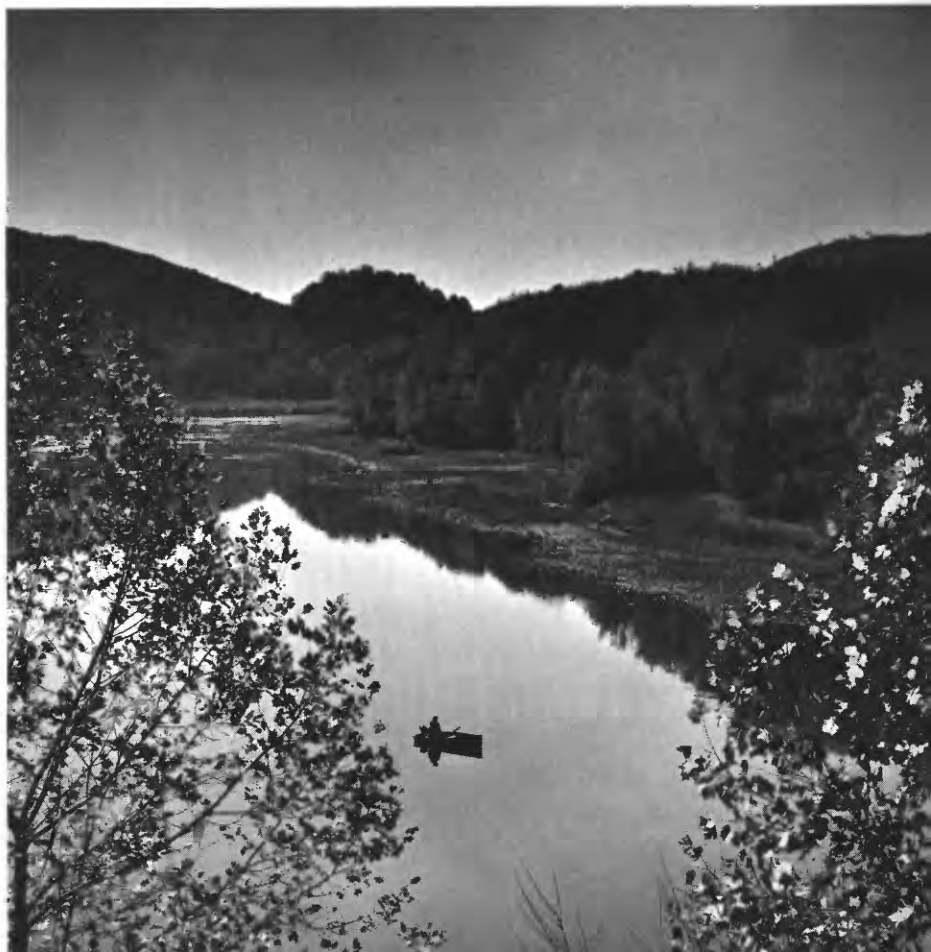


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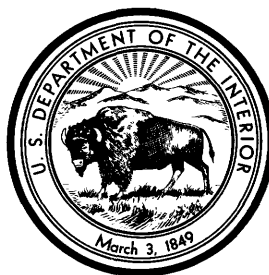
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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Acidity.—The capacity of a water for neutralizing a basic solution. Acidity, as used in this report, is caused primarily by the presence of hydrogen ions produced by hydrolysis of the salts of strong acids and weak bases.

Alkalinity.— The capacity of a water for neutralizing an acid solution. Alkalinity in natural water is caused primarily by the presence of carbonates and bicarbonates.

Dissolved solids.—Consist mainly of the dissolved mineral constituents in water and is represented by the residue that remains after evaporation and drying at a temperature of 180°C.

Hardness.— A property of water which causes an increase in the amount of soap that is needed to produce foam or lather. Hardness is produced almost completely by the presence of calcium and magnesium salts in solution. Carbonate hardness is represented by the carbonate and bicarbonate salts of calcium and magnesium. Noncarbonate hardness is represented by all other salts of calcium and magnesium. Hardness is expressed conventionally in terms of an equivalent quantity of calcium carbonate. The following scale may assist the reader in appraising hardness:

<i>Degree of hardness</i>	<i>Hardness range (ppm)</i>
Soft.....	0—60
Moderately hard	61—120
Hard.....	121—180
Very hard	>180

Parts per million (ppm).—A unit for expressing the concentration of chemical constituents by weight, for example, as grams of constituents per million grams of solution.

pH.— A measure of the hydrogen-ion concentration of a solution. A pH unit is expressed as the negative \log_{10} of the hydrogen-ion concentration. The pH of pure water is 7.0, acid water has a smaller pH and alkaline water a larger pH.

Specific conductance.— A measure of the ability of a water to conduct an electrical current. It is expressed in micromhos at 25°C. Pure water has a very small electrical conductance, but the conductance increases with increasing concentration of dissolved minerals.

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ABSTRACT

A stream-quality reconnaissance at 318 locations in May 1965 offered the first opportunity for a contemporaneous regional collection and appraisal of water-quality data in Appalachia. The results provide a means of regional comparison of the influence of coal-mine drainage on stream quality at approximately median streamflow. The results disclose that the chemical quality of the water at nearly 200 sites did not meet recommended drinking-water standards. At many of these sites, inferior quality was caused by excessive concentrations of solutes commonly associated with coal-mine waters.

Water-quality damage from mine drainage is particularly severe in the more heavily mined northern one-third of the region where high sulfate content, free mineral acidity, and low pH are typical of most affected streams. A deficiency in natural stream alkalinity in this part of the coal region contributes greatly to the massive effect of mine drainage upon stream quality. However, data collected from streams affected by mine drainage along the west edge of this part of the coal field suggest extensive neutralization of mine water. In southern Appalachia coal-mine drainage had less influence on stream quality than in northern Appalachia. Fewer streams in this area were influenced by mine drainage, and the magnitude of stream damage for affected streams was less than in northern Appalachia.

INTRODUCTION

Extensive coal mining in the Appalachian region for several decades has measurably influenced stream quality throughout the area. The deterioration of streams that receive coal-mine drainage has seriously limited the industrial and domestic uses of these waters. This undesirable alteration of natural stream quality has placed economic restrictions on many downstream water users.

Highly detailed individual studies and some broad statewide studies of the mine-drainage problem have varied greatly in technical approach as well as analytical methodology. However, most attempts to understand the

problem and to define the extent of stream-quality damage were not designed to measure the relative significance of mine drainage on the water resources of the entire region. Public awareness of the problem balanced by technical concern over water pollution warrants a broad look at water pollution from coal-mine drainage throughout the entire 11-State area known as Appalachia (see subsection on "Coal mining and mine water" for definition of boundaries).

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To evaluate the significance of this water-pollution problem in Appalachia, to update stream-quality data, and to provide technical continuity in collection of these data, the Geological Survey acquired extensive stream-flow and water-quality information in May 1965. This report summarizes the results of the first major regional reconnaissance, describes some basic water-quality characteristics of streams in the area, discusses the observed effects of mine drainage upon stream quality, and delineates areas where stream pollution by coal-mine drainage was most severe during the period of study.

The authors wish to make it clear that this report may present only limited new evidence of stream pollution by mine drainage to those interested in any specific part of Appalachia. The reconnaissance study is intended primarily to offer a means of assessing the magnitude of this water problem throughout the entire region. This report provides a foundation of data to guide future regional studies. It also should assist in the selection of areas that require special, more detailed attention.

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COAL MINING AND MINE WATER

The Appalachia region, as defined in Public Law 89-4 (1965), extends over parts of an

11-State area from Pennsylvania to Alabama (fig. 1). A small area in New York was added to Appalachia after enactment of Public Law 89-4. However, this report covers only that part of Appalachia south of the New York-Pennsylvania boundary. Coal deposits occur in approximately 50,000 square miles of the region and are in 9 of the 11 States. In many areas of Appalachia, coal has been intensively mined for more than 100 years. Records of production in some of these areas are available since post-Civil War years. Table 1 shows the amount of coal mined in Appalachia for the period 1923-63. It is

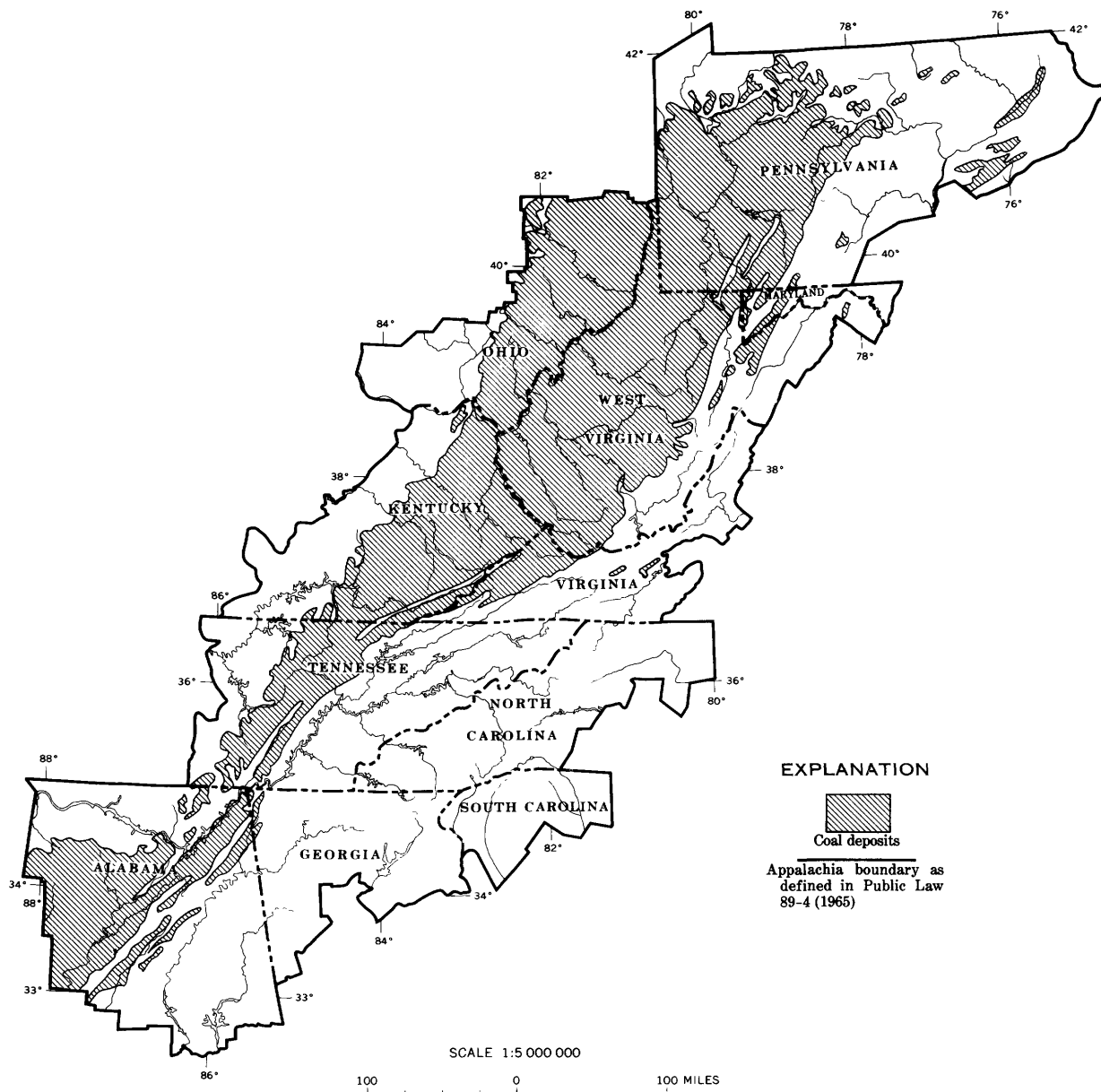


Figure 1.—Location of coal deposits. (From Trumbull, 1960.)

Table 1.—Total coal production in Appalachia, 1923–63

State	Total coal produced, ¹ in thousands of tons	Percent of total
Alabama -----	579,000	3.7
Georgia -----	1,000	.0
Kentucky -----	1,703,700	10.8
Maryland -----	61,600	.4
Ohio -----	1,097,200	6.9
Pennsylvania -----	6,294,400	39.7
Tennessee -----	230,700	1.4
Virginia -----	689,700	4.4
West Virginia -----	5,180,900	32.7

¹U.S. Bureau of Mines (1963).

noteworthy that 72 percent of the coal was mined in two northern States—Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and Alabama also produced significant amounts.

The two principal methods of mining coal, underground mining and strip mining, produce vastly different hydrologic environments. The method used probably affects acid production. Many underground mines are below the zone of saturation,¹ so there is continual contact between sulfidic material and water—a condition resulting generally in continual production of acid. Many strip mines are above the zone of saturation. This means that the pyritic material is in contact with water only during periods of excessive precipitation and mine drainage is thereby limited.

Underground mining has produced most of the coal in Appalachia. However, recent data reflect a major trend to produce coal by strip mining. Since 1940 the amount of coal produced in the United States by strip mining has increased from 9 to 34 percent U.S. Bureau of Mines, 1963). In 1963 strip mining outproduced other methods of mining in Ohio and Maryland (table 2).

While the quantitative significance of various types of coal mining upon water pollution is not known, the problem, process, and products of mine drainage are similar for all types of mining. The problem begins with the

physical process of unearthing coal which exposes pyritic materials (FeS_2), commonly associated with coals, to water and air. Braley (1954), Krickovic (1965), and Stumm (1965) state that pyrite reacts with oxygen and water to form ferrous sulfate (FeSO_4) and sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4). These chemical processes, whether within mines or waste piles, usually increase the concentrations of certain dissolved solids in the mine water. These index parameters include iron, sulfate, noncarbonate hardness, and total dissolved solids. Free mineral acidity, low pH values, and excessive concentrations of manganese and aluminum also are common characteristics of coal-mine waters. The sulfate in the reaction products makes an excellent indicator of mine-drainage pollution. Available data suggest that the chemical composition of mine waters throughout Appalachia is remarkably similar (table 3).

The concentration and composition of mine water, however, may be affected measurably by the presence of soluble rock minerals including calcium carbonate (CaCO_3), which in sufficient quantities neutralizes mine acid. This process increases the total hardness through the addition of calcium and magnesium, and can increase carbonate hardness when neutralization raises the pH above 4.5. Even when partial neutralization occurs, mine waters lose some free mineral acidity. Iron and aluminum precipitate at the higher pH produced by neutralization.

The significance of microorganisms in acid formation is discussed by Braley (1954). Braley states that the high acidity of many mine effluents in the bituminous coal region

Table 2.—Type of mining in Appalachia, 1963¹

State	Percent of total production		
	Under-ground	Strip mining	River dredging
Alabama -----	77.4	22.6	-----
Georgia -----	100.0	-----	-----
Kentucky -----	66.7	33.3	-----
Maryland -----	36.6	63.4	-----
Ohio -----	33.7	66.3	-----
Pennsylvania ---	59.9	35.6	4.5
Tennessee -----	59.3	40.7	-----
Virginia -----	92.5	7.5	-----
West Virginia --	94.4	5.6	-----

¹ U.S. Bureau of Mines (1963).

¹The zone in which the rocks are saturated with water under hydrostatic pressure.

Table 3.—Chemical composition of typical mine waters in Appalachia
[Results given in parts per million except as indicate]

Mine name	Location	Date	Silica (SiO ₂)	Aluminum (Al)	Iron (Fe)	Manganese (Mn)	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium (Na)	Potassium (K)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Dissolved solids (residue on evaporation at 180°C)	Calcium, magnesium	Hardness as CaCO ₃	Total acidity as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micromhos at 25°C)	pH	Color
PENNSYLVANIA																						
Delaware River basin																						
Newkirk mine	Near Tamaqua	7-28-65	25	40	5.5	10	60	49	1.5	1.4	0	672	1.2	0.2	0.8	1,060	351	351	382	1,590	2.80	3
Eagle Hill 2	Near Port Carbon	7-28-65	9.5		2.8	2.2	84	51	4.3	1.0	84	344	.8	.2	.2	571	420	351		765	7.8	3
Susquehanna River basin																						
Middle Creek mine	Near Tremont	6-25-65	16	5.6	9.2	4.9	61	48	2.0	1.5	0	427	3.2	0.3	0.4	671	350	350	108	1,080	2.95	1
Glenwhite Run mine 6.	Near Altoona	6-16-65			10		62				0	900					680	680	717	1,740	3.1	
Allegheny River basin																						
Toby Creek mine 2.	Near Brandy Camp.	6-17-65			164		214				0	1,730					1,560	1,560	1,170	3,080	2.7	
KENTUCKY																						
Big Sandy River basin																						
Cane Branch mine 1.	Near Wayland	10-9-58	34	14	18		152	28	38	5.6	0	832	2.5	1.9	5.0	1,200	494	494	236	1,870	2.80	
Ohio River basin																						
Yellow Creek mines.	At Sassafras	1-29-58		89	119	9.3					0	1,240				1,700	374	374	868	2,180	2.50	
WEST VIRGINIA																						
Monongahela River basin																						
Norton mine 1	Near Norton	7-15-65	38	48	114	5.1					0	1,150		1.4	5.4	1,820	630	630	587	2,330	2.70	
Browns Creek mine A-2.	Near Mount Clare.	9-12-63	3.3	16	217	4.3			79	8.7	0	1,960					1,130	1,130	490	3,210	2.75	

may be attributed, in part, to the action of certain bacteria on the pyritic constituents associated with coal.

Some authorities believe that acid cannot be produced in mines without air. Whether the acid-forming reaction involves atmospheric or dissolved oxygen is discussed by Barnes and Clarke (1964). They suggest that acid can be formed merely by dissolving pyritic materials in water.

MINE DRAINAGE AND STREAM QUALITY

The delivery of mine water to the surface drainage system is a critical factor in controlling the extent of stream pollution by coal-mine drainage. Relatively continuous delivery of water to a stream from active and abandoned coal mines creates continuous pollution of the stream. This type of stream-quality damage is of great concern to industrial and domestic users who must maintain extensive treatment facilities to obtain a usable supply of water.

Occasional flushing of mines by excessive precipitation produces temporary, but often more dramatic, stream damage. Mine flushing delivers a large volume of water to a stream for a short time. When this mine effluent is carried downstream to points that normally are not affected by critical levels of pollutants, a fish kill may occur. The West Branch Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania, for example, experienced 20 major fish kills between 1948-62 (Corps of Engineers, 1962) because of the downstream transport of mine effluents by highly localized rains in the mining region.

The cumulative influence of both continuous and occasional stream pollution on fish habitat has been considered by the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (Kinney, 1964). Kinney reports that Pennsylvania and West Virginia contain over two-thirds of the stream mileage that is adversely affected by coal-mine drainage in Appalachia. There is a striking relationship between Kinney's data and coal production by each State in Appalachia (fig. 2).

Although both continuous mine drainage and mine flushouts are of great public concern, this broad reconnaissance study defines only a part of the continuous effects. In particular, the May field studies measured the in-

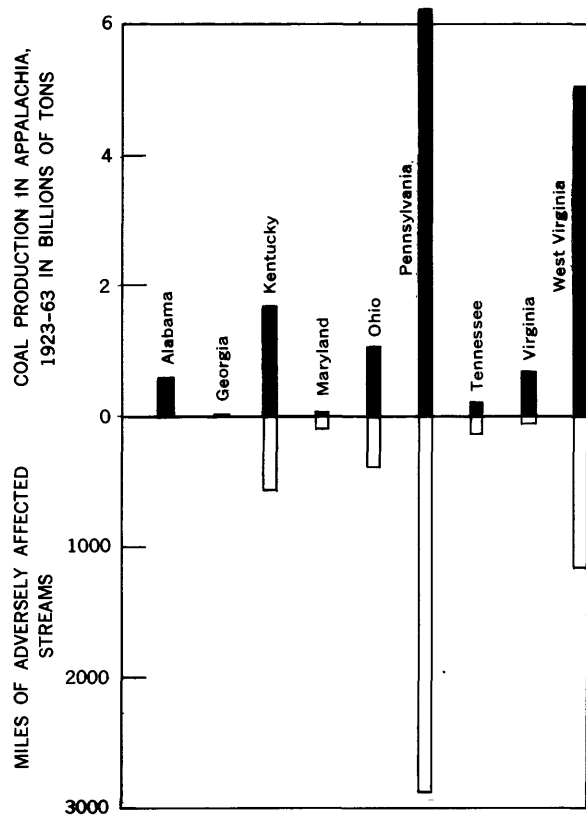


Figure 2. —Comparison of coal production (data from U. S. Bureau of Mines, 1964) to miles of affected streams (data from U. S. Dept. Int., Div. of Fishery Management Services, E.C. Kinney, 1964).

fluence of mine drainage on stream quality during near-median flow conditions when streams contained fairly dilute waters. Most continuous mine-drainage pollution problems observed in May should be more serious during the June to November low-flow period when stream waters normally are more concentrated.

Wherever stream-water quality is affected seriously by coal-mine drainage, many economic limitations are placed on the value of that water for recreational, industrial, and municipal uses. An abundance of mine-drainage constituents increases water-treatment costs and necessitates more frequent replacement of water-treatment facilities. River structures and navigation equipment often need special protection from corrosion by mine drainage. Deposits of sediment create an unattractive environment and render streams and lakes that receive mine discharge unfit for fishing, swimming, and other recreational uses.

Table 4 summarizes common water-use limitations of mine water. These include

Table 4.—Use limitations of water-quality parameters typical of coal-mine drainage

Constituent	Objectionable features of excessive concentration	Recommended limiting concentration for indicated use (ppm) ¹						
		Public water supply ²	Cooling water	Food processing	Pulp and paper making	Plastics manufacturing	Boilers	Textile manufacturing
Sulfate ----	Diuretic effect, bitter taste.	250	-----	20-250	-----	-----	-----	100
Hardness as CaCO ₃ -	Boiler scale, produces insoluble "curd" when it reacts with soap.	-----	50	10-400	100-200	-----	2-80	0-50
Dissolved solids.	Diuretic effect, unpleasant taste.	500	-----	850	200-500	200	50-3,000	-----
Iron -----	Unpleasant taste, stains porcelain and linen.	.3	.5	.2	.1-1.0	-----	-----	.1-1.0
Manganese	Unpleasant taste, stains porcelain and linen.	.05	.2-0.5	.2	.05- .5	.02	-----	.1-1.0
Aluminum-	Boiler scale.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0-3	-----
Suspended solids. ³	Clogs treatment facilities and water courses.	5	50	1-10	10-100	-----	0-10	.3-25
pH ⁴ -----	Increases corrosiveness.	-----	-----	7.5	-----	-----	8.0-9.6	-----

¹California Water Quality Control Board (1963).²U.S. Public Health Service (1962).³Turbidity, as silica, in parts per million.⁴Value not to be less than limits shown.

unpleasant taste, staining, increased corrosiveness, formation of insoluble precipitates, and unpleasant diuretic effects and are caused by excessive concentrations of the mine-drainage index parameters.

STREAM-QUALITY OBSERVATIONS

THE FIELD RECONNAISSANCE

Available geologic, hydrologic, and coal-mining data were used to select sampling sites (pl. 1) for the field reconnaissance. Because broad definition was a primary goal, many water-quality measurements in the 11-State region were made for streams draining an area greater than 100 square miles. In areas of coal mining, sampling sites were selected for streams known or suspected to be influenced by mine drainage, so that the relative stream quality could be assessed. Several additional sites were selected to represent the water quality of streams not affected by mine drainage.

The field reconnaissance in the late spring of 1965 was intended to define general water quality for near-median streamflow conditions. Unregulated streamflow during the study was in the 45-65 percentile range and provided comparative data on the influence of mine drainage on streams in the entire region. Streamflow was generally steady and, therefore, water-quality results were not complicated by the effects of direct runoff from rains. Consequently, most of the analyses provide areawide data on near-average water quality.

During the intensive 9-day study period in May 1965, 11 two-man teams of hydrologists and chemists visited 318 stream sites from northeastern Pennsylvania to central Alabama, an area of more than 160,000 square miles. Field measurements included water discharge, pH, specific conductance, water temperature, dissolved-oxygen concentration, and acidity. Water samples for more detailed analyses were also collected for

delivery to U.S. Geological Survey laboratories in the region.

BASIC QUALITY OF STREAMS IN APPALACHIA

Streams in the coal region that are unaffected by mine drainage are of excellent quality. These streams contain very dilute alkaline water, with calcium and bicarbonate the dominant dissolved constituents. During the study period, the bicarbonate content of unpolluted streams in the coal-mining region generally was less than 50 ppm. Unaffected streams adjacent to the coal region contained bicarbonate concentrations from 50 ppm to more than 200 ppm. Plate 1 delineates zones of relatively low and high concentrations of bicarbonate for streams within Appalachia. It is noteworthy that the central zone of low bicarbonate water generally coincides with the coal-field area.

The alkalinity of streams in the southeast edge of Appalachia was generally lower than that observed for other streams within the region. Here streams draining the crystalline-rock terrain of the Piedmont Province contain among the lowest solute content of streams in the Eastern United States (Rainwater, 1962).

Unusually low concentrations of bicarbonate for unaffected streams in the coal-mining region demonstrate the relative inability of most of these streams to neutralize acid-mine water which enters the drainage system. When acid drainage from coal mines reacts with the low natural alkalinity of most streams in the coal region, the result is a large number of seriously affected streams carrying free mineral acidity.

While the May 1965 reconnaissance suggests that unaffected streams in the coal region contain relatively little neutralizing capacity, the bicarbonate alkalinity in some streams affected by mine drainage in parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia, indicates that extensive neutralization takes place within the coal region. Figure 3 illustrates a general area in the coal region where affected streams contain high concentrations (50–200 ppm) of bicarbonate. These high alkalinities may be produced by neutralization from small, highly alkaline tributaries that were not sampled during this reconnaissance. Neutralization also may occur in the mines by contact of

water with adjacent calcareous rocks (or by mixture of alkaline water associated with these strata). Scattered evidence of the existence of alkaline mine waters add credibility to the second choice, but it may be a combination of these conditions that produces generally high stream alkalinity in the area noted in figure 3.

Hardness is another water-quality index parameter in which major changes usually occur when mine waters are added to natural streamflow. The ranges in concentrations, zonal boundaries, and related criteria used to describe alkalinity of both unaffected and affected streams are similar for total-hardness data collected during the reconnaissance. Where mine drainage has not influenced stream quality in the coal region, total hardness was nearly always less than 50 ppm. In the areas immediately adjacent to the coal region, total hardness ranged from 50 ppm to 300 ppm or more. Again, streams draining the Piedmont province of southeastern Appalachia were most dilute, the hardness values ranging generally from 10 to 20 ppm.

Salty water brought to the earth's surface while developing oil and gas wells often affects stream quality. The May 1965 data indicate that only a few major streams in Ohio, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania contained concentrations of chlorides in excess of 100 ppm, and the concentrations exceeded U.S. Public Health Service (1962) "Drinking Water Standards" of 250 ppm at only two sites. The chloride data indicate that although some brine pollution does exist in Appalachia, it is not a major problem on large streams during median flow.

The nitrate and phosphate content of stream water is considered a secondary indicator of pollution from untreated or treated domestic wastes as well as from some industrial wastes. In Appalachia, observed concentrations of nitrates and phosphates were low during the May 1965 reconnaissance. Concentrations of both constituents were well below recommended limits for public water supplies and also were acceptable for most industrial uses of water. The lack of these constituents in water, in fact, suggests a deficiency of some key nutrients that fertilize aquatic plants. This deficiency may provide a poorer environment for many types of aquatic insects and fish which, in turn, can

exert some limitation on recreational development of the water.

Dissolved-oxygen concentration may also serve as an indicator of pollution by domestic and industrial waste. Although observed dissolved-oxygen values represent only an instantaneous evaluation of a complex and dynamic system of stream deoxygenation and reaeration, data collected during the reconnaissance offer means for a limited appraisal of stream conditions. In Appalachia, most observed dissolved-oxygen concentrations were

above the suggested value of 5.0 ppm (California Water Quality Control Board, 1963, p. 181), necessary for a favorable environment for fish and other aquatic life. The dissolved-oxygen concentration was less than 5.0 ppm at only 10 of 318 locations.

EFFECTS OF MINE DRAINAGE ON STREAM QUALITY

The presence of free mineral acidity in a stream is the most serious evidence of water-quality damage by mine drainage. The May 1965 data clearly demonstrate that mine

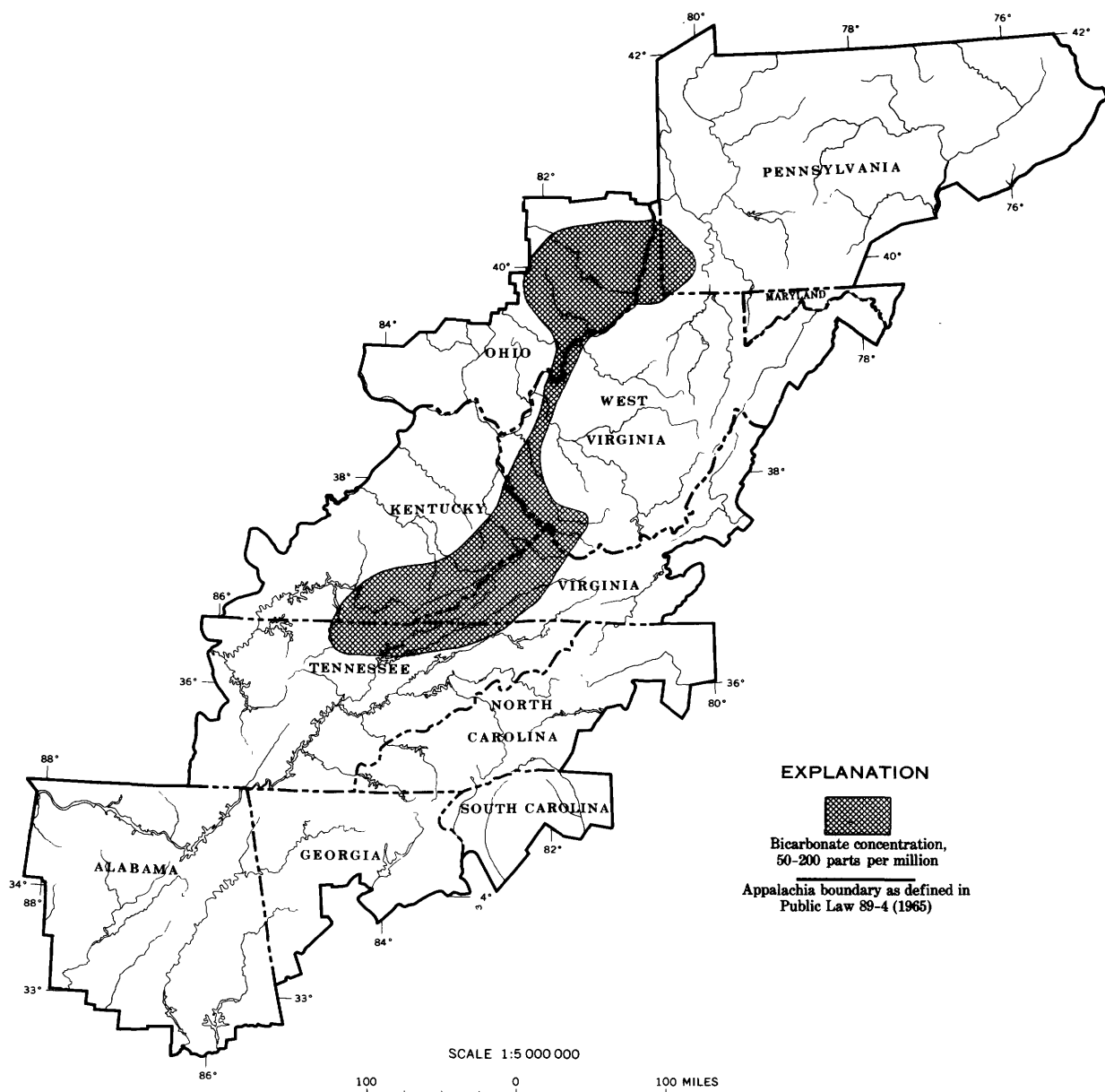


Figure 3.—Areas in the Appalachian coal region where streams affected by mine drainage contained relatively high (50-200 ppm) concentrations of bicarbonate, May 1965.

drainage damages the chemical quality of streams more severely in the northern one-third of Appalachia than in the rest of Appalachia. (See pl. 1.) Free mineral acidity occurs in rivers as large as West Branch Susquehanna River, Kiskiminetas River, Casselman River, North Branch Potomac River, Monongahela River, and Raccoon Creek.

The abundance of acid mine waters in northern Appalachia may be due to several factors or to a combination of these factors. There is more coal mined in the north than in the south. This implies more extensive exposure of sulfuritic material to an acid-producing environment. Also, the amount of sulfuritic material exposed for each ton of coal mined in the north may be greater than in the south.

Further evidence of the abundance of acid water in northern Appalachia is shown on plate 1 as daily loads of sulfuric acid that were measured during the study period. Yearly acid loads at several locations are reported in U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Investigations Atlas HA-198 (Schneider and others, 1965). The May 1965 data illustrate the immense magnitude of the mine-drainage problem in the West Branch Susquehanna River, Monongahela River, and Kiskiminetas River basins where the loads of acid per square mile are greater than those of other major basins in Appalachia.

The key index solute, sulfate, is used in this report to describe the influence of mine drainage on stream quality during median flow. Since observed concentrations of sulfate for unaffected streams draining the coal region were low (less than 20 ppm) during the study period, concentrations of sulfate greater than 20 ppm are used to describe the measured effect of mine drainage on stream quality (pl. 1). The chemical quality of most major tributaries of the Susquehanna and Ohio Rivers that drain the Appalachian coal fields is affected to some extent by mine drainage. In the northern one-half of the coal region, only a few streams draining an unmined part of the Kanawha River basin are not influenced by mine drainage using sulfate concentration as an indicator of mine drainage. Farther south in parts of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, scattered mining has little effect on the chemical quality of major streams in the area during median flow.

Figure 4 shows the north to south trend of sulfate content for streams affected by mine drainage. The median concentration of sulfate for affected streams in Pennsylvania and Ohio is 160 ppm, but only 45 ppm for streams in Tennessee and Alabama. This decrease in sulfate concentration provides further evidence of less intense mine-drainage problems in southern Appalachia.

The effect of mine drainage on the hardness of water is shown in figure 5. Note the greater percentage of samples in the hard and very hard class for mine-polluted waters. Median hardness was 130 ppm for affected sites, and only 30 ppm for unaffected sites.

With U.S. Public Health Service (1962) "Drinking Water Standards" as a guide for defining the limitations placed on stream use by mine drainage (table 4), it is apparent that mine drainage has seriously affected the utility of many streams in the region for domestic or municipal supply. Sampling sites where water-quality parameters exceeded recommended drinking water standards are shown in plate 1. Water quality at nearly 200 sites in the region did not meet recommended water standards. Table 5 describes the effects of mine-drainage index solutes on the potential use of these waters for municipal supplies. A comparison of data in table 4 with chemical-quality data in table 6 also suggests that several streams will not meet the water-quality criteria for many industrial uses of water.

Table 5.—Effect of mine drainage on the potential use of streams draining the coal region of Appalachia, May 1965

Water-quality parameter	Percentage of sample sites where concentrations exceeded drinking water standards	
	Sites unaffected by coal-mine drainage	Sites affected by coal-mine drainage
Iron	6	35
Manganese	34	83
Sulfate	0	22

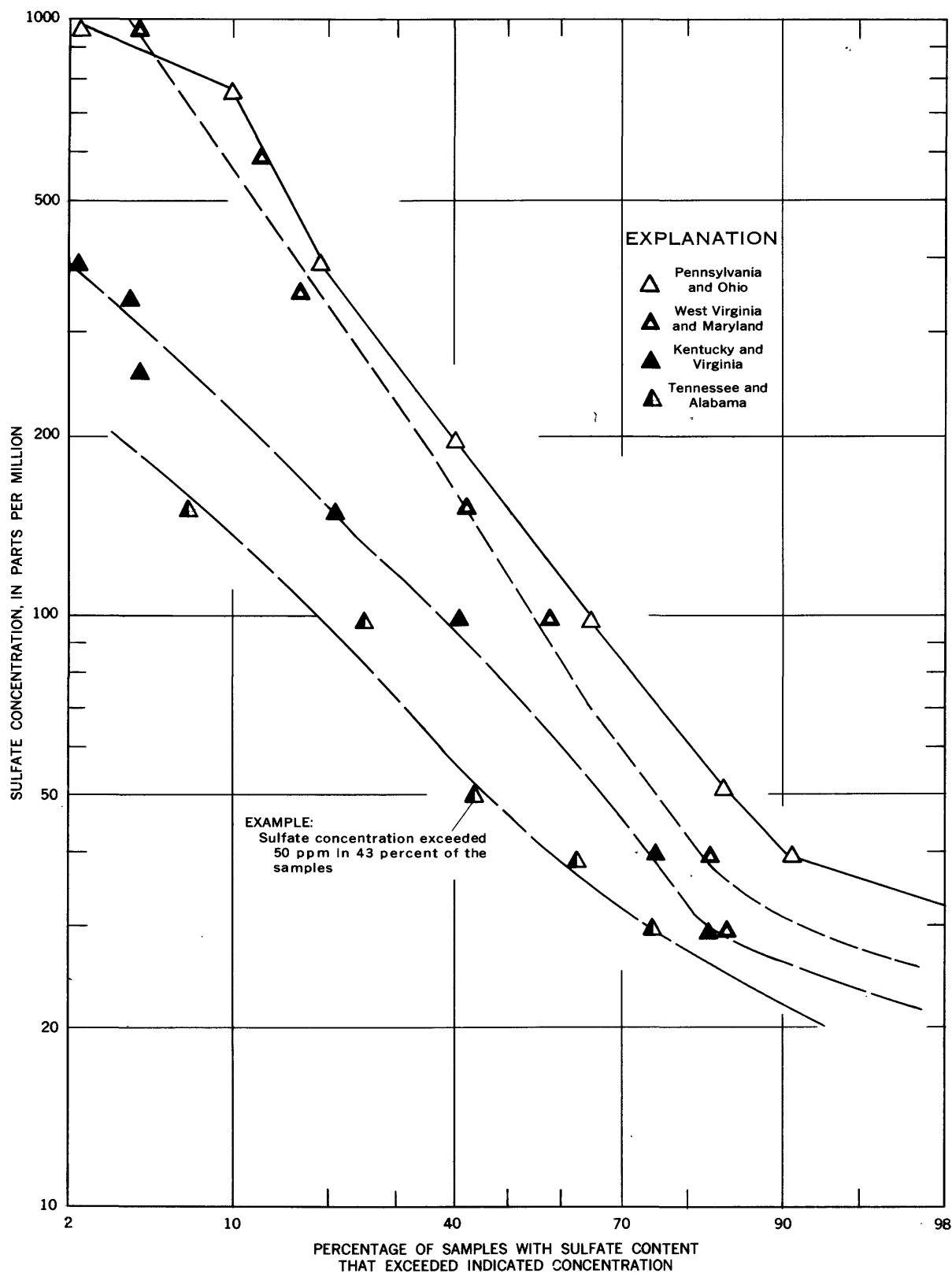


Figure 4.—Effect of coal-mine drainage on sulfate content from northern to southern Appalachia, May 1965.

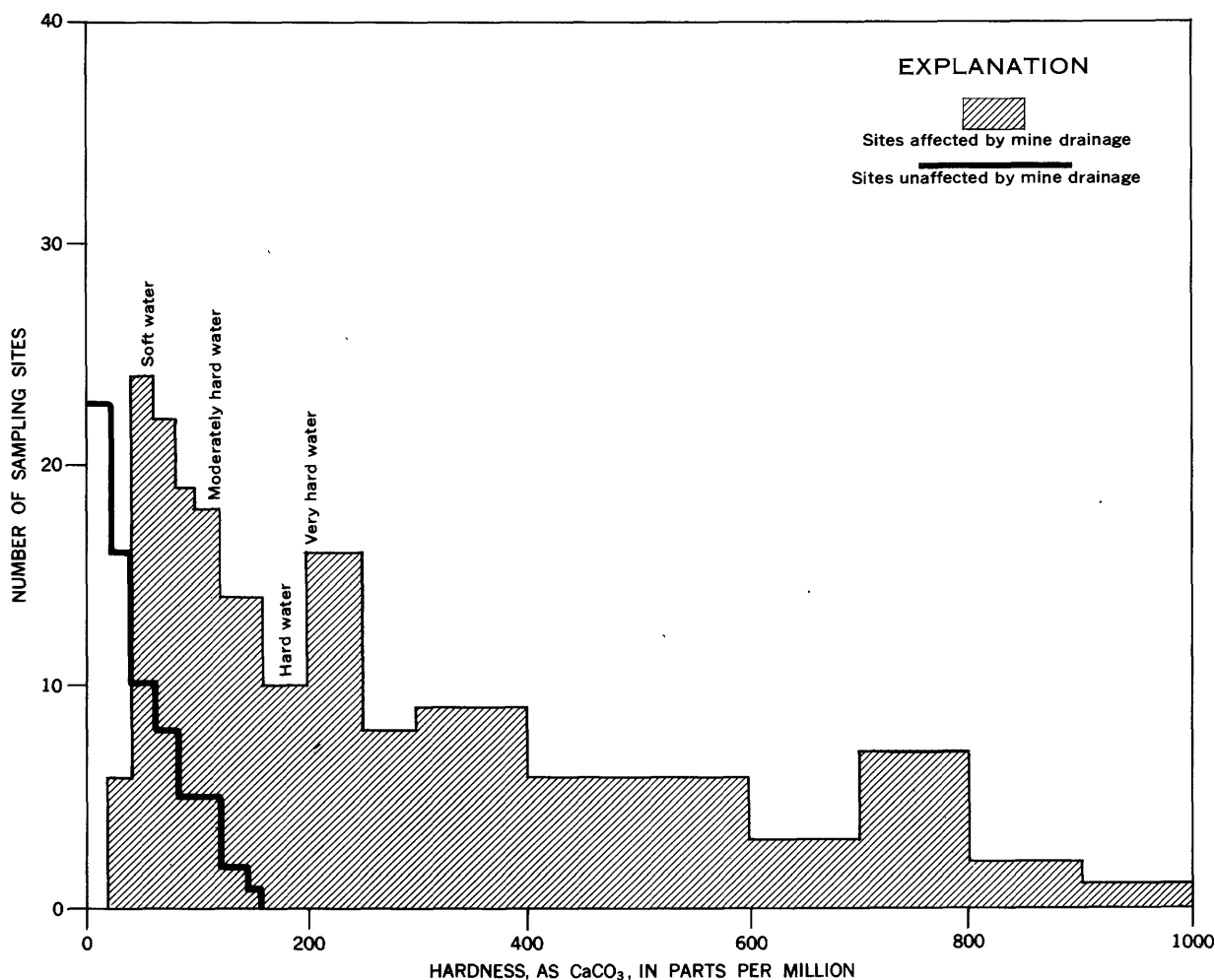


Figure 5.—Effect of mine drainage on the hardness of water, May 1965.

NEUTRALIZATION OF ACID STREAMS

The mixture of alkaline streams with mine-drainage waters eventually neutralizes all acid streams in Appalachia. Even in the badly polluted upper Ohio River basin, the added flow from the Allegheny River and other more alkaline downstream tributaries ultimately produces water of fair quality (fig. 6). Observed pH increases from less than 4.7 in the Monongahela River to approximately 7.0 in the Ohio River at Stratton, Ohio. There is also a gradual increase in the ratio of bicarbonate to sulfate between these two sites. Stream hardness continues to increase downstream, but a greater part of the hardness is carbonate hardness.

Thus, while the problem of stream pollution by mine drainage is particularly serious in headwater areas of Appalachia near active and abandoned mines, the alkaline contribu-

tion of streams both in and out of the coal region measurably improves the quality of affected waters.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The May 1965 field reconnaissance discloses that the water quality at 194 of 318 sampling sites was measurably influenced by mine drainage. Thirty sites contained water with free mineral acidity. Nearly all major acid streams in Appalachia were in the northern one-third of the region.

The natural alkalinity of streams within the coal region was generally low, usually less than 50 ppm. The reconnaissance discloses that most of these streams are relatively incapable of neutralizing large quantities of acid mine water. However, high bicarbonate content was fairly typical of many streams affected by mine drainage within a

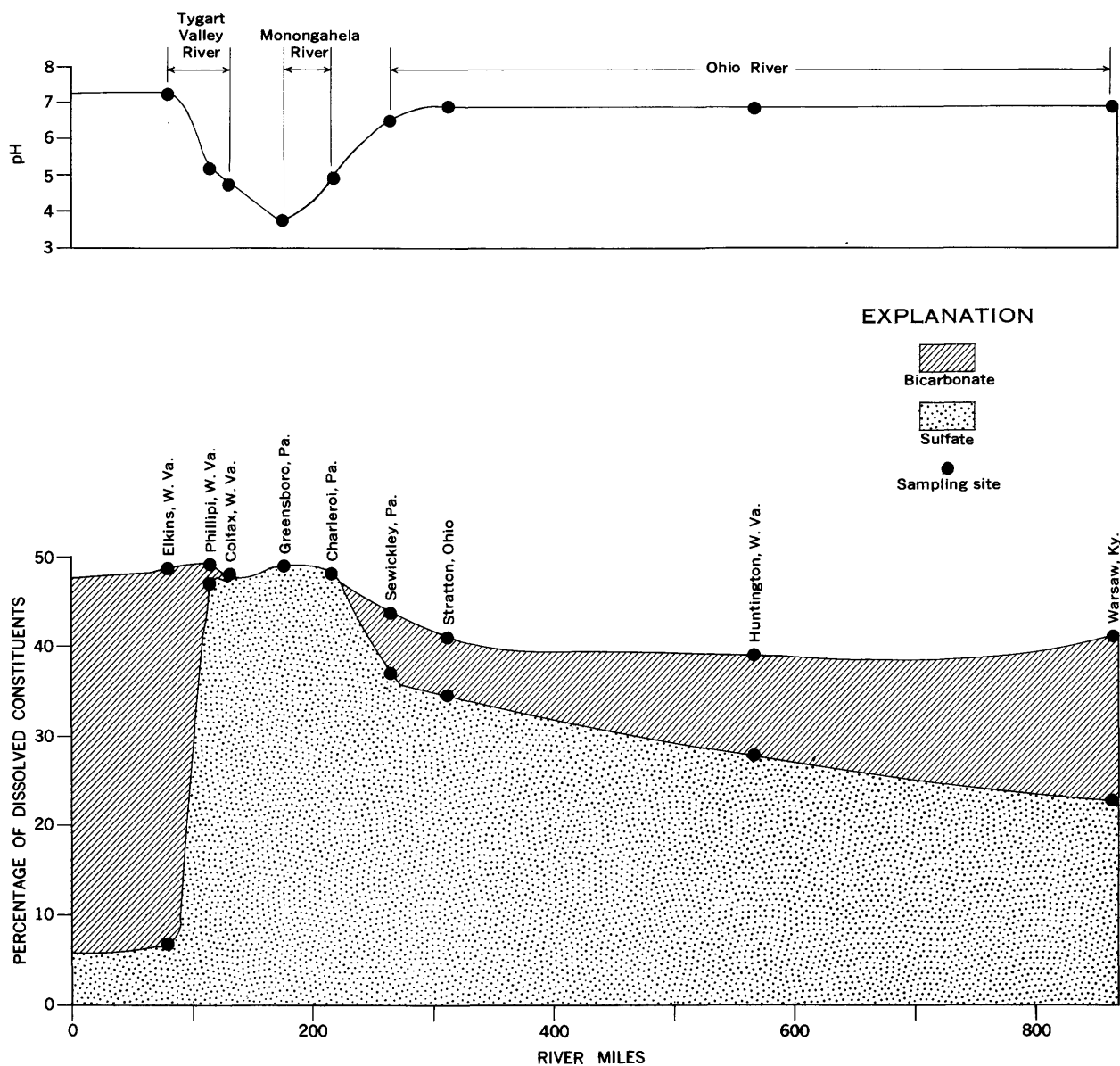


Figure 6.—Changes in the composition of a mine-polluted stream during neutralization, Ohio River basin, May 1965.

comparatively narrow area of the coal region from eastern Ohio to western Virginia. Apparently, there is significant neutralization of mine water in this area either by alkaline water in the mines, or by small unaffected headwater tributaries.

Analysis of sulfate content of streams affected by mine drainage indicates that less sulfate occurs in streams in the south half of the region. These data also provide further evidence that less acid water is produced per square mile in the south than in the north, probably because of less intense mining.

More serious water-quality damage from coal-mine drainage occurs in: the West Branch Susquehanna River, Kiskiminetas River, and Casselman River basins in Pennsylvania; North Branch Potomac River basin in Maryland; Monongahela River basin in Pennsylvania and West Virginia; and Raccoon Creek basin in Ohio.

Regardless of size or degree of acidity, all streams affected by mine drainage are ultimately neutralized by the inflow of alkaline water.

Future regional studies should be designed to provide data for better definition of: (1) the significance of mine drainage upon stream quality during low-flow conditions, (2) types of hydrologic environment that produce sudden flushes of mine water to streams which normally contain relatively little mine water, and (3) the geologic and hydrologic factors contributing to high alkalinity of affected streams within isolated parts of the region.

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Table 6.—Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965

This table includes all field and laboratory determinations, data and time of sample collection, and location and drainage area of sampling sites. The data are listed according to State. This will offer a convenient reference to any water managers or resource agencies interested in specific results. Field and laboratory pH values are both shown in the table. Examination of the data shows some differences between these two values. This difference is observed frequently and may be explained by several factors. Hydrolysis during sample storage and changes in carbon dioxide equilibrium between the sample and the atmosphere are predominant factors in this change. Again, having both of these values realizes maximum utility of the data and reveals any change in pH during storage and the direction and magnitude of the change.

Water-resources agencies agree the first end point in the acidity determination should be pH 4.5. The titration to 4.5 essentially represents free mineral acidity. However, there are various methods suggested for determining the acidity remaining above pH 4.5. The U.S. Geological Survey (Rainwater and Thatcher, 1960, p. 87-92) suggests an end point of pH 7.0. The American Public Health Association (1960, p. 42, 43) suggests an end point of pH 8.3. Because of these differences, it was decided to use both suggested final end points for the acidity determination. Having both of these values allows comparison of previous information and assists in realizing maximum utility of the data.

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drain- age area, in square miles (in parentheses)	Date	Time	Field determination				Laboratory analyses												pH	Color				
					Water discharge (cfs)	pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen		Acid concentration to H ₂ SO ₄ (as indicate pH, (as			Aluminum (Al)	Total iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)			Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micro- mhos at 25°C)
								Concentration, ppm	Percent saturation	Calcium, magnesium	Noncarbonate															
												4.5											7.0	8.3		

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1	1-5415	Clearfield Creek at Dimeeling, Pa. (371).	5-18-65	0800	295	3.50	57	8.9	86	20	44	49	4.0	1.6	2.7	0	207	4.5	0.00	1.0	169	169	44	507	3.75	5
2	1-5423	Moshannon Creek (near mouth) near Moshannon, Pa. (255).	5-17-65	1030	291	2.85	62	8.2	84	83	110	120	8.8	9.4	3.6	0	301	3.5	.00	.8	190	190	110	810	3.20	5
3	1-5430	Kettle Creek near Westport, Pa. (233).	5-17-65	1400	450	7.6	60	9.2	92	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.21	19	18	2.0	.00	.1	30	15	-----	77	6.9	2
4	1-5427.9	Bennett Branch Sinnemahoning Creek (near mouth) at Driftwood, Pa. (350).	5-18-65	1030	508	3.65	60	9.3	93	9.8	20	20	1.4	.81	.51	3	59	3.0	.05	.4	51	48	-----	152	5.5	5
5	1-5455	West Branch Susquehanna River at Renovo, Pa. (2975).	5-18-65	1230	4,000	4.25	66	8.0	86	0	9.8	9.8	.8	.38	.57	6	47	2.4	.00	.0	47	42	-----	130	6.2	6
6	1-5479.9	Beech Creek (near mouth) at Beech Creek, Pa. (172).	5-17-65	1730	285	4.20	60	9.2	92	4.9	15	20	1.6	.20	1.2	3	59	1.4	.02	.4	49	47	4.9	147	5.2	5
7	1-5484.3	Babb Creek at Blackwell, Pa. (129).	5-18-65	1530	131	7.0	66	8.1	87	-----	-----	-----	.9	.50	.43	5	45	3.0	.00	.1	41	37	-----	124	6.8	2
8	1-5480.82	North Bald Eagle Creek below Fish- ing Creek at Mill Hall, Pa. (106).	5-17-65	1630	771	6.6	61	9.1	91	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.16	81	25	3.3	.02	.8	86	20	-----	190	7.6	8
9	1-5163	Tioga River at Covington, Pa. (106)	5-18-65	1730	129	4.10	67	7.8	85	4.9	24	39	4.1	2.6	1.5	0	95	5.5	.00	.7	65	65	29	246	4.10	5
10	1-5380	Lackawanna River at Old Forge, Pa. (332).	5-18-65	0900	212	6.2	65	6.3	66	-----	-----	-----	.2	.16	.95	28	102	9.7	.05	.3	109	86	-----	308	6.9	12
11	1-5365	Susquehanna River at Wilkes- Barre, Pa. (9 960).	5-19-65	1030	7,600	7.4	68	7.5	82	-----	-----	-----	.1	.06	.35	56	65	8.6	.10	.2	105	59	-----	253	7.1	10
12	1-5386	Nesqueek Creek (near mouth) at Nesqueek, Pa. (170).	5-19-65	1330	179	3.60	65	7.6	80	20	69	74	8.8	1.2	3.1	0	203	4.5	.00	.3	142	142	59	425	4.10	4
13	1-5403.5	Catawissa Creek (near mouth) at Catawissa, Pa. (150).	5-19-65	1600	126	4.25	68	7.9	86	4.9	24	29	3.2	.16	.57	0	62	3.5	.00	.1	46	46	15	162	4.6	5
14	1-5545	Shamokin Creek at Weigh Scale, Pa. (54.2).	5-19-65	1645	124	4.7	68	-----	-----	0	120	150	2.0	.37	6.2	0	598	8.0	.00	.3	506	506	110	1,430	4.45	10
15	1-5552.52	Manayunk Creek (near mouth) near Dornisite, Pa. (150).	5-19-65	1815	135	6.4	71	7.2	80	-----	-----	-----	.2	.00	7.8	26	891	6.5	.00	1.9	892	871	-----	1,510	7.5	4
16	1-5555	East Mahanango Creek near Delamata, Pa. (162).	5-20-65	0850	71.5	6.8	64	7.8	82	-----	-----	-----	.5	.11	1.0	9	70	3.5	.00	1.2	70	63	-----	186	6.5	6
17	1-555.6	Wiconisco Creek at Loyalton, Pa. (60.7).	5-20-65	0915	62.5	6.8	58	8.5	84	-----	-----	-----	.2	.06	.21	30	44	2.0	.00	.3	62	38	-----	161	6.8	5
18	1-5718	Swatara Creek at Ravine, Pa. (43.3)	5-20-65	1050	34	4.8	60	9.0	90	0	15	24	1.8	4.7	1.7	0	165	3.5	.00	.1	241	150	20	371	4.15	4
50	1-5407	West Branch Susquehanna River at McGees Mills, Pa. (102).	5-19-65	1330	74	5.2	67	8.6	94	0	4.9	9.8	.7	.18	1.2	3	354	5.5	.00	.9	303	300	9.8	706	4.85	7
51	1-5410	West Branch Susquehanna River at Bower, Pa. (315).	5-19-65	1200	192	6.8	65	8.6	90	-----	-----	-----	.2	.03	.51	9	190	6.5	.00	1.2	173	165	-----	440	6.3	7

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Table 6.—Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965—Continued

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drain- age area, in square miles (in parentheses)	Date	Time	Field determination				Laboratory analyses																	
					Water discharge (cfs)	pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen		Acid concentration to indicate pH, (as H ₂ SO ₄)			Aluminum (Al)	Total iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	pH	Color
								Concentration, ppm	Percent saturation	4.5	7.0	8.3														

Monongahela River basin—Continued																											
65	3-834	Sewickley Creek near Sutersville, Pa. (167)	5-17-65	1240	109	4.9	71	4.0	45	0	64	78	3.3	12	2.8	0	779	29	0.00	1.4	487	487	59	1,490	3.25	2	
66	3-835	Youghiogheny River at Suters- ville, Pa. (1,715)	5-17-65	1120	1,300	6.2	67	7.8	85	-----	-----	-----	.2	1.8	.50	8	99	6.0	.00	1.5	88	82	-----	268	6.8	5	
67	3-720	Dunkard Creek at Shamokin, Pa. (229)	5-21-65	1030	49	3.55	67	7.6	83	17	49	54	3.8	5.1	.88	0	363	22	.00	.6	209	208	39	849	3.60	4	
68	3-725	Monongahela River at Greensboro, Pa. (4,407)	5-21-65	0805	860	3.65	68	7.9	86	17	34	39	2.0	.79	.87	0	204	4.3	.00	.3	142	142	49	511	3.70	5	
69	3-730	South Fork Tennessee Creek at Jefferson, Pa. (180)	5-20-65	1500	48	7.3	72	8.8	101	-----	-----	-----	.2	.08	.22	120	45	14	.24	1.7	129	31	-----	319	7.3	5	
70	3-745	Redstone Creek at Waltersburg, Pa. (73.7)	5-20-65	1110	31	6.1	63	0	0	-----	-----	-----	8.4	15	6.7	0	1,530	18	.00	.5	1,080	1,080	-----	2,410	3.80	4	
71	3-750	Monongahela River at Charleroi, Pa. (5,213)	5-20-65	0830	2,720	4.5	69	9.5	106	0	9.8	15	.75	.12	.3	3	201	7.0	.00	1.2	147	145	9.8	487	5.0	5	
72	3-849	Turtle Creek near (at mouth) Quemanong Reservoir (97.8).	5-17-65	0800	93	3.90	66	4.6	43	6.9	44	59	2.5	1.5	3.0	0	663	31	.00	2.8	439	438	34	1,350	3.50	3	
73	3-394.7	Quemanong Creek below Que- manong Reservoir (97.8).	5-19-65	1100	1.42	4.6	66	8.4	89	-----	-----	-----	24	29	.08	1.4	0	157	6.0	.00	1.6	149	149	20	373	4.85	3
74	3-394.2	Stony Creek above Confluence with Quemanong Creek (145).	5-19-65	0820	69	3.70	62	8.7	90	11	24	29	1.9	.69	1.1	0	190	6.0	.00	.2	175	175	39	459	3.90	4	
75	3-396	Shade Creek at Seaton, Pa. (96.8).	5-19-65	1300	111	3.40	67	7.8	85	25	39	44	1.5	3.5	1.4	0	128	2.0	.00	.1	100	100	44	385	3.70	3	
76	3-410	Little Conemaugh River at East Conemaugh, Pa. (183).	5-19-65	1600	134	3.05	68	3.2	29	130	230	240	4.7	12	5.1	0	767	7.9	.00	2.0	511	511	230	1,640	2.80	4	
Delaware River basin																											
19	1-4690	Schuylkill River at Auburn, Pa. (160)	5-20-65	1300	134	4.35	70	7.9	88	0	15	20	1.1	0.18	4.6	0	332	10	.00	0.8	308	308	9.8	690	4.8	4	
20	1-4700	Little Schuylkill River at Driestown, Pa. (122)	5-20-65	1500	99	3.85	71	8.2	93	9.8	29	34	3.4	.91	2.8	0	321	5.5	.00	4.7	285	285	29	676	4.05	4	
21	1-4710	Tuplock Creek near Reading, Pa. (81)	5-21-65	1015	83	7.4	62	8.4	86	-----	-----	-----	.3	.33	.03	165	32	12	.28	8.0	171	36	-----	375	7.5	9	
22	1-4500	Pohopoco Creek near Parryville, Pa. (109)	5-20-65	1815	84	7.6	71	8.4	95	-----	-----	-----	.6	.67	.00	13	5.9	4.0	.00	.4	15	5	-----	47	6.6	4	
23	1-4510	Lehigh River at Walnutport, Pa. (889)	5-21-65	0915	900	7.1	61	8.3	83	-----	-----	-----	.4	.27	.28	13	30	4.0	.00	.3	34	24	-----	106	6.8	5	
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55	3-1100	Yellow Creek near Hammondsville, Ohio (146)	5-23-65	1130	26.6	6.1	67	8.8	96	-----	-----	-----	0.20	1.2	0.64	9	245	25	0.00	0.4	203	196	-----	601	6.4	4	
56	3-1110	Cross Creek at Mingo Junction, Ohio (127)	5-23-65	0915	56	7.1	66	8.8	94	-----	-----	-----	.2	.00	.78	110	616	17	.00	.4	700	610	-----	1,260	7.7	7	
57	3-1115.5	Wheeling Creek at Brookside, Ohio (103)	5-22-65	1400	54.3	7.9	77	10	110	-----	-----	-----	.8	.00	.83	149	1,160	13	0.00	.6	929	807	-----	2,090	8.0	3	
58	3-1140	Captina Creek at Armstrong Mills, Ohio (135)	5-22-65	1045	30.5	7.9	68	9.4	102	-----	-----	-----	.24	.01	.00	184	50	7.6	.00	.1	187	36	-----	391	8.0	5	
59	3-1142.5	Sunfish Creek at Cameron, Ohio (98.9)	5-22-65	0730	25	7.5	63	8.8	109	-----	-----	-----	.2	.18	.00	134	43	17	.00	.4	145	35	-----	338	7.8	3	
80	3-1154	Little Muskingum River at Bloomfield, Ohio (210).	5-19-65	1245	56.7	7.8	69	7.2	80	-----	-----	-----	.0	.00	.10	137	30	28	.03	.0	154	42	-----	368	7.7	4	

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		5-19-65	1015	17.9	6.2	68	7.6	83	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
81	West Fork Duck Creek near Macksburg, Ohio (84.5).	5-19-65	1015	17.9	6.2	68	7.6	83	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
82	Duck Creek at Stanleyville, Ohio (268).	5-19-65	0745	65.7	7.5	67	7.8	85	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
83	Conotton Creek near New Cumberland, Ohio (162).	5-17-65	1300	96.5	7.6	62	6.7	69	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
84	Sugar Creek at Strasburg, Ohio (310).	5-17-65	1030	60.8	7.9	66	8.0	85	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
85	Stillwater Creek at Uhrichsville, Ohio (367).	5-17-65	1500	12.8	7.6	65	8.6	91	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
86	Kilbuck Creek at Kilbuck, Ohio (466).	5-17-65	0810	14.8	7.6	64	6.1	64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
87	Willis Creek below Willis Creek Dam, Ohio (845).	5-17-65	1845	302	7.8	69	8.2	91	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
88	Lacking River below Dillon Dam, Ohio (749).	5-18-65	0900	305	7.9	68	6.9	75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
89	Moxahala Creek near Zanesville, Ohio (300).	5-18-65	1100	116	3.45	67	7.7	84	47	120	130	16	5.5	3	0	762	30	.00	.4	740	740	149	1,470	3.90	2
90	Jonathan Creek near White Cottage, Ohio (162).	5-18-65	1345	51.5	6.9	68	7.7	84	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
91	Jonathan Creek near Mount Perry, Ohio (115).	5-18-65	1515	34.2	8.3	71	8.6	98	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
92	Meigs Creek (near mouth) near Beverly, Ohio (136).	5-18-65	1815	56.4	8.1	71	7.5	85	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
93	Hocking River at Enterprise, Ohio (459).	5-20-65	0820	146	7.8	65	7.0	74	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
94	Monday Creek near Greendale, Ohio (61.0).	5-20-65	1000	12.9	3.45	64	7.2	76	54	130	140	16	5.9	9.3	0	642	122	.01	.2	614	614	140	1,590	3.80	2
95	Monday Creek at Doanville, Ohio (114).	5-20-65	1145	34.5	3.20	64	5.9	62	120	260	270	34	20	8.0	0	870	45	.00	1.0	660	660	300	1,850	3.30	3
96	Sunday Creek near Glouster, Ohio (104).	5-20-65	1400	13.6	3.50	67	---	---	83	190	250	13	77	7.4	0	890	40	.00	2.3	669	660	250	2,180	3.20	5
97	Federal Creek near Stewart, Ohio (136).	5-19-65	1815	19.5	8.0	70	8.0	89	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
98	Shade River at Keno, Ohio (160).	5-19-65	1630	53.6	6.7	68	7.5	82	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
99	Raccoon Creek near Prattsville, Ohio (200).	5-20-65	1715	34.9	3.60	65	7.8	83	42	100	110	12	3.4	6.0	0	271	102	.00	.1	232	232	88	956	4.00	2
100	Elk Fork near Oreton, Ohio (58.7).	5-21-65	0830	19.6	4.35	62	7.8	80	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
101	Little Raccoon Creek near Vinton, Ohio (154).	5-21-65	1030	39.6	4.25	64	7.7	81	4.9	29	39	3.9	4.4	2.7	0	148	6.0	.00	.3	122	122	29	378	4.5	2
102	Synnes Creek at Getaway, Ohio (339).	5-21-65	1400	39.5	7.2	66	7.6	81	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
103	Little Scioto River at Sciotoville, Ohio (223).	5-21-65	1630	21.0	7.3	69	7.8	87	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
104	Scioto River at Chillicothe, Ohio (3,849).	5-23-65	1815	94.8	7.7	74	3.1	36	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
105	Paint Creek near Bourneville, Ohio (807).	5-22-65	1445	374	8.2	70	6.8	76	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
106	Salt Creek at Richmond Dale, Ohio (549).	5-23-65	1115	92.1	7.9	71	6.0	68	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
107	Sunfish Creek near Pileton, Ohio (144).	5-22-65	1730	24.1	7.5	72	6.8	77	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
108	Ohio Brush Creek near West Union, Ohio (387).	5-21-65	1900	37.3	8.2	72	7.4	84	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
109	Whiteoak Creek near Georgetown, Ohio (22).	5-22-65	0830	11.2	8.1	69	6.9	77	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
110	East Fork Little Miami River at Perintown, Ohio (476).	5-22-65	-----	49.6	8.4	74	7.6	88	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Table 6.—Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965.—Continued

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drain- age area, in square miles (in parenthesis)	Field determination				Laboratory analyses																pH	Color		
			Water discharge (cfs)	pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen	Aluminum (Al)	Total iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micro- mhos at 25°C)								
															Concentration, ppm	Percent saturation			Calcium, magnesium	Noncarbonate						
																					4.5	7.0			8.3	
Potomac River basin																										
114	1-5950	North Branch Potomac River at Seyer, Md. (73.0).	5-18-65	1335	39	4.10	71	7.9	90	15	39	59	3.7	2.4	1.1	0	135	2.00	1.1	---	50	50	39	331	3.5	0
115	1-5955	North Branch Potomac at Kilz- miller, Md. (225).	5-18-65	1600	105	4.30	72	7.7	88	9.8	29	39	1.7	.40	.66	0	97	2.2	.07	---	76	76	---	218	4.6	0
116	1-5975	Savage River below Savage River Dam near Bloomington, Md.(106).	5-18-65	1600	47	8.0	63	8.5	88	---	---	---	.0	.00	.00	20	13	2.0	.08	---	22	6	---	66	7.2	5
117	1-6030	North Branch Potomac River near Cumberland, Md. (875).	5-18-65	1900	450	8.5	73	9.6	94	---	---	---	.0	.02	.16	64	122	14	.03	---	164	112	---	378	7.4	5
118	1-5990	Georges Creek at Franklin, Md. (72.4).	5-18-65	1750	41	5.6	69	7.7	86	0	29	39	2.1	.25	1.5	2	374	4.0	.02	---	344	342	---	685	4.7	0
119	1-6015	Willie Creek near Cumberland, Md. (247).	5-18-65	0750	152	7.9	59	9.6	94	---	---	---	.00	.00	.40	40	195	4.0	.04	---	232	198	---	482	7.1	0
WEST VIRGINIA																										
Ohio River basin																										
77	03A-1113.00	Buffalo Creek at Wellsburg, W. Va. (161).	5-22-65	1800	40.2	7.7	73	7.9	91	---	---	---	0.25	0.07	0.00	167	137	13	0.00	0.8	256	119	---	560	8.1	4
78	03A-1145.00	Middle Island Creek at Little, W. Va. (458).	5-21-65	1600	69.4	6.6	71	8.0	91	---	---	---	.2	.03	.00	48	20	17	.00	.6	57	18	---	180	7.2	7
79	03A-1120.00	Wheeling Creek at Elm Grove, W. Va. (282).	5-22-65	1600	53.2	8.1	77	8.8	105	---	---	---	.6	.27	.09	134	74	8.0	.00	.1	171	61	---	366	8.0	5
163	03A-1596.50	Sandy Creek at Silvertown, W. Va. (119).	5-22-65	0730	5.06	7.2	68	8.0	87	---	---	---	.0	.03	.18	100	18	6.0	.02	.1	84	2	---	221	7.4	12
169	03A-1598.20	Little Mill Creek at Millwood, W. Va. (12.0).	5-22-65	0830	.42	7.2	67	5.5	60	---	---	---	.1	.04	.22	167	23	7.5	.01	.1	140	3	---	332	7.4	12
Monongahela River basin																										
120	03A-0505.00	Tygart Valley River near Elkins, W. Va. (21.2).	5-20-65	0830	82	7.0	68	7.6	83	---	---	---	0.0	0.18	0.00	40	7.2	1.50	.01	---	30	0	---	81	7.2	5
121	03A-0508.00	Roaring Creek at Norton, W. Va. (28.2).	5-20-65	0930	14	4.10	60	8.0	80	15	54	59	3.3	2.3	1.3	0	93	.0	.03	---	54	54	44	311	3.5	0
122	03A-0520.00	Middle Fork at Audra, W. Va. (149).	5-20-65	1045	72	8.0	69	7.4	82	---	---	---	.0	.00	.00	14	7.6	.0	.06	---	9	0	---	25	7.3	0
123	03A-0535.00	Buckhannon River at Hall, W. Va. (277).	5-20-65	1120	92	---	72	7.8	90	---	---	---	1.1	.05	.84	0	66	2.0	.03	---	52	52	24	167	4.5	0
124	03A-0545.00	Tygart Valley River at Philippi, W. Va. (916).	5-20-65	1300	323	5.1	72	7.9	91	0	9.8	20	.1	.10	.22	2	44	.2	.03	---	40	38	---	112	5.1	0
125	03A-0552.00	Sandy Creek at Claude, W. Va. (76.7).	5-22-65	1130	9.2	3.50	67	7.1	77	59	120	130	8.8	4.0	.70	0	158	.0	.03	---	66	66	93	522	3.2	0
126	03A-0562.00	Threesfork Creek at Thornton, W. Va. (60.9).	5-22-65	1030	23.2	3.8	66	7.7	82	34	93	100	5.9	2.1	1.4	0	219	.0	.06	---	132	132	78	523	3.4	0
127	03A-0570.00	Tygart Valley River at Colfax, W. Va. (1.366).	5-21-65	1115	290	5.6	66	8.7	91	0	15	29	.5	.05	.28	1	41	1.1	.02	---	33	32	---	110	4.7	0
128	03A-0580.00	West Fork River at Brownsville, W. Va. (102).	5-21-65	1840	18	7.5	74	4.3	50	---	---	---	.0	.06	.16	25	51	5.2	.01	---	74	54	---	172	6.8	5
129	03A-0590.00	West Fork River at Clarksburg, W. Va. (384).	5-21-65	1720	88	8.2	71	8.2	93	---	---	---	.0	.05	.49	39	250	4.0	.63	---	260	228	---	555	7.0	5

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130 03A-0595.00	Elk Creek at Quiet Dell, West Va. (84.6).	18	3.70	68	8.2	89	29	69	83	4.6	1.0	3.2	0	922	8.0	.00	----	745	54	1,640	3.6	0
131 03A-0607.00	Tennille Creek at Lumberport, W. Va. (125).	29.3	3.70	68	7.2	78	34	78	88	1.6	9.3	2.4	0	700	5.0	.03	----	508	54	1,320	3.3	0
132 03A-0597.00	Simpson Creek at Meadowbrook, W. Va. (73.6)	35	3.30	64	8.1	85	190	350	380	27	54	7.5	0	1,360	.0	.12	----	850	310	2,400	2.8	35
133 03A-0610.00	West Fork River at Enterprise, W. Va. (759).	272	3.60	70	6.0	67	49	120	140	6.2	10	3.0	0	755	5.0	.00	----	560	560	1,420	3.2	0
134 03A-0613.25	Booth Creek at Monongah, W. Va. (44.4).	6.9	5.4	66	7.6	81	0	29	39	2.0	.07	1.7	1	321	2.4	.00	----	296	295	655	4.6	0
135 03A-0625.00	Decker Creek at Morgantown, W. Va. (63.2).	15	4.6	64	7.1	75	0	78	93	6.4	11	1.2	0	274	4.0	.01	----	210	210	555	4.2	0
136 03A-0550.42	Laurel Creek near Philippi, W. Va. (45.6).	2.4	8.2	72	8.1	93	-----	-----	-----	.0	.13	.00	13	28	.5	.03	----	35	24	90	6.9	5

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137 01B-6085.00	South Branch Potomac River near Springfield, W. Va. (1,471)	716	7.7	69	7.4	82	-----	-----	-----	0.0	0.00	0.00	103	20	2.2	0.03	----	90	6	182	7.8	7
138 01B-6165.00	Opequon Creek near Martinsburg, W. Va. (272)	125	8.1	64	7.3	77	-----	-----	-----	.0	.00	.00	286	28	10	.54	----	260	25	462	7.9	5
139 -----	Meadow Creek near Berkeley County line W. Va.	9.6	8.0	62	9.0	93	-----	-----	-----	.0	.17	.00	21	6.8	.5	.04	----	14	0	47	7.3	5
140 01B-5953.00	Abram Creek near Oakmont, W. Va. (47.3).	22	5.5	69	8.0	89	-----	20	24	1.0	.10	.59	7	61	3.5	.11	----	57	51	160	6.8	0
141 01B-5952.00	Stony River near Mount Storm, W. Va. (48.8).	9.2	8.0	73	8.1	93	-----	-----	-----	.0	.40	.00	15	8.8	1.4	.00	----	19	7	47	7.0	10
142 03A-0650.00	Dry Fork at Hendrick, W. Va. (345).	15	7.9	69	7.8	87	-----	-----	-----	.0	.03	.00	28	6.0	.5	.03	----	26	3	46	7.1	5
143 03A-0670.00	Blackwater River at Hendrick, W. Va. (140).	54.1	4.8	67	8.1	88	0	29	39	2.4	.35	.37	0	72	.0	.00	----	53	53	175	4.0	0
144 03A-0700.00	Chest River at Rowlesburg, W. Va. (972).	482	7.6	74	7.7	90	-----	-----	-----	.0	.02	.00	16	14	1.5	.06	----	24	11	58	7.4	5
145 03A-0702.75	Muddy Creek near Ruthbelle, W. Va. (26.6).	12.8	3.80	61	8.3	83	20	59	69	3.2	2.0	.78	0	116	.0	.02	----	80	80	336	3.7	0
146 03A-0705.00	Big Sandy Creek at Rockville, W. Va. (200).	75	8.3	66	8.4	89	-----	-----	-----	1.7	.80	.18	8	26	1.1	.02	----	32	25	81	6.6	0

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147 03A-1890.00	Cherry River at Fenwick, W. Va. (150).	72	7.4	67	8.8	96	-----	-----	-----	0.1	0.09	0.03	17	17	0.5	0.02	0.2	21	7	75	7.4	12
148 03A-1900.00	Meadow River at Mallen, W. Va. (287).	107	7.3	68	8.2	89	-----	-----	-----	.1	.07	.03	27	27	1.0	.02	.1	40	18	115	7.2	7
149 03A-1930.00	Kanawha River at Kanawha Falls, W. Va. (8.367).	5,070	7.4	72	8.3	94	-----	-----	-----	.1	.08	.00	55	17	2.0	.02	.1	52	7	138	7.2	5
150 03A-1932.30	Loop Creek at Robson, W. Va. (42.3).	14.7	6.9	63	8.9	91	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.82	20	368	4.0	.01	.3	374	357	762	7.1	5
151 03A-1970.00	Elk River at Queen Shoals, W. Va. (1.147).	287	7.2	72	7.8	88	-----	-----	-----	.0	.05	.00	20	18	2.5	.01	.0	25	8	84	7.2	3
152 03A-1982.00	Marsh Fork at Edwight, W. Va. (128).	64.9	7.6	72	7.4	83	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.17	53	114	4.0	.00	.4	96	52	360	7.6	5
153 03A-1989.00	Pond Fork at Madison, W. Va. (138).	64.3	7.3	74	8.2	95	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.32	24	201	5.0	.00	.2	196	176	490	7.2	4
154 03A-1990.00	Little Coal River at Danville, W. Va. (270).	117	7.2	72	7.5	85	-----	-----	-----	.1	.04	.21	31	188	7.0	.10	.5	159	134	485	6.7	5
155 03A-1985.00	Big Coal River at Ashford, W. Va. (393).	153	6.9	69	7.1	79	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.05	30	116	6.0	.00	.7	118	94	331	7.2	4

Guyandotte River basin

156 03A-2023.00	Guyandotte River at Pineville, W. Va. (261).	214	8.3	67	8.0	88	-----	-----	-----	0.3	0.04	0.05	162	128	4.0	0.01	0.1	121	0	534	7.9	5
157 03A-2027.00	Clear Fork at Oceana, W. Va. (93.9).	30.9	6.5	69	8.8	98	-----	-----	-----	.0	.15	1.3	11	205	6.5	.02	.2	186	177	480	6.4	5
158 03A-2037.00	Island Creek at Logan, W. Va. (103).	44.9	6.3	76	8.0	95	-----	-----	-----	.1	.60	1.1	100	638	14	.01	.3	392	310	1,440	7.0	5
159 03A-2036.00	Guyandotte River at Logan, W. Va. (836).	380	7.8	76	8.2	98	-----	-----	-----	.1	.04	.05	95	135	7.5	.01	.1	125	47	472	7.6	5

Table 6. —Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965—Continued

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drain- age area, in square miles (in parentheses)	Field determination					Laboratory analyses																pH			
			Date	Time	Water discharge (cfs)	pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen		Acid concentration to indicate pH, (as H ₂ SO ₄)			Aluminum (Al)	Total Iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄		Specific conductance (micro-mhos at 25°C)		
								Concentration, ppm	Percent saturation	4.5	7.0	8.3									Calcium, magnesium	Noncarbonate					
Guyandotte River basin—Continued																											
160	03A-2040.00	Guyandotte River at Branchland, W. Va. (1,226).	5-19-65	1015	471	7.2	72	7.5	85					0.1	0.03	0.16	84	182	26	0.00	0.1	158	88		617	7.4	5
Twelvepole Creek basin																											
161	03A-2068.00	East Fork Twelvepole Creek near East Lynn, W. Va. (139).	5-19-65	0900	33	7.1	68	7.5	82					0.0	0.12	0.10	20	20	5.0	0.00	0.1	29	12		93	6.8	5
162	03A-2065.80	West Fork Twelvepole Creek at Echo, W. Va. (109).	5-19-65	0815	21.5	7.1	66	7.0	75					.0	.21	.00	54	15	6.5	.01	.1	39	0		146	7.2	10
Little Kanawha River basin																											
164	03A-1530.00	Steer Creek near Grantsville, W. Va. (166)	5-21-65	1130	12.0	7.5	71	7.8	89					0.0	0.10	0.03	40	13	2.5	0.01	0.1	40	7		105	7.3	12
165	03A-1550.00	Little Kanawha River at Palestine, W. Va. (1,515).	5-21-65	1315	315	7.5	73	8.2	94					.0	.04	.04	39	23	8.0	.01	.1	46	14		148	7.4	8
166	03A-1555.00	Hughes River at Clisko, W. Va. (432).	5-21-65	1430	64	7.6	70	8.5	95					.0	.10	.13	47	15	20	.04	.1	53	14		175	7.4	5
167	03A-1519.00	Lynch Run near Glenville, W. Va. (2,207).	5-21-65	0830	0.94	3.45	62	8.0	83	29	120	130		18	5.5	7.3	0	1,110	10	.02	.5	608	608	130	2,070	3.55	3
168	03A-1525.00	Leading Creek near Glenville, W. Va. (144).	5-21-65	1015	24.1	7.2	70	7.7	86					.2	.03	.09	45	49	12	.02	.1	84	47		230	7.2	5
170	03A-1775.00	Indian Creek at Indian Mills, W. Va. (189).	5-17-65	1745	51.7	8.2	74	7.6	88					.0	.03	.03	128	13	3.0	.04	.1	110	5		229	8.1	5
171	03A-1870.00	Gauley River at Camden on Gauley, W. Va. (236).	5-20-65	1430	85	7.6	72	7.6	87					.1	.08	.00	18	8.8	.5	.02	.1	15	0		56	6.7	5
Big Sandy River basin																											
194	03A-2128.00	Tug Fork at Roderfield, W. Va. (208).	5-21-65	0730	558.	7.2	61	4.9	49					0.1	0.10	0.00	105	77	2.5	0.00	0.9	100	14		351	7.3	8
195	03A-2129.90	Dry Fork at Iaeger, W. Va. (228).	5-21-65	1000	130	6.8	68	5.2	56					.1	.08	.02	231	68	12	.00	.4	112	0		580	7.8	7
196	03A-2138.50	Pigeon Creek at Naugatuck, W. Va. (142).	5-21-65	1500	26.6	7.2	72	4.0	45					.0	.08	.12	55	334	13	.29	.5	204	159		843	7.1	3
197	03A-2140.00	Tug Fork near Kermat, W. Va. (1,185).	5-21-65	1700	468	8.0	75	6.4	75					.2	.18	.03	188	165	8.0	.01	.1	200	46		690	7.8	5
KENTUCKY																											
[See pl. 1 for map number]																											
Big Sandy River basin																											
172	03A-2147.30	Rockcastle Creek at Clifford, Ky. (121).	5-21-65	1900	23.9	7.2	72	7.2	82					0.0	0.22	0.05	30	18	22	0.02	0.0	43	18		165	6.8	7
173	03A-2093.00	Russell Fork at Elkhorn City, Ky. (554).	5-20-65	1645	900	6.8	68	7.8	85					3.1	.06	.01	26	30	1.0	.02	.2	38	16		120	6.9	5
174	03A-2080.00	Levisa Fork at Fishtap, Ky. (386).	5-20-65	1430	157	7.2	76	7.0	83					.1	.07	.00	50	173	8.0	.02	.1	183	142		471	7.3	3
175	03A-2094.60	Shelby Creek at Shelbyana, Ky. (110).	5-20-65	1200	76.8	7.4	71	7.7	88					.1	.04	.00	70	91	3.5	.74	.11	114	56		324	7.3	3
176	03A-2097.00	Beaver Creek at Martin, Ky. (228).	5-20-65	0900	138	7.4	67	8.1	88					.1	.08	.16	62	104	7.0	.04	.8	104	53		359	7.0	8
177	03A-2097.00	Johns Creek near Van Lear, Ky. (206).	5-19-65	1615	27	7.4	74	9.0	105					.1	.15	.00	18	16	2.5	.02	.4	28	13		85	7.4	5

Table 6.—Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965.—Continued

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drain- age area, in square miles (in parenthesis)	Field determination				Laboratory analyses																	
			Water discharge (cfs)	pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen		Acid concentration to indicate pH, (as H ₂ SO ₄)	Aluminum (Al)	Total Iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	pH	Color		
						Concentration, ppm	Percent saturation										Calcium, magnesium	Noncarbonate						
																							4.5	7.0
Kentucky River basin—Continued																								
Green River basin																								
205	-----	Green River at Liberty, Ky.	5-20-65	1210	7.8	71	6.4	72	-----	-----	-----	0.0	0.02	0.03	106	21	4,500.0	1.2	107	20	-----	230	7.4	
206	03A-2070.00	Russell Creek near Columbia, Ky. (188).	5-20-65	1415	8.5	72	8.0	91	-----	-----	-----	.0	.04	.02	109	14	4,000.0	2.3	104	14	-----	218	7.4	
Cumberland River basin																								
207	03B-4010.00	Cumberland River near Harlan, Ky. (374).	5-22-65	1035	8.3	71	7.0	79	-----	-----	-----	0.1	0.11	0.06	136	59	3,600.0	0.6	78	0	-----	330	7.9	
208	03B-4024.90	Straight Creek at mouth at Pineville, Ky. (93.0).	5-22-65	0920	7.9	69	7.0	88	-----	-----	-----	.3	.04	.5	28	165	16	1.0	126	104	-----	465	7.3	
209	03B-4035.00	Cumberland River at Barbours- ville, Ky. (960).	5-22-65	0815	7.4	72	7.2	82	-----	-----	-----	.2	.05	.04	108	66	6.20	.3	82	0	-----	310	7.9	
210	03B-4042.00	Jellico Creek near Williams- burg, Ky. (103).	5-21-65	1245	7.2	72	7.8	88	-----	-----	-----	.1	.19	.13	18	29	1.00	.0	40	26	-----	110	7.1	
211	03B-4045.00	Cumberland River at Cumber- land Falls, Ky. (1,977).	5-21-65	1515	8.2	77	7.3	87	-----	-----	-----	.0	.04	.01	73	66	5.00	.7	76	16	-----	285	7.4	
212	03B-4105.90	Rock Creek near Yamacraw, Ky. (60).	5-21-65	1145	7.7	68	8.3	91	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.2	26	71	2.00	1.1	68	46	-----	190	7.1	
213	03B-4109.00	Little South Fork near Coopers- ville, Ky. (98.4).	5-21-65	1020	8.2	69	7.6	85	-----	-----	-----	.2	.01	.01	152	58	54	.0	.7	184	60	-----	535	7.8
214	03B-4140.00	Cumberland River near Rowena, Ky. (5,790).	5-20-65	1620	8.5	48	8.8	85	-----	-----	-----	.1	.07	.08	42	21	2.20	.7	54	19	-----	125	7.1	
215	03B-4065.00	Rockcastle River at Billows, Ky. (604).	5-21-65	1700	7.3	73	8.4	97	-----	-----	-----	.0	.02	.02	70	28	3.00	1.1	72	15	-----	160	7.4	
276	-----	Clear Fork near Saxton, Ky.	5-18-65	0830	7.3	70	6.8	76	-----	-----	-----	.2	.00	.3	65	114	1.60	.4	102	49	-----	338	7.6	
VIRGINIA																								
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Big Sandy River basin																								
227	3-2075	Levisa Fork near Grundy, Va. (235).	5-18-65	1015	8.1	69	9.0	100	-----	-----	-----	0.4	0.01	0.08	35	130	5,000.0	0.8	144	115	-----	362	7.1	
228	3-2085	Russell Fork at Haysi, Va. (286).	5-18-65	1130	7.6	68	7.9	86	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.02	51	52	2.00	.7	56	14	-----	205	7.3	
229	3-2092	Russell Fork at Bartlick, Va. (526).	5-18-65	1340	7.6	71	8.0	91	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.01	36	66	2.00	.8	62	32	-----	205	7.2	
230	3-2090	Pound River near Haysi, Va. (212).	5-18-65	1300	7.6	70	8.5	95	-----	-----	-----	.0	.01	.05	16	107	3.00	1.0	102	89	-----	265	6.9	
231	3-2089.50	Crane Creek near Clintwood, Va. (66).	5-18-65	1620	6.9	68	8.4	92	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.4	16	199	1.20	.3	196	183	-----	485	6.6	
232	3-2089	Pound River near Georges Fork, Va. (86).	5-18-65	1715	7.1	69	8.2	91	-----	-----	-----	.4	.01	.4	12	196	4.50	.9	186	176	-----	455	6.3	
233	3-2083	McClure River at Clinchco, Va.	5-18-65	1445	8.0	67	7.5	82	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.03	84	91	2.60	.6	110	40	-----	345	7.2	
234	-----	Dismal River near Grundy, Va.	5-18-65	0905	7.8	65	9.0	96	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.4	37	149	4.50	.6	154	124	-----	397	7.3	
Tennessee River basin																								
235	3-5245	Guest River at Coaburn, Va.	5-19-65	0850	7.5	63	8.0	82	-----	-----	-----	0.1	0.02	0.01	34	67	3,000.0	1.2	78	50	-----	210	6.7	
236	3-5295	Powell River at Big Stone Gap, Va. (112).	5-19-65	1000	8.0	64	8.5	89	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.08	61	79	.80	.3	94	44	-----	301	6.9	

Station	Section	Length	Area	Volume	Weight	Specific Gravity	Moisture	Water	Oil	Gas	Other	Total
3-5315	Powell River near Jonesville, Va. (319)	5-19-65	1130	768	8.2	69	7.8	87	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-5305	North Fork Powell River at Pennington Gap, Va. (75)	5-19-65	1040	708	7.4	63	9.0	92	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-5215	Clinch River at Richlands, Va. (139)	5-17-65	1830	90	8.7	69	8.5	95	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-5240	Clinch River at Cleveland, Va. (528)	5-19-65	0730	1,520	8.0	61	8.5	85	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-5217	Coal Creek at Raven, Va. (6.25)	5-18-65	0700	4.22	7.9	60	7.8	78	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-5260	Copper Creek near Gate City, Va. (106)	5-19-65	1400	656	8.3	66	8.2	88	-----	-----	-----	-----
3-4880	North Fork Clinch River near Saltville, Va. (222)	5-17-65	1545	180	6.9	69	8.4	9.3	-----	-----	-----	-----

James River basin

244	2-195	James River at Buchanan, Va. (2,084).	5-17-65	1,530	7.8	71	7.8	88	-----	0.1	0.10	.01	80	22	9,80.0	0.2	76	10	-----	217	7.3	15
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TENNESSEE

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Tennessee River basin

256	3-4955	5-17-65	0845	7,000	7.9	61	9.1	91	-----	-----	-----	0.0	0.63	0.02	113	23	72	0.02	3.7	166	73	-----	480	8.0	3
257	3-5382.25	5-17-65	1020	32	7.6	68	7.4	80	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.3	110	30	1.6	.00	.8	113	22	-----	240	8.1	8
258	3-5397.3	5-22-65	1030	87.9	6.9	68	8.0	87	-----	-----	-----	.2	.10	.00	12	1.8	.6	.00	.1	11	0	-----	27	6.7	3
259	3-5397.8	5-22-65	1410	90	7.0	74	8.2	95	-----	-----	-----	.2	.06	.00	10	5.6	.7	.00	.1	10	2	-----	30	8.9	1
260	3-5397	5-22-65	1220	143	7.4	72	8.5	97	-----	-----	-----	.2	.10	.00	18	2.6	1.3	.01	.2	15	0	-----	40	7.0	6
261	3-5340	5-17-65	1400	11.1	8.4	68	8.2	89	-----	-----	-----	.6	.78	.01	142	119	3.4	.00	.7	84	0	-----	478	8.3	3
262	3-5385	5-22-65	1630	53.1	6.8	69	7.0	70	-----	-----	-----	.1	.10	.03	15	8.6	.8	.00	.1	17	5	-----	48	6.9	4
263	3-5396	5-22-65	0750	102	7.2	67	7.8	85	-----	-----	-----	.2	.03	.01	16	3.2	.8	.00	.2	14	2	-----	37	7.2	11
264	3-5398	5-23-65	1535	420	7.2	72	7.8	89	-----	-----	-----	.2	.00	.00	13	3.8	1.1	.00	.1	12	2	-----	34	7.1	8
265	3-5398.3	5-23-65	1300	4.0	6.4	69	7.7	85	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.01	5	11	.7	.00	.0	10	6	-----	30	6.6	6
266	3-5398.6	5-23-65	1045	10.0	4.6	67	6.9	75	-----	15	15	.8	.21	2.2	-----	162	2.4	.00	.6	142	-----	9.8	377	5.2	1
267	3-5405	5-23-65	0910	396	7.1	72	7.6	86	-----	-----	-----	.2	.00	.00	16	10	1.1	.00	.0	20	8	-----	56	7.2	8
268	3-5425	5-21-65	1640	101	7.3	71	8.2	93	-----	-----	-----	.2	.03	.00	14	3.4	.6	.00	.1	12	0	-----	32	7.0	2
269	3-5595	5-25-65	0820	290	7.0	52	9.5	86	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.00	10	1.2	.6	.00	.0	7	0	-----	23	6.8	3
270	3-5675	5-25-65	1100	230	7.8	71	5.0	57	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.01	145	9.4	3.2	.53	.9	117	0	-----	256	7.9	7
271	3-5706	5-24-65	0835	479	7.7	65	8.0	84	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.00	91	5.0	1.1	.01	1.4	78	4	-----	158	7.6	4
272	3-5707.5	5-24-65	1015	38.8	6.9	68	7.9	86	-----	-----	-----	.2	.09	.02	14	3.6	.6	.00	.0	11	0	-----	31	7.0	2
273	3-5710	5-24-65	1150	620	7.6	68	7.7	84	-----	-----	-----	.2	.02	.00	68	5.0	1.1	.00	1.1	59	4	-----	125	7.7	4
274	3-5715	5-24-65	1335	26.2	7.8	70	8.7	97	-----	-----	-----	.2	.01	.01	60	26	.7	.01	.0	70	21	-----	159	7.4	1
275	3-5320	5-17-65	1650	400	8.2	74	7.9	92	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.00	132	27	1.1	.00	.6	119	9	-----	265	8.3	8

Cumberland River basin

277	3-4082	Brimstone Creek near Robbins, Tenn. (48.7).	5-18-65	1415	26.9	7.0	68	6.0	65	-----	-----	0.1	0.02	0.5	26	48	7,500.00	0.5	52	30	-----	171	7.0	4
278	3-4085	N Fork at New River, (382)	5-18-65	1030	68	7.0	72	7.4	84	-----	-----	.1	.00	.6	16	84	1.3 .00	.0	76	82	-----	228	7.0	5
279	3-4095	Clear Fork near Robbins, Tenn. (272).	5-18-65	1150	62	7.1	70	8.0	89	-----	-----	.1	.03	.04	13	5.4	1.1 .00	.0	12	1	-----	37	7.0	9
280	3-4088	Clear Fork above Crooked Creek near Burrsville, Tenn. (87.9).	5-18-65	1620	28.4	7.1	69	7.7	86	-----	-----	.2	.05	.02	11	4.4	.8 .00	.2	8	0	-----	24	6.9	7

Table 6. — Field determinations and laboratory analyses (in parts per million except as indicated) for stream samples, May 1965—Continued

Appalachia map no.	USGS station	Stream sampling site and drainage area, in square miles (in parentheses)	Field determination				Laboratory analyses																		
			pH	Water temperature (°F)	Dissolved oxygen	Acid concentration to indicate pH, (as H ₂ SO ₄)			Aluminum (Al)	Total Iron (Fe)	Total manganese (Mn)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Phosphate (PO ₄)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Hardness as CaCO ₃		Potential free acidity to pH 8.3 as H ₂ SO ₄	Specific conductance (micro-mhos at 25°C)	pH	Color			
						Percent saturation											Calcium, magnesium	Noncarbonate							
						Concentration, ppm	7.0	8.3																	
Cumberland River basin—Continued																									
282	3-4144	East Fork Obey River at mouth of Hurricane Creek near Clark range, Tenn. (90.4).	5-19-65	1700	0.30	7.9	75	7.9	93	-----	-----	0.1	0.00	0.00	65	14	0.8	0.00	0.0	60	8	-----	130	7.9	4
283	3-4144.7	Buffalo Cove Creek near mouth near Boatland, Tenn. (23.4).	5-19-65	1730	15.2	7.7	53	10.2	94	-----	-----	.2	.98	.00	93	33	1.3	.00	.6	101	24	-----	214	7.8	3
284	3-4145	East Fork Obey River near Jamestown, Tenn. (202).	5-19-65	0850	190	6.4	61	9.1	91	-----	-----	.1	.02	.8	15	107	1.7	.00	1.0	119	107	-----	274	6.8	4
285	3-4150	West Fork Obey River near Alpine, Tenn. (115).	5-19-65	1000	80.9	7.8	65	8.4	89	-----	-----	.2	.00	.4	73	52	.8	.00	.5	111	50	-----	235	7.9	7
285A	3-4185	Caneby Fort at Clifty, Tenn. (111).	5-20-65	1000	94.4	6.6	66	7.8	83	-----	-----	.1	.03	.3	7	18	1.1	.00	4.4	18	12	-----	53	6.5	3
287	3-4192	Cane Creek near Spencer, Tenn. (134).	5-21-65	0945	10.6	7.5	60	9.6	90	-----	-----	.1	.06	.00	24	8.2	1.0	.00	.1	22	2	-----	55	7.5	10
288	3-4200	Caillier River below Sparta, Tenn. (179).	5-20-65	1425	155	8.1	68	8.3	90	-----	-----	.2	.02	.00	120	11	1.9	.00	1.6	107	8	-----	220	7.9	4
289	3-4202	Collins River near Steppsville, Tenn. (174).	5-21-65	0730	86.7	7.7	56	8.9	85	-----	-----	.1	.13	.00	62	17	1.3	.00	.4	62	10	-----	134	7.7	5
290	3-4250	Cumberland River at Carthage, Tenn. (10,700).	5-20-65	1325	6,800	7.8	58	8.7	87	-----	-----	.2	.02	.00	66	23	2.2	.00	.4	72	18	-----	164	7.5	3
NORTH CAROLINA																									
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Tennessee River basin																									
250	3-5485	Hiwassee River above Murphy, N.C. (406).	5-20-65	1445	405	7.4	59	7.0	69	-----	-----	0.1	0.04	0.02	12	6.0	0.5	0.0	1.6	7	0	-----	23	6.8	7
251	3-5030	Little Tennessee River at Needmore, N.C. (436).	5-20-65	1315	890	7.2	68	8.6	94	-----	-----	.1	.09	.02	13	2.6	.2	.0	.1	6	0	-----	27	6.5	8
252	3-4430	French Broad River at Blantyre, N.C. (286).	5-20-65	0900	729	6.9	63	4.9	50	-----	-----	.2	.14	.01	24	23	4.3	.0	1.0	15	0	-----	120	6.4	45
253	3-4535	French Broad River at Marshall, N.C. (1,332).	5-19-65	1830	2,360	7.4	72	7.6	86	-----	-----	.1	.03	.00	23	18	2.9	.1	.5	15	0	-----	106	6.4	18
Santee River basin																									
254	2-1515	Broad River near Boiling Springs, N.C. (864).	5-21-65	1905	1,280	7.5	77	7.8	93	-----	-----	0.0	0.06	0.02	18	4.0	2.0	0.0	1.2	11	0	-----	39	6.7	7
Kanawha River basin																									
255	3-1610	South Fork New River near Jefferson, N.C. (207).	5-22-65	0900	475	7.5	67	8.2	88	-----	-----	0.1	0.11	0.02	15	2.0	0.6	0.5	0.2	10	0	-----	34	6.4	8
GEORGIA																									
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Mobile River basin																									
245	2-3835	Coosawatie River at Pine Chapel, Ga. (856).	5-21-65	0745	1,510	7.8	71	7.7	87	-----	-----	0.1	0.03	0.02	28	3.2	2.4	.0	0.2	22	0	-----	60	6.7	7
246	2-3870	Conasauga River at Tilton, Ga. (682).	5-21-65	0640	412	7.7	72	5.7	65	-----	-----	.1	.07	.00	87	7.6	2.5	.8	.3	72	1	-----	250	7.0	17
Tennessee River basin																									
247	3-5535	Nottely River at Nottely Dam, near Ivylog, Ga. (215).	5-20-65	1605	1,420	6.5	47	8.7	73	-----	-----	0.1	0.08	0.02	10	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.7	6	0	-----	22	6.6	7

ALABAMA

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Mobile River basin

281	2-4005	Coosa River at Gadsden, Ala. (5,800).	5-17-65	1535	2,070	7.4	77	6.8	81	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.1	0.03	0.00	56	5.8	3.4	0.0	0.2	48	2	-----	120	6.9	5
282	2-4010	Big Willis Creek near Crudup, Ala. (189).	5-17-65	1730	200	7.4	69	8.0	89	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.05	.04	135	.8	4.8	.0	.7	118	7	-----	234	7.1	5
283	2-4015	Big Canoe Creek near Gadsden, Ala. (256).	5-18-65	0640	72	7.7	71	7.5	85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.04	123	2.4	2.7	.0	.2	108	7	-----	212	7.3	5
284	2-4044	Choccolocco Creek at Jackson Shoals, near Lincoln, Ala. (484).	5-18-65	0825	335	7.8	72	8.2	93	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.2	.03	.00	110	13	26	1.5	.6	101	11	-----	289	7.1	5
285	2-4055	Kelly Creek near Vincent, Ala. (192).	5-18-65	0930	25	7.3	71	7.2	82	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.05	50	.2	2.7	.0	.2	40	0	-----	94	6.9	5
286	2-4080.10	Yellowleaf Creek below Lay Dam near Clanton, Ala. (32).	5-18-65	1230	3.44	7.2	74	7.1	82	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.2	.32	.25	20	.6	3.2	.0	.3	15	0	-----	524	6.2	15
287	2-4120	Tallapoosa River near Heflin, Ala. (444).	5-17-65	1330	430	7.3	69	8.1	90	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.01	16	.0	1.8	.0	.2	12	0	-----	36	6.7	10
288	2-4145	Tallapoosa River at Wadley, Ala. (1,680).	5-17-65	1135	1,660	8.7	76	8.0	95	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.00	14	.0	3.2	.2	.2	9	0	-----	37	6.3	15
289	2-4150	Hillabee Creek near Hackneyville, Ala. (196).	5-17-65	0955	150	7.5	67	6.3	69	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.0	.05	.03	22	.2	2.3	.0	.2	11	0	-----	47	7.0	15
300	2-4235	Cahaba River at Helena, Ala. (400).	5-18-65	1715	58	7.4	76	7.6	91	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.03	125	6.2	3.5	.1	.3	110	8	-----	228	7.2	10
301	2-4240	Cahaba River at Centreville, Ala. (1,029).	5-18-65	1530	315	7.4	78	8.4	102	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.00	122	15	3.7	.1	.2	107	7	-----	236	7.4	15
302	2-4420	Luxapallia Creek near Fayette, Ala. (127).	5-21-65	0915	90	6.3	68	8.3	91	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.0	.01	.15	11	.0	2.4	.1	.4	9	0	-----	34	6.4	5
303	2-4465	Sipey River near Elrod, Ala. (518).	5-21-65	0745	135	6.7	72	7.5	85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.15	23	6.4	2.6	.1	.2	18	0	-----	64	6.8	20
304	2-4500	Mulberry Fork near Garden City, Ala. (369).	5-20-65	1100	165	7.8	77	7.6	91	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.02	44	3.9	4.6	1.1	1.4	37	1	-----	102	6.9	10
305	2-4530	Blackwater Creek near Manchester, Ala. (188).	5-20-65	1425	38	7.2	78	7.9	86	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.18	.02	20	21	1.7	.0	.2	30	14	-----	88	7.0	20
306	2-4540	Lost Creek near Oakman, Ala. (130).	5-20-65	1535	25	7.2	74	7.2	83	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.05	54	48	2.9	.0	.2	60	16	-----	211	7.0	10
308	2-4542	Wolf Creek near Oakman, Ala. (89.1).	5-20-65	1700	7.0	6.7	72	7.2	82	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.25	35	136	1.8	.0	.2	90	61	-----	371	6.9	15
309	2-4550	Locust Fork near Cleveland, Ala. (309).	5-20-65	0715	64	7.6	74	7.0	81	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.02	.03	52	9.4	4.0	.0	.9	52	9	-----	124	7.0	10
310	2-4565	Locust Fork at Sayre, Ala. (887).	5-20-65	1310	188	7.0	77	6.8	81	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.30	53	40	6.9	.0	.4	74	31	-----	191	7.0	10
311	2-4635	Hurricane Creek near Holt, Ala. (106).	5-21-65	1320	38	4.9	77	7.4	88	0	4.9	7.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	.5	.06	2.5	11	61	2.7	.0	.2	60	51	-----	174	6.4	5
312	2-4645	North River near Tuscaloosa, Ala. (366).	5-21-65	1055	70	6.8	75	7.6	89	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.03	.05	17	.6	2.7	.0	.2	12	0	-----	44	6.7	10
313	2-4650	Black Warrior River at Tuscaloosa, Ala. (4,828).	5-21-65	0645	1,450	7.1	76	6.0	70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.10	31	7.2	3.7	.0	.0	36	11	-----	135	6.9	10
320	2-4222	Middle Fork Mulberry Creek near Monticello, Ala. (40).	5-18-65	1400	22.2	7.2	72	7.3	83	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.0	.03	.11	14	.0	2.2	.0	.2	12	1	-----	38	6.4	5

Tennessee River basin

314	3-5729	Town Creek near Geraldine, Ala. (141).	5-19-65	0825	15	7.4	71	7.5	85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.1	0.03	0.04	14	2.2	3.9	0.0	0.4	13	2	-----	45	6.6	10
315	3-5745	Paint Rock River near Woodville, Ala. (320).	5-19-65	1000	690	7.3	68	6.3	69	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.7	.20	.11	74	6.2	2.3	.0	.9	68	7	-----	148	6.8	20
316	3-5750	Flint River near Chase, Ala. (342).	5-19-65	1115	180	7.4	71	8.0	91	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.01	67	2.2	2.1	.0	2.3	58	3	-----	129	6.5	10
317	3-5853	Sugar Creek near Good Springs, Ala. (152).	5-19-65	1340	105	7.4	70	7.5	83	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.0	.01	.04	56	.2	1.6	.0	.7	46	0	-----	105	6.8	10
318	3-5895	Tennessee River at Florence, Ala. (30,810).	5-19-65	1515	61,000	7.6	72	6.8	77	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.01	.01	60	8.4	3.7	.0	.6	58	9	-----	134	7.0	10
319	3-5925	Bear Creek at Bishop, Ala. (667).	5-19-65	1700	225	7.4	71	7.4	84	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1	.00	.20	46	2.8	2.7	.2	.4	41	3	-----	96	6.9	10