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Inspection and maintenance program for automotive emissions. John C. Elston, Bureau of Air Pollution Control, Trenton, N.J.

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Fish and Daphnia toxicity as surrogates for aquatic vascular plants and algae. Eugene E. Kenaga\* and Robert J. Moolenaar

Toxicity data from thousands of chemicals were reviewed to determine which aquatic organisms were most sensitive to chemical contaminants.

Kinetics of reaction of cyanide and reduced sulfur species in aqueous solution. Richard G. Luthy\* and Samuel G. Bruce, Jr.

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Multielement analysis of municipal sewage sludge ashes. Absorption of elements by cabbage grown in sludge ash-soil mixture. A. Keith Furr, Thomas F. Parkinson, Timothy Wachs, Carl A. Bache, Walter H. Gutenmann, Patricia C. Wszolek, Irene S. Pakkala, and Donald J. Lisk\*

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Atmospheric fallout in the vicinity of a base metal smelter at Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada. William G. Franzin\*, Gordon A. McFarlane, and Andrew Lutz

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Cyanoarenes in soot: Synthesis and mutagenicity of cyanoacenaphthylenes. S. Krishnan, Debra A. Kaden, William G. Thilly, and Ronald A. Hites\*

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An estimate of the NOx removal rate in an urban atmosphere. Tai Yup Chang\*, Joseph M. Norbeck, and Bernard Weinstock

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Effects of organic and inorganic binding on the volatilization of trace elements during coal pyrolysis. Bill T. G. Ting and Stanley E. Manahan\*

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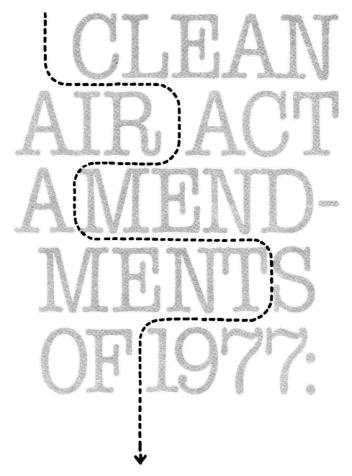
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## Manuscript processing time revisited

With added pages this year, we were able to cut through our backlog of accepted manuscripts so that processing lag-time at the production stage has been minimal, a goal we have been striving for over the past two years. Processing from receipt to acceptance is a different story. For some years, we have received, from the Advisory Board, authors, and reviewers, the suggestion that we could save much time by telephoning prospective reviewers before sending them manuscripts to review. It was their contention that we would thus be assured that reviewers were willing and able to perform the task and would send comments within the designated time (two week plus mailing time). Not so. We tried it and we didn't like it.

There were some advantages to the telephoning system, as noted by Dr. Christman in his October editorial. However, improvement in processing time was not one of them. It took *more* time in the initial handling because of the many calls to get willing, available reviewers. Our data showed that the average time per manuscript to get a positive response from two reviewers was 23 minutes (range 2 75). And we made just as many telephone calls to tardy reviewers as we had in the past. No time was saved in that part of the process. Authors whose manuscripts were delayed during this experiment (many were also reviewers) were generally understanding and patient. This year we owe particular thanks to our authors for their courteous and prompt response to requests for revision, even after lengthy delays in initial handling of their manuscripts.

In the period November 1, 1978 through October 31, 1979, we received 341 new manuscripts for consideration in the Current Research Section. During the same period, 503 reviewers assisted us - many of them more than once. Academe accounted for 236; government, 125; and industry, 142.

We thank all our reviewers for their support of the peer review process. It is an essential component of a quality research publication. To quote the late Howard Gerhart from his December 1975 editorial in Industrial & Engineering Chemistry, Product R/D Quarterly: "You are unseen and, to the authors, anonymous persons who exercise talents to write professional judgments in support of the peer review process. The results come back in many forms, degrees, and emotions. Depending upon circumstances, we observe various descriptive classifications of attitude and emphasis. But there are the many scholars who, knowing the subject matter, pass mature judgment in a fair manner and recite the concurrence along with the bias in a brief itself worthy of publication. The replies from two or three can never be a statistic. Neither can the editor be an adequate impartial judge. Yet the system works. Authors need a medium; librarians need expanding archives, and subscribers need to be informed."

Katherine I. Biggs



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#### Hazardous waste disposal

Dear Sir: Please allow me to correct several apparent errors of inference that appeared in the recent article of the Valley of the Drums in Louisville, Kentucky (ES&T, August 1979 p 913). Almost two years prior to federal involvement, the technical staff of the Division of Hazardous Material and Waste Management and it's Director sent a strongly worded request for legal action to the Department's legal staff. As all know that have followed the developments in this matter, nothing happened. Several employees were "sacrificed" for being associated with the problem but the blame for the failure to act rested much higher.

Observing the situation from the inside, it is apparent also that mismanagement of situations like the Valley of the Drums will continue so long as the capacity to assimilate highly technical data and reach technically oriented decisions is lacking at the higher levels of regulatory agencies.

I wish to point out that the initial response was that the "Valley" had the

same degree of potential hazard as Love Canal; technical evaluations were to the contrary. The incinerator proposal was less a well thought out "solution" than an attempt to get the agency to be an advocate for an incinerator which was rejected by three other Kentucky communities, one where the zoning was already correct.

The bottom line, an environmentally sound cleanup and disposal plus cessation of the illegal operation, took a back seat to playing to the press. When the "Valley" was officially escalated to the status level of a Love Canal, seeking cooperation from industry was much like trying to get someone to sign up to be a guinea pig in a cancer study.

The more salient point, however, is frequently lost in the fog created by the emotional issues, that is, that hazardous waste is not all the same, i.e., it is not all so dangerous that mere contact brings risk of death or serious injury. This glaring deficiency is adequately documented in numerous comments to the proposed federal regulations (F.R., Dec. 18, 1978). Not all hazardous waste should be directed to Alabama's or North Carolina's secure facilities, but neither should they be left to cook in the summer heat south of Louisville.

#### Daniel R. Dolan

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#### Editorial, SI units

Dear Sir: I read with heavy heart the effect of the heavy hand of bureaucracy in the ACS decision to switch to the SI units recommended by the NBS.

Incidentally, although I have taught chemistry for many years, and have been a member of the ACS for many years, a Guggenhein Fellow, and a past Gordon Conference Chairman, I don't remember anyone asking my opinion on this matter. Come to think of it, I don't remember asking the ACS to solve this invented dilemma for me. However, I am sure it does not matter either way; the die is cast.

The objective of publishing research is to communicate findings to your fellow workers, be their fields IR, Raman, X-ray, NMR, Clinical Chemistry, etc., and this is best done by communicating in the language and units to which they are accustomed.

In general, we understand units I to 10 best and I to 100 next best. Any change from that requires a little mental juggling. I have yet to meet anyone baffled by the units used.

Have our "leaders" in the ACS and NBS lost contact with the civilized world or is it vice versa.

Are we really going to switch to  $mols/m^3$  (presumably  $\times 10^{-3}$  to get it to a useful range)?

Are we really going to Kelvin, which virtually no one uses in the lab or industry, except to calculate a few theoretical constants?

I note, with alarm, that °Celsius is "acceptable" (for a while), a term hitherto reserved for the weather forecast. The term °Centigrade seems to have gotten lost. Angstroms are a thing of the past, although all X-ray spectrographers use nothing else.

How do we express concentration if we don't know the molecular wt, presumably % wt/wt or % volume/wt are not allowed. No doubt uniformity of units is tidy, especially for the nonexpert. Why not extend this completely and define all sources as hydrogen lamps, all detectors as photomultipliers, and all monochromators as gratings?

The beauty of the English language is the many subtleties available in communication. Adoption of the SI units will close many doors, open none, and appears to have little to recommend them except they are tidier and appeal to the bureaucratic mind (who probably never uses them anyway).

I realize that this letter is only a token gesture of resistance to ease my conscience before our "leaders" legislate each of us separately into a common suit of unisex clothes on a uniform flat piece of soil, each pointing towards Washington and all of us stretched or compressed to 5'10" (sorry 1.778 m) and 160 lbs (oops 725.76 kg). But at least it made me feel better.

First down and 9.148 m to go. Good-bye Cruel, Cruel World.

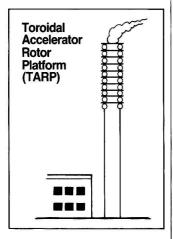
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#### Wind Energy

Dear Sir: We wish to express our sincere thanks to ES&T for presenting the TARP WECS to its readers, ("Currents" ES&T, August 1979, p 905). However, I would like to clarify two important points.

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#### INTERNATIONAL

Sweden will sharply limit the use of cadmium and cadmium compounds. beginning next July. Citing the steadily rising levels of cadmium which have been observed in human tissues, and the dangers of lung and kidney damage which may result from exposure, the Swedish government has moved to ban the use of cadmium in electroplating, as a stabilizer, and as a coloring agent. The country is also working to reduce the level of cadmium impurities in phosphorus fertilizer.

#### WASHINGTON

The EPA estimates a total cost of \$360 billion for federal pollution control programs for the period 1977 to 1986. \$142 billion of the total represents private-sector capital investment. A sharp rise in private industry's share of the costs of pollution control is forseen for the 1980's. EPA's estimates are based on the measures necessary for compliance with current environmental legislation, using existing control technology; technological innovations could cut the price, while enactment of proposed legislation creating a hazardous waste cleanup fund could greatly increase the price.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has authorized the spending of \$5 million for the initial design of a coal gasification demonstration plant. Construction of the plant, which depends upon continued funding by Congress, is expected to be completed by 1989. When operating at full capacity, the plant will convert 20 000 tons of coal to gas each day. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1-2 billion. The site of the plant, probably somewhere in northern Alabama, will be decided on early next year.



EPA's Costle

The nation is behind schedule in its plan to clean up polluted waters, according to EPA Administrator Douglas M. Costle. Drawn out court challenges to EPA regulations, as well as EPA approval of overly sophisticated and expensive treatment plant designs have contributed to the delay. A General Accounting Office study echoed this last point: Advanced wastewater treatment facilities, expensive to build and operate, have been approved in several areas where they are not needed to meet water quality standards. The EPA has established a review and planning program in an attempt to correct this problem.

Further restrictions on the use of asbestos are being considered by the EPA and by the Consumer

Product Safety Commission. The new regulations could affect the manufacture of household appliances, automobile brake linings and building materials. The EPA is also considering a limitation on the total annual production and importation of asbestos. Current regulations prohibit using sprayed asbestos materials in buildings and set limits on workplace exposure.

A bill that would provide \$152 million over the next 11 years for a study of acid rain is before the Senate. Acid rain results when pollutants such as oxides of sulfur and nitrogen react in the atmosphere with water to form strong acids. Supporters of the bill (S.1754) have emphasized that the problem is a national one: Acid rain often occurs far from sources of pollution, a result, in part, from use of tall smokestacks built to disperse pollutants and so satisfy local air quality standards. Acid rain is known to have caused direct damage to plant foliage, rendered lakes incapable of supporting fish life, and leached toxic heavy metals from the soil into the water table. State programs would receive \$15 million to develop plans for dealing with acid rain.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited American Cyanamid Company for working conditions that threaten the fertility of female workers. OSHA ordered American Cyanamid to correct the hazardous conditions in its lead pigment section and pay a \$10 000 fine. The move apparently represents a new inter-

pretation by OSHA of its authority to protect workers against occupational illness and injury.

#### STATES

Nuclear waste dump sites in Nevada and Washington will remain closed, by order of the states' governors, until a national policy for waste disposal is established. South Carolina, where the only other dump site in the country is located, has refused to accept any wastes normally sent to other dumps, and further has banned dumping of any liquid wastes. Hospitals, medical research facilities, and some nuclear power plants are facing serious disposal problems. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and DOE are asking the states in which the wastes are produced to establish their own temporary storage sites. National laboratories involved in nuclear research-including Brookhaven, Oak Ridge, and Los Alamos-may also be used for temporary storage.

New York is seeking \$30 million directly from Congress for cleaning up PCB pollution in the Hudson River. The state had wanted to use a portion of its share of Clean Waters Act funds for the project. The EPA, however, would not allow that money to be used for purposes other than sewage treatment.

Geothermal power is making a come-back in Boise, Idaho. The city began using water piped from nearby hot springs for space heating in the 1890's, but shifted to gas and electricity in the 1930's. With the help of an expected \$4.9 million from DOE over the next 3 years, Boise will revitalize and expand the existing system, and construct a second system which will supply heat to buildings in the business district. The result will be a saving of 350 000 barrels of oil per year.

Southern California has been chosen by the National Commission on Air Quality as the subject of the first in a series of regional studies aimed at evaluating alternative approaches to achieving air quality. The study will benefit both the NCAQ, which is preparing recommendations to Congress on the nation's overall air quality program, and Southern California. According to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley-who is also a member of



L.A. Mayor Bradley

NCAQ—the study will help the L.A. area to learn "how increased refinery capacity to accomodate deregulation of heavy crude oil in Kern County will affect air quality and related public health issues."

Michigan has reached a \$15 million settlement with Hooker Chemical Co. Hooker will spend the money to clean up a chemical waste dump responsible for the contamination of water supplies in Montague, MI. The settlement also grants the state control over future use of the site and establishes an independent monitoring system to watch for any further leaks.

#### VIEWPOINT

An Energy Mobilization Board (EMB) would be an "energy dictatorship," says Colorado Senator Gary Hart. Under legislation passed by the Senate, the EMB could override state and local laws and could exempt projects, once underway, from the force of any new laws or regulations. Sen. Hart sees this as "an unprecedented usurpation of power reserved for state and local governments" and "an abdication of the responsibility of Congress and the President" for getting important energy projects started. In early November, the House passed its own version granting the EMB authority to waive federal, but not state and local, law; a compromise must now be worked out.

#### MONITORING

Imagine being able to detect all elements from beryllium to uranium. Spark source mass spectrometry (SSMS) may make this possible with 50-mg samples, and with a sensitivity consistent with proposed EPA multimedia environmental

goals. This technique must be capable of detecting such a range of elements without prior knowledge of source species, in order to be a primary elemental analysis technique for Level 1 environmental assessments (ES&T, May 1978, p 513). Developed by EPA's Industrial Environmental Research Lab (Research Triangle Park, NC), the philosophy allows comparison of all sources because sampling/analysis is uniform.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Aluminum and other metals can be recovered from coal combustion wastes, according to Oak Ridge National Laboratory. ORNL's "Calsinter" process would sinter fly ash to 1200 °C with limestone and gypsum. A sulfuric acid leach would then remove about 98% of aluminum content, and over 90% of other metals. More attractive processes may be coming, too.

Solar-based electricity competing head-on with coal? Possibly, with a line-focus heliostat system, says SRI International (Menlo Park, CA). The main key is sunlight heating salt, thus generating steam. in a long receiver on which a heliostat bank is focused. Its main uses would be in the West and Southwest.

The problem of sewer connection moratoria could be alleviated by a total recycling toilet system which reprocesses its own "black" wastewater. Such a system, the Cycle-Let developed by Thetford Corp. (Ann Arbor, MI), is now in commercial-scale use for 12 buildings at the 13-acre Village Centre (Great Falls, VA). Thetford's David Calhoun says that the "black" water is processed virtually to the quality of rainwater. The key is a closed nitration/oxidation/ultrafiltration approach, with active carbon and ozone disinfection for final "polishing". Microprocessor control/monitoring provides environmentally "fail-safe" operation.

Ozone disinfection with high-purity oxygen-activated sludge is also a key to innovative installations at Thurston County, WA. This approach was brought about by The Massart Co., in a joint venture with Peter Kiewit & Sons. Other new techniques involve a 2.5 million-gal

underground basin to equalize stormwater flow to about 25% of peak volume, allowing for a smaller treatment plant. Methane from waste sludge will supply heat to the digesters, as well as the administrative/maintenance offices. All mathematical processes, including payroll, are handled by computer.

A pollution-free bus using no petroleum products—it uses a 3000-lb flywheel—is under development at General Electric (GE, Erie, PA), with Depts. of Energy (DOE) and Transportation (DOT) support. The flywheel, fabricated from a stack of steel discs, would spin at 10 000 rpm, and could power a 28 000-lb bus with a full payload of passengers for 3.5 mi in stopand-go city driving. The flywheel could be re-energized at a curbside charging station in 90 seconds. Energy is taken off the flywheel by a special motor-alternator developed by GE. Storage in low-pressure helium reduces windage losses.



Processing litho plate with water

A nonpolluting printing chemistry would involve aqueous processing. This is now made possible with "Hydrolith", a lithographic printing plate developed by 3M (St. Paul, MN). The plate would perform with the same materials, such as negatives, inks, and the like, as for any presensitized offset plate. However, after processing in water, to remove sensitized material, a special fluid with a "gum" is sparingly spread over the plate to desensitize the image. This gum can be washed off with water, and leaves no excess to flush. Any kind of water-even seawater-is usable, and 3M says that the plates will perform very well on press. No

chemical developers are used for processing.

A method of filtering even fine particulates out of power house flue gases will earn General Motors (GM) an "Innovative Technology Order" from the EPA. The trick is a "side stream separator" which could allow GM to burn coal instead of scarce oil at its own powerhouses, to comply with Clean Air laws. Large particulates are caught inside conventional dust collectors. The remaining fines are captured in small filter bags into which they are sucked through "side stream' exhaust ducts. GM says that particulate control is thus improved by up to 50%, at less cost, and it is willing to make this technology available to other industrial firms.

Knock out bugs with "bugs"—use a bacterial pesticide, such as Bacillus thuringiensis, which can kill moths that damage stored grain. The germ will also protect certain crops and trees. It affects only certain insects; and not, apparently, "beneficials". About 0:75 lb of formulation will take care of 100 bu of grain, says the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

#### INDUSTRY

"Plenty of energy in the wind, but it's not much good unless the federal government does more to spur its development." So said Art Jackson of Hamilton Standard (Windsor Locks, CT) to a House committee. Among other things, he called for tax incentives, and noted that his own organization invested heavily in wind energy.

Safety and reliability for U.S. fossil and nuclear power plants—for this purpose, the Nondestructive Evaluation Center (NDE)—the first research facility of its kind in the U.S., - is being set up at Charlotte, NC. It will be operated by J. A. Jones Applied Research Co. (Charlotte) for the Electric Power Research Institute. Programs will emphasize fast technology transfer, training, proper inspection, and work with universities to provide a pool of trained people. The idea is to come up with reliable nondestructive testing and inspection techniques.

In meeting regulation costs, fully 77% is incurred through compliance with EPA's, according to a recent study of 48 leading U.S. industrial firms. This is one reason why Richard Lesher, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S., called for finding out if environmental costs can be reduced without sacrifice of environmental goals. One significant cost reducer he named was the "bubble concept", rather than, say, stack-bystack controls. That concept emphasizes pollution control by an entire plant, rather than for each stack. Its use, Lesher said, could have a beneficial effect on costs, and, equally important, could speed up compliance.

The "superfund" for hazardous waste disposal site cleanup may be unfair, according to the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). NAM Vice President, Resources and Technology, John Castellani suggested that any legislation for "hazwaste" areas be part of RCRA. He proposed that EPA first try to recover cleanup costs from those whose willful or negligent acts caused disposal site trouble. Castellani said that Congress ... should review cleanup laws every 2 years, and appropriate maybe \$20-50 million/y, at first, unless greater needs are indicated. He also made recommendations concerning EPA's role concerning public health threats, and recovery for damages/injury.



ARCO President Bradshaw

The U.S. is "beginning to feel its way toward a solution" to the energy problem. This is the cautious hope of Atlantic-Richfield Co. President Thornton Bradshaw who said that the most important energy initiative is petroleum product conservation, development of new U.S. resources, and keeping an oil import ceiling of 8.5 million bbl/d. He also said that President Carter's proposal for \$88 billion over 10 years to generate 2.5 million bbl/d of synfuels "is wildly unrealistic".

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## The Next Twenty Years

In a recent book with the above title (the third book in a series of Ford Foundation ventures reporting to the nation on energy topics), a group of 19 experts, about half of them economists, point out seven realities concerning energy and offer nine recommendations for an energy policy. The book is the result of an 18-month study that was sponsored by the Ford Foundation, administered by Resources for the Future, and chaired by Hans H. Landsberg, director of the Center for Energy Policy at Resources for the Future.

First off, this group notes that the use of energy resources has been and will continue to be constrained by political or environmental factors. But the world is not "running out" of energy. The foreword states that, in the words of former Ford Foundation President McGeorge Bundy, "The single most important element in the continuing crisis of energy policy may be the continuing failure in our national understanding of it." He continued, "The central message of the present report is that energy-expensive today-is likely to be more expensive tomorrow and that society as a whole will gain from a resolute effort to make the price that the user pays for energy, and for saving energy, reflect its true value. And I myself think that the message will prove right and timely in 1979.

#### Themes

Several themes thread their way through the 15-chapter book. A pervasive one is that to think of energy as a "crisis" will likely lead to both unhelpful public attitudes and to mistaken policies. Rather, Landsberg notes in his commentary that was prepared for a press briefing, that energy is a problem that society as a whole and government at all levels, have to learn to manage and to cope



Hans H. Landsberg chaired the study group

with. To be sure, energy issues are apt to trigger crises—and we have already passed through some of them; but managing energy is best perceived as a continuous process of adjustment, requiring an interplay of all the tools our society possesses for facilitating adjustment.

According to the chairman, chief among those tools-and this is the second theme-is the market with its pricing system which sends signals to consumers and producers to enable them to make rational choices as to kinds and timing of expenditures. Rapid decontrol of oil and gas prices and dismantling of the entire oil-control apparatus are, therefore, at the top of the group's recommendations, accompanied by careful analyses of their impact on inflation and income distribution.

In the light of strong attempts to make the windfall-profits tax on oil a near-permanent feature of energy policy and the slow decontrol timetable for natural gas, there is good reason to worry that decontrol now underway may not be as firmly in place as one would wish.

A third theme is the central role of imported oil. Again in his commentary, Landsberg notes that the reduction of oil imports is of the highest

#### The seven realities for understanding issues critical to managing the energy problems in the next two decades:

- . The world is not running out of energy.
- · Middle-East oil holds great risks, but is so valuable that the world will remain dependent on it for a long
- · Higher energy costs cannot be avoided, but can be contained by letting prices rise to reflect them.
- Environmental effects of energy use are serious and hard to manage.
- Conservation is an essential "source" of energy in large quantities.
- · Serious shocks and surprises are certain to occur.
- · Sound R&D policy is essential, but there is no simple "technical fix".

priority, and is welcome around the globe. To promote it, the study group favors such indirect means as higher prices, conservation measures, and possibly import fees over physical or financial ceilings, or quotas on imports. Its conviction is that either of the latter "direct" methods would further ensnare us in new bureaucratic mazes and entrench government in a role that is better left to the market, however far it is from functioning as an "ideal"

A fourth theme is the international character of energy and energy problems. The group says that we cannot stop the world and get off. The international oil market provides a major link through its effect on every country's economic well-being. Additionally, several environmental impacts transcend national and even continental boundaries. Every action the U.S. takes in the energy field should be evaluated in terms of its effect, not only at home but abroad. The different objective situations as well as perceptions that exist in other countries must be taken into account in our decisions, according to the commentary; the book devotes an entire chapter to foreign trends, perceptions, and policies.

The need for and scope of international considerations is pervasive. Oil is traded throughout the world, and even small fluctuations in output in a single country cause reverberations in every importing nation. For example, economically producible uranium reserves are concentrated in a small number of countries, and just as oil importers watch the Middle East, Venezuela, and Mexico, so uranium importers watch the U.S., Canada, Australia, and southern Africa for signs of future feast or famine. Similarly, Landsberg continues, the future direction of Soviet oil and gas output can tighten or loosen the supply/ demand balance worldwide.

#### Conservation

The study group strongly supports conservation as a generally inexpensive and potentially large "source" of energy, even though the diversity and diffusion of decision-makers in the conservation area present substantial obstacles to achieving the potential.

A barrel saved is truly a barrel produced (for other purposes). Yet, the group states, "There is nothing inherently good about these energy conserving activities, just as there is nothing inherently good about pumping oil from the ground. Energy conservation, like oil production, is an economic activity that can be pushed so far that is ceases being cheap and easy and becomes costly and inconvenient—but it may still be preferable on economic grounds to the alternatives."

#### The energy sources

The report deals extensively with coal, nuclear, and solar energy. The first two are the ones we need to rely on more heavily for the next 10-20 years; solar appears to have great promise for the tail-end of our period and beyond. Though the group shares the vulnerability and political risks associated with oil imports, it by no means discounts oil

These two fuels will still provide the bulk of most industrialized countries' energy, though a shrinking share, by the end of the century; but oil and gas from several hitherto barely tapped, economically marginal sources may come to fill the gap, and the group makes a strong plea for an intensive investigation into the nature, likely cost, and possible timetable of emergence of such hydrocarbon sources.

The group's strong endorsement of solar energy is rooted in its judgment that an energy future based increasingly on the twin support of coal and nuclear means relying on two flawed options and is not an attractive outlook. Concern regarding coal ranges from health impact to possible climate modifications from carbon dioxide accumulation in the earth's atmosphere; concern regarding nuclear energy ranges from ever present risks of safety and health to diversion of

#### Specific recommendations for air-pollution policy:

- · De-emphasize rigid deadlines and standards.
- Make continuous progress over time towards cleaner air, giving priority to areas where the value of cleaner air is greater for health, economic, or aesthetic reasons.
- · Research on scientific facts underlying pollution should seek to define general relationships among pollution, human health and other values protected by cleaning the air, not to find "no-damage levels".
- · Provide cost-effective incentives for progress towards cleaner air, such as emission charges and marketabledischarge permits.

fission products for weapons manufacture. The group does not conclude, however, that we must abandon either coal or nuclear, but urges policies to render both of them more acceptable.

#### Coal, air, health

The principal obstacle to the growth of coal use lies in the disinclination of potential users. In the group's judgment, current air pollution control policy is the principal reason for this attitude

In the matter of air pollution, the study group states that "... society must deal with two related but distinct problems; basic judgments must be made about what level of costs and risks should be incurred in one area of life in order to reduce costs and risks elsewhere; and social processes and institutions must be established for implementing and continually modifying these judgments in the light of new information and changing circumstances. Failure either to make the required social judgments or to provide mechanisms for implementing and modifying them effectively can result in environmental management programs that are ineffective and too costly.

In the matter of risks to health, the group's critical attitude toward past philosophy and policy is best expressed in this quotation: "Both energy and environmental values would benefit by adoption of alternative policy approaches that would leave to government what it should be doing-setting the basic objectives or providing the proper incentives-while leaving to the private sector the job of figuring out the details.'

The study group noted in one of its recommendations that nuclear power should not be excluded as an energy option either in the U.S. or abroad, either in the short or long run. There is still enough of a likelihood that we will need breeders that we should continue to have a broad and substantial research development and demonstration program. The group also cautioned that the final word would be with the electric utilities that must make the investment decision.

On solar, the report cites, "Our own position is that solar energy should and will become an increasingly important part of the energy picture within the next 20 years, even though it is now impossible to quantify its likely impact. . . . We are basically optimistic about the contribution that solar energy can actually make to energy supply within our 20 year period."

With specific reference to air pollution, the report states that current concepts and programs "make the conflicts between energy and environmental values more severe, disruptive, and costly than they need to be-and threaten to damage both energy and the environment in the long run." Some moves recently made by EPA seem to be going in a fruitful direction, the group believes, i.e., toward market-like mechanisms.

While noting that the environmental effects of energy use will remain "serious and hard to manage", the authors say they are "cautiously optimistic" about the environmental effects of future energy production: "... given careful and flexible management, energy can be produced and consumed in the U.S. at levels we think likely over the next 20 years, without undue harm to human health, natural systems or aesthetic values in general.

#### Earlier reports

McGeorge Bundy, in the report's foreword, noted that the central message delivered by the authors of the first study, A Time to Choose, was that this country could and should get along with less energy than historic patterns of growth suggested. That message was right and timely in 1974. The central message of the group that did the second study, Nuclear Power Issues and Choices, was that over the next generation we could and should handle nuclear power in ways that would reduce the dangers of nuclear proliferation, without giving up lightwater reactors for the present and other nuclear options for the future. That message was right and timely in 1976-1977. SSM

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- · Adopt a different approach to airpollution control.
- · Prepare for disruption in world oil markets.
- Continue efforts to reduce the problems associated with nuclear power.
- Work to improve the acceptability of coal.
- Vigorously pursue conservation as an economical energy source.
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While regulations, injunctions, and penalties will act as stimuli, it is hard science and engineering that will do

## The job of improving water quality

Reputedly, "they do things big in Texas." The growth of Houston's population—presently 80 000/y—is an example of how that adage is borne out. Welcoming the 52nd Annual Conference of the Water Pollution Control Federation (WPCF) to that fast-growing city, Mayor Jim McConn reaffirmed a commitment to provide good quality water and proper wastewater treatment (wwt) for its rapidly population. burgeoning Mayor McConn noted his city's \$500-million investment in wwt over the last five years, and said that the forthcoming 69th Street Plant will serve 500 000 people "within the next few years". The WPCF conference hosted about 10 000 people, featured 325 exhibitions representing a diversified technical program, and was the largest U.S. exhibit of its kind.

So Houston may be on the way to meeting municipal wwt goals. But not all municipalities in EPA Region 6, in which Houston is located, seem to be doing as well. Indeed, Adlene Harrison, Region 6 administrator, said that while progress is certainly being made, about 75% of the municipal wwt plants in her region do not meet provisions of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Their noncompliance ranges "from trivial, administrative infractions to serious violation", she complained. She also predicted, as did this year's WPCF President Martin Lang, that water quality goals of 1985 will not be met.

#### "Tailor to real needs"

Still, there has been considerable progress toward cleaner water, numerous specific instances of which were listed by EPA Administrator Douglas Costle, who addressed the Federation luncheon. However, one can speak happily of water improvement triumphs or complain of delays in meeting goals, but what is the principal means by which water quality improvements will be achieved? These improvements will be attained "by

engineering and scientific efforts, much more than by injunctions, fines, or other legal penalties", as Lang reminded the conference.

The engineering approach he called for was "a reasoned move toward cost-effective treatment austerely tailored to the real needs of receiving waters." This approach, he forecast, "would save billions of dollars over the useful life of treatment facilities." For example, Lang pointed out that some local conditions could indeed warrant expensive, perhaps capital- and energy-intensive advanced wastewater treatment (AWT). In other cases, however, degrees of sewage treatment somewhat less than secondary may present no undue threat to receiving waters. Nevertheless, Lang did commend the new focus on toxics removal as a demonstration that "priorities can indeed shift to bear on those areas where human health is concerned, and to get maximum return for an environmental dollar.

The engineering emphasis that Lang advocated has been a major thrust of much of the industrial sector ever since industry became affected by clean water laws and regulations (in some cases, even before). As he pointed out, industry tends to seek least-cost solutions; exploit, and even develop new technologies; and do the maximum possible to minimize user charges at publicly owned treatment (POTW)—for



Houston Mayor McConn "\$500 million for wwt"

through constant improvement of pretreatment techniques.

Incidentally, Lang said that he had forecast this industrial initiative as far back as 1973; and, at the time, recommended against the industrial capital cost recovery (ICR) program. He believed that whoever assumed that industry would invariably go straight to POTW, rather than to pretreatment or to setting up its own wwt systems, was mistaken. He also noted that tax laws passed since 1972 make it increasingly profitable for industries to pretreat their wastes, and that in 1977, EPA's own consultant confirmed the assessment of how industry would perform, and recommended termination of ICR.

#### Carbon and sludge

A salient example of industrial initiative is DuPont's PACTSM (powdered activated carbon treatment) process to remove organics, including any priority pollutants, from wastewater. The key phrase here is "priority pollutants". The process is operated at DuPont's Chambers Works (Deepwater, N.J.), and must handle more than 50 priority pollutants in its wastewater, which can amount to 23-50 mgd and have a pH averaging 2.0.

The Chambers Works process essentially calls for neutralization with a lime slurry and settling at the primary treatment stage. Much of the metal contaminants is taken out at this stage. For secondary/tertiary treatment, the PACT powdered activated carbon-activated sludge process comes on line, and is used with effluent from the primary clarifier. In this step, returned PACT sludge from secondary clarifiers is added to biological aeration tanks, along with make-up carbon. After aeration, effluent is treated with polyelectrolytes to coagulate fines, before going to the secondary clarifier tank. Treated secondary clarifier effluent is discharged.

Excess PACT sludge goes to a thickening/storage tank, and from there, to filter presses where it is dewatered to 45% solids. The solid cake is heated in a multiple-hearth furnace so that biomass is destroyed and powdered carbon is regenerated. This regenerated carbon—with make-up carbon added as required-is acidwashed, to prevent ash buildup, and recycled to the biological aerators. About 32% of the carbon was regenerated during 1978, the first full year of operation.

David Hutton and Stanley Temple of the Chambers Works say that overall organic pollutant removal with PACT averages 82% when measured as dissolved organic carbon. Indeed, for some individual priority organics, removal can exeed even 99.9%. Some metals are also removed quite well, although most of those are taken out during primary treatment. While the larger part of their results were obtained in a bench-scale simulator, Hutton and Temple believe that the PACT process, as scaled up, represents "best available", and generally works better than activated sludge without carbon-with certain compounds, such as some phenolics and nitrobenzenes, markedly better.

#### Organics recovery

Activated carbon might also be a significant vehicle for recovery/recycling of certain organics. Such recovery becomes more economically "interesting", now that "virgin chemicals' prices have increased commensurately with the cost of petroleum, from which many of these chemicals are derived. However, recovery of the granular activated carbon (GAC) through thermal approaches generally destroys the compounds one wants to recover, as well as a goodly portion of the GAC. In addition, recovery techniques, such as distillation and extraction, have heretofore found limited application, according to R. Fox and his colleagues at Hydroscience, Inc. (Knoxville, Tenn.).

Fox set forth three principal methods by which organics desorption/ recovery and GAC regeneration could be enhanced:

· pH shift for weak acids and bases,

· solvent elution for a wide variety, of organics, and

steam for volatile organics.

He said that more than 100 cycles of adsorption-desorption have been achieved with actual wastes. In addition, water-miscible solvents that cannot be used for liquid-liquid extraction of wastes from water can often be used to regenerate the carbon.

One pilot test, which apparently convinced Hydroscience's client to "go full-scale" by the end of this year, involved wastewater mostly from brominated organics manufacture. Discharge is to a POTW, so pretreatment is in order. Wastewater contains mainly ethylene dichloride (EDC), with traces of other materials.

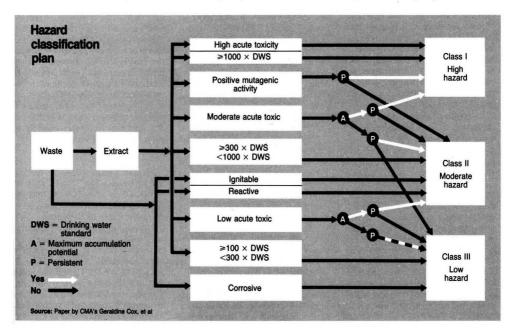
Tests over four months used Witco Chemical's Witcarb 950 grade GAC. Ultimately, they showed EDC removal exceeding 99.9%, with a typical EDC loading of 0.35 lb/lb of GAC. Final brominated organic concentration in effluent, with one exception, ranged 2-11 µg/L.

The capital cost for the full-scale system for 50 gpm, containing about 1700 lb/d of EDC, is estimated at \$150 000. Operating costs are pegged at 12¢/lb of EDC removed; 0.3¢/gal of waste treated; and 4.4¢/lb of carbon regenerated over 100 cycles. Maintenance and depreciation are put at 15% of capital.

#### Solar digesters

These days, energy conservation is a major consideration in wwt; indeed, a municipal project could be granted "innovative and alternative" (I&A) status, because of proposed energysaving features. For instance, the first wwt project in EPA Region I to be declared I&A is one in Hillsborough, N.H., and is to have a capacity of about 475 000 gpd, according to Edward Rushbrook, Jr. of Anderson-Nichols & Company, Inc. (Concord, N.H.). In the facilities, primary sedimentation will be followed by rotating biological contactors, secondary clarification, disinfection, and then discharge. Sludge handling will be anaerobic-with methane generationand sludge dewatered on a belt filter will be landfilled.

What is "I&A" is that, for openers, the digesters will be heated by solar energy. Then, methane from anaerobic digestion will help to generate electric



power to supplement the public utility's power supply. The wwt plant's generator will feature heat recovery. Moreover, a heat pump will extract heat from the plant effluent, as well as from the secondary anaerobic digester.

Maximum construction cost estimates (Fall 1978 dollars) are slightly more than \$2.05 million. Annual operation/maintenance costs are \$52 395, but a credit of \$5560 should be applied to that figure for methane plus reclaimed heat. The plant study and cost estimates were prepared by Anderson-Nichols with assistance from Douglas Wilke, architect-engineer of Glen Head, N.Y.

#### **RCRA** costs

Engineering capabilities will be increasingly called upon to meet certain provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA). This law has a bearing on wwt, in that it would require NPDES-permitted facilities to meet hazardous waste ("hazwaste") disposal criteria, if they handle such wastes. The Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA, Washington, D.C.) estimates a chemical industry retrofit cost, for this purpose, of \$2.1 billion, just for surface impoundment facilities, to comply with RCRA. The American Petroleum Institute speaks of a \$34-billion capital, and \$3.4-billion/y operating cost to meet RCRA, especially if drilling muds and brines remain designated by EPA as hazwaste.

CMA's Geraldine Cox and other industry representatives proposed that hazwastes be classified as to degree of hazard. These degrees would comprise high, medium, and low hazard (see chart). In this way, Cox believes, applicable RCRA provisions "could be met with the most effective use of disposal capacity and capital."

Regulations that chemical and other industries face may have provided much of the impetus for the development of equipment and systems to improve water quality. The same holds true for regulations to which municipalities are, and will be subject. But, to repeat what WPCF President Lang pointed out, the laws and their accompanying regulations, and threats and impositions of civil and criminal penalties, though they may indeed act as a stimulus, do not bring about water quality improvement. Meeting water cleanup goals cost-effectively, whether by 1985 or later, will be accomplished, finally, through the know-how of scientists and engineers, and much hard work.

# Nuclear power plant waste management

Industry spokesmen say that the technology is there. Here are several approaches, most of which involve long-term burial at stable geologic sites

Nuclear power plant wastes: what is to be done with them? If this often-asked question isn't answered fairly quickly, it is possible that the controversy over nuclear power as an energy option could become academic. Indeed, a lack of recognized means of protecting man and his environment from these wastes might lead, essentially, to the foreclosure of the use of nuclear power.

It is hardly surprising, then, that solving the nuclear-waste problem is a high-priority item for the federal government and the nuclear-power industry. Thus, this effort is the subject of meetings and workshops devoted solely to that topic. One example of such a gathering of experts was the Workshop on the Management of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Wastes, held in Washington, D.C., in September. The workshop was sponsored by the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF. Washington). In the wake of the Three Mile Island episode, perhaps such meetings become particularly cogent.

#### "Levels" of waste

Before one discusses what to do with nuclear wastes, perhaps it is helpful to address what the waste comprises. As Walton Rodger, partner of Nuclear Safety Associates (Bethesda, Md.), explained to a recent Washington meeting of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE, Washington), one speaks of "highlevel" and "low-level" wastes. Examples of high-level wastes might consist of those containing isotopes such as strontium-90 (90Sr), cesium-137 (137Cs), iodine-129 (129I), and certain others. The low-level waste comprises principally, slowly decaying transuranic elements and their daughter elements. For definitions of high-level, and low-level waste, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, 10 CFR 40, Appendix F.

At the NSPE meeting, Rodger pointed out that if spent nuclear fuel is reprocessed—which he believes will happen—the reprocessing waste stream will contain high-level material. If, however, spent nuclear fuel is not reprocessed—and such reprocessing is indefinitely deferred by U.S. policy at present—then it becomes high-level waste, since it contains all of the radio-isotopes that would have ended up in the high-level waste had the fuel been reprocessed to recover uranium and plutonium.

Rodger also defined "containment" and "isolation" concisely. "Containment" means keeping the waste within the confines of its place of immobilization or interment. Rodger reminded the NSPE that *no* disposal method unable to accomplish containment—at least, until the waste becomes innocuous—can be employed. On the other hand, "isolation" means the placement of waste in such a location or manner that humans are highly unlikely to come into contact with it.

#### "Problem with a solution"

"Nuclear waste disposal is a problem with a solution," Neal Carter, of Battelle/Columbus (Ohio), told the AIF workshop. He believes that a presently viable technological option for disposing of contained high-level radioactive wastes from civilian nuclear power plants is to isolate them in mined geological repositories (ES&T, June 1978, p 632). Carter also noted that in addition to the U.S., Britain, Canada, Sweden, and West Germany are among the nations whose programs utilize this concept.

In the U.S., at least, the first such repository will not be ready until after 1990. Carter observed that the reason for such a long time lag is partly political and partly technical, though some other experts say that there is actually no technical basis for not proceeding. For instance, after the waste is properly contained, it must be determined that the geologic formation of, and material in the respository will be stable, seismically and otherwise, for very long periods of time. It should also be ascertained that the wastes cannot migrate from their resting place into the rock, soil, air, surface, or ground water. However. one expert told ES&T that migration itself is not bad, as long as the waste materials do not reach the biosphere.

Will the geologic host media receiving the wastes be salt, shale, basalt, granite, tuff, or some or all of these? It is the job of the National Waste Terminal Storage (NWTS) program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)—a program on which Battelle and other contractor organizations are working—to select the proper sites and media, be they in salt beds or domes, deep mines in rocks, or whatever.

The NWTS program is also to formulate a time schedule for devising and validating disposal methods for use in several geologic host rock media. Validation will require rigorous in situ testing/demonstration. Some such testing would be done with electric heaters, for example, in salt beds or domes in Louisiana, or in deep iron mines in Sweden, perhaps to create thermal conditions similar to those that wastes may bring about. Repository tests with actual encapsulated waste fuel assemblies could be slated for Nevada (granite, an igneous rock), and the State of Washington (basalt, also an igneous rock).

#### Starts and stops

To reprocess or not to reprocess? Shifts in policy, rapid starts, stops, reviews, and re-reviews of items pursued through the 1960's and early 1970's have left unclear which way to go to manage civilian nuclear power plant waste. Denny Condotta, manager, Reprocessing and Field Services, Exxon Nuclear Co., Inc., told the AIF meeting, "We are still awaiting clear definition of a governmental policy and plan for action.'

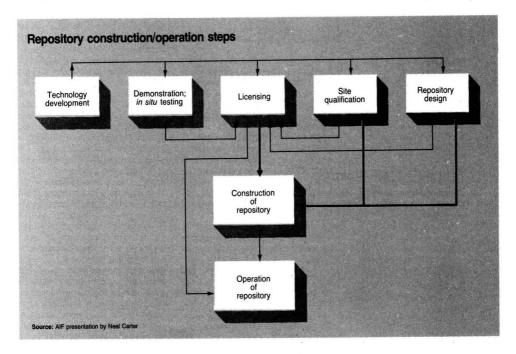
These starts and stops, Condotta noted, have led to public perception that the nuclear industry has no solution to the waste problem, despite the fact that the federal authorities have the responsibility to lead this effort. This federal responsibility extends to both defense and commercial highlevel nuclear wastes. Condotta noted that technology to support a waste management program is available, but what is needed is a strong implementation program. More specifically, Condotta called for:

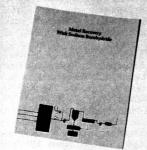
- · government assertion of a clear leadership role,
- · establishment of a specific program plan, and of a strong project organization.
- · criteria that establish roles for government and industry; that is, the government-industry interface'
- · procedures to resolve local issues, and
- · continuation of supporting research/development, especially to devise one or two viable backup techniques, should those be needed.

#### Sweden's approach

KBS stands for Kärnbränslesäkerhet which, in Swedish, means "nuclear fuel safety". Representing the KBS program, Lars Nilsson explained to the AIF workshop that for the present, waste isolation without reprocessing seems to be preferred in Sweden, although a plan for storing high-level waste that takes reprocessing into account has been approved. Either way, the wastes would be stored in Sweden's very stable Precambrian shield rock: indeed, no other host media were studied there.

The spent fuel or vitrified high-level waste would be buried 500-m deep in the stable rock whose ground-water conductivity is very low. Burial holes would be drilled from a system of tunnels in the rocks. The contained high-level waste capsules, in titanium-lead canisters, would be placed





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in the holes—one per hole—and each would be backfilled with a quartz sand-bentonite mixture. By comparison, spent-fuel capsules in copper canisters would be placed in similar holes backfilled with pure, highly compressed bentonite, Nilsson said.

Steps would be taken to keep storage temperatures low. For example, fission products would never exceed 9% of the blocks containing waste glass. Waste or spent fuel would be in controlled storage for 40 years before final disposal. Also, the heat in the repository would be limited to the energy equivalent of 5 W/m<sup>2</sup> at the time of the material's placement.

The concept of burying spent-fuel bundles, high-level wastes, or both, deep in igneous rock is also part of the Canadian plan. Canada hopes to have a site chosen by late 1982, with startup of operation in the early 1990's, T. Rummery, of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., told the AIF workshop.

With respect to vitrification of waste, Argonne National Laboratory is looking into two approaches. One involves encasing fission products in glass beads which are then embedded in lead. The other entails incorporating the waste into the structure of chemically stable glass; Battelle and others are involved in this effort. Of special concern, here, are waste transuranics, such as neptunium and plutonium. Stability of the containments will be studied exhaustively. The aim is to deposit the "glassified" wastes at the proper geologic sites.

#### Byproduct utilization?

Perhaps, an alternative approach is to separate and purify the 90Sr. This is being done with stored high-level wastes from the deactivated defense production reactors at Hanford, Wash., Harold Fullam of Battelle/ Northwest told the 178th national meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The 90Sr is converted to strontium fluoride (90SrF2), which can then be used to power remote systems, such as navigation aids, signal beacons, and weather stations. In fact, to a limited extent, such 90Sr-powered devices fueled with 90SrTiO3 (strontium titanate), were used during the 1960's and were known as Small Nuclear Auxiliary Power, or SNAP devices.

However, 90Sr is high-level and toxic; therefore, it would require rigorous safety precautions during all phases of its separation, purification, and use. But, according to Fullam, such shielding meeting licensing requirements can be made available. He High-level waste storage: a Swedish approach Quartz sand and bentonite Lead-titanium canister Source: AIF presentation by Lars Nilsson

said that the 29-year half-life of 90Sr would give a device using it as a heat source (maximum, 800 °C) a useful, unattended life of at least 10 years. Such a device would be especially useful at remote polar locations where batteries, fossil fuel, or solar power may be impractical or unavailable.

Data presented by David Woodbridge of Hittman Associates, Inc. (Columbia, Md.) at the ACS meeting suggested that, if properly handled and shielded, <sup>137</sup>Cs—a pure gamma-ray emitter-could be used to disinfect and detoxify wastewater. He said that these rays and their secondary effects can inactivate pathogens, and chemically break down organics, including those formed by chlorination of water and wastewater. Woodbridge also pointed out that if 90Sr and 137Cs can be removed from nuclear waste and used, the remaining waste's radiation would decay to that of naturally occurring Canadian pitchblende within 50-150 years after the spent fuel is taken away from the reactor.

Nevertheless, whether a oncethrough or reprocessing fuel cycle is ultimately decided upon, or even if high-level waste materials are to be separated, purified, and put to various uses, certainty as to waste-management policy and procedure has to be established by the federal government. Otherwise, those who are betting on nuclear power as a major petroleumreplacing energy option could be in for considerable disappointment.

## Hazardous waste disposal



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"Among the many pressing environmental problems currently facing EPA and the nation, I consider hazardous waste to be the most serious." There is much to substantiate this recent statement by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Douglas Costle.

The volume of hazardous waste generated annually in the U.S. is enormous. According to EPA estimates, it exceeds 77.1 billion pounds, of which "only 10% is disposed in an environmentally safe manner." The remaining 90% is disposed of haphazardly, such as in an illegal 23-acre site in Kentucky, "The Valley of the Drums", where thousands of barrels of hazardous wastes have been stacked. Many barrels have burst, spilling their contents on the ground, thereby polluting local surface waters.

The health problems associated with hazardous waste were first dramatized by the Love Canal tragedy which unfolded 16 months ago. Since then, many other problems of similar magnitude have come to light, with untold more "ticking time bombs" remaining throughout the country. This aspect of the problem is magnified by the fact that one-half of the American population relies on groundwater for its drinking water supply.

The projected cleanup costs are staggering. EPA estimates that to control hazardous waste, which poses a "danger to public health and the environment", will cost between \$13.1-22.1 billion. The estimated costs to ensure that hazardous wastes are safely disposed of in the future are even larger; the American Petroleum Institute projects a \$34 billion capital cost and \$3.4 billion annual operating cost for industry to meet the standards.

#### Statutory scheme

In the fall of 1976, Congress enacted the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), which was intended to establish a comprehensive program for the management of solid waste. The heart of the law is "Subtitle C, Hazardous Waste Management' which requires "cradle to grave" tracking of hazardous wastes from the time of generation, through storage and transportation, to their ultimate disposal. Most of the other federal environmental statutes are either directly or peripherally involved, further complicating the regulatory scheme. In the three years since the passage of RCRA, it has become evident that "the problem is far larger than the Act anticipated." (Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, September 1979.)

#### Regulatory delay

RCRA requires EPA to promulgate a series of regulations, many within 18 months of enactment. When it became evident that EPA would miss these deadlines, suits were filed resulting in a court order requiring EPA to file quarterly reports on the status of the regulations and setting a deadline of December 31, 1979 for EPA to promulgate final regulations. In its effort to meet this deadline, EPA published proposed rules in December 1978 covering classification of hazardous wastes and standards for generators, transporters, and disposal facility operators.

In its latest quarterly report to the courts (October 12, 1979), EPA stated that the Agency would miss the deadline and that the key regulations would not be issued until April 1980 or later. Costle noted that EPA had received over 1200 sets of comments, "which, when placed together, constitute a stack of text over seven feet high." EPA must respond in detail to each comment, including difficult issues such as the criteria for defining a waste as hazardous and strictness of facility design standards adequate to protect health and the environment. Many of the key regulations will have to be changed so significantly that EPA must "repropose" them, thereby providing opportunity for still more public comment

Environmentalists have characterized EPA delay as "inexcusable" and estimate it will add another two years to the implementation of a program to address "the most significant environmental problems currently facing us". The Environmental Defense Fund has filed a request with the court for a hearing on EPA's failure to meet the deadline.

#### Interim actions

While regulatory controls remain mired in technical debate, EPA has enlisted the enthusiastic cooperation of the Justice Department to use RCRA's emergency powers to initiate court action to stop illegal dumping and order cleanup in those cases where "an imminent and substantial endangerment to health or the environment" can be shown. The Justice Department has established a new hazardous waste section, headed by a long-time public interest advocate.

"Everyone wants these wastes managed, but not in their backyard and our entire nation is someone's backyard," is how Costle summarizes the heart of the problem. Actions during the next several months by EPA, industry, environmental groups, Congress, and the courts, will shape the manner in which hazardous waste, the environmental problem of the 1980's, is managed, and we all hope, controlled.



## First step, always the hardest

Apollo Technologies, Inc. has a way to save up to 2% of the oil consumed in many electric-utility boilers; lower the exit-gas temperature 40° or more and protect the metal parts of the boiler by neutralizing the condensed acid as it forms

In the national effort to reduce our dependence upon foreign oil, an important component of our strategy has been a program of energy conservation. To the general public, conservation has come to mean reduction of energy use by the consumer. However, fuel savings through the use of more efficient operational and production methods is a concern of the major energy producers, the electrical utility industry.

The recent OPEC price increases make it more important than ever to use whatever methods are available to save energy, especially where the cost of this energy-savings technology is only a small fraction of the savings that can be gained.

One way to achieve such savings is to operate the boiler at lower exit-gas temperatures. Controlled studies have shown that a 40 °F reduction in exitgas temperature will allow a 1% efficiency gain.

#### Lowering exit-gas temperatures

The effect of lowering the exit-gas temperature on utility boilers in order to gain greater fuel efficiency is well accepted. The energy yield of any heat process is described as its Carnot efficiency:

$$\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_2} = E$$

where T2 is the flame temperature and  $T_1$  is the exit-gas temperature.

Wallace Chinitz, professor of mechanical engineering at The Cooper Union (N.Y. City), says, "Thermodynamic calculations indicate that improvements in plant heat rates of up to 3% are possible in some power plants. Most coal-burning plants, in particular, would show dramatic improvement in their operating efficiencies by shutting down or reducing the flow through their steam coils. The resulting improvement could be used to reduce fuel input requirements and/or to increase the power output from the plant.

"At the moment, no real incentive exists in the industry to aim toward the former; however, the latter should have an immediate appeal since every kilowatt that can be produced internally during peak-load periods does not have to be purchased from the outside.'

Although high exit-gas temperatures are energy inefficient, it is the routine practice used by utilities to avoid corrosion problems. These arise during combustion because sulfur in the oil is oxidized to a mixture of SO<sub>2</sub> (97-99%) and SO<sub>3</sub> (1-3%). When the exit-gas temperature is lowered, the SO<sub>3</sub> combines with water vapor in the flue gas, reaches its dew point, and condenses on the cooler surfaces as the highly corrosive sulfuric acid. Thus, lowering of exit-gas temperature must be done in such a manner that the sulfuric acid which deposits on cooler metal surfaces is neutralized before it



**Professor Chinitz** "could be used to reduce fuel input"

can attack the metal.

How exit-gas temperatures are lowered depends upon the individual utility. In some facilities, temperatures can be reduced quickly and simply by removing or bypassing the steam coils which preheat incoming air. These coils are fed by steam from the power turbines. By shutting off these coils and conserving this steam, greater performance is gained by the tur-

In other cases where steam coils do not exist, the same effect can be gained by increasing the surface area of the air heater. In many instances, heattransfer surfaces in the form of baskets have been removed. Replacement of these baskets increases heat transfer surface area and allows this heattransfer unit to operate at maximum efficiency. The combination of steam-coil removal and increasing surface area in the air heater has an additive effect on reducing exit-gas temperature.

#### Flue gas neutralization

Flue-gas neutralization to reduce flue-gas acidity is not new. Apollo Technologies (Whippany, N.J.) has successfully used this system as a cold-end, corrosion-control technique in more than 40 utilities over the past 10 years. In essence, this powder-formulation system containing basic oxides and ammonia releasing agents is injected before the air heater and coats the entire cold end of the boiler.

Sulfuric acid may be partially neutralized in the gas phase but the bulk condenses on metal surfaces pretreated with the basic oxide.

Neutralization occurs immediately. Powder does not build up because the flue gas exerts an errosive effect on the

deposits. Thus, both the unreacted oxide and its reaction product with SO<sub>3</sub>, a neutral sulfate salt, are swept into particle-collecting devices. If the boiler system does not have such a device, the dense particles collect at the bottom of the smoke stack. About 20% loss of oxide or neutral salt through the stack does occur. In total weight this is far less than the amount of SO<sub>3</sub> which would have occurred without fluegas-neutralization treatment.

#### Economics of flue-gas neutralization

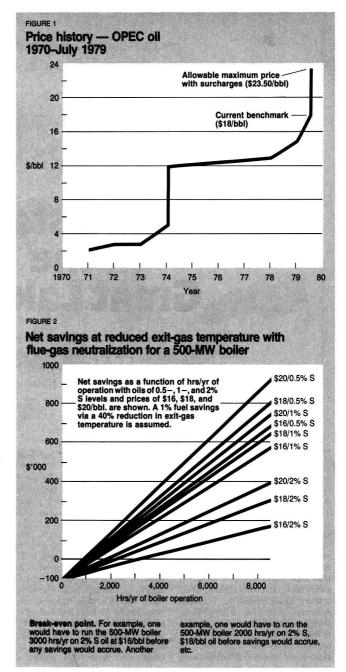
Although flue-gas neutralization has been widely used, the chief motivation for adopting it in the past has not been energy savings. Rather, special problems of acid-smut emissions or corrosion and blockage of air heaters served as justifications. Now, with the 50% rise in OPEC oil prices in 1979 alone and with the planned decontrol of domestic oil, a number of utilities can now consider this technology purely for economic reasons.

D. B. McMillan, manager of production at the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co., says, "A significant reduction in fuel-oil consumption was achieved when we were able to reduce the steam coil usage at the Williams Station, Columbia, S.C. With the lower exit-gas temperature allowable by chemical treatment with Apollo Coaltrol M, fuel savings were in excess of \$200 000/yr, after deducting the chemical and any capital cost." He continued, "These savings were based on a fuel-consumption rate of 833 bbl/hr at a current fuel cost of \$19.18/bbl. Since the injection system has been in place since 1976, the original capital cost of \$80 000 was absorbed in the first year's savings."

Figure 1 documents the price history of OPEC oil since 1971. Figure 2 illustrates the changes in flue-gas neutralization economics that have occurred as a result of these price rises. Whereas lower priced high-sulfur oil required the utility to use this system for more than half its operating time in order to justify it economically, the more expensive oils burned today break even at 1/3-1/6 on-line time.

#### **Incentives**

The question may well be asked, why, if the technology has such favorable features, has it not been used in every instance where applicable? One can only speculate, but it is known that, as with similar technologies, the capital and operating costs must be justified to the individual Public Utility Commissions. As a consequence, the recovery of costs can by no means be guaranteed. However, the savings



that are achieved result in an automatic adjustment of the fuel rates, thereby leaving the utility with no economic benefits to show for its conservation efforts.

Douglas Bauer, senior vice president of the Edison Electric Institute, the organization representing investorowned utilities, has commented: "By and large, most utilities would welcome the opportunity to pursue additional energy-conservation measures. The documented savings, after deduction of capital and other costs, should be divided in an equitable manner between themselves and the consumer. I guess the bottom line for adopting a measure of this type is: Will the consumer benefit? I believe he will."



## **Toxic substances** in the **Great Lakes**

Here is an overview of the origin, distribution, and fate of some heavy metals and organics, and some suggestions as to what may be done about them

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Concern over the presence of chemicals in the Great Lakes has increased in recent years. Alfred Beeton reviewed historical trends of many common anions and cations, and found that their concentrations increased slowly but continuously in the past half century (Eutrophication, National Academy of Sciences, 1969). These changes were accompanied by changes in the biota, particularly the algae, as populations evolved from so-called clean-water species to those indicating eutrophic symptoms. Beeton hypothesized that man's activities were influencing the limnology of the Great Lakes, resulting in decreased water quality. These conditions were noted particularly in Lakes Erie and Ontario

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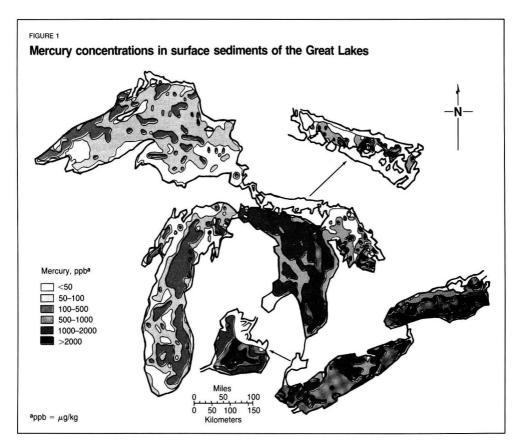
and in the southern basin and Green Bay in Lake Michigan.

An international conference, held in Madison, Wis., in 1967, focused on eutrophication and spurred greater research interest. Numerous additional conferences have been held on this topic in the past 12 years. However, environmental issues rarely remain simple, and in the early 1970's the eutrophication problem was confounded by concern over the potential effects of thermal pollution in the Great Lakes, a topic reviewed some years ago by Arthur Levin and others (ES&T, March 1972, p 224). For instance, as demands for electric power increased, especially in the Midwest, many power plants were constructed on Great Lakes shorelines.

Citizens and regulatory agencies, already alarmed by the specter of eutrophication-influenced water quality changes, attempted to restrict the discharge of power-plant cooling water into the lakes. By 1972, these two issues had created sufficient attention that an interstate enforcement conference on Lake Michigan pollution was convened. Also in 1972, the Great

Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada was first signed. It established waterquality objectives and timetables, and espoused a nondegradation philos-

While these environmental issues in the early 1970's originally emphasized phosphorus loading and thermal pollution in the Great Lakes, the toxicchemical problem was also developing. Although the first serious alert concerning toxic chemicals, particularly pesticides, had been sounded by Rachel Carson in The Silent Spring in 1962, it was not until the late 1960's and early 1970's that the combination of increased environmental awareness and laboratory analytical capability led to the discovery of pesticides throughout the Great Lakes Basin. The chemical stability of many pesticides, coupled with their capacity to bioaccumulate, resulted in high concentrations of compounds such as DDT and dieldrin in fish. Fish that exceeded U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tolerance levels for pesticides could not be sold commercially.



During the time that extensive effort was mounted to document DDT levels in Great Lakes fish, chemists noted that additional compounds were also present. In fact, some of these other substances created significant problems in the analysis of DDT. It was soon recognized that these troublesome compounds were polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's), and that they were also present at levels as high as 25 μg/g. These historical levels have been documented by scientists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and particularly by Gilman Veith at EPA's Duluth, Minn., laboratory. Thus, what was first a problem involving nondegradable pesticides, such as DDT, soon blossomed into a major issue of contamination by all types of toxic chemical substances.

To be sure, there is still concern about the input of phosphorus and thermal discharges into the Great Lakes. But, according to the Pollution from Land Use Activity Reference Group (PLUARG) of the International Joint Commission (IJC), toxic chemicals have now become the predominant water-quality issue in the Great Lakes Basin. This concern is also shared at the national level by the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

#### What are toxic substances?

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines toxic as something "of, relating to or caused by a poison or toxin", where a poison is "a substance that through its chemical action usually kills, injures, or impairs an organism." The Congress of the United States defined toxic substances in October 1976, when it enacted the Toxic Substances Control Act (Public Law 94-469). That law defines toxic substances as those chemical substances "whose manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use, or disposal may present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment." More specific definitions of a toxic substance and a hazardous polluting substance were included in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978, signed by the U.S. and Canada on Nov. 22, 1978.

Numerous industrial chemicals, such as PCB's, have been entering the environment for many years and, like DDT, have accumulated in living organisms including Great Lakes fish and in the people that consume them. PCB's have been identified essentially everywhere in the world, despite the fact that they were produced for uses that should not have resulted in such widespread distribution. These uses included capacitors, transformers, and hydraulic fluids. Their careless use and disposal have led to ubiquitous contamination of the environment.

Details about certain toxic chemicals, including lists of the so-called "priority pollutants", were published recently by Larry Keith and William Telliard (ES&T, April 1979, p 416). These should be consulted for additional information.

#### Distribution in water

The extent of toxic-substances distribution in the water, sediments, and fish of the Great Lakes Basin is only now beginning to be understood. For example, a comprehensive inventory of information on the distribution of or-

ganic and trace-metal contaminants in the basins of all of the Great Lakes, except Lake Ontario, has been prepared for a committee of the IJC's Water Quality Board by Dennis Konasewich and his co-workers. This inventory will serve as a basis for an assessment that will determine those contaminants that may present a hazard to human health and the environment. Data were obtained from municipal, state, provincial and federal agencies in the U.S. and Canada, as well as from reports and papers published by university researchers, government scientists and consulting firms. Among those groups that have performed considerable work and compiled extensive data on the Great Lakes are the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, various EPA laboratories, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the natural resources departments of the Great Lakes states.

#### Chemicals in Lake Michigan

The most complete interpretive compilation of historical data for chemicals in Lake Michigan was published by Marguerite Torrey in 1976. No similarly thorough treatise for the other Great Lakes has been prepared.

At one time, organochlorine pesticides were widely used in the Lake Michigan Basin and were applied to forest and agricultural lands, and to noncrop lands. Pesticides were also used in industry and for household-pest control. According to a 1972 EPA report, the extensive use of DDT and dieldrin in Wisconsin led to the transport of these chemicals to Lake Michigan via tributaries, land runoff, and wastewater-treatment plants. Atmospheric precipitation was also implicated because of the wind-borne transport of these pesticides following aerial spraying.

The concentrations of pesticides in the waters of the Great Lakes is relatively low, due partly to their low aqueous solubility. As reported by Torrey, typical concentrations were generally below 1  $\mu$ g/L, and often near 1 ng/L. In addition to DDT and dieldrin, numerous other compounds were detected by gas chromatography, including PCB's, lindane, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, endrin, aldrin, and methoxychlor. Much of the early DDT and dieldrin data from Lake Michigan and other waters, prior to the late 1960's, are now considered only approximate because of the likely interference of PCB's in the analysis of these pesticides.

Torrey demonstrated that the concentrations of the main toxic inorganic materials (Hg, Pb, As) are quite low in Lake Michigan. There, inorganic substances do not appear to pose significant problems, except for As in the Green Bay area (currently being studied by Marc Anderson and associates at the University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Pb in the southern basin.

#### Distribution in sediments

Great Lakes sediments are the ultimate sink for many, but not all, of the toxic contaminants that enter the lakes. Some of the contaminants, such as mercury, can be converted to more biologically active forms. Also, com-

A toxic substance means "a substance which can cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological or reproductive malfunctions or physical deformities in any organism or its offspring, or which can become poisonous after concentration in the food chain or in combination with other substances." A hazardous polluting substance is defined to mean "any element or compound which, if discharged in any quantity into or upon receiving waters or adjoining shorelines, would present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare. For this purpose, public health or welfare encompasses all factors affecting the health and welfare of man including but not limited to human health, and the conservation and protection of flora and fauna, public and private property, shoreline and beaches."

Source: Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978, International Joint Commission

pounds such as PCB's are taken up by bottom organisms that either live or feed in the sediments, and which are subsequently eaten by larger carnivores. This results in an eventual increase in the concentration of this contaminant in carnivorous fish. Thus, despite the fact that the sediments are many meters below the water's surface, they do not always act as the ultimate sink for toxic substances.

The presence of many contaminants in the Great Lakes sediments was summarized in the 1978 PLUARG Final Report to the IJC. Of particular concern were Hg, Pb, and PCB's. A contour map prepared by PLUARG, showing the approximate distribution of mercury (Hg) in Great Lakes sediments, is reproduced as Figure 1.

The highest Hg concentrations

generally appear in Lakes Erie, Ontario, and St. Clair. Previous industrial discharges, apparently current atmospheric deposition into the Great Lakes, and runoff from the land surface appear to be sources of Hg.

Prior to 1970, major inputs into the lakes' system were discharges from the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. On the basis of the sediment patterns, Lake St. Clair appears to be a continuing source of Hg to Lake Erie, despite the elimination of the chloralkali-plant source.

The transport of Hg-enriched sediments from Lake St. Clair, through the Detroit River, and into western Lake Erie, continues to be a problem. The resuspension of Hg-contaminated sediments from western Lake Erie, and subsequent in-lake transport, has carried Hg along the southern shoreline and led to its ultimate deposition in the eastern basin. The western basin of Lake Erie is an active area of sediment resuspension because of windinduced wave action.

In Lake Ontario, Hg appears to be carried by the Niagara River, with eventual dispersal throughout the eastern basin. The sharp decrease in point-source inputs of Hg to the lakes should result in a gradual decrease in Hg content of the surface sediments, according to PLUARG.

The concentrations of most organic contaminants in Great Lakes sediments have not been well mapped. PCB contours, however, were compiled by PLUARG for Lakes Huron, Erie, and Ontario. These indicate a general occurrence of PCB's in the sediments, with higher loadings in the western and southern areas of Lake Erie and in the south central area of Lake Ontario. The PLUARG Report estimated that nonpoint sources, including atmospheric inputs, account for the major reflux of PCB's to the lakes.

#### Distribution in fish

Data for PCB's in Great Lakes fish were compiled in the PLUARG Report with additional data provided by the State of Wisconsin. These appear in Table 1. The most significant PCB contamination occurs in Lake Michigan, according to data now available.

One interesting aspect of PCB, DDT, and dieldrin contamination of fish in Lake Michigan is the slightly decreasing trend in concentrations that has developed over the past five to eight years. Data from the FWS and EPA indicate such a trend, but further analysis and monitoring will be required in the future to verify the trend. The PCB concentrations in fish can

vary from one season to another, as well as during spawning periods. Thus, fish monitoring programs must be conducted in a consistent manner to avoid bias in the interpretation of the data.

One reason that PCB's continue to appear in relatively high concentrations in Lake Michigan fish is that the chemical is easily bioaccumulated; that is, passed through the food chain as smaller organisms are consumed by larger ones, ultimately reaching the primary carnivores in the lake (salmonids) which are highly prized sport fishery species. This process is illustrated in Figure 2.

Mercury concentrations in Great Lakes fish are not too much of a concern, except for those caught in Lake Erie. Concentrations from fish in that lake indicate that the FDA consumption guideline of 1.0  $\mu$ g/g is still being exceeded, although trends of decreasing concentrations have been noted. The PLUARG Report noted that lead (Pb) concentrations are nowhere close to the recommended consumptionadvisory limit of  $10 \mu g/g$  in any of the Great Lakes.

#### Effects of toxic substances

One effect on citizens in the Great Lakes Basin, particularly those who consume relatively large amounts of locally caught fish, is contamination from certain species by chemicals, especially PCB's. Most of the species that have sport fishery importance, particularly the salmonids, consistently exceed the proposed FDA tolerance guideline of 2 µg/g in Lake Michigan. However, sportsmen are not prevented from consuming their catch, and many of these people are unwilling to abandon their sport (which involves considerable financial investment), particularly since toxicological studies have not conclusively linked the dietary intake of low levels of PCB's with human health problems.

Despite the lack of firm human health evidence, there is ample documentation that the intake of PCB's near the FDA guideline significantly affects rhesus monkeys. James Allen and co-workers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have shown that infants born to monkeys that were fed 2.5-5.0 µg/g of PCB's developed facial acne and edema, swelling of the eyelids, loss of facial hair including eyelashes, and hyperpigmentation of the skin. Half of the PCB-exposed infant monkeys died within eight months following birth, assumedly from PCB intoxication. Surviving infant monkeys proved to be hyperactive in locomotor tests, and to be slow in learning how to

#### Toxic substances: classes and sources

According to the Great Lakes Basin Commission, the general classes of toxic substances that are presently of concern in the Great Lakes Basin

- halogenated organic compounds (PCB's, PBB's, chlorophenois),
  - · radioactive substances,
  - · pesticides.
- · heavy metals and toxic nonmetals (Hg, Pb, As), and
- petroleum products.

There are many sources for the toxic substances that enter the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Basin Commission and others have itemized these as:

· point sources (municipal- and industrial-effluent discharges),

- · nonpoint sources (land application of toxic materials followed by runoff; the atmosphere),
- · urban runoff (Pb from automobile exhausts; grease and oil; metals; household pesticides),
- · toxic and hazardous waste disposal sites or "phantom" disposal activities (legal or illegal waste disposal that results in the pollution of the Great Lakes; transportation acci-
- · the atmosphere (ES&T, November 1979, p 1337) (can be considered a nonpoint source but represents a major point of entry of PCB's, Pb and other toxic substances to the lakes),
- · agricultural runoff (nonpoint source but emanates from specific useage of chemicals in agriculture).

TABLE 1 PCB concentrations in Great Lakes fish.

Lake	Sampling period	Mean PCB concentrations <sup>a</sup> μg/g	Range µg/g
Superior	1968-1975	0.61	<0.1-3.7
Michigan '	1972-1974	10.2	2.1-18.9
	1974–1978	NC <sup>b</sup>	1.2-37°
Huron	1968-1976	0.82	<0.1-7.0
Erie	1968-1976	0.88	<0.1-9.3
Ontario	1972–1977	2.37	<0.1-21.1

<sup>\*</sup> The FDA tolerance level is 2 µg/g

#### The PLUARG Report

The 1978 PLUARG Report summed up the toxic substances control problem very well and the following points are excerpted from that document. In order to control toxic substances and reduce their inputs to the Great Lakes:

- Toxic substances must be controlled at their source.
- Closer cooperation between the U.S. and Canada in implementing toxic substances control legislation must occur.
- · Proper management control, and the means of ultimate disposal of toxic substances presently in use, must be developed.
  - · Identification and monitoring of

historic and existing solid waste disposal sites (where there is an exisiting or potential discharge of toxic substances) must be done, and control programs at those sites must be executed as needed.

- Joint U.S.-Canadian expansion of efforts to assess the cumulative and synergistic effects of increasing loads of toxic contaminants on environmental health must be given high pri-
- · The rapid translation of these assessments into revised water-quality objectives must be made; moreover, for certain toxic substances, a zero loading to the Great Lakes must be a requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Not calculated

Based on the analysis of 35 fish consisting of chubs, lake trout and coho salmon. Data from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Source: PLUARG, 1978

solve various types of discrimination problems, when compared to control animals.

The linkage of rhesus monkey health effects to potential human health problems is still not firm. However, the animal studies suggest that humans should limit their consumption of PCB-contaminated fish taken from the Great Lakes, especially Lake Michigan, until epidemiological research determines the extent, if any, of low-level dietary intake effects of PCB's on humans.

The most serious effect of toxic substances in the Great Lakes seems to be the diminished value of the Great Lakes as a natural resource, particularly in the production of fish that are suitable for human consumption. Commercial fishing has already been impaired. Sportsmen now enjoy their pastime with the caveat that their catch is tainted, and that their fish intake should be limited to no more than one meal per week. Pregnant or nursing women have been advised to eliminate the PCB-contaminated fish entirely from their diets.

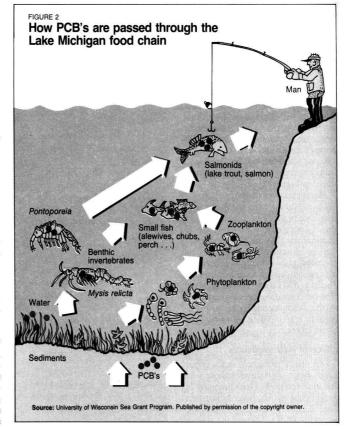
#### Problems in the Lake Michigan basin

In recent years, numerous toxic and potentially hazardous organic compounds have been identified in the Wisconsin waters of the Lake Michigan basin. The findings in Wisconsin are representative of experiences in the other Great Lakes states, and will be discussed further here to provide an overview of some current problems.

Perhaps the best studied of the toxic organic compounds are the PCB's. A National Conference held in Chicago, Ill., in 1975 (ES&T, February 1976, p 122) addressed this industrial contaminant in detail. The unusual stability of the PCB's in the environment, and their capability to bioaccumulate, have contributed to the fishery problems mentioned above.

Contamination of Lake Michigan waters by PCB's has been a matter of concern since the late 1960's when the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) found that PCB's in fish collected from the lake exceeded the FDA guidelines (which were set at 5  $\mu$ g/g at that time). PCB sources were found to be industrial and municipal effluents; but also, perhaps more significantly, the atmosphere was implicated as a possible major contributor of PCB's to the lake. Indeed, as the point-source contributions of PCB's are eventually closed off, nonpoint sources, such as the atmosphere, will take on a more important role.

Nevertheless, according to Stanton Kleinert of the Wisconsin DNR, the



PCB problem in Wisconsin is chiefly a fishery problem, in terms of natural-resources management. Public water supplies in the state, for example, do not contain detectable amounts of PCB's, while nearshore waters of Lake Michigan and its tributaries contain only small concentrations of the contaminant.

#### PCB's in the Sheboygan River

In March 1978, very high concentrations of PCB's were reported in fish collected in the Sheboygan River, a Lake Michigan tributary in northeastern Wisconsin. The fish, originally collected in late 1977, showed PCB concentrations ranging from 26 to almost 1000 µg/g. Recall that the FDA guideline is 5 µg/g; lowering it to 2 µg/g is proposed.

Because of these very high concentrations, an intensive sampling program was begun. The results verified the earlier findings that the PCB concentrations in the Sheboygan River fish were significantly elevated above the values normally found in the Lake Michigan basin.

These findings indicated the prob-

able existence of a previously unidentified source of PCB's. Investigative work by the Wisconsin DNR quickly identified a metal-casting plant as the PCB source. The plant had been disposing PCB-contaminated wastes behind its building and along a dike adjacent to the Sheboygan River. High water, runoff, and erosion deposited the PCB's in the river sediments, and through food-chain accumulation, contaminated numerous fish species.

The PCB-contaminated shoreline material has now been isolated and placed in sealed drums, and awaits final disposal. The sediments, however, are still loaded with PCB's and continue to contaminate fish. They also are washed out into Lake Michigan through normal stream sediment transport processes. The question of dredging the sediments has not been resolved, since dredging might mobilize the PCB's, and lead to more contamination of the nearshore Lake Michigan area. Also, an adequate dredge spoil disposal site would have to be developed, and such sites can be placed only on land or in contained shoreline areas. The disposal of con-

taminated dredge spoils in Lake Michigan waters is unlawful, posing the dilemma that both action and inaction will result in continued PCB pollution problems. This case is an example of the type of toxic substance control problem that is likely to arise again in the future.

The company involved in the Sheboygan River case has changed ownership since the period when PCB's were used in the hydraulic systems of the casting machinery. PCB's are no longer in use, but their careless disposal in the past haunts the present owners, as well as the environment near the casting plant. A similar case is now the object of considerable research and regulatory interest in the Waukegan, Ill., harbor area.

#### Wastewater: the Lower Fox River

Probably the most industrialized drainage basin entering into Lake Michigan is the Lower Fox River, a tributary to the waters of Green Bay in northeastern Wisconsin. Leading from Lake Winnebago to Green Bay, it receives wastewaters from many pulp and paper mills, and other industrial

and municipal wastewater treatment facilities

A study initiated in 1976 sought to identify the sources of PCB's and other chlorinated organic compounds in the river. Many organic and chlorinated organic compounds were identified in the wastewaters, river water, sediment, and fish collected throughout the watershed. Included in these results were 20 of the "priority pollutants" that were discussed by Keith and Telliard (ES&T, April 1979, p 416).

Representative data from this study appear in Table 2. They indicate that the Lower Fox River system receives considerable loadings of chemicals from a variety of sources. The heavy use of chlorine as a bleaching agent in pulp-mill operations, the recycling of paper products contaminated with PCB's, and chlorination of municipal treatment plant effluents are sources of many of the chlorinated organic compounds.

The environmental significance and ultimate fate of these materials are not fully known at present, except of course, for PCB's which are found in high concentrations in fish taken from the Lower Fox River. Research sponsored by state and federal organizations, including the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Program, is underway and will help to resolve many of the current uncertainties.

#### PCB's in lake trout

A recently completed study has added substantially to knowledge of how PCB's are taken up by salmonid species, particularly lake trout in Lake Michigan. This research was performed by David Weininger, under the direction of David Armstrong, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In his Ph.D. thesis, Weininger developed a bioenergetic model to account for the accumulation of PCB's by Lake Michigan lake trout. With some modification, the model might apply to related species in other lakes that have similar feeding habits and metabolic processes.

The primary source of PCB's accumulated in the lake trout is adult alewives. Furthermore, for an average adult lake trout, the PCB concentration is more related to its age than its size, signifying that accumulation is more a function of time or exposure than of diet alone.

Of major importance in Weininger's work is the prediction that greater than 50% of the PCB's in adult lake trout have cycled through Lake Michigan sediments. This emphasizes food-chain processes, since benthic invertebrates are eaten by adult alewives which, in turn, are consumed by adult lake trout.

To reduce future concentrations in lake trout, the PCB content of the alewives must be reduced. Weininger speculated that if the alewife population could be reduced, then lake trout might switch to smelt as a primary food source. Smelt have much lower PCB concentrations; thus, lake trout PCB levels should decrease rapidly. This might result in lake trout eventually meeting the FDA tolerance limit in the future.

Weininger's hypothesis is intriguing, and fish resource managers have now been challenged to take innovative steps to reduce the PCB content of prized Lake Michigan stocked species (salmonids). The alternative is to abandon salmonid stocking for many vears until PCB's in the sediments are buried beyond those levels at which they would be available to invertebrate organisms.

#### Control of contamination

Resource-management strategies in the Great Lakes Basin must contend with the toxic-substances issue. This

TABLE 2 Selected organic compounds identified in the Lower Fox River watershed in Wisconsin<sup>a</sup>

	Concentration ranges			
Compound	Wastewaters (μg/L) Sediments (μg		/g) Fish (µg/g)	
Anisole,				
Tetrachloro-	0.04-0.08	3 <b>b</b>		
Pentachloro-	0.05-0.38	8 —	0.005-0.06	
Benzothiazole	10-30	<del></del>		
Hydroxy-	10-30			
Methylthio-	10-40		-	
Dehydroabietic acid	100-850	0 2.7		
Dieldrin <sup>c</sup>	-		0.008-0.02	
Guaiacol,				
Trichloro-	10-60	_		
Tetrachloro-	10-50		_	
Hexachlorocyclohexane <sup>c</sup>	0.04		-	
Phenol(s),				
Dichloro-c	15-40		10 m <del>  _</del>	
Trichloro-c	5-100	)	-	
Tetrachloro-	2-20	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u> -	
Pentachloro-c	0.1-40	0.22-0.28		
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's)	c and the			
(Aroclors 1242, 1248 and 1254	0.1–56	0.05-61	0.5-90	
Polycyclic aromatic				
Hydrocarbons (PAH's) <sup>c</sup>	0.5-10		_	
Source: Wisconsin Department of Natura	al Resources, 19	78		

- <sup>b</sup> Not determined or not detected
- <sup>c</sup> Compound on EPA priority pollutant list

involves human and environmental health, thereby elevating itself to a position of prominence above some of the earlier Great Lakes problems, such as eutrophication and thermal pollution. The task will not be easy because it requires resource managers to adopt nontraditional concepts. However, progress can and must be made.

A toxic substances control plan has been developed by the Great Lakes Basin Commission. It draws on numerous sources for its background information including publications and policies of the IJC, PLUARG and EPA. Some of the important cornerstones of the Basin Commission's plan are the many existing environmental statutes, including the following (ES&T, February 1978, p 154):

- Toxic Substances Control Act,
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act,
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments,
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,
  - · Clean Air Act,
- Hazardous Materials Transportation Act,
- Ports and Waterways Safety Act.
  - · Safe Drinking Water Act,
  - Atomic Energy Act,
- Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, and
  - · Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Despite the laws that have been enacted to control pollution, serious contamination incidents still occur in the Great Lakes Basin. These problems indicate the need for continued concern and cooperation on the part of those who produce, use, and discharge toxic substances. Regulatory surveillance and enforcement must continue, and will remain a major stimulus in controling the release of toxic substances in the basin.

In addition to surveillance, increased emphasis must also be placed on research. During the course of the analysis of environmental samples, numerous unknown compounds still appear as recorder traces on gas chromatographs. Resources must be made available to government and university scientists so that the number of these "unknowns" can be reduced. Expanded research efforts should result in a decrease in the number of incidents that were at one time sarcastically referred to as "pollutants of the month".

It is known that many toxic substances are transported to the Great Lakes Basin from other areas of the U.S. and Canada. This emphasizes the

#### Why controls would be difficult

- A number of toxic substances are already present in the Great Lakes.
- Some toxic pollutants in the Great Lakes are derived from sources well removed from the basin and are carried hundreds of kilometers by atmospheric processes, illustrating the need for national and international planning.
- The national goal of zero discharge of toxic substances into natural waters must be vigorously pursued, particularly in the Great Lakes where residence times can be long.
- Methods must be sought for the attenuation or removal of those toxic substances already present in the Great Lakes Basin.
- Existing laws must be enforced to reduce and ultimately eliminate the discharge of toxic substances to the aquatic environment.

need for environmental-protection personnel to learn more about atmospheric chemical transport and reaction phenomena. Atmospheric chemistry is now receiving attention in a number of Great Lakes area universities. A symposium on atmospheric chemistry at the ACS meeting in September (ES&T, November 1979, p 1337) highlighted much of the current research in this area.

The Great Lakes states and the EPA should ultimately agree on a common list of priority pollutants that will receive primary emphasis for monitoring, research, and eventually control in the basin. The Great Lakes Basin Commission has stated that federal and state cooperation is critical in solving toxic-substances problems. And, importantly, research is also needed to determine the human health implications and environmental significance of the toxic substances that have been found distributed throughout the area.

Another item involves the analytical detection of lower and lower concentrations of chemicals which were not previously anticipated in the Great Lakes Basin. Should government regulate these substances "just because they are there", or should they await appropriate toxicity testing to determine their potential environmental and human health impacts? It is an important question that may require the wisdom of Solomon to answer to everyone's satisfaction.

In summary, it should be clear that there are toxic-substances problems in

the Great Lakes Basin, and that steps are now being taken to resolve them. This process will take considerable time and money, but for the more than 15% of the U.S. population that lives in the Great Lakes area, these investments will provide long-term dividends in terms of improved water quality and enhanced utilization of the Great Lakes as a natural resource.

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# Analysis of organic water pollutants

A list of consensus voluntary reference compounds (CVRC's) serves as a basis for establishing references against which variations or improvements in analytical methodology can be compared

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Only recently has it become possible to identify and analyze a large variety of specific organic (nonpesticide) environmental pollutants which exist at trace levels in the presence of thousands of other organic compounds. Advances both in techniques of separation (high-resolution gas and liquid chromatography) and in methods of identification (computerized mass spectrometry and, to a lesser extent, selective detectors and Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometry) have been key factors in this achieve-

The result has been a dramatic increase in the number of papers dealing with the identification and analysis of organic compounds in the environment in general. Most of the attention, however, has been focused on organics in water. An important and complex facet of this subject is the preparation of samples before instrumental analysis. Research involving sample preparation is often fragmentary by nature. Although many papers deal with the same aspect of sample preparation, they cannot be directly correlated because of differences in the samples, sample handling, and/or model compounds used.

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Lichtenberg	Environmental Protection Agency
Steven Heller	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Water DROP" (Distribution Register of Organic Pollutants in Water)
Edo Pellizzari	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Master Scheme"

I. ALCOHOLS	
1. Ethanol	7. Benzyl alcohol
2. 2-Chloroethanol	8. 3-Chlorobenzyl alcohol
3. Cyclohexanol	9. 2-Ethylhexanol
4. 2-Chlorocyclohexanol	10. Glucose
5. $\alpha$ -Terpineol	11. Glycerol
6. Cholesterol	
II. ALDEHYDES	
1. Acetaldehyde	5. Vanillin
2. Benzaldehyde	6. Chloral
3. 3-Chlorobenzaldehyde	7. Furfural
4. Crotonaldehyde	

This became apparent when the first major symposium involving the identification and analysis of organic pollutants in water was held during the 1975 Chemical Congress of the North American Continent. At that meeting it was suggested that a council be organized to establish a consensus voluntary system that could be used easily as a basis for establishing references against which variations or improvements in analytical methodology could be compared.

## The guidelines for choosing the reference compounds were:

- to provide a wide selection of functional groups,
- to represent, where possible, a range of pertinent physical properties such as volatility and polarity,
- to choose compounds readily available in pure form at modest expense,
- to avoid, where possible, multiple functional groups,
- to choose, where possible, known water pollutants, and
- to select, when possible, halogenated derivatives of several parent compounds.
- In addition, extra weight was given to the selection of those compounds that have deuterated or carbon isotope isomers available, and to those compounds on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of Priority Pollutants.

The American Chemical Society's Division of Environmental Chemistry supported this concept. Subsequently, a Division steering committee was established to direct a Council on Environmental Pollutants (CEP). The first objective was to formulate a list of voluntary reference compounds that could be widely used to compare improvements in new or modified techniques with existing methodology. This objective was met by convening an international panel of environmental chemists who chose by consensus a list of model reference compounds.

The recent Pacific Conference in Honolulu, sponsored by the American Chemical Society and the Chemical Society of Japan, was selected as the forum for that panel discussion. (The representatives who comprised that panel are noted in Table 1). Panel members, as well as interested members of the audience, nominated

#### III. ALIPHATICS

- 1. Pentane
- 2. n-Hexadecane
- 3. Cyclopentadiene
- 4. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene\*
- 5. Cyclohexane
- 6. Chlorocyclohexane
- 7. α-Pinene

#### IV. AMINES

- 1. Diethylamine
- 2. Aniline
- 3. 2-Chloroaniline
- 4. Piperidene
- 5. Quinoline
- 6. 4-Chloroquinoline
- 7. Benzidine\*

### V. BENZENOIDS

- 1. Benzene\*
- 2. Chlorobenzene\*
- 3. Hexachlorobenzene\*
- 4. Bromopentafluorobenzene
- 5. Biphenyl
- 6. 4,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl
- 7. Decachlorobiphenyl

#### VI. CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

- 1. Acetic acid
- 2. Dichloroacetic acid
- 3. Benzoic acid
- 4. 4-Chlorobenzoic acid
- 5. Phthalic acid
- 6. 4-Chlorophthalic acid

#### VII. ESTERS

- 1. Ethyl acetate
- 2. 2-Chloroethyl acetate
- 3. bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate\*
- 4. Phenyl benzoate
- 5. 4-Chlorophenyl benzoate

#### VIII. ETHERS

- 1. Diethyl ether
- 2. bis(2-Chloroethyl) ether\*
- 3. Diphenyl ether
- 4. Anisole

#### IX. KETONES

- 1. Acetone
- 2. 1,1,3,3-Tetrachloroacetone
- 3. Acetophenone
- 4. 4-Chloroacetophenone
- Cyclohexanone
- 6. 2-Chlorocyclohexanone

- 8. Chloroform\*
- 9. Bromoform\*
- 10. Tetrachloroethylene\*
- 11. 1,2-Dibromoethane
- 12. Heptachlor (1,4,5,6,7,8,8-heptachloro-
  - 3a,4,7,7a-Tetrahydro-4,7-methanoindene)
  - 8. 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidene\*
- 9. Indole
- 10. 5-Chloroindole
- Atrazine [2-chloro-4-(ethylamino) 6-(Isopropylamino)-s-
- triazine]
- 12. 3-Chloropyridine
- 8. Decabromobiphenyl
- 9. Indan
- 10. 4-Isopropyltoluene
- 11. 2,2-Diphenylpropane
- 12. p,p'-DDE (1,1dichloro-2,2-bis(pchlorophenyl)ethylene
- 13. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene\*
- 7. Stearic acid
- 8. Trimesic acid
- 9. Succinic acid
- 10. Phenylalanine
- 11. 4-Chlorophenylalanine
- 12. Dehydroabietic acid
- 6. Methyl stearate
- 7. Methyl methacrylate
- 8. Methyl abietate
- 9. Glyceryl tripalmitate
- 5. Pentachloroanisole
- 6. Dibenzofuran
- 7. 1,4-Dioxane
- 8. Tetrahydrofuran
- 7. Anthraquinone
- 8. 2-Chloroanthraquinone
- 9. Methyl isobutyl ketone
- 10. 9-Fluorenone
- 11. Fenchone
- 12. Isophorone\*

#### X. NITROGEN COMPOUNDS

- 1. Urea
- 2. 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine\*
- 3. N-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine\*
- 4. N-Nitrosodiphenylamine\*
- 5. Caprolactam
- 6. Nitrobenzene
- 7. 1,4-Nitrochlorobenzene
- 8. Acrylamide
- 9. Nitromethane

#### XI. ORGANOMETALLICS

- 1. Tetraethyl lead
- 2. Dimethyl mercury

#### XII. PHENOLS

- 1. Phenol\*
- 2. Pentachlorophenol\*
- 3. 4-Phenylphenol
- 4. 4-Nitrophenol\*
- 5. Guaiacol
- 6. Catechol
- 7. Tetrachlorocatechol

#### XIII. PHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDS

- 1. Tri-n-butyl phosphate
- 2. Triphenyl phosphate
- 3. Triethyl phosphine

XIV. POLYNUCLEAR AROMATICS

3. Acenaphthylene\*

2. 2-Chloronaphthalene

1. Benzenesulfonic acid

2. Methanesulfonic acid

1. Naphthalene\*

4. Anthracene\*

5. Pyrene\*

XV. SULFONIC ACIDS

- 4. Triphenyl phosphite
- 5. Diethyl phosphoric acid

- 10. Acrylonitrile\*
- 11. Azobenzene
- 12. Caffeine
- 13. Carbazole
- 14. Uracil
- 15. 5-Chlorouracil
- 16. Uridine
- 17. 5-Chlorouridine
- 18. N-methylcarbamate
- 3. Tetrabutyl tin
- 4. Ferrocene
- 8. Bisphenol A
- 9. Tetrabromobisphenol A
- 10. 1-Napthol
- 11. 4-chloro-1-napthol
- 12. 2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4methylphenol
- 13. 2.4-Dichlorophenol\*
- 6. Malathion (diethyl mercaptosuccinate. s-ester of o,odimethylphosphoro-
- dithioate) 7. tris(2-Chloroethyl) phosphate
- 8. Leptophos [o-4-bromo-2,5-dichlorophenyl) o-methyl phenylphosphonothionate]
- 6. Benzo[a]anthracene\*
  - 7. Benzo[a]pyrene\*
  - 8. Perylene
  - 9. Coronene
  - 10. Fluoranthene\*
  - 3. 1-Naphthalenesulfonic acid
  - 4. 2,6-Naphthalenedisulfonic

#### XVI. SULFUR COMPOUNDS (OTHER THAN SULFONIC ACIDS)

- 1. Carbon disulfide
- 2. Dimethyl disulfide
- 3. Diphenyl disulfide
- 4. tert-Butyl mercaptan
- 5. Dimethyl sulfone
- 6. 2-Acetylthiophene
- 7. Thiophenol
- 8. Ethylisothiocyanate
- 10. Benzothiophene 11. 1,4-Propanesulfone
  - 12. α-Endosulfan\*

9. Dimethyl sulfoxide

- - (6,7,8,9,10,10-hexachloro-1,5,5a,6,9,9a-hexahydro-
  - 6.9-methano-2.4.3-benzo-
  - dioxathiepin-3-oxide)

chemicals as consensus voluntary reference compounds (CVRC's). This list is presented in Table 2 and has been approved by the Executive Committee of the ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry and has been endorsed by the ACS Joint Board/Council Committee on Environmental Improvement.

Known water pollutants were the prime candidates for reference compounds; the choice, however, was not restricted to water pollutants, for it was more important to obtain a wide variety of representative compounds. For example, relatively few water pollutants containing nitrogen and sulfur have been identified. Perhaps this is because they are not as abundant as organic pollutants that do not contain these heteroatoms. But a major contributing factor could also be that present methodology is inadequate to concentrate, fractionate, isolate and/ or detect them even if they are present.

Of course, no representative list of model compounds will be completely adequate. On the basis of our present knowledge and technology, however, the CEP list of CVRC's should be adequate to handle at least 90% of proiected current needs.

As this list is used, we hope that constructive criticism will be forwarded to CEP so that appropriate additions and/or modifications can be made. Presently, this can best be achieved by channeling comments through Dr. Keith and the ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry.

Pending the successful acceptance of this first venture by the world scientific community, other objectives of CEP will be pursued. These may include, but are not limited to, similar lists of CVRC's for developing methodology related to air pollution and sediment/soil pollution (e.g., from uncontrolled chemical landfills).



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<sup>\*</sup> Compounds on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Priority Pollutant list.



## **Needled felts** fabric filters

Widely used in Europe, needled felts enjoy 85% of the market share of all fabrics used in dry filtration and are finding increasing use in the U.S. due to ever stringent federal regulations to control particulate matter

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Air pollution control in the U.S. is being progressively enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and has created a fast-growing market for fabric filters. In general, particulate emissions are estimated to constitute 13% of total air pollution, coming from four different areas:

- air pollution control (as in public
- utilities), dust collection (in cement plants,
- hot asphalt mixing), · product recovery (carbon black, primary smelting), and
- powdered-material handling (spray drier, mining, food industry).

The most versatile gas-stream cleaning systems involve the use of fabric filters (baghouses). The fabric-filter system selected depends on several variables such as:

· type of fumes,

- cleaning system (pulse jet, shaker, reverse air, combinations),
  - · temperature of effluent,
  - inlet concentration of particles,
  - pressure drop limits,
  - filter efficiency required,
- · chemistry of gas stream, · nature of particles (size, surface
- area, shape), and · space requirements and access to
- filter unit needed.

In general, fabric-filter units are giant vacuum cleaners with basically one additional element. Both have in common the housing, the fan, and the "bag" doing the filtering. Fabric filters, however, also have a cleaning mechanism to ensure continuous operation. The fabric, often called the "bag", is the heart of every filter, capturing solid particles while allowing air or gas to pass through.

There are two basic, but important, differences:

Collection: Inside Outside Collector: Reverse Air, Cage type Shaker (pulse jet) Fabric Type: Woven Needled

This article is devoted to "outside" collection units utilizing needled fabrics; however, the type of collector determines the kind of fabric being used.

Incoming air or gas enters the collectors; all solid particles are trapped at the fabric's surface, forming a cake but still permitting air to pass through. In such filter installations, it is essential to maintain a continuous process, thus avoiding a complete blinding or plugging of the filter media. For that purpose each filter bag is cleaned by methods shown in Figure 1.

A certain amount of dust remains within the fabric; this is called a primary dust layer. It is important, however, in designing needled felts, to maintain the highest possible air handling capacity, while at the same time capturing the fine dust. A balance has to be found in these different parameters and always towards the maximum goal of the "ideal" filter media which provides the highest attainable efficiency with the greatest possible air flow at the lowest possible pressure drop across the fabric.

Fabric filters are the most efficient type of filtration equipment. The performance of any fabric filter depends on the type of fabric chosen for a certain application. The filter media therefore must perform at least three basic functions. They must:

- 1. separate and collect particulate matter,
- 2. provide for cake-dust removal or cleaning operation, and
- 3. have good durability-resistance to chemical, thermal and physical breakdown.

Needled felts are three-dimensional filter media. The active element is the single filter and not the varn as in woven fabrics. To improve dimensional stability, most needled fabrics have a scrim sandwiched in the center of the felt between mechanically interlocked fiber layers. Felts made of highly shrinkable fibers—as increasingly used in Europe-permit elimination of the scrim support, and thus are more economical.

A unique feature of needled felts is fiber which is the distribution random in three dimensions (Figure 2). Fiber orientation is partly horizontal, partly vertical and at many angles. Size, shape, and physical properties of the pores are of major importance for the task of the filter function. The filter has to separate the submicron fine particles efficiently and also permit the passage of a large volume of air or gas. Thus, formation of the pores should be fairly uniform so that filtering pressure is distributed uniformly.

The main objectives in designing the most useful needled felt for fabric filters are concentrated in three basic areas:

- 1. highest obtainable efficiency,
- 2. lowest possible differential pressure, and
- 3. sufficient life cycle economy.

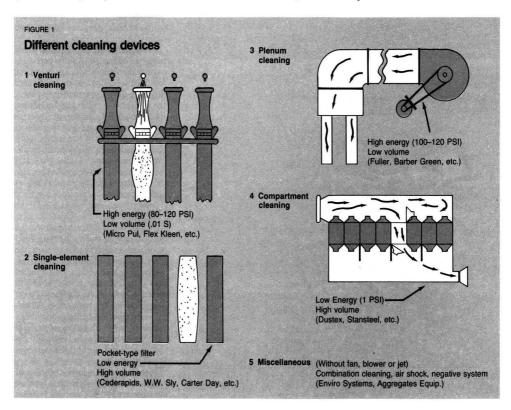
The fibrous structure and porous surface of needled fabrics permit efficient collection of even submicron fine dust, adhesive fumes, mechanically abrasive particles, hygroscopic chemicals, or even oily substances provided the surface of the felt is properly treated, the right fiber is selected, the cleaning frequency is adjusted, and all of this is based on experienced A/C ratio relationship.

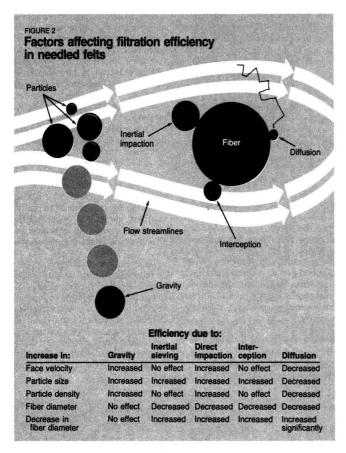
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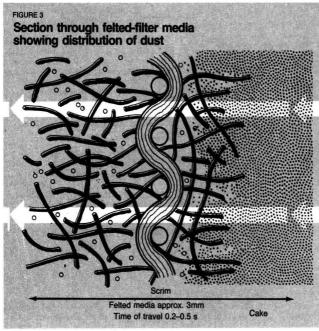
Capacity, cleanability, and efficiency are greatly influenced by the fabric surface. Therefore, surface modifications have been shown to have an especially marked influence on the performance of filter fabrics-notably filter felts. Through controlled heat treatment, fabric surface alteration can be achieved to prevent serious penetration of particles into the inner structure of the felt. Instead, the dust is encouraged to form a protective primary layer on the outer surface.

As a result, permeability at equilibrium can be maintained at a high level, and, therefore, provide better overall filter capacity. Often, the improved surface encourages formation of a more porous dust layer. The advantages of such treated felts are better cleaning and simpler dust removal. It is then immaterial whether the cleaning is carried out by reverse air, shaking, oscillating, or high-pressure

Laboratory observations of deposits on felted-filter media indicate that an initial "depth" filtration period is followed by cake formation in constant velocity filtration. These observations suggest that classical liquid-solid filtration theory may be applicable to gas-solid systems; microscopic examination of these deposits confirm that cake filtration is the principal mode of separation.







These observations are tremendously important. We must try to design the felt so that cake forms on the outside of the fabric rather than traveling into the center, thus making it more difficult to remove. This fact is still not fully recognized in our industry and, more importantly, not fully understood by original equipment manufacturers, as well as end-users.

The multifiber-layer design concept. as shown in Figure 3, is a successful step toward that direction. This concept incorporates different layers of fibers of different fineness all needled into a filter felt. The theoretical thesis behind this concept demands the ability to capture particles on the surface or not at all. Very fine dust shall travel, if not trapped at the surface, all the way through the felt, rather than halfway, and then settle.

# Air permeability

Air permeability, as commonly reported in cfm (cubic feet per square foot of cloth measured at 1/2-in.-W.G.). for the new fabric represents a close approximation of the starting airtransfer qualities of the filtration fabric. Generally, rapid changes occur in air flow early in filter use. The air flow rate is largely dependent upon the fabric structure and the filtrate characteristics, reaching a new and steady state known as "service permeability".

Thus, while the initial fabric structure and air permeability represent only part of the fabric specification, they are fundamental and influence the entire filtration operation including the type and rate of cake formation. Air permeability, under steady-state working conditions, will remain at roughly 20-50% of the initial clean cloth throughout, at an operating differential pressure of 3-6 in. W.G. It is the target in fabric design to keep this value of equilibrium permeability as high as possible.

# Efficiency

In looking at different factors, the type of fiber, its dullness, crimp, fineness, and generic heritage have the most dramatic effect on field performance. The kind of dust to be handled may vary from fine to coarse, dry to moist, light to heavy, chemically inert to aggressive, soft to abrasive; it basically has less effect on the fabric filter's performance. With proper selection of the right fabric type, a fabric filter is the most versatile control equipment for effluent gases.

Needled fabrics have contributed substantially to an excellent performance reputation. The main features

Guideli	ines for filte	r rates in ft/m	in		
Application  Cleaning system	Fine dusts <1 μm and fumes, aluminum	Dye stuffs, chemical industry, foundries, power plants, dryers	Asphalt, cement, lime	Wood Industry, food Industry	Plastic powders
Conventional bag filters with mechanical cleaning (shaking, vibration) discontinuous with or without reverse flow (woven fabric)	1–2	2-3.5	2.5-5	4-7	6-8
Bag filter with pulse jet cleaning in rows or low- pressure pulsating reverse flow (needled felt)	2.5–5	3–7	5–10	8–13	12-17
Bag filter with high-volume pulse jet cleaning 0.5-3 atm, each bag separately (needled felt) Source: Dietrich, Conference in 1978	5–10	6–13	10–20	16–26	23–30

of needled felts can be summarized

- · highest obtainable efficiency on fine, submicron particles,
- · greatest air handling capacity at high A/C ratios,
- · excellent cleanability due to surface treatments,
  - · superb stability and durability,
- · permanently antistatic and special fiber mix, and
- · suitable for virtually every type application.

#### Experience

A summary of experience in Europe as well as in the U.S. shows that needled fabrics currently used have dimensional stability under temperature conditions of ±0.5%, are available with treated surfaces, have a tear strength of 180 lb/in., have an air permeability of 30 cfm at 1/2 in. W.G., and a calibrated pore size depending on the dust. Emission rates may be below 20 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.1 gr/ft<sup>3</sup>) with filter-bag life in some industries up to several

From an extensive study, completed just a few weeks ago, we can derive the usage of needled felts in the U.S. for dry filtration. For 1978, the total yardage was listed as 4.84 million sq yds. The largest segment, approximately 3.3 million sq yds, was made out of polyester; 1.31 million sq yds, Nomex®; 0.18 million sq yds, homopolymeracrylic; and 0.05 million sq yds, other fibers.

#### **Future potential**

For a number of reasons, needled fabrics are more widely accepted elsewhere, notably Europe. Baghouse design differs from the average U.S. installation. Some industries have almost completely converted to needled fabrics, like cement plants in France, Germany, and Scandinavia. Needled fabrics in these countries are no longer limited to cage-type collectors; they are successfully applied to reverse air and shaker baghouses, which are furnished in the U.S., predominantly with woven fabrics.

Excellent field performance for more than 15 years has motivated manufacturers to develop unique constructions, and they have found ways to employ available fibers in new techniques in manufacturing. Keen competition has resulted in major accomplishments in the filtration industry. It is felt that in the U.S. the potential for needled felts is very promising, probably focusing in the following areas:

- lightweight (8-10 oz/sq yd) scrimless polyester felts,
- · extra-thin polyester felts for filter bags, replacing current woven fabrics,
- scrimless Nomex® felts (10-12 oz/sq yd)
- · antistatic-conductive felts with stainless-steel fibers,
- · special surface-modified felts for critical applications with high cleanability potential.
- · 100% stainless-steel fiber felts for brand new applications,
- · needled felts for metal fumes as replacement for woven constructions currently used,
- · felts with water-repellent surface treatments.
- · numerous felt constructions with high volume potential for wet filtration, not covered in this paper, and
  - 100% needled glass felt.

Depending on the willingness of the needled-felt manufacturer, the equipment engineer, and an openminded end-user, years of substantial growth lay right ahead of us. I predict an enormous demand for sophisticated filter felts created by ever stringent government regulations to control particulates in an efficient, economical, and reliable manner. I can't think of any other "best available control technique". It is, therefore, essential that the responsible individuals promote fabric development toward needled felts to be accepted as widely as in Europe.

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# Improving air quality

New Jersey is making progress with its inspection and maintenance (I/M) program for automotive emissions



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In New Jersey, emissions inspections are carried out by state inspection stations, and are operated by the Department of Motor Vehicles, originally established to provide safety inspections. In 1972, the inspection lanes were equipped with 125 Sun infrared HC/CO emissions analyzers. At the time this was a pioneering role, both for the state and Sun, in the application of a measurement technique well known in the laboratory to a highvolume testing situation with relatively low-cost series production-type equipment.

In fact, those inspection lanes have now made over 28 000 000 emissions tests which have resulted in about 4 200 000 vehicle repairs or adjustments to reduce exhaust emissions levels below state in-use standards.

With more than five years experience in mandatory emissions testing, New Jersey is advanced in relation to other areas, and since the passage of the Clean Air Act, which made compliance by 1982 (or 1987 at the latest) mandatory for the cited metropolitan areas, has maintained its efforts to stay in the forefront of I/M programs.

During 1978-9, in response to a state initiative and specification, Sun developed and installed prototype equipment which has now completed over 5000 emissions tests and has been extensively evaluated in both laboratory and test lanes. Replacement of original equipment will be completed in 1980.

# The IR technique

Although the infrared principle is still used. Sun has extended both measurement and control technologies greatly, indeed beyond the original expectations of the state. Each unit includes a microprocessor enabling such features as:

- · automatic correction for span and zero drift,
  - · a calibration gas economizer,
- · automatic test commencement and conclusion.
- · exhaust air-dilution detection and compensation,
  - poor fuel-efficiency indication,
  - · self-diagnosis in the event of
- · built-in vehicle emissions standards, and
- · an interface with printing and magnetic recording devices.

In addition, the vital "Pass or Fail" decision is a function of the tester, not the operator, thus contributing to the consistency and integrity of the system and preserving the good public acceptance already achieved.

To nationally extend New Jersey's success in improving air quality requires more than agreements between the federal government and the auto industry. It must involve all levels of government-federal, state, and municipal, together with auto manufacturers, dealers, and repairers, as well as us, the motoring public who create air pollution as we drive our vehicles.

#### A mandatory program

The New Jersey mandatory test and repair program has had a favorable impact. There has been a 40% reduction in average ambient CO, equivalent to an average rate of 8% per annum. It is much more difficult to quantify the HC improvement since almost equal contributions are made by mobile and stationary sources, and large quantities of the pollutant come from other areas.

From the viewpoint of the federal government, it is necessary to establish clear guidelines for a national air monitoring network. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has indicated that during this same period the rate of CO reduction in areas without an I/M program is about 5%. New Jersey's advantage is attributed to the inspection and maintenance program.

Although the information generated by the air quality monitoring stations in New Jersey is accurate, it is difficult (often impossible) to relate this data to that of other states due to nonuniformity in location of air quality monitoring sites. This is not the only area requiring clarification on a national basis, but it is a critical one since it serves as the benchmark for the measurement of overall attainment and progress in air quality improvement.

One other consideration of critical importance is the role of the auto industry. Already faced with the threefold task of manufacturing products

that meet emissions standards, fuel economy (CAFE) specifications, and provide acceptable performance, it should recognize a further obligation-informing customers of the changed nature of the vehicle in today's society compared with 10 years

Because of much more stringent specifications for emissions control and changes in vehicle design to accomplish this, there is a need for a new public consciousness of the requirement to maintain vehicles properly and thus to maintain low emissions levels.

# Role of industry, public

The auto industry should play a leading role in making the public aware of the impact of their own actions on ambient air quality levels. With respect to the industry's service and repair branches, the majority of repair organizations do an orderly and effective job, even if certain exceptional unscrupulous elements need to be monitored and controlled. One area which has made good progress in New Jersey is the vocational education and training of auto service and repair technicians. It is required that institutions offering courses in automotive service and repair keep pace with developments in vehicle emissions controls. This favorable trend should be projected nationally.

Public acceptance in New Jersey has been good; the majority of residents appreciate the need for annual inspection and willingly perform needed repairs to vehicles with safety defects and excessive emissions. The

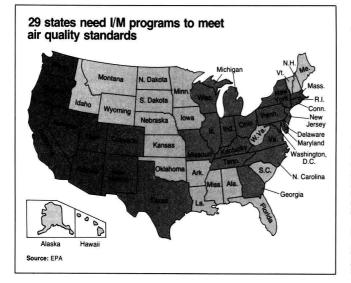
rising costs of vehicles, gasoline, and repairs has stimulated an awareness of the need for properly functioning fuel-efficient automobiles. awareness is national and should be an advantage to those groups, nationwide, charged with consumer education as part of I/M implementation.

Stimulating public awareness is an ongoing task and needs national coordination to achieve consumer support for, and cooperation with, I/M programs in all the cited areas. Strong efforts are being made to combine fuel savings with reductions in emissions.

One factor in public acceptance is cost. In New Jersey, the average repair cost has been around \$28 per rejected vehicle. The annual fee, which includes safety inspection, is \$2.50. It should be noted, however, that the New Jersey safety program has been in operation since 1938, so that land and facility costs have been fully amortized over a long period. If the state were to start anew, the fee would obviously be much greater and would have to reflect current real-estate values and construction costs.

Improving air quality, both nationally and in specific areas or jurisdictions, is a complex and demanding task. It needs a systems approach to consider all aspects of the problem and determine effective solutions. A key concept in this respect is that inspection without maintenance/repair is like a ship without a rudder-not effective in reaching any destination.

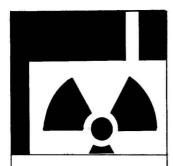
The motto, "Let's Protect Our Earth", which is part of the logo adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, states a national and indeed supranational goal worthy of our closest consideration and attention.





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■ The relative degree of acute toxicity of thousands of chemicals of heterogeneous structures was compared for fishes, daphnids, aquatic vascular plants, and algae. Aquatic animals were more sensitive indicators of toxic effects than were plants or algae. Compounds that were toxic at under 1 ppm for daphnids, fishes, aquatic vascular plants, and algae represented 2.4, 1.3, 0.12, and 0.02%, respectively, of the total tested for each of these four groups of organisms. Of the 27 781 chemicals tested on aquatic plants and 49 082 tested on the alga Chlorella, all but 3 compounds were either not toxic to these organisms under 1 mg/L, or were toxic to fish and Daphnia at 1 ppm or less.

During the manufacture, distribution, use, and disposal of chemicals, the potential exists for some of them to reach the water environment. The water environment, in contrast to the air environment, has a relatively small volume, is generally not rapidly mixed, and is more unreactive toward chemicals. The potential impact of chemicals on aquatic organisms is therefore usually greater than their potential impact on terrestrial organisms exposed to contact with air. Consequently, laboratory ecotoxicity testing programs have stressed studies on aquatic organisms rather than terrestrial organisms.

The choice of organisms that are indicative of toxicity to aquatic species must be very selective. The number of organisms living in the aquatic environment is very large (20 000 species of fish alone), so the selection of appropriate indicator organisms is critical. Kenaga (1) correlated acute toxicity data for eight organisms commonly used for evaluation of environmental hazards, and concluded that both Daphnia and fish were appropriate indicators for the toxicity of chemicals to aquatic animals. This is consistent with proposed guidelines for the registration of pesticides in the United States (2).

Plants are also important in the ecology of the aquatic environment. Biologists generally regard aquatic plants as less sensitive than aquatic animals to chemical toxicants, but documentation for a wide spectrum of chemicals is lacking.

For a number of years screening tests against a variety of aquatic organisms have been carried out at The Dow Chemical Company. Included was a daphnid, four species of fish, an alga, and five species of vascular plants. Tests performed on these organisms were the basis for the comparison of the relative acute toxicities of chemicals to aquatic plants and animals reported in this paper. It was felt that this large data base of chemicals was very useful for initial hazard evaluation even though not meeting the strict standards of present day LC50 studies.

# Test Methods

The chemicals tested were obtained sequentially from many sources inside and outside The Dow Chemical Company over

a period of more than 20 years, and routinely screened at Dow for many different types of biological activity. The chemicals tested include those originally prepared for screening or for use as insecticides, fungicides, nematocides, fumigants, terrestrial herbicides, aquatic herbicides, coccidiostats, plasticizers, drugs, algacides, microbiocides, deflocculation, chelation nitrogen stabilizers, catalysts, solvents, ion exchange materials, resins, cleaners, latexes, coatings, pigments, lubricants, preservatives, flotation agents, emulsifiers, organic and inorganic chemical intermediates, inhibitors, stabilizers, antifreezes, hydraulic fluids, plastic monomers, plastic surfactants, adhesives, flame retardants, highway products, metals, and other inorganic and organic chemicals. The Dow Chemical Company screening list of over 100 000 compounds can roughly be divided chemically as 0.86% inorganic, 52.0% with benzene rings, 35.7% with heterocyclic rings, 8.2% with carbocyclic rings (excluding benzene), 5.3% containing P, 63.0% containing N, 6.2% containing Br, and 27.2% containing Cl compounds. Most, but not all, of the compounds included in the smaller lists were tested on the same organisms as those in the longer list of compounds.

Chemicals were formulated for testing as ball-milled powders or acetone-water suspensions. Dilutions of the chemical were made in chlorinated Lake Huron water, which has a pH of 7.6 and total alkalinity of 85 mg/L. The water was aerated for several days before being used as static test water for fish and Daphnia. Concentrations were not replaced during the test. Untreated and solvent controls on the organisms rarely showed mortality and if in excess of 10% were discounted. Normally compounds showing 100% activity at the initial concentration were reduced in concentration by one-half until less than 100% activity was shown. Tests were conducted at 65-70 °F and were not replicated.

The following species of fish were tested as alternates for each other in about equal frequency in the screening tests: emerald shiner, Notropis atherinoides; fathead minnow, Pimephales promelas; goldfish, Carrasius auratus; and carp, Cyprinus carpio. Two fish were placed in a plastic box containing 500 mL of water usually exposed to an initial concentration of 2 mg/L. Mortality counts were taken after 24-h exposure.

About 50 Daphnia magna were used for each test as mixed adults and nymphs using the same test conditions as those used for fish.

The following five species of aquatic submersed and floating vascular plants were tested: Carolina fanwort, Cabomba caroliniana; waterweed, Anacharis (Elodea) spp.; moneywort, Lysimachia nummularia; coontail, Ceratophyllum spp.; and Salvinia rotundifolia. Plants were usually tested in 500 mL of water in concentrations of 10 or 100 ppm for 24 h, and held in untreated water for approximately 3 weeks before final mortality readings were taken.

Table I. Comparative Toxicity of Chemicals Screened on Daphnia, Fish, Aquatic Plants, and Algae

			comp	ounds giving 100	% control of organi	sm		
concn	Daphi	nia	fish	es	aquatic	plants	Chlore	ella
tested, ppm	no.	% a	no.	% a	no.	% a	no.	% a
1-1.99	992	2.9	1 529	4.3	196	0.71	263	0.54
0.1-0.99	823	2.4	473	1.3	33	0.12	12	0.02
0.01-0.09	203	0.6	51	0.14	0	0	3	0.006
total no. of compds tested	33 909		35 305		27 781		49 082	

a Percent of total compounds tested giving 100% mortality (control) as defined in the text.

The alga was tested in an aqueous nutrient solution (Hoagland's) beginning at 10 mg/L. Vapor losses were reduced by use of a Saran film over the opening of the glass container. Mortality was determined visually by change in color (death) or by use of colorimetry to measure chlorophyll density comparative to the control after 1-week exposure to the test compound.

Tabulation of Data. Using the lowest concentration giving 100% mortality as the comparative index of biological activity, data from each of the four groups of organisms (fish, daphnids, aquatic vascular plants, and Chlorella) were divided into three toxicity classes as follows: (1) 0.01-0.09 mg/L, (2) 0.1-0.99 mg/L, (3) 1.0-1.99 mg/L. All compounds in toxicity classes 1 and 2 also appear in class 3.

#### Results and Discussion

The number of chemicals tested against the four groups of organisms listed in Table I varied from 27 781 to 49 032, and thus represented a much larger number and more varied sample of chemical structures than is ordinarily available for comparison. At concentrations below 2 mg/L, a greater percentage of chemicals showed toxicity toward fish or daphnids than toward aquatic plants or alga, confirming the generally held view that aquatic animals are more sensitive to chemical toxicants than aquatic plants. None of the 22 781 compounds tested were toxic to aquatic plants below 0.1 mg/L. Chlorella was generally less sensitive than aquatic vascular plants despite the fact that exposures were for 7 days compared to 1 day for the other organisms. There were only 3 chemicals out of 49 082 tested on Chlorella that were toxic at concentrations below 0.1 mg/L.

Recent studies of organic contaminants in water have shown their concentrations rarely exceed 1 mg/L. Sheldon and Hites (3) identified 100 chemical contaminants in Delaware River water, but reported none at concentrations higher than 15 μg/L. In a study by the EPA (4) of priority pollutants in wastewater effluents, concentrations reported were generally below 10  $\mu$ g/L, with a few in the 10 to 100  $\mu$ g/L range. In view of these observations, it seemed appropriate to examine further the relative toxicities of chemicals to aquatic plants and animals for those compounds that are toxic to plants below 1 mg/L.

Thirty-three chemicals (or 0.12% of the total tested) were lethal to aquatic plants below 1 mg/L, as shown in Table I. Two of these compounds were not tested for toxicity to fish or daphnids. Of the remaining 31 compounds, 22% were toxic (compounds killing 100% of the organisms) to daphnids, 62% to fish, and 68% to fish or daphnids at concentrations below 1 mg/L. At  $\leq$ 2 mg/L (usually 1 to 1.25 mg/L in actual tests), 77% of the 31 compounds were toxic to daphnids, 90% to fish, and 100% to fish or daphnids.

Twelve chemicals (or 0.02% of the total tested) were lethal to the alga Chlorella below 1 mg/L, as shown in Table I. One of these compounds, an antibiotic, was not tested for toxicity to fish or daphnids. Of the remaining 11 compounds, 45% were toxic to daphnids, 45% to fish, and 55% to fish or daphnids at

Table II. Comparison of Chemicals Toxic to Algae with Toxicity of the Same Chemicals to Fish and Daphnids

	lowest mg/L causing 100% mortality			
compound	algae a	fish	Daphnia	
silver salt	0.01		1.0	
organotin	0.01	0.16	1.0	
organotin	0.5	0.05b	0.2	
organotin	0.5	0.16	0.2	
bromoketone derivative	0.1	1.06	1.0	
dithiocarbamate derivative	0.5	1.0 b	0.2	
organoarsenical	0.5	0.25	0.2	
organoarsenical	0.5	0.15	0.2	
organoarsenical	0.5	1.0°	1.0	
organoarsenical	0.5	1.00	1.0	
organoarsenical	0.5	1.0°		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Chlorella. <sup>b</sup> Fathead minnow. <sup>c</sup> Lake emerald shiner.

concentrations below 1 mg/L. Of the same 11 compounds, all but one were tested on daphnids and fish and all were toxic at 1 mg/L or less. The 11 compounds consisted of 9 metallic derivatives (5 organoarsenicals, 3 organotins, and 1 silver compound), 1 dithiocarbamate, and one bromoketone derivative (see Table II).

Within the limits of reliability of acute toxicity testing (±1 order of magnitude) shown by Kenaga (1), the two animal organisms made safe surrogates for all of the aquatic plants and algae studied.

#### Conclusions

A review of toxicity data for a large number of chemicals to four species of fish, one species of Daphnia, five species of vascular aquatic plants, and one species of algae has shown that animals are generally more sensitive indicators of acute toxicity than plants. Out of 49 082 compounds tested against the alga Chlorella, only 12 (0.02%) showed 100% mortality below 1 mg/L. The corresponding numbers for aquatic vascular plants were 33 out of 27 781 or 0.12%. Of the chemicals showing toxicity to plants or algae below 1 mg/L, all tested were indicated by toxicity to fish or daphnids at 1 mg/L or less. Based on these observations, water quality limitations based on toxicity data for fish and daphnids should be sufficiently restrictive to protect algae and aquatic vascular plants.

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# Kinetics of Reaction of Cyanide and Reduced Sulfur Species in Aqueous Solution

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■ Interactions of cyanide and reduced sulfur species in aqueous solution can produce thiocyanate. Kinetics of the reactions of cyanide and polysulfide and cyanide and thiocyanate were investigated. Initial rate kinetic data for the reaction of cyanide and polysulfide showed the reaction is mixed order and that the order decreases from 1.9 to 1.3 as pH increases from 8.2 to 12; this was largely accounted for by a decrease in reaction order with respect to cyanide as pH increases above the pKa for hydrogen cyanide. Catalysis and inhibition studies showed that high concentrations of ammonia were inhibitory and that coal char fines were catalytic. The rate of reaction of cyanide and polysulfide is approximately three or more orders of magnitude faster than reaction of cyanide and thiosulfate depending on pH value. A neutral or slightly alkaline solution containing the order 10<sup>-3</sup> M or more total sulfide may form polysulfide on exposure to oxygen, and in the presence of cyanide there should be reaction to yield thiocyanate.

Cyanide, sulfide, and thiocyanate are environmentally significant pollutants in industrial wastewaters from coke manufacturing and iron making, and from coal gasification and liquefaction. These species plus complexes of cyanide and thiocyanate comprise an important group of constituents with regard to treatment and reuse of wastewaters from these industries. Effluent limitation guidelines have been specified for cyanide and sulfide in coal coking, iron making, and related industries (1). Cyanide and thiocyanate can enter into corrosion and deposition reactions with steel process lines and equipment, and therefore have important implications for development of wastewater reuse strategies. The purpose of this paper is to present some aspects of aqueous chemistry of cyanide and sulfur in order to better understand how cyanide may react with sulfide oxidation products to form thiocyanate.

Formation of Cyanogen Compounds

Wastewater Characteristics. The occurrence of cyanide, sulfide, and thiocyanate in coal coking effluents results from pyrolysis of coal at high temperature. Coke is manufactured in by-product recovery ovens where coal is heated without air at temperatures ranging from 1500 to 2000 °F. Coal volatiles are collected in a gas main and cooled, which results in the condensation of tars and flushing liquor. The tar and liquor are separated, and a portion of the liquor is recirculated to flush the gas main. The process produces water that originates from moisture in the coal; the excess liquor is called weak ammonia liquor and may be processed for by-product recovery of ammonia, phenol, and light oils comprised predominately of benzene, toluene, and xylene. Table I (2-10) shows general characteristics of coke plant weak ammonia liquor, and the characteristics of this liquor after processing for ammonia recovery by steam distillation with addition of lime.

At present there are no large commercial scale coal gasification plants or coal liquefaction facilities in this country. However, increased emphasis on augmenting natural gas and petroleum supplies via coal conversion has stimulated a number of research projects, some of which have advanced to substantial pilot plant testing programs. Coal gasification entails the reaction of coal, steam, and air for low BTU gas or oxygen for medium and high BTU gas, to convert coal carbon to gaseous constituents. Present process research activity is focused on evaluation of improved efficiencies by use of pressure, bed fluidization, and catalysts (11). Coal liquefaction entails the reaction of coal and hydrogen under temperature and pressure to produce liquid hydrocarbons from coal. Coal gasification and coal liquefaction produce foul condensates, which contain many of the same constituents as found in coke plant weak ammonia liquor. The amount of organic contaminants in coal gasification raw product gas quench condensates is dependent on operating variables and coal type. Reactors with the highest volatilization temperatures produce the cleanest product gas and condensates relatively free of organic contamination. Other factors that affect effluent quality are: gas residence time, coal heatup rate, and gas-solid mixing (12). Table I compares effluent composition for two hydrocarbon-bearing coal gasification condensates and a coal liquefaction effluent with coal-coking wastewaters. This comparison shows that cyanide, sulfide, and thiocyanate are common to coal coking and coal conversion effluents.

Source of Cyanide and Thiocyanate. At present little specific information is available to explain mechanisms for formation of cyanide or thiocyanate during coal coking or coal conversion. Various authors (13, 14) believe that under conditions existing during coal carbonization and gasification that ammonia released from coal may be converted to cyanide. Ammonia is formed as a result of release of amino or substituted amino type side chains from the coal structure. Nitrogen that remains in the coal after release of amino compounds is thought to be much more refractory than amino type nitrogen. Hydrogenation conditions during gasification result in more ammonia formation than during carbonization, probably as a result of reaction of ammonia with C, CH4, C2H2, and/or CO (13). Thus, cyanide production is the result of secondary reactions. Its production is enhanced by high temperatures, as it has not been observed in low-temperature (~400 °F) treatment of coal whether by extraction or distillation. It may be derived to a minor extent by pyrolysis of nitrogenous products obtained as a result of coal decomposition, such as from pyridine.

Less is known about the formation of thiocyanate during coal coking and coal gasification. It is not known if thiocyanate may form as a result of gas-phase reactions (1, 13). Ammonia and carbon disulfide will react under pressure to produce thiocyanate (15). However, this may not be applicable to coal coking or gasification, because carbon disulfide is a minor component of product gas.

As explained in this paper, it is known that cyanide can react with oxidized products of sulfide to produce thiocyanate in the aqueous phase. The extent to which these reactions may occur in the gas phase is unknown. These reactions presuppose the existence of an oxidizing agent and presumably, if there were no oxidizing agent, then the reactions cannot proceed to yield thiocyanate. Hence, at present it is not possible to predict the extent to which gas-phase cyanide may be converted to thiocyanate. Careful gas-phase sampling programs are required in order to answer this question.

Regardless if thiocyanate can be formed in significant quantities as a result of gas-phase reactions, there is no question that thiocyanate is found in coal gasification raw product gas quench condensates, coke plant ammonia liquors, and in coke oven gas distribution line condensates and deposits (1, 16). A review of possible aqueous phase reaction pathways for production of thiocyanate in coke plant am-

Table I. Characteristics of Coal Coking and Coal Conversion Effluents

parameter	coke plant weak ammonia liquor <sup>a</sup>	coke plant ammonia still effluent <sup>b</sup>	Synthane process by-product water <sup>c</sup>	Hygas process wastewater d	H-coal liquefaction foul water e
COD	2500-10000	3400-5700	15000-43000	3000-5100	88000 (26500)
phenolics	400-3000	620-1150	1700-6600	560-900	6800
NH <sub>3</sub> -N	1800-6500	22-100	7200-11000	2600-4600	17000
NO <sub>3</sub> N		<0.2		1-5	<1
organic-N		21-27		4-10	50
P	<1	0.9		0.5-1.8	
CN-	10-100	1.6-6	0.1-0.6	0.1-0.7	
SCN-	100-1500	230-590	22-200	17-45	
S2-	200-600	8		60-220	29000
SO <sub>4</sub> 2-		325-350		60-180	
alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	3800-43001	525-920	10000-20000	9800-15000	
conductivity $(\mu\Omega^{-1}/cm)$		3500-6000		30000	
pH	7.5-9.1	9.3-9.8	8.5-9.3	7.8-8.0	9.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Data sources; ref 2-5. <sup>b</sup> Reference 6. Free and fixed leg stripping with addition of lime. <sup>c</sup> Reference 8. <sup>d</sup> Reference 9. Hygas wastewater was comprised of equal volumes of cyclone and guench effluents. e Reference 10. Stripped foul water with sulfide removed had an average COD of 26 500 mg/L. Calculated from data of Jablin and Chanko (7).

monia liquors and in coal gasification plant quench waters was presented by Luthy et al. (17). That paper reviewed possible reactions of cyanide with sulfur, and discussed these reactions in light of studies on the oxygenation of sulfide in aqueous solution. A conclusion from that work was that the dominant reaction pathways for formation of thiocyanate with sulfide oxidation products entail reaction of cyanide with polysulfide  $(S_x^{2-})$  or thiosulfate  $(S_2O_3^{2-})$ . The following discussion interprets those findings in view of sulfur oxidation chemistry and kinetics.

#### Sulfur-Cyanide Interactions

Recent kinetic studies on the oxygenation of sulfide in aqueous solution have revealed the complex nature of these reactions. The stoichiometry of sulfide-oxygen reactions depends on pH, concentration of reactants, and the existence of inhibitory or catalytic substances. In the pH range of 6.5 to 8.0, Chen and Morris (18) found that at high sulfide concentration there was maximum polysulfide formation. Thiosulfate was the principal product in laboratory solutions at pH greater than 8.5, regardless of the sulfide to oxygen ratio; some sulfite (SO32-) may form and may be slowly oxidized to sulfate, or sulfite may react with sulfur of polysulfide to form thiosulfate. Eventually all sulfur and its oxyanions will be oxidized to sulfate in the present of oxygen. The work of Chen and Morris showed that polysulfides can form by reaction of monosulfide and oxygen at neutral pH when the Stot2-/O2 ratio was 3.75. At pH values greater than 8.2, polysulfide formation was neither very rapid nor very extensive. O'Brien and Birkner (19) did not observe formation of polysulfide at pH values of 4, 7.55, and 10 when the initial  $S_{tot}^{2-}/O_2$  ratio was less than 1.2. They reported thiosulfate and sulfite to be important reaction intermediates. Thus, the relative abundance of polysulfide and thiosulfate appears to depend largely upon the initial conditions, which tend to favor the formation of one intermediate over another.

The second dissociation constant for sulfite, HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> → H<sup>+</sup> +  $SO_3^{2-}$ , has a p $K_2$  of 7.2. The equilibrium shown in Equation 1 shifts to favor thiosulfate rather than sulfite and sulfur at increasing pH values:

$$HSO_3^- + S \rightarrow S_2O_3^{2-} + H^+$$
 (1)

Hence, elemental sulfur is thermodynamically unstable at high pH in the presence of sulfite. The lack of polysulfide as an oxidation product of sulfide at pH greater than 8.5 may result from its consumption to form thiosulfate.

Polysulfide ions, Sx2-, form through sequential combinations of neutral sulfur atoms with sulfide. Schwarzenback and Fisher (20) have found that the polysulfuration index, x, can be 2 to 5, and that tetra- and pentapolysulfide dominate in aqueous polysulfide solutions. The second dissociation constants for H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub> are 10<sup>-6.3</sup> and 10<sup>-5.7</sup>, respectively (20). Thus, at pH values greater than 6.3,  $S_4^{2-}$  and  $S_5^{2-}$  are the principal forms of the polysulfide ion.

As a result of these studies, it is concluded that possible reactions of cyanide with sulfide oxidation species may proceed according to the reactions summarized in Figure 1. This figure incorporates the sulfide oxygenation pathway proposed by Chen and Morris (18) and cyanide chemical reactions with sulfur compounds reviewed in Luthy et al. (17), and the equilibrium represented by Equation 1. Data presented in Table I show that coke plant weak ammonia liquors and coal conversion quench waters typically have total sulfide concentrations ranging from  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  to more than  $10^{-2}$  M. Upon contact with oxygen, this condition should promote a relatively high Stot2-/O2 ratio, which may favor the formation of polysulfide at near neutral or slightly alkaline conditions.

The reaction of cyanide with polysulfide shown in Figure 1 may be described as:

$$S_xS^{2-} + CN^- \rightarrow S_{x-1}S^{2-} + SCN^-$$
 (2)

In this reaction, one polysulfide sulfur atom, poly-So, is reduced from oxidation state 0 to 1-, while the cyanide carbon atom is oxidized from oxidation state 2+ to 3+.

Cyanide is also reactive with thiosulfate. This reaction may be described as:

$$S_2O_3^{2-} + CN^- \rightarrow SO_3^{2-} + SCN^-$$
 (3)

One thiosulfate sulfur atom undergoes oxidation from oxidation state 2+ to 4+, while the other thiosulfate sulfur atom is reduced from the 2+ to the 1- oxidation state.

Thus, there are two predominate pathways for the reaction of cyanide with sulfide oxidation products to yield thiocyanate. The Experimental portion of this study presents results of investigations of the kinetics of these reactions. Previous studies have shown that cyanide was not reactive with monosulfide species (HS-) at pH 10 (17).

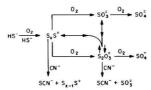


Figure 1. Possible reactions of cyanide with reduced sulfur species in aqueous solution to yield thiocyanate

Experimental

Reagents. All stock solutions were prepared using certified analytical salts, acids, and bases. Each solution was prepared in laboratory distilled water and stored under refrigeration. Laboratory distilled water was made devoid of oxygen by purging with nitrogen, and reaction solutions were maintained under nitrogen gas blankets.

Buffer solutions were prepared at pH 8.2, 10, and 12 at 0.1 M strength. The pH 12 buffer was prepared with 10.6 g/L Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; the pH 10 buffer with 4.2 g/L NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and 5.3 g/L Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; the pH 8.2 buffer with 8.4 g/L NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Hydrochloric acid (6 N) was used for adjusting the pH to the appropriate value.

A 10 g/L stock cyanide solution (CN-) was prepared by diluting 25.1 g of KCN and approximately 2 g of NaOH pellets to 1 L. This solution was standardized regularly through the course of the experimentation.

A strong solution of polysulfide was prepared by placing 10 to 20 g of sodium tetrapolysulfide (Ventron-Alfa Products) in 1 L of buffer solution. A portion of the polysulfide solution was analyzed immediately following preparation to determine the concentration. The solution was then diluted with buffer as required for the experiment. It was found that polysulfide salt was unstable when exposed to air and moisture, and that the polysulfide solution would gradually degrade over several days even when refrigerated in a closed container. For these reasons, polysulfide solutions were prepared fresh daily and standardized immediately before use.

Standard thiosulfate solutions were prepared by dissolving Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in pH buffer solution.

Analytical Procedures. Cyanide concentrations were measured as total cyanide after distillation with magnesium chloride reagent. The pyridine-barbituric acid colorimetric procedure was used to measure cyanide in the distillate. Stock cyanide solution was standardized by the silver nitrate titrimetric method (21).

Polysulfide was measured by a procedure adopted from Krachner (22). In this procedure polysulfide is reacted with excess cyanide under anaerobic conditions in boiling boric acid to form one molecule of thiocyanate for each polysulfide sulfur atom at oxidation state zero, poly-So. Fifty milliliters of 200 g/L boric acid solution was placed in a 125-mL beaker, covered with a watch glass, and brought to a strong boil to expel oxygen. While the solution was still hot, there was then added a measured amount of polysulfide containing not more than 200 mg of poly-S<sup>0</sup> followed immediately by 2 mL of 10% cyanide. The solution was brought to a second boil and the reaction went to completion in about 5 min due to the rapid rate at elevated temperature and the presence of excess cyanide. Boiling was continued for another 10 min to volatilize excess cyanide. The procedure must be performed in a laboratory hood to assure no contact with highly toxic hydrogen cyanide gas evolved. The sample was cooled and analyzed for thiocyanate.

The thiocyanate analytical method used in the kinetic studies with polysulfide is based on a copper-pyridine method developed by Kruse and Mellon (23) and Danchik and Boltz

(24). This method has been discussed by Luthy et al. (17); details of the procedure are provided by Luthy (25). Thiocyanate is reacted with cupric copper and pyridine to form dithiocyanatopyridine:

$$2SCN^- + Cu^{2+} \rightarrow Cu(SCN)_2$$
 
$$Cu(SCN)_2 + 2C_5H_5N \rightarrow Cu(C_5H_5N)_2(SCN)_2 \qquad (4)$$

This forms a light green precipitate that is extracted with chloroform. The reaction is stoichiometric and the resulting color of the chloroform adheres to Beer's law to permit spectrophotometric determination at 407 nm against a chloroform blank. The first step in this procedure is addition of 1:1 HNO<sub>3</sub> to lower the sample pH to 3.0 to 3.5. This results in precipitation of polysulfide in the sample as a cloudy white precipitate. The sample is coarse filtered after pH adjustment, and then filtered through a 0.45-µm membrane filter to remove sulfur prior to addition of reagents.

The thiocyanate analytical procedure has proved successful on a variety of wastewaters; the method was checked for interferences from the reactants and oxidation products encountered in this study. No problems were identified except with solutions containing on the order of 0.2 M thiosulfate. This solution resulted in a cloudy sulfur precipitate in the chloroform that could not be removed easily by filtration. In this case thiocyanate was measured instead by the ferric nitrate procedure (21).

Thiosulfate solutions were standardized by titrating against KI and standard diiodate.

Approach. The reaction order was determined with respect to each constituent in the cyanide-polysulfide reaction at pH 8.2, 10, and 12. These values were chosen somewhat arbitrarily; however, it should be noted that pH values of 10 and 12 are above the p $K_a$  for hydrogen cyanide, p $K_a = 9.2$ , and a pH value of 12 is that recommended for sample preservation for analysis of cyanide and thiocyanate (21). A pH value of 8.2 was selected because it is representative of the pH of some coal conversion gas quench waters; this pH is above  $pK_2$  for tetrapolysulfide and below  $pK_a$  for hydrogen cyanide.

The determination of the order and reaction rate for the cyanide-polysulfide reaction was performed by the van't Hoff (differential) method. This procedure is based on the following assumption of a general kinetic equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{dSCN}^{-}}{\mathrm{d}t} = R_{i} = k_{a+b} [\mathrm{CN}_{\mathrm{tot}}]_{0}{}^{a} [\mathrm{poly}\text{-}\mathrm{S}^{0}]_{0}{}^{b}$$
 (5)

where  $R_i$  = initial reaction rate, M/(L·min);  $k_{a+b}$  = specific rate constant; [CNtot] = molar concentration of HCN + CN-; [poly-S<sup>0</sup>] = molar concentration of polysulfide sulfur (the molar ratio of poly-So to total sulfur in tetrapolysulfide (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>) is 3 to 4, but because Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> decomposes, polysulfide solutions must be standardized regularly prior to use); a =reaction order with respect to  $[CN_{tot}]$ ; b = reaction order with respect to [poly-So]. This expression written in logarithmic form becomes:

$$\log R_i = \log k_{a+b} + a \log [\text{CN}_{\text{tot}}]_0 + b \log [\text{poly-S}^0]_0$$
 (6)

The equation shows the sum of linear terms for each component of the reaction. The value of a can be determined from initial rate tests in which the concentration of poly-So is held constant and different concentrations of cyanide are used. Thus, Equation 6 can be written as:

$$R_{i} = k_{a} [\text{CN}_{\text{tot}}]_{0}^{a} \tag{7}$$

where  $k_a$  is the rate constant with the same initial poly-S<sup>0</sup> concentration and varying cyanide levels. Similarly, the value of b can be obtained by conducting tests in which the concentration of cyanide is kept at the same level with different initial poly-S<sup>0</sup> concentrations:

$$R_i = k_b [\text{poly-S}^0]_0^b \tag{8}$$

where  $k_b$  is the rate constant with the same initial cyanide concentration and different initial poly-S<sup>0</sup> concentrations.

The order of reaction obtained by the differential method entails the determination of slopes of initial production rates. The change in concentration of reactants is small in the initial stages of the reaction; therefore, Equations 7 and 8 will not change materially even if the reactant held at the same initial concentration is not in excess. In logarithmic form, Equation 7 becomes:

$$\log R_i = \log k_a + a \log [\text{CN}_{\text{tot}}]_0 \tag{9}$$

Thus, by plotting measured values of  $R_i$  logarithmically against  $[CN_{tot}]_0$ , linear plots should be obtained with slope equal to a. Likewise, the logarithmic form of Equation 8 is:

$$\log R_i = \log k_b + b \log [\text{poly-S}^0]_0$$

A logarithmic plot of variation of initial rate with different poly- $S^0$  levels should yield a straight line with a slope b.

The overall specific rate constant,  $k_{a+b}$ , in Equation 5 can be found either by substituting experimental data for  $R_i$ , [CN<sub>tot</sub>], and [poly-S<sup>0</sup>], and using values of a and b as established from the logarithmic plots, or by statistical regression of all experimental rate data at each value of pH. In this study experimental data were reduced by multiple regression techniques.

Six different sets of experimental kinetic studies were performed to determine the rate and order of the reaction with respect to each reactant at three pH values. The experimental techniques employed concentrations of cyanide and polysulfide to yield in a short interval an easily determined amount of thiocyanate. Each individual rate experiment was repeated three times. Data points presented later in Figures 2, 3, and 4 represent average production rates.

The polysulfide solution was standardized and diluted with the proper buffer to 138 mg/L as poly-S<sup>0</sup> (4.3  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> M poly-S<sup>0</sup>). Two hundred milliliters of this solution was placed in a 250-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Cyanide was added at concentrations ranging from 26 to 780 mg/L (1  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> to 3  $\times$  10<sup>-2</sup> M) by pipeting stock solution into the flask. This operation ensured an accurate measure of initiation time and prevented volatilization of cyanide, since only small amounts of stock cyanide were required and no pH adjustment had to be made to the stock solution prior to the experiment. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 5 min; during this period the flasks were swirled several times to assure a uniform mixture. The reaction was stopped by adding several milliliters of 1:1 HNO3 to lower sample pH to a value between 3.0 and 3.5. This caused the polysulfide solution to change from a characteristic golden brown color to a milky yellow and then to a white precipitate. The precipitate was removed by coarse filtering and then by filtering through a 0.45-µm membrane filter to yield a clear sample that was analyzed for thiocyanate.

A special series of tests was performed at a pH of 8.2 to check for cyanide losses by volatilization. These tests consisted of adding cyanide to samples containing no polysulfide, waiting for 5 min, and then analyzing for cyanide. This test showed that there was no loss of hydrogen cyanide over the time interval employed here. Another set of tests was performed to ensure that the reaction was indeed stopped by acidification and filtration. Replicate kinetic test samples were acidified and filtreed and allowed to stand from several minutes up to 4 h prior to analyzing for thiocyanate. Analysis showed that there was no increase in thiocyanate over this period.

Catalysis and Inhibition. Additional kinetic studies were performed at a pH of 8.2 to evaluate potential catalytic and inhibitory effects of inorganic and organic species. Compounds

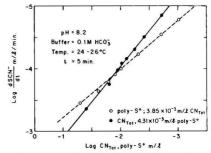


Figure 2. Initial rate kinetic data for the polysulfide–cyanide reaction at pH  $8.2\,$ 

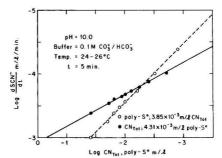


Figure 3. Initial rate kinetic data for the polysulfide-cyanide reaction at pH 10

selected for this work were chosen by their prevalence in coal coking and coal conversion wastewaters and by reported effects on sulfur oxidation kinetics. Chen and Morris (26) studied the effects of addition of various metal ions and organic compounds on sulfide oxidation. Other studies in this area have been performed by Krebs (27), Bulfer et al. (28), and Cline and Richards (29). As a result of these studies, the following compounds were selected for study of the effect of small additions on cyanide-polysulfide reaction kinetics: B, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub>+, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, phenol, ferricyanide, and coal char fines. Coal char fines were obtained from Hygas coal gasification pilot plant Run 72.

It is recognized that cyanide can form a variety of complex compounds with species such as copper, nickel, and zinc. This introduces another factor that may have significant effects on cyanide-polysulfide kinetics. It was not the intent of this study to separate these possible effects. The studies presented here are perhaps purely abstract in nature, since little is understood about interactions leading to catalysis or inhibition. The final results are at least indicative as to the importance that these substances may have on thiocyanate production.

Results

Cyanide-Polysulfide Reaction. Experimental results for estimation of initial reaction rates and order of reaction for formation of thiocyanate from reaction of cyanide and polysulfide are presented in Figures 2, 3, and 4 for pH values 8.2. 10, and 12, respectively. These data conform to the straight line relationships given by Equations 9 and 10. The order of the reaction with respect to each constituent and the rate constant for the reaction was determined according to Equation 6 by multiple linear regression of all experimental data taken collectively at each pH value. Empirically determined kinetic coefficients for the cyanide-polysulfide reaction system are summarized in Table II, including estimates of t

# Table II. Kinetic Coefficients for the Cyanide-**Polysulfide Reaction System**

H values	rate expression a	
8.2	$log R_i = 0.15 + 1.04 log [CN^-] + 0.85 log [poly-S]  (0.80) (16.9) (18.9)  R^2 = 0.97$	0]
10.0	log $R_i = -0.57 + 0.51$ log $[CN^-] + 0.87$ log $[poly (-5.14) (15.3) (29.0)$ $R^2 = 0.98$	-S <sup>0</sup> ]
12.0	$\log R_i = -0.86 + 0.49 \log [\text{CN}^-] + 0.78 \log [\text{poly}]  (-7.11) (13.4) (24.0)$	-S <sup>0</sup> ]

<sup>&</sup>quot;Temperature, 24-26 °C; 0.1 M carbonate buffers; units are consistent with reaction rate expressed as M/(L-min). Values of t statistics are given in parentheses

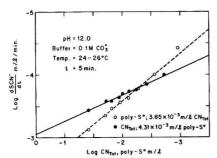


Figure 4. Initial rate kinetic data for the polysulfide-cyanide reaction at pH 12

statistics and regression coefficients. It is seen that the reaction order and rate change with pH value. Reaction order increases with decreasing pH; at a pH of 8.2 the reaction is close to second order.

The catalysis and inhibition studies with the cyanidepolysulfide reaction system were performed in the same manner as for the initial rate studies with the only difference being the addition of a new agent. The results of this work are presented in Table III as  $R/R_0$ , where  $R_0$  is the initial rate of reaction without the agent, and R is the rate of reaction with the agent present at the specified concentration. These studies were performed at a pH of 8.2 and further study is required to determine if pH may have a large effect on catalysis and

Because of the noticeable effect of ammonia and coal char fines, additional tests were performed with a range of concentration of ammonia as inhibitor and with a range of concentration of coal char fines as a catalysis agent. Figure 5 is a plot of percent decrease of thiocyanate production vs. ammonia concentration, and Figure 6 is a plot of percent increase in production of thiocyanate vs. concentration of char fines.

Cyanide-Thiosulfate Reaction. An extensive analysis of the kinetics of reaction of cyanide and thiosulfate was not performed due to data presented on this reaction by Bartlett and Davis (30). These authors measured the rate of reaction between sodium cyanide and sodium thiosulfate in water and found that the reaction proceeded irreversibly, and that the cyanide ion is a stronger thiophile than the sulfite ion. The reaction at 25 °C with an ionic strength of 0.9 M was second order with a rate constant of  $2.3 \times 10^{-3}$  L/(M·min). The pH value was not specified in their work. It may be presumed that the reaction mixture was alkaline, as the authors reported results with cyanide ion rather than HCN. The value of the reported rate constant was confirmed in this study within a factor of two by conducting initial rate studies with equimolar

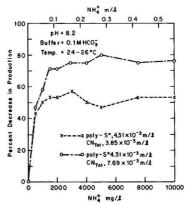


Figure 5. Inhibitory effect of ammonium on thiocyanate production via the polysulfide-cyanide reaction pathway

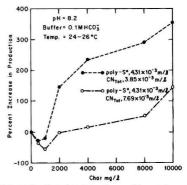


Figure 6. Catalytic effect of coal char fines on thiocyanate production via the polysulfide-cyanide reaction pathway

solutions of cyanide and thiosulfate at a pH of 12 in 0.1 M carbonate buffer. Here cyanide and thiosulfate were reacted at 0.19 M concentration for 20 min. In these tests the production of thiocyanate was measured by the ferric nitrate procedure after lowering pH and filtering precipitated sulfur.

## Discussion

In a previous paper (17) initial observations on the formation of thiocyanate from the cyanide-polysulfide aqueous reaction were investigated. Those studies were preliminary batch test reactions and provided only general information about the reaction rate. The present study was performed in order to better understand the complexities of this system and to increase knowledge about interactions between sulfur and cyanide chemical systems. The data presented here involved initial rate kinetic studies on the cyanide-polysulfide reaction pathway and also entailed observations on a small group of possible catalytic and inhibitory agents.

The initial rate kinetic data for the cyanide-polysulfide reaction showed the reaction was mixed order and that both reaction order and reaction rate change with pH. The overall order decreased from 1.89 to 1.27 as pH increased from 8.2 to 12.0. There is a pronounced decrease in the reaction order with respect to cyanide as pH is increased above the  $pK_a$  for hydrogen cyanide. The rate constant for cyanide is observed to decrease from 1.04 to 0.51 over the pH range from 8.2 to 10. The specific rate constant for the cyanide-polysulfide reaction

Table III. Inhibitory and Catalytic Effects of Various Components on the Cyanide-Polysulfide Reaction System<sup>a</sup>

substance	salt used	conon, M/L	R/R <sub>0</sub>	notes
ooron (B)	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	$9.25 \times 10^{-4}$	1.06	
		$9.25 \times 10^{-3}$	0.83	
calcium (Ca <sup>2+</sup> )	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$	1.03	
		$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.99	
magnesium (Mg <sup>2+</sup> )	MgCl <sub>2</sub> •6H <sub>2</sub> O	$4.11 \times 10^{-4}$	1.12	white cloudiness
		$4.11 \times 10^{-3}$	0.99	
erricyanide (Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> 3-)	K <sub>3</sub> Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub>	$4.72 \times 10^{-5}$	0.99	a strong color imparted
		$4.72 \times 10^{-4}$	0.50	
parium (Ba <sup>2+</sup> )	BaCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	$7.28 \times 10^{-7}$	1.03	
CONTRACTOR	Action Control Control	$7.28 \times 10^{-5}$	1.03	
nanganese (Mn <sup>2+</sup> )	MnSO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.82 \times 10^{-6}$	1.03	
		$1.82 \times 10^{-4}$	1.02	
zinc (Zn <sup>2+</sup> )	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> •7H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.53 \times 10^{-6}$	1.29	a white precipitate formed
		$1.53 \times 10^{-4}$	1.06	
nickel (Ni <sup>2+</sup> )	NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.70 \times 10^{-6}$	1.19	dark color developed
		$1.70 \times 10^{-4}$	0.86	
copper (Cu <sup>2+</sup> )	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.57 \times 10^{-6}$	1.12	initial yellow color then returning to norma
		$1.57 \times 10^{-4}$	0.99	
phenol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	$1.06 \times 10^{-2}$	0.99	
		$5.31 \times 10^{-2}$	0.92	
ammonia (NH <sub>4</sub> +)	NH₄CI	$5.54 \times 10^{-2}$	0.70	
		$2.77 \times 10^{-2}$	0.63	
char	gasification	1000 mg/L	0.79	
	coal char fines	10000 mg/L	1.89	

decreased from 1.41 to 0.14 over the pH range 8.2 to 12. These findings show that cyanide–polysulfide reaction is rapid, and that the reaction rate increases with pH for equimolar concentrations of reactants less than approximately  $5\times 10^{-3}$  M.

Screening studies on the cyanide-thiocyanate reaction generally confirmed the second-order specific rate constant presented by Bartlett and Davis (30). The significance of the rates of reaction of cyanide with polysulfide and with thiosulfate is shown in Figure 7, which compares predicted initial rates of reaction of cyanide with polysulfide at pH 8.2, 10, and 12.0 with predicted rates of reaction of cyanide with thiosulfate. These data show that the reaction rate with polysulfide at a pH of 8.2 is approximately three orders of magnitude faster than that with thiosulfate. Note also that the rate of reaction of cyanide with polysulfide is sensitive to pH at low concentration levels of reactants.

These findings indicate that the cyanide–polysulfide reaction pathway can dominate over the cyanide–thiosulfate reaction pathway to form thiocyanate. However, in a system initially containing cyanide and sulfide, the thiocyanate production kinetics must be viewed in light of sulfide oxygenation pathways. In a system containing on the order of 10<sup>-3</sup> M or more sulfide in a slightly alkaline solution, the sulfide oxygenation pathway as discussed in Figure 1 should prevail. In this case polysulfide may exist as a sulfide oxidation product, and results of this study show that as polysulfide is produced it can react rapidly to form thiocyanate. If thiosulfate were the predominate sulfide oxidation product, the production of thiocyanate from cyanide would be greatly reduced.

Inhibition and catalysis studies demonstrated the effect of various compounds on the cyanide-polysulfide reaction. Of the metal ions studied, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, and Zn<sup>2+</sup> had the greatest catalytic effect at their lower concentration; when larger concentrations were employed, metal ions inhibited the reaction rate slightly. Though these compounds had an effect on the reaction rate, their effect was relatively small at the

concentrations employed here. Metals such as zinc, nickel, and copper can form complexes with cyanide and it would be expected that extensive complexation would reduce the reactivity of cyanide with polysulfide. The metal ion concentrations used in the catalytic inhibitory tests were on the order of a factor of 20 or less than the total analytical concentration of cyanide. This may explain the relatively small effect on reaction rate. Screening studies showed that complexed cyanides may not be reactive with polysulfide, as no reaction was observed between polysulfide and ferricyanide. This finding is consistent with Bartlett and Davis's (30) observation that ferricyanide or ferrocyanide ions do not attack elemental (S8) sulfur at a measurable rate.

The cyanide-polysulfide reaction was inhibited by approximately 50 to 80% at a pH of 8.2 in the presence of more than 2000 mg/L ammonia-nitrogen. Small concentrations of coal char fines also had an inhibitory effect, but at concentrations greater than several thousand milligrams/liter, coal char fines had a pronounced catalytic effect. This effect appears to be more pronounced for lower cyanide concentrations. Phenol was the only soluble organic constituent investigated, and it showed little effect on the reaction of cyanide and polysulfide.

Though not evaluated here, the reaction of cyanide with thiosulfate is expected to show a pH dependency. Equation 1 shows that, as pH is decreased, thiosulfate equilibrium shifts to favor sulfite and sulfur (18, 31). In the presence of HS<sup>-</sup> this could result in the formation of polysulfide.

## Conclusions

Procedures and data have been presented for the study of aqueous phase formation of thiocyanate resulting from interactions between cyanide and polysulfide, and cyanide and thiosulfate. Experimental data were used to describe the production of thiocyanate from polysulfide; it was found that both reaction order and rate change with pH and that the rate increases as pH is varied from 8.2 to 12 for reactant concentrations less than approximately  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  M/L. The rate of

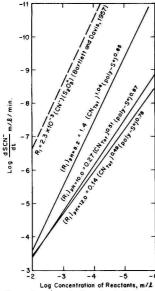


Figure 7. Comparison of production rates for formation of thiocyanate from reaction of equimolar concentrations of cyanide and polysulfide, and cyanide and thiosulfate

production of thiocyanate from polysulfide is shown to be at least three orders of magnitude faster, depending on pH, than the rate of formation of thiocyanate from thiosulfate. The importance of the cyanide-polysulfide pathway depends upon the presence of polysulfide in the reaction mixture, which in turn is dependent upon the production of polysulfide from the oxidation of monosulfide.

These experiments have implications for describing quality changes that may result when processing wastewaters containing sulfide and cyanide in the pH range of 6.5 to 8.0. Upon exposure to oxygen, sulfide may be oxidized to polysulfide if the [Stot<sup>2-</sup>]/[O<sub>2</sub>] ratio is high. This would cause reaction of cyanide to form thiocyanate. Thus, cyanide would be converted from a highly toxic and volatile compound to a relatively nontoxic, strongly ionic species. If it is desired to process wastewaters for reuse, thiocyanate can present problems due to its tendency to enter into corrosion and deposition reactions with steel process units.

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# Nomenclature

 $a = \text{reaction order with respect to } CN_{\text{tot}}$ 

 $b = \text{reaction order with respect to poly-S}^0$ 

[CN<sub>tot</sub>] = molar concentration of HCN + CN

 $k_{a+b}$  = specific rate constant

 $k_a$  = initial rate constant with same initial poly-S<sup>0</sup> concentration

 $k_b$  = initial rate constant with same initial CN<sub>tot</sub> concentration

[poly-S<sup>0</sup>] = molar concentration of polysulfide sulfur  $R_i$  = initial reaction rate, M/(L-min)

 $[S_{tot}^{2-}]$  = molar concentration of  $H_2S + HS^- + S^{2-}$ 

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# Seasonal Variations in the Removal Rate of Material Injected into the Lower Stratosphere

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■ The 3-megaton Chinese thermonuclear explosion of June 27, 1973, injected substantial amounts of fission products into the stratosphere of the northern hemisphere. The concentrations of radioactive 91Y (58-day half-life) and 144Ce (285day half-life) were measured radiochemically in rainwater collected at Fayetteville, Ark., for 1 year after the explosion. The decay-corrected deposit for these nuclides during July through October of 1973 was approximately 1% of the deposit during March through June of the following year. Although seasonal variations in tropospheric fission product concentrations are well known, a seasonal difference of this magnitude was not expected. Possible explanations for this large seasonal variation in fallout deposits are discussed. The 91Y data in this work are the first long-term measurements of that isotope in the atmosphere.

The fact that there are large seasonal variations in the concentrations of fission products in the troposphere was first observed by Stewart et al. (1). They found that the 90Sr concentration in rainwater in the United Kingdom showed a marked seasonal variation, with peaks in the late spring and troughs in the late fall. The many years of fallout study since 1957 have consistently shown this effect and it is now generally accepted that it is caused by a maximum rate of transfer to the troposphere during the spring. Seasonal variations also occur in cosmic ray produced isotope concentrations.

In view of the significance of this interesting feature of atmospheric circulation, it is surprising that there is very little published information relative to quantitative comparisons of the seasonal transfer rates. The lack of information about the seasonal effects may be causing significant errors in various stratospheric transport calculations. Bauer et al. (2) noted recently that seasonal variations are not included in most one-dimensional models and may have resulted in an overestimate by such models of the calculated ozone reduction following the massive Soviet atmospheric nuclear tests of 1961 and 1962.

A few authors have mentioned the seasonal variations of stratospheric transport in a quantitative or semiquantitative sense. For example, Krey and Krajewski (3) concluded that the debris injected into the lower stratosphere in June, 1967, by a 3-megaton Chinese explosion did not begin to leave the stratosphere until November of that year. More recently, Bauer et al. (2) concluded that material injected into the stratosphere in summer does not leave until the following winter. A somewhat different viewpoint was offered by Danielson and Mohnen (4), whose calculation assumes that the transfer is continuous throughout the year. They suggest that the rate during the late spring is three times the rate of the late fall for 90Sr transport.

If the transfer of material from the stratosphere to the troposphere is in fact negligible during the summer, it is a feature of atmospheric circulation that has been unknown until recently. If it is not negligible, then it seems worthwhile to determine as accurately as possible the relative transport rates on a seasonal basis. The conclusions of Krey and Krajewski (3) and Bauer et al. (2) were based on stratospheric inventories of fission products. The estimate of Danielson and

Mohnen (4) was derived from 90Sr mixing ratios. The results presented here are from ground level fallout deposits and provide an independent method of estimating the seasonal variation of the removal rate of material residing in the lower stratosphere.

The conditions required to compare the seasonal transfer rates using fallout deposits are rather special. One can imagine an ideal experiment in which an aerosol tracer is injected into the stratosphere at the beginning of summer. If the tracer was not previously present in the troposphere, the surface deposit of the tracer during the summer would give an estimate of the transfer rate of the tracer during that season. This assumes that the tropospheric residence time of the tracer is on the order of 1 month or less. While there is substantial disagreement in the published estimates of the tropospheric residence time of natural aerosols, most estimates range between 4 days and slightly greater than 1 month. See, for example, Gavini et al. (5), Moore et al. (6), and Nevissi et al. (7).

An injection into the stratosphere in the fall, winter, or spring would not be useful in estimating the summer transport of material from the stratosphere. This is because the troposphere would acquire an inventory of the tracer before the beginning of summer, thus giving a summer deposit that would include material transported across the tropopause previous to the summer months.

For the same reason, the commonly measured fission products such as 90Sr and 137Cs are not useful for such an experiment because a significant tropospheric inventory is almost always present for these nuclides. This residual burden, although rapidly decreasing in the summer, would interfere with the identification of the 90Sr or 137Cs that may enter the troposphere from above during the summer.

One reason that 90Sr and 137Cs are almost always present in the atmosphere is that their half-lives are 29 and 30 years, respectively. In recent years, the Chinese nuclear tests have been frequent enough to maintain detectable amounts of these nuclides in the atmosphere continuously. Fission products with shorter half-lives, such as 58-day 91Y, are not always present in the atmosphere, and the problem of an initial inventory of the tracer is greatly reduced.

From the discussion above, it is obvious that the tracer in the ideal experiment must be injected into the stratosphere only, since an initial tropospheric inventory of the tracer is to be avoided. This restriction prevents the use of the lower yield nuclear explosions, since much or all of their debris is injected into the troposphere. Atmospheric nuclear explosions of the 2- or 3-megaton range inject most of their debris into the stratosphere and may be useful for the estimation of seasonal transfer rates.

The Chinese thermonuclear explosion of June 27, 1973, provided conditions very close to that of the ideal experiment discussed above. It was a 3-megaton test that occurred after the time normally associated with the spring peak of tropospheric fission product concentrations. In this work 58-day <sup>91</sup>Y and 285-day <sup>144</sup>Ce were measured in rain following the test. The conditions were such that the 91Y deposit could be identified unambiguously with the test for a period of 1 year following the explosion.

Experimental

Rain samples were collected on the roof of the Chemistry

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Table I. Equivalent Deposit of 91Y and 144Ce at Fayetteville, Ark., from the Chinese Test of June 27, 1973

	no. of	rainfall,	equiv deposit, <sup>a</sup> pCi/m <sup>2</sup>		
month	rains	mm	91 <sub>Y</sub>	<sup>144</sup> Ce	
1973					
July	5	48	$8.6 \times 10$	$3.3 \times 10$	
Aug	2	21	$9.4 \times 10$	$1.5 \times 10$	
Sept	4	187	$7.4 \times 10^{2}$	$1.1 \times 10^{2}$	
Oct	6	152	$7.0 \times 10^{2}$	$6.7 \times 10$	
Nov	4	247	$2.6 \times 10^{3}$	$2.2 \times 10^{2}$	
Dec	5	144	$2.3 \times 10^{3}$	$2.8 \times 10^{2}$	
1974					
Jan	3	26	$8.0 \times 10^{2}$	$8.1 \times 10$	
Feb	5	67	$7.1 \times 10^{3}$	$9.9 \times 10^{2}$	
March	4	102	$1.1 \times 10^{4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{3}$	
April	5	162	$3.3 \times 10^{4}$	$6.7 \times 10^{3}$	
May	5	175	$4.2 \times 10^{4}$	$4.5 \times 10^{3}$	
June	4	158	$6.0 \times 10^{4}$	$8.5 \times 10^{3}$	

a The equivalent deposit is the actual deposit that has been decay corrected to the day of the explosion.

Building at the University of Arkansas. A 20-L portion of each rain was taken for analysis. Stable yttrium and cerium carriers were added, and the samples were analyzed for radioactive 91Y and <sup>144</sup>Ce by the method previously described (8). The <sup>91</sup>Y sample was lost for one of the rains in September, 1973. An estimated 91Y activity was used for that rain based on the measured 144Ce activity and the expected 91Y/144Ce activity

The most significant source of error for these data is expected to be the uncertainty arising from counting statistics. This leads to an uncertainty of 10% or less for the calculated monthly deposits.

#### Results and Discussion

The Chinese test of June 27, 1973, was only the second multi-megaton Chinese test to occur in the summer, although it was the 15th Chinese atmospheric nuclear test. The explosion occurred at Lop Nor, China (40°N, 90°E), and the rain samples were collected at Fayetteville, Ark. (36°N, 94°W). The explosion occurred at a time when the stratospheric and tropospheric inventories of fission products were very low. The most recent previous test was on March 18, 1972, and had resulted in large amounts of tropospheric fallout but little addition to the stratospheric inventory (9).

Although no effort was made to detect 91Y in rain just prior to the June 27th explosion, there is good reason to believe that it was not present in either the stratosphere or the troposphere. A nuclide with a similar half-life, 89Sr (50 days), had disappeared from the atmosphere in March, 1973 (10). The extremely light 91Y fallout in the 2 months after the explosion is an indication that the isotope was most likely absent from the atmosphere before the test.

After the June 27, 1973, explosion, 91Y and 144Ce were measured in rainfall along with several other nuclides of interest. For the next 12 months, 91Y could be definitely identified as having originated in this single test, and thus is a valuable tracer with which to study the transfer of material from the stratosphere to the troposphere.

The results are given in the figures and in Table I. In order to make the desired seasonal comparison, the data in Table I are expressed in terms of "equivalent deposit". The equivalent deposit is the actual deposit decay corrected back to the date of the explosion. This calculation was done for each rain.

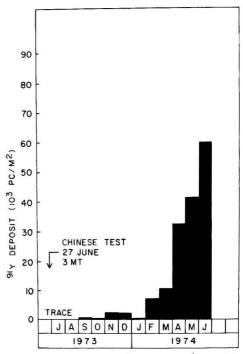


Figure 1. The equivalent deposit of 91Y collected at Fayetteville, Ark., after the Chinese test of June 27, 1973

As can be seen from Figure 1, very little of the 91Y was deposited during the months of July through October. A possible explanation for this is that the debris stabilized at an extremely high altitude. The recent paper by Bauer et al. (2) provides useful information with which to decide this question. Their Figure 2 shows that at 11 weeks after the 1973 explosion, almost all of the stratospheric inventory of 95Zr (65-day half-life), was located between 15 and 21 km with the maximum activity at approximately 19 km. The debris was clearly above the mean tropopause, a fact which partially explains the light summer deposit. A more significant inference is that the light deposit may be related to the absence of an effective transfer mechanism during the summer and fall. The small deposit in the summer and fall is even more striking in view of the fact that some of the deposit could have reached the troposphere without being transported with stratospheric air. At least a portion of the July-October deposit may have been injected into the troposphere directly on the day of the explosion. In addition, some of the deposit during this period could have been the result of sedimentation of large particles (above 1-µm radius) from the stratosphere. The deposit during this period could have a very significant sedimentation component without requiring that a very high percentage of the stratospheric burden be attached to particles in the sedimentation range.

It is interesting to compare the 91Y deposit during the July through October period with the deposit in the spring of 1974. The July through October deposit is 1.1% of the deposit during the equal time interval of March through June, 1974. There was another Chinese test on June 17, 1974, but because there was no rain in June after the explosion, the deposit shown for June, 1974, is entirely from the test of the previous year. 91Y. fallout did not cease in July of 1974 but with the arrival of fresh debris it was no longer possible to identify the deposit with a single explosion.

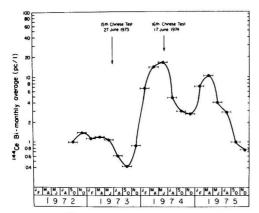


Figure 2. The 144Ce bimonthly average concentration in rainfall at Fayetteville, Ark., from September, 1972, to December, 1975. The bimonthly averages are obtained from actual concentrations that are not decay corrected for the 285-day half-life of 144Ce

For the very special conditions of the June, 1973, test, the <sup>91</sup>Y deposit shown in Figure 1 may be a reasonably accurate estimate of the amount of material transported across the tropopause in the various seasons. If the deposit shown in Figure 1 is a good estimate of the seasonal variation in the transfer rate of debris from the stratosphere, then it appears that the transfer rate is almost zero during the summer and fall. This interpretation is consistent with the reports of Bauer et al. (2) and Krey and Krajewski (3), who found no significant decrease in stratospheric fission product inventories for several months after summer injections. It should be noted that there are alternative explanations for the slight  $^{91}\mathrm{Y}$  summer and fall deposits reported in this work. During the summer, much of the rain in Arkansas occurs in northward moving tropical air masses, which might have low concentrations of radioactive aerosols from the stratosphere. Thus, the results observed here may not be typical of the summer deposit for the northern hemisphere. However, the deposit remains relatively light even in the months of October through December when the rain is mostly associated with cold fronts from the northwest.

The seasonal movement of the mean position of the tropopause discontinuity may also influence the deposition of stratospheric aerosols. Significant intrusions of stratospheric aerosols are believed to occur in the vicinity of the discontinuity. Since its mean position is displaced northward in the summer, 91Y deposits obtained from more northerly locations might show somewhat greater summer and fall deposits.

Although 144Ce was detectable in the atmosphere before the 1973 explosion, the results for 144Ce are almost identical with that of 91Y. The decay-corrected deposit of 144Ce during July through October of 1973 was only 1% of the deposit during March through June of 1974. This compares with 1.1% for <sup>91</sup>Y. Apparently the small amount of 144Ce in the atmosphere prior to the explosion was not enough to cause the seasonal deposits to be significantly different from the 91Y deposit. The longer half-life of 144Ce explains the presence of this nuclide before the 1973 test, even though 91Y was almost certainly absent from the atmosphere.

The negligible effect of fresh debris from the stratosphere

upon summer and fall tropospheric concentrations can be seen in Figure 2. The bimonthly 144Ce concentration in rain continued to decrease in the summer of 1973 according to the usual seasonal trend. The surprising point is that the explosion of 1973 greatly increased the 144Ce inventory in the stratosphere without having an appreciable effect on the tropospheric concentrations sampled in this study.

The 144Ce concentrations shown in Figure 2 are not very sensitive to variations in monthly rainfall totals, while the deposits of 144Ce and 91Y are directly related to the rainfall amounts. In the comparison of the seasonal variations of the <sup>91</sup>Y and <sup>144</sup>Ce deposits, the difference in rainfall totals for each season was neglected. If a correction is applied for the rainfall difference, the deposit ratio for the two 4-month periods becomes 60:1, rather than 100:1. This assumes that the deposit in a particular season is proportional to rainfall.

#### Conclusions

The data presented here show a remarkably low level of 91Y and 144Ce fallout during the summer and fall of 1973 compared to the heavy fallout observed in the spring of the following year. Since the lower stratosphere contained a substantial inventory of fission products in the summer and fall of 1973, the small deposit during the warm months is unexpected. A possible explanation is that the transfer rate of material from the stratosphere is negligible during the summer and fall. This interpretation is consistent with the observations of other investigators who noted that for summer injections, there is no significant decrease in stratospheric inventories during the summer and fall.

An alternative explanation is that the data presented here are not typical of the average tropospheric deposits during the July through October period and therefore fail to reveal the full extent of transfer of stratospheric aerosols during the summer and fall.

Future studies of stratospheric summer injections may provide the information necessary to decide between these two alternatives and to fully define the seasonal variations in the removal of aerosols from the stratosphere.

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# An Evaluation of Column Chromatography and Flameless Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry for Arsenic Speciation as Applied to Aquatic Systems

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■ Flameless atomic absorption (FAA) and chromatographic methods for routine analysis and speciation of environmental arsenic are presented. Matrix modification with Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was used with FAA to measure As concentrations in river water and sediment samples. Detection limits were 2 µg of As/L and FAA response for As concentration was independent of As species. Inorganic As [As(V) and As(III)], monomethylarsonic acid (MMAA), and dimethylarsinic acid (DMAA) were separated on cation exchange columns and detected by FAA. These methods were applied to samples collected from the Menominee River, Wis., where As contamination has resulted in As levels ranging from 1 to 1000 µg/L in river water, from 10 to 7000~mg/L in sediment pore water, and from 4 to 30~mg/gin sediment solids. Field data are presented to illustrate the application of the procedures. Sampling methods and preparation are included.

Knowledge concerning the chemical speciation of elements is important to the understanding of elemental transport, attenuation, and biochemical processes in aquatic systems. For arsenic, the species of special interest include arsenate [As(V)], arsenite [As(III)], monomethylarsonic acid (MMAA), dimethylarsinic acid (DMAA), and volatile arsines. Chemical reactivities and physical properties of environmental As are largely dependent on speciation. For example, the formation rate of trimethylarsine by fungi in sewage (1), by bacteria in cultures (2), and by microorganisms in soils (3) is a function of the As species. Adsorption properties of As in soils also vary among chemical species (4). Several workers using soil extraction procedures (5) found differences in soil binding mechanisms among As species (6, 7). Similar phenomena affect solid-pore water equilibria within sediments and transport across the sediment-water interface. It is evident that studies of As species and transformations among species are essential to understanding the As cycle. Such studies require techniques capable of speciating and measuring As levels in various types of environmental samples.

Several methods for speciating As have been reported. Examples include various chromatographic techniques: electrophoresis and ion-exchange chromatography (8), paper chromatography (9), and high-pressure liquid chromatography (10). The most extensively reported method is volatile hydride generation with NaBH<sub>4</sub> followed by various separation and detection systems. These systems include gas chromatography-microwave emission spectroscopy (11, 12), gas chromatography with flame ionization and electron-capture detectors (13), boiling point separation-spectral emission (14), flameless atomic absorption (15), and flame atomic absorption (16). The above methods have been applied to a variety of samples: commercial pesticides (11), coal and fly ash (12), soil and geological samples (15, 16), plant tissue (9), bovine liver (12), and natural water samples (17). Each method provides advantages and disadvantages that must be considered with regard to the scope of the study and the available laboratory facilities.

The work in this laboratory requires analytical procedures that can be performed on various types of samples with a minimum of sample preparation, and speciation methods that can be performed independently of available instrumentation. The FAA method of Ediger (18) and chromatography described by Yamamoto (17) require little sample preparation, no instrumental modifications, and make economic use of time spent in analysis. In this report, quantitative characteristics of these methods and modifications made in this laboratory are presented. In addition, the application of these procedures to samples obtained from the Menominee River, Wis., is illustrated. Although inorganic As was speciated as a part of this study, the methods used are presented elsewhere (19-21) and are not included in this report.

## Experimental

Apparatus. All labware and containers were washed in KOH solution and stored in dilute HCl. Glass chromatography columns (35 cm × 1 cm i.d.) were fitted with Teflon stopcocks and 100-mL reservoirs. A Perkin-Elmer 603 atomic absorption spectrophotometer and the Model 2100 heated graphite atomizer fitted with a pyrolyzed graphite tube were used with a deuterium arc background corrector. The line source was an arsenic electrodeless discharge lamp at 193.7 nm. Instrument settings were as specified in the manufacturer's operation procedures. Temperature programming consisted of drying at 105 °C for 30 s (including a 10-s temperature ramp), charring at 1000 °C for 25 s (including a 10-s temperature ramp), and atomizing at 2600 °C for 7 s. Maximum absorption was read for 5 s during atomization. A normal argon purge at 40 cm<sup>3</sup>/min was used and sample injections were typically 10 μL using an Eppendorf pipet or a Perkin-Elmer AS-1 Auto Sampling System. To measure low As concentrations, 50-µL injections were used and argon flow was interrupted during atomization. A Finnigan 6110 GC-MS-DS was used to identify organic arsenicals in selected samples.

Chemicals and Materials. Stock solutions for arsenic compounds were made with sodium arsenate, sodium arsenite (Analyzed Reagent, J. T. Baker Chemical Co.), monomethylarsonic acid (assay 99.9%, Ansul Company), and dimethylarsinic acid (assay 99.8%, Ansul Company). All stock solutions contained 1 mg/mL arsenic and were used to prepare standards for analysis each day. Chromatographic methods (described later) indicated that no further purification of the arsenic compounds was necessary. Other chemicals were reagent or analytical reagent grade and were used without further purification. Distilled-deionized water was used for all analytical work as well as cleaning of glassware. The cation exchange resin (AG 50W-X8, 100-200 mesh) was washed and reconditioned before each use with 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>OH and 1 M HCl followed by a rinse in 4% HCl. New resin was exposed to each As species (50 µg of As/25 mL of resin) in order to assure quantitative recovery during chromatography.

Sampling. Environmental samples were obtained from the lower Menominee River near Marinette, Wis., where the Ansul Company had produced MMAA and DMAA as agricultural herbicides. Ansul disposed of the waste materials on the banks of the river, which led to the contamination of the river sediments and water. Water samples were collected at each site 20 cm below the water surface and 50 cm above the sediments. Deep water samples were collected using a Lucite Van Dorn sampler, and all samples were stored in acid-cleaned polyethylene containers. Half of each sample was filtered (0.4-µm Nuclepore) on site and the remaining portion was acidified to pH 1 with HNO3 in order to prevent bacterial decomposition of MMAA and DMAA. Sediment cores were taken with a piston corer and immediately extruded in 7- and 11-cm sections. Extrusion involved placing a plastic bag over the top of the coring barrel and pushing a measured segment into the bag. Although the procedure was done in air, exposure of the mud was minimized by sliding the filled bag off the core while twisting the bag and simultaneously placing another bag over the barrel. Once an entire core was extruded (less than 5 min), each bag was subsampled, placed into polyethylene tubes. capped, and centrifuged immediately at 12 000 rpm. Significant oxidation of the sediments was avoided by completely filling the tubes displacing all the air space and limiting centrifugation time to 15 min. Subsamples of pore water were filtered (0.45-µm Millipore) while other subsamples were measured for Eh with an Orion combination Pt electrode. Solids were immediately frozen. Holdren (22) found that sediment cores could be extruded in this manner without significant changes in Eh. It was further demonstrated in this laboratory that whole sediments were not rapidly oxidized during aeration. However, separated pore waters were susceptible to rapid oxidation and were measured rapidly for Eh.

Procedures. Samples were brought back to the laboratory and stored at 4 °C until analysis. River water and pore water samples required no preparation for analysis other than dilution for FAA analysis or concentration for chromatography. Because the optimum amount of As for column chromatography was about 1 µg, heavily contaminated samples (e.g., pore waters) were diluted and less contaminated samples (e.g., river waters) were concentrated by evaporation. Arsenic volatility during evaporation was eliminated by adjusting the pH of the sample to 10 before evaporation. This ensured that all As species were in the ionic state. Arsenic associated with sediment solids was extracted using a modification of the extraction method for soil phosphorus (5). A series of 1 M solutions of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, NH<sub>4</sub>OH, acid ammonium oxalate (23), and HCl was applied to dried sediment solids and equilibrated for 24 h at room temperature in a slow inversion mixer. The fractions are operationally defined as water-soluble As, Fe and Al-As, occluded As, and Ca-As, respectively.

Total As concentrations in river water, pore water, and sediment extracts (5) were measured by FAA with matrix modification using Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (18). Each standard, sample, and blank was prepared to contain 0.1% Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and 1% HNO<sub>3</sub> before FAA analysis, and triplicate measurements were made on each. Linear standard curves were calculated with a least-squares linear regression calculator program (24), which yielded 90% confidence limits for calculated As concentrations

Inorganic As, MMAA, and DMAA in river water, pore water, and sediment extracts were separated on AG 50W-X8 cation exchange columns by a modification of the procedure reported by Yamamoto (17). Columns (25 cm to 30 cm long × 1 cm i.d.) were conditioned with 50 mL of 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 70 mL of 1 M HCl, and 30 mL of 0.5 M HCl such that the column pH was less than 1.5 before sample introduction. Samples (at pH <2) were introduced such that  $1-5 \mu g$  of As was placed on each column (not more than 2 mL). Samples were eluted with 30 mL of 0.2 M trichloroacetic acid and then with 70 mL of 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>OAc, while effluents were collected in 5-mL fractions and saved for FAA analysis (described above). Replicate FAA measurements on each vial were made and standard deviations were calculated for the relative concentrations in each vial. Speciation was calculated from those measurements in each group of vials that composed one chromatographic peak. Chromatographic effluents from selected environmental samples were reduced with NaBH4 and injected into a Finnigan gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (11).

When the columns were eluted with gravity flow, approxi-

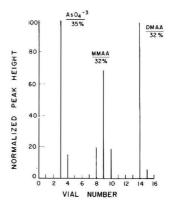


Figure 1. Chromatogram of 1 mL of mixed standard containing 500 ppb of As, each, as AsO<sub>4</sub>3-, MMAA, and DMAA. Each vial contained 4 mL of effluent

mately 30 min for each sample was required for separation when eight columns were operated simultaneously. Column conditioning took several hours under these conditions, but did not require constant attention. Separation and conditioning times were reduced to 10 and 5 min, respectively, when the columns were operated under 2-5 psig. Pressure was applied using a tank of purified nitrogen fitted with a regulator and connected to several columns by a tygon-tubing manifold.

#### Results and Discussion

FAA Analysis. The FAA procedures described yielded linear absorbance response with up to 3 ng of As in the furnace and a furnace detection limit of 0.1 ng of As. Routine procedures with 10-µL injections and normal Ar flow resulted in a linear working range of 10-300 µg of As/L, while optimum conditions using dilute standards (2-20 µg of As/L) lowered the detection limit to 2 µg of As/L. Detection limits were defined as a signal-to-noise ratio of 2, where noise was calculated from the standard deviation of replicate sample measurements and the standard deviation of the residuals  $(s_y)$  in the standard curve (23). Procedural blanks were included in all standardizations and were indeterminable from distilled-deionized water blanks with 10-μL injections. With 50-μL injections, absorbances of the two blanks were within 2 standard deviations of furnace and deionized water blanks which were indeterminable at either injection size. Although standards were normally made with deionized water, standards made in uncontaminated river water and standard addition methods yielded identical results indicating that interferences were not detectable. In addition, 90% confidence limits were used to define procedural detection limits. Confidence intervals were typically 3-10% of measured concentrations for samples at or above 10  $\mu$ g/L in As and up to 30% for samples below 6  $\mu$ g of As/L.

The precision and sensitivity of this procedure are due to the addition of Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, which is thought to form nonvolatile nickel arsenides at charring temperatures between 310 and 1200 °C (18, 25–27). The higher charring temperatures remove organic interferences that may be found in natural and polluted waters. In addition, Ni(NO3), normalizes FAA response among various As species. Without matrix modification, Brinkman (28) found that FAA response to inorganic As, MMAA, and DMAA differed significantly in standards with identical As concentrations. Tests in this laboratory showed that linear standard curves for sodium arsenate and DMAA did not differ significantly based on the comparison of calculated line parameters with 90% confidence limits. Additional

Table I. Selected Data for As Concentration and Speciation in River Waters and Sediments (90% Confidence Limits Included)

sample, a	total As		As species, %					
type and site no.	concn, μg/L	inorganic MMAA						
river water								
69A	1200 ± 200	10 ± 1	81 ± 2	$9 \pm 0.4$				
70A	170 ± 5	$4 \pm 0.2$	88 ± 2	8 ± 1				
55C	43 ± 5	$30 \pm 0.6$	54 ± 2	$17 \pm 0.5$				
pore water								
69A	mg/L							
40 cm	$6880 \pm 240$	$10 \pm 0.5$	90 ± 2	0				
72 cm	$5850 \pm 450$	$6 \pm 0.2$	93 ± 2	$1 \pm 0.1$				
sediment solids								
69A, NH₄CI	$3.3 \pm 0.3$	0	$96.8 \pm 0.4$	$3.2 \pm 0.01$				
NH₄OH	$1.2 \pm 0.2$	0	100	0				
oxalate	$28.6 \pm 1.8$	$3.6 \pm 0.01$	$96.4 \pm 0.01$	0				
HCI	$0.24 \pm 0.03$	$2.8 \pm 0.01$	$97.2 \pm 0.1$	0				
total	$33.3 \pm 1.84$							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Site numbers refer to map of sampling area published elsewhere (31).

evidence for FAA response normalization is offered in the discussion of chromatographic methods.

Chromatography Procedures. Modifications made on the chromatography methods of Yamamoto (17) resulted in complete separation of inorganic As, MMAA, and DMAA with theoretical recovery within a 2% relative error (see Figure 1). Zero base-line values were maintained by using ammonium salts for eluting and conditioning solutions. Eluting solutions were less concentrated than solutions used previously (17), allowing the ion-exchange resin to retain Na+, K+, Mg2+, or Ca2+ ions that interfere with FAA detection. Separation of inorganic As and MMAA was improved considerably by initializing column pH to 1.5 rather than 4 as suggested by Yamamoto (17), allowing the use of shorter columns. Their separation was not significantly affected by column pressurization up to 10 psig. Furthermore, separation of MMAA and DMAA was not affected by eliminating the third eluting step used by Yamamoto (17). As previously explained, the inorganic As was further speciated by colorimetry. Chromatography of evaporated standard in deionized and river water resulted in theoretical recovery with a maximum of 6% relative error. There was no significant effect on speciation during evaporation up to 100-fold concentration.

Solid Extraction Procedures. The precision of the solid extraction procedure was as good as or better than FAA precision. Replicate extractions on identical sets of sediment samples spiked with MMAA and DMAA had 6% relative error (90% confidence limits) for both sets. The relative uncertainty of individual fractions varied from 3% for concentrated extracts to 100% for very dilute extractions. It was found, however, that extraction was not complete, and that efficiencies of recovery for As(V), As(III), MMAA, and DMAA were 58, 48, 70, and 68%, respectively (each with a relative uncertainty of  $\pm 4\%$ ).

Field Applications. Total As concentrations and As speciation in selected field samples are listed in Table I along with 90% confidence limits. With one exception, the confidence limits reveal relative uncertainties between 3 and 11% for total As in solution and up to 6% relative error for total solid-phase As. Confidence limits for the environmental data were similar to those obtained with laboratory standards. This indicated that precision was not lost because of environmental interferences.

The accuracy of these methods, in addition to being supported in laboratory samples, has been supported by comparisons with standard addition methods on environmental samples. It should be pointed out that speciation data in appropriate samples corresponded well with the known speciation of the waste material (29). A mass balance performed in this laboratory using the above methods has corresponded well with a similar independent study contracted by Ansul (30). It has been found that field results using the methods described confirm their environmental reliability.

Although sediment solid extracts could be accurately speciated, such data were not considered to be an accurate representation of the actual solid-phase As speciation in sediments. The difference in extraction efficiency among As species reported above suggests the need for further study in extraction procedures and reinterpretation of reported data concerning soil and sediment solid-phase As species.

#### Summary

The methods presented (along with other analytical procedures not discussed) have proven to be useful for routine analyses of environmental samples and in studies currently underway in this laboratory. The precision of the methods permits reliable observations of speciation and concentration changes for As in natural and laboratory conditions—that is, significant variations found in such conditions can be reliably attributed to the processes being studied. The methods are convenient, since many samples may be processed simultaneously and instrumental time is efficiently used. Statistical interpretation of speciation data can easily be made from a single chromatogram because detector variance is evaluated from replicate analyses of column effluent. Minimal sample preparation easily allows replicate determinations of As concentration. Modifications made in this laboratory, along with proper precautions, have reduced analytical interferences to nondetectable levels. Detection limits are sufficient for any As-contaminated system and may be easily lowered by preconcentration methods in order to study uncontaminated systems.

These procedures can be performed in any laboratory equipped with an atomic absorption spectrophotometer with minimal investment for new hardware such as flow systems or reactor vessels. Such methods, therefore, are accessible not only to research laboratories, but also for nonresearch applications where elemental speciation is required for meaningful environmental interpretation. Such requirements are becoming more apparent with growing knowledge of elemental cycling and biochemical processes for other elements in addition to As such as Sb, Se, and Te. Therefore, such methods

should be available to all environmental laboratories regardless of the scope of the analysis.

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# Differences in Particle Size Distributions of Major Organic Pollutants in Ambient Aerosols in Urban, Rural, and Seashore Areas

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 Airborne particulate matter was collected in suburban, rural, and seashore sites, using a Hi-Vol cascade impactor. Detailed chemical analysis was performed by GC-MS in the multiple ion monitoring mode. The size distributions for total suspended particulates (TSP) as well as for the individual organic pollutants are compared. Maximum TSP concentrations are found for the submicron particles in the suburb. In contrast, more important contributions from larger particles are observed in the background samples. The size distribution of the individual pollutants in the rural samples shows a depletion of the fraction between 0.5 and 1 µm, compensated by an increase of the one between 1 and 1.5 µm. These size distribution shifts are the result of a particle growth process occurring with aging of the aerosol. In view of the dust retention characteristics of the human respiratory tract, a more important fraction of the rural aerosol will be deposited into the lungs, though absolute concentrations will be lower.

The evaluation of the impact on human health of the organic compounds present in ambient aerosols requires that measurements of the pollutant concentrations be supplemented with data on the particle size distribution of these compounds. Indeed, the sedimentation of particles in the respiratory tract from inhaled air strongly depends on the particle size (1, 2).

The purpose of the present study is to assess the differences in particle size distribution for organic compounds between urban samples and these obtained at locations with considerably less pollution. In a previous paper, we described results for a typical suburban residential area (3). New sampling stations were set up in a rural region covered with forest as well as near the seashore. No important industrial activity was situated in the vicinity of each of these stations. In addition to yielding data of direct toxicological interest, i.e., the concentrations on respirable particles, these stations will also give information on the existence and nature of the aging processes that the aerosol undergoes during transport through the atmosphere.

In the different fractions of a size-fractionated aerosol sample, about 60 organic compounds belonging to the classes of the aliphatic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), N-containing analogues, and carboxylic acids are determined by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS). This method provides reliable, sensitive, and in its most developed form (preprogrammed multiple ion detection) relatively fast analyses (4). Yet, an important fraction of the aerosol extractables in organic solvents consists of less volatile or more polar compounds that cannot be subjected to GC-MS anal-

The cascade impactor is not an ideal device for the separation of particles according to their aerodynamic diameter, since the range of the particle diameters collected on each stage is not exactly defined (cut-off at 50% efficiency). The performance of the slotted impactor used in this study was evaluated by Willeke (5).

Table I. Equivalent Aerodynamic Cut-Off Diameters at 50% Collection Efficiency for the Sierra Hi-Vol Impactor at 40 scfm,

stage	cut-off diameters, μm	stage	cut-off diameters, μm
1	7.2	4	1.5-1.0
2	7.2-3.0	5	1.0-0.5
3	3.0-1.5	6	0.5

Previously, the possibility of losses by volatilization from collected particles during sampling was established for some organic compounds (6-9). Cautreels and Van Cauwenberghe (10) reported quantitative data on the distribution of some pollutants between the gas phase and particulate matter for Hi-Vol filtration.

## Experimental

Sampling. Sampling was performed with a Hi-Vol cascade impactor of Sierra Instruments Inc. (series 230), equipped with five stages and a back-up filter, mounted in a standard EPA shelter. The approximate equivalent aerodynamic cutoff diameters at 50% collection efficiency for a flow-rate of 40 scfm are given in Table I. The total air flow is led without splitting through a rotameter (ROTA, RNH G4 10 000, Germany) equipped with a photorelay system. Sampling is interrupted automatically when filter clogging or motor inefficiency reduces pumping speed by 5% for at least 4 min. The sampled air is released about 2 m away from the sampling

Particulate matter is collected on glass fiber filters (Whatmann, GF/A), preextracted with methanol and ben-

The location of the sampling stations and the prevailing wind direction during sampling are indicated in Figure 1. Other important sampling data are summarized in Table

To collect the suburban samples, the impactor was mounted on the roof of a university building, located in the residential area of Wilrijk, near Antwerp. There was no obstruction to free air circulation. Emission sources in the vicinity include a municipal incineration plant at 1 km and several industrial plants in the port region of Antwerp. Typically, 10 000 m<sup>3</sup> was sampled for about 1 week, resulting in the collection of about 100 mg of particulate matter on each stage. The back-up filter was changed every 3 days (loading up to 200 mg).

The rural samples were obtained at the meteorological station in Botrange at an altitude of 690 m above sea level. Air circulation in the southwest direction may have been hindered by the forest. A road (medium traffic density) was 20 m away. Important industrial activity is found at 40 km (Aachen).

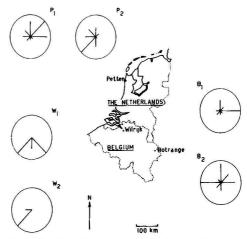


Figure 1. Sampling stations and main wind directions during the periods of sampling

Sampling of 30 000 m<sup>3</sup> of air was performed in about 1 month, during which the same filters remained on each stage. The back-up filter was changed every week.

The seashore samples were taken at the Energy Research Center in Petten (North-Netherlands). The sampling unit was placed on a dune hill, 100 m away from the sea. There were no important obstructions to the air stream. Sampling periods and frequency of filter changes were as for the Botrange samples. During the second sampling period, the dominant wind direction was from the seaside and the collected aerosol will be representative of marine influences.

Chemical Analysis. The filters were weighed up to 0.1 mg after equilibration and extracted in a Soxhlet apparatus during 8 h with benzene ("zur Rückstandsanalyse", Merck) and methanol (p.a., Merck) consecutively. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at low temperature, the residue of the combined extracts was redissolved in redistilled diethyl ether (p.a., Merck). The inorganic substances, previously extracted with methanol, were removed by washing with water. The water layer was discarded. The acidic compounds were methylated by addition of an excess of diazomethane in ether. A solution of two internal standards (methyl octadecanoate- $d_3$ , isotopic purity 99%, and pyrene- $d_9$ , isotopic purity 98%) in benzene was added just before GC-MS analysis. The extract was finally concentrated to about 1 mL, of which 1 to 3 μL was injected into the GC-MS.

Analyses were carried out on a Finnigan 3100 GC-MS quadrupole type instrument, coupled to a Finnigan 6100 D

**Table II. Volumetric and Gravimetric Data** 

			TSP					
sample code	sampling period	vol, m <sup>3</sup>	concn, μg m <sup>-3</sup>	MMED	σg			
suburban samples								
W <sub>1</sub>	March 8-15, 1977	11 362	72.1	1.4	5.4			
W <sub>2</sub>	July 21-28, 1977	11 556	44.4	1.3	6.2			
$W_3$	Dec 22-30, 1976	11 242	104.1	1.0	4.4			
rural samples								
B <sub>1</sub>	May 9-June 12, 1977	32 641	34.3	0.7	5.5			
$B_2$	June 12-July 9, 1977	38 979	43.8	1.2	3.5			
seashore samples								
P <sub>1</sub>	July 29-Aug 22, 1977	29 751	41.1	1.4	10.0			
P <sub>2</sub>	Aug 22-Sept 16, 1977	33 450	34.3	2.9	6.3			

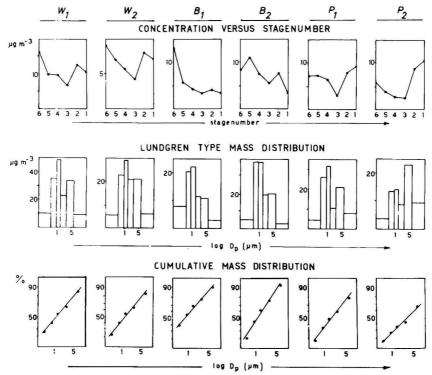


Figure 2. Summary of the TSP distributions: concentration vs. stage number, Lundgren type mass plots, and cumulative mass distributions

data system. The GC column of 3 m length was packed with 3% Dexsil 300 GC on Gas-Chrom Q. The mixture was eluted using temperature programming from 130 to 285 °C at 4 °C min $^{-1}$ . The elution took about 45 min. For reasons of sensitivity and accuracy, the samples were run in multiple ion detection mode (MID). The selective ions focused were m/e 87 for the acids, m/e 99 for the aliphatic hydrocarbons, and the molecular ions for the PAH and N-containing aromatic hydrocarbons.

After modification of the data system, the set of alternatively focused ions can be changed very quickly at moments chosen by the operator during the actual elution (4). In this way, all 60 compounds can be monitored during the same GC run.

Determinations are based on calibration curves, reconstructed daily from three standards and going through the origin. The precision of the method is about 5–10%, and the detection limit reaches 10 pg (absolute amount injected, 11).

#### Results and Discussion

The major goal of this study was to evaluate if significant differences in particle size distributions of organic pollutants could be found between urban and rural sampling locations in a highly industrialized and populated country.

Several suburban samples taken before during a 1-year study showed only little variation in particle size distributions of individual pollutants (4). The dilution of the aerosol in the rural and seashore region requires sampling periods of about 1 month instead of 1 week for the suburb. Therefore, in each background station only two samples could be taken successively during the summer, and a problem of statistical foundation of the interpretation of the results remains.

A point of interest is the collection efficiency of the sampling unit. Quantitative recovery of the particles (especially  $>5~\mu m$ ) can be affected by the geometry of the instrument and shelter or the ratio of wind velocity to sampling rate as pointed out by Fuchs (12). However, discrimination of large particles seems to be less important in turbulent air, encountered in ambient sampling (13). Furthermore, most organic pollutants in ambient air samples are found in the lower particle size range ( $<3~\mu m$ ) and can be assumed to be less influenced by such effects. We checked the consistency of the impactor results with samples taken by Hi-Vol filtration according to Dams and Heindryckx (14). In most cases, the individual pollutant concentrations for the impactor samples agreed within 20% with the Hi-Vol filtration results (9).

It is necessary to discuss the particle size distributions in three different ways:

- 1. Concentration vs. Stage Number. This is the most straightforward way in which distributions are directly derived from the analysis. All particles with aerodynamic diameters within the range of a given stage are considered collectively, and the characteristic distribution patterns depend on the cut-off diameters of the stages.
- 2. Cumulative Mass Distribution. Here the fraction of a pollutant present on particles below a given diameter is calculated. The mean mass equivalent diameter (MMED) and the geometric standard deviation ( $\sigma_g$ ) define the median and the width of the distribution. The determination of the respirable ( $<3 \, \mu m$ , 15) and the submicron fraction provides an excellent means to summarize quantitatively a large amount of particle size distribution data.
- 3. Lundgren Type Mass Distribution. By differentiation of the cumulative mass distribution, a nearly Gaussian-shaped profile is obtained (16). The limited number of fractions col-

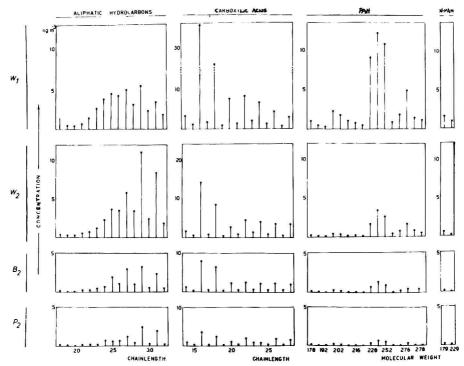


Figure 3. Total concentration vs. molecular weight or chain length for the aliphatic hydrocarbons, carboxylic acids, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and N-containing aromatics (see also Table III for the molecular weights of the PAHs)

lected by a Hi-Vol impactor and the assumptions made for the upper and the lower limits of the collected particle size range (conversion of data involves cut-off diameters of each stage) reduce the sensitivity of this method for the detection of particle size distribution shifts.

In the discussion we will treat consecutively: (A) the distribution of the total suspended particulates (TSP); (B) the relative composition of the aerosol with respect to the 60 organic pollutants; (C) the particle size distributions for the individual pollutants including concentration vs. stage number, cumulative, and Lundgren type distributions.

(A) Distribution of the Total Suspended Particulates (TSP). As seen from Table II, during summer the TSP concentration reaches similar values in the background stations as in the suburb, but is lower than in the suburb during other seasons. The apparent agreement between different sampling stations can be partially due to the long sampling periods that will filter out short-term variations.

In contrast, TSP is found to be distributed differently in the three stations. For all suburban samples, a maximum is found in the submicron range and TSP concentrations decrease continuously from stages 6 to 3. This is illustrated in Figure 2.

In the rural region, the distribution tends to flatten. At the seashore, particles of greater size contribute most by weight to the total TSP concentration. Since the apparatus was placed on a dune hill, the collection of fine sand raised by wind may have been important.

The Lundgren type mass plots give the concentration for an infinitely small interval of particle diameters. Figure 2 also illustrates the particle size distribution shifts between the suburban and other samples. In the suburb, the maximum is reached between 1 and 1.5 µm. For the rural region, the distribution broadens with a less localized maximum between 0.5 and  $1.5 \mu m$ . At the seashore, a maximum concentration is found between 3 and 7 µm. However, the value for fraction 1 (>7 μm) directly depends on the assumed upper cut-off diameter of the sampler (16).

Compared to the suburban aerosol, the rural samples show a depletion of the particle size range below 0.5 µm and an enhancement of the contribution from somewhat larger particles (1-1.5  $\mu$ m). Since dust retention in the human respiratory tract drops near the upper end of the particle size range (>3  $\mu$ m) as well as below 0.5  $\mu$ m, a more important fraction of the rural aerosol is deposited than of the suburban particles. Near the sea, the depletion of the submicron range is compensated by the contribution from particles of 3 µm or larger, and therefore the risk for sedimentation is greatly reduced.

(B) Relative Composition of the Aerosol and Total Pollutant Concentrations. The total concentrations for each class of pollutants are plotted vs. molecular weight in Figure 3.

The aliphatic hydrocarbons follow a characteristic alternating pattern with lower concentration levels for the even homologues than for the uneven ones with similar chain length. All samples show a maximum of the distribution at n-nonacosane.

During summer, the concentration difference between homologues with even and uneven chain length is enhanced in the suburb with respect to the other seasons and this tendency becomes even more important at the background stations.

Volatilization from collected material during sampling can be expected for the more volatile organic compounds such as the aliphatic hydrocarbons, the low molecular weight PAH, and carboxylic acids (10).

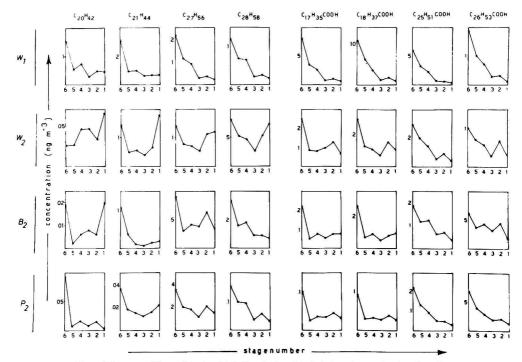


Figure 4. Summary of the particle size distributions for the aliphatic hydrocarbons and carboxytic acids

The alternation of the aliphatic hydrocarbons is explained tentatively by assuming selective volatilization of the even n-alkanes compared to the uneven ones, as discussed in an earlier paper (9). However, it seems that desorption of the even aliphatic hydrocarbons could occur not only from collected material during sampling but also during transport of the aerosol in the atmosphere ("aerodynamic elution", 7). Furthermore, during the formation process of the aerosol, the uneven homologues could also adsorb preferentially to the particles from the gas phase.

As seen in Figure 3, the concentration of the aliphatic hydrocarbons, summed over all stages, showed variations within a factor 2 in the suburb, but these pollutants were up to 5 times more diluted at the background stations.

The carboxylic acids with an even number of carbon atoms are found in higher concentrations than those with uneven chain length, but this alternation is probably related to their sources rather than to preferential losses or condensation. Major components in this class are palmitic and stearic acid. The distribution of the higher even acids reaches a maximum for docosanoic acid. During summer, the distribution becomes more flat with higher levels for the high molecular weight acids (C20-C28) compared to the lower homologues. The excess of palmitic and stearic acid decreases drastically at the coastal station

Surprisingly, the total concentrations of the carboxylic acids with even carbon number agree within a relatively narrow range for all samples (factor of 2 or less).

The relative abundance of the different PAHs is remarkably constant in all samples. However, the concentrations of the individual analogues (see Figure 3) vary significantly in different locations. Suburban PAH concentrations for the summer increase 5-fold during spring and autumn, and even 25-fold during the winter. In nonurban environments, a fiveto tenfold further dilution is observed.

(C) Size Distributions of the Individual Pollutants. In previous experiments, the particle size distributions of organic pollutants in the suburb were revealed to be characteristic, with only minor seasonal variations. Deviations could be related to the origin and history of the aerosol, e.g., the enrichment of submicron particles in PAH by combustion processes for domestic heating during the winter.

In the comparison between suburban and background samples, a major interest lies in the effect of increasing distance between the sampling station and the emission sources. The aerosol can undergo not only simple dilution, conserving its original composition, but the longer residence time in the atmosphere will also allow an aging process including several physical and chemical transformations (coagulation, chemical reactions). However, from the particle size distribution of a given pollutant the nature of such transformation cannot be defined. Since most organic pollutants are adsorbed on the smallest particles by condensation, a depletion in the submicron fraction can be due both to particle growth and to gas-particle reactions.

1. Concentration vs. Stage Number. In Figure 4 some typical particle size distributions are given for aliphatic hydrocarbons and carboxylic acids in the different samples.

With the exception of the summer sample, the distributions of the n-alkanes in all suburban samples are quite similar: decreasing concentrations on larger particles and increasing ratio of the concentration in fraction 6 ( $<0.5 \mu m$ ) to that in 1 (>7  $\mu$ m) with chain length. In the summer sample, however, the lower homologues (C<sub>18</sub>-C<sub>21</sub>) are about equally distributed over all fractions, while the higher homologues ( $C_{22}$  and higher) follow the usual patterns, but with higher concentrations for fractions 1 and 2 (>3  $\mu$ m).

In the rural and coast summer samples, the same tendency is observed: the lower homologues (up to C22) reach a nearly constant level in fractions 1 to 5 (>0.5  $\mu$ m) and twice or higher concentrations for fraction 6. The distribution shapes of the higher homologues are again comparable to those of the suburban nonsummer samples.

Since volatilization artifacts are related to the sampled volume, the observed differences can be explained by these effects. For the lower homologues, more important losses could be expected for stages 1-5 than for the back-up filter, the latter being renewed more frequently.

For the carboxylic acids, the distribution patterns are found to be highly reproducible in all samples: there are no significant seasonal variations in the suburb and no important differences between this station and the background ones. The small range of total concentrations and the identical distributions seem to indicate that the major source of these compounds in ambient aerosols is not combustion processes and that other mechanisms, probably involving natural sources, are important.

The PAH distributions are less conforming but can be classified according to a number of typical profiles. The main differences between the various types are the relative abundances of the submicron fraction compared to the others. These distributions are illustrated in Figure 5. In Table III, the PAHs and their corresponding distribution types are listed.

The suburban winter sample shows a conversion of the distributions to types with a more dominant submicron fraction. During the summer, the reverse tendency is observed: most PAHs follow distributions with a smaller contribution in the submicron range. Only the high molecular weight PAHs yield significant concentrations in the submicron fraction.

In the background stations, a similar behavior is observed: PAH concentration maxima in the aged aerosol at the background areas shift from the submicron particles to the micron range.

It was also observed in the suburban samples that the more volatile PAHs followed preferentially a distribution type with less important contributions in the submicron range: volatilization losses could deplete preferentially these fractions. Since stage 5 collects the particles with the smallest aerodynamic diameter (the back-up filter being renewed frequently), the minimum of the distribution on that stage could be partially due to volatilization. Nevertheless, it is not obvious that the particle density and shape, the two quantities that correlate geometric diameters, are the same throughout the whole

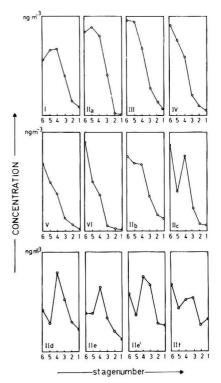


Figure 5. Typical size distributions for the PAHs

size range, and a tentative explanation for a blow-off artifact, based on the active surface of a fraction, could be erroneous.

2. Cumulative Mass Distribution. In the suburb, most organic pollutants are predominantly found on particles with aerodynamic diameters less than 3 µm, i.e., the respirable fraction. Although this gives important information about the health hazards involved, it is not a sensitive parameter for the characterization of particle size distribution shifts. Other in-

Table III. Distribution Type	es of the PAH	ls						
	mol wt	W <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>2</sub>	W <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>
phenanthrene + anthracene	178			H	$II_{b,c}$	ll <sub>e</sub> ′	ll <sub>d</sub>	IIc
methylphenanthrene	192	$II_c$	II <sub>b.c</sub>	VI	II <sub>c</sub>	$II_{d,e'}$	$II_{c,d}$	II <sub>c</sub>
methylanthracene	192	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>f</sub>	VI	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>	IId	II <sub>c</sub>
fluoranthene	202	IIb	II <sub>c</sub>	IV	II <sub>c</sub>	$II_{d,e'}$	IId	IId
pyrene	202	II <sub>b</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>	IV	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>d,e</sub>	IId	II <sub>d</sub>
benzo[a]fluorene	216	1	ll <sub>e</sub> '	IV	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>d</sub>	$II_{e'}$	II <sub>c</sub>
benzo[c]fluorene	216	1	$II_{c,e'}$	IV	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>d</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>
methylpyrene	216	1	II <sub>f</sub>	IIb	II <sub>b.c</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>	IIc	VII
benzo[a]anthracene								
+ chrysene	228	IIa	IIb	VI	IIa	$II_{c,d}$	II <sub>e</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>
benzo $[b+k]$ fluoranthenes	252	III	V	VI	IIa	II <sub>c</sub>	1	Hc
benzo[a + e]pyrenes	252	lla	lla	VI	lla	II <sub>c,d</sub>	1	II <sub>c</sub>
perylene	252	1	II <sub>a</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>	II <sub>a</sub>	II <sub>c</sub>		II <sub>c</sub>
o-phenylenepyrene	276		iV	II <sub>c</sub>	lla	ll <sub>a</sub>		
benzo[ghi]perylene	276	VI		VI	II <sub>a</sub>			II <sub>b.c</sub>
dibenzanthracenes	278	V	IV	VI	II <sub>a</sub>			VI
picene	278	V	IV, V	VI	111	V		V

**Table IV. Cumulative Mass Distribution Data** 

			W <sub>1</sub>		W <sub>2</sub>							
			(%) below	,					%) belov ım	,		
	3	1.5	1	0.5	MMED	$\sigma_{\mathbf{g}}$	3	1.5	1	0.5	MMED	$\sigma_{\mathbf{g}}$
aliphatic hydrocarbons									-			
n-heneicosane	83	70	61	50	0.6	5.6	56	46	38	27	1.9	
n-docosane	85	74	66	55	0.5	5.8	40	31	25	18	5.8	
n-tricosane	89	80	68	51	0.6	3.5	48	37	32	22	3.5	
n-tetracosane	91	84	73	54	0.5	2.8	56	46	40	31	1.9	
n-pentacosane	90	83	71	53	0.6	3.0	68	57	48	31	1.1	1.3
n-octacosane	88	80	65	44	0.7	2.9	66	54	42	24	1.3	9.2
n-nonacosane	87	79	66	48	0.6	3.4	55	39	30	17	2.4	5.0
n-triacontane	84	74	59	38	8.0	3.7	59	47	38	22	1.7	
n-hentriacontane	87	78	65	46	0.7	3.6	53	34	24	14	2.7	4.1
n-dotriacontane	79	69	53	31	1.0	4.6	60	42	31	16	2.0	
carboxylic acids												
palmitic acid	93	87	76	46	0.5	2.4	59	48	42	32	1.7	5.0
heptadecanoic acid	91	84	74	55	0.5	2.8	75	60	50	34	1.0	5.1
stearic acid	91	83	73	47	0.5	3.0	75	60	51	35	1.0	5.4
nonadecanoic acid	95	87	76	47	0.5	2.4	86	75	65	42	0.6	4.2
eicosanoic acid	95	89	80	50	0.5	2.5	78	64	54	37	0.9	5.1
tetracosanoic acid	93	88	76	48	0.5	2.5	79	67	56	34	0.8	4.9
pentacosanoic acid	94	88	76	47	0.5	2.5	87	77	64	37	0.7	3.4
hexacosanoic acid	92	84	72	46	0.5	2.9	78	66	53	31	0.9	4.7
heptacosanoic acid	92	85	74	44	0.6	2.6	86	75	63	38	0.7	3.8
octacosanoic acid	90	80	68	40	0.6	3.1	72	54	44	25	1.2	4.5
PAHs												
phenanthrene + anthracene	80	64	47	24	1.1	3.6	78	58	45	24	1.2	3.4
fluoranthene	90	78	60	29	0.8	2.5	87	68	53	28	0.9	2.9
benzo[a]anthracene + chrysene	95	86	67	31	0.7	1.9	92	78	54	30	8.0	2.2
benzo $[b+k]$ - fluoranthenes	96	86	70	42	0.7	2.1	94	79	61	35	0.7	2.6
benzo $[a + e]$ pyrenes	96	85	68	41	0.7	2.0	92	78	64	31	0.8	2.4
o-phenylenepyrene							86	74	60	34	0.8	3.4
dibenzanthracenes	88	76	59	28	0.8	2.8	60	46	34	18	1.9	5.0

teresting features are the MMED and  $\sigma_g$  because these yield information about the formation process of the aerosol. If a pollutant adsorbs to the particles during emission, the MMED of that compound remains below the MMED of the TSP distribution (17).

In Table IV we listed for some selected pollutants in each class the fractions below 3, 1.5, and 0.5  $\mu$ m and the graphically derived MMED and  $\sigma_g$ . The following conclusions can be drawn:

- · The respirable fraction in the suburban samples contains about 85-90% of the aliphatic hydrocarbons, 80-95% of the carboxylic acids, and 90-95% of most PAHs. During the year, these values are reasonably constant except for the summer sample where the percentage lowers significantly to 50-70% for the aliphatic hydrocarbons, 60-85% for the carboxylic acids, and 75-90% for the PAHs. In winter, the PAHs are more abundant in the respirable fraction.
- In the rural and coast samples, 70–85% of the aliphatic hydrocarbons and acids and 80-90% of the PAHs are found on respirable particles. These values are within the range observed for the suburban samples and even exceed the summer suburban values.
- · The comparison of the corresponding size fractions in the suburban and background samples shows a slight depletion for all fractions in the background areas, but, in particular, the fraction between 0.5 and 1 µm is affected. The decreased contribution of this stage is compensated to some extent by

an increase in the next stage (1-1.5 µm), indicating particle growth processes.

- The comparison of the suburban summer sample with those taken during other seasons shows that for most pollutants a smaller fraction is found on respirable particles. There is no clear depletion/enrichment of a few stages, but all stages collecting particles below 3 µm contribute partly to the reduction of the respirable fraction. This could be due to volatilization artifacts during sampling at more elevated temperatures, but, in contrast, the background samples show evidence for a depletion/enrichment on some stages, although the particles are collected from an even larger air volume.
- The MMEDs of most pollutants are below 1  $\mu$ m in the suburb. During the summer, increased MMEDs are observed for the aliphatic hydrocarbons. This can be related to elution both during transport and during collection, as well as to condensation onto more aged and full-grown particles.
- The geometric standard deviation ( $\sigma_g$ ) remains remarkably constant for the PAH and the MMEDs vary only slightly and regularly. This indicates a common generating process and only minor variations in the particle size distribution during transport for the PAHs.
- · For most pollutants, the MMEDs of the individual pollutants are considerably lower than those of the TSP. This is typical for condensation type aerosols: during emission, pollutants adsorb from the gas phase preferentially to the small particles.

			B <sub>2</sub>					P	2		
	fraction	(%) below μm					fraction (	%) below m			
3	1.5	1	0.5	MMED	$\sigma_{g}$	3	1.5	1	0.5	MMED	$\sigma_{g}$
84	78	74	58	0.4	8.9	70	59	48	31	1.0	8.5
79	73	66	54	0.4	15.0	82	71	64	51	0.5	7.4
69	58	50	38	1.0	10.2	83	72	64	49	0.5	6.5
87	82	76	63	0.3	7.1	85	75	68	54	0.4	7.0
74	58	48	32	1.1	5.1	80	63	51	32	1.0	2.9
83	71	58	41	0.8	4.2	83	67	56	37	0.8	4.1
62	45	35	22	1.9	3.5	62	48	40	27	1.7	6.6
77	64	49	27	1.0	4.7	83	70	61	44	0.7	4.8
66	38	29	17	2.4	2.8	72	57	48	32	1.1	5.6
75	60	42	22	1.2	4.2	82	67	52	26	0.9	3.7
66	56	49	38	1,1	7.0	65	53	45	36	1.3	4.9
73	60	52	38	0.9	7.1	74	58	48	32	1.1	5.0
74	62	55	42	8.0	8.7	75	61	53	38	0.9	6.1
80	70	59	40	0.7	6.1	84	72	63	46	0.6	4.3
73	58	48	32	1.1	5.1	84	70	60	40	1.0	3.3
77	62	50	30	1.0	4.3	84	74	60	33	8.0	3.7
84	71	56	32	0.9	3.7	87	78	65	40	0.7	9.9
77	59	47	28	1.1	4.0	83	72	60	38	0.7	4.5
84	70	56	33	8.0	3.7	83	74	62	39	0.7	4.6
73	54	42	24	1.3	3.9	80	69	58	36	0.8	5.2
75	51	36	16	1.5	3.0	80	68	49	24	1.1	3.7
76	54	39	19	1.4	3.9	82	64	46	20	1.1	3.1
85	70	54	26	0.9	3.2	87	72	57	30	0.9	2.9
91	80	63	28	0.8	2.3	92	80	64	34	0.7	2.4
89	77	58	26	0.9	2.2	91	78	64	35	0.7	2.5
89	78	59	26	8.0	2.5	94	81	66	36	0.7	2.4
69	49	34	17	1.6	3.4	91	76	61	32	0.8	2.7

3. Lundgren Type Mass Distributions. In Figure 6 a summary of typical Lundgren type mass distributions is given, allowing visualization of the discussed size distribution

In the suburban samples, the maximum of the distribution for most pollutants spreads over 2 fractions between 0.5 and 1.5 µm. In the background stations, this changes into a distribution with a maximum for stage 4 and much less on stage 5, consistent with the shift of the fraction 0.5-1 to 1-1.5  $\mu$ m as discussed earlier.

Between the suburban and background samples only little variations of the MMED are observed, in contrast to the clear shifts from fraction 0.5-1 to 1-1.5  $\mu m$ . This is due to the fact that in the suburb the MMED of somewhat less than 1 µm lies about in the middle of fraction 5, and in the background stations, there is a transfer from fraction 5 to 4. Thus, half of the total mass will be found here at somewhat higher particle diameters, whereas this shift also implies an increased distribution width (increased  $\sigma_g$ ).

The minor variations in  $\sigma_g$  for the suburban samples throughout the year can be understood with the aid of these figures. The width of the distribution is defined as the ratio of the diameter below which 84%  $(r_{84})$  and 50%  $(r_{50})$  or MMED) is found. The suburban distributions always show a very similar pattern of relative abundances for the respirable fractions ( $<3 \mu m$ ) and the  $r_{84}$  lies in the range of stage 3. Most differences over the year only affect the relative abundances of stage 6 vs. stage 5, and thus cause only minor changes within the shape of the Lundgren distribution (both fractions collect particles in a wide particle size range and the measured concentrations are divided by a relatively important factor). The  $r_{84}$  remains essentially constant and the MMED changes only

In the background stations,  $\sigma_{\nu}$  values increase, since the distributions are centered in only one fraction and drop more slowly with increasing particle size than for the suburban samples. This broadening of the distribution in the background areas, as seen in Figure 6, will be reflected in the  $\sigma_y$ values

#### Conclusions

In order to fully characterize the differences in aerosol composition between suburban and background samples in a densely industrialized and populated country, it was necessary to supplement pollutant concentration data with size distribution measurements.

Although similar total suspended particulate concentrations (TSP) were found for the suburban and rural stations during the summer, a first indication for a size distribution shift toward higher aerodynamic diameters was detected in the TSP data of size-resolved samples. At the rural station (Botrange), the TSP distribution shifts toward larger particles. Near the seashore, an additional contribution of the fraction 3–7  $\mu$ m to the total TSP concentration was found, due

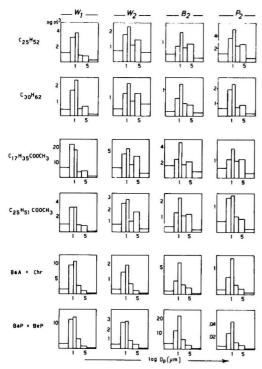


Figure 6. Summary of Lundgren type mass plots for individual compounds

# to sand.

The total concentrations of individual pollutants showed the typical alternating pattern for the n-alkanes, probably related to selective volatilization of the even homologues during aerodynamic elution or blow-off from the filter substrate during sampling. Polyaromatic hydrocarbon levels show the well-known seasonal variations in the suburban samples and a further five- to tenfold dilution in the background stations.

To study the size distributions of individual pollutants, three different representations were used: concentration vs. stage number (raw data), cumulative mass distribution, and Lundgren type mass plots. Since each of these graphs has its specific sources of error, conclusions should be based on an integrated interpretation of all these data.

Compared to the suburban site, the background samples

showed a depletion for all measured pollutants, in particular in the fraction between 0.5 and 1 µm, which is compensated to some extent by an increase on the next stage (1–1.5  $\mu$ m). For the compounds with higher vapor pressure, volatilization from the smallest particles could account for a depletion in the submicron fractions. However, a similar distribution shift is also observed for the organic pollutants with negligible vapor pressure such as the higher molecular weight PAHs and carboxylic acids. It is believed that these size distribution shifts are the result of a particle growth process occurring with aging of the aerosol in relatively unpolluted background areas. For most pollutants the MMEDs are considerably lower than those for the TSP, as expected for a condensation aerosol. Also, the Lundgren plots, although less sensitive to variations in particle size distributions involving stages 5 and 6 ( $<1 \mu m$ ), support the observation of a shifted distribution.

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# Multielement Analysis of Municipal Sewage Sludge Ashes. Absorption of Elements by Cabbage Grown in Sludge Ash-Soil Mixture

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■ An analytical survey of 42 elements and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) was conducted on municipal sewage sludge ashes from 10 American cities. The concentrations of specific elements in the ashes varied widely. Calcium and iron content reflected the addition of lime and ferric chloride during sewage treatment. Elements such as cadmium, mercury, nitrogen, and selenium were low probably because of volatilization losses during incineration. PCBs were not detected in the ash samples. Although the total content of nickel and zinc in the ashes was high, absorption of these elements by cabbage grown on ash-amended soil was surprisingly low, possibly due to their presence in the ashes as insoluble compounds formed during incineration.

The annual production of sewage sludge in the United States presently is in the range of 5 million tons (1). Methods of disposal have included discarding in landfills, ocean dumping, incineration, and more recently its use as a soil amendment in horticulture and agriculture. There is much concern presently about elevated concentrations of Cd, Ni, Zn, Cu, Pb, Cr, and other elements in sludges resulting from industrial activities and their possible absorption by crops grown on sludge-amended soils. This area of research has been reviewed (1, 2).

Disposal of municipal sludges by incineration produces an odorless, sterile ash comprising from about 30 to 60% of the weight of the original sludge on a dry basis (3). Proper disposition of sludge ash thus constitutes an appreciable portion of the nation's total solid waste disposal problem. Farrell and Salotto (4) reported the content of 23 elements in sludge ashes from three small American cities, but extensive data have not been published on the elemental composition of municipal sludge ashes or the extent of absorption of elements by crops grown on sludge ash amended soil mixtures. In the work reported, 42 elements and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were determined in sludge ashes from 10 American cities. Cabbage was then grown in the greenhouse in potted soil amended with these sludge ashes, and the extent of specific elemental absorption by the plants was compared with the total content of the respective elements in the various ashes.

## Experimental

In 1976 a description of our proposed study was sent to 16 cities with a request that they participate and return a representative sample of their sludge ash to us for analysis. The cities that responded and the data they provided pertaining to their sludge incineration process are given in Table I. The process may typically include addition of ferric chloride or aluminum sulfate to precipitate phosphates and the addition of polymer as a settling agent for the suspended solids and phosphate floc during primary sedimentation. Addition of lime may also be used to precipitate heavy metals and other solids. The resulting solids are largely dewatered by use of a centrifuge or vacuum filtration. The solids may then be fed into the top of the incinerator where they are further dried, incinerated, and cooled as they progress toward the bottom where the ash collects and is removed by trucking or sluicing. Exhaust scrubbers remove the fly ash, which may then be conveyed back and added (as a filtering aid) to incoming sewage prior to its primary sedimentation. In some cities the sludge that is incinerated is a mixture of dewatered primary and excess activated sludge.

The sludge ashes received were air dried, pulverized in a hammermill containing a 3-mm sieve, mixed by tumbling, and subsampled for analysis. A study was also made to determine if a crop grown on sludge ash amended soil would absorb elements in proportion to their concentration in the ash. The soil used was a Darian gravelly silt loam (fine loamy, mixed, mesic aeric ochraqualfs), pH 5.5, and with a determined cation exchange capacity of 20.8 mequiv/100 g. The soil was air-dried, sifted through a 2-mm screen, and thoroughly mixed. Five percent w/w of the various sludge ashes was mixed with portions of the soil using a cement mixer [or 111.2 metric tons/ha (50 tons/acre)]. For each sewage treatment plant, 7 kg of the respective sludge ash-soil mixture was used to fill each of three 7.6-L plastic pots. The pots were 21 cm i.d. and contained drain holes. Soil alone was used for growth of the control crop. Appropriate quantities of sulfur were mixed with the various sludge ash-soil mixtures so their resultant pH ranged from 5.2 to 5.7. The crop grown was "Golden Acre" cabbage (Brassica oleracea var. capitata). Cabbage was the crop chosen, since it has been found to be quite resistant to possible phytotoxic constituents in municipal sludge, yet actively absorbs heavy metals (5). One cabbage plant was grown to maturity in the greenhouse in each of four pots representing a given sewage treatment plant. The period of growth was from May to September. The plants were fertilized weekly with 1000 mL of a solution containing reagent grade KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.001 M) and KNO<sub>3</sub> (0.005 M) (6). All plants were watered daily, care being taken to avoid splashing soil on the aerial portions of the plants.

At maturity the cabbage was harvested with only the edible leaf head portion taken for analysis. Prior to analysis the leaves were rinsed with distilled water to remove adhering dust. The respective replicated cabbage heads grown on sludge ash from a particular treatment plant were combined and subdivided in a food cutter. The plant material was mixed, freeze dried, milled to a powder, again mixed, and subsampled for analysis.

The ash and crop samples were analyzed for 32 elements using nondestructive neutron activation analysis as previously described (3). Arsenic was distilled as arsine and determined spectrophotometrically using the silver diethyldithiocarbamate procedure (7, 8). Boron was determined by the curcumin colorimetric procedure (9). Cadmium, lead, and zinc were determined by conventional stripping voltammetry (10).

Table I. Data Pertaining to Municipal Sewage Sludge Incinerator Ashes Studied

city	sewage treatment plant	ratio (%) industrial: domestic contribution	dewatering scheme	combustion unit	combustion temp, °C	feed rate, tons/ h <sup>a</sup>	additives	ultimate ash disposal method
Dunkirk, N.Y.	Dunkirk Wastewater Treatment Plant	60:40	vacuum filtration	multiple (5) hearth	870	3	ferric chloride, lime	landfill
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids Waste- water Treatment Plant	30:70	vacuum filtration	multiple (7) hearth	up to 980	4	ferric chloride, lime	landfill
Greensboro, N.C.	North Buffalo Sewage Treatment Plant	30:70	vacuum filtration	multiple (5) hearth	870	2.5	polymer	landfill
Hilton, N.Y.	Northwest Quadrant Treatment Plant	2:98	vacuum filtration	multiple (6) hearth	775–870	4	aluminum sulfate	landfill
Indianapolis, Ind.	Dept. of Public Works	70:30	vacuum filtration	multiple (8) hearth	800-1000	5	dry sludge ash	landfill
Kalamazoo, Mich.	City of Kalamazoo Treatment Plant	50:50	vacuum filtration	multiple (7) hearth	775	7	none	landfill
Lorton, Va.	Lower Potomac Treatment Plant	10:90	vacuum filtration	multiple (6) hearth	775–870	5	ferric chloride, lime	landfill
Naugatuck, Conn.	Borough Naugatuck Wastewater Treatment Plant	50:50	vacuum filtration	multiple (7) hearth	775–870	6	ferric chloride, lime, alum- inum sulfate, polymer	landfill
Saginaw, Mich.	Saginaw Wastewater Treatment Plant	heavily industrial	vacuum filtration	multiple (6) hearth	870-925	5	ferric chloride, lime	landfill
Youngstown, Ohio	Youngstown Waste- water Treatment Plant	25:79	vacuum filtration	multiple (7) hearth	800	6	ferric chloride, lime	landfill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Moist sludge cake.

Mercury was measured by flameless atomic absorption analysis (11). Nickel was analyzed by the furnace atomic absorption method. Phosphorus was measured by the molybdivanadophosphoric acid spectrophotometric procedure (12). Selenium was measured by the fluorometric method of Olson (13). Nitrogen was assayed by the Kjeldahl method. The determination of pH was done by the method of Peech et al. (14).  $\gamma$  emission was measured with a Packard  $\gamma$  scintillation spectrometer equipped with a Model 9012 multichannel analyzer. Total γ radiation in the range of 5-505 keV was integrated and recorded for 10 g of each sample over a period of 1000 s. Relatively little  $\gamma$  radiation was recorded above 505 keV. Analytical precision in repetitive counting of duplicates of the same sample was within ±2%. PCBs were sought as Aroclor 1254 using electron-capture gas chromatography to analyze the supernatant solutions obtained from vigorously shaking 5 g of each ash sample with 25 mL of toluene for 2 h. A Tracor 220 gas chromatograph equipped with a 63Ni detector and a glass column (180 cm × 4 mm i.d.) packed with 3% OV-17 on 100/120 mesh Gas-Chrom Q was used for these analyses. Flow rate through the column was 60 cm3/min nitrogen and the column temperature was 185 °C. Detector and injector temperatures were 310 and 230 °C, respectively. Results were confirmed for selected ash samples using negative ion electron-capture chemical ionization mass spectrometry. Negative ions were formed by electron capture in a chemical ion source using methane as the reagent gas (15). These negative ions were detected using a modification of a conversion dynode system previously described (16).

#### Results and Discussion

The results of analysis of the sludge ashes are given in Table II. The concentrations of specific elements may vary widely depending on their concentration in the initial wastewater, those added during sewage treatment (aluminum, calcium, and iron), and losses during incineration. The calcium and iron contents of the ashes were reflective of the use of lime and ferric chloride in the treatment process (see Table I). Elements such as bromine, chlorine, cadmium, mercury, nitrogen, and selenium were probably lost by vaporization during incineration. Other elements such as barium, chromium, copper, and lead can be lost in small amounts as constituents of particulates in the stack gases (4, 17).

In an analytical survey of sludges from American cities conducted earlier (3), PCBs were detected in nearly all samples. No evidence was found for the presence of PCBs in the sludge ashes in this study. Farrell and Salotto (4) also found PCBs and chlorinated pesticides to be absent in ashes resulting from sludge incineration. As they point out, however, the absence of PCBs may not result entirely from thermal decomposition but also as volatilized condensates on escaping particulates. Others have shown the thermal decomposition of PCBs at elevated temperatures (18, 19).

The concentrations of selected toxic and nutrient elements in the cabbage are given in Table III. The errors in these elemental analyses were within ±10%. Whereas elements such as arsenic and lead tend to be excluded by plants, others such as nickel and zinc should expectedly have been absorbed to a much greater extent by the cabbage in the pH range (5.2 to 5.7) of the soil-sludge ash mixture based on the total nickel and zinc contents of the sludge ashes. It is possible that the formation of refractory, insoluble compounds of these elements occurred in the ash during incineration which reduced their equilibrium concentration in the soil solution and, therefore, availability for plant root absorption. Interestingly, elements such as iron, manganese, and lead were higher in the control cabbage than in any grown in the various sludge ashes. It is possible that a portion of these elements present natively in the soil was fixed in unavailable form by the sludge ash and this was reflected by a lower concentration in the cabbages. These observations could be important when considering sludge ash disposal in landfills where rainfall percolating through the landfill may dissolve heavy metals, which may ultimately reach water supplies. Also, the decomposition of

Table II. Element Concentration, pH, and Radioactivity in Sludge Ashes Surveyed

parts per million (dry wt) in sludge ash from (see Table I)

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element	Dunkirk	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	Greensboro	Hilton	Indianapolis	Kalamazoo	Lorton	Naugatuck	Saginaw	Youngstown				
AI	11220	16 040	54 4 10	83 810	58 730	103 900	8815	36 820	24 190	45 590				
As	9.5	0.9	1.5	9.3	19	7.5	5.3	22	12	6.1				
Au	а			3.0	5.0	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.3	7.8				
В	48	56	17	40	17	8.4	61	17	40	38				
Ba	5 439	295	5401	1 035	2 087	1043	686	536	634	804				
Br	8.1	2.7	1.2	2.9	0.8	0.5	10	5.0	3.7	10				
Ca	274900	273 500	42 390	84970	102 800	29 800	337 400	203 400	173 900	142 500				
Cd	3.8	10.9	22	1.5	31	0.7	1.3	5.6	127	4.8				
Ce		77	403	36	160	117	132	73	46	71				
CI	14610	11 270	563	1 044	1050	954	29 2 10	6365	6212	6 587				
Co	69	8.2	18	9.2	45	16	14	15	16	18				
Cr	9 696	3 3 4 5	1949	411	4777	503	346	468	721	754				
Cs	0.4	1,1	1.0	1.3	0.3	1.7	0.2	1.7	1.7	2.5				
Cu	2 180	513	1 140	1 2 2 5	3 225	525	570	1990	570	485				
Dy	4.3	2.8	7.7	4.6	3.6	7.5	6.4	4.8	5.1	3.8				
Eu	0.4	0.2	0.5		1.7	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6				
Fe	91450	38 110	36 630	29 950	51 130	17 660	91720	50 430	57970	43 320				
Hf		1.1	4.7	5.5	5.6	3.0	28	2.6	2.7	4.7				
Hg	0.08	0.18	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04		0.12	0.04					
Κ.	4 080	2 29 1	8 0 3 7	10 480	12 110	4017	2317	4 4 1 0	8 199	4 799				
La	4.2	22	52	12	39	33	20	12	15	15				
Lu		D 50 MOVEMB	27797 75490030		0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1				
Mg	5 8 1 7	14 620	13 100	14 420	16 0 10	30 000	16 100	6 0 3 0	16 100	13 200				
Mn	739	555	756	1019	910	342	3 095	875	1 805	849				
Na	1473	1671	6 006	5 959	7 2 1 7	3940	846	2704	2713	2 185				
N	600	1 200	800	800	1000	600	1 000	800	800	800				
Ni	4 200	2660	350	89	680	55	40	700	209	480				
P	10 000	20 000	27 000	65 000	52 000	38 000	34 000	21000	21000	37 000				
Pb	120	277	559	248	1333	406	82	156	412	123				
Rb	7	5	13	31	73	34	18	44	41	23				
Sb	5.5	163	69	8.8	21	15	4.0	11	10	13				
Sc	0.9	8.0	4.9	2.2	4.3	6.6	13	2.0	2.5	2.7				
Se	0.2	0.2	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1				
Sm	4.5	6.0	14	10	19	24	9.8	10	10	8.i				
Sn	330	87	1 204	1 103	344	1892	302	1008	670	1 230				
Sr	1090	1 170	824	4 600	720	7313	1006		385	1690				
Ta	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.8	2.4	14	1.0	0.5	3.8				
Ti	1 265	2945	7 994	2 889	6814	32 900	5 230	1912	1354	1739				
٧	211	25	110	23	70	104	387	89	40	50				
W	194	16	9.2	4.2	163	33	18	48	28	190				
Yb	700	E 050			3.1	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.5					
Zn	700	5 050	740	400	1070	2 2 5 0	1040	8 000	3 700	1650				
pH radioact. <sup>b</sup>	9.8 3.9	10.3 9.1	9.1 6.8	8.4 8.2	8.2 15.6	6.9 11.8			8.6 6.6					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Absence of data was due to analytical interference which prevented analysis. <sup>b</sup> γ radiation (cpm/g) above background.

Table III. Concentrations of Selected Elements in Cabbage Cultured on Soil Amended with the Various Sludge **Ashes** 

element	control a	Dunkirk	<b>Grand Rapids</b>	Greensboro	Hilton	Indianapolis	Kalamazoo	Lorton	Naugatuck	Saginaw	Youngstown
As	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
Cd	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.2
Co	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.1	8.0	1.1
Cu	11.6	10.3	16.4	13.9	14.6	19.4	13.0	14.3	8.5	36.6	7.9
Fe	425	353	164	399	221	345	262	220	292	257	250
Mn	118	80	34	61	31	66	42	42	58	60	22
Ni	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	n.d.
Pb	1.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Zn	31	18	16	41	13	23	37	12	16	17	12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Soil with no sludge ash added. <sup>b</sup> Not detectable, i.e., less than 0.1 ppm.

PCBs and the loss of some volatile toxic elements during sludge incineration would serve to minimize contamination of leachates when the resulting ash is disposed in landfills.

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# Estimating Rate Constants for the Uptake and Clearance of Chemicals by Fish

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■ With the increased need for predicting the movement and distribution of chemicals in an aquatic environment, knowledge of the rate constants governing the uptake and clearance of chemicals in fish is required. In the absence of experimental data, a method is proposed for making reasonable estimations of these two rate constants based on the physiology of the fish and the properties of the chemical. The credibility of the proposal is demonstrated by comparing predicted rate constants with values measured in the laboratory.

Hazard assessment on a chemical is based on the premise that hazard is a function of both the toxicity of the agent and its expected exposure to living organisms. As part of the exposure investigation in an aquatic ecosystem, the rates of uptake and clearance of chemicals from fish (1, 2) are important elements. In addition, the kinetic parameters are useful to predict the patterns of bioconcentration in fish resulting from episodic exposure. Without this knowledge, a meaningful analysis is very difficult. Ideally, the rates should be generated from experimental data (3). However, there are many times when the experimental information is lacking, and a need still exists to make an evaluation of the accumulation pattern that can be expected in aquatic organisms. It is this situation that will be discussed in the present study. The proposed method is an extension of the work described by Norstrom et al. (4) on the bioenergetics of chemical uptake by fish and the work of Neely et al. (5) showing the relationship between the octanol-water partition coefficient and bioconcentration in fish.

By combining these two studies it will be demonstrated that it is possible to make a reasonable estimate of the rates at which chemicals move in and out of fish.

The Uptake Model

Norstrom et al. (4) developed an uptake model. Essentially this was based on Equation 1:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C_{\mathrm{f}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{EC_{\mathrm{w}}R_{e}}{F} \tag{1}$$

where E = efficiency of the chemical to transfer across the gillmembrane,  $C_f$ ,  $C_w$  = concentration of chemical in fish and water,  $R_v$  = volume of water flowing past the gills per unit time, and F = weight of fish.

This equation states that the rate of uptake of a chemical is equal to the efficiency with which the fish extracts the chemical from the volume of water flowing past the gill surface. The rate of uptake of a chemical is also given by Equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C_{\mathrm{f}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_{1}C_{\mathrm{w}} \tag{2}$$

where  $k_1$  = rate constant for the uptake of chemicals in units of mL g-1 h-1 (mL of water (g of fish)-1 h-1). Accordingly, if values for E and  $R_v$  can be estimated, it will be possible to

Ventilation Volumetric Rate  $R_v$ . This parameter is a function of the oxygen concentration in the water and the amount of oxygen required to maintain the respiration rate of the fish. It was found (4) that  $R_v$  is given by Equation 3:

$$R_v = \frac{Q}{E_{\rm ox}C_{\rm ox}} \tag{3}$$

where  $Q = \text{total energy metabolism of the fish (mL of O}_2 \, h^{-1})$ ,  $E_{\text{ox}}$  = efficiency of oxygen transfer across the gills (this is re-

Table I. Standard (S) and Active (A) Metabolic Rate Coefficients (α) in Units of Milliliters of O<sub>2</sub> Hours<sup>-1</sup> Gram<sup>-0.8</sup> for Various Species of Fish at Various Temperatures

	temp, °C												
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fish	S	A	s	A	S	A	S	A	S	A			
goldfish (Carassius auratus)	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.058	0.166	0.11	0.24	0.17	0.37			
yellow perch (Perca flavescens)	0.03	0.15	0.05	0.22	0.08	0.29	0.14	0.34	0.22	0.37			
Rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri)	0.07		0.14 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	(0.4– 0.53) <sup>a</sup>	0.21		0.28						
brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis)	0.14		0.20		0.32		0.39						
brown trout (Salmo trutta)	0.014	0.15	0.07	0.21	0.11	0.34	0.15	0.43	0.21	0.50			
lake trout (Salvelinus namaycush)			0.03	0.22	0.08	0.33	0.10	0.33	0.14	0.28			

a Data taken from Mayer et al. (8). Standard metabolism was determined at 11.9 °C. Active metabolism was measured at 9.6 °C. The range was based on the extent of water reuse, the greater the reuse the smaller the coefficient.

lated to the volume of water cleared of oxygen per unit time), and  $C_{ox}$  = concentration of oxygen in the water (mL of  $O_2$  (mL of water)-1). The total energy metabolism per gram of fish becomes smaller as fish grow. The empirical relation between Q and weight is given in Equation 4:

$$Q = \alpha F^{\gamma} \tag{4}$$

where  $\gamma = 0.8$  (4),  $\alpha =$  metabolic rate coefficient in units of mL of  $O_2 h^{-1} g^{-0.8}$ , F = weight of fish, and  $\gamma =$  growth exponent for fish.

Lloyd (6) estimated a value of 0.75 for  $E_{ox}$ , the efficiency with which oxygen is transferred across the gills. It is quite likely that  $E_{ox}$  varies with both temperature and the size of the fish; however, for the purposes of the proposed estimation it will be assumed to be a constant.

The metabolic coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) was obtained from the review by Fry (7). In this review, data were tabulated for both standard and active metabolism. Standard metabolism was defined as the resting state or respiration in the absence of any significant feeding. Active metabolism was the state when the fish was vigorously ingesting food under optimal conditions. The active rate of oxygen assimilation was found to be a few multiples of the standard rate. In fact, the greatest augmentation found by Fry (7) was about four times the standard rate. This is contrasted to man, where maximum work causes a 20-fold increase in oxygen consumption, and in insects, where the increase may be two orders of magnitude greater than the standard rate. The consequence of this observation (7) may be that in fish the respiratory surface rather than the absorptive surface of the digestive tract is the limiting factor in the rate of growth. It was also pointed out (7) that fish metabolism fluctuates widely under stimulation; for example, the handling of the fish will cause an increase in the rate that might last for several hours. Other factors that govern the rate of metabolism are the volume of the container where a confined space causes stimulation. On the other hand, some species of fish will be very quiet if they are in groups. Finally, a daily cycle is noticed where activity is higher during the daylight hours. These are but a few of the factors that need to be controlled for reproducible results in fish experiments.

However, the most important variables are temperature and the oxygen concentration in the water. Fry (7) presented data for the vellow perch (Perca flavescens) that demonstrated that as the oxygen level was lowered from the air saturation level to 4.3 and 3 mg/L, the level of active metabolism was correspondingly lowered until it finally was not sufficient to meet the standard metabolism requirements. Such a reduction obviously led to a lethal condition. From the graphs in this publication (7) the data in Table I were constructed. In order to make the conversion from mL of O2 kg-1 h-1 (Fry's units) to mL of O2 g-0.8 h-1 (Norstrom's units), the following consideration must be understood. Fry based his results on a model where metabolic rate was a linear function of weight. As indicated in Equation 4, a better fit is obtained with an exponential model. The two models are similar when the weight of the fish is identical. Since most of the data reported by Fry were for a 5-g fish, the conversion to mL of O<sub>2</sub> g<sup>-0.8</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> can only be made at that point. An illustration will make this clear. Fry (7) cites a value of 165 mL of O2 kg-1 h-1 at 25 °C for a 5-g yellow perch (Perca flavescens). This is equivalent to (165/200) in units of (mL of  $O_2$  (5 g fish)<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) or [165/(200)  $\times$  5<sup>0.8</sup>)] in units of (mL of O<sub>2</sub> g<sup>-0.8</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>). All of the data shown in Table I were calculated in a similar manner. The one exception is the values for rainbow trout that were based on the work of Mayer and Kramer (8). In this case the study was performed on trout that were in the weight range of 86-188 g. Mayer assumed a linear relation between weight and oxygen consumption and reported the latter in units of mg of O2 (kg of fish)<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. Converting the mg of  $O_2$  to mL of  $O_2$  at the reported temperatures by means of the gas equation 5:

$$Q_2(mL) = \frac{Q_2(g) \times 82 \times K}{29}$$
 (5)

(where K = absolute temperature, 82 = gas constant in units of mL atoms deg-1 mol-1, and 32 = molecular weight of oxygen), and making the translation to Norstrom's units at a fish weight of 5 g, the values shown in Table I for rainbow trout were derived. The range for active metabolism was a function of the number of water reuses that were conducted with  $\alpha$ decreasing as the frequency of water reuse increased. Thus, if the metabolic rate coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) is known, along with the oxygen concentration in the water and the weight of fish, then the ventilation volumetric rate  $(R_v)$  can be estimated from Equation 3.

The Efficiency Transfer Coefficient E. Once R., has been estimated, it is necessary to have a value of E, the efficiency with which a chemical moves across the gill membrane. The process of transfer is most easily visualized as a partitioning phenomenon; hence the octanol-water partition coefficient  $(K_{or})$  is a likely candidate for testing the hypothesis that a relation exists between these two parameters,  $K_{ow}$  and

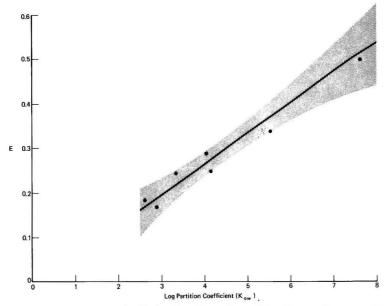


Figure 1. Relation between the efficiency of transfer (E) and the logarithm of the partition coefficient. The curved lines represent the 95% confidence region around the regression line

The data in Table II taken from Neely et al. (5) will be used to test the hypothesis. These data show the experimental rate of uptake of various chemicals by rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri) at 10–12 °C. The weight of fish in these experiments was 9 g. The E values for the various chemicals were estimated by combining Equations 1 and 2 as shown in Equation 6:

$$E = \frac{k_1 F}{R_{\rm to}} \tag{6}$$

In order to use Equation 6, the ventilation volumetric rate constant was determined as described in the previous section

The oxygen concentration for the data in Table II was not reported. Since a flowing Lake Huron water supply was used in the reported experiments (5), the water was assumed to be saturated, and the oxygen concentration was estimated with Equation 7, Norstrom et al. (4):

$$C_{\text{ox}} = 14.45 - 0.413T + 0.00556T^2 \tag{7}$$

where T = °C between 0 and 25 °C and  $C_{\rm ox}$  = oxygen concentration, mg of O<sub>2</sub> L<sup>-1</sup> (ppm). This yields a value of 10.8 ppm. Combining Equations 5, 6, and 3 yields Equation 8 for estimating E for the various chemicals in Table II:

$$E = \frac{k_1 F \times 0.75 \times 82 \times T(K) \times \text{mg of O}_2 L^{-1} \times 10^{-6}}{\alpha F^{0.8} \times 32}$$
 (8)

where  $\alpha$  at 10 °C for standard metabolism = 0.14 and for active metabolism = 0.53 (the high value was chosen since a flowing water system was used where the reuse was zero), F = weight of fish (9 g), T = 283 K, and oxygen concentration = 10.8 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

The previously stated hypothesis was tested by plotting the average value of E between active and standard metabolism against the logarithm of the partition coefficient for the various chemicals in Table II as shown in Figure 1. The regression equation for these data is given in Equation 9:

$$E = 0.07 \log K_{\rm ow} - 0.02 \tag{9}$$

The multiple correlation coefficient is 0.94 and the standard error above the regression line is 0.034. Figure 1 shows the 95% confidence line around the regression line for estimating E from the mean value for the partition coefficient. Knowing the values for the partition coefficient and  $R_{\rm r}$ , a value for  $k_1$  may be determined from Equation 10:

$$k_1 = \frac{(0.07 \log K_{\rm ow} - 0.02) \times R_v}{F} \tag{10}$$

The variation in  $k_1$  with both temperature and weight of fish is shown in Tables III and IV and shown graphically in Figure 2. For purposes of this comparison, the active metabolic data for yellow perch given in Table I were used for the various temperatures.

#### The Clearance Model

The bioconcentration factor for a neutral organic molecule in an aquatic organism by definition is the ratio of the two rate constants defining uptake and clearance as shown in Equation 11:

$$BCF = k_1/k_2 \tag{11}$$

where BCF = bioconcentration factor and  $k_1, k_2$  = rate constants for uptake and clearance of chemical by fish. Accordingly, if  $k_1$  and BCF are known, a value for  $k_2$  may be estimated

If the actual BCF is not known, there are a number of correlation equations that have been established relating BCF to either the octanol-water partition coefficient or the water solubility of the chemical. These are shown in Equations 12–14:

$$\log BCF = 0.76 \log K_{ow} - 0.23 \tag{12}$$

$$\log BCF = 0.542 \log K_{ow} + 0.124 \tag{13}$$

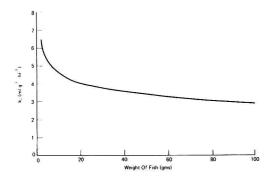
$$\log BCF = -0.508 \log S + 3.41 \tag{14}$$

where  $K_{\rm ow}$  = parition coefficient between octanol and water and S = water solubility in  $\mu$ mol L<sup>-1</sup>. Equation 12 was derived

Table II. Data for Establishing a Relationship between the Rate Constant for Uptake and the Efficiency of Chemical Transfer across the Gill Membrane of Trout at 10 °C

	k <sub>1</sub> ,	log	Eb	
chemical	mL g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Kow a	standard	active
tetrachloroethylene	3.24	2.88	0.21	0.05
carbon tetrachloride	4.05	2.64	0.26	0.07
p-dichlorobenzene	5.67	3.38	0.37	0.10
diphenyl oxide	5.50	4.20	0.36	0.10
diphenyl	6.79	4.09	0.44	0.12
2-biphenylyl phenyl ethers	8.06	5.55	0.52	0.14
tetrachlorobiphenyl	12.2	7.62	0.79	0.21

 $<sup>^{</sup>a}$  Log  $K_{ow}$  = log of the partition coefficient between octanol and water <sup>b</sup> Efficiency of transfer of chemical across the gill membrane during active and standard metabolism calculated from Equation 8.



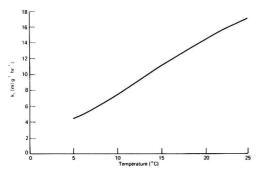


Figure 2. The relation between temperature and weight of fish with  $k_1$ , the rate constant for uptake. The data for yellow perch were used for the fish. In the lower diagram a constant weight of fish was used (1 g)

by Veith et al. (9) and represented the BCF as measured for whole fish. Equation 13 (5) was established on the basis of fish muscle as was Equation 14 (10). Consequently, in the absence of an experimental BCF, it is proposed that  $k_2$  be estimated from the relation shown in Equation 15:

$$\log k_2 = \log k_1 - (a \log A + b) \tag{15}$$

where  $A = K_{ow}$  or S. The constants a and b are the appropriate values from Equations 12, 13, and 14. The selection is made on the basis of the type of experiment that is contemplated and the data available, i.e., is clearance being measured from whole fish or the muscle, and is water solubility or the partition coefficient being used for the estimation?

Table III. Rate Constant for Uptake in Yellow Perch as a Function of Weight a

wt of fish, g	k <sub>1</sub> , mL g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> b	wt of fish, g	k <sub>1</sub> , mL g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> b
2	6.47	50	3.40
10	4.69	100	2.96
25	3.91		

 $^{o}$  A constant temperature of 10 °C was used and an E value of 0.20 for the chemical was assumed.  $^{b}$   $k_{1}$  =  $(E\alpha F^{0.8}\times32)/[F\times0.75\times82\times T\times$  (ppm of  $O_2$   $\times$  10<sup>-6</sup>], where E = 0.20 and  $\alpha = 0.22$  for yellow perch at 10 °C.

Table IV. Rate Constant for Uptake in Yellow Perch as a Function of Temperature a

temp, °C	ppm of O <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	α <sup>c</sup>	k <sub>1</sub> , mL <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>
5	12.51	0.15	4.49
10	10.88	0.22	7.44
15	9.51	0.29	11.02
20	8.41	0.34	14.36
25	7.60	0.37	17.00

<sup>a</sup> A constant weight of fish of 1 g was used, and an E value of 0.20 for the chemical was assumed. <sup>b</sup> Estimated from Equation 7. <sup>c</sup> Active metabolism for yellow perch from Table I.

## Test of the Model

Di-2-ethylhexyl Phthalate (DEHP). Mayer (11) investigated the residue dynamics of DEHP in fathead minnows (Pimephales promelas) at 25 °C. Unfortunately, the metabolic activity for this particular species is unknown. For our purposes it will be assumed that fathead minnows are similar to perch and goldfish from a bioenergetic point of view. Since the fish were actively growing, it will be further assumed that the metabolic coefficient is between the standard and active values (4) reported in Table I for these two species. Accordingly, a value of 0.27 was chosen for  $\alpha$ . The average weight of fish used in the experiments was 1.24 g, and the oxygen concentration was estimated from Equation 7 (7.6 ppm). Substituting these values into Equation 3, the ventilation volumetric rate has a value of 73 mL of water h<sup>-1</sup>. The log of the partition coefficient of DEHP is approximately 4 (12). The rate constant  $k_1$  for uptake is then estimated from Equation 10 and has a value of 15.3 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. The experimental number was  $3.21 \pm 0.3 \text{ mL g}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1} (13)$ .

The clearance rate constant was estimated for whole fish using Equation 15 with the constants developed in Equation 12. Using the appropriate numbers, a value of  $2.37 \times 10^{-2} \,h^{-1}$ is estimated for the clearance rate constant, which may be compared to the experimental number of  $3.79 \times 10^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$ 

It is interesting to note that the calculated uptake and clearance constants are faster than what was observed; however, the bioconcentration factor (i.e., the ratio of  $k_1/k_2$ ) is almost identical, 646 compared to the experimental value of 850 (13). The discrepancy between calculated and experimental rate constants may be due to several things: the assumption that fathead minnows are metabolically similar to perch and goldfish may be wrong, and DEHP may be metabolized by the fish.

Chlorpyrifos. Smith et al. (14) studied the uptake and movement of chlorpyrifos in an aquarium using goldfish (Carassius auratus) at 25 °C. The oxygen concentration was estimated as 7.6 ppm  $(5.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL of } O_2 \text{ (mL water)}^{-1})$ . Since the fish were being continually stimulated, it was assumed that the metabolic coefficient  $\alpha$  would be 0.37 for active

metabolism (Table I). The average weight of the fish used in the study was 1.2 g. Substituting into Equation 3, the ventilation volumetric rate has a value of 111 mL of water h-1. The logarithm of the partition coefficient for chlorpyrifos is 4.6 (15). The uptake rate constant  $k_1$  is then estimated from Equation 10 to be 28 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. Experimentally, a value of  $55 \text{ mL g}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ was determined } (2.15).$ 

The clearance rate constant was estimated in a manner similar to that described for DEHP. A value of  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \, h^{-1}$ for  $k_2$  was derived from using Equations 12 and 15. The experimental value of  $7.8 \times 10^{-2} \, h^{-1}$  was much faster (2). This is probably related to the observation that the experimental number reflects not only the clearance of chlorpyrifos itself, but also the rate of metabolism and the clearance of the metabolite (a pyridinol derivative) (14), which is more water soluble and therefore more rapidly cleared than the parent material.

2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD). In an effort to learn more about the movement and distribution of TCDD in an aquatic environment, experiments have been performed on the uptake and clearance of this chemical in fish (16).

Thirteen rainbow trout each weighing 35 g were placed in an aquarium containing 145 L of water. The aquarium was sealed in such a manner that the head space was negligible. For a period of 2 h the oxygen concentration was measured using a calibrated probe. During this time period the dissolved oxygen dropped from 9.0 mg h-1 to 6.6 mg h-1 for an estimated oxygen consumption of 174 mg of O<sub>2</sub> for the 455 g of trout in 1 h.

The metabolic coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) was determined by converting the 174 mg of O2 to mL of O2 using Equation 6 and a temperature of 13 °C (16). The conversion to mL of O<sub>2</sub> g<sup>-0.8</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> was carried out as described in the text and generated a value for \alpha of 0.39.

The value of 0.18 was assigned to  $\alpha$  for standard metabolism for rainbow trout at 13 °C based on interpolation of the data in Table I between 10 and 15 °C. The experimental value of 0.39 would imply that the trout in the experiments were in a semiactive condition, which is not unreasonable considering the test conditions, i.e., starved for only 1 day prior to the experiment (16). However, by the time the trout had been placed in the aquarium to measure the uptake of TCDD, a further period of starvation had ensued. Accordingly, for purposes of estimating  $k_1$ , a value of  $\alpha$  equal to 0.18 will be used.

In the uptake experiment (15), rainbow trout weighing 35 g were exposed at 13 °C where the oxygen concentration was 10.5 ppm  $(7.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mL of O}_2 \text{ (mL of water)}^{-1})$ . The water solubility and the logarithm of the partition coefficient of TCDD were determined to be 200 ppt and 6.19, respectively

A ventilation volumetric rate of 535 mL of water h-1 was estimated from Equation 3. The rate of uptake  $(k_1)$  was determined to be 6.3 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> (Equation 10). Experimentally, a value of 4.54 mL  $g^{-1}$   $h^{-1}$  was found (16).

The clearance rate constant was determined experimentally on whole fish (16). Hence, Equations 12 and 15 will be used for estimating  $k_2$ . A value of  $2.12 \times 10^{-4} \, h^{-1}$  was derived by this method, which should be compared to the experimental number of  $5 \times 10^{-4} \, h^{-1}$  (16).

#### Summary

The proposed method has the ability for generating reasonable values for the rate constants controlling the uptake and clearance of neutral organic molecules by fish. The approach takes into account both the physiological characteristics of the fish and the properties of the chemical. In addition, the analysis indicates those parameters that need to be measured and considered when translating laboratory generated data to a real world situation.

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# Prediction of Removal of Vapors from Air by Adsorption on Activated Carbon

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■ Carbon granules, packed to a reproducible bulk density in beds of uniform cross-sectional area, were subjected to constant inlet vapor concentrations, volume flow rate, and temperature. The breakthrough time of the vapor from the bed (t<sub>b</sub>), at an exit concentration equal to 1% of the inlet concentration, was determined for several bed weights (W). Using carbon tetrachloride as the reference vapor, removal performance of the carbon was determined from the adsorption capacity  $(W_e)$  and adsorption rate constant  $(k_v)$  for the vapor, as calculated from the straight line curves obtained when  $t_{\rm b}$ was plotted vs. W. From these properties, the kinetic adsorption equations for chloroform, benzene, p-dioxane, 1,2dichloroethane, sec-butylamine, chlorobenzene, and acrylonitrile were predicted. Comparisons of predicted with experimental parameters revealed variations of from -1.8 to +7.7% for  $W_{\rm e}$  and from -12.9 to +14.4% for  $k_{\rm v}$ . This technique yields reliable predictions of the adsorption behavior of carcinogenic, or otherwise toxic vapors, on carbons.

Use of activated carbons for the removal of vapor phase potentially hazardous materials in air streams, e.g., in hood exhaust systems and respirator cartridges, raises an important risk-benefit problem: if the carbon is disposed of or regenerated too soon, the full benefit of the system is not realized; if its capacity is exceeded, risk to personnel and/or the environment may ensue. It is, of course, possible to test the capacity of a carbon for a particular adsorbate; however, not only does this require special equipment and precautions, but also it is hardly practical in view of the multitude of candidate adsorbates. In this paper, it is demonstrated that the adsorption capacity and the adsorption rate constant of a carbon for an adsorbate can be predicted using current adsorption theory and the data obtained from characterization of the carbon with a reference adsorbate. With this information it is possible accurately to predict the capacity of an activated carbon for a particular adsorbate.

#### Adsorption Model

Physical adsorption has been considered to be second order in kinetics, involving the reaction between an active site and a free vapor molecule (1, 2). However, it has been shown (3)that the sigmoid curve, resulting from a plot of vapor concentration exiting a packed bed of activated carbon granules vs. time, exhibits second-order kinetics only in the linear or mid-portion of the curve where the exit concentration rises rapidly with time. The first portion of the sigmoid curve, with low concentrations of vapor penetrating the bed, is convex to the time axis; this portion of the curve represents an excess of active sites over free vapor molecules and displays pseudo-first-order kinetics with respect to vapor molecules. Analogously, the final portion of the curve, where the number of vacant sites is rapidly being depleted, and which is concave to the time axis, represents an excess of free vapor molecules over active sites, and therefore displays pseudo-first-order kinetics with respect to active sites. This study deals only with the adsorption characteristics of the carbon bed at low gas penetrations ( $\leq 1\%$ ), and is therefore characterized by pseudo-first-order kinetics with respect to gas molecules.

# Kinetic Adsorption

The kinetic equation, applicable to the study of vapor ad-

sorption by beds of activated carbon under dynamic flow conditions, was originally derived by Wheeler (4) from a continuity equation of mass balance between the vapor entering an adsorbent bed and the sum of the vapor adsorbed by plus that penetrating the bed. The Wheeler equation can be written (5):

$$t_{\rm b} = (W_{\rm e}/C_0 Q)[W - \rho_{\rm B}Q \ln (C_0/C_{\rm r})/k_{\rm v}]$$
 (1)

where  $t_b$  = the vapor breakthrough time (min) at which the concentration  $C_x$  (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) appears in the exit stream,  $C_0$  = the inlet concentration (g/cm $^3$ ), Q = the volumetric flow rate (cm<sup>3</sup>/min),  $\rho_B$  = the bulk density of the packed bed (g/cm<sup>3</sup>), W = the absorbent weight (g),  $W_e =$  the kinetic adsorption capacity (g/g) at the arbitrarily chosen ratio of  $C_x/C_0$ , and  $k_y$ = the pseudo-first-order adsorption rate constant (min-1). In Equation 1 the parameters  $C_0$ ,  $C_x$ , and Q are set by the conditions of test, and  $\rho_B$  is measured. When breakthrough time  $(t_b)$  is plotted vs. carbon weight (W), a straight-line curve results, from whose slope and x-axis intercept the properties  $W_{\rm e}$  and  $k_{\rm v}$  can be calculated, respectively.

Equilibrium Adsorption

The Dubinin-Radushkevich (D-R) equation (6):

$$W_{v} = W_{0} \exp[-B(T/\beta)^{2} \log^{2}(P_{0}/P)]$$
 (2)

describes the adsorption properties of fine-grained activated carbons for vapors under equilibrium conditions.  $W_v =$  the volume of condensed adsorbate (cm<sup>3</sup>/g),  $W_0$  = the maximum space available for condensed adsorbate (cm3/g), P = the equilibrium pressure (atm) of the adsorbate vapor at T (K),  $P_0$  = the saturated vapor pressure (atm) of liquid adsorbate at T, B = the structural constant of the adsorbent ( $K^{-2}$ ), and  $\beta$  = the affinity coefficient (unitless), which compares the strength of the adsorptive interaction of the adsorbate to some reference adsorbate.

By taking the logarithm of both sides of Equation 2 and by setting:

$$B = (2.303)^2 R^2 k \tag{3}$$

and

$$\epsilon = RT \ln \left( P_0 / P \right) \tag{4}$$

the D-R equation can be written:

$$\ln\left(W_{v}\right) = \ln\left(W_{0}\right) - k\epsilon^{2}/\beta^{2} \tag{5}$$

where R = the gas constant (1.987 cal/(mol·K)), k = a constant of the adsorbent (cal/mol)<sup>-2</sup>, and  $\epsilon$  = the adsorption potential (cal/mol). The affinity coefficient  $\beta$  can be obtained (7) from the ratio of the electronic polarization ( $P_{\rm e}$ ) of the test adsorbate to that of the reference adsorbate.  $P_e$  is related to n, the refractive index determined at the sodium D wavelength,

$$P_{\rm e} = \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} \left( M/d_1 \right) \tag{6}$$

where M = the molecular weight (g/mol) and  $d_1 =$  the liquid density (g/cm3).

By characterizing an adsorbent with a reference adsorbate. setting  $\beta$  equal to unity, and calculating the parameters B and  $W_0$  from Equation 2 or k and  $W_0$  from Equation 5, the adsorption space  $W_v$  can be calculated for untested vapors from

the above equations. To convert  $W_v$  (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) to adsorption capacity (g/g), the concept of volume pore filling (8), wherein the adsorbed gas condenses to a liquid and fills the adsorption space of the micropore, can be used:

$$W_e = W_v d_1 \tag{7}$$

where  $d_1$  is the liquid density of the condensed test gas.

It has been shown (9) that the adsorption capacity determined under kinetic conditions in a well-packed bed of carbon granules closely approximated that calculated under equilibrium conditions from the D-R equations. The only constraint was that the carbon had first to be characterized with a reference vapor before the equilibrium relationships could be used to calculate the carbon's adsorption capacity for other vapors.

#### Adsorption Rate Constant

The adsorption rate constant  $k_v$  has been found to be a function of temperature, linear flow velocity, adsorbent grain size, and the molecular weight of the adsorbate vapor (10-12). In this study, however, temperature, flow velocity, and adsorbent grain size were held constant. The only variable that affected  $k_v$  was the molecular weight of the vapors under test. After characterization of the carbon with the reference vapor, the rate constants for other vapors were predicted from the relationship (12):

$$(k_v M^{1/2})_i = (k_v M^{1/2})_{ref}$$
 (8)

where ref indicates the reference vapor (i.e., carbon tetrachloride) and i is a test vapor.

#### Experimental

Materials. The vapors used in this study were: carbon tetrachloride, 99+%, Baker Chemical Co., Phillipsburg, N.J.; chloroform and benzene, Fisher certified, Fisher Chemical Co., Waltham, Mass.; p-dioxane and acrylonitrile, 99+%, and sec-butylamine, chlorobenzene, and 1,2-dichloroethane, 99%, Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

The activated carbon adsorbent used was 6-10 mesh, BC-AC Lot 0993 granular carbon from Barnebey-Cheney Co., Columbus, Ohio. The mean diameter of the carbon granules was 0.268 cm.

Equipment. The kinetic adsorption tests were carried out on a vapor adsorption test apparatus connected with standard taper and ball and socket joints. The apparatus had three functional sections, one for vapor generation, another for vapor adsorption by the carbon, and the third for the detection of vapor penetration of the carbon bed. The apparatus has been described in detail (3).

The vapor penetrating the bed was passed into the 0.29-cm<sup>3</sup> gas sampling value of an HP 5830A gas chromatograph, then into the chromatographic column, and finally into the flame ionization detector. The response was recorded on an HP 18850A terminal. The column consisted of 4 ft of 1/8 in. (o.d.) stainless steel tubing packed with 3% silicone SE 30 on a Chromosorb W HP, 80-100 mesh support for use with the vapors of carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, benzene, chlorobenzene, and 1,2-dichloroethane. For p-dioxane the column consisted of 6 ft of 1/8 in. (o.d.) stainless steel tubing packed with 5% silicone DV 225 on a Chromosorb W HP, 100-120 mesh support. For sec-butylamine the column consisted of 6 ft of 1/8 in. (o.d.) copper tubing packed with 5% Carbowax 20M on a Chromosorb W HP, 80-100 mesh support. For acrylonitrile the column consisted of 6 ft of 1/8 in. (o.d.) copper tubing packed with 5% DEGS on a Chromosorb W HP, 80-100

Procedure. The air-flow rates of the apparatus were calibrated by a wet test meter. The adsorbate vapor was generated

Table I. Coefficients of the Regression Equation  $t_b =$ a + bW, and the Correlation Coefficient of the Data, r

vapor	a	b	r
CCI <sub>4</sub>	-27.41	31.78	0.987
chloroform	-19.29	23.73	0.989
benzene	-24.17	41.55	0.992
p-dioxane	-61.13	104.48	0.981
sec-butylamine	-13.58	19.90	0.987
1,2-dichloroethane	-36.24	59.88	0.982
chlorobenzene	-69.16	87.19	0.982
acrylonitrile	-33.10	60.49	0.992

by the controlled passage of dried nitrogen over the liquid surface; the desired vapor concentration was obtained by diluting the vapor-laden nitrogen with an auxiliary source of dried nitrogen. Nitrogen was dried by passage through deep-bed columns of Drierite. A flow of 350 cm<sup>3</sup>/min of the vapor-nitrogen mixture was directed into the reservoir of the apparatus, and samples were analyzed until the desired vapor concentration was obtained.

The activated carbon was oven dried at 120 °C and stored in a desiccator until used. Adsorbent beds were prepared by gravity settling of the carbon granules in cylindrical glass sample holders (this procedure yielded uniform bulk densities). Eight to ten different adsorbent bed weights, ranging from 1 to 2.5 g, were exposed to the established vapor concentration drawn into the carbon bed at a volumetric flow rate of 285 cm<sup>3</sup>/min, corresponding to a superficial linear velocity of 323 cm/min, at 23 °C. The inlet vapor concentrations represented a relative pressure (23 °C) of 0.0936 for carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, p-dioxane, benzene, sec-butylamine, and acrylonitrile. The relative pressure was 0.3448 for chlorobenzene. (The relative pressures were calculated assuming ideal gas behavior for each vapor.)

The exit air stream from the carbon bed was monitored continually by passage into a gas sampling valve. The breakthrough time  $t_b$  was the time in minutes when the exit stream vapor concentration was 1% of the inlet concentration  $(C_x/C_0)$ = 0.01).

#### Results and Discussion

Experimental values of gas breakthrough time tb as a function of carbon bed weight W for the vapors tested were obtained. These data were subjected to linear regression analysis in the form of the polynominal  $t_b = a + bW$ . The results of these analyses, a and b, and the correlation coefficients of the data are shown in Table I. An examination of Equation 1 will show that:

$$a = -W_{\rm e}\rho_{\rm B} \ln (C_0/C_x)/C_0 k_{\rm v}$$
 (9)

$$b = W_e/C_0Q \tag{10}$$

From the known values of  $C_0$  and Q, the kinetic adsorption capacity, We, can be determined from Equation 10. With this value of  $W_e$  and the known values of  $\rho_B$ ,  $C_0$ , and  $C_x$ , the pseudo-first-order adsorption rate constant can be determined from Equation 9. By setting  $t_b = 0$  in the regression equations of Table I, and solving for W, the values for  $W_c$ , the critical weight of the carbon bed, were obtained, since  $W = W_c$  when  $t_{\rm b}$  = 0 and the inlet concentration is instantaneously reduced to the exit concentration by the carbon bed.

Considering carbon tetrachloride as the primary reference vapor, it was possible to calculate the adsorption capacity for vapors after initial characterization of the carbon, by using the set of equations 2 through 7. The characteristic properties of the BC-AC Lot 0993 activated carbon, derived from Equation 5, were a maximum adsorption space  $W_0$  of 0.481

Table II. Comparison of Experimentally Determined with Calculated Adsorption Parameters

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vapor	exptl	calcd	% dev	expti	calcd	% dev
CCI <sub>4</sub>	0.741			735		
chloroform	0.728	0.693	+5.1	780	834	-6.5
benzene	0.404	0.409	-1.2	1029	1031	-0.2
p-dioxane	0.476	0.483	-1.4	1083	971	+11.5
sec-butylamine	0.331	0.337	-1.8	928	1066	-12.9
1,2-dichloroethane	0.616	0.583	+5.7	1048	916	+14.4
chlorobenzene	0.545	0.527	-3.4	799	859	-7.0
acrylonitrile	0.404	0.375	+7.7	1160	1251	-7.3

cm<sup>3</sup>/g and a structural constant k of  $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$  (cal/mol)<sup>-2</sup>. Thus, at a relative pressure,  $P/P_0$ , of 0.0936 the adsorption space  $W_v$  was 0.467 cm<sup>3</sup>/g, and at a  $P/P_0$  of 0.3448,  $W_v$  was  $0.478 \, \text{cm}^3/\text{g}$ .

Values for the kinetic adsorption capacity  $W_{\rm c}$  were calculated for the various vapors by using Equation 7, inserting into it the known liquid densities and the  $W_v$  value for the relative pressure used in the test. Comparisons of experimental and calculated adsorption capacity values for the various vapors are shown in Table II. The experimental values deviated from those calculated over a range of from -1.8 to +7.7%, with a mean deviation of 3.8%.

Values for the adsorption rate constant  $k_y$  were calculated for the various vapors by using Equation 8, inserting into it the square root of the known molecular weight for the vapor. Comparisons of experimental and calculated adsorption rate constant values are also shown in Table II. The experimental values deviated from those calculated over a range of from

-12.9 to +14.4%, with a mean deviation of 8.5%.

In summary, we have characterized a Barnebey-Cheney activated carbon using carbon tetrachloride as the reference vapor. Using these data, and applying the theories detailed above, the two basic adsorption parameters of the carbon were obtained. From these basic parameters the expected adsorption behavior of the carbon for seven other vapors was predicted. The mean deviation of the experimental from the predicted values was 8.5%. Insertion of the predicted values into the Wheeler adsorption equation (Equation 1) provides an estimate of the length of time an adsorbent can be expected to operate effectively in removing contaminant vapors from an air stream. On the basis of these results, we believe that the methodology described can be extended to other activated carbons and other vapors.

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# Atmospheric Fallout in the Vicinity of a Base Metal Smelter at Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada

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■ Atmospheric fallout in the vicinity of a base metal smelter at Flin Flon, Manitoba, Canada, was monitored with bulk precipitation collections over 1 year (y) and by winter snow samples collected from the surfaces of frozen lakes. Simple correlation analysis of the data obtained from both types of collection indicated that the smelter was a major source of Zn, Cd, Pb, As, and Cu in bulk precipitation in the Flin Flon area. Metal deposition with respect to distance from the smelter fit curves of the type  $y = ax^b$ . Integration of the deposition curves to selected levels (1 mg·m<sup>-2</sup>·y<sup>-1</sup> for Zn, Pb, and Cu; 0.1 mg· m<sup>-2</sup>·y<sup>-1</sup> for As; and 0.01 mg·m<sup>-2</sup>·y<sup>-1</sup> for Cd) gave the following radii for affected zones: Zn, 131-264; Cd, 113-284; Pb, 44-87; As, 37-68; and Cu, 33-60 km. Total deposition within these zones was as follows: Zn, 850-1616; Cd, 2.0-8.0; Pb, 14-55; As, 0.4-4.0; and Cu, 14-48 t. Direct comparison of the two collection methods, possible for only one winter period, showed that bulk precipitation collections yielded estimates of metals deposition that were, on the average, only 55% of estimates determined from winter snow samples from the same location and time period.

Recognition that primary metal smelters and thermal electric plants can contribute significant amounts of various metals to the local terrestrial environment is long standing. Several authors in recent papers (1-4) have pointed out problems associated with contaminated soils and vegetation, while others, more concerned with human and animal health (5-7), have reported studies on air contamination. While there is a growing list of papers dealing with the mass balance of metals and environmental contamination associated with coal-fired power plants (e.g., 3-10), there are few comprehensive studies on metal contamination in the vicinity of mines and smelters (e.g., 11). Although there are a number of studies in the literature dealing with point source emissions, we found only one (12) that contained quantitative data on metal fallout in the vicinity of a point source (smelter) over a whole year. We found no case study that compared emission data with fallout catchment data in the vicinity of the source.

We have estimated the annual fallout of several metals and some other elements within an approximately 250-km radius of a base metal smelter located at Flin Flon, Manitoba, Can-

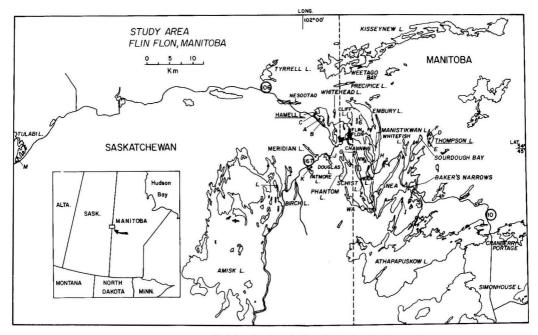


Figure 1. Study area, in the vicinity of Flin Flon, Manitoba, showing collection sites. Letters identify precipitation collector sites

ada. Previous work in the area (13) indicated probable contamination of many lakes in the Flin Flon area by airborne metals and potential for ecological disturbance. The present work reports the composition and quantity of atmospheric fallout in the Flin Flon environment including a comparison of two methods of collecting atmospheric deposition data. This paper is part of a study of the effects of fallout on lake ecosystems (14) and fish populations (15).

#### Materials and Methods

Study Area. Flin Flon is a city of approximately 10 000 people situated on the Manitoba-Saskatchewan boundary at approximately 55°N, 102°W (Figure 1). The city is the site of a base metal mining and smelting complex which processes approximately 7300 t per day of ore from Flin Flon area mines, producing, on-site, zinc, copper, and cadmium metals. Lead concentrates are produced and shipped off-site for further refining. Gold, silver, selenium, and tellurium are also recovered as byproducts of blister copper at off-site plants. Mining in this area began in 1927 and smelting commenced in 1930. Between 1930 and 1977, the smelter had processed approximately  $77 \times 10^6$  t of ore (16, 17). In 1974 the low smelter stacks (~30 m) that had been in use for decades were replaced by a new super stack (251 m) for discharge of essentially uncontrolled smelter emissions.

The Flin Flon area has a low hilly topography containing many lakes and streams typical of the Precambrian Shield within which it is situated. A few kilometers south of Flin Flon, the shield rocks give way to the limestones common to the central part of the continent.

Sampling Methods. Annual deposition of metals in precipitation was estimated from amounts collected in samplers every 2 months from August 1976 through July 1977. The samplers consisted of 92-cm lengths of 20-cm diameter aluminum stovepipe set upright at ground level. Tight-fitting polyethylene bags (~30 cm × 60 cm) were placed in the open tops of the stovepipes providing a collection surface area of 0.032 m<sup>2</sup>. Thirteen of these samplers (A-M, Figure 1) were operated during the collection period, including three at each of Hamell and Thompson lakes, three in each of SW and SE directions from the smelter stack, and one approximately 70 km west of the stack. Collection sites were chosen to provide comparative deposition rates on Hamell and Thompson lakes and two transects in a prevalent and a nonprevalent wind direction as well as a distant site at Tulabi Lake to estimate background deposition rates. Polyethylene containers (1.48 L, area 0.0085 m<sup>2</sup>) were maintained for 4 months adjacent to two of the stovepipe samplers and at the same height, to provide an indication of a catchment efficiency. Each sampler was located in an open space with an angle of at least 45° from the top of the nearest tall vegetation to minimize the effect of wind on fallout distribution. However, it was not possible to locate samplers in a similar topographic situation in every case.

The amount of metals introduced directly into lakes from the atmosphere was estimated from snow samples collected in early February of 1976 and 1977 from the ice surfaces of 16 and 24 Flin Flon area lakes, respectively (Figure 1). In 1976, snow samples were taken with either a clean steel shovel or a clean plexiglass tube, while in 1977 only the plexiglass tube was used. Shovel samples collected a snow surface-to-ice level column of area 0.047 m2, while the usual 8 cores taken with the plexiglass tube sampled 0.034 m<sup>2</sup>. The core samples were obtained within about a 100-m2 area in 1976, but in 1977 cores were taken about 100 m apart along the length of transects about 1 km long. Two transects were made on each lake so as to sample the windward and leeward sides of lakes relative to the direction of the smelter.

All precipitation collectors and snow sampling locations were at least 100 m from the nearest road, railway, or habita-

Sample Handling and Preservation. At each sampling time, the sample bags were replaced with new bags and the precipitation samples transported to a field headquarters

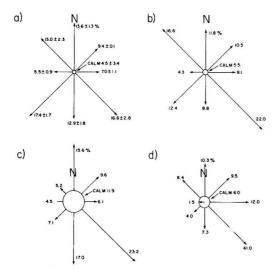


Figure 2. "Plume roses" for the Flin Flon smelter compiled from wind data obtained at Flin Flon Airport. Numbers on figures represent the percent time a direction was downwind of the smelter: (a) means and standard deviations for the five years, 1971-1975; (b) precipitation collection year, August 1976-July 1977; (c) winter snow collection period, November 1975-February 1976; (d) winter snow collection period, November 1976-February 1977

where they were thawed (if frozen) and the volumes measured. The samples were transferred to clean linear polyethylene (LPE) bottles; those for metals analyses were acidified with HNO<sub>3</sub> to 5 mL·L<sup>-1</sup> and then transported to the Freshwater Institute for analysis. Snow samples were handled similarly.

Chemical Analyses. Major ions were determined by the methods of Stainton et al. (18). Metal analyses were as follows:

Arsenic. Two milliliters of concentrated HoSO4 was added with mixing to 20 mL (or a smaller aliquot) of sample followed by 1 mL of 10% KI. The sample was made to a 25-mL volume and aliquots were placed in sample cups. Analysis was by a modification of the semiautomated borohydride reduction method of Vijan and Wood (19), using a heated quartz cell constructed with a quartz window and an inlet tube at the same end. Standard equivalents from 10 to 40  $\mu g$  of As-L<sup>-1</sup> were similarly treated. The detection limit by this method was 1 μg of As-L-1.

Cadmium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Manganese, and Zinc. Cadmium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, and zinc, when present in the sample at concentrations  $\leq 30 \ \mu \text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ , were determined by flameless atomic absorption (carbon rod); otherwise they were determined by atomic absorption using an air-acetylene flame. A Varian AA-5 atomic absorption spectrophotometer equipped with a BC-6 simultaneous background corrector was used. Detection limits for Cd, Cu, Fe, Pb, Mn, and Zn by these methods were 0.1, 1, 2, 2, 0.5, and  $0.1 \, \mu \text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ , respectively.

We define detection limit as a concentration of an element in solution that equals twice the peak-to-peak variability of the background signal of the measuring instrument.

Error. Analytical errors, determined from U.S. EPA check samples, were as follows: ±5% for Fe and Mn in the 400-700 and  $40-400 \ \mu g \cdot L^{-1}$  ranges, respectively;  $\pm 7\%$  for Cu in the  $70-100 \,\mu \text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  range;  $\pm 11.5\%$  for Cd in the  $20-75 \,\mu \text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  range; and ±9% for Zn in the 30-175 μg·L<sup>-1</sup> range. Error was not determined for either As or Pb.

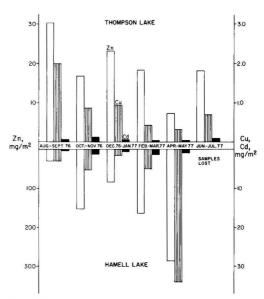


Figure 3. Seasonal pattern of deposition of Zn, Cd, and Cu on Thompson and Hamell lakes, August 1976-July 1977

Some overall error in metal deposition data was obtained from duplicate samplers located at Hamell and Thompson lakes. Deviations from the mean deposition for sampler pairs varied with time. Coefficients of variation for the metals at the two locations over the 4 months sampled (two collections) were: Fe,  $\pm 31-95\%$ ; Mn,  $\pm 13-85\%$ ; Pb,  $\pm 6-82\%$ ; As,  $\pm 3-107\%$ ; Cd, ±0-40%; Cu, ±27-92%; and Zn, ±8-69%.

We found no significant correlation between deposition of any metal with surface area of the samplers.

Weather Data. All weather data used in this study were recorded at Flin Flon Municipal Airport (20), which is located about 20 km SE of the smelter stack. These were the only regular monitoring data of weather conditions available for the Flin Flon area. Wind measurements at Flin Flon Airport are made near ground level, while stack emissions are discharged at a height of 251 m. Wind data for the airport ignoring the difference in height are summarized as directions of plume travel from the smelter stack in Figure 2, which compares long-term (Figure 2a) wind conditions with those of our study periods (Figures 2b-d). Precipitation data for the year of our study (1976-1977), measured at Flin Flon airport at the ends of bimonthly fallout collection periods, are shown in Table I.

# Results

Precipitation Collector Data. Annual depositions of seven metals and sulfate for the period August 1976 through July 1977 are shown in Table II. The southeast and southwest transects were downwind of the smelter 22 and 12.4% of the

Table I	
dates	mm precip as liquid
Aug-Sept 1976	54.1
Oct-Nov 1976	46.2
Dec 1976-Jan 1977	30.0
Feb-March 1977	19.8
April-May 1977	100.0
June-July 1977	143.6
ACCOUNTS TO THE COLD	total 394.5

Table II. Annual Deposition of Metals and Sulfate in Precipitation Near Flin Flon Estimated from Precipitation Collections for the Period August 1976–July 1977 a

	distance from stack,				donosi	tion, mg·m	2			
location and letter on Fig 1	km	Fe	Mn	Pb	As	Cd	Cu	Zn	SO <sub>4</sub>	days collected
Hamell Lake (3 stations; A, B, C)	4.5 b	241	8.0	23	5.0	2.5	173	812	1606	25 <b>4</b> <sup>d</sup>
Thompson Lake (3 stations; D, E, F)	20 b	36	4.5	4.5	0.6	0.4	5.4	119	657	358
SE transect										
Channing Hill (G)	4.3	164	7.9	42	6.2	4.5	57	1780	1935	358
Hook Lake (H)	8.6	74	4.4	27	3.2	2.1	27	813	310	239°
Baker's Narrows (I)	18.6	42	2.7	7.3	1.0	0.5	6.1	153	347	297°
SW transect										
Douglas Lake (J)	5.0	54	4.2	30	3.3	3.1	24	760	1022	240 c
Patmore Lake (K)	9.5	28	1.4	5.3	0.5	0.6	6.8	182	314	241°
Amisk Lake (L)	18	34	4.1	3.4	0.3	0.2	3.0	49	339	295°
Tulabi Lake (distant station) (M)	71	15	2.4	1.7	0.04	0.1	1.3	9.3		298 c

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Note: Raw data from which Tables II, V, and VI are drawn are compiled in McFarlane et al. (21). <sup>b</sup> Mean distance for three stations. <sup>c</sup> Incomplete year's collections resulted from collectors being disturbed by wildlife or vandalized. <sup>d</sup> Mean number of days for three stations. <sup>e</sup> Calculated from 178 days collection, rest of period As was below detection.

Table III. Simple Correlation Coefficients of Metal Pairs and Annual Metal Deposition (1976–1977) with Distance from the Smelter Stack <sup>a</sup>

			corr	coeff of distance (km)			
	Fe	Mn	Pb	As	Cd	Cu	Zn
Fe	-0.648	-0.515	-0.831**	-0.829**	-0.860**	-0.600	-0.782*
Mn		0.899**	0.610	0.851**	0.674	0.953**	0.672
Pb			0.683	0.852**	0.731*	0.770*	0.745*
As				0.934**	0.982**	0.438	0.961**
Cd					0.954**	0.709*	0.943**
Cu						0.511	0.964**
Zn							0.459

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Significant correlation at the 95% confidence level is indicated by \* and at the 99% confidence level by \* \*

Table IV. Total Metals Deposited within Circular Areas of Radius x around the Flin Flon Smelter for the Period August 1976–July 1977, as Determined by Integration of Curves  $y = ax^b$ 

metal	a	ь	x, km	metal deposited at distance $x$ , $mg \cdot m^{-2}$	metal deposited in area = $\pi x^2$ ,
Zn	15 371	-1.7285	264	1	1616
Cd	23	-1.3716	284	0.01	8.0
Pb	155	-1.1284	87	1	55
As	60	-1.6714	46	0.1	4.0
Cu	509	-1,5196	60	1	48

time, respectively, for this period compared with 17.4 and 16.6% for the previous 5 y (Figure 2 a,b,). Figure 3 shows mean seasonal deposition of Zn, Cu, and Cd on Hamell and Thompson lakes, which were downwind 16.6 and 8.1% of the time, respectively, during this period compared with 13.0 and 7.0% for the long term (Figure 2a,b). The variation in metal deposition from month to month is probably the result of fluctuations in wind speed and direction, and amounts of precipitation. Simple correlation coefficients between annual deposition of a metal and distance from the smelter (Table III) are significant for Pb, As, Cd, and Zn, which would indicate with reasonable certainty that these metals originated from the smelter stack. The other metals (Fe, Mn, Cu) may have originated partially from the stack and partially from dust and soil close to the collectors. Significant correlation exists between Fe and Mn, Cu and As; Mn and As, Cd and Cu; Pb and As, Cd and Zn; As and Cd, Cu and Zn; and between Cd and Zn. Month to month weather and deposition data show that the number of significant correlations among all metals is highest during winter when precipitation is light and in the form of snow and that the number of significant correlations between the metals linked to the smelter (Zn, Cd, As, Pb) in annual data with distance from the smelter is highest in summer when precipitation is heavier and as rain (14). Likewise, correlation between this group of metals and Fe and Mn, which are probably mainly of dust origin, is low at this time. Copper, which was more closely linked to Fe and Mn in annual data, showed significant correlation with distance from the smelter in summer collections. The highest numbers of significant correlations are found both between metals and distance from the smelter and among metals when winds are equitably distributed with respect to direction, i.e., both

Table V. Deposition of Selected Elements in Snow on Lake Surfaces Near Flin Flon for the Period November 20, 1975 to February 5, 1976

direction from												mg•n	1-2					
smelter	lake a	km <sup>b</sup>	$\mathbf{mm}^{c}$	wind $d$	рН	CI	SO <sub>4</sub>	Na	к	Mg	Ca	Fe	Mn	Pb	As	Cd	Cu	Zn
N	WHI	5.6	50.5	15.6	6.59	40	162	4.5	3.5	7.1	30.0	15.0	1.00	16.0	2.80	1.9	21.0	873.0
	PRE	11.6	46.6	15.6	6.23	28	75	4.2	1.0	1.9	8.4	3.2	0.20	3.5	0.70	0.5	0.9	158.0
NE	CLI-A	4.0	62.7	9.6	6.68	88	213	17.0	3.1	5.0	23.0	16.0	0.90	20.0	2.30	3.1	8.1	718.0
	CLI-B	4.0	48.1	9.6	6.75	39	250	11.0	1.9	3.9	20.0	18.0	1.00	21.0	1.90	2.9	15.0	903.0
	CLI-C	4.0	54.3	9.6	6.92	43	250	5.4	2.2	4.3	33.0	39.0	1.20	40.0	0.60	4.5	48.0	2403.0
	LSIX-A	5.6	35.2	9.6	6.76	42	127	11.0	3.5	2.5	17.0	4.6	0.30	9.5	1.30	1.3	4.6	324.0
	LSIX-B	5.6	35.2	9.6	6.77	28	106	1.1	0.4	2.5	8.5	4.6	0.50	8.8	0.80	1.1	4.6	410.0
	LSIX-C	5.6	40.1	9.6	6.91	40	145	4.0	0.8	2.8	12.0	6.4	0.50	13.0	1.10	1.8	5.2	505.0
	<b>EMB</b>	7.2	53.6	9.6	6.68	54	97	6.4	1.6	5.4	23.0	4.7	0.30	5.0	1.10	0.9	1.6	221.0
E	BIL-A	5.6	53.6	6.1	6.48	43	75	2.1	0.0	3.8	16.0	11.0	0.50	7.7	1.00	0.9	9.1	413.0
	BIL-B	8.9	34.4	6.1	6.38	21	41	1.0	0.0	1.4	8.3	0.0	0.10	2.4	0.40	0.3	1.4	142.0
	SOU-B	18.5	45.9	6.1	5.83	37	37	6.0	2.3	3.2	14.0	3.4	0.20	0.0	0.20	0.0	0.0	60.0
	THO-A	20.0	44.0	6.1	5.89	52	26	6.6	2.6	1.8	16.0	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.0	22.0
	тно-в	20.0	27.9	6.1	5.68	22	17	1.7	0.0	8.0	3.4	0.0	0.04	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.0	30.0
	THO-C	20.0	36.3	6.1	6.20	44	15	15.0	8.3	2.2	15.0	0.0	0.20	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.0	25.0
SE	NWA-A	4.0	42.1	23.2	6.72	34	152	3.0	1.3	5.1	20.0	30.0	1.50	32.0	3.60	3.5	45.0	2185.0
	NWA-B	8.0	40.6	23.2	6.64	33	106	2.4	0.4	2.4	15.0	18.0	0.90	19.0	2.50	2.0	16.0	962.0
	SCH	12.9	51.9	23.2	6.32	42	104	3.1	0.5	2.1	9.3	4.4	0.40	7.5	1.10	0.7	1.1	263.0
	HOO-N	9.7	46.0	23.2	6.81	46	221	8.7	7.4	6.0	38.0	20.0	1.20	19.0	1.60	2.0	11.0	536.0
	NEA	13.7	57.3	23.2	6.05	46	138	5.7	0.6	4.0	28.0	20.0	0.90	15.0	1.90	1.1	4.9	334.0
	ATH	37.0	41.3	23.2	5.34	25	17	1.7	0.0	1.7	9.9	0.0	0.40	0.0	0.05	0.0	0.0	9.9
S	PHA-A	3.2	57.7	17.0	6.70	46	185	2.3	0.6	3.5	21.0	31.0	1.00	17.0	2.80	2.5	14.0	954.0
	PHA-B	8.9	46.3	17.0	6.47	37	83	7.0	1.4	9.3	25.0	4.5	0.40	6.9	0.90	0.7	1.0	278.0
	WA	12.0	41.3	17.0	6.22	33	58	4.1	8.0	1.7	9.9	4.9	0.20	6.2	0.90	0.7	8.0	124.0
SW	DOU	4.8	42.4	7.1	6.35	42	93	2.6	2.6	3.0	18.0	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.0	21.0
	BIR	13.7	49.6	7.1	5.73	40	30	2.0	0.0	2.5	8.9	3.6	0.20	0.0	0.20	0.2	0.0	43.0
	AMI	17.7	40.3	7.1	5.33	24	16	1.2	0.0	2.8	17.0	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.20	0.0	0.0	15.0
NW	HAM-A	4.8	43.8	5.2	6.64	35	123	3.9	1.3	1.8	11.0	21.0	0.70	14.0	2.00	1.4	13.0	782.0
	HAM-B	4.8	34.5	5.2	6.82	35	118	3.5	2.1	4.2	23.0	11.0	0.40	8.2	0.30	1.2	5.8	299.0
	HAM-C	7.2	48.1	5.2	6.94	48	67	3.4	1.4	3.9	20.0	11.0	0.30	5.7	1.70	0.6	1.0	172.0
	HAM-D	7.2	33.5	5.2	6.73	34	74	4.0	1.3	4.0	22.0	5.0	0.30	5.0	0.60	0.6	0.7	233.0
	NES-E	12.9	41.2	4.2	6.09	17	33	2.5	0.0	1.2	15.0	6.8	0.10	2.8	0.70	0.1	0.4	45.0

a Abbreviations used are: Amisk, AMI; Athapapuskow, ATH, BAK, SOU; Birch, BIR; Cliff, CLI; Douglas, DOU; Embury, EMB; Hamell, HAM; Hook, HOO; Kisseynew (Weetago Bay), WEB; Manistikwan, BIL; Meridian, MER; Nesootao, NES; Patmore, PAT; Phantom, PHA, POT; Precipice, PRE; Schist, SCH, NWA, WA, NEA; Simonhouse, SIM; Thompson, THO; Tulabi, TUL; Tyrrell, TYR; Whitefish, WHF; Whitehead, WHI; Lake 6, L-Six. b km = distance of sample site from smelter. c mm = water equivalent in millimeters of snow collected at sample site. d Wind = percent time that the smelter plume was in the direction of the sample site during the snow accumulation period.

smelter emissions and dust are well distributed in the air (14). No significant correlation was found between any single weather measurement and any of the metals.

For those five metals for which atmospheric deposition was significantly correlated with distance from the smelter (Zn, Cd, Pb, As, Cu), curves of the form  $y = ax^b$  were fitted to the data (where y is metal deposition per unit area per unit time and x is the distance in kilometers from the smelter). The total quantity of a metal deposited within a circular area of specified radius x from the smelter was then calculated and is shown in Table IV

These data are based essentially on nine data points, six of which are in two directions only, SE and SW from the smelter.

Winter Snow Samples. Atmospheric deposition of 11 metals, sulfate, and chloride, directly to Flin Flon area lakes for the periods November 20, 1975, to February 5, 1976, and November 8, 1976, to February 2, 1977, are shown in Tables V and VI, respectively. "Plume roses" for these two periods are shown in Figure 2c,d. Significant correlations among the data for each of these collections are indicated in Table VII.

The 1976 data are very irregular, probably due to sampling

error. This is suggested by significant positive correlation between the measured water equivalent of samples (mm) and the deposition of Cl, SO<sub>4</sub>, Ca, Fe, and Mn (Table VII). This correlation probably was caused by sampling too near to lake shores where snow accumulated and where there was a high availability of local particulate material. The more systematic, replicate sampling procedure undertaken in 1977 is evident, firstly, by the absence of significant correlation between water equivalent (millimeters) and the deposition of any material and, secondly, by reduction in the correlation between the alkali metal group (primarily from dust sources) and members of the heavy metal group, most of which have an obvious connection with the smelter (Table VII). The statistics in Table VII may be summarized as follows:

- (1) Distance from the smelter, in 1976, was negatively correlated with pH, SO<sub>4</sub>, Mg, Ca, Fe, Mn, Pb, As, Cd, Cu, and Zn. In 1977 only Zn, Pb, As, Cd, Cu, and pH were negatively correlated with distance. Only the deposition of Zn, Cd, Pb, As, and Cu consistently correlated with distance in both years, which indicates that these metals emanated from the smelter
- (2) The fraction of time that a sampling location was downwind of the smelter in 1976 was positively correlated with

Table VI. Deposition of Selected Elements in Snow on Lake Surfaces Near Flin Flon for the Period November 8, 1976 to February 2, 1977

lirection from												mg·m <sup>-2</sup>						
smelter	lake <sup>a</sup>	km <sup>b</sup>	mm c	wind $d$	рН	CI	SO <sub>4</sub>	Na	K	Mg	Ca	Fe	Mn	РЬ	As	Cd	Cu	Zn
N	WHI-W	5.6	38.9	10.3	5.48	16.0	70.0	6.6	0.0	2.7	11.0	14.0	0.3	9.1	1.40	0.90	15.0	412.0
	WHI-E	5.6	49.7	10.3	5.73	30.0	109.0	7.0	0.0	3.5	11.0	25.0	0.4	14.0	1.70	1.40	16.0	586.0
	PRE-S	11.6	47.6	10.3	5.32	29.0	19.0	8.1	0.0	1.4	4.3	25.0	0.2	3.1	0.50	0.30	2.3	104.0
	PRE-N	11.6	43.8	10.3	5.64	18.0	35.0	5.3	0.0	3.9	16.0	14.0	0.2	4.1	0.60	0.40	2.7	142.0
	WEB-A	13.6	62.9	10.3	6.13	38.0	76.0	16.0	2.5	15.0	43.0	16.0	1.1	4.3	0.80	0.40	3.6	132.0
	WEB-B	13.6	56.2	10.3	5.46	34.0	45.0	16.0	0.0	6.2	21.0	13.0	0.2	3.2	0.70	0.30	2.7	77.0
NE	CLI-W	4.0	57.7	9.5	6.17	92.0	150.0	28.0	0.0	13.0	48.0	31.0	1.2	15.0	2.30	1.40	50.0	733.0
	CLI-E	4.0	57.3	9.5	5.22	34.0	115.0	9.2	0.0	5.7	24.0	26.0	0.9	17.0	1.90	1.30	34.0	619.0
	L-SIX	5.2	50.2	9.5	5.37	20.0	40.0	3.0	0.0	1.0	4.5	12.0	0.5	5.9	1.10	0.70	31.0	335.0
	EMB-S	8.0	66.9	9.5	5.90	27.0	67.0	8.0	0.0	5.4	25.0	6.8	1.1	6.0	0.90	0.50	8.3	203.0
	EMB-N	8.0	57.7	9.5	6.33	35.0	115.0	13.0	2.3	22.0	72.0	6.2	0.4	6.1	0.80	0.40	8.0	222.0
E	BIL-WW	6.2	40.6	12.0	7.36	33.0	219.0	13.0	5.3	38.0	135.0	9.5	0.9	10.0	1.30	1.10	23.0	467.0
	BIL-WN	6.2	33.9	12.0	6.60	20.0	115.0	6.5	0.0	17.0	53.0	8.6	0.5	11.0	1.20	0.90	22.0	482.0
	BIL-EW	8.6	34.6	12.0	6.64	21.0	118.0	8.0	1.4	16.0	59.0	9.0	0.4	8.5	0.90	0.80	12.0	360.0
	BIL-EE	8.6	43.0	12.0	6.69	43.0	138.0	14.0	1.7	21.0	70.0	9.2	0.6	11.0	1.20	0.90	15.0	428.0
	WHF-W	14.6	44.1	12.0	6.14	26.0	44.0	8.4	0.0	4.8	30.0	4.8	0.2	5.2	0.70	0.40	7.2	152.0
	WHF-E	14.6	56.9	12.0	6.74	46.0	80.0	22.0	4.6	22.0	79.0	5.0	0.3	4.5	0.70	0.40	5.5	124.0
	THO-W	20.2	50.9	12.0	5.32	20.0	41.0	11.0	0.0	3.6	14.0	5.2	0.2	2.8	0.30	0.20	2.4	63.0
	THO-E	20.2	51.5	12.0	6.30	31.0	41.0	12.0	0.0	13.0	57.0	3.1	0.2	2.0	0.30	0.10	1.7	44.0
SE	NWA-M	6.9	60.9	41.0	6.37	146.0	658.0	33.0	0.0	15.0	81.0	192.0	3.3	81.0	10.00	7.00	113.0	3735.0
	NWA-E	6.9	29.9	41.0	6.36	72.0	263.0	21.0	0.0	5.7	64.0	47.0	1.2	23.0	2.60	2.00	27.0	1039.0
	HOO-A	9.5	46.4	41.0	6.01	28.0	149.0	3.7	0.0	2.3	6.5	25.0	0.9	18.0	2.10	1.70	18.0	696.0
	ноо-в	9.5	76.4	41.0	6.21	46.0	245.0	6.9	0.0	4.6	18.0	78.0	1.5	36.0	4.00	3.10	35.0	1414.0
	BAK-M	19.4	40.5	41.0	7.19	81.0	154.0	19.0	0.0	11.0	71.0	12.0	0.4	6.1	0.90	0.50	5.6	174.0
	BAK-E	19.4	42.7	41.0	7.12	772.0	813.0	178.0	22.0	86.0	513.0	20.0	0.6	9.8	0.90	0.80	8.0	255.0
	ATH-A	38.0	58.3	41.0	4.90	47.0	23.0	19.0	0.0	2.9	8.2	3.5	0.2	1.5	0.30	0.10	0.9	19.0
	ATH-B	38.0	83.6	41.0	6.15	34.0	34.0	13.0	0.0	20.0	54.0	4.5	0.2	3.7	0.60	0.20	2.1	34.0
	SIM-A SIM-B	54.0 54.0	75.9 56.2	41.0 41.0	5.39 6.50	30.0 23.0	15.0 23.0	4.6 11.0	0.0	6.1 41.0	18.0 21.0	4.1 2.9	0.2	1.2 1.7	0.30	0.01	1.0	16.0
s	POT-W	4.5	44.8	7.3	6.20	27.0	296.0	9.0	0.0	8.5	33.0	104.0	1.6	28.0	3.60	0.01 3.70	36.0	17.0 1277.0
3	POT-E	4.5	60.1	7.3	6.17	36.0	313.0	1.8	0.0	4.2	22.0	145.0	23.0	34.0	6.10	3.80	63.0	1347.0
	PHA-SW	8.5	53.6	7.3	5.84	32.0	118.0	1.6	0.0	2.7	9.6	40.0	1.8	18.0	2.40	1.70	16.0	825.0
	PHA-SE	8.5	56.5	7.3	8.04	57.0	362.0	36.0	18.0	66.0	203.0	58.0	1.6	25.0	4.00	2.00	21.0	1062.0
	WA-N	12.0	45.3	7.3	6.06	25.0	220.0	1.3	0.0	3.0	16.0	20.0	0.9	17.0	2.30	1.40	16.0	630.0
	WA-N	12.0	47.8	7.3	6.21	38.0	134.0	5.3	0.0	3.3	11.0	21.0	0.8	15.0	2.20	1.30	14.0	564.0
sw	DOU-E	5.0	55.0	4.0	6.68	44.0	66.0	11.0	0.0	9.9	79.0	25.0	0.5	6.8	0.90	0.60	13.0	261.0
0,,	DOU-W	5.0	39.3	4.0	6.09	24.0	55.0	7.9	0.0	3.5	31.0	19.0	0.4	5.9	0.70	0.50	12.0	214.0
	PAT-E	9.5	44.7	4.0	5.45	27.0	27.0	10.0	0.0	4.0	14.0	19.0	0.4	2.6	0.50	0.30	4.9	114.0
	PAT-W	9.5	53.4	4.0	5.84	32.0	21.0	11.0	0.0	5.3	35.0	15.0	0.3	2.5	0.30	0.20	3.3	83.0
	BIR-E	14.0	40.8	4.0	4.95	33.0	8.2	5.7	0.0	4.1	15.0	8.0	0.3	0.7	0.20	0.10	1.0	26.0
	BIR-W	14.0	39.9	4.0	5.45	56.0	8.0	19.0	0.0	6.8	22.0	7.0	0.2	0.8	0.10	0.10	0.7	25.0
	AMI-E	17.5	59.7	4.0	5.00	36.0	12.0	22.0	0.0	3.6	11.0	5.1	0.1	1.0	0.10	0.05	1.0	14.0
	AMI-W	17.5	43.0	4.0	4.82	26.0	0.0	12.0	0.0	3.0	10.0	3.5	0.1	1.2	0.02	0.03	1.0	7.0
w	MER-E	7.0	48.6	1.5	5.24	29.0	19.0	16.0	0.0	2.4	6.8	5.2	0.1	4.1	0.40	0.20	1.8	97.0
10121	MER-W	7.0	62.1	1.5	5.26	37.0	25.0	19.0	0.0	5.0	20.0	5.3	0.2	2.7	0.40	0.20	2.4	109.0
	TUL-A	71.0	57.7	1.5	4.81	23.0	11.0	9.2	0.0	2.9	10.0	8.4	0.2	1.0	0.10	0.10	1.4	36.
	TUL-B	71.0	37.2	1.5	4.91	22.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	1.9	3.3	27.0	0.1	0.2	0.10	0.01	0.1	1,
NW	HAM-N	4.2	57.7	8.4	5.75	46.0	23.0	23.0	0.0	4.6	27.0	74.0	0.8	5.3	2.70	0.40	4.2	151.0
	HAM-S	4.2	49.3	8.4	5.27	39.0	20.0	18.0	0.0	2.0	8.9	25.0	0.4	4.0	0.60	0.40	3.1	181.0
	NES-E	12.5	69.8	8.4	5.08	61.0	26.0	36.0	0.0	3.1	6.1	19.0	0.2	0.9	0.30	0.10	0.5	13.
	NES-W	12.5	46.6	8.4	5.18	24.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	2.4	5.6	5.5	0.4	1.2	0.20	0.10	0.8	20.
	TYR-A	21.0	40.3	8.4	4.87	24.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	2.4	7.3	5.7	0.1	0.6	0.10	0.04	0.4	5.

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Mn, Pb, and As, while in 1977 this parameter correlated positively with pH, Cl,  $SO_4$ , Na, Mg, Ca, Pb, Cd, and Zn.

(3) In both 1976 and 1977, pH and SO<sub>4</sub> were positively correlated with deposition of most elements, indicating a di-

rect relationship of pH with amount of particulate material in a sample. The heavy metals were strongly correlated (positive) among themselves in both years.

(4) In both 1976 and 1977, Cl was positively correlated with

Table VII. Significant Correlations in Data from Winter Snow Collections; 1976 above Diagonal, 1977 below a mm c km<sup>b</sup> W pН CI SO<sub>4</sub> Mg Pb As Cd Zn km mm + W + ++ pH + CI ++ SO ++ ++ Na + ++ K ++ ++ + + + + Mo ++ + +++ ++ ++ + + Ca ++ + + + ++ ++ ++ + + ++ Fe ++ ++ ++ ++ Mn ++ Pb + + ++ + + ++ As ++ Cd ++ ++ + ++ Cu + ++ ++ ++ Zn + + ++ + +

Table VIII. Total Mass of Elements Measured on Lake Surfaces Near Flin Flon on February 2, 1977, after 85 Days of Snow Accumulation a

			element loads, kg							kg	
lake	area, km²	Fe	Mn	Pb	As	Cd	Cu	Zn	Σ	so42-	H <sup>+</sup>
Birch	1.66	12	0.36	1.3	0.24	0.13	1.4	42	57	13	0.50
Cliff	2.46	70	2.6	39	5.0	3.3	103	1663	1886	326	0.48
Douglas	1.22	27	0.54	7.7	0.93	0.68	15	290	342	74	0.02
Embury	13.12	85	10	79	11	6.2	105	276	572	1194	0.72
Hamell	2.33	115	1.4	10	3.7	8.0	8.5	387	526	50	0.42
Hook	0.90	46	1.1	24	2.7	2.2	24	950	1050	177	0.05
Meridan	1.23	6.5	0.18	4.2	0.53	0.26	2.6	127	141	27	0.38
Patmore	0.71	12	0.25	1.8	0.29	0.16	2.9	70	87	17	0.09
Phantom	4.78	315	8.7	125	19	4.4	163	5391	6026	1301	0.18
Precipice	1.45	22	0.25	5.2	0.82	0.58	3.6	178	210	39	0.24
Six	0.19	2.3	0.10	1.1	0.21	0.12	5.9	64	74	86	0.21
Thompson	2.20	9.1	0.45	5.3	0.67	0.36	4.5	118	138	90	0.30
Tulabi	12.74	225	2.2	7.6	1.2	0.51	9.6	239	485	148 c	10.2
Tyrrell	5.34	29	0.77	2.6	0.48	0.16	1.7	25	60	d	3.7
Whitefish	1.23	6.0	0.30	6.0	0.84	0.44	7.8	170	191	76	0.02
Whitehead	0.39	7.5	0.15	4.5	0.60	0.45	6.0	195	214	35	0.04

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculations are based on means of duplicate samples. <sup>b</sup> One sample only, <sup>c</sup> One sample only, second sample below detection limit of 0.2 ppm. <sup>d</sup> Below detection limit of 0.2 ppm

SO<sub>4</sub>, Na, K, Mg, and Ca, and, in 1976 only, with Cd.

(5) The alkali group of metals (Na, K, Mg, Ca) showed strong positive correlation among themselves in 1977, but in 1976 the relationships between Na and Ca and between K and Mg were not significant. In 1977, none of these metals correlated with As or any of the heavy metals (Fe, Mn, Pb, Cd, Cu, Zn), but in 1976 positive correlation was found between Mg and Fe, Mn, Pb, As, and Cd and between Ca and As and all the heavy metals.

Table VIII gives total fallout of As and heavy metals as well as SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sup>+</sup> on several Flin Flon area lakes at the time of 1977 winter sampling. These data illustrate the magnitude of chemical input to these lakes from airborne sources.

The significant negative correlations between fallout of Zn, Cd, Pb, As, and Cu with distance from the smelter for winter data allowed fitting of deposition curves to the data. Table IX

gives the calculated annual deposition of the various metals within specified areas based on snow sample analyses for winter periods of 1975-1976 and 1976-1977. As before, the equation  $y = ax^b$  was used in these calculations.

The 1976 data are based on 32 snow collections in 7 directions from the smelter (none from the west), while the 1977 data are based on 53 snow collections in all 8 major directions from the smelter. These metal depositions are calculated for a circular area of radius x, when in reality, the deposition zones were skewed to the south and southeast of the smelter in 1976 and strongly skewed to the southeast in 1977 due to prevailing winds during the snow accumulation periods (see Figure 2c and d). The actual deposition of metals in these directions is, therefore, probably higher than that given here for any given distance from the smelter.

Comparison of Deposition Estimates. Total fallout of the

a Signs indicate the direction and level of significance of corresponding correlation coefficients, e.g., + + refers to a positive correlation coefficient significant at the 99% confidence level, + refers to the 95% confidence level. Blank spaces are indicative of no significant correlation at the 95% confidence level. b km = distance from smelter. c mm = millimeters of precipitation recorded at sample location as liquid. d W = portion of collection period in which a sample location was downwind of smelter

**Table IX. Total Metals Deposited within Circular Areas** of Radius x around Flin Flon Smelter for the Winter Periods (a) November 20, 1975-February 5, 1976, and (b) November 8, 1976-February 2, 1977, as Determined by Integration of Deposition Curves  $(y = ax^b)$ 

metal	a	ь	x, km	metal deposited at distance x, mg·m <sup>-2</sup>	metal deposited in area $= \pi x^2$ , t
		(a)	1976		
Zn	12 252	-1.9301	131	1	1548
Cd	456	-3.5261	21	0.01	no fit
Pb	22 387	-4.6925	8.5	1	no fit
As	11	-1.2946	37	0.1	1.2
Cu	17 947	-4.9769	7	1	no fit
		(b)	1977		
Zn	7 269	-1.6534	217	1	850
Cd	15	-1.5349	113	0.01	2
Pb	72	-1.1299	44	1	14
As	1	-1.0600	68	0.1	0.4
Cu	190	-1.5048	33	1	14

five metals originating from the smelter, as estimated either by precipitation collections taken over 1 y or by snow collections extrapolated to a year as shown in Tables IV and IX, does not allow comparison of the relative efficacy of the methods of data collection. We were able to directly compare deposition data from precipitation collections with snow collections for the 1976-1977 snow collection period at five different lakes. The data, taken from Table VI and from McFarlane et al. (21) (raw data from which Table II was compiled), are compared in Table X. Although there is considerable variability in the ratios of precipitation: snow data, with the exception of Hamell Lake, snow collections yielded consistently higher deposition estimates for all metals at all lakes. Overall, estimates based on precipitation collections averaged only 55% of estimates determined from snow collections for the same time period.

#### Discussion

An assessment of the importance of the Flin Flon smelter

as a source of atmospheric metal fallout requires comparison of the deposition in this area with that in the vicinity of other point sources as well as that recorded in urban areas and areas remote from human activity. This comparison is shown in Table XI. These data indicate that the smelter at Flin Flon is a significant source of atmospheric Zn, Cu, and Cd. The deposition of Pb, while high, is not higher than that found in large urban areas associated with high automobile use (see Copenhagen, Table XI).

The high degree of variation in time and space among our collections of precipitation has a number of explanations. The open-mouthed collectors that we used tend to underestimate precipitation (and presumably deposition) by 20% or more due to aerodynamic effects of the passage of wind across the mouth of the collector (25). This effect is influenced by the proximity of screening structures such as tall vegetation or the roughness of topography and by the height of the sampler above ground in areas where drifting snow is prevalent. Although we attempted to provide an unobstructed clearing around our samplers, errors arising from these sources could not be eliminated. Furthermore, sedimentation-type collectors do not trap effectively particles smaller than about 5  $\mu$ m in still air (26) and with any wind at all are inefficient at collection of particles of  $<15 \,\mu m$  average diameter (27). Our estimates of metal deposition based on these samplers, therefore, may be too low. On the other hand, deposition based on snow collections from lakes may include fallout due to impaction, as well as sedimentation, and therefore may be more representative of the actual deposition, at least for the winter period. This possibility is reinforced by the data in Table X, which show that precipitation collections yielded estimates of metals deposition that averaged only 55% of estimates obtained from snow collections for the same time and place. This difference is in good agreement with the magnitude and direction of error expected on the basis of wind and site effects on precipitation collectors and on the variation in data obtained from duplicate collectors (see Error section in Methods), which, for the five metals linked to the smelter, had coefficients of variation averaging 44%. The discrepancy of Hamell Lake deposition ratios in Table X probably was caused by an upward bias in deposition data obtained from precipitation collectors. Only two of three precipitation collectors around the lake, the two

Table X. Comparison of Metals Deposition Estimated from Precipitation Collections with That from Snow Collections for the Same Time Period, November 8, 1976-February 2, 1977

		deposition, mg·m <sup>-2</sup>							
		Thompson Lake a	Hamell Lake b	Patmore Lake	Hook Lake	Baker's Narrows	x̄ ratio ± SD		
Zn	precip.	30.2	167	19.7	390	86.9			
	snow	53.5	166	98.5	1055	215			
	ratio	0.57	1.01	0.20	0.37	0.40	$0.51 \pm 0.31$		
Cd	precip.	0.12	0.50	0.06	0.84	0.22			
	snow	0.15	0.40	0.25	2.4	0.65			
	ratio	0.80	1.25	0.24	0.35	0.34	$0.60 \pm 0.42$		
Pb	precip.	1.3	5.5	0.70	11.2	3.8			
	snow	2.4	4.7	2.6	27	8.0			
	ratio	0.54	1.17	0.27	0.41	0.48	$0.57 \pm 0.35$		
As	precip.	0.16	1.0	0.07	1.3	0.58			
	snow	0.30	1.7	0.40	3.1	0.90			
	ratio	0.53	0.59	0.18	0.42	0.64	$0.47 \pm 0.18$		
Cu	precip.	1.3	3.7	1.9	11.9	3.4			
	snow	2.1	3.7	4.1	27	6.8			
	ratio	0.62	1.00	0.46	0.44	0.50	$0.55 \pm 0.28$		
							$G\overline{x} = 0.54 \pm 0.05$		
x ratio	os ± SD	$0.61 \pm 0.11$	$1.00 \pm 0.26$	$0.27 \pm 0.11$	$0.40\pm0.04$	$0.47 \pm 0.12$	$G\overline{x} = 0.55 \pm 0.28$		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Precipitation average of three stations. <sup>b</sup> Precipitation average of two stations.

Table XI. Comparison of Metal Deposition at Flin Flon with That Recorded Elsewhere

		deposit				
location	Zn	Cd	Pb	As	Cu	reference
Flin Flon, Channing (4.3 km from smelter)	1780	4.5	42	6.2	57	this work a
Wollongong, NSW, Australia (2.3 km from smelter)	130	2.0	36		80	Beavington (12)a
Copenhagen, Denmark (average of rural, suburban, and urban estimates)	82		50		7.3	Andersen et al. (22) <sup>a</sup>
Chadron, Neb. (nonindustrial town of 5000)	4.0	0.12	1.9		1.8	Streumpler (23)
New Hampshire (remote montane site)		0.87	19.6			Schlesinger et al. (24)
<sup>a</sup> Similar sampling apparatus used.						

closest to the smelter, yielded data complete enough for comparison with snow collection data. Since snow collections were obtained from two transects over the length of the lake, the results obtained are credible.

The lack of fit of Cd, Pb, and Cu deposition data in the 1976 snow collections to the  $y = ax^b$  model probably is due to the use of higher analytical detection limits for these metals in that year. The limits in 1976 were Cd,  $3 \mu g \cdot L^{-1}$ ; Pb,  $30 \mu g \cdot L^{-1}$ ; and Cu, 10  $\mu$ g·L<sup>-1</sup>, compared with 0.1, 2, and 1  $\mu$ g·L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, in 1977. The higher limits in 1976 put many samples collected distant from the smelter below detection. This has the effect of increasing the slope and intercept of deposition curves and significantly raising estimates of total deposition while at the same time reducing x, the radius of the affected zone. It is obvious that this is the case in the data presented in Table IX. Zinc and arsenic data for the 2 y are not so affected because the amount of zinc deposited is very high (never below detection) and similar detection limits for arsenic were employed in the 2 y.

Although particle sizes were not measured in this study, large "rust" particles were observed in both precipitation collections and in snow samples taken near the smelter along the SE transect. These particles contained considerable amounts of iron. Gladney et al. (28) found that Fe became concentrated preferentially on large particles in the fly ash from a coal-fired plant; a similar process may occur here.

We made no attempt to determine particulate mineralogy in this study. However, melted snow samples invariably contained considerable amounts of sulfate, suggesting that some metals are deposited as sulfates (14) as described by Haagen-Smit and Wayne (29). Allen et al. (30), in studies of particles collected near a smelter complex at Avonmouth, U.K., found evidence that Zn may exist in some particles as a sulfide or sulfate or in others as a silicate. Pb, on the other hand, apparently existed as an oxide in the particles examined. Probably the volatile metals As, Cd, Pb, and Zn are emitted as very fine particles of their oxides (31). The oxides may catalyze the oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> in the stack gases to SO<sub>3</sub>, which subsequently forms droplets of H2SO4 that may in turn react with the metal oxides and other elements to form PbSO<sub>4</sub>, CdSO<sub>4</sub>, ZnSO<sub>4</sub>, and other sulfate salts (29). The differences in behavior of the nonvolatile elements Cu, Mn, and Fe vs. the volatile elements Cd, Pb, Zn, and As in stack emissions may explain partially the results of simple correlation analysis of precipitation collections (Table III), where it was shown that these elements were correlated within groups but, with the exception of As, not correlated between groups. Perhaps As is associated with both volatile and nonvolatile components of the emissions.

# Conclusions

We have documented here, by two methods, the deposition of metals in atmospheric fallout in the vicinity of a base metal smelter. Comparison of the figures with those for other areas indicates that the Flin Flon smelter is a significant source of airborne Zn, Cd, Pb, As, Cu, and possibly SO4 to as much as 250 000 km<sup>2</sup> of the environment in the vicinity of the smelter. Use of these two methods suggests that a carefully planned winter survey of snow on lake ice could provide a fair assessment of fallout of airborne metals in the Flin Flon area for the winter period of approximately 135 days. Such a survey, taking only about four man-days on site to complete, would utilize multiple snow core samples from snow surface to ice level along two or more transects of at least 1 km length on each lake sampled. In the Flin Flon area, the abundance of lakes in all directions from the smelter would allow two persons, each equipped with a snowmobile to sample approximately 25 to 30 lakes in about 2 days near the end of winter. This type of sampling compares favorably with the more time-consuming collection of precipitation with monitoring equipment, which, to be economically feasible, is fraught with unmanageable errors. Although annual deposition of metals may not be determined from winter snow samples with reasonable confidence, year-to-year assessment of deposition during the winter could be monitored, for example, as an adjunct to short-term in-stack monitoring in an emission control compliance schedule.

Further work in this area and elsewhere should aim at discovering the sizes and mineralogy of fallout particles to aid in determining the availability of constituents to biota.

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## NOTES

# Particulate Matter. Its Association with Microorganisms and Trace Metals in an **Estuarine Salt Marsh Microlayer**

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■ Water samples collected from the air-water interface in a salt marsh were analyzed for particulate numbers and size range, viable heterotrophic bacteria, cadmium, and lead. Comparison of the results with those from bulk water samples indicated significantly elevated levels of particulates, plate count bacteria, and lead in all samples examined. Data suggest elevated concentrations of bacteria and lead at the interface are a consequence of high concentrations of particulates that may serve as a site for accumulation.

A significant portion of the net planktonic photosynthesis in salt marsh systems has been stated to occur within the surface microlayer (1). The air-water interface has been shown to contain elevated concentrations of toxic trace metals (2), chlorinated hydrocarbons (3), and microorganisms (4). Several heavy metals in the marine microlayer, most notably lead, have been found to associate with particulate matter (5). Particulate surfaces may significantly enhance microbial metabolic activity (6, 7). These data suggest that particulate surfaces within the salt marsh microlayer may be an important site for the introduction of toxic pollutants into the marine food web.

The authors have sampled bulk water and surface water microlayers in a San Francisco Bay salt marsh to determine microlayer enrichment of plate count bacteria, particulate material, cadmium, and lead. Determination of all these entities on single samples allows a better understanding of particulate, microorganism, and trace metal interrelationships within the salt marsh microlayer.

#### Experimental

Surface microlayer samples were taken with a 20-mesh polyethylene screen, using the screen dip method of Garrett (8). This technique samples the top 150 to 300  $\mu$ m of the water surface (9). Bulk subsurface samples were collected by opening an acid-cleaned sampling bottle at an approximate 0.2 m depth and resealing the bottle at depth to avoid contamination by interfacial materials.

All samples for bacterial analysis were collected in sterilized, glass-stoppered bottles and kept on ice until processed. Sample aliquots were cultured within 6 h upon return to the laboratory. Plate count bacteria were determined using a Quebec colony counter 48 h after plating on seawater nutrient agar and incubating at 30 °C (10).

Analysis for concentration and size distribution of particulates was performed using a Coulter Electronics, Inc., Model TA II Coulter Counter. All analyses of particles were performed using a 70- $\mu$ m aperture, which is applicable to the 1 to 40 µm particle diameter size range. The particle size range examined is well below the 930-um mesh opening in the sample screen, so it is unlikely that the observed distributions were biased by the sampling procedure. The Coulter counter was calibrated using 2.0- and 9.7-µm latex spheres. Where appropriate, samples were diluted with 0.05-µm filtered artificial seawater or 0.2-µm filtered isoton. Particle size distributions were corrected for dilution water contributions. At salt marsh salinities (11-30%), coagulation of colloidal particles is likely to have already occurred. Therefore, salinity changes on sample dilution are not expected to have produced particle flocculation. All glassware used to handle samples was acid-cleaned in 10% HNO3 and rinsed with distilled water.

Particulate materials were examined by light and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). SEM was performed using an AMR 900 SEM equipped for elemental analysis with a KEVEX X-ray energy spectrometer. Samples for SEM analysis were air-dried onto glass cover slides under a laminar-flow hood and rinsed with distilled water to remove dried salts.

Acid exchangeable (pH ~2) cadmium and lead were determined by differential pulse anodic stripping voltammetry (DPASV) using a polarographic analyzer (Princeton Applied Research Model 174A) equipped with an automatic electro-

analysis controller (Model 315). All DPASV analyses were performed on 50-mL sample aliquots acidified with 1 µL of concentrated HCl/mL (BDH Aristar grade). Samples for dissolved trace metal analysis were acidified after filtration through 0.4-µm polycarbonate membrane filters (Nuclepore Corp., Pleasanton, Calif.). Typical settings for DPASV analysis were as follows: 50-min N2 purge; 3-min preconditioning of the hanging mercury drop electrode at -0.05 V; 999-s stirred metal deposition at -0.8 V and 30-s quiescent equilibration at -0.8 V. Scans were performed at 2 mV/s to a final potential of -0.05 V. Concentrations were measured by the method of standard additions. All glassware for DPASV analyses was sequentially cleaned in 10% reagent grade HNO3 in deionized water followed by 10% redistilled HNO3 in distilled water, and 10% HNO<sub>3</sub> (BDH Aristar grade) in quartz-distilled water. These analyses were performed under a laminar-flow hood, in a clean room. Analyses by DPASV and an ammonium pyrrolidinedithiocarbamate (APDC)/diethylammonium diethyldithiocarbamate (DDDC) chelation, methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK) solvent-extraction procedure give comparable results on field samples. Ongoing research utilizes the APDC/DDDC-MIBK technique as the primary trace metal analytical procedure.

#### Results and Discussion

Distributions of particulate size, surface area, and volume for three different pairs of surface microlayer and bulk water samples are shown in Figure 1. Microlayer particulate concentrations are consistently greater than those in the bulk water over virtually the entire size range measured. Consequently, particulate surface area and volume are also enhanced over levels in the bulk water samples.

Microlayer particles appear to have a relatively larger component in large-sized categories (4 to 20  $\mu m$  diameter) than corresponding bulk water samples. Although the cause for this distribution is unknown, we may speculate that it could occur in part from fallout of large-sized material from marsh vegetation. Such particles may be temporarily held at the microlayer by surface tension, but when disturbed, sink to the sediment and consequently are not found in great numbers in the bulk water.

The particulate volumes, diameters, and surface areas shown in Figure 1 should be viewed as conservative estimates of the true sample particulate characteristics, since Coulter counter response is directly proportional to particle volume for coalesced solids (treated as spheres). For particle aggregates or porous particles, instrument response is reduced with respect to the actual particle size. For example, a particle aggregate with porosity of 0.69 would have a diameter 25% above that recorded by the Coulter counter (11). Underestimation of porous particle surface area, which is calculated assuming a spherical particle morphology, would be even more severe than the underestimation of particle volume and diameter. SEM and light microscopic examination of microlayer particulates revealed that, in general, they are nonspherical in shape and dominated by detrital material, which would be expected to be of a porous nature (Figure 2).

Plate count bacteria, particulate data, and respective partitioning for salt marsh samples are summarized in Table I. Elevated surface concentrations of plate count bacteria and particulates occurred in all three samples presented, with a clear linear correlation between these two moieties. It must be noted that plate count techniques grossly underestimate actively respiring and total numbers of bacteria. However, strong linear correlations have been found in other sample sets between fractionation (surface to subsurface concentration ratios) of particulates and fractionation of both plate count bacteria and total numbers of bacteria (determined by epifluorescence) (12). Observation of additional salt marsh sur-

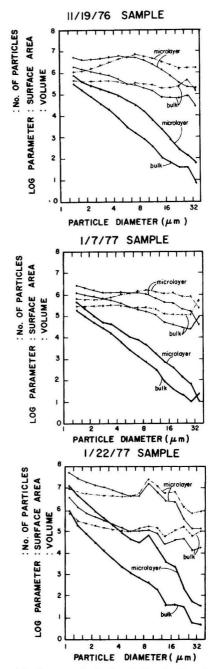
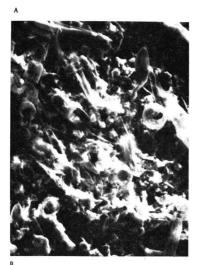


Figure 1. Coulter counter data for three San Francisco Bay salt marsh samples. Surface and subsurface particulate numbers, surface areas and volumes vs. mean particle diameter in three salt marsh samples: (—) number of particles/mL; (—) surface area,  $\mu$ m²/mL; (—-) volume,  $\mu$ m³/mL

face samples by epifluorescent microscopy has shown that a high percentage of organisms at the air-sea interface are actually attached to particulate surfaces (12). These observations indicate that microlayer particulates may provide a





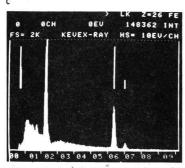


Figure 2. (a) Scanning electron micrograph of 3/4/77 Palo Alto salt marsh microlayer particulate matter at 490X. (b) Scanning electron micrograph of 3/4/77 Palo Alto salt marsh microlayer particulate matter at 980X. (c) Elemental analysis of particulate spherule (see arrow) by X-ray energy spectrometry. Elevated bars show positions of Fe spectral bands; the large undesignated band corresponds to S

surface area upon which the bacterial populations attach and that the observed correlation of microorganisms and particle fractionation is not merely coincidental. High particulate concentrations in the microlayer may ameliorate some stress factors found in this environment, most notably UV radiation (13, 14). Predator-prey interactions are suggested to be in-

Table I. Surface and Subsurface Bacteria (Plate Count) and Particulate Counts in a San Francisco Bay Salt Marsh

		date of sample				
	11-19-76	1-7-77	1-22-77			
bacteria a						
B <sub>s</sub> , surface counts/mL	590	14.2	230			
B <sub>b</sub> , subsurface counts/mL	77	3.2	6.1			
fractionation factor, $f_b = B_s/B_b$	7.7	4.4	38.3			
particulate						
P <sub>s</sub> , surface no./mL	2020	830	20100			
P <sub>b</sub> , subsurface no./mL	580	370	1290			
fractionation factor, $f_p = P_s/P_b$	3.5	2.2	15.7			
particulate surface areas b						
$A_s$ , surface ( $\mu$ m <sup>2</sup> /mL) $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	52.2	15.3	173			
$A_{\rm b}$ , subsurface ( $\mu {\rm m}^2/{\rm mL}$ ) $\times$ 10 <sup>6</sup>	8.00	5.44	7.54			
fractionation factor, $f_a = A_s/A_b$	6.53	2.81	22.9			

a Bacterial counts are the averages of duplicate plate counts run on the same series dilution (particulate and bacteria counts X 103/mL). b Particulate surface areas were computed using particle size distribution data assuming spherical particulate morphologies.

terrupted by adsorption of microorganisms to colloidal materials (15). In addition, particulate-associated organics can serve as a source of nutrients for the bacterioneuston (16). Particulate-microorganism interactions, therefore, may alter microbial population levels in marine ecosystems, and the elevated bacterial populations found at the salt marsh microlayer may result directly from the simultaneous presence of high concentrations of particulate matter.

Observations by light microscopy have shown particulate material in the salt marsh to be dominated by diatomaceous debris, plant detritus, green algae, and aggregates of small crystalline-appearing minerals. SEM photomicrographs of surface particulates are shown in Figure 2. The stoichiometry of the small spherule (Figure 2b) was established as FeS2 by comparing the iron to sulfur X-ray peak area ratios (Figure 2c) to iron solids of known mineralogy, i.e., pyrite (FeS2) and pyrrhotite ( $Fe_{1-x}S$ ). The crystalline structure of the spherule was not determined. The particle probably originated from reduced marsh sediments. During periods of water movement within the salt marsh, large-sized pieces of sediment have been observed to break off and float to the surface. Some materials that have settled from the microlaver and bulk water to the marsh sediments are, therefore, returned to the surface by this process. Presumably, flotation occurs via trapped gas bubbles (CH<sub>4</sub>) from anaerobic sediments. The production of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> in marsh sediments has been well documented (17, 18), and the concentration-depth profiles of CH4 indicate the loss of CH<sub>4</sub> from sediments in the form of bubbles (18, 19).

Flotation of sedimentary materials could conceivably provide a transport route for trace metals, present in the reducing sediments as solid sulfides, to the surface microlayer. Another important transport route of trace metals to the microlayer would result from atmospheric fallout. Plants have recently been shown to release trace metals, taken up from solids and sediments, as small-sized aerosol particulates (20). This process represents a potential for vegetation-derived atmospheric input of particulate trace metals in the marsh microlayer. Atmospheric input of particulate trace metals to the microlayer must also include that of anthropogenic origin, such as lead from automotive emissions. The flux of lead into the South San Francisco Bay from the atmosphere can be

Table II. Trace Metal Analysis of Field Samples a

sample	metal	mean total microlayer concn ( <i>C</i> <sub>microlayer</sub> ) ± <i>S</i> , µg/L	mean dissolved microlayer concn ± S, μg/L	% particulate trace metal <sup>b</sup> where statist signif	mean bulk concn ( <i>C</i> <sub>bulk</sub> ) ± <i>S</i> , μg/L	partitioning where statist signif, C <sub>microlayer</sub> /C <sub>bulk</sub>
11/19/76						
Palo Alto salt marsh	Cd	$0.47 \pm 0.17$	$0.36 \pm 0.12$		$0.49 \pm 0.13$	
	Pb	$10.24 \pm 5.09$	$0.31 \pm 0.13$	97	$0.75 \pm 0.08$	13.7
1/7/77						
Palo Alto salt marsh	Cd	$0.29 \pm 0.08$	$0.22 \pm 0.11$		$0.29 \pm 0.003$	
	Pb	$3.87 \pm 0.13$	$0.66 \pm 0.43$	83	$0.69 \pm 0.16$	5.61

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The 1/22/77 San Francisco Bay salt marsh sample was not analyzed for trace metals. <sup>b</sup> (Mean total microlayer concentration — mean dissolved microlayer concentration)/mean total microlayer concentration(100).

roughly estimated at  $9 \times 10^{-3} \,\mu\text{g/(m}^2\text{-s})$  using an aerosol Pb content of 0.93 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (Bay Area Pollution Control District, 1977, average figures) and a deposition velocity of 1 cm/s (21). Regardless of source, trace metals that are delivered to the marine microlayer will have their microlayer residence times largely controlled by the tendencies of individual metal species to adsorb to available solid surfaces or to complex with surface active microlayer organic compounds.

It may be seen from Table II data that enrichment of lead at the surface microlayer occurred during both sampling dates. Cadmium, however, was not significantly partitioned. Significance of differences was determined by using the Student's t test for inferences concerning the difference between the means of two small sample populations (22). A significant portion of microlayer lead was determined to be associated with particulate matter, while this was not the case for cadmium. Different affinities of these two metals for organic complexation and solid surface adsorption may explain the differences in observed behavior (23).

#### Conclusion

The data indicate that the salt marsh microlayer contains elevated concentrations of particulates, microorganisms, and lead. Microlayer plate count bacteria appear to be closely correlated with particulate matter, perhaps due to an increased availability of organic substrates at these surfaces. An amelioration of surface stress factors by particulates may allow microbial utilization of elevated microlayer organics. Particulate surfaces may, in fact, serve as important sites for heterotrophic activity in the microlayer. Lead is also seen to be associated with microlayer particulates. The analysis for microorganisms, particulates, and trace metals performed on single samples shows concurrent enrichment of all three entities at the air-sea interface. The presence of lead and microorganisms at particulate surfaces leads to speculation that microlayer particulate surfaces may function as a site for uptake of lead into the marine biomass. Our future research efforts will investigate this possibility. Any biological uptake of lead would depend, in part, on lead concentration and speciation. Lead on particulate surfaces may be directly adsorbed or complexed with adsorbed organic ligands. The biological availability of these forms of lead is not yet understood and requires further study.

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# Association of Hydrophobic Organic Compounds with Dissolved Organic Matter in Aquatic Systems

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Radiolabeled cholesterol added to water samples was recovered less efficiently from river water than from distilled water by solvent extraction. However, if organic matter in river water was destroyed with UV radiation prior to cholesterol addition, recovery was equivalent to that from distilled water. This demonstrated that cholesterol could be bound by dissolved organic matter and stabilized in the aqueous phase. Water samples containing radiolabeled cholesterol or the PCB isomer 2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl were fractionated by gel permeation chromatography. Results indicated that these compounds were associated with high molecular weight organic matter present in the samples.

Several studies have demonstrated that dissolved organic matter can increase the apparent aqueous solubility of hydrophobic organic compounds. Wershaw et al. (1) found that 500 mg/L of humic material extracted from soil increased the solubility of DDT 20 to 40 times. Poirrier et al. (2) found that DDT associated with iron-organic colloids in water and that it was concentrated in the colloids by a factor of 16 000. Matsuda and Schnitzer (3) showed that fulvic acid fractions of soil extracts increased the solubility of phthalate esters, but the effect decreased with decreasing molecular weight of the phthalate ester. Boehm and Quinn (4) demonstrated that the fulvic acid fraction of a marine sediment increased the solubility of the alkanes hexadecane, eicosane, and pristane but did not affect the behavior of the aromatic hydrocarbons phenanthrene and anthracene, which in pure water are more soluble than the alkanes studied. They also found that the alkanes were more soluble in untreated natural water than in water that had been treated to remove organic matter by either carbon adsorption or ultraviolet irradiation. Again, this effect was not observed for the aromatic hydrocarbons.

The increased solubility of hydrophobic organic compounds in the presence of dissolved natural organic matter is probably a result of surfactant characteristics of this material. The organic compound would associate with hydrophobic sites such as alkyl chains on the natural organic matter and the resulting complex would be held in solution or colloidal dispersion by hydrophilic sites such as carboxylic acid and phenolic and hydroxyl groups. Hydrophobic compounds held in such associations might then be expected to show behavior characteristic of the natural organic matter rather than the behavior they themselves normally exhibit in pure water systems.

A study of the behavior of the sterols coprostanol and cholesterol in the Menomonee River near Milwaukee, Wis., revealed that dissolved sterols entering the river from a municipal sewage discharge remained unchanged for at least 8 miles downstream (5). One explanation for this behavior was that the sterols were bound by dissolved organic matter and thus unavailable for adsorption. Experiments described here were designed to demonstrate whether a sterol (cholesterol) and a polychlorinated biphenyl (2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl) were bound by indigenous organic matter in Menomonee River water and in sewage. Results reported elsewhere (6) describe effects of dissolved organic matter on adsorption of these compounds.

Experimental

Water samples were collected from the Menomonee River upstream, downstream, and from the Memonomee Falls municipal sewage outfall. Organic matter in selected samples was concentrated by ultrafiltration using an Amicon UM05 ultrafilter (nominal molecular weight cutoff = 500). Sample volumes were reduced fivefold by this method.

Samples collected upstream of the sewage outfall were pretreated to remove particulate matter by continuous flow centrifugation at a force of 31 000g and a flow rate of 100 mL/min using a Sorvall Superspeed RC2-B refrigerated centrifuge. Some centrifuged samples were further treated to destroy organic matter by irradiating them in 2.7 cm (i.d.) quartz tubes for 6 h at a distance of 8 cm from a 450-W highpressure mercury vapor ultraviolet light source (Englehard Hanovia, Inc.). These samples were passed through glass fiber filters (Reeve Angel 935 AH) before use. Ultraviolet oxidation has been found effective in destroying a variety of organic compounds, including humic material, in water (7).

[4-14C]Cholesterol (ICN Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) was added to the water samples by placing benzene solutions containing 3.83 × 103 cpm of cholesterol in 2-L Erlenmeyer flasks, evaporating the solvent with a stream of nitrogen, adding 1.5 L of water sample to each flask, and stirring for 20 h on a magnetic stirrer at 4 or 20 °C. All samples were then acidified to pH <3.0 with 2.0 mL of concentrated HCl and extracted three times with 100-mL portions of glass-distilled carbon tetrachloride. The flasks were also rinsed with acetone and carbon tetrachloride to recover any adsorbed cholesterol. The extracts were evaporated to dryness and transferred to scintillation vials, and the <sup>14</sup>C activity was determined by liquid scintillation spectrometry. Radiolabeled cholesterol could be recovered quantitatively from flasks to which no water was added. The coefficient of variance for recovery efficiency from river water was 0.11.

Selected water and sewage samples were fractionated by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) using columns packed with Sephadex G-15, G-50, or G-75. Distilled water was pumped through the column in an ascending mode by an Isco Model 312 metering piston pump. Column effluent was monitored for UV absorbance at 254 nm with an Isco Type 6 optical unit and an Isco Model UA-5 absorbance monitor. The effluent was collected in 10.0-mL fractions by a Gilson Model V-10 volumetric fraction collector. Characteristics of the columns are listed in Table I. Void volume  $(V_0)$ , the volume of water required to elute a compound completely excluded from the gel matrix, was determined for soluble starch. Interstitial volume plus void volume  $(V_i + V_0)$ , the volume required to elute a compound that can enter all pores in the gel, was determined for potassium dichromate.

Radiolabeled [14C]cholesterol and 2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl (TCB) were added to water samples to be fractionated by placing one of the labeled compounds dissolved in benzene into a glass vial with Teflon-lined cap, evaporating the solvent with a nitrogen stream, adding 10.0 or 5.0 mL of filtered (0.4-\mu Nuclepore filter) sample, and shaking for 48 h. These spiked samples were filtered again (0.4-µm Nuclepore), a 3.0-mL aliquot was injected onto the Sephadex column, and another 3.0-mL aliquot was extracted to determine the amount of radioactive material injected. This aliquot and

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Table	Cal	Permeation	Column	Characte	rictice

mol wt fractionation range	i.d., cm	length, cm	flow rate, mL/h	V <sub>0</sub> , mL	$v_0 + v_i$ , mL
<1500	2.7	21	80	45	
1500-30 000	1.6	63	60	35	95
3000-70 000	1.6	67	40	35	125
	fractionation range <1500 1500-30 000	fractionation range cm <1500 2.7 1500–30 000 1.6	fractionation range         cm         cm           <1500	fractionation range         cm         cm         mL/h           <1500	fractionation range         cm         cm         mL/h         mL           <1500

fractions eluted from the column were acidified (pH <3.0) with concentrated HCl and extracted three times with 5.0-mL portions of carbon tetrachloride (cholesterol-containing samples) or dichloromethane (TCB-containing samples). Extracts were placed in 20-mL glass scintillation vials, 100 µL of mineral oil was added to TCB-containing samples, the solvent was evaporated in an air stream, and the residue was redissolved in scintillation cocktail. Mineral oil was added to samples containing TCB in order to minimize evaporative losses of TCB during solvent evaporation. This approach was found to reduce such losses to negligible amounts. 14C activity in each sample was determined by liquid scintillation spec-

Dissolved, high molecular weight organic matter in selected samples was concentrated by membrane ultrafiltration. Samples were centrifuged (continuous flow method), filtered (0.4- µm Nuclepore filter), and passed through an Amicon UM05 ultrafilter membrane using nitrogen pressure. This membrane has an average pore diameter of 10 Å and retains globular molecules with molecular weights greater than 500. Samples were passed through this membrane at a nitrogen pressure of 70 psi and concentrated by a factor of 5; that is, 2000-mL samples were reduced to a volume of 400 mL.

#### Results and Discussion

Solvent Extraction. Efficiencies of solvent extraction of [14C]cholesterol from distilled and river water are presented in Figure 1. Cholesterol was recovered with an efficiency of 79% from distilled water, but only 44% from unfiltered river water. Initially it was felt that the poor recovery from river water was due to biological degradation; however, this possibility was eliminated when repetition of the experiment at a lower temperature (4 °C) gave similar results. This conclusion was further confirmed by using sodium azide as a disinfectant in some samples (not shown). Another possible explanation was that cholesterol was adsorbed by suspended solids and was therefore not as readily available to the solvent phase. This explanation was also eliminated, however, when no significant improvement in recovery was achieved by filtering samples before spiking them with cholesterol. The final possibility considered was that dissolved material in river water affected recovery. This might be due to either an ionic strength effect of inorganic ions or binding of cholesterol to dissolved polymeric organic acids, commonly referred to as humic material, which are themselves not readily extracted by chloroform. This question was resolved by destroying organic material in river water with UV radiation prior to the addition of cholesterol. As can be seen in Figure 1, recovery from irradiated river water was equivalent to recovery from distilled water. This experiment therefore demonstrates that natural organic matter in river water can indeed bind hydrophobic organic compounds such as cholesterol and thereby increase their affinities for the aqueous phase.

Extraction efficiencies reported here for cholesterol are considerably lower than those reported for other investigations. Hassett and Lee (8) obtained 90% recovery from lake water spiked with  $100 \mu g/L$  of cholesterol and Wun et al. (9) recovered 97% of 200 µg/L added to sewage. The high concentrations of cholesterol used in these studies probably ex-

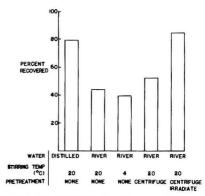


Figure 1. Extraction efficiencies of cholesterol from water

ceeded the binding capacity of dissolved organic matter in the sample, thus facilitating recovery. Results reported here therefore demonstrate the importance of performing recovery studies at realistic concentrations. This conclusion is supported by data presented by Dutka et al. (10), who found 75% recovery of cholesterol at 0.5  $\mu$ g/L, but 91% at 100  $\mu$ g/L.

Gel Permeation Chromatography. The preceding experiments indicate that cholesterol can form associations with dissolved natural organic matter. These associations were investigated further using gel permeation chromatography (GPC). GPC separates compounds on the basis of molecular size. Assuming no adsorption-desorption interaction with the gel, molecules too large to enter any pores of the gel matrix will elute at the void volume ( $V_0$ ), and compounds small enough to penetrate all pores of the matrix will elute at the void plus interstitial volume  $(V_0 + V_i)$ . Compounds of intermediate molecular size will elute between these extremes. Fractionation may also result from adsorption-desorption interactions with the gel, and molecules eluting after  $V_0 + V_i$  are assumed to undergo adsorption on the column as well as physical size fractionation. Cholesterol (mol wt 387) or 2,2',5,5'-tetrachlorobiphenyl (TCB, mol wt 292) associated with dissolved organic matter would behave as higher molecular weight compounds than they would if dissolved by themselves. Thus, it might be possible to distinguish between bound and unbound aqueous cholesterol and TCB.

Figures 2 and 3 are Sephadex G-15 chromatograms of unconcentrated and concentrated (ultrafiltration) river water containing [14C]cholesterol from upstream and downstream of a sewage treatment plant. In all chromatograms shown here, <sup>14</sup>C activity in each 10-mL fraction is represented by bar graphs and UV absorbance by dotted lines. UV absorbance is used as a qualitative indication of the presence of organic matter. In each of the chromatograms in Figures 2 and 3, the major cholesterol peaks occur in fractions 4 and 5, which correspond to fractions where high molecular weight material should elute. Since the molecular weight exclusion limit of the gel (1500) is greater than the molecular weight of cholesterol, cholesterol eluting in these fractions is mostly likely bound by other organic matter. This is supported by the observation

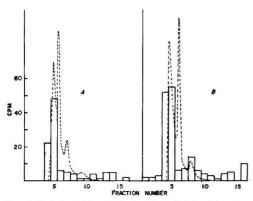


Figure 2. Sephadex G-15 molecular sieve chromatograms of river water containing [14C]cholesterol: (A) river water upstream of sewage plant, UV attenuation X 1; (B) concentrated river water (UM05), UV attenuation X 5. Dotted line is UV absorbance

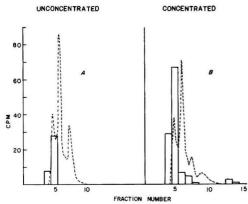


Figure 3. Sephadex G-15 molecular sieve chromatograms of river water containing [14C]cholesterol: (A) river water downstream of sewage plant, UV attenuation X 1; (B) concentrated river water (UM05), UV attenuation X 5. Dotted line is UV absorbance

that the intensities of the cholesterol peaks are greater in the concentrated river samples than in the unconcentrated ones. The ratios of the first to second UV peak heights should also be noted. The upstream samples have higher ratios and also have correspondingly higher cholesterol peaks than the downstream samples. Thus, it appears that the highest molecular weight material is principally responsible for binding cholesterol.

Figure 4 is a Sephadex G-75 chromatogram of cholesterol in river water and river water concentrated by ultrafiltration. With this gel cholesterol again elutes in the fraction containing the highest molecular weight material, although UV absorbing material elutes for the most part in later, lower molecular weight fractions. The greater intensity of the cholesterol peak in the concentrated sample indicates that dissolved, high molecular weight organic matter is binding cholesterol and causing it to elute as a high molecular weight species. Burns et al. (11) have shown by GPC that humic material from soil binds the pesticide paraquat. To determine if similar base soluble material in Menomonee River sediment can bind cholesterol, a sediment sample was extracted with 0.5 N NaOH and the extract was spiked with [14C]cholesterol. Figure 5 is the Sephadex G-50 chromatogram of this sample. Cholesterol elutes in several peaks, each associated with a UV

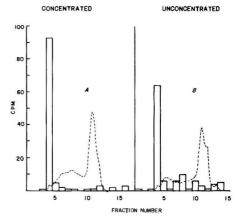


Figure 4. Sephadex G-75 molecular sieve chromatograms of river water containing [14C]cholesterol: (A) concentrated river water (UM05), UV attenuation X 5; (B) river water, UV attenuation X 1. Dotted line is UV absorbance

absorption peak. The first peak elutes in the highest molecular weight fraction and the second in the lowest molecular weight fraction. The last two peaks elute after  $V_0 + V_i$ , indicating that these fractions are associated with material undergoing adsorption-desorption interactions on the columns. It should be noted that fractions 21-25 were collected as a composite fraction and that the cholesterol peak they contain may actually be much higher and narrower.

A number of water samples were also spiked with the TCB isomer and subjected to GPC. In the case of this compound, however, no radioactive material was detected in the eluants with the exception of one sample, a concentrated river sample that eluted a very small amount of TCB. TCB is a more hydrophobic compound than cholesterol and should be more readily adsorbed from water. In these experiments, TCB was apparently adsorbed by the column material. It is unknown if adsorption was irreversible or if TCB eluted in low, broad, undetectable peaks.

A peak that could be regarded as free dissolved cholesterol or TCB was not detected for any of the natural water samples. To determine how the free compounds would elute, several distilled water samples were chromatographed. For samples containing TCB, no 14C activity was detected in the column effluent. Cholesterol was eluted, but the fractionation pattern was not reproducible from sample to sample (Figure 6). Most samples contained a cholesterol peak in the highest molecular weight fraction plus other apparently randomly distributed peaks. It is likely that in these samples cholesterol is forming self-aggregates or micelles that elute as high molecular weight species. This may also occur to some extent in river samples, but the increased amount of cholesterol eluted in high molecular weight fractions of concentrated samples relative to nonconcentrated ones indicates that cholesterol is also bound by organic matter. Unbound, truly dissolved cholesterol in river or distilled water samples is probably adsorbed by the gel matrix and does not elute.

An interesting sidelight of the GPC studies was that a greater percentage of injected 14C-labeled material was recovered from the columns for concentrated samples than for unconcentrated ones, indicating that dissolved organic matter affects the adsorption of these compounds. This phenomenon was investigated further in adsorption experiments using river and sewage solids. It was indeed found that dissolved organic matter inhibited adsorption of cholesterol and TCB, probably by binding these compounds and holding them in solution

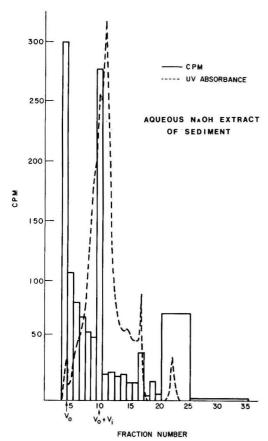


Figure 5. Sephadex G-50 molecular sieve chromatogram of an aqueous NaOH sediment extract containing [14C]cholesterol. Dotted line is UV absorbance

The mechanism of binding between hydrophobic compounds and dissolved high molecular weight organic matter is at present unknown. A possible explanation may be derived, however, by considering the nature of dissolved organic matter, which is believed to be similar to humic substances in soil. This material contains hydrophobic sites such as alkyl chains and hydrophilic sites such as carboxylic acid and hydroxyl groups and could therefore have surfactant properties. Hydrophobic compounds would associate with hydrophobic sites in the organic matter and the complex held in solution or colloidal dispersion by hydrophilic sites. Compounds held in such associations might then be expected to show solubility and adsorption behavior characteristic of the natural organic matter rather than the behavior they themselves exhibit in pure water systems.

If such associations exist in natural water, there may be several environmental implications related to stabilization of hydrophobic compounds in the aqueous phase. As demonstrated here, extraction methods used in analytical schemes may be affected, and the importance of performing recovery studies at realistic concentrations should be recognized. Solubility may be enhanced and adsorption decreased, thus increasing the mobility of these compounds in the aquatic environment. On the other hand, direct biological uptake from water and concentration in fatty tissue for compounds such as DDT and PCBs might be decreased. At present, the exis-

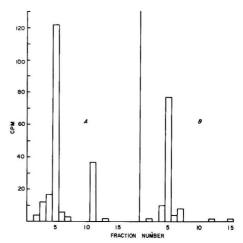


Figure 6. Sephadex G-15 molecular sieve chromatograms of distilled water containing [14C]cholesterol. Counts per minute vs. fraction number. (A and B) Distilled water

tence and importance of these associations in the aqueous environment are unknown.

#### Conclusions

Solvent extraction studies indicate that cholesterol is bound by dissolved organic matter and stabilized in the aqueous phase. Comparison of GPC elution patterns for cholesterol and TCB in concentrated vs. nonconcentrated river and sewage samples demonstrates that increasing DOC concentrations by ultrafiltration results in enhanced recovery of these compounds in high molecular weight fractions, thus indicating that they are bound by high molecular weight compounds in water. Further work is necessary to establish the nature of these bonds as well as the existence and significance of the resultant aggregates in aquatic environments.

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# Chemical Heterogeneity of Aerosol Samples as Revealed by Atomic Absorption and X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

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 Atmospheric particles collected by sedimentation or filtration have been analyzed by photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and by atomic absorption spectroscopy. The lack of correlation between the results has led us to discern problems of sample composition heterogeneity. Three types of heterogeneity have been noted: localization heterogeneity, thickness heterogeneity, and heterogeneity of particle composition. These effects are emphasized in XPS, which only takes into account the first layers of the samples, in contrast to atomic absorption, which constitutes an overall analysis.

The properties of atmospheric aerosols have been widely studied, and numerous publications dealing with particle size distribution, mechanisms of formation, lifetime, and transport have appeared in recent years (1). The chemical analysis of samples has only rarely been undertaken, although this information is essential to the understanding of the mechanisms by which particles are formed from atmospheric pollutants (2).

Several publications report interesting results concerning the use of X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) in the analysis of atmospheric particle samples (determination of the nature of the elements and of their chemical state (3).

Quantitative analysis by photoelectron spectroscopy has already been reported (4), but XPS gives only the surface composition of the samples. We have therefore compared the results with those obtained by atomic absorption spectroscopy, which provides the overall analysis, in order to reveal heterogeneity in the chemical composition as reported by Linton et al. with their ion microprobe experiments (5).

# Analytical Techniques

Photoelectron Spectroscopy. The spectra were recorded on an AEI ES 200 B photoelectron spectrometer. The excitation is provided by the K $\alpha$  radiation of magnesium (Mg K $\alpha$ = 1253.65 eV). The pressure in the neighborhood of the sample is 10-8 Torr when the spectra are recorded. The sample area is 0.75 cm<sup>2</sup>.

The electron binding energy is determined by taking that of the 1s electrons of carbon contamination as an internal standard. This energy is set at 285 eV relative to the Fermi level of the spectrometer.

Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy. Before they can be analyzed by atomic absorption spectroscopy, the aerosol samples must be dissolved either by acid (analysis of all the elements except silicon) or by base (silicon analysis).

The apparatus used is a PYE UNICAM SP 1900 double beam instrument operating with an air-acetylene or nitrous oxide-acetylene flame, depending on the elements to be analyzed.

# Collection of Atmospheric Aerosols

Plate Method. Sampling was performed in three industrial areas: Rouen, Dunkerque, and Blenod, by the "plate deposit" method (6).

Sedimentable dust carried by the air is deposited on metal plates covered with an appropriate coating. After a predetermined exposure time, the plates are washed with benzene. The suspension obtained is subjected to a series of rinses (benzene) and centrifugations. The particles are then obtained directly.

Filtration over Cellulose Ester Membranes. The aerosols were trapped on Millipore cellulose ester MF filters (reference AA WP 04700, 0.8 µm); samples were collected in Paris. The air flow rate is 500 L·h-1, and the sampling time varies from 1 to 4 days.

Generally, the samples were divided into two parts: one for analysis by XPS, the other for atomic absorption analysis. This treatment is obligatory, since the same part of a sample cannot be used successively for the two analyses. Firstly, analysis by atomic absorption spectroscopy is destructive and, secondly, a sample that has already been analyzed by XPS can only be reused with difficulty because of the fixing process.

Comparison of the Results of the Analysis Obtained by X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy and by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

The results of XPS have been expressed as the atomic concentration relative to sodium, since it is impossible to reproduce exactly the experimental conditions for the analysis of each sample (7, 8).

Sedimentable Particles Collected on Deposit Plates. The results of the analyses of sedimentable particles collected by the plate method are given in Figure 1 for the Ca/Na concentration. Similar dispersion is observed for iron, zinc, and lead. It is quite clear that there is no correlation between the results obtained by these two techniques. The absence of correlation could be due in part to the fact that photoelectron spectrometry only reaches the first layers of the samples.

Furthermore, the sedimentable particles are large (several microns) and can therefore show more marked heterogeneity of composition than the fine particles. XPS analyses of

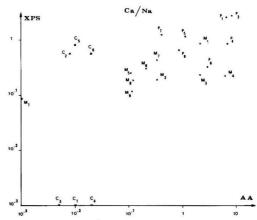


Figure 1. Comparison of the concentrations of Ca relative to Na determined by XPS and AA (Pi, plate sampling; Mi, Millipore sampling)

Table I. Study of Particle Composition Heterogeneity Analysis by X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

rel	Dunkerque 2 rel (P5)					erque 4 P7)	Dunkerque 5 (P8)	
comp	primary	crushed	primary	crushed	primary	crushed	primary	crushed
Ca/Na	0.81	2.1	2.7	2.1	1.7	2.4	2.6	3.0
Zn/Na	0.35	0.19	0.32	0.19	0.77	0.68	0.54	0.59
Fe/Na	0.81	0.97	1.3	0.97	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.0
Si/Na	3.9	3.3	5.9	3.3	4.4	5.0	7.1	6.8

Table II. Study of Localization Heterogeneity Analyses by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy a

		filter no.1 for piece				filter no. 2 for piece			filter no. 3 for piece					
element	a	ь	c	d	mean value, μg cm <sup>-2</sup>	a	b	c	mean value, μg cm <sup>-2</sup>	a	ь	c	mean value, μg cm <sup>-2</sup>	blank, μg cm <sup>-2</sup>
Na	+17	-21	0	+2	1.33	+1	-25	+9	1.40	-36	-26	+23	2.43	0.22
Fe	+28	-49	+17	-25	0.63	-11	-25	+14	1.61	-28	-19	-3	1.80	0.19
Ca	-36	+38	+17	-48	0.42	-44	0	+16	0.61	-36	+14	+8	0.91	0.15
K	-19	-30	+30	-14	0.70	+24	-18	-2	0.55	-3	-17	+7	1.20	0.11
Zn	-25	+3	+16	=13	3.46	-58	+173	-43	0.99	-46	-13	+21	0.63	0.10
Mg	-72	-67	+91	-70	0.43	-68	-64	+50	0.44	-69	-66	+50	0.62	
Al	-6	+6	-3	+6	0.33	-9	-12	+9	0.43	-5	+2	0	0.59	
mean of the abs devs per filter			27%	Ď			3	2%				23%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The areas of the pieces are not equal; the results are expressed as the deviation relative to the mean value.

Table III. Study of Localization Heterogeneity Analyses by X-ray Induced Photoelectron Spectroscopy

	filter no. 8 for piece						
element/Na	а	Ь	c				
Ca/Na	+15	-4	-11				
Zn/Na	-55	+18	+36				
N/Na	-22	+11	+10				
Pb/Na	-31	+15	+15				
S/Na	-28	+3	+25				
Si/Na	+25	+1	-27				
C/Na	-9	+9	0				
mean of the abs		18%					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The results are expressed as the deviation relative to the mean value.

crushed and noncrushed samples confirm this result (Table

Particles Collected on Filter Membranes. Once again. no correlation between the results obtained by the two techniques is possible; the same dispersion is recorded for the other elements. The analytical results for Ca are given in Figure 1.

Study of Sample Composition Heterogeneity

Three types of heterogeneity need to be considered: localization heterogeneity, which corresponds to nonuniform distribution of the particles on the filter; thickness heterogeneity due, for example, to the deposition of layers of variable composition (changes in the meteorological conditions during sampling can in particular explain this sort of heterogeneity); heterogeneity of particle composition due to the fact that a particle can have a core composition different from that of the surface.

Whereas atomic absorption spectroscopy constitutes an overall analysis, XPS is affected by these three types of heterogeneity, since it takes into account only the superficial layers ( $\simeq$ 50 Å) (4). Among these three types of heterogeneity, two have been studied experimentally.

Study of Localization Heterogeneity by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometric and XPS Analysis. Three filters impregnated with aerosols were cut into three or four parts that were analyzed separately by atomic spectroscopy for sulfur, iron, calcium, potassium, zinc, magnesium, and aluminum. The areas of the different pieces were not equal. Table II gives the relative differences between the concentrations for each of the elements.

These results show that localization heterogeneity is important, on the average of the order of 30%. It must be noted that reproducibility of the method cannot explain the size of such errors. Another series of measurements carried out by X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy on two pieces of the same filter showed deviations of 40% relative to the mean value.

The same experiments were carried out by XPS, but we would remark at the outset that the figures determined by photoelectron spectroscopy concerning heterogeneity cannot be rigorously compared to those found by atomic absorption, since the latter takes into account all the thickness of the deposit, in contrast to photoelectron spectroscopy.

Three pieces of about 0.75 cm<sup>2</sup> were cut out from a Millipore filter. In contrast to the atomic absorption analysis, the whole filter is not analyzed; the mean concentration of each element (relative to sodium) on the filter was estimated from the mean of the concentrations of the parts analyzed.

As in the case of atomic absorption, the relative deviations in Table III are calculated from the concentration of each element (relative to sodium), determined on each of the pieces, and the mean value. These deviations, of the order of 20%, cannot be entirely explained by the reproducibility of the analytical technique, which is about 10%.

Study of the Heterogeneity of Particle Composition by XPS. A fraction of the sedimentable particles collected over the Dunkerque sites was analyzed directly by XPS; another fraction was first finely crushed. The relative atomic concentrations of Ca, Fe, Zn, and Si of four samples are given in Table I and reveal marked heterogeneity in the particle composition, especially for Zn and Ca, but no surface predominance of any element clearly appears.

In conclusion, these results reveal that aerosol samples show a triple heterogeneity: heterogeneity of particles whose surface composition is different from that of the core, this being detected by photoelectron spectroscopy; heterogeneities of samples trapped on filters (localization and thickness).

It is implicitly assumed in most work published that a piece of filter has the same composition as the mean composition of the whole filter. This does not at all correspond to what we have been able to observe in cases where the density is of the order of 1  $\mu g \cdot cm^{-2}.$  Errors of 30–40% relative to the mean composition are possible. For this reason, the technique of cutting filters must be used the least, contiguous and simultaneous samples having a better chance of being comparable.

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# Cyanoarenes in Soot: Synthesis and Mutagenicity of Cyanoacenaphthylenes

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■ Two cyanoacenaphthylene isomers were synthesized and used to verify the presence of these compounds in soots generated by the combustion of aromatic hydrocarbon fuels doped with pyridine. Charge exchange—chemical ionization mass spectrometry (CE—CI MS) was utilized in differentiating between the other two cyanoacenaphthylene isomers. The mutagenic activity of the synthesized compounds was measured using a forward bacterial assay.

Several polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) have been identified as carcinogenic compounds associated with soot (1). Nitrogen-containing aromatic compounds (azaarenes) are also present in soot (2), and some are known to be carcinogenic (3). However, since azaarenes are much less abundant than PAHs, they have received less attention, and their environmental abundances and biological activities are not well known. This is unfortunate since the environmental occurrence of azaarenes is likely to increase as fuels higher in organic nitrogen content are burned.

Dubay and Hites (4) have recently burned a model fuel containing 1-6% nitrogen and have identified the major aza-arenes associated with this soot. The procedure involved Soxhlet extraction of the compounds from soot with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, the separation of the azaarenes from the bulk of the PAH by column chromatography, and the separation and identification of the individual azaarenes using gas chromatography (GC) and gas chromatographic mass spectrometry (GC–MS)

Figure 1 shows the gas chromatogram of the azaarene fraction obtained with a nitrogen-specific GC detector. The major nitrogen-containing compounds in the soot were identified as 1- and 2-cyanonaphthalene (peaks 1 and 2, respectively) and as the four isomers of cyanoacenaphthylene (peaks 3-6, isomers unspecified). The cyanonaphthalenes were identified by comparison of their mass spectra and exact gas chromatographic retention times with those of available standard materials. Cyanoacenaphthylene standards were not

available; therefore, the identification of these compounds was considered tentative (4).

The purpose of the present study was to verify the identification of peaks 3–6 as cyanoacenaphthylenes, to specify which peak is which isomer, and to assess the mutagenic activity of these compounds. This has been done by a combination of chemical synthesis of reference compounds and charge exchange-chemical ionization mass spectrometry. The synthesized compounds were tested by a quantitative, forward mutation assay using 8-azaguanine resistance in Salmonella typhimurium. For the reader's reference, the numbering system of acenaphthylene is shown here:



Experimental

Instrumentation. A Hewlett-Packard 5730A gas chromatograph equipped with dual nitrogen-phosphorus flame ionization detectors was used for GC analyses. A Hewlett-Packard 5982A mass spectrometer interfaced to a 5933A data system was used for gas chromatographic mass spectrometry. Melting points were measured using an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were run on a Varian T-60 instrument. Clones arising on the mutation plates were counted with an Artek Systems automatic colony counter.

Synthesis of 1-Cyanoacenaphthylene. Acenaphthylene (1 g) was added to a stirred suspension of 5 g of anhydrous aluminum chloride in 150 mL of hexane; this was followed by 1 mL of bromine dropwise over a 5-min period. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h under anhydrous conditions (CaCl<sub>2</sub> drying tube). At the end of this period, a 0.2-mL aliquot of the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with 1 mL of hexane. Gas chromatographic analysis of the hexane extract showed the absence of acenaphthylene, and GC-MS analysis showed the major

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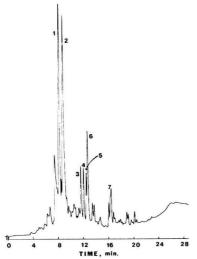


Figure 1. Gas chromatogram of azaarene mixture produced by combustion of 32% pyridine in o-xylene. GC conditions: 1.8 m X 2 mm i.d. glass column packed with 3% OV-17 on 80-100 mesh Supelcoport, programmed from 100 to 300 °C at 8 °C/min, nitrogen-specific FID. Peak identities as established in this study (see below): 1, 1-cyanonaphthalene; 2, 2-cyanonaphthalene; 3, 4-cyanoacenaphthylene; 4, 5-cyanoacenaphthylene; 5, 3-cyanoacenaphthylene; 6, 1-cyanoacenaphthylene; 7, isomers of cyanophenanthrene

product to be 1-bromoacenaphthylene [m/e] (relative abundance) 233 (14), 232 (97), 231 (14), 230 (94), 151 (100), 150 (51)]. The reaction mixture was poured into 300 mL of ice-cold water in a separatory funnel and extracted with three 100-mL portions of hexane. The hexane extracts were combined, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated in vacuo to remove the solvent. The residue, which contained the 1-bromoacenaphthylene, was treated with CuCN (1 g) in refluxing DMF (25 mL) for 14 h (5) to form 1-cyanoacenaphthylene. Final purification of the product was achieved by alumina column chromatography using hexane as the eluent. The yield was 250 mg (overall yield 22%): mp 91-95 °C dec; GC retention index, 2138; m/e (relative abundance) 178 (12), 177 (100), 176 (6), 151 (5), 150 (15).

Synthesis of 5-Cyanoacenaphthylene. 5-Bromoacenaphthene (4 g), available from Aldrich, was converted into 5-cyanoacenaphthene [2.5 g; 82% yield; mp 109-110 °C; NMR  $\delta$  3.39 (s, 4 H), 7.0–8.0 (m, 5 H); m/e (relative abundance) 181 (1), 180 (14), 179 (97), 178 (100), 177 (21), 153 (4), 152 (14), 151 (34), 150 (17)] by treatment with CuCN (2.5 g) in refluxing DMF (50 mL) for 6 h (5).

Dehydrogenation of 5-cyanoacenaphthene (0.15 g) was carried out in refluxing chlorobenzene (10 mL) with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ, 0.8 g) for 6 h under nitrogen. After this period, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a small column of Al2O3 (25 g). The column was washed with 200 mL of 1:1 benzene-petroleum ether. The filtrate and washings were collected together and concentrated in vacuo. Chlorobenzene was removed from the residue by stream distillation, and the 5-cyanoacenaphthylene solid was recrystallized from methanol-water. The yield was 95 mg (63%): mp 82-83 °C; GC retention index, 2083; m/e (relative abundance) 178 (15), 177 (100), 176 (7), 151 (6), 150 (14).

Bacterial Mutation Assay. The compounds were assayed individually for their ability to induce mutations to 8-azaguanine resistance in Salmonella typhimurium as described by Skopek et al. (6, 7). Exponentially growing cultures of S. typhimurium were incubated for 2 h at 37 °C with several concentrations of each compound dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide. To allow for the possible metabolic activation of the compounds, a drug metabolizing system derived from Aroclor 1254 induced rat livers (7) was added to the cultures. Following the incubation, bacteria were centrifuged (2000 rpm × 15 min), resuspended in phosphate-buffered saline, and plated under selective (50  $\mu$ g/mL 8-azaguanine) and permissive conditions. Colonies were counted after 2 days' growth at 37 °C, and the mutant fraction for each culture was calculated (the number of colonies observed under selective conditions divided by the number of colonies observed under permissive conditions times the appropriate dilution fac-

# Results and Discussion

The four cyanoacenaphthylenes may be divided into two classes: (i) bridge substituted and (ii) ring substituted. The two compounds synthesized represent an example from each category. Peaks 4 and 6 were identified as 5- and 1-cyanoacenaphthylene isomers, respectively, by coincidence of their exact GC retention times (through co-injection) and of their electron-impact mass spectra. The 1-cyanoacenaphthylene isomer decomposes on melting. In GC experiments, solutions containing equal concentrations of 1- and 5-cyanoacenaphthylene gave a lower response for the 1 isomer, probably due to its partial decomposition in the injection port (300 °C). This factor must be taken into account in the quantitation of 1-cyanoacenaphthylene in environmental samples using gas chromatography.

Peaks 3 and 5 (Figure 1) represent either 3- or 4-cyanoacenaphthylene. It is possible to differentiate between these isomers based on the (M + 1)/M ratios obtained from charge exchange-chemical ionization mass spectrometry (8, 9). This method involves the creation of a plasma containing C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> and Ar+ by using 5-10% methane in argon as a reagent gas. A molecule reacts with the strongly acidic C2H5+ to give the protonated molecular ion (M + 1)+ or with an Ar+ ion to give the molecular ion (M)+. The intensity ratio of these two ions depends on their relative rates of formation. A high, positive correlation has been observed between the ionization potential of the molecule and the (M + 1)/M ratio derived from CE-CI mass spectrometry (8).

An examination of data previously reported from this laboratory (4) shows that the (M + 1)/M ratios are: 2.33 (peak 3), 2.10 (peak 4), 2.49 (peak 5), and 2.27 (peak 6). With the current knowledge of the identity of peaks 4 and 6 as 5- and 1-cyanoacenaphthylene, respectively, a prediction of the relative ionization potentials of the other two isomers would lead, through the correlation with the (M + 1)/M ratios from CE-CI MS, to the assignment of identities for peaks 3 and

Charge exchange induced ionization by Ar+ is an electrophilic reaction. Based on reactions of other electrophilic reagents, ionization of simple acenaphthylenes may be expected to occur at the ethylene bridge. Electron-withdrawing substituents on the aromatic ring would act to decrease the loss of an electron by this process, thereby increasing the ionization potential of the molecule. Such an inductive effect would decrease as the substituent is moved farther away from the reaction site (10). On this basis, one would predict that the ionization potentials would increase in the order 5-cyanoacenaphthylene < 4-cyanoacenaphthylene < 3-cyanoacenaphthylene. Experimentally observed CE-CI MS values of (M + 1)/M increase in the order peak 4 < peak 3 < peak 5. Based on the expected positive correlation between these two sets of parameters, it is predicted that peaks 3 and 5 are 4- and 3-cyanoacenaphthylene, respectively.

Acenaphthene, 1-cyanoacenaphthylene, 5-cyanoacenaph-

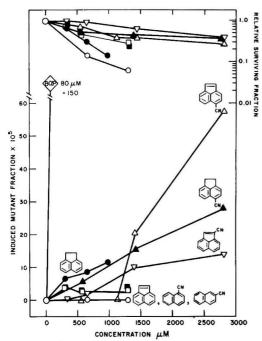


Figure 2. Dose-dependent mutagenicity (induced mutant fraction vs. concentration) and toxicity (relative surviving fraction vs. concentration) of acenaphthene (●), acenaphthylene (O), 1-cyanonaphthalene (□), 2-cyanonaphthalene (■), 1-cyanoacenaphthylene (▽), 5-cyanoacenaphthene (▲), and 5-cyanoacenaphthylene (△). All compounds were assayed in the presence of Aroclor-induced postmitochondrial supernatant. Each point represents the average of two independent determinations

thene, and 5-cyanoacenaphthylene induced significant mutation (Figure 2) to 8-azaguanine resistance in S. typhimurium at concentrations as low as 1000, 2800, 1100, and 1250 μM, respectively. Acenaphthylene and 1- and 2-cyanonaphthalene did not induce significant mutation at concentrations up to 1300 µM, their limit of solubility under the assay conditions. Benzo[a]pyrene, run as a positive control in each mutation assay, consistently induced mutation at concentrations as low as 4  $\mu$ M. Although our results indicate that the active compounds have less than 1% of the activity of benzo[a]pyrene on a molar basis, the significant amounts of cyanoarenes produced by the combustion of nitrogen-containing fuels imply a need for concern. On the other hand, it is not known whether the cyanoarenes are environmentally persistent. Air particulate samples have been shown to contain the cyano functionality (11), but specific cyanoarenes have not been detected in the environment.

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# An Estimate of the NO<sub>x</sub> Removal Rate in an Urban Atmosphere

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■ A formulation for estimating the NO<sub>x</sub> removal rate by chemical reaction in an urban area is presented. Using the (NO<sub>x</sub>)/(CO) ratio from data obtained in the Los Angeles (LA) Basin, a lower bound for the yearly average removal rate of  $NO_x$  during daylight hours is found to be 4% h<sup>-1</sup>. Using the (PAN + HNO<sub>3</sub>)/(NO + NO<sub>2</sub> + PAN + HNO<sub>3</sub>) ratio from data obtained during the summer months at West Covina (LA Basin) and St. Louis by Spicer et al., the average NO<sub>x</sub> removal rate during the daytime is also found to be  $4\% h^{-1}$ . From this analysis, the average residence time for NO<sub>x</sub> in the LA Basin (all year) and St. Louis (summer) is estimated to be less than 2 days.

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>r</sub>  $\equiv$  NO + NO<sub>2</sub>) are involved in virtually every aspect of photochemical smog formation and tropospheric chemistry. Smog chamber studies and field monitoring reveal that the NOx removal rate depends primarily on the degree of photochemical activity. A quantitative understanding of the NO<sub>x</sub> removal rate is of some importance since the longer the residence time the greater the impact urban  $NO_x$  has on downwind areas. Despite recent studies, the  $NO_x$ removal rate in an urban atmosphere is not well understood quantitatively (1). The purpose of this note is to obtain an estimate of the NO<sub>x</sub> removal rate in an urban atmosphere using available aerometric data.

#### Tracer and Reactive Species

The concentrations of the reactive species in the polluted atmosphere change with time as a result of chemical reaction, changes in pollutant sources, and dispersion/dilution. One may isolate somewhat the effects of chemical reaction and dispersion/dilution by using the concentration of some relatively inert compound as a normalizing factor. If the concentrations of a reactive species and an inert tracer in an air mass

Table I. Estimated Lower Bound for  $NO_x$  Removal Rate,  $k_r$  (h<sup>-1</sup>), during Daytime

	West Los Angeles (800–1600 h)							Azusa <sup>a</sup> (900–1300 h)			
year	annual	May-Oct	Nov-April	annual	May-Oct	Nov-April	annual	May-Oct	Nov-April		
1970	0.066	0.088	0.049	0.051	0.042	0.062					
1971	0.053	0.068	0.041	0.040	0.051	0.037					
1972 1973	0.050 0.044	0.063 0.070	0.041 0.023	0.052 0.048	0.050 0.054	0.050 0.040	0.084 0.082	0.095 0.107	0.073 0.047		
1974	0.023	0.039	0.007	0.032	0.030	0.031	0.085	0.111	0.051		
1975	0.037	0.060	0.017	0.029	0.023	0.038	0.089	0.133	0.046		
av	0.046	0.065	0.030	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.086	0.112	0.054		

a Insufficient data for the years 1970-1971.

are designated by A and T, respectively, the rate equations for A and T may be written as:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}A}{\mathrm{d}t} = S_{\mathrm{A}} - (k_{\mathrm{d}} + k_{\mathrm{r}})A\tag{1}$$

and

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}t} = S_{\mathrm{T}} - k_{\mathrm{d}}T\tag{2}$$

where dA/dt and dT/dt are time derivatives,  $S_A$  and  $S_T$  are source strengths for the reactive and tracer species, respectively,  $k_d$  is the dispersion/dilution rate coefficient, and  $k_r$  is the pseudo-first-order reaction rate coefficient for the reactive species.  $S_A$ ,  $S_T$ ,  $k_d$ , and  $k_r$  are, in general, functions of time, t. By use of Equations 1 and 2, the rate equation for the ratio, B = A/T, is found to be:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} = (S_{\mathrm{A}} - BS_{\mathrm{T}})/T - k_{\mathrm{r}}B \tag{3}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{B}\frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left(\frac{S_{\mathrm{A}}}{A} - \frac{S_{\mathrm{T}}}{T}\right) - k_{\mathrm{r}} \tag{4}$$

For the case when  $|(S_{\Lambda}/A) - (S_{T}/T)| \ll k_{T}$ 

$$k_{\rm r} \simeq -\frac{1}{B} \frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}(\ln B)}{\mathrm{d}t}$$
 (5)

Since  $S_A/A \ge S_T/T$  for common sources of A and T. Equation 5 can be used to derive a lower bound for  $k_r$  even when  $(S_A/A - S_T/T)$  is not negligible compared to  $k_T$ . It is also worth noting that when  $(S_A/A - S_T/T) > k_r$ , dB/dt becomes positive, i.e., B increases as t increases.

Although in general,  $S_A$ ,  $S_T$ ,  $k_d$ , and  $k_r$  are complicated functions of t, the steady-state approximation may be applied when t is large. The steady-state approximation for Equations 1 and 2 gives:

$$B = \frac{S_{\rm A}}{S_{\rm T}} \frac{k_{\rm d}}{k_{\rm d} + k_{\rm r}} \tag{6}$$

Rigorously, the relationships derived above apply only to a Lagrangian air mass. However, if relatively long time averaged quantities are obtained, ground level monitoring data can be used to approximate an average value for  $k_r$ . The assumption is that long-term, average aerometric data measured at a fixed ground location represent the average air quality of a relatively large air mass (mixed layer) surrounding the site. Aerometric data obtained from the Los Angeles Basin are used here.

Annual average, May-October (summer) and November-April (winter)  $(NO_x)/(CO)$  ratios for West Los Angeles (WLA), Downtown Los Angeles (DOLA), and Azusa (AZ) for the years 1970-1975 have been used to estimate an average kr. (The NO<sub>x</sub> data used here were obtained by the Saltzman reagent wet-chemical method, which is known to be specific to NO and NO2. Since the chemical residence time of CO is two orders of magnitude larger than that of  $NO_x$ , CO can be

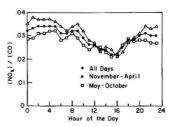


Figure 1. Diurnal variation of (NO<sub>x</sub>)/(CO), Downtown Los Angeles.

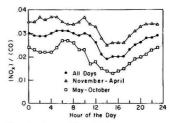


Figure 2. Diurnal variation of (NO<sub>x</sub>)/(CO), West Los Angeles, 1970

treated here as an inert species.) At these sites, ambient NO<sub>x</sub> and CO are expected to result mainly from motor vehicles. (The 1970-1975 NOx source inventory in LA County shows that the ratio of mobile to stationary sources is about 2-3. However, major stationary sources are located relatively far away from the sites WLA, DOLA, and AZ. The stationary source contribution to NOx concentrations observed at the WLA, DOLA, and AZ sites is likely to be less than 10% (2).) The diurnal variations of the (NO<sub>r</sub>)/(CO) ratio at DOLA and WLA for 1970 are shown, for example, in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The diurnal trend is consistent with the photochemical removal of NO<sub>x</sub> during the daytime. For the years 1970-1975, the (NO<sub>x</sub>)/(CO) minimum occurs around 1600 h at the DOLA and WLA sites and 1300 h at the AZ site. For the period between 800 and 1600 h at DOLA and WLA, and between 900 and 1300 h at AZ, Equation 7 is used to estimate

$$k_{\rm r} \simeq -\frac{\Delta \left(\ln B\right)}{\Delta t} \tag{7}$$

where B is the  $(NO_x)/(CO)$  ratio. The results are shown in Table I. The average removal rate of NO<sub>x</sub> in the LA Basin, for the time periods considered, is at least 4% h<sup>-1</sup>. Furthermore, the removal rate at the WLA and AZ sites is much larger during the summer (May-October) than during the winter (November-April).

The diurnal variation of (NO<sub>r</sub>)/(CO) observed at AZ was quite different from those at WLA and DOLA. This may be the result of an influence of upwind sources, as may be seen

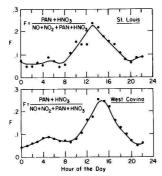


Figure 3. Composite profiles of F in St. Louis and West Covina (reprinted, with permission, from ref 1b)

from the fact that the  $(NO_2)/(NO_x)$  ratio at AZ is substantially higher than that observed at DOLA (2). The computed removal rate of DOLA is slower than that at AZ since freshly emitted  $NO_x$  has a relatively greater influence at DOLA than at AZ.

#### Reactant and Product

If a reactant concentration, R, and its product concentration, P, are monitored simultaneously, the sum, R+P, can be used as a tracer. Thus:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = S_{\mathrm{R}} - (k_{\mathrm{d}} + k_{\mathrm{r}})R \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}(R+P)}{\mathrm{d}t} = S_{\mathrm{R}} - k_{\mathrm{d}}(R+P) \tag{9}$$

By defining the ratio:

$$F = P/(R+P) \tag{10}$$

F satisfies the rate equation:

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = -S_{R}F^{2}/P + k_{r}(1 - F) \tag{11}$$

When  $S_R F^2/P \ll k_r (1-F)$ :

$$k_{\rm r} \simeq \frac{1}{1 - F} \frac{\mathrm{d}F}{\mathrm{d}t} \tag{12}$$

It is noted that, if  $S_R \neq 0$ , Equation 12 underestimates  $k_r$ . Consequently, Equation 12 can also be used to estimate a lower bound for  $k_r$ .

Occasionally, all of the products are not measured or identified, and some portions of the identified products are lost from the air mass, e.g., dry deposition. When this occurs the measured value of F is less than the true value. In addition, since the loss of products increases as the product concentrations increase, the measured value of dF/dt is less than its true value. Since the effects of product loss and unidentified products are in the direction of underestimating k, in general, Equation 12 can be used to obtain a lower bound for  $k_r$ .

Spicer et al. (1) measured  $NO_x$ ,  $HNO_3$ , and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN) at St. Louis and West Covina, in the LA Basin, for a 5-week period during the summer of 1973. They showed that the major reaction products of  $NO_x$  are PAN and  $HNO_3$ . The average diurnal variation of the ratio:

$$F = (PAN + HNO3)/(NOx + PAN + HNO3)$$
 (13)

obtained by Spicer et al. (1) is shown in Figure 3. For West Covina for the period 1000–1400 h,  $k_r$  was calculated, using Equation 12, to be 0.047 h<sup>-1</sup>. This value is in good agreement with  $k_r$  obtained for LA using the (NO<sub>x</sub>)/(CO) ratio (see Table

I). For St. Louis, for the period 800–1300 h,  $k_r$  is calculated to be 0.036 h<sup>-1</sup>.

## Discussion

An estimate of the average  $\mathrm{NO}_x$  removal rate during daylight has been found to be greater than 4% h $^{-1}$  for the yearly average in the LA Basin and greater than 3.6% h $^{-1}$  during the summer months in St. Louis. If the  $\mathrm{NO}_x$  removal rate is assumed to be 4% h $^{-1}$  for 12 daylight hours and 0% h $^{-1}$  for the 12 nighttime hours, the average NO $_x$  residence time is 2.1 days. Since a lower bound for  $k_\mathrm{T}$  was used, the average residence time is shorter than this. Also, it should be noted that the actual  $\mathrm{NO}_x$  removal rate will vary greatly from day to day since it is dependent on the degree of photochemical activity.

From the lower bound of  $4\% h^{-1}$  for  $k_r$ , a lower bound for the average OH radical concentration, (OH), may be obtained. If the majority of NO<sub>x</sub> is assumed to be removed via the reaction  $NO_2 + OH = HNO_3$ , with a rate constant equal to 1.1  $\times$  10<sup>-11</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (3), then the estimate of a lower bound for daytime (OH) is  $1.0 \times 10^6$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>. On the other hand, since the average (PAN) to (HNO3) ratio measured by Spicer et al. (1) is approximately 3 to 1, the  $NO_x$  removal rate via the reaction NO2 + OH = HNO3 could be as low as 1% h<sup>-1</sup>. This would yield a lower bound for daytime (OH) of  $2.5 \times 10^5$  molecules cm<sup>-3</sup>. The range of lower bounds for daytime (OH),  $2.5 \times 10^5$ – $1.0 \times 10^6$ , is consistent with the current range of estimates of average (OH), 5.0 × 105-2.0 × 106 molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> (4). An additional removal of NO<sub>x</sub> is via dry deposition, which has not been considered explicitly in this note. Hill (5) showed that for vegetation the uptake rate of NO<sub>x</sub> is smaller than that of SO<sub>2</sub>. The dry deposition velocity for  $SO_2$  is approximately  $1 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (6). Thus, the dry deposition velocity for NO<sub>r</sub> is expected to be less than 1 cm s<sup>-1</sup>. The deposition coefficient, kd, in h-1 can be estimated by means of a box model to be:

$$k_{\rm d} = 36\nu_{\rm d}/H \tag{14}$$

where  $\nu_{\rm d}$  is the deposition velocity (cm s<sup>-1</sup>) and H is the mixing depth (m). If H is assumed to be 2000 m and  $\nu_{\rm d}$  is between 0.1 and 1 cm s<sup>-1</sup>, the range of  $k_{\rm d}$  is 0.002 to 0.018 h<sup>-1</sup>. Since the estimate of  $k_{\rm d}$  for NO<sub> $\chi$ </sub> is very uncertain, the effect of  $k_{\rm d}$  will not be considered here.

Equations 5 and 12 can be rigorously applied to a Lagrangian air mass. A Lagrangian-type experiment was performed during the Los Angeles Reactive Pollutant Program (LARPP) (7). Calvert (8) used the LARPP data (operation 33, Nov 5, 1973) to estimate  $k_r$  for NO<sub>x</sub> using C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> as tracers. Calvert obtained  $k_r \simeq 9\% \ h^{-1}$  during the 800–1300 h period. During the LARPP operation 33, the degree of photochemical activity was moderate, with the O<sub>3</sub> concentration rising above 0.1 ppm by 1300 h.

Equation 5 cannot be applied for every LARPP operation since the relative contribution of the source-related term  $(S_{\rm A}/A-S_{\rm T}/T)$  in Equation 4 varies significantly from operation to operation. The uncertainty in the measurement of low pollutant concentrations introduces an additional difficulty in deriving the  ${\rm NO}_x$  removal rate from an individual experiment. To derive the  ${\rm NO}_x$  residence time from an individual experiment, accurate measurements of various pollutant concentrations are needed. In addition, a detailed photochemical-dispersion model that explicitly includes sources and boundary conditions should be used.

Currently the influence of urban  $NO_x$  and hydrocarbon transport on high  $O_3$  levels observed in nonurban areas has not been quantified (9). The removal rate and residence time for  $NO_x$  presented here are for an air mass near the ground in a well-mixed layer under average meteorological conditions.

During periods of very high photochemical activity, the  $NO_x$ residence time should be less than average, perhaps of the order of a few hours. Thus, urban NOx emitted at ground levels would be consumed in less than 1 day under conditions conducive to high oxidant formation; consequently, under these conditions, the direct influence of urban NO<sub>x</sub> emitted at ground levels to ozone formation at downwind areas may be minimal. On the other hand, plume NO<sub>x</sub> from elevated sources, which is trapped in the inversion layer, may have a considerably longer residence time. Reliable Lagrangian-type air quality data (particularly, the ratios A/T and P/[R+P]) from the urban mixed layer and from power plant plumes during days conducive to photochemical oxidant formation are needed to clarify this issue.

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# Effects of Organic and Inorganic Binding on the Volatilization of Trace Elements during Coal Pyrolysis

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■ Volatilities were determined for eight environmentally important trace elements in coal subjected to pyrolysis in an inert atmosphere, using instrumental neutron activation analysis as the primary analytical tool. The elements studied were bromine, chlorine, selenium, arsenic, vanadium, manganese, chromium, and cobalt. In addition to observing these elements in the coal as received, they were added to the coal in both inorganic and organic forms. Both hydrogenated and nonhydrogenated coal were pyrolyzed. Striking differences in volatility were observed as a function of the element and as a function of the form of the element added to the coal. The metals incurred insignificant losses and were retained entirely in the coke. Bromine, chlorine, selenium, and arsenic were quite volatile. Losses of the latter two elements were much lower when they were added to the coal as a coal humic acid complex than when they were added as the inorganic sulfides.

Both pyrolysis and hydrogenation can be employed to obtain liquid hydrocarbon fuels from coal (1). A major environmental consideration in these processes is the fate of trace elements in the coal (2). The occurrence of trace elements in coal is illustrated by published studies involving 101 coals, primarily bituminous coals from the Illinois Basin region (3, 4). Among selected environmentally significant trace elements at levels of 1-10 ppm (mean values for all 101 coals analyzed) were beryllium, cadmium, cobalt, gallium, germanium, molybdenum, antimony, selenium, and tin; those present at 10-100 ppm were arsenic, bromine, chromium, copper, fluorine, manganese, nickel, phosphorus, lead, vanadium, and zirconium; and those present above 100 ppm were chlorine, boron, and zinc. In addition, pyritic and organic sulfur are normally present in coal at levels of at least 1%, and aluminum, calcium, iron, potassium, magnesium, sodium, silicon, and titanium are major components of mineral matter associated with coal. It is obvious that many elements are available to undergo reactions leading to their mobilization as soluble or volatile forms during coal conversion processes. For example, high-pressure hydrogen or carbon monoxide present during some coal conversion processes may well react with trace elements to form volatile hydrides, such as AsH3, or volatile carbonyls, such as Ni(CO)4 (2).

It is reasonable to believe that the forms of trace elements in coal subjected to coal conversion could strongly influence the fates and mobilization of these elements; organic vs. mineral binding is of particular importance. Although the speciation of trace elements in coal is largely unknown and difficult to study, it is possible to use known chemical properties to assign likely forms of the elements in coal (5). Following this approach, the elements likely to be present as oxides are arsenic, chromium, iron, scandium, silicon, and zirconium; as sulfides are antimony, arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, copper, iron, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, sulfur, tin, and zinc; as sulfates are barium, calcium, and sulfur; as carbonates are calcium, magnesium, and iron; as silicates (clay, quartz) are lithium, magnesium, aluminum, manganese, samarium, silicon, silver, thorium, titanium, ytterbium, and zirconium; as an organic form are beryllium, boron, chlorine, chromium, cobalt, germanium, magnesium, manganese, mercury, nitrogen, selenium, sodium, strontium, sulfur, titanium, and vanadium; and as other forms are CaF2, Hg (element), KCl, NaCl, iron selenides, and iron tellurides. Some elements are seen as possibilities in more than one classification.

This investigation was undertaken to determine the volatilities of selected trace elements during the pyrolysis of coal and hydrogenated coal, both unspiked and spiked with inorganic and organic forms of the trace elements. Coal pyrolysis was chosen because it represents a useful coal conversion process (1) that was relatively amenable to study with the apparatus available. Halides were added as sodium salts, the most likely form of these elements in coal. Inorganic forms of the other trace elements were spiked into the coal as sulfides, a possible form of a number of trace elements in coal, Coal humic acid was chosen as the medium for the addition of organically bound trace elements. This material has a strong affinity for a number of trace elements that can be bound to it by chelation and other means (6). Furthermore, some of the lower rank coals have a strong humic acid component, which is probably involved in the binding of trace elements in the coal.

#### Experimental

Sources and Characterization of Coal and Hydrogenated Coal. The coal employed in this study was originally obtained as a 10-kg fresh sample of raw coal from the Bruceton mine in Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa. A 500-g portion of coal was randomly selected from the 10-kg sample, ground to a 100-mesh coal powder, homogenized on a shaker for 4 h, and dried at room temperature under vacuum for 1 week. In addition to studies performed directly on it, this product was used to prepare hydrogenated coal (H-coal) by treatment with hydrogen-donor tetralin solvent. A total of 100 g of coal powder was suspended in 500 mL of double-distilled tetralin contained in a 1-L round-bottomed flask and refluxed for 7 days, followed by vacuum evaporation of the remaining solvent for 2 days at 60-70 °C. The same basic procedure was used to hydrogenate coal after spiking with inorganic forms of trace elements.

Elemental Sulfides. Selenium sulfide (SeS2), cobaltous sulfide (CoS), and chromium sulfide (Cr2S3) were obtained as commercial reagent-grade materials. Arsenious sulfide (As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>), vanadium sulfide (V<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>), and manganous sulfide (MnS) were prepared by standard inorganic synthetic methods (7)

Trace Element Coal Humates. Coal humic acid was prepared by treating the coal with nitric acid oxidant (a necessary step for the extraction of significant quantities of humic material from bituminous coal), extracting with base, and purifying by methods previously described (8). Moist humic acid was dissolved in 0.1 M NaOH. Humate compounds were prepared by mixing this solution with acidic solutions of V(V), Mn(II), Cr(III), Co(II), As(V), and Se(-II) until a precipitate persisting in acidic solution was formed (7). These precipitates were removed by centrifugation, washed with water, and dried under vacuum for 24 h.

Spiked Coal and H-Coal. Coal and H-coal were spiked with desired amounts of pulverized trace-element species and mixed by agitation on a shaker for 32 h in glass sample bottles.

Pyrolysis of Spiked and Unspiked Coal and H-Coal. Samples were pyrolyzed in a 16 in. × 1 1/8 in. o.d. quartz reaction tube heated in a voltage-regulated tube furnace (Figure 1). Volatile products were transported to the traps with helium gas. The tube leading to the first trap was heated externally to minimize condensation in that tube. The first and second traps each contained 50 mL of double-distilled methyl isobutyl ketone (MIBK) to trap chelatable metal species, the third trap contained 50 mL of 0.5 M HNO3 to trap acid-soluble volatile species, and the fourth trap contained 50 mL of 0.01 M EDTA at pH 10 to trap base-soluble volatile species and chelatable metals. An accurately weighed 5-g sample in a quartz boat was placed in the quartz tube preheated to 100 °C, following which the pyrolysis was carried out according to Table I at a helium flow rate of 0.12 standard L/h.

After pyrolysis was complete, the coke mass was removed, weighed, and saved for analysis. In addition, solution was sucked back into the tube leading to the first trap to wash residue from that tube.

Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis (INAA). INAA was used for the determination of trace elements in the solid, and most of the liquid samples. Bromine, vanadium, chlorine, and manganese were analyzed with a 1-min irradiation at a neutron flux of  $8 \times 10^{13}$  n cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, a 20-min decay period, and a 500-s counting time. Selenium, chromium, arsenic, and cobalt were analyzed with a 10-h irradiation at 3.5  $\times~10^{13}~\rm n~cm^{-2}~s^{-1}$  , a 3-day decay time for arsenic, a 14-day

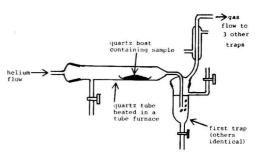


Figure 1. Apparatus for coal pyrolysis

Table I. Times and Temperatures for Coal and H-Coal **Pyrolysis** 

time since sample inser- tion, min	<i>τ,</i> ∘c	changes in coal during pyrolysis at the designated temp
0-10	100	loss of absorbed H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub>
10-25	250	evolution of lighter aromatics, alkyl-substituted aromatics, and aliphatics loosely bound to the coal structure
25-55	400	drastic decomposition, softening, evolution of NH <sub>3</sub>
55-85	600	shrinking and hardening of coal mass
85-120	1000	evolution of H <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, and CO <sub>2</sub> leaving a char (coke) residue

Table II. Elemental Concentrations in Coal and H-Coal

	concn in	concn in H-coal, μg/g		
element	coal, μg/g	uncorrected <sup>a</sup>	corrected b	
Br	$17.4 \pm 0.8$	$14.7 \pm 1.4$	16.8 ± 1.6	
CI	835 ± 18	$598 \pm 53$	$682 \pm 60$	
V	$16.0 \pm 0.3$	$13.2 \pm 1.1$	$15.1 \pm 1.3$	
Mn	$9.45 \pm 0.12$	$6.95 \pm 0.65$	$7.92 \pm 0.74$	
Se	$1.42 \pm 0.11$	$1.58 \pm 0.03$	$1.80 \pm 0.03$	
As	$6.01 \pm 0.86$	$5.32 \pm 0.45$	$6.07 \pm 0.51$	
Cr	$10.4 \pm 0.2$	$9.5 \pm 0.1$	$10.8 \pm 0.1$	
Co	$2.83 \pm 0.16$	$2.29 \pm 0.22$	$2.61 \pm 0.25$	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Concentration of element in hydrogenated coal, not corrected for weight gain due to hydrogenation. b Concentration of element in hydrogenated coal corrected for 14% weight gain due to hydrogenation.

decay time for the other three elements, and a 500-s counting time. Details regarding the analysis procedure are given in a thesis dealing with the subject (7).

Atomic Absorption Analysis of Cobalt and Chromium in Liquids. Because of insufficient sensitivity by INAA, cobalt and chromium were determined in some of the liquid samples employing atomic absorption analysis following preconcentration by coprecipitation. Pyrrolidine carbodithioate, commonly abbreviated as APCD, and iron(III) were used to coprecipitate cobalt and chromium from acid-digested liquid samples. The precipitate was dissolved in HNO3 and analyzed by graphite furnace atomic absorption (7).

#### Results and Discussion

The results of the trace element analyses of coal and H-coal are summarized in Table II. Lower concentrations of the elements in H-coal reflect an observed average weight gain of 14% due to hydrogenation. Although volatilization of trace elements during hydrogenation cannot be ruled out from the data available, chlorine is the only element that exhibits convincing evidence of volatilization as shown by a significantly lower Cl content in H-coal compared to the parent

Table III. Trace Element Loss and Recovery during Pyrolysis

wt, μg, of element in sample °		%	wt, μg,	%		
sample a	wt loss b	coal sample	coke	volatile <sup>d</sup>	recovd <sup>e</sup>	recovy f
bromine						-
coal	32.6	75.6 ± 3.7	24.4 ± 4.2	67.7	29.6 ± 0.7	71.4
H-coal	46.0	74.6 ± 7.1	27.6 ± 3.9	63.0	20.4 ± 0.5	64.3
in/coal	32.1	$4.13 \times 10^3 \pm 0.38 \times 10^3$	$1.70 \times 10^3 \pm 0.16 \times 10^3$	58.8	430 ± 12	51.6
in/H-coal	46.4	$2.82 \times 10^4 \pm 0.25 \times 10^4$	$1.03 \times 10^4 \pm 0.04 \times 10^4$	63.4		
chlorine						48.3
coal	32.6	$3.63 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$	191 ± 16	94.7	$2.25 \times 10^3 \pm 0.05 \times 10^3$	67.2
H-coal	46.0	$3.03 \times 10^3 \pm 0.27 \times 10^3$	224 ± 20	92.6	$2.16 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$	78.7
in/coal	32.0	$2.48 \times 10^4 \pm 0.12 \times 10^4$	$1.30 \times 10^4 \pm 0.05 \times 10^4$	47.6		
in/H-coal	46.2	$1.58 \times 10^4 \pm 0.07 \times 10^4$	$6.07 \times 10^3 \pm 0.04 \times 10^3$	61.6	$4.6 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3 67.6$	66.5
vanadium						
coal	32.6	69.4 ± 1.1	$74.3 \pm 5.1$		< 0.03	
H-coal	46.0	66.8 ± 5.5	63.7 ± 5.5		<0.03	
in/coal	33.0	$4.18 \times 10^3 \pm 0.15 \times 10^3$	$3.72 \times 10^3 \pm 0.18 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
in/H-coal	46.3	$1.45 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$	$1.37 \times 10^3 \pm 0.04 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
org/coal	35.7	$9.05 \times 10^3 \pm 0.62 \times 10^3$	$8.63 \times 10^3 \pm 0.74 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
org/H-coal		$1.36 \times 10^3 \pm 0.13 \times 10^3$	$1.23 \times 10^3 \pm 0.04 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
manganese		1100 21 10 12 0110 21 10	1.20 11 10 12 0.04 11 10			
coal	32.6	41.1 ± 0.5	40.9 ± 1.1		<0.6	
H-coal	46.0	35.3 ± 3.3	30.9 ± 3.6		<0.6	
in/coal	31.7	$1.96 \times 10^3 \pm 0.16 \times 10^3$	$2.32 \times 10^3 \pm 0.29 \times 10^3$		<0.6	
in/H-coal	46.1	$2.14 \times 10^3 \pm 0.46 \times 10^3$	$2.09 \times 10^{3} \pm 0.05 \times 10^{3}$		<0.6	
org/coal	33.8	$1.87 \times 10^4 \pm 0.22 \times 10^4$	$1.80 \times 10^4 \pm 0.10 \times 10^4$		<0.6	
org/H-coal		$6.20 \times 10^3 \pm 0.71 \times 10^3$	$6.40 \times 10^3 \pm 0.24 \times 10^3$		<0.6	
selenium	10.0	0.20 X 10 ± 0.11 X 10	0.40 % 10 12 0.24 % 10			
coal	32.6	6.21 ± 0.52	$2.31 \pm 0.20$	62.8	$4.54 \pm 0.28$	110
H-coal	46.0	8.03 ± 0.16	$3.31 \pm 0.52$	58.8	4.83 ± 0.20	101
in/coal	32.0	$2.18 \times 10^3 \pm 0.07 \times 10^3$	414 ± 21	81.0	$1.89 \times 10^3 \pm 0.03 \times 10^3$	105
in/H-coal	45.7	$2.23 \times 10^3 \pm 0.05 \times 10^3$	281 ± 2	87.4	$2.01 \times 10^3 \pm 0.13 \times 10^3$	102
org/coal	32.9	$2.76 \times 10^3 \pm 0.17 \times 10^3$	$2.18 \times 10^3 \pm 0.14 \times 10^3$	21.0	606 ± 18	101
org/H-coal		$2.57 \times 10^3 \pm 0.09 \times 10^3$	$1.57 \times 10^3 \pm 0.06 \times 10^3$	38.9	974 ± 27	99
arsenic						
coal	32.6	26.1 ± 3.7	$13.2 \pm 0.5$	49.4	$0.41 \pm 0.14$	52.3
H-coal	46.0	26.9 ± 2.3	16.7 ± 0.2	37.9	$0.63 \pm 0.26$	64.3
in/coal	32.1	$5.01 \times 10^3 \pm 0.32 \times 10^3$	$2.58 \times 10^{3} \pm 0.02 \times 10^{3}$	48.4	853 ± 57	68.5
in/H-coal	46.6	$3.04 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$	$1.75 \times 10^3 \pm 0.12 \times 10^3$	42.3	$362 \pm 23$	69.5
org/coal	33.1	$1.65 \times 10^3 \pm 0.10 \times 10^3$	$1.53 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$	7.5	35.8 ± 3.3	94.6
org/H-coal		$1.90 \times 10^3 \pm 0.14 \times 10^3$	$1.73 \times 10^3 \pm 0.12 \times 10^3$	8.1	28.5 ± 0.9	93.3
chromium						
coal	32.6	$45.3 \pm 0.8$	$47.0 \pm 7.5$		<0.03	
H-coal	46.0	47.9 ± 0.3	$45.2 \pm 0.8$		< 0.03	
in/coal	31.0	$3.54 \times 10^3 \pm 0.17 \times 10^3$	$3.86 \times 10^3 \pm 0.35 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
in/H-coal	46.4	$4.46 \times 10^3 \pm 0.45 \times 10^3$	$4.75 \times 10^3 \pm 0.37 \times 10^3$		<0.03	
org/coal	32.5	$1.50 \times 10^4 \pm 0.02 \times 10^4$	$1.44 \times 10^4 \pm 0.07 \times 10^4$		<0.03	
org/H-coal		$1.80 \times 10^4 \pm 0.02 \times 10^4$	$1.81 \times 10^4 \pm 0.06 \times 10^4$		< 0.03	
cobalt						
coal	32.6	$12.3 \pm 0.7$	12.4 ± 1.4		<0.02	
H-coal	46.0	11.6 ± 1.1	$10.8 \pm 0.2$		<0.02	
in/coal	31.6	$2.04 \times 10^3 \pm 0.22 \times 10^3$	$2.02 \times 10^{3} \pm 0.30 \times 10^{3}$		$0.23 \pm 0.03$	
in/H-coal	46.4	$5.28 \times 10^3 \pm 0.33 \times 10^3$	$5.40 \times 10^3 \pm 0.64 \times 10^3$		0.07 ± 0.01	
org/coal	32.5	$2.15 \times 10^3 \pm 0.05 \times 10^3$	$2.16 \times 10^3 \pm 0.03 \times 10^3$		$0.26 \pm 0.03$	
org/H-coal		$2.78 \times 10^{3} \pm 0.41 \times 10^{3}$	$3.04 \times 10^3 \pm 0.02 \times 10^3$		0.05 ± 0.01	
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a Type of sample pyrolyzed for the immediately preceding element in italics. Coal designates unspiked original coal, H-coal designates unspiked coal hydrogenated with tetralin, in/coal designates original coal spiked with the inorganic form of the element (NaBr, NaCl, sulfides of the other elements), in/H-coal designates hydrogenated coal spiked with trace element after hydrogenation, org/coal designates original coal spiked with trace element humate, and org/H-coal designates hydrogenated coal spiked with trace element humate after the coal had been hydrogenated. Percent total weight loss from the sample as volatile matter. Total weight of the specified trace element in the sample prior to pyrolysis and after pyrolysis. Percent of the trace element of the trace element in sample — wit trace element in coke)/wit trace element in sample | X 100. Total weight of trace element recovered in the four traps. In general, most of the recovery is in the first trap. Significant anomalies in this pattern are noted in the text. 'Percent recovery = [(wt in traps + wt in coke)/wt in sample] × 100.

The most meaningful estimate of trace element mobilization during pyrolysis may be obtained by examining the mass of element lost from a particular sample during pyrolysis and the mass of the element recovered in the traps. These data are given in Table III and explained in the table footnotes. The percentage of total weight lost is higher for the more volatile

Table IV. Trace Element Loss and Recovery during Pyrolysis of Coal Hydrogenated after Spiking with Inorganic Forms of Trace Elements

wt, $\mu$ g, of element in sample $a$			%	wt, μg,	%
element	coal sample	coke	volatile a	recovd <sup>a</sup>	recovy a
Br	$1.70 \times 10^3 \pm 0.47 \times 10^3$	$660 \pm 42$	61.1	126 ± 11	46.4
CI	$3.23 \times 10^3 \pm 0.39 \times 10^3$	462 ± 95	85.7	820 ± 149	39.7
V	133 ± 11	113 ± 20		$0.085 \pm 0.08$	
Mn	$1.16 \times 10^3 \pm 0.02 \times 10^3$	$1.11 \times 10^3 \pm 0.02 \times 10^3$		$1.06 \pm 0.09$	
Se	380 ± 8	140 ± 6	53.2	$216 \pm 4$	93.7
As	546 ± 22	527 ± 18	3.5	$20.4 \pm 0.6$	100
Cr	$1.09 \times 10^3 \pm 0.17 \times 10^3$	$1.00 \times 10^3 \pm 0.08 \times 10^3$		none det.	
Co	662 ± 43	$649 \pm 28$		none det.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Headings have the same meanings as the corresponding headings in Table III.

hydrogenated coal (H-coal) than for nonhydrogenated coal.

Both bromine and chlorine show a high percentage loss during pyrolysis. This holds true of the halides originally present in the coal, as well as those added as dry sodium salts. Although the maximum pyrolysis temperature of 1000 °C is lower than the boiling temperature of sodium bromide (1390 °C) and sodium chloride (1413 °C), complete loss of sodium chloride has been observed from an atomic absorption graphite furnace at 1000 °C (9). Therefore, it is likely that these salts were lost largely as volatile hydrogen halides or ammonium halides. Very small quantities of volatile organohalide compounds may have been formed. It is possible that sodium halide fumes were produced that were carried through the trapping system as very small aerosol particles. This possibility is consistent with the observation that halides were found in all four traps indicating transport through the trapping system.

Vanadium and manganese exhibited generally similar behavior during pyrolysis. For all samples pyrolyzed, these elements were quantitatively retained in the coke, and the levels of vanadium and manganese were below detection limits in all of the traps. It may be concluded, therefore, that no volatile chemical species of these two elements were produced by pyrolysis. Significant selenium losses were observed for all samples, especially those spiked with selenium sulfide, SeS2. Selenium organically bound to coal humic acid was markedly less volatile. The nature of the binding of selenium to coal humic acid is not known. The selenium(IV) reacting with coal humic acid to form a selenium humate complex was in the form of HSeO3-. It is possible that this entity could be held by ion exchange on -NH3+ groups on the coal humic acid molecule or bound directly in the form, {coal humic acid}-SeO3-. The behavior of arsenic during pyrolysis parallels that of selenium. Like selenium, organically bound arsenic is strikingly nonvolatile.

No evidence was observed for the formation of volatile chromium compounds. Within the experimental error of the analysis method employed, all chromium was recovered in the coke product. No evidence of chromium was found in the traps. Detectable levels of cobalt were found in the first trap from pyrolysis of spiked samples. However, the detection limit of Co as applied to the medium in this trap is so low that the cobalt detected could well be from traces of the element carried over mechanically from the spiked samples rather than from formation of volatile cobalt-containing compounds.

Table IV presents data for the volatility and recovery of trace elements spiked into coal as the sulfides and sodium halides prior to hydrogenation by refluxing with tetralin. After hydrogenation, these samples were pyrolyzed and the degree of loss of each element determined. Substantial losses of bromine, chlorine, and selenium were observed. Surprisingly, relatively little arsenic was lost, suggesting that this element may have become bound to the organic coal matrix during the

hydrogenation step preceding pyrolysis. However, measurable quantities of arsenic were recovered in the traps, so that some volatilization of this element did occur. Vanadium, chromium, and cobalt were not significantly volatilized. Very small but measurable levels of manganese were recovered in the first three traps. Thus, it is plausible that a very small fraction of manganese was converted to volatile manganese organometallic compounds by hydrogenation and subsequent pyrolysis of coal.

In summary, the volatilities of eight environmentally significant trace elements during laboratory pyrolysis have been determined for samples of coal and hydrogenated coal, both spiked and unspiked with the trace elements in question. Very significant differences were observed in that the halides and metalloids (Se, As) were quite volatile, whereas the metals were not. Organically bound selenium and arsenic were much less volatile than these elements in the form of sulfide salts. These results suggest that the chemical forms of elements are quite important in determining their mobilization during coal conversion processes, and that in some cases organic forms may be less volatile than inorganically bound trace elements. Although caution should be employed in extrapolating the results of laboratory studies to pilot plant and commercial scale coal conversion facilities, the results of this research imply that knowledge of the form of a trace element, as well as its quantity, may be necessary to evaluate potential problems from trace element mobilization in coal conversion processes.

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1979 Users Guide to Waste Handling Equipment. Waste Equipment Manufacturers Institute (WEMI). Publications Dept., NSWMA, 1120 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 930, Washington, DC 20036. 1979. \$2, paper.

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Occupational Cancer—Prevention and Control. 36 pages. International Labour Office Publications, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland. 1979.

This booklet is No. 39 of the Occupational Safety and Health Series. It is based on experience gained in the chemical industry, and deals with preventive measures, biological and environmental monitoring, medical surveillance, and administrative procedures. A list of suspected carcinogenic substances is also included.

Coal Liquefaction Processes. Perry Nowacki, xii + 339 pages. Noyes Data Corp., Mill Rd. at Grand Ave., Park Ridge, NJ 07656. 1979. \$48, hard

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**Evaluation of Ambient Air Quality by** Personnel Monitoring. Adrian L. Linch. Volume I, 336 pages; Volume II, 288 pages. CRC Press, Inc., 2000 N.W. 24th St., Boca Raton, FL 33431. 1979. Volume I, \$69.95; Volume II, \$64.95 (add \$10 to each for outside U.S.), hard cover.

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Papers in this book relate to many physiological tests of living organisms for water quality, from bacteria to fish. Systems of classification are developed, effects of pollution on protozoa, algae, higher plants, fish, and other species are discussed. Advantages and disadvantages of biological methods are presented, as well as experience in Europe and North America.

Air Pollution Chemistry, J. D. Butler. viii + 408 pages. Academic Press, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10003. 1979. \$52.50, hard cover.

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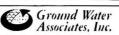
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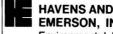
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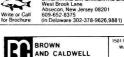
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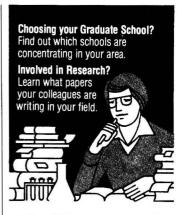
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