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Divide SI units	<u>By</u>	To obtain inch-pound units
millimeter (mm)	25.4	inch (in)
centimeter (cm)	2.540	inch (in)
meter (m)	0.3048	foot (ft)
kilometer (km)	1.609	mile (mi)
square kilometer (km <sup>2</sup> )	2.590	square mile (mi <sup>2</sup> )
meter per kilometer (m/km)	0.1894	foot per mile (ft/mi)
metric ton (t)	0.9072	ton (short, 2,000 lbs)
metric tons per day (t/d)	0.9072	tons per day (ton/d)
metric tons per square kilometer (t/km <sup>2</sup> )	r 0.3503	tons per square mile (ton/mi <sup>2</sup> )
liter per second (L/s)	28.32	cubic foot per second $(ft^3/s)$
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Hydrologic data are being collected in four basins in the Warrior coal field to provide baseline information to aid in determining the effect mining will have on water resources. Preliminary findings are based on information collected during the first 2 years (October 1976 through September 1978) of a planned 5-year study.

Basins monitored are in two different geologic and hydrologic environments. Two basins are underlain predominantly by relatively impermeable indurated rocks in the Pottsville Formation of Pennsylvanian age. The two remaining basins are underlain predominantly by unconsolidated permeable rocks in the Coker Formation of Late Cretaceous age.

Well yields from the Pottsville Formation generally range from 0 to 0.3 L/s, whereas well yields from the Coker Formation generally range from 0.3 L/s to 6.4 L/s.

Streamflow distribution reflects seasonal precipitation. Storm runoff is characterized by sharply concentrated flows of short duration that rapidly recede to low-flow conditions. Streams draining basins underlain chiefly by the Pottsville Formation frequently go dry, whereas those draining basins underlain chiefly by the Coker Formation have well sustained low flows.

Water in the Pottsville Formation is slightly acidic and moderately hard to very hard. Dissolved solids concentrations ranged from 176 to 268 mg/L. Water in the Coker Formation is soft, far less mineralized, and more acidic than water in the Pottsville.

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## INTRODUCTION

Increased extraction and utilization of coal as a source of energy has become necessary to supplement dwindling oil and gas reserves. Maximum development of this source of energy will require mining of Federally owned coal reserves. In Alabama, the largest part of the reserves that may be released for mining in the foreseeable future are in the Warrior coal field in Fayette, Walker, and Tuscaloosa Counties (fig. 1). Two areas of study in north Tuscaloosa County, also shown in figure 1, were selected because surface coal mining in the Warrior coal field occurs in two geologically and hydrologically dissimilar environments depicted by these areas.

The impact of mining Federally owned coal reserves, like any disturbance of the natural environment, can result in a variety of problems. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has the responsibility of assessing the impact on the environment and determining actions that will minimize resulting problems. The U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, has the responsibility of collecting and providing baseline hydrologic information to the Bureau of Land Management to aid in the preparation of their environmental impact statement.

Data collection to define the hydrology within the area of study began in October 1976. The purpose of this report is to define basic hydrologic processes and to present findings for the period October 1976 through September 1978 to aid in early assessments of the impact of future mining. The final report resulting from the project is scheduled for completion in October 1981.

#### PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Most previous investigations have been reconnaissance in nature and provide limited information that aids in defining baseline conditions or basic hydrologic processes in the area of study. Miller (1958); Miller and Causey (1958); Paulson and others (1962); and Wahl (1965) prepared reports describing the geology and ground-water resources in the study area and adjacent areas. Peirce (1959, 1962) provided information on surface-water quantity and quality. McCalley (1900) defined coal units in the Warrior coal field; Culbertson (1964) recognized and named the Utley coal group, and Shotts (1967) provided information on its distribution. Some prominent geologic structures were located on a map in Semmes (1929).

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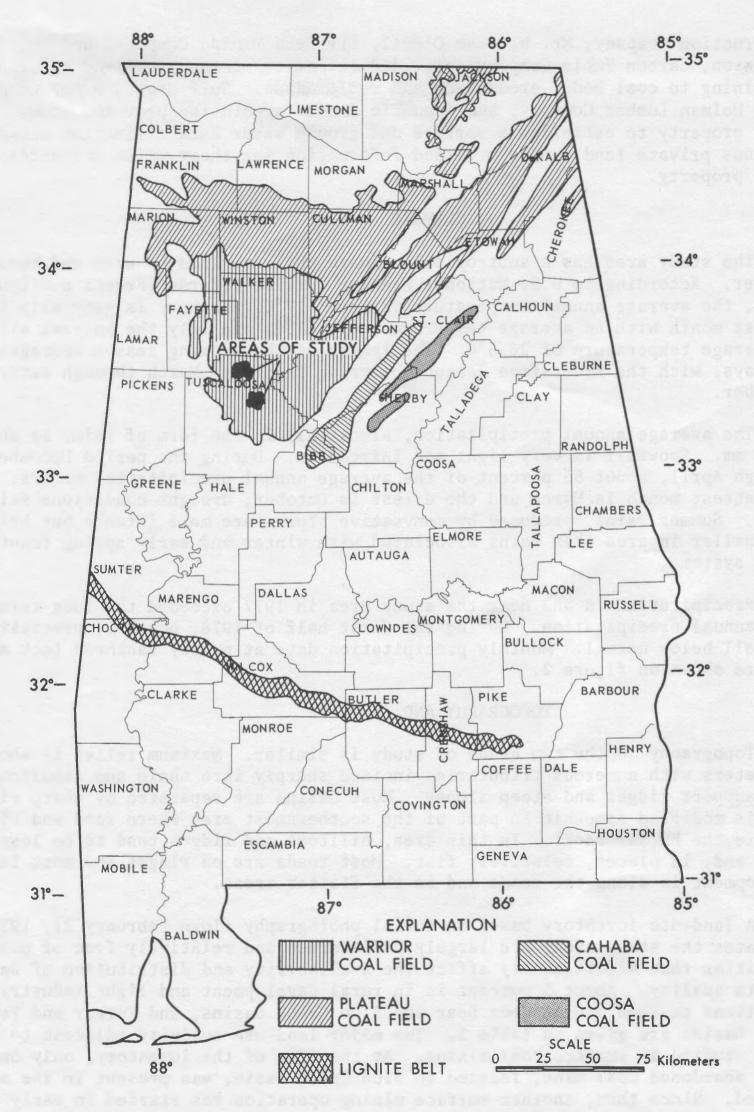


Figure 1.--Areas of study and principal coal fields in Alabama (modified from Ward and Evans, 1975).

Construction Company, Mr. William O'Dell, Big Bend Mining Company, and Mr. Joe Stevenson, Carbon Fuels Company, provided access to mining areas and information pertaining to coal beds, production and reclamation. Gulf States Paper Corporation, Holman Lumber Company, and Republic Steel Corporation provided access to their property to establish a surface and ground water data collection network. Numerous private land owners provided information for their wells and access to their property.

#### CLIMATE

The study area has a subtropical climate characterized by warm and humid weather. According to U.S. National Weather Service records (Frentz and Lynott, 1978), the average annual temperature is about 17°C. January is generally the coldest month with an average temperature of 6.7°C, and July the hottest with an average temperature of 26.5°C. The length of the growing season averages 225 days, with the frost-free season occurring from late March through early November.

The average annual precipitation, almost all in the form of rain, is about 1,400 mm. Snowfall is very light and infrequent. During the period December through April, about 55 percent of the average annual precipitation occurs. The wettest month is March and the driest is October; drought conditions seldom occur. Summer rains, produced by convective storms are more intense but briefer and smaller in area than rains associated with winter and early spring frontal storm systems.

Precipitation in and near the study area in 1977 exceeded the long-term mean annual precipitation. During the first half of 1978, however, precipitation was well below normal. Monthly precipitation data at nearby Bankhead Lock and Dam are shown on figure 2.

# TOPOGRAPHY AND LAND USE

Topography in the two areas of study is similar. Maximum relief is about 100 meters with numerous tributaries incised sharply into shale and sandstone that support ridges and steep slopes. Most basins are separated by sharp ridges. This is modified somewhat in part of the southernmost area where sand and clay overlie the harder rocks. In this area, hilltops and ridges tend to be less sharp and, in places, relatively flat. Most roads are on ridges and most land development is along the roads and in the flatter areas.

A land-use inventory based on aerial photography flown February 21, 1977, indicates the study areas are largely undisturbed and relatively free of most activities that significantly affect the availability and distribution of water and its quality. About 5 percent is in rural development and light industry. Variations in land use between Bear and Blue Creek basins, and Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are given in table 1. The major land-use activity adjacent to the areas studied is surface coal mining. At the time of the inventory, only one small abandoned coal mine, located in Blue Creek basin, was present in the areas studied. Since then, another surface mining operation was started in early 1978.

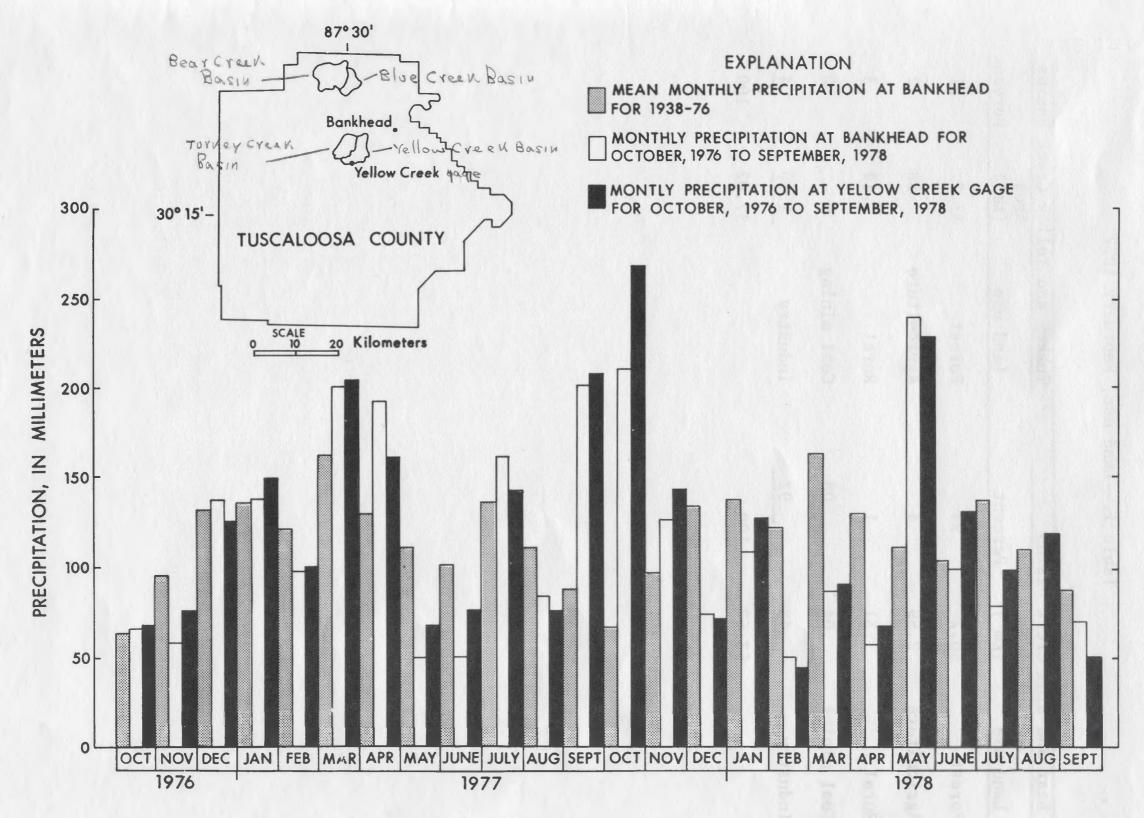


Figure 2.--Monthly precipitation in and near the study area.

Table 1.--Land use, February 1977

Bear and Blu	e Creek b	asins	Turkey and Ye	11ow Creek	basins
7 1	Area	D	T = 1	Area	D
Land use	(km²)	Percent	Land use	(km <sup>2</sup> )	Percent
Forest	50.2	94	Forest	33.7	91
Agriculture	2.59	4	Agriculture	.88	2
Rural	.31	1	Rural	1.14	3
Coal mining	.04	.08	Coal mining	0	0
Industry	48_	.92	Industry	1.30	_4
	53.62	100		37.02	100

#### GEOLOGY

The areas of study are in the outcrop of the Pottsville Formation of Pennsylvanian age and the overlying Coker Formation of Late Cretaceous age (pl. 1). The two formations are sedimentary in origin but contrast greatly; the Pottsville is consolidated and the Coker is unconsolidated. Regionally, strata in the Pottsville in the Warrior coal field strike northwestward and dip southwestward from about 6 to 30 m/km (Culbertson, 1964). The unconformable contact between the Pottsville and overlying Coker Formation strikes northwestward and dips southwestward from about 6 to 7 m/km (Paulson and others, 1962). The dip and strike of strata in the Coker Formation parallel those of the contact.

The Pottsville Formation in the area of study generally ranges in thickness from 820 to 1,000 m (Metzger, 1965). The lower part consists predominantly of orthoquartzitic sandstone and conglomerate. Middle and upper parts consist chiefly of shale, sandstone, and siltstone. These strata are generally medium to dark gray and carbonaceous, micaceous, and fossiliferous to some degree; some are calcareous. Shale is the dominant rock type.

Several intervals in the Pottsville Formation contain beds of coal and underclay. In the Warrior field, the productive part of the formation contains 7 coal groups that contain 2 to 10 beds each (Culbertson, 1964). These groups are, in ascending order, the Black Creek, Mary Lee, Pratt, Cobb, Guin, Utley, and Brookwood. Coal beds cropping out in the areas of study are in the Utley and Brookwood groups.

The Coker Formation in Tuscaloosa County is as much as 150 m thick, however, only the lower 37 m crop out in the area of study. The basal 8 to 30 m generally consist of fine- to coarse-grained sand, gravelly sand, and sandy gravel separated in places by lenticular beds of gray, sandy clay. One or more thin beds of ferruginous cemented sandstone or conglomerate are usually present near the base of the formation. Strata overlying the basal unit consist largely of thin-bedded to massive clay and sandy clay with occasional beds of fine- to medium-grained sand.

Variations in the geology of the two areas result in large differences in their hydrology. The areas were selected to evaluate these differences to aid in determining the impact that surface coal mining will have on each.

#### BEAR AND BLUE CREEK BASINS

Segments of Bear and Blue Creek basins are underlain by the Coker and Pottsville Formations (pl. 1). The Coker, dipping southwestward about 6 m/km, crops out in less than 5 percent of the area. It is present in thin outliers capping the highest hills and ridges along basin divides.

Strata in the Pottsville exposed in this area are about 90 m thick and about 900 m above the base of the formation (Metzger, 1965). They generally

strike northwestward and dip southwestward about 1 to 5 m/km except where disrupted by faulting and folding. The Wiley Dome, the most prominent structural feature in the vicinity, is in and adjacent to the southeast part of the area. The configuration of the structure, based on contours of the Utley coal group, is on the base shown in figure 3. The structural anomalies and the general lithology of strata in the area are shown along a profile in plate 2.

The shale and siltstone sequence is interrupted by a prominent sandstone, informally called the "Utley Sandstone" (Shotts, 1967), underlying and present in the lowermost part of the Utley coal group (pl. 2). The sandstone, generally interbedded with some shale and siltstone, ranges in thickness from 12 to 15 m.

All coal beds cropping out in the area are in the Utley coal group. The occurrence and distribution of the basal coal bed in northern Tuscaloosa County has been defined by Shotts (1967). Culbertson (1964) also defined the group as consisting of 2 to 6 coal beds in a vertical interval of 6 to 46 m that is 75 m above the Guin coal group and 60 to 90 m below the Brookwood coal group.

The Utley group in the area of study consists principally of three coal horizons. One or more coal beds separated by partings may be present in each horizon. The basal coal bed (horizon 1) is the most persistent and thickest. The second horizon is 3 to 6 m above the basal bed and the third horizon 9 to 12 m above the basal bed. The two upper horizons are inconsistent in that either or both may be present or absent in a given area. For example, horizons 1 and 2 are present in the north part of the cross section on plate 2, horizons 1 and 3 are present on the south flank of the fold shown, and all horizons are present at the south end of the profile. Locally, other thin coal beds may be present below horizon 1, above horizon 3, or between horizons 1 and 3. As many as five thin beds have been observed in a 23 m interval in a single well.

The basal coal bed in the Utley group generally ranges in thickness from a trace to 61 cm. Larger amounts may be available where multiple beds are present in the same horizon. Lesser thicknesses are generally in the overlying horizons with the thinnest occurring at the top.

#### TURKEY AND YELLOW CREEK BASINS

The lower parts of Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are in the outcrop of the Pottsville Formation and the upper parts in the outcrop of the overlying Coker Formation (pl. 1). Strata in the Pottsville strike east and northeast and dip south and southeast about 5 to 6 m/km. This dip and strike is reflected by structure contours on the base of the Utley coal group (fig. 4). The Coker Formation strikes northwestward, and dips southwestward about 6 to 7 m/km. Lithologies of the formations penetrated in test wells are shown on plate 3.

Strata in the Pottsville Formation cropping out in Turkey and Yellow Creek basins have a maximum thickness of about 75 m. This stratigraphic interval is

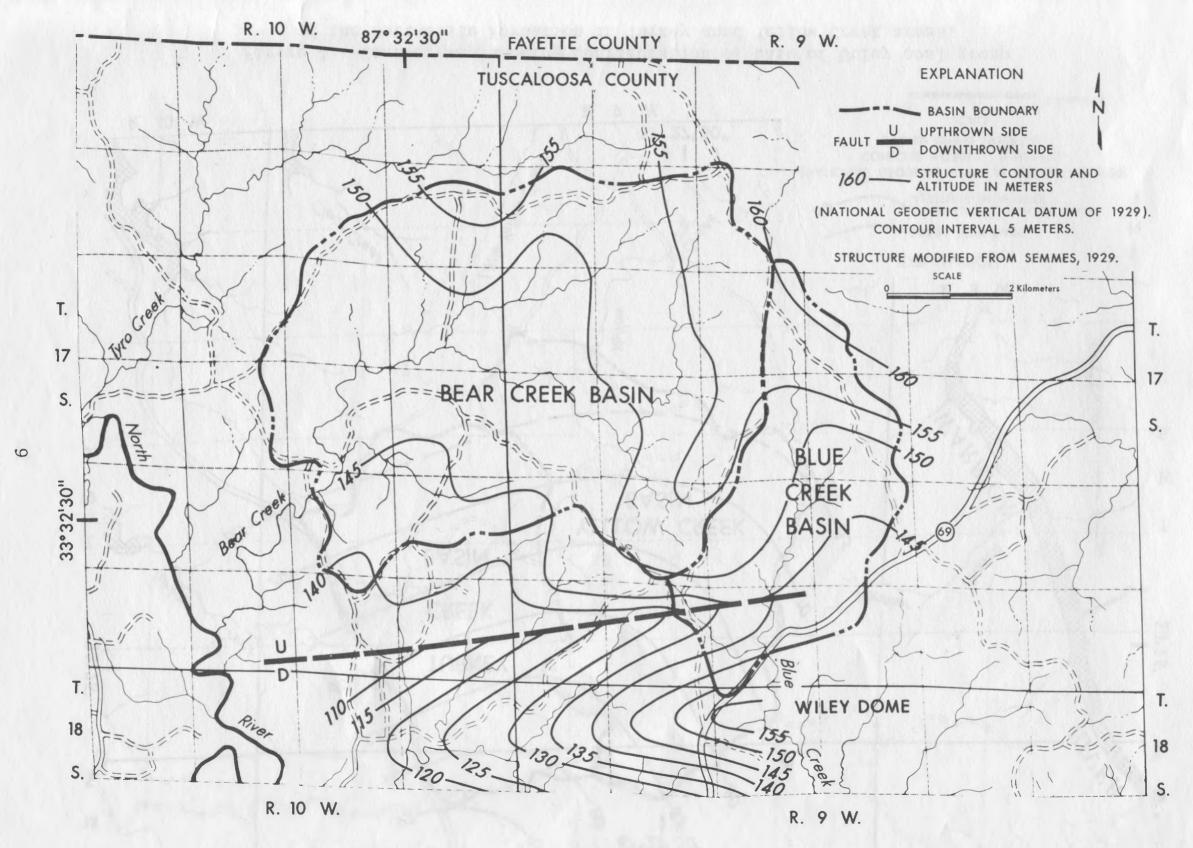


Figure 3.--Contour map showing configuration of base of Utley coal group of the Pottsville Formation in Bear and Blue Creek areas.

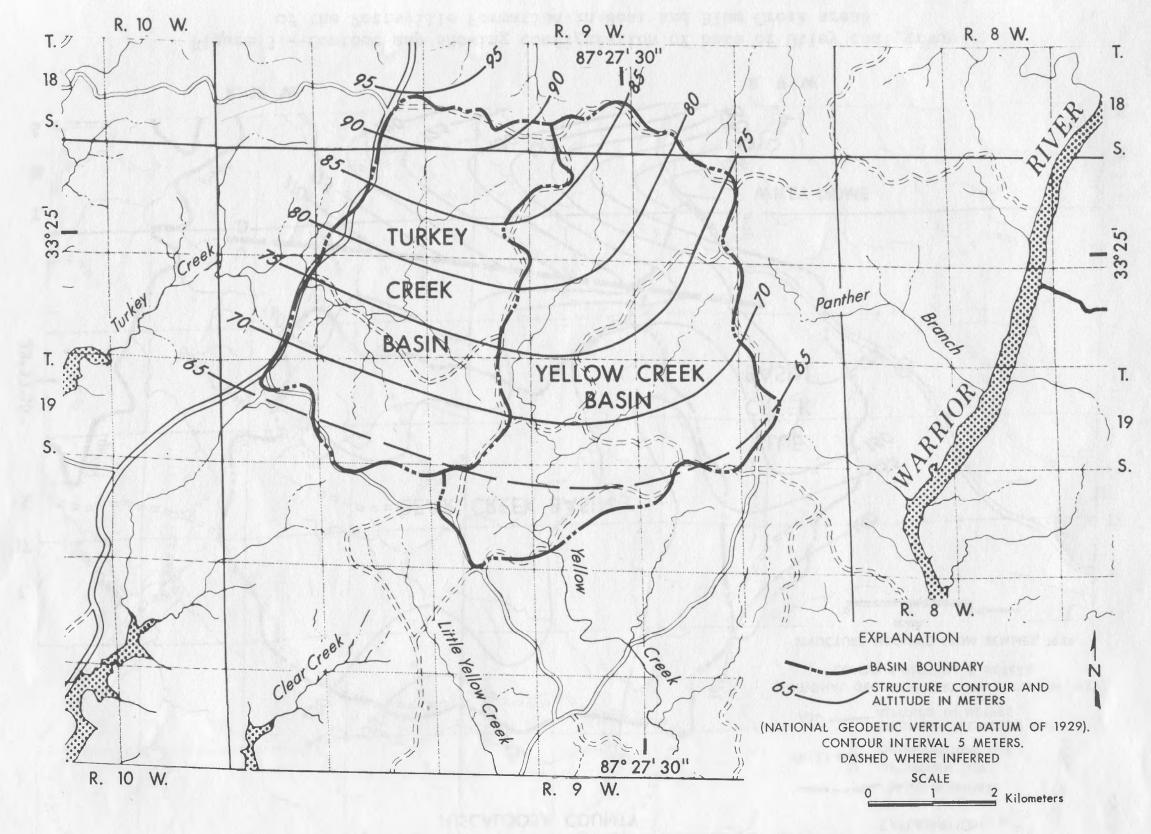


Figure 4.--Contour map showing configuration of base of Utley coal group of the Pottsville Formation in Turkey annu Yellow Creek areas.

about 1,075 m above the base of the Pottsville Formation (Metzger, 1965). The interval consists chiefly of light-gray to dark-gray shale, siltstone, and sandstone.

Coal beds cropping out in Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are in the Brookwood coal group. The basal bed is 60 to 70 m above the top of the Utley coal group. The Brookwood group consists of five coal beds that, in ascending order, are: Clements, Johnson (Carter), Milldale, Brookwood, and Guide (Culbertson, 1964). The Clements is thin or absent along most of its outcrop and the Guide is thin and present only locally (Culbertson, 1964), thus, no attempt is made here to assign proper names to coal beds in the area. Coal exposures are rare due to colluvium from the overlying Coker Formation and the scarcity of road cuts. Coal beds penetrated in test wells were as much as 58 cm thick. The two lowermost beds are shown on plate 3.

The Coker Formation is as much as 37 m thick in this study area. Its basal sand and gravel beds contrast greatly with a massive light- to medium-gray plastic clay at the top of the Pottsville Formation. The clay, commonly 2 to 7 m thick, is the leached remnant of shale or argillaceous sandstone and usually grades downward into these rock types. In weathered indistinct exposures, the contact is commonly marked by a prominent spring line discharging from the base of the Coker. This contact is of particular significance to the occurrence and movement of water.

# GROUND WATER

The Pottsville and Coker Formations have extremely diverse water-bearing characteristics. Most indurated rocks in the Pottsville are relatively impermeable whereas unconsolidated sand and gravel in the Coker is permeable.

Quantitative data are not available to evaluate the hydraulic characteristics of the Pottsville or Coker Formations in the basins studied. The descriptions of the occurrence, storage, and movement of ground water in the respective basins are based on geology, well inventory, and limited information obtained from a test-drilling program during the preparation of this report. The locations of wells inventoried and test wells drilled in 1978 are shown on plate 4 and information for them is given in tables 2 and 3. Wells outside the study basins were included in the inventory due to the scarcity of information in some places and anticipation of future work in nearby mining areas.

Ground water in the Pottsville occurs primarily in openings along fractures and bedding planes. Most fractures in the relatively impermeable consolidated rocks are limited in size, and the amount of water stored in and transmitted through them is small. Openings or fractures are more numerous where rocks have been subjected to weathering and variations in temperatures. Data in a previous study (Paulson and others, 1962), indicate the possibility of getting a water supply at depths greater than about 75 m is remote because deeper strata are less weathered and contain fewer openings. Paulson and others (1962) also recognized that little is known concerning recharge and movement of ground water in the formation.

Basal unconsolidated sands in the Coker Formation yield water to many wells in north Tuscaloosa County. The areas of study are underlain by the lower part of the formation in its recharge area. In all but the southernmost part of the study area (Turkey and Yellow Creek basins), the Coker occurs only as outliers not interconnected with the main body of the formation.

#### BEAR AND BLUE CREEK BASINS

Sands in the Coker Formation, because of their thinness and limited area of outcrop on hilltops and ridges, probably will not yield supplies adequate for domestic use.

The Pottsville Formation is the only aquifer tapped by wells in the basins of Bear and Blue Creeks. Wells tapping the formation in and immediately adjacent to the basins (pl. 4 and table 2) range in depth from 7.9 to 87.2 m. Of the 45 wells for which depths are available, 15 are less than 15.2 m deep and 30 are less than 30.5 m deep. Only two springs are utilized as sources of supply.

The average yield of wells tapping the Pottsville is probably less than 0.3 L/s. To locate an adequate domestic supply, several test wells are sometimes necessary. Yields from the deeper wells appear to be similar to those obtained at shallower depths. In many instances, the deeper wells do no more than provide storage for small quantities of water entering at shallower depths.

The most easily recognized water-bearing zones in the Pottsville are fractures in coal beds and in the harder rocks. Springs or seeps most commonly discharge from fractures in rocks and coal beds during wet months. Without precipitation, most cease flowing in a short period of time.

Recharge to the aquifer is probably transmitted largely by a network of fine fractures at shallow depths. When relatively impermeable strata such as shale or underclay is encountered, water moves through the openings in the direction of dip. The dip of strata is generally southward except in the southernmost part of the area where the dip reverses on the flank of the Wiley Dome (fig. 3). The fault along the north flank of the dome may be a potential source of large quantities of ground water. Ground water, if its movement is the same as the dip of the strata, should be moving toward the fault from the north and south.

#### TURKEY AND YELLOW CREEK BASINS

The Pottsville Formation crops out in lower parts of the basins and is overlain by permeable unconsolidated sand and gravel in the Coker Formation. The two formations, their different rock types and attitudes, and their relationship to topography are shown on a cross section in plate 3. Turkey and Yellow Creek basins differ from those of Bear and Blue Creek in that the Coker Formation is more widespread and is thicker.

Sand and gravel beds at the base of the Coker Formation are the principal sources of domestic water supply. Of 20 wells inventoried in and immediately adjacent to this area, 16 tap the Coker. These wells, 11 of which are shallow

dug wells, range in depth from 2.7 to 30.5 m. In addition to the wells, 11 springs discharging from the base of the formation are utilized as sources of domestic supply.

The maximum yield available from the Coker Formation is about 6.4 L/s and this can probably be obtained only locally along the south margin of the area where its permeable beds are thickest. The yield available to wells in central and northern parts of the area, especially near its outcrop boundaries and where it is thin, would probably be less than 0.3 L/s.

The saturated zone at the base of the Coker is thin in most areas and is perched on clay at the top of the Pottsville Formation. Recharge to the Coker, because of its permeability, is discharged readily by one of the most prominent spring lines in Alabama. Numerous springs discharge from the contact in all but its northeasternmost exposures in the area of recharge. Individual springs utilized for domestic supplies generally discharge 0.06 to 0.3 L/s.

The Pottsville Formation yields water to 4 wells in or immediately adjacent to the study area. These wells had depths of 40.2 to 101 m. Yields from these wells are probably similar to those in Bear and Blue Creek basins.

Little is known concerning the recharge to and movement of ground water in the Pottsville Formation. Most recharge enters openings during periods of rainfall; other recharge probably enters openings exposed in tributaries fed by the numerous perennial springs emerging in hillsides from the base of the overlying Coker Formation. Additional recharge probably enters the Pottsville directly from the saturated basal sand and gravel in the overlying Coker. This occurrence may be limited, however, the prominent clay at the top of the Pottsville appears to be an effective confining bed. The direction of movement of water in openings along bedding planes not intersected by fractures is downdip toward the south and southeast (fig. 4).

# GROUND WATER QUALITY

Most of the data available to evaluate the quality of ground water are field determinations. In this study, the determinations are specific conductance and pH (table 2). A limited number of more comprehensive analyses are given in table 4. Definition of some constituents and characteristics in both tables are as follows:

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 physical-chemical characteristic that is commonly recognized by the increased quantity of soap required to produce lather. It is attributable to the presence of alkaline earths (principally calcium and magnesium) and is expressed as equivalent calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>). The following scale (Durfor and Becker, 1964) is used in this report to assist the reader in appraising degrees of hardness:

Degree of hardness	Hardness range (mg/L)
Soft	0-60
Moderately hard	61-120
Hard	121-180
Very hard	>180

pH.--A measure of the hydrogen-ion concentration of a solution. A pH unit is 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 water to conduct an electrical current and is expressed in micromhos per centimeter at 25°C. Specific conductance is related to the number and specific ions in solution, and it can be used for approximating the dissolved-solids concentration in water.

Water in the Pottsville Formation in Tuscaloosa County, based on Paulson and others (1962), generally had a hardness exceeding 100 mg/L, a chloride concentration less than 20 mg/L, and locally contains greater than 300 ug/L iron. Water in the Coker Formation, based on the same report, ranged in hardness from 6 to 130 mg/L and in chloride concentration from 0 to 156 mg/L, and locally contained sufficient iron to cause staining (usually about 300 ug/L or more).

Analyses of water from six wells tapping the Pottsville Formation in Bear and Blue Creek basins (table 4) indicate that the water generally is hard but of good chemical quality. Constituents determined were present in quantities less than the recommended limits for drinking water defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1977). The pH and specific conductance values are similar to field determinations made on water from 32 other Pottsville wells and springs (table 2) in or immediately adjacent to the same area (pl. 4). These field determinations of pH ranged from 4.6 to 7.6 with most being greater than 6.5. The median pH was 6.8. Specific conductance ranged from 33 to 600 umho although most exceeded 100 umho. The average specific conductance was about 226 umho.

The quality of water in the Pottsville Formation in Turkey and Yellow Creek basins is probably similar to that in Bear and Blue Creek basins to the north. Water in wells 35 and 36 (pl. 4 and table 2) have specific conductance and pH values similar to water in the Pottsville in the Bear and Blue Creek basins.

Water from five wells and springs in the Coker Formation in Turkey and Yellow Creek basins (table 4) is far less mineralized and more acidic than water in the Pottsville Formation. The water is soft and has a low dissolved solids concentration. The specific conductances ranged from 14 to 28 umho. Specific conductances for 25 of 27 additional wells and springs (table 2) in or immediately adjacent to the basins ranged from 12 to 96 umho; the median specific conductance was 23 umho. Water from the same wells and springs ranged in pH from 4.9 to 6.9 and had a median of 5.5. The remaining two wells (wells 27 and 44 in table 2) had specific conductances and pHs similar to those in the Pottsville.

Other constituents in water in the Coker Formation (table 4) are not defined because of limited data. The objectionable iron content in both the Pottsville and Coker Formations reported by well owners and investigators (Paulson and others, 1962) is not reflected by data collected for this study.

## SURFACE WATER

The data collection sites to define streamflow and water quality parameters are shown on figure 5. Information for the sites, including the type data collected, is given in table 5.

The outflow gaging stations for Bear Creek (site 1), Blue Creek (site 3), and Yellow Creek (site 7) basins are instrumented for continuous streamflow data collection. Sites 1 and 7 are also instrumented to monitor specific conductance, water temperature and rainfall, and to collect daily suspended sediment samples. Streamflow and water-quality data are collected monthly and during flood events at sites 2, 4, 5 and 6. Biologic data are collected monthly at all sites.

#### STREAMFLOW CHARACTERISTICS

Streamflow characteristics are determined mainly by climate, topography, geology, and land use. Basins where these conditions are similar may have similar streamflow characteristics. Substantial differences in any of these conditions may result in a corresponding variation in streamflow.

They are, however, in different geologic environments. Bear and Blue Creek basins are underlain primarily by the relatively impermeable Pottsville Formation whereas Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are underlain primarily by the permeable Coker Formation. Preliminary descriptions of streamflow characteristics in the two geologic environments are based primarily on 2 years of record collected from the instrumented sites.

# Streamflow Distribution

Streamflow distribution generally reflects seasonal precipitation. Stream discharges are usually highest during November through April and lowest during May through October. The decline in streamflow during the latter period is due to lack of precipitation and the increase in evapotranspiration during the growing season. In late spring and summer, streamflow is mainly ground-water discharge from storage. Ground-water discharge and total streamflow generally increases during fall when evapotranspiration decreases and precipitation increases.

The daily mean discharges for sites 1 and 3 are shown on figure 6 and those for site 7 are shown on figure 7. Monthly and annual mean discharge are given in table 6. Maximum instantaneous discharge recorded at sites 1, 3, and 7 were  $68 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $86 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , and  $24 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , respectively. All occurred during a high

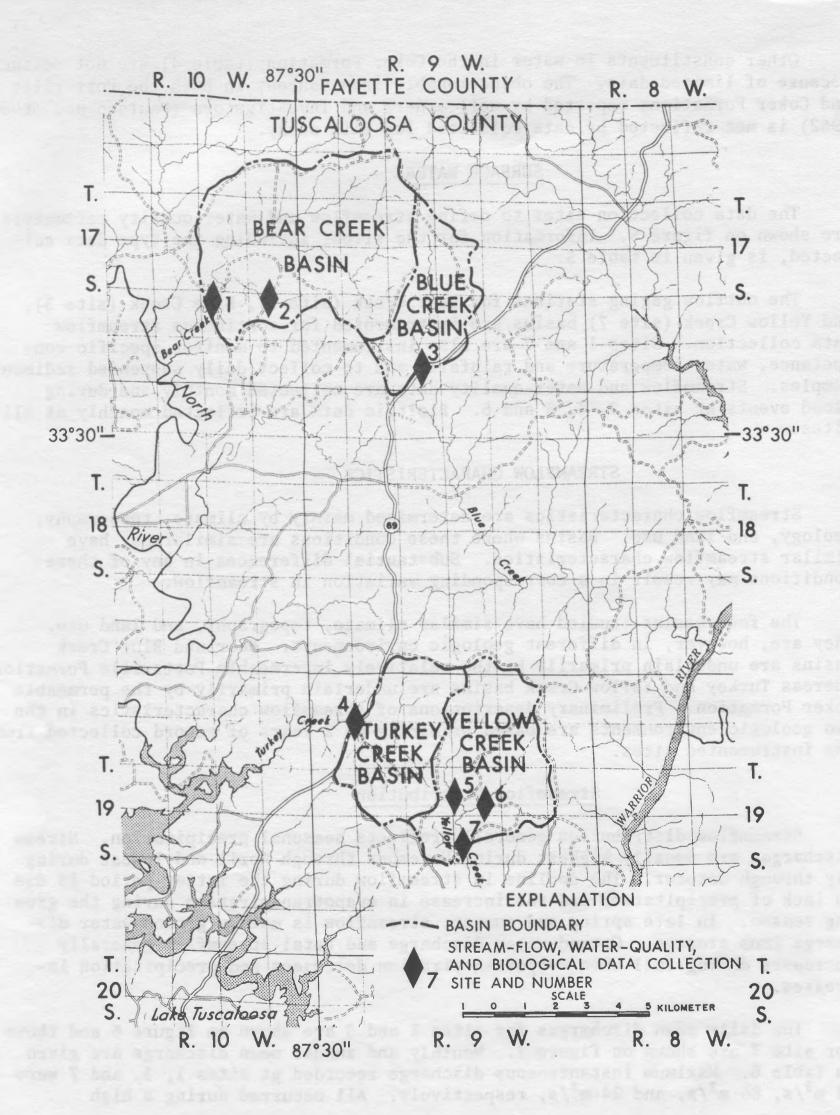


Figure 5.--Locations of surface-water data collection sites.

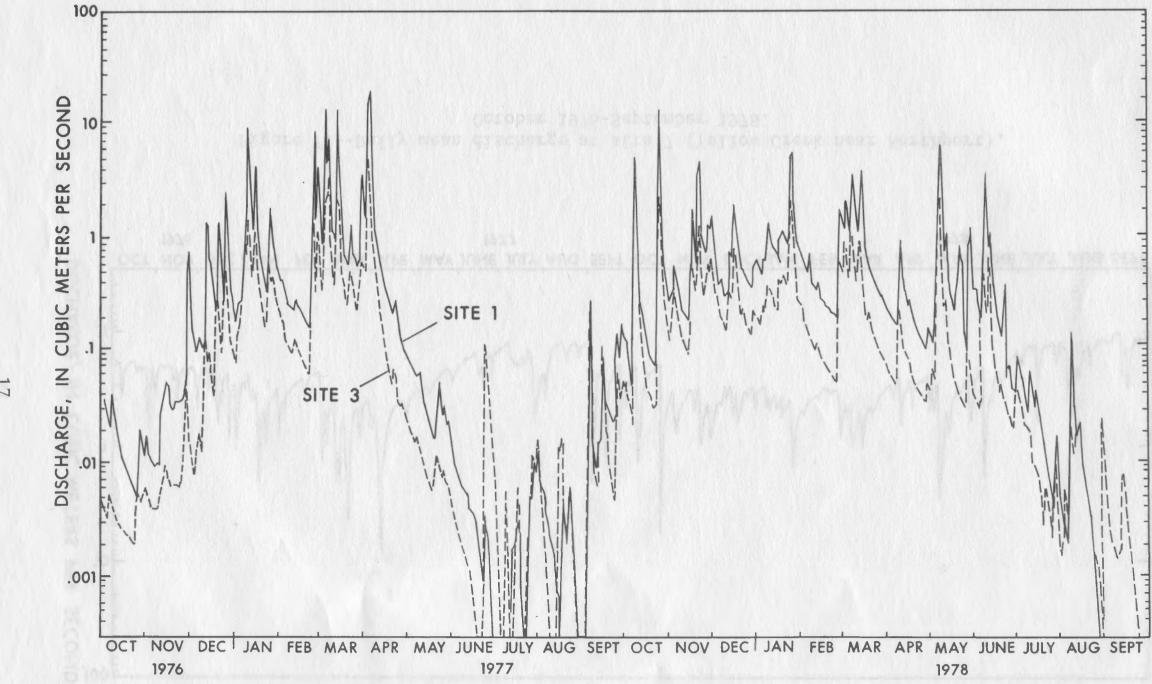


Figure 6.--Daily mean discharge at site 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha), and site 3 (Blue Creek near Oakman), October 1976-September 1978.

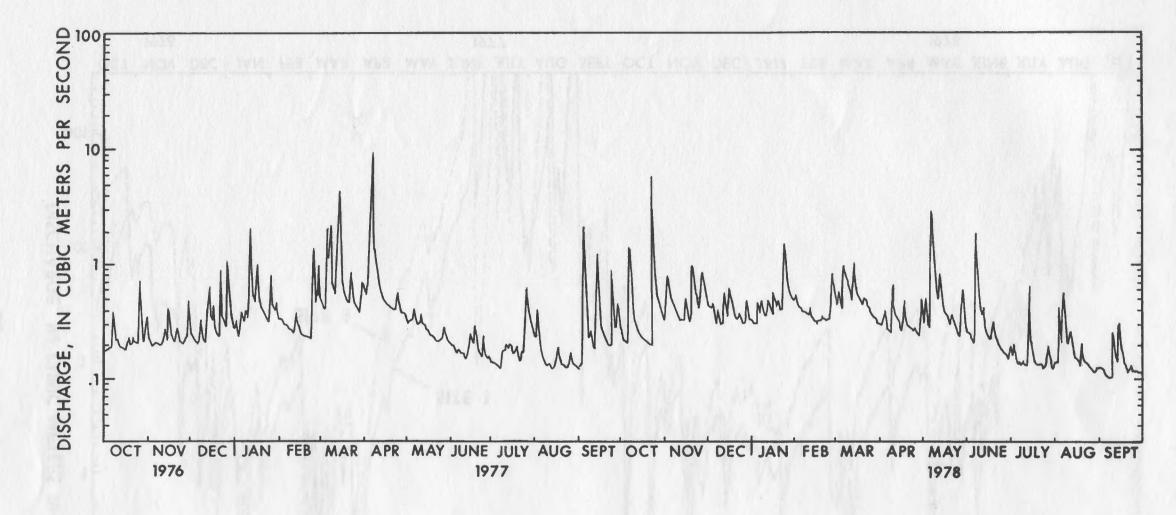


Figure 7.--Daily mean discharge at site 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport), October 1976-September 1978.

intensity storm in April 1977. Sites 1 and 3 are frequently dry during the summer and early fall. The minimum instantaneous discharge of  $0.10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  at site 7 occurred in September 1978.

# Flow Duration and Variability

Streamflow variability may be demonstrated with a flow-duration curve. It is a cumulative-frequency curve that shows the percent of time a specific discharge may be equaled or exceeded. It combines into one curve the flow characteristics of a stream throughout the range of discharge, without regard to the sequence of occurrence. It is only applicable to the period of record used to develop the curve. Climate, topography, and geology are generally the major factors that determine the shape of the flow-duration curve.

A steep curve denotes highly variable streamflow derived mainly from direct surface runoff, whereas a flat curve indicates streamflow derived from direct runoff and storage. The shape of the low flow portion of the curve is controlled mainly by the geology of the basin (Searcy, 1959). It reflects the contribution of ground water to streamflow.

Flow-duration curves for sites 1, 3, and 7 are shown in figure 8. The curves were plotted in cubic meters per second per square kilometer for comparative purposes. The curves for sites 1 and 3, very similar throughout the full range of flow, contrast with the curve for site 7. The variation at medium and high discharges probably reflects differences in geology. The curves for sites 1 and 3 reflect the limited contribution of water from storage in the Pottsville Formation. The curve for site 7 is typical of streams with well sustained low flows; it reflects the contribution of water from storage in the Coker Formation underlying most of the basin.

#### Low Flow

The suitability of streams for some uses, with respect to water availability, is generally determined by low flow. The 7-day 2-year  $(7Q_2)$  low flow is the discharge at the 2-year recurrence interval taken from a frequency curve of annual values of the lowest mean discharge for 7 consecutive days. During the 2-year study, the  $7Q_2$  for sites 1, 3, and 7 were 0, 0, and 0.005  $(m^3/s)/km^2$ , respectively. The values agree closely with those reported from previous low-flow investigations (Hayes, 1978; Peirce, 1967) for other nearby similar basins.

## SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Sampling was scheduled to define water quality throughout the range of flow. Most samples were analyzed for concentrations of major constituents, selected nutrients (nitrogen-phosphorus series), and trace elements. Stream-bottom materials were also collected for trace element analyses. Most analyses have been published by the U.S. Geological Survey (1978-79) and will not be presented in this report.

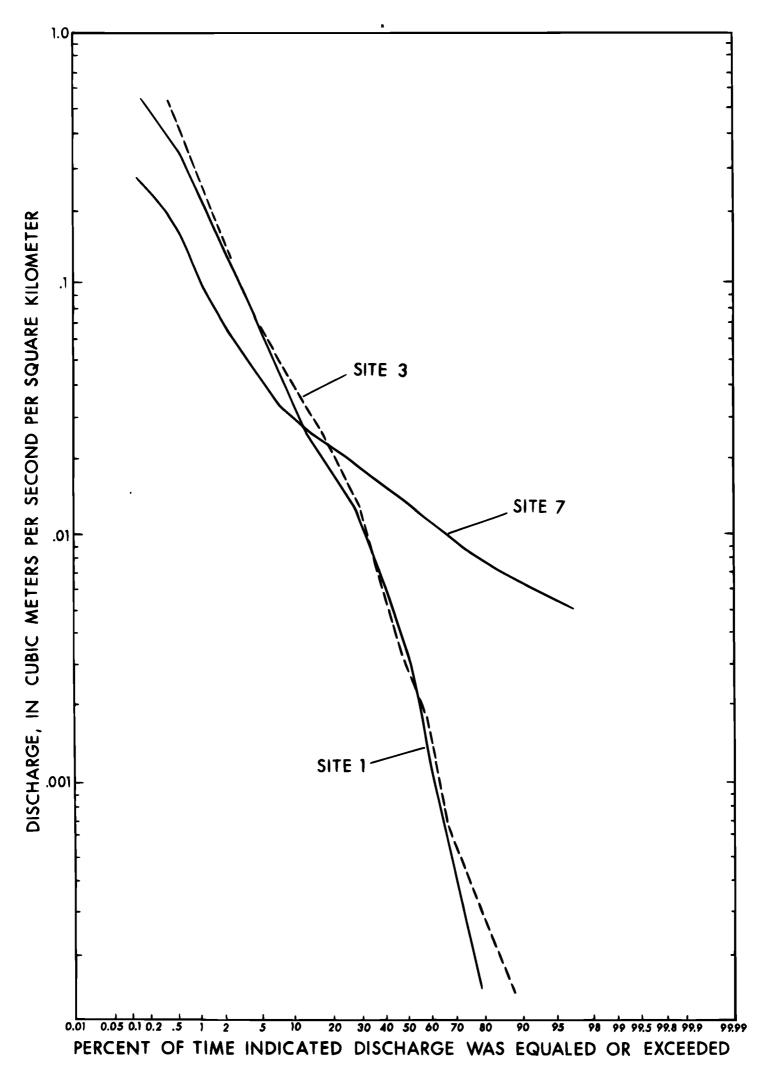


Figure 8.--Flow-duration curves for sites 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha), 3 (Blue Creek near Oakman), and 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport), October 1976-September 1978.

Sources of chemical constituents in water are primarily from precipitation, contact with minerals, and man's cultural activities. Average values of selected physical and chemical properties of rainfall in nearby Tuscaloosa in 1973 and 1975 are given in table 7. This information, collected prior to the study, indicates the concentration of some constituents contributed by rainfall.

Table 7.--Mean values of selected physical and chemical constituents of rainfall in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1973 and 1975

(Based on five chemical analyses)

Constituent	Mean
Specific conductance (umho)	13
pH 1/	4.4
Calcium, mg/L	.60
Magnesium, mg/L	.10
Sodium, mg/L	.64
Potassium, mg/L	.20
Bicarbonate, mg/L	.80
Sulfate, mg/L	1.2
Chloride, mg/L	1.3
Nitrate, mg/L	.42

# 1/ Median value.

# Physical Properties and Major Constituents

Variations in specific conductance, water temperature, and stream discharge at sites 1 and 7 are illustrated in figures 9 and 10. The inverse relation between specific conductance and stream discharge at site 1 results from base flow contributed by the Pottsville Formation. During periods of little or no precipitation, streamflow mainly consists of ground-water inflow, while during periods of heavy precipitation, most streamflow is derived from overland flow. The chemical quality from each source can be substantially different. Base flow from the Pottsville is more mineralized than overland flow, thus a decrease in overland flow results in an increase in specific conductance. Little seasonal variation in specific conductance occurs at site 7 on Yellow Creek (fig. 10). Water in the Coker Formation (table 4) is very similar to rainwater (table 7), therefore, decreases in overland flow result in little variation in specific conductance. Variations in monthly mean water temperatures accompanied variations in seasonal air temperatures.

Water-quality data collected at individual stream sites are summarized in tables 8 through 14, and the chemical composition of stream discharge and relationship between suspended sediment and discharge for all sites are illustrated on figures 11 through 17. Surface water in the study area is generally acidic, soft, and low in dissolved solids. Dissolved solids ranged from 12 to 112 mg/L. Water in all streams ranged in pH from 4.6 to 7.5. Water in streams draining the Coker was generally more acidic than water in streams draining the Pottsville.

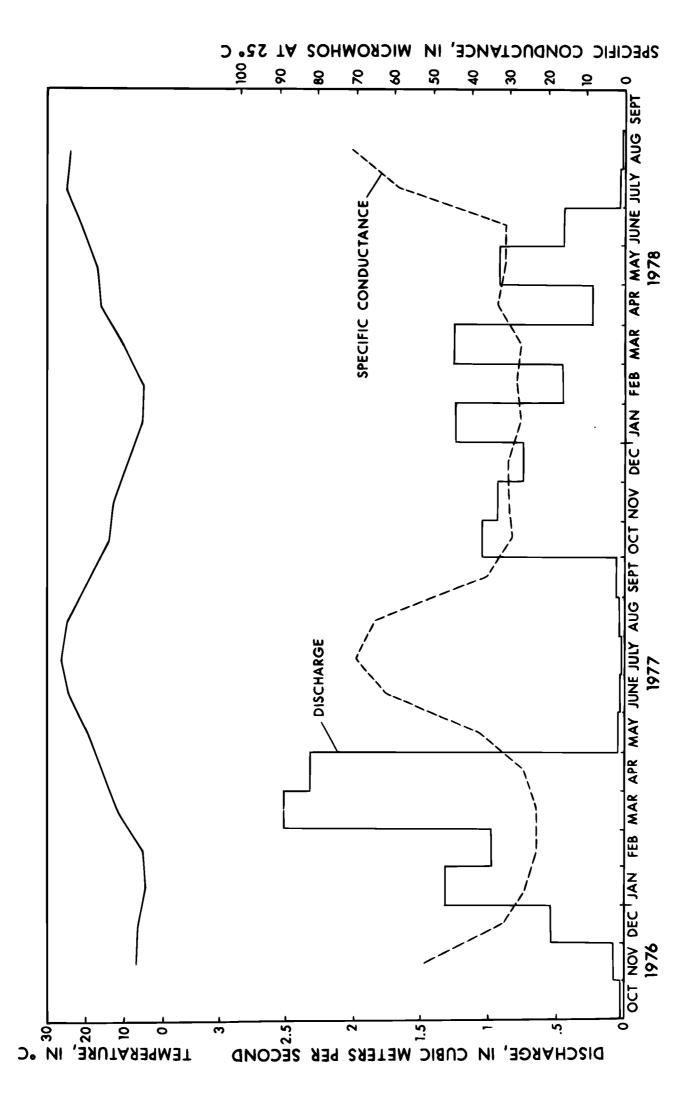


Figure 9.--Variations in monthly mean stream discharge, specific conductance, and water temperature at site 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha).

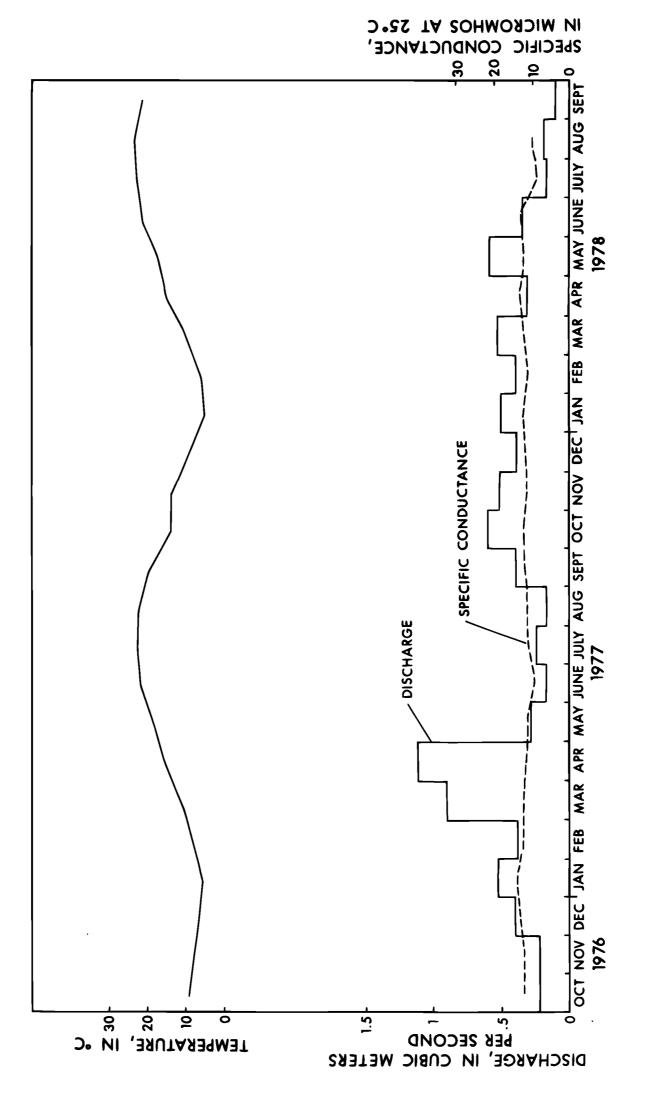


Figure 10.--Variations in monthly mean stream discharge, specific conductance, and water temperature at site 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport).

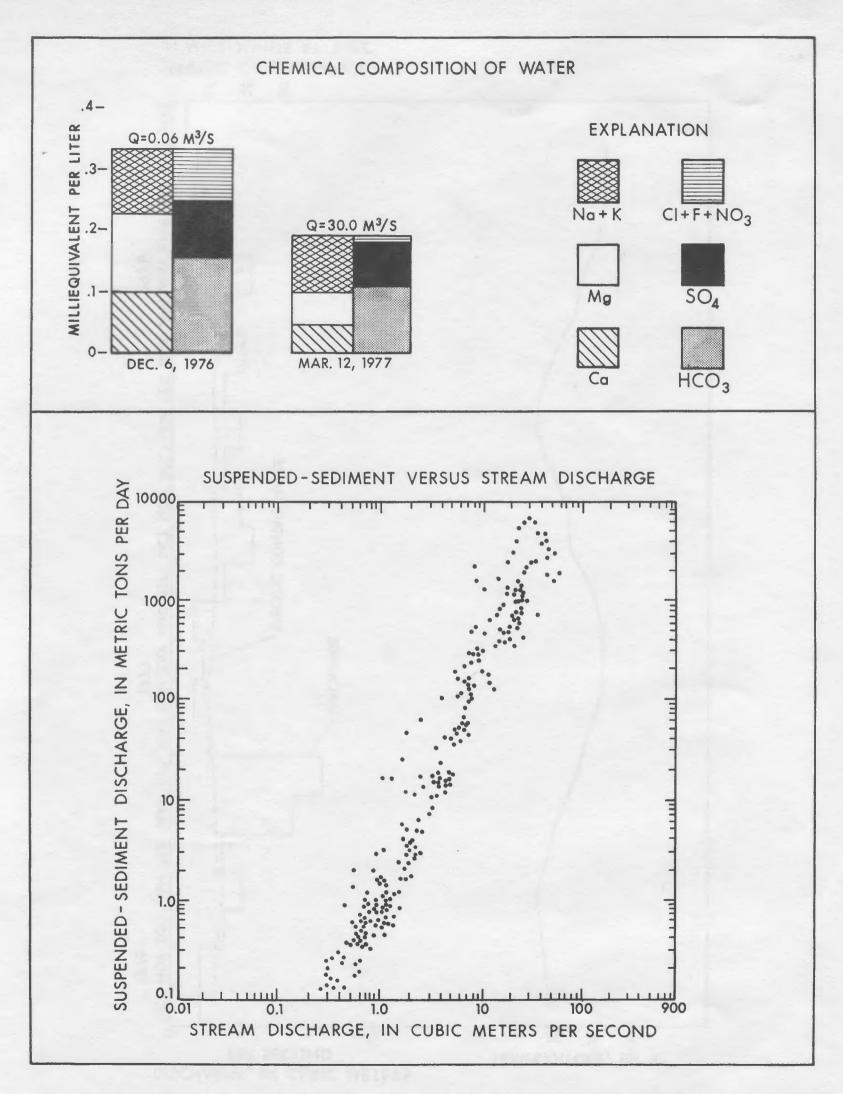


Figure 11.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha).

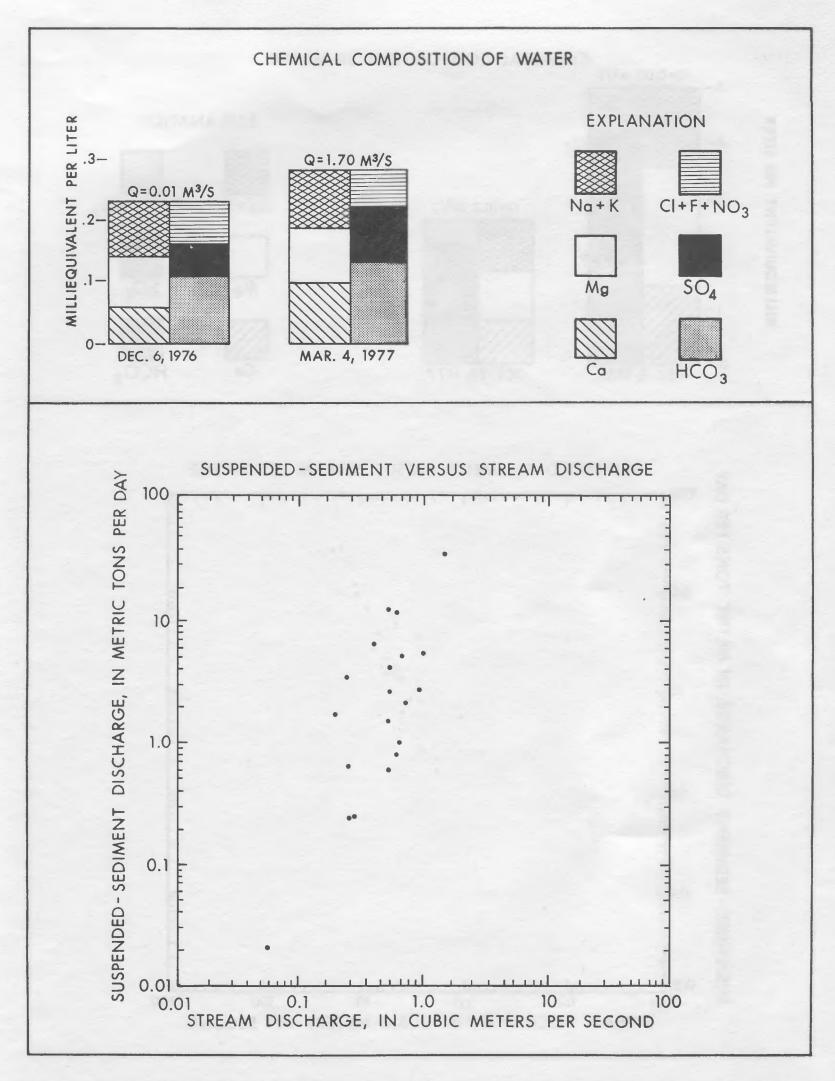


Figure 12.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 2 (Dry Branch near Samantha).

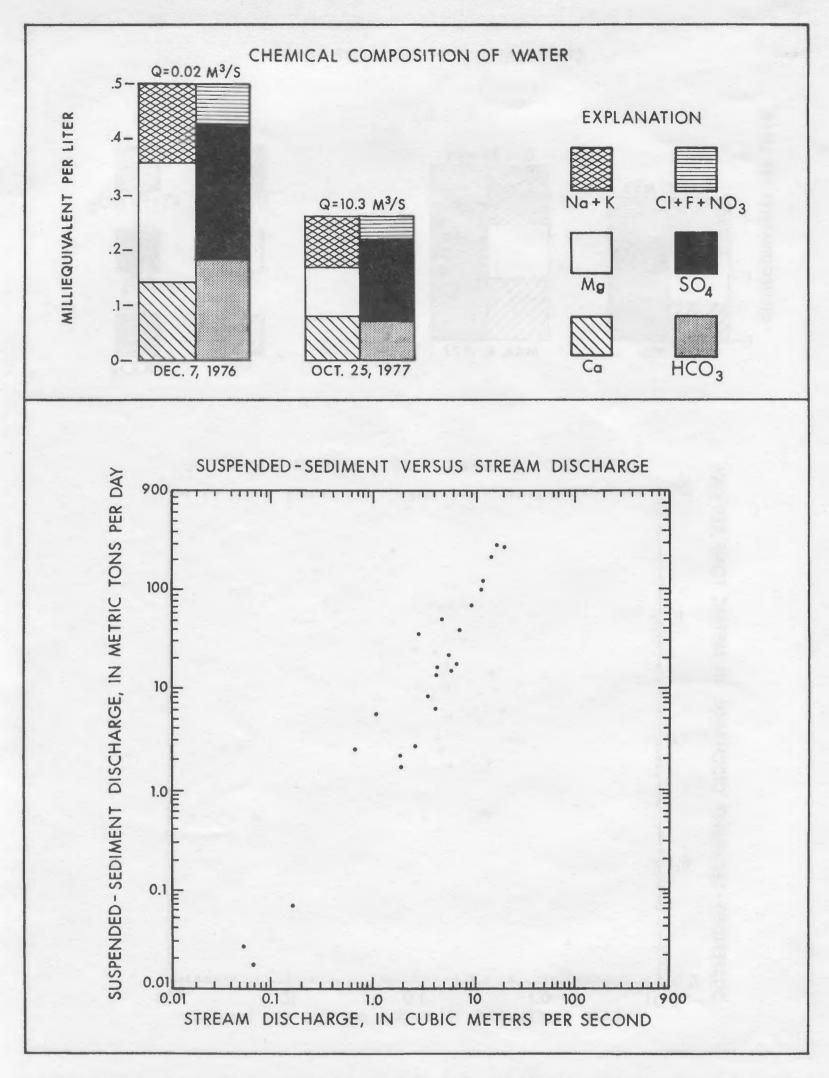


Figure 13.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), nd relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 3 (Blue Creek near Oakman).

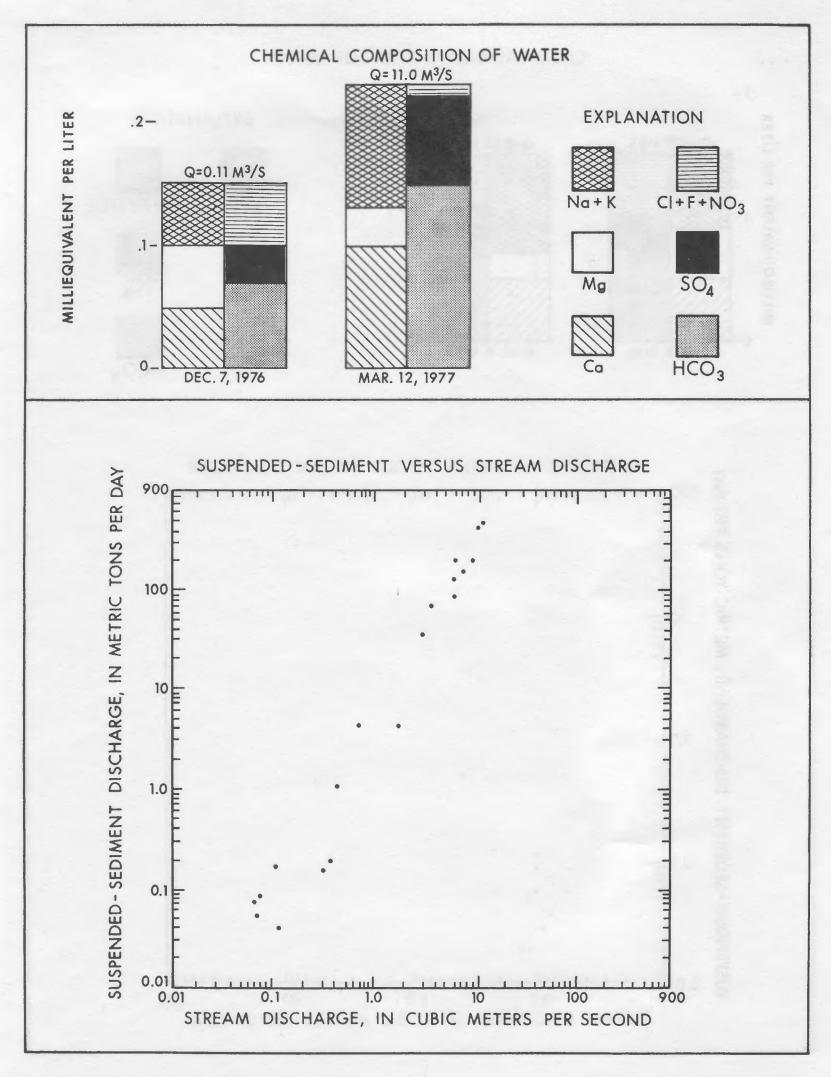


Figure 14.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 4 (Turkey Creek near Tuscaloosa).

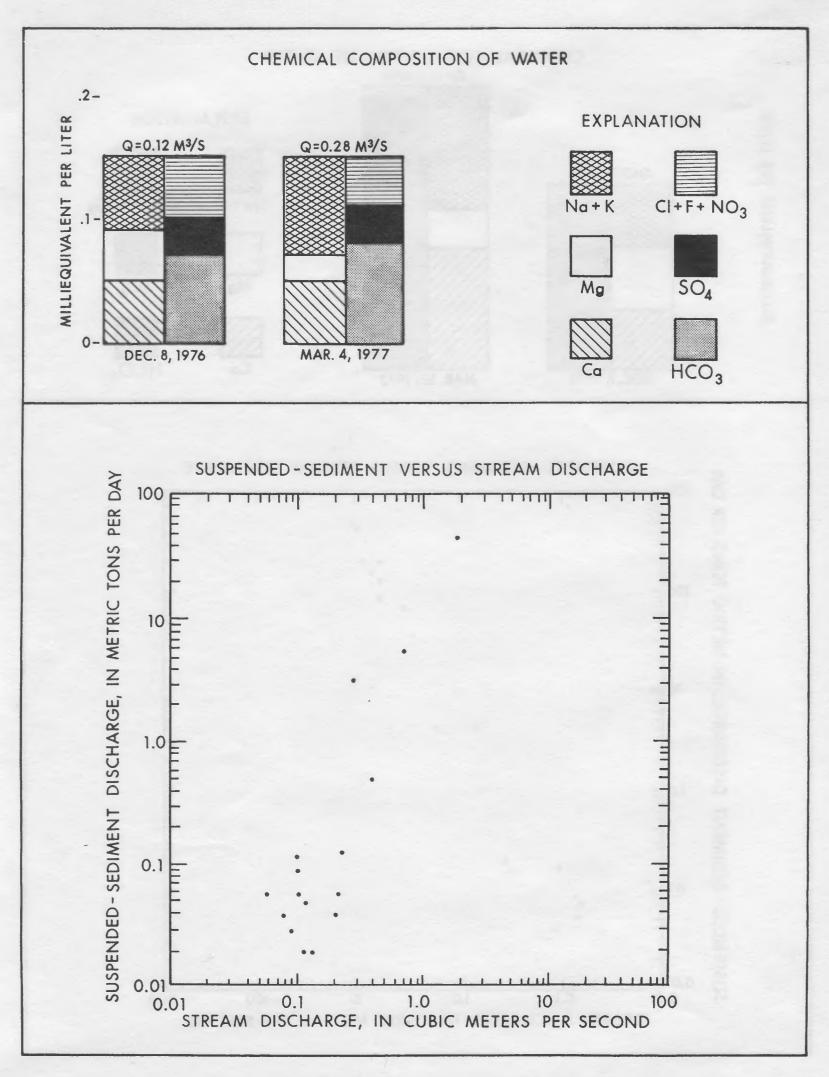


Figure 15.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 5 (Yellow Creek above Northport).

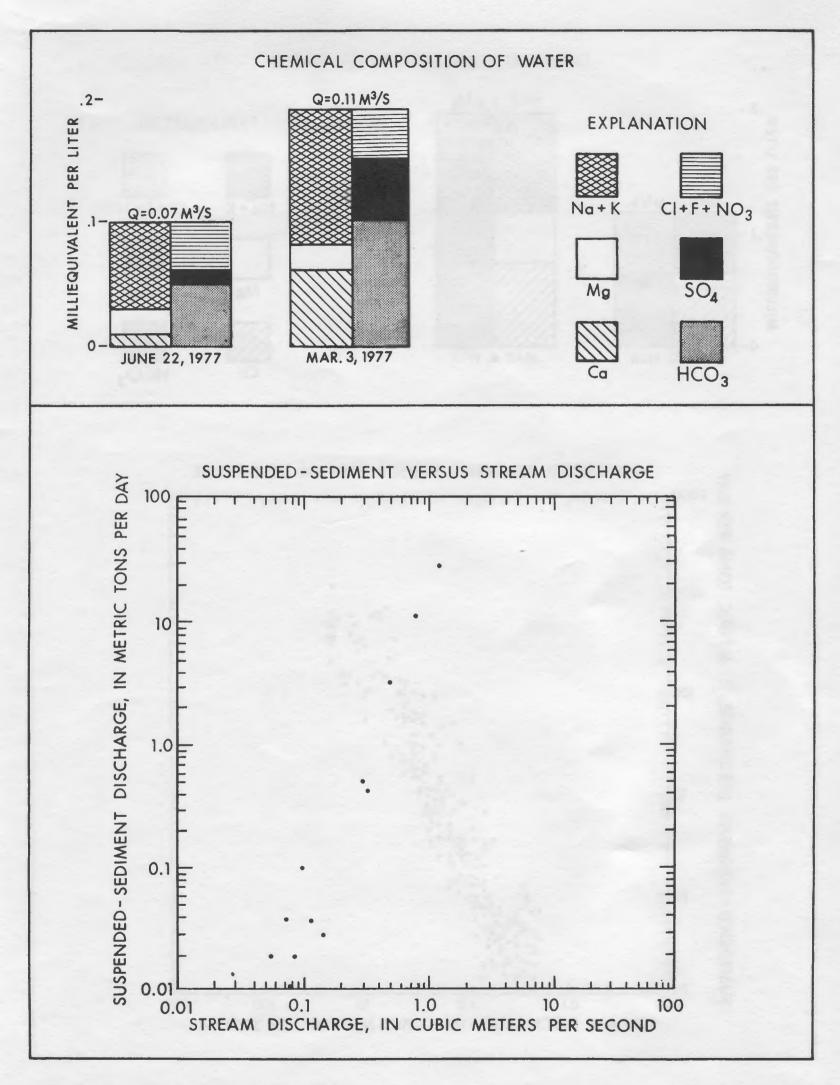


Figure 16.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 6 (tributary to Yellow Creek near Northport).

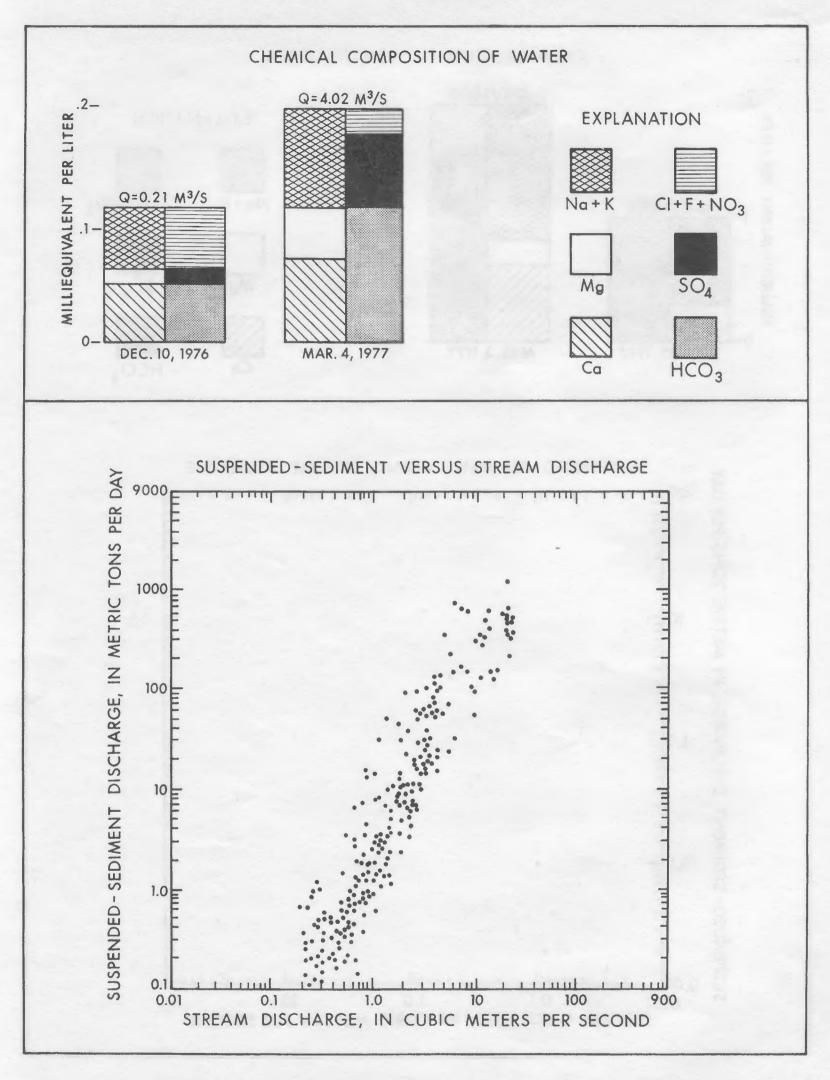


Figure 17.--Chemical composition of stream discharge (Q), and relationship between suspended sediment and stream discharge at site 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport).

Water quality at site 3 (fig. 13 and table 10) varies differently from that at other sites. The water is, at times, moderately hard and has a higher dissolved-solids concentration. This mineralization reflects water quality observed in drainage from two surface coal mining operations in Blue Creek basin. One small mine was abandoned just prior to this project, the other opened early in 1978.

### Nutrients

Nutrients in the form of various nitrogen and phosphorus compounds are essential for the growth of aquatic vegetation. Total nitrogen concentrations ranged from 0.09 to 0.64 mg/L and total phosphorus concentrations ranged from 0.00 to 0.02 mg/L. These levels are indicative of streams relatively free of organic pollution. Nutrients in streams studied are largely derived from natural sources such as precipitation (table 7) and soils enriched by the decomposition of organic matter. Concentrations of nitrite-nitrogen  $(NO_2-N)$ , nitrate-nitrogen  $(NO_3-N)$ , and nitrogen-nitrate  $(NO_3)$  at all sites were well below the recommended limits for drinking water standards (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1977).

## Trace Elements

Water collected from all sites was analyzed to determine trace element concentrations (tables 8 through 14). The highest concentrations obtained were for aluminum, iron, and manganese. Generally, the highest concentrations occurred during high flow and the lowest during low flow.

Trace element concentrations, with the exception of those for iron and manganese, were well below the maximum concentration limits recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1977). Dissolved manganese concentrations frequently exceeded the recommended limit (50 ug/L) at sites 3 and 7 during high-flow periods. At these same sites, the recommended limit for dissolved iron (300 ug/L) was exceeded only once. Water in streams in Yellow Creek basin (sites 5, 6, 7), underlain chiefly by the Coker Formation, generally contained the highest concentrations of dissolved iron.

Total recoverable concentrations of trace elements in a water-suspended sediment solution and recoverable concentrations from stream bottoms (tables 8 through 14) indicate that only a very small fraction of available aluminum, iron, and manganese are in solution. Much greater concentrations are adsorbed on solid materials in the streams. In Bear and Blue Creek basins in the Pottsville area (sites 1, 2, and 3) the average total recoverable concentrations in suspension of aluminum, iron, and manganese were about 29, 28, and 3 times greater than the respective dissolved concentrations of those constituents. In Yellow Creek basin in the Coker area (sites 5, 6, and 7), the average total recoverable concentrations in suspension of aluminum, iron, and manganese were about 7, 13, and 2 times greater than the respective dissolved concentrations of those constituents. At all other sites the dissolved, total recoverable in a water-suspended sediment solution, and recoverable concentrations in bottom material of most other trace elements varied slightly and generally were of the same magnitude.

# Suspended Sediment

The hilly terrain with moderate to steep slopes in the study area produces rapid runoff with high erosion potential. The dense forest, however, reduces the influence of topography on erosion and accompanying sediment yields. The relations between suspended-sediment concentration and corresponding stream discharge for sites 1 through 7 are shown in figures 11 through 17. The relations are useful for estimating sediment loads for given stream discharges.

Sediment samples at sites 1 and 7 were collected daily with automatic PS-69 samplers. Samples were collected manually during low and high flows to calibrate the automatic samplers and to obtain information for all sites through their full range of discharge. Sediment transported between sampler intake nozzles and the streambed was not sampled during the study.

Suspended-sediment concentrations at sites 1 and 7 varied from near zero during low flow to about 2,500 mg/L and 1,600 mg/L, respectively, during high flow. The average annual sediment loads for sites 1 and 7 were about 2,900 t and 600 t, respectively. Suspended-sediment discharge data for sites 1 and 7 for the 1977 and 1978 water years are summarized in table 15. The larger sediment yield at site 1 probably is due to differences in basin topography. The topography in the outcrop of the Pottsville Formation is more rugged than the Coker Formation.

Suspended-sediment samples collected during high flow at sites 1, 3, and 7 were analyzed for particle size distribution. The results indicated a composition of 50 percent clay and silt, and 50 percent fine sand at sites 1 and 7. The composition at site 3 was about 98 percent clay and silt, and 2 percent sand.

# **BIOLOGY**

Biological sampling provides information on the environmental quality of a stream over a long period of time. The benthic invertebrate and periphytic diatom communities were used as long-term and short-term water quality indicators, respectively. Both communities are sensitive to water quality changes, with diatoms reflecting these changes by rapid shifts in species composition.

Biologic data in this report are restricted to the data collected April through September 1977. All findings are preliminary because of the limited study period.

## METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Benthic invertebrate samples were collected with a 210-micron-mesh bag Surber sampler. Samples from a total area of 1.11 m<sup>2</sup> were collected monthly at each site using random stratified sampling. Periphyton samples were collected by scraping a 26 cm<sup>2</sup> area of natural substrate and preserving the scrapings in 4 percent formalin.

Baseline conditions of the biological communities and their structure are assessed largely with the use of descriptive statistics and indexes. Total and individual counts, generic richness and evenness, and a Shannon-Wiener diversity index (Southwood, 1976) were calculated for each sample.

The Shannon-Wiener diversity index used was

$$H(G) = 3.3219 (log_{10}N-1/N \sum n_i log_{10}n_i)$$

where H (G) = diversity at generic level

ni = the number of individuals in category i

i = genus or other taxon

N = total number of individuals in the collection (sample)

 $3.3219 = conversion factor <math>log_{10}$  to  $log_2$ 

Evenness was calculated using the formula

$$J = \frac{H(G)}{H(G)} \max$$

where J = evenness at generic level

H (G) = generic diversity

H (G) max =  $log_2$  (number of genera in sample).

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Biologic sampling was restricted to riffle areas. These erosional features are relatively stable and generally contain a dense and diverse biologic community. Riffle velocities at data collection sites ranged from 3 to 91 cm/s and averaged 13 cm/s.

The size of the substrate differs between Pottsville and Coker riffles (table 16). Riffles in both geologic environments contain 90 to 160 mm platy rocks that cover sand, gravel, and silt particles. Rocks in Pottsville riffles have an average thickness of about 10 mm and those in Coker riffles have an average thickness of about 25 mm. The Coker riffles have less gravel and more sand than the Pottsville riffles. Sand is a fairly unproductive substrate, whereas the larger rocks, especially those in the 45 to 90 mm size class (Lium, 1974), have higher densities of organisms.

All streams studied drain heavily wooded areas. Transported litter is important to riffle communities (Minshall, 1967); leaves and other organic litter serve as food for many benthic invertebrates. Water quality, substrate size, and velocity are other principal factors affecting these communities, but all are

Table 16.--Percent composition of bed material in streams, July 1978
[C and P denote Coker and Pottsville riffles, respectively]

	Site number	Station number	Station name	Type riffle	Silt 0.004-0.06 mm	Sand 0.06-2.0 mm	Grave1 2.0-64 mm
	1	02463900	Bear Creek near Samantha	P	0	20	80
1	2	02463890	Dry Branch near Samantha	P	0	41	59
	3	02462600	Blue Creek near Oakman	P	1	22	77
	4	02464145	Turkey Creek near Tuscaloosa	P	0	45	55
	5	02462980	Yellow Creek above Northport	С	0	36	64
	6	02462985	Tributary to Yellow Creek near Northport	С	0	71	29
	7	02462990	Yellow Creek near Northport	С	0	100	0

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subordinate to leaf litter, the ultimate factor controlling the distribution and abundance of invertebrates in undisturbed streams.

The primary food source of the stream ecosystem is the periphytic diatom community which colonizes most substrates to some degree. Factors affecting the diatom communities are light intensity, water quality, carbon dioxide, flow regime, pH, and nutrients.

### BENTHIC INVERTEBRATE COMMUNITY

Riffles at the data collection sites (fig. 5) yielded more than 7,000 organisms. Approximately 98 percent of the fauna belongs to the Class Insecta. The taxonomic classification, distribution, and number of invertebrates are given in table 17. The percentage of each organism in the total collection and its percentage at Coker or Pottsville sites were also calculated.

A Shannon-Wiener diversity index was used to compare the compositions of benthic invertebrate communities at riffles in Coker and Pottsville basins. Separate measures were made of generic richness and evenness from the diversity index. Richness is expressed as the number of genera in a sample and evenness is an expression of the relative number of organisms in each genus in a community and the relationship of the numbers to each other. Evenness increases as the numbers become increasingly similar and is at a maximum when genera are equally represented.

Mean diversities for Coker and Pottsville riffles (table 18) were 3.46 and 3.00, respectively. A diversity of 3 to 4 is indicative of an undisturbed stream (Wilhm, 1970). The Coker riffles have higher diversity, richness, and evenness. This is probably due to the more stable base flow of the Coker streams. For instance, base flow in a Coker stream is maintained (fig. 10) when a Pottsville stream approaches or equals zero (fig. 9). The effect of variations in base flow on generic diversity and richness is illustrated in figure 18. During the period of record, diversity and richness at Coker riffles (sites 6 and 7 on fig. 18) reached their maximum while diversity and richness of the Pottsville riffle at site 3 (fig. 18) reached their minimum as base flow reached zero.

### PERIPHYTIC DIATOM COMMUNITY

A total of 98 species representing 25 genera were collected during the period of record (table 19). Only three species, Eunotia rostellata, Anomoeoneis serians, and Frustulia rhomboides, were abundant and constant in occurrence. Diatom communities with high diversities indicate undisturbed streams.

Mean values of diversity for the Pottsville and Coker riffles were 2.17 and 2.62, respectively (table 20). Evenness values averaged  $0.57\pm0.14$  for the Pottsville sites and  $0.66\pm0.14$  for the Coker sites. The smaller diversity and evenness values of the Pottsville riffles are probably due, at least in part, to the same lack of base flow that affects the benthic invertebrate communities.

Table 18.--Diversity, richness, evenness, and total number of organisms for benthic invertebrate communities,

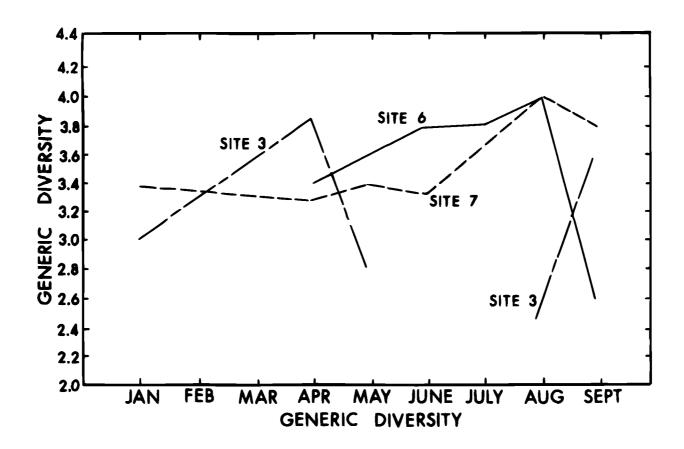
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# Coker Riffles

Parameter	Number of samples	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Standard deviation
Diversity	32	3.46	0.90	4.0	0.76
Richness	32	22	3	40	9
Evenness	32	.82	.52	.98	.10
Total number	32	148	3	706	148

# Pottsville Riffles

Parameter	Number of samples	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Standard deviation
Diversity	12	3.00	1.8	3.6	0.65
Richness	12	18	9	27	7
Evenness	12	.77	.59	.95	.12
Total number	12	156	36	407	117



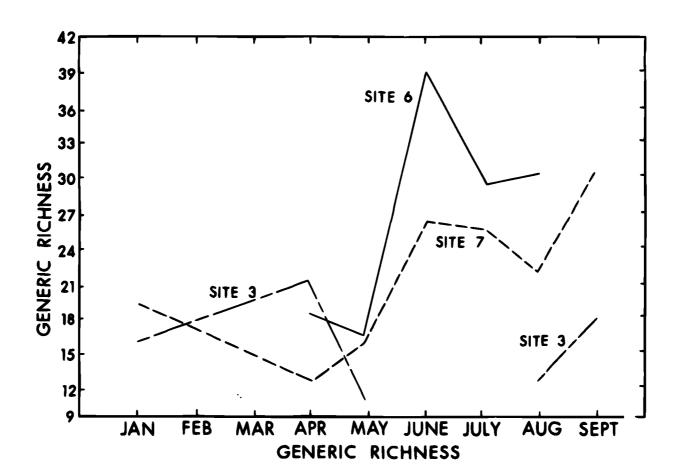


Figure 18.--Variations of generic diversity and richness at selected riffles, 1977.

Table 20.--Diversity, richness, evenness, and total number of organisms for periphytic diatom communities,

May-August 1977

# Coker Riffles

Parameter	Number of samples	Mean	Minimum	n Maximum	Standard deviation
Diversity	18	2.62	1.21	3.47	0.64
Richness	18	16.06	9	26	4.43
Evenness	18	.66	.33	.81	.14
Total number of cells/cm <sup>2</sup>	18	222,000	3400	2,500,000	578,000

# Pottsville Riffles

Parameter	Number of samples	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Standard deviation
Diversity	13	2.17	1.40	3.65	0.64
Richness	13	15.23	5	27	5.37
Evenness	13	.57	.36	. 84	.14
Total number of cells/cm <sup>2</sup>	13	382,000	240	1,100,000	366,000

# SUMMARY

Hydrologic data are being collected in four basins in the Warrior coal field to provide baseline information to aid in determining the effect mining will have on water resources. This progress report contains findings based on information collected during the first 2 years of the study.

The largely undisturbed study basins are in two geologic environments. Bear and Blue Creek basins are predominantly underlain by the Pottsville Formation, which consists mainly of alternating beds of shale, sandstone, and siltstone interbedded with conglomerate, underclay, and coal. Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are predominantly in the outcrop of the Coker Formation which overlies the Pottsville Formation. The Coker consists of unconsolidated beds of sand, clay, and gravel.

Variations in the geology of the basins result in large differences in their hydrology. Rocks in the Pottsville Formation are relatively impermeable, whereas those in the Coker Formation are permeable. Well yields from the Pottsville are generally less than 0.3 L/s, while those from the Coker are as much as 6.4 L/s.

Ground water in the Pottsville is generally acidic and moderately hard to very hard. Dissolved solids concentrations ranged from 176 to 268 mg/L. Water in the Coker Formation is less mineralized and more acidic than water in the Pottsville. The water is soft and generally has dissolved solids concentrations less than 20 mg/L.

Streamflow reflects seasonal precipitation with storm runoff characterized by sharply concentrated peak flows of short duration that rapidly recede to low-flow conditions. Streams draining Bear and Blue Creek basins frequently go dry, whereas low flows in Turkey and Yellow Creek basins are well sustained by ground-water discharge from the Coker Formation.

Surface water is generally acidic, soft, and low in dissolved solids. Water in streams draining basins underlain chiefly by the Pottsville Formation is slightly more mineralized than that in streams draining basins underlain chiefly by the Coker Formation. Water in streams draining Bear and Blue Creek basins during low flow is far less mineralized than ground water in the Pottsville Formation. This indicates that the ground-water contribution from the Pottsville is derived mainly from recent recharge. In basins underlain chiefly by the Coker Formation, the quality of water in streams and in the formation is very similar.

Annual suspended-sediment yields at outflow sites of Bear and Yellow Creek basins averaged 75  $t/km^2$  and 28  $t/km^2$ , respectively.

Limited biologic sampling of benthic invertebrate and periphytic diatom communities in riffles shows that the streams monitored support a large variety of species.

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Table 2.--Records of wells and springs in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County

(Well numbers correspond with those on plate 4)

Depth: Reported depths given in meters; measured depths in meters and tenths.

Water level: Reported levels given in meters; measured levels given

in meters and tenths.

Water-bearing unit: Ppv, Pottsville Formation; Kck, Coker Formation. Use of water: D, domestic; N, none; PS, public supply; S, stock.

Altitude: Altitudes determined by aneroid barometer.

						474.43	Water	level		Field determinations			
Field well number	Owner	Year com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of well (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	Altitude of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land surface (meters)	Date of measure- ment	Use of water	Date	Specific conduct- ance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	рН	Tem- per- ature (°C)
1	D. Cunningham	1914	20.7	762	Kck	144	19.2	2- 2-77	D	2- 2-77	46	4.9	14.5
2	D. Cunningham	1976	28.9	51	Ppv	126	Flowing	2- 2-77	N	2- 2-77	400	7.5	16.5
3	Coleburn	1898	6.1	914	Kck	148	5.2	2- 2-77	N				
4	Boyd		23.7	914	Kck	168	23.2	2- 2-77	D	2- 2-77			15.0
5	C. Cunningham	1972	2.7	914	Kck	132	1.0	2- 3-77	D	2- 3-77	17	7.6	8.5
* 6	M. Howell		30	102	Kck	176	26.9	2- 3-77	Ď	2- 3-77	13	5.3	15.5
* 7	M. Barger		Spring		Kck	140		2- 3-77	D	2- 3-77	25	5.3	5.0
8	M. Barger		Spring		Kck	133		2- 3-77	D	2- 3-77	20	5.6	10.0
9	M. Barger		Spring		Kck	128		3-16-77	D	3-16-77	20	5.6	15.5
10	M. Barger	1957	15.2	152		110	2.3	3-16-77	N				
11	D. Cunningham		Spring		Kck	124		3-16-77	N	3-16-77	21	6.1	15.0
12	R. Sorell			762	Kck	138	5.0	3-16-77	D	3-16-77	100 ?	5.7	14.5
13	B. Vaughn		Spring		Kck	128		3-17-77	D	3-17-77	41	4.9	13.5
14	E. Pierce		14.9	152	Ppv	116	9.4	3-17-77	D	3-17-77	220	6.8	14.5
15	Hallman		5.5	914	Kck	138	2.2	3-17-77	D	3-17-77	21	6.0	14.5
16	J. Maddox		14.8	914	Kck	162	13.6	3-17-77	D	3-17-77	18	5.6	15.5
17	P. Hinton	1968	1.8	914	Kck	142	1.2	8- 2-77	D	3-17-77	15	5.5	12.5
18	W. Cunningham		Spring		Kck	141		3-17-78	D	3-17-77	14	5.6	13.5
19	Yellow Creek Baptist Church		23.5	102	Kck	161	23.1	3-18-78	PS	3-18-77	37	5.4	16.5
20	B. Powell			102	Kck	155		3-18-78	D	3-18-77	16	5.4	16.5

Table 2.--Records of wells and springs in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County--Continued

							Water level			Field determinations			
Field well number	Owner	Year com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of well (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	Altitude of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land surface (meters)	Date of measure- ment	Use of water	Date	Specific conduct- ance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	рН	Tem- per- ature (°C)
21	H. Dunn		Spring	914	Kck	134		3-18-78	D <sub>.</sub>	3-18-77	13	5.4	13.5
22	D. Cunningham	1946	18.3	762	Kck	155	17.1	7-14-54	D.	3-18-77	23	5.8	17.5
23	D. Cunningham	1933	19	711	Kck	154		3-18-77	D	3-18-77	35	5.6	17.5
24	D. Cunningham		Spring	711	Kck	134		3-18-77	Ď	3-18-77	32	5.9	17.0
25	A. Duncan		16	762	Kck	148	12	3-18-77	D	3-18-77	45.	6.0	17.5
26	D. Cunningham		Spring		Kck	139		4-13-77	D	4-13-77	30	5.1	14.5
27	Z. Marcum		16	610	Kck	154	13.6	4-13-77	D	4-13-77	205 🥎	6.7	16.0
28	O. Grammer		Spring	762	Kck	148		4-13-77	D	4-13-77	25 `	4.9	17.0
29	J. Turner		Spring	914	Kck	136		4-13-77	D	4-13-77	13	5.3	16.0
30	E. Coleburn	1975	Spring	762	Kck	134		4-13-77	D	4-13-77	14	5.5	15.0
31	C. Watson		19	102	Kck	154	13	4-13-77	D	4-13-77	12	5.0	16.5
* 32	F. Cunningham		13.7	762	Kck	151	12.2	4-14-77	D	4-14-77	61	6.2	17.0
33	R. Jenkins		Spring	762	Kck	155		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	19	5.8	16.0
* 34	R. Jenkins		21	152	Kck	148		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	18	5.1	17.0
35	J. Lyster			152	Ppv	88		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	310	7.1	16.5
36	B. Dunn		40	152	Ppv	136		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	163	6.9	20.0
37	Gulf States Paper		Spring	762	Kck	132		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	14	5.3	15.0
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38	W. Bigham		Spring	762	Kck	133		4-14-77	D	4-14-77	12	5.6	15.0
39	R. Lollar	1942	8.2	610	Kck	161	5.2	4-20-77	D	4-20-77	96	6.9	14.5
40	L. Maddox		16.8	914	Kck	165	14.8	4-19-77	D	4-19-77	45	5.6	17.5
41	L. Maddox		Spring	762	Kck	152		4-19-77	D	4-19-77	36	5.1	15.0
42	J. McPearson		Spring	610	Kck	152		4-19-77	D	4-19-77	27	5.0	15.0
43	J. McPearson		18	711	Kck	169	15.8	4-19-77	N				
44	G. McPearson		17.6	610	Kck	167	12.3	8- 1-77	D	4-20-77	182	7.5	16.5
45	G. McPearson		Spring		Kck	147		4-20-77	D	4-20-77	34	5.6	14.5
46	J. Lollar		27		Kck	155		4-20-77	N				
47	J. Lollar		97	102	Ppv	160		4-20-77	N				
48	Pineywoods Baptist Church			152	Kck	166		4-20-77	N				
49	W. Wallace		Spring		Kck	160		4-20-77	D	4-20-77	14	5.9	15.0

Table 2.--Records of wells and springs in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County--Continued

							Water	level		Field determinations			
Field well number	Owner	Year com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of well (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	Altitude of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land surface (meters)	Date of measure- ment	Use of water	Date_	Specific conduct- ance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	pН	Tem- per- ature (°C)
50	C. Zeanah		18.6	102	Ppv	168	7.9	4-21-77	N	4-21-77	265	6.9	17.0
51	C. Zeanah		36	102	Ppv	168	15	4-21-77	D	4-21-77	225	6.9	17.5
52	B. Clements		Spring		Kck	167		5-18-77	D	5-18-77	18	5.1	15.5
* 53	W. Baughman	1976	56	152	Ppv	136	9	5-18-77	D, S	5-18-77	250	6.9	19.5
54	W. Baughman	1953	50	152	Ppv	143	9	5-18-77	Ď	5-18-77	122	6.2	19.5
* 55	D. Barnet		16	152	Ppν	197	12.7	5-31-77	D	5-31-77	350	6.9	21.0
56	Irvin Realty		27.2	152	Ppv	200	21.1	5-31-77	N	5-31-77	138		17.5
57	Irvin Realty		46.2	152	Ppv	200	25.0	5-31-77	N	5-31-77	200	6.7	17.0
58	Irvin Realty	1975	9.6	914	Ppν	195	4.6	5-31-77	N	5-31-77	33		19.5
59	L. Bagwell	1950	19	152	Ppv	175	8	6- 1-77	Ð	6- 1-77	255	6.8	18.5
60	L. Bagwell	1928	12	152	Ppv	175	8	6- 1-77	N				
61	E. Long		27	152	Ppv	150	14	6- 1-77	D	6- 1-77	340	7.3	19.5
62	J. Bagwell		28	152	Ppν	150	14	6- 1-77	D	6- 1-77	315	6.8	18.0
63	J. Bagwell	1970	100	152	Ppv	142	22	6- 1-77	N				
64	J. Bagwell		64	152	Ppv	150	10.1	6- 1-77	N				
65	J. Bolton		30	152	Ppv	160	24	6- 1-77	D	6- 1-77	415	7.1	18.5
66	J. Bolton		17	152	Ppv	160	10.7	6- 1-77	D	6- 1-77	422	6.9	20.0
67	J. Baker		87	152	Ppv	199	35.6	6- 2-77	D	6- 2-77	340	7.5	17.5
68	J. Baker	1917	30.0	152	Ppν	201	26.2	6- 6-77	N	6- 6-77	270	7.3	17.5
69	J. Baker	1917	30	152	Ppv	197	26	6- 6-77	N				
70	W. Baker		57	102	Ppv	201		6- 6-77	D				
71	W. Baker		34.0	152	Ppv	201	20.2	6- 6-77	N	6- 6-77	126	7.0	17.5
72	Blankenship			152	Ppv	162	9.0	6- 6-77	D				
73	N. Armstrong		64.0	152	Ppv	166	11	6- 6-77	D	6- 6-77	196	7.1	18.0
74	N. Armstrong			152	Ppv	149		6- 6-77	D	6- 6-77	126		18.5
75	B. Miller		10.6	152	Ppv	144	8.3	6- 7-77	D	6- 7-77	290	7.1	18.0
76	B. Miller	1975	21.6	152	Ppv	145	8.6	6- 7-77	N				
77	J. Miller		29	152	Ppv	149		6- 7-77	D	6- 7-77	440		18.5
78	R. Swindle		9.8	152	Ppν	148		6- 7-77	D	6- 7 <del>-</del> 77	182	6.8	18.0
79	E. Evans		8.3	152	Ppv	140	3.9	6- 8-77	D	6- 8-77	245	6.7	17.0

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Table 2.--Records of wells and springs in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County--Continued

			-				Water	level		Fi	eld determi	nation	<u>s</u>
Field well number	Owner	Year com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of well (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	Altitude of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land surface (meters)	Date of measure- ment	Use of water	Date	Specific conduct- ance (micro- mhos at 25°C)	рН	Tem- per- ature (°C)
<b>*</b> 80	S. Davis		21.3	152	Ppv	146	9.7	6- 8-77	D	6- 8-77	260		18.5
81	S. Davis		13.8	152	Ppv	147	8.7	6- 8-77	D	6- 8-77	270	6.9	17.5
82	J. Broughton		30	152	Ppv	148		6- 8-77	D	6- 8-77	240	6.8	18.0
83	J. Broughton		9.8	152	Ppv	147	5.0	6- 8-77	D				
84	J. Smith		10.3	152	Ppv	152	4.0	6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	125	6.7	16.5
85	W. Griffin		31.1	152	Ppv	178	18.3	6- 9 <b>-</b> 77	D	6- 9-77	112	6.6	19.0
86	J. Neal		35.3	152	Ppv	166	13.7	6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	240	6.9	18.5
87	J. Neal		Spring		Ppv	157		6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	42	6.7	17.0
88	T. Davis	1976	31.5	152	Ppv	154	7.5	6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	65	6.5	17.0
89	T. Davis	1976	29.2	152	Ppv	153	11.5	6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	75	6.4	17.5
90	R. Evans		Spring		Ppv	148		6- 9-77	D	6- 9-77	36	5.8	16.0
* 91	H. Griffin		42	152	Ppv	131	18	6- 8-77	D	6- 8-77	305	7.4	17.5
92	L. Jones			152	Ppv	136		6- 8-77	D				
93	L. Jones		8.3	762	Ppv	145	6.5	6- 8-77	N	6- 8-77	148	5.7	17.0
* 94	D. Dollars		9.6	152	Ppv	138	7.9	6-14-77	D	6-14-77	240	6.5	16.5
* 95	N. Armstrong			102	Ppv	139		6-14-77	D	6-14-77	310	6.9	19.5
96	N. Armstrong		8.0	914	Ppv	140	6.6	6-14-77	N				
97	L. Bagwell		29.7	152	Ppv	135	7.0	7-19-77	N	7-19-77	215	6.6	24.0
98	T. Davis		Spring		Ppν	145		7-27-77	D				
99	E. Long		23.6	152	Ppv	151	3.6	8- 8-77	N				
100	E. Long		11.1	152	Ppv	150	8.3	8- 9-77	N				19.0
101	D. Kemp		5.2	914	Ppv	112	3.7	8- 9-77	D	8- 9-77	138	4.6	19.0
102	D. Kemp	1931	8.5	152	Ppv	115	3.6	8- 9-77	N	8- 9-77	140	6.2	19.0
103	J. Lyster	1970	101.0	152	Ppv	87	5.3	8- 9-77	N	8-22-77	600	8.3	19.5
104	C. Zennah	1977	8.1	152	Ppv	163	3.2	8-17-77	N				
105	C. Zennah	1977	11.5	152	Ppv	172	6.4	8-17-77	N				
106	E. Wood	1978	37.2	152	Kck	154	30.2	9-20-78	D				
107	D. Cunningham				Kck	140			D				<b>-</b>
* 108	A. Malatino		27.4	152	Kck	177	22	3-31-77	D	4- 1-75	16	5.2	13.0
109	M. Barger		8.4	610	Kck	151	7.9	5-15-78	N				

<sup>\*</sup> Standard chemical analysis available; see table 4.

Table 3.--Records of test wells drilled in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County

(Well numbers correspond with those on plate 4)

Water-bearing unit: Ppv, Pottsville Formation; Kck, Coker Formation.

Altitude: Altitudes determined by aneroid barometer.

					Altitude	Water	level _	
Well number	Date com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of casing (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land surface (meters)	Date of measure- ment	Remarks
TW-1	6-13-78	25.6	152	Kck	153	14.0	6-13-78	Casing from surface to 22.6 m; 102 mm screen from 22.6 to 25.6 m. Drawdown 2.85 m after pumping 5.6 L/s for 17 hours on 10-24-78.
TW-2	8- 3-78	34.1	152	Kck	180	30.2	9-29-78	Casing from surface to 31.1 m; 127 mm screen from 31.1 to 34.1 m.
TW-3	6-25-78	88.4	152	Рру	193	32.3	6-25-78	Casing from surface to 8.8 m; none below.
TW-4	6-20-78	105.8	152	Ppv	195	27.4	6-25-78	Casing from surface to 7.6 m; none below.
TW-5	7- 6-78	18.3	152	Ppv	158	12.3	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 9.8 m; none below.
TW-6	7- 7-78	61.0	152	Рри	164	29.6	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 26.5 m; none below.
TW-7	7-13-78	45.7	152	Ppv	139	24.1	9-27-78	Casing from surface to 10.4 m; none below.
TW-8	7-14-78	45.7	152	Ppv	147	23.1	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 6.7 m; none below.
TW-9	7-19-78	63.1	152	Kck/Ppv	163	12.3	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 24.4 m; none below.
TW-10	7-21-78	61.0	152	Ppv	163			Casing from surface to 19.8 m; none below.
TW-11	7-21-78	61.0	152	Ppv	182	21.8	10-16-78	Casing from surface to 26.8 m; none below.
TW-12	7-26-78	81.4	152	Ppv	178			Casing from surface to 14.9 m; none below.
TW-13	7-27-78	50.6	152	Рру	177	21.2	10-13-78	Casing from surface to 12.3 m; none below.

Table 3.--Records of test wells drilled in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County--Continued

-					Altitude	Water	level	
Well	Date com- pleted	Depth of well (meters)	Diame- ter of casing (milli- meters)	Water bearing unit	of land surface (meters- NGVD of 1929)	Below land Date of surface measure- (meters) ment	measure-	Remarks
TW-14	8- 7-78	45.7	152	Ppv	189	22.2	10-16-78	Casing from surface to 23.6 m; none below.
TW-15	8- 8-78	19.8	152	Kck	182	15.2	10- 2-78	Casing from surface to 16.0 m; 102 mm from 19.0 to 19.8 m; 102 mm screen from 16 to 19.0 m. Drawdown 0.45 m after pumping 0.26 L/s for 1 hour and 45 minutes on 10-31-78.
TW-16	8- 9-78	31.1	152	Kck	178	24.8	10-16-78	Casing from surface to 27.0 m; 102 mm from 30 to 31.1 m; 102 mm screen from 27.0 to 30 m.
TW-17	8-11-78	51.8	152	Ppv	183	22.4	10-16-78	Casing from surface to 32.3 m; none below.
TW-18	8-16-78	68.9	152	Ppv	160	25.1	10-16-78	Casing from surface to 18.3 m; none below.
TW-19	8-23-78	50.6	152	Ppv	186			Casing from surface to 8.8 m; none below.
TW-20	8-24-78	63.1	152	Рру	191			Casing from surface to 12.5 m; none below.
TW-21	8-29-78	63.1	152	Ppv				Casing from surface to 6.4 m; none below.
TW-22	8-31-78	93.6	152	Ppv	203			Casing from surface to 18.3 m; none below.
TW-23	9- 1-78	97.5	152	Ppv	154			Casing from surface to 5.8 m; none below.
TW-24	9- 6-78	17.7	152	Kck	152			Casing from surface to 14 m; 102 mm from 17.1 to 17.7 m; 102 mm screen from 14 to 17.1 m.
TW-25	9- 8-78	45.7	152	Ppv	147	14.3	10- 6-78	Casing from surface to 12.5 m; none below.

Table 3.--Records of test wells drilled in and near study areas in Tuscaloosa County--Continued

		D:		Altitude	Water	level	_
Date com- pleted	ter of surface Below  Depth casing Water (meters- land Date of well (milli- bearing NGVD of surface measu	Date of measure- ment	Remarks				
9-11-78	37.8	152	Рру	120	5.2	9-19-78	Casing from surface to 9.4 m; none below. Drawdown 2.3 m after pumping 1.3 L/s for 24 hours on 10-25-78. Drawdown 3.6 m after pumping 3.5 L/s for 7 hours and 50 minutes on 11-2-78.
9-13-78	81.7	152	Ppv	171	71.3	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 22.6 m; none below.
9-15-78	75.6	152	Ppv	185	55.3	9-20-78	Casing from surface to 7.9 m; none below.
9-19-78	44.2	152	Ppv	136			Casing from surface to 6.1 m; none below.
9-20 <b>-</b> 78	37.8	152	Ppv	125	14.0	9-25-78	Casing from surface to 6.1 m; none below.
	9-11-78 9-13-78 9-15-78 9-19-78	com-pleted     of well (meters)       9-11-78     37.8       9-13-78     81.7       9-15-78     75.6       9-19-78     44.2	Date composition         Depth of well (millipleted (meters))         casing (millipleted)           9-11-78         37.8         152           9-13-78         81.7         152           9-15-78         75.6         152           9-19-78         44.2         152	Date composition         Depth casing (millipleted)         Water bearing meters)           9-11-78         37.8         152         Ppv           9-13-78         81.7         152         Ppv           9-15-78         75.6         152         Ppv           9-19-78         44.2         152         Ppv	Date completed         Depth of well (millipleted)         Depth casing (millipleted)         Water (meters)         NGVD of meters)           9-11-78         37.8         152         Ppv         120           9-15-78         75.6         152         Ppv         185           9-19-78         44.2         152         Ppv         136	Date completed         Depth casing completed         Water (meters land surface (meters land surface) land surface (meters)         Below land surface (meters land surface) land surface (meters)           9-11-78         37.8         152         Ppv         120         5.2           9-13-78         81.7         152         Ppv         171         71.3           9-15-78         75.6         152         Ppv         185         55.3           9-19-78         44.2         152         Ppv         136	Date completed         Depth casing of well (millipleted)         Water (meters) with meters)         Water (meters) with with with meters)         NGVD of well (meters)         Below with land bate of surface (meters)           9-11-78         37.8         152         Ppv         120         5.2         9-19-78           9-13-78         81.7         152         Ppv         171         71.3         9-20-78           9-15-78         75.6         152         Ppv         185         55.3         9-20-78           9-19-78         44.2         152         Ppv         136

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Table 4.--Quality of water from selected wells and springs
(in milligrams per liter, except as indicated)

Well number	6	7	32	34	53	55	80	91	94	95	108
Date of collection	5-17-70	2-3-77	10-6-77	10-6-77	9-14-77	9-14-77	9-28-77	9-28-77	9-14-77	9-15-77	4-1-75
Depth of well (m)	30.5	Spring	13.7	21.3	56.4	16	21.3	41.7	9.4		27.4
Water bearing formation	Coker	Coker	Coker	Coker	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Coker
Specific conductors	16	25	28	14	260	408	302	365	277	285	16
Specific conductance, (micromhos at 25°C)	10	23	20	14	260	400	302	303	2//	263	10
Temperature (°C)	22.0	5.0	17.0	17.5	20.5	22.0	18.5	18.5	17.0		13.0
pH (units)	5.7	5.3	5.9	4.9	6.8	7.2	6.8	7.6	6.9	6.9	5.4
Color (units) 1/		0									
Hardness as CaCO3	2	9	10	3	120	220	130	69	140	150	2
Noncarbonate hardness	0	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	8	8	0
Total acidity as H <sup>+</sup>		0									
Total acidity as CaCO3		0									
Calcium (Ca)		1.9	3.6	.5	26	46	26	16	31	41	.5
Magnesium (Mg)		1.0	.3	.4	14	26	15	7.1	15	11	. 3
Sodium (Na)		1.3	.8	.6	12	8.7	14	54	8.9	7.6	.6
Percent sodium (%)		21	14	28	17	8	19	63	12	10	
Sodium adsorption ratio (SAR)		. 2	.1	.2	.5	.3	.5	2.8	.3	.3	
Potassium (K)		1.2	.3	.4	1.1	2.0	1.9	.8	7.0	.6	1.1
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	5	6	15	6	160	260	180	220	160	170	7
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )		48	30	121	41	26	46	8.8	32	34	
Carbonate (CO3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )			.6	.0	7.4	16	10	4.2	13	11	.2
Chloride (C1)	1.0	3.8	1.4	.6	5.2	1.7	3.0	3.6	9.6	4.1	.4
Fluoride (F)	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.0
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> )		6.2	9.6	7.3	29	29	21	17	20	23	7.6
Dissolved solids					176	258	180	211	194	183	
(calculated)											
Total nitrate (N)		.21	.04	. 05	.57	.02	.90	.06	2.4	.05	.2
Total nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )			.18	.22	2.5	.09	.40	.27	11	. 22	1.1
Total nitrite (N)		.00									
Total organic nitrogen (N)			.00	.00	.14	.06	.00	.09	.18	.00	
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)		.10									
Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> )											

Table 4.--Quality of water from selected wells and springs--Continued

Well number	6	7	32	34	53	55	80	91	94	95	108
Date of collection	5-17-70	2-3-77	10-6-77	10-6-77	9-14-77	9-14-77	9-28-77	9-28-77	9-14-77	9-15-77	4-1-75
Depth of well (m)	30.5	Spring	13.7	21.3	56.4	16	21.3	41.7	9.4		27.4
Water bearing formation	Coker	Coker	Coker	Coker	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Pottsville	Coker
Total phosphorus (P)		0.00									
Total orthophosphorus (P)		.00									
Arsenic (As) (ug/L)		0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2	ND	ND
Boron (B) (ug/L)		0									
Cadmium (Cd) (ug/L)		0	<1	1	<1	1	1	<1	2	1	ND
Chromium (Cr) (ug/L)		0		ND	<1	<1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Cobalt (Co) (ug/L)		0	1	1	1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1
Copper (Cu) (ug/L)		110	40	70	7	<2	2	ND	1	5	170
Iron (Fe) (ug/L)	70	230	20	140	20	<5	ND	30	ND	<5	20
Lead (Pb) (ug/L)		6	4	18	1	1	6	4	3	5	1
Lithium (Li) (ug/L)		0	<5	<5	20	20		10	20	10	<1
Manganese (Mn) (ug/L)		20	13	11	41	78	19	28	<5	12	0
Mercury (Hg) (ug/L)		.1	.6	.6	.3	ND	<.2	<.2	<.2	ND	<.2
Selenium (Se) (ug/L)		0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Strontium (Sr) (ug/L)		0	20	10	150	240			130	190	30
Zinc (Zn) (ug/L)		60	10	10	30	20	140	10	60	360	20

ND - Not detected
1/ - Platinum-cobalt scale units

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Table 5.--Summary of surface water data collection network

(Site numbers correspond to those on figure 5)

			_		Type dat	ta and sam	oling frequen	ncy 1/
Site number	Name	USGS station number	Drainage area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Period of record	Streamflow	Water quality	Suspended sediment	Aquation biology
			Bear	Creek Basin				
1	Bear Creek near Samantha	02463900	39.1	Oct. 1976-Sept. 1978	С	С	D	M
2	Dry Branch near Samantha	02463890	1.86	Nov. 1976-Sept. 1978	M, F	M, F	M, F	M
			Blue	Creek Basin				
3	Blue Creek near Oakman	02462600	13.8	1959-65 and Oct. 1976- Sept. 1978	С	M, F	M, F	М
			Turkey	Creek Basin				
4	Turkey Creek near Tuscaloosa	02464145	15.9	Nov. 1976-Sept. 1978	M, F	M, F	M, F	M
			Yellow	Creek Basin				
5	Yellow Creek above Northport	02462980	9.43	Nov. 1976-Sept. 1978	M, F	M, F	M, F	M
6	Tributary to Yellow Creek near Northport	02462985	6.45	Nov. 1976-Sept. 1978	M, F	M, F	M, F	M
7	Yellow Creek near Northport	02462990	21.3	Oct. 1976-Sept. 1978	С	С	D	М

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{1}/$  C - continuous, D - daily, M - monthly, F - flood events.

Table 6.--Monthly and annual mean stream discharge for sites 1, 3, and 7, October 1976-September 1978

(cubic meters per second)

Water													
year	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb_	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Annual
					Site 1	(Bear C	reek nea	r Saman	tha)				
1977	0.018	0.077	0.552	1.303	0.977	2.518	2.319	0.043	0.005	0.002	0.003	0.044	0.654
1978	1.048	.935	.722	1.255	.422	1.260	.228	.949	.470	.030	.013	.000	.615
					Site 3	Blue	Creek ne	ar Oakm	an)				
1977	.004	.011	.134	.564	.405	1.090	.719	.012	.012	.003	.005	.032	.248
1978	.530	.396	.306	.484	.132	.439	.077	.334	.148	.017	.008	.002	.242
				Si	te 7 (Y	(ellow C	reek nea	r North	port)				
1977	.229	.240	.377	.521	.396	.889	1.130	.286	.194	.231	.171	.408	.422
1978	.606	.513	. 394	.521	.402	.544	.314	.598	.365	.174	.192	.131	.396

Table 8.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha)

	Number of			
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Discharge	41	9.1	0.01-72	m <sup>3</sup> /s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	45	33	16-94	umhos/cm
pH	40	1/6.4	5.4-7.5	units
Temperature	45	14.0	2.0-27.0	°C
Color	5	23	10-40	units
Dissolved oxygen	12	9.4	4.8-12.4	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	19	8	1-12	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	19	i	0-5	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	23	.0	.02	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3	23	.7	.0-10	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	19	1.5	.1-2.7	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	19	.9	.1-1.6	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	18	1.9	.4-3.5	mg/L
Percent sodium	17	32	24-46	<u>g</u> , _
Sodium-adsorption ratio	18	.3	.25	
Potassium (K), dissolved	17	.9	.4-1.8	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	33	11	5-32	mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	32	13	.3-96	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	30	0	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved	34	4.1	1.4-14	mg/L
Chloride (C1), dissolved	10	1.6	.6-2.6	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	6	.1	.03	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	6	7.8	7.0-8.6	mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	6	25	21-28	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)	5	0.05	.0108	mg/L
Total nitrite (N)	5	0.03	.001	mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)	5	.14	.0524	mg/L
Total nitrogen (N)	5	.19	.1130	mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	4	.70	.49-1.1	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	5	.01	.0102	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	5	.00	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)	4	5.2	2.2-9.2	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	3	10	6.4-17	mg/L
Phenols	3	1	0-3	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	2	.7	0-1.3	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137	3	1.3	.6-2.0	PC/L
Beta, gross dissolved as cs-13/	5	1.7	.0-2.0	. 0/ 5
yttrium-90	3	1.2	.6-1.9	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	3	.06	.031	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	2	.0	.0	ug/L

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		Disso	lved			uspended	sediment solu	tion		able from	n bottom mate	rial
	Number of				Number of				Number of			
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Aluminum	19	30	0-90	ug/L	15	1500	100-4000	ug/L	3	1700	600-2800	ug/g
Arsenic	4	1	0-1	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/L	3	4.7	0-8	ug/g
Boron	4	10	0-20	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Cadmium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Chromium	4	1	0-1.0	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	1	20	20	ug/g
Cobalt	4	10	10	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Copper	4	1	0-3	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Iron	19	80	10-250	ug/L	16	3500	400-10000	ug/L	3	7700	990-17000	ug/g
Lead	4	1	0-5	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Lithium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L				
Manganese	15	27	0.0-60	ug/L	15	110	20-280	ug/L	2	230	220-240	ug/g
Mercury	3	. 0	<b>a5</b>	ug/L	2	.5	.05	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Selenium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0-1	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Strontium	4	30	20-50	ug/L	3	20	10-30	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g
Zinc	4	10	0-10	ug/L	2	10	0-20	ug/L	3	10	10-20	ug/g

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 9.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 2 (Dry Branch near Samantha)

	Number			
Property	of analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Discharge	35	0.42	0.01-2.3	m <sup>3</sup> /s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	33	22	15-43	umhos/cm
pH	23	1/6.3	4.8-7.2	units
Temperature	27	12.5	3.0-21.5	°C
Color	4	18	13-30	units
Dissolved oxygen	10	9.9	7.6-12.5	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	12	5	2-8	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	9	0	0-2	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	13	.0	.01	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	13	.4	.0-5.0	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	12	1.0	.2-1.6	mg/L mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	12	.7	.4-1.0	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	11	1.4	1.2-1.7	mg/L
Percent sodium	11	33	24-46	™g/ L %
Sodium-adsorption ratio	11	.3	.24	70
Potassium (K), dissolved	11	.8	.6-1.1	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	19	8	2-14	mg/L mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	19	21	.8-76	mg/L mg/L
Carbon dioxide $(CO_2)$	19	0	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved	22	3.2	2.3-4.2	mg/L
Chloride (C1), dissolved	4	1.7	1.3-2.0	mg/L mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	4	.0	.01	mg/L
	4	8.7	7.6-9.8	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	3	8./ 21	17-26	J.,_
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	4	- <del>-</del>	.0002	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)	4	.01		mg/L
Total nitrite (N)	•	.00	.00	mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)	4	.11	.0816	mg/L
Total nitrogen (N)	4	.12	.0917	mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	3	.59	.4475	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	4	.01	.0002	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	4	.00	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)	4	5.0	.6-8.8	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	3	9.1	6.5-13	mg/L
Phenols	2	1	0-2	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	3	.4	.45	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137 Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	3	1.2	.6-2.0	PC/L
yttrium-90	3	1.1	.6-1.6	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	3	.05	.0506	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	2	.0	.0	ug/L

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		Disso	lved		water-s	uspended	sediment solu	ition	Recovera	ble from	n bottom mate	erial
	Number of				Number of				Number of	<u> </u>		
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Aluminum	12	40	10-80	ug/L	11	600	30-1400	ug/L	3	1400	500-2000	ug/g
Arsenic	4	1	0-1	ug/L	3	1	0-1	ug/L	3	1	0-3	ug/g
Boron	4	10	0-10	ug/L	3	10	0-20	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Cadmium	4	1	0-2	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Chromium	4	1	0-1	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	2	10	10	ug/g
Cobalt	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Copper	4	1	0-1	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Iron	13	40	10-90	ug/L	11	1800	300-11000	ug/L	3	7700	1100-15000	ug/g
Lead	4	2	0-7	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Lithium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L				
Manganese	10	17	0-50	ug/L	10	57	10-160	ug/L	2	320	290-350	ug/g
Mercury	3	.0	.05	ug/L	2	.5	.05	ug/L	3	.0	.0	ug/g
Selenium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0-1	ug/L	3	0	.0-1	ug/g
Strontium	4	50	20-80	ug/L	3	50	20-80	ug/L	2	10	10	ug/g
Zinc	4	10	0-10	ug/L	3	10	0-20	ug/L	3	20	20	ug/g

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 10.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 3 (Blue Creek near Oakman)

	Number of			
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Discharge	65	4.0	0.01-19	$m^3/s$
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	37	79	18-410	umhos/cm
pĤ	34	1/6.6	5.2-7.3	units
Temperature	36	<b>-</b> 15.0	1.5-29	°C
Color	5	26	10-40	units
Dissolved oxygen	17	9.0	5.3-12.9	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		18	4-75	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness		13	0-57	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>		.0	.01	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3		.6	.0-5.0	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved		3.1	.5-13	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved		2.6	.6-11	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved		2.3	.9-6.3	mg/L
Percent sodium		24	10-39	8
Sodium-adsorption ratio		. 2	.14	
Potassium (K), dissolved		1.2	.7-2.2	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )		11	2-35	mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )		12	1-89	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )		0	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved		20	4.0-110	mg/L
Chloride (C1), dissolved		1.9	1.0-4.4	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved		.0	.01	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved		6.7	4.0-8.5	mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)		53	22-112	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)		.03	.0007	mg/L
Total nitrite (N)		.00	.0001	mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)		.24	.1059	mg/L
Total nitrogen (N)		.26	.1464	mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )		1.4	.62-2.8	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)		.01	.0102	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)		.00	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)		8.8	6.5-11	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)		8.6	6.1-11	mg/L
Phenols		0	0	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural		.6	.6	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137		2.0	.7-2.7	PC/L
Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	•	2.0	•, ••,	. 0, 2
yttrium-90	. 3	1.8	.7-2.4	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method		.04	.0305	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	3	.0	.01	ug/L

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	_	Disso	<u>lve</u> d		water-si	uspended	sediment solu	ition	Recovera	ble fr <u>om</u>	bottom mat	erial
_	Number of		_		Number of		_		Number of			
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Aluminum	13	50	10-140	ug/L	10	1400	70-7600	ug/L	2	800	500-1200	ug/g
Arsenic	2	1	0-1	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	8	0-17	ug/g
Boron	2	15	0-30	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g
Cadmium	2	1	0-1	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g
Chromium	2	1	0-3	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g
Cobalt	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g
Copper	2	1	0-1	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g
Iron	13	90	10-600	ug/L	11	2100	200-12000	ug/L	2	2600	900-4300	ug/g
Lead	2	8	2-10	ug/L	1	40	40	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g
Lithium	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L				
Manganese	9	51	20-90	ug/L	10	130	20-580	ug/L	2	300	150-460	ug/g
Mercury	2	.5	.05	ug/L	1	.5	.5	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g
Selenium	2	1	0-1	ug/L	1	1	1	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g
Strontium	2	80	50-100	ug/L	1	90	90	ug/L	2	10	10	ug/g
Zinc	2	10	10	ug/L	1	20	20	ug/L	2	20	10-20	ug/g

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 11.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 4 (Turkey Creek near Tuscaloosa)

	Number of		_	
Property	analyses	<u>Me</u> an	Range	Units
Discharge	34	1.1	0.03-11	m³/s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	31	17	12-31	umhos/cm
pH	28	1/6.3	5.0-7.3	units
Temperature	34	14.5	2.0-26.0	°C
Color	5	33	20-55	units
Dissolved oxygen	16	9.6	7.3-12.7	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	10	5	2-8	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	10	1	0-2	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	16	.1	.0-1.0	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3	15	.7	.0-5.0	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	10	1.1	.1-2.2	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	10	.5	.49	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	8	1.3	.9-2.0	mg/L
Percent sodium	8	35	28-51	%
Sodium-adsorption ratio	8	. 3	.24	
Potassium (K), dissolved	8	.6	.48	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	26	6	0-13	mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	24	12	1-80	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	25	0	0	mg/L
Sulfate $(SO_4)$ , dissolved	24	2.6	1.2-4.9	mg/L
Chloride (CI), dissolved	5	1.6	1.4-1.7	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	5	.0	.0	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	5	6.4	5.6-7.4	mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	5	16	12-22	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)	5	.02	.0104	mg/L
Total nitrite (N)	5	.00	.00	mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)	5	.16	.0932	mg/L
Total nitrogen (N)	5	.18	.1036	mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	4	.82	.44-1.6	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	5	.01	.0001	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	5	.00	,00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)	4	6.8	2.2-11	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	3	6.7	4.4-8.5	mg/L
Phenols	3	0	0	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	4	. 2	.05	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137	4	.9	.5-1.4	PC/L
Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	•	••		, -
yttrium-90	4	.8	.5-1.2	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	4	.07	.041	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	2	.0	.0	ug/L

					To	able in a							
		Di <u>ss</u> o	lved		water-si	uspended s	ediment solv	ution	Recoverable from bottom material				
Property	Number of analyses	Mean.	Range	Units	Number of analyses	Mean	Range	Units	Number of analyses	Mean	Range	Units	
Aluminum	30	30	0-80	ug/L	7	700	40-2300	ug/L	4	200	10-400	ug/g	
Arsenic	30	1	0-30	ug/L	2	700	0-1	ug/L ug/L	4	200	0		
	4	10	0-20	ug/L	2	1	0-1		4	0	0	ug/g	
Boron	4	10	_	ug/L	2	0	•	ug/L	4	-110	-10	ug/g	
Cadmium	4	1	0-1	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Chromium	4	1	0-2	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Cobalt	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Copper	4	1	0-3	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	1	20	20	ug/g	
Iron	11	60	20-160	ug/L	8	1600	400-4400	ug/L	4	900	500-1500	ug/g	
Lead	4	6	0-18	ug/L	2	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Lithium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	Ō	0	ug/L					
Manganese	6	22	10-40	ug/L	6	65	10-170	ug/L	3	50	30-70	ug/g	
Mercury	4	. 0	.05	ug/L	3	.0	.05	ug/L	4	0	0	ug/g	
Selenium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	1	0-1	ug/L	4	0	Ō	ug/g	
Strontium	4	20	0-40	ug/L	3	20	20-30	ug/L	2	10	10	ug/g	
Zinc	4	10	0-10	ug/L	3	10	10-20	ug/L	2	10	3-10	ug/g	

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 12.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 5 (Yellow Creek above Northport)

	Number			
Property	of analyses	Mean	Range	<u>Un</u> its
Discharge	25	0.31	0.08-1.9	m <sup>3</sup> /s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	26	12	8-18	umhos/cm
pH	24	1/5.9	4.9-6.7	units
Temperature	27	_ 15.5	3.5-23.5	°C
Color	5	40	16-55	units
Dissolved oxygen	14	8.8	6.9-12.0	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	9	3	2-4	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	8	1	0-2	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	13	0	01	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3	13	.8	.0-5.0	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	9	.6	.4-1.1	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	9	.4	.17	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	7	1.1	.8-1.7	mg/L
Percent sodium	7	42	35-55	%
Sodium-adsorption ratio	7	.3	.24	
Potassium (K), dissolved	7	.4	.25	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	20	5	2-12	mg/L
Carbon dioxide $(CO_2)$	20	19	2-81	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	20	0	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved	21	1.9	.9-3.7	mg/L
Chloride (C1), dissolved	5	1.4	1.2-1.7	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	5	.1	.03	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	5	5.5	4.8-6.1	mg/L mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	4	12	12-13	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)	5	.01	.0001	mg/L
Total nitrite (N)	5	.00	.0001	mg/L
	5	.16	.1222	mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)	5 5		.1222	<u> </u>
Total nitrogen (N)	4	.16		mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	5	. 74	.58-1.0	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	5 5	.01	.0001	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	5 5	.00	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)		6.8	2.6-12	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	4	9.8	5.4-15	mg/L
Phenols	3	0	0	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	5	1.4	.0-3.6	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137  Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	4	.9	.4-1.2	PC/L
yttrium-90	4	.8	.5-1.1	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	4	.08	.051	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	i	. 0	.0	ug/L

					To	tal recove	rable in a						
		Disso	lved		water-s	uspended s	ediment sol	ution	Recoverable from bottom material				
Property	Number of analyses	Mean	Range	Units	Number of analyses	Mean	Range	Units	Number of analyses	Mean	Range	Units	
. roperty	analyses	170 011	Range	011203	unux y 303	nean	Natigo	OHICS	anaryses	Mean	Range		
Aluminum	7	30	10-60	ug/L	5	100	20-200	ug/L	4	200	10-300	ug/g	
Arsenic	5	1	0-1	ug/L	4	1	0-2	ug/L	4	1	0-1	ug/g	
Boron	5	16	0-40	ug/L	4	10	0-20	ug/L	4	10	0-10	ug/g	
Cadmium	5	0	0	ug/L	4	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Chromium	5	1	0-3	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g	
Cobalt	5	10	10	ug/L	4	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Copper	5	1	0-2	ug/L	4	10	10	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Iron	9	120	60-220	ug/L	5	1500	450-3600	ug/L	4	1100	640-1500	ug/g	
Lead	5	5	0-13	ug/L	4	10	0-12	ug/L	4	<10	<10	ug/g	
Lithium	5	0	0	ug/L	4	0	0	ug/L					
Manganese	5	32	20-40	ug/L	4	48	30-100	ug/L	3	60	20-140	ug/g	
Mercury	4	.0	.05	ug/L	3	.0	.05	ug/L	4	0	0	ug/g	
Selenium	5	0	0	ug/L	4	1	0-1	ug/L	4	0	0	ug/g	
Strontium	5	30	0-40	ug/L	4	60	0-210	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g	
Zinc	5	10	0-20	ug/L	4	20	10-20	ug/L	3	90	2-270	ug/g	

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 13.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 6 (Tributary to Yellow Creek near Northport)

-	Number of			
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Discharge	18	0.13	0.03-0.35	m <sup>3</sup> /s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	15	11	8-18	umhos/cm
pH	13	1/6.0	5.2-6.8	units
Temperature	19	16.5	7.0-22.5	°C
Color	2	32	10-55	units
Dissolved oxygen	5	8.3	7.5-8.7	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	5	2	1-4	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	4	0	0	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	7	.1	.04	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3	7	2.9	.0-20	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	5	.6	.1-1.3	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	5	. 2	.14	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	4	1.5	.9-2.4	mg/L
Percent sodium	4	56	45-67	g/ 2
Sodium-adsorption ratio	4	.4	.35	
Potassium (K), dissolved	5	. 2	.14	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	11	5	3-8	mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	11	7	0-19	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	10	ó	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved	9	1.6	.7-2.9	mg/L
Chloride (C1), dissolved	2	1.2	1.2-1.3	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	2	.1	.01	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	2	6.3	6.0-6.5	mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	2	14	12-15	mg/L
	2	.01	<del></del>	
Total nitrate (N)	2	.00	.0001	mg/L
Total Nieliehl minner (N)	2	.20	.00	.mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)			.1427	mg/L
Total nitrogen (N)	2	.21	.1428	mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	2	.91	.62-1.2	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	2	.00	.00	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	2	.00	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)	2	7.3	6.2-8.4	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	2	8.1	7.0-9.1	mg/L
Phenols	2	0	0	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	4	.4	.17	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137 Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	2	.9	.5-1.2	PC/L
yttrium-90	2	.7	.4-1.0	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	2	.08	.041	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	1	.0	.0	ug/L

<del></del>					Tot	al recov	erable in a							
		Disso	lved	_	water-su	ıspended	sediment sol	ution	Recoverable from bottom material					
Dunnants	Number of	Maar	Damas	Units	Number of	Mean	Pango	Units	Number of	Mean	Danas	Units		
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	OUTCS	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	mean	Range	Unites		
Aluminum	4	40	10-80	ug/L	1	30	30	ug/L	2	100	10-230	ug/g		
Arsenic	2	1.0	1	ug/L	1	1	1	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g		
Boron	2	20	0-40	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g		
Cadmium	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g		
Chromium	2	0	0	ug/L	1	<10	<10	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g		
Cobalt	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g		
Copper	2	1	0-2	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g		
Iron	5	70	30-100	ug/L	2	330	260-410	ug/L	2	520	300-750	ug/g		
Lead	2	6	0-13	ug/L	1	20	20	ug/L	2	<10	<10	ug/g		
Lithium	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L						
Manganese	4	15	10-20	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	2	30	20-40	ug/g		
Mercury	2	.0	.01	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g		
Selenium	2	0	0	ug/L	1	0	0	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/g		
Strontium	2	40	30-40	ug/L	1	30	30	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g		
Zinc	2	20	10-20	ug/L	1	20	20	ug/L	2	10	1-10	ug/g		

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 14.--Summary of selected chemical and physical characteristics of water at site 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport)

	Number			
Property	of analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Discharge	34	2,3	0.13-23	m³/s
Specific conductance (at 25°C)	34	13	8-21	umhos/cm
pH	29	1/5.8	4.6-6.8	units
Temperature	39	14.0	2.0-23.0	<b>°</b> C.
Color	5	24	10-40	units
Dissolved oxygen	13	9.7	7.8-13.8	mg/L
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	14	4	1-6	mg/L
Noncarbonate hardness	10	1	0-3	mg/L
Acidity as H <sup>+</sup>	16	.0	.01	mg/L
Acidity as CaCO3	16	.6	.0-5.0	mg/L
Calcium (Ca), dissolved	15	1.0	.4-1.6	mg/L
Magnesium (Mg), dissolved	14	.4	,1-,7	mg/L
Sodium (Na), dissolved	13	1.5	.7-5.2	mg/L
Percent sodium	13	37	0-67	g, _ %
Sodium-adsorption ratio	12	.3	.1-1.0	
Potassium (K), dissolved	14	.5	.18	mg/L
Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> )	24	4	2-10	mg/L
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	21	22	1.0-128	mg/L
Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> )	23	0	0	mg/L
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> ), dissolved	26	2.3	.7-4.1	mg/L
Chloride (Cl), dissolved	5	1.5	1.3-1.6	mg/L
Fluoride (F), dissolved	5	.0	.0	mg/L
Silica (SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	5	6.2	5.7-6.5	mg/L
Dissolved solids (sum of constituents)	6	14	12-17	mg/L
Total nitrate (N)	5	.02	.0103	mg/L
3 6	5	.00		mg/L
Total mitrite (N)	5 5	.14	.00 .0722	mg/L mg/L
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (N)	5	.14	.1023	•
Total nitrogen (N)	4			mg/L
Total nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> )	4 5	.66	.44-1.0	mg/L
Total phosphorus (P)	5 5	.00 .00	.0001	mg/L
Total orthophorus phosphorus (P)	4	8.0	.00	mg/L
Total organic carbon (C)	3		2.0-12	mg/L
Total inorganic carbon (C)	3 3	10 1	8.2-12	mg/L
Phenols	3	- ·	0-2	ug/L
Alpha, gross dissolved as U natural	3 4	. 0	.0	ug/L
Beta, gross dissolved as Cs-137 Beta, gross dissolved as strontium/	4	.7	.4-1.1	PC/L
yttrium-90	4	.7	.59	PC/L
Radium-226, dissolved, Radon method	4	.1	.052	PC/L
Uranium, natural dissolved (U)	3	.0	.0	ug/L

					Tot	tal recove	rable in a					
		Dissol	ved		water-si	uspended s	ediment solu	ugion	Recovera	ble from	bottom mat	erial
D	Number of			17-14-	Number of			•••	Number of			T1 14
Property	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units	analyses	Mean	Range	Units
Aluminum	14	70	0-130	ug/L	11	900	80-1600	ug/L	3	500	300-800	ug/g
Arsenic	4	1	0-1	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/L	3	1	0-1	ug/g
Boron	3	10	0-30	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Cadmium	4	1	0-1	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Chromium	4	1	0-3	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/L	1	30	30	ug/g
Cobalt	4	10	10	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Copper	4	1	0-2	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	3	<10	<10	ug/g
Iron	16	140	20-400	ug/L	11	2400	260-5600	ug/L	3	1400	300-2000	ug/g
Lead	4	3	0-4	ug/L	3	10	10	ug/L	1	40	40	ug/g
Lithium	4	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/L				
Manganese	11	48	0-110	ug/L	10	98	10-190	ug/L	2	60	30-90	ug/g
Mercury	3	.0	.05	ug/L	1	.5	.5	ug/L	3	.1	.02	ug/g
Selenium	4	0	0	ug/L	2	0	0	ug/L	3	0	0	ug/g
Strontium	4	20	0-40	ug/L	3	10	0-30	ug/L	1	10	10	ug/g
Zinc.	4	10	0-10	ug/L	3	10	0-20	ug/L	2	10	5-10	ug/g

<sup>1/</sup> Median value

Table 15.--Summary of annual suspended-sediment discharge and sediment yields at site 1 (Bear Creek near Samantha) and site 7 (Yellow Creek near Northport),
October 1976-September 1978

			1977			Mean		
}	Site number	Mean stream discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Annual suspended- sediment discharge (t)	Annual sediment yield (t/km <sup>2</sup> )	Mean stream discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Annual suspended- sediment discharge (t)	Annual sediment yield (t/km <sup>2</sup> )	annual sediment yield (t/km <sup>2</sup> )
	1	0.65	4020	103	0.61	1780	46	75
	7	0.42	804	38	0.40	395	19	28

Table 17.--Actual and relative numerical abundance of benthic invertebrates collected in riffles

(C and P denote Coker and Pottsville riffles, respectively)

	Total	Percent of total		ent in P		Total numbers	Percent of total	Percen	P P
LECOPTERA	1600	23.74	88	12	DIPTERA	833	12.36	82	18
Perlodidae:	11	.16	0	100		66	.98	88	12
Isogenus sp.	11	.16	0	100	Tabanidae; <i>Tabanus</i> sp.	66	.98	88	12
Peltoperlidae: Peltoperla sp.	280 280	4.15	100	0	Tipulidae:	200	2.98	77	23
Perlidae:	280 887	4.15 13.16	100 87	0 13	Hexatoma sp.	51 55	.76	94	6
Atoperla sp.	3	.04	100	13	Tipula sp. Antocha sp.	55 28	.82 .42	56 93	44
Perlesta sp.	146	2.17	100	ō	Dioranota sp.	42	.62	100	ó
Acroneuria sp. Neoperla sp.	673	9.99	83	17	Paeudolimmophila sp.	24	.36	33	67
Capniidae:	65	. 96	100	0	Simuliidae:	133	1.97	74	26
Allocapnia sp.	345 345	5.12 5.12	92 92	8 8	Prosimulium sp.	7	.10		100
Nemouridae:	24	.36	8	92	<i>Simulium</i> sp. Rhagionidae:	126 10	1.87 .15	79 60	21 40
Nemoura sp.	24	.36	8	92	Atherix variegata Walk.	10	.15	60	40
Taeniopterygidae: Taeniopteryx sp.	12	. 18	17	83	Ceratopogonidae:	34	.50	94	6
Chloroperlidae:	12 41	.18	17	83	Forcipomyia sp.	1	. 01	100	0
Alloperla sp.	41	.61 .61	63 63	37 37	<i>Atrichopogon</i> sp. Genus A	2 31	.03 .46	50 97	50 3
0. PAOPIDA	7-		••	3,	Emphidae:	4	.06	100	0
DLEOPTERA	1254	18.61	77	23	Genus A	4	.06	100	ŏ
Psephenidae:					Chironomidae:	387	5.72	85	15
Peephenue sp.	135	2.00	58	42	Conchapelopia sp.	32	.47	75	25
Ectopria sp.	133 2	1.97 .03	59 0	41 100	Cricotopus sp.	21 32	.31	86	14
Hydrophilidae:	ī	.01	100	0	Eukiefferiella sp. Parametrioonemus sp.	32 27	.47 .40	72 96	28 4
<i>Helocombus</i> sp. Elmidae:	ī	.01	100	ŏ	Polypedilum sp.	129	1.93	91	9
Elmidae: Stenelmis sp.	774	11.48	88	12	Rheotanytareus sp.	15	.22	80	20
Gonielmie dietrichi	153 3	2.28 .04	31 100	69 0	Smittia sp.	8	.12	100	0
Optioservus sp.	218	3.23	98	2	Tanytarous sp. Thienemanniella sp.	20 13	.30	35	65
Oulimnius sp.	395	5.86	99	ī	Trichocladius sp.	7	.19 .10	100 71	0 29
Macronychus glabratus	-	. 03	0	100	Peectrocladius sp.	7	.10	86	14
<i>Dubiraphia</i> sp. Dryopidae:	3	. 04	0	100	Zavrelia sp.	S	.07	100	ō
Helichus sp.	120 120	1.78	8	92	Corynoneura sp.	2	. 03	50	50
Ptilodactilidae:	224	1.78 3.34	8 100	92 0	<i>Procladius</i> sp. Heterotrissocl <i>adiu</i> s sp.	2	. 03	50	50
Anchytareue bicolor	224	3.34	100	ő	Phaenopsectra sp.	8	.12 .06	100 100	0
NICHEROPERA				•	Paracladopelma sp.	4	.06	100	ŏ
PHEMEROPTERA	1232	18.28	66	34	Xenochironomus sp.	1	.01		100
Heptageniidae:	727	10.70		20	Cardiocladius sp.	2	.03	100	0
Epeorus sp.	31	10.79 .46	80 100	20 0	Orthocladius sp.	1	.01	100	0
Stenonema sp.	682	10.12	79	21	Alabeemyia sp. Microtendipee sp.	2 3	.03 .04	50 67	50
Rhithrogena sp.	14	.21	71	29	Plecopteracoluthus sp.	5	.04	100	33 0
Ephemeridae: <i>Hexagenia</i> sp.	1	.01	100	0	Stenochiromonus sp.	2	.03	100	Ö
Ephemerellidae:	1	.01	100	0	Pentaneura sp.	1	.01	100	ō
Ephemerella sp.	37 37	.55 .55	68 68	32 32	Microspectra sp.	32	-47	100	0
Leptophlebiidae:	75	1.11	59	41	Chironomus sp.	2	.04	100	0
Habrophleboides sp.	75	1.11	59	41	MEGALOPTERA	235	3.49	67	33
Caenidae: <i>Caenie</i> sp.	13	. 19	100	0				•	00
Siphlonuridae:	13 117	.19 1.74	100	0 97	Corydalidae:	205	3.04	62	38
Ieonyohia sp.	117	1.74	3 3	97 97	<i>Nigronia</i> sp. <i>Corydalue</i> sp.	128 77	1.90	58	42
Baetiscidae:	1	.01	ŏ	100	Sialidae:	30	1.14 .45	70 100	30 0
<i>Baetieca</i> sp. Baetidae:	1	.01	0	100	Sialis sp.	30	.45	100	ŏ
Paeudocloeon sp.	261	3.88	\$5	45					-
Baetie sp.	171 88	2.54 1.31	36 91	64 9	ODONATA	90	1.33	33	67
Genus A	2	.03	100	0	Gomphidae:	80	1.19	27	
TANOPERA.	_			•	Dromogomphus sp.	4	.06	100	73 0
ICHOPTERA	1160	17.21	46	54	Lanthus sp.	76	1.13	24	76
Hydropsychidae:	874	12 00	EA		Cordulegastridae:	3	.04	100	0
Hydropsyche sp.	21	12.98 .32	50 100	50 0	<i>Cordulegaste</i> r sp. Aeshnidae:	3	.04	100	0
Genus A	i	.01	100	Ö	Boyeria sp.	6 6	.09	83	17
Diplectrona sp.	36	.53	100	Õ	Coenagrionidae:	1	.09 .01		17 100
<i>Cheumatopsyche</i> sp. Psychomyiidae:	816	12.12	47	53	Genus A	i	. 01		100
rsycnomylidae: Polycentropus sp.	6 5	. 09 . 08	33	67	MB. A BORD	_			
Genus A	3	.08	40	60 100	HEMIPTERA	23	. 34	43	57
Philopotamidae:	205	3.04	11	89	Veliidae:	23	. 34	47	
Chimarra sp.	202	3.00	10	90	Rhagovelia sp.	23 14	. 34		57 59
Sortosa sp.	3	. 04	67	33	Microvelia sp.	6	.09		50
Rhyacophilidae: Rhyacophila sp.	24 24	. 36	75 75	25	·	_			
Goeridae:	24 1	. 36 . 01	75 100	25 0	CRUSTACEA	136	2.02	12	86
Goera sp.	1	.01	100	ŏ	Astacidae:	17	. 25	88	12
Brachycentridae:	4	.06	100	Ō	Cambarue sp.	13	. 25		15
<i>Micraвета</i> sp. Hydroptilidae:	4	.06	100	0	Orconectes sp.	4	.06	100	0
Hydroptilidae:  Hydroptila sp.	20 15	. 30 . 22	90 100	10	Asellidae:	119	1.77	1	91
Mayatrichia sp.	5	.08	60	0 40	Liroeus sp.	119	1.77	1	99
Lepidostomatidae:	3	.04	33	67	GASTROPODA	28	42	٠.	00
Lepidostoma sp.	3	. 04	33	67	UNU INDI UUN	46	.42	0 1	.00
Odontoceridae:	12	.18	100	0	Planorbidae:	7	.10	0 1	00
<i>Poilotreta</i> sp. Leptoceridae:	12	.18	100	0	Helisoma sp.	7	.10		00
Decetie sp.	3 3	.04	100	0	Pleuroceridae:	21	. 32	0 1	00
	2	. 04 . 03	100 100	0	Pleurocera sp.	21	. 32		00
Limnephilidae:		.03	100	Ö	MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS	149	2 20		
Neophylax sp.	2			•	MARGUELLAGIEUUS GRUUPS	149	2.20	55	45
<i>Neophylax</i> sp. Glossosomatidae:	1	.01	100	0		145	2.20	-	43
Neophylax sp. Glossosomatidae: Glossosoma sp.	1	.01 .01	100	Ŏ	Nematoda				
Neophylax sp. Glossosomatidae: Glossosoma sp. Helicopsychidae:	1 1 5	.01 .01 .07	100 100	0	Arachnoidea	3 93	.04	33	67 55
Neophylax sp. Glossosomatidae: Glossosoma sp.	1	.01 .01	100	Ŏ		3	. 04	33 ( 45 )	67

\* Denotes species common to only Pottsville sites.

#### Achnanthaceae

Acanthes minutissima A. stewartii \* A. linearis \* f. curta

Cocconeis placentula v. lineata

#### Nitzschiaceae:

Nitzchia denticula N. dissipata N. frustulum N. clausii \* N. palea N. filiformis Hantzschia amphioxys

#### Eunotiaceae:

Eunotia carolina

E. curvata E. diodon \* E. flexuosa

E. flexuosa v. eurycephala

E. incisa E. pectinalis

E. pectinalis v. minor E. pectinalis v. ventricosa E. rostellata

E. sudetica

E. vanheurckii v. intermedia

E. quaternaria

E. lunaris v. subarcuata

E. bidentula E. elegens E. suecica E. monodon E. parallela

E. pectinalis v. recta

E. serra v. diadema

#### Fragilariaceae:

Fragilaria constricta F. vaucheriae Tabellaria fenestrata T. flocculosa Meridion circulare Synedra delicatissima S. rumpens v. scotica

S. ulna

S. ulna v. oxyrhynchus f. mediocontracta

S. filiformis v. exilis \*

#### Cymbellaceae:

Cymbella lunata C. tumida \* C. naviculiformes

C. minuta v. pseudogracilis

C. minuta

Amphora ovalis v. pediculus \*

#### Gomphonemaceae:

Gomphonema angustatum

G. acumenatum G. gracile G. intricatum G. purvulum G. manubrium

G. truncatum v. capitatum G. subclavatum v. commutatum

#### Surirellaceae:

Stenopterobia intermedia Surirella ovalis

S. linearis

S. robusta v. splendida

## Epithemiaceae:

Rhopalodia gibberula v. vanheurckii Denticala elegans \*

### Naviculaceae:

Anomoeoneis serians v. brachysira

A. vitrea

Caloneis ventricosa v. alpina

Frustulia rhomboides

F. rhomboides v. capitata \* F. rhomboides v. crassinervia

F. weenhoidii \* F. vulgaris

Navicula viridula v. avenacea

N. pupula v. elliptica

N. angusta N. minuscula N. secura

N. contenta v. biceps

N. hambergii N. minima N. notha

N. pupula v. elliptica N. pupula v. rectangularis N. radiosa v. parva

Stauroneis livingstonii

S. obtusa

S. phoenicenteron f. gracilis

S. fluminea

S. anceps f. gracilis

S. kreigeri \* S. smithii \*

Neidium affine v. longiceps

N. affine N. apiculatum

N. iridis v. ampliatum N. dubium f. constrictum Pinnularia borealis P. acrosphaeria \*

P. abaujensis P. biceps

P. biceps f. petersenii P. divergens v. elliplica P. braunii v. amphicephala

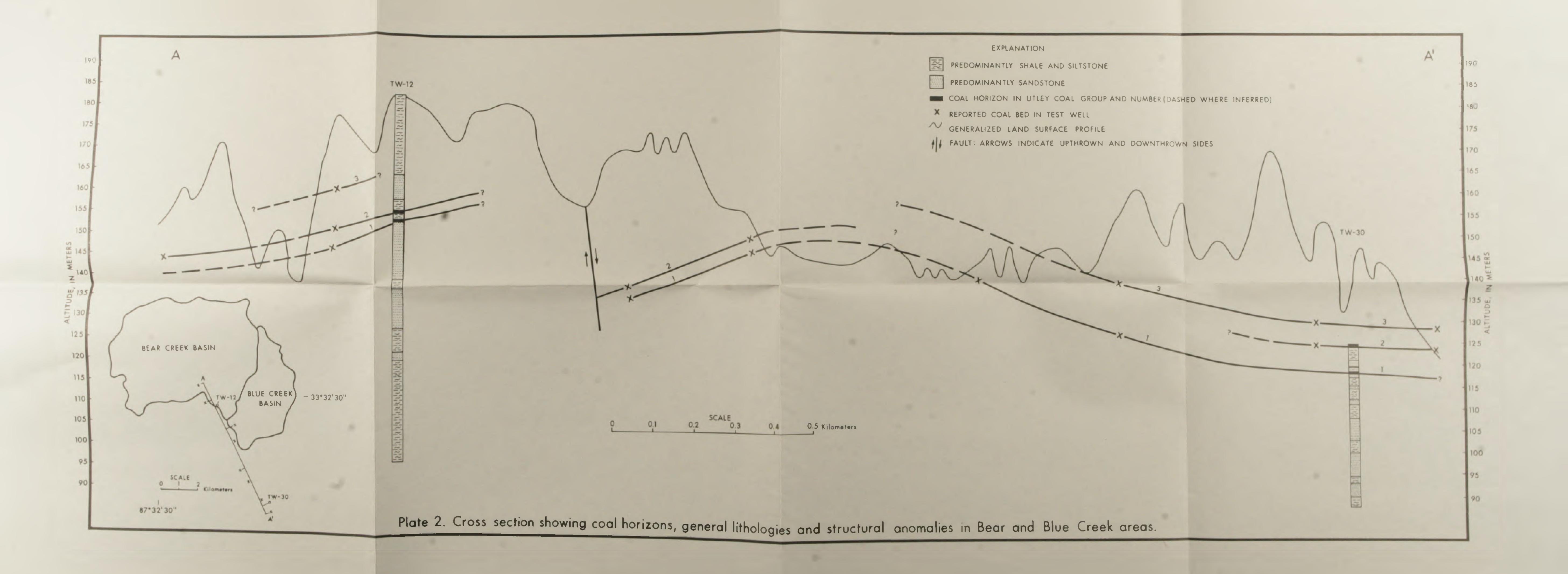
P. subcapitata P. termitina P. mesogongyla P. formica P. socialis

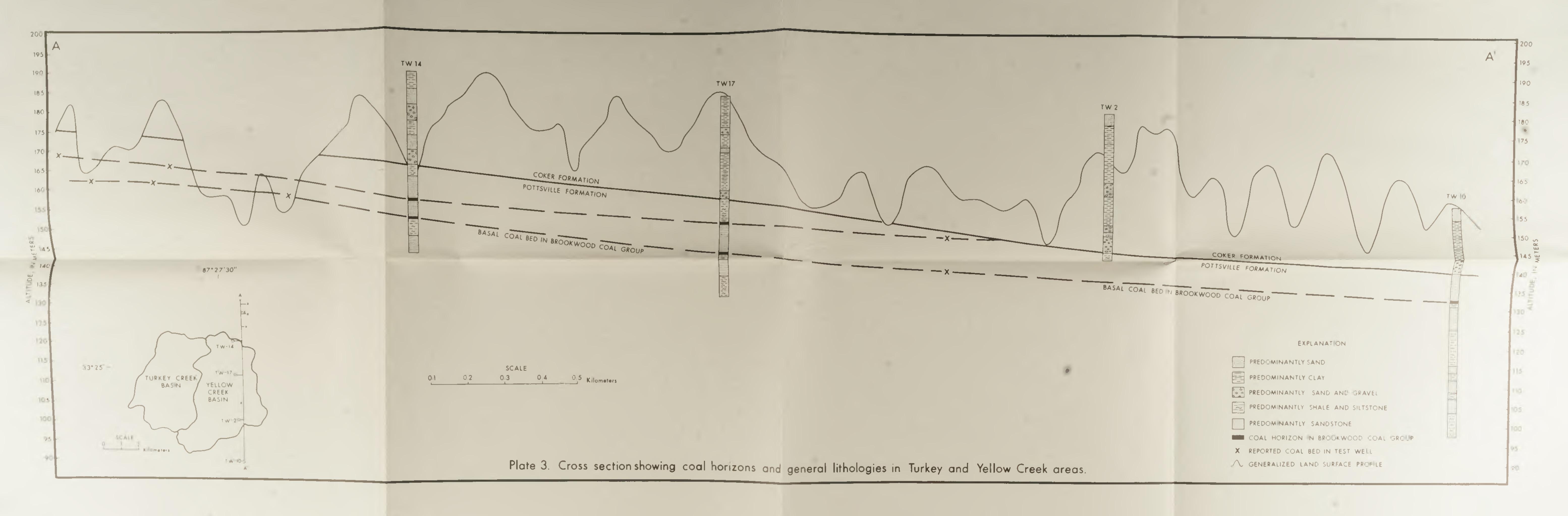
P. rupestris Amphipleura pellucida \* Diploneis puella \*

D. oculata \*



Plate 1. Geologic map of areas of study.





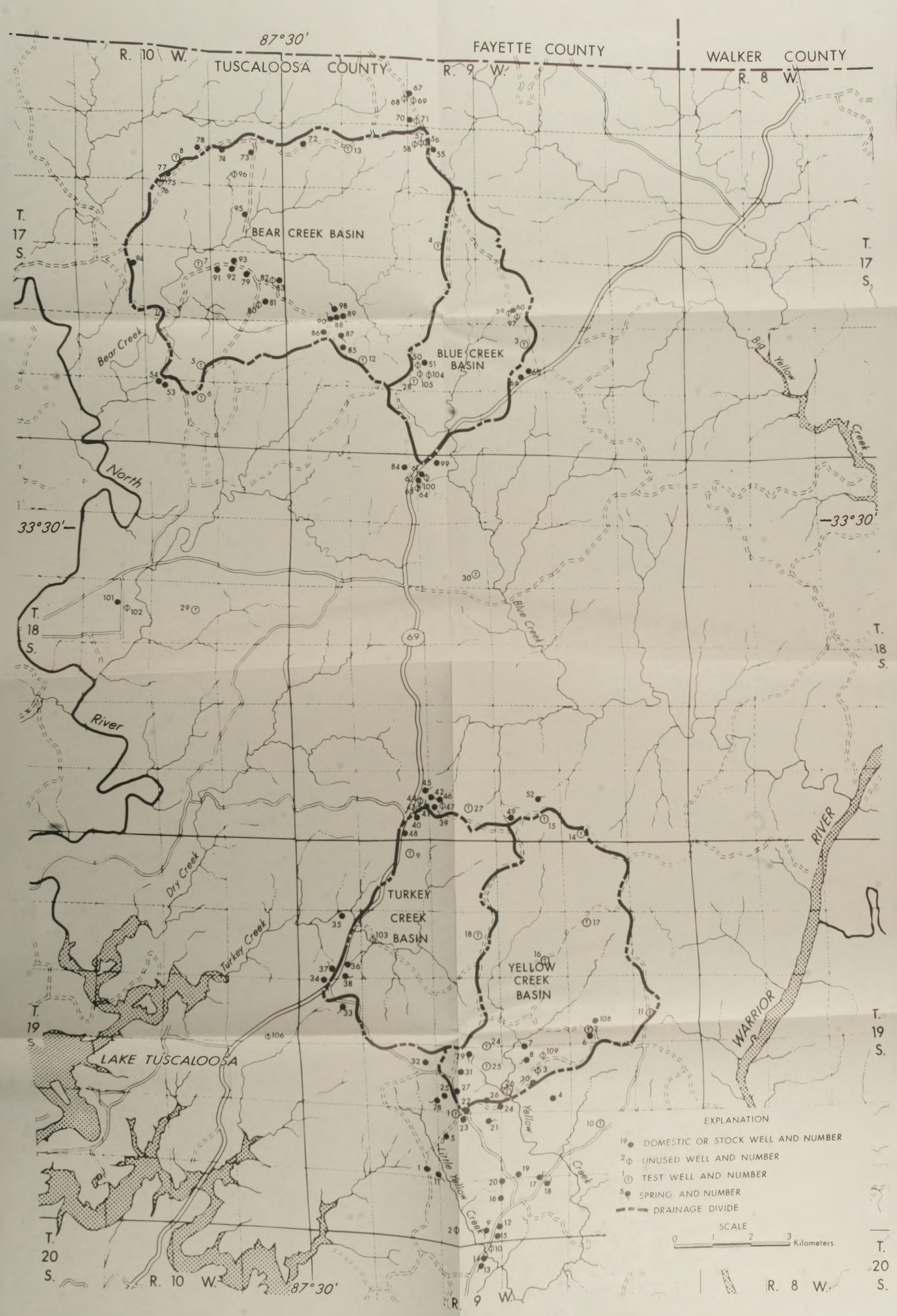


Plate 4. Study areas and locations of wells and springs.