.8                       |                               | 16.8                   | 16.8                    | <d.l.                  | 0.193                   | 1.22                    | 83.4                    | 8.56                    | 19.4                    |
| OWP 7 m         | 5935      | 6.26 | 983                       |                            |                               | 18.26                  | 18                      | <d.l.                  | 0.634                   | 2.43                    | 132                     | 12                      | 24.1                    |
| OEP Surface     | 5929      | 7.52 | 1331                      | 49                         |                               | 14.15                  | 13.1                    | <d.l.                  | 0.197                   | 5.01                    | 224                     | 20.3                    | 52.8                    |
| OEP 11 m        | 5936      | 6.59 | 2600                      | 301                        |                               | 15                     | 14.6                    | 45.5                   | 62.7                    | 11.5                    | 444                     | 39.2                    | 109                     |
| OEP bottom      | 5937      | 6.47 | 3010                      |                            |                               | 16.55                  | 16.2                    | 55.35                  | 78.1                    | 13.2                    | 502                     | 44.5                    | 123                     |
| OEP outflow     | 5938      | 7.24 | 1357                      | 55.5                       |                               | 13.71                  | 13                      | <d.l.                  | 0.107                   | 4.67                    | 227                     | 20.5                    | 52.6                    |
| PP11 In         | 5932      | 6.64 | 1235                      | 22.8                       |                               | 13.35                  | 13.1                    | 0.11                   | 0.194                   | 4.88                    | 226                     | 21.1                    | 54.6                    |
| PP11 out        | 5933,34   | 6.53 | 1333                      |                            |                               | 10.5                   |                         | <d.l.                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| PP13 out        | 5930      | 7.46 | 1284                      | 8.6                        |                               | 4.65                   | 3.88                    | <d.l.                  | 0.044                   | 1.46                    | 222                     | 19.8                    | 50.8                    |
| PP17 out        | 5931      | 7.22 | 1295                      | 16.4                       |                               | 7.755                  | 6.79                    | <d.l.                  | 0.04                    | 2.5                     | 215                     | 19.8                    | 51.3                    |

|                 | SO <sub>4</sub> mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | TDS mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | SiO <sub>2</sub> mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | HCO <sub>3</sub> mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | TOC mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Cl mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                 |                                    |                        | ICAP                                |                                     |                        |                       |
| Drainage Tunnel | 142                                | 300                    | 16.3                                | 24                                  | 2.3                    | 15.5                  |
| OWP Surface     | 223                                | 482                    | 14.8                                | 45                                  | 4.1                    | 39.4                  |
| OWP 7 m         | 327                                |                        | 14.8                                |                                     |                        |                       |
| OEP Surface     | 527                                | 1080                   | 13.3                                | 113                                 | 2.8                    | 76                    |
| OEP 11 m        | 999                                | 2000                   | 18.2                                | 220                                 | 5.9                    | 134                   |
| OEP bottom      | 1167                               |                        | 19.4                                |                                     |                        |                       |
| OEP outflow     | 539                                | 1110                   | 13.2                                | 118                                 | 2.7                    | 75.4                  |
| PP11 In         | 537                                | 1320                   | 13                                  |                                     |                        | 163?                  |
| PP11 out        |                                    |                        |                                     |                                     | 5.6,4                  |                       |
| PP13 out        | 524                                | 1010                   | 10.8                                | 109                                 | 4.3                    | 65.1                  |
| PP17 out        | 510                                | 1030                   | 11.2                                | 106                                 | 4.2                    | 61                    |

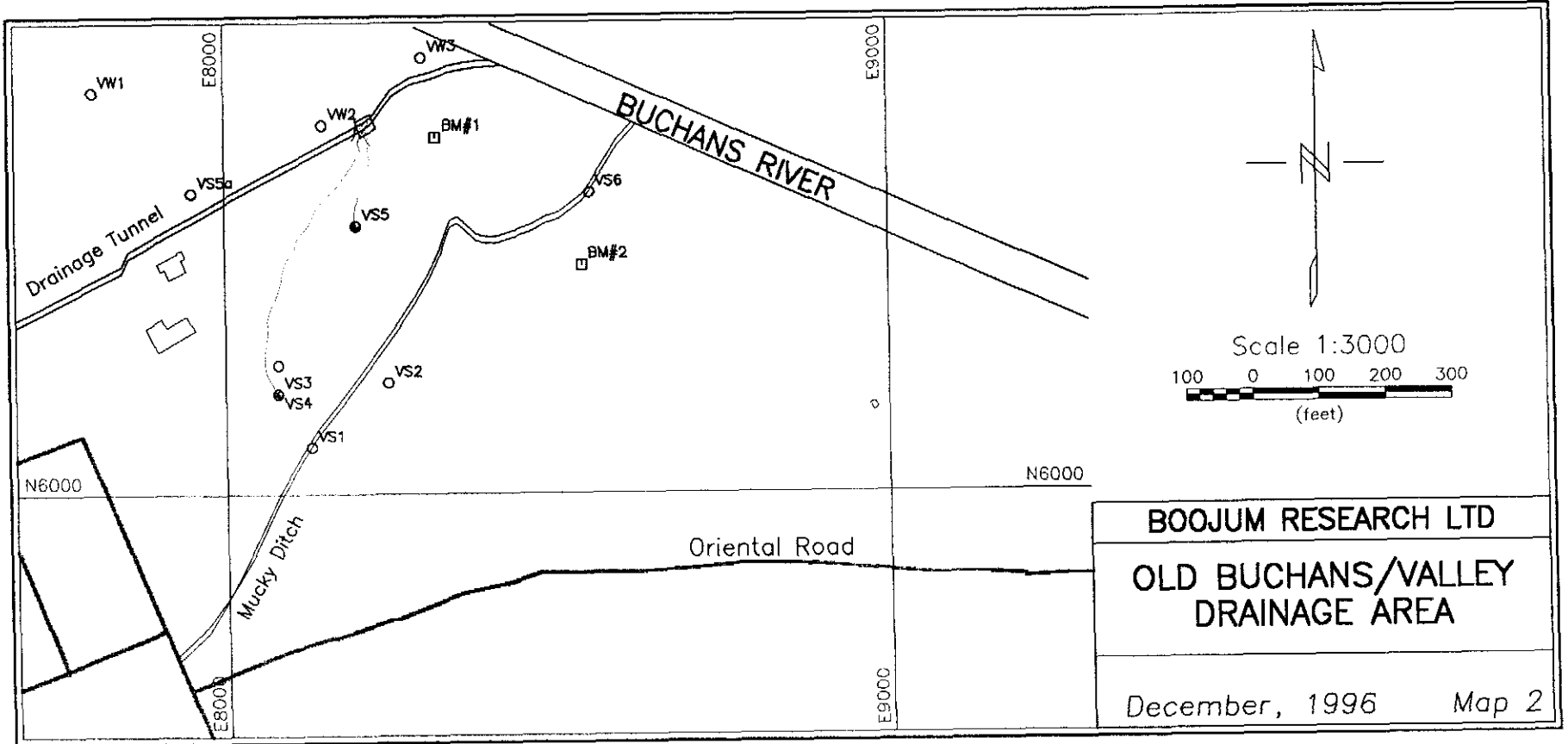
Table 38: Chemistry of OWP, OEP and Polishing Pond System Water Samples Collected August 13, 1996.

|                  | Assay No. | pH   | Cond. uS.cm <sup>-1</sup> | Acidity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Alkalinity mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | Diss. Zn           |                    | Diss. Iron |       | Diss. Mn           | Diss. Ca           | Diss. Mg           | Diss. Na           |
|------------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                  |           |      |                           |                            |                               | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | AAS        | ICAP  | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
| Drainage Tunnel  |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface(5')  | 5977      | 6.49 | 748                       | 32.9                       | 63.5                          |                    | 16.3               |            | <0.02 | 2.03               | 112                | 10.3               | 24.2               |
| OWP 7 m          | 5978      | 5.73 | 962                       | 171.3                      | 42.8                          |                    | 29.9               |            | <0.02 | 3.88               | 168                | 15.2               | 23.1               |
| OEP Surface (5') | 5975      | 6.89 | 1235                      | 44.6                       | 112.9                         |                    | 13.4               |            | <0.02 | 5.15               | 224                | 19.6               | 51.7               |
| OEP 11 m         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom       | 5976      | 6.3  | 2410                      | 71.5                       | 301.3                         |                    | 13                 |            | 10.1  | 13.2               | 505                | 41.2               | 116                |
| OEP outflow      |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In          |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out         |           |      |                           |                            |                               |                    |                    |            |       |                    |                    |                    |                    |

|                  | TDS                | SO <sub>4</sub>    | SiO <sub>2</sub>   | HCO <sub>3</sub>   | TOC                | Cl                 |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                  | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> | mg.L <sup>-1</sup> |
|                  |                    |                    | ICAP               |                    |                    |                    |
| Drainage Tunnel  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OWP Surface(5')  | 548                | 286                |                    | 61.9               |                    | 31.1               |
| OWP 7 m          | 763                | 452                |                    | 41.4               |                    | 25.8               |
| OEP Surface (5') | 982                | 488                |                    | 125                |                    | 51.7               |
| OEP 11 m         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| OEP bottom       | 2300               | 1170               |                    | 285                |                    | 141                |
| OEP outflow      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 In          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP11 out         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP13 out         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| PP17 out         |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |



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#### INTRODUCTION

Information on discharge rates and chemical composition of the Valley Seeps at Buchans, measured during 1995 and 1996, was used to attempt the determination of a possible relationship between the seeps and the waterlevel in the Lucky Strike Pit. Because of time constraints the extent of the interpretation had to be limited in scope.

*BOOJUM has checked the assumptions and uncertainties and presents the answer as bold, italic text.*

#### DATA QUALITY

The available information presented a few uncertainties, as follows (numbers mentioned below are Assayer's numbers).

- 1 - Sample point VS-3 could not be found on the map of "Old Buchans/Valley Drainage Area", dated 11 September 1996.  
*Flow through the pipe was discontinued in summer 1996. This flow became part of flow at VS-4. Location VS-3 was added to Map 2.*
- 2 - #5970: the listing of sample numbers and dates indicates this sample came from sample point VS-5; the analysis file BU0595.WQ1 indicated the sample represents "Total Valley S. Drainage at River"; the map suggests that the sample point likely was VS-6.  
*Yes, this is location VS-6 called Total Valley South Drainage at River*
- 3 - Values for SO<sub>4</sub> (or S) were not provided for three of the seep samples collected in May 1995.  
*The samples were sent for ICP analysis. S is not a part of standard ICP.*
- 4 - Some of the values for discharge rates were estimated rather than measured; Mr.Neary suggested that some of those values may be too high.

#### ASSUMPTIONS

Several assumptions had to be made because of inconsistencies in the designations of sample sources.

- 1 - #5572 and 5966 are from the same place, VS-1 on the map, called "Mucky Ditch at Culvert" (BU0595 and BU0896)



- 2 - #5574 and 5967 are from the same place, VS-2 on the map, called "4" Swimming Pool Pipe" (BU0595), and "Pipe Disch. Swimm. Pool" (BU0896)
- 3 - #5573 and 5970 are from the same place, VS-6 on the map, called "Mucky Ditch at River" (BU0595), and "Total Valley S. Drainage at River" (BU0896)
- 4 - #5569 and 5969 are from the same place, VS-5 on the map, called "Valley Seep 110' S.of Tun. Pumph." (BU0595), and "Valley Lower Seep" (BU0896)
- 5 - #5571 and 5968 are from the same place, VS-4 on the map, called "Valley Seep 370' S.of Tun. Pumph." (BU0595), and "Valley Combined Upper Seeps" (BU0896)
- 6 - #5570 is from VS-3, not on the map, called "Valley Seep 220' S. of Tun. Pumph." (BU0595)

If any of the above assumptions is erroneous, you may have to change the X-axis data labels on Figures 17 and 18, showing chemical compositions for these samples.

*All of the above assumptions are correct. The seepages VS-1, VS-2, VS-3, VS-4, VS-5, VS-6, VW-1, VW-2, VW-3 are located on Map 2.*

#### DATA GRAPHS and INTERPRETATION

- Fig. 1 - amounts of **precipitation** from storms producing 20 mm or more water equivalent, vs. time.  
Melting of any snowpack has not been taken into account.
- Fig. 2 - **waterlevels** in the Lucky Strike Pit (LSP) and the diamond drill holes (DDH's), vs. time.  
The LSP seems to have been "overfilled" by early 1995, and the waterlevel appears to have dropped more or less continuously since June 1995. Waterlevels in the DDH's that had initially increased during filling of the LSP declined somewhat when the waterlevel in the LSP dropped; they showed minor fluctuations, probably in response to local precipitation. This behaviour can be expected to continue. It is unlikely that complete analyses of further samples from the DDH's will provide any additional useful information.
- Fig. 3 - (Zn) and flow rates for the discharge from the **Drainage Tunnel (DT)**, vs. time.  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 4 - **intervals** between successive measurements of flow rates and (Zn) for sample points VS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, vs. time.  
The intervals ranged from 7 to more than 110 days. The irregularity of the intervals and the fact that the sample points were not all measured and sampled on the same dates makes the interpretations considerably less reliable than they could have been.

- Fig. 5 - (Zn) values and flow rates for VS-1, vs. time.  
In some instances (Zn) increases with increasing flow rate, in others (Zn) decreases with increasing flow rate. Short-term variations are too large to discern any clear long-term trend (see VS-6).
- Fig. 6a - (Zn) values vs. flow rates for VS-1  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 6b - (Zn) values for VS-1 vs. LSP waterlevels  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 6c - flowrates for VS-1 vs. LSP waterlevels  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 7 - (Zn) values and flow rates for VS-2, vs. time.  
(Zn) appears to increase with decreasing flow rate and to decrease with increasing flow rate; no long-term trend.
- Fig. 8a - (Zn) values vs. flow rates for VS-2  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 8b - (Zn) values for VS-2 vs. LSP waterlevels  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 8c - flowrates for VS-2 vs. LSP waterlevels  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 9 - (Zn) values and flow rates for VS-3, vs. time.  
The data record is insufficient to warrant interpretation.
- Fig. 10 - (Zn) values and flow rates for VS-4, vs. time.  
(Zn) appears to have increased somewhat with time (see VS-5).
- Fig.11a - (Zn) values vs. flow rates for VS-4  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig.11b - (Zn) values for VS-4 vs. LSP waterlevels  
**Negative correlation** between the two parameters.
- Fig.11c - flowrates for VS-4 vs. LSP waterlevels  
No clear correlation between the two parameters.
- Fig. 12 - (Zn) values and flow rates for VS-5, vs. time.  
(Zn) appears to have increased with time (see VS-4).
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The behaviour of the Zn concentrations in the discharge from the Valley Seeps can probably be explained in principle as follows.

- (1) After a prolonged dry period, increased infiltration from precipitation (or snowmelt) may push out water with higher metal concentrations, due to a preceding extended residence time, resulting in increased flow rates and increased metal concentrations.
- (2) If infiltration continues, metal concentrations will gradually drop due to dilution.
- (3) When infiltration stops, flow rates will gradually decrease, whereas metal concentrations will gradually increase due to lack of dilution, and longer residence times.

It should be noted that the "monitoring data" for the Valley Seeps cannot be used to give a clear indication of the diluting effects of local precipitation, unless the concentration of at least one other metal (e.g. Ca or Mg) is also determined for each sample. If at all possible, discharge rates should be measured rather than estimated.

The magnitude of the metal loadings from some of the Valley Seeps appears to have become sufficiently large to warrant continuing monitoring of the main seepages.

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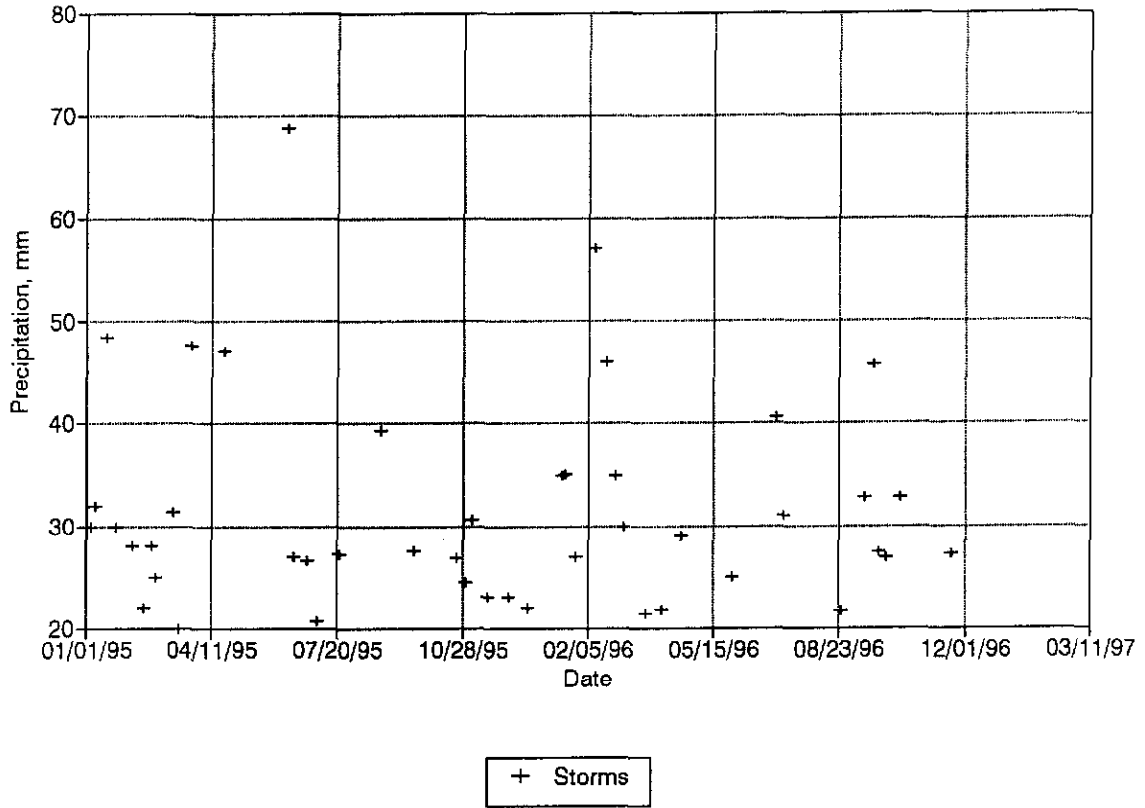


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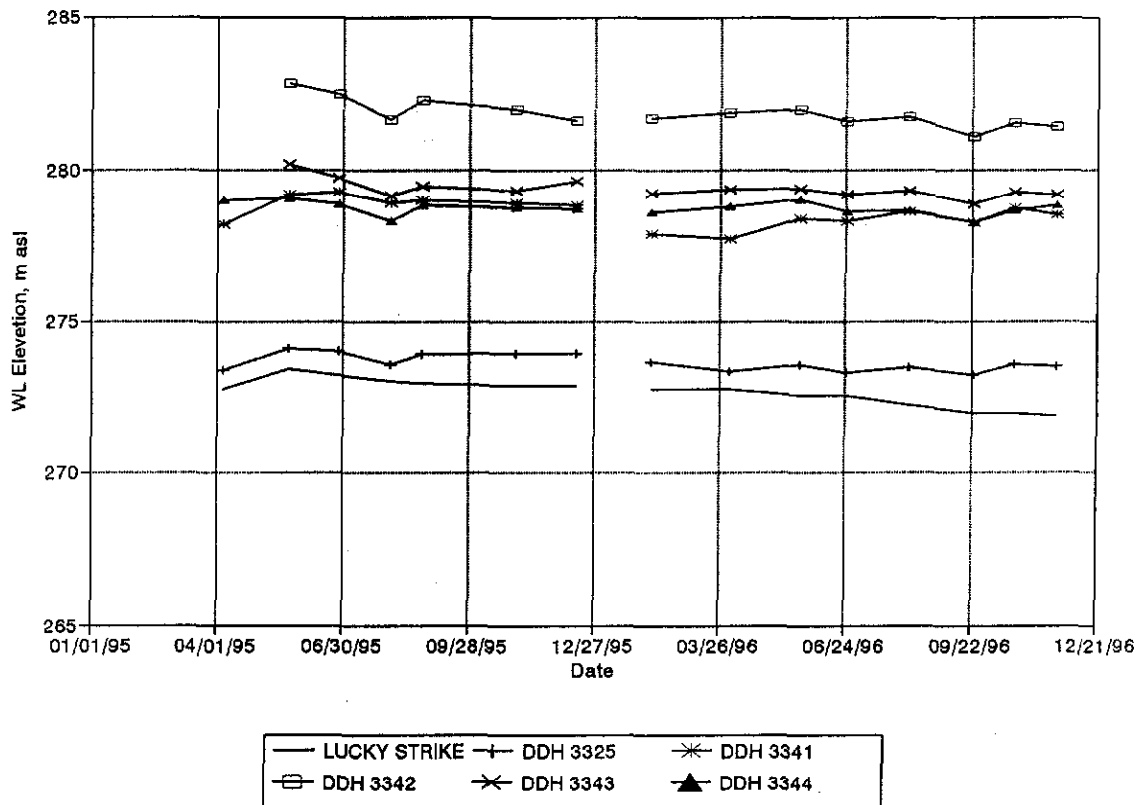


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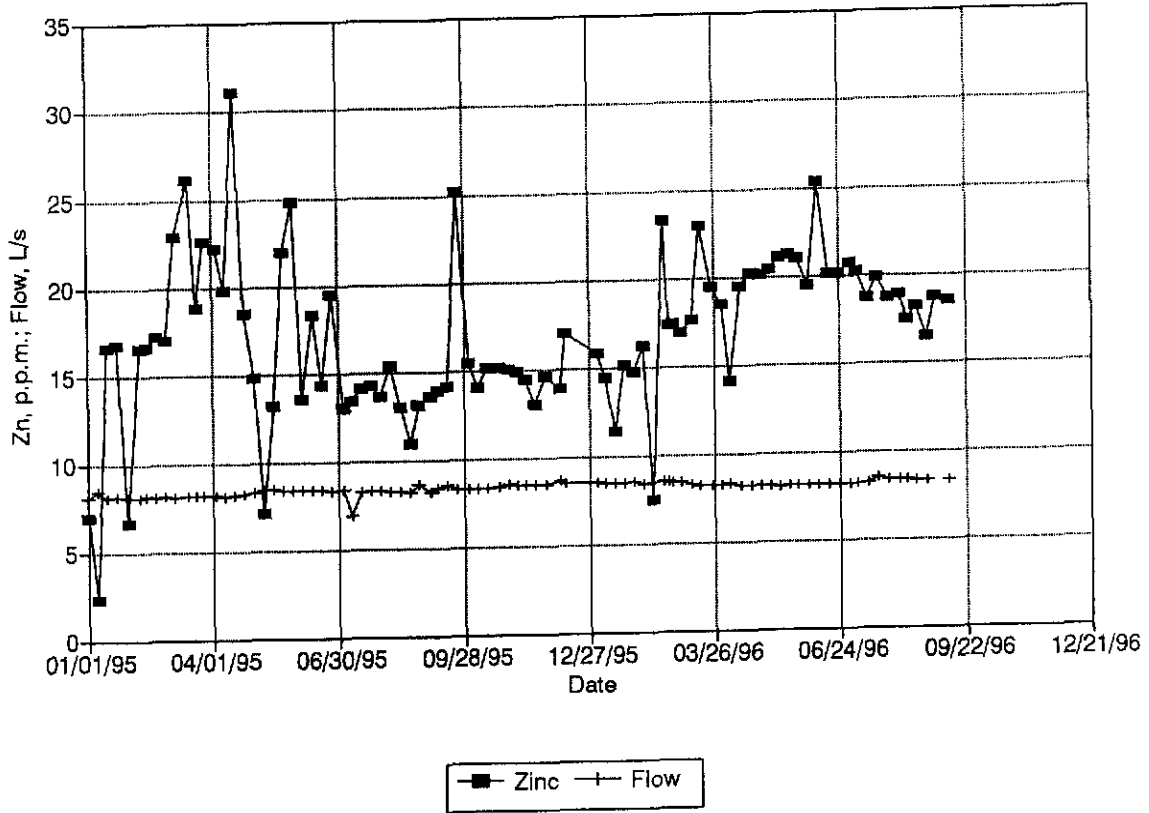


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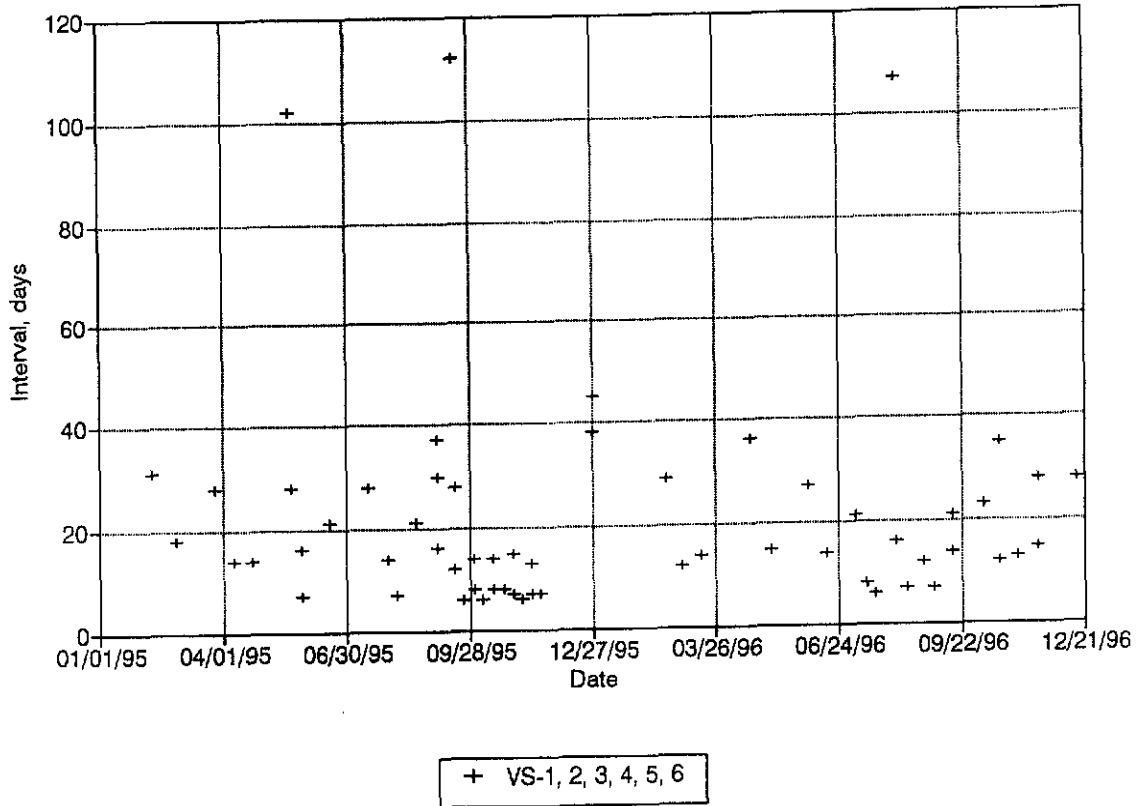


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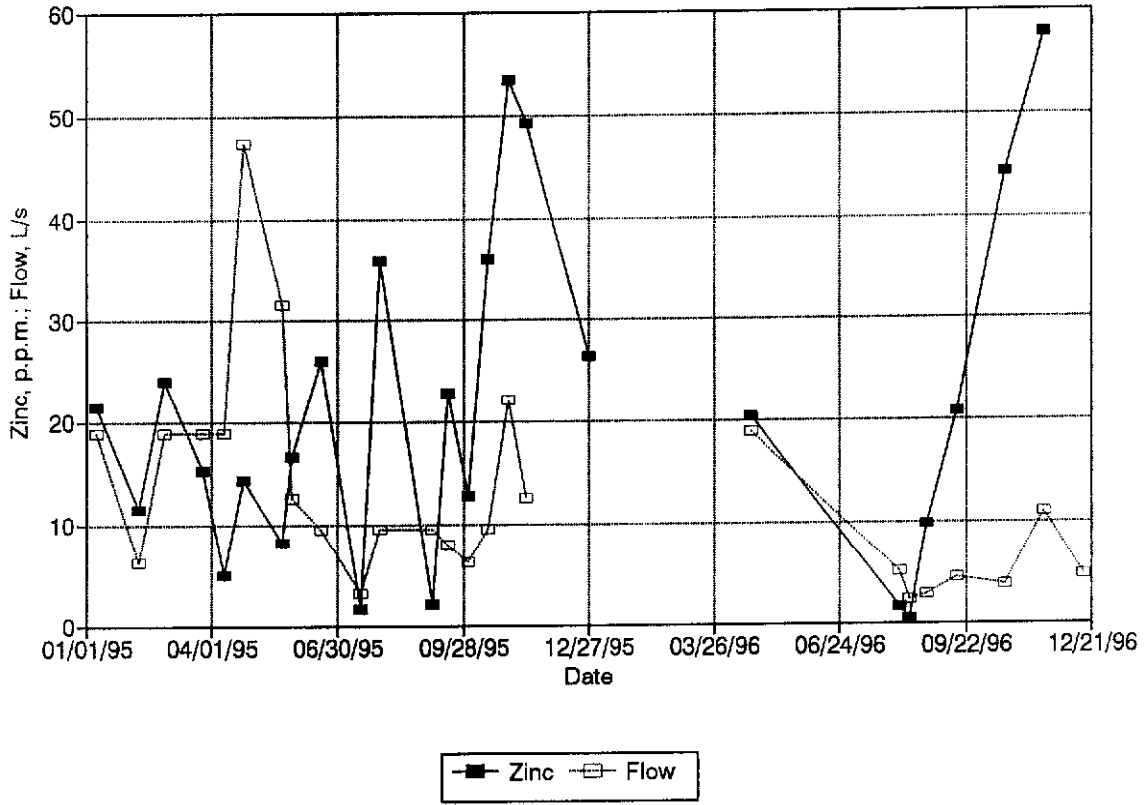


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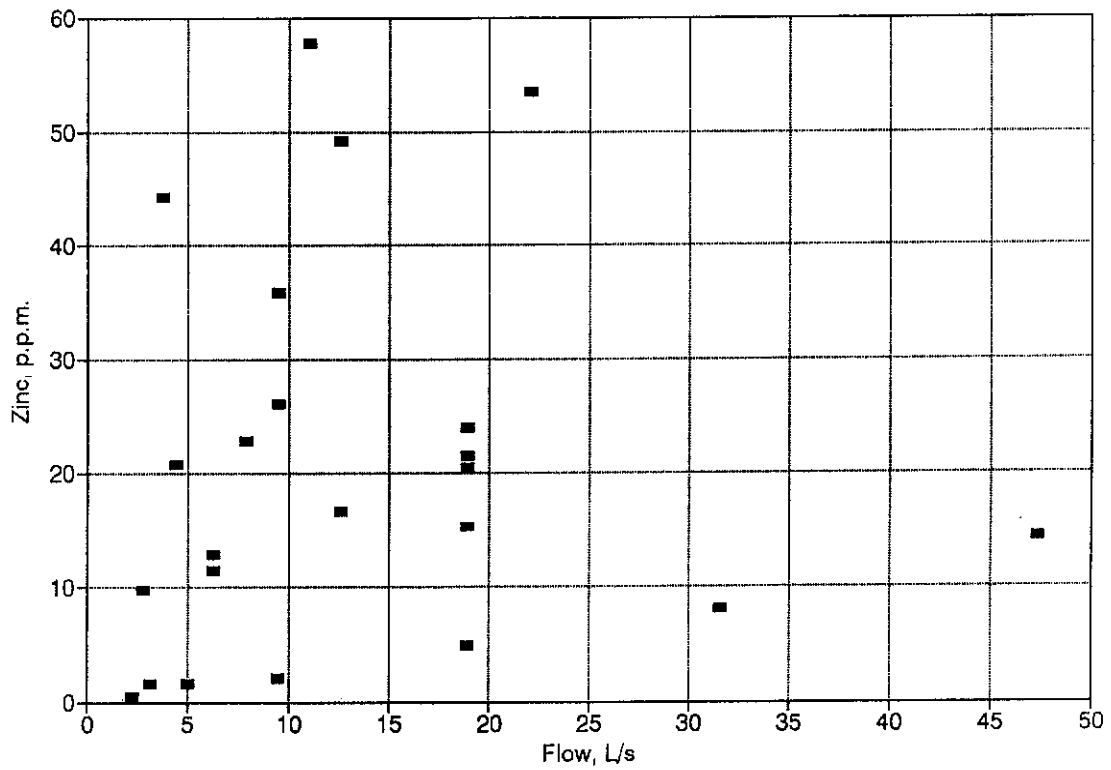


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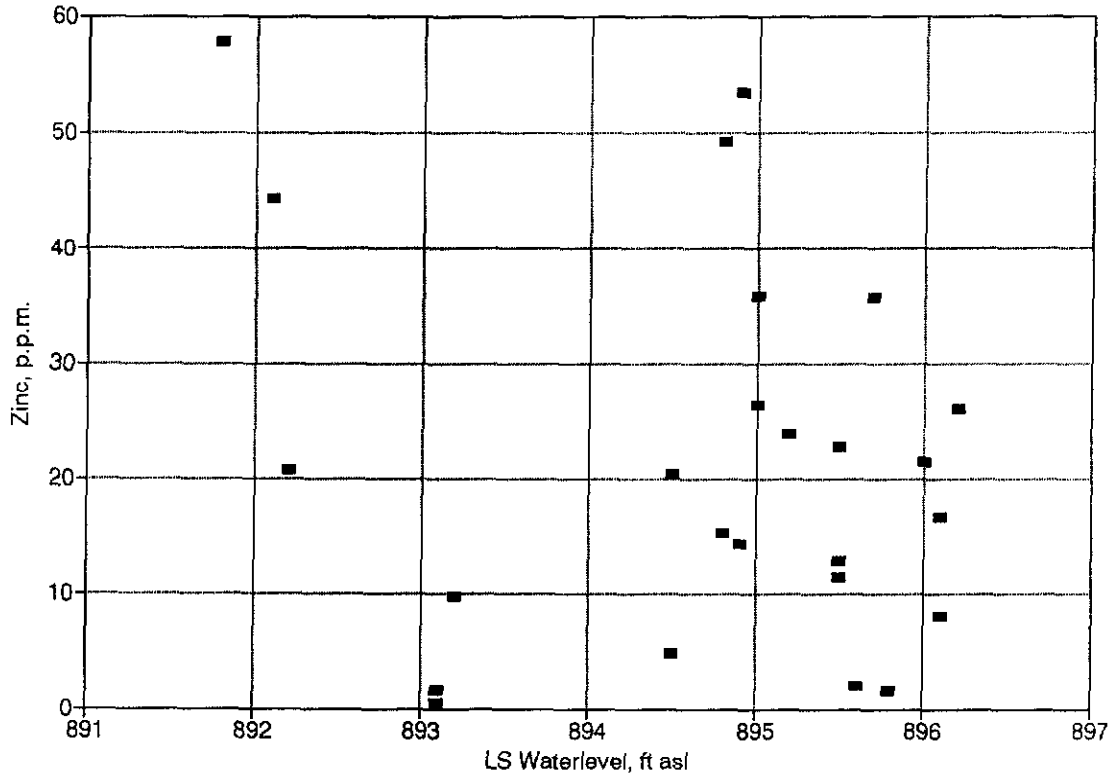


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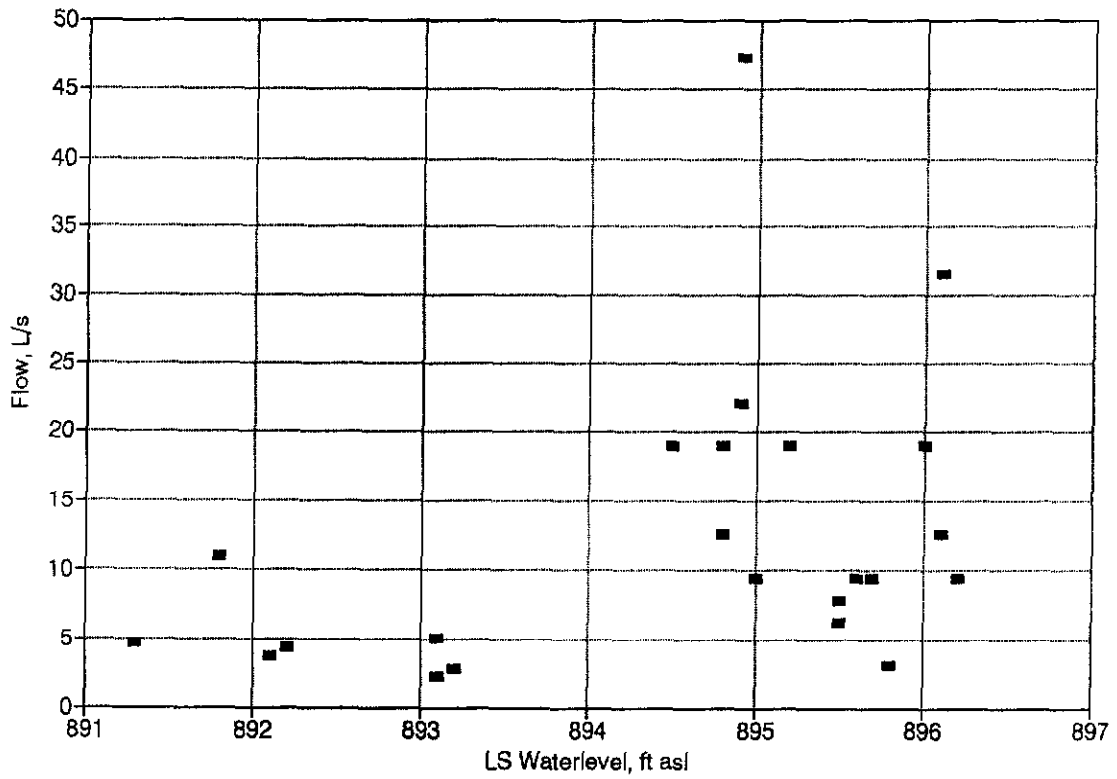




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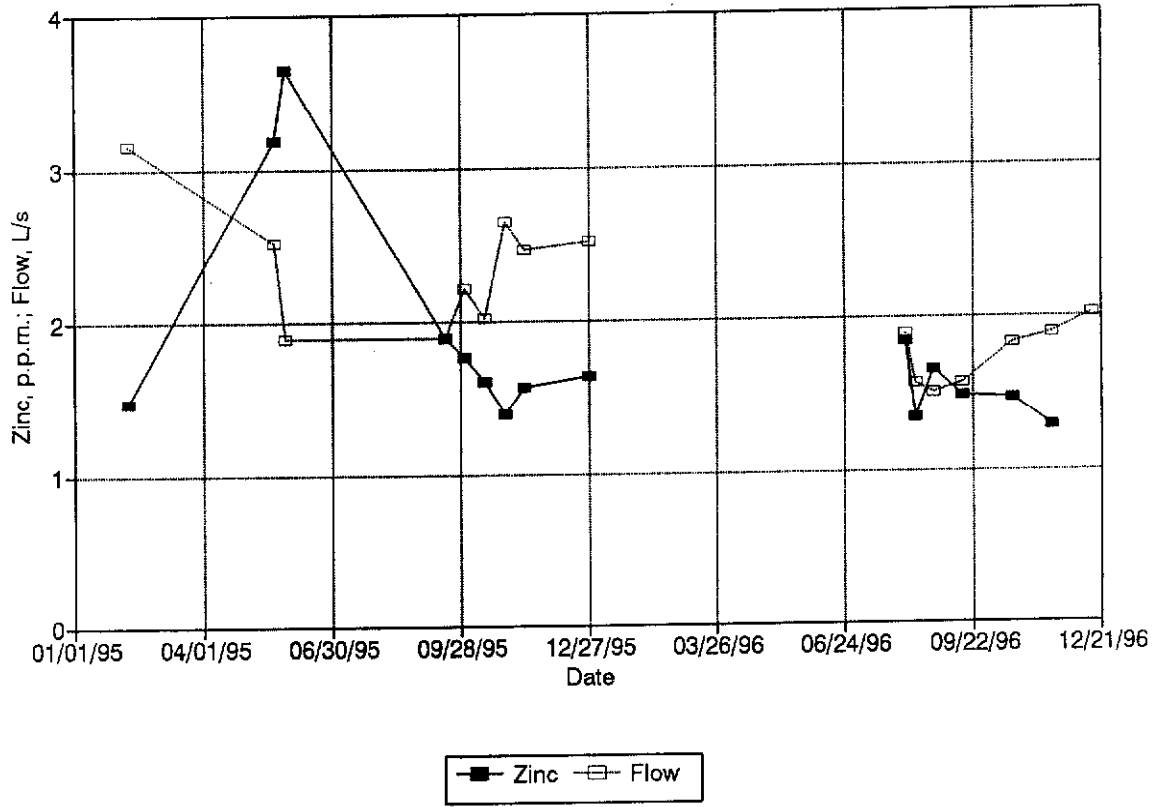


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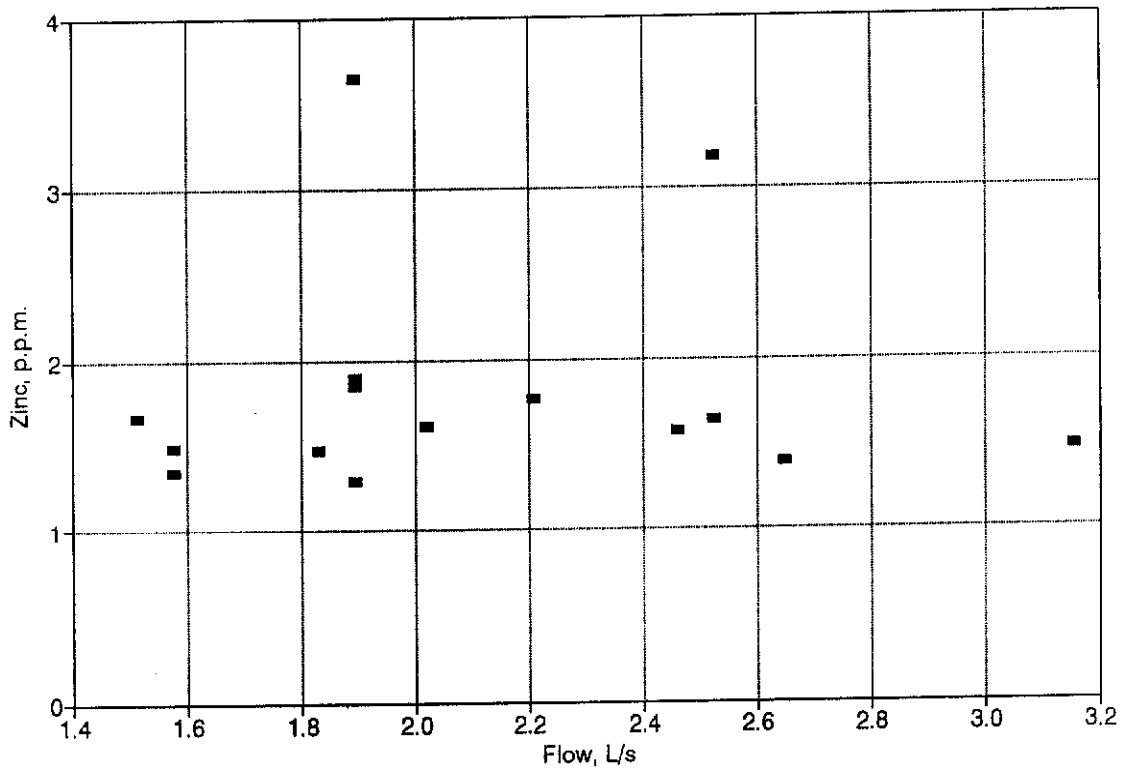


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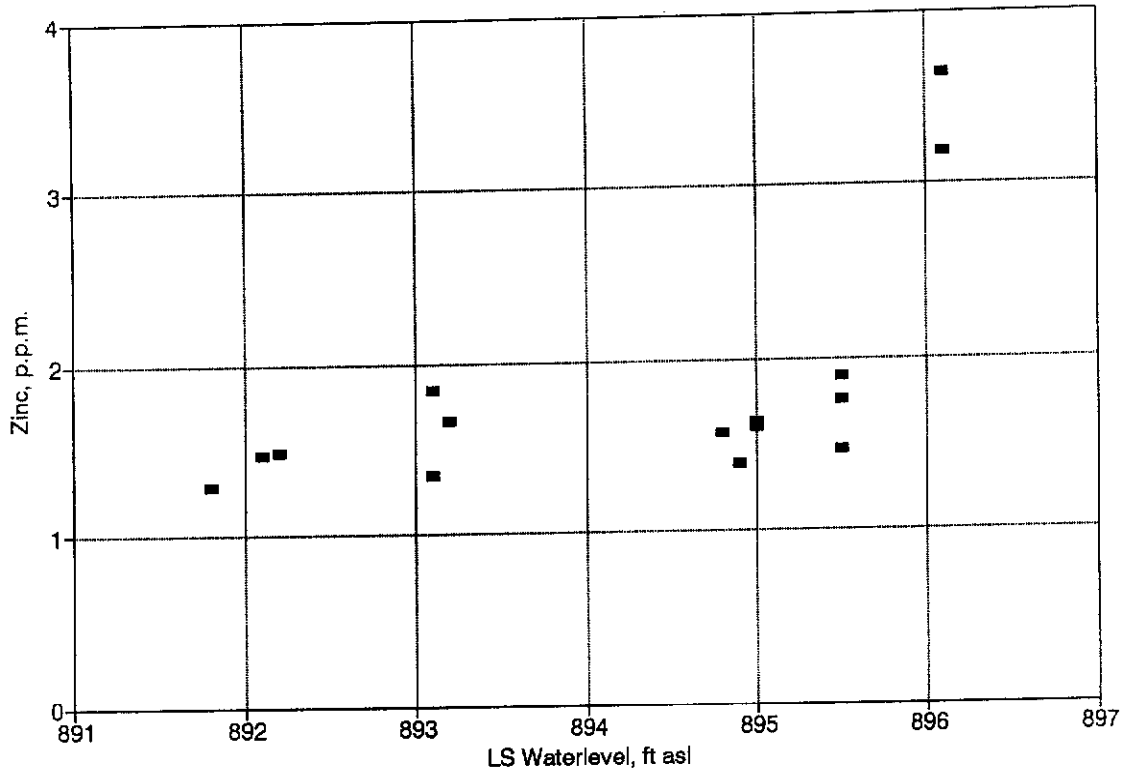


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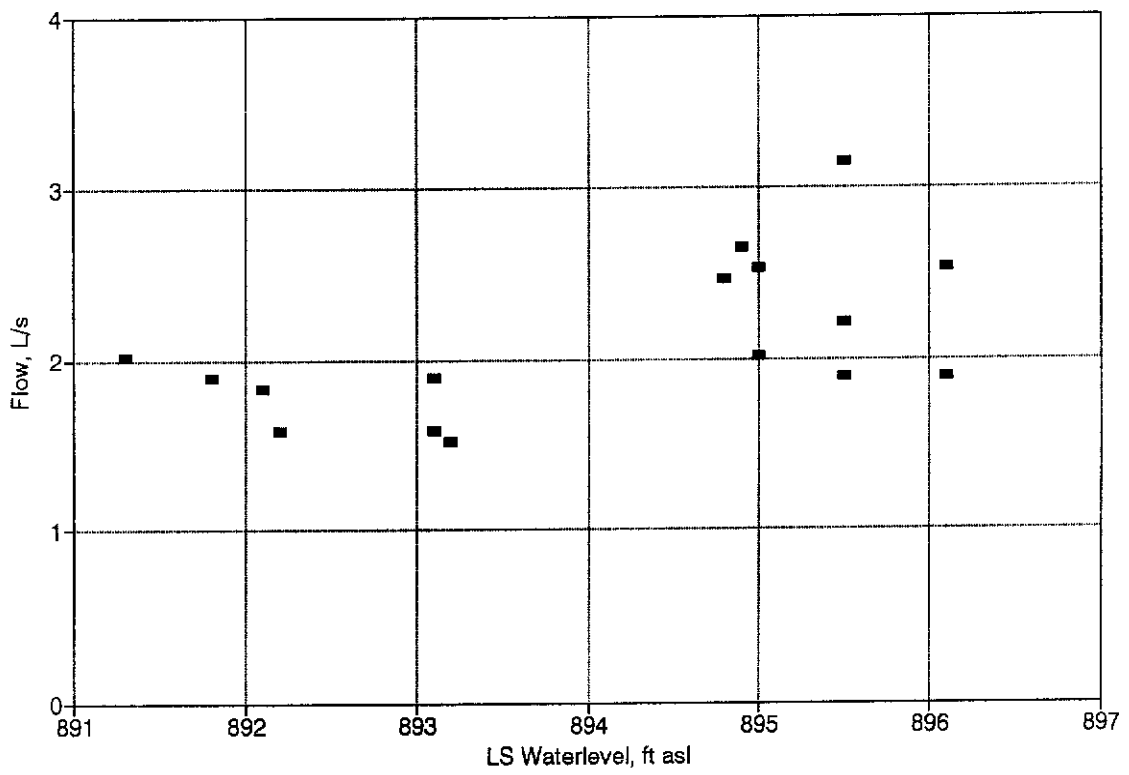


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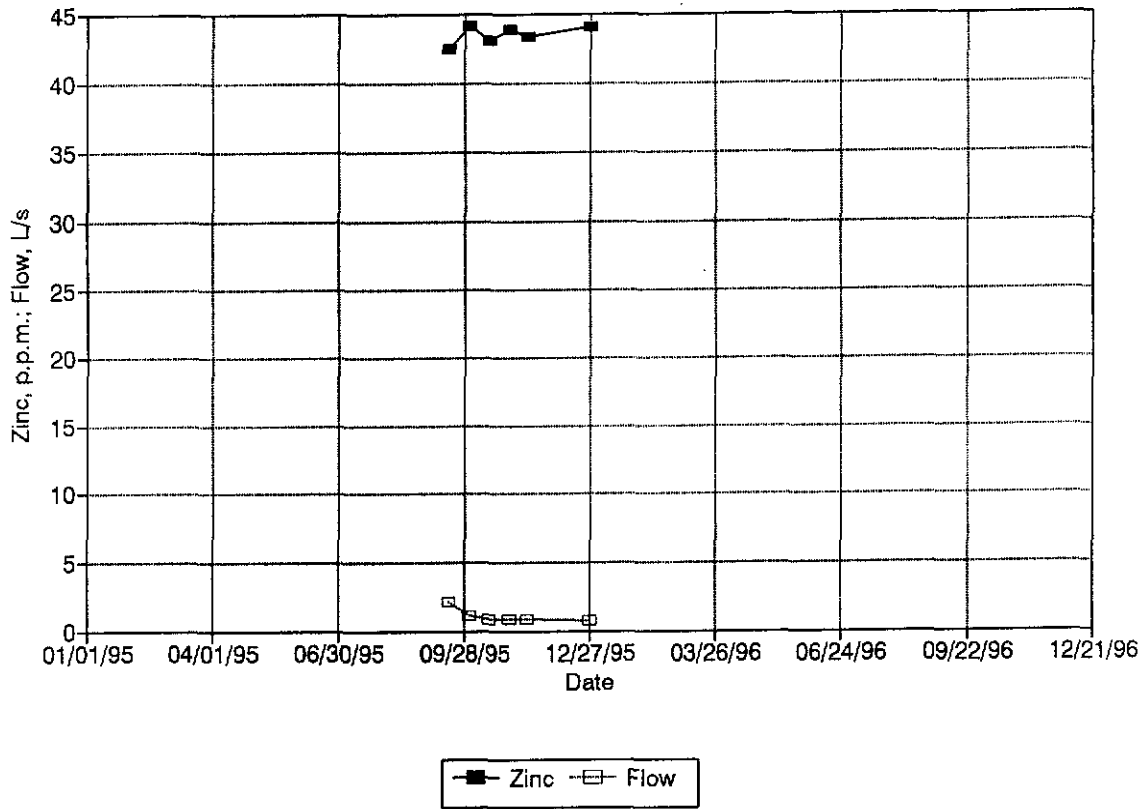


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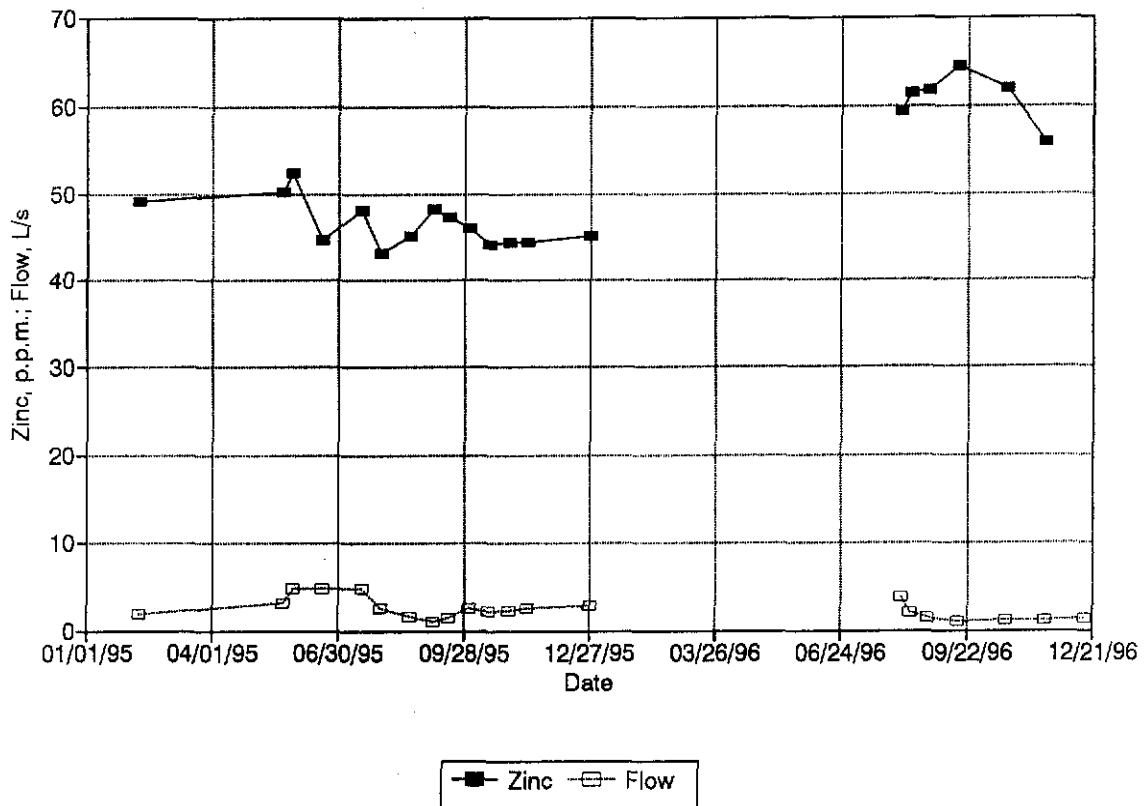


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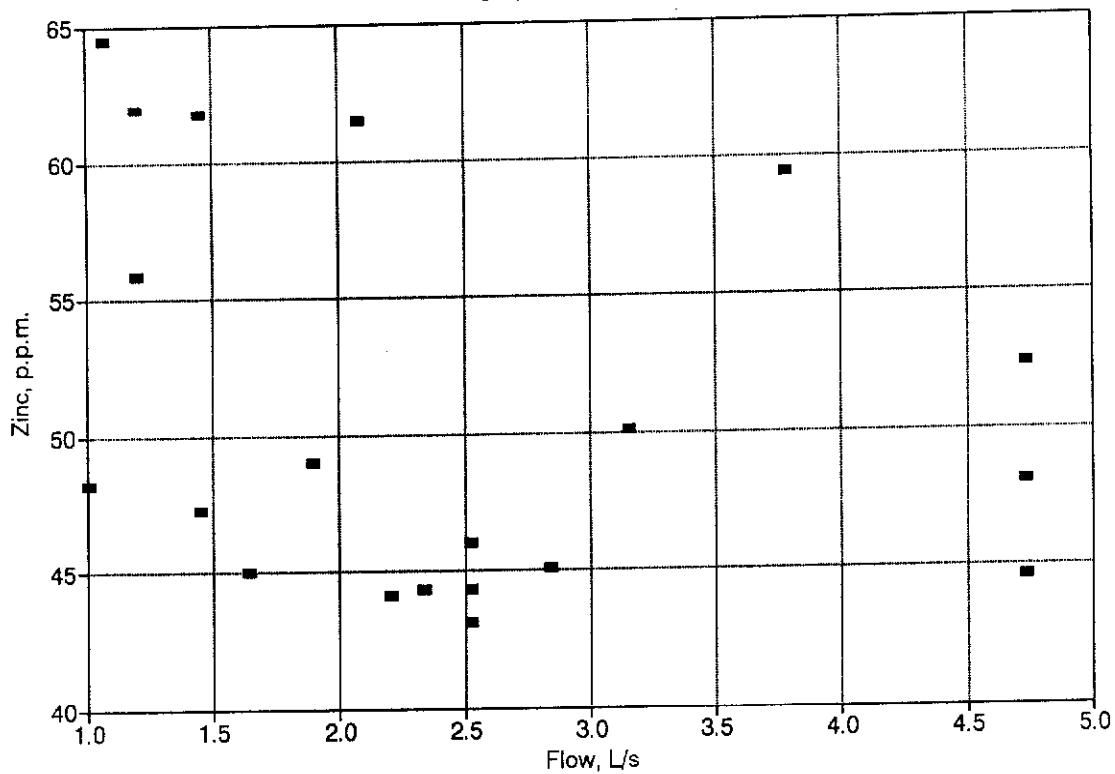


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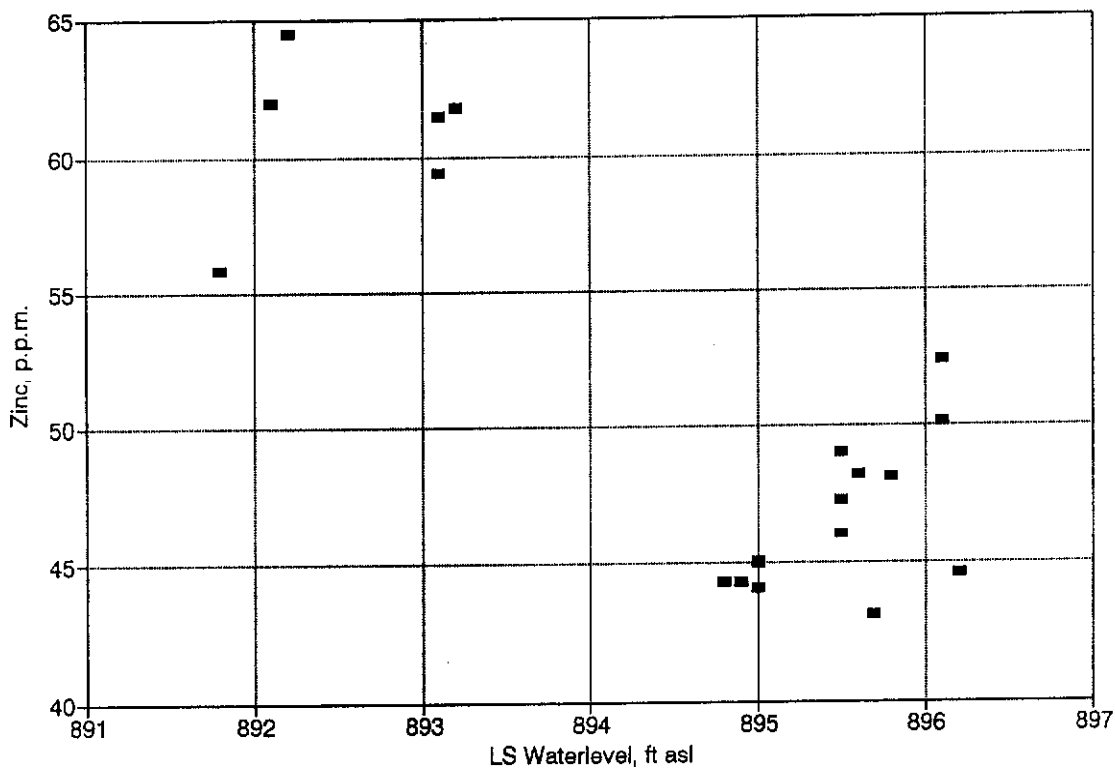


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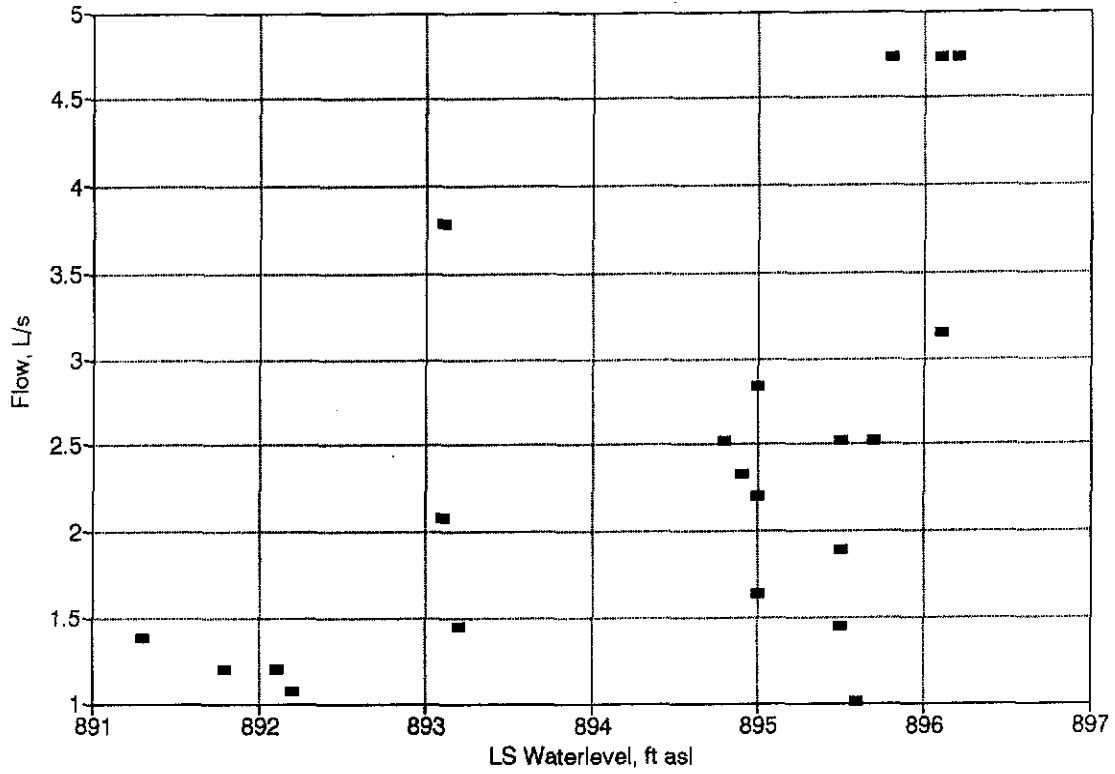


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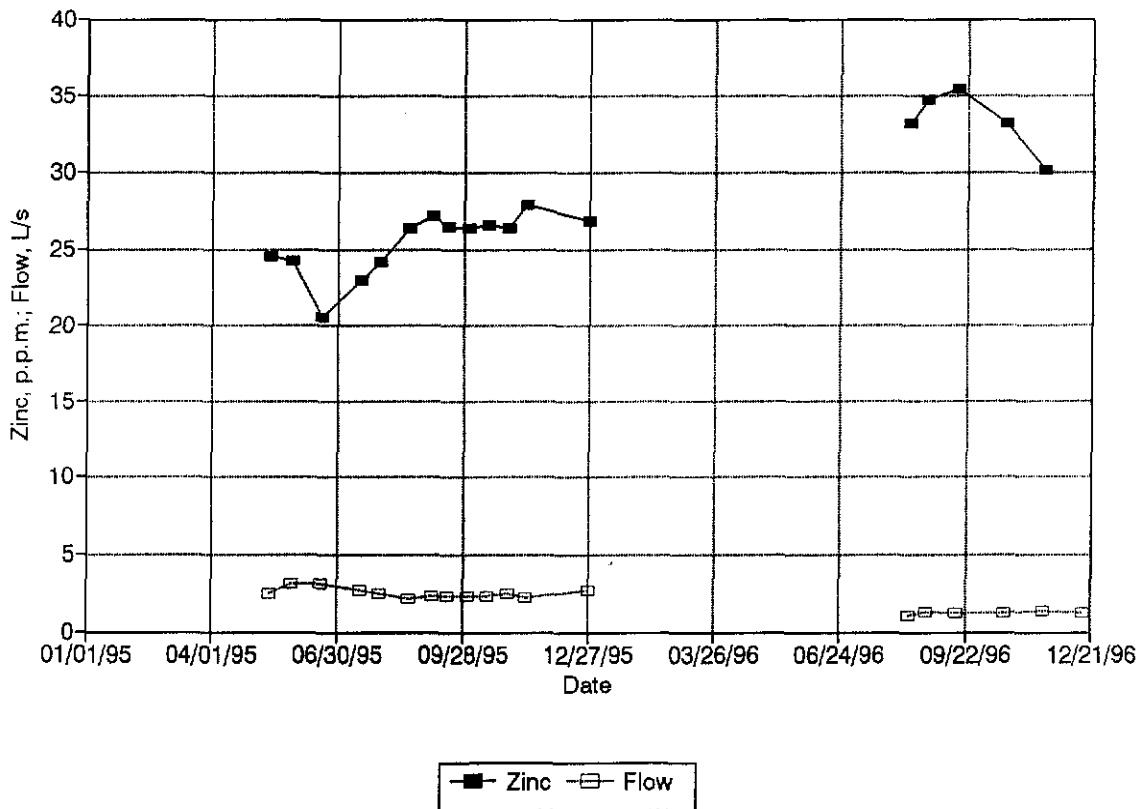


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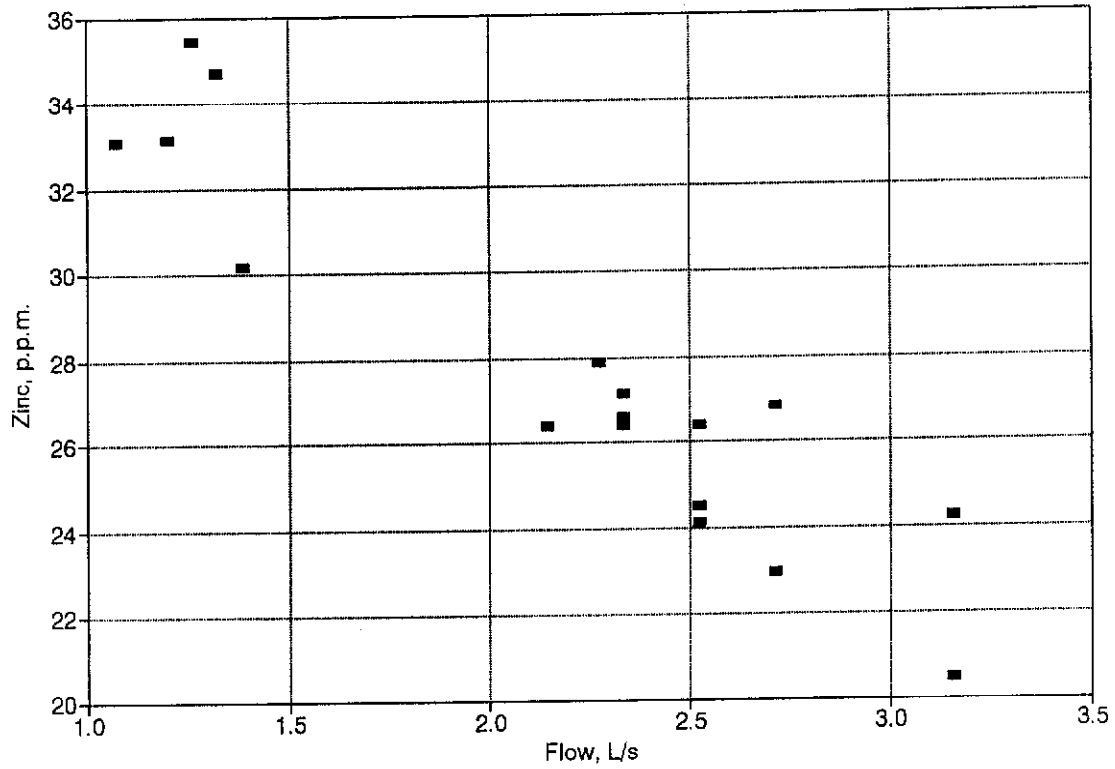


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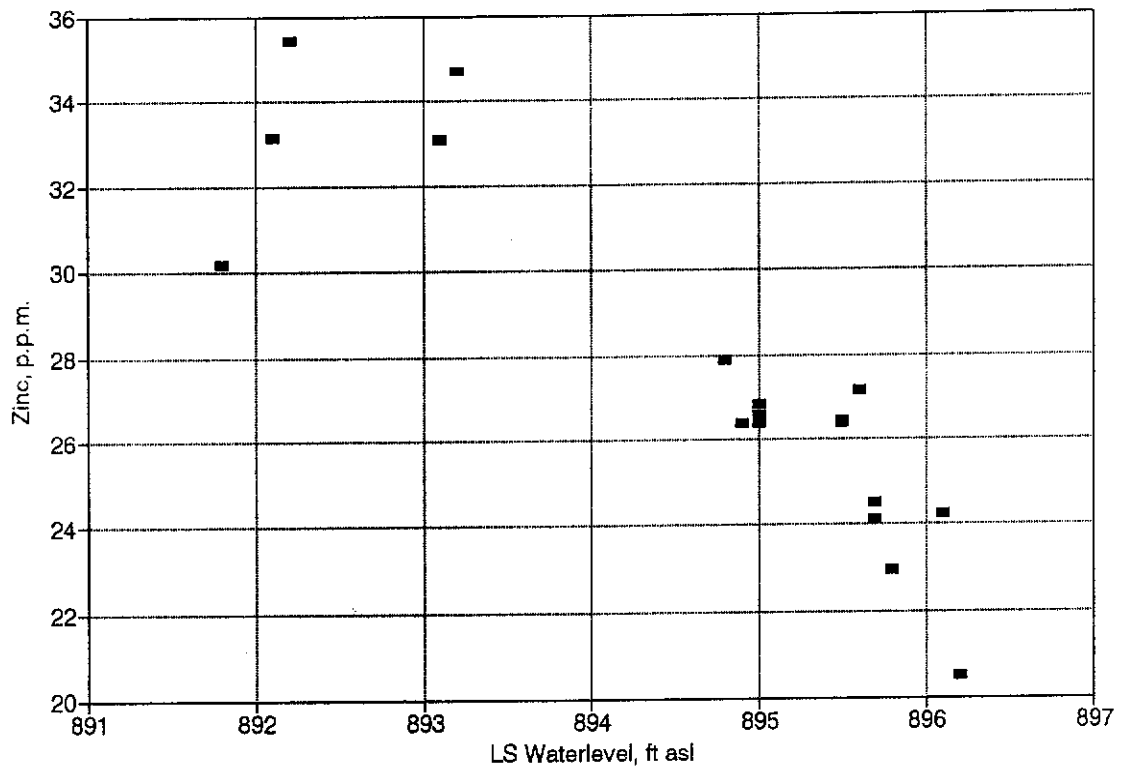


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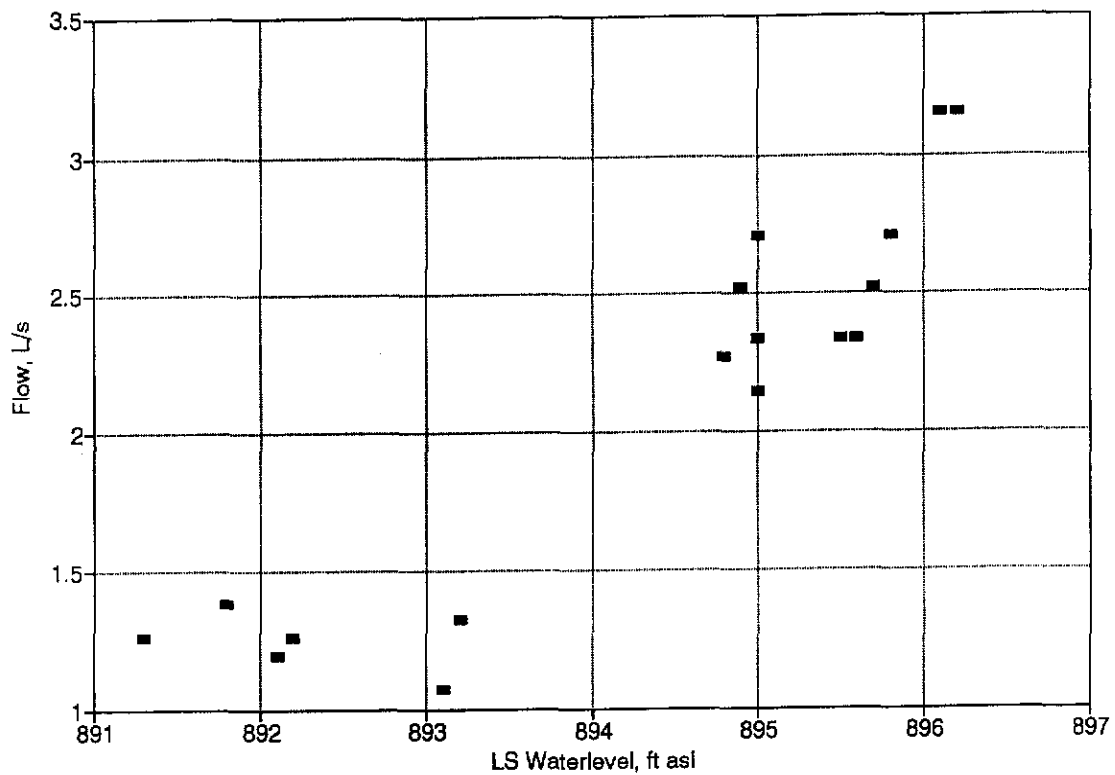


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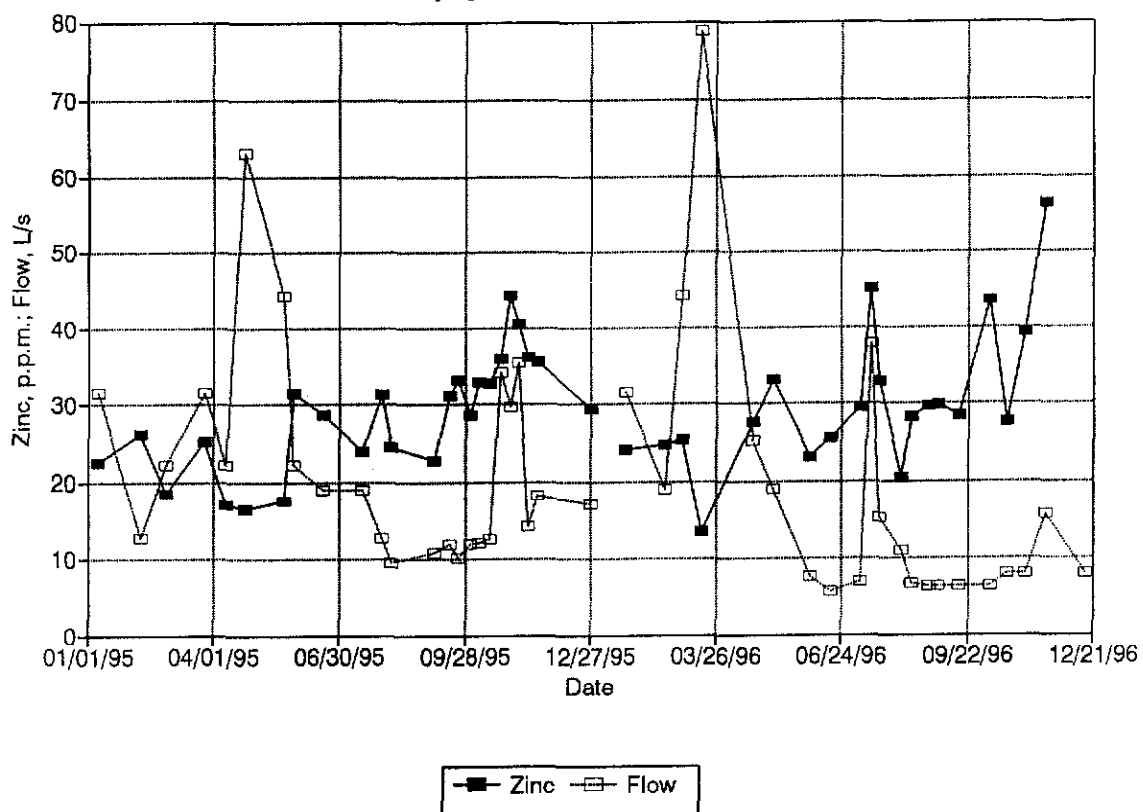


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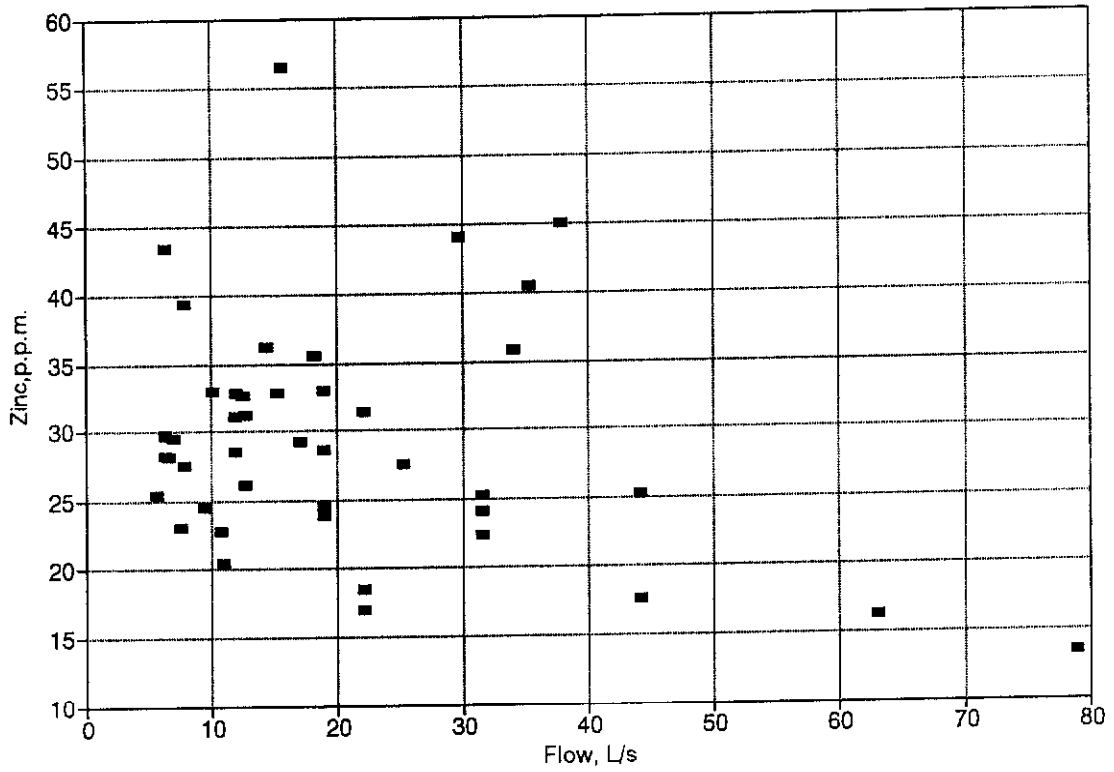


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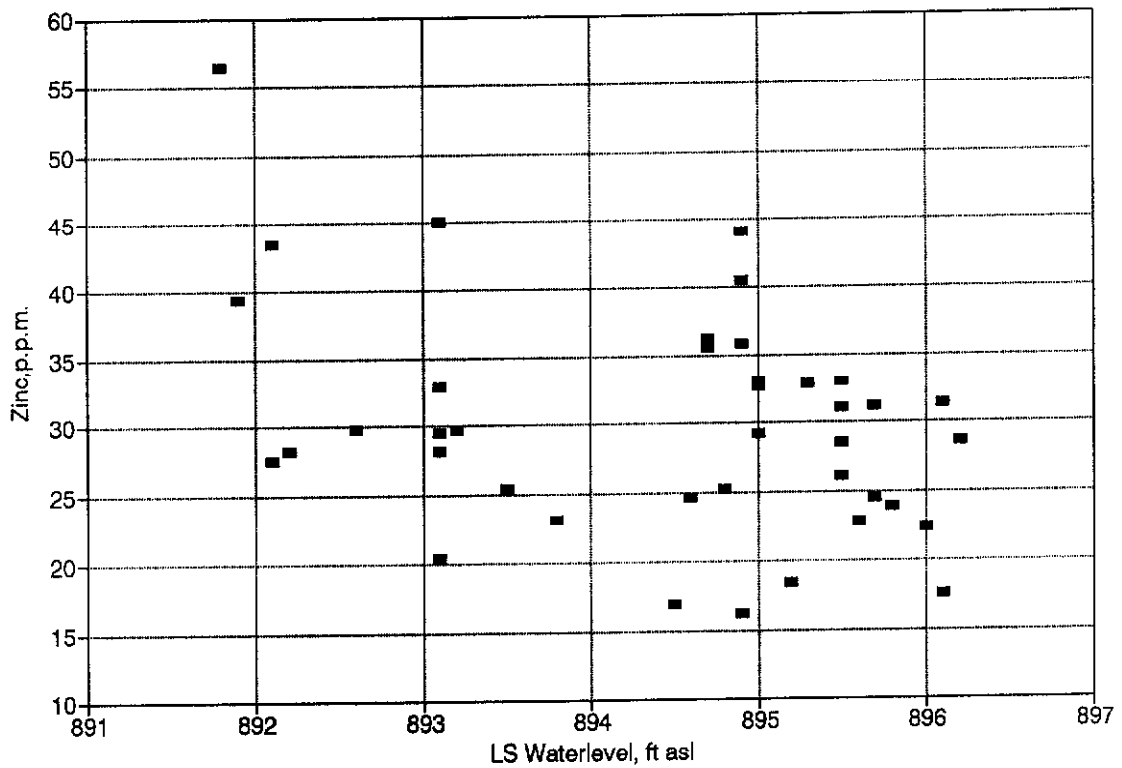




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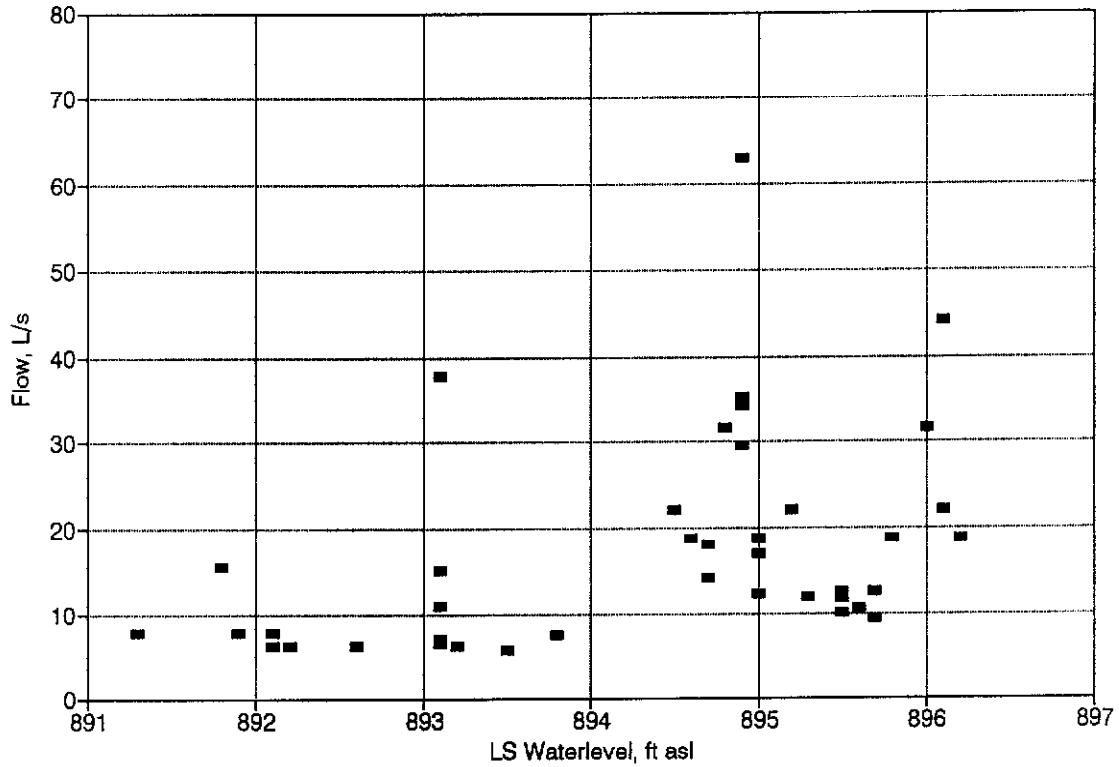


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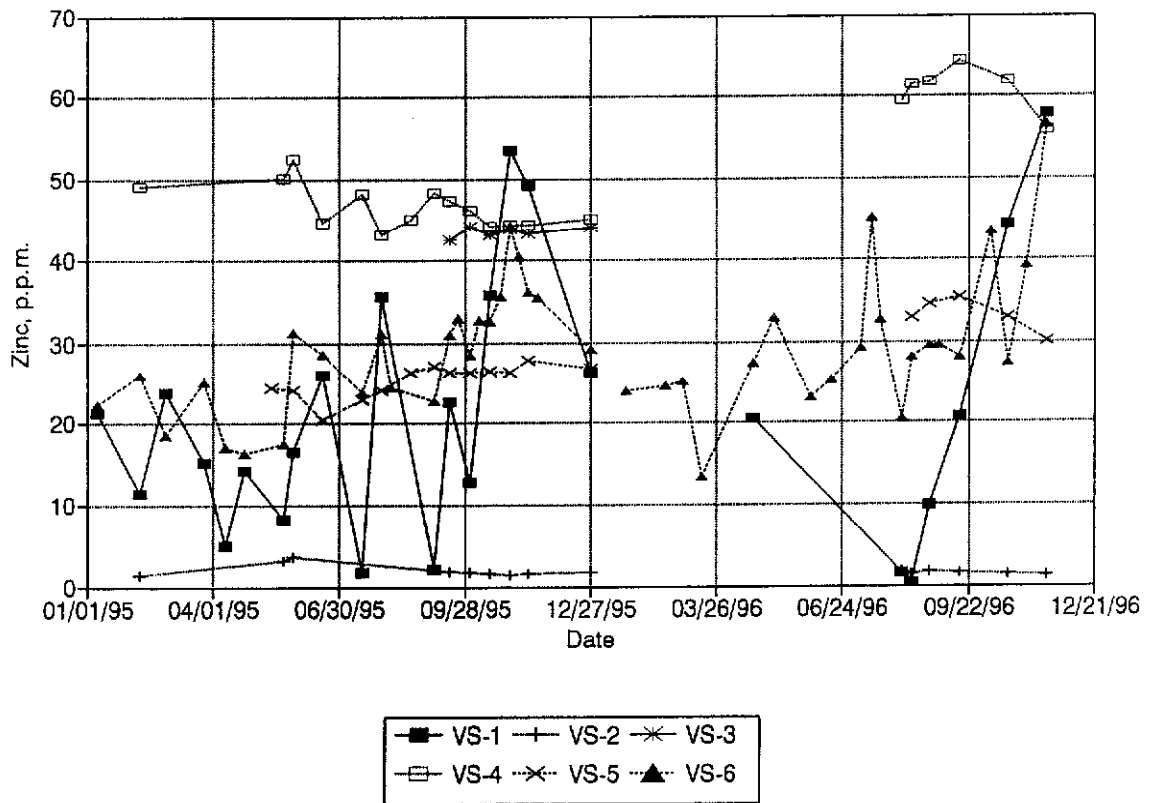


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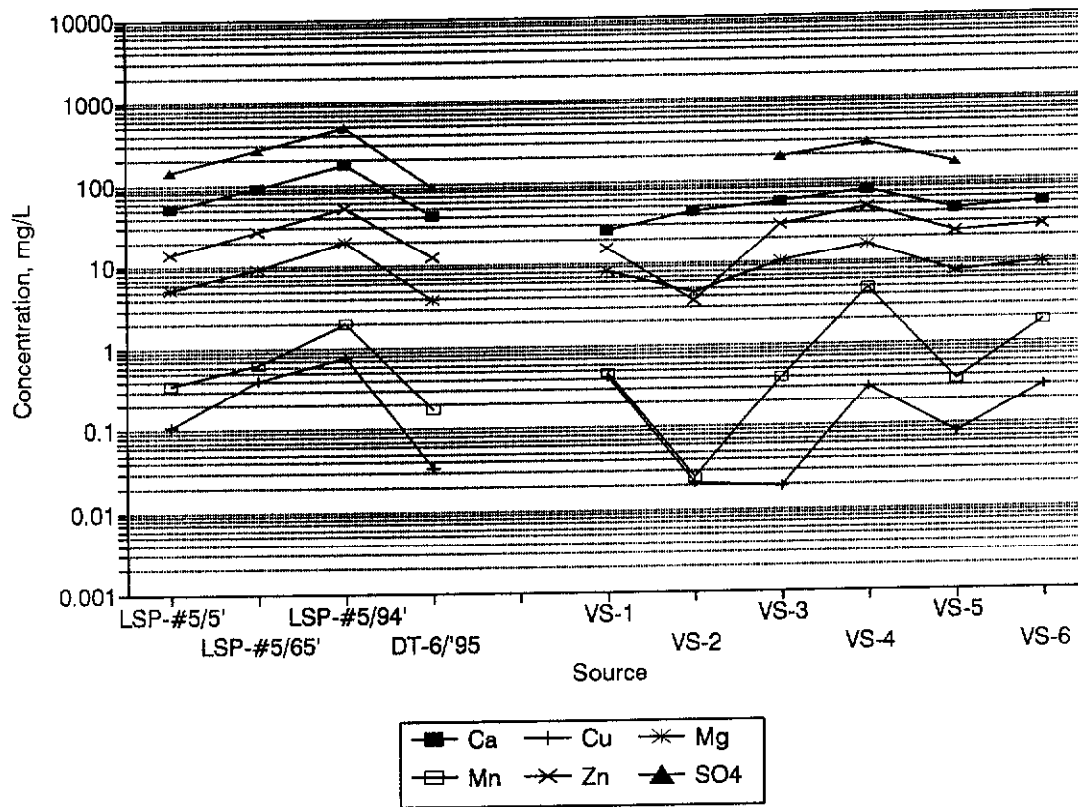


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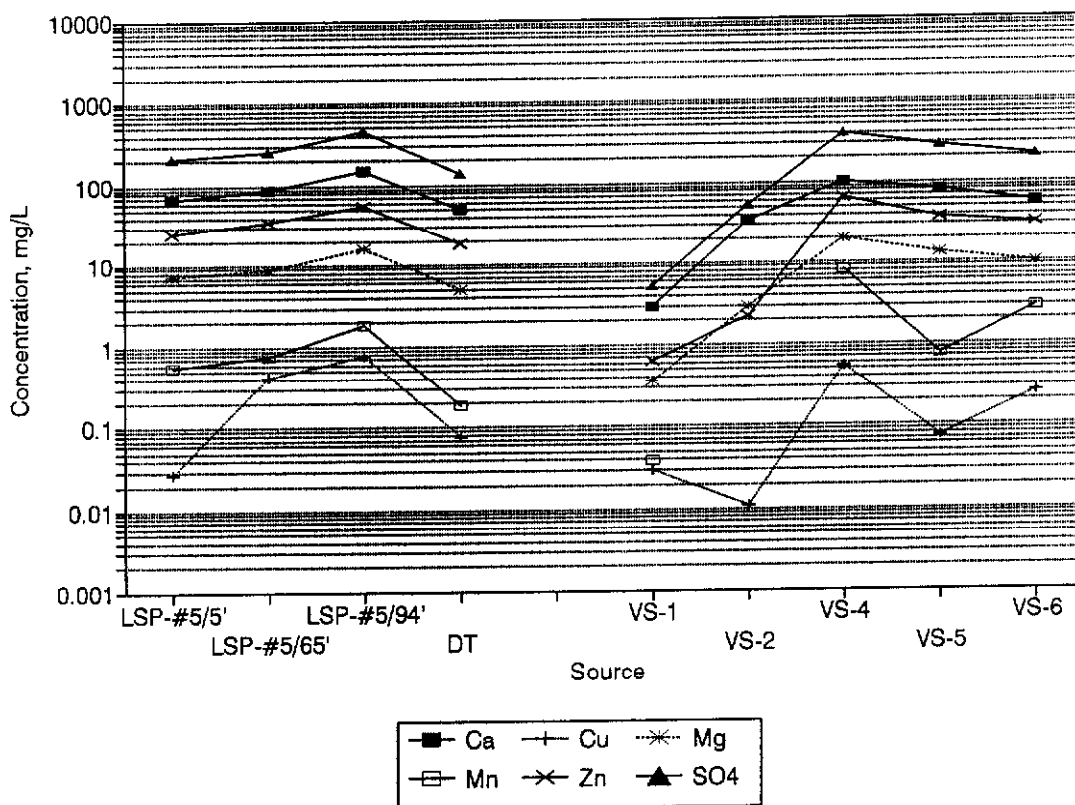


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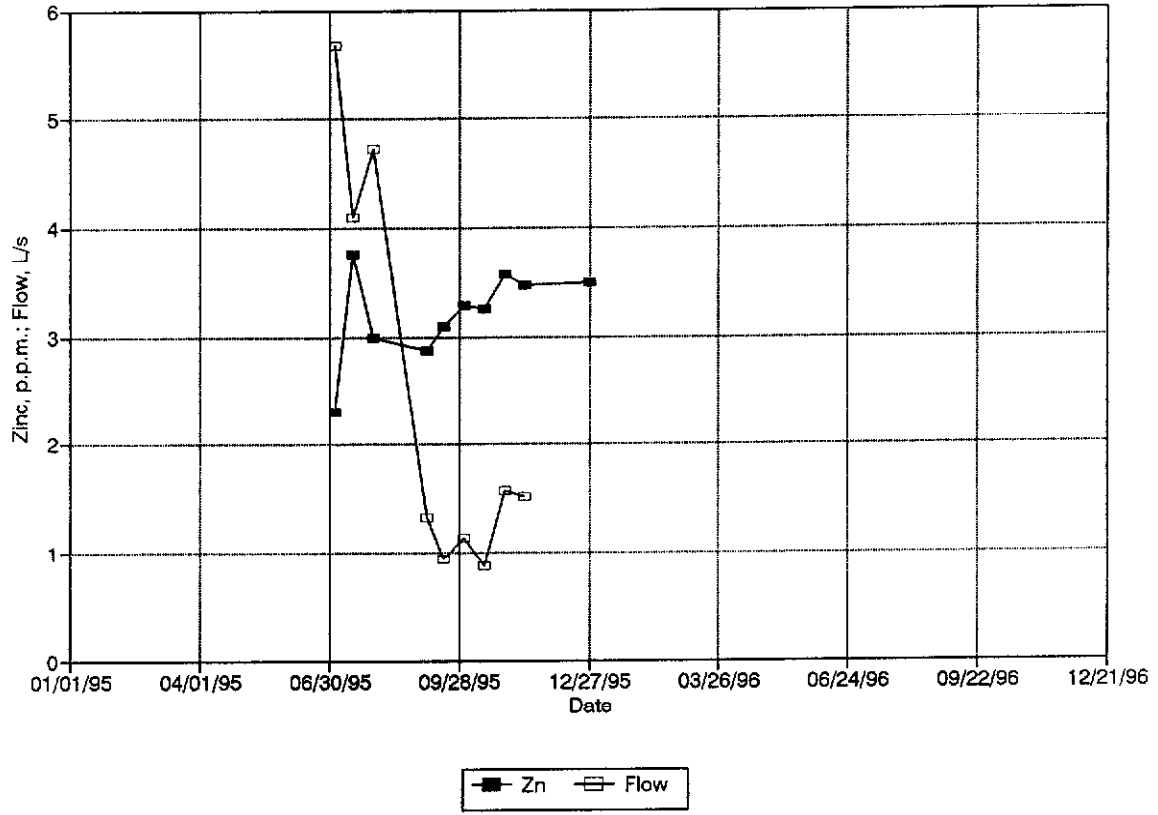


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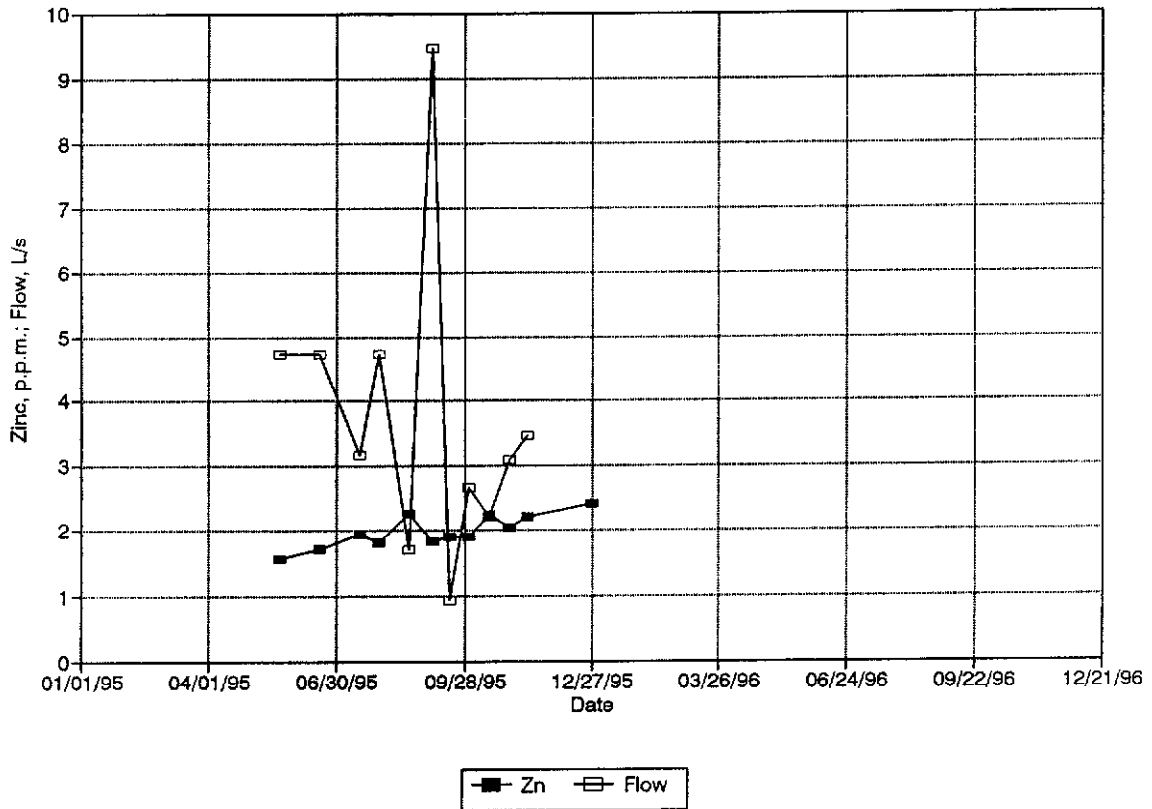


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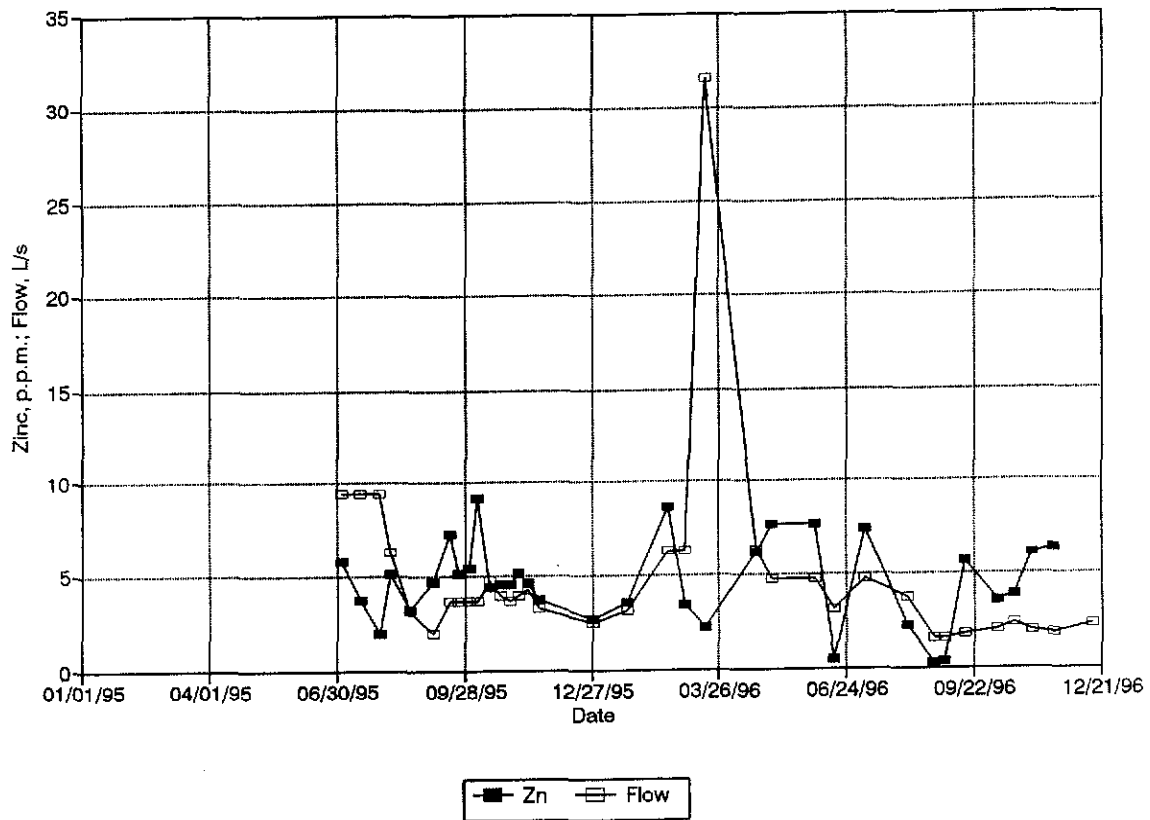


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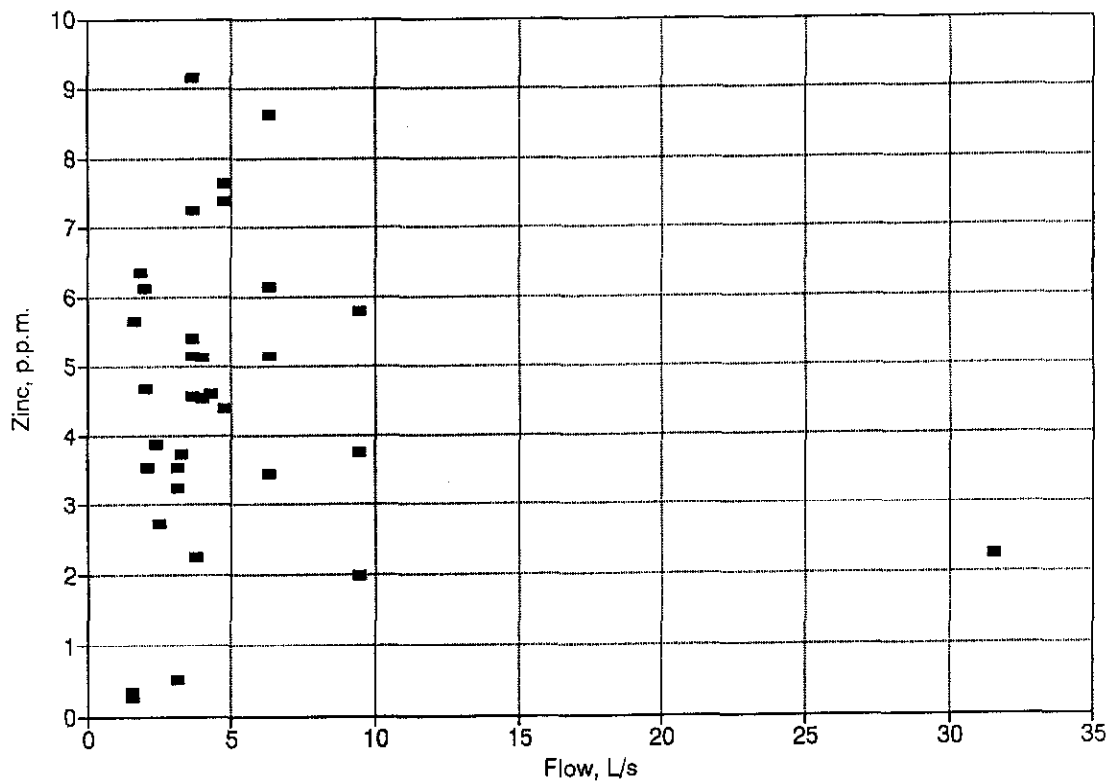


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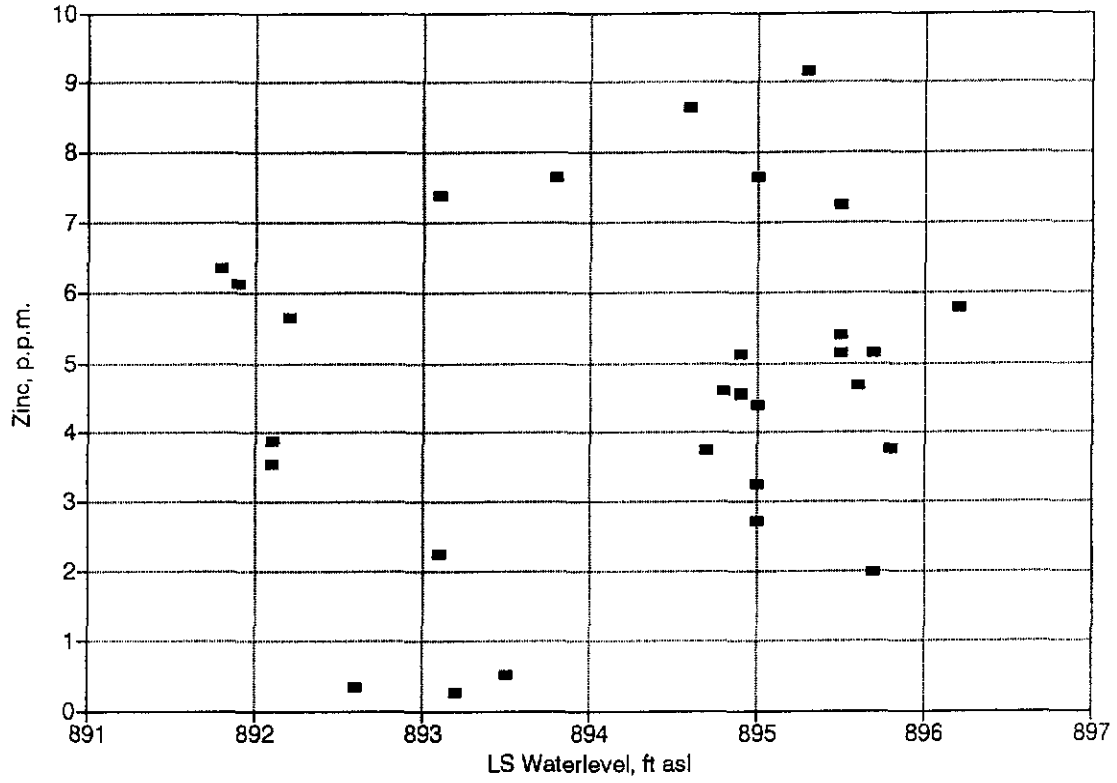


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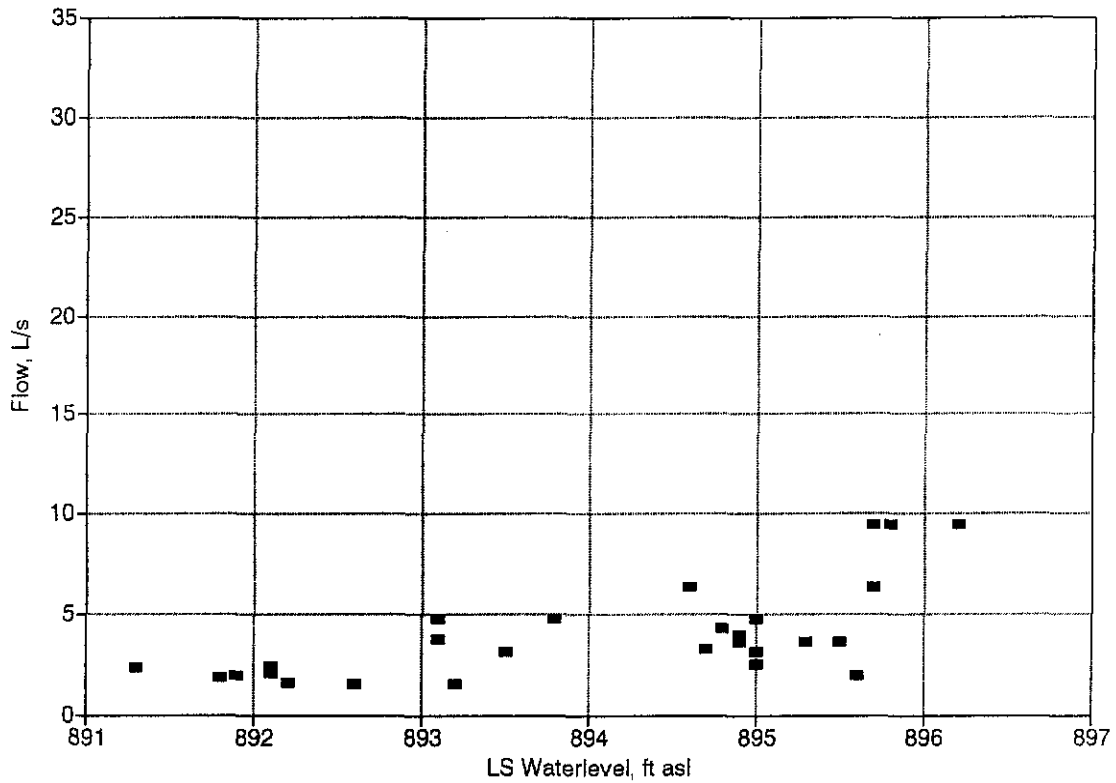
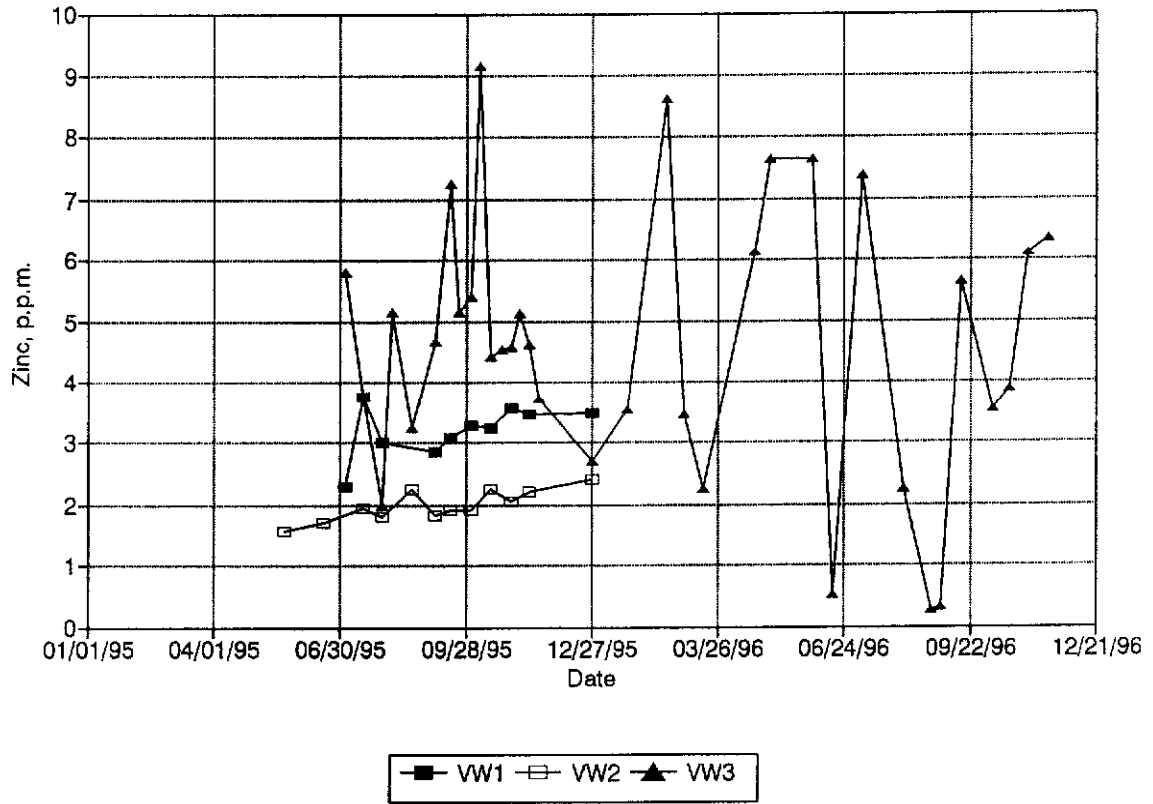


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# **Valley Seepages at Buchans**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

After termination of the mining activities at Buchans in 1984, the mine workings were flooded. This resulted in a rise of the water levels in the Lucky Strike (LS), the Oriental West (OWP) and the Oriental East (OEP) pits. Initially the discharge from the Drainage Tunnel (DT) showed an increase with the rise of the water level in the Lucky Strike pit. After installation of a concrete plug in the Drainage Tunnel (1988) the discharge dropped to about 80% of the discharge before the installation of the plug. Pumping of the discharge from the Drainage Tunnel (DT) to the Oriental West pit (OWP) started on September 27, 1994. During the period between August 2, 1992 and November 18, 1994 water from Tailings Pond #1 (TP1) was siphoned into the Lucky Strike pit. This caused a rapid rise of the water level in the Lucky Strike pit which finally approached a more 'natural' elevation (approx. 272.5 m) in July 1995. Associated with the flooding of the mine workings are a number seepages occurring East of the Lucky Strike pit. These seepages are the focus of this study.

At present it is not clear if the seepages and their associated Zn loadings to the Buchans River, are *mainly* caused by flooding the Lucky Strike pit or if they are due to a *combination* of several factors, including changes in groundwater table elevations and groundwater flow patterns associated with the local geologic structure and aquifer characteristics. To investigate the origin or the source of the seepages, a separate hydrological and geochemical approach were chosen. This report represents the geochemical study approach.

Since the beginning of 1995, discharge, pH, conductivity and Zn concentrations of several seepages (map location and elevation) have been monitored periodically (G.N. Neary). Three of the seepages occur in the sandfill deposits, NE of the Lucky Strike pit: **VW1** (N6600'/E7800', 252.7 m), the combined sandpit seeps; **VW2** (N6550'/E8150', 239.6 m), the seepage from the bank near the DT pumphouse; **VW3** (N6650'/E8300', 239.6 m), the total drainage from the West discharging into the Buchans River.

Three other, isolated seepages occur SE of the Drainage Tunnel, at the bank close to the "swimming pool" road, S of the DT pumphouse: **VS4** (N6193'/E8080', 248.1 m), the combined

upper seeps; **VS5** (N6400'/E8200', 243.8 m), the combined lower seeps; **VS4-5**, between VS4 and VS5, 220' S of the DT pumphouse. Seepage from the area E of the Mucky Ditch and the "swimming pool" road is sampled at **VS2** (N6166'/E8246', 249.6 m) at a pipe near the swimming pool pump box.

The discharge from the Mucky Ditch is measured at **VS1** (N6070'/E8130', 255.7 m). The total drainage from the South is sampled at **VS6** (N6448'/E8551', 239.0 m), downstream from VS1 in the Mucky Ditch near Buchans River.

In addition to monitoring the valley seepages, water levels have been measured frequently (G.N. Neary) in the Lucky Strike pit and in several drill holes (DH) close to the flooded Lucky Strike pit: **DH #3325** (N4750'/E5500', 239.0 m); **DH #3341** (N5765'/E4500', 284.1 m); **DH #3342** (N6250'/E4500', 286.8 m); **DH #3343** (N7500'/E4500', 289.9 m) and **DH #3344** (N5270'/E3000', 281.3 m).

## **2.0 MONITORING DATA**

### **2.1 Hydrology**

A comparison between the water levels in several drill holes and the water levels in the LS pit is shown in Fig. 1 for the period between April 4, 1995 and September 23, 1996. The groundwater elevations in the drill holes increase linearly with the rise of the water level in the LS pit. This linear correlation appears to be better for DH #3325 compared to the other drill holes for which the data show considerably more variation. Considering this variation in data it is difficult to attribute any significance to differences in the slope of the linear correlation between water levels in the LS pit and the drill holes. Drill holes #3341, #3342 and #3343 are located at an increasing distance, N from the LS pit. Drill hole #3325 (SE) is located at a larger distance from the LS pit than drill hole #3341 (N). Apparently there is no simple relation between groundwater elevation and distance from the LS pit. Groundwater elevations in the drill holes are always higher than the water levels in the LS pit.

Daily precipitation at Buchans (Environment Canada) and water levels in the drill holes and the LS pit are plotted in Figs. 2A (rainfall) and 2B (rainfall + snowfall) for the period between January 1, 1995 and November 1, 1996. As expected, there exists no clear relation between the precipitation record and the fluctuations of the water levels in the drill holes and the LS pit. Even snowmelt runoff does not appear to have a significant effect on the water levels in the drill holes and LS pit.

Similar to Figs. 2A and 2B, daily precipitation and periodically measured discharge rates (Q) from seepages are shown in Figs. 3A and 3B (VW1 and VW2), Figs. 4A and 4B (VS2 and VS4) and Figs. 5A and 5B (VS4 and VS5). Despite the short monitoring period, the discharge from seepages in the sandfill deposits (Figs. 3) shows a rapid response to the daily precipitation. This close relation between precipitation and seepage rate (Q) may be attributed to the porous nature of the overburden. The discharge rates of the other seepages (Figs. 4 and Figs. 5) do not appear to be closely related to the daily precipitation record, even if one assumes a lag time in seepage response. A better relation, notably for VS4 in 1995, appears to exist between seepage rate and snowmelt runoff. However, this relation is less clear for the other seepages (VS2 and VS5) and during 1996. Obviously, the distinction of a pattern in seepage rate, related to precipitation and snowmelt events, also depends on the monitoring intensity of the seepages.

Seepage rates (Q) and water levels in the drill holes and the LS pit is shown in Figs. 6A-E. From these figures it is evident that changes in seepage rates are much larger and more frequent than fluctuations in water levels. There appears to be no relation between water levels and seepage rates.

The absence of *any* relation between seepage rates and water levels in the drill holes and the LS pit (Figs. 6) suggests that the seepages are largely fed by meteoric water (rainfall and snowmelt) rather than phreatic water. A somewhat better relation, although not evident at all seeps, exists between seepage rates and precipitation or snowmelt runoff (Figs. 3-5). The absence of a clear relation may be caused by a low monitoring intensity or differences in catchment size of the seeps. Presently, phreatic water (drill holes) seems to be the major source of the water in the LS pit.

## 2.2 Chemistry

The Zn concentrations in the seepages which discharge into the Buchans River, are of major concern. The Zn concentrations in several seepages are shown in Fig. 7. Excluding the sites where total drainage is collected (VW3, VS1 and VS6), the highest Zn concentrations occur in seepages at VS4 (40-70 ppm) and VS5 (20-40 ppm). The lowest Zn concentrations (1-5 ppb) occur in the seepages from the sandfill deposits (VW1 and VW2). The temporal variation in Zn loadings at site VS4 (Fig. 8) appears to be more pronounced but similar to the temporal variation in seepage rates (Figs. 5). The contrary applies to the temporal variation in Zn loadings at site VS5. This can be attributed to a dilution effect: the Zn concentrations in seepage at VS5 decline with increasing seepage rates (Fig. 9). The data of site VS4 show a considerable scatter and no correlation between Zn concentration and seepage rate. At all seepage sites, Zn loading increases linearly with seepage rate (Fig. 10). The rate of increase is largest for site VS4 and lowest for sites VS2, VW1 and VW2. This suggests that all seepage sites have a constant Zn source but the contribution of that (same) source varies among the different seepage sites. The contribution of the Zn source to the seepages is largest at site VS4 (approx. 50 mg Zn per lt seepage).

The seepages could originate from the LS pit, phreatic or meteoric water. Based on the hydrological data discussed previously, meteoric water would be the major source of the seepages. Meteoric water would acquire Zn by reaction with waste rock or local ore deposits in the vadose zone. Larger contributions of meteoric water would produce larger seepage rates and acquire more Zn (increased weathering rates ?) and result in larger Zn loadings (e.g. Fig. 10). A similar scenario could also apply to water from the LS pit and the drill holes (phreatic water) or mixtures of different waters. However, with the available hydrological and chemical monitoring data it is very difficult to determine the sources of the seepages. One approach to determine the sources of the seepages is to derive the chemical composition of the seepages by geochemical modelling using different potential sources of water in contact with the bedrock or overburden. This approach is demonstrated below.

### 3.0 GEOCHEMISTRY

#### 3.1 Water Analyses and Mineralogy

Chemical analyses of selected water samples from drill holes, seepage sites, LS pit, DT, rain and the Sandfill Spring (SS) are listed in Tables 1 and 2. Except for the Sandfill Spring and rainwater, the analyses in Table 1 apply to samples collected in 1995 and 1996. The chemical analysis of rainwater (NW Atlantic) was taken from Table 3.1 in Berner and Berner (1996). The analyses of water samples from the drill holes (Table 2) date from 1991 and were published in a previous report (December 1991). Water samples from the LS pit were taken at three different depths (5, 65 and 94 feet). The following discussion of the chemical data from Tables 1 and 2 will be concentrated on water samples from DH #2243a (closest balance of cations and anions), VS4, VS4-5 and VS5 (most representative seepages), LS, DT and rain.

Except for the water samples from the LS pit (LS5 and LS65) and DH #3342a, the concentration of chloride in rainwater (salt spray) is smaller than that in the other samples (LS94, DT, VS4, VS5 and VS4-5). Assuming that chloride behaves conservatively, this implies that only groundwater (DH #3342a) and water from the upper part of the LS pit can be derived from the reaction of rainwater (meteoric) with bedrock, ore deposit or overburden. The formation of all other waters from meteoric water requires *additional* evaporative concentration (of rainwater) to attain higher Cl concentrations since Cl containing minerals (e.g. halite) do not occur in the geologic formations and overburden at Buchans (Swanson et al., 1981). The same applies to the formation of seepage waters from water of the LS pit (LS5 or LS65) and groundwater (DH #3342a). Concentration of meteoric water or a mixture of phreatic and meteoric water often occurs as a result of capillary movement and evaporation during repeated wetting and drying of the vadose zone (e.g. Smith and Drever, 1976).

The seepage waters (VS4, VS4-5 and VS5) and the deeper water in the LS pit are often characterized by a low pH, and high sulphate, iron and zinc concentrations caused by the



oxidation of sulfides in the ores (e.g. sphalerite and pyrite). Without further evidence from geochemical modelling it is not clear if these high concentrations could also be due to evaporative concentration of the water. The concentrations of the same elements are much lower in the groundwater sampled in the drill holes (e.g. DH #3342a).

The predominant minerals in the ore deposits at Buchans are sphalerite, galena and barite. Other abundant minerals include pyrite and chalcopyrite. Minor metal containing minerals are chalcocite, bornite, pyrrhotite and cerussite. The most important rock-forming minerals at Buchans are K-feldspar, plagioclase, illite, montmorillonite, chlorite, quartz and calcite (Swanson et al., 1981).

### **3.2 Modelling Approach**

Waters or mixture of waters considered to be potential sources of the seepages include: water from the LS pit (three different depths), groundwater (DH #3342a) and rainwater. Using PHREEQC (Parkhurst, 1995), the composition of the potential source water (or mixture of source waters) was compared with that of the seepage waters and DT water by an 'inverse modelling' procedure (explained below). Assuming specific phase transformations of minerals and gases (required input), the model calculates the quantity of the suggested phase transformations, the mixing proportions and the evaporation that account for the differences in the composition between the seepage water and the source water(s).

A detailed example of an 'inverse modelling' simulation run (input and output files) is shown in the Appendix. In the example the phase transformation, mixing proportions and amount of evaporation that account for the difference in chemical composition between an unknown mixture of rain and LS5 water (source) and seepage water (VS4), are determined.

Considering that not all samples have anion/cation analysis, only 8 parameters were used to define the chemical composition of the water samples (solutions 1-3). The uncertainty value defines the maximum fraction by which the input concentrations are allowed to vary during the

simulation run. Lower uncertainty values impose greater constraints. Next, the specific phase transformations are defined (dissolution or precipitation). Balances are specific uncertainty constraints applied to a particular input concentration. Here chloride is used and allowed to vary only by 10% from its specified input concentration. As chloride behaves conservatively the higher imposed constraint 'steers' the mixing and evaporation process. Finally, additional thermodynamic data are given for phases not defined in the thermodynamic database of the program.

The output file shows first the calculated solution characteristics of each input solution. After this it lists the original (first column), the required adjustments (second column) and the adjusted (third column) analytical data for the three input solutions. The adjustments must be within the defined uncertainty and balances defined in the input file. Next, the calculated mixing proportions of the first two solutions (seepage water sources) are listed. Finally, the required mole transfers of the previously defined phases are listed: negative values indicate precipitation, positive values indicate dissolution.

The program calculates first a model with a minimal number of phase transformations (minimal model) before it explores other models with more phase transformations. The number of models found is obviously constrained by the earlier defined uncertainty value and balances.

### 3.3 Modelling Results

Successful modelling results (minimal model) are shown in Table 3. Unsuccessful modelling results included runs with only one source water (LS, DH # 3342a and rain) and runs with water from DH #3342a (improper ion balance of input solution).

The data in Table 3 show that the composition of seepage and DT waters (solution 3) can be simulated by different mixtures of rain and LS water subjected to various amounts of evaporation, degassing ( $\text{CO}_2$  (g)) and/or calcite precipitation. Only two models involving DT water (1995) were unsuccessful; they are listed for completeness of the data set.

The formation of seepage waters from rain and LS waters (minimal model) does not require any other mineral phase transformation than those listed in Table 3 ! Other models (results not shown in Table 3), involved only minor mineral transformations of mostly rock-

forming minerals (e.g. K-feldspar). This implies that the Zn loadings from the seepages are *exclusively* derived from the LS waters. The variation of the Zn concentrations in the seepages is mainly determined by the dilution of LS waters with rainwater (similar to a varying degree of evaporation of their mixture). This dilution effect increases from site VS4, to sites VS4-5 and VS5 and varies at different times (1995 and 1996). The dilution effect appears to be less for the DT water, however, the evaporation is also considerably less than that for the seepages.

Considering the listed (minimum) values for the applied uncertainty (15-25%), the number of input solution parameters used (8) and the complexity of the simulation scenario (mixing *and* evaporation), the 'inverse modelling' results are very good. The mineral transformations are relatively simple and involve predominantly precipitation of calcite.

#### 4.0 CONCLUSIONS

1. The chemical composition of waters from the seepages and the DT can be formed by mixing rainwater and LS waters, followed by evaporation, degassing and only calcite precipitation.
2. The processes of mixing and evaporation of the different source waters for the seepages in the field is most likely due to capillary movement and evaporation during repeated wetting and drying of the vadose zone.
3. The differences in the chemical composition of the water from the various seepage sites appear to be governed by dilution of LS water with meteoric water (rain or snowmelt runoff). This is confirmed by some of the patterns observed in the response of seepage rates to particular hydrological events (e.g. precipitation and snowmelt runoff).
4. Differences in the chemical composition of the water from the various seepage sites (dilution) could also be related to differences in soil or aquifer characteristics (e.g. porosity) and the size of the catchment area (meteoric water) of each seepage.

5. The dissolved Zn concentration in seepage and DT waters appears to be entirely derived from (concentrated) LS waters. No additional dissolution of sphalerite in the aquifer or vadose zone seems to be necessary.

6. The composition of seepage and DT waters could not be simulated with a mixture of rain and groundwater (e.g. DH #3342). This is probably only due to the poor quality of the groundwater composition data. As the LS pit is largely fed by groundwater, it must be possible to 'simulate' the chemical composition of the LS water from that of the groundwater. Hence it is expected that the composition of the seepage and DT waters can also be 'derived' from a mixture of rain and groundwater.

Figure 1: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343 Water Levels versus Lucky Strike Water Levels, April 4, 1995 - September 23, 1996

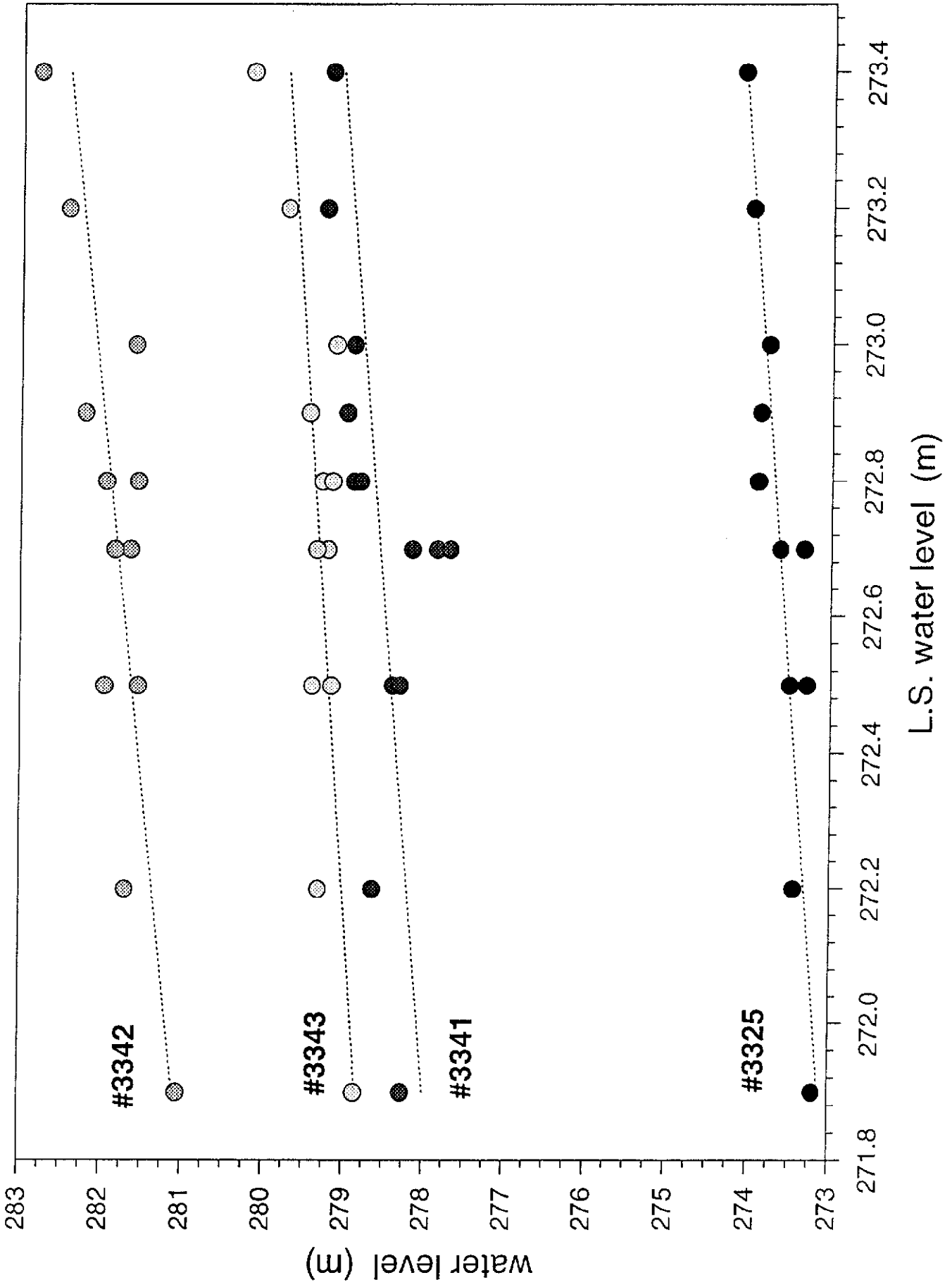


Figure 2a: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and

Daily Precipitation (RAINFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

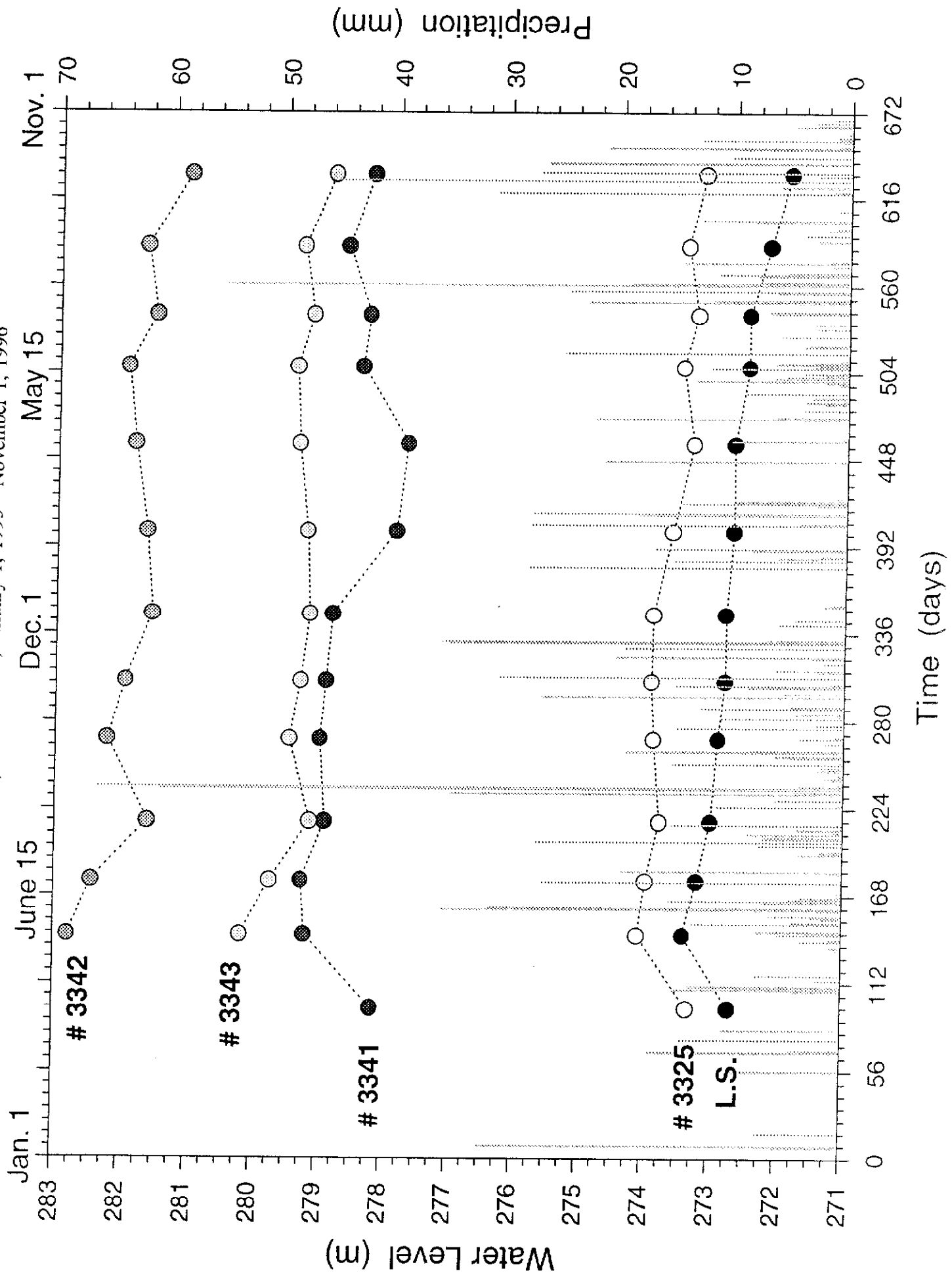


Figure 2b: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and Daily Precipitation (RAINFALL+SNOWFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

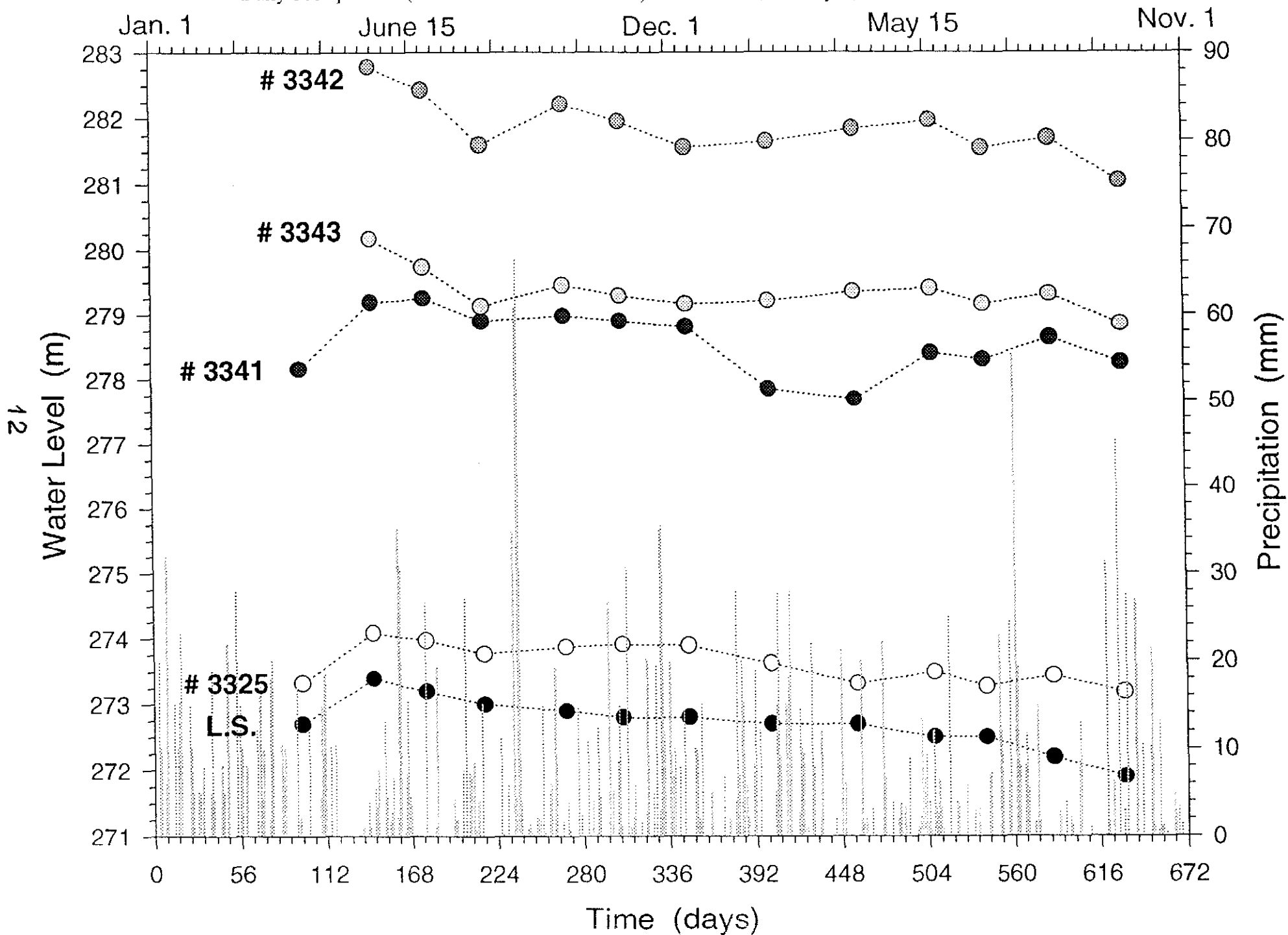


Figure 3a: Discharge Rates from Seepages VW1 and VW2 and Daily Precipitation (RAINFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

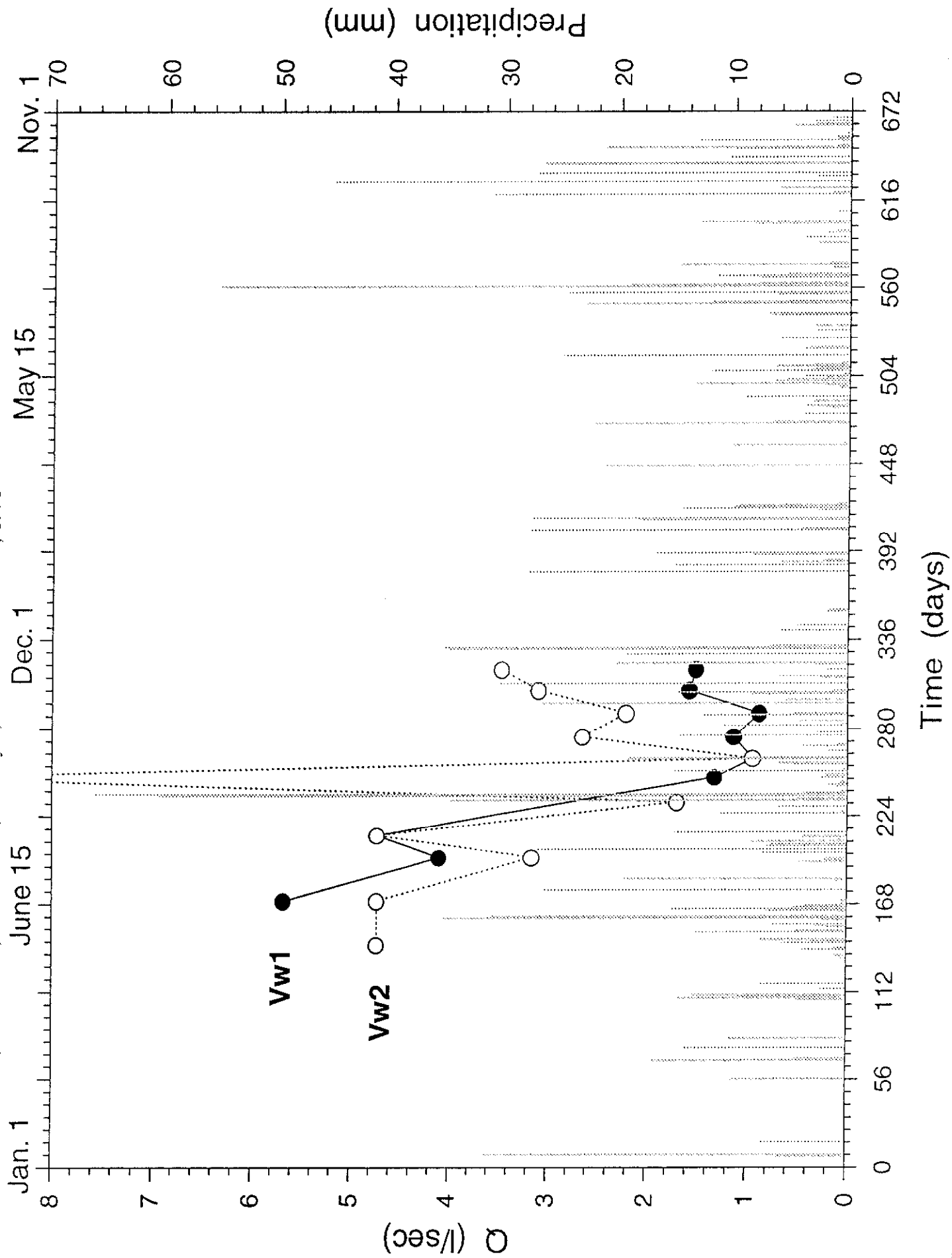




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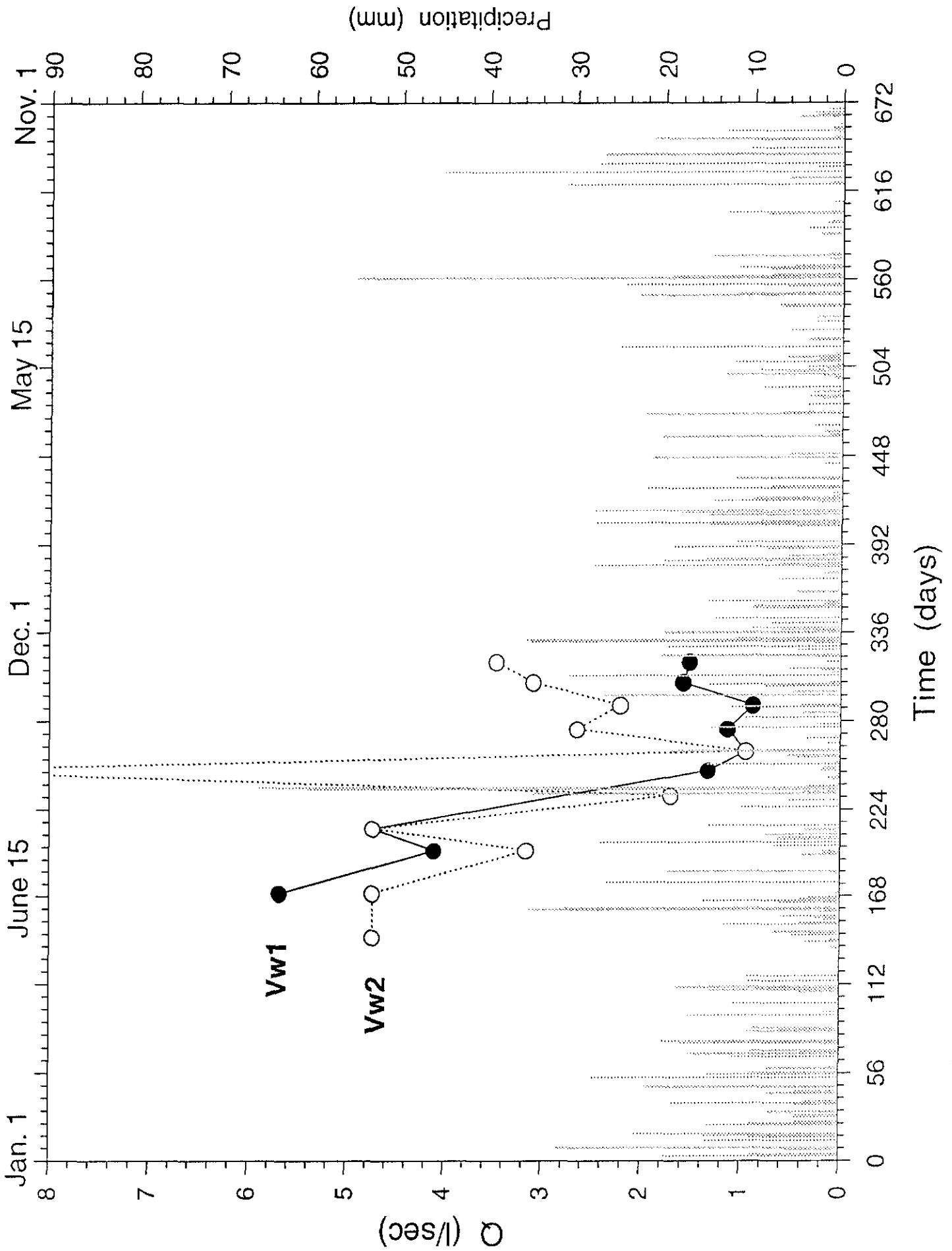


Figure 4a: Discharge Rates from Seepages VS2 and VS4 and Daily Precipitation

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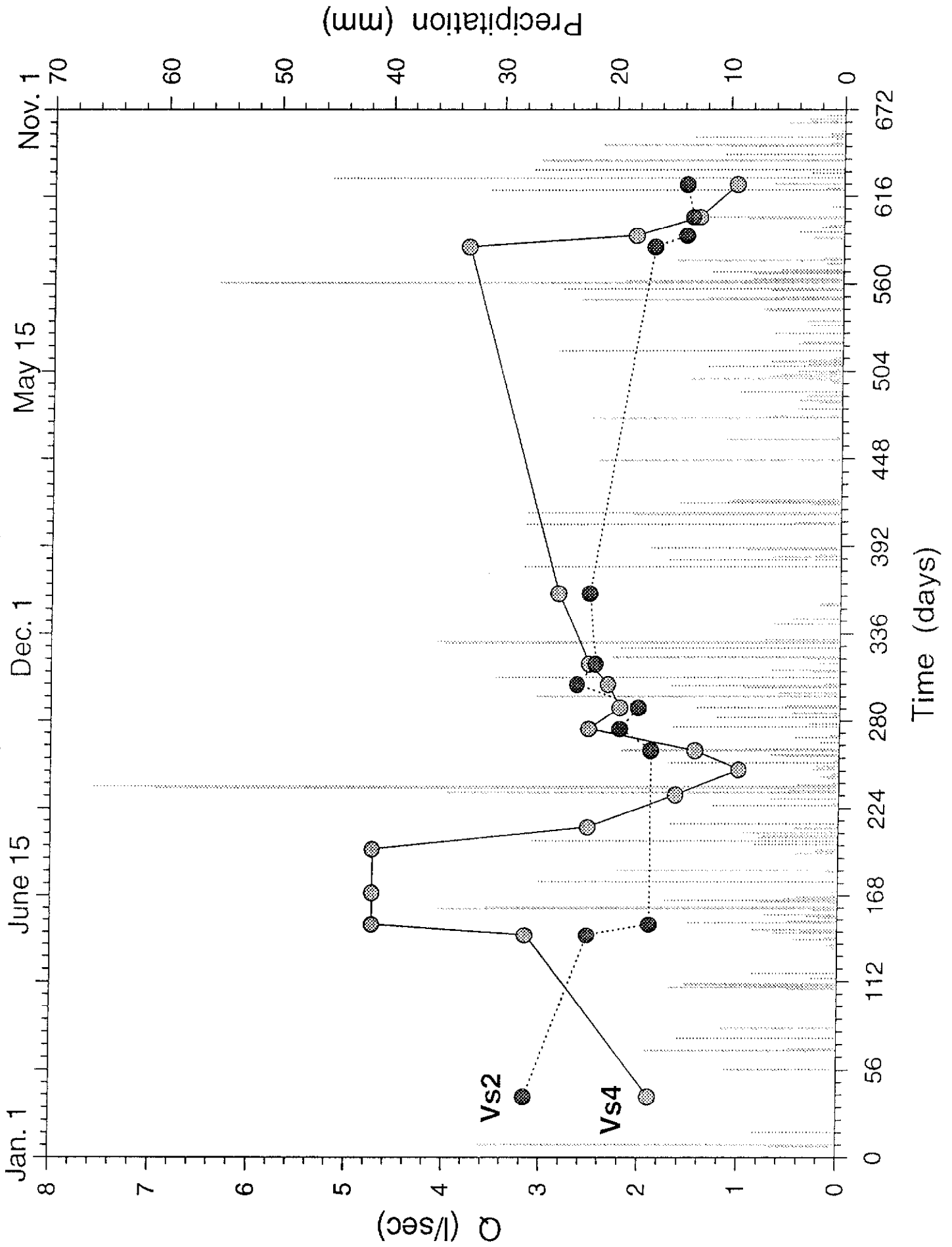


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(RAINFALL+ SNOWFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995-November 1, 1996

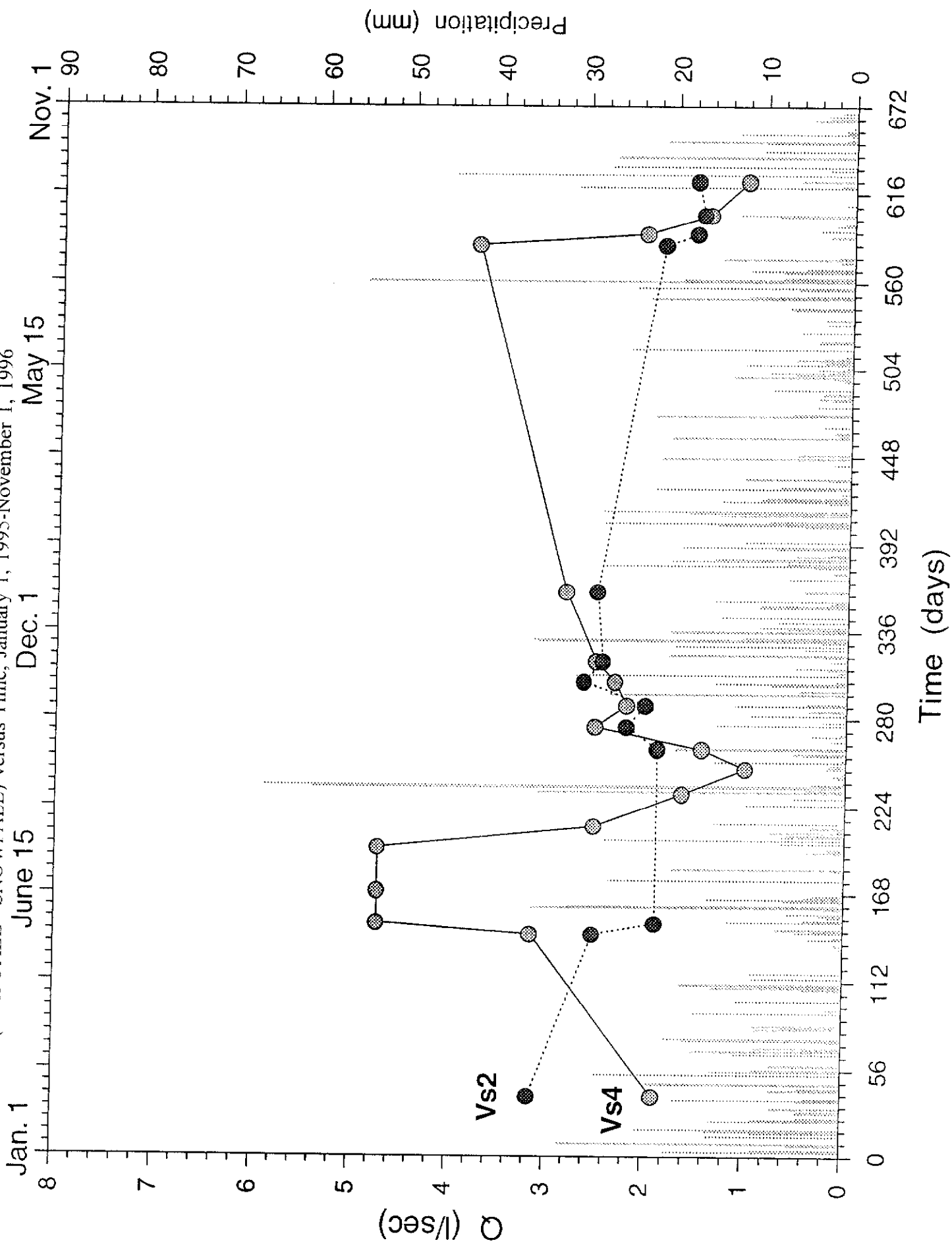


Figure 5a: Discharge Rates from Seepages VS2 and VS4 and Daily Precipitation

(RAINFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

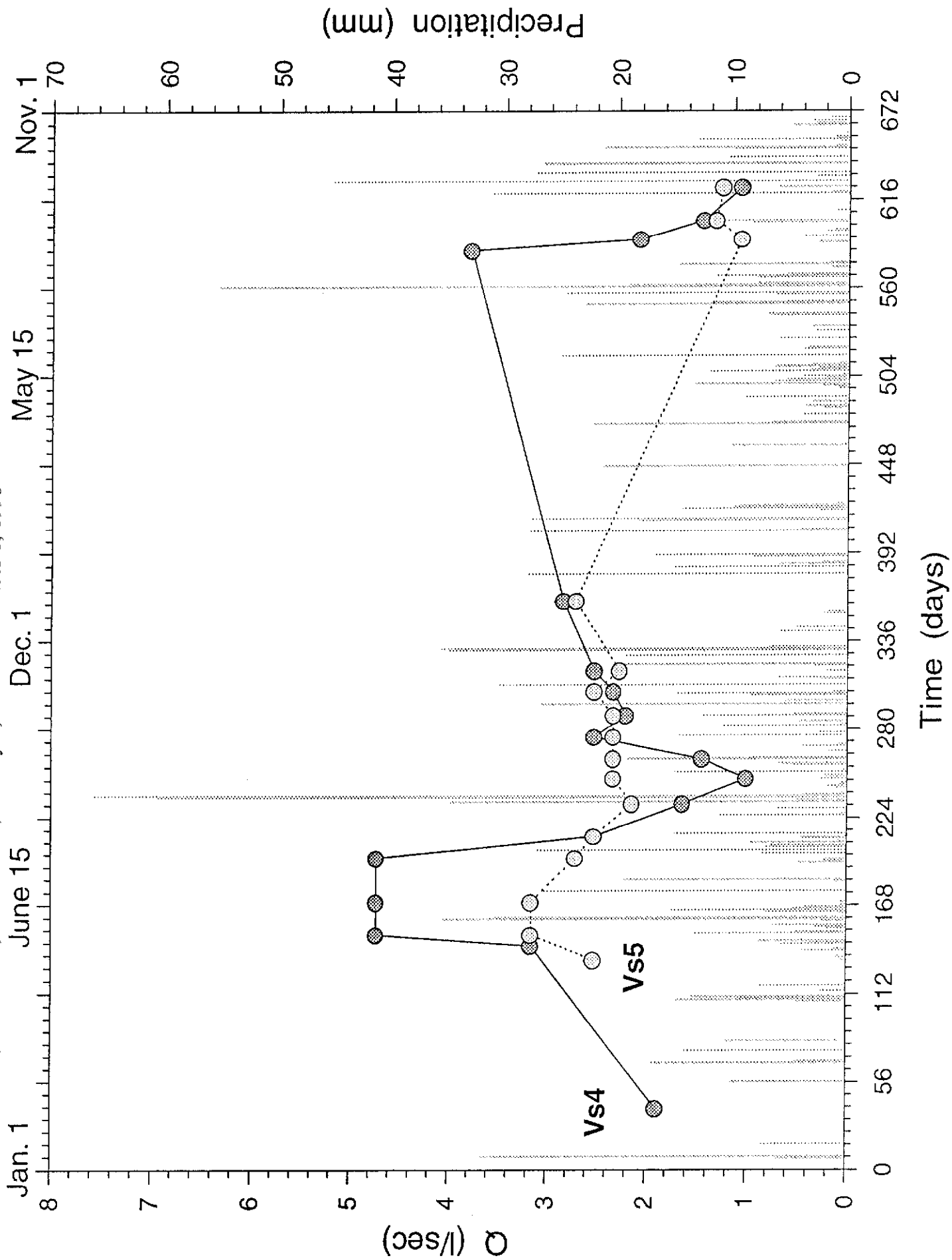
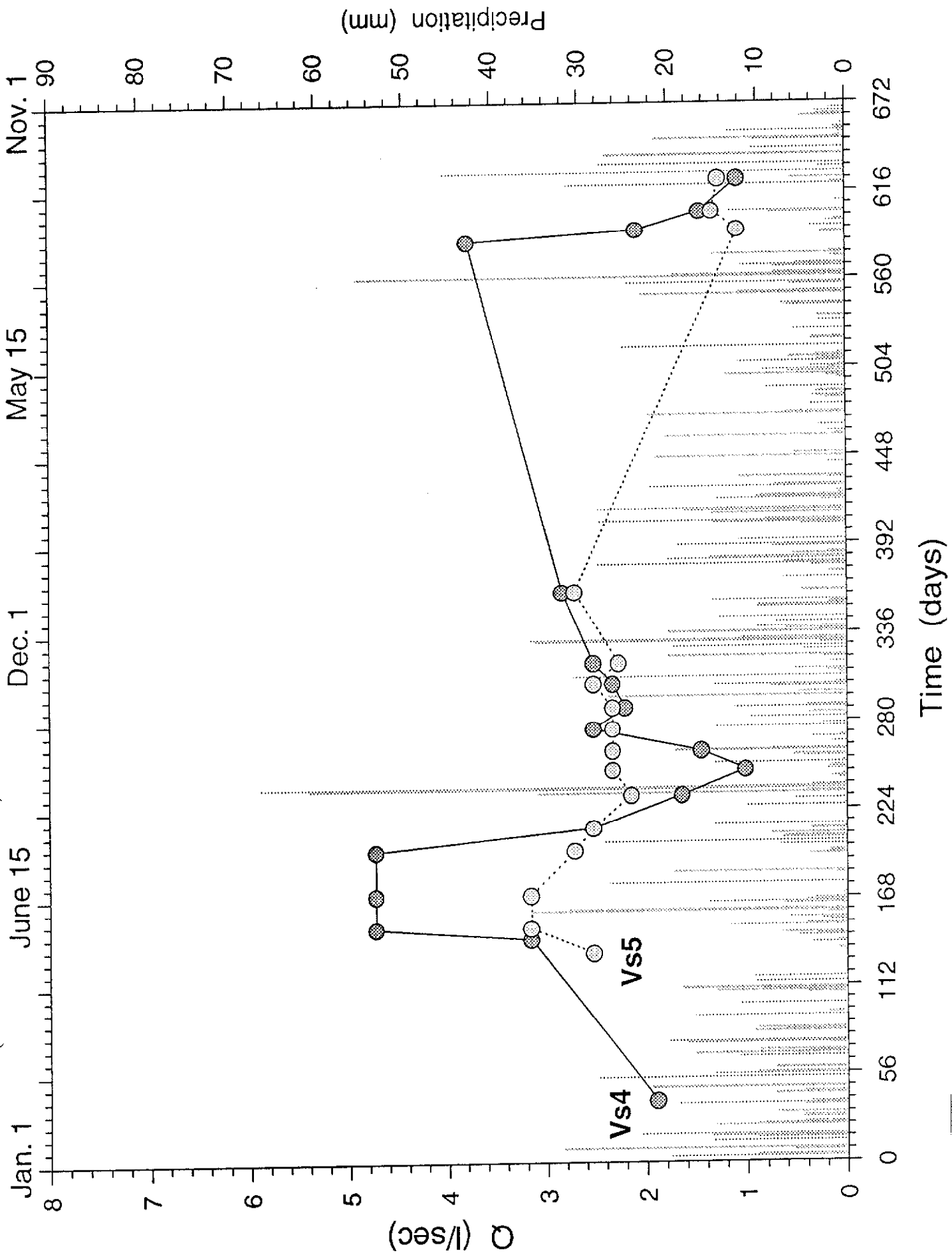


Figure 5b: Discharge Rates from Seepages VS2 and VS4 and Daily Precipitation  
 (RAINFALL+ SNOWFALL) versus Time, January 1, 1995-November 1, 1996



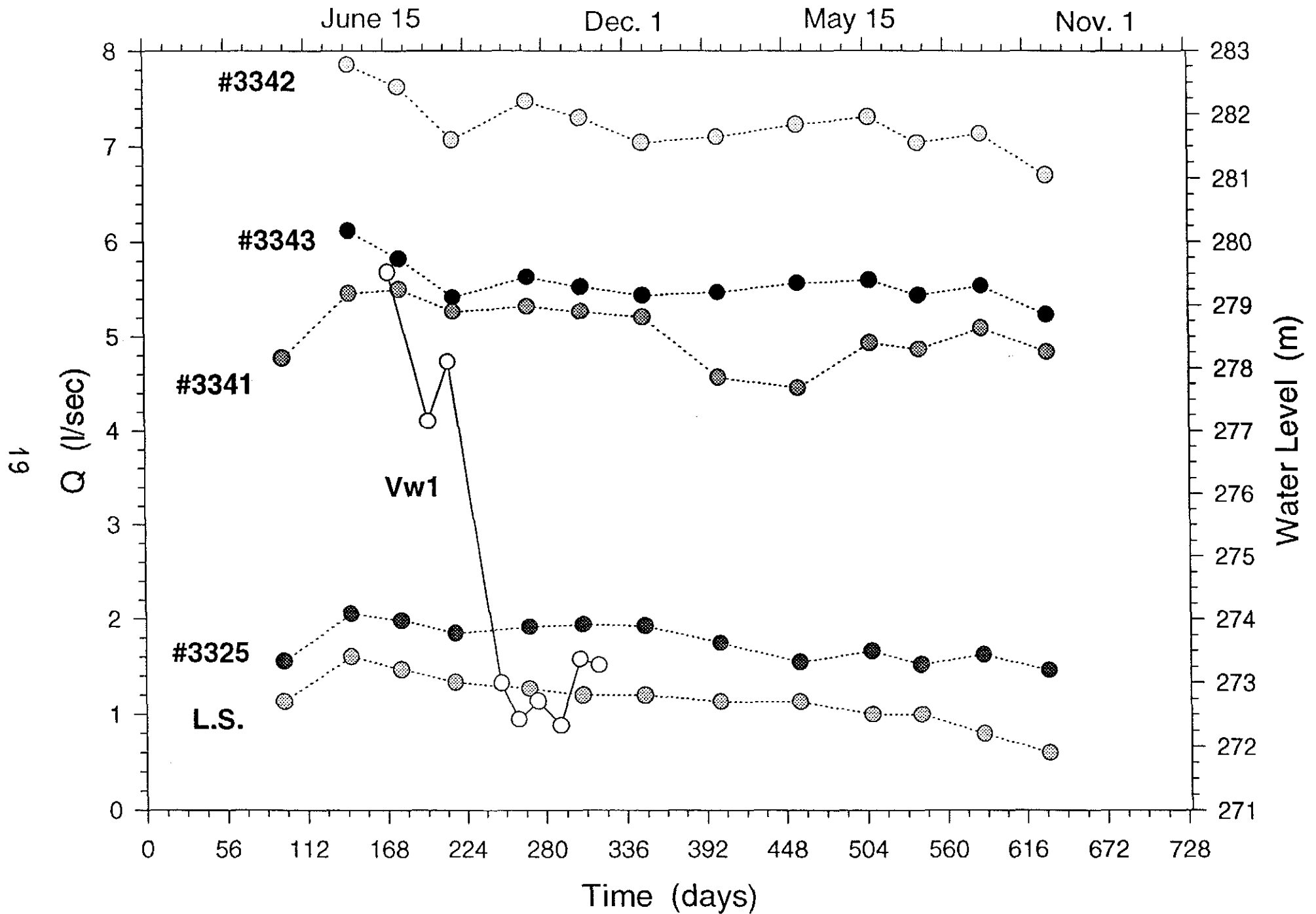


Figure 6a: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and Discharge Rates from Seepage VW1 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

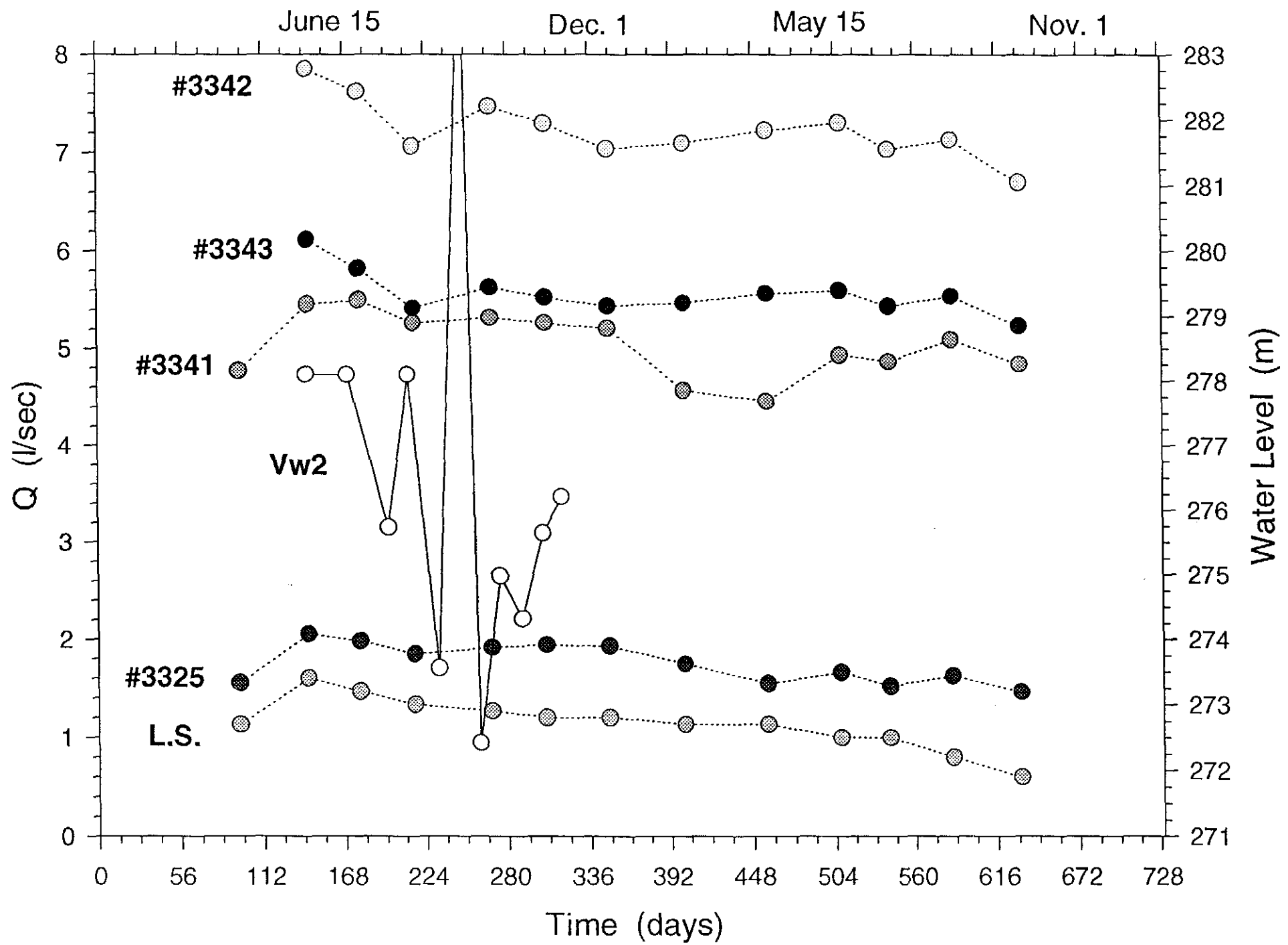


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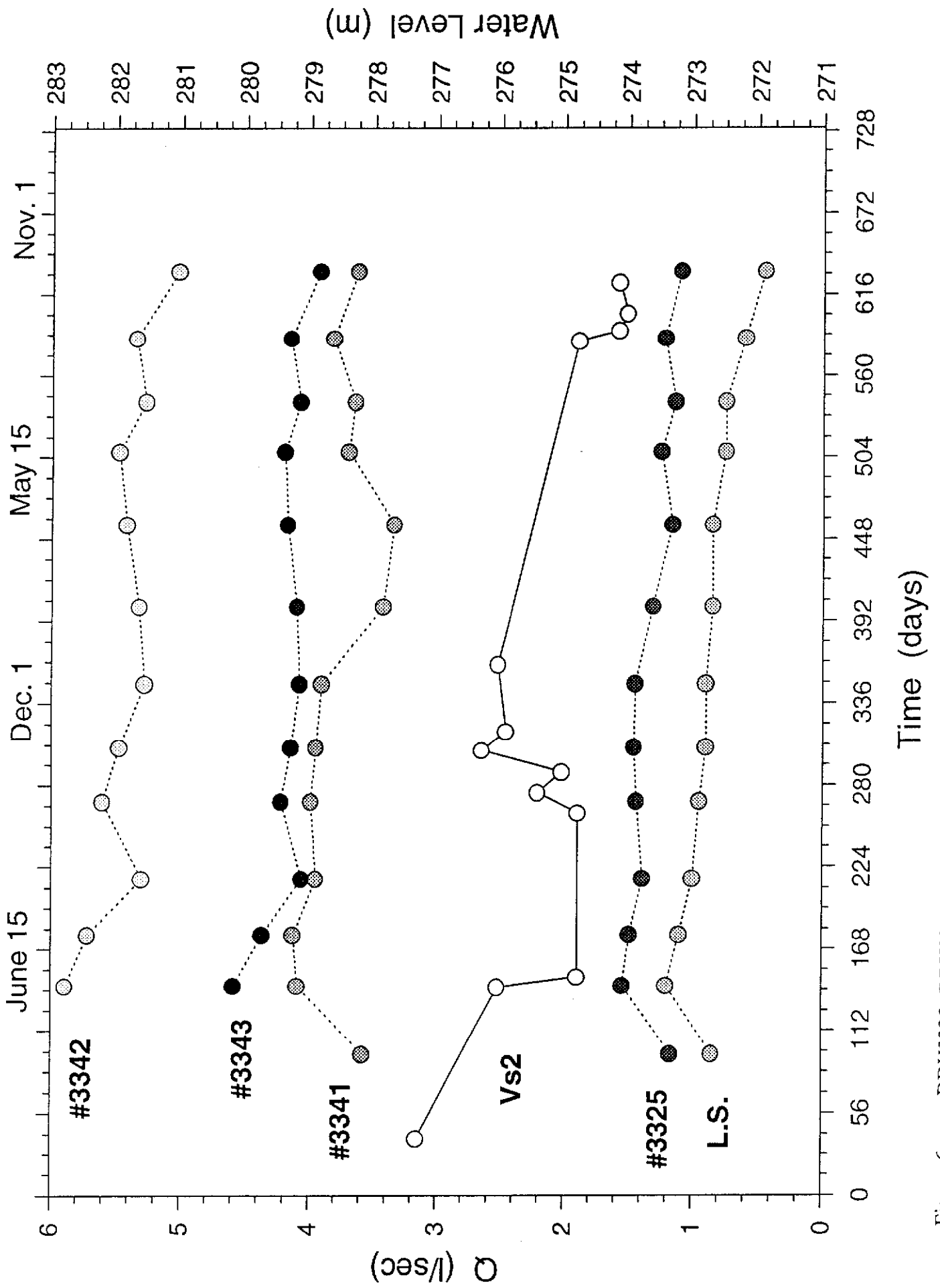


Figure 6c: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and Discharge Rates from Seepage VS2 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996



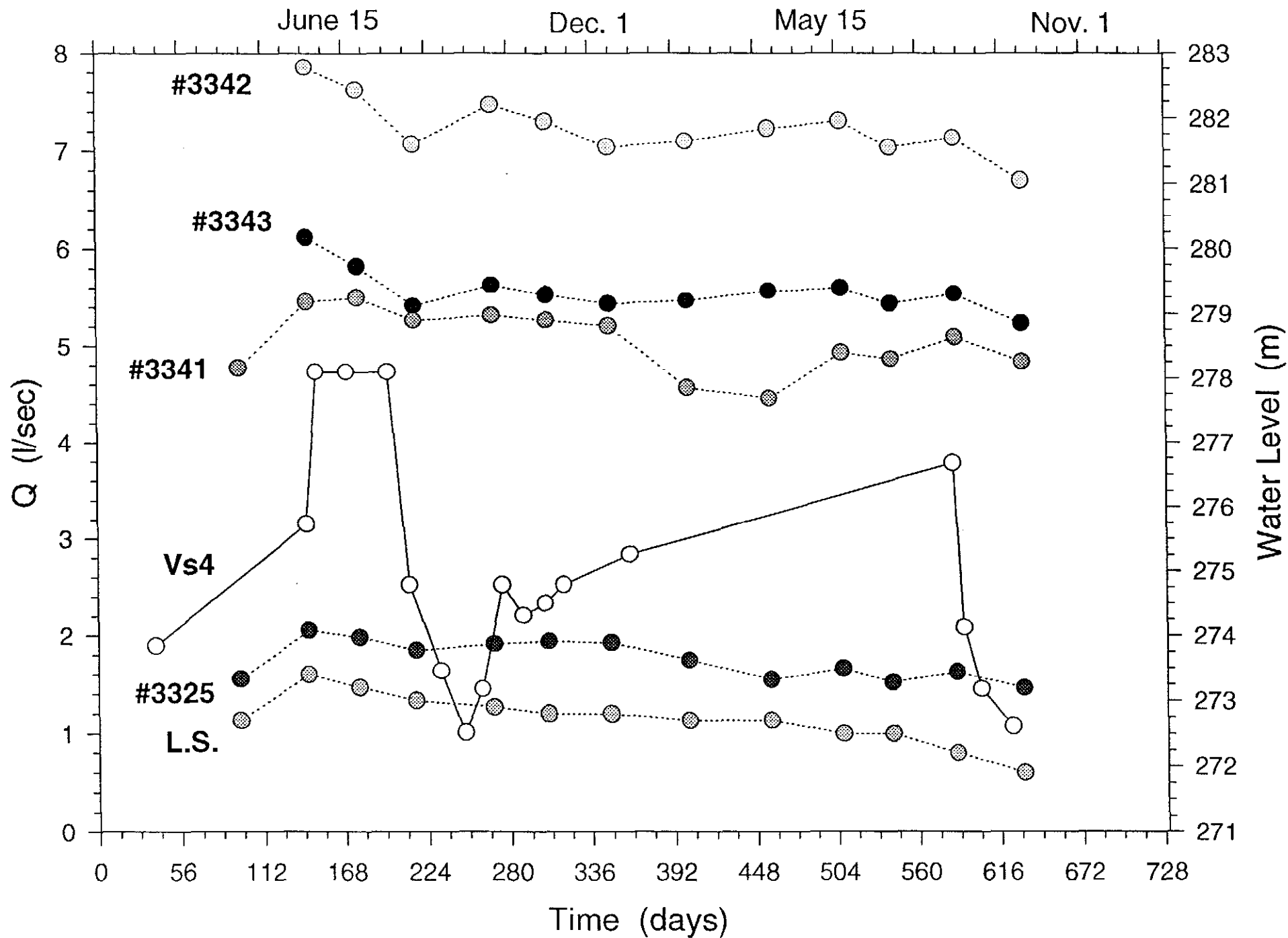


Figure 6d: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and Discharge Rates from Seepage VS4 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

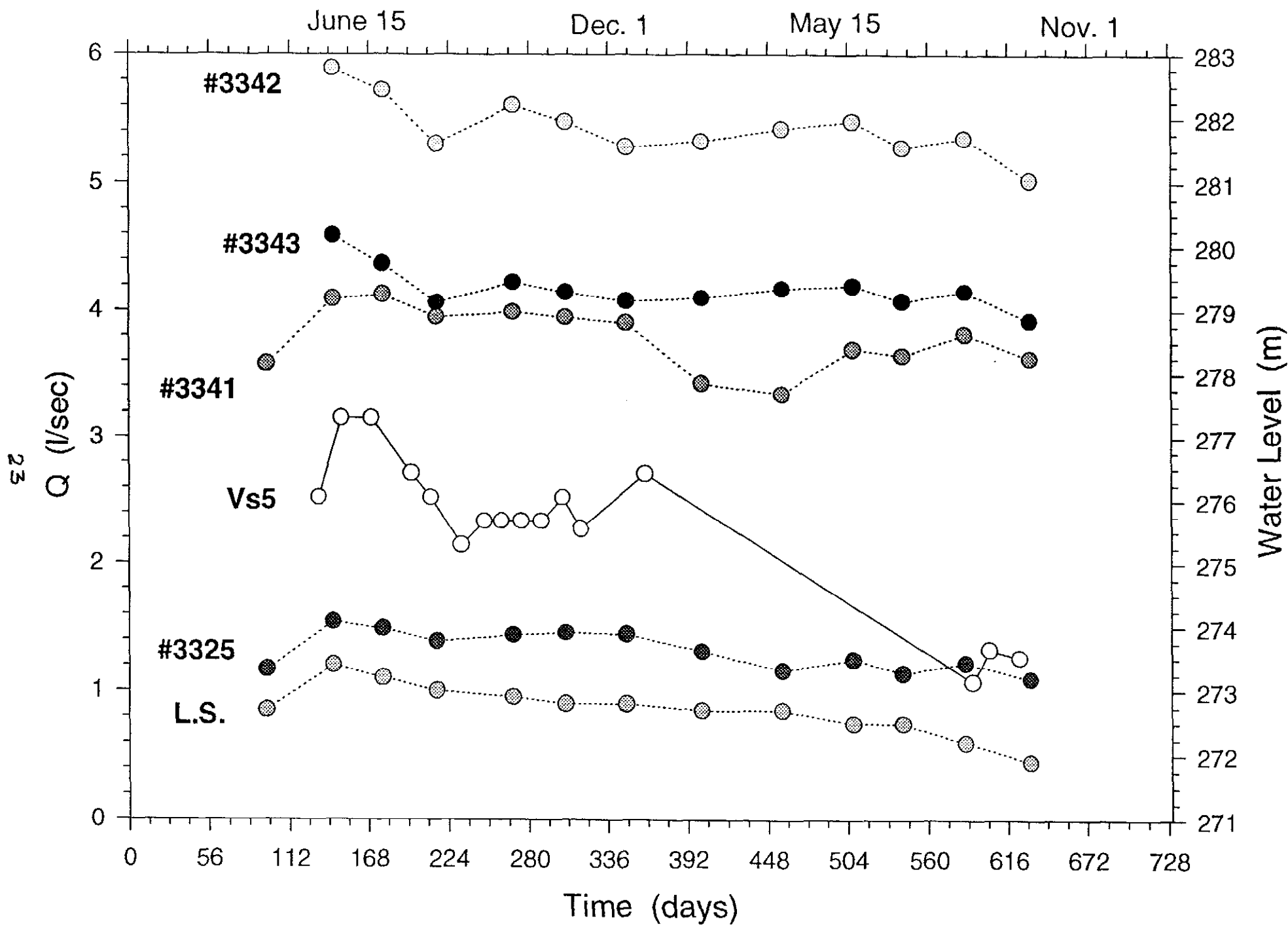


Figure 6e: DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3343, Lucky Strike Water Levels and Discharge Rates from Seepage VS5 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

Figure 7: Zinc Concentration for Seepages: VW1, VW2, VS2, VS4, VS5 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

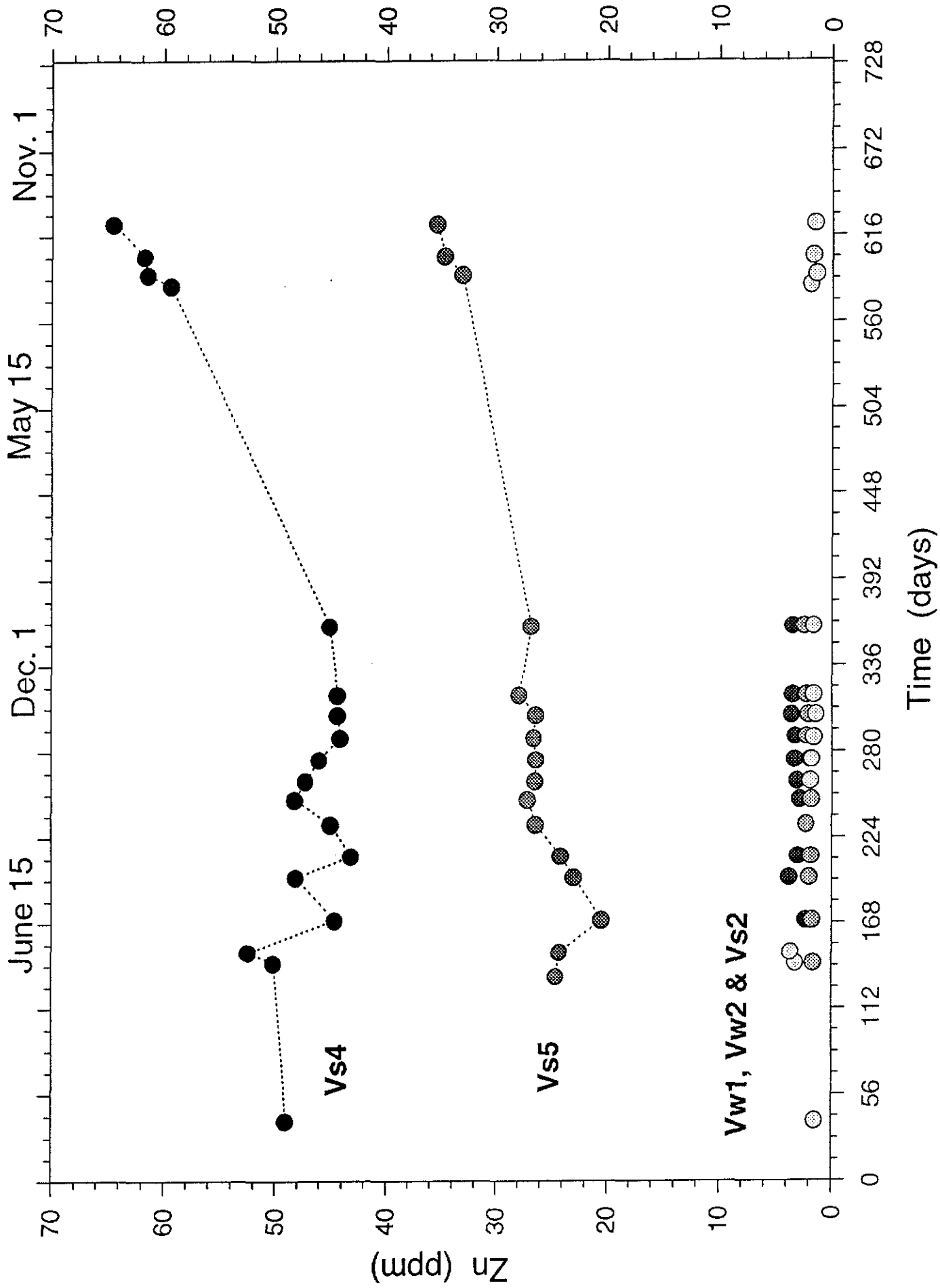


Figure 8: Zinc Loading for Seepages: VW1, VW2, VS2, VS4, VS5 versus Time, January 1, 1995 - November 1, 1996

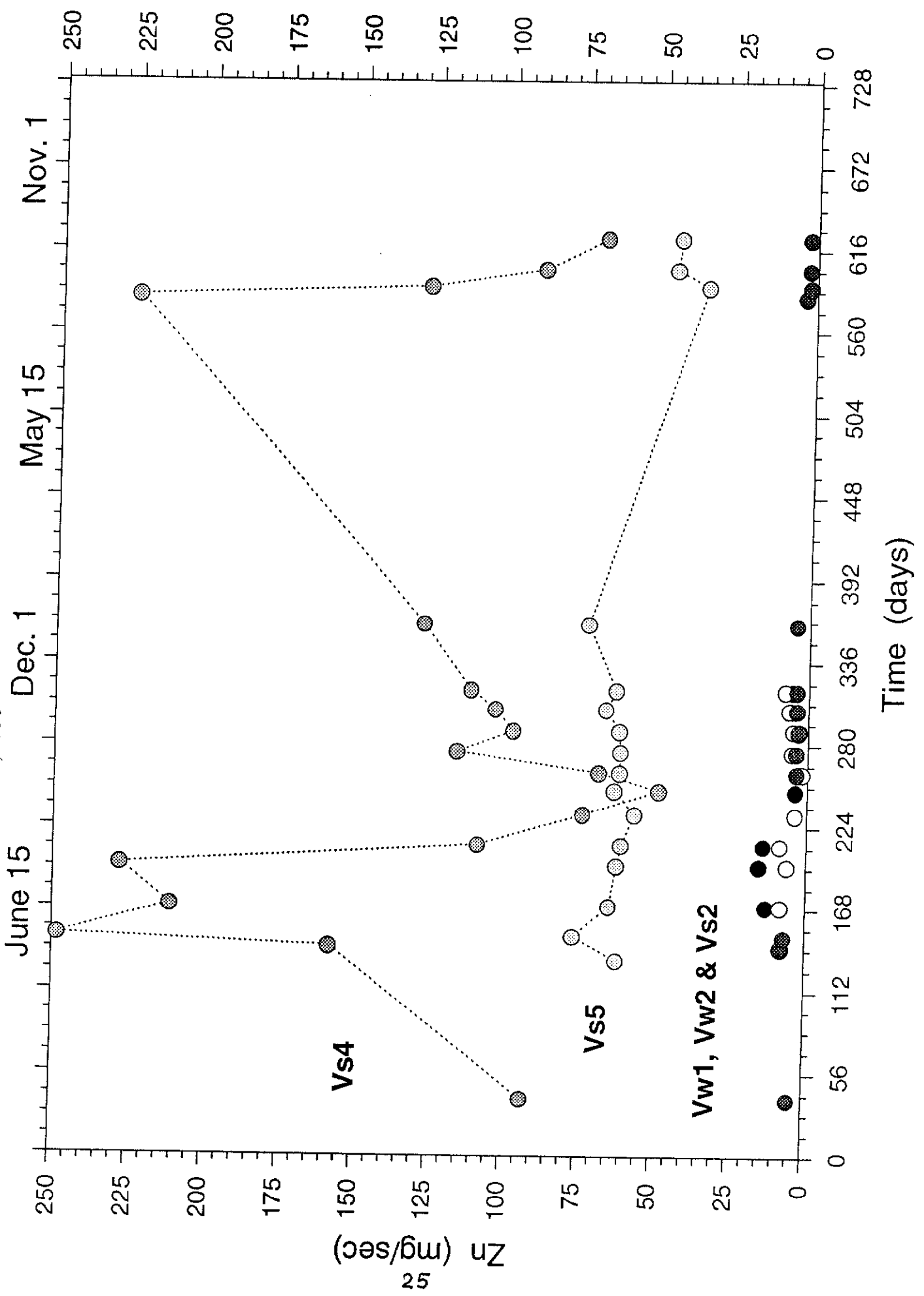


Figure 9: Zinc Concentration for Seepages: VW1, VW2, VS2, VS4, VS5 versus Seepage Discharge Rates

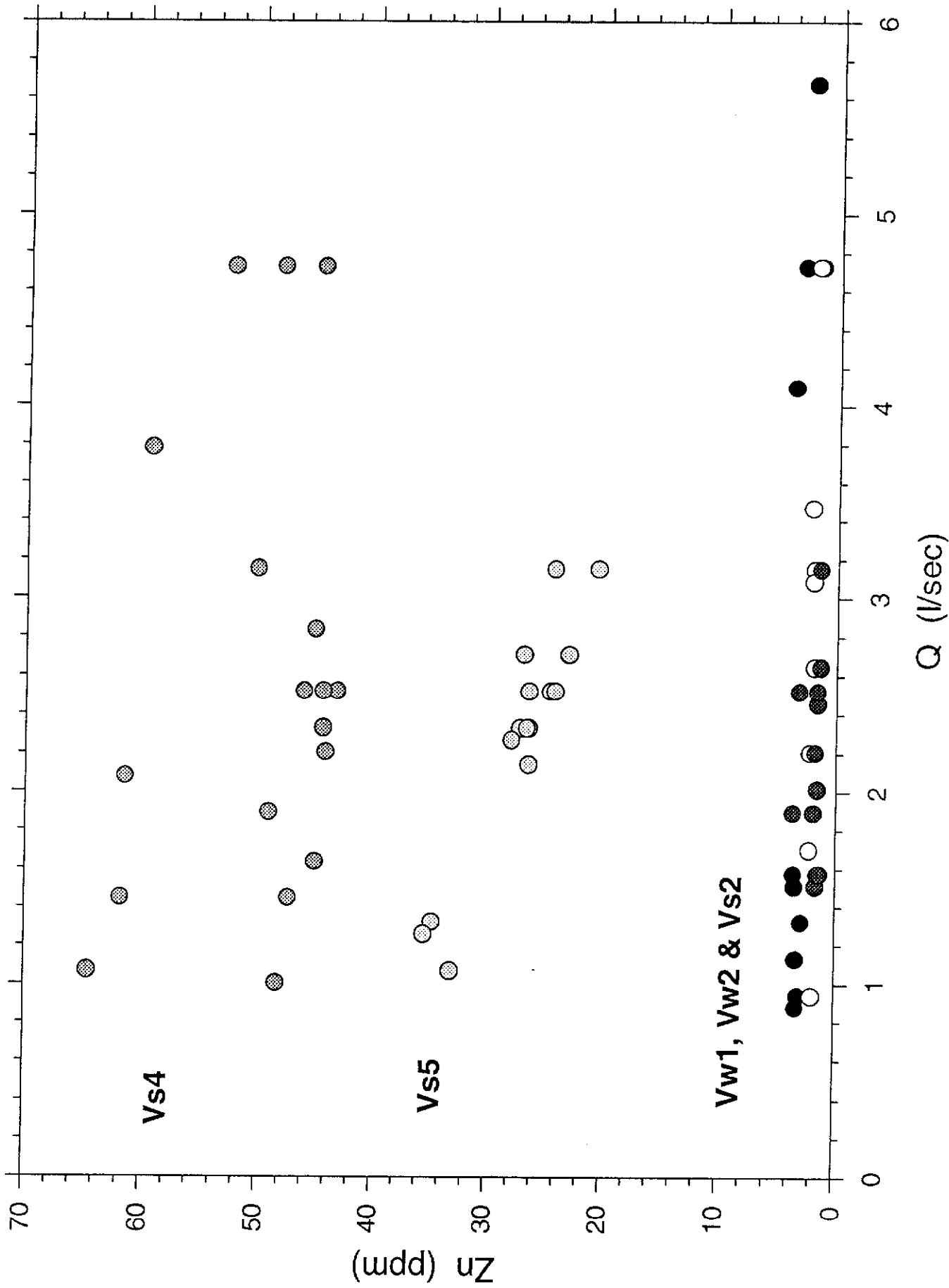


Figure 10: Zinc Loading for Seepages: VW1, VW2, VS2, VS4, VS5 versus Seepage Discharge Rates

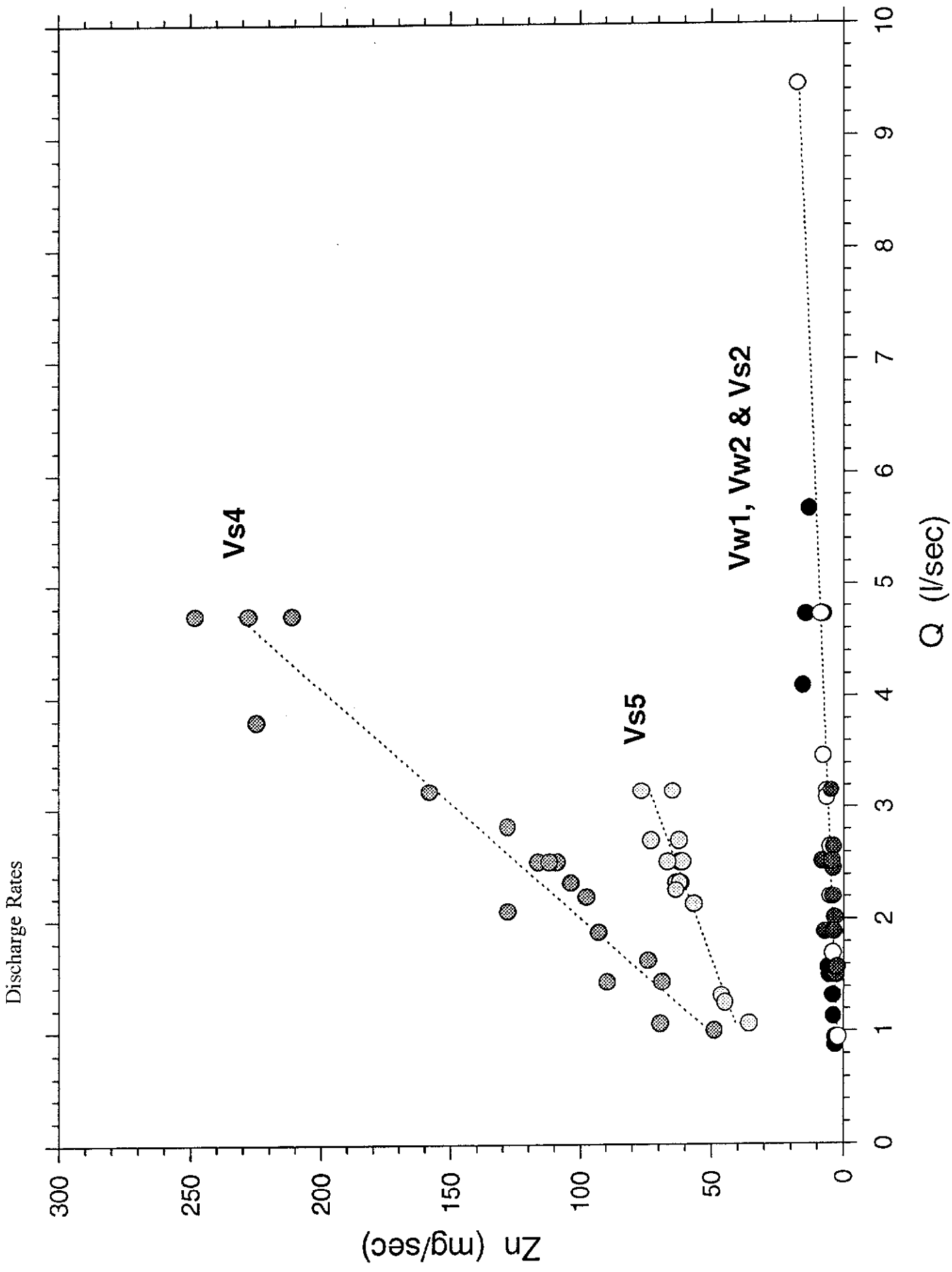


Table 1: Concentration of Selected Elements for Lucky Strike, Drainage Tunnel, Seepages VS1, VS2, VS4, VS5, VS6 and Sandfill Spring

| Code  |       | LS5     | LS5     | LS65    | LS65    | LS94    | LS94    | DT      | DT      | Vs1     | Vs1     | Vs2     | Vs2     | Vs4     | Vs4     | Vs5     | Vs5     | Vs6     | Vs6     | Vs4-5   | SS     | Rain |     |
|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|-----|
| No.   |       | 5566    | 5972    | 5567    | 5973    | 5568    | 5974    | 5575    | 5971    | 5572    | 5966    | 5574    | 5967    | 5571    | 5968    | 5569    | 5969    | 5573    | 5970    | 5570    | 2912   |      |     |
| Date  |       | 19-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 19-4-95 | 13-8-96 | 19-4-95 | 13-8-96 | 14-6-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 13-8-96 | 28-5-95 | 5-7-91 |      |     |
| pH    |       | 6.7     | 6.2     | 6.7     | 6.1     | 6.6     | 6.1     | 6.4     | 5.9     |         | 5.1     |         | 5.9     | 4.7     | 4.3     | 6.2     | 5.3     |         | 4.6     | 5.9     | 5.9    | 4.9  |     |
| Cond  | uS/cm | 355     | 470     | 580     | 559     | 1000    | 880     | 314     | 386     |         | 37      |         | 357     | 728     | 822     | 456     | 679     |         | 638     | 564     | 123    |      |     |
| Cl    | mg/l  | 3.2     | 2.8     | 4.3     | 3.3     | 15.1    | 9.2     | 10.9    | 14.8    |         | 3.0     |         | 55.3    | 41.4    | 28.6    | 29.2    | 49.8    |         | 30.5    | 39.8    | 2.0    | 5.5  |     |
| SO4   | mg/l  | 142.0   | 214.0   | 268.0   | 258.0   | 484.0   | 458.0   | 93.6    | 137.0   |         | 5.3     |         | 54.3    | 288.0   | 402.0   | 160.0   | 281.0   |         | 217.0   | 198.0   | 3.6    | 1.2  |     |
| NO3   | mg/l  | 0.4     | 0.3     | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.3     | 0.3     | 4.2     | 3.5     |         |         |         | 4.1     | 14.5    | 3.5     | 3.9     | 1.9     |         | 2.1     | 2.2     | 3.5    | 0.3  |     |
| HCO3  | mg/l  | 16.0    | 15.0    | 32.4    | 23.9    | 50.0    | 45.9    | 28.0    | 27.1    |         |         |         | 18.7    |         |         | 0.9     | 1.6     |         |         | 1.4     | 6.1    |      |     |
| Na    | mg/l  | 4.0     | 4.1     | 5.7     | 4.9     | 15.6    | 11.8    | 9.4     | 11.6    |         | 6.0     |         | 51.9    | 35.3    | 26.4    | 20.3    | 25.7    | 35.5    | 21.6    | 19.9    | 29.3   | 5.0  | 3.0 |
| Ca    | mg/l  | 51.6    | 68.7    | 93.4    | 88.7    | 174.0   | 153.0   | 41.1    | 49.3    |         | 26.6    | 3.0     | 43.7    | 34.0    | 76.1    | 101.0   | 43.0    | 81.7    | 51.8    | 57.8    | 55.4   | 17.0 | 0.2 |
| Mg    | mg/l  | 5.4     | 7.4     | 9.5     | 8.9     | 19.6    | 16.3    | 5.9     | 5.0     |         | 8.1     | 0.4     | 4.4     | 2.9     | 15.1    | 19.8    | 7.5     | 13.2    | 9.3     | 10.0    | 10.6   | 3.0  | 0.3 |
| K     | mg/l  | 1.4     | 1.0     | 2.5     | 0.8     | 1.4     | 1.2     | 0.7     | 1.0     |         | 1.0     |         | 2.5     | 2.2     | 2.6     | 2.8     | 2.1     | 2.5     | 2.0     | 1.8     | 3.2    | 15.0 | 0.2 |
| Al    | mg/l  | 0.06    |         |         |         | 0.05    |         |         |         |         | 1.03    | 0.07    | 0.06    |         | 1.37    | 2.32    | 0.17    | 0.13    | 0.58    | 0.49    | 0.14   | 2.00 |     |
| Fe    | mg/l  | 0.02    |         |         |         |         |         | 0.01    |         |         | 1.54    | 0.27    |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0.10    |         | 0.03   |      |     |
| Mn    | mg/l  | 0.36    | 0.56    | 0.63    | 0.75    | 2.01    | 1.82    | 0.17    | 0.19    |         | 0.47    | 0.04    | 0.03    |         | 4.78    | 8.31    | 0.36    | 0.75    | 1.84    | 2.85    | 0.40   |      |     |
| Ba    | mg/l  | 0.04    | 0.04    | 0.04    | 0.04    | 0.02    | 0.02    | 0.03    | 0.02    |         | 0.05    | 0.10    | 0.10    | 0.07    | 0.03    | 0.02    | 0.02    | 0.04    | 0.03    | 0.06    | 0.03   |      |     |
| Cd    | mg/l  | 0.07    | 0.13    | 0.12    | 0.17    | 0.21    | 0.22    | 0.04    | 0.06    |         | 0.06    |         | 0.01    | 0.07    | 0.10    | 0.06    | 0.08    | 0.06    | 0.05    | 0.06    |        |      |     |
| Cu    | mg/l  | 0.11    | 0.03    | 0.12    | 0.43    | 0.79    | 0.77    | 0.03    | 0.08    |         | 0.42    | 0.03    | 0.02    | 0.01    | 0.30    | 0.54    | 0.68    | 0.07    | 0.31    | 0.26    | 0.02   |      |     |
| Pb    | mg/l  | 0.06    | 0.04    |         | 0.04    | 0.25    | 0.12    |         |         |         | 1.14    | 0.30    |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0.66    | 0.50    | 0.08   |      |     |
| Sr    | mg/l  | 0.19    |         |         | 0.28    | 0.69    | 0.56    | 0.09    |         |         | 0.07    |         |         |         | 0.18    |         | 0.16    | 0.28    | 0.13    |         | 0.16   |      |     |
| Zn    | mg/l  | 24.1    | 24.9    |         | 35.0    | 54.7    | 54.8    | 18.1    | 18.9    |         | 15.7    | 0.6     |         | 2.3     | 46.3    | 66.2    | 23.5    | 36.2    | 27.1    | 31.0    | 28.9   |      |     |
| Na:Cl |       | 2.7     | 1.44    |         | 1.47    | 1.03    | 1.28    | 0.85    | 0.78    |         |         |         | 0.64    | 0.64    | 0.71    | 0.85    | 0.71    |         | 0.65    | 0.74    | 2.50   | 0.55 |     |
| Cat   | me/l  |         | 5.0     |         | 6.5     | 12.6    | 11.2    | 3.2     | 4.0     |         | 2.8     |         |         | 3.6     | 8       | 9.6     |         | 7.9     | 5.2     | 5.6     | 5.9    | 1.9  | 0.2 |
| An    | me/l  |         | 4.8     |         | 5.9     | 10.6    | 10.7    | 2.9     | 4.0     |         |         |         |         | 3.9     | 7.2     | 9.2     |         | 8.1     |         | 5.4     | 5.9    | 0.3  | 0.2 |

Table 2: Concentration of Selected Elements for DDH3325, DDH3341, DDH3342, DDH3344 and Sandfill Spring

|       |      | #3325a | #3341a | #3342a | #3342c | #3344b | SS   | Rain |       |        | #3325a | #3341a | #3342a | #3342c | #3344b | SS    | Rain |
|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| pH    |      | 7.9    | 7.6    | 6.8    | 6.9    | 6.8    | 5.9  | 4.9  | pH    |        | 7.9    | 7.6    | 6.8    | 6.9    | 6.8    | 5.9   | 4.9  |
| Eh    | Volt | -0.050 | -0.003 | -0.009 | -0.089 | -0.228 |      |      | Eh    | Volt   | -0.050 | -0.003 | -0.009 | -0.089 | -0.228 |       |      |
| Cl    | ppm  |        | 3.0    | 2.0    | 2.0    | 4.7    | 2.0  | 5.5  | Cl    | mmol/l |        | 0.08   | 0.06   | 0.06   | 0.13   | 0.06  | 0.16 |
| SO4   | ppm  | 201.9  | 16.8   | 5.1    | 5.0    | 2.0    | 3.6  | 1.2  | SO4   | mmol/l | 2.10   | 0.17   | 0.05   | 0.05   | 0.02   | 0.04  | 0.04 |
| HCO3  | ppm  | 24.4   | 89.1   | 18.3   | 100.1  | 717.3  | 6.1  |      | HCO3  | mmol/l | 0.40   | 1.46   | 0.30   | 1.64   | 11.76  | 0.10  |      |
| Na    | ppm  | 29.8   | 4.3    | 2.7    | 4.0    | 12.0   | 5.0  | 3.0  | Na    | mmol/l | 1.30   | 0.19   | 0.12   | 0.17   | 0.52   | 0.22  | 0.13 |
| Ca    | ppm  | 63.6   | 44.5   | 9.5    | 15.0   | 100.0  | 17.0 | 0.2  | Ca    | mmol/l | 1.59   | 1.11   | 0.22   | 0.37   | 2.50   | 0.42  | 0.00 |
| Mg    | ppm  | 7.3    | 2.8    | 0.7    |        | 3.0    | 3.0  | 0.3  | Mg    | mmol/l | 0.30   | 0.12   | 0.03   |        | 0.12   | 0.12  | 0.00 |
| K     | ppm  | 2.0    | 1.0    |        |        | 1.0    | 15.0 | 0.2  | K     | mmol/l | 0.05   | 0.03   |        |        | 0.03   | 0.38  | 0.00 |
| Al    | ppm  |        | 0.03   | 0.04   |        |        | 2.00 |      | Al    | mmol/l |        | 0.001  | 0.001  |        |        | 0.074 |      |
| Fe    | ppm  |        | 0.20   | 0.20   |        | 11.00  |      |      | Fe    | mmol/l |        | 0.004  | 0.004  |        | 0.197  |       |      |
| Mn    | ppm  | 0.52   | 0.07   | 0.03   |        |        |      |      | Mn    | mmol/l | 0.009  | 0.001  | 0.001  |        |        |       |      |
| SiO2  | ppm  | 1.50   | 20.60  | 7.49   | 10.70  | 30.00  |      |      | SiO2  | mmol/l | 0.025  | 0.343  | 0.125  | 0.178  | 0.500  |       |      |
| Ba    | ppm  | 0.15   | 0.37   | 0.42   |        | 2.00   |      |      | Ba    | mmol/l | 0.001  | 0.003  | 0.003  |        | 0.015  |       |      |
| Cu    | ppm  | 0.06   |        |        |        |        |      |      | Cu    | mmol/l | 0.001  |        |        |        |        |       |      |
| Sr    | ppm  | 0.37   | 0.07   | 0.03   |        |        |      |      | Sr    | mmol/l | 0.004  | 0.001  | 0.001  |        |        |       |      |
| Zn    | ppm  | 0.11   | 0.05   |        |        | 0.64   |      |      | Zn    | mmol/l | 0.002  | 0.001  |        |        | 0.010  |       |      |
| Na:Cl |      |        | 1.43   | 1.38   | 2.00   | 2.55   | 2.50 | 0.55 | Na:Cl | mmol/l |        | 2.21   | 2.93   | 3.08   | 3.94   | 3.85  | 0.82 |
| Cat   | me/l | 5.16   | 2.69   | 0.69   | 0.92   | 6.21   | 1.90 | 0.17 | Cat   | mmol/l | 5.16   | 2.69   | 0.69   | 0.92   | 6.21   | 1.90  | 0.17 |
| An    | me/l | 4.60   | 1.92   | 0.47   | 1.80   | 11.94  | 0.30 | 0.19 | An    | mmol/l | 4.60   | 1.92   | 0.47   | 1.80   | 11.94  | 0.30  | 0.19 |



Table 3: Modelling Results

| Year | Solution<br>1 | Solution<br>2 | Sol.1:Sol.2<br>(mixing) | Solution<br>3 | Uncertainty | Models | H2O<br>Mol | CaCO3<br>Mol | CO2(g)<br>Mol |
|------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 95   | rain          | LS5           | 3.0:1                   | Vs4           | 0.25        | 3      | -3.82E+02  | -1.61E-04    | -3.56E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS5           | 2.1:1                   | Vs4           | 0.15        | 2      | -2.89E+02  | -1.18E-04    | -3.80E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS65          | 4.8:1                   | Vs4           | 0.20        | 3      | -3.08E+02  | -1.97E-04    | -4.01E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS65          | 2.9:1                   | Vs4           | 0.15        | 1      | -2.86E+02  | -1.28E-04    | -4.98E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS94          | 9.9:1                   | Vs4           | 0.20        | 1      | -3.05E+02  | -1.45E-04    | -3.44E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS94          | 5.1:1                   | Vs4           | 0.15        | 1      | -2.61E+02  | -1.46E-04    | -5.55E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS5           | 4.2:1                   | Vs5           | 0.15        | 3      | -2.88E+02  | -9.30E-05    | -2.44E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS5           | 6.4:1                   | Vs5           | 0.15        | 8      | -4.87E+02  | -2.00E-05    | -2.77E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS65          | 7.4:1                   | Vs5           | 0.20        | 3      | -2.81E+02  | -1.03E-04    | -2.65E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS65          | 8.3:1                   | Vs5           | 0.15        | 6      | -4.78E+02  | -2.70E-04    | -3.52E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS94          | 12.7:1                  | Vs5           | 0.20        | 1      | -2.37E+02  | -7.50E-05    | -2.25E-04     |
| 96   | rain          | LS94          | 12.8:1                  | Vs5           | 0.15        | 5      | -4.24E+02  | -4.70E-05    | -4.01E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS5           | 4.2:1                   | Vs4-5         | 0.15        | 4      | -3.81E+02  | -1.00E-04    | -2.75E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS65          | 9.0:1                   | Vs4-5         | 0.15        | 4      | -3.75E+02  | -1.04E-04    | -2.87E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS94          | 12.7:1                  | Vs4-5         | 0.20        | 1      | -2.37E+02  | -7.50E-05    | -2.25E-04     |
| 95   | rain          | LS5           | na                      | DT            | 0.25        | 0      | na         | na           | na            |
| 96   | rain          | LS5           | 2.5:1                   | DT            | 0.25        | 4      | -1.18E+02  | 0.00E+00     | -6.00E-05     |
| 95   | rain          | LS65          | na                      | DT            | 0.25        | 0      | na         | na           | na            |
| 96   | rain          | LS65          | 3.3:1                   | DT            | 0.20        | 5      | -1.07E+02  | 0.00E+00     | -3.60E-05     |
| 95   | rain          | LS94          | 4.0:1                   | DT            | 0.25        | 5      | -2.50E+01  | 0.00E+00     | 4.90E-05      |
| 96   | rain          | LS94          | 5.2:1                   | DT            | 0.15        | 6      | -6.80E+01  | 0.00E+00     | 6.60E-05      |

**5.0      EXAMPLE OF "INVERSE MODELLING" SIMULATION RUN**

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Reading input data for simulation 1.  
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TITLE

--Inverse modeling of Rain + LS5 + evaporation --> Vs4 (1995)

SOLUTION 1 Rain

| units | mg/L |         |
|-------|------|---------|
| pH    | 4.9  |         |
| Ca    | 0.2  |         |
| Mg    | 0.3  |         |
| Na    | 3.0  |         |
| K     | 0.2  |         |
| S(6)  | 1.2  |         |
| Cl    | 5.5  |         |
| C(4)  | 0.0  | as HCO3 |
| Zn    | 0.0  |         |

SOLUTION 2 LS5

| units | mg/L  |         |
|-------|-------|---------|
| pH    | 6.7   |         |
| Ca    | 51.6  |         |
| Mg    | 5.4   |         |
| Na    | 4.0   |         |
| K     | 1.4   |         |
| S(6)  | 142.0 |         |
| Cl    | 3.2   |         |
| C(4)  | 16.0  | as HCO3 |
| Zn    | 14.1  |         |

SOLUTION 3 Vs4

| units | mg/L  |         |
|-------|-------|---------|
| pH    | 4.7   |         |
| Ca    | 76.1  |         |
| Mg    | 16.1  |         |
| Na    | 26.4  |         |
| K     | 2.6   |         |
| S(6)  | 288.0 |         |
| Cl    | 41.4  |         |
| C(4)  | 0.0   | as HCO3 |
| Zn    | 46.3  |         |

INVERSE\_MODELING

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phases

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Sphalerite         | dis |
| Pyrite             |     |
| Chalcopyrite       |     |
| H2O                | pre |
| Calcite            | pre |
| CO2(g)             |     |
| Plagioclase        | dis |
| K-feldspar         | dis |
| Illite             | pre |
| Chlorite(14A)      | pre |
| Ca-Montmorillonite | pre |

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balances
      Cl      0.10
PHASES
H2O
      H2O = H2O
      log_k  0.0
chalcopyrite
      CuFeS2 + 2H+ = Cu+2 + Fe+2 + 2HS-
      log_k  -35.27
      delta_h 35.48 kcal
plagioclase
      Na0.62Ca0.37Al1.38Si2.625O8 + 5.5 H+ + 2.5H2O = 0.62Na+ +
      0.37Ca+2 + 1.38Al+3 + 2.625H4SiO4
      log_k  0.0
END

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Beginning of initial solution calculations.  
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Initial solution 1.      Rain

| Elements | Molality  | Moles     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ca       | 4.990e-06 | 4.990e-06 |
| Cl       | 1.551e-04 | 1.551e-04 |
| K        | 5.115e-06 | 5.115e-06 |
| Mg       | 1.234e-05 | 1.234e-05 |
| Na       | 1.305e-04 | 1.305e-04 |
| S(6)     | 1.249e-05 | 1.249e-05 |

|                          |   |              |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| pH                       | = | 4.900        |
| pe                       | = | 4.000        |
| Activity of water        | = | 1.000        |
| Ionic strength           | = | 2.112e-04    |
| Mass of water (kg)       | = | 1.000e+00    |
| Total alkalinity (eq/kg) | = | -1.281e-05   |
| Total carbon (mol/kg)    | = | 0.000e+00    |
| Total CO2 (mol/kg)       | = | 0.000e+00    |
| Temperature (deg C)      | = | 25.000       |
| Electrical balance (eq)  | = | 2.959e-06    |
| Iterations               | = | 3            |
| Total H                  | = | 1.110124e+02 |
| Total O                  | = | 5.550627e+01 |

| Species | Molality  | Activity  | Log Molality | Log Activity | Log Gamma |
|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| H+      | 1.280e-05 | 1.259e-05 | -4.893       | -4.900       | -0.007    |
| OH-     | 8.087e-10 | 7.952e-10 | -9.092       | -9.100       | -0.007    |
| H2O     | 5.551e+01 | 1.000e+00 | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.000     |
| Ca      | 4.990e-06 |           |              |              |           |
| Ca+2    | 4.979e-06 | 4.658e-06 | -5.303       | -5.332       | -0.029    |
| CaSO4   | 1.080e-08 | 1.080e-08 | -7.966       | -7.966       | 0.000     |

|      |        |           |           |         |         |        |
|------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
|      | CaOH+  | 6.244e-14 | 6.140e-14 | -13.205 | -13.212 | -0.007 |
| Cl   |        | 1.551e-04 |           |         |         |        |
|      | Cl-    | 1.551e-04 | 1.526e-04 | -3.809  | -3.817  | -0.007 |
| H(0) |        | 2.244e-21 |           |         |         |        |
|      | H2     | 1.122e-21 | 1.122e-21 | -20.950 | -20.950 | 0.000  |
| K    |        | 5.115e-06 |           |         |         |        |
|      | K+     | 5.114e-06 | 5.029e-06 | -5.291  | -5.298  | -0.007 |
|      | KSO4-  | 4.209e-10 | 4.139e-10 | -9.376  | -9.383  | -0.007 |
|      | KOH    | 1.385e-15 | 1.385e-15 | -14.859 | -14.859 | 0.000  |
| Mg   |        | 1.234e-05 |           |         |         |        |
|      | Mg+2   | 1.231e-05 | 1.152e-05 | -4.910  | -4.939  | -0.029 |
|      | MgSO4  | 3.138e-08 | 3.138e-08 | -7.503  | -7.503  | 0.000  |
|      | MgOH+  | 3.377e-12 | 3.321e-12 | -11.471 | -11.479 | -0.007 |
| Na   |        | 1.305e-04 |           |         |         |        |
|      | Na+    | 1.305e-04 | 1.283e-04 | -3.884  | -3.892  | -0.007 |
|      | NaSO4- | 7.602e-09 | 7.476e-09 | -8.119  | -8.126  | -0.007 |
|      | NaOH   | 6.734e-14 | 6.734e-14 | -13.172 | -13.172 | 0.000  |
| O(0) |        | 0.000e+00 |           |         |         |        |
|      | O2     | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | -50.480 | -50.480 | 0.000  |
| S(6) |        | 1.249e-05 |           |         |         |        |
|      | SO4-2  | 1.243e-05 | 1.162e-05 | -4.906  | -4.935  | -0.029 |
|      | MgSO4  | 3.138e-08 | 3.138e-08 | -7.503  | -7.503  | 0.000  |
|      | HSO4-  | 1.447e-08 | 1.423e-08 | -7.840  | -7.847  | -0.007 |
|      | CaSO4  | 1.080e-08 | 1.080e-08 | -7.966  | -7.966  | 0.000  |
|      | NaSO4- | 7.602e-09 | 7.476e-09 | -8.119  | -8.126  | -0.007 |
|      | KSO4-  | 4.209e-10 | 4.139e-10 | -9.376  | -9.383  | -0.007 |

| Phase     | SI     | log IAP | log KT |            |
|-----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| Anhydrite | -5.91  | -10.27  | -4.36  | CaSO4      |
| Gypsum    | -5.69  | -10.27  | -4.58  | CaSO4:2H2O |
| H2(g)     | -17.80 | -17.80  | 0.00   | H2         |
| H2O       | 0.00   | 0.00    | 0.00   | H2O        |
| O2(g)     | -47.52 | 35.60   | 83.12  | O2         |

Initial solution 2. LS5

| Elements | Molality                   | Moles     |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| C(4)     | 2.623e-04                  | 2.623e-04 |
| Ca       | 1.288e-03                  | 1.288e-03 |
| Cl       | 9.028e-05                  | 9.028e-05 |
| K        | 3.581e-05                  | 3.581e-05 |
| Mg       | 2.222e-04                  | 2.222e-04 |
| Na       | 1.740e-04                  | 1.740e-04 |
| S(6)     | 1.479e-03                  | 1.479e-03 |
| Zn       | 2.157e-04                  | 2.157e-04 |
|          | pH =                       | 6.700     |
|          | pe =                       | 4.000     |
|          | Activity of water =        | 1.000     |
|          | Ionic strength =           | 5.793e-03 |
|          | Mass of water (kg) =       | 1.000e+00 |
|          | Total alkalinity (eq/kg) = | 1.892e-04 |

Total CO2 (mol/kg) = 2.623e-04  
 Temperature (deg C) = 25.000  
 Electrical balance (eq) = 4.246e-04  
 Iterations = 8  
 Total H = 1.110126e+02  
 Total O = 5.551284e+01

| Species    | Molality  | Activity  | Log Molality | Log Activity | Log Gamma |
|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| H+         | 2.147e-07 | 1.995e-07 | -6.668       | -6.700       | -0.032    |
| OH-        | 5.447e-08 | 5.017e-08 | -7.264       | -7.300       | -0.036    |
| H2O        | 5.551e+01 | 9.999e-01 | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.000     |
| C(4)       | 2.623e-04 |           |              |              |           |
| HCO3-      | 1.810e-04 | 1.672e-04 | -3.742       | -3.777       | -0.034    |
| CO2        | 7.492e-05 | 7.502e-05 | -4.125       | -4.125       | 0.001     |
| ZnHCO3+    | 3.023e-06 | 2.787e-06 | -5.520       | -5.555       | -0.035    |
| CaHCO3+    | 1.909e-06 | 1.764e-06 | -5.719       | -5.754       | -0.034    |
| ZnCO3      | 1.037e-06 | 1.038e-06 | -5.984       | -5.984       | 0.001     |
| MgHCO3+    | 2.976e-07 | 2.744e-07 | -6.526       | -6.562       | -0.035    |
| CaCO3      | 5.452e-08 | 5.459e-08 | -7.263       | -7.263       | 0.001     |
| CO3-2      | 5.389e-08 | 3.931e-08 | -7.269       | -7.406       | -0.137    |
| NaHCO3     | 1.501e-08 | 1.503e-08 | -7.824       | -7.823       | 0.001     |
| MgCO3      | 5.253e-09 | 5.260e-09 | -8.280       | -8.279       | 0.001     |
| Zn(CO3)2-2 | 1.207e-09 | 8.724e-10 | -8.918       | -9.059       | -0.141    |
| NaCO3-     | 1.269e-10 | 1.170e-10 | -9.897       | -9.932       | -0.035    |
| Ca         | 1.288e-03 |           |              |              |           |
| Ca+2       | 1.134e-03 | 8.267e-04 | -2.945       | -3.083       | -0.137    |
| CaSO4      | 1.517e-04 | 1.519e-04 | -3.819       | -3.819       | 0.001     |
| CaHCO3+    | 1.909e-06 | 1.764e-06 | -5.719       | -5.754       | -0.034    |
| CaCO3      | 5.452e-08 | 5.459e-08 | -7.263       | -7.263       | 0.001     |
| CaOH+      | 7.457e-10 | 6.876e-10 | -9.127       | -9.163       | -0.035    |
| Cl         | 9.028e-05 |           |              |              |           |
| Cl-        | 9.025e-05 | 8.313e-05 | -4.045       | -4.080       | -0.036    |
| ZnCl+      | 3.212e-08 | 2.962e-08 | -7.493       | -7.528       | -0.035    |
| ZnCl2      | 2.575e-12 | 2.579e-12 | -11.589      | -11.589      | 0.001     |
| ZnCl3-     | 2.609e-16 | 2.405e-16 | -15.584      | -15.619      | -0.035    |
| ZnCl4-2    | 1.386e-20 | 1.002e-20 | -19.858      | -19.999      | -0.141    |
| H(0)       | 5.629e-25 |           |              |              |           |
| H2         | 2.815e-25 | 2.818e-25 | -24.551      | -24.550      | 0.001     |
| K          | 3.581e-05 |           |              |              |           |
| K+         | 3.558e-05 | 3.278e-05 | -4.449       | -4.484       | -0.036    |
| KSO4-      | 2.317e-07 | 2.136e-07 | -6.635       | -6.670       | -0.035    |
| KOH        | 5.688e-13 | 5.695e-13 | -12.245      | -12.244      | 0.001     |
| Mg         | 2.222e-04 |           |              |              |           |
| Mg+2       | 1.916e-04 | 1.402e-04 | -3.718       | -3.853       | -0.136    |
| MgSO4      | 3.023e-05 | 3.027e-05 | -4.520       | -4.519       | 0.001     |
| MgHCO3+    | 2.976e-07 | 2.744e-07 | -6.526       | -6.562       | -0.035    |
| MgCO3      | 5.253e-09 | 5.260e-09 | -8.280       | -8.279       | 0.001     |
| MgOH+      | 2.768e-09 | 2.552e-09 | -8.558       | -8.593       | -0.035    |
| Na         | 1.740e-04 |           |              |              |           |
| Na+        | 1.732e-04 | 1.598e-04 | -3.761       | -3.796       | -0.035    |
| NaSO4-     | 7.999e-07 | 7.376e-07 | -6.097       | -6.132       | -0.035    |
| NaHCO3     | 1.501e-08 | 1.503e-08 | -7.824       | -7.823       | 0.001     |

|       |              |           |           |         |         |        |
|-------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
|       | NaCO3-       | 1.269e-10 | 1.170e-10 | -9.897  | -9.932  | -0.035 |
|       | NaOH         | 5.285e-12 | 5.292e-12 | -11.277 | -11.276 | 0.001  |
| O (0) | 0.000e+00    |           |           |         |         |        |
|       | O2           | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | -43.281 | -43.280 | 0.001  |
| S (6) | 1.479e-03    |           |           |         |         |        |
|       | SO4-2        | 1.266e-03 | 9.207e-04 | -2.897  | -3.036  | -0.138 |
|       | CaSO4        | 1.517e-04 | 1.519e-04 | -3.819  | -3.819  | 0.001  |
|       | MgSO4        | 3.023e-05 | 3.027e-05 | -4.520  | -4.519  | 0.001  |
|       | ZnSO4        | 2.853e-05 | 2.857e-05 | -4.545  | -4.544  | 0.001  |
|       | NaSO4-       | 7.999e-07 | 7.376e-07 | -6.097  | -6.132  | -0.035 |
|       | Zn (SO4) 2-2 | 2.958e-07 | 2.138e-07 | -6.529  | -6.670  | -0.141 |
|       | KSO4-        | 2.317e-07 | 2.136e-07 | -6.635  | -6.670  | -0.035 |
|       | HSO4-        | 1.937e-08 | 1.786e-08 | -7.713  | -7.748  | -0.035 |
| Zn    | 2.157e-04    |           |           |         |         |        |
|       | Zn+2         | 1.820e-04 | 1.324e-04 | -3.740  | -3.878  | -0.138 |
|       | ZnSO4        | 2.853e-05 | 2.857e-05 | -4.545  | -4.544  | 0.001  |
|       | ZnHCO3+      | 3.023e-06 | 2.787e-06 | -5.520  | -5.555  | -0.035 |
|       | ZnCO3        | 1.037e-06 | 1.038e-06 | -5.984  | -5.984  | 0.001  |
|       | ZnOH+        | 7.889e-07 | 7.274e-07 | -6.103  | -6.138  | -0.035 |
|       | Zn (SO4) 2-2 | 2.958e-07 | 2.138e-07 | -6.529  | -6.670  | -0.141 |
|       | Zn (OH) 2    | 4.180e-08 | 4.186e-08 | -7.379  | -7.378  | 0.001  |
|       | ZnCl+        | 3.212e-08 | 2.962e-08 | -7.493  | -7.528  | -0.035 |
|       | Zn (CO3) 2-2 | 1.207e-09 | 8.724e-10 | -8.918  | -9.059  | -0.141 |
|       | ZnCl2        | 2.575e-12 | 2.579e-12 | -11.589 | -11.589 | 0.001  |
|       | Zn (OH) 3-   | 7.194e-13 | 6.633e-13 | -12.143 | -12.178 | -0.035 |
|       | ZnCl3-       | 2.609e-16 | 2.405e-16 | -15.584 | -15.619 | -0.035 |
|       | Zn (OH) 4-2  | 7.289e-19 | 5.269e-19 | -18.137 | -18.278 | -0.141 |
|       | ZnCl4-2      | 1.386e-20 | 1.002e-20 | -19.858 | -19.999 | -0.141 |

| Phase         | SI     | log IAP | log KT |              |
|---------------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Anhydrite     | -1.76  | -6.12   | -4.36  | CaSO4        |
| Aragonite     | -2.15  | -10.49  | -8.34  | CaCO3        |
| Calcite       | -2.01  | -10.49  | -8.48  | CaCO3        |
| CO2 (g)       | -2.66  | -20.81  | -18.15 | CO2          |
| Dolomite      | -4.66  | -21.75  | -17.09 | CaMg (CO3) 2 |
| Gypsum        | -1.54  | -6.12   | -4.58  | CaSO4 : 2H2O |
| H2 (g)        | -21.40 | -21.40  | 0.00   | H2           |
| H2O           | 0.00   | 0.00    | 0.00   | H2O          |
| O2 (g)        | -40.32 | 42.80   | 83.12  | O2           |
| Smithsonite   | -1.28  | -11.28  | -10.00 | ZnCO3        |
| Zn (OH) 2 (e) | -1.98  | 9.52    | 11.50  | Zn (OH) 2    |

Initial solution 3.

Vs4

| Elements | Molality  | Moles     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ca       | 1.900e-03 | 1.900e-03 |
| Cl       | 1.168e-03 | 1.168e-03 |
| K        | 6.653e-05 | 6.653e-05 |
| Mg       | 6.626e-04 | 6.626e-04 |
| Na       | 1.149e-03 | 1.149e-03 |
| S (6)    | 2.999e-03 | 2.999e-03 |
| Zn       | 7.086e-04 | 7.086e-04 |

pH = 4.700  
 pe = 4.000  
 Activity of water = 1.000  
 Ionic strength = 1.136e-02  
 Mass of water (kg) = 1.000e+00  
 Total alkalinity (eq/kg) = -2.530e-05  
 Total carbon (mol/kg) = 0.000e+00  
 Total CO2 (mol/kg) = 0.000e+00  
 Temperature (deg C) = 25.000  
 Electrical balance (eq) = 6.151e-04  
 Iterations = 4  
 Total H = 1.110125e+02  
 Total O = 5.551821e+01

| Species    | Molality  | Activity  | Log Molality | Log Activity | Log Gamma |
|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| H+         | 2.195e-05 | 1.995e-05 | -4.659       | -4.700       | -0.041    |
| OH-        | 5.609e-10 | 5.017e-10 | -9.251       | -9.300       | -0.049    |
| H2O        | 5.551e+01 | 9.999e-01 | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.000     |
| Ca         | 1.900e-03 |           |              |              |           |
| Ca+2       | 1.578e-03 | 1.034e-03 | -2.802       | -2.985       | -0.183    |
| CaSO4      | 3.214e-04 | 3.223e-04 | -3.493       | -3.492       | 0.001     |
| CaOH+      | 9.596e-12 | 8.602e-12 | -11.018      | -11.065      | -0.047    |
| Cl         | 1.168e-03 |           |              |              |           |
| Cl-        | 1.167e-03 | 1.044e-03 | -2.933       | -2.981       | -0.048    |
| ZnCl+      | 1.164e-06 | 1.044e-06 | -5.934       | -5.981       | -0.047    |
| ZnCl2      | 1.138e-09 | 1.141e-09 | -8.944       | -8.943       | 0.001     |
| ZnCl3-     | 1.492e-12 | 1.337e-12 | -11.826      | -11.874      | -0.047    |
| ZnCl4-2    | 1.084e-15 | 6.999e-16 | -14.965      | -15.155      | -0.190    |
| H(0)       | 5.622e-21 |           |              |              |           |
| H2         | 2.811e-21 | 2.818e-21 | -20.551      | -20.550      | 0.001     |
| K          | 6.653e-05 |           |              |              |           |
| K+         | 6.580e-05 | 5.887e-05 | -4.182       | -4.230       | -0.048    |
| KSO4-      | 7.260e-07 | 6.508e-07 | -6.139       | -6.187       | -0.047    |
| KOH        | 1.020e-14 | 1.023e-14 | -13.991      | -13.990      | 0.001     |
| Mg         | 6.626e-04 |           |              |              |           |
| Mg+2       | 5.339e-04 | 3.524e-04 | -3.273       | -3.453       | -0.180    |
| MgSO4      | 1.287e-04 | 1.290e-04 | -3.891       | -3.889       | 0.001     |
| MgOH+      | 7.153e-11 | 6.412e-11 | -10.146      | -10.193      | -0.047    |
| Na         | 1.149e-03 |           |              |              |           |
| Na+        | 1.140e-03 | 1.023e-03 | -2.943       | -2.990       | -0.047    |
| NaSO4-     | 8.933e-06 | 8.008e-06 | -5.049       | -5.096       | -0.047    |
| NaOH       | 3.379e-13 | 3.388e-13 | -12.471      | -12.470      | 0.001     |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00 |           |              |              |           |
| O2         | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | -51.281      | -51.280      | 0.001     |
| S(6)       | 2.999e-03 |           |              |              |           |
| SO4-2      | 2.395e-03 | 1.562e-03 | -2.621       | -2.806       | -0.186    |
| CaSO4      | 3.214e-04 | 3.223e-04 | -3.493       | -3.492       | 0.001     |
| ZnSO4      | 1.356e-04 | 1.360e-04 | -3.868       | -3.867       | 0.001     |
| MgSO4      | 1.287e-04 | 1.290e-04 | -3.891       | -3.889       | 0.001     |
| NaSO4-     | 8.933e-06 | 8.008e-06 | -5.049       | -5.096       | -0.047    |
| HSO4-      | 3.379e-06 | 3.029e-06 | -5.471       | -5.519       | -0.047    |
| Zn(SO4)2-2 | 2.672e-06 | 1.726e-06 | -5.573       | -5.763       | -0.190    |



|    |            |            |           |         |            |        |
|----|------------|------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|
| Zn | KSO4-      | 7.260e-07  | 6.508e-07 | -6.139  | -6.187     | -0.047 |
|    |            | 7.086e-04  |           |         |            |        |
|    | Zn+2       | 5.692e-04  | 3.714e-04 | -3.245  | -3.430     | -0.185 |
|    | ZnSO4      | 1.356e-04  | 1.360e-04 | -3.868  | -3.867     | 0.001  |
|    | Zn(SO4)2-2 | 2.672e-06  | 1.726e-06 | -5.573  | -5.763     | -0.190 |
|    | ZnCl+      | 1.164e-06  | 1.044e-06 | -5.934  | -5.981     | -0.047 |
|    | ZnOH+      | 2.277e-08  | 2.041e-08 | -7.643  | -7.690     | -0.047 |
|    | ZnCl2      | 1.138e-09  | 1.141e-09 | -8.944  | -8.943     | 0.001  |
|    | Zn(OH)2    | 1.171e-11  | 1.174e-11 | -10.931 | -10.930    | 0.001  |
|    | ZnCl3-     | 1.492e-12  | 1.337e-12 | -11.826 | -11.874    | -0.047 |
|    | ZnCl4-2    | 1.084e-15  | 6.999e-16 | -14.965 | -15.155    | -0.190 |
|    | Zn(OH)3-   | 2.076e-18  | 1.861e-18 | -17.683 | -17.730    | -0.047 |
|    | Zn(OH)4-2  | 2.288e-26  | 1.478e-26 | -25.640 | -25.830    | -0.190 |
|    | Phase      | SI log IAP | log KT    |         |            |        |
|    | Anhydrite  | -1.43      | -5.79     | -4.36   | CaSO4      |        |
|    | Gypsum     | -1.21      | -5.79     | -4.58   | CaSO4:2H2O |        |
|    | H2(g)      | -17.40     | -17.40    | 0.00    | H2         |        |
|    | H2O        | 0.00       | 0.00      | 0.00    | H2O        |        |
|    | O2(g)      | -48.32     | 34.80     | 83.12   | O2         |        |
|    | Zn(OH)2(e) | -5.53      | 5.97      | 11.50   | Zn(OH)2    |        |

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Beginning of inverse modeling calculations.  
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Solution 1: Rain

|            |            |   |            |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.900e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.900e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -1.281e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | -1.281e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 4.990e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.990e-06  |
| Cl         | 1.551e-04  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.551e-04  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| K          | 5.115e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 5.115e-06  |
| Mg         | 1.234e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.234e-05  |
| Na         | 1.305e-04  | + | -2.959e-06 | = | 1.275e-04  |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(6)       | 1.249e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.249e-05  |
| Si         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Zn         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |

Solution 2: LS5

|            |           |   |           |   |           |
|------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| pH         | 6.700e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 6.700e+00 |
| Al         | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Alkalinity | 1.892e-04 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 1.892e-04 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00 |

|       |           |   |            |   |           |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|---|-----------|
| C(4)  | 2.623e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.623e-04 |
| Ca    | 1.288e-03 | + | -2.569e-04 | = | 1.031e-03 |
| Cl    | 9.028e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 9.028e-05 |
| Cu(1) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Cu(2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(3) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| H(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| K     | 3.581e-05 | + | -8.953e-06 | = | 2.686e-05 |
| Mg    | 2.222e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.222e-04 |
| Na    | 1.740e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.740e-04 |
| O(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(-2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(6)  | 1.479e-03 | + | 4.804e-06  | = | 1.483e-03 |
| Si    | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Zn    | 2.157e-04 | + | 5.394e-05  | = | 2.697e-04 |

Solution 3: Vs4

|            |            |   |            |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.700e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.700e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -2.530e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | -2.530e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 1.900e-03  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.900e-03  |
| Cl         | 1.168e-03  | + | -7.366e-05 | = | 1.095e-03  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| K          | 6.653e-05  | + | 1.663e-05  | = | 8.316e-05  |
| Mg         | 6.626e-04  | + | -1.518e-04 | = | 5.107e-04  |
| Na         | 1.149e-03  | + | -5.230e-05 | = | 1.097e-03  |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(6)       | 2.999e-03  | + | -2.428e-06 | = | 2.997e-03  |
| Si         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Zn         | 7.086e-04  | + | -1.772e-04 | = | 5.315e-04  |

| Solution fractions: |           | Minimum   | Maximum   |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Solution 1          | 5.909e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 2          | 1.971e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 3          | 1.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |

| Phase mole transfers: |            | Minimum   | Maximum   |       |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| H2O                   | -3.819e+02 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | H2O   |
| Calcite               | -1.612e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CaCO3 |
| CO2(g)                | -3.556e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CO2   |

Sum of residuals: 9.808e+00  
Maximum fractional error in element concentration: 2.500e-01

Model contains minimum number of phases.

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Solution 1: Rain

|            |            |   |            |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.900e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.900e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -1.281e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | -1.281e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 4.990e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.990e-06  |
| Cl         | 1.551e-04  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.551e-04  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| K          | 5.115e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 5.115e-06  |
| Mg         | 1.234e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.234e-05  |
| Na         | 1.305e-04  | + | -2.959e-06 | = | 1.275e-04  |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(6)       | 1.249e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.249e-05  |
| Si         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Zn         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |

Solution 2: LS5

|            |           |   |            |   |           |
|------------|-----------|---|------------|---|-----------|
| pH         | 6.700e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 6.700e+00 |
| Al         | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Alkalinity | 1.892e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.892e-04 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| C(4)       | 2.623e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.623e-04 |
| Ca         | 1.288e-03 | + | -2.205e-04 | = | 1.067e-03 |
| Cl         | 9.028e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 9.028e-05 |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| K          | 3.581e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 3.581e-05 |
| Mg         | 2.222e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.222e-04 |
| Na         | 1.740e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.740e-04 |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(6)       | 1.479e-03 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.479e-03 |
| Si         | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Zn         | 2.157e-04 | + | 8.214e-06  | = | 2.240e-04 |

Solution 3: Vs4

|            |            |   |           |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|-----------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.700e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 4.700e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -2.530e-05 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | -2.530e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 1.900e-03  | + | 4.749e-04 | = | 2.375e-03  |
| Cl         | 1.168e-03  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 1.168e-03  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00  |

|       |           |   |            |   |           |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|---|-----------|
| Fe(2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(3) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| H(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| K     | 6.653e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 6.653e-05 |
| Mg    | 6.626e-04 | + | -6.839e-05 | = | 5.942e-04 |
| Na    | 1.149e-03 | + | 9.813e-05  | = | 1.247e-03 |
| O(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(-2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(6)  | 2.999e-03 | + | 5.860e-04  | = | 3.585e-03 |
| Si    | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Zn    | 7.086e-04 | + | -1.772e-04 | = | 5.315e-04 |

|                     |           |           |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Solution fractions: |           | Minimum   | Maximum   |
| Solution 1          | 6.150e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 2          | 2.373e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 3          | 1.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |

|                       |            |           |           |          |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Phase mole transfers: |            | Minimum   | Maximum   |          |
| H2O                   | -4.176e+02 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | H2O      |
| Calcite               | -2.184e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CaCO3    |
| CO2(g)                | -4.040e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CO2      |
| plagioclase           | 8.018e-05  | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |          |
| K-feldspar            | -2.848e-05 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | KAlSi3O8 |
| Illite                | -3.573e-05 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |          |

Sum of residuals: 6.081e+00  
Maximum fractional error in element concentration: 2.500e-01

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Solution 1: Rain

|            |            |   |            |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.900e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.900e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -1.281e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | -1.281e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 4.990e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.990e-06  |
| Cl         | 1.551e-04  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.551e-04  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| K          | 5.115e-06  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 5.115e-06  |
| Mg         | 1.234e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.234e-05  |
| Na         | 1.305e-04  | + | -2.959e-06 | = | 1.275e-04  |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(6)       | 1.249e-05  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.249e-05  |
| Si         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Zn         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |

Solution 2: LS5

|            |           |   |           |   |           |
|------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| pH         | 6.700e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 6.700e+00 |
| Al         | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Alkalinity | 1.892e-04 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 1.892e-04 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00 | = | 0.000e+00 |

|       |           |   |            |   |           |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|---|-----------|
| C(4)  | 2.623e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.623e-04 |
| Ca    | 1.288e-03 | + | -1.762e-04 | = | 1.112e-03 |
| Cl    | 9.028e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 9.028e-05 |
| Cu(1) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Cu(2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Fe(3) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| H(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| K     | 3.581e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 3.581e-05 |
| Mg    | 2.222e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 2.222e-04 |
| Na    | 1.740e-04 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.740e-04 |
| O(0)  | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(-2) | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| S(6)  | 1.479e-03 | + | 9.001e-05  | = | 1.569e-03 |
| Si    | 0.000e+00 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00 |
| Zn    | 2.157e-04 | + | 5.394e-05  | = | 2.697e-04 |

Solution 3: Vs4

|            |            |   |            |   |            |
|------------|------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| pH         | 4.700e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 4.700e+00  |
| Al         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Alkalinity | -2.530e-05 | + | 0.000e+00  | = | -2.530e-05 |
| C(-4)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| C(4)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Ca         | 1.900e-03  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.900e-03  |
| Cl         | 1.168e-03  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 1.168e-03  |
| Cu(1)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Cu(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Fe(3)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| H(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| K          | 6.653e-05  | + | 1.663e-05  | = | 8.316e-05  |
| Mg         | 6.626e-04  | + | 2.765e-05  | = | 6.902e-04  |
| Na         | 1.149e-03  | + | 1.012e-05  | = | 1.159e-03  |
| O(0)       | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(-2)      | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| S(6)       | 2.999e-03  | + | 1.714e-04  | = | 3.171e-03  |
| Si         | 0.000e+00  | + | 0.000e+00  | = | 0.000e+00  |
| Zn         | 7.086e-04  | + | -1.772e-04 | = | 5.315e-04  |

Solution fractions:

|            |           | Minimum   | Maximum   |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Solution 1 | 6.384e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 2 | 1.971e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |
| Solution 3 | 1.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |

Phase mole transfers:

|               |            | Minimum   | Maximum   |       |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| H2O           | -4.082e+02 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | H2O   |
| Calcite       | -3.238e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CaCO3 |
| CO2(g)        | -1.931e-04 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 | CO2   |
| plagioclase   | 3.014e-06  | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |       |
| Illite        | -3.345e-05 | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |       |
| Chlorite(14A) | 3.639e-05  | 0.000e+00 | 0.000e+00 |       |

Sum of residuals:

6.539e+00

Maximum fractional error in element concentration:

2.500e-01

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Summary of inverse modeling:

Number of models found: 3  
Number of minimal models found: 1  
Number of infeasible sets of phases saved: 10  
Number of calls to c11: 269

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End of simulation.  
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Reading input data for simulation 2.  
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End of run.  
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## 9.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 9.1 Conclusions

The marginal performance of the polishing ponds during the winter months and the repeated good zinc removal (Figures 37 to 43; Section 7) during summer months prompted a re-evaluation of the zinc removal process. The assumption was made that, if the removal process is understood, it can then be controlled or promoted. In Schematic 3, all disciplines utilized, or potential areas which may be affecting performance, are given.

The nutrient limiting plant growth in the system, phosphate, has been identified. In April, 1996, geochemical simulations suggested that additions of phosphate would result in zinc phosphate formation, but the reactions are rather slow and biological activity could potentially remove the phosphate prior to any chemical reactions. This appeared to be confirmed by laboratory growth experiments where phosphate, added to periphyton cultures, was rapidly removed from solution.

A small field trial in Polishing Pond 11 produced important results regarding the fate of phosphate following addition to the system. Concentrations of phosphate could be predicted based on the flow in the pond. In mini-limnocorrals, where a relatively large mass of periphyton was incubated in a closed volume of pond water over 3 days, most of the added phosphate was not detectable in this solution. This confirmed the results of the geochemical simulations which suggested that zinc-phosphate should slowly form and precipitate. The results of analysis of the filter paper used to filter the mini-limnocorral solution (Table 27, Section 6) confirms that a considerable quantity of zinc and phosphate had precipitated in this solution.

If some phosphate remobilizes from zinc phosphate settled to the bottom of polishing ponds, primary productivity in these ponds should increase, as indicated by from the

results of phytoplankton counts for OWP and Polishing Pond 17 (Table 19 and 20; Section 5). These data on small-celled phytoplankton also revealed that virtually no phytoplankton growth is present in the OEP, even though the TOC values were relatively high in OEP bottom water samples (Table 36; Section 8.1). This could be explained if picoplankton growth was present in this pit, information which is still outstanding at this time. It was concluded that, based on available phytoplankton data, physical factors in OEP inhibit growth, as these organisms are subjected to poor/lethal growing conditions, including low light availability, variable water chemistry in surface water, and turbulent flow in the epilimnion as it mixes with hypolimnion water along the thermocline stratum in summer. Turbulent flow in summer months was suggested from observations of round/globular particles during the growing season but more elongated, crystalline particles towards the end of the growing season.

If we assume that particle formation can be assisted by the production of phytoplankton particles and that zinc, adsorbed onto iron hydroxide particles, will be captured by periphyton biomass surfaces in the polishing ponds, then performance data for the polishing ponds during the summer can be reasonably well explained. However, the iron precipitation experiments, discussed in Section 3.0, clearly indicate that zinc precipitation and iron precipitation are independent processes. A review of the chemistry of the removal process, outlined in previous reports, suggested that zinc carbonate is formed. This has been confirmed by the assay data indicating zinc accumulation in polishing pond algae and moss biomass, and by the SEM/EDX observations on the material from the sedimentation traps (Section 4.0).

The monitoring data were reanalyzed on the premise that, if there is an independent zinc removal process involving zinc carbonate precipitation, then variation in zinc removal with the seasons should be observed. This has been confirmed for effluents close to the waste source (Section 1.0). With this new removal process in mind, the main objective was then to determine the specific mechanism of zinc carbonate formation and precipitation, particularly in relation to seasonal variations in



temperature, flow patterns and gas exchange between the water bodies and the atmosphere.

The SEM/EDX clearly suggested that small crystals accumulate around the iron particles. Surface science parameters for particle formation and settling were reviewed. In Figure 44, the buoyancy and sedimentation coefficients are given for selected bio-organic and inorganic particles, including those species known to be present in the OEP or OWP water.

A field experiment testing iron oxide-rich local sand, as well as bentonite, confirmed that zinc was not adsorbed, as the negatively-charged surface of the bentonite did not reduce zinc concentrations. Thus, additions of oxides and/or bentonite would not assist the settling of the particles.

In Figure 44, the distribution of various major compounds, typically found in surface waters is presented according to particle size. This figure reveals that the arbitrary cut off size,  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , typically used to distinguish dissolved compounds from particulate, is inappropriate for present purposes, since both iron hydroxide and inorganic precipitates of zinc carbonate can be less than  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  in size. SEM examinations at 20,000 x magnification suggested that the coat of zinc carbonate is about 100 nm on particles  $0.25$  to  $1 \mu\text{m}$  in size. These size ranges also explained the last experiment (conducted in January by G. Neary), where fertilizer-treated OEP water samples, filtered through  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  filters contained similar zinc concentrations as whole samples (Table 18, Section 3). In this experiment, where fertilizer was added such that phosphate molar concentration was the same as the molar concentration of Ca+Mg+Zn, Mg+Zn or just Zn, 73 % to 87 % of the zinc was removed in the Zn or Mg+Zn treatments, respectively. These results suggested that indeed zinc phosphate may be formed. The precipitate is presently being subjected to SEM/EDX for determination of the composition of the particles/ precipitates.

Assuming that all the above observations solidly back zinc carbonate precipitation as the removal process, then a completely different picture emerges for the biological polishing approach. The biological components and the physical components of the system are integral to the zinc removal process, in that zinc carbonate can only form when CO<sub>2</sub> can degas from surfacing ground water, and particles can only settle when the hydrodynamic conditions permit, such as in the vicinity of periphyton biomass in quiet parts of the polishing ponds, and on iron hydroxide particles large enough to settle despite flow conditions.

In Schematic 4, an overview of the ongoing processes are summarized, including the basics of the 'iron wheel' and the carbon dioxide-bicarbonate-carbonate reaction series. The findings of the geochemical simulations suggest that the Valley seeps are composed of Lucky Strike water which has evaporated and then degassed, again demonstrating the dominance of inorganic carbon species as a controlling factor in the precipitation zinc carbonate. The solubilities of carbon dioxide are given in Table 39, for connection of the behaviour of the biological polishing system to temperature and, in turn, to the formation of a zinc carbonate. In Figures 46, 47 and 48, other aspects of the carbon dioxide-bicarbonate-carbonate series, controlling the zinc removal process, are presented. Inorganic carbon chemistry has to be fully integrated before a complete understanding of the removal mechanism is reached.

Since the Buchans water chemistry is dominated by the inorganic carbon reaction series, other elements competing with zinc for carbonate, as well as phosphate, will also come into play. The concentrations of Ca, Fe, Mg and Mn in OEP and OWP, all potential forming carbonates and phosphates, are plotted for the surface and bottom waters of both glory holes. All available ICP data for these elements, collected since decommissioning activities started, are presented. In OEP, a decrease in the Ca concentration over the years is noted in the surface water, but not for bottom water. Fe, Mn and Mg remained at relatively constant concentrations in both surface and bottom waters. However if the scale is changed, a subtle decrease in Mg

concentrations in the surface water since 1989 is noted for OEP (Fig 50c), from 40 mg/L to 20 mg/L. In bottom water, the Mg concentration is constant at around 45 mg/L. Iron concentration have been somewhat erratic over time. In the OWP, a similar decrease in Ca concentrations is noted (Figure 51a and 51b) for the bottom water, but not surface water, while Fe, Mg and Mn have remained at constant concentrations.

Although this type of analysis remains to be completed for other elements, these observations suggest that different sources of water are entering the gloryholes at different locations, and that some elements could be precipitating, as observed for zinc. In Figure 52, the comparison of the slope of the Zn curve to that of Mg suggests that, indeed, these two elements may be removed by the very similar processes. In Table 40, Ca, Fe, Mg and Mn concentration data in water and captured by filter papers are summarized for both OEP and OWP. Although this is a crude 'shotgun' approach (the information drawn from Paradox database without quantification and verification of the conversion from concentrations on filter paper to amount filtered), given that the elements are reported in the filter paper analyses, these elements must be forming aggregates of particles larger than 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ .

In Figure 49a and 49b, the same elements which are suspected to be part of the zinc precipitation process are plotted for the periphyton and sedimentation trap material. Data presented in this manner suggest that Mg and Zn are strongly associated in OWP, but this association is essentially absent in solids collected from the Polishing Ponds. Note that the data were only available for the Polishing Ponds 1 to 6, since analytical costs have been minimized since scale-up of the polishing pond system. From these preliminary analyses, it is suggested that, in different parts of the system, different elements play a role in controlling the zinc precipitation process.

One further new aspect shedding additional light on long-term conditions in OEP is drawn from the conclusion of freshwater input to OEP, based on the mass balance

calculations for chloride (Section 2). The flow model developed for the polishing ponds (Section 7) was extended to be used for the Drainage Tunnel and the OEP. Preliminary model calculations are given in Figures 53 a to 53 d, each utilizing different zinc input concentrations/changes with time, with and without zinc removal by sedimentation, for comparison to the measured zinc concentration trend in OEP outflow water.

In Figure 53c, the zinc concentration decreases calculated by the model and the measured decreases are in close agreement. In this scenario, zinc-containing solids, as captured in the sedimentation traps, is recycling or, as suggested in Figure 53d (Case 5), the initial concentrations was lower in the pit and the groundwater concentration is at 45 mg/L zinc. Although not all reasonable scenarios have been tested, it is likely that a considerable amounts of iron and zinc precipitating and settling in OEP are recycling. If recycling can be prevented, there may be an end to long-term treatment.

Given these radical new findings, and the overwhelming amount of data available for confirmation of these key conclusions, further analysis of the compiled data in the present report will be required. However, there is no doubt that the zinc removal process was incorrectly identified as coprecipitation with iron hydroxide and that fresh water is entering the OEP. Freshwater input may even be responsible for the observed long-term decrease in zinc concentrations, in view of the fact that iron and zinc may be recycled. Although the magnitude of this recycled fraction is not known, and the data have to be analyzed in more detail, it provides a new treatment alternative which was not recognized before.

The results of the phosphate addition experiments completed late January, 1997 using OEP water, as well as the particle size and hydrodynamic considerations, provide for the possibility of a one or two-time treatment with phosphate, and possible addition of organics as a sealant promoter of organic phosphate cycling.

If it can be confirmed that portions of zinc and iron are recycling in the OEP, that the contribution from the underground is diminishing, and that zinc-free fresh water is entering the OEP, then with a one time removal of the iron and zinc, in form of the iron phosphate/zinc phosphate, a final decommissioning solution would be provided. The particles have to be settled and chemoclines have to be destroyed. A healthy pond would replace the problem of the OEP, providing continuous polishing for the ground water zinc contribution. The elegant component of the 1996 results is the fact that, if this can be confirmed, the observations on the Valley seeps, the Lucky Strike and the Drainage Tunnel are all part of the same solution and would essentially solve the problems presented by all contaminant sources in the Buchans area.

## **9.2 Recommendations**

### **1) Data Interpretation**

The 1996 work has resulted in a completely new view of the Buchans situation. These new scenarios have to be evaluated in detail. The present report is considered a data report, assembling all the information gathered this year, but also represents a review of previous years' work. Normally, after all data are assembled, a systematic analysis and interpretation of the data is carried out. The 1996 objectives involved such an extensive scope of work that many aspects have not been analyzed yet and oversights of the seemingly contradictory behaviour of the chemistry cannot yet be eliminated. Therefore, Task 1 will confirm, using all available data, the new scenario.

Furthermore, organization of the available data is urgently needed, as there are 1,195 chemical analysis, of which there are 717 water chemistry analyses, 106 biomass sample analyses, 137 filter paper analyses and 235 solids analyses.

Digitized maps of the Buchans area have been completed, which can be used to generate detailed site maps providing coordinates for any sampling point.

After the data are fully interpreted, the following activities can be identified:

Final experiments and measurement to be done in winter, 1997.

- Field Studies
  - under ice experiments - phosphate reactions in ambient conditions
  - Monitoring under ice - LS, OWP, OEP, Polishing Ponds: iron, zinc, phosphate.
  - sourcing non-acidifying, non-Ca, Mg, Na fast release phosphate source, e.g. potassium phosphate.
- geochemical modelling of any changes or additions based on the existing model with O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> degassing; new PHEQUE version
  - are carbonates truly formed?
- Phosphate addition to OEP in winter - major considerations?
- Phosphate addition to Drainage Tunnel pump house - a consideration?
- Lucky Strike Gloryhole - Action plan?

Organize the data and validate entry and units for all data points, analyze the data set for complete set of elements which are part of the precipitation process. Test the decreases (surface and bottom) for all water bodies and all elements, i.e. Drainage Tunnel, Lucky Strike, Valley Seeps, Tailings Ponds as well as OEP and OWP.

#### Task 2: Phosphate Cycling in System

To arrive at these new perspectives, Dr. Hellebust (Dept. of Botany, U of Toronto) was consulted. He had periodically contributed to the biological aspects of the site for the past 10 years ago. He has agreed to evaluate the possibility to use radioactive phosphate in tracing the fate of phosphate. This clearly is a key component in zinc removal and for the biological integrity of the polishing system. The picoplankton data which are coming, together with the identifications of the precipitates from the

January experiments, will be evaluated and biological productivities projected for each polishing area, taking the present physical /chemical limitations into account.

The fate and stability of phosphate for zinc removal in the context of primary productivity in the Buchans waters. Development of a field test protocol to differentiate between biological and chemical phosphate fate. Sediment release of precipitated phosphate to provide long term phosphate fertilisation.

To determine the long term fate of the particles, their biological components are being identified. This is proposed to be carried out as an M.Sc. thesis using epifluorescence microscopy, which can identify living forms on solids particles. It can be expected that phosphate particles will be microbially transformed in the long term, since it contains one of the key limiting nutrients. In the first year, the colonisation (coating observed in SEM investigation ) will be delineated.

### Task 3: Factors Controlling Particle Formation

It is proposed that a surface scientist (Dr. Mikahailovski) should engaged. He has already provided perspectives on particle formation and particle sizes and their relevance in forming colloids, aggregates and hence their ability to settle out of the water column. During 1996, he has assisted in reviewing the Buchans data and has pointed out one of the key facts; only particles large enough to respond to gravitational forces would end up in the sedimentation traps. His insight into the physics and colloid chemistry added new dimensions to the sequential extractions of sedimentation trap materials (not discussed in this report; M.Sc. thesis, U of T) and oxygen availability in the OEP. A microelectrophoresis apparatus for the determination of particle sizes and charges has been located at the University of Toronto and zeta-potentials of various particles and their aggregates/colloids will be determined. With this information, the hydrodynamical changes required in the pits can be estimated. Upon this assessment, it will be possible to determine whether

improvements in the particle settling characteristics can be achieved.

#### Task 4: Inorganic Carbon Solution Chemistry; Partial Pressure and Degassing

The new geochemist, using a version of PHREQUE which integrates gases, has provided insight into the processes which may be responsible for observed solution chemistry. Evaporation as a concentrating process for zinc in the overburden was identified. Based on chloride concentrations, using sea spray numbers and the drill hole water quality as background data, combined with degassing, produced Valley seep concentrations from Lucky strike water. The concentration process through evaporation has to be evaluated and possibly tested. Many of these aspects, given the new scenario, have to be evaluated in detail, time not permitting to date. One key aspect which needs to be addressed is whether there is the potential for Lucky Strike pit's limnology to resemble that of OWP prior to Drainage Tunnel discharge, i.e. turn acid. While there was some past effort extended (some years ago) to identify the source of bicarbonate, information regarding this source is of increasing importance for the Lucky Strike, since this water is reaching the Drainage Tunnel and the Valley seeps.



| Gas   | $K \times 10^{-7} \quad K = P/X \quad \begin{matrix} P = \text{partial pressure mm. of Hg} \\ X = \text{mole fraction} \end{matrix}$ |               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|--|---------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | References   | $t = 0^\circ$ | 10°   | 20°  | 30°  | 38°  | 40°  | 50°  | 60°  | 70°  | 80°  |
| Argon.....<br>1, 8, 14, 15, 17                |  | 1.65          | 2.18  | 2.58 | 3.02 | 3.41 | 3.49 | 3.76 | 3.92 | 4.12 | 4.25 |
| Carbon dioxide..<br>6, 7, 9, 12               |  | .0555         | .0788 | .108 | .139 | .168 | .173 | .217 | .258 |      |      |
| Helium.....<br>1, 3, 8, 12, 14,<br>15, 18, 21 |  | 10.0          | 10.5  | 10.9 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 9.88 |      |
| Hydrogen.....<br>6, 12                        |  | 4.42          | 4.82  | 5.20 | 5.51 | 5.72 | 5.78 | 5.82 | 5.80 | 5.77 | 5.73 |
| Krypton.....<br>2, 14, 15                     |  | 0.853         | 1.20  | 1.52 | 1.85 | 2.13 | 2.18 | 2.43 | 2.66 | 2.83 | 2.94 |
| Neon.....<br>(2), 8                           |  | 7.68          | 8.49  | 9.14 | 9.45 | 9.76 | 9.80 | 10.0 |      |      |      |
| Nitrogen.....<br>12, 16, 20, 22,<br>23, 24    |  | 4.09          | 4.87  | 5.75 | 6.68 | 7.51 | 7.60 | 8.20 | 8.70 | 9.20 |      |
| Oxygen.....<br>6, 10, 12, 13                  |  | 1.91          | 2.48  | 2.95 | 3.52 | 4.04 | 4.14 | 4.50 | 4.84 | 5.13 | 5.28 |

Table 39: Solubilities of Various Gases in Water. Henry's Law Constant K.

Table 40: OWP and OEP statistics for selected elements.

| <b>ORIENTAL EAST PIT</b> |           |           |           |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>WATER SAMPLES</b>     |           |           |           |           |
|                          | <b>Ca</b> | <b>Fe</b> | <b>Mg</b> | <b>Mn</b> |
| <b>Min</b>               | 224       | 0.01      | 19.6      | 4.67      |
| <b>Max</b>               | 547       | 88.9      | 57.0      | 17.0      |
| <b>Avg</b>               | 387       | 18.0      | 38.5      | 10.6      |
| <b>N</b>                 | 76        | 80        | 76        | 80        |
| <b>FILTER PAPERS</b>     |           |           |           |           |
|                          | <b>Ca</b> | <b>Fe</b> | <b>Mg</b> | <b>Mn</b> |
| <b>Min</b>               | 0.11      | 0.24      | 0.02      | 0.00      |
| <b>Max</b>               | 15.0      | 3.53      | 0.58      | 5.75      |
| <b>Avg</b>               | 1.33      | 2.09      | 0.12      | 0.38      |
| <b>N</b>                 | 16        | 16        | 16        | 16        |
| <b>ORIENTAL WEST PIT</b> |           |           |           |           |
| <b>WATER SAMPLES</b>     |           |           |           |           |
|                          | <b>Ca</b> | <b>Fe</b> | <b>Mg</b> | <b>Mn</b> |
| <b>Min</b>               | 31.0      | 0.02      | 4.00      | 0.18      |
| <b>Max</b>               | 170       | 21.1      | 17        | 5.11      |
| <b>Avg</b>               | 90.5      | 1.91      | 10.5      | 2.34      |
| <b>N</b>                 | 65        | 72        | 65        | 72        |
| <b>FILTER PAPERS</b>     |           |           |           |           |
|                          | <b>Ca</b> | <b>Fe</b> | <b>Mg</b> | <b>Mn</b> |
| <b>Min</b>               | 0.14      | 0.22      | 0.04      | 0.002     |
| <b>Max</b>               | 0.50      | 0.50      | 0.50      | 0.50      |
| <b>Avg</b>               | 0.37      | 0.39      | 0.27      | 0.25      |
| <b>N</b>                 | 4         | 4         | 4         | 4         |

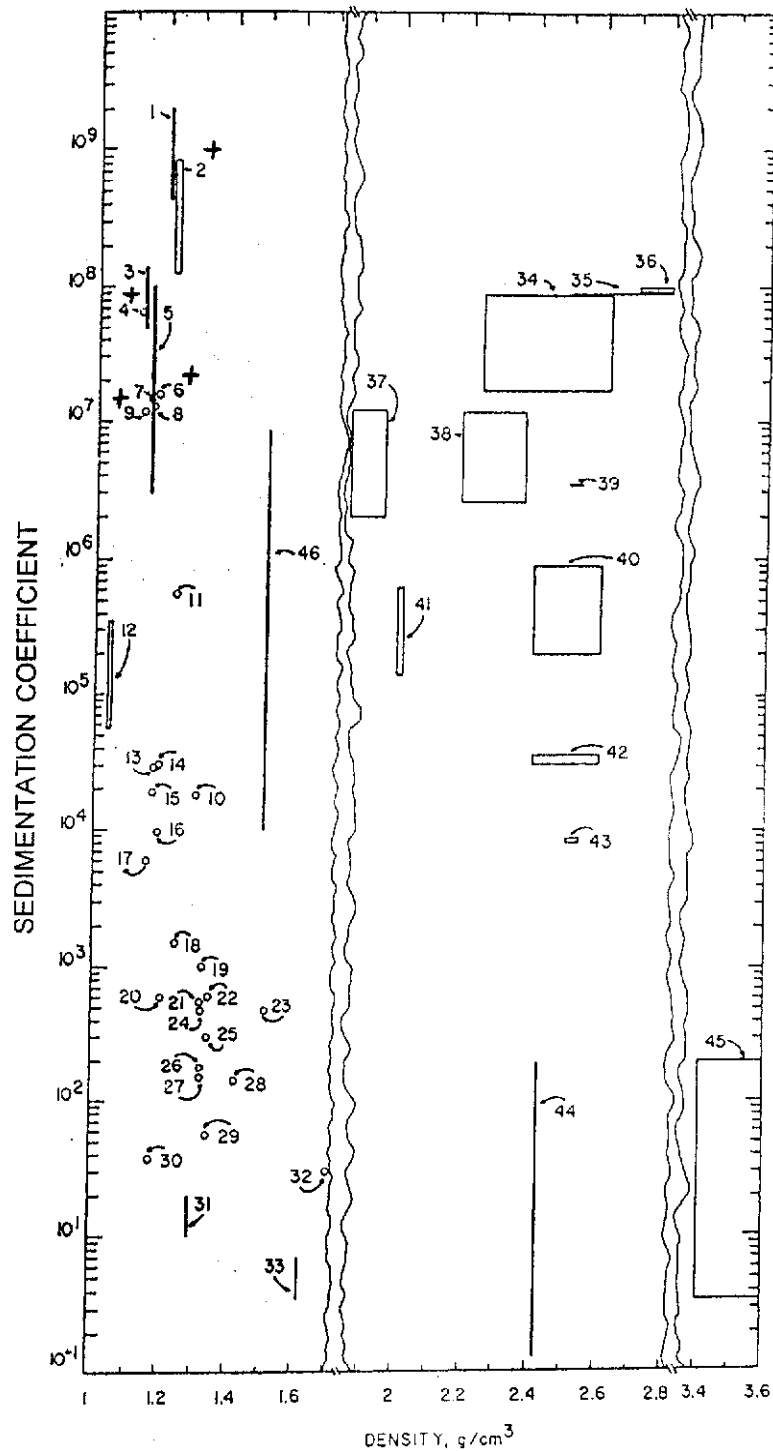


Figure 44: Semilogarithmic plot of buoyancy density and sedimentation coefficient of selected bio-organic and inorganic particles found in natural water. Species found in Buchans OWP and OEP are marked with '+'. From Ciaccio, 1971.

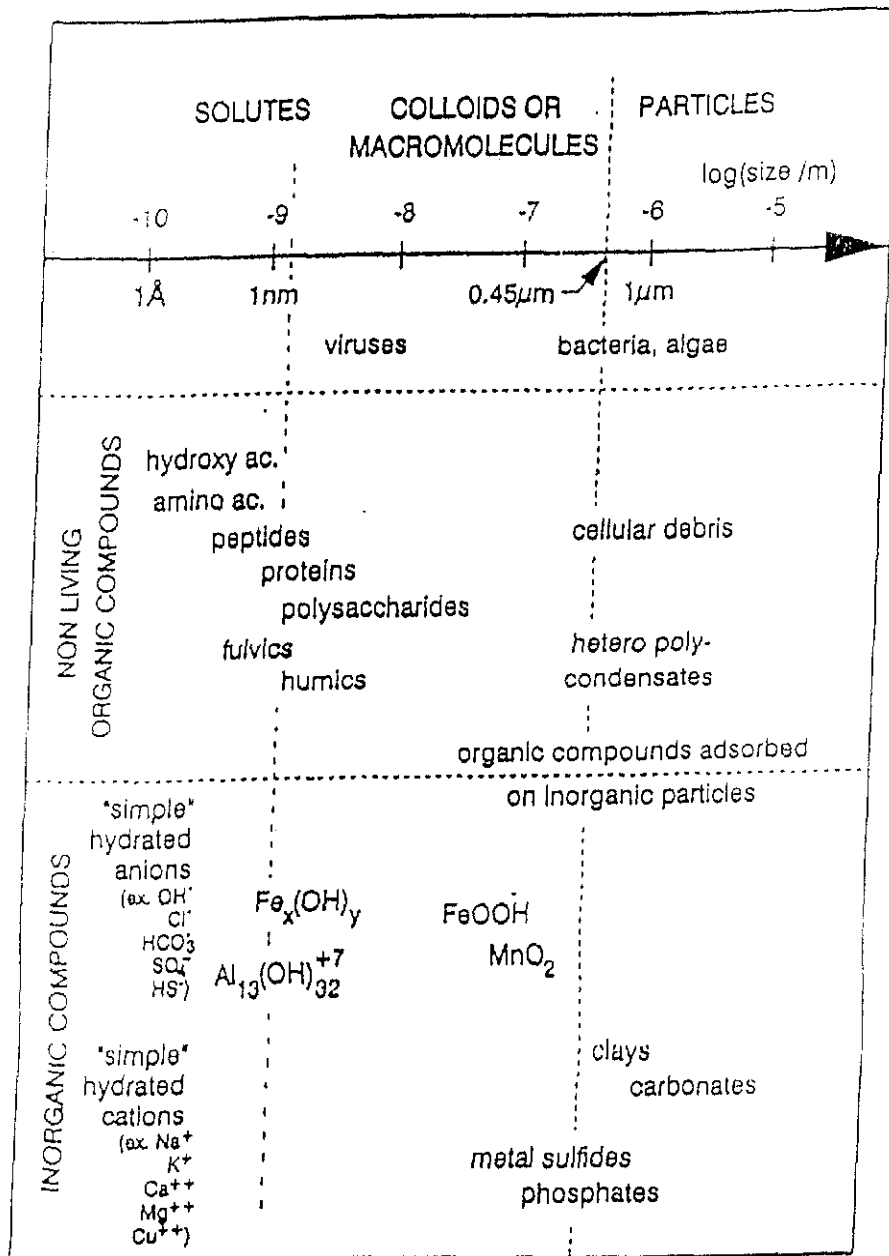


Figure 45: Nature and size domain of the important particles of aquatic systems.

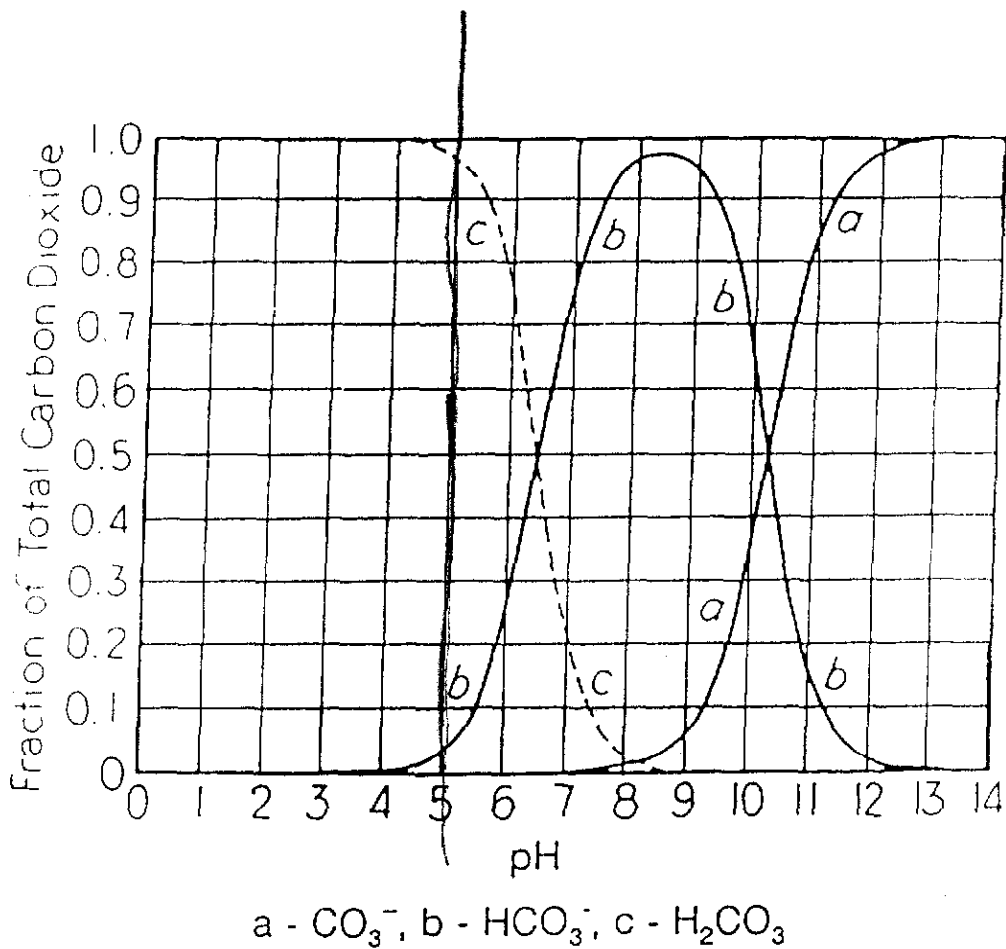


Figure 46: Curves Showing Fractions of Total Carbon Dioxide Present as the Respective Ions at Various Hydrogen Ion Concentrations.

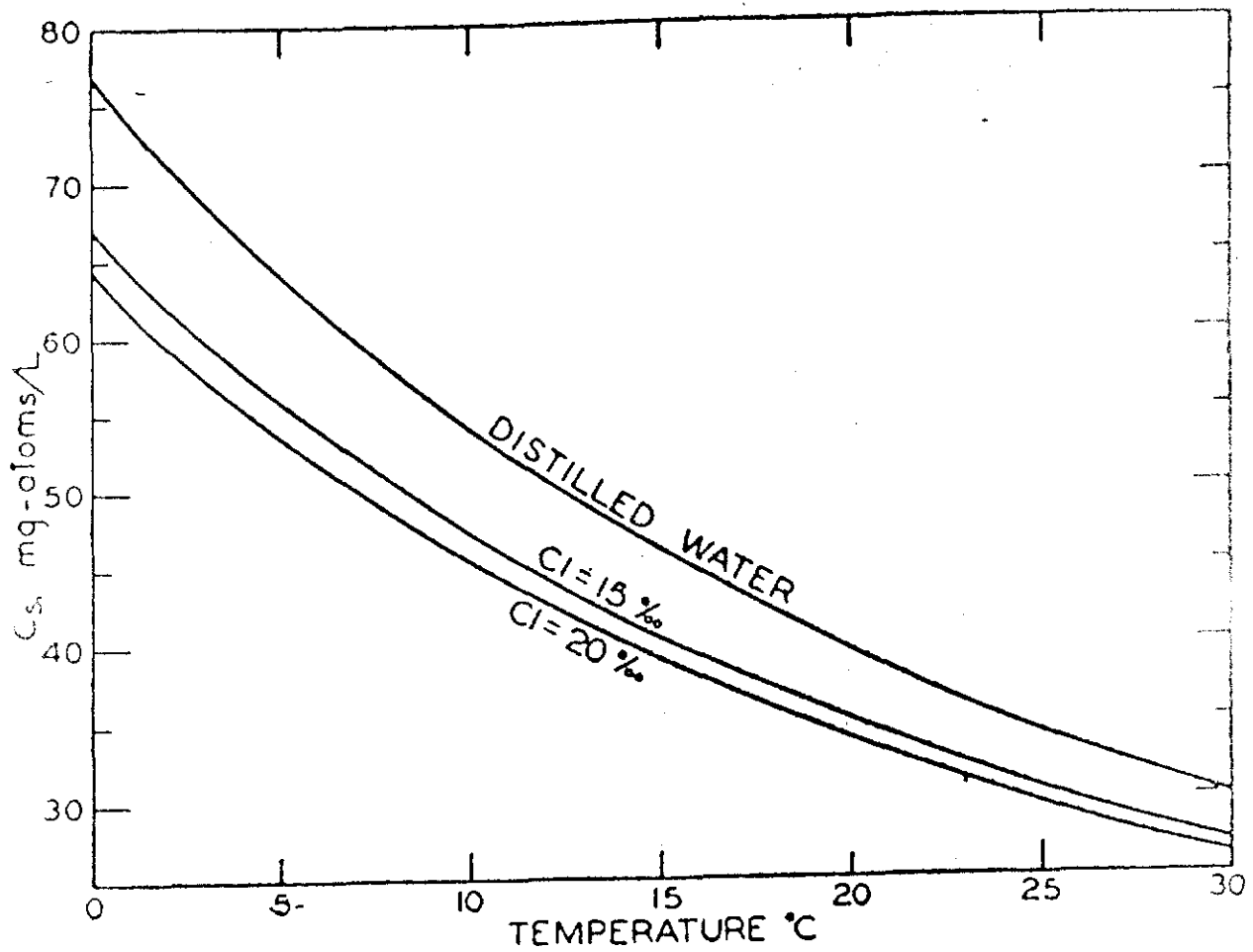


Figure 47: Adsorption coefficient  $C_s$  of carbon dioxide in sea water as a function of temperature and chlorinity.

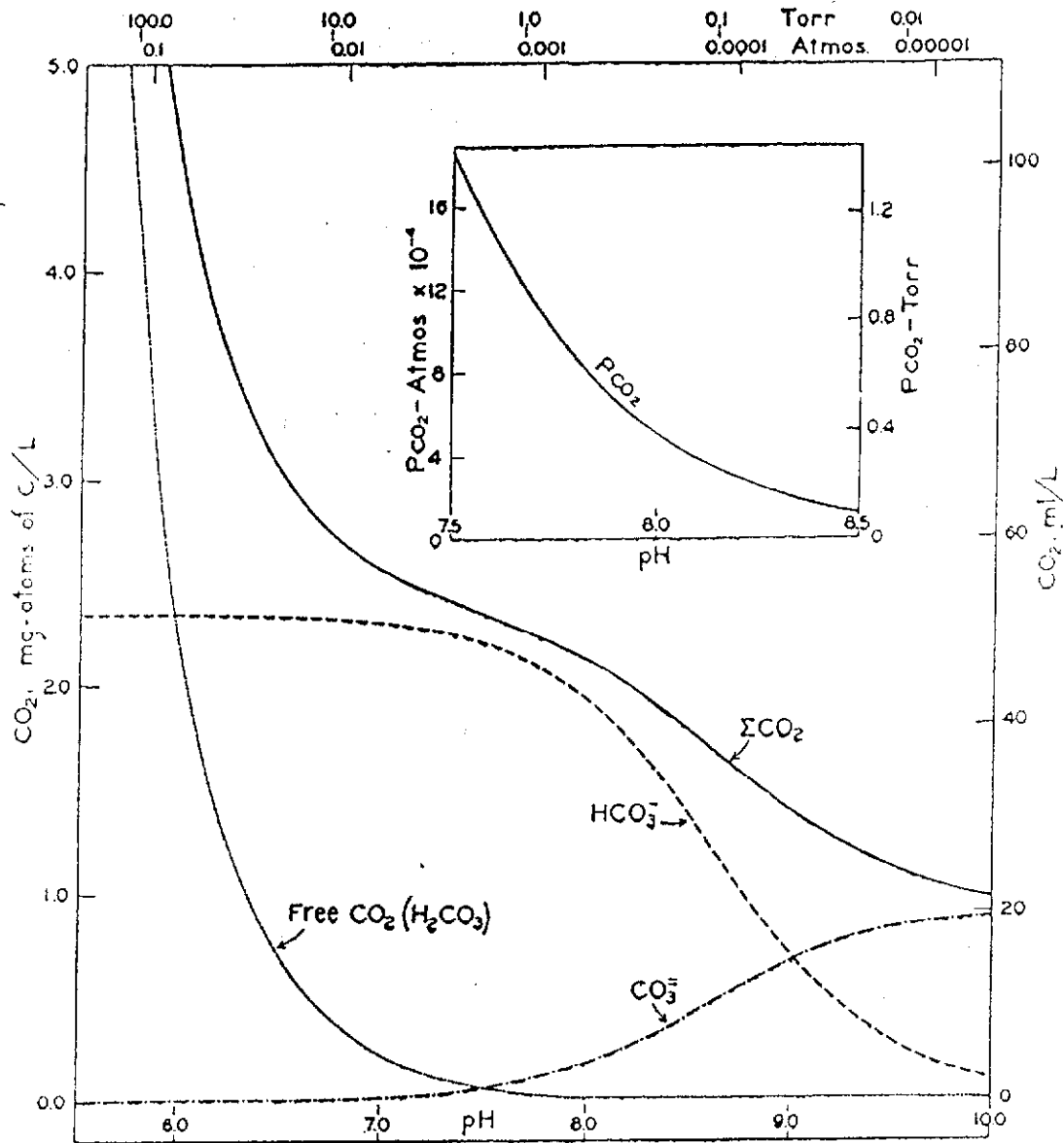


Figure 48: Carbon components in sea water of Cl = 19.00 ‰ at 20° C as a function of pH and the partial pressure of carbon dioxide.

Fig. 49a: Periphyton and Sed Trap Data  
Magnesium:Zinc Ratio

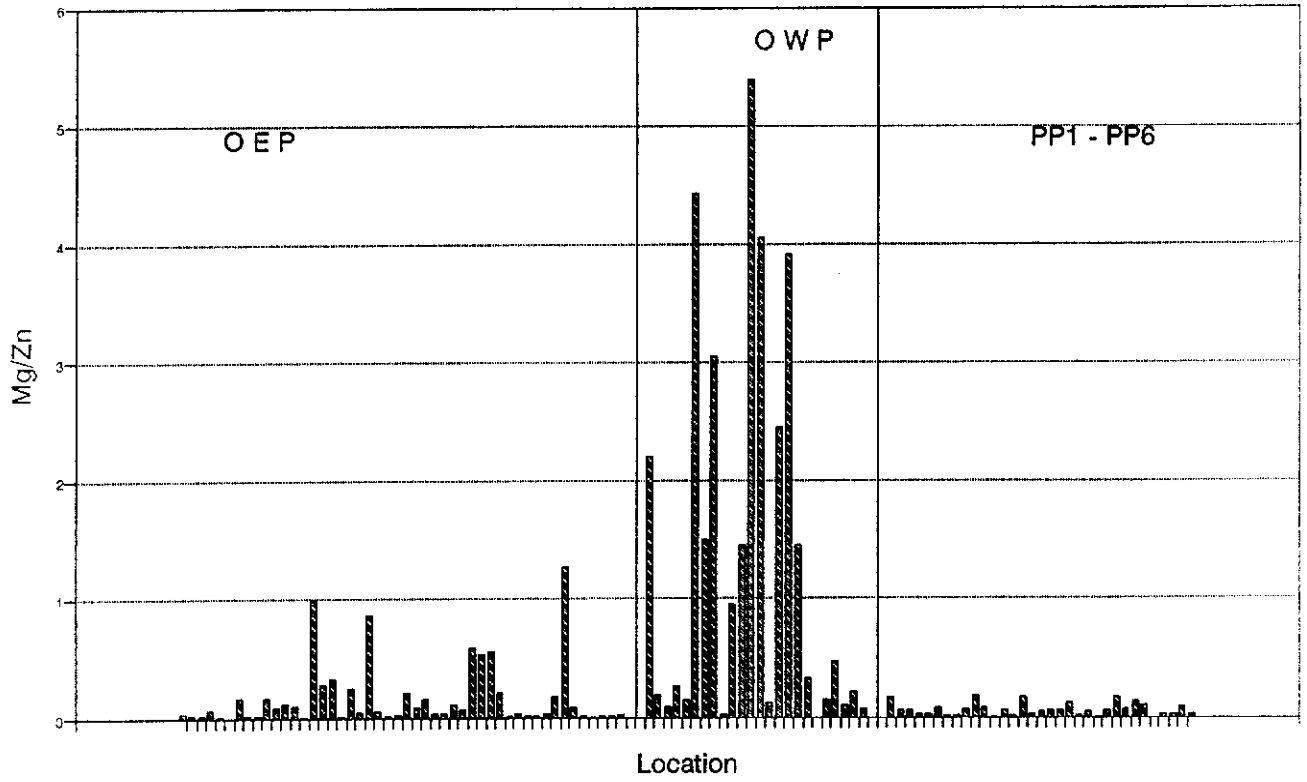


Fig. 49b: Periphyton and Sed Trap Data  
Manganese:Zinc Ratio

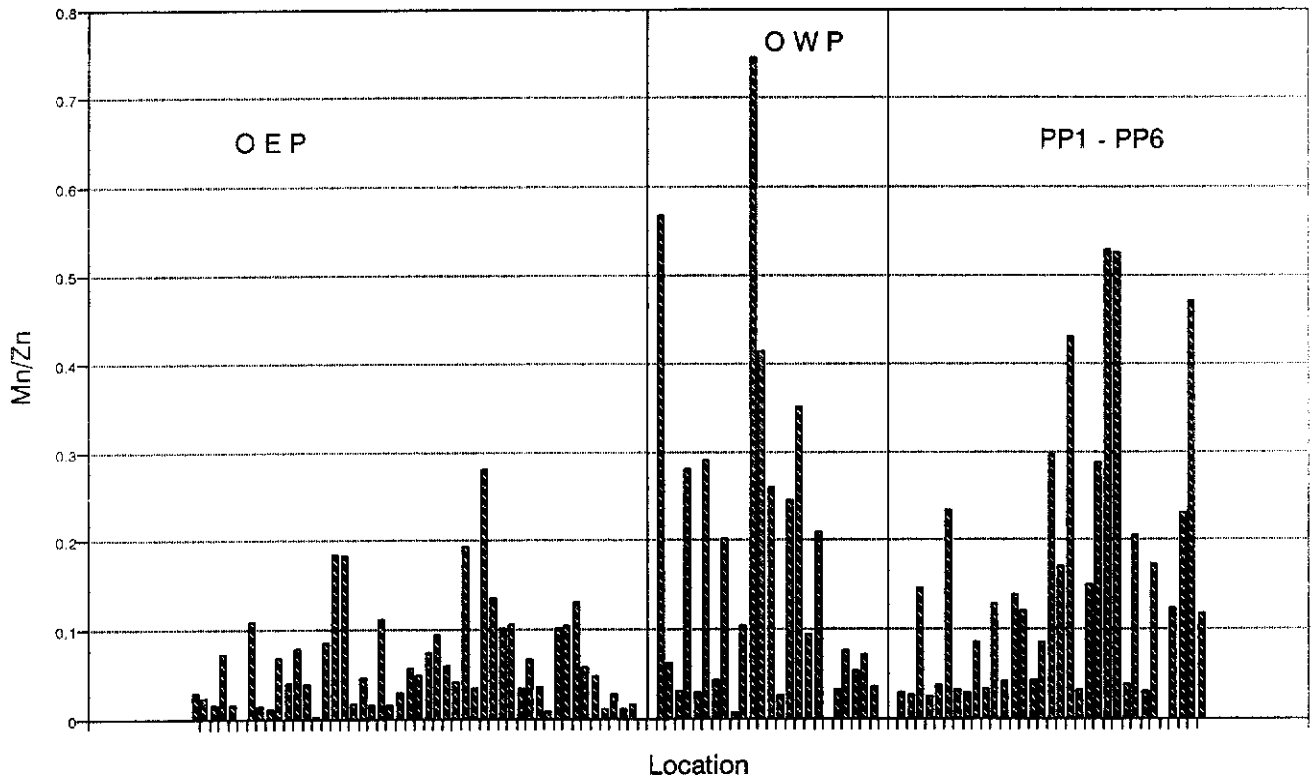




Fig.50a: OEP Surface Water  
1988 - 1996

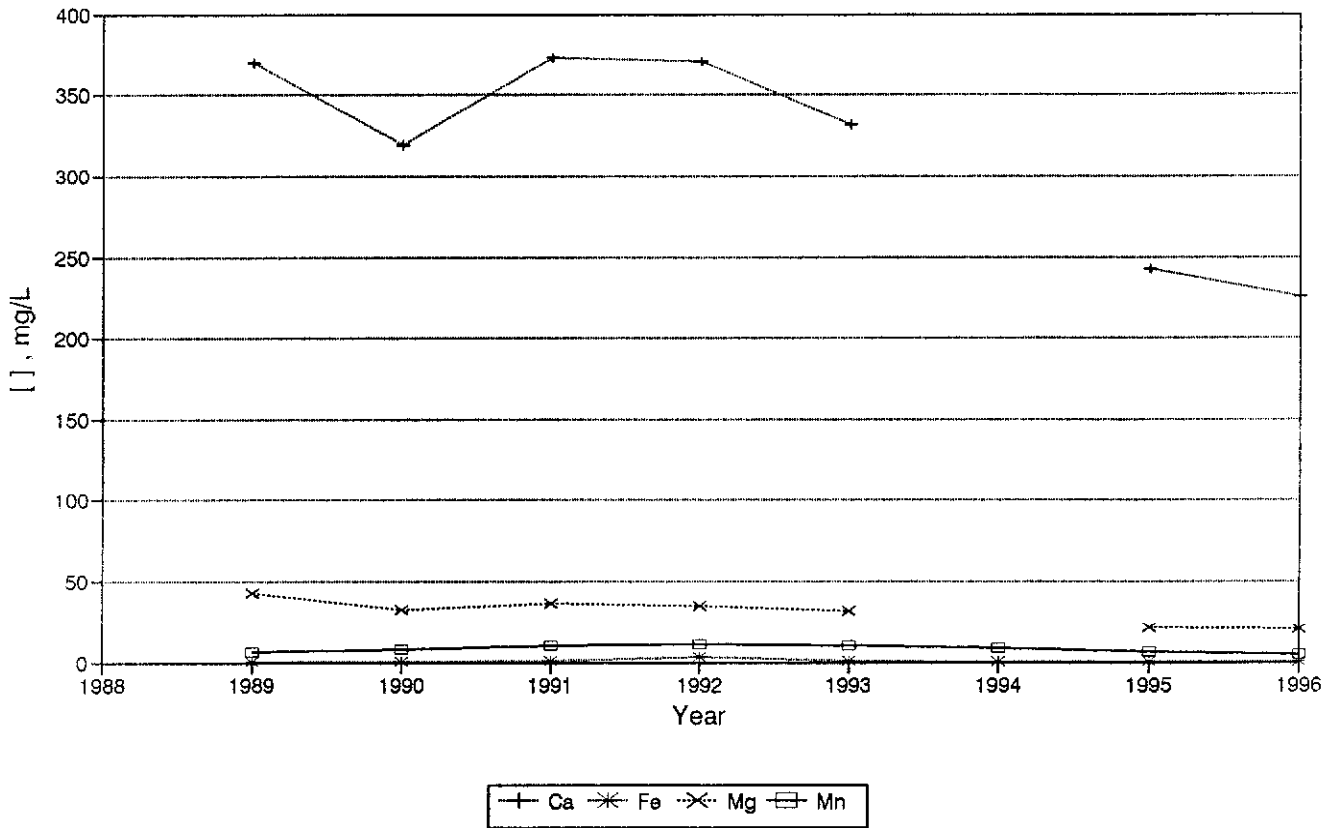


Fig.50b: OEP Bottom Water  
1988 - 1996

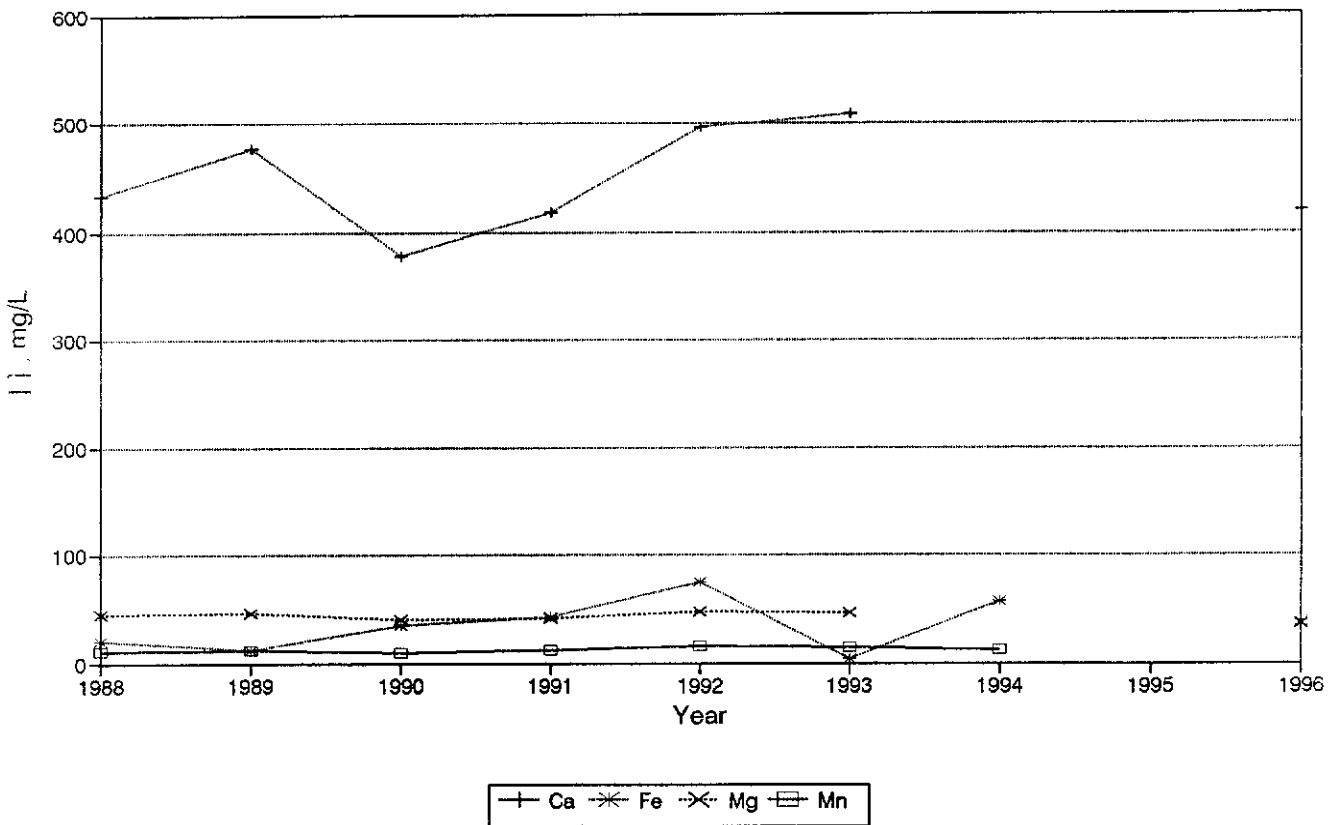


Fig. 50c: OEP Surface Water  
1988 - 1996

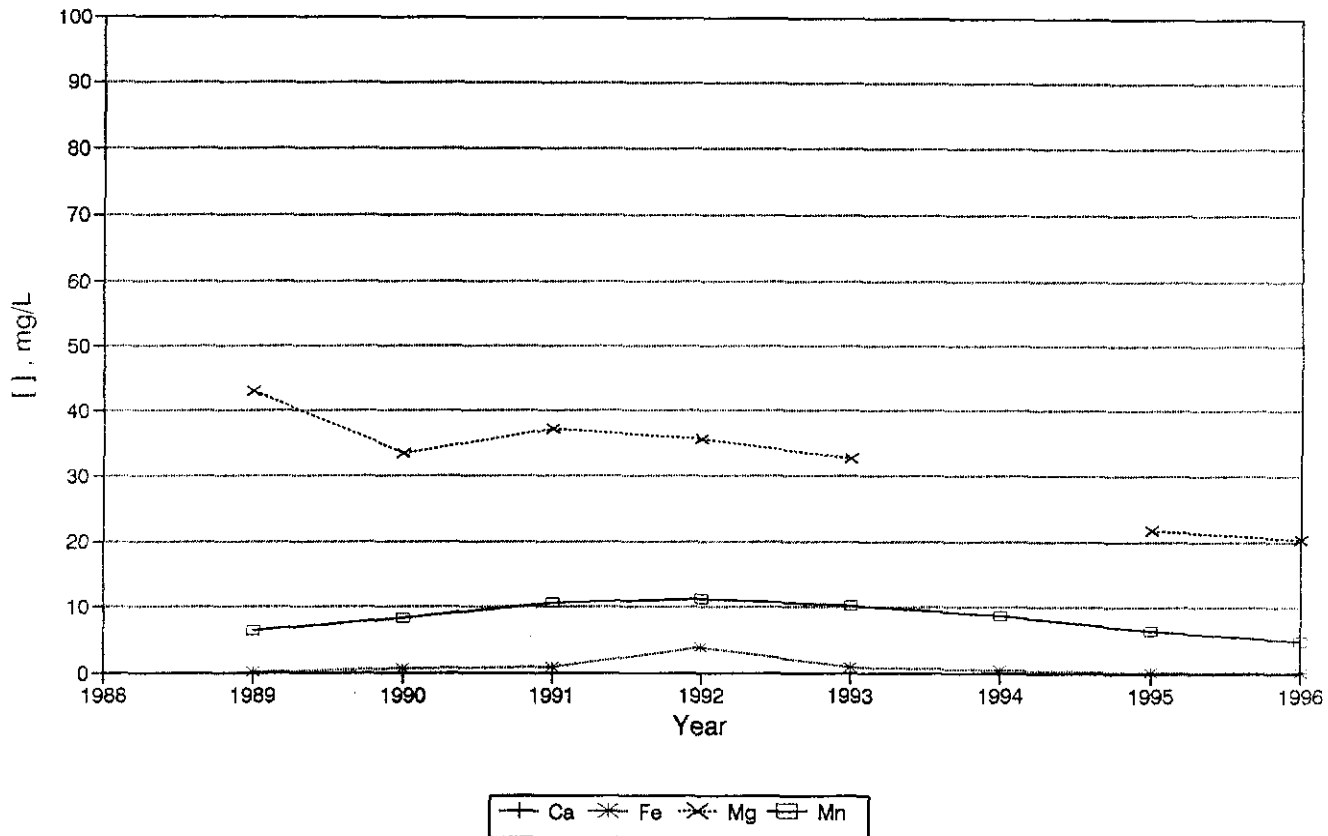


Fig. 50d: OEP Bottom Water  
1988 - 1996

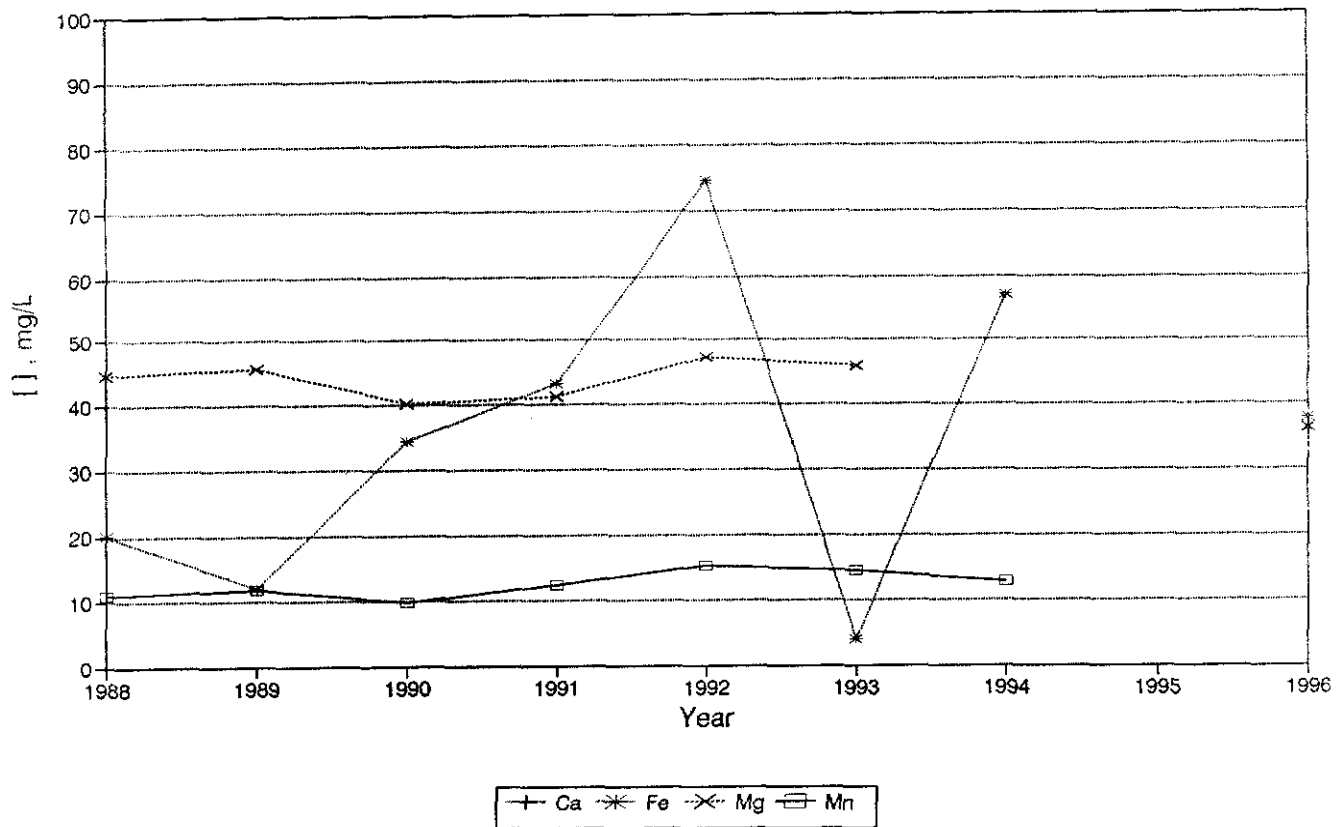


Fig. 51a: OWP Surface Water  
1988 - 1996

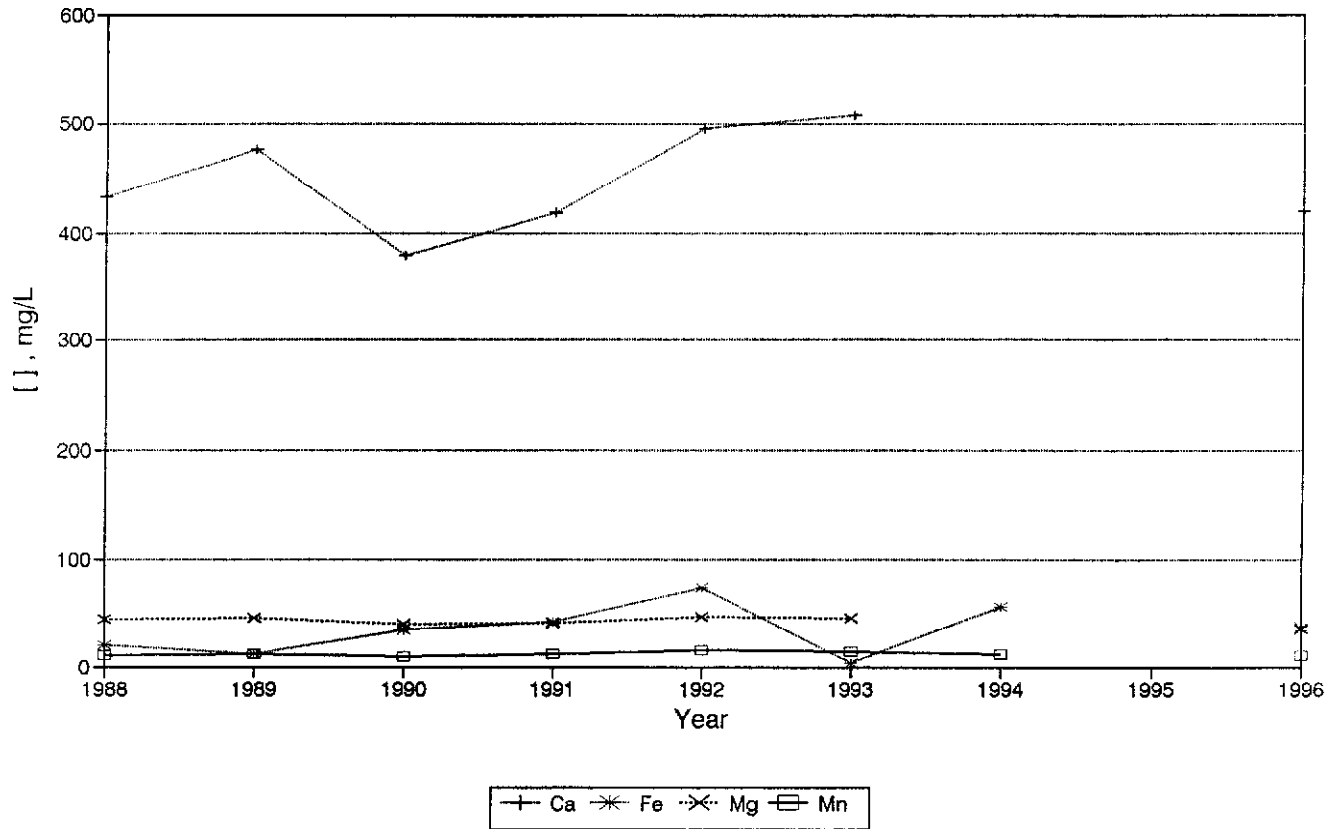


Fig. 51b: OWP Bottom Water  
1988 - 1996

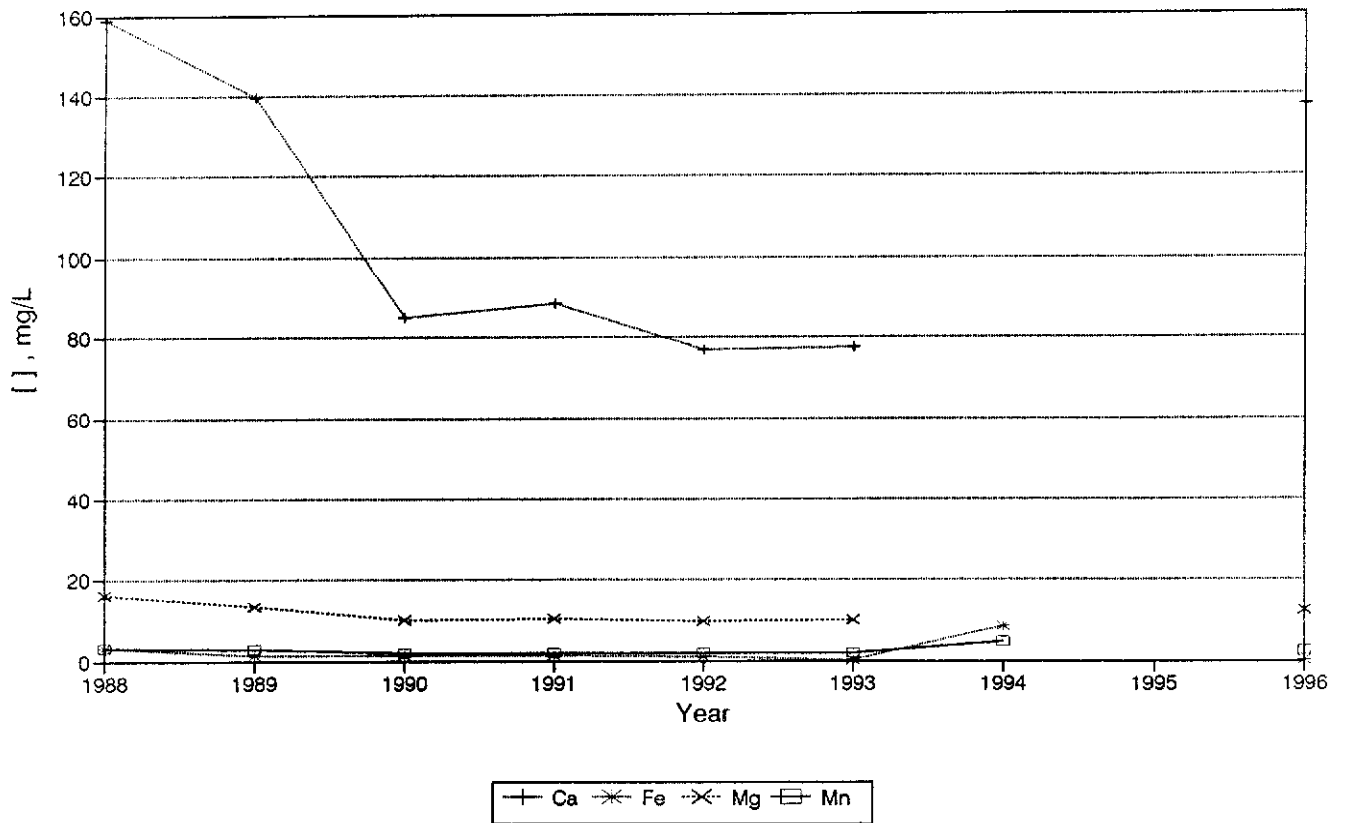


Fig. 52: OEP Surface, 1989-1996  
Average [Zn] and [Mg]

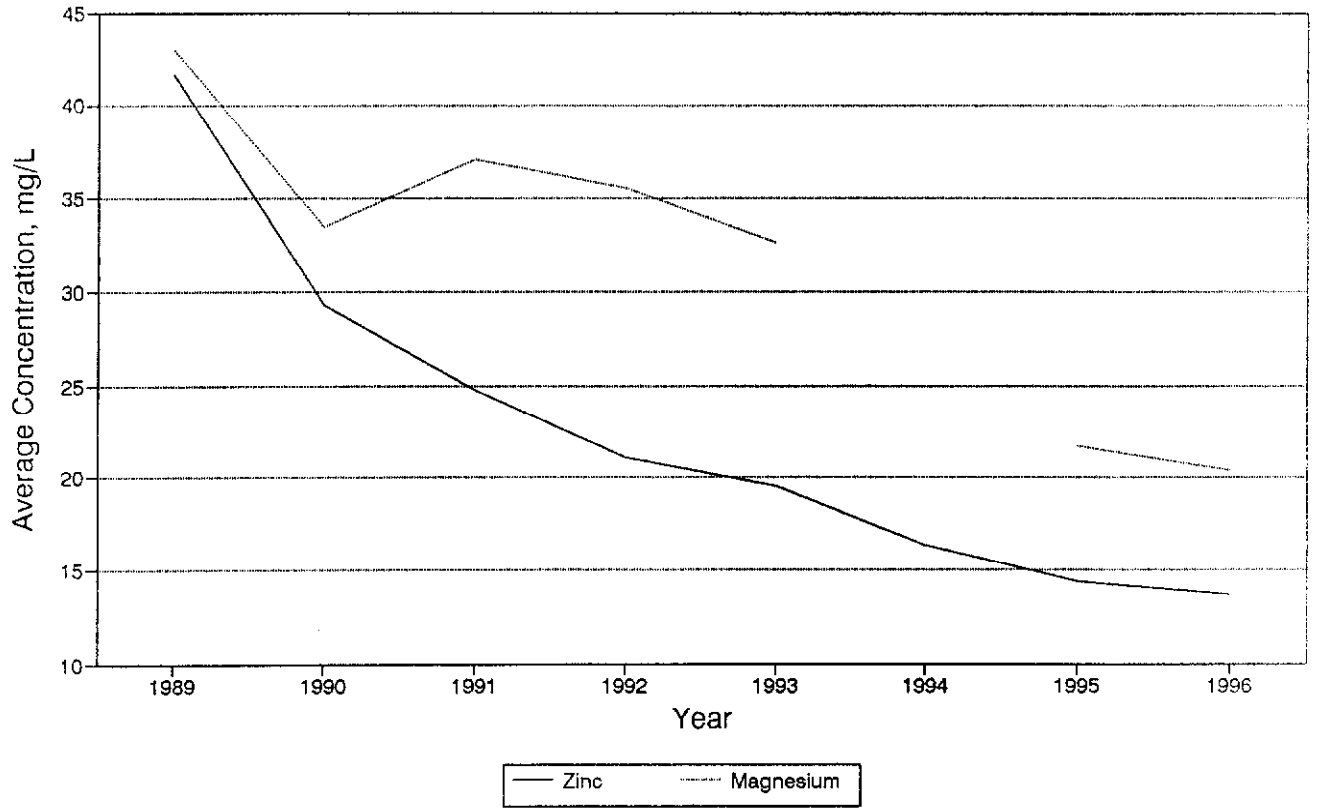


Fig. 53a: OEP Zinc Model  
Case 1:

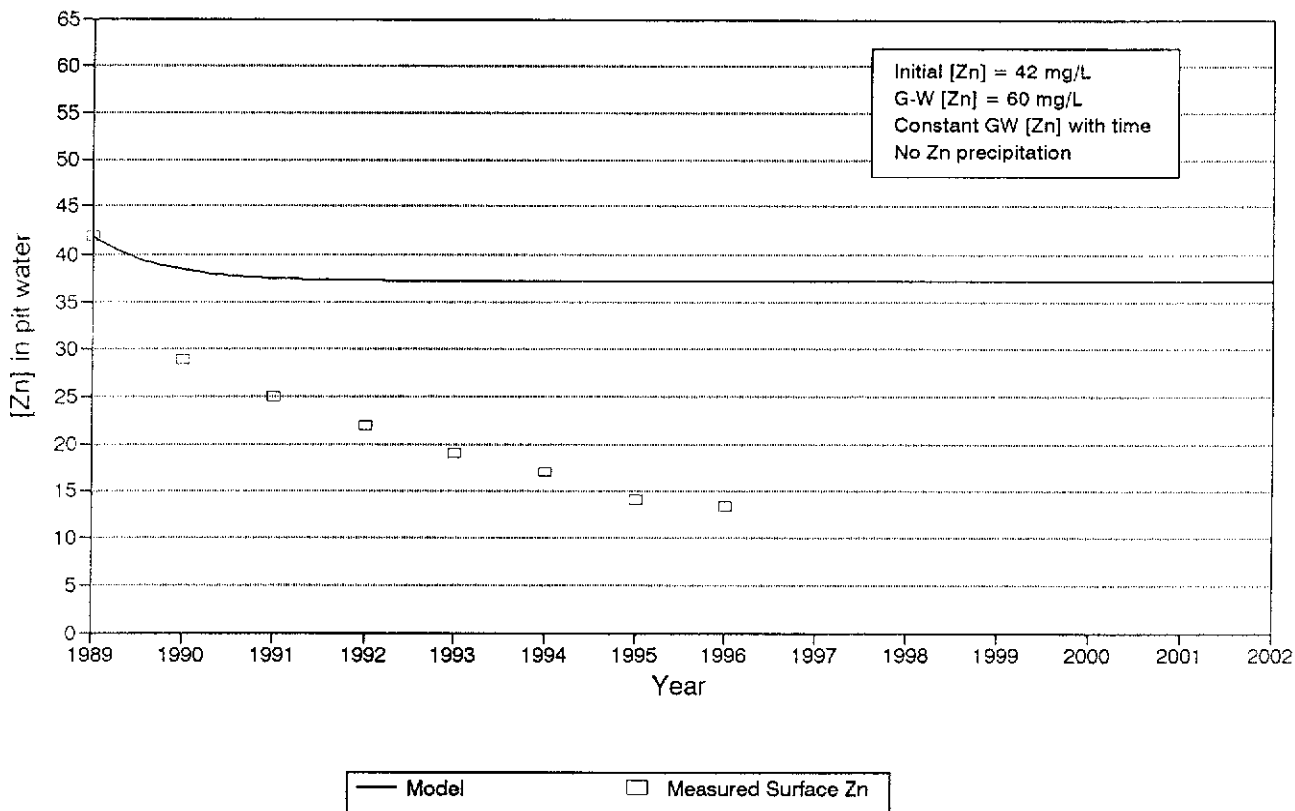


Fig. 53b: OEP Zinc Model  
Case 2:

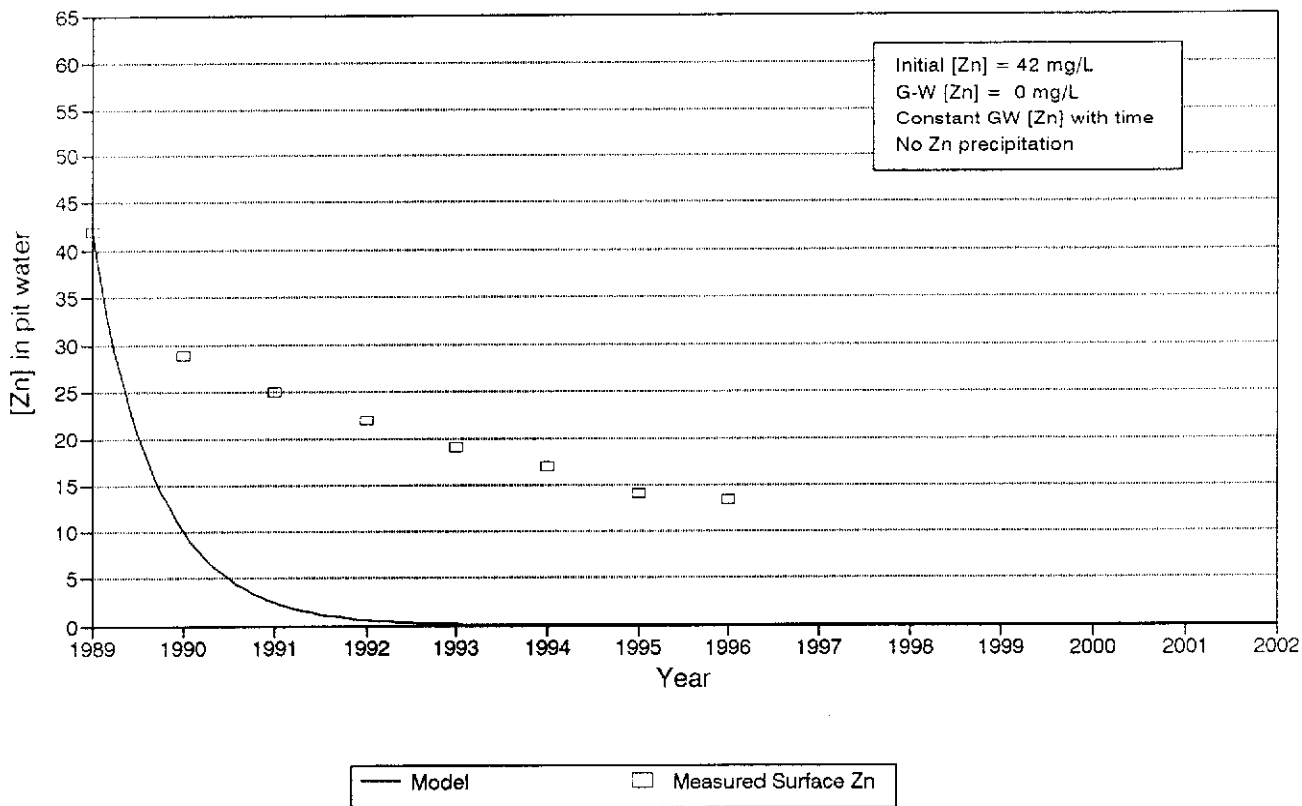


Fig. 53c: OEP Zinc Model  
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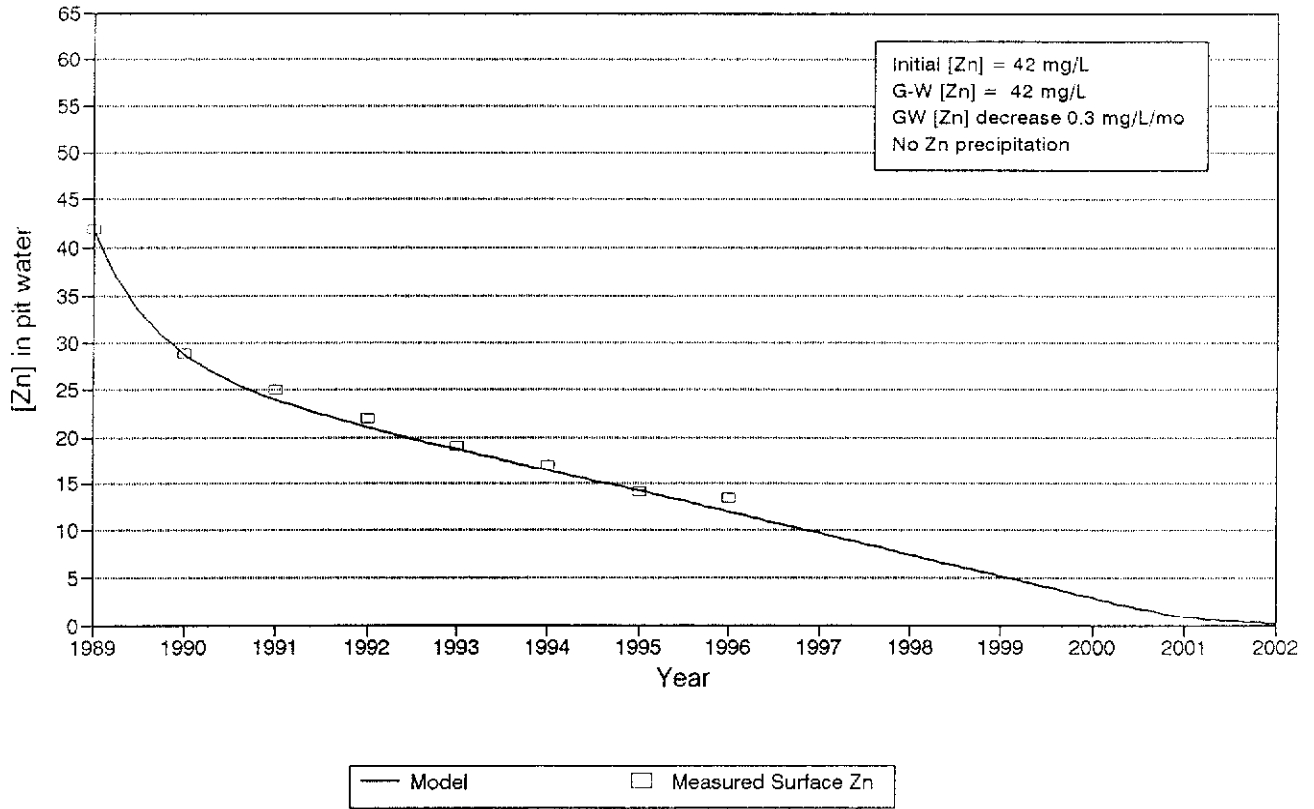


Fig. 53d: OEP Zinc Model  
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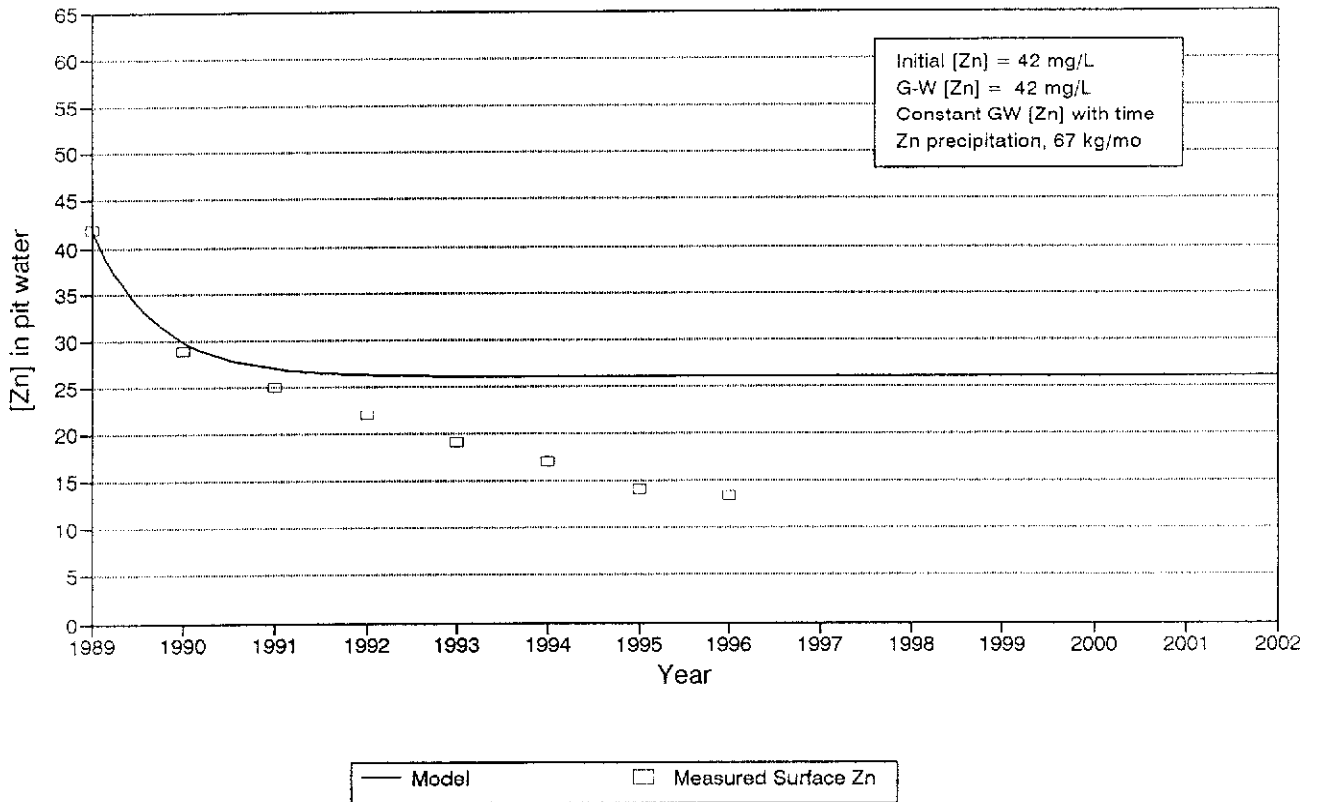
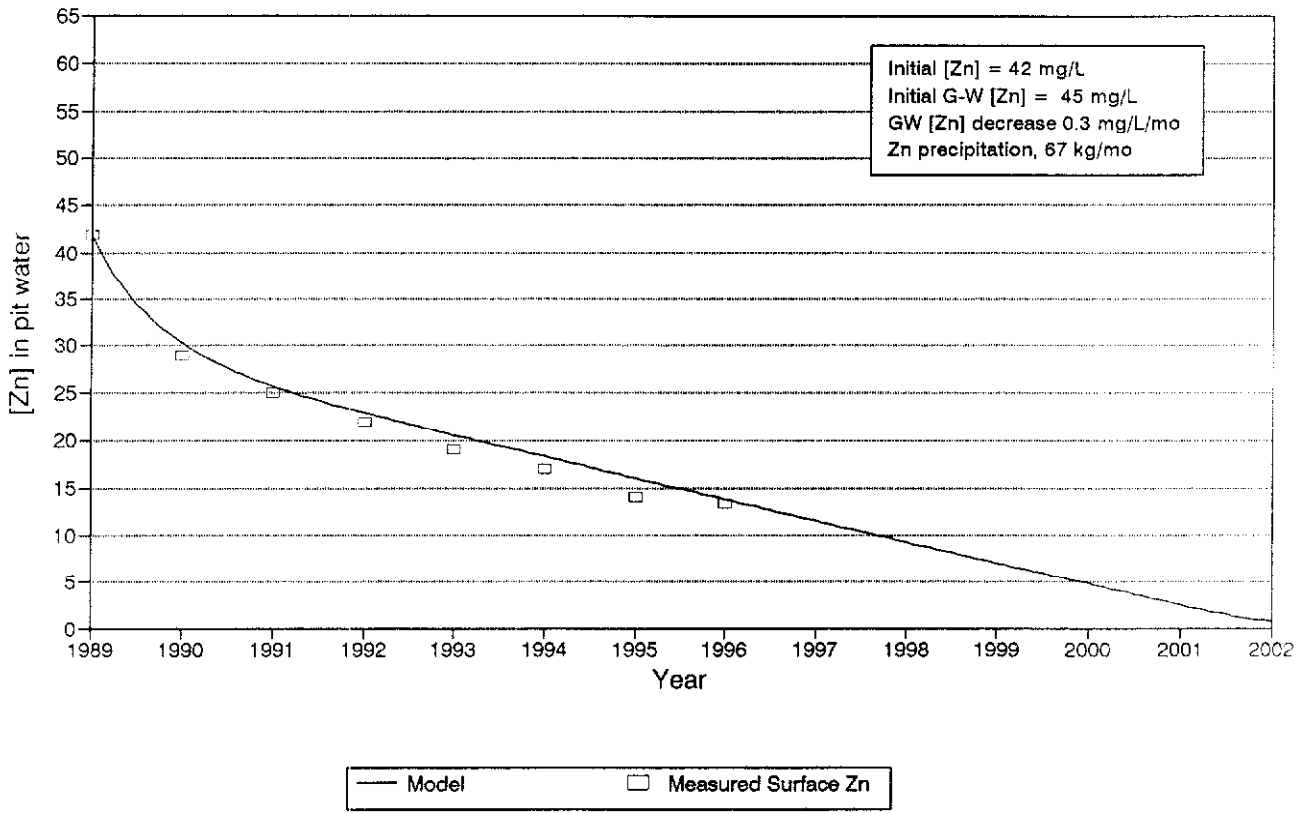
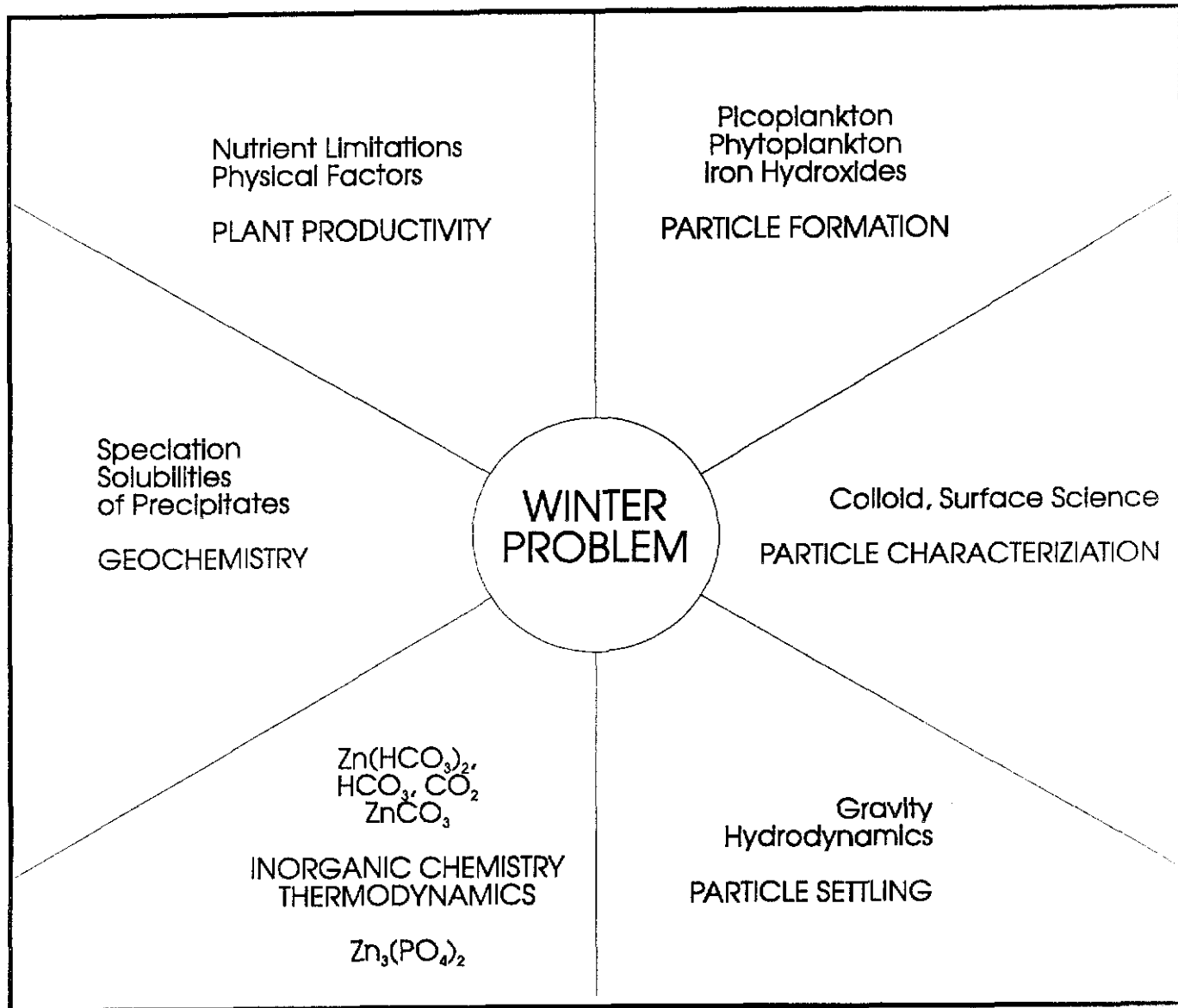


Fig. 53e: OEP Zinc Model  
Case 5:





Schematic 3: Physical, Chemical and Biological Factors Affecting Winter Zinc Removal Performance in the OWP-OEP-Polishing Ponds System.



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Schematic 4: Schematic Representation of Metals, Sulphate, Phosphate and  $\text{CO}_2$  -  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  -  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  Cycling in OEP

