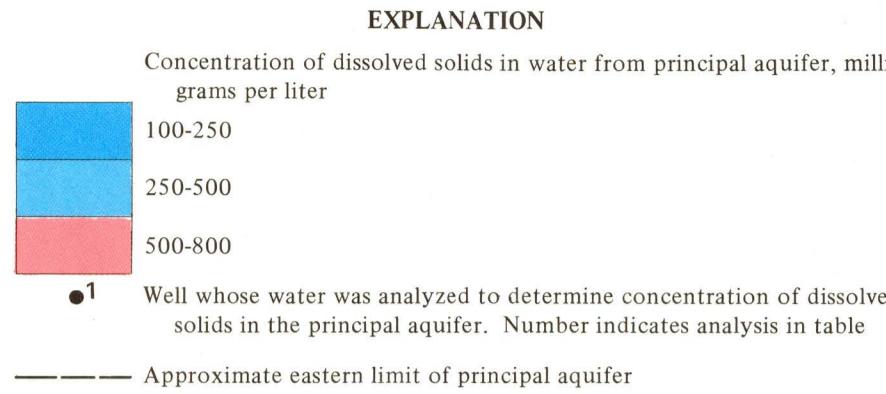


Base from U.S. Geological Survey, 1963  
Photoprevision as of 1969  
10,000-foot grid based on Utah coordinate  
System, central reference point  
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator  
grid ticks, zone 12, shown in blue

MAP SHOWING CONCENTRATION OF DISSOLVED SOLIDS IN WATER FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
AQUIFER, SUGAR HOUSE QUADRANGLE, SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

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DISCUSSION

The concentration of dissolved solids in water from the principal aquifer ranges from about 100 mg/l (milligrams per liter) to as much as 800 mg/l. Water containing the least dissolved solids occurs in an arcuate, mile-wide band along the southern border of the Sugar House quadrangle. Water containing the most dissolved solids occurs in a 3½-mile-wide band in the northern part of the quadrangle.

The deposits comprising the principal aquifer consist of interbedded gravel, sand, silt, and clay. Individual beds range from a few inches to several tens of feet thick. The more permeable coarse-grained beds occur near the mountain front. The confined part of the principal aquifer is overlain by poorly permeable beds of blue clay, silt, and fine sand.

The principal aquifer supplied about 4 percent, or 9,000 acre-feet, of the municipal and industrial water used annually in Salt Lake County during 1964-68.

The water quality of water from the principal aquifer ranges from moderately hard, calcium bicarbonate type water in the area of least dissolved solids to very hard, calcium sulfate type water in the area of greatest dissolved solids. Chemical analyses of waters from selected wells in the principal aquifer are presented in the table below.

Analyses of many water samples from various depth zones within the principal aquifer show that vertical variations in chemical quality are important at all depths. Vertical variations in analyses of water samples from a particular zone in the principal aquifer from 1932-68 show no significant change in chemical quality with time.

The concentration of dissolved solids in water from the principal aquifer is within the limit of 500 mg/l recommended for drinking water by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962), except in the northern one-third of the quadrangle. The U.S. Public Health Service recommends that water containing more than 500 mg/l not be used for drinking water if other means are available.

The selected references contain other information about the chemical quality of water in this and adjacent parts of Jordan Valley. The data reports and releases contain, among other types of basic data, chemical analyses of water samples collected from numerous sources during 1932-68. The interpretive reports contain discussions of various aspects of the chemical quality of water. Ground-water terms used in this report have been defined by Lohman and others (1972), and water-quality terms are described by Swenson and Baldwin (1965).

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TABLE I. - Chemical analyses of water from selected wells in the principal aquifer. Dissolved constituents reported in milligrams per liter

| Well Number on map | Identification number | Depth (feet) | Date of collection | Temperature (°C) | Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) | Calcium (Ca) | Magnesium (Mg) | Sodium (Na) | Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> ) | Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> ) | Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ) | Chloride (Cl) | Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> ) | Dissolved solids (residue on evaporation at 180°C) | Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> | Nominal hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> | Sodium adsorption ratio as CaCO <sub>3</sub> | Specific conductance (micro-mhos/cm at 25°C) | pH  |     |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----|-----|
| 1                  | (D-1-1) 15bdc-1       | 200          | 7-14-65            | 15.5             | 22                         | 77           | 38             | 47          | 290                             | 0                            | 116                        | 60            | 9.3                        | 512  | 348                           | 110                                   | 23   | 842  | 7.6 |     |
| 2                  | 20dd-1                | 500          | 7-21-66            | 15.5             | 40                         | 31           | 254            | 289         | 27                              | 5.0                          | 691                        | 470           | 262                        | 12   | 6                             | 936                                   | 7.7  |  |     |     |
| 3                  | (D-2-1) Sab-2         | 247          | 2-23-65            | 8.5              | 5.3                        | 45           | 21             | 13          | 146                             | 0                            | 85                         | 14            | .6                         | 274  | 200                           | 80                                    | 12   | 4  | 423 | 7.7 |
| 4                  | Rcd-19                | 440          | 7-8-64             | 11.5             | 9.4                        | 24           | 9.7            | 12          | 108                             | 0                            | 17                         | 14            | .5                         | 140  | 100                           | 11                                    | 21   | .5   | 235 | 7.9 |
| 5                  | 15cuc-1               | 171          | 9-11-67            | 11.5             | 8.4                        | 63           | 20             | 14          | 204                             | 0                            | 61                         | 26            | 1.3                        | 301  | 237                           | 70                                    | 12   | .4   | 498 | 7.5 |

<sup>a</sup>Sodium (Na) and Potassium (K) values are calculated and reported as sodium.

<sup>b</sup>Analysis includes 2.9 mg/l potassium (K), 0.5 mg/l fluoride (F), and 0.09 mg/l boron (B).

<sup>c</sup>Soil value determined.