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  METADATA Data Description:
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     Filename: Appendix5a.txt
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     The data provided herein are the water-quality data discussed in
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#
     U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2009-5062, Sources and Preparation of Data
#
     for Assessing Trends in Concentrations of Pesticides in Streams of the United States, 1992-2006
#
     URL http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2009/5062/
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     Concentrations of 44 pesticides and 8 degradates measured in 17,696 water samples from
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      201 stream-water sites are provided in this tab-delimited ASCII file.
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    NOTE: ALL samples are provided in this file, NOT JUST THOSE SELECTED FOR TREND ANALYSIS!
          Keep only those samples where attribute trend = "KEEP" to obtain the samples selected for
           trend analysis. This file provides data for 16,869 samples selected for trend analysis
           (trend = "KEEP") and for 827 samples rejected for trend analysis (trend = "DROP").
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    NOTE: This is a "row" format data file. Each row contains information about one pesticide measured
          in one sample.
    This data file contains 823,613 rows of data (excludes rows of METADATA comments, 1 row of
     attribute labels, and 1 row of field descriptions).
  METADATA Basic documentation of data set elements:
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## # # Data Attributes: # # pstaid # trend # suid

15S 5S 4sdates 8D times 4S dectime 9N year 9N month 9N day 9N sched 9S pcode 6S plname 25S rem\_org 1s val\_org 9N 1s url maxltmdl 9N rem\_rnd 1s val\_rnd 9N rrl\_rnd 1s rem\_adj 1s val\_adj 9N rrl\_adj 1s 9N p\_recov sname 63s

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Note: The row in the data file that follows the row of attribute labels describes the width of the field and the data type. S or s indicates a text attribute, D or d indicates a date attribute, and N or n indicates a numeric attribute. For example: 15s indicates a 0- to 15-character text attribute whereas 9N indicates a 0- to 9-digit numeric attribute. Attribute labels may be longer than the width of the field.

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Attribute label: pstaid

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Attribute description: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) site identification number.

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Note: pstaid is the "parent" site identification number. At some sites, the actual location of sample collection (at the "child" site identification number)

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may have changed during the period of sample collection, but the sites
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                  are considered equivalent.
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       Attribute label: trend
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       Attribute description: Sample selection code for trend analysis.
                Code
                       Description
                KEEP Sample selected for trend analysis
                DROP Sample rejected for trend analysis
       Attribute label: suid
       Attribute description: National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN) (suid = nasq) or
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                              National Water-Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA) Study Unit identifier.
                Code
                      Description
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                acad Acadian-Pontchartrain Drainages
                acfb Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin
                albe Albemarle-Pamlico Drainage Basin
                ccyk Central Columbia Plateau-Yakima River Basin
                cnbr
                     Central Nebraska Basins
                      Connecticut, Housatonic, and Thames River Basins
                conn
                delr Delaware River Basin
                eiwa Eastern Iowa Basins
                gafl Georgia-Florida Coastal Plain
                grsl Great Salt Lake Basins
                hdsn
                      Hudson River Basin
                leri
                      Lake Erie-Lake Saint Clair Drainages
                lini
                      Long Island-New Jersey Coastal Drainages
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                lirb Lower Illinois River Basin
                lsus
                      Lower Susquehanna River Basin
                      Mississippi Embayment
                mise
                mobl
                      Mobile River Basin
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                      NASQAN
                nasq
                       New England Coastal Basins
                necb
                nvbr
                      Las Vegas Valley Area and Carson and Truckee River Basins
                ozrk Ozark Plateaus
                       Potomac River Basin and Delmarva Peninsula
                podl
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Puget Sound Basin
                pugt
                redn Red River of the North Basin
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                       Rio Grande Valley
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                       Sacramento River Basin
                      Santa Ana Basin
                sana
                       San Joaquin-Tulare Basins
                sanj
                       Santee River Basin and Coastal Drainages
                sant
                       South-Central Texas
                sctx
                sofl Southern Florida
                splt South Platte River Basin
                tenn Tennessee River Basin
                trin Trinity River Basin
                      Upper Colorado River Basin
                ucol
                uirb Upper Illinois River Basin
                umis
                      Upper Mississippi River Basin
                usnk
                      Upper Snake River Basin
                whmi
                      White, Great Miami, and Little Miami River Basins
                will Willamette Basin
                wmic Western Lake Michigan Drainages
                vell Yellowstone River Basin
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       Attribute label: dates
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       Attribute description: Date of sample, YYYYMMDD.
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       Attribute label: times
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       Attribute description: Time of sample.
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       Attribute label: dectime
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       Attribute description: Decimal time of sample.
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       Attribute label: year
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       Attribute description: Year of sample.
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       Attribute label: month
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# Attribute description: Month of sample. # # Attribute label: day # # Attribute description: Day of sample. # # Attribute label: sched # Attribute description: Analytical schedule (analytical method and suite of pesticides) used # to measure pesticides. Code Description NWQL2001 NWQL schedule 2001 NWOL2003 NWOL schedule 2003 NWQL2010 NWQL schedule 2010 NWQL2033 NWQL schedule 2033 # # Attribute label: pcode # # Attribute description: Parameter code. The 5-digit number used to identify variables in the USGS National Water Information System. # # Attribute label: plname # # Attribute description: Common name of the pesticide or degradate. # Attribute label: rem\_org # Attribute description: Remark code associated with val\_org. The original remark code as provided by NAWQA and NASQAN data managers. Code Description Not Detected. Concentration reported as less than val\_org. Detected. Concentration reported as greater than val\_org. Only two measurements of deethylatrazine have rem\_org = ">". (blank) Detected. Concentration reported as val\_org.

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E Detected. Concentration is estimated as val\_org.

Estimated concentration may result from any of the following reasons:

- 1. The compound is characterized as a "poor performer" in the method on the basis of laboratory QC samples. In general compounds with less than 60 % recovery, greater than 120 % recovery, or greater than 25 % relative standard deviation of recovery are considered poor performers. All detections of these compounds are remarked E.
- 2. The compound was detected at a concentration less than the reporting level or less than the lowest calibration standard.
- 3. The sample was diluted to bring the concentration into the calibration range.

Attribute label: val\_org

Attribute description: Concentration of the pesticide, in micrograms per liter. The original value as provided by NAWQA and NASQAN data managers. DO NOT use this value for trend analsis. It is provided only to document data preparation for trend analysis.

Attribute label: url

Attribute description: Reporting level code for val\_org

Code Description

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Y Nondetection at a raised reporting level or at an unusually low reporting level

N Nondetection at a routine reporting level

D Detection

Attribute label: maxltmdl

Attribute description: The maximum value of the Long-Term Method Detection Level for 1994-2006, in micrograms per liter. Routine nondetections (val\_org) were reassigned (val\_rnd) to maxltmdl. It is anticipated that maxltmdl will be used to censor low-level detections of pesticides for some types of trend analysis approaches.

Attribute label: rem\_rnd

Attribute description: Remark code associated with val\_rnd.

Code Description Not Detected. Concentration less than val\_rnd. Detected. Concentration greater than val\_rnd. Only two measurements of deethylatrazine have rem\_rnd = ">". # (blank) Detected. Concentration is val rnd. # Attribute label: val rnd # Attribute description: Rounded and (for routine nondetections) reassigned concentration of the # pesticide, in micrograms per liter. Original concentrations (val org) were rounded to a uniform precision dependent on the magnitude of the concentration. Thirty very low-level detections (less than 0.0005 ug/L) rounded to 0.000 ug/L and these were set to routine nondetections at maxltmdl. The concentration value of all routine nondetections was reassigned to maxltmdl. # Attribute label: rrl\_rnd # # Attribute description: Reporting level code for val\_rnd # Code Description \_\_\_\_\_\_ Nondetection at a raised reporting level Nondetection at a routine reporting level at maxltmdl D Detection # Attribute label: rem\_adj # Attribute description: Remark code associated with val\_adj. # Code Description Not Detected. Concentration less than val\_adj. Detected. Concentration greater than val\_adj. Only two measurements of deethylatrazine have rem\_adj = ">". (blank) Detected. Concentration is val\_adj.

Note: rem\_adj equals rem\_rnd for all samples.

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Attribute label: sname

Attribute description: Name of the stream-water site (pstaid)

Attribute description: Recovery-adjusted concentration of the pesticide, in micrograms per liter.

Rounded and reassigned concentrations (val\_rnd) were adjusted for temporal changes in analytical recovery as follows: Detected concentrations (rrl\_rnd = D) were adjusted for recovery. Nondetected concentrations at raised reporting levels (rrl\_rnd = Y) were adjusted for recovery. Nondetected concentrations at routine reporting levels (rrl\_rnd = N) were NOT adjusted

Concentration was adjusted as: val adj = val rnd / (p recov x 0.01).

Adjusted concentrations were rounded to the same precision as was done for val rnd. No adjusted concentrations rounded to 0.000. Some nondetections at raised reporting levels were downward adjusted to concentrations less than or equal to maxltmdl. These recovery-adjusted nondetections were changed to routine nondetections at maxltmdl.

Attribute description: Reporting level code for val\_adj

for recovery.

Code Description \_\_\_\_\_\_

Nondetection at a raised reporting level

Nondetection at a routine reporting level at maxltmdl

D Detection

Attribute label: p\_recov

Attribute label: rrl\_adj

Attribute label: val\_adj

Attribute description: Recovery adjustment factor, in percent. Temporal changes in analytical

recovery were modelled by fitting a lowess smooth (10 percent window) to a timeseries plot of recovery versus date for 1,231 stream water matrix spikes. Modelled recovery for any given day was used as the recovery adjustment factor for pesticide samples collected on that day. †

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# End METADATA documentation