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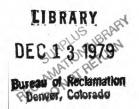


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INCH-POUND UNITS AND SI UNITS EQUIVALENTS

Multiply inch-pound unit	<u>By</u>	To obtain SI unit
Length		Length
<pre>inch (in.) foot (ft) mile (mi)</pre>	25.40 0.3048 1.609	millimeter (mm) meter (m) kilometer (km)
Area		Area
square mile (mi ²)	2.590	square kilometer (km²)
Rate		Rate
<pre>cubic foot per second (ft³/s) gallon per minute (gal/min) million gallons per day (Mgal/d)</pre>	0.02832 0.06309 90.85	cubic meter per second (m³/s) liter per second (L/s) liter per second (L/s)
Transmissivity		Transmissivity
foot squared per day (ft ² /d)	0.09290	meter squared per day (m ² /d)

ABSTRACT

Favorable geohydrologic conditions in the Seward area provide several choices for developing additional water supplies. Abundant stream runoff and the prospects for expanded well-field development in the Jap Creek alluvial fan, as well as other similar fans, allow a selection of future water sources based on factors other than the availability of the natural resource. Although water in both streams and deep aquifers is of good potable quality, ground water has the inherent advantages of being free of suspended sediment, of being warmer during winter months, and of being less vulnerable to pollution. Shallow infiltration galleries constructed along the alluvial-fan reaches of some streams should provide large volumes of water for public supply.

A potential exists at Seward for serious flooding of the alluvial fans by the major streams, for coastal flooding by bay waters resulting from storm-driven waves or tsunamis, and for pollution of shallow ground water by onsite sewage disposal.

INTRODUCTION

Seward lies at the head of Resurrection Bay on the Gulf of Alaska (fig. 1), and is a major Alaskan seaport and the southern terminus of the Alaska Railroad. In 1975 Seward had an estimated population of 2,000 (Arctic Environmental Engineers, 1975). The principal industries are commercial fishing, seafood processing, transportation, tourism and timber processing. The city is the closest major port to the postulated outer-continental-shelf petroleum basins in the Gulf of Alaska and southern Cook Inlet. It is anticipated that Seward will soon be heavily stressing its present water-supply system and will have to construct additional supply facilities to support increased industrial activities.

The U.S. Geological Survey (referred to as the Survey hereafter) has collected water-resources data in the Seward area at various times since 1947. Intensive geologic and engineering investigations were also made after the 1964 earthquake (Lemke, 1967). The purpose of this report is to compile those hydrologic data and review the present development and use of Seward's water resources, and to describe alternative sources and methods for further development of supplies.

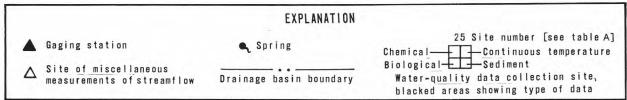
Wells are referred in this report by the Survey's unique five-digit numbers listed in an Alaska register, abbreviated AKRG. These numbers are cross-referenced to Alaska local well numbers (township, range and section system) in table 1.

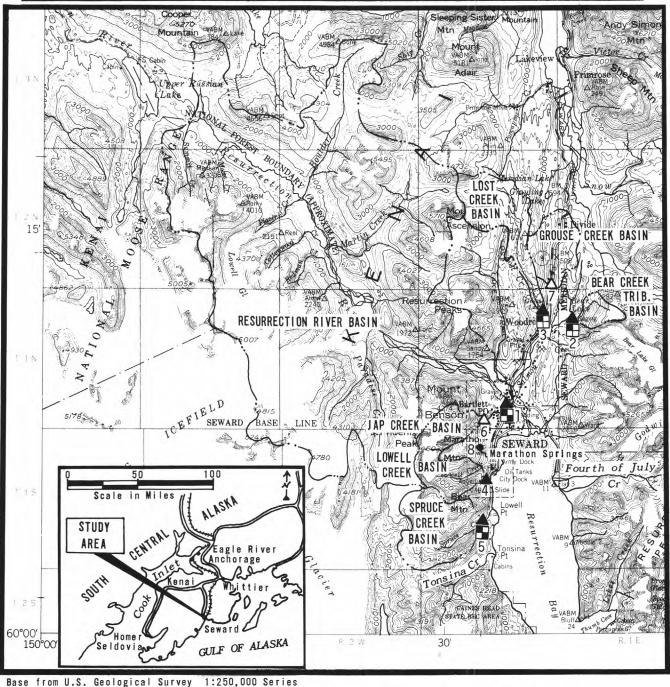
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HYDROLOGIC SETTING

Seward has a maritime climate, characterized by cool summers and mild winters. Windy or foggy weather is common because of the influence of the steep, rugged Kenai Mountains surrounding Seward on three sides and perennially ice-free Resurrection Bay to the south. Average annual precipitation at Seward is 63 inches (in.) (U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, 1977). This amount includes the water equivalent of 85 in. of snow. On the average the smallest amount of precipitation (2.3 in.) falls in June, while the greatest amount (10.0 in.) falls in October. Mean annual air temperature is 4°C , and average monthly temperatures are below freezing from November through March (U.S. Department of Commerce, unpublished climatological data summary, 1969).

The City of Seward lies in a deeply eroded glacial valley of the Kenai Mountains. Pleistocene glaciers scoured the Resurrection River valley and deep fiord that is now Resurrection Bay. The rugged Kenai Mountains, which rise abruptly to altitudes of 4,000-5,000 feet (ft) on either side of Resurrection Bay, have been dissected by side-valley





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Figure 1.--Location of Seward and nearby surface-water data-collection sites.

Table 1.--Summary of data for wells in the Seward area.

Alaska register number			ska 11 n				Owner	Depth of well	Well finish (feet	Casing
AKRG	BQ	T	R	Sec	¼'s	Seq	(original)	(feet)*	below land surface)	diameter (inches)
10778	SB	001	001	34	CADA	1	City of Seward			8
10779	SB	001	001	34	CADB	1	City of Seward	162?		8
10780	SB	001	001	34	CADB	2	City of Seward	185 D	173-183 SC	12
10781	SB	001	001	34	CADC	1	City of Seward	6-		8
10782	SB	001	001	34	CADC	2	City of Seward	141 D	SC	8
10783	SC	001	001	09	DBCA	1	City of Seward	32.5 D	25-32 PF	8
10915	SB	001	001	12	DBDD	1	Kenai Lumber Co.	45 D	38-43 SC	6
10918	SB	001	001	27	AACD	1	Horton's Seafood	36		4
10943	SB	001	001	01	CDCA	1	Richard R. Ronne	32	32 OE	2
10944	SB	001	001	12	DBDD	2	Kenai Lumber Co.	35		6
10945	SB	001	001	12	DBBB	1	Murawsky	40		6
10946	SB	001	001	14	ACCA	1	Pete Kesselring	40		4
10947	SB	001	001	14	ADDB	1	F.H. Appleton	50		6
10948	SB	001	001	14	AAAB	1	Walter Bryan	40		6
10949	SB	001	001	14	DCDC	1	Irwin Metcalf	52		4
10950	SB	001	001	27	AABB	1	R.A. Gillespie	50		4
10952	SC	001	001	01	DADB	1	Shannon & Wilson	83 BD		6
10953	sc	001	001	02	BAAD	1	Shannon & Wilson	226 D		11:
10954	sc	001	001	03	ACBB	1	Shannon & Wilson	189.5 D		
10955	SC	001	001	03	ABDC	1	Shannon & Wilson	165 D	*	
10956	SC	001	001	03	ACBA	1	Shannon & Wilson	176.5 D		6

B = drilled into bedrock C = chemical analysis given in table 2

D = driller's log given in table B OE = open-ended casing

PF = perforated casing SC = screen finish U6 = uncased hole

^{? =} Questionable depth

Well	productio	n data	Static water level	Altitude at well						
Yield (gal/ min)	Drawdown (feet)	Test duration (hours)	(feet below land surface)	(feet above mean sea level)	Year well drilled	Remarks				
			20	34		Casing damaged by 1964 earthquake; C				
557	7	20	21	41		Casing damaged by 1964 earthquake; C				
850	38	22	20	41	1964	С				
552		19	21	45		Casing damaged by 1964 earthquake				
			20	46	1964	Water-level recorder installed in 1976				
230	13	4.5	8	235	1961	Lowell Canyon no. 4				
10	<1	2	8	250	1972					
			20	100	1954	C				
			12	320	1950					
			22	250	1946					
			14	320	1959					
				150	1958					
			28	125	1955					
			24	140	1943					
			26	110	1962					
			30	95	1956					
			7	14	1964	Owner's no. S-103				
2			flowing	10	1964	Owner's no. S-104				
30			flowing	15	1964	Owner's no. S-101				
25			+5	11	1964	Owner's no. S-102				
100			+13	14	1964	Owner's no. S-107; C				

Table 1.--Summary of data for wells in the Seward area--continued.

Alaska register number			iska 11 m			~	Owner	Dept of well	Well finish (feet	Casing	
AKRG	BQ	T	R	Sec	½'s	Seq	(original)	(feet)*	below land surface)	diameter (inches)	
10957	SC	001	001	09	DBCA	2	City of Seward	40	35-40 SC	8	
10958	sc	001	001	09	DBCA	3	City of Seward	40	34-39 SC	8	
10959	sc	001	001	09	DBCA	4	City of Seward	39	34-39 SC	8	
10960	SC	001	001	09	DABC	1	City of Seward	17.5 BD			
10961	SC	001	001	09	ADDD	1	City of Seward	123 BD	113-123 SC	8	
10962	SC	001	001	10	CADB	1	Shannon & Wilson	333 D			
10963	SC	001	001	10	BDAC	1	Shannon & Wilson	482 D		8 & 6	
10964	SC	001	001	10	BABB	1	Shannon & Wilson	313 D		6	
10965	SB	001	001	34	CADA	2	City of Seward	248?	SC	12	
10966	SB	001	001	34	CADO	3	City of Seward	232?	SC	12	
11235	SB	001	001	34	CACE	1	City of Seward	200	200 OE	6	
11317	SB	001	001	34	CACE	2	City of Seward	206 D	170-197 SC	12	
11361	SB	001	001	23	BDCC	: 1	Exxon	201 BD	42-201 UC	6	

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PF = perforated casing SC = screen finish UC = uncased hole

^{? =} Questionable depth

Well	Well production data		Static water level	Altitude at well						
Yield (gal/ min)	Drawdown (feet)	Test duration (hours)	(feet below land surface)	(feet above mean sea level)	Year well drilled	Remarks				
265	13	24	8	235	1964	Lowell Canyon no. 1				
250	11	28	12	235	1964	Lowell Canyon no. 2				
250	7	21	12	235	1964	Lowell Canyon no. 3				
				188	1962	Lowell Canyon test hole 3				
73	2.5	18	96	124	1961	At Hospital Prior to 1965 well was 78 ft deep; C				
				20	1964	Owner's no. S-100				
			9	13	1964	Owner's no. S-105				
48			12	12	1964	Owner's no. S-106				
495				35	1964					
467		24		43	1964	Primary supply well; C				
400			34	64	1977	Test well for production well no. 4				
2070	80	12	40	70	1977	Production well no. 4				
1+			10	100	1976					

glaciers and streams tributary to the main Resurrection River valley. These tributary streams have steep gradients and have deposited alluvial fans along the flanks of the mountains near Seward.

The Kenai Mountains are composed of metamorphic rock, namely gray-wacke and phyllite, which contain intrusions of igneous rocks (Lemke, 1967). Continual uplift and erosion of the mountains has filled the valley bottoms with unconsolidated sediments. Unconsolidated glacial and fluvial deposits now overlie bedrock nearly everywhere in the study area, except on the steep high-altitude slopes near Seward. The unconsolidated surficial deposits were mapped as five units: glacial deposits, alluvial fan and fan-delta deposits, valley alluvium, intertidal deposits, and landslide deposits (Lemke, 1967, and fig. 2). Fine-grained marine sediments are not exposed at the surface but have been identified in wells and test borings (Shannon and Wilson, Inc., 1964). The marine sediments intertongue with alluvial fan, fan-delta and valley allvium deposits.

WATER AVAILABILITY

Surface Water

The Resurrection River, which originates in glaciers and ice fields of the Kenai Mountains, is the major surface-water drainage system of the Seward area. The river flows in a U-shaped glacial valley along its lower course, where a braided channel pattern has developed, and has formed a delta at the head of Resurrection Bay.

Other significant streams in the Seward area (fig. 1) are Lowell Creek, which forms the alluvial fan on which Seward was founded; Jap Creek, which has formed a similar alluvial fan at the edge of Resurrection River flood plain; Spruce and Tonsina Creeks, both to the south of Seward; and Fourth of July Creek, across the bay from the city.

A compilation of Seward-area streamflow data collected by the Survey, including a monthly summary of data for continuous record sites, is presented in table A at the back of this report.

Ground Water

The locations of wells and test holes in the Seward area for which Survey information is available are shown in figure 3. A summary of data for these sites is included in table 1, and available driller's logs are given in table B.

Bedrock--Little hydrologic information is available concerning bedrock in the Seward area. The bedrock that forms the valley walls west of Seward probably extends beneath the fan deposits of Lowell Creek at about the same slope as above the fan, 30° to 40°. Bedrock probably lies more than 1,000 ft beneath most of the fan at the bay's edge (Lemke, 1967). A ridge of bedrock crops out at the north edge of the city. Bedrock was

reached at about 113 ft in a water well drilled at the apex of Lowell Creek fan (well 10961, table 1). No hydrologic data were reported for the bedrock penetrated in that well.

Well 11361, located about 4 miles (mi) north of Seward in the valley floor, penetrated bedrock from 42 to 201 ft below land surface. This open-hole interval yielded just over 1 gallon per minute (gal/min) from fractures, mostly below 157 ft. The mineralogic composition of the rock was not recorded. Although fractured bedrock undoubtedly contains some water, the inherent hydraulic properties of typical Seward-area bedrock (graywacke and phyllite) severely limit the potential for successful development of any appreciable yield.

Unconsolidated deposits—Ground water occurs under both water—table (unconfined) and artesian (confined) conditions in unconsolidated deposits at the head of Resurrection Bay and in the mountain—front alluvial fans. Appreciable recharge to the shallow ground—water body occurs from streamflow losses through sand and gravel deposits of alluvial fans. During most winters, periods of no flow occur at the Survey's gaging station on Spruce Creek, 2 mi south of the city. However, some surface—water flow must occur upstream, and is subsequently lost to the ground—water system before reaching the gage. Winter visits to the gage in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, and 1975 found that all streamflow measured at the gage [as much as 15 cubic feet per second (ft³/s)] infiltrated into the streambed in the downstream reach. Significant recharge probably occurs also from rainfall and snowmelt infiltration in the upper part of Resurrection River valley.

Because of the diversion of Lowell Creek in the early 1940's to eliminate a flood threat to the City of Seward, the creek no longer is a major source of recharge. Thus, ground-water levels (pressure heads) in the lower parts of the fan probably are not as high as they were before the creek was diverted. In test borings made along the Seward waterfront after the 1964 earthquake, water levels were approximately at sea level (about 10 ft below land surface) and fluctuated with the tide (Shannon and Wilson, Inc., 1964).

The water-level record from well 10782 in the Fort Raymond well field shows that in water-year 1977 the local ground-water system was recharged largely in late fall and early winter (fig. 4). Ground-water levels and streamflow responded quickly to most precipitation events throughout the year. However, ground-water levels, as represented by the 141-ft deep well, were not responsive to increasing streamflow (as indexed by the Spruce Creek hydrograph) caused by snowmelt in June and July when rainfall was low. Ground-water recharge from stream-channel losses may attain a maximum rate at relatively low stream discharges as allowed by conditions at the channel bed. The low ground-water levels during June and July 1977 may reflect a lack of aquifer recharge by direct infiltration of precipitation. Additional considerations are that channel losses in Jap Creek may not be as great as in Spruce Creek, or perhaps

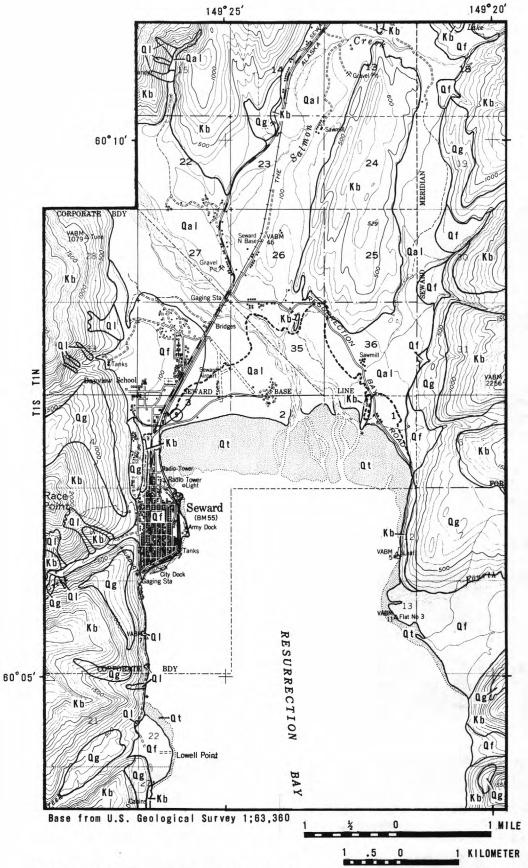
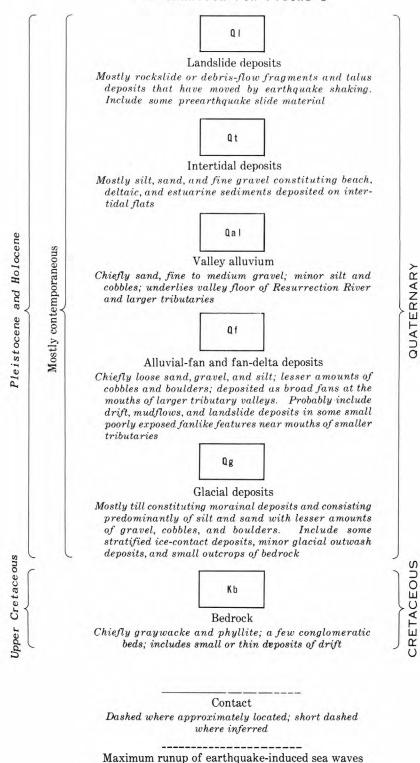


Figure 2.--Geologic map of the Seward area (modified from Lemke, 1967--USGS Prof. Paper 542-E; section of plate I).

EXPLANATION FOR FIGURE 2



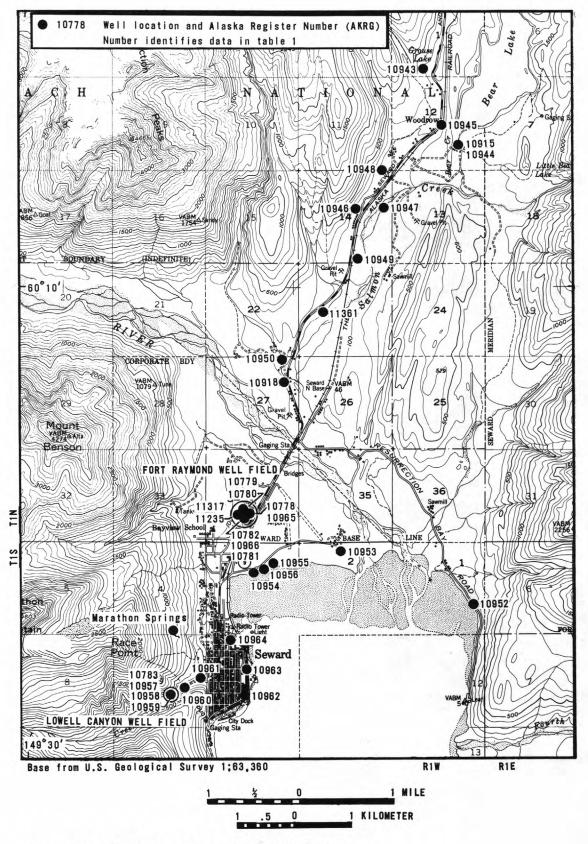


Figure 3.--Well locations in the Seward area.

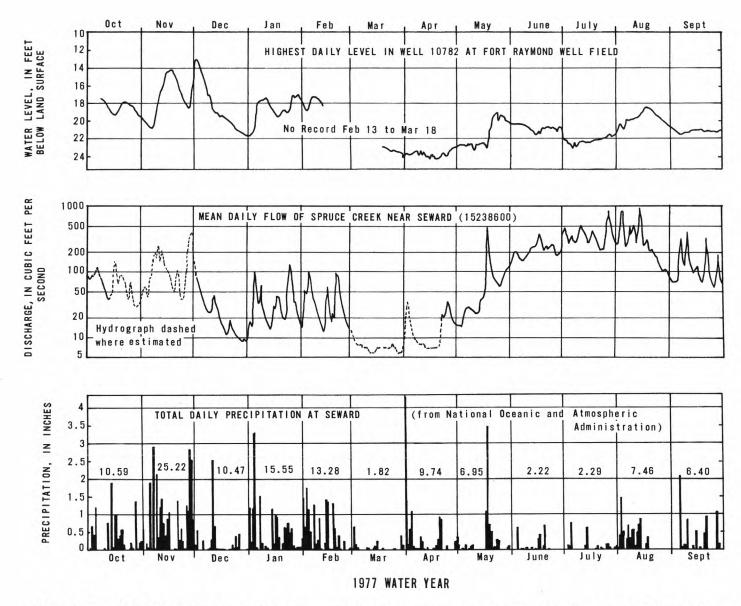


Figure 4.--Relation of precipitation, streamflow and ground-water levels in the Seward area.

the water-level observation well is too far from Jap Creek channel to be significantly influenced by streamflow losses. At this time the hydrologic factors controlling aquifer recharge are not completely understood.

Ground water is discharged from the unconsolidated aquifers by pumping, springs, seepage to streams, and submarine discharge to Resurrection Bay. Marathon Springs (fig. 3), which essentially is one point of discharge from a morainal ridge that forms a bench on the side of Marathon Mountain, presumably derives its water from a shallow-seated ground-water body whose recharge is closely related to the infiltration of precipitation upgradient from the spring outlet. The spring is used as a public water supply during summer months, but its flow decreases with the onset of subfreezing temperatures until it virtually ceases. The developed yield of Marathon Springs and major wells is discussed in the report under "Present Water Supply and Use".

Ground water is also discharged at numerous seeps and springs on the Resurrection River flood plain. Close to their tidewater mouths, streams regain some flow previously lost to ground water in their alluvial fans. The amount of return flow is unknown, as is the rate of ground-water movement from aquifers that discharge into the bay below sea level.

WATER QUALITY

The chemical composition of surface water and ground water in the Seward area can be characterized as dilute calcium-bicarbonate water. Dissolved solids concentrations range from 22 to 99 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in surface water and from 68 to 267 mg/L in the few analyses of ground water made by the Survey. Iron concentrations in some shallow ground waters exceed 1 mg/L and may make the water unsuitable for some purposes; the concentration was 17 mg/L in water from one well. Concentrations of the major chemical constituents and the physical characteristics of water sampled from wells and from streams are given in tables 2 and C. respectively.

Glacier-fed streams usually carry a relatively high concentration of suspended sediment, except during winter periods, as compared to non-glacial streams. Large glaciated areas are present in the Resurrection River drainage, and glaciers also occur in the Lowell Creek and Spruce Creek basins. Some suspended-sediment data for these streams are presented in table D.

PRESENT WATER SUPPLY AND USE

The public water supply at Seward is presently (1978) obtained from three sources: the Fort Raymond well field, the Lowell Canyon well field, and Marathon Springs. Private domestic supplies in areas not served by the municipal system are obtained principally from shallow wells.

Table 2.--Major chemical constituents and physical characteristics of ground water.

		Well Number (AKRG)								
Parameter Sampling date	(units)	10778 Feb. 1, 1954	10780 June 13, 1969	10783 Aug. 19, 1961	10918 Aug. 5, 1966	10956 Aug. 14, 1964	10961 Aug. 19, 1961	10966 Aug. 13, 1966	Springs* Aug. 19, 1961	
Well opening	(ft below surface)		173-183	25-32	36	176.5	123	232?	0	
Specific cond.	(µmhos @ 25°C)	222	133	116	138	250	217	245	123	
Temperature	(°C)				5.0			5.0	3.0	
Color	(platinum cobalt									
	units)		0	0			0	10	0	
Hardness, Ca-Mg Non-carbonate hard-	(mg/L)	106	60	52		98	86	64	53	
ness	(mg/L)	0	15	13			14	15	10	
Dissolved calcium	(mg/L)	32	23	19		30	27	20	20	
Dissolved magnesium	(mg/L)	6.2	0.8	1.0		5.6	4.5	3.4	0.7	
Dissolved sodium	(mg/L)	5.2	2.2	1.5			9.6	2.4	2.0	
Dissolved potasium	(mg/L)	1.9	0.4	0.2			0.8	0.0	0.3	
Bicarbonate	(mg/L)	138	55	47			88	60	53	
Dissolved sulfate	(mg/L)	4.0	14	15			16	16	14	
Dissolved chloride	(mg/L)	3.0	2.1	2.0		34	15	4.5	2.0	
Dissolved fluoride	(mg/L)		0.1	0.0			0.0	0.1	0.0	
Dissolved silica Total dissolved	(mg/L)	46	4.9	5.3			6.8	4.9	5.5	
solids Dissolved nitrate,	(mg/L)	167	77	68			123	83	71	
as NO ₃ Dissolved nitrate,	(mg/L)	0.30	2.6	1.0			0.50	1.3	0.70	
as N	(mg/L)	0.07	0.59	0.23			0.12	0.30	0.16	
Arsenic	(μg/L)		0							
Iron	(μg/L)	17,000 ^t	80d	20d			20d	400d	20d	
Manganese	(μg/L)	390d	0d	0d			_0d		0	

 $[\]star$ = spring discharge not measured on this data. (See measurements on p.17) t = total concentration d = dissolved concentration

The Fort Raymond well field was originally developed by the U.S. Army in 1940, and prior to the 1964 earthquake the city acquired the three production wells. However, their casings were damaged beyond repair by the earthquake, and consequently, a new well about 200 ft in depth was drilled near each original production well. These new wells have a combined yield of about 1,500 gal/min, and presently are Seward's most reliable water source. The capacity will double when a newly completed production well (No. 11317) is joined to the existing water system.

Analyses of drawdown data from two pumping tests conducted by the City of Seward in 1977 indicate a pumped aquifer transmissivity in the range of 10,000 to 20,000 feet squared per day (ft²/d). Greater refinement of transmissivity was not possible because of data interpretation problems caused by variable pumping rates, small drawdown in observation wells (the measurement of which was greatly complicated by externallyinduced fluctuations), and relatively short duration of test pumping. Storage coefficients of the aquifer were calculated to fall in the order of 0.001 to 0.01 — these figures support data obtained during drilling of the wells that indicate that aquifer water is partially confined under pressure. Also, the shapes of drawdown and recovery curves suggest a stratified aguifer system that contains lenses of low permeability which retard the vertical flow of water induced by pumping. However, vertical leakage of water into the major aquifer 180 ft below land surface was sufficiently great that observed drawdowns within the well-field area during the pumping tests were substantially less than those expected for typical confined aguifers with the above transmissivity.

One year of continuous water-level record (fig. 4) at well 10782 indicates no sustained water-level decline has been caused by pumping at rates approaching 1,500 gal/min at times. Drawdown at this well, 85 ft east of the main production well (No. 10966), has remained less than 1 ft. On December 14, 1977, the new production well (No. 11317) was test pumped for 12 hours at an average rate of 2,070 gal/min, causing a drawdown of 1.4 ft in observation well 10782, about 415 ft away. Drawdown data of this test confirm that the well-field aquifer is capable of supporting several high-yield (1,000 to 3,000 gal/min) production wells.

Four wells, ranging in depth from 33 to 40 ft, were drilled in Lowell Creek canyon in 1961. Originally, three of these wells provided a combined flow 400 to 600 gal/min. However, this well field has not been dependable during late winter, and recent well failures have caused strong reliance to be placed on the Fort Raymond wells (Richard Lohman, Seward City Engineer, written commun., 1976). The unconsolidated sediments in the Lowell Creek canyon are thin and occupy a small area; thus, they provide only a small ground-water reservoir. Recharge to this aquifer occurs principally through the stream channel and, consequently, a significant reduction of flow in Lowell Creek occurs during the winter.

Marathon Springs was first developed as a water supply between the years 1904 and 1906 (Tryck, Nyman, and Assoc., 1961). The spring originates at the base of a moraine on the side of Mount Marathon (fig. 3). The surfacing water flows about one-fourth mile along a morainal bench on the side of the mountain and cascades over the escarpment of the bench to the collection point. The spring currently supplies as much as 800 gal/min (Arctic Environmental Engineers, 1975), but is generally capable of supplying greater quantities between May and October. However, there is little flow during winter months, and most emerging water freezes within a short distance after surfacing. The Survey measured flows of 265 and 495 gal/min in late 1972 at the source of the spring. (See table A.)

In addition to the three currently used municipal sources, the City of Seward has previously used streamflow diversions from Jap Creek and an unnamed tributary to the boat harbor lagoon (locally referred to as Rudolph, Scheffler, or Dairy Creek).

City records on the historic use of water by Seward were summarized by Arctic Environmental Engineers (1975). The city measured instantaneous flow at the pumphouses and recorded these figures as the average flow for one to several days. Total pumpage reached a maximum of about 2.5 million gallons per day (Mgal/d) in 1971, but was reduced significantly in 1973 when meters were installed at fish canneries, the area's major water users.

WATER-RELATED PROBLEMS

A potential for ground-water pollution is posed by the naturally high ground-water table in the Seward area, particularly along the flood plains of Resurrection River and Salmon Creek. This environmental condition, combined with the potential for leakage from sewer lines and seepage from septic-tank systems in areas not served by sewers, creates a likelihood for pollutants to enter the ground-water system. Also, there is no treatment of sewage by the city, and wastes are discharged directly into Resurrection Bay. The discharge of seafood-processing wastes to the bay is also a potential source of pollution.

Damaging floods have occurred in the past on Resurrection River and in the Salmon Creek valley (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1975). In their report the Corps presents detailed maps showing the areas that might be inundated by floods of 100- and 500-year recurrence intervals in the Resurrection River and Salmon Creek drainages near Seward. Not surprisingly, the report indicates that larger floods than those in recent times are possible. The extent of potential property damage and the danger to lives would, of course, increase with increasing development in the flood plains of the streams unless preventative measures were taken.

A prior field reconnaissance by the Survey, described in a report published in 1975, delineated flood-prone areas (fig. 5) that extend beyond the map boundaries of the Corps of Engineers' report cited above. The Corps' maps should be utilized for design purposes as they resulted from actual field surveying. However, the potential of possible flooding on the Jap Creek fan should be considered as depicted in figure 5.

The Survey report points out that additional hazards are posed by potential snow and debris slides in the steep mountainous headwater areas of Lowell and Jap Creeks. Such events could temporarily impound water and lead to flooding of the downstream alluvial fan. In August 1966, a release of water impounded by a debris slide caused the reservoir level behind the diversion dam on Lowell Creek to rise within 2 ft of the dam's crest.

A flood-frequency analysis, showing recurrence interval versus discharge, is presented for Lost Creek and Spruce Creek (fig. 6). Annual maximum discharges determined at the respective gaging stations were analyzed using a log-Pearson type III distribution and a skew of 0.20 (R. D. Lamke, written commun., 1978). Although the drainage areas of basins above the gaging stations are similar, flood discharges for Spruce Creek are about four to five times greater than for Lost Creek. This difference is due in part to the storage effect of a sizeable lake in the headwaters of Lost Creek. Some difference in precipitation and runoff patterns must also exist owing to differences between basins with respect to proximity to the bay (fig. 1).

There is also a potential for minor coastal flooding from storm-driven waves at Seward. Major damage from tsunamis, such as those that followed the 1964 earthquake (Lemke, 1967), is also possible (fig. 2).

CONSIDERATIONS FOR WATER-SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT

Both surface water and ground water are abundant in the Seward area. Thus, the choice of which source to develop will probably depend on the economics of water collection, treatment and distribution. Because it is readily available and visible, surface water has been the choice for water supply in many rural Alaskan communities. However, ground water offers these important advantages:

- (1) It is not subject to freezing as are Marathon Springs and surface-water sources.
- (2) On an annual basis, ground water is usually of more uniform qualilty and temperature and is not as vulnerable to pollution as is surface water.
- (3) Ground water is free of suspended sediment that is present at least part of the year in glacier-fed streams, such as Resurrection River.

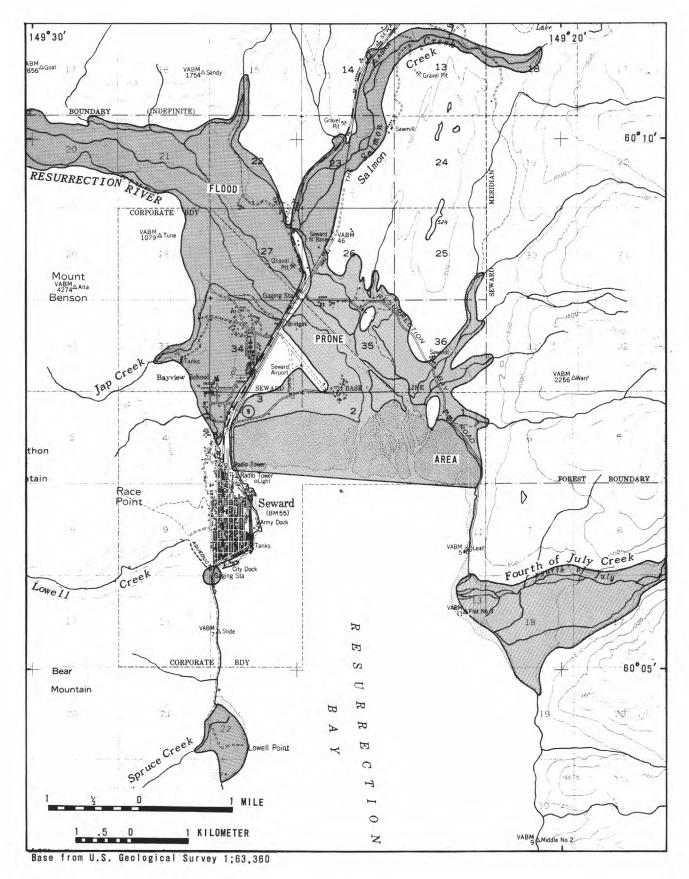


Figure 5.--Flood prone areas at Seward (U.S. Geol. Survey, 1975).

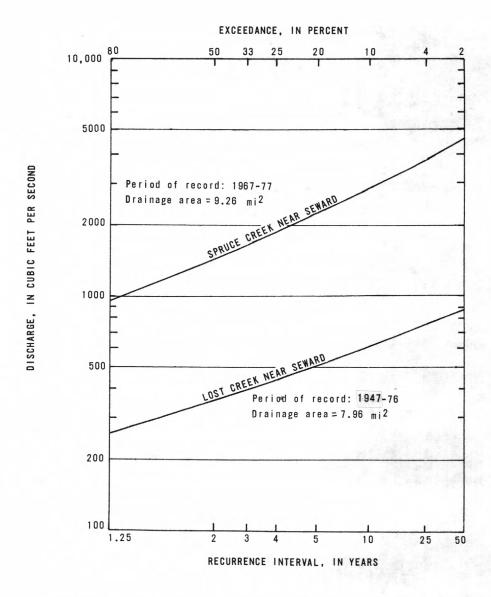


Figure 6.--Flood-frequency curves computed from annual maximum discharges (see table A).

In addition to the ground water already developed in Jap Creek fan, several other areas near Seward appear promising for ground-water development. The Resurrection River valley alluvium, the alluvial fans of Spruce Creek and Fourth of July Creek, and other areas on the Jap Creek fan besides the present well field probably have saturated sediments that are sufficiently thick and permeable to support the required yield of city production wells.

The rapid movement of water from streams into the ground-water body in unconsolidated fan deposits near Seward offers an alternative method of developing ground water. Infiltration galleries, utilizing large-diameter perforated collector pipes and installed either vertically or horizontally in alluvial deposits (Feulner, 1964), could be used to develop water supplies from shallow aquifers along the losing reaches of Jap, Lowell, or Spruce Creeks. Ground water collected in this way generally requires treatment for bacterial contamination similar to that required for surface water.

The water resources of the Seward area have a potentially high value for fish propagation (E. T. McHenry, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, oral commun., 1977). Additional fish spawning and rearing areas could be developed on the Resurrection River flood plain through planned mining of gravel in areas where the water table is shallow. Pits could be excavated deep enough to prevent winter fish kill by freezing, and channels could be constructed so as to connect the pits to an active stream channel. The channels could be designed as ground-water drains which would maintain relatively uniform winter flow and temperature. Additional data may be required to locate areas where the seasonal fluctuation of the water table is small and the sediments have the necessary permeability to provide the flow required for fish culturing.

SUMMARY

- * Seward has climatic and geologic conditions that provide abundant surface-water and ground-water resources. The water is generally of drinking-water quality except for suspended sediment in glacier-fed streams and iron in shallow ground water in some areas.
- * Several potential water-related problems exist; namely, groundwater pollution by onsite sewage disposal in areas of high water table, flooding along several rivers (particularily those where snow and debris slides in the steep mountain drainages occasionally occur), and coastal flooding from storm-driven waves and tsunamis.
- * The city water supply is presently (1978) obtained from three sources: the Fort Raymond and Lowell Canyon well fields and Marathon Springs.
- * The Fort Raymond well field is the most dependable of the three sources. The Jap Creek alluvial-fan aquifer is capable of supporting additional production wells.
- * Other water-supply sources that could be developed are: (1) sand and gravel aquifers in the alluvial fan areas of several creeks, (2) stream diversions with adequate reservoir impoundment, and (3) shallow infiltration galleries along the alluvial-fan reaches of Jap Creek, Lowell Creek or Spruce Creek. Selection of which source to utilize will depend largely on the economics of water collection, treatment, and distribution.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams.

Мар	Station numbe No. or latitude-longi	Name	Period of record	Page
	Со	ntinuous record stations		
1*+ 2* 3* 4 5*+	15237700 15237800 15238000 15238500 15238600	Resurrection R nr Seward Bear Cr Trib nr Seward Lost Cr nr Seward Lowell Cr at Seward Spruce Cr nr Seward	1964-68 1966-68 1948-50 1965-68 1967-	25 26 27 28 29
	Misc	ellaneous measurement sites		
6 7 8	60°07'59"149°27'23" 60°12'40"149°22'06" 60°06'46"149°27'18"	Jap Cr nr Seward Grouse Cr nr Seward Marathon Springs	1972 1969 1972	30 30 30

^{*} data included in table C + data included in table D

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams -- Continued.

15237700 Resurrection River near Seward.

LOCATION.--Lat 60°08'34", long 149°24'58", in SE¹₄ sec.27, T.1 N., R.1 W., on left channel on downstream side of Alaska Rail-road bridge near right bank, 0.8 mile upstream from Salmon Creek, and 2.5 miles northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 1.)

BASIN CHARACTERISTICS.--Drainage area, 169 mi²; main-channel slope, 38.5 ft/mi; stream length, 23.5 mi; area of lakes and ponds, 0 percent; mean elevation, 2270 ft; glacier area, 22 percent.

PERIOD OF RECORD. -- October 1964 to June 1968.

GAGE.--Nonrecording gage. Altitude of gage is 20 ft, from topographic map. Prior to June 11, 1965, water-stage recorder 13 ft upstream at same datum.

EXTREMES.-- Period of record: Maximum discharge, 18,900 ft 3/s about August 21, 1966 (gage height, 10.68 ft, from floodmarks); minimum daily, 60 ft 3/s March 11-22, 1966.

Monthly and yearly mean discharge, (ft3/s)

Water year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	The year
1965 1966 1967 1968	1,178 850 1,179 662	370	265 119 175 384	179 95.2 130 295	124 96.1 115 321	220 68.2 103 216	98.2 119	351 673	2,179 1,830 1,866 2,268	2,568 2,529	4,271		1,360

	Annual max	imum discharg	e	Annual minimum discharge			
Water year	Discharge (ft³/s)	Gage height (ft)	Date	Discharge (ft³/s)	Date		
1965	6,660	8.20	Sept. 23, 1965	102	Feb. 27, 1965		
1966 1967	18,900 18,000	10.68 10.51	Aug. 21, 1966 Sept. 18, 1967	60 99	Mar. 11-22, 1966 Apr. 6, 1967		

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams--Continued.

15237800 Bear Creek Tributary near Seward

LOCATION.--Lat $60^{\circ}11'35"$, long $149^{\circ}20'20"$, in NE¼ sec.7, T.1 N., R.1 E., on right bank, 0.3 mile upstream from Bear Lake, and 7 miles northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 2.)

DRAINAGE AREA.--1.63 square miles (mi²)

PERIOD OF RECORD. -- October 1966 to September 1968.

GAGE. -- Water-stage recorder. Altitude of gage is 400 ft, from topographic map.

EXTREMES.--Period of record: Maximum discharge, 134 ft³/s September 7, 1967 (gage height, 4.11 ft); minimum, 1.8 ft³/s April 16-21, 1968.

Monthly and yearly mean discharge, (ft^3/s)

Water year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	The year
1967	13.0	6.27	4.57	2.97	2.83	2.73	2.57	9.95	13.9	13.9	18.4	25.2	9.72
1968	12.8		7.09	4.55	4.82	5.38	2.31	11.4	12.2	15.5	14.6	5.65	8.96

		imum discharg		Annual minimum discharge			
Water year	Discharge (ft ³ /s)	Gage height (ft)	Date	Discharge (ft ³ /s)	Date		
1967 1968	134 44	4.11 3.43	Sept. 7, 1967 Aug. 20, 1968	2.1 1.8	Jan. 20, 1966 Apr. 16-21, 1968		

Table A .-- Discharge data for selected Seward area streams -- Continued.

15238000 Lost Creek near Seward

LOCATION.--Lat 60°11'50", long 149°22'30", in NW₄ sec.12, T.1 N., R.1 W., on left bank 0.2 mile upstream from unnamed tributary, 4.9 miles downstream from outlet of lower Lost Lake, and 6.5 miles northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 3.)

BASIN CHARACTERISTICS.--Drainage area, 7.96 mi²; main-channel slope, 246 ft/mi; stream length, 8.1 mi; area of lakes and ponds, 7 percent; mean elevation, 2210 ft; glacier area, 0 percent.

PERIOD OF RECORD. -- August 1948 to March 1950. Annual maximums, water years 1963-72, 1976.

GAGE. -- Nonrecording gage. Crest-stage gage only May 1963 to October 1972. Altitude of gage is 300 ft, from topographic map.

EXTREMES.--Maximum discharge, 920 ft ³/s September 20, 1976, determined from slope-area computation using high-water marks (gage height, 12.33 ft; no flow for many days most years.

Monthly and yearly mean discharge, (ft3/s)

Water year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	The year
1948 1949	47.5		3.06		.536	1.19	3.00	38.2	156	79.1	27.8 43.1		40.6
1950	31.9	39.0	7.74		0	0							

	Annual max	imum discharge			Miscell	aneous measurem	ents
Water year	Discharge (ft ³ /s)	Gage height (ft)	Date	Date	Discharge (ft ³ /s)		Discharge (ft ³ /s)
**dete	ermined from	*1.35 10.70 11.17 10.99 11.13 11.57 10.53 11.34 11.68 10.80 10.30 12.30 m not continue slope-area co	mputation	Aug. 21, 1947 Aug. 25, 1947 Feb. 16, 1948 Oct. 4, 1950 Nov. 9, 1950 Jan. 30, 1951 Mar. 30, 1951 May 31, 1951 July 24, 1951 July 24, 1951 Aug. 25, 1951 May 31, 1963 July 11, 1963 Sept. 30, 1963 June 3, 1964 June 20, 1964 Sept. 28, 1965 June 10, 1966 July 16, 1966	16.8 54.0 0 24.0 0 0 69.1 134 36.4 26.4 227 100 59.4 103 194 100 196 65.6	Aug. 3, 1967 Sept. 8, 1967 Oct. 18, 1967 June 20, 1968 Aug. 3, 1968 Oct. 24, 1968 May 6, 1969 July 29, 1969 Sept. 11, 1969 June 23, 1970 Aug. 10, 1970 Nov. 11, 1970 May 12, 1971 Nov. 12, 1971 May 23, 1972 July 11, 1972 Sept. 1, 1972 Sept. 1, 1972	619 201 100 49.0 0 7.8 12.8 142 32.1

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams--Continued.

15238500 Lowell Creek at Seward

LOCATION.--Lat 60°05'55", long 149°26'35", on left bank near mouth of diversion aqueduct, and at south edge of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 4.)

DRAINAGE AREA .-- 4.02 mi2.

PERIOD OF RECORD. -- May 1965 to September 1968.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Altitude of gage is 5 ft, from topographic map.

EXTREMES.--Discharges represent entire flow of creek above diversion dam as measured just downstream of waters exit from diversion tunnel, constructed in the 1940's. Low-flow may be affected by ground-water pumpage from the basin above diversion dam. Discharge measurements at this site since gage was discontinued September 1968, are as follows: April 25, 1972, 3.6 ft 3/s and November 28, 1972, 11 ft 3/s.

Monthly and yearly mean discharge, (ft^3/s)

Water year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	The year
1965 1966 1967 1968	55.1 68.2 40.7	12.9 19.0 37.6	3.84 9.34 16.3	1.67 6.69 9.55	2.96 3.62	3.50	6.44 8.79 5.99	21.5 17.5 42.9	44.6	60.7	69.2 139 99.8 46.1	83.1 169 137	43.5 43.1 30.5

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an. 2-4, 6, 7, 1966 eb. 5 to Apr. 1, 1967

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams--Continued.

15238600 Spruce Creek near Seward

LOCATION.--Lat 60°04'10", long 149°27'08", on left bank, 0.7 mile upstream from Resurrection Bay, and 2.4 miles south of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 5.)

BASIN CHARACTERISTICS.--Drainage area, 9.26 mi²; main-channel slope, 507 ft/mi; stream length, 5.5 mi; area of lakes and ponds 0 percent; mean elevation, 1990 ft; glacier area, 8 percent.

PERIOD OF RECORD. -- September 1967 to current year.

GAGE.--Water-stage recorder. Altitude of gage is 75 ft, from topographic map.

EXTREMES.--Maximum discharge, 2,720 ft 3 /s October 11, 1969 (gage height, 8.53 ft), from rating curve extended above 900 ft 3 /s on basis of slope-area determination of peak flow; no flow for many days most years. Flood of August 21, 1966 reached a stage of 10.1 ft, from floodmarks (discharge, 3,980 ft 3 /s).

Monthly and yearly mean discharge, (ft^3/s)

Water year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	The year
1967												351	
1968	41.0	57.9	14.4	10.2	10.5	8.55	4.51	100	171	132	72.5	55.9	56.6
1969	47.7	17.6	5.42	1.16	1.00	. 19	35.6	74.1	298	137	56.9	56.2	60.9
1970	333	62.6	51.1	15.1	31.2	15.3	15.1	54.8	186	213	218	96.4	108.0
1971	68.7	59.8	12.0	6.28	2.39	0	1.27	30.6	142	234	169	82.5	67.8
1972	59.1	11.9	4.03	1.34	0	0	.12	44.4	116	152	116	188	57.7
1973	90.4	17.4	5.24	1.15	0	0	9.58	51.4	146	190	117	117	62.5
1974	37.9	9.4	4.02	.65	0	0	4.70	65.0	161	110	77.2	220	57.6
1975	104	46.9	17.1	9.19	3.64	.23	1.62	59.2	193	227	86.1	220	80.8
1976	111	12.6	4.61	2.94	1.45	0	8.73	34.6	224	176	131	273	81.5
1977	68.6	129	33.5	37.8	37.6	7.3	14.7	70.8	240	371	323	139	123
Ave.	96.1	51.4	15.1	8.58	8.78	3.16	9.59	58.5	188	194	137	164	75.6

	Annual max	imum discharg	e	Annual minimum discharge				
Water year	Discharge (ft ³ /s)	Gage height (ft)	Date	Discharge (ft³/s)	Date			
1968	614	5.99	Nov. 3, 1967	3.3	Apr. 18-19, 1968			
1969	1,070	6.70	June 17, 1969	0	Mar. 1-25, 1969			
1970	2,200	8.53	Oct. 11, 1969	10	Many days, Jan. to Apr. 1970			
1971	580	5.72	Oct. 31, 1970	0	Mar. 1 to Apr. 4, 1971			
1972	1,680	7.83	Sept. 3, 1972	0	Feb. 1 to Apr. 24, 1972			
1973	1,120	6.77	Oct. 16, 1972	0	Jan. 23 to Apr. 3, 1973			
1974	1,900	8.10	Sept. 20, 1974	0	Jan. 13 to Apr. 11, 1974			
1975	1,160	7.13	Sept. 10, 1975	0	Mar. 6 to Apr. 15, 1975			
1976	2,770	9.49	Sept. 20, 1976	0	Feb. 24 to Apr. 11, 1976			
1977	1,510	7.68	Aug. 14, 1977	6.0	Mar. 11-14, 27-29, 1977			

See fig. 6 for flood-frequency curve.

Table A.--Discharge data for selected Seward area streams --Continued.

Miscellaneous Measurements Sites

Stream	Location	Drainage Area (mi ²)	Date Measured	Discharge (ft ³ /s)
Jap C nr Seward	Lat 60°07'59", long 149°27'23" nr canyon mouth and 1.8 miles northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 6.)	3.05	Nov. 29, 1972	6.8
Grouse C nr Seward	Lat 60°12'40", long 149°22'06", in NE½ sec.1, T.1 N., R.1 W., at bridge on Seward-Anchorage highway and 7.5 miles northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 7.)	5.32	May 23, 1969	80.5
Marathon Springs	Lat 60°06'46", long 149°27'18", at spring, 0.7 mile upstream fromm Resurrection Bay, and 0.6 mile northeast of Seward. (See fig. 1, map no. 8.)		Sept. 26, 1972 Nov. 29, 1972	1.1 .59

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.

Well: 10780 (SB00100134CADB2) Owner: City of Seward Driller: Clemenson Drilling Co.

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Gravel, sandy	20 15 10	20 35 45
Gravel, clayeyGravel, sandy; water-bearing	7 6 2	52 58 60
Gravel, silty, sandy; water- bearing	5 30 5 15 5	65 95 100 115 120 125
Sand, gravelly; water-bearing Gravel, clayey No record Sand, silty Sand, gravelly; water-bearing Sand, silty, gravelly Sand	5 15 25 5 5 3	130 145 170 175 180 183 185
Well: 10782 (SB00100134CADC2) Owner: City of Seward Driller: Clemenson Drilling Co.		
No record Sand, gravelly Sand and gravel, silty Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly, silty Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly Sand and gravel, silty Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly Sand, gravelly, silty	32 6 4 16 4 39 6 12 4 7	32 38 42 58 62 101 107 119 123 130 141

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.--Continued.

Well: $\frac{10783}{\text{City}}$ (SC00100109DBCA1) Owner: $\frac{10783}{\text{City}}$ of Seward Driller: Western Drilling Co.

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Shale, black	13 4 2 3 2 3 2 1	13 17 19 22 24 27 29 30 32.5
Well: 10915 (SB00100112DBDD1) Owner: Kenai Lumber Co. Driller: Frank Kraxberger		
Gravel fill	2 10 25 8	2 12 37 45
Well: 10952 (SC00100101DADB1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravel	15 2 51 15	15 17 68 83
Well: 10953 (SC00100102BAAD1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravelSand, fine to very fine, alter- nating with clayey to fine	35	35
sandy-silt zones	85 106	120 226

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.--Continued.

Well: $\frac{10954}{\text{Shannon and Wilson}}$

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sand and gravel	6 2	6
Sand and gravel	32 4	40 44
clayey silt	10	54
fine	6	60
trace of shells	30	90
of coarse sand and shells Sand, gray-brown-green silty, fine, with coarse sand and	38	128
gravel, trace organics	28 33.5	156 189.5
Well: 10955 (SC00100103ABCD1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravel	39	39
seams of slightly clayey silt	96	135
Sand and gravel	30	165
Well: 10956 (SC00100103ACBA1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravel fill	8	8
Peat	1	9
Sand and gravel	33	42
shells	98	140
Sand and gravel	36.5	176.5

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.--Continued.

Well: $\frac{10960}{\text{City}}$ (SC00100109DABC1) Owner: $\frac{10960}{\text{City}}$ of Seward Driller: Western Drilling Co.

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)			
Shale and boulders	9 5 1 3	9 14 15 17.5 17.5			
: 10961 (SC00100109ADDD1) er: Seward Hospital ler: Corps of Engineers					

Owner:	Seward	Hosp	oital	
Driller:	Corps	of	Engineers	

Well

Gravel, silty, sandy, black, a few	00	0.0
small boulders	20	20
Boulders	5	25
Gravel, silty, sandy, numerous		
boulders	38	63
Boulders	4	67
Gravel, silty, sandy, boulders	3	70
Boulders	2	72
Sand, gravelly, black	6	78
Gravel, silty, sandy, boulders	12	90
Sand, silty; water-bearing	2	92
Silt, gravelly	2	94
Sand, gravelly; water-bearing	2	96
Gravel, silty, small boulders	2	98
Sand, gravelly; water-bearing	6	104
Sand, silty, gravelly, occasional		
boulders	2	106
Sand, gravelly, silty	1	107
Clay, gravelly	2	109
Sand, gravelly; water-bearing	3	112
Gravel silty	2	114
Gravel, silty	_	114
Boulders with sand and gravel;		110
water-bearing	4	118
Rock, highly weathered and		
fractured, sand and silt in		
fractures; water-bearing	5	123

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.--Continued.

Well: 10962 (SC00100110CADB1)
Owner: Shannon and Wilson

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sand and gravel fill	4 2 286	4 6 292
silt, trace of shells	14 27	306 333
Well: 10963 (SC00100110BDAC1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravel Sand, medium to fine, silt, clay- ey silt, sand and gravel, some	25	25
thinly laminated zones	27	52
black sand	148 98	200 298
lenses	14 170	312 482
Well: 10964 (SC00100110BABB1) Owner: Shannon and Wilson		
Sand and gravel	80	80
<pre>Sand, black, medium, sand and gravel, clayey to sandy silt Silt, gray-black, clayey, trace of shells and organics, some thin</pre>	25	105
sand and gravel stringers Silt, gray-black, sandy to slightly clayey silt, trace of shells and organics, some sand	145	250
zones	63	313

Table B.--Drillers' logs of wells in the Seward area.--Continued.

Well: 11317 (SB00100134CAD2)
Owner: City of Seward
Driller: Western States Associates

Material	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Silt and gravel	81	81
Gravel, coarse to fine, sand	37	118
Gravel and sand, with clay	4	122
Gravel and sand; water-bearing	4	126
Gravel, sandy with clay	25	151
water-bearing	19	170
Sand, fine; water-bearing	8	178
Sand and gravel; water-bearing Sand and gravel, very silty; not	13	191
water-bearing	2	193
Sand and gravel; water-bearing Clay, with gravel; not water-	7	200
bearing	6	206
Well: 11361 (SB00100123BDCC1) Owner: Exxon Driller: C. H. Self		
Clay and gravel	35 7	35 42
entering hole at 157 and 178 feet	159	201

Table C.--Major chemical constituents and physical characteristics of Seward area streams.

15237700 - RESURRECTION R AT SEWARD AK

TIME		
22 1200 158 7.2 3.5 5 72 13 26 1.7 MAY 20 1800 149 7.4 6.0 10 73 12 26 2.0 JUN 19 2100 137 7.4 6.0 5 66 13 24 1.6 JUL 24 1400 80 6.9 5 40 7 13 1.8 AUG 21 1700 82 9.0 5 42 9 15 1.2 SEP 16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1 AUG 1953 3 4 3 4 4 4 4	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM (NA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM PLUS POTAS- SIUM (MG/L)
MAY 20 1800 149 7.4 6.0 10 73 12 26 2.0 JUN 19 2100 137 7.4 6.0 5 66 13 24 1.6 JUL 24 1400 80 6.9 5 40 7 13 1.8 AUG 21 1700 82 9.0 5 42 9 15 1.2 SEP 16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1 AUG 4.1953		
20 1800 149 7.4 6.0 10 73 12 26 2.0 JUN 19 2100 137 7.4 6.0 5 66 13 24 1.6 JUL 24 1400 80 6.9 5 40 7 13 1.8 AUG 21 1700 82 9.0 5 42 9 15 1.2 SEP 16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1 AUG 1953		4.8
19 2100 137 7.4 6.0 5 66 13 24 1.6 JUL		5.2
24 1400 80 6.9 5 40 7 13 1.8 1.8 1700 82 9.0 5 42 9 15 1.2 16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1 UG + 1953		4.1
21 1700 82 9.0 5 42 9 15 1.2 6.5 16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1 1953	1.1	
16 1800 159 7.2 6.5 5 80 23 25 4.1	.9	
	2.5	
EP • 1955	1.2	
08 109 6.7 48 8 18 .7	1.5	
01 137 7.7 0 62 10 23 1.2	3.0	
03 1500 106 7.8 5 46 4 17 1.0	2.1	
03 1100 131 6.6 4.5 5 63 15 21 2.6	2.0	
06 0835 121 7.4 3.5 5 56 8 20 1.3	5.0	-
11 0945 152 7.4 1.0 0 72 10 26 1.8	2.6	-
22 0845 150 7.5 .0 0 71 10 25 2.1	2.5	
18 1715 148 7.0 5 70 13 22 3.5	2.4	
21 0830 129 7.3 4.5 0 65 12 22 2.5	2.9	-
16 0830 102 6.6 4.5 10 48 10 17 1.2	1.4	-
20 1925 95 6.9 7.0 30 46 9 14 2.8 (EP - 1965	1.4	-
28 1315 2270 104 8.0 5.0 10 48 5 19 .1 106 1967 1355 2660 83 7.2 8.0 0 38 7 14 1.0	4.8	105
EP	1.5	
09	1.8	
10v 1520 522 145 7.6 4.0 0 69 13 25 1.5	1.9	
EEB • 1968 14 1430 292 137 7.8 1.5 0 60 12 20 1.1	2.5	
APR 17 1800 169 155 7.0 1.5 5 58 9 25 1.4	1.8	

15237700 - RESURRECTION R AT SEWARD AK

				•	TEN WORL						
DATE	DIS- SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM (K) (MG/L)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO3) (MG/L)	CAR- BONATE (CO3) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SULFATE (504) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED CHLO- RIDE (CL) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED FLUO- RIDE- (F) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SILICA (SIO2) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS (SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED NITRATE (N) (MG/L)	IRON (FE) (UG/L)	MAN- GANFSE (MN) (UG/L)
APR . 1	952					-					
22		72	0	15	5.0	•0	4.9	94	•16	50	
20		74	0	17	3.8	.0	4.4	96	.16	70	
NUL		65	0	15	4.2	.0	3.9	86	.18	90	
19 JUL		65	0	15	4.2	•0	3.7	66	•10	70	
24	.4	40	0	12	1.0	•1	4.9	54	• 05	40	
21	.6	40	0	9.5	1.0	.0	8.0	57	.14	60	
SEP				22	2 "			99	27	0	
16 AUG , 1	953 · 8	70	0	23	3.5	•1	4.5	99	•27	,	
01	.5	41	0	6.7	1.2	• 0	3.5	49	-11	40	
SEP + 1	955	49	0	12	1.5	.0	5.0	64	.14	0	0
MAY . 1	956						4.3	77	•25	0	10
01 JUL	.8	63	0	11	1.8	•1	4.3	"		"	10
03	.4	51	0	8.8	2.8	.0	6.2	64	-14	0	0
OCT • 1	1 .7	59	0	13	2.5	•1	3.8	75	-14	30	0
NOV		1		10			0.1	73	.27	40	0
06 DEC	• 3	59	0	10	1.5	•0	8.1	13	• 21	40	0
11	.7	76	0	14	2.5	• 0	4.5	90	.18	30	0
JAN . 1	958	74	0	12	4.0	•0	5.8	. 89	-14	190	0
FER		70	0	11	3.5	.0	5.6	84	.25	30	10
18 MAY	.4	1 70	1	11	3.3	•0	3.6	04	• 63		
21	.4	65	0	14	4.0	•0	4.7	83	.18	70	0
JUL 16	.5	46	0	10	3.0	•0	4.0	60	.05	50	0
AUG 20	.9	46	0	9.0	2.5	.2	3.3	57	.05	50	10
SEP , 1		40		9.0	6.3	• 6	3.3	3,	.05	30	10
28 · · · ·	8.	53	0	9.1	1.8	.1	4.3	66	.07	50	
03	1 .3	38	0	8.0	.4	.1	2.2	48	.32	630	
SEP					2.6					260	
09 OCT	.7	49		9.0	2.5	• 1	4.0	52			
17 NOV	• 3	65	0	14	2.8	-1	4.2	81	.36	550	
16	.5	68	0	15	2.5	.0	3.8	85	.29	60	
FEB . 1	968	58	0	14	3.2	.0	4.8	75	.14	240	
14 APR											
17	. 6	72	0	11	2.8	.1	3.A	83	•16	280	

15234000 - LOST C NR SEWARD AK

WATER QUALITY DATA

DATE	TIME	INSTAN- TANEOUS DIS- CHARGE (CFS)	SPE- CIFIC CON- DUCT- ANCE (MICRO- MHOS)	PH (UNITS)	TEMPER- ATURE (DEG C)	CULOR (PLAT- INUM- CUBALT UNITS)	HARD- NESS (CA+MG) (MG/L)	NON- CAR- BONATE HARD- NESS (MGZL)	DIS- SOLVED CAL- CIUM (CA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED MAG- NE- SIUM (MG) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM (NA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM PLUS POTAS- SIUM (MG/L)
JUL • 19	950											
05 OCT		121	48	7.5	6.5	10	19	3	6.7	•5		2.9
04 10V • 19	71	24	71	6.8	6.5	5	30	10	11	.7		1.8
12	1530	7.8	71	7.2	.0	0	33	13	12	.7	1.1	

15238600 - SPRUCE C NR SEWARD AK

DATE	TIME	INSTAN- TANEOUS DIS- CHARGE (CFS)	SPE- CIFIC CON- DUCT- ANCE (MICRO- MHOS)	PH (UNITS)	TEMPER- ATURE (DEG C)	COLOR (PLAT- INUM- COBALT UNITS)	HARD- NESS (CA+MG) (MG/L)	NON- CAR- BONATE HARD- NESS (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED CAL- CIUM (CA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED MAG- NE- STUM (MG) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM (NA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM (K) (MG/L)
FEB • 19	68											
13 JUN	1620	16	76	7.3	1.0	0	31	8	12	.3	1.1	• 0
20 AUG	1027	190	52	7.1	4.0	0	55	6	8.4	.3	.9	.0
23	1000	54	58	7.5	6.5	0	24	6	9.4	.2	.9	• 0
24 JAN , 19		19	73	7.9	3.5	5	31	9	12	•4	1.6	-1
17	1000	1.0	86	7.5	• 0	5	34	10	13	.5	1.5	.0
06 JUN	1320	15	83	7.7	3.0	0	34	9	13	.5	1.9	.2
25 JUL	2105	358	41	7.4	3.0	10	16	3	6.0	.2	.8	.2
29 MAR , 19	1800	103	48	7.4	6.0	10	21	6	8.0	.1	.8	1.1
02 MAY	1640	13	103	7.6	1.0	. 0	41	17	15	.6	2.0	1.4
05 JUN	1715	12	76	7.7	2.0	5	30	7	9.8	.4	1.8	.1
23 AUG		182	55	7.4	4.5	n	55	6	8.2	.4	1.3	.1
10 SEP	1100	175	49	6.4	4.5	10	50	В	7.8	• 2	1.1	-1
21	1300	47	61	6.6	3.0	0	27	8	10	.4	1.2	•1
10	1430	74	61	7.4	3.0	5	24	8	9.4	•3	1.4	.2
23	0930	7.0	78	7.4	1.0	0	34	8	13	.5	1.6	•1

Table C.--Major chemical constituents and physical characteristics of Seward area streams--Continued.

DATE	DIS- SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM (K) (MG/L)	BICAR- BONATE (HCU3) (MG/L)	CAR- BONATE (CO3) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SULFATE (SO4) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED CHLO- RIDE (CL) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED FLUO- RIDE (F) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SILICA (SIO2) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS (SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED NITRATE (N) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED IRON (FE) (UG/L)	IRON (FE) (UG/L)	DIS- SOLVED MAN- GANESE (MN) (UG/L)
JUL • 19	50	19	0	7.1	1.0	•2	3.0	31	•05		10	T
OCT				1								
04 NOV • 19	71	24	0	11	1.5		4.1	43	.29		10	
12	-2	25	0	12	1.0	.0	2.9	43	.20	40		10

DATE	BICAR- BONATE (HCO3) (MG/L)	CAR-BONATE (CO3) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SULFATE (SO4) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED CHLO- RIDE (CL) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED FLUO- RIDE (F) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SILICA (SIO2) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS (SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED NITRATE (N) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED IRON (FE) (UG/L)	IRON (FE) (UG/L)	DIS- SOLVED MAN- GANESE (MN) (UG/L)	MAN- GANESE (MN) (UG/L)
EB . 196												1
13	28	0	7.5	.7	•0	3.1	40	•25		240		-
20 NJG	20	0	6.4	•4	•1	2.2	29	•00		250		-
23 OCT	55	0	7.7	.6	•0	2.6	32	•05		340		-
24 JAN , 196	27	0	8.5	.5	.4	3.0	40	.11				
17	30	0	12	•1	•0	2.6	46	•23		30		-
06 JUN	30	0	9.1	2.5	• 3	1.3	46	•38		180		-
25 JUL	16	0	4.6	•4	.3	1.9	55	•05		0		-
29 IAR . 19		0	6.8	.1	•2	2.0	29	•02		10		11
02	29	0	8.3	10	•0	2.4	54	-11		0		
05 JUN	28	0	7.7	1.4	-1	5.0	39	•20		1400		
23 AUG	20	0	6.5	2.1	•0	2.2	32	.09		30		
10	15	0	8.6	1.0	•1	1.3	28	.00		30		3
21	23	0	7.2	1.0	•0	2.3	33	.00		0		
10 DEC	20	0	5.8	1.8	•3	2.8	33	.27	30	-	50	-
23	32	0	8.9	•5	•1	2.8	44	.20	30		10	1 -

Table C.--Major chemical constituents and physical characteristics of Seward area streams--Continued.

601125149220000 - BEAR LK NR SEWARD AK

WATER QUALITY DATA

			SPE-				1000		015-	
			CIFIC				NON-	DIS-	SULVED	DIG
			CON-		COLOR		CAR-	SOLVED	MAG-	D15-
		SAMP-	DUCT-		(PLAT-	HARD-	BUNATE	CAL-	NE -	SOLVED.
		LING	ANCE	TEMPER-	INUM-	NESS	HARD-	CIUM	SIUM	5001UM
	TIME	DEPTH	(MICRO-	ATURE	COBALT	(CA.MG)	NESS	(CA)	(MG)	(NA)
DATE		(FT)	MHOS)	(DEG C)	UNITS)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)
JUN . 1	975									
04	1300	.0	92	5.0	1	43	10	17	• 5	2.7
	015-						DIS-	DIS-		DIS-
	SULVED			DIS-	DIS-		SOLVED	SOLVED	TOTAL	SOLVED
	PO-		015-	SOLVED	SOLVED	DIS-	SULIDS	SOLIDS	NITRITE	NITRITE
	TAS-	BICAR-	SOLVED	CHLO-	FLUO-	SOLVED	(RESI-	ISUM OF	PLUS	PLUS
	SIUM	BONATE	SULFATE	RIDE	RIDE	SILICA	DUE AT	CONSTI-	NITRATE	NITRATE
	(K)	(HC()3)	(504)	(CL)	(F)	(5102)	180 C)	TUENTS)	(N)	(N)
DATE	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)
JUN • 1	1975									
1)4	.9	40	7.0	4.0	.0	4.7	56	56	.05	.02
			TOTAL			015-				
	TOTAL	TOTAL	KJEL-			SOLVED			DIS-	
	AIPOMMA	ORGANIC	DAHL	TOTAL	TOTAL	ORTHO.		DIS-	SOLVED	TOTAL
	NITRO-	NITRO-	NITRO-	NITRU-	PHOS-	PH05-	TOTAL	SOLVED	MAN-	ORGANIC
	GEN	GEN	GEN	GEN	PHORUS	PHORUS	BORON	IRON	GANESE	CARBON
	(N)	(N)	(N)	(11)	(P)	(P)	(8)	(FE)	(MN)	(C)
DATE	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(MG/L)	(116/L)	(UG/L)	(UG/L)	(MG/L)
JUN . 1	1975									
114	.00	• 05	.05	•10	.01	.00	170	40	30	7.2

15237800 - BEAR C TR NR SEWARD AK

T DATE	TME	INSTAN- TANEOUS DIS- CHARGE (CFS)	SPE- CIFIC CON- DUCI- ANCE (MICHO- MHUS)	PH (UNITS)	TEMPER- ATURE (DEG C)	COLOR (PLAT- INUM- COBALT UNITS)	HARD- NESS (CA+MG) (MG/L)	NON- CAR- BONATE HARD- NESS (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED CAL- Clum (CA) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED MAG- NE- SIUM (MG) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED SODIUM (NA) (MG/L)
FER • 1968 14••• 1	150	4.5	142	7.7	1.5	0	64	10	24	.8	1.4

OIS- SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM (K) (MG/L)	BICAR- HONATE (HCO3) (MG/L)	CAR- BONATE (CO3) (MGZL)	DIS- SOLVED SULFATE (SO4) (MG/L)	OIS- SOLVED CHLO- RIDE (CL) (MGZL)	OIS- SOLVED FLUO- RIDE (F) (MGZL)	018- 018- 018-	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS (SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS) (MG/L)	DIS- SOLVED NITRATE (N) (MG/L)	IRON (FE) (UG/L)
68									20
	SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM (K) (MG/L)	SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM HONATE (K) (HCO3) (MG/L) (MG/L)	SOLVED PO- TAS- BICAR- CAR- SIUM HONATE BONATE (K) (HCO3) (CO3) (MG/L) (MG/L) (MG/L)	SOLVED PO- TAS- SIUM HONATE BONATE SULFATE (K) (HCO3) (CO3) (SO4) (MG/L) (MG/L) (MG/L) (MG/L)	SOLVED	SOLVED	SOLVED	SOL VED	SOL VED

Table D.--Suspended-sediment data for Seward area streams.

15237700 - RESURRECTION R AT SEWARD AK
WATER QUALITY DATA

				WATER	WOALTH O					
DATE	TIME	INSTAN- TANEOUS DIS- CHARGE (CFS)	TEMPER- ATURE (DEG C)	SUS- PENDED SEDI- MENT (MG/L)	SUS- PENDED SEDI- MENT DIS- CHARGE (T/DAY)	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. FINER THAN .002 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .004 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .008 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. * FINER THAN .016 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .031 MM
JUL . 199	<u>1</u> 59									
22 APR , 196	1115	2070	5.5	300	1680					
16 JUN	1525	275	4.0	12	8.9					
20	1005	1660	6.0	30	134					
24 AUG	1045	2300	5.5	97	602		37	49	52	58
29	1450	1230	9.5	42	139	,				
28	1308	2270	5.0	350	2150	21	26	33	38	43
DEC 17	1240	114	.0	67	51					
APR + 196	0935	107	3.0	14	4.0					
10	1810	2310	9.0	237	1480	2	4	12	18	25
JUL 16	1100	2890		322	2510	24	34	42	50	56
AUG 20	1400	2250	9.0	157	954					
23	1200	7790	5.0		23600	55	34	44	51	59
NOV 11	1000	395	1.0	10	11					
JAN , 190	67 1532	128	1.0	8	2.8					
06	1200	99	5.5	8	2.1					
JUN 15	1045	2180	5.5	172	1010	30	40	48	53	58
03	1407	2660	8.0	396	2840	16	24	31	38	43
99	1030	2800	5.5	529	4000					
17	1142	781	4.0	9	19				N 1	
16	1520	522	4.0	6	8.5					
FEB • 19	68	292	1.5	12	9.5			4 to 12		
17	1800	169	1.5	5	2.3					

Table D.--Suspended-sediment data for Seward area streams--Continued.

15237700 - RESURRECTION R AT SEWARD AK

				WATER	QUALITY D	AIA				
DATE	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .062 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. * FINER THAN .125 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .250 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. * FINEP THAN .500 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN 1.00 MM	SUS. SED. SIEVE DIAM. % FINER THAN .062 MM	SUS. SED. SIEVE DIAM. % FINER THAN .125 MM	SUS. SED. SIEVE DIAM. % FINER THAN .250 MM	SUS. SED. SIEVE DIAM. % FINER THAN .500 MM	SUS. SED. SIEVE DIAM. % FINER THAN 1.00 MM
JUL , 19	1									
APR . 19	965					47	54	68	87	100
16 JUN										
20 JUL										
24 AUG	64	71	79	94	100	~-				
29 SEP	52	59	67	85	100					
28 DEC	50	61	73	88	97					
17 APR • 19										
05 JUN										
10 JUL	44	58	82	93	100					
16 AUG	60	66	77	91	98					
20	50	58	75	95	100					
23	65	73	87	98	100			==		==
11 JAN . 19										
16										
06 JUN										
15 AUG	63	68	76	96	100					
03 SEP	48	56	64	91	100					
09	27	33	48	72	82					
17										
16										
14	68									
17										

Table D.--Suspended-sediment data for Seward area streams--Continued.

1523H600 - SPRUCE C NR SEWARD AK
WATER QUALITY DATA

DATE	TIME	INSTAN- TANEOUS DIS- CHARGE (CFS)	TEMPER- ATURE (DEG C)	TUR- 810- 1TY (JTU)	SUS- PENDED SEDI- MENT (MG/L)	SUS- PENDED SED1- MENT DIS- CHAPGE (T/DAY)	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. * FINER THAN .002 MM	SUS. SED. FALL DIAM. % FINER THAN .004 MM
JUN • 19	168							
20	1012	190	4.0		4	2.1		
03	0945	63	5.0		3	.51		
23	0956	54	6.5		5	.29		
24	0930	19	3.5		2	.10		
MAY . 19	1 1320	15	2.0		0	.00		
JUL	1360	15	3.0		U	•00		
29 MAR , 19	1800	103	6.0		1	.28		
02	1640	13	1.0		0	.00		
05	1730	12	2.0		0	.00		
JUN 23	1415	182	4.5		1	.49		
10	1100	175	4.5		2	.94		
21	1700	47	3.0		5	.63		
NOA								
DEC	. 1430	74	3.0		1	•20	-	
23 MAY . 19	0930	7.0	1.0		1	•02		
12 JUL	1700	14	1.0		1	.04		
02 AUG	1130	134	3.5		1	•36		
10	0945	500	4.0		3	1.6		
07	1000	62	3.0		2	.33		
03	1230	14	1.5		1	.04		
MAY . 19	72 1830	32	1.5		1	.09		1
JUL 11	1000				3			
AUG		143	5.0			1.2		
31 SEP	1100	163	6.0		5	2.2		
27 NOV	1100	32	4.0		0	.00		
28 SEP • 19	1500	12	2.0	1	1	.03		
20	1730	1150	7.0	90	528	1640	10	15

Table D.--Suspended-sediment data for Seward area streams--Continued.

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	sus.							
	SED.	SED.	StD.	SED.	SED.	SED.	SED.	SED.
	FALL	FALL	FALL	SIEVE	SIEVE	SIEVE	SIEVE	SIEVE
	DIAM.							
	& FINER	% FINER	% FINER	% FINER	% FINER	& FINER	% FINER	% FINER
	THAN							
DATE	.008 MM	.016 MM	.031 MM	.062 MM	.125 MM	.250 MM	.500 MM	1.00 MM
JUN • 1	968							
20								
AUG	1	1 92						
03								
23								
24				200				
MAY . 1								
06			1 322					
JUL				7				
29								
MAR . 1	970							
02								
MAY								
05								
JUN								
23								
AUG								
10								
21								
NOV				7.7		1		
10								
DEC					1			
23								
MAY . 1	971							
12								
JUL								
02								
AUG				1.5				
10			(
07								
NOV	1100	10000				155	1 22	17.5
03								
MAY . 1					2.0	1		
23	1							
JUL								
11								
AUG		100						
31								
SEP								
27								
28								0.00
SEP . 1	1	-						
20	1 19	24	29	34	39	47	59	77
20	19	1 24	6.4	1 34	1 39	1 4/	39	11

