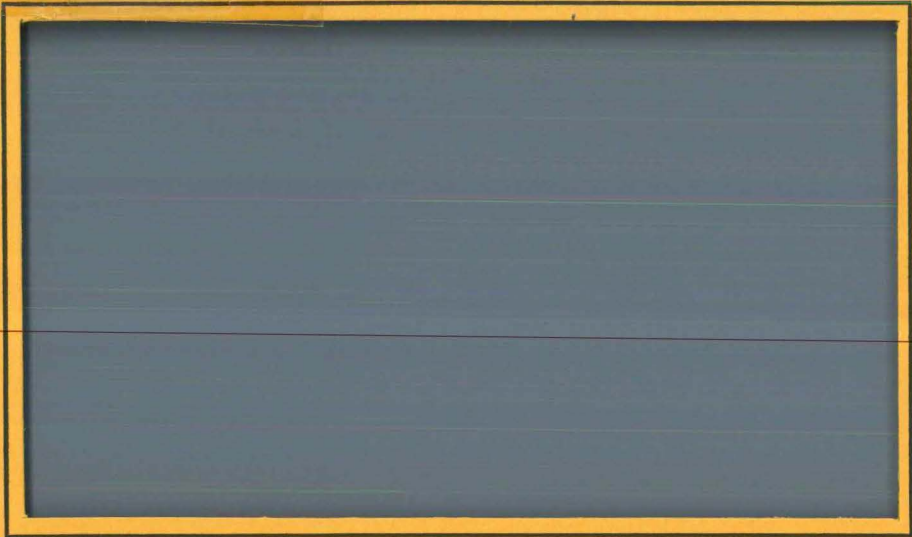


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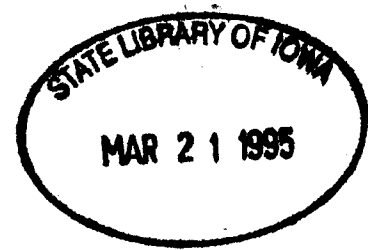
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WATER QUALITY EVALUATION
of the
LOWER CEDAR DURING LOW FLOW PERIODS

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ABSTRACT

On 23 September 1976 and 11 January 1977, personnel of the State Hygienic Laboratory performed water quality investigations on the Cedar River from Vinton to Conesville to evaluate the impact of point source discharges from Cedar Rapids. In the summer at a river flow of 568 cfs (7Q10 is 310 cfs), the Cedar River violated Iowa Water Quality Standards for fecal coliform bacteria and dissolved oxygen. In January when the discharge rate (318 cfs) was nearly equal to the minimum protected flow, and the river was covered with ice, the data showed that violations of standards for fecal coliforms, dissolved oxygen, and ammonia nitrogen occurred throughout the reach below Cedar Rapids. It was concluded that under both low summer and winter flows, the Cedar River below Cedar Rapids cannot effectively assimilate the waste discharges from Cedar Rapids and maintain conditions adequate for aquatic life.

INTRODUCTION

During Fiscal Year 1977, the water quality of the Cedar River from Vinton to Conesville was investigated on two separate occasions, 13 September 1976 and 11 January 1977. The purpose of both surveys was to evaluate the impact of the point source discharges from Cedar Rapids on the water quality of the Cedar River during low flow conditions. A similar study was conducted during the summer of 1970, and some of the data from the resulting report (SHL #71-7) will be utilized for comparative purposes in this report.

Discharge volumes on the Cedar River during both the winter and summer study periods were very low as can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1
Stream Flow Data* for the Lower Cedar River

<u>Location</u>	<u>28 July 70</u>	<u>13 Sept 76</u>	<u>11 Jan 77</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>7Q10</u>	<u>Drainage Area</u>
Cedar Rapids	1350	568	318	3268	310	6510 sq mi
Vinton		700		4058	390	7785 sq mi

*in CFS from the U.S. Geological Survey

In 1970 the flow volume at Cedar Rapids was well below the 25-year average but it was two and one-half times larger than that found in September, 1976 (568 cfs). The extended period of low precipitation then allowed the river to drop even farther so that the discharge volume on 11 January 1977 (318 cfs) was nearly equal to the 7Q10. In fact, the river stage has declined even further, and at the time of this writing, the discharge was less than 300 cfs at Cedar Rapids.

The quality of the river water at such a low flow volume and heavy ice cover is extremely critical to aquatic life in the river. Such conditions are highly stressful to fish and other aquatic organisms and the presence of deoxygenating pollutants and toxins such as ammonia will only make them more so.

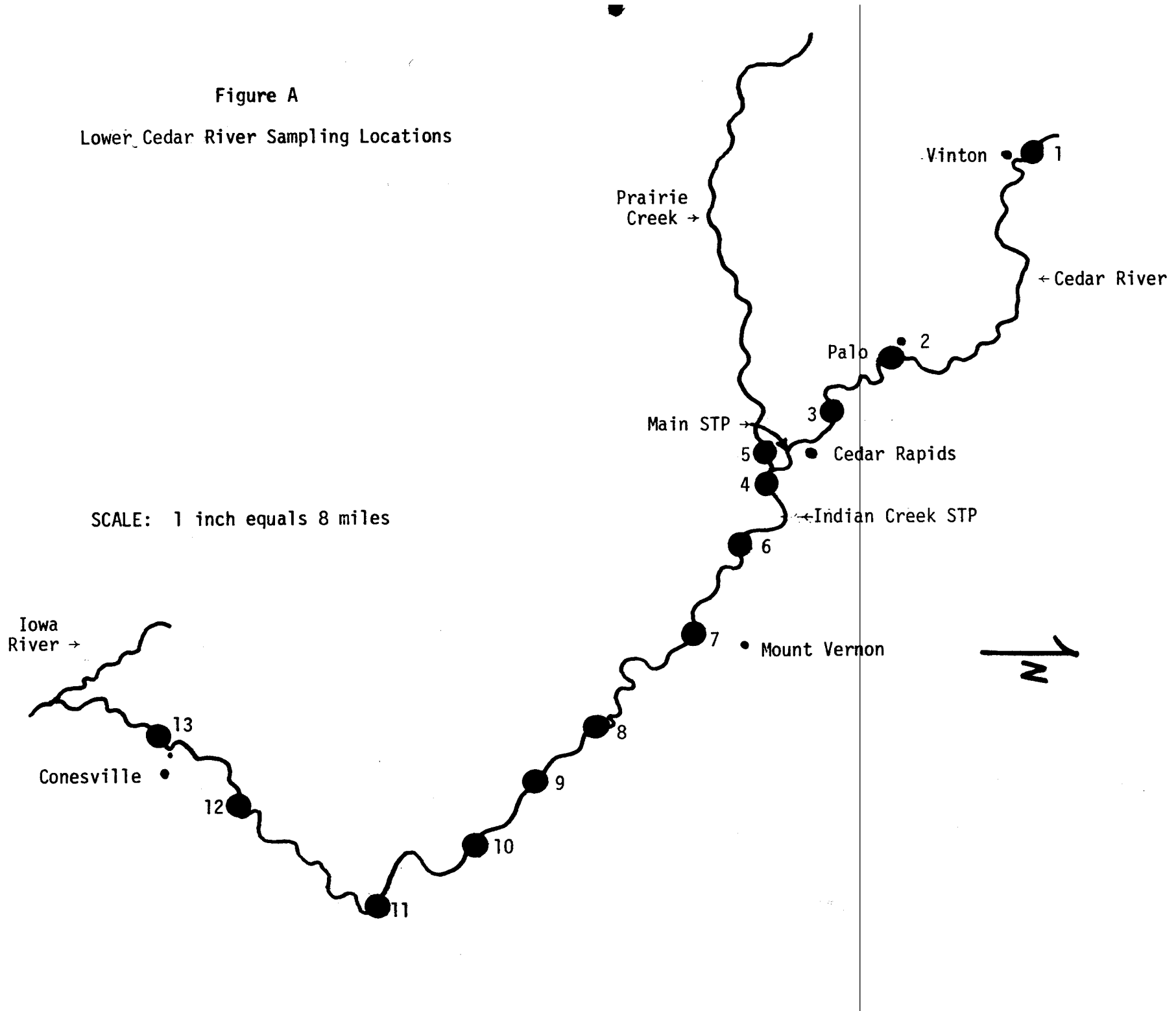
The entire reach of the Cedar River within the study area (Figure A) has been designated for aquatic life usage, and the resultant data will be evaluated according to the applicable Water Quality Standards. Within

Figure A
Lower Cedar River Sampling Locations

Station 1:	H'way 101 Bridge near Vinton
Station 2:	Linn Co. Rd. E-36 Bridge
Station 3:	Near Edgewood Road Bridge in Cedar Rapids
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Station 4:	CNW RR Bridge on S Edge of Cedar Rapids
Station 5:	Prairie Creek Bridge on C Street in Cedar Rapids
Station 6:	H'way 30 Bridge W of Mt. Vernon
Station 7:	H'way 1 Bridge S of Mt Vernon
Station 8:	Cedar Co. Rd. F-28 Bridge; T-81N, R-4W, Sec. 33
Station 9:	Cedar Co. Rd. F-36 Bridge; T-80N, R-3W, Sec. 18
Station 10:	Cedar Co. Rd. F-44 Bridge; T-79N, R-3W, Sec. 11
Station 11:	H'way 6 Bridge; T-78N, R-2W, Sec. 9
Station 12:	H'way 22 Bridge W of Muscatine
Station 13:	Muscatine Co. Rd. G-28 Bridge; T-76N, R-4W, Sec. 2

Figure A

Lower Cedar River Sampling Locations



this reach, the Palisades Impoundment and the Ellis Park Impoundment have been further designated for primary contact recreation, and the reach above Cedar Rapids has also been classified as a raw water source for drinking water. Specific standards for these stream segments will be referred to as necessary.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The raw data collected during both the winter and summer surveys are included in the Appendix to this report. Additionally selected items of data have been summarized in Table 2 for ease of discussion.

The presentation will begin with a consideration of the analytical results from 13 September 1976 and specifically with the parameters for which there are applicable water quality standards. The allowable maximum for fecal coliform organisms is 2000 per 100 ml, and Table 2 shows clearly that this level was violated at sampling locations 1-8. The 2000 per 100 ml count at Station 3 in the Ellis Park Impoundment furthermore exceeds the 200 per 100 ml limit for primary contact recreation waters. There is no obvious explanation for the 53,000 per 100 ml counts at Stations 1 and 2. Station 1 was sampled one month later as part of another study and only 10 fecal coliforms per 100 ml were found at that time. Station 2 is a quarterly monitoring location for which the fecal coliform level has seldom exceeded 2000 per 100 ml over a period of four years. The very high coliform counts (2600-510,000 per 100 ml) at Stations 4 and 6-8 are obviously the result of point source waste inputs from Cedar Rapids. The major sources would be the Cedar Rapids Main Sewage Treatment Plant which serves over 110,000 people and the Cedar Rapids Indian Creek Sewage Treatment Plant which serves 34,000 individuals.

Dissolved oxygen is another important water quality indicative parameter and the allowable minimum for Class B warm water is 4.0 mg/l. The D.O. concentrations shown in Table 2 were all determined during daylight hours, and they show that levels at Stations 1-3 were all at or near saturation. Station 5 near the mouth of Prairie Creek had a D.O. of only 6.6 which is rather low. At Station 4 below the Cedar Rapids Main STP, the D.O. was 3.6 which is below the Iowa Standard. At Station 6 below the Indian Creek STP, the D.O. had risen to 8.1 mg/l largely because of aeration at the old power plant dam. The dissolved oxygen continued to rise to supersaturated levels at downstream locations until it reached a maximum of 18.6 mg/l at Station 9. It is apparent that the combination of a warm, sunny day and an influx of available nutrients allowed a high rate of algal photosynthesis which produced the supersaturated oxygen concentrations. This supposition is supported by the increases in chlorophyll-a concentrations which were observed at the same downstream locations.

TABLE 2
 Selected Analytical Data*
 Cedar River
 13 Sept 76 and 11 Jan 77

Sampling Location	Fecal** Coliforms		Dissolved Oxygen		Ammonia Nitrogen		TOC		BOD		COD		Turbidity [§]		Filtrable Phosphate	
	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan	Sept	Jan
1	53,000 [†]	600	8.8	11.4	0.08	0.84	18	6.1	7	4	30	19	13	1.5	0.20	0.65
2	53,000 [†]	3,000 [†]	10.4	11.0	0.02	1.0	19.8	2.6	10	3	28	19	12	1.5	0.09	0.68
3	2,000 [†]	1,400	9.4	11.7	0.01	1.0	21	3.9	13	4	38	17	18	1.8	0.06	0.72
4	510,000 [†]	120,000 [†]	3.6 [†]	12.6	1.8	1.6	19.5	6.1	12	6	36	20	17	2.7	0.08	0.59
5 (Prairie Creek)	3,800 [†]	35,000 [†]	6.6	4.5	0.46	2.8 [†]	13.7	20.8	2	40	8	60	30	8.8	0.07	0.14
6	160,000 [†]	230,000 [†]	8.1	6.5	1.3	8.1 [†]	21.3	12.5	10	12	44	44	17	3.2	0.24	0.94
7	8,000 [†]	5,700 [†]	11.6	13.5	1.2	7.0 [†]	26.5	9.5	10	9	40	27	16	2.9	0.19	0.93
8	2,600 [†]	1,400	14.7	3.7 [†]	0.19	7.5 [†]	21	14.7	10	8	38	27	16	3.1	0.17	0.95
9	890	1,200	18.6	3.3 [†]	<0.01	7.5 [†]	26.9	8.3	10	7	47	29	16	3.2	0.17	0.96
10	650	120	17.9	2.9 [†]	0.02	6.7 [†]	24.7	8.6	10	6	44	26	18	3.3	0.13	0.94
11	60	100	16.6	2.3 [†]	0.20	5.8 [†]	23.9	10.0	12	6	42	35	18	3.2	0.12	0.96
12	<100	50	16.2	3.4 [†]	0.01	5.7 [†]	26	7.7	13	5	51	54	22	3.2	0.06	0.83
13	<100	<10	16.1	3.3 [†]	0.02	5.8 [†]	26.2	6.5	14	5	61	23	28	3.3	0.04	0.84

* All units are mg/l unless otherwise designated.

[†]Violations of Iowa Water Quality Standards.

** Organisms per 100 ml.

[§] JTU

In addition to the daytime D.O.'s, several measurements were taken before sunrise when minimum D.O.'s can be expected to occur. During the dark period, algal photosynthesis ceases and algal respiration is added to heterotrophic respiration, which can greatly reduce D.O. concentrations from daytime maxima. Figure B clearly shows the sag in oxygen concentrations below the Cedar Rapids STP as the D.O. dropped from 9.0 mg/l at Station 3 to 0.3 mg/l at Station 4. By Station 7 more than fifteen miles downstream, the D.O. had risen to 3.3 mg/l which is still below the allowable minimum.

Figure B also shows similar data for 1970 which were collected at a higher discharge volume (1300 cfs). It is readily apparent that at a higher flow volume, both the magnitude and duration of the oxygen depression were less than in 1976 when the discharge volume was 568 cfs. The minimum D.O. at Station 4 was 2.8 mg/l, and it had risen to 5.2 mg/l by Station 7.

Ammonia nitrogen is another important component of water quality for which the State of Iowa has a maximum allowable concentration of 2.0 mg/l for Class B warm waters. This standard was not exceeded at any Cedar River location during the summer survey. Maximum ammonia concentrations were observed below Cedar Rapids at Station 4 (1.6 mg/l) and Station 6 (1.3 mg/l). Sufficient dissolved oxygen together with warm water temperatures allowed rapid oxidation of the ammonia to nitrate so that ammonia concentrations at locations 8 and 9 were only 0.19 and <0.01 mg/l respectively.

Figure B again allows a comparison of present data with ammonia data from 1970. As with the D.O., the situation at a higher flow volume was less severe. The observed maximum for ammonia nitrogen was only 0.05 mg/l at Site 6.

Our analyses also included several other important water quality indicative parameters for which there are no specific water quality standards. The BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) was rather high throughout the study area. It ranged from 7-13 mg/l above Cedar Rapids and reached a maximum of 14 mg/l at Station 13.

The COD (chemical oxygen demand) which also indicates the organic load of the river exhibited a similar pattern. COD's were 28-38 mg/l upstream of Cedar Rapids and reached a peak of 61 mg/l well downstream at Station 13.

Filtrable phosphate phosphorus increased below Cedar Rapids from 0.06 mg/l at Station 3 to 0.24 mg/l at Station 6. The filtrable phosphate then exhibited a consistent reduction in concentration to a minimum of 0.04 at Station 13. Such a trend could be associated with the uptake of available ortho-phosphate by actively photosynthesizing phytoplankton.

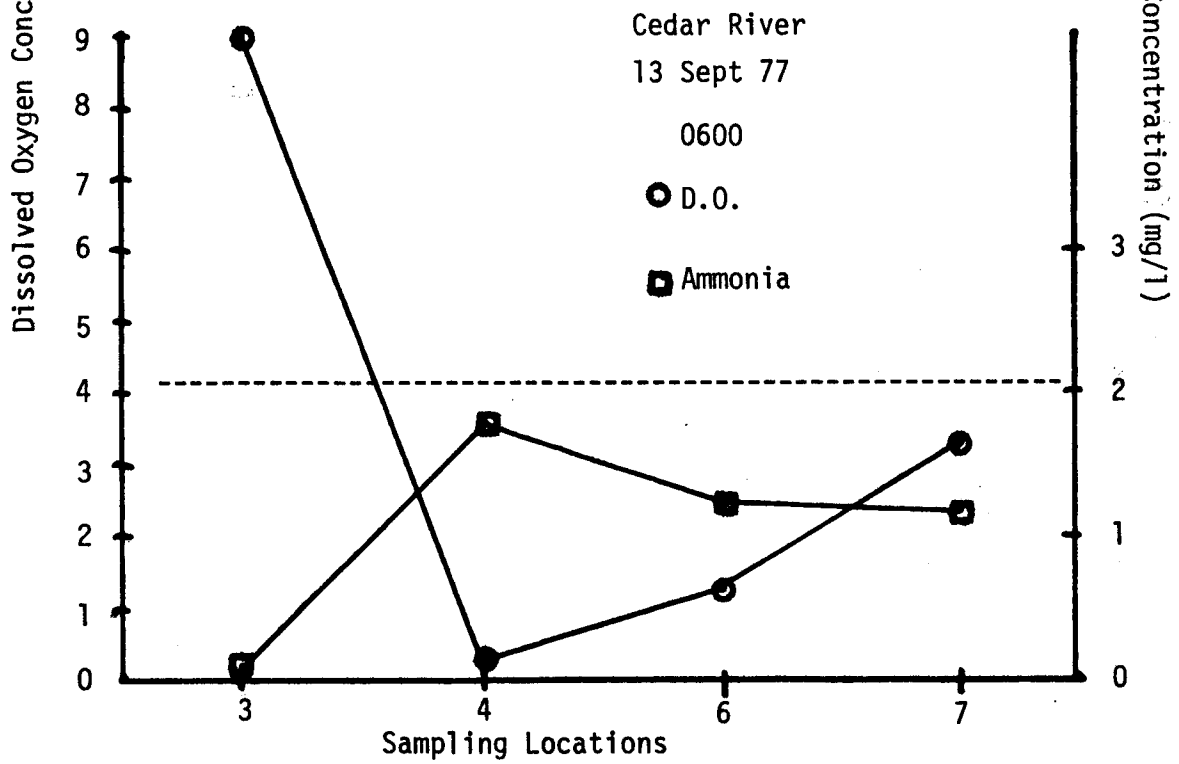
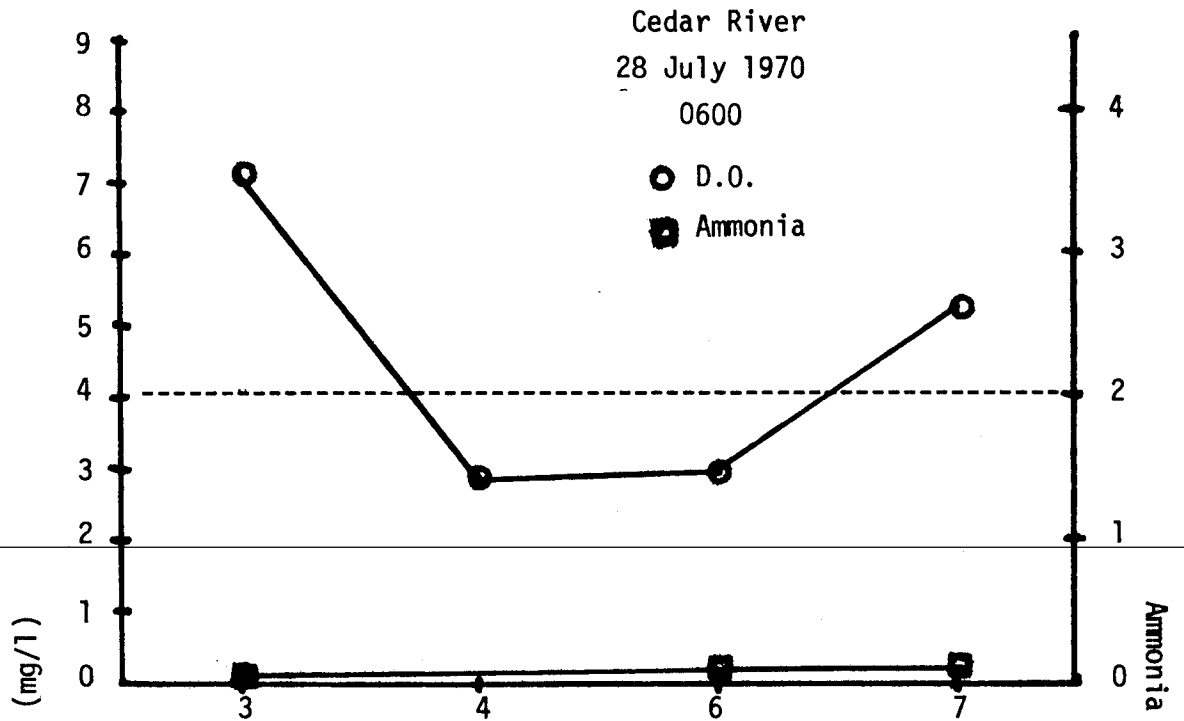


Fig. B Ammonia Nitrogen and Dissolved Oxygen Variation
28 July 70 and 13 Sept 76
Cedar River

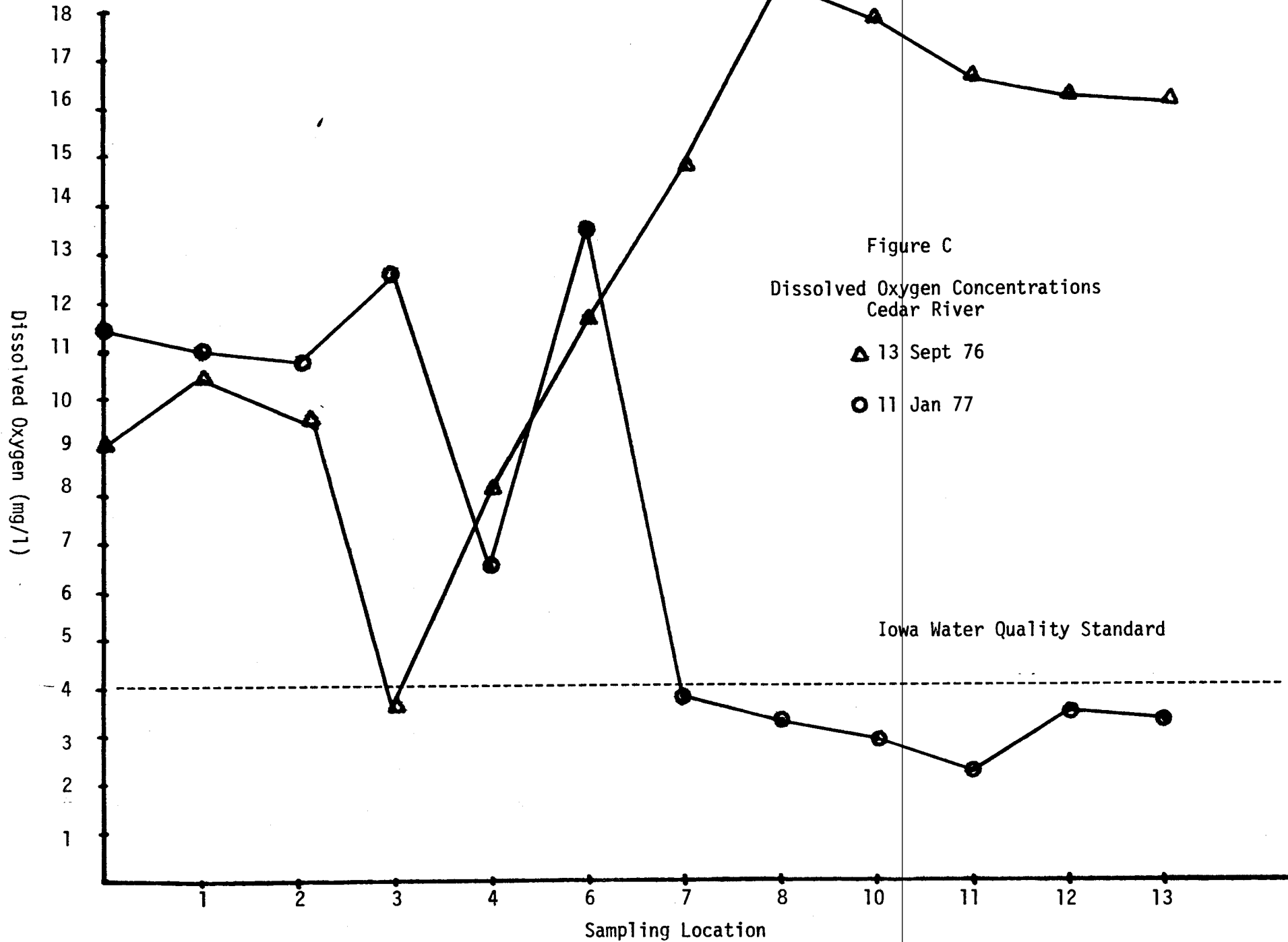
As mentioned above, conditions during the winter sampling period (11 January 1977) were significantly different than those of the summer. The volume of flow at Cedar Rapids (318 cfs) was almost equal to minimum protected flow for the Cedar River (7Q10) below which Water Quality Standards are not enforceable. Additionally, nearly all of the river was bridged by a thick layer of ice.

Table 2 shows that fecal coliform levels were much lower upstream (600 per 100 ml at Station 1) than during the summer. Large increases were again observed below the major waste inputs in Cedar Rapids. Fecal coliforms were 120,000 per 100 ml at Station 4 below the Cedar Rapids Main STP and 230,000 per 100 ml at Location 6 downstream from the Indian Creek STP. The extent of bacterial contamination was less however, in spite of the lower flow. Fecal coliforms had declined to 1400 per 100 ml at Station 8 and to <10 per 100 ml at Station 13. The duration of survival of these enteric organisms is much shorter at 0°C than at summer water temperatures. The low flow did result in a significantly higher level of fecal coliforms (35,000 per 100 ml) in Prairie Creek than in the summer (3800 per 100 ml).

Table 2 also shows that at Stations 1-4 concentrations of dissolved oxygen (11.0-12.6 mg/l) were adequate in spite of the low flow and thick ice cover. In fact, the maximum D.O. (12.6 mg/l) was at Station 4 below the Cedar Rapids Main STP. Such a high concentration was probably the result of reaeration from the passage over a midtown dam, and the fact that at 0°C the BOD from the treatment plant would be exerted very slowly.

At Station 6, the D.O. was down to 6.5 mg/l, but passage over the power dam had resulted in considerable open water which persisted to some degree down to Station 7 where the D.O. was 13.5. Below Station 7 the river was again completely bridged by ice. The lack of reaeration combined with the oxygen-demanding wastes from Cedar Rapids resulted in dissolved oxygen concentration below 4.0 mg/l at all downstream sampling locations.

Figure C presents the D.O. data for both the summer and winter surveys. During the summer, the oxygen sag occurred rapidly after the waste input but the impact was not extensive during the day due to atmospheric reaeration and algal photosynthesis. In fact, the 4.0 mg/l standard was not violated during the daylight hours. The graph also shows that under winter conditions, the impact of the waste input on D.O.'s was delayed due to a lower rate of bacterial metabolism and from physical reaeration at dams and open water areas. However, upon reestablishment of the ice cover below Station 7, which prevented both physical and photosynthetic reaeration, and the exertion of the BOD; the D.O. dropped severely and remained low throughout the lower reach of the river. At the minimum protected flow, D.O.'s in the Cedar River were below 4.0 mg/l for more than sixty river miles.



Ammonia nitrogen concentrations upstream of Cedar Rapids were at acceptable levels (0.84-1.0 mg/l) in view of the severe winter conditions. The concentration in Prairie Creek (2.8 mg/l) however, was above the 2.0 mg/l standard. Below the Cedar Rapids Main Plant at Station 4, the ammonia had risen to only 1.6 mg/l. But by Station 6 the ammonia level was 8.1 mg/l, and it remained above 2.0 mg/l at each remaining downstream location. The 0°C water temperatures below the ice cover allowed little or no bacterial nitrification of ammonia.

Figure D shows the winter ammonias clearly as well as comparing them to summer concentrations. In the summer after a slight pulse below point source waste inputs, the ammonia concentrations steadily declined as ammonia was oxidized to nitrate or assimilated by algae. During the winter at a lower flow, the rise in ammonia below Cedar Rapids was even greater, but the elevated levels then persisted at downstream locations due to the lack of nitrification. The ammonia concentration was still 5.8 mg/l at Station 13 and more than eighty miles of the Cedar River violated the 2.0 mg/l Iowa Standard.

Other water quality parameters also showed significant differences from summer conditions. BOD which ranged from 3 to 12 mg/l and TOC (2.6-14.7 ppm) were much lower during the winter than during the summer survey. COD's were also consistently lower at low water flows. Turbidities were significantly lower in January (1.5-3.3 JTU) due to the lack of runoff and the low phytoplankton activity. Filtrable phosphate was appreciably higher than during the summer as it ranged from 0.59 mg/l to 0.96 mg/l. The reason is that soluble orthophosphates tend to accumulate during the winter months when little photosynthesis occurs.

The water quality of Prairie Creek was significantly reduced at the low winter flows from conditions found in September. Organic nitrogen (3.0 mg/l), total organic carbon (20.8 mg/l), BOD (40 mg/l), and COD (60 mg/l) were all well above summer concentrations. Such concentrations were apparently the result of very low stream flows combined with a series of small point source waste discharges which Prairie Creek receives along its length.

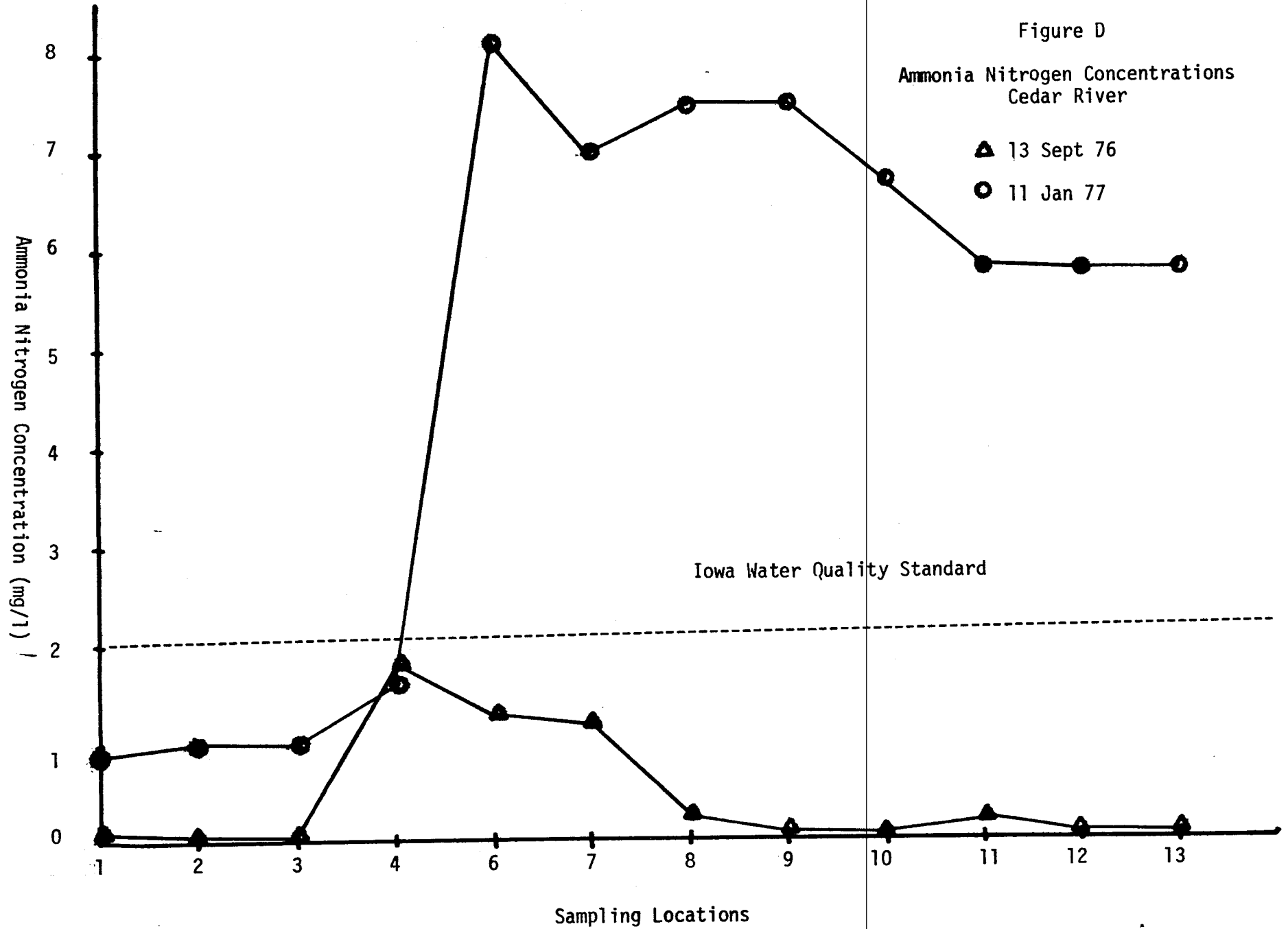
Samples for phenol analysis were collected at Stations 1 and 13 because there is a lack of information on phenol levels in Iowa streams. The present water quality standard for phenol is 1 µg/l and our results found 7 µg/l at Station 1 and 6 µg/l at Station 13. There are known sources of phenol upstream of Station 1 which could be the origin of what was found downstream. Some phenolic compounds are refractory to biological degradation and can be transported long distances in water.

Figure D

Ammonia Nitrogen Concentrations
Cedar River

▲ 13 Sept 76

○ 11 Jan 77



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

On 23 September 1976 at a flow of 568 cfs, at least sixteen miles of the Cedar River downstream of Cedar Rapids were found to be below 4.0 mg/l of dissolved oxygen at 6:00 a.m. It can be concluded that at a discharge rate less than twice the 7Q10 and the absence of photosynthetically produced oxygen, the Cedar River was not able to assimilate the waste discharges from Cedar Rapids and maintain adequate dissolved oxygen concentrations.

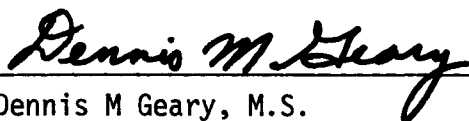
Additionally, the river was shown to violate the water quality standards for fecal coliform organisms for at least thirty river miles below Cedar Rapids which included the Palisades impoundment, and the Ellis Park impoundment above the major waste inputs. The very high fecal coliform counts (53,000 per 100 ml) at Vinton and Palo were inconclusive in that they are much higher than any other measurements taken at either site, and no source was readily apparent.

On 11 January 1977 when the discharge rate at Cedar Rapids was nearly equal to the minimum protected flow and the river was completely bridged with ice at most locations, the situation was even more severe. The coliform contamination was somewhat less as it extended approximately 20 miles below Cedar Rapids, but this was due primarily to the reduced survival rate of enteric organisms at 0°C.

The entire length of river from sixteen miles below Cedar Rapids to near its confluence with the Iowa River was below the 4.0 mg/l of dissolved oxygen which is required by Iowa Standards. In addition the 2.0 mg/l ammonia nitrogen standard was violated from Cedar Rapids to near Conesville (Station 13).

It can be concluded that at the minimum protected flow and heavy ice cover, the Cedar River is not able to assimilate the point source waste discharges from Cedar Rapids and still maintain conditions adequate to support the aquatic life community.

Finally, samples taken near the mouth of Prairie Creek in both summer and winter exhibited degraded water quality. Conditions were worse during the very low flows in January, and in fact conditions were worse than in the Cedar River below Cedar Rapids. It is obvious that sufficient water was not present to allow the creek to accept the numerous small waste discharges it receives and still meet water quality standards.



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APPENDIX

LIMNOLOGY SURVEY

WATER QUALITY REPORT

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, Des Moines Branch
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Town	Vinton	Palo	Cedar Rapids
Source	Cedar River	Cedar River	Cedar River
Specific Location	Hwy 101 Bridge	Co.Rd. E-36 Bridge	Edgewood Road Bridge
Date Collected	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976
Date Received	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976
Lab Number	1079	1080	1081
Collection Time	10:20	FIELD DATA 11:10	11:30
pH			
Temperature	18.2°C	19.6°C	20°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	53,000 >24 hrs	53,000 >24 hrs	2000 >24 hrs
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	470	430	410
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	8.2	8.95	8.9
Alkalinity: P	none	16.0	9.0
T	169	147	137
NITROGEN: Organic N	1.5	1.6	2.2
Ammonia N	0.08	0.02	<0.01
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	0.4	<0.1	<0.1
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	336	333	333
Fixed	218	211	205
Volatile	118	122	128
Filtrable Residue T	292	266	236
F	204	175	150
V	88	91	86
Nonfiltrable Residue T	15	43	62
F	4	12	28
V	11	31	34
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.20	0.09	0.06
Total P	0.44	0.37	0.39
Dissolved Oxygen	8.8	10.4	9.4
BOD	7	10	13
COD	30	28	38
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	13	12	18
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	24	27	27
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻²)			
Chlorophyll a	62 µg/L	136 µg/L	135 µg/L

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Town	Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	Mount Vernon
Source	Cedar River	Prairie Creek	Cedar River
Specific Location	CNW RR Bridge	C street Bridge	Hwy 30 Bridge W/Mt. Vernon
Date Collected	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976
Date Received	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976
Lab Number	1082	1083	1084
Collection Time	12:45	12:30	13:20
pH			
Temperature	21.6°C	20.2°C	22.6°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
FIELD DATA			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	510,000 >24 hrs	3,800 >24 hrs	160,000 >24 hrs
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	520	600	500
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.7	7.85	7.75
Alkalinity: P	none	none	none
T	142	192	144
NITROGEN: Organic N	2.5	0.71	2.2
Ammonia N	1.8	0.46	1.3
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	0.1	0.2	0.3
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	379	482	357
Fixed	245	361	231
Volatile	134	121	126
Filtrable Residue T	302	388	298
F	207	290	195
V	95	98	103
Nonfiltrable Residue T	42	69	52
F	19	52	22
V	23	17	30
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.08	0.07	0.24
Total P	0.50	0.26	0.62
Dissolved Oxygen	3.6	6.6	8.1
BOD	12	2	10
COD	36	8	44
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	17	30	17
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	49	26	46
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Chlorophyll a	103 µg/L	10 µg/L	111 µg/L

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Town Source Specific Location	Mt Vernon Cedar River Hwy 1 Bridge	Cedar Bluff Cedar River Co.Rd. F-28 Bridge T81N R4W Sec. 33	Cedar Valley Cedar River Co.Rd. F-36 Bridge T80N R3W Sec. 18
Date Collected	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976
Date Received	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976
Lab Number	1085	1086	1087
Collection Time	13:48	FIELD DATA 14:20	14:50
pH			
Temperature	24.8°C	22.8°C	24.2°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	8,000 >24 hrs	2,600 >24 hrs	890 <24 hrs
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	530	540	520
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	8.0	8.4	8.8
Alkalinity: P	none	3.0	12.0.
T	147	148	150
NITROGEN: Organic N	2.1	2.4	2.5
Ammonia N	1.2	0.19	<0.01
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	0.8	1.2	1.0
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	379	382	390
Fixed	262	261	275
Volatile	117	121	115
Filtrable Residue T	310	307	310
F	226	220	217
V	84	87	93
Nonfiltrable Residue T	49	52	61
F	23	24	26
V	26	28	35
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.19	0.17	0.17
Total P	0.52	0.51	0.51
Dissolved Oxygen	11.6	14.7	18.6
BOD	10	10	10
COD	40	38	47
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	16	16	16
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	48	51	50
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻²)			
Chlorophyll a	150 µg/L	276 µg/L	319 µg/L

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Town Source Specific Location	Rochester Cedar River Co.Rd. F44 Bridge T79N R3W Sec. 11	Moscow Cedar River T78N R2W Sec. 9 Hwy 6 Bridge	Muscatine Cedar River Hwy 22 Bridge W/Muscatine
Date Collected	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976	13 Sept. 1976
Date Received	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976	14 Sept. 1976
Lab Number	1088	1089	1090
Collection Time	15:10	15:40	16:05
pH			
Temperature	23°C	23°C	23°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
FIELD DATA			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	650 >24 hrs	60 >24 hrs	<100 <24 hrs
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	520	500	470
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	8.9	9.1	9.1
Alkalinity: P	10.0	18.0	19.0
T	149	152	136
NITROGEN: Organic N	2.5	2.5	2.3
Ammonia N	0.02	0.20	0.01
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	0.8	<0.1	<0.1
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	398	379	370
Fixed	275	259	248
Volatile	123	120	122
Filtrable Residue T	314	290	273
F	214	229	199
V	100	61	74
Nonfiltrable Residue T	62	73	79
F	25	36	41
V	37	37	38
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.13	0.12	0.06
Total P	0.52	0.46	0.48
Dissolved Oxygen	17.9	16.6	16.2
BOD	10	12	13
COD	44	42	51
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	18	18	22
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl)	52	48	45
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Chlorophyll a	292 µg/L	244 µg/L	261 µg/L

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Town	Conesville		
Source	Cedar River		
Specific Location	Co. Rd. G28 Bridge T76N R4W Sec. 2		
Date Collected	13 Sept. 1976		
Date Received	14 Sept. 1976		
Lab Number	1091		
Collection Time	16:30	FIELD DATA	
pH			
Temperature	23.6°C		
Dissolved Oxygen			
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	<100	<24 hrs	
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	450		
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	9.1		
Alkalinity: P	18.0		
T	121		
NITROGEN: Organic N	2.5		
Ammonia N	0.02		
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	<0.1		
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	382		
Fixed	241		
Volatile	141		
Filtrable Residue T	256		
F	182		
V	74		
Nonfiltrable Residue T	98		
F	58		
V	40		
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.04		
Total P	0.48		
Dissolved Oxygen	16.1		
BOD	14		
COD	61		
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	28		
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	44		
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻²)			
Chlorophyll a	265 µg/L		

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Town	Vinton	Palo	Cedar Rapids
Source	Cedar River	Cedar River	Cedar River
Specific Location	Hwy 101 bridge	Co.Rd. E-36 bridge	Edgewood Road bridge
Date Collected	11 January 1977	11 January 1977	11 January 1977
Date Received	12 January 1977	12 January 1977	12 January 1977
Lab Number	2710	2711	2712
Collection Time	0950	FIELD DATA 11:00	11:50
pH			
Temperature	0°C	0°C	0°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	600 (>24 hrs.)	3,000 (<24 hrs.)	1,400 (<24 hrs.)
Conductance (micromhos)	700	710	740
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.4	7.6	7.65
Alkalinity: P	none	none	none
T	260	270	268
NITROGEN: Organic N	0.81	0.72	0.65
Ammonia N	0.84	1.0	1.0
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	3.9	3.7	3.9
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	422	429	457
Fixed	353	362	373
Volatile	69	67	84
Filtrable Residue T	398	403	431
F	346	353	367
V	52	50	64
Nonfiltrable Residue T	1	2	3
F	0	1	2
V	1	1	1
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.65	0.68	0.72
Total P	0.72	0.76	0.72
Dissolved Oxygen	11.4	11.0	10.7
BOD	4	3	4
COD	19	19	17
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	1.5	1.5	1.8
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	33	34	37
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻²)			
Total Organic Carbon	6.1	2.6	3.9
Chlorophyll a	19 µg/L	25 µg/L	30 µg/L
Phenol	7 µg/L		

REMARKS:

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Town	Cedar Rapids	Cedar Rapids	Mount Vernon
Source	Cedar River	Prairie Creek	Cedar River
Specific Location	CNW RR bridge	C Street bridge	Hwy 30 bridge W of Mt. Vernon
Date Collected	11 January 1977	11 January 1977	11 January 1977
Date Received	12 January 1977	12 January 1977	12 January 1977
Lab Number	2713	2714	2715
Collection Time	13:00	12:30	13:20
pH			
Temperature	0°C	0°C	0°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
	FIELD DATA		
	BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION		
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	120,000 (<24 hrs.)	35,000 (<24 hrs.)	230,000 (<24 hrs.)
	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)		
Conductance (micromhos)	780	920	930
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.8	7.55	7.6
Alkalinity: P	none	none	none
T	275	231	294
NITROGEN: Organic N	0.93	3.0	1.8
Ammonia N	1.6	2.8	8.1
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	3.7	1.6	2.8
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	479	662	537
Fixed	396	533	443
Volatile	83	129	94
Filtrable Residue T	447	593	485
F	389	521	435
V	58	72	50
Nonfiltrable Residue T	7	18	7
F	2	10	2
V	5	8	5
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.59	0.14	0.94
Total P	0.78	0.29	1.2
Dissolved Oxygen	12.6	4.5	6.5
BOD	6	40	12
COD	20	60	44
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	2.7	8.8	3.2
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl)	49	51	76
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Total Organic Carbon	6.1	20.8	12.5
Chlorophyll a	30 µg/L	36 µg/L	1 µg/L
REMARKS:	Complete ice cover.	Complete ice cover.	50% ice cover.

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Town Source Specific Location	Mount Vernon Cedar River Hwy 1 bridge S of Mt. Vernon	Cedar Bluff Cedar River Co.Rd. F-28 bridge; T81N, R4W, Sec. 33	Cedar Valley Cedar River Co.Rd. F-36 bridge; T80N, R3W, Sec. 18
Date Collected	11 January 1977	11 January 1977	11 January 1977
Date Received	12 January 1977	12 January 1977	12 January 1977
Lab Number	2716	2717	2718
Collection Time	13:45	14:30	15:00
pH			
Temperature	0°C	0°C	0°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
FIELD DATA			
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	5,700 (<24 hrs.)	1,400 (<24 hrs.)	1,200 (<24 hrs.)
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	910	920	960
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.5	7.3	7.5
Alkalinity: P	none	none	none
T	298	293	306
NITROGEN: Organic N	1.9	2.3	1.8
Ammonia N	7.0	7.5	7.5
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	2.7	2.5	2.4
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	529	547	548
Fixed	438	441	455
Volatile	91	106	93
Filtrable Residue T	481	516	517
F	428	448	443
V	53	68	74
Nonfiltrable Residue T	6	8	6
F	3	5	2
V	3	3	4
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.93	0.95	0.96
Total P	1.1	1.2	1.2
Dissolved Oxygen	13.5	3.7	3.3
BOD	9	8	7
COD	27	27	29
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	2.9	3.1	3.2
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	74	79	80
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Total Organic Carbon	9.5	14.7	3.3
Chlorophyll a	26 µg/L	35 µg/L	43 µg/L

REMARKS: 95% ice cover. Complete ice cover. Complete ice cover.

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Date Collected	11 January 1977	11 January 1977	11 January 1977
Date Received	12 January 1977	12 January 1977	12 January 1977
Lab Number	2719	2720	2721
Collection Time	15:40	FIELD DATA 16:15	16:55
pH			
Temperature	0°C	0°C	0°C
Dissolved Oxygen			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	120 (<24 hrs.)	100 (<24 hrs.)	50 (<24 hrs.)
	BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION		
	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)		
Conductance (micromhos)	940	910	870
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.5	7.45	7.5
Alkalinity: P	none	none	none
T	306	310	308
NITROGEN: Organic N	1.2	0.21	0.32
Ammonia N	6.7	5.8	5.7
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	2.3	2.2	2.4
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	539	543	524
Fixed	445	444	421
Volatile	94	99	103
Filtrable Residue T	504	504	495
F	443	450	441
V	61	54	54
Nonfiltrable Residue T	6	7	9
F	2	3	3
V	4	4	6
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.94	0.96	0.83
Total P	1.1	1.1	1.1
Dissolved Oxygen	2.9	2.3	3.4
BOD	6	6	5
COD	26	35	54
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	3.3	3.2	3.2
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	75	73	68
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Total Organic Carbon	8.6	10.0	7.7
Chlorophyll a	46 µg/L	51 µg/L	52 µg/L

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Town	Conesville		
Source	Cedar River		
Specific Location	Co.Rd. G-28 bridge, T76N, R4W, Sec. 2		
Date Collected	11 January 1977		
Date Received	12 January 1977		
Lab Number	2722		
Collection Time	17:40	FIELD DATA	
pH			
Temperature	0°C		
Dissolved Oxygen			
BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION			
Fecal Coliform/100 ml	<10 (<24 hrs.)		
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (as mg/l unless designated otherwise)			
Conductance (micromhos)	890		
MBAS (as LAS)			
pH (units)	7.5		
Alkalinity: P	none		
T	308		
NITROGEN: Organic N	0.78		
Ammonia N	5.8		
Nitrite N			
Nitrate N	2.3		
Nitrate as NO ₃			
RESIDUE: Total	534		
Fixed	431		
Volatile	103		
Filtrable Residue T	491		
F	433		
V	58		
Nonfiltrable Residue T	7		
F	4		
V	3		
Settleable Matter (ml/l)			
PHOSPHATE: Filtrable P	0.84		
Total P	1.0		
Dissolved Oxygen	3.3		
BOD	5		
COD	23		
Grease or Oil			
Turbidity (JTU)	3.3		
Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)			
Calcium (Ca ⁺⁺)			
Magnesium (Mg ⁺⁺)			
Chloride (Cl ⁻)	67		
Sulfate (SO ₄ ⁻)			
Total Organic Carbon	6.5		
Chlorophyll a	48 µg/L		
Phenol	6 µg/L		

REMARKS: Complete ice cover.

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