

FIGURE 7.—ZONES OF SIMILAR DEWATERING CHARACTERISTICS IN ST. PETER SANDSTONE, SELECTED PLACES OF ACTUAL TUNNEL DEWATERING, AND FLOOD LIMITS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Generalized zones of similar dewatering characteristics in the St. Peter Sandstone are shown in figure 7. The zonal boundaries are based on positions of water levels and locations of lateral hydrologic boundaries in the sandstone. Dewatering becomes progressively more difficult from zone I to zone III. Tunnel-dewatering costs could be lessened by staying in the lower-numbered zones. In zone I, tunnels through the upper 20 feet of sandstone would require little dewatering, if overlying confining strata were not ruptured. Similar tunnels in zone II would require more dewatering as the boundary of zone III was approached, because water-level altitudes are higher in zone III and pumpage cones would induce flow from fully saturated parts of the sandstone into the pumping (or drain) centers. Dewatering needs will be maximal in parts of zone III where the sandstone is fully saturated and mostly confined conditions prevail, that is, where water levels in wells finished in the

sandstone rise above the base of the overlying confining bed. (See figure 5.) The relative ease of dewatering in zone IV is uncertain. In places the sandstone is dry and tunnels in its upper part would require little, if any, dewatering. But, any dewatering done in tunnels dug at or below the elevation of the Mississippi River could intercept the river system as a positive recharge boundary, thus intensifying pumping needs. Similarly, buried drift-filled valleys can be intercepted laterally by pumping cones of depression. In these valleys, the hydrologic boundary could be either positive or negative, however, depending on the composition of the valley fill. If the fill is mostly saturated sand and gravel, it could act as a positive boundary and add to pumping needs. If mostly clay, it could act as a negative boundary and reduce pumping needs. Several areas where dewatering in St. Peter Sandstone has been or will be done are indicated on figure 7. The boundaries of the areas are approximations because it is not

known how far laterally (or vertically) the effects of dewatering were (or will be) felt. In the most centrally located dewatered area (just southwest of the State Fairgrounds), the sandstone was dewatered along a sewer tunnel that ranged from 140 to 170 feet below land surface and within 30 feet of the top of the sandstone. The wells were finished about 60 feet below the bottom of the tunnel and were spaced from 600 to 1,200 feet apart. The pumping rates of each well were estimated at 450 to 600 gallons per minute. Costs for dewatering vary and commonly are estimated at \$30 per linear foot (1976), but a cost of \$100 per foot has been reported for one tunnel. The limits and water-surface altitudes of the 100-year probability flood are also shown on figure 7. The difference between flood levels and normal river levels in the study area range from 6 feet in the pool behind St. Anthony Falls dam to 11.5 feet near river mile 942, where the Mississippi River crosses the southern boundary of the study area.

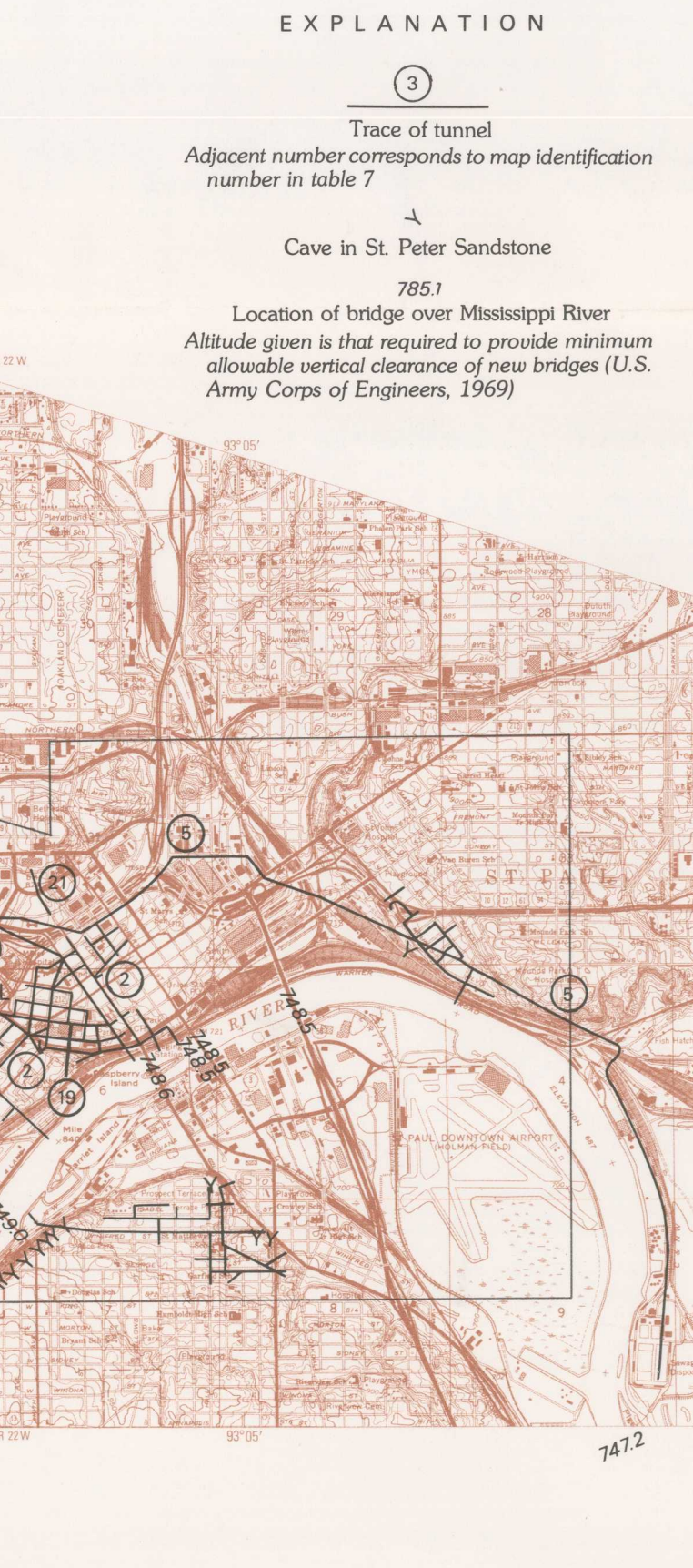


FIGURE 8.—SELECTED TUNNEL LOCATIONS, CAVES IN ST. PETER SANDSTONE, AND ALLOWABLE VERTICAL CLEARANCE OF BRIDGES CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Existing drain tunnels are major manmade constraints to new tunneling in the St. Peter Sandstone. Tunnel-plan data, especially profile data, are too voluminous to compile for this particular report. These data can best be obtained when specific routes are proposed. Traces of the major tunnels in the sandstone are shown in figure 8. Map identification numbers placed near the traces refer to the tunnel information listed in table 7. Detailed plans of most existing tunnels are available in the public works departments of the respective cities. St. Paul maintains a composite record of tunnel locations on a city street map (City of St. Paul, 1972). The location of tunnels in

Minneapolis must be compiled from individual project plans. Similarly, drain-tunnel locations for State highways must be compiled from individual plans kept by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Caves in the St. Peter Sandstone are also shown on figure 8. St. Paul Department of Public Works has a record of locations of caves within the city (City of St. Paul, 1972). Other constraints that could be important to tunnel construction are minimum-clearance restrictions for bridges crossing commercially navigable parts of the Mississippi River. These restrictions would apply where tunnel segments are opposite

banks of the river must be connected by bridges. The criterion for minimum clearance across the river upstream to river mile 853.0 (near the northwest corner of the University of Minnesota campus) is 60 feet above project (or flat) pool or 53 feet above the 2 percent flow line, whichever is greater (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1969). Between river miles 853.0 and 857.6, in Minneapolis Upper Harbor, the minimum clearance is 21.4 feet above river stage at a flow of 40,000 cubic feet per second. The restrictive altitudes, shown at sites of present bridges spanning the river, are plotted on figure 8. Regulatory control for this constraint is the responsibility of the U.S. Coast Guard, whose regional office is at St. Louis, Missouri.

TABLE 6.—Hydraulic characteristics of some bedrock units, as determined from field pumping tests and laboratory analyses

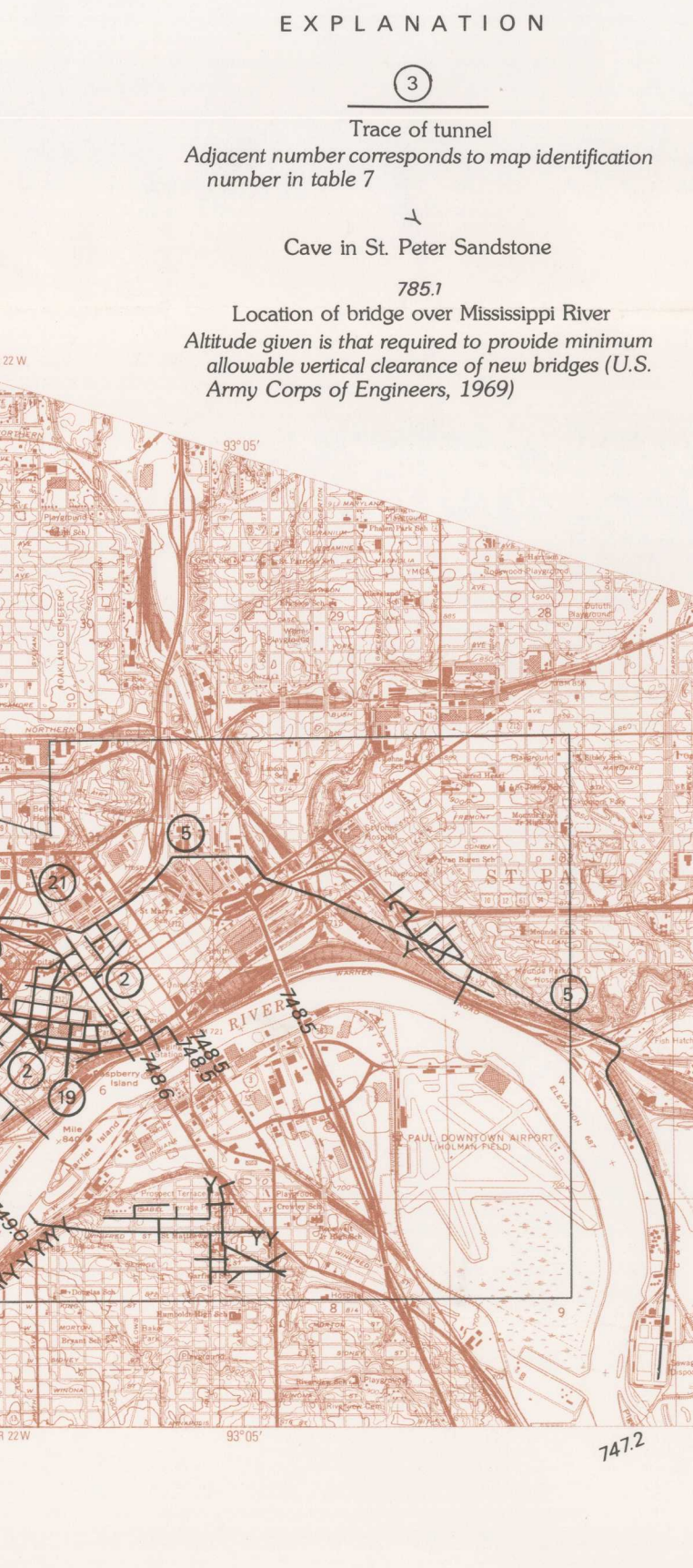
Rock Unit	Porosity Percent ¹	Hydraulic Conductivity, ft/day ²	Vertical, K'	Transmissivity, T, ft/day ²	Storage Coefficient, S	Location	Remarks	Source of Information
Platteville Formation	40.000	2.6x10 ⁻³	Do	Do	Do	Sec. 18, T. 28 N., R. 23 W.	Short distance south of map area	Liesch, 1973
	36.000	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	1400	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	3840	4.0x10 ⁻⁵	SENNENSW4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	5000	1.2x10 ⁻⁴	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	5200	4.2x10 ⁻⁵	NW4N4SW4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	4000	4.0x10 ⁻⁵	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	4000	0.0x10 ⁻³	NE4N4SW4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	7000	1.8x10 ⁻⁵	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	5700	Do	SE4SW4N4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
St. Peter Sandstone	2900	Do	NW4SW4N4N4	Do	Do	Sec. 27, T. 29 N., R. 24 W.	Do	Liesch, 1962
	20,800	3.3x10 ⁻⁴	NE4SE4SE4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	22,400	Do	SW4N4SW4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	20,800	9.7x10 ⁻³	SW4N4SE4N4	Do	Do	Sec. 26, T. 29 N., R. 24 W.	Do	Do
	18,000	9.0x10 ⁻³	SE4SW4SE4	Do	Do	Sec. 8, T. 117 N., R. 21 W.	Do	Barr Eng., 1976
Prairie Du Chien Group	28.3	Range 0.16-26.9 Median 12.5	Range 0.03-43.9 Median 10.9	Do	Do	Do	Outside of map area	10 samples to determine porosity and K; 5 samples to determine S
	28.4	2.84	3.12	NW4N4N4	Do	Sec. 17, T. 28 N., R. 23 W.	Do	North and others, 1973
	29.3	9.64	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	U.S.C.E., 1939
	29.6	10.21	11.45	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
Outside of map area	51,500 ³	5.0x10 ⁻⁵	SE4SE4SW4N4	Do	Do	Sec. 19, T. 28 N., R. 22 W.	Do	North and others, 1973
	46,800 ³	1.1x10 ⁻⁵	SW4N4SW4N4	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
	50,000	3.6x10 ⁻⁴	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do

¹Determined from laboratory analyses.
²Average of test results.

Hydraulic characteristics of aquifers must be determined in order to plan for dewatering of tunnels. If values of transmissivity (T) and storage coefficient (S), are known, well spacing and pumping rates can be estimated through use of known formulas (Ferts and others, 1962; Hantush and Jacob, 1955). Though the T and S values cited in table 6 are too sparse to provide values for each aquifer, they suggest magnitudes for aquifers in the Twin Cities areas. Pumping-test data are lacking for aquifers in the surficial deposits. The horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivities (K and K' respectively), and porosity values in table 6 were determined by laboratory analyses. Estimates of T can be derived through use of the formula T=Km, where m is thickness of the aquifer, in feet. The St. Peter Sandstone aquifer ranges in thickness from a feather edge to 150 feet in the study area. (See Norvich and others, 1973, fig. 11.)

Though storage coefficients included in the table indicate that confined artesian conditions prevail, figure 6, plate 6 shows that water in the St. Peter aquifer is unconfined locally where the hydrostatic head is below the top of the sandstone. Here storage coefficients probably range from about 0.05 to 0.15. A hydraulic parameter dependent on T and S values is hydraulic diffusivity, T/S. This parameter governs the rate at which the effects of pumping will spread through an aquifer. In artesian aquifers hydraulic diffusivity is commonly large, and drawdown effects from a well spread rapidly. In water-table aquifers diffusivity is commonly much smaller, so drawdown spreads at a much slower rate. This parameter is significant when considering the effects of dewatering on nearby wells completed in the same aquifer. Pumpage from wells in aquifers having high T values creates less drawdown than

pumpage from wells in aquifers having low T values. Hydraulic properties of the Platteville aquifer are nonuniform as shown by the wide range in T values shown in table 6. Thus, it is difficult to predict with any degree of confidence the effects of pumping in this aquifer. Hydraulic properties of the St. Peter aquifer, at least in its upper part, are more nearly uniform and the effects of pumping are more readily predictable. Values of T in the drift deposits are extremely variable, from very low in clayey till to high in sand and gravel. Hydraulic characteristics of the till would be applicable to specific sites only.



EXPLANATION

Trace of tunnel
Adjacent number corresponds to map identification number in table 7

Cave in St. Peter Sandstone

785.1
Altitude given is that required to provide minimum allowable vertical clearance of new bridge (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1969)

TABLE 7.—Data on tunnels in the Twin Cities area

Map Identification Number	Year(s) of Construction	Tunnel name or location	Geologic Material Penetrated	Purpose	Finished tunnel inside cross section ¹		Length (in feet; miles where designated)	Cost ² per linear foot of completed tunnel	Cost ² per cubic foot of completed tunnel	Remarks
					Dimensions or Diameter (in feet)	Area (in square feet)				
1	1869	Minneapolis, under St. Anthony Falls	St. Peter Sandstone	Do	Variable	10,000	1,500	...	Tunnel collapsed when partly finished, abandoned when too much water entered	
2	1870-1940	Downtown St. Paul and SW of downtown	Do	Utility	Variable	10,000	...	...	All tunnels dry	
3	1835	Minneapolis, North	Do	Sewer	7.5x7.9	59E	5,000E	...	Hand picks and blasting	
4	1922	Manishala Tunnel (south of study area)	Do	Do	...	...	3,000E	...	Do	
5	1935-1938	Minneapolis to St. Paul	Surficial deposits	Do	9.6x10 or 13.3	96 or 149E	9,200	...	Open cut method	
		St. Peter Sandstone ⁴	Do	Do	11.8, 13.3 or 13.8	107, 150, 150E	39,570	...	Air chisel; no outside dewatering; inflow of water as much as 3,000 gallons per minute	
		St. Peter Sandstone	Do	Do	3.2x6 or 9.5	21 or 71E	...	...	Blasting, drilling, tunnel dry along river	
		St. Paul	Do	Do	5.5 or smaller	24 or less E	75,000	30	...	
6	1949	Minneapolis, southeast and northeast	Do	Do	4x6	1,700E	...	...	Hydraulic mining; tunnel floor at water level	
7	1960	St. Paul, Hamline Ave.	Do	Do	8	6,000E	18E	...	Day by hand	
8	1961	Minneapolis, Fort Snelling (south of study area)	Surficial deposits	Highway	72x17	1,224E	341	1,378E	1.13E	Cut and cover method
9	1958-1961	St. Peter Sandstone	Do	Sewer	8	50E	3,337	169	3.37	Hydraulic mole
		Do	Do	Do	9	64E	3,368	180	2.83	Do
		Do	Do	Do	12	113E	6,703	196	4.33	Hydraulic and mechanical mole
		Do	Do	Do	4x6	24E	1,204	158	6.58	Do
10a	1961-1963	Minneapolis, Stevens Ave.	Do	Do	12	113E	8,037	232	2.05	Mechanical mole
10b		Do	Collapsed Sandstone	Do	12	113E	1,520	187	15.44	Day by hand, reconstruction after collapse
10c		Do	Weathered St. Peter Sandstone adjacent to buried valley	Do	12	113E	611	805	7.12	Hydraulic lance
10d		Do	Clay fill in buried valley	Do	12	113E	795	920	8.13	Liver plate
11a	1963	Minneapolis, Loring Park to Central Interchange	St. Peter Sandstone	Do	9	64E	2,821	211	3.32	Hydraulic lance; inflow of water as much as 1,800 gallons per minute
11b		27th Street to Central Interchange	Do	Do	12	113E	5,586	261	2.30	Do
11	1964	Central Interchange to river	Do	Do	14	154E	8,194	276	1.79	Do
12	1964	Minneapolis, Lowry Hill	Surficial deposits	Do	10	79E	1,162	340	4.33	Liver plate
13	1964	St. Paul, Grace St.	St. Peter Sandstone	Do	5	20E	2,394	95	4.85	Hand mined
14	1965	Minneapolis, northeast diagonal	Do	Do	6	50E	295	250	1.11	Hydraulic lance
		Do	Do	Do	7	59E	1,659	121	3.14	Do
		Do	Do	Do	8	68E	1,246	131	2.60	Do
		Do	Do	Do	13	133E	6,791	263	1.98	Mechanical mole
		Do	Do	Do	12x12	144E	261	301	2.10	Hydraulic mole
15	1966	Minneapolis, Portland Ave. and Highway 94	Surficial deposits	Traffic	60x17	1,020E	390	1,590E	1.56E	Cut and cover
16	1966	Minneapolis, 16th Ave. S. and Route 55	Do	Do	41x16	6,66E	450	1,256E	1.91E	Do
17	1967	Minneapolis, 28th St. S.	St. Peter Sandstone	Sewer	3x4	12E	585	131	10.88	Hydraulic lance
		Do	Do	Do	4x6	24E	42	205	8.52	Do
		Do	Do	Do	8	50E	288	84	2.88	Do
		Do	Do	Do	8	50E	7,945	203	4.05	Do
18	1968	Minneapolis, Lowry Hill Tunnel	Surficial deposits	Traffic	Twelve 50x5.5	1,550	1,500	4,000E	2.58	Cut and cover; 17% of cost for ventilation
19	1970	St. Paul, 5th St. and St. Peter St.	St. Peter Sandstone	Sewer	6	28E	4,785	205	7.30	Hydraulic lance
20	1975	St. Paul, St. Anthony Area	Do	Do	4x5.5	22	59	125	5.68E	Do
		Do	Do	Do	14.6	169E	8,000E	470	2.78E	Hydraulic lance drive points unsuccessful for dewatering
		Do	Do	Do	9.5	90E	4,000	...	...
		Do	Do	Do	6	30E	600	...	...
21	1976-1977	Downtown St. Paul	Do	Telephone	8E	1,200E	...	...	...
22	1976-1977	Minneapolis, Como Ave. SE	Do	Sewer	6	28E	875E	...	...
23	1977-1979	Minneapolis, 2nd St. N.	Do	Do	8	68E	1,000	450E	7.00E	Construction to begin within 1 year. Costs are predicted estimates and do not include \$500,000 for shafts, etc.
		Do	Do	Do	13	133E	5,400	670E	5.00E	Do
		Do	Do	Do	9	64E	3,060	980E	15.00E	Do
24	1977-1980	Minneapolis, 29th St. S.	St. Peter Sandstone	Do	...	...	3,650	...	...
25	1978	St. Paul	Do	Do	...	...	10,000E	...	...
26	Planned	St. Paul-Minneapolis area	Do	Subway	Twelve 14	308E	74,916E	1,477E	4.80E	Estimates from Nelson and Yardley, (1973), in 1972 dollars. Total tunneling costs.
		Do	Do	Do	11x25	275E	59,168E	1,143E	4.16E	Do
		Do	Do	Do	14	38E	79,976E	3,298E	10.71E	Do

¹Numbers 4, 8 and 26 are not shown on Figure 8. Proposed routes for numbers 4 and 8 are shown in Nelson and Yardley (1973, p. 7).
²Information from many sources; reconstructed conversion is a common form. Figures may not be directly comparable as shown. Vertical shafts, dewatering, and miscellaneous costs may not be included.
E: Estimated.
Includes almost 800 feet of tunnel in Buried Valley drift.

TABLE 8.—Factors related to tunnel construction

FACTOR	GEOLOGIC UNIT ¹		SIGNIFICANCE	
	Unconsolidated Deposits	Platteville Formation	St. Peter Sandstone	St. Peter Sandstone
All Geologic Units				
Natural				
Landfills	2	1	1	1
Earthquakes	2	1	1	1
Active faults	2	1	1	1
Surface flooding or seepage	2	1	1	1
Two or more ground-water systems	2	1	1	1
Complex ground-water surface configuration	2	1	1	1
Seasonal ground-water changes explicable	2	1	1	1
Long-term ground-water changes explicable	2	1	1	1
Stratified sand and gravel bodies	2	1	1	1
Large water inflows to tunnels	2	1	1	1
Hydrologic recharge areas	2	1	1	1
Water high in deleterious minerals	2	1	1	1
Manmade				
Bridge-height restrictions	4	1	4	4
River dredging and spoils disposal	4	1	4	4
Deposits of water from dewatering	4	1	4	4
Pollution of ground water (by local spills, leakage, or poor disposal practices)	4	1	4	4
Existing utility conduits (gas, water, telephone)	4	1	4	4
Existing foundations (buildings, bridges)	4	1	4	4
Existing tunnels	4	1	4	4
Existing wells (completed or not)	4	1	4	4
Multiple well completion (open to more than one aquifer)	4	1	4	4
Induced infiltration caused by dewatering	4	1	4	4
Poor cost recovery	4	1	4	4
Surficial Deposits				
Natural				
Boulders in drift	2	1	2	2
Inhomogeneity of drift or buried valley fill	2	1	2	2
Lake sand and compressible fill bodies	2	1	2	2
Extensive sand and gravel bodies	2	1	2	2