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#### Abstract

Physical and chemical-related properties, concentrations of chemical constituents, which included major inorganic ions and nutrients, and concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria were determined for 17 sites on 11 streams in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, during the period April-August 1995. The streams were sampled to assess the effects of different streamflow conditions on the concentrations of water-quality constituents. The water-quality properties and constituents selected for analysis include those that generally are indicative of altered organicmaterial inputs from both point and nonpoint human sources, as well as naturally-occurring sources. The streams included in the study were Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya, Abita River, Bayou Chinchouba, Bayou Castine, Cane Bayou, Bayou Lacombe, Bayou Liberty, Bayou Bonfouca, Bogue Chitto, and West Pearl River.

Water-quality samples were collected under several hydrologic conditions. These conditions included a period of wet weather and sustained high river stages; a period of local storms several days apart and river stages typical of that situation; and a period of dry weather and low river stages.


The concentrations of inorganic constituents in streams draining the mixed pine forests generally are lower than in other streams in southern Louisiana. The Abita River, in particular, has very low concentrations of major ions and a low alkalinity that ranged only from 2 to $9 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ (milligrams per liter) at Abita Springs and 2 to $31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at U.S. Highway 190. This indicates that the stream has very little buffering capacity. The upper reach of Bayou Lacombe (1 mile north of Interstate-12) similarly has little buffering capacity. This makes these streams particularly susceptible to adverse effects from accidental spills of strong acids or bases.

Nutrient concentrations varied and indicated that degraded water-quality conditions that typically occur during storms persisted less than 1 to 3 days. In general, the larger the drainage basin, the longer it takes for the stream to recover. The dissolved-nitrate concentrations in water from the Bogue Chitto-West Pearl River system ( $0.18-0.31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the Bogue Chitto and 0.05 to $0.27 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the West Pearl River) could, in combination with the dissolved-phosphorus concentrations ( $0.02-0.06 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the Bogue Chitto-West Pearl River system), produce eutrophic conditions that result in algal blooms. The fact that algal blooms are rarely observed in this system indicates that other factors are restricting algal growth.

Fecal-coliform bacteria concentrations were highest in April and August and lowest in June. The water samples collected from the Tchefuncte River near Covington in April had a fecal-coliform concentration of $22,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ (colonies per 100 milliliters). A sample from the Bogue Chitto near Bush had a concentration of $30,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$.

Peak fecal-coliform concentrations in water samples collected 2 days after storms in May were lower than those in samples collected after storms in April. The Tchefuncte River near Covington and the Bogue Chitto near Bush had a fecal-coliform concentration of 1,000 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This corresponds with the biochemical oxygen demand results that indicated much of the organic matter had been flushed out of the basins in April.

Water samples collected in June had much lower fecal-coliform concentrations at all sites. The lack of rainfall might have reduced sewage inputs. The highest concentration recorded in June was 210 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$.

Fecal-coliform concentrations in water samples collected in August varied, which reflected the effects of small, isolated storms in the study area. Bayou Castine, sampled immediately after a storm, had a fecal-coliform concentration of $26,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The stream was resampled 24 hours later, and the fecal-coliform concentration had decreased to $1,700 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This is an indication of the rapid water-quality changes that typically occur in small streams.

## INTRODUCTION

St. Tammany Parish has undergone extensive growth in the last decade. In 1995, the population growth rate for St. Tammany Parish was first in the State and fifth in the Nation (Richard Hart, St. Tammany Parish Environmental Services Commission, oral commun., 1995). Both public officials and private citizens in the area are concerned about the effects of increased population (and subsequent changes in land use) on the quality of surface water in the parish; the surface waters include many rivers and bayous and part of Lake Pontchartrain. Historically, these surface waters have assimilated naturally occurring organic wastes that primarily were produced by the decomposition of plant material and animal wastes.

Organic wastes are vital nutrients that consist of various forms of nitrogen and phosphorus, which are the base of the food chain in surface water. However, the capability of a riverine system to assimilate increasing amounts of wastes from point sources (such as sewage treatment facilities) and nonpoint sources (such as urban and agricultural land) can become limited. This is particularly true for the generally slow-flowing rivers and bayous in St. Tammany Parish. Exceeding the wastewater-assimilation capacity could result in the degradation of the quality of water in a stream and render it incapable of meeting its designated uses (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 1994).

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with St. Tammany Parish Environmental Services Commission, began a study in 1995 to determine selected water-quality constituents in the major rivers and bayous of St. Tammany Parish that may be affected by changes in land use (urbanization). This information will aid managers in planning and making sound decisions regarding wastewater management.

## Purpose and Scope

This report presents the results of a water-quality survey of 11 streams in St. Tammany Parish. Samples were collected from 17 sites during the period April-August 1995. The streams were sampled three to four times during this 4 -month period to assess the effects of different streamflow conditions on the concentrations of the water-quality constituents. A review of USGS historical water-quality data was completed to aid in site and constituent selection. The water-quality properties and constituents selected for analysis include those that generally are indicative of altered organic-material inputs from both point and nonpoint human-related sources of contamination, as well as naturally occurring sources. The physical properties and concentrations of constituents reported include major inorganic ions, selected nutrients, and fecal-coliform indicator bacteria. Results of the analyses were used to evaluate the effects of these organic-material inputs on the water quality of the 11 streams.

## Description of Study Area

St. Tammany Parish, located in southeastern Louisiana, is a predominantly forested and agricultural area (fig. 1). However, the southern part of the parish is becoming increasingly urbanized. St. Tammany Parish has the largest component of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System, with all or part of 11 waterways in the system occurring within the parish. St. Tammany Parish is composed of three ecoregions (Omernik and Gallant, 1987). Most of the parish forms part of the Southeastern Plains ecoregions. The Southeastern Plains consist of low relief, dendritic-drainage, timbered land that primarily is an oak-longleaf pine forest (Kniffen and

Hilliard, 1988). Because of the large number of rare and endangered plant species in the Southeastern Plains ecoregion, St. Tammany Parish has more rare and endangered plant species than any other parish in Louisiana (Richard Martin, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, oral commun., 1995).

The southern margin of the parish, bordering Lake Pontchartrain, is part of the Mississippi Alluvial Plain ecoregion. This ecoregion has low relief and slope, with braided channels dominated by bottomland hardwoods and tidally affected streams. This narrow margin, seldom extending more than a few miles from the lake, has fresh-to-intermediate salinity marshes near Madisonville (Chabreck and Linscombe, 1978). The marshes become intermediate-to-brackish in the area from Mandeville to Slidell.

The southeastern corner of the parish is in the Southern Coastal Plain ecoregion. Vegetation consists of bottomland hardwoods, cypress-tupelo gum swamps, low-slope braided streams, and fresh-to-intermediate salinity marshes.

The two major river systems in St. Tammany Parish (fig. 2) are the Bogue Chitto-Pearl River system and the Tchefuncte River-Bogue Falaya-Abita River system. Six bayous (Chinchouba, Castine, Cane, Lacombe, Liberty, and Bonfouca) are tidally affected and flow generally southwestward through areas of the most rapidly expanding population and development.

## Previous Studies

Cardwell and others (1967) discussed the surface- and ground-water resources of the Lake Pontchartrain area. Concerning the surface waters of St. Tammany Parish, the study discussed the Pearl River and Tchefuncte River. The principal findings regarding these rivers were that the water quality generally is good, but during periods of low flow, saltwater can intrude upstream as far as U.S. Highway 90 for the Pearl River, and as far as the city of Covington for the Tchefuncte River.

Two of the waterways, Bayou Chinchouba and the Bogue Chitto, are reported by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (1990) as not supporting their designated uses. Bayou Chinchouba has poor water quality due to sewage discharges and urban runoff. The reasons for slight problems with turbidity and pathogen indicators in the Bogue Chitto are more varied, including minor municipal point sources, inflow and infiltration of wastes from dairy and cattle pastureland, forest management, surface mining, and upstream sources. Parts of the Tchefuncte River and Bogue Falaya are reported as partially supporting their designated uses, as a result of contamination from point and nonpoint sewage sources.

An advisory against fish consumption and swimming was issued for Bayou Bonfouca because of the contamination of bottom sediments by surface runoff from an abandoned creosote facility. Primary contact recreation advisories are in effect for the Tchefuncte and Bogue Falaya Rivers, because of contamination by septic tank and animal waste runoff (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 1994).

## Data Collection

Based on the results of the analysis of USGS historical data and discussions with St. Tammany Parish officials, 17 sites on 11 streams were selected for water-quality sampling (fig. 2). Two of the sites, Bogue Chitto near Bush and West Pearl River at U.S. Highway 90, reflect the water quality of areas outside the most rapidly developing areas of the parish. The results of those analyses were used for an appraisal of the general water quality in southeastern Louisiana.

Modified from U.S. Geological Survey digital data, 1:100,000 and 1:250,000, 1990
Figure 1. Major land uses in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Figure 2. Location of surface-water-quality sampling sites, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995.

Depth-integrated water-quality samples for inorganic constituents and nutrients were collected from water less than 20 feet deep and having velocities less than $1.5 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}$ (feet per second), using an epoxy-coated wire-basket sampler containing a narrow-mouth 1-liter glass bottle that had been cleaned and fired at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (degrees Celsius) for 6 hours to burn off any organic contaminants. All water samples were preserved and, when required, filtered according to standard USGS methods (Fishman and Friedman, 1989; Britton and Greeson, 1988). All nutrient and inorganic-constituent samples were stored in coolers at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ immediately upon collection, placed in refrigerators after processing, and shipped in coolers at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to a USGS laboratory for analysis.

Samples for analysis of coliform bacteria were collected in sterilized glass bottles and processed within 4 hours of collection. The samples were analyzed using the membrane-filter method described by Britton and Greeson (1988).

## Quality Assurance

Water-quality sampling equipment for field measurements was calibrated before and after each use. The analyses were performed at USGS laboratories using procedures approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Ten percent of all samples were analyzed in duplicate. All analyses were checked and verified by USGS personnel.

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## ANALYSIS OF SELECTED SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY DATA

At the inception of the study, a review of USGS historical water-quality data was undertaken to assist in site selection and data interpretation. The USGS has collected surface-water-quality information from 56 sites in St. Tammany Parish, 6 of which have at least 10 records, considered to be the minimum number sufficient for statistical summary. Those sites and the periods of record are listed below:

| Site | Period of record |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tchefuncte River near Covington | Oct. 1958-July 1993 |
| Tchefuncte River near Folsom | Oct. 1943-July 1980 |
| Bogue Chitto near Bush | Sept. 1953-Sept. 1992 |
| Pearl River at Pearl River | Oct. 1963-Sept. 1964 |
| Lake Pontchartrain at mouth of Bayou Lacombe | June 1974-Jan. 1981 |
| Lake Pontchartrain at north shore | Apr. 1974-July 1984 |

The water-quality data (appendix A) and information related to point-source discharge poirts and land use published by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (1994) indicated that the major known water-quality problems in the parish are caused by point and nonpoint nutriert and animal-wastes inputs, especially in the upper reaches of the streams. Most of the historical data consist of inorganic-constituent, nutrient, and fecal-bacteria concentrations. Two of the sites, Bogue Chitto near Bush, and Tchefuncte River near Covington, also have trace-element data. The data at the two sites indicated no trace-element problems. Unfortunately, little information exists on pesticides and other synthetic organic compounds in St. Tammany Parish.

## Hydrologic Conditions During Data Collection

The small number of water-quality samples collected during the study and the time period allotted for sample collection necessitated sample collection on a hydrologic-event basis. The events chosen were a period of wet weather and sustained high river stages; a period that included local storms several days apart and river stages typical for the season; and a period of dry weather and low river stages. Sampling during these three major weather categories lessened many of the biases associated with a limited number of samples. For example, sampling only during dry weather may increase the relative importance of isolated inputs, sampling during a storm may reflect high but transient concentrations during the initial runoff (the first-flush effect), and sampling during prolonged wet weather often produces low concentrations because of dilution.

A series of intense storms produced extensive flooding during the spring of 1995. Intense storms moved through St. Tammany Parish on March 7, April 10, and May 8-10. The April 1C storm produced 5-7 inches of rainfall in a 24 -hour period and caused widespread flooding in the towns of Covington and Slidell. Samples representing this hydrologic condition were collected April 12-13. At sites 1-4, 11, and 12 the streams were out-of-bank with a decreasing stage; at all the other sites streams were bank-full. On May 9-10, Slidell recorded 15.75 inches of rainfall in 24 hours, which caused widespread flooding. Because of the high rainfall and flooding, additional wet-weather samples were collected on May 12 . Stream stages at sites $1,3,4,6,7,9,11,12$, and 13 were out-of-bank and decreasing; the others were bank-full.

Stream stages were low and stable during the June 7-9 dry-weather sampling, a result of little or no rainfall the previous 2 weeks. A slight (less than $0.2 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}$ ), tidally influenced upstream velocity was noted at Bayou Liberty (site 14).

Scattered thunderstorms throughout southeastern Louisiana in mid-to-late July produced elevated stages of short duration typical of the season. August 1-2 was chosen for sampling because of the lack of extreme hydrologic conditions which characterized the earlier samples. Bayous in small basins, such as Bayou Castine (site 9) and Bayou Chinchouba (sites 6 and 8 ), were out-of-bank as a result of isolated thunderstorms on July 31. Bayou Lacombe at sites 12 and 13 was out-of-bank due to strong easterly winds July 31 forcing Lake Pontchartrain water into Bayou Lacombe.

## Physical and Chemical-Related Properties

Physical and chemical-related properties determined for 17 sites along the streams in St. Tammany Parish, during April-August 1995, are presented in table 1. Properties include specific conductance, pH , water temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), and the 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). BOD concentrations also are shown graphically in appendix B. Values of these properties varied among streams, reflecting different land-use categories (fig. 1). For example,

Table 1. Physical and chemical-related properties determined for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995
[See figure 2 for site location. --, no data]

| Date | Specific conductance, in $\mu \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{cm}$ at 25 degrees Celsius | pH, water, in standard units | Temperature, water, in degrees Celsius | Oxygen, dissolved, in milligrams per liter | Oxygen demand, biochemical, 5 day, in milligrams per liter | Solids, residue at 180 degrees Celsius, dissolved in milligrams per liter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tchefuncte River near Covington, site 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 16 | 5.2 | 18.5 | 7.2 | 3.0 | 16 |
| May 12 | 24 | 5.5 | 22.5 | 6.2 | 1.7 | .- |
| June 7 | 35 | 5.9 | 23.5 | 6.9 | . 6 | 46 |
| Aug. 2 | 39 | 5.9 | 25.5 | 6.7 | . 6 | 42 |
| Bogue Falaya at Covington, site 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 17 | 5.2 | 18.5 | 7.2 | 2.8 | -- |
| May 12 | 24 | 5.6 | 22.0 | 6.7 | 1.3 | -- |
| June 7 | 36 | 5.9 | 24.5 | 7.5 | . 6 | 38 |
| Aug. 2 | 47 | 6.1 | 25.5 | 6.7 | . 7 | 36 |
| Abita River at Abita Springs, site 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 16 | 4.7 | 19.0 | 6.2 | 1.7 | 32 |
| May 12 | 14 | 4.5 | 23.5 | 4.8 | 1.6 | -- |
| June 7 | 33 | 5.6 | 26.0 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 62 |
| Aug. 2 | 46 | 5.8 | 26.0 | 6.5 | . 7 | 60 |
| Abita River at U.S. Highway 190 at Covington, site 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 16 | 4.9 | 19.0 | 6.5 | 2.9 | 32 |
| June 7 | 43 | 5.8 | 25.5 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 58 |
| Aug. 2 | 112 | 6.2 | 26.0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 88 |
| Tchefuncte River at Madisonville, site 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 24 | 5.7 | 19.5 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 26 |
| May 12 | 18 | 5.5 | 23.0 | 5.4 | 1.7 | -- |
| June 7 | 66 | 6.2 | 30.0 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 54 |
| Aug. 2 | 144 | 6.2 | 29.5 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 94 |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Louisiana Highway 59 at Mandeville, site 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 28 | 4.9 | 17.5 | 4.6 | 1.7 | 60 |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Causeway Access Road near Mandeville, site 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 41 | 5.8 | 19.0 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 44 |
| May 12 | 26 | 5.7 | 22.5 | 5.0 | 2.1 | -- |
| Aug. 2 | 155 | 6.4 | 28.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 118 |
| Bayou Chinchouba near mouth, site 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 2 | -- | 7.2 | 30.5 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 124 |
| Bayou Castine at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 41 | 5.7 | 18.0 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 62 |
| May 12 | 13 | 4.9 | 23.5 | 4.8 | 1.7 | -- |
| June 8 | 56 | 5.7 | 27.5 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 72 |
| Aug. 1 | 90 | 5.9 | 26.5 | 2.0 | 7.1 | 86 |
| Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 24 | 4.8 | 19.0 | 5.7 | 2.1 | 44 |

Table 1. Physical and chemical-related properties determined for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995-Continued

| Date | Specific conductance, in $\mu \mathrm{S} / \mathrm{cm}$ at 25 degrees Celsius | pH, water, in standard units | Temperature, water, in degrees Celsius | Oxygen, dissolved, in milligrams per liter | Oxygen demand, biochemical, 5 day, in milligrams per liter | Solids, residue at 180 degrees Celsius, dissolve-1. in milligrams per liter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 10-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 12 | 21 | 4.5 | 23.0 | 5.0 | 1.2 | -- |
| June 8 | 182 | 6.1 | 30.5 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 134 |
| Aug. 2 | 653 | 6.4 | 27.5 | 0.9 | 4.7 | 378 |
| Bayou Lacombe 1 mile north of Interstate-12 near St. Tammany, site 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 18 | 4.3 | 19.0 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 28 |
| June 8 | 37 | 5.4 | 24.5 | 7.6 | 1.5 | 50 |
| Aug. 2 | 41 | 5.0 | 27.5 | 7.9 | . 8 | 62 |
| Bayou Lacombe near Lacombe, site 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 17 | 4.6 | 20.5 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 28 |
| May 12 | 13 | 4.7 | 24.0 | 4.8 | . 9 | -- |
| June 8 | 103 | 6.1 | 30.5 | 7.1 | 3.4 | 80 |
| Aug. 2 | 506 | 5.8 | 28.0 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 300 |
| Bayou Lacombe at mouth, site 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 261 | 5.7 | 20.5 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 154 |
| June 8 | 1,030 | 6.1 | 28.0 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 602 |
| Aug. 2 | 7,260 | 6.3 | 29.0 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 1,440 |
| Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca, site 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 28 | 5.4 | 21.0 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 50 |
| May 12 | 16 | 5.0 | 23.5 | 4.4 | 1.2 | -- |
| June 9 | 768 | 7.0 | 32.5 | 8.2 | 3.3 | 396 |
| Aug. 1 | 2,620 | 6.6 | 29.0 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1,510 |
| Bayou Bonfouca at Louisiana Highway 433 at Slidell, site 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 80 | 7.2 | 20.5 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 66 |
| May 12 | 33 | 6.0 | 23.5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | -- |
| June 9 | 242 | 7.6 | 30.5 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 146 |
| Aug. 1 | 3,000 | 6.9 | 28.5 | 4.0 | 1.1 | -- |
| Bogue Chitto near Bush, site 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 22 | 5.7 | 19.0 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 22 |
| May 12 | 32 | 5.8 | 23.5 | 6.3 | 1.5 | -- |
| June 8 | 40 | 6.1 | 27.0 | 7.0 | 1.5 | 38 |
| Aug. 1 | 45 | 6.4 | 27.0 | 7.2 | . 5 | 34 |
| West Pearl River at U.S. Highway 90, site 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 46 | 6.2 | 20.5 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 38 |
| June 9 | 56 | 6.2 | 28.0 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 54 |
| Aug. 1 | 115 | 6.2 | 28.0 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 78 |

water in the Abita River, which drains mixed pine forests, is characterized by low pH and low specific conductance. During the April and May sampling, the pH of the Abita River at Abita Springs (site 3) was 4.7 and 4.5. This is more acidic than is typical for most streams in southern Louisiana, and reflects the naturally acidic conditions characteristic of extensive pine forests. The upper reach of Bayou Lacombe also drains this mixed pine area, and exhibits a similar low-pH pattern (4.3 at site 11 in April). Also, rainwater is naturally acidic. Rainfall composition is highly variable, not only from place to place, but also from storm to storm, with pH values from 6.4 to 4.9 considered representative (Hem, 1985, p. 36).

Specific conductance is a measure of the ability of water to conduct an electric current, and is an estimate of the total amount of dissolved constituents. The specific conductances measured in streams draining sandy mixed-pine forests, particularly the Abita River (site 3), along with the upper reaches of the Tchefuncte River (site 1), Bogue Falaya (site 2), and Bayou Lacombe (site 11) were low, indicating the very dilute nature of the upper reaches of these streams. Specific conductances at site 3 on the Abita River, for example, ranged from 14 to $46 \mu \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{cm}$ (microsiemens per centimeter at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), and at sites 1,2 , and 11 from 16 to $47 \mu \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{cm}$. In contrast, specific conductances at small bayous such as Cane, Castine, Chinchouba, and Liberty ranged from 13 to $2,620 \mu \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{cm}$. This reflects the fact that these streams are tidally affected, with brackish water intruding upstream from Lake Pontchartrain. These small bayous also drain wetlands and urban areas, producing a wider range of specific conductances than those streams draining predominantly $!$ mixed pine forests. Bayou Lacombe is a mixture of all these land uses, draining pine forests at the upper reach (site 11), developed areas (site 12) in the mid-reach, and tidally affected wetlands (site 13) near the mouth. Therefore, the range in specific conductances in Bayou Lacombe during the study was the largest, from 13 to $7,260 \mu \mathrm{~S} / \mathrm{cm}$.

DO concentrations during the study generally were at or above the minimum concentrations considered necessary by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (1990) for freshwater fish populations ( $5.0 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$, milligrams per liter) and estuarine fish populations ( $4.0 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ). The major exceptions are at or near the downstream reaches of small streams such as the Abita River (site 4) and Bayou Chinchouba (site 7), Bayou Castine (site 9), Cane Bayou (site 10), and Bayou Lacombe (site 12). In August, high water temperatures and little or no downstream flow caused typically low DO concentrations such as $1.4 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site $4 ; 2.7 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site $7 ; 2.0$ at site $9 ; 0.9$ $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 10 ; and $1.7 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 12 . During the June sampling, DO concentrations indicated that two sites, Tchefuncte River at Madisonville (site 5) and Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca (site 14), were supersaturated with oxygen. Site 5 had 122 percent and site 14 had 114 percent of the maximum oxygen concentration expected at that temperature and barometric pressure. This indicates a high level of photosynthetic activity by phytoplankton that is releasing oxygen into the water faster than it can diffuse. However, this does not indicate a severe algal bloom problem, as percent saturations during bloom conditions often exceed 200-400 percent (C. Fred Bryan, National Biological Service, oral commun., 1995). Additional indication that this was not a severe bloom problem is that the pH values ( 6.6 at site 5 and 7.0 at site 14) are typically higher during a bloom, with values of 7.8-8.8 occurring as phytoplankton remove carbon dioxide from the water during the day (Goldman and Horne, 1983, p. 98). Carbon dioxide acts as a weak acid, and its removal raises the pH .

BOD is a measurement that estimates the total amount of organic matter in a water sample that can be assimilated by aerobic bacteria. An initial DO concentration is determined, the sample is then incubated at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 5 days, and a second DO measurement is recorded. The difference between the two DO concentrations is the BOD.

The results from the 5-day BOD analysis (table 1) appear to be related primarily to basir size and the time since the last major rainfall, rather than to the degree of urbanization. For the purposes of this report, a major rainfall is defined as one that causes a stream to rise out-of-channe ${ }^{1}$. During the study this occurred on a widespread basis only on April 10-12 and May 9-10. On July 31, isolated thunderstorms caused Bayou Castine to briefly flood. For example, the BOD concentrations were lower in samples collected in May than in those collected in April, probably because the April rains had flushed considerable organic material out of the basins. It should $b$ : emphasized that the peak BOD concentrations were probably higher than those measured, as the samples were collected 1-3 days after the initial rainfall. However, the results indicate that the flushing action in these basins is relatively brief. The duration and magnitude of the peak BOL concentrations are not known, as this requires many samples collected immediately after the inception of rainfall, preferably at hourly intervals throughout the storm and the accompanying rise and fall of the stream. However, it is generally recognized through the efforts of Weibel and others (1964) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Urban Runoff Program during the 1980's, that elevated concentrations of contaminants are found in the highest concentrations in the initial hours of a storm (the first flush). A high BOD ( $7.1 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ) in Bayou Castine on August 1 was a result of sampling immediately after a storm that occurred the night of July 31. In this instance, the samples probably indicate the degraded water-quality conditions prevalent during and immediately after a storm. Isolated peaks in BOD concentrations in June, such as $4.3 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ measured at site 5 and $3.3 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 14 , reflect populations of phytoplankton at these downstream sites.

## Inorganic Chemical Constituents

Concentrations of inorganic chemical constituents in water samples collected from the study sites are presented in table 2. The concentrations of constituents in streams draining the mixed pine forests, particularly $1,2,3$, and 11 , generally are lower than in other southern Louisiana streams. The Abita River, in particular, has very low concentrations of major ions and a low alkalinity; alkalinity ranged only from 2 to $9 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 3 and from 2 to $31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 4 . This indicates that the stream has very little buffering capacity. A solution is said to be buffered if its pH is n t greatly altered by the addition of moderate quantities of acid or base (Hem, 1985). The upper reach of Bayou Lacombe (site 11), similarly, has little buffering capacity. This makes these streams particularly susceptible to adverse effects from accidental spills of strong acids or bases.

The inorganic constituent data indicate that the upstream sites are similar in major-ion concentrations and are predominantly sodium chloride (salt) and calcium carbonate- bicarbonate waters. The downstream sites and tidally affected streams have a much stronger sodium chloride component that becomes more predominant, as indicated by the June and August data. These differences in inorganic composition are merely the differences between freshwater and saltwater and do not indicate human-induced water-quality degradation.

## Nutrients

Nutrients, as referred to in this report, are defined as the various oxidized and reduced forms of nitrogen and phosphorus. Dissolved nitrate is the form most readily utilized for plant growth (Hem, 1985, p. 124). In low concentrations, nutrients form the base of all aquatic food webs. However, excessive nutrients can cause algal blooms, depressed DO concentrations with resulting fish kills, and a decreased capability of a water body to support diverse forms of aquatic life. In

Table 2. Concentrations of inorganic chemical constituents determined for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995
[See figure 2 for site location. <, less than]

| Date | Calcium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Ca | Magnesium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Mg | Sodium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Na | Potassium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as K | Alkalinity, in milligrams per liter as $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$ | Sulfate, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as $\mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | Chloride, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Cl | Silica, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tchefuncte River near Covington, site 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 0.72 | 0.36 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| June 7 | 1.6 | . 92 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 9 | 1.5 | 3.9 | 9.7 |
| Aug. 2 | 1.9 | . 75 | 3.2 | . 98 | 9 | 1.3 | 3.7 | 10 |
| Bogue Falaya at Covington, site 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | . 81 | . 38 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| June 7 | 1.7 | . 74 | 4.2 | . 78 | 10 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 10 |
| Aug. 2 | 2.0 | . 68 | 4.9 | . 81 | 11 | 1.8 | 4.7 | 12 |
| Abita River at Abita Springs, site 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | . 80 | . 26 | 1.3 | . 52 | 2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| June 7 | . 86 | . 40 | 5.6 | . 50 | 7 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 9.6 |
| Aug. 2 | 1.5 | . 54 | 6.2 | . 74 | 9 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 10 |
| Abita River at U.S. Highway 190 at Covington, site 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | . 74 | . 26 | 1.3 | . 50 | 2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| June 7 | 1.3 | . 52 | 6.3 | . 64 | 9 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 9.0 |
| Aug. 2 | 2.9 | . 72 | 14 | 1.8 | 31 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 14 |
| Tchefuncte River at Madisonville, site 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 1.2 | . 50 | 2.0 | . 99 | 5 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| June 7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 6.8 | 1.6 | 8 | 2.7 | 9.2 | 4.5 |
| Aug. 2 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 18 | 1.8 | 18 | 6.6 | 27 | 3.6 |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Louisiana Highway 59 at Mandeville, site 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 1.2 | . 41 | 3.3 | . 44 | 2 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 2.4 |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Causeway Access Road near Mandeville, site 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 2.4 | . 56 | 4.5 | . 69 | 9 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Aug. 2 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 22 | 2.1 | 56 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 9.0 |
| Bayou Chinchouba near mouth, site 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 2 | 6.2 | 1.7 | 24 | 2.3 | 50 | 7.6 | 15 | 8.1 |
| Bayou Castine at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 3.0 | . 80 | 4.4 | . 91 | 12 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| June 8 | 2.3 | . 80 | 10 | . 47 | 16 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 4.3 |
| Aug. 1 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 10 | 2.9 | 25 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 5.4 |
| Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | . 99 | . 39 | 2.2 | . 24 | 2 | . 92 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| June 8 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 31 | 1.0 | 11 | 7.5 | 50 | 3.3 |
| Aug. 2 | 10 | 8.9 | 100 | 4.7 | 50 | 27 | 160 | 5.4 |

Table 2. Concentrations of inorganic chemical constituents determined for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995-Continued

| Date | Calcium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Ca | Magnesium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Mg | Sodium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Na | Potassium, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as K | Alkalinity, in milligrams per liter as $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$ | Sulfate, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as $\mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | Chloride, dissolved, in milligrams per liter as Cl | Silica, dissolven. in milligram $=$ per liter as $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bayou Lacombe 1 mile north of Interstate-12 near St. Tammany, site 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 0.49 | 0.22 | 1.1 | 0.28 | <1 | 0.83 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| June 8 | 1.4 | . 72 | 3.9 | . 39 | 4 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 9.8 |
| Aug. 2 | 1.6 | . 64 | 3.6 | . 47 | 3 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 9.3 |
| Bayou Lacombe near Lacombe, site 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | . 64 | . 27 | 1.4 | . 30 | 1 | . 90 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| June 8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 15 | . 67 | 8 | 5.9 | 20 | 4.9 |
| Aug. 2 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 75 | 2.7 | 14 | 21 | 120 | 4.4 |
| Bayou Lacombe at mouth, site 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 33 | 1.4 | 6 | 8.4 | 61 | 1.9 |
| June 8 | 7.4 | 20 | 160 | 6.8 | 11 | 39 | 300 | 2.8 |
| Aug. 2 | 16 | 46 | 410 | 16 | 9 | 100 | 730 | 3.0 |
| Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca, site 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 1.5 | . 56 | 3.4 | . 42 | 5 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 2.0 |
| June 9 | 6.4 | 12 | 120 | 4.4 | 23 | 29 | 190 | 3.0 |
| Aug. 1 | 22 | 48 | 430 | 18 | 51 | 110 | 750 | 4.6 |
| Bayou Bonfouca at Louisiana Highway 433 at Slidell, site 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 9.5 | 1.1 | 4.1 | . 50 | 30 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 |
| June 9 | 20 | 2.7 | 24 | 1.4 | 66 | 16 | 19 | 4.3 |
| Aug. 1 | 51 | 110 | 960 | 37 | 45 | 240 | 1,700 | 6.6 |
| Bogue Chitto near Bush, site 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | 1.1 | . 46 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 5 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 3.3 |
| June 8 | 1.8 | . 92 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 10 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 11 |
| Aug. 1 | 1.9 | . 84 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 9 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 8.7 |
| West Pearl River at U.S. Highway 90, site 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | 2.4 | . 80 | 4.6 | 1.2 | 11 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| June 9 | 2.7 | . 88 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 13 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 6.2 |
| Aug. 1 | 4.4 | 1.4 | 13 | 2.6 | 25 | 11 | 9.3 | 6.9 |

general, the USEPA has not recommended restrictive criteria on nitrogen-containing nutrients, based on the fact that concentrations of nitrate or other nutrients that would exhibit toxic effects on fish or wildlife would rarely occur in nature. The maximum contaminant level for total nitrate (as nitrogen) in domestic water supplies is $10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1986). To control accelerated algal growth, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1986) recommends that total phosphorus $(\mathrm{P}$ ) should not exceed $0.05 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in any stream at the point where it enters any lake, nor $0.025 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ within the lake. A desired goal for the prevention of plant nuisances in streams or other flowing waters is $0.1 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ total P .

Concentrations of nutrients in water samples collected from the study sites in the parish are presented in table 3; selected nutrients also are shown graphically in appendix B. The sites in the Bogue Chitto (site 16) and West Pearl River (site 17) were chosen to represent water-quality effects unrelated to urbanization within the parish. These sites generally had higher dissolved-nitrate concentrations ( $0.18-0.31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 16 and $0.05-0.27 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 17 ) than sites $1-15$. Nitrate is the most oxidized form of nitrogen, and apparently the consistently higher DO concentrations in these large streams enabled nitrifying bacteria to process nutrient inputs into this inorganic form. The fact that dissolved ammonia, a reduced form of nitrogen, is consistently low at these two siter ( $0.01-0.07 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ) supports this conclusion. The nitrates in the Bogue Chitto-West Pearl River system could, in combination with the phosphorus concentrations $(0.02-0.06 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ dissolved phosphorus), produce eutrophic conditions that result in algal blooms. The fact that algal bloom ${ }^{-}$ are rarely observed in this system indicates that other factors are restricting algal growth. One likely factor is reduced light penetration, due to the turbidity of the water, inhibiting algal growth and reproduction. The nitrate and phosphorus concentrations did not fluctuate as much as in the smaller streams. Apparently, the much larger basin size integrated nutrient inputs, as the relatively slower rises and falls in the river stages produced less extreme nutrient concentrations.

A different nutrient pattern was apparent in the smaller streams. The storms in April and May produced rapid rises and falls in stage. Water-quality samples collected 1-3 days after the heaviest rainfall indicated low nutrient concentrations at streams such as Bayou Castine, Cane Bayou, and Bayou Lacombe. Nutrients available for transport from these small basins had alread.' moved through the system (the first-flush effect) before samples were collected. Samples collected from the Tchefuncte River near Covington (site 1) had relatively high nitrate and phosphorus concentrations for a small drainage area, indicating that the first flush at that site probably consiste $\tau$ of, though briefly, much higher concentrations.

The smaller streams, particularly Bayou Chinchouba (sites 6-8), Bayou Castine (site 9), Cane Bayou (site 10), and the downstream part of the Abita River (site 4) exhibited a different proportion of nutrient forms. The slow-flowing nature of some of the smaller streams often produced stagnant areas that resulted in persistent low DO concentrations. This resulted in an increase in ammonia from decomposition of proteins and then a low amount of nitrification (Goldman and Horne, 1983, p. 122). This is supported by the fact that the reduced form of nitrogen, ammonia, is found in the highest concentrations in small streams at the time of year when the concentrations of DO are lowest, such as the Abita River near the mouth ( $0.82 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 4 ), Bayou Chinchouba ( $0.74 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 7), and Bayou Bonfouca ( $0.22 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 15 ).

Organic nitrogen concentrations generally are higher in the smaller streams, accompanied by lower nitrate concentrations. Bayou Castine and Cane Bayou had concentrations of dissolved organic nitrogen that ranged from 0.33 to $0.77 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 9 , and 0.43 to $0.68 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at site 10 . This probably reflects the conversion of nitrates into phytoplankton biomass and their waste products.

The sites on Bayou Lacombe (sites 11-13) had very similar nutrient proportions of low nitrates, low ammonia, and low dissolved organic nitrogen. This probably reflects a system in equilibrium, as nutrients remain relatively stable during different streamflow conditions. Apparently, nutrient assimilation generally is matching nutrients inputs.
Table 3. Nutrients and bacteria concentrations determined for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995

| Date | Nitrogen, ammonia, total, in mg / L as N | Nitrogen, ammonia, dissolved, in $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ as N | Nitrogen, organic, total, in mg / L as N | Nitrogen, organic, dissolved, in mg/L as N | Nitrogen, nitrite, total, in mg / L as N | Nitrogen, nitrite, dissolved, in mg/L as N | Nitrogen, nitrate, total, in $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ as N | Nitrogen, nitrate, dissolved, in $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ as N | Phosphorus, total, in $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ as $P$ | Phosphorus, dissolved, in mg / as $P$ | Coliform bacteria, fecal, in cols/100 mL | Streptococci bacteria, fecal, in cols/100 mL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tchefuncte River near Covington, site 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | 0.03 | -- | 0.31 | -- | <0.01 | -- | 0.10 | -- | 0.03 | 22,000 | 9,100 |
| May 12 | 0.09 | . 09 | 0.62 | . 49 | 0.01 | . 01 | 0.13 | . 13 | 0.11 | . 11 | 1,000 | -- |
| June 7 | . 04 | . 04 | . 26 | $<20$ | . 01 | < 01 | . 30 | . 30 | . 08 | . 04 | 160 | 440 |
| Aug. 2 | . 03 | . 03 | . 43 | . 32 | . 01 | . 01 | . 18 | . 18 | . 04 | . 02 | 310 | 520 |
| Bogue Falaya at Covington, site 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 30 | -- | < 01 | -- | < 02 | -- | . 04 | 7,400 | 4,700 |
| May 12 | . 04 | . 04 | . 45 | . 36 | . 01 | . 01 | . 04 | . 04 | . 06 | $<.02$ | 520 | -- |
| June 7 | . 03 | . 02 | . 24 | $<20$ | <. 01 | <. 01 | . 10 | . 10 | . 02 | <. 02 | 140 | 520 |
| Aug. 2 | . 02 | . 02 | . 24 | < 20 | . 01 | . 01 | . 04 | . 04 | . 04 | . 04 | 1,400 | 540 |
| Abita River at Abita Springs, site 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 37 | -- | < 01 | -- | < 02 | -- | . 03 | 3,000 | 2,200 |
| May 12 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 32 | -- | . 01 | -- | < 02 | -- | . 04 | K120 | -- |
| June 7 | . 05 | . 04 | . 67 | . 44 | . 01 | . 01 | . 04 | . 04 | < 02 | <. 02 | K90 | K130 |
| Aug. 2 | . 02 | . 02 | . 65 | . 45 | . 01 | . 01 | . 03 | . 02 | . 09 | . 02 | 390 | 730 |
| Abita River at U.S. Highway 190 at Covington, site 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 30 | -- | < 01 | -- | < 02 | -- | <. 02 | K4,000 | 2,500 |
| June 7 | . 23 | . 21 | . 66 | . 43 | . 02 | . 01 | . 15 | . 15 | . 11 | . 05 | K120 | K440 |
| Aug. 2 | . 89 | . 82 | 1.0 | . 48 | . 05 | . 04 | . 24 | . 24 | . 39 | . 24 | 220 | K190 |
| Tchefuncte River at Madisonville, site 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | . 04 | -- | . 30 | -- | < 01 | -- | . 06 | -- | <. 02 | 7,600 | 3,400 |
| May 12 | . 06 | . 05 | . 49 | . 37 | . 01 | . 01 | . 04 | . 04 | . 04 | . 04 | 1,100 | - |
| June 7 | . 04 | . 02 | . 69 | . 37 | . 01 | < 01 | . 08 | . 08 | . 09 | . 02 | K20 | K100 |
| Aug. 2 | . 07 | . 07 | . 72 | . 33 | . 01 | . 01 | . 02 | . 02 | . 06 | . 06 | K94 | K15 |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Louisiana Highway 59 at Mandeville, site 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 60 | -- | . 01 | -- | < 02 | -- | <. 02 | 300 | 75 |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bayou Chinchouba at Causeway Access Road near Mandeville, site 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | 0.25 | -- | 0.48 | -- | 0.01 | -- | 0.06 | -- | 0.05 | 920 | K710 |
| May 12 | 0.14 | . 11 | 0.64 | . 41 | 0.02 | . 01 | 0.08 | . 08 | 0.08 | . 07 | 5,200 | -- |
| Aug. 2 | . 77 | . 74 | 1.0 | . 56 | . 04 | . 04 | . 05 | . 05 | . 30 | . 22 | 1,100 | 510 |
| Bayou Chinchouba near mouth, site 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 2 | . 55 | . 54 | . 85 | . 56 | . 02 | . 02 | . 03 | . 03 | . 28 | . 23 | K100 | K280 |
| Bayou Castine at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 18 | -- | . 74 | -- | . 01 | -- | $<.02$ | -- | . 10 | K300 | K560 |
| May 12 | -- | . 08 | -- | . 33 | -- | . 01 | -- | <. 02 | -- | . 03 | 300 | -- |
| June 8 | . 16 | . 15 | . 84 | . 53 | . 01 | . 01 | . 06 | . 06 | . 12 | . 03 | 100 | 250 |
| Aug. 1 | . 05 | . 04 | 1.2 | . 77 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 14 | . 07 | 26,000 | 990 |
| Aug. 2 | . 03 | . 03 | . 97 | . 70 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 08 | . 04 | 1,700 | -- |
| Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190 near Mandeville, site 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 03 | -- | . 52 | -- | $<.01$ | -- | $<.02$ | -- | . 05 | K220 | K760 |
| May 12 | -- | . 03 | -- | . 43 | -- | . 01 | -- | $<.02$ | -- | . 03 | 280 | -- |
| June 8 | . 09 | . 01 | . 91 | . 57 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 09 | <. 02 | K29 | K27 |
| Aug. 2 | . 10 | . 06 | 1.0 | . 68 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | $<.02$ | . 14 | . 06 | 1,200 | 250 |
| Bayou Lacombe 1 mile north of Interstate-12 near St. Tammany, site 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 01 | -- | . 32 | -- | $<.01$ | -- | $<.02$ | -- | <. 02 | 450 | 380 |
| June 8 | . 03 | . 03 | . 27 | $<20$ | . 01 | <. 01 | . 04 | . 04 | $<.02$ | $<.02$ | K40 | 200 |
| Aug. 2 | . 01 | . 01 | . 47 | . 33 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 03 | . 03 | 120 | K120 |
| Bayou Lacombe near Lacombe, site 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 02 | -- | . 31 | -- | $<.01$ | -- | <. 02 | -- | . 03 | 580 | 820 |
| May 12 | . 03 | . 03 | . 37 | . 30 | . 01 | <. 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | <. 02 | <. 02 | 270 | -- |
| June 8 | . 02 | . 02 | . 74 | . 33 | . 01 | . 01 | $<.02$ | $<.02$ | . 05 | $<.02$ | K60 | K37 |
| Aug. 2 | . 01 | . 01 | . 60 | . 37 | . 01 | . 01 | <.02 | <.02 | .02 | . 02 | 250 | 150 |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bayou Lacombe at mouth, site 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | 0.02 | -- | 0.36 | -- | $<0.01$ | -- | <0.02 | -- | 0.03 | 640 | 580 |
| June 8 | 0.02 | . 02 | 0.57 | . 36 | <0.01 | < 01 | 0.02 | . 02 | 0.04 | <. 02 | 120 | K20 |
| Aug. 2 | . 02 | . 01 | . 52 | . 33 | . 01 | < 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 02 | . 02 | 420 | K70 |
| Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca, site 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| June 9 | . 03 | . 01 | . 75 | . 44 | . 01 | . 01 | <. 02 | <. 02 | . 07 | <. 02 | 210 | K20 |
| Aug. 1 | . 08 | . 06 | . 82 | . 47 | . 01 | . 01 | . 03 | . 03 | . 13 | . 10 | 380 | K2,400 |
| Bayou Bonfouca at Louisiana Highway 433 at Slidell, site 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Aug. 1 | . 23 | . 22 | . 59 | . 35 | . 02 | . 01 | . 05 | . 05 | . 10 | . 05 | K5,600 | K4,100 |
| Bogue Chitto near Bush, site 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 12 | -- | . 06 | -- | . 32 | -- | . 01 | -- | . 18 | -- | . 02 | 30,000 | 14,000 |
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| Aug. 1 | . 02 | . 02 | . 27 | < 20 | . 01 | . 01 | . 19 | . 19 | . 04 | . 02 | K50 | K980 |
| West Pearl River at U.S. Highway 90, site 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr. 13 | -- | . 04 | -- | . 23 | -- | <. 01 | -- | . 11 | -- | . 05 | 1,300 | 620 |
| June 9 | . 04 | . 03 | . 49 | . 30 | . 01 | . 01 | . 27 | . 27 | . 14 | . 02 | K57 | 440 |
| Aug. 1 | . 05 | . 04 | . 62 | . 28 | . 01 | . 01 | . 05 | . 05 | . 12 | . 02 | K130 | 260 |

## Bacteria

Fecal-coliform bacteria have long been used as indicators of the sanitary condition of water: because they originate from the intestinal tracts of warmblooded animals. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (1994) has established water-quality standards for fecal-coliform bacteria. For primary contact recreation (prolonged contact such as swimming), based on a minimum of not less than five samples taken over not more than a 30-day period, the fecal-coliform content shall not exceed a log mean of $200 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. Also, not more than 10 percent of the total samples during any 30-day period, or 25 percent of the monthly samples collected during a year, shall exceed 400 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. For secondary contact recreation (incidental or accidental contact, such as fishing or boating), based on a minimum of not less than five samples taken over not more than a 30-day period, the fecal-coliform content shall not exceed a $\log$ mean of $1,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$, nor shall more than 10 percent of the total samples collected during any 30 -day period equal or exceed $2,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$.

Fecal-streptococcus bacteria also were analyzed as an additional indicator of sewage contamination. Analysis of fecal-streptococcus concentrations can be misleading, however, because of false positives from naturally occurring soil bacteria. The results are presented primarily to supplement the fecal-coliform information as a quality-control check.

Results of bacterial analyses are listed in table 3; fecal-coliform concentrations also are shown graphically in appendix B. During April, the sample from the Tchefuncte River near Covington (site 1) had a fecal-coliform concentration of $22,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The sample from the Bogue Chitto had a concentration of $30,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The very high fecal-coliform concentrations at these sites indicate that, although the sampling at these sites was conducted 2 days after the heavy rains began, the water quality of the larger streams still was degraded greatly. In contrast, the smaller streams sampled on April 13 (Bayous Chinchouba, Castine, Lacombe, and Liberty, and Cane Bayou) all had concentrations below $1,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The fecal-coliform concentrations at Bayou Castine and Cane Bayou were 300 and 220 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$, respectively. This is apparently related to the smaller drainage areas of Bayou Castine and Cane Bayou, which were flushed out more quickly.

Peak concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria were lower 2 days after the May storms than after the April storms. Sites 1 and 16 had a fecal-coliform concentration of 1,000 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This corresponds with the BOD measurements that indicated much of the organic matter had been flushed out of the basins in April.

Analysis of water samples collected in June indicated much lower fecal-coliform concentrations at all sites. The lack of rainfall apparently reduced nonpoint-source inputs from storm sewers and nonsewered runoff. The highest concentration recorded in June was 210 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ at sites 14 and 15 .

Fecal-coliform bacteria concentrations in samples collected in August varied, which reflect the effects of small, isolated storms in the study area. Bayou Castine, sampled immediately after a storm, had a fecal-coliform concentration of 26,000 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The stream was resampled 24 hours later, and the fecal-coliform concentration had decreased to $1,700 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This is ar indication of the rapid water-quality changes that typically occur in small streams.

## SUMMARY

A water-quality survey of 17 sites on 11 streams in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, was conducted April-August 1995 to determine physical and chemical-related properties, concentrations of chemical constituents, which included major inorganic ions and nutrients, and concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria. The streams were sampled to assess the effects of different streamflow conditions on the concentrations of water-quality constituents. The water-quality properties and constituents selected for analysis include those that generally are indicative of altered organic-material inputs from both point and nonpoint human sources, as well as naturally-occurring sources. Results of the analyses were used to evaluate the effects of there organic-material inputs on the water quality of the 11 streams. The streams included in the study were Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya, Abita River, Bayou Chinchouba, Bayou Castine, Cane Bayou, Bayou Lacombe, Bayou Liberty, Bayou Bonfouca, Bogue Chitto, and West Pearl River. Two of the sites, Bogue Chitto near Bush and West Pearl River at U.S. Highway 90, reflect the water quality of streams outside of the most rapidly developing areas of the parish.

The small number of water-quality samples collected during the study and the time period allotted for sample collection necessitated sample collection under several hydrologic conditions: a period of wet weather and sustained high river stages; a period of local storms several days apart and river stages typical of that situation; and a period of dry weather and low river stages. The collection of samples during these three major weather categories lessened many of the biases associated with a limited number of samples.

A series of intense storms produced flooding during the spring of 1995. Intense storms moved through St. Tammany Parish on March 7, April 10, and May 8-10. The April 10 storm produced 5-7 inches of rainfall in a 24 -hour period and caused widespread flooding in the towns of Covington and Slidell. On May 9-10, another storm produced 15.75 inches of rainfall in a 24 -hour period and caused widespread flooding in Slidell.

Dissolved-oxygen concentrations during the study generally were at or above the minimum concentrations considered necessary by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for freshwater fish populations ( $5.0 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$, milligrams per liter) and estuarine fish populations ( 4.0 $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ ). The major exceptions are at or near the downstream reaches of small streams such as t - , Abita River at U.S. Highway 190 and Bayou Chinchouba at Causeway Access Road, Bayou Castine at U.S. Highway 190, Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190, and Bayou Lacombe near Lacombe. In August, when high water temperatures combined with little or no downstream flow, dissolved-oxygen concentrations were typically low, such as $1.4 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at Abita River at U.S. Highway 190; $2.7 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at Bayou Chinchouba at Causeway Access Road; 2.0 at Bayou Castine at U.S. Highway 190; and $0.9 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at Cane Bayou at U.S. Highway 190. During the June sampling, dissolved-oxygen concentrations indicated that two sites, Tchefuncte River at Madisonville and Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca, were supersaturated with oxygen; the Tchefuncte River site had 122 percent and the Bayou Liberty site had 114 percent of the maximum oxygen concentration expected at that temperature and barometric pressure. This indicated a high level of photosynthetic activity by phytoplankton that is releasing oxygen into the water faster than it can diffuse. The results from the 5-day biochemical oxygen demand analysis indicated that the amount of organic matter present at the sampling sites related more to basin size and the time since the last major rainfall, than to the degree of urbanization.

The concentrations of inorganic constituents in streams draining the mixed pine forests generally are lower than in other streams in southern Louisiana. The Abita River, in particular, has very low concentrations of major ions and a low alkalinity that ranged only from 2 to $9 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at Abita Springs and 2 to $31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ at U.S. Highway 190. This indicates that the stream has very little buffering capacity. The upper reach of Bayou Lacombe (1 mile north of Interstate-12) similarly has little buffering capacity. This makes these streams particularly susceptible to adverse effects from accidental spills of strong acids or bases.

Nutrients concentrations varied, and supported bacteria data that indicated degraded water quality that typically occurs during storms is flushed out quickly, from less than 1 day in the smaller streams to less than 3 days in larger streams such as the Bogue Chitto. The larger the drainage basin, the longer it takes for the stream to recover. The dissolved-nitrate concentrations in water from the Bogue Chitto-West Pearl River system ( $0.18-0.31 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the Bogue Chitto and 0.05-0.27 $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the West Pearl River) could, in combination with the dissolved-phosphorus concentrations ( $0.02-0.06 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}$ in the Bogue Chitto-West Pearl River system), produce eutrophic conditions resulting in algal blooms. The fact that algal blooms are rarely observed in this system indicates that other factors are restricting algal growth. One likely factor is reduced light penetration, due to the turbidity of the water, inhibiting algal growth and reproduction.

A different nutrient pattern was apparent in the smaller streams. The storms in April and May produced rapid rises and falls in stage. Water-quality samples collected 1-3 days after the heaviest rainfall indicated low nutrient concentrations at streams such as Bayou Castine, Cane Bayou, and Bayou Lacombe. Nutrients available for transport from these small basins had alread!! moved through the system (the first-flush effect) before sampling.

Fecal-coliform bacteria concentrations were highest in April and August and lowest in June. During April, the sample from the Tchefuncte River near Covington had a fecal-coliform concentration of $22,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ (colonies per 100 milliliters). The sample from Bogue Chitto near Bush had a concentration of $30,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The very high fecal-coliform concentrations at these sites indicate that, although the sampling was conducted 2 days after the heavy rains began, the water quality of the larger streams still was degraded greatly.

Peak fecal-coliform concentrations were lower 2 days after the May storms than after the April storms. Both Tchefuncte River near Covington and Bogue Chitto near Bush had a fecal-coliform concentration of $1,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This corresponds with the biochemical oxygen demand results that indicated much of the organic matter had been flushed out of the basins in April.

The samples collected in June had much lower fecal-coliform concentrations at all sites. The lack of rainfall apparently reduced sewage inputs. The highest concentration recorded in June was 210 cols $/ 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ at Bayou Liberty at Bonfouca and Bayou Bonfouca at Louisiana Highway 433 at Slidell.

Samples collected in August varied, which reflected the effects of small, isolated storms ir the study area. Bayou Castine, sampled immediately after a storm, had a fecal-coliform concentration of $26,000 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. The stream was resampled 24 hours later, and the fecal-coliform concentration had decreased to $1,700 \mathrm{cols} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$. This is an indication of the rapid water-quality changes that typically occur in small streams.

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## Appendix A

## Statistical Summary Of U.S. Geological Survey Historical Surface-Water-Quality Data for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

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| 00618 | nitrog.n mitrate | (mg/L AS N) |
| 00623 | NITRO AMN \& ORG | (MG/L AS N) |
| 00624 | nitrogen suspend | (MG/L As N ) |
| 0062. | NITROGEN AMM+ORG | (mG/L As N ) |
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| 00631 | NO2 + N03 dissul | (mg/ta as m) |
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| 00665 | phosphorus total | ( $\mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{L}$ AS D ) |
| 00666 | phosphorus diss. | (MG/L As P) |
| 00671 | phosphorus ortho | (mg/L As ${ }^{\text {p }}$ ) |
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| 01010 | beryllium dissol | ( UG/L AS be) |
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| 00023 | air pressure | (nM OF IGG) | 48 | T10.000 | 750.000 | 760.250 | 770.000 | 762.750 | 760.000 | 758.000 | 751.150 |
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| 00063 | cage height | (FEET) | 57 | 99.700 | 2.960 | 8.540 | 36.840 | 9.125 | 4.440 | 3.860 | 3.714 |
| 00970 | TURBIDITY | (JCU) | 71 | 60.000 | 3.000 | 16.127 | 47.000 | 20.000 | 10.000 | 7.000 | 4.000 |
| 00075 | turbidity (MG/b) | (mG/L As SiO2) | 7 | 29.000 | 8.000 | 17.714 | 29.000 | 24.000 | 20.000 | 9.000 | 8.000 |
| 00076 | turbidity | ( NTU ) | 104 | ${ }^{10.000}$ | 0.550 | 13.393 | 45.000 | 16.000 | 0.950 | 5.600 | 2.125 |
| 00080 | color | glatinin-codal | 184 | 120.000 | 0.000 | 21.215 | 70.000 | 40.000 | 20.000 | 10.000 | 5.000 |
| 00095 | specific connuct | us/cm ${ }^{\text {a } 25 C}$ | 176 | 187.000 | 19.000 | 11.222 | 52.250 | 16.000 | 41.000 | 46.000 | 32.010 |
| 00300 | Oxygen nissolved | (MG/L) | 156 | 11.900 | 6.100 | 8.366 | 110.315 | 9.115 | 8.200 | 1.500 | 6.185 |
| 00301 | OXYGEN DIS. PERC | : of saturatio | 46 | 114.000 | 83.000 | 95152 | 108.000 | 38.000 | 94.500 | 91.000 | 85.350 |
| 00310 | bod s-day at 20 | (MG/L) | 116 | 6.800 | 0.030 | 1.664 | 4.130 | 2.029 | 1.400 | 0.900 | 0.333 |
| 00400 | Ph, hh, FIELD | (Standard unit | 187 | 7.200 | ¢. 400 | 6.477 | 7.000 | 5.700 | 6.100 | 6.100 | ¢.700 |
| 00403 | Ph, hH, Laborito | (standard unit | 70 | 8.100 | 3.500 | 6.917 | 7.805 | 7.300 | 6.900 | 6.500 | 6.085 |
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| 00440 | bicarbonate, mit F | (mg/L AS hco3) | 109 | 71.000 | 4.000 | 10.563 | 14.500 | 11.000 | 10.000 | 8.000 | 6.000 |
| 00445 | CARBONATE, MI, FET | (mg/t. as cous) | 109 | 0.000 |  | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - |
| 00530 | residue tordl | ( $\mathrm{MG} / \mathrm{L}$ ) ${ }^{\text {) }}$ | 1 | 22.000 | -- | -- | -- | - |  |  |  |
| 00600 | nitrogen total | (Mg/i. As N ) | 133 | 3.900 | 0.190 | 0.819 | 1.730 | 0.940 | 0.110 | 0.20 | 0.100 |
| 00602 | nitrogen dissolv | ( $\mathrm{MG} / \mathrm{L}$, A S S N) | 23 | 1.700 | 0.270 | 0.908 | 1.670 | 1.100 | 0.890 | 0.705 | 0.301 |
| 00605 | nithogin orgnaic | (mg/tics N ) | 1.35 | 3.700 | 0.110 | 0.512 | 100 | 0.590 | 0.430 | 0.290 | 0.148 |



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| 623 |  | (MGL As N) |
| 224 | natrogen Suspend | (mg/L AS N) |
| 00625 | nitrogen mma | (mG/L as N ) |
| 630 | nO2 + NO3 total | (MG/L A5 N) |
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| 19 | 2000.000 | 140.000 | 658.947 |
| 41 | 2100.000 | 250.000 | 718.537 |
| 71 | 376.000 | 20.000 | 186.87\% |
| 72 | 7.000 | -- | 1.931^ |
| 26 | 100.000 | 0.000 | r.bas |
| 31 | 33.000 | -- | $6.510^{*}$ |
| 30 | 140.000 | 0.000 | 39.900 |
| 29 | 710.000 | 10.000 | 91.207 |
| 74 | 170.000 | 10.000 | 51.091 |
| 41 | -- | -- | -- |
| 53 | 5.000 | -- | 1.619* |
| 9 | 5.000 | n.0nn | 2.441 |
| 12 | 5.000 | -- | $3.019 *$ |
| 60 | 1.000 | - | 1.000* |
| 15 | 3.000 | 0.000 | 0.267 |
| 22 | -- | -- | -- |
| 11 | 28.000 | 9.000 | 20.707 |
| 41 | -- | -- | -- |
| 72 | 17.000 | -- | 9.357* |
| 28 | 10.060 | 0.000 | 8.619 |
| 30 | 50.003 | -- | 17.711* |
| ${ }_{41}^{41}$ | 150.000 | -- | 48.159* |

hater-qual,ity constituent


 0100S EARIUM DISSOLVED 01006 DARIUM SUSPLEDELO
0007 DARTUM TOTAL
01010 BERYLLIUM DISSOL
01025 CAUMIUM DISSOLVE 01025 CADMIUM DISSOLVE 01027 čuNTIMM TUTAL 010.30 ciliomium dissolv
 01031 chkomive total
01015 COBALT DISSOLVED 01036 codalt suspended

01037 cobalt torat. 01040 COPPER DISSClVED
01041 COPPER SUSPRADED

01012 copper total ologa tron suspended
 01049 LEAD DISSOI.VED
 01054 MANGANF,SE SUSPER
01055 MANGANFSE TOTAI,
 01065 NICKEL DISSOLVED 01065 NICKEL SUSLFRNED 2
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 OLO77 STI,VFR TOTAL
OLOBO STRONTTIMM OISSOI.

 01091 ZINC SUSPENDED
01092 ZINC TOTA. 01106 ALUMINUM DISSOLV



| descriptive statistics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SNMPLE | maximum | minimum | mean |
| 72 | -- | -- | -- |
| 27 | 0.000 | -- | -- |
| 31 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | 5200.000 | 1500.000 | -- |
| 28 | 8800.000 | 12.000 | 781. 893 |
| 11 A | 38000.000 | 1.000 | 1140.407 |
| 116 | 60000.000 | 2.000 | 7147.in4 |
| 33 | 11000.000 | 12.00 c | 1202.34 |
| 1 | 1.700 | -- | -- |
| 1 | 7.800 | --- | .- |
| 2 | 5000.000 | 5000.000 | -- |
| 6 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| 3 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- |  |
| 6 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1.5 | - | -- | -- |
| 5 | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }^{6}$ | -- | -- |  |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| 6 | -- | -- |  |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| 6 | - | -- | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }^{6}$ | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }_{6}$ | - | -- | -- |
| 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }^{2}$ | -- | $\cdots$ | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }^{6}$ | -- | -- | -- |
| 13 | -- | -- | -- |
| ${ }_{4}^{4}$ | -- | -- | -- |
| 14 | -- | -- | -- |
| 5 | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | -- | -- | -- |
| 6 | -- | -- | -- |


| hater-quality constituent |
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$\qquad$ oliat SELeNIUM TOTAL (UG/L AS SF.) 31501 COLIFORM, TOTAL COLS. $/ 100 \mathrm{ML}$
 1679 FECNL STRPT MF M COLS. 1100 ML 2226 CHLORU- B-PERI-SU MG:/SO
2228 CIILORO-A-PERT-SU MG/SO 2730 Phenols, TOTAL UG/L
9025 SIMAZINE TOTAL-C UG/L 39034 PERTINNE TOTAL UG/I,








 39380 DIELDRTN TOT IWA UG/L
39383 OLELDRIN BTM
UG/KG 393808 ENUOSULFAN I TOT UG/L
39399 ENDOSULFANE BTM UG/KG 3939 ENDHIN UNE REC (UG/L)







| water-quality constituent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39420 | nept epox tot ma | UG/L |
| 39423 | hept epox bim $u$ |  |
| 39480 | МЕтНОХYCHLOR T. 1 | ui/r. |
| 39481 | mthxyclar mim ug/ | UG/KG |
| 39504 | PCB, Satcl, T (Al |  |
| 39507 | aroclor | UG/kg |
| 39516 | pcb total iwn |  |
| 39519 | рСВ Btm | UG |
| 39530 | malathion tut (ta |  |
| 39531 | MALATHION BTM | UG |
| 39540 | paratilon totma | ug/L |
| 39541 | parathion' bita ug | UG/K |
| 39570 | Diszinon tot (ha | UG/L |
| 39571 | Didrinon bTM U | UG/KG |
| 39600 | met partif tot inn | UG/L |
| 39601 | MET PARTH BTM U | UG/KG |
| 39630 | atrazine unf rec | (UG/L |
| 39631 | atrazine btm | UG/KG |
| 39730 | 2,1-D total (Ha | UG/L |
| 39731 | $2,1-1) \mathrm{BTM}$ | ú; /кG |
| 39740 | 2, 1,5-T TOTAL(WA | UG/L |
| 39741 | 2,4,5-T BTM | UG/K |
| 39755 | mirex totar, | OG |
| 39758 | MIREX bTM | UG/KG |
| 39760 | silvex total (wa |  |
| 39761 | silmex mim | uG/KG |
| 39786 | ETII TRith totima | UG/I, |
| 39707 | LTII TRTTH BTM $\cup$ | KG |
| 39790 | HET TRITH TOT (KA | UG |
| 39731 | met thith bik $u$ | ve/kg |
| 70300 | hesidue dis 180 C | MG/L |
| 76301 | dissolved solids | HG/L |
| 763.92 | dissolved solids | то |
| 7 C 303 | residue dis ton/ | T/AC-FT |
| 76331 | seo-susp-sievi-. |  |
| 70507 | PIIOS ORTHO tot a | me/t. |
| 71.845 | Nitrocer:, na4, t | mg/l as niti |
| 71846 | NITR. NHI4 AS NH4 | Mg/l. AS NH4 |
|  | n , mitrate total | /L AS |



|  |  |  | descriptive statistics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WATER-QUALITY CONGTITULNT |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SAMPLE } \\ & \text { SIZE } \end{aligned}$ | MAXIMUM | MINIMUM | MEAN |
| 71851 | NITR. NO3 AS NO3 | MG/L AS NO3 | 23 | 1.700 | 0.000 | 0.334 |
| 71856 | NITR. NOZ AS NOZ | MG/L AS NO2 | 8 | 0.030 | 0.000 | 0.019 |
| 72885 | IRON | UG/L AS FE | 30 | 320.000 | 0.000 | 66.133 |
| 71886 | PHOSPHORUS TOT P | MG/L AS yOi | 50 | 1.300 | 0.030 | 0.249 |
| 71887 | NITROGEN, TOTAL | mG/L AS NO3 | 04 | 17.000 | 1.200 | 3.942 |
| 71890 | mercury dissor,ve | UG/L AS Hg | G8 | 0.100 | -- | $0.026^{*}$ |
| 71895 | MERCURY SUSPENDE | dg/L AS Hg | 28 | 0.200 | 0.000 | 0.032 |
| 71900 | mercury, tot.rec | UG/L ns hg | 34 | 0.200 | -- | $0.076 *$ |
| 71999 | SAMPT.E, PURPOSE, | PURPOSE CODE | 12 | 20.000 | 20.000 | 20.000 |
| 72000 | ELEV.I.SD (FT.AB.N | FT (NGVD) | 260 | 44.300 | 14.300 | 44.300 |
| 75038 | K10 TOTAL | PCT/t. | 6 | 1.300 | 0.800 | 1.067 |
| 00154 | COnCENTRATION,S. | MG/S, | $14 \%$ | 1210.000 | 0.000 | 57.023 |
| 80155 | DISCHARGE, SUSP.S | T/DAY | 145 | 12100.000 | 21.000 | 531.214 |
| 80164 | SED-BED-SIEVE-. 0 | 1 | 1 | 43.000 |  |  |
| 81886 | gERTHANE, BOT.MA | UG/KG | 2 | -- | --. | -- |
| 82066 | Potssstum 10 dis | (PCT/L AS K10) | 28 | 1.900 | 0.700 | 1.068 |
| 82183 | 2, 4-DP | UG/L | 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| 67398 | SAMPITINS METHOD | METHOD, CODES | 66 | 8010.000 | 10.000 | 7165.758 |
| 04161 | SAMPLER TYPF, COD | CODE | 6 | 8010.000 | 8010.000 | 8010.000 |
| 90095 | spectific conduct | MICROSIEMFNS/C | 90 | 74.000 | 30.000 | 43.100 |
| 90410 | nlkalinity | mg/l as cacoj | 77 | 14.000 | 3.000 | 0.381 |
| 95100 | CONVERSICN FACTO |  | 60 | $6 \% .5610$ | 1.800 | 15.4.3.3 |
| 95200 | TOTAL COUNT | (CELLS/ML) | 60 | 15000.000 | 47.000 | 1681.317 |
| 95410 | ALKALINITY | MG/:, as CaCO3 | 1 | 8.000 | -- |  |
| 95902 | HARDNESS, NONC.AF | (MG/L AS CACO3 | 21 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 1.095 |
| 99130 | Caibonate alxall | MG/1. | 42 | 11.000 | 3.000 | 1.643 |
| 99410 | bicarbonate | MG/L AS HCO3 | 12 | 13.000 | 1.000 | 9.381 |
| 99445 | CARbonate | MG/t. AS CO3 | 6 | 0.000 | -- | -- |
| 99890 | SULFATE, D. UNCO | (MG/L) | 4 | -- | -- | -- |

[^1]station name: pearl river at pearl river, i.a drainage area: bis4 50 mi
08914 : 2
Percent of samples in whici values
NERE less tian or equar. to those shown

| descriptive statistics |  |  |  | percent of samples in whicil values WERE LESS TIAN OR EQUAI. TO THOSE SHOWN |  |  |  |  |
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| sample |  |  |  |  |  | (midian) |  |  |
| St2F. | maximim | mintmum | menn | 951 | 151 | 50 : | 25 : | 51 |
| 39 | 100.000 | 3.000 | 25.736 | 80.000 | 30.000 | 15.000 | 10.000 | 5.000 |
| 37 | 125.000 | 15.000 | 74.513 | 115.000 | 81.000 | 74.000 | 63.000 | 43.000 |
| 39 | 1.300 | 9.600 | 6.323 | 6.800 | 6.500 | 6.300 | 6.100 | 5.600 |
| 39 | 21.000 | 1.000 | :2.513 | 20.000 | 15.000 | 13.000 | 10.060 | 5.000 |
| 33 | 0.000 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 39 | 26.000 | R. 000 | 13.3 AS | 22.000 | 14.000 | 13.000 | 11.000 | 9.000 |
| 39 | 15.000 | 0.000 | 3.795 | 12.000 | 5.000 | 3.000 | 1.000 | 0.000 |
| 19 | 7.000 | 2.000 | 3.377 | 5.900 | 4.000 | 3.100 | 2.500 | 2.600 |
| 39 | 2.100 | 0.400 | 1.200 | 1.900 | 1.500 | 1.200 | 0.900 | 0.500 |
| 39 | 15.000 | 2.300 | 8.223 | 14.000 | 11.0:00 | 7.800 | 6.400 | 3.000 |
| 39 | 2.100 | 0.900 | 1.177 | 1.800 | 1.600 | 1.500 | 1.300 | 1.100 |
| 39 | 24.000 | 3.600 | 9.446 | 19.000 | 11.000 | 8.900 | 6.600 | 3.600 |
| 39 | $1 \% .000$ | 3.200 | 8.390 | 16.000 | 9.200 | 7.600 | 6.400 | 4.200 |
| 39 | 0.400 | 0.000 | 0.079 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 39 | 16.000 | 6.000 | 10.049 | 15.000 | 11.000 | 10.000 | 8.600 | 6.500 |
| 37 | 88.000 | 47.000 | 62.405 | 79.000 | 60.000 | 62.000 | 55.500 | 18.800 |
| 37 | 1.700 | 0.100 | 0.694 | 1.730 | 0.800 | 0.400 | 0.300 | 0.130 |
| 39 | 440.000 | 0.000 | 91.735 | 280.000 | 130.000 | 20.000 | 10.000 | 0.000 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00095 | speciric condo | us/cm e 25 C |
| 0040 | PH, WII, FIELD | (Standard |
| 00440 | bicardonate, wil, f | (mg/l as hc |
| 00445 | CARDONATE, Wh, FET | (Mg/l as cos) |
| 00900 | harderss total | (mg/L as ca |
| 90 | nowcarbunate | (mg/l as cacou |
| 00916 | calcium total re | (MG/L AS CA) |
| 27 | magnesium to | (MG/L ns mg) |
| 29 | sodium total | ( (MG/L AS Na |
| 233 | potassius tot | (MG/t as K ) |
| 940 | Chlortie dissolv | (MG/L. as Ci, |
| 00945 | sulfate dissolve | (mg/L A: |
| 00951 | fluoride total | (MG/L AS Fi |
| 00955 | stilca dissolved | (mG/L as Si |
| 70300 | residue dis lyuc |  |
| 71850 | N, NITR | ns |
|  |  | UG/L AS FE |

STATION NME: L RONTCHARTRAIN AT MOUTH OF DYU LACOMBE DRAINAGE ARER: -999999 30 MI

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SNMPLE } \\ & \text { SIZE } \end{aligned}$ | maximum | minimum | MENS | (MEDIAN) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 951 | 751 | 50 | 251 | 31 |
| 41 | 30.500 | A. 000 | 20.739 | 30.250 | 25.000 | 21.250 | 16.500 | 10.000 |
| 147 | 70.000 | 2.000 | 11.224 | 30.000 | 15.000 | 10.000 | 5.000 | 2.000 |
| 8 | 32.000 | 5.000 | 19.625 | 32.000 | 31.:00 | 17.500 | 10.750 | 5.000 |
| 4 | 5.000 | 1.000 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 158 | 130.003 | 0.000 | 26.772 | 80.000 | 30.000 | 20.000 | 10.000 | 5.000 |
| 158 | 10100.000 | 82.000 | 3510.126 | 89.36 .996 | 1880.000 | 3075000 | 1441.500 | 377.100 |
| 157 | 14.200 | 3.900 | B. 270 | 10.910 | 9.200 | 8.100 | 7.150 | 5.380 |
| 152 | 7.300 | 0.000 | 1.739 | 4.000 | 2.200 | 1.400 | 0.900 | 0.100 |
| 99 | 350.000 | 9.000 | 50.414 | 140.000 | 55.000 | 35.000 | 24.000 | 15.060 |
| 159 | 8.300 | 6.000 | 7.344 | 1.900 | 7.600 | 7.400 | 7.100 | 6.600 |
| 1 | 9.600 | 7.500 | -- | -- | -- | - | -- | -- |
| 155 | 29.000 | 0.500 | 3.930 | 10.000 | 5.100 | 2.700 | 1.900 | 1.060 |
| 13) | 170.000 | 6.000 | 35.780 | 54.000 | 41.000 | 35.000 | 28.000 | $1 \% .000$ |
| 155 | 96.000 | 7.000 | 42.355 | 66.000 | 50.000 | 12.000 | 34.000 | 20.000 |
| 155 | 0.000 | -- | 4.35 | , | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 | 24.000 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | - |
| 87 | 178.000 | 0.000 | 18.230 | 59.600 | 19.000 | 12.000 | 7.000 | 1.800 |
| 8 | 60.000 | 0.000 | 0.750 | 60.000 | 3.150 | 1.000 | 0.230 | 0.000 |
| 17.1 | 51.000 | 0.000 | 0.929 | 2.900 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 2.000 | 0.340 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | $\cdots$ |
| 148 | U. 120 | -- | 0.015 - | 0.035 | 90.020 | 0.010 | -0.007 | -0.003 |
| 2 | 0.060 | 0.0 .50 | -- | -- | -- | $\cdots$ | -- | .- |
| 154 | 1.580 | 0.000 | 0.11 .5 | 0.697 | 0.120 | 0.030 | 0.010 | 0.000 |
| 107 | 1.400 | 0.090 | 0.562 | 0.996 | 4.6.50 | 0.520 | 0.130 | 0.288 |
| 3 | 0.820 | 0.340 | -* | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 148 | 1.600 | -- | $0.131 *$ | *0.765 | $10.12{ }^{\prime}$ | *0.049 | * 0.020 | *0.010 |
| $4: 5$ | 0.250 | 0.030 | 0.114 | 0.210 | 0.135 | 0.120 | 0.090 | 0.060 |


PERCENT OF SAMPLES IN WHICH VALUES
WERE LESS THAN OR FQUAT, TO THOSF, SHOWN







[^2]DRAINAGE AREA: -999999 5Q MI
PERCENT OF SAMPLESS IN WHTCH VALUES
WERE LESS THAN OR FQUAL TO THOSE SHOWN

| SMAPte |  |  |  | (MEDIAN) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SI\%r: | maximum | MINIMUM | MF.AN | 951 | 7. | SO | 251 | $\therefore 1$ |
| 21 | 30.500 | 6.000 | 21.619 | 30.300 | 27.000 | 21.500 | 13.500 | 6.250 |
| 13 | 50.000 | 3.000 | 10.697 | 50.000 | 10.000 | 6.000 | 4.500 | 3.000 |
| 14 | 25.000 | 3.000 | 11.143 | 25.000 | 20.000 | 6.500 | 4.000 | 3.000 |
| 27 | 50.000 | 5.000 | 14.815 | 14.000 | 70.000 | 15.000 | 5.000 | 5.000 |
| 27 | 14500.000 | 110.000 | 5393.111 | 14099.998 | 9110.000 | 3750.000 | 2680.000 | 639.600 |
| 27 | 12.300 | 3.800 | 8.185 | 12.2615 | 9.600 | 8.100 | 1.500 | 5.890 |
| $2 G$ | 4.100 | 0.300 | 1.377 | 3.645 | 1.600 | 1.200 | 0.875 | 0.405 |
| 11 | 430.000 | 10.000 | 137.429 | 430.000 | 205.000 | 05.500 | 40.750 | 10.000 |
| 27 | 8.600 | 5.700 | 7.185 | 8.180 | 7.700 | 7.400 | 7.300 | 5.860 |
| 14 | 1.800 | 6.900 | 7.329 | 7.800 | 7.500 | 7.350 | 7.100 | 6.900 |
| 12 | 5.100 | 0.200 | 2.183 | 5.100 | 4.075 | 3.150 | 1.375 | 0.200 |
| 26 | 75.000 | 27.000 | 43.385 | 71.500 | 18.100 | 40.500 | 35.000 | 2.7 .350 |
| 12 | 58.000 | 38.000 | 42.000 | 68.000 | 61.3ア0 | 51.500 | 43.000 | 38.000 |
| 13 | 0.000 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 14 | 39.000 | 6.000 | 17.500 | 39.1000 | 26.750 | 12.000 | 9.750 | 6.000 |
| 26 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | $\cdots$ | -- |
| 26 | 0.030 | -- | $0.010^{*}$ | *0.027 | 0.012 | * 0.010 | *0.00s | -0.003 |
| 21 | 0.580 | -- | 0.132* | * 0.560 | *0.200 | - 0.050 | 0.013 | *0.004 |
| 13 | 0.800 | 0.200 | 0.415 | 9.800 | 0.600 | 0.500 | 0.300 | 0.200 |
| 26 | 0.600 | -- | 0.124* | *0.527 | 0.185 | 0.057 | 10.035 | *0.009 |
| 26 | 0.100 | 0.010 | 0.014 | 0.097 | 0.050 | 0.010 | 0.030 | 0.013 |
| 25 | 21.000 | 3.000 | 7.516 | 20.700 | 8. 500 | 6.500 | 5.050 | 3.770 |
| 26 | - | $\cdots$ | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - |
| 26 | 2600.000 | 100.000 | 599.615 | 1475.000 | 1100.000 | 380.000 | 287.500 | 128.000 |
| 20 | 1600.000) | 130.000 | 624.000 | 1505.000 | 1100.000 | 105.000 | 262.500 | 132.500 |
| 26 | 110.000 | 21.000 | 48.192 | 106.500 | 75.250 | 35.300 | 2\%.7s0 | 21.350 |
| 26 | 330.000 | 10.000 | 117.377 | 309.000 | 220.000 | 73.000 | 53.750 | 17.000 |

WATER-QUALITY CONSTITUENT

percent of snafles in which values
here less than or equal to those shown


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SAMPLE } \\ & \text { SIZE } \end{aligned}$ | maximum | manimim | MENN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 2700.000 | 15.000 | 1326.072 |
| 14 | 29.000 | 2.000 | 18.643 |
| 19 | 79.000 | 17.000 | 14.429 |
| 14 | 110.000 | 4.200 | 48.729 |
| 26 | 5100.000 | 65.000 | 172.885 |
| 26 | 650.000 | 35.000 | 252.731 |
| 26 | 1.000 | -- | $1.000 *$ |
| 22 | 1.000 | -- | $1.000{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 26 | 2.000 | -- | $1.076{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 14 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | 10.000 | 0.000 | -- |
| 14 | -- | -.. | -- |
| 26 | 3.000 | -- | 0.899** |
| 19 | 3.000 | 0.000 | 0.121 |
| 26 | 3.000 | -- | $1.230 *$ |
| 25 | -- | -- | -- |
| 26 | 20.000 | -- | 14.320. |
| 14 | 11.000 | 1.000 | 1.214 |
| 13 | 6.000 | 0.000 | 2.385 |
| 14 | 11.000 | 2.000 | 6.357 |
| 26 | 140.000 | -- | $43.178{ }^{\text {4 }}$ |
| 26 | 27.000 | -- | 2.522* |
| 23 | 29.000 | 0.000 | 5.565 |
| 26 | 30.000 | -- | $7.662{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 14 | 4.000 | -- | 2.487 |
| 12 | 8.000 | 0.000 | 2.083 |
| 14 | 10.000 | 1.000 | 4.500 |
| 3 | 76.000 | 2.000 | -- |
| 26 | 3 n .000 | -- | 10.A88* |
| 24 | 280.050 | 0.000 | 24.208 |
| 25 | 290.000 | -- | 3).781 |
| 14 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 | 0.000 | -- | -- |
| 14 | -- | -- | - |
| 26 | 9600.000 | -- | 68.3 .929 |
| 13 | 350.00 C | -- | 62.760 |
| 12 | 100.00 C |  | $27.538{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 26 | 6.00 C | -- | 0.832 |
| 14 | 0.130 | -- | 0.020 |
| 14 | -- | -- | -- |
| 14 | 0.200 | -- | 0.0314 |
| 11 | -- | -- | -- |
| 12 | 42.000 | 0.000 | 16.500 |
| 14 | 25.000 | -- | 5.039 |
| 13 | 0.310 | 0.060 | 0.156 |


| hater-quality constituent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SODTUM DISSOLVED |  |
| 00931 | sudtum adsorptia |  |
| 00932 | sodium, percent | ¢e.re |
| 00935 | potassium oisso | ( MG/L As k) |
| 00940 | chloride diss | (MG |
| 00945 | sulfate diss | MG/L As |
| 02000 | arszalc diss | (10g/L as |
| 01 | arsenic su | (UG/t, as as) |
| 0 nco | arsenic tot | (ug/t as as) |
| 01010 | beryleium di | 10 |
| 01011 | berpllium | (UG/L AS |
| 01012 | derylidum total | ( $\mathrm{UG} / \mathrm{L}$ as dE ) |
| 01023 | Cadmium diss | (UG/L as CD) |
| 01026 | CADMTIMM'SUSPENDE | (ug/L as CD) |
| 01027 | cadmium tota | lug/l as |
| 02032 | CIIROMIUM | (UG/L AS CR) |
| 34 | ciromium tot | luc |
| 02040 | COPPER DIS | (UG) |
| 01041 | copper suspen | (ug/t as cu) |
| 01042 | COPPER TOYAL | (uctic. as cmi) |
| 02046 | IRon dissor,ven | vug/ |
| 01049 | LEAD DISSOIVEI | (UG/L as Pb) |
| Cl050 | lend sustend | yug/l as |
| 01051 | t.f.ad total | (10g/t. as pr) |
| 01065 | nickei. disso | (ug/t. as nit) |
| 010 | NICKEL SUSPE | IUG/L ES |
| 01067 | NICxEl. total | (UC/L as |
| 01085 | vanidium diss | (UG/L as |
| 01090 | zinc. dissolved | ( $\mathrm{HG} / \mathrm{L}$ as La ) |
| do91 | zinc suspend | (UG/L AS zN ) |
| 01097 | 2inc. Tot |  |
| 01445 | seitintum diss |  |
| 01146 | seifeniom suspen | (ug/t. As |
| 01147 | gelenium totar. | (ug/t. as sr.) |
| 31501 | colitiorm, total | cols. $/ 100$ |
| 31616 | COLIFORM, FECAL | COLS. $/ 100$ |
| 316 | colifolum recal | co |
| 32730 | Phenols, total |  |
| 39570 | dialinon tot ma | U6/L |
| 600 | met parth tot (Wa |  |
| 39730 | 2,4-D TOTAL (WX | UG |
| 50086 | sfitleable matte | mi./L/ |
| 70299 | RESIDUE SUSP |  |
| 70953 | c.h.-x Phy chroma | UG |
| 7100 g | phospuorus tot p |  |

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wf.af. tif.ss than or founl to those shown

| 951 | 751 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (MEDINN) } \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | 25 | 51 |
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| *0.565 | 0.202 | -0.095 | -0.050 | 0.022 |
| 0.500 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 00.565 | -0.231 | -0.101 | 00.060 | -0.028 |
| -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 14900.000 | 10875.000 | 6400.000 | 2755.000 | 438.000 |
| 73.000 | 60.500 | 40.000 | 30.750 | 20.000 |
| 1560.000 | 1300.000 | 1150.000 | 903.000 | 260.000 |


| hater-quality constituent |  | descriptive statistics |  |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SMMPIE. } \\ & \text { SIZE. } \end{aligned}$ | maximim | minimum | MENN |
| 71090 | mercury dissoive ug/t as hg | 26 | 0.600 | -- | 0.149. |
| 71895 | mercury suspenne dg/l. as hig | 17 | 0.500 | 0.000 | 0.053 |
| 71900 | mercury, tot.rec ug/l as hg | 26 | 0.600 | -- | $0.172^{*}$ |
| 82068 | potsssimm 40 DIS (pCl/f AS K40) | 1 | 43.000 | -- | -- |
| 90095 | jpecieic conduct michosiepens/C | 14 | 14900.000 | 430.000 | 6080.214 |
| 90410 | alkalinity mg/l as cacol | 11 | 73.000 | 20.000 | 44.643 |
| 35902 | hardness, nomcar img/l as cacoj | 0 | 1500.000 | 260.000 | 1075.000 | - value is estimated oy using a loc-frobability regression to predict

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## Appendix B

## Graphs of Selected Surface-Water-Quality Data for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April-August 1995



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R-4. Concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammanv Parish, Louisiana,
April 13, 1995 .


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B-6. Dissolved nitrate plus nitrite and phosphorus concentrations for selected surface-water
sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, May 12, 1995 .

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 Parish, Louisiana, June 7-9, 1995.


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B-12. Biochemical oxygen demand for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana,
August 1-2, 1995.

3-13. Dissolved nitrate plus nitrate and phosphorus concentrations for seiecied suiface-water sites in St. Tammany
Parish, Louisiana, April 1-2, 1995 .

B-14. Concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana August 1-2, 1995.

B-15. Concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria for Bayou Castine in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana,
August 1 and 2,1995.

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B-16. Concentrations of fecal-coliform bacteria for selected surface-water sites in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, August 1-2, 1995.


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[^1]:    -. value is estimated by using a log-probadility regression to predict
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    the values or data belon the oetection imit

[^3]:    O-n. Dissolyad nitite plus nitrate and phosphous conezntrations for soloctad surfaco-wator sitos in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, April 12-13, 1995.

[^4]:    B-10. Dissolved nitrite plus nitrate and organic nitrogen concentrations for selected surface-water sites in
    St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, June 7-9, 1995 .

