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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is currently recommended that water samples for bacteriological analysis should be tested within six hours of being taken. However, this recommendation is based on the results of studies carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service in the early 1950's. That work was based on analysis by the Most Probable Number technique, which has now been almost universally replaced by the membrane filtration method for water analysis. This project was therefore commissioned to investigate storage effects using the currently used methodology.

The objective set by the Department of the Environment for this study was to establish whether there was a significant difference between the concentrations of faecal and total coliform bacteria in a water sample analysed after 6, 12 and 24 hours of refrigerated storage. A fixed sampling regime involving bacteriological tests and measurements of temperature, pH and conductivity was specified in the project schedule. It was also specified that three water types should be examined, namely a groundwater, a lowland surface water, and an upland surface water. Monitoring of each water type was carried out over a 12-month period to identify possible seasonal effects, and over 500 samples were included in the study.

Analysis of the results showed that overall there was no evidence of a significant change in either total coliform or faecal coliform counts for samples tested after 6 and 12 hours of refrigerated storage. For samples tested after 6 and 24 hours of refrigerated storage, a drop in counts of total and faecal coliforms was seen. This was of marginal statistical significance for total coliforms, but more significant for faecal coliforms. On average the counts of total coliforms were 5% lower, and those of faecal coliforms were 10% lower after 24 hours storage, compared with 6 hours.

On the basis of the results obtained in this study, extending the allowable period of storage of samples before analysis from 6 to 12 hours should not affect overall results, provided the samples are refrigerated. However, extension of the allowable period of storage to 24 hours would result in lower overall results.

The samples tested in this study were representative of raw, untreated waters. It is not known how far the results could be extrapolated to other water types, such as disinfectant-treated drinking water.

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1. BACKGROUND

In the Spring of 1992, the Department of the Environment (the Department) invited tenders for a research contract to examine the effect of storage of water samples on the results obtained from analyses for total and faecal coliform bacteria.

Currently two documents give advice on sampling and analysis for microbiological parameters. 'Guidance on Safeguarding the Quality of Public Water Supplies' (DoE and WO 1989) specifies that analysis should be undertaken as soon as possible, every attempt being made to start within six hours of sample collection. It also states that where logistics do not allow this, samples may be examined up to 24 hours after collection, provided that they are kept cool (2 to 10 °C) and in the dark. Report 71 'The Bacteriological Examination of Drinking Water Supplies 1982' (DoE 1983) states that samples should be examined as soon as possible, preferably within six hours, and that they should be kept cool in an insulated container.

These recommendations originate from studies carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service in the early 1950's (PHLS 1952, 1953). However, that work was based on analysis by the Most Probable Number technique, which has now been almost universally replaced by the membrane filtration method for water analysis. This project was therefore commissioned to investigate storage effects using the current methodology.

Other studies have been published, but mostly using American standard methods. These include reports by Standridge and Lesar (1977) and Standridge and Delfino (1983), which consider that extended storage of samples is acceptable, and one by McDaniels and Bordner (1983) which comes to the opposite conclusion.

In October 1992 the Department of the Environment placed a contract with WRc to conduct a study of the effects of sample storage on analytical results, using current standard methods.

This final report presents the work undertaken and the results obtained.

2. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

The objective set by the Department for this study was to establish whether there was a significant difference between the concentrations of faecal and total coliform bacteria in a water sample analysed after 6, 12 and 24 hours of refrigerated storage. A fixed sampling regime involving bacteriological tests and measurements of temperature, pH and conductivity was specified in the project schedule.

It was also specified in the schedule that three water types should be examined, namely a groundwater, a lowland surface water, and an upland surface water. The intention was to use raw waters which were expected to contain coliform organisms, so that quantitative results could be obtained for the effects of storage of samples. Monitoring was to be carried out over a 12-month period to identify possible seasonal effects, and it was estimated that about 500 samples would need to be examined.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Sampling and analysis procedures

Early work involved planning the logistics of the sampling and analysis processes, as the requirement for one of the analyses to be carried out after 12 hours of storage would inevitably involve out-of-hours working. The scheme settled on was for samples to be taken in the morning at 1000 hours, with the analyses following at 1600 and 2200 hours on the same day, and at 1000 hours the following morning, all timings having a tolerance of 30 minutes either side.

Conductivity, pH and temperature measurements were made at the time of sampling, and then within 15 minutes of each microbiological analysis. Portable micro-processor pH and conductivity meters were used for these measurements, and the same instruments were used at the sampling site and in the laboratory. Temperature measurements were made using the temperature compensation probe of the pH meter. Commercial standard buffers were used to calibrate the pH meter, and a standard conductivity solution supplied by the manufacturers was used to calibrate the conductivity meter. Temperature measurements were calibrated against a NAMAS certified mercury-in-glass thermometer.

A portable refrigerator which could be run from a 12-volt DC supply (via a car cigarette lighter socket) was used to transport samples to the laboratory. This unit was also used to store the samples in the laboratory for the duration of the experiment (operated from a standard 240-volt AC mains supply), since its electronic temperature control was more consistent (± 1 °C) than a normal refrigerator thermostat (usually ± 2 -3 °C). The internal temperature of the cabinet was normally monitored using a calibrated mercury thermometer, but on occasions an electronic data logger was used to obtain a continuous record.

Borosilicate glass sample bottles with deep polypropylene screw-threaded caps were used throughout the study. They were sterilised by autoclaving before use.

Analysis for total and faecal coliform organisms was carried out by the membrane filtration technique, as described in Report 71 (DoE 1983). The culture medium used was Membrane Lauryl Sulphate Broth (Oxoid MM615), and Gelman GN-6 mixed cellulose ester membranes (47-mm diameter, 0.45- μ m pore size) were employed throughout. The membrane filters and all the culture media used were from single production batches. Incubation conditions used were 4 hours at 30 °C \pm 1 °C followed by 14 hours at 37 °C \pm 0.5 °C for total coliform organisms, or 14 hours at 44 °C \pm 0.25 °C for faecal coliforms.

After incubation, presumptive counts were made, then colonies were sub-cultured for confirmatory tests, again in accordance with Report 71. For total coliforms the fermentation of lactose (in lactose peptone water) with production of acid and gas within 48 hours at 37 °C was taken as positive confirmation. For *Escherichia coli*, the criteria used were production of acid and gas from lactose within 24 hours at 44 °C, and production of indole from tryptophan within 24 hours at 44 °C in tryptone water.

Whenever possible, all the presumptive positive colonies on a membrane were picked off for testing, rather than a selection, to avoid operator bias in choosing colonies, and to increase the precision of the percentage confirmation figures (see Tillett 1993). However, this did mean that it was infeasible to confirm all samples. However, at least one sample was confirmed from each batch of samples taken. All results were recorded for subsequent data analysis.

3.2 Sampling sites

The site used for collection of lowland surface water was on the River Thames, close to the WRc Medmenham Laboratory, while the upland surface water source selected was the Ladybower reservoir near Sheffield.

Groundwater with the required content of coliform organisms proved much harder to obtain. Such sources are generally in controlled situations, not open to the public, so co-operation from water suppliers had to be sought.

The main supply company in the area was approached, but was reluctant to allow access to such supplies to uncontrolled personnel. Subsequently another water supply company granted access to a borehole supply which regularly contained coliform organisms. However, most of the early samples proved negative, and examination of the Company's records showed that occurrence of coliforms in the supply was sporadic, and mainly restricted to the warmer months. Several boreholes at this particular site were sampled, but the coliform content was unreliable, and the situation was clearly unsatisfactory. Later in the study an opportunity arose to use an alternative borehole which provided much more satisfactory samples. This was used in all subsequent tests, but even here the coliform content of the water decreased in the colder weather. As part of the arrangements for sampling the groundwater sources it was agreed that the location of the boreholes would be kept confidential, or at least not mentioned in any reports on the work. It was agreed that this was acceptable to the Department.

3.3 Statistical analysis

Sub-samples withdrawn for analysis from a volume of water are unlikely to contain exactly the same numbers of bacteria. This means in the tests carried out in the present study that the numbers of coliform organisms detected may not necessarily be the same even if there is no effect of storage. Nonparametric statistical tests were applied to the data to determine whether any changes observed reflected true differences, or were merely due to variations from sub-sampling. Pairs of results were compared by the Sign test and the more powerful Wilcoxon matched pair signed rank test.

These statistical tests return the probability (P) of obtaining the particular sets of coliform numbers on the assumption that there is no effect of storage. If P is greater than 5%, it can be reasonably concluded that observed differences in numbers could have arisen by chance from random sub-sampling and that the storage has not affected the results. However, if P is less than 5%, the differences become statistically significant and the

storage is then assumed to be having some effect. The smaller the value of P, the more highly significant the differences and the greater is the certainty that true differences are being observed. The statistical power of an experiment is the ability to detect such differences when they genuinely exist, and can be enhanced by increasing the number of samples. Furthermore, the smaller the effect of storage, the more samples are required to detect a statistically significant difference.

To assess the numbers of samples required to detect statistically significant differences in these experiments, the statistical outcome (significance) was simulated as a function of the number of water samples analysed. The simulation was performed for a variety of potential quantitative differences caused by the storage. As an example, one could use the situation of wishing to be able to detect a 5% difference caused by storage, with statistical inference being carried out at the 5% confidence level. This would be a reasonable minimum precision to aim for, since if one can say with 95% certainty that there will be less than 5% difference in quantitative results after storage, then it can be assumed that the effect of storage of the sample will be negligible.

In the case just described, the simulation indicated that only 30 samples would be needed to detect such a difference. For comparison, to operate at the 1% confidence level (i.e. 99% certainty), the number of samples would have to be increased to 52. To detect a 3% difference in results would need 85 or 145 samples, using the 5% and 1% confidence levels respectively.

These findings assumed reasonably high numbers of coliform organisms in all samples, but in practice this was unlikely to be true, and so more samples would probably be needed than the simulation implied. Nevertheless, the total of 500 samples to be analysed in the course of this project was thought to be enough to demonstrate any systematic effects of storage of the samples.

The non-parametric tests can indicate whether or not there is a significant effect on the bacterial counts as a result of storing the samples, but cannot quantify the differences. However, if the underlying distribution of counts can be confirmed, it is possible to measure the degree of difference using a *t* test. Using purpose-written software, the differences in pairs of counts (i.e. before and after storage) were presented graphically as probability plots. The vertical axis in each case represented the difference in the logarithms of the counts (6-hour count subtracted from 12- or 24-hour count), while the horizontal axis showed percentiles, scaled in such a way that if the differences were normally distributed, then the plot would be a straight line. The percentiles were calculated by arranging all the values for a particular data set (of size *n*) in ascending order and assigning a position *i* (over the range *i*=1 to *i*=*n*) to each one. The percentile (*p_i*) was calculated as:

$$p_i = 100 \times (i - 0.5)/n$$

As the points were found to follow straight lines quite closely, it was considered reasonable to assume that the differences in counts were log normally distributed, and that this analysis could be used to quantify effects of storage.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Effects of storage on presumptive counts of coliforms

In total, 528 samples were analysed as described in the previous section, divided in the proportions of 113 samples of lowland surface water, 95 of upland surface water, and 320 of groundwater. A complete tabulation of the raw data obtained is given in Appendix B of this report. The presumptive counts were used for the statistical analysis, since confirmed counts were not available for all samples. Also the calculation of a confirmed count by multiplying the presumptive count by the proportion which confirm can lead to results with wide confidence limits (Tillett 1993). This would make statistical analysis unsatisfactory, and might give misleading results.

Not all the results were able to be used in the statistical tests. In particular a number of the groundwater samples gave coliform counts of zero before and after storage. These unfortunately give no information on storage effects, and so could not be used. After their elimination, 1429 data pairs remained to be used in the tests.

As well as detecting significant effects caused by storage, it was also necessary to try to quantify these, as mentioned in the previous section. This would not be possible, however, with data pairs where one of the results derived from a count of zero, since the true quantitative difference between the two results was unknown, and logarithmic transformation of the zero results would not be possible. Such results were therefore removed for the initial analysis, although they were included in later tests, described below.

Table 4.1 shows the results of analysis by Sign test of the non-zero results. Here the 6-hour result has been subtracted from the later one in each case, and the numbers of results decreasing, staying constant and increasing after storage have been tabulated. If storage had no effect, the numbers increasing would equal the numbers decreasing, within statistical limits. The table shows the probabilities of obtaining the patterns of results observed, assuming there was no effect of storage.

Table 4.2 shows the same data analysed using the Wilcoxon test, applied in the same way as just described. The greater power of this test results from its taking some consideration of the magnitude of the observed differences, and therefore some differences are seen which are not revealed by the Sign test.

A paired-sample *t* test was used to obtain an estimate of the magnitude of the storage effects seen, and the results of this analysis are shown in Table 4.3.

This closely follows the results obtained with the Wilcoxon test, although some levels of significance are slightly different. Different patterns of changes were seen with the different water types. For the lowland surface water, total coliform counts rose by 16% on average after 12 hours ($P < 0.001$), but were not significantly different from the 6-hour counts after 24 hours storage. Faecal coliform counts were unchanged after 12 hours, but fell by 23% on average after 24 hours ($P < 0.01$). In contrast, total coliform counts in the

upland surface water fell after both 12 and 24 hours, while faecal coliform levels followed the same pattern seen with the lowland surface water. For the groundwater the only significant change was in faecal coliform counts after 12 hours, where an increase was observed.

Table 4.1 Sign test on non-zero values

Water	Organism	6 h vs	n	Lower	Equal	Higher	P	Sig. ¹
Lowland	TC	12 h	112	44	3	65	0.055	NS
		24 h	113	52	0	61	0.45	NS
	FC	12 h	105	44	5	56	0.27	NS
		24 h	111	68	5	38	0.0046	** (↓)
Upland	TC	12 h	95	53	6	36	0.089	NS
		24 h	95	62	3	30	0.0011	** (↓)
	FC	12 h	86	40	12	34	0.56	NS
		24 h	81	49	8	24	0.0046	** (↓)
Ground	TC	12 h	103	42	19	42	1.0	NS
		24 h	92	40	15	37	0.82	NS
	FC	12 h	78	29	7	42	0.15	NS
		24 h	84	31	11	42	0.24	NS
All	TC	12 h	310	139	28	143	0.86	NS
		24 h	300	154	18	128	0.14	NS
	FC	12 h	269	113	24	132	0.25	NS
		24 h	276	148	24	104	0.0066	** (↓)

¹ NS - not significant, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$

Arrows in brackets show whether the count rose (↑) or fell (↓) on storage

Combining all the results, the overall indication was of no statistical difference for either organism between the results obtained after 6 hours and 12 hours of storage. In fact the geometric mean counts before and after storage were almost identical. In contrast, the counts of both total and faecal coliforms tended to fall after 24 hours of storage, this being more pronounced for the faecal coliforms. The average reduction amounted to 5% for total coliforms, and 10% for faecal coliforms.

It is difficult to interpret the different patterns of change observed for the three water types, and great care should be exercised in attempting to do so. A change seen in a sub-set of data, which is not seen when the sub-set is incorporated into a larger set, should be treated with caution, because of the different sample sizes involved.

Table 4.2 Wilcoxon tests results - non-zero results

Water	Organism	6 h vs	n	Wilcoxon statistic	P	Sig. ¹
Lowland	TC	12 h	112	4 095.5	0.0008	*** (↑)
		24 h	113	3 511.5	0.41	NS
	FC	12 h	105	2 548.5	0.94	NS
		24 h	111	1 883.0	0.0026	** (↓)
Upland	TC	12 h	95	1 378.5	0.011	* (↓)
		24 h	95	1 174.0	0.00011	*** (↓)
	FC	12 h	86	1 333.5	0.77	NS
		24 h	81	760.5	0.0011	** (↓)
Ground	TC	12 h	103	1 800.0	0.94	NS
		24 h	92	1 440.0	0.76	NS
	FC	12 h	78	1 720.0	0.011	* (↑)
		24 h	84	1 482.5	0.47	NS
All	TC	12 h	310	20 592	0.64	NS
		24 h	300	17 187	0.044	* (↓)
	FC	12 h	269	16 453	0.22	NS
		24 h	276	12 100	0.0009	*** (↓)

1 NS - not significant, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$

Arrows in brackets show whether the count rose (↑) or fell (↓) on storage

The results listed in Table 4.3 are shown in graphical form in the series of plots in Appendix A. As explained earlier, the graphs show the differences between the logarithms of pairs of counts (i.e. before and after storage), arranged in order and plotted on a horizontal scale such that they will fall on a straight line if they are normally distributed. The vertical bracket on each plot gives the 95% confidence interval for the mean of the observed differences, and thus represents the figures in the last three columns of Table 4.3. Where this bracket includes the line of equality (i.e. zero difference), any difference observed is not statistically significant at the 5% level. However, when the bracket does not include the line of equality, a significant effect of storage is indicated, at least at the 5% level. If the bracket lies above the line of equality, then counts were observed to rise on average, with the opposite true if the bracket lies below the line. This reflects the information shown in the column headed 'Significance' in Table 4.3.

Table 4.3 Paired-sample t test on non-zero values, all data logarithmically transformed

Water	Organism	6 h vs	n	t	P	Sig. ¹	(9)	Mean ² difference	95% CI Lower Higher	
Lowland	TC	12 h	112	4.01	0.0001	***	(↑)	+16%	+8%	+25%
		24 h	113	1.06	0.29	NS		+4%	-3%	+11%
	FC	12 h	105	-0.70	0.49	NS		-3%	-13%	+7%
		24 h	111	-3.17	0.0015	**	(↓)	-13%	-21%	-5%
Upland	TC	12 h	95	-2.824	0.0048	**	(↓)	-14%	-23%	-5%
		24 h	95	-4.276	<0.0001	***	(↓)	-20%	-27%	-11%
	FC	12 h	86	0.057	0.96	NS		+0%	-11%	+13%
		24 h	81	-3.34	0.0008	***	(↓)	-22%	-32%	-10%
Ground	TC	12 h	103	0.64	0.52	NS		+3%	-6%	+13%
		24 h	92	-0.088	0.94	NS		+0%	-9%	+9%
	FC	12 h	78	3.09	0.0019	**	(↑)	+17%	+6%	+30%
		24 h	84	1.275	0.20	NS		+8%	-4%	+22%
All	TC	12 h	310	0.59	0.56	NS		+2%	-4%	+7%
		24 h	300	-2.21	0.028	*	(↓)	-5%	-10%	-1%
	FC	12 h	269	1.05	0.30	NS		+3%	-3%	+10%
		24 h	276	-3.07	0.002	**	(↓)	-10%	-16%	-4%

1 NS - not significant, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$

Arrows in brackets show whether the count rose (↑) or fell (↓) on storage

2 After antilog transformation.

As mentioned above, quantification of the magnitude of differences caused by storage is made impossible by the presence of results derived from counts of zero. Nevertheless, data pairs with one zero count can still be used to detect differences using the Sign test. Indeed, such data pairs can provide valuable information on effects of storage, for they represent bacterial densities at the limit of detection of the analytical test. Such samples are difficult to find or to produce artificially, but in the present study a total of 255 data pairs of this type were obtained.

An analysis of these results by the Sign test is shown in Table 4.4. Interestingly there is no significant difference in the results before and after storage, suggesting that storing the samples for up to 24 hours would not decrease the likelihood of detecting very low numbers of coliforms. However, in practice the number of results is probably too low to draw definite conclusions.

Incorporating these results into the non-zero ones used above, and using the Sign test, gives the overall analysis shown in Table 4.5. This can be compared with the last section of Table 4.1, and gives a similar pattern of results, with the only significant change being seen in the faecal coliform results, which tend to be lower after 24 hours storage than after 6 hours.

Table 4.4 Analysis by the Sign test of samples where one of the pair of values derived from a colony count of zero

	N	Decrease	Increase	P	Sig.
TC, 6 vs 12 hours	75	36	39	0.82	NS
TC, 6 vs 24 hours	73	40	33	0.48	NS
FC, 6 vs 12 hours	61	31	30	1.00	NS
FC, 6 vs 24 hours	46	22	24	0.88	NS

Table 4.5 Sign test carried out on all samples, including those with a single zero count

Organism	6 h vs	n	Lower	Equal	Higher	P	Sig.
TC	12 h	394	175	28	191	0.43	NS
	24 h	383	195	18	170	0.21	NS
FC	12 h	330	144	24	162	0.33	NS
	24 h	322	170	24	128	0.018	* (↓)

1 NS - not significant, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$
Arrows in brackets show whether the count rose (↑) or fell (↓) on storage

In summary, therefore, it is clear that faecal coliform counts tend to fall during storage for 24 hours, compared with results which would have been obtained after 6 hours. The same appears true of total coliform counts, though the effect is less marked, and is best described as of marginal statistical significance, since it is not shown by the Sign test, but only by the more rigorous Wilcoxon and Paired-Sample *t* tests.

4.2 Variation in confirmation rates

As mentioned earlier, confirmation of presumptive colonies was carried out by sub-culturing all the colonies from a plate, rather than making a selection. This allowed a more realistic percentage confirmation figure to be obtained, but meant that it was not feasible to confirm all samples. However, at least one sample was confirmed from each batch of samples taken.

Table 4.6 shows mean confirmation rates (as percentages) obtained from the various types of water. Overall there was little variation in the observed rates with time. As the data were not truly paired, comparison of values was made using a two-sample *t* test. The observed differences were not statistically significant in any of the comparisons, so there is no evidence for any systematic change in confirmation rates with storage of samples.

Table 4.6 Mean percentage confirmation rates observed in bacteriological tests

Organism	Time (h)	Lowland	Upland	Groundwater
Total coliforms	6	70	68	74
	12	70	79	74
	24	66	75	73
<i>E. coli</i>	6	80	79	85
	12	81	81	78
	24	71	81	93

4.3 Investigation of seasonal effects

An arbitrary division into four equal seasons was made, with Spring taken as March to May inclusive, Summer being June to August, Autumn being September to November and Winter being December to February. The data used in compiling Table 4.3 were used, that is with results deriving from counts of zero omitted, and a paired-sample t test was carried out on the segregated data sets.

The groundwater results were not included, as the source had been changed during the year, and many samples during the colder months gave negative results. Table 4.7 shows the results of the analysis, in terms of the statistical significance of any differences observed, and the direction of change, if any.

Viewing the results for lowland and upland sources separately, total coliform counts appear to change, in whatever direction, more in the colder part of the year than in the warmer part. Faecal coliform counts do not follow the same pattern, the only significant changes being after 24 hours in Spring and Autumn for the lowland source, and after 12 hours in summer and 24 hours in Autumn for the upland source.

However, combining the two datasets changes the observed pattern, with many of the differences cancelling each other out.

The smaller datasets obtained when dividing the results into seasons make it difficult to identify true trends in the data. Also arbitrary re-definition of the 'seasons' could affect the observed patterns of change. The PHLS (1953) concluded that, despite rigorously controlled experiments, the factors contributing towards storage effects were probably more complex than could be elucidated by a comparatively simple approach. Perhaps the most important thing is to hope that sampling over a 12-month period will have encompassed and compensated for any systematic effects which might exist.

Table 4.7 Seasonal effects: paired t test analysis on logarithmically-transformed data - significance of observed differences¹

Water	Organism		Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Lowland	TC	6 h v 12 h	*** (↑)	NS	NS	*** (↑)
		6 h v 24 h	** (↓)	NS	NS	** (↑)
	FC	6 h v 12 h	NS	NS	NS	NS
		6 h v 24 h	* (↓)	NS	* (↓)	NS
Upland	TC	6 h v 12 h	** (↓)	NS	NS	* (↓)
		6 h v 24 h	* (↓)	NS	NS	*** (↓)
	FC	6 h v 12 h	NS	* (↓)	NS	NS
		6 h v 24 h	NS	NS	** (↓)	NS
Both	TC	6 h v 12 h	NS	NS	NS	NS
		6 h v 24 h	*** (↓)	NS	NS	NS
	FC	6 h v 12 h	NS	NS	NS	NS
		6 h v 24 h	** (↓)	NS	*** (↓)	NS

¹ NS - not significant, * $P \leq 0.05$, ** $P \leq 0.01$, *** $P \leq 0.001$

Arrows in brackets show whether the count rose (↑) or fell (↓) on storage

4.4 Physico-chemical parameters

4.4.1 Temperature

In some of the earliest experiments the samples did not achieve a low enough temperature during transit to the laboratory, even though the thermometer monitoring the cabinet indicated suitable conditions. This was improved by changing to a different shape of sampling bottle, careful distribution of bottles within the cabinet and adjustment of the thermostat. Nevertheless, there was still some difference between temperatures within a batch. This is probably inevitable, since gravity-convection refrigerators do not maintain the same temperature throughout their interiors. Care was taken to ensure that sample bottles could not touch the evaporator panels within the refrigerator, so that there would be no possibility of samples freezing.

Table 4.8 shows the mean temperatures recorded for the various types of sample. After 24 hours the mean temperatures for all samples were between 5 °C and 6 °C.

Table 4.8 Mean water temperatures (°C) recorded for the samples analysed

Time (h)	Lowland	Upland	Groundwater
0	11.0	7.6	11.1
6	6.3	6.7	5.5
12	5.8	6.7	5.6
24	5.7	6.0	5.1

4.4.2 pH value

The mean pH values recorded for the various types of sample are listed in Table 4.9, together with an indication of the statistical significance of any observed changes from one sampling time to the next. All values were fairly close to neutrality. The pH values of the lowland surface water and groundwater had a tendency to rise during storage, while the opposite was true of the upland surface water.

Table 4.9 Mean pH values recorded for the samples analysed

Time (h)	Lowland	Sig. ¹	Upland	Sig. ¹	Groundwater	Sig. ¹
0	7.19		7.27		6.82	
6	7.51	***	6.94	***	7.05	***
12	7.57	NS	6.92	NS	7.07	NS
24	7.61	NS	6.90	NS	7.14	**

¹ Statistical significance of the rise or fall of pH compared with the previous entry, calculated by paired-sample t test.

However, overall the changes were quite small, and probably result from alteration of the balance of dissolved gases, the direction of change relating to the different initial conditions of the three water types.

4.4.3 Conductivity

The pattern of changes in conductivity, although appearing unusual, was similar for all water types. From sampling time to 6 hours the conductivity dropped on average, from 6 to 12 hours it rose to varying degrees, then from 12 to 24 hours it dropped again. Mean

conductivity values measured in the various sample types are shown in Table 4.10, which is set out similarly to the previous table.

The pattern of changes was particularly marked in the groundwater samples, but as the borehole had been changed half way through the trial period, the two sources were separated (noted in Table 4.10 as groundwaters a and b). One of the sources showed the pattern of changes described above very markedly, although the second source did not show the rise in conductivity between 6 and 12 hours.

Table 4.10 Mean conductivity values ($\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$) recorded for the samples analysed

Time (h)	Lowland	Sig. ¹	Upland	Sig. ¹	Ground a	Sig. ¹	Ground b	Sig. ¹
0	986		129		1134		960	
6	938	***	116	***	1071	**	916	***
12	964	*	119	NS	1221	***	915	NS
24	933	***	111	**	1115	***	880	***

¹ Statistical significance of the rise or fall in conductivity compared with the previous entry, calculated by paired-sample t test

As with the pH value, the factor which is most likely to cause a change in conductivity on storage is an alteration in the balance of dissolved gases although Ferguson (1994) considers that adsorption of ions to the inside surface of the sample bottle can also have an effect. Overall the changes seen were fairly small, and may be of little practical significance, though it is notable that changes in conductivity were in the same direction for all water types, whereas the changes in pH value, as noted in the previous section, were not.

5. DISCUSSION

The present study showed rather less variability in total coliform results than was seen by the PHLS in the previous published work (PHLS 1953), although that observed for faecal coliforms was the same. The PHLS report considered that a significant change in count was represented by at least a doubling or halving of the observed count, and that after 24 hours of refrigerated storage 34% of total coliform samples and 25% of faecal coliform samples fell into this category. In the present study the equivalent figures were 11% of total coliform samples, and 25% of faecal coliforms. These figures are not strictly comparable, as the two studies were conducted differently, but give an indication of the scale of the variation.

The earlier PHLS study would be expected to show more variability, as seven different laboratories took part in it, and the samples were from a wider variety of sites than in the present work. This is reflected in the total coliform results, but not in the faecal coliform ones, and the pattern of variation (in terms of which organisms showed the greater variation) was reversed for the two studies. The reasons for this are not clear, but as the study designs and methodologies are different, it is unlikely that a simple cause could be found.

The most important aspect is to consider how these results could be applied in practice, and what the implications are for recommendations for acceptable delays between sampling and analysis.

On the evidence of these results, there should be no problem in storing samples for 12 hours before analysis, as overall there were no statistical differences observed between the 6-hour and 12-hour results. This is not to say that counts would always be the same before and after storage. Clearly from these results and other studies, the observed counts can show quite marked differences when analyses are made before and after storage. However, on average, over a large number of samples, no overall differences would be observed.

Extending the allowable storage to 24 hours is more problematical. For total coliforms the average drop in counts compared with the 6-hour sample was 5%, and the difference was of marginal statistical significance. For faecal coliforms the difference was more significant statistically, and the observed average drop in counts was 10%, which is probably unacceptable. Therefore it is probably not advisable to recommend storage for up to 24 hours, but on occasions, if for some reason analysis within 6 or 12 hours proved impossible, it might be acceptable to retain a sample for up to 24 hours, bearing in mind that counts, especially of faecal coliforms, would tend on average to fall.

6. CONCLUSIONS

It must be emphasised that the samples tested in this study were representative of raw, untreated waters. It is not known how far the results could be extrapolated to other water types, such as disinfectant-treated drinking water.

Overall there was no evidence of a significant change in either total coliform or faecal coliform counts for samples tested after 6 and 12 hours of refrigerated storage.

For samples tested after 6 and 24 hours of refrigerated storage, a drop in counts of total and faecal coliforms was seen. This was of marginal statistical significance for total coliforms, but more significant for faecal coliforms. On average the counts of total coliforms were 5% lower, and those of faecal coliforms were 10% lower after 24 hours storage, compared with 6 hours.

Samples with total or faecal coliform content at the limit of detection, where one of the pair of results was derived from a count of zero colonies, appeared to show no significant difference in the detection of low numbers of organisms after 6, 12 or 24 hours of storage. However, the number of samples concerned was too low to draw definite conclusions.

Rates of confirmation of total coliforms and *E. coli* did not change significantly as a result of storage.

No clear patterns of seasonal effects were seen, but this may have been because of the smaller datasets obtained when separating results into seasons.

On the basis of the results obtained in this study, extending the allowable period of storage of samples before analysis from 6 to 12 hours should not affect overall results, provided the samples are refrigerated.

Extension of the allowable period of storage to 24 hours would result in lower overall results. While probably unacceptable for routine monitoring, this might be acceptable on occasions, rather than obtaining no results at all.

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APPENDIX A

**PLOTS OF DIFFERENCES IN BACTERIAL
COUNTS OBSERVED BEFORE AND
AFTER STORAGE**

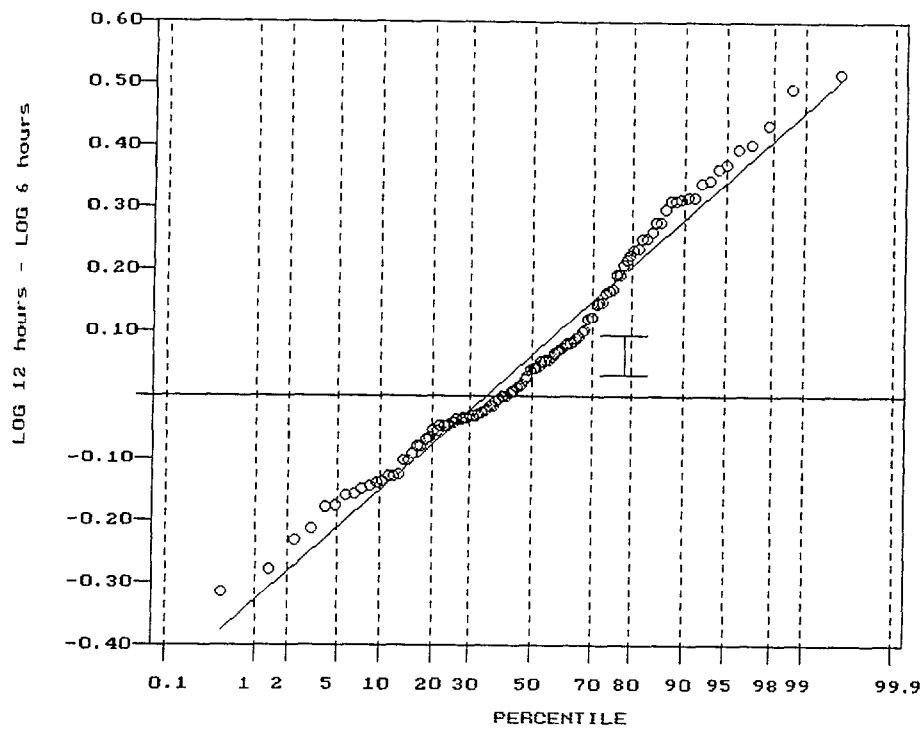


Figure A1 Results of storage experiments using lowland surface water. Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

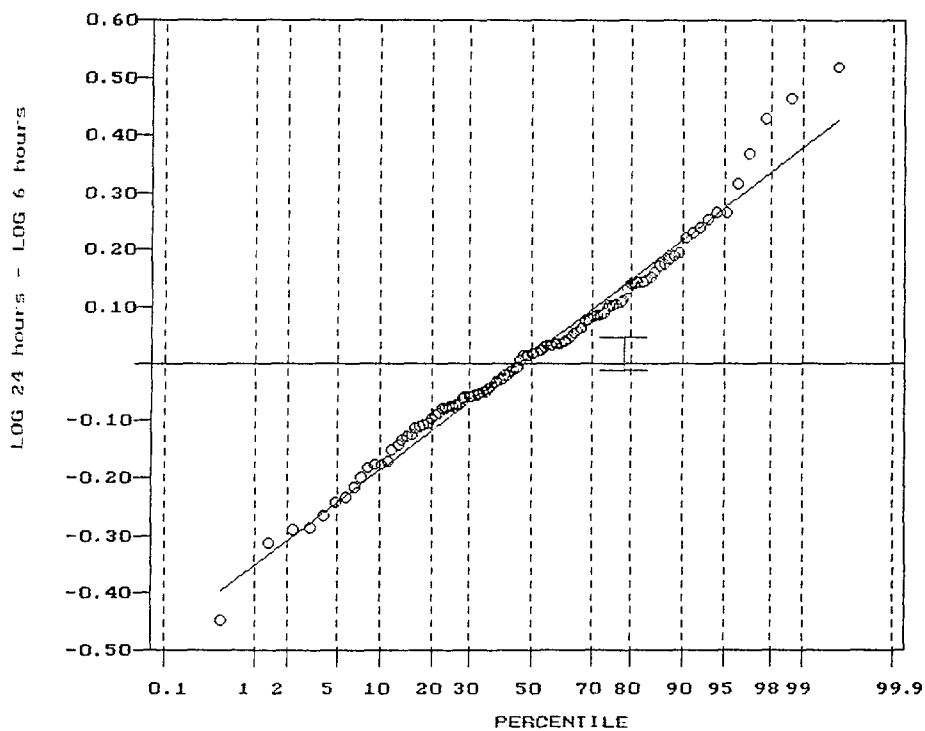


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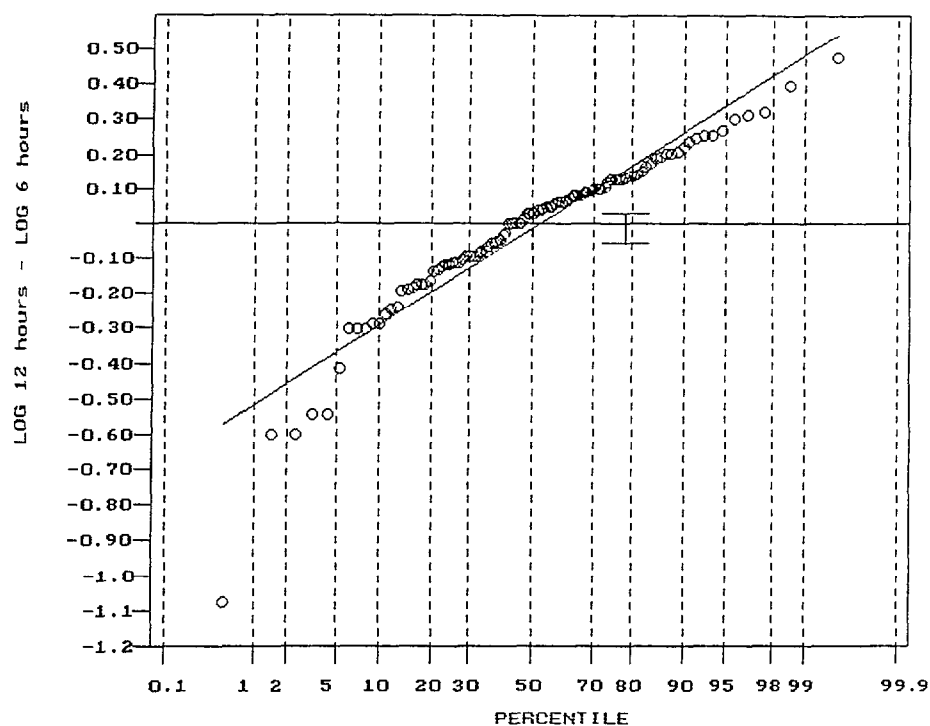


Figure A3 Results of storage experiments using lowland surface water. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

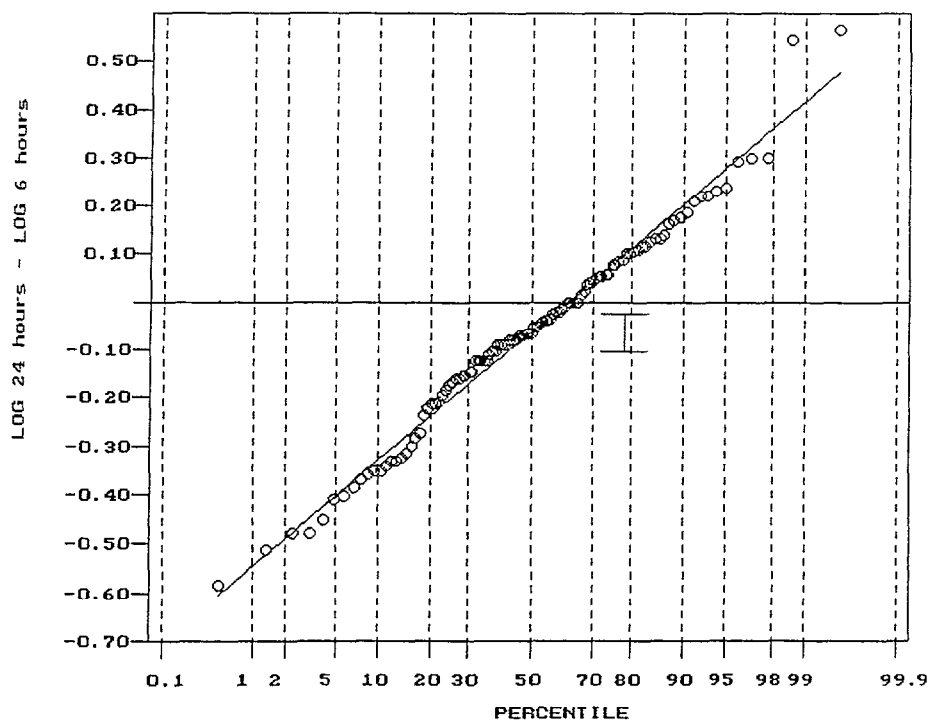


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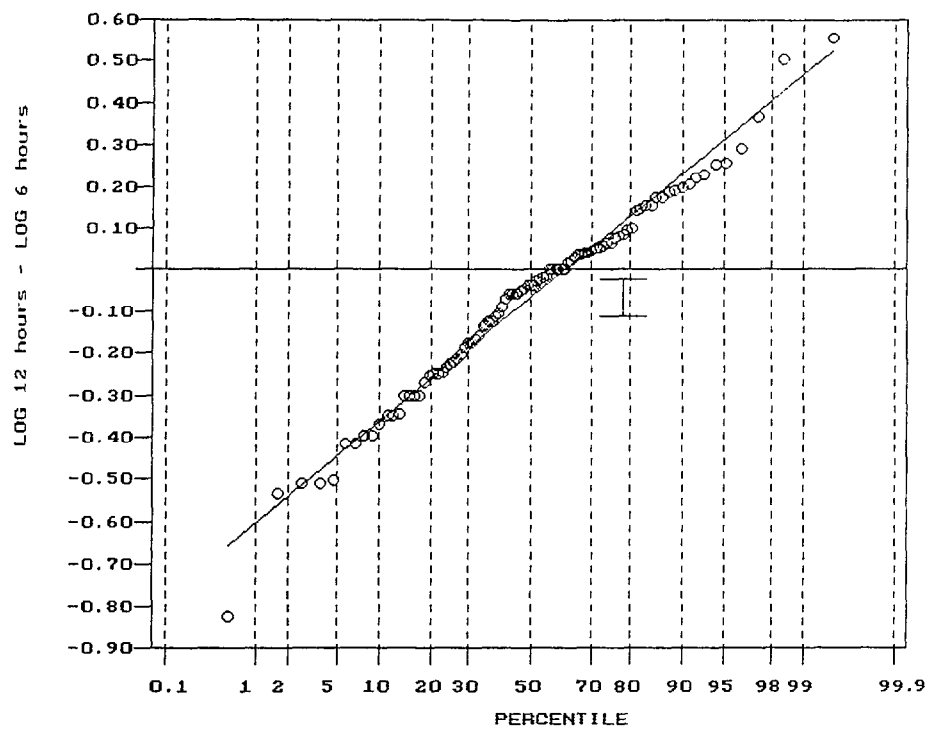


Figure A5 Results of storage experiments using upland surface water. Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

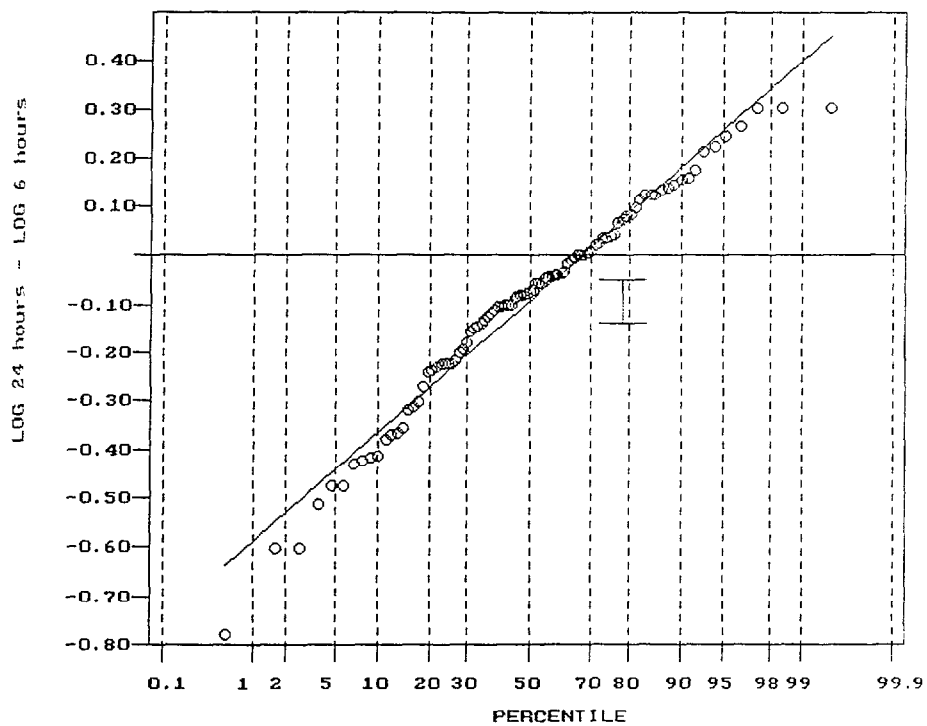


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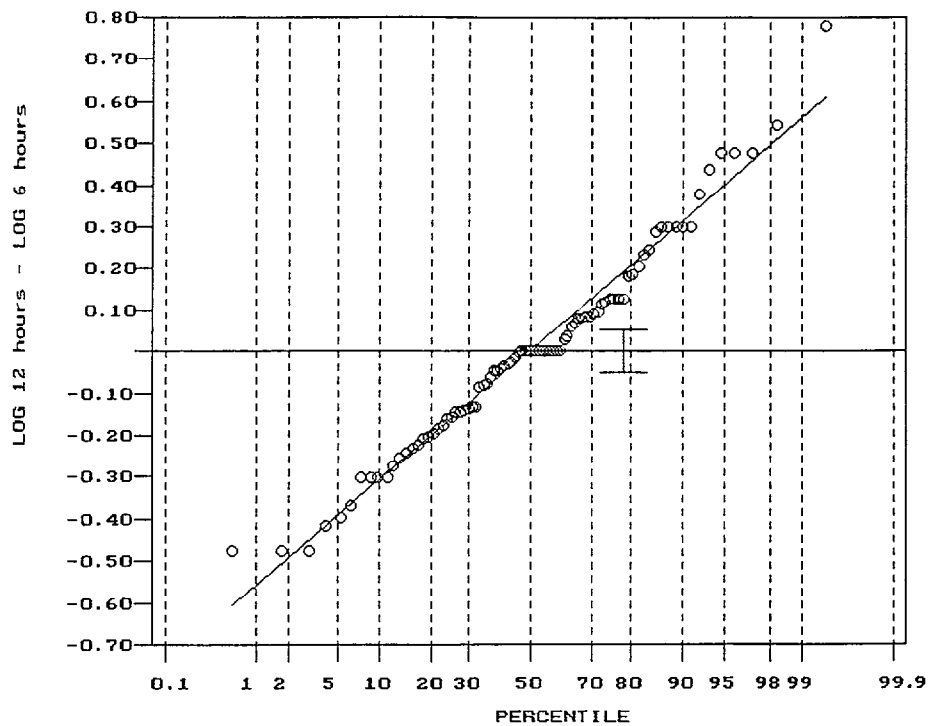


Figure A7 Results of storage experiments using upland surface water. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

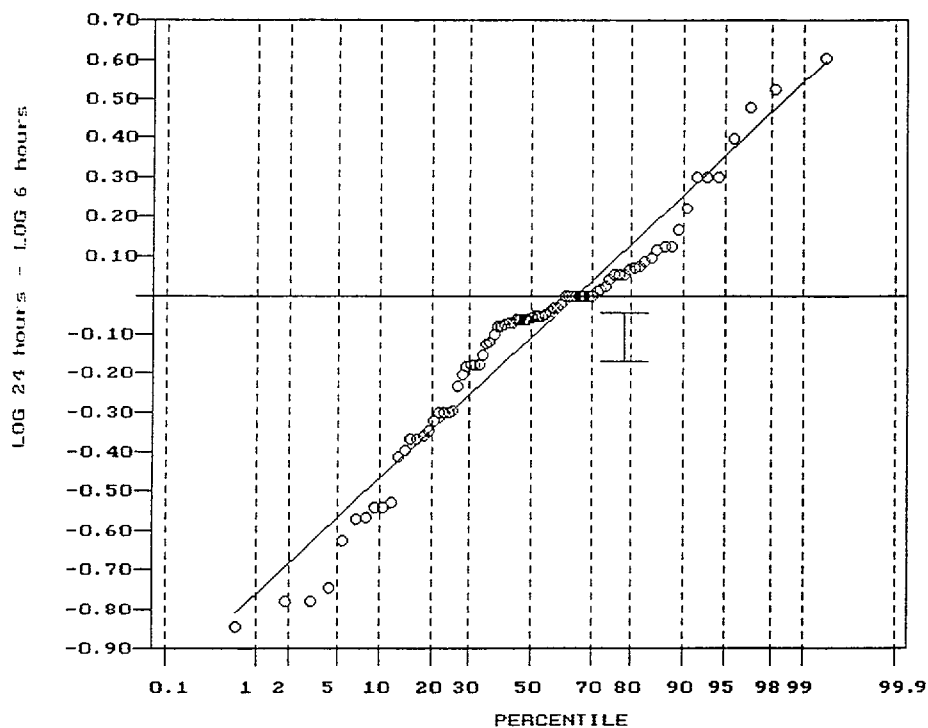


Figure A8 Results of storage experiments using upland surface water. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 24 hours.

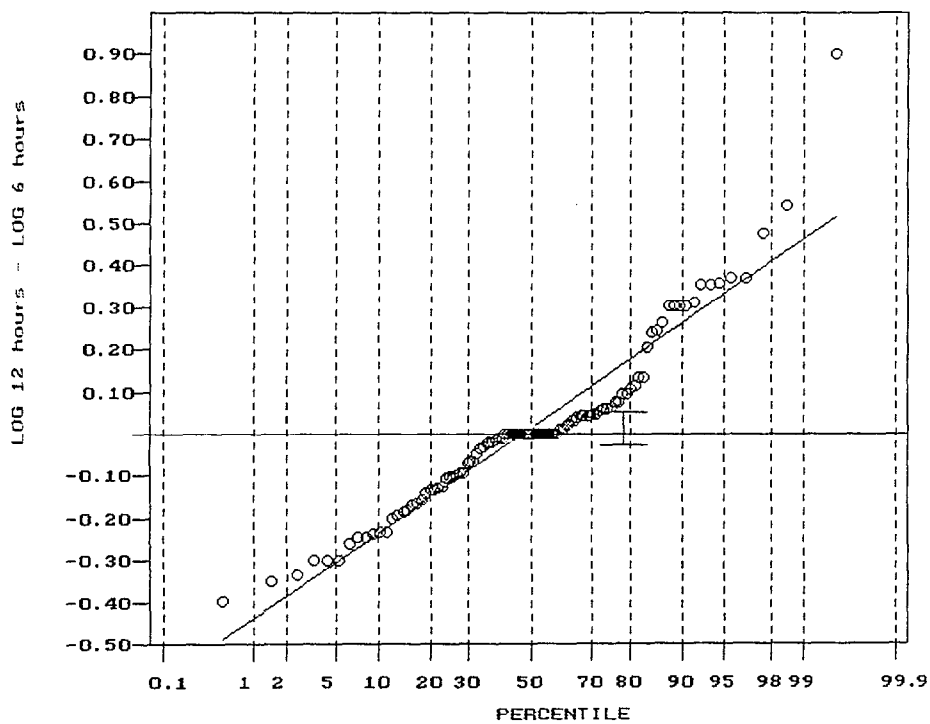


Figure A9 Results of storage experiments using groundwater.
Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

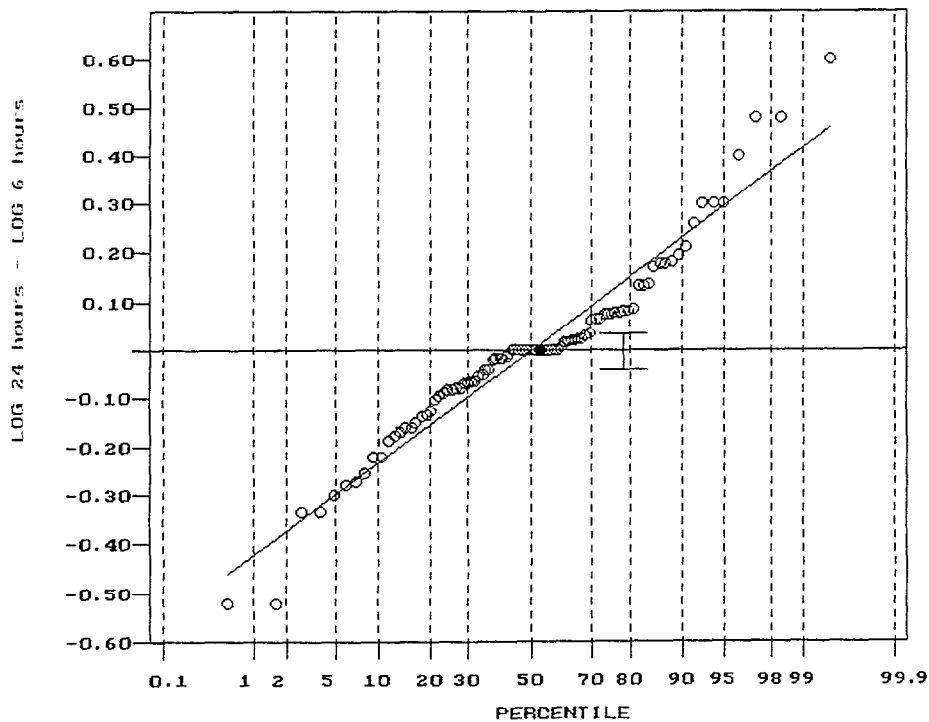


Figure A10 Results of storage experiments using groundwater.
Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 24 hours.

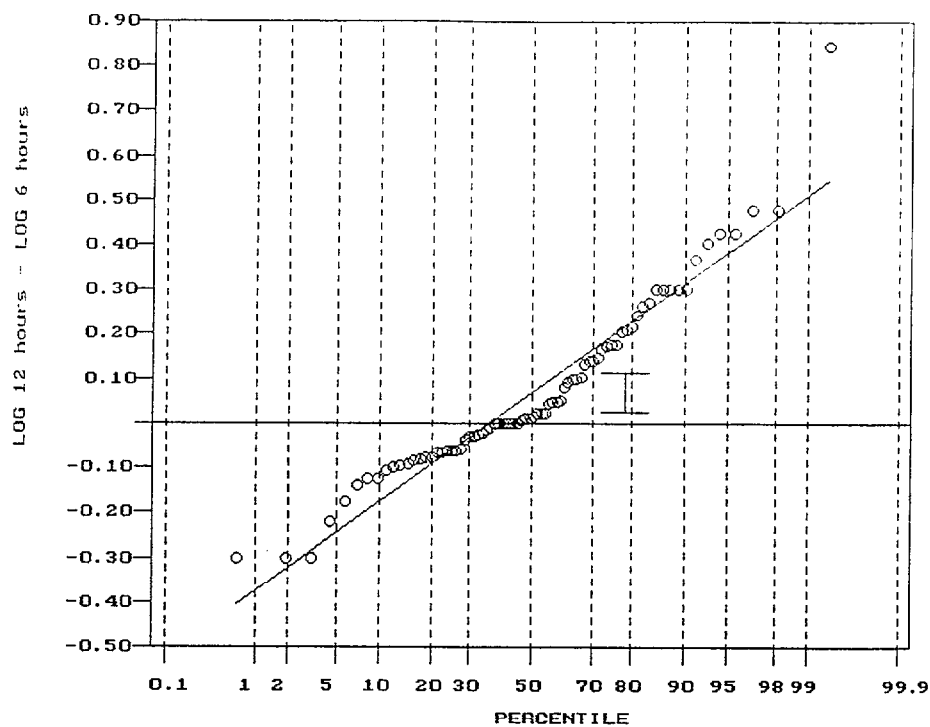


Figure A11 Results of storage experiments using groundwater. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

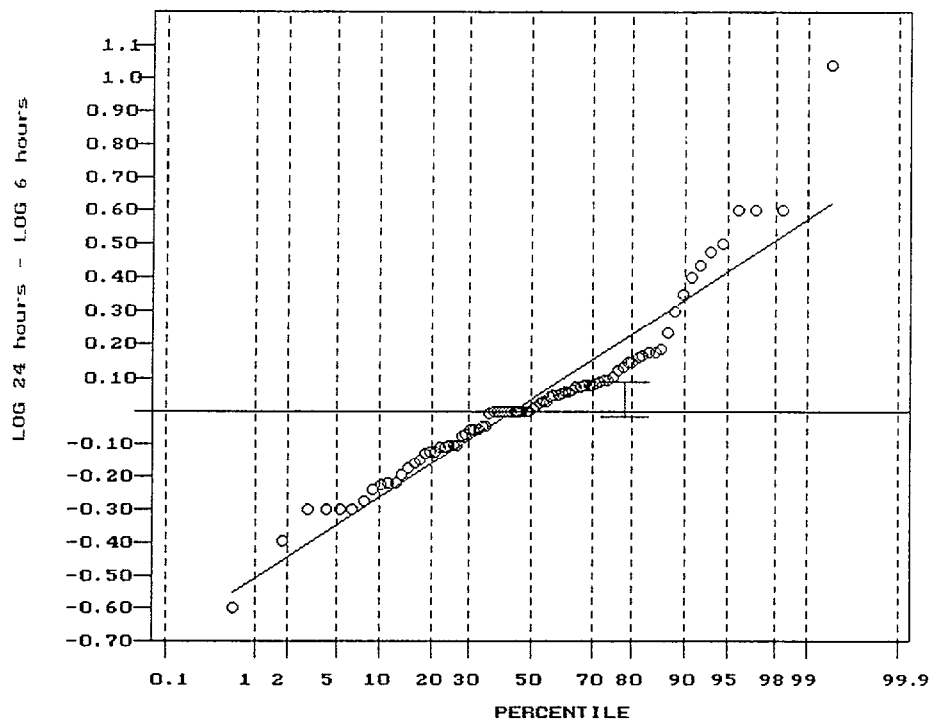


Figure A12 Results of storage experiments using groundwater. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 24 hours.

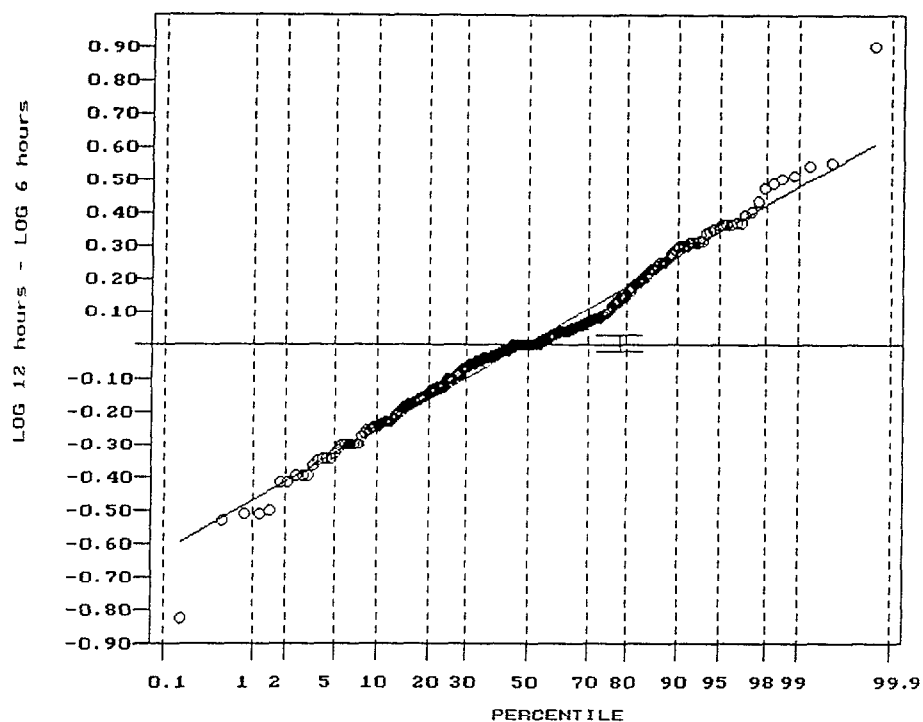


Figure A13 Results of storage experiments combining all samples. Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

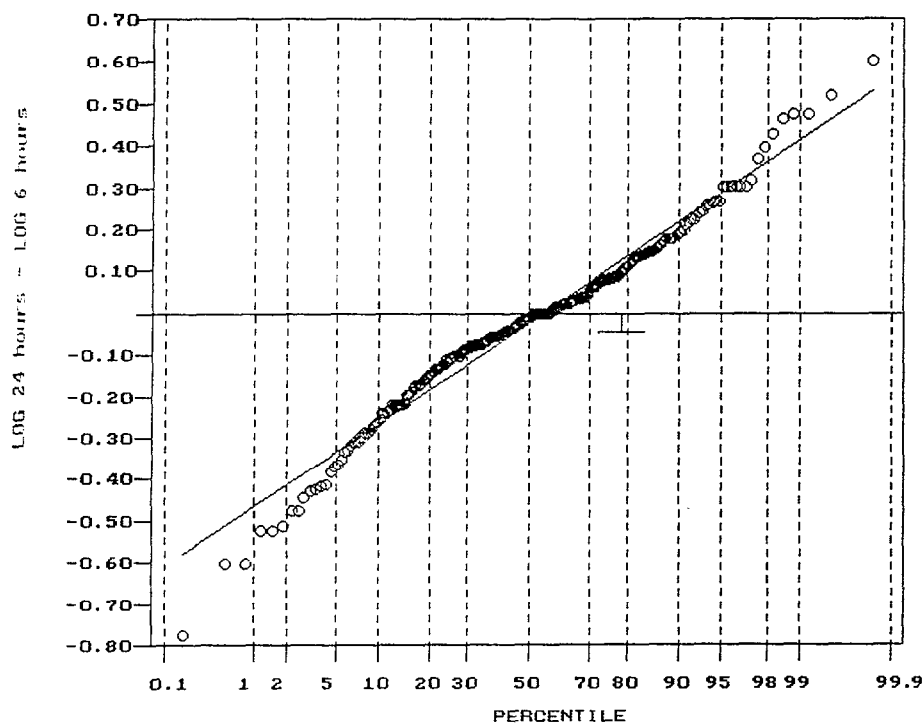


Figure A14 Results of storage experiments combining all samples. Presumptive total coliforms comparing 6 and 24 hours.

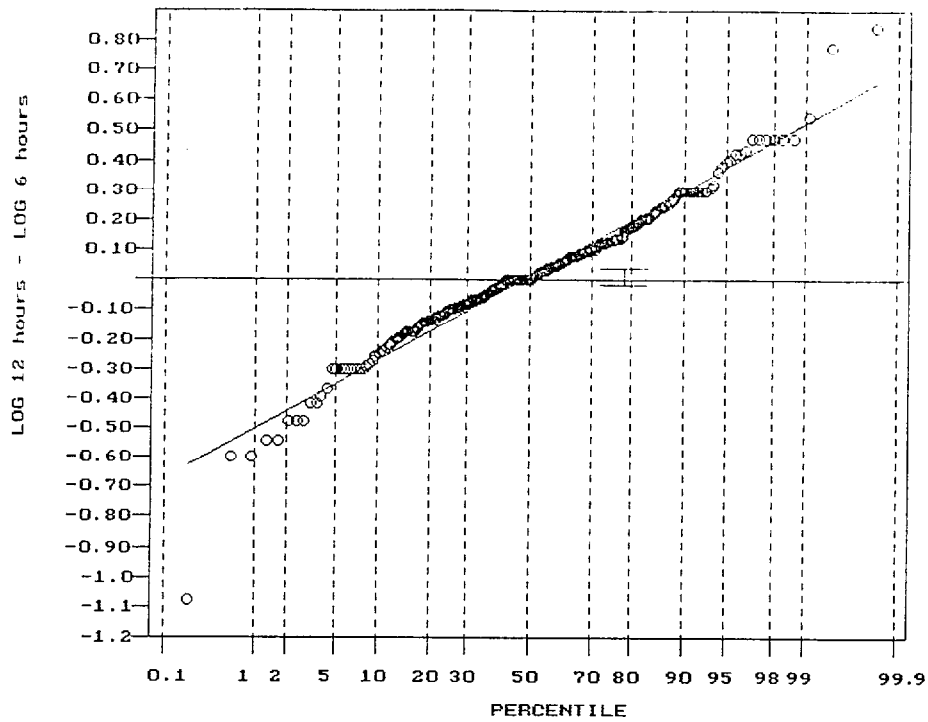


Figure A15 Results of storage experiments combining all samples. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 12 hours.

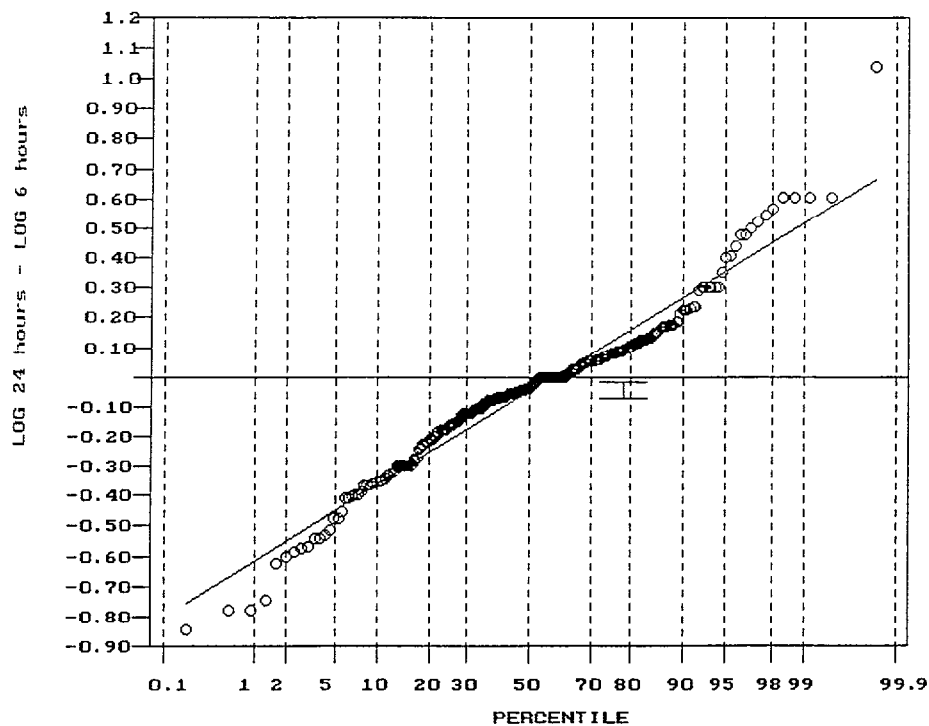


Figure A16 Results of storage experiments combining all samples. Presumptive faecal coliforms comparing 6 and 24 hours.

APPENDIX B

**COMPLETE LISTING OF DATA OBTAINED
DURING THE STUDY**

07007 STORAGE OF COLIFORM SAMPLES
Tabulated data. TC and FC counts in cfu per 100 ml. Temperature in °C, conductivity in µS/cm.

Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours			6 hours			12 hours			24 hours			6 hours			12 hours			24 hours			FC	% Conf
			Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf
1	15/12/92	Lowland	12.3	769	7.93	10.5	723	7.93	9.5	718	7.79	9.9	714	7.87	6700	714	7.87	11900	82	3800	100	6100	91	3000	2300
2	15/12/92	Lowland	12.6	722	7.97	10.5	713	7.84	5.9	711	7.87	10.0	712	7.90	9600	712	7.90	13400		4700		6300		4700	3100
3	15/12/92	Lowland	12.0	755	8.02	10.6	708	7.78	5.6	815	7.91	10.2	829	8.02	5900	829	8.02	5700		4600		5700		4600	2900
4	15/12/92	Lowland	11.9	730	7.94	10.6	708	7.74	3.9	723	7.93	10.3	724	8.06	6900	724	8.06	11600		4000		6600		4000	2900
5	15/12/92	Lowland	11.7	725	7.88	10.6	712	7.04	3.9	717	8.06	10.7	718	8.06	6400	718	8.06	12700	100	3800	97	31000	97	3800	2900
6	12/01/93	Lowland	9.1	558	6.90	10.2	550	6.95	10.3	562	6.96	9.6	562	6.96	13300	562	6.96	33000	61	6400		30000	61	6400	6900
7	12/01/93	Lowland	10.1	557	7.16	9.1	555	6.90	9.1	557	6.87	9.6	560	6.84	10000	560	6.84	31000		7900		32000		7900	6200
8	12/01/93	Lowland	9.2	585	7.11	9.4	553	6.47	9.3	562	6.89	9.1	561	6.94	11000	561	6.94	36000		7400		27000		7400	6900
9	12/01/93	Lowland	9.5	562	7.06	9.3	558	6.92	9.0	557	6.89	9.0	560	6.99	13000	557	6.89	21000		7400		27000		7400	6200
10	12/01/93	Lowland	9.5	562	7.05	10.0	564	7.01	9.4	562	6.95	9.1	561	7.00	11200	561	7.00	23000	81	8600	53	19000	81	8600	6900
11	01/02/93	Lowland	9.9	549	7.41		520		8.0	681	6.61	9.5		7.24	13100		7.24	10300		2900		13500		2900	3200
12	01/02/93	Lowland	9.4	1084	7.70	8.8	942	7.37	8.0	928	6.67	9.5		7.33	12800		7.33	11800		3700		17800		3700	2800
13	01/02/93	Lowland	9.6	1222	7.60		978	7.80	8.2	1358	7.38	9.4		7.32	14400		7.32	14900	65	3100	75	14900	65	3100	3400
14	01/02/93	Lowland	10.0	1086	7.60	9.1	1019	7.75	8.9	1257	7.37	9.5		7.35	10900		7.35	11700		3500		15800		3500	3000
15	01/02/93	Lowland	10.4	981	7.57	9.6	1290	7.62	9.2	1856	7.47	10.2		7.34	11100		7.34	11200		3000		16600		3000	3800
16	01/02/93	Lowland	10.4	1052	7.49	9.1	1320	7.64	8.9	1820	7.46	10.2		7.37	11100		7.37	11200		2800		13400		2800	2600
17	01/02/93	Lowland	10.7	1399	7.49	9.4	1349	7.64	9.7	1862	7.39	10.2		7.35	11800		7.35	11800		3900		19700		3900	2800
18	01/02/93	Lowland	10.8	1024	7.49	8.8	1024	7.66	10.1	1526	7.37	10.1		7.33	11100		7.33	11100		2200		10900		2200	2500
19	08/02/93	Lowland	10.1	701	7.25	7.9	688	7.29	7.8	678	7.11	6.1		6.84	13600		6.84	13600		3000		12500		3000	2700
20	08/02/93	Lowland	9.1	702	7.11	6.1	696	6.52	7.3	674	7.34	6.6		6.95	14100		6.95	14100		2000		12900		2000	2600
21	08/02/93	Lowland	9.6	699	7.33	7.7	693	7.39	7.2	780	7.39	6.7		6.79	14200		6.79	14200		3600		13700		3600	2400
22	08/02/93	Lowland	9.4	701	7.28	6.5	693	7.43	6.5	688	7.40	5.7		6.93	13900		6.93	13900		3100		13300		3100	2400
23	08/02/93	Lowland	10.3	724	7.35	7.6	698	7.40	6.9	711	7.39	6.2		7.77	10400		7.48	10400		2200		12600		2200	2700
24	08/02/93	Lowland	9.7	708	7.27	7.1	672	7.41	6.8	781	7.42	5.9		6.95	14600		7.42	14600		1800		11500		1800	2200
25	08/02/93	Lowland	10.4	705	7.27	7.5	652	7.42	6.6	694	7.44	6.5		6.76	12600		7.49	12600		2200		15400		2200	2500
26	08/02/93	Lowland	10.3	699	7.29	6.5	681	7.41	7.2	795	7.45	6.4		6.65	14000		7.47	14000	67	2900	68	13000	67	2900	1900
27	16/02/93	Lowland	10.0	685	6.59	5.8	670	7.11	3.8	672	7.28	5.0		6.72	709		7.09	5200		2000		9000		2000	1700
28	16/02/93	Lowland	9.6	692	7.19	4.4	670	7.31	3.2	664	7.29	3.0		6.61	734		7.34	7000		2000		5600		2000	1700
29	16/02/93	Lowland	10.0	699	7.25	4.4	671	7.23	3.8	665	7.31	3.2		6.64	736		7.36	6500		1800		8700		1800	1100
30	16/02/93	Lowland	9.9	698	7.26	5.4	671	7.29	3.9	667	7.31	3.7		6.71	739		7.39	6300		1600		7600		1600	1700
31	16/02/93	Lowland	10.0	701	7.17	5.0	675	7.32	3.6	669	7.36	4.1		6.69	722		7.22	6400		2200		7400		2200	1700
32	09/03/93	Lowland	8.8	646	8.74	6.1	637	8.75	6.4	638	8.64	5.5		6.36	7600		8.71	7600		1700		8000		1700	890
33	09/03/93	Lowland	7.9	643	8.69	5.8	621	8.67	4.9	630	8.44	5.4		6.50	5800		8.66	5800		1600		5900		1600	890
34	09/03/93	Lowland	7.3	644	8.68	5.9	621	8.68	4.9	630	8.44	5.4		6.50	5800		8.66	5800		1600		5900		1600	890
35	09/03/93	Lowland	7.2	645	8.69	5.9	621	8.68	4.9	630	8.44	5.4		6.50	5800		8.66	5800		1600		5900		1600	890
36	09/03/93	Lowland	7.3	646	8.72	6.3	640	8.63	4.9	638	8.70	5.2		6.30	6400		8.62	6400		1400		17400		1400	1700
37	09/03/93	Lowland	11.4	970	8.00	8.0	1221	6.74	6.4	1000	8.98	5.4		6.40	862		8.62	8600		2300		9100		2300	1600
38	30/03/93	Lowland	11.7	1263	7.91	6.8	1211	7.91	5.8	1093	7.91	5.1		947	7.72		7.72	10900	88	2800	90	14700	88	2800	1400
39	30/03/93	Lowland	11.9	1259	7.74	7.4	1192	7.94	5.6	909	7.97	5.3		940	7.82		7.82	12300		2600		11000		2600	1800
40	30/03/93	Lowland	11.7	1009	7.4	931	910	8.00	5.4	983	7.99	4.5		941	1200		7.95	12700		2800		15700		2800	2400
41	30/03/93	Lowland	11.8	1013	8.00	8.00	910	8.00	5.4	1184	8.02	5.0		933	13200		7.95	13200		3000		8000		3000	1400
42	30/03/93	Lowland	11.6	982	8.00	7.9	1198	8.00	5.7	1200	8.05	5.0		967	8.02		8.02	13200		2100		9000		2100	1400
43	30/03/93	Lowland	11.5	1283	7.94	6.3	954	7.94	5.4	1149	8.04	5.0		1256	8.03		8.03	12600		2900		11800		2900	1900
44	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	6.4	923	7.74	7.7	1005	7.82	5.8		1018	7.04		7.04	4700		3200		7200		3200	1300
45	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	6.1	913	7.04	6.9	980	7.25	5.3		1046	7.88		7.88	5500		600		8400		600	1000
46	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	5.8	955	7.14	6.3	920	7.50	5.9		1037	7.99		7.99	4600		800		4100		800	200
47	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	6.0	908	7.09	6.5	1065	7.94	5.7		1029	7.82		7.82	4800		1300		5300		1300	1000
48	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	5.4	912	7.71	5.3	995	7.35	5.3		1011	7.51		7.51	1900		400		4700		400	600
49	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	5.1	941	7.63	5.7	975	7.20	5.6		1023	7.61		7.61	4800		200		5100		200	300
50	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	6.0	950	7.13	5.3	1008	7.35	5.2		1010	7.25		7.25	5100		400		4700		400	300
51	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	4.9	992	7.20	5.5	1020	7.49	5.2		1112	7.29		7.29	4000		500		5500		500	800
52	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	5.0	921	7.33	6.2	1275	7.52	5.3		1065	7.31		7.31	4600		1000		4300		1000	400
53	22/06/93	Lowland	17.5	1071	7.26	4.8	973	7.17	5.5	1005	7.51	5.1		1005	7.40		7.40	4100		1200		5200		1200	0
54	02/08/93	Lowland	18.6	1834	7.62	7.2	1760	7.53	5.3	1675	7.41	4.6		1604	7.31		7.31	3900	60	800	63	3900	60	800	400
55	02/08/93	Lowland	18.6	1834	7.62	7.4	1734	8.05	5.4	1651	7.91	4.1		1604	7.79		7.79	3800		400		6100		400	500
56	02/08/93	Lowland	18.6	1834	7.62	7.1	1754	8.06	5.1	1740	7.96	4.5		1628	7.81		7.81	4400		500		5400		500	500
57	02/08/93	Lowland	18.6	1834																					

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Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours Temp	6 hours pH	6 hours Cond	12 hours pH	12 hours Temp	24 hours pH	24 hours Temp	Cond	6 hours pH	6 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	24 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf
1	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.82	6.0	114	7.09	7.95	5.5	92	7.71	125		3		48		3	
2	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.82	5.4	102	6.88	7.54	5.0	95	7.66	99		1		76		1	
3	02/03/93	Upland	3.4	7.84	6.1	95	6.74	7.26	4.7	93	7.53	102		0		87		0	
4	02/03/93	Upland	3.4	7.84	5.8	92	6.61	7.02	4.8	108	7.63	68	100	5		75		0	
5	02/03/93	Upland	3.4	7.84	4.9	108	6.66	6.92	4.6	93	7.42	71		3		78		2	
6	02/03/93	Upland	3.4	7.84	5.2	106	6.61	6.78	6.5	98	7.26	100		3		84		1	
7	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.82	4.9	95	6.66	6.75	6.4	97	6.97	74		3		107		2	
8	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.82	5.1	110	6.67	6.78	4.8	108	6.94	137		3		107		3	
9	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.84	5.4	94	6.83	6.68	6.9	113	7.15	66		2		114		2	
10	02/03/93	Upland	3.3	7.84	5.4	84	6.73	6.64	4.9	93	7.15	66		2		92		3	
11	16/03/93	Upland	4.5	8.95	5.9	86	9.33	6.64	4.9	93	8.87	98	55	1		73		2	
12	16/03/93	Upland	4.7	8.83	6.1	80	7.87	6.34	6.2	89	8.30	72		32		93	44	6	
13	16/03/93	Upland	4.6	101	8.50	6.3	80	8.20	6.0	90	7.86	75		23		35		23	
14	16/03/93	Upland	4.5	8.25	5.5	80	7.71	8.00	6.0	82	7.86	104		18		32		15	
15	16/03/93	Upland	4.6	101	8.38	4.1	84	7.61	6.2	86	7.67	137		20		56		18	
16	16/03/93	Upland	4.6	86	8.31	4.4	72	7.37	5.7	87	7.61	91		29		43		20	
17	16/03/93	Upland	4.8	98	8.04	6.0	83	7.45	5.9	73	7.56	121		46		39		25	
18	16/03/93	Upland	4.8	97	8.10	5.3	84	7.30	6.5	83	7.70	91		29		76		23	
19	16/03/93	Upland	5.2	88	8.13	5.8	84	7.27	6.7	85	7.35	107		17		35		18	
20	16/03/93	Upland	5.6	87	8.20	5.6	101	7.23	7.2	86	7.24	140		20		41		34	
21	16/03/93	Upland	5.3	87	8.27	5.3	91	7.19	8.1	90	7.05	90		20		48		26	
22	16/03/93	Upland	5.2	95	7.92	5.2	87	7.22	7.5	86	6.99	69		23		55		28	
23	16/03/93	Upland	5.2	87	8.32	5.2	88	7.30	8.3	87	6.95	98		21		52		35	
24	16/03/93	Upland	5.2	86	8.00	5.2	86	7.14	8.6	86	7.05	60		14		51		24	
25	16/03/93	Upland	5.3	86	8.02	5.3	87	7.13	8.6	88	6.87	74		14		42		49	
26	16/03/93	Upland	5.1	86	8.19	5.1	88	7.05	7.5	85	6.72	94		15		53		29	
27	16/03/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	10.9	187	7.05	7.5	88	6.84	82		15		37		29	
28	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	9.4	189	7.26	6.8	191	7.54	78		15		43	90	8	
29	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	10.4	186	7.34	6.8	151	7.18	48		7		35		4	
30	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	9.8	196	6.83	6.9	147	6.90	56		6		44		7	
31	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	8.0	162	6.60	7.3	202	6.78	57		7		44		3	
32	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	8.4	158	6.61	7.4	154	6.70	55		5		56		2	
33	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	8.4	158	6.71	7.3	195	6.70	55		5		42		4	
34	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	8.9	163	6.81	7.6	156	6.68	66		8		36		8	
35	27/04/93	Upland	10.5	210	7.16	8.1	152	6.72	7.7	192	6.64	49		12		45		2	
36	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	13.2	173	6.59	7.3	155	6.60	55		9		49		5	
37	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	11.9	156	6.70	7.2	201	7.36	480		300		220		370	
38	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	11.4	158	6.85	7.0	143	7.23	330		200		540		240	
39	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	11.5	165	6.95	7.0	186	7.23	330		200		470		260	
40	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	12.8	162	6.84	7.1	196	6.98	400		280		350		340	
41	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	12.6	171	6.87	8.3	138	6.84	480		290		390		280	
42	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	12.5	155	6.68	8.5	163	6.74	280		250		350		330	
43	27/04/93	Upland	11.0	191	7.12	12.5	155	6.72	8.9	159	6.71	330		310		440		290	
44	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	7.1	212	6.67	6.6	209	6.61	330		330		310		240	
45	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	7.0	185	6.92	5.4	165	6.61	160		10		180	88	210	
46	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.9	173	7.20	5.4	214	6.96	120		10		170		390	100
47	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.7	173	7.09	5.4	222	6.99	160		10		140		0	
48	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.7	173	7.03	5.5	200	6.95	130		0		110		0	
49	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.4	181	7.01	4.8	201	6.94	60		0		110		20	
50	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.7	216	7.02	4.7	181	6.92	100		0		50		0	
51	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.6	225	7.00	5.2	178	6.95	110		0		180		10	
52	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.6	216	7.00	5.1	178	6.92	120		20		100		20	
53	25/05/93	Upland	11.3	238	7.00	6.5	231	6.98	5.8	173	6.90	50		0		100		0	
54	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.2	283	6.88	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
55	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
56	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
57	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
58	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
59	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
60	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
61	26/07/93	Upland	14.4	384	6.74	9.0	270	6.75	6.0	183	6.97	50		0		160		10	
62	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	9.2	370	6.85	6.5	261	6.89	580		127		610		104	
63	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	9.2	370	6.85	6.5	261	6.89	580		127		610		104	
64	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	7.5	106	6.81	7.5	98	6.65	290		143		810		105	
65	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
66	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
67	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
68	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
69	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
70	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
71	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
72	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
73	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
74	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
75	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
76	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
77	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
78	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
79	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	6.5	83	6.73	5.0	85	6.66	240		25		280		33	
80	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72</														

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Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours			6 hours			12 hours			24 hours			Cond	pH	6 hours			12 hours			24 hours			FC	% Conf	TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	TC	% Conf
			Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH			Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH	Temp	Cond	pH												
66	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	4.8	89	6.77	4.9	94	6.70	5.4	91	6.61	240	85	230	210	71	23	230	71	230	210	71	23	230	71	23	230	71	23	230	71	23		
67	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	4.9	93	6.76	5.8	95	6.69	5.1	92	6.58	200	97	200	260	80	23	260	80	200	260	80	23	260	80	23	260	80	23	260	80	23		
68	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	5.4	94	6.75	6.6	94	6.67	5.1	93	6.61	200	106	180	190	73	19	180	73	200	180	73	19	180	73	19	180	73	19	180	73	19		
69	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	5.0	90	6.74	6.2	97	6.66	5.0	98	6.63	240	98	290	190	70	28	290	70	240	290	70	28	290	70	28	290	70	28	290	70	28		
70	12/10/93	Upland	10.2	97	6.72	5.5	97	6.72	10.1	103	6.61	5.6	105	6.59	320	55	57	280	85	28	57	280	85	57	280	85	28	57	280	85	28	57	280	85	28		
71	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	6.3	104	6.68	5.3	102	6.06	5.6	105	6.65	24	14	37	17	15	13	37	15	24	17	15	13	37	15	13	24	17	15	13	24	17		
72	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	6.4	121	6.78	5.8	104	6.16	5.6	106	6.91	22	10	34	24	12	9	34	12	22	24	12	9	34	12	9	22	24	12	9	22	24		
73	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	6.0	106	6.65	5.8	103	6.35	5.3	105	6.53	20	8	34	25	14	9	34	14	20	25	14	9	34	14	9	20	25	14	9	20	25		
74	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	5.5	105	6.61	5.5	107	6.44	5.1	107	6.59	24	9	21	19	11	11	21	12	24	19	12	19	21	12	19	24	19	12	19	24	19		
75	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	5.1	122	6.80	5.6	93	6.56	5.3	93	6.59	24	8	16	20	12	10	16	22	20	16	22	20	16	22	20	16	22	20	16	22	20		
76	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	5.8	106	6.89	5.7	103	6.65	5.3	103	6.51	24	8	23	23	10	9	23	10	23	10	23	10	23	10	23	10	23	10	23	10	23		
77	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	6.1	125	6.98	5.3	96	6.77	5.4	96	6.48	25	17	34	34	10	10	34	17	34	10	34	17	34	10	34	17	34	10	34	17	34		
78	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	6.0	108	6.95	5.6	94	6.78	5.3	94	6.48	19	8	16	20	12	10	19	22	20	19	22	20	19	22	20	19	22	20	19	22	20		
79	06/11/93	Upland	6.7	134	6.57	5.0	101	6.57	6.6	100	6.78	5.4	100	6.49	18	9	30	24	88	12	30	88	100	24	12	30	88	100	24	12	30	88	100	24	12		
80	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.0	70	6.98	5.7	62	6.75	5.2	62	6.53	80	15	33	21	11	11	33	15	80	21	15	33	15	80	21	15	33	15	80	21	15		
81	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	4.6	70	6.74	5.6	70	6.77	5.0	69	6.67	60	20	40	30	10	10	40	20	60	30	20	40	20	60	30	20	40	20	60	30	20		
82	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.1	85	6.72	5.0	66	6.70	5.2	62	6.48	130	20	40	40	0	0	40	20	130	40	20	40	20	130	40	20	40	20	130	40	20		
83	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.1	65	6.71	4.8	64	6.69	5.0	62	6.49	100	20	40	60	0	0	40	20	100	60	20	40	20	100	60	20	40	20	100	60	20		
84	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.0	66	6.71	5.4	67	6.68	5.0	65	6.51	50	10	50	30	20	20	50	10	100	30	20	50	10	100	30	20	50	10	100	30	20		
85	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	4.5	64	6.72	5.3	65	6.68	4.9	64	6.48	70	40	70	40	0	0	40	20	70	40	20	40	20	70	40	20	40	20	70	40	20		
86	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.0	63	6.71	4.8	65	6.70	4.8	64	6.50	30	20	40	60	0	0	40	20	30	60	20	40	20	30	60	20	40	20	30	60	20		
87	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	4.9	74	6.73	5.7	67	6.68	4.9	66	6.51	40	10	50	70	20	20	50	10	100	70	10	50	10	100	70	10	50	10	100	70	10		
88	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.1	65	6.70	5.3	64	6.68	4.9	66	6.51	40	10	50	30	0	0	40	20	40	30	20	40	20	40	30	20	40	30	20	40	30	20	
89	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.1	74	6.73	5.1	64	6.68	4.8	64	6.55	50	10	50	30	0	0	40	20	50	30	20	40	20	50	30	20	40	30	20	40	30	20	
90	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.0	74	6.73	5.1	64	6.68	4.8	64	6.55	50	10	50	30	0	0	40	20	50	30	20	40	20	50	30	20	40	30	20	40	30	20	
91	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.1	74	6.71	5.7	65	6.69	4.8	63	6.54	120	10	60	20	20	20	10	60	20	60	20	10	60	20	60	20	10	60	20	60	20	10	
92	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.3	74	6.72	5.2	65	6.67	5.0	63	6.55	50	30	40	60	0	0	40	20	50	30	20	40	20	50	30	20	40	30	20	40	30	20	
93	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.2	75	6.71	5.4	64	6.67	5.1	64	6.52	130	20	70	30	20	20	20	70	30	20	70	30	20	70	30	20	70	30	20	70	30	20	
94	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	5.0	75	6.72	5.0	65	6.67	5.0	71	6.54	120	49	60	20	83	40	60	20	40	60	20	40	60	20	40	60	20	40	60	20	40	60	
95	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	4.8	65	6.71	5.1	65	6.68	4.9	69	6.55	80	30	60	20	71	20	60	30	80	20	30	60	30	80	20	30	60	30	80	20	30	60	
95	18/01/94	Upland	2.9	66	7.13	4.9	66	6.70	5.2	64	6.66	4.9	70	6.50	60	30	60	20	10	10	60	30	60	20	10	60	30	60	20	10	60	30	60	20	10	60	

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Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours Temp	6 hours Temp	6 hours pH	6 hours Cond	12 hours Temp	12 hours pH	12 hours Cond	24 hours Temp	24 hours pH	24 hours Cond	6 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	12 hours TC	% Conf	24 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf
1	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.4	7.56	981		7.44	1042	7.4	7.51	976	1		1		3		4		2	
2	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.0	7.56	981		7.90	1064	7.4	7.55	927	10		1		11		3		2	
3	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.3	7.56	981		7.62	1113	7.1	7.52	924	4		0		7		3		1	
4	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.6	7.56	981		7.70	1069	7.1	7.53	875	10		2		11	67	3		2	
5	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	8.4	7.56	981		7.78	1010	7.1	7.64		2	40	2		7		3		0	
6	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.9	7.56	981		7.71	1042	7.4	7.46	1126	4		0		3		4		1	
7	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.2	7.56	981		7.71	1053	7.4	7.56	758	4		0		7		0		2	100
8	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.7	7.56	981		7.72	1055	7.4	7.53	1117	3		1		8		2		2	
9	06/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.4	7.56	981		7.70	1101	7.4	7.52	941	5		1		8		2		1	
10	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	8.5	7.16	928	5.3	6.91	1135	8.2	7.20	880	1		0		8		3		0	
11	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.15	7.16	928	6.5	7.15	1080	7.37	7.37	855	1		0		2		0		0	
12	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.8	7.16	928	7.0	7.20	1076	6.2	7.46	840	1		0		2		0		0	
13	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.5	7.16	928	7.1	7.30	1094	5.6	7.45	847	0		0		0		0		0	
14	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	6.7	7.16	928	6.7	7.30	1083	6.0	7.45	890	0		0		0		0		0	
15	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.5	7.16	928	6.8	7.29	1086	5.6	7.39	813	0		0		0		0		0	
16	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	8.1	7.16	928	6.7	7.36	1147	6.4	7.40	859	0		0		0		0		0	
17	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	7.4	7.16	928	6.2	7.38	1093	6.1	7.41	924	0		0		0		0		0	
18	14/04/93	Ground	10.6	8.5	7.16	928	8.6	7.34	1119	6.8	7.46	859	0		0		0		0		0	
19	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	7.1	7.15	1097		7.34	1080	7.24	7.37	1045	0		0		0		0		0	
20	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	7.9	7.15	1097		7.38	1060	6.8	7.37	1042	0		0		0		0		0	
21	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	7.8	7.15	1097		7.35	1048	7.37	7.36	1081	0		0		0		0		0	
22	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	6.5	7.15	1097		7.35	1055	5.7	7.37	1081	0		0		0		0		0	
23	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	8.1	7.15	1097		7.37	1059	5.9	7.38	1059	0		0		0		0		0	
24	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	8.7	7.15	1097		7.36	1085	6.1	7.36	1070	0		0		0		0		0	
25	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	8.7	7.15	1097		7.36	1047	6.6	7.40	1077	0		0		0		0		0	
26	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	8.7	7.15	1097		7.38	1065	7.37	7.45	1077	0		0		0		0		0	
27	20/04/93	Ground	12.0	10.0	7.15	1097		7.37	1108	7.0	7.38	1089	0		0		0		0		0	
28	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	5.91	6.81	591		7.33	820	7.9	7.38	751	0		0		0		0		0	
29	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	6.81	6.81	591		7.33	820	7.17	7.45	960	0		0		0		0		0	
30	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.7	6.81	591		7.13	749	4.2	7.27	982	0		0		1		0		0	
31	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.9	6.81	591		7.16	1040	7.30	7.30	999	0		0		0		0		0	
32	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.3	6.81	591		7.16	1027	7.30	7.30	1051	0		0		0		0		0	
33	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.3	6.81	591		7.15	1029	5.6	7.28	1039	0		0		0		0		0	
34	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.9	6.81	591		7.14	1049	7.29	7.29	1031	0		0		0		0		0	
35	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	4.8	6.81	591		7.14	1001	5.7	7.33	994	0		0		1		0		0	
36	05/05/93	Ground	11.5	5.5	6.81	591		7.16	980	5.7	7.45	1008	0		0		0		0		0	
37	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	6.9	7.68	73		7.14	1048	5.9	7.45	1020	1		0		1		0		0	
38	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	7.3	7.68	73	6.4	7.13		6.0	7.37	1120	0		0		0		0		0	
39	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	7.9	7.68	73	6.5	7.19		6.1	7.19	1054	0		0		0		0		0	
40	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	7.5	7.68	73	6.0	7.19		6.3	7.24	1078	0		0		0		0		0	
41	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	6.3	7.68	73	7.9	7.21		6.0	7.23	1068	0		0		0		0		0	
42	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	6.2	7.68	73	6.7	7.24		6.0	7.30	1081	0		0		0		0		0	
43	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	6.7	7.68	73	6.3	7.23		5.6	7.35	1087	0		0		0		0		0	
44	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	7.3	7.68	73	6.3	7.24		6.3	7.35	1091	0		0		0		0		0	
45	18/05/93	Ground	12.0	6.5	7.68	73	5.5	7.26		5.8	7.36	1041	0		0		0		0		0	
46	02/06/93	Ground	12.0	8.1	7.68	73	8.4	7.27		5.8	7.56	1039	0		0		0		0		0	
47	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	6.1	7.06	1304		7.11	1081	5.6	7.18	988	0		0		0		0		0	
48	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	5.9	7.06	1304		7.28	1323	5.1	7.20	980	0		0		0		0		0	
49	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	6.0	7.06	1304		7.23	1384	5.0	7.30	1047	0		0		0		0		1	100
50	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	5.8	7.06	1304		7.28	1363	5.4	7.40	1064	0		0		0		0		0	
51	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	5.8	7.06	1304		7.29	1323	5.7	7.32	1087	0		0		0		0		0	
52	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	5.9	7.06	1304		7.25	1363	5.5	7.32	1055	0		0		0		0		0	
53	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	5.8	7.06	1304		7.26	1399	5.6	7.30	1045	0		0		0		0		0	
54	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	6.0	7.06	1304		7.28	1412	5.9	7.32	1086	0		0		0		0		0	
55	02/06/93	Ground	11.4	6.0	7.06	1304		7.27	1315	5.4	7.32	1089	0		1		0		0		0	
56	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.1	846	1168	5.0	7.02	1194	5.4	7.17	1173	0		0		1	100	0		0	
57	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.4	911	1168	5.6	7.14	982	5.9	7.22	934	3		0		0		0		0	
58	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.9	980	1168	5.9	7.19	950	7.27	7.27	908	0		0		0		0		1	
59	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.5	942	1168	5.8	7.21	985	6.0	7.30	955	0		0		1	100	0		0	
60	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.5	936	1168	5.6	7.25	1230	5.4	7.29	914	1		0		0		0		0	
61	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.6	906	1168	6.8	7.23	960	7.31	7.31	950	0		0		0		0		0	
62	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.4	903	1168	5.4	7.26	922	7.39	7.39	950	0		1		0		0		0	
63	08/06/93	Ground	13.7	5.8	913	1168	6.2	7.28	1196	5.5	7.35	980	0		0		0		0		0	
64	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	5.6	967	1314	5.1	7.32	1135	5.4	7.44	1078	0		0		0		1	100	0	
65	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	5.7	1139	1314	5.2	7.12	1261	5.0	7.25	1349	0		0		0		0		0	

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Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours Temp	Cond	pH	6 hours Temp	Cond	pH	12 hours Temp	Cond	pH	24 hours Temp	Cond	FC	% Conf	12 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	24 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf
66	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	5.6	1121	7.19	5.0	1078	7.37	4.8	1025	0	100	0		1	100	3		0	
67	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	5.4	1118	7.21	4.8	1112	7.19	4.7	1027	0		0		0		0		0	
68	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	5.1	1046	7.27	4.9	1125	7.38	5.0	1067	0		0		0		0		0	
69	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	4.9	1051	7.31	5.0	1121	7.38	4.8	1382	0		0		0		0		0	
70	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	5.1	1037	7.30	5.0	1123	7.23	5.0	1045	0		0		0		0		0	
71	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	5.0	1059	7.25	4.8	1092	7.25	4.8	1104	0		0		0		0		0	
72	16/06/93	Ground	12.4	1314	7.22	4.8	1103	7.27	5.1	1163	7.29	4.9	1030	0		0		0		0		0	
73	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.2	1363	7.32	4.7	916	7.30	5.2	1218	0		0		0		0		0	
74	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	4.9	1200	7.28	5.2	918	7.45	5.9	1137	0		0		0		0		0	
75	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.1	1383	7.34	4.0	1058	7.45	5.6	1212	0		0		0		0		0	
76	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	4.8	1340	7.34	4.4	1365	7.40	4.7	1138	0		0		0		0		0	
77	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.5	1032	7.38	4.0	1340	7.51	5.6	1277	0		0		0		0		0	
78	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.0	1042	7.32	4.4	1325	7.41	5.0	1204	0		0		0		0		0	
79	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.3	1241	7.31	4.8	1354	7.42	4.3	1187	0		1		0		0		0	
80	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.2	1046	7.32	3.6	1352	7.43	4.3	1347	0		1		0		1		0	
81	29/06/93	Ground	12.6	1378	7.27	5.6	1118	7.32	5.2	1075	7.42	5.4	1101	0		0		0		0		0	
82	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	5.5	1122	7.29	5.0	1020	7.12	5.0	1038	0		0		0		0		0	
83	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	5.3	1075	7.32	6.2	1120	7.05	4.5	1082	0		0		0		0		0	
84	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	5.8	1068	7.34	7.5	1125	7.19	4.6	1051	0		0		0		0		0	
85	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	5.4	1003	7.33	6.2	1362	7.25	5.0	1058	0		0		0		0		0	
86	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	4.9	1043	7.37	4.7	1120	7.24	4.7	1027	0		0		0		0		0	
87	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	4.3	1027	7.35	4.7	1360	7.20	4.9	1067	0		0		0		0		0	
88	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	5.1	1114	7.38	5.3	1071	7.28	4.8	1103	0		0		0		0		0	
89	06/07/93	Ground	12.8	1318	7.00	4.9	1078	7.35	5.0	1356	7.24	5.1	1071	0		1		0		0		0	
90	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.1	1342	7.20	4.6	1116	7.04	5.1	1054	0		1		0		0		0	
91	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.6	1378	7.29	5.1	1012	7.28	5.5	1094	0		0		0		0		0	
92	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.5	1075	7.31	4.7	1076	7.29	5.4	1130	0		0		0		0		0	
93	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.7	1011	7.33	5.1	1280	7.30	5.1	1366	0		0		0		0		0	
94	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.6	1113	7.34	4.1	1322	7.28	4.7	1363	0		0		0		0		0	
95	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.5	1379	7.34	4.9	1372	7.25	5.5	1063	0		0		0		0		0	
96	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.9	1385	7.36	4.2	1364	7.26	5.1	1044	0		0		0		0		0	
97	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.7	1160	7.36	3.5	1295	7.28	5.0	1104	0		0		0		0		0	
98	13/07/93	Ground	11.9	1238	7.22	4.8	1019	7.35	4.6	1089	7.29	4.8	1112	0		0		2		1		0	
99	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	5.3	1510	7.10	5.3		6.76	4.5		0		0		0		0		0	
100	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	5.1	1041	7.11	5.4		6.82	4.1		0		0		0		0		0	
101	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	5.5	1541	7.12	5.0		6.86	4.1		0		1		0		0		0	
102	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	4.8	1312	7.19	3.7		6.84	3.5		0		1		0		0		0	
103	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	4.5	1230	7.17	3.9		6.94	3.5		0		0		0		0		0	
104	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	5.0	1247	7.20	4.6		6.86	3.6		0		0		0		0		0	
105	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	5.1	1109	7.01	5.1		6.96	3.9		0		0		0		0		0	
106	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	4.7	1389	7.14	5.2		6.91	3.8		0		0		0		0		0	
107	20/07/93	Ground	12.2	1013	7.09	4.7	1389	7.14	5.2	1935	7.12	5.9	1192	0		0		0		0		0	
108	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	5.3	1211	7.29	5.9		7.06	4.6		0		0		0		1		0	
109	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	4.8	1038	7.27	6.2	1886	7.47	4.3	1057	0		0		0		0		0	
110	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	5.1	1081	7.31	5.0	1730	7.49	4.1	1063	0		0		0		0		0	
111	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	5.4	1057	7.33	4.9	1312	7.47	4.0	1124	0		0		0		0		0	
112	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	4.9	1032	7.41	4.1	1319	7.53	4.3	1173	0		0		0		1		0	
113	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	5.0	1021	7.40	4.1	1759	7.50	4.6	1109	0		0		0		0		0	
114	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	5.4	1101	7.35	4.9	1749	7.76	4.5	1213	0		0		0		0		0	
115	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	4.6	1067	7.38	4.5	1577	7.78	4.7	1081	0		0		0		0		0	
116	17/08/93	Ground	11.7	1247	7.36	4.7	1043	7.40	4.8	1817	7.76	4.6	1051	0		0		0		0		0	
117	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.5	1509	6.96	5.4	1530	7.04	5.9	1837	0		0		0		0		0	
118	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.1	1485	7.17	5.4	1650	7.29	4.2	1884	0		0		0		0		0	
119	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.9	1214	7.22	4.6	1627	7.40	4.0	1639	0		0		0		0		0	
120	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.7	1482	7.24	4.1	1549	7.45	4.3	1611	0		0		0		1		1	
121	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.1	1586	7.24	3.9	1571	7.46	4.6	1620	1		1		1		0		4	
122	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.0	1369	7.16	4.9	1613	7.48	4.1	1739	0		1		1		0		4	
123	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	6.2	1401	7.29	4.9	1589	7.45	4.2	1789	0		1		1		0		2	
124	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	5.8	1473	7.32	4.4	1580	7.47	4.6	1613	0		0		3		0		2	
125	24/08/93	Ground	11.9	1043	7.15	4.7	1385	7.30	4.7	1584	7.50	4.2	1810	0		0		1		0		3	
126	14/09/93	Ground	12.6	1971	7.00				5.3	2010	6.76	5.6	1910	0		1410		360		1370		330	
127	14/09/93	Ground	12.6	1971	7.00				5.1	2160	7.10	4.6	1820	0		1110		370		1610		420	
128	14/09/93	Ground	12.6	1971	7.00				5.5	2070	7.17	4.7	1809	0		1330	73	410		1290		430	
129	14/09/93	Ground	12.6	1971	7.00				4.5	1950	7.25	4.9	1814	0		950		390				330	
130	14/09/93	Ground	12.6	1971	7.00				5.3	1940	7.30	4.6	1844	0		1080		380				470	

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Tabulated data. TC and FC counts in cfu per 100 ml. Temperature in °C, conductivity in µS/cm.

Sample	Date	Wat. type	0 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	6 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 Tabulated data TC and FC counts in cfu per 100 ml. Temperature in °C, conductivity in µS/cm.

Sample	Date	Wat. Type	0 hours Temp	0 hours pH	6 hours Temp	6 hours pH	12 hours Temp	12 hours pH	24 hours Temp	24 hours pH	Cond	6 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	12 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf	24 hours TC	% Conf	FC	% Conf
196	30/11/93	Ground	9.2	6.61	4.5	1777	6.91	5.9	1860	7.17	4.9	1772	7.09	21	30	24	25	28	19	80	19	80	
197	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	5.6	1390	7.00	5.6	1255	7.00	5.2	1286	7.13	5	1	5	6	1	1	5	6	1	1
198	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	5.5	1327	6.87	5.1	1358	6.98	5.1	1257	6.97	1	0	3	7	3	4	7	3	4	4
199	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	5.0	1402	7.03	4.7	1217	7.07	4.5	1220	7.14	0	0	6	13	3	3	13	67	3	3
200	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	4.0	1217	7.03	4.5	1197	7.07	4.6	1207	7.12	0	2	11	6	0	1	11	6	0	1
201	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	3.5	1195	7.00	4.7	1360	7.05	4.9	1203	7.13	0	1	7	13	0	1	7	13	0	1
202	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	4.8	1231	7.01	4.5	1231	7.02	4.7	1203	7.13	0	2	6	6	1	6	6	6	1	6
203	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	4.8	1216	7.00	4.9	1231	7.03	4.7	1227	7.13	0	1	5	5	2	2	5	5	2	2
204	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	4.1	1194	6.98	5.0	1336	7.02	5.0	1218	7.13	0	0	7	7	1	3	3	3	1	
205	07/12/93	Ground	11.6	6.59	4.3	1211	6.99	5.9	1299	6.89	4.9	1213	7.12	0	0	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	
206	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.4	1266	6.94	4.7	1279	6.89	4.4	877	6.95	85	31	56	35	37	73	37	37	
207	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.3	1235	6.98	4.7	1228	6.80	5.1	1056	7.00	75	73	35	35	33	72	72	33	
208	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.1	998	6.96	3.7	1228	6.80	5.1	1056	7.00	70	73	39	39	71	71	45	45	
209	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.1	1007	6.92	5.1	1173	6.86	4.5	1101	7.01	68	67	37	39	57	57	46	46	
210	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.1	1272	6.94	5.1	1173	6.86	4.5	1101	7.02	67	72	40	40	70	70	36	36	
211	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.4	979	6.92	5.1	1398	6.84	4.9	993	7.04	73	75	43	43	77	77	32	32	
212	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.4	979	6.93	4.3	1225	6.83	4.8	1005	7.06	71	67	46	46	82	82	35	35	
213	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.2	1094	6.91	4.5	1192	6.85	5.0	1042	7.07	70	55	29	31	84	84	31	31	
214	11/01/94	Ground	9.5	1535	7.10	5.2	1081	6.92	6.3	516	6.87	5.2	989	7.09	76	80	49	29	62	62	48	48	
215	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.5	554	6.85	5.4	516	6.87	4.5	461	6.81	0	0	20	10	41	10	10	10	0	0
216	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.1	558	6.86	6.2	508	6.86	4.6	460	6.90	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0
217	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.1	525	6.99	6.3	505	6.67	4.6	505	6.77	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0
218	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.0	531	7.00	4.1	498	7.05	4.5	506	6.95	0	10	10	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
219	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.2	517	6.96	5.6	507	7.00	4.0	532	6.98	0	0	10	0	0	0	30	100	0	0
220	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	4.8	535	6.99	5.3	491	6.90	5.0	524	7.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
221	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.0	537	6.93	5.6	530	6.96	4.7	533	7.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
222	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.5	562	6.95	5.5	497	7.08	4.3	528	7.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
223	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	4.6	588	6.93	5.6	504	6.95	4.3	574	7.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
224	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	4.9	641	6.93	4.7	513	7.03	4.8	526	7.07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
225	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.1	567	6.94	4.6	513	7.08	5.1	596	7.08	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
226	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.2	616	6.93	4.2	530	7.09	5.0	533	7.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
227	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.0	608	6.93	5.1	588	7.13	5.1	533	7.10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
228	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.3	545	6.94	4.9	579	7.17	4.9	539	7.03	0	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
229	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	5.0	631	6.94	5.2	494	6.82	4.7	526	7.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
230	25/01/94	Ground	10.6	6.51	4.9	622	6.93	4.8	494	6.82	4.7	526	7.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
231	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.2	486	6.66	4.9	520	6.71	4.3	528	7.00	0	0	20	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
232	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	486	6.78	4.9	590	6.88	4.1	590	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
233	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.3	488	6.82	4.5	511	6.92	4.2	520	6.96	0	0	20	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
234	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	508	6.82	4.4	522	6.90	4.3	524	6.95	10	0	10	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
235	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.6	577	6.82	5.0	536	6.85	4.7	535	6.95	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
236	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.5	529	6.81	5.1	518	6.87	4.8	600	6.94	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
237	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	542	6.80	4.8	537	6.82	4.4	606	6.93	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
238	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.8	615	6.80	4.8	529	6.86	4.2	535	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
239	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.9	548	6.73	4.6	531	6.89	4.1	535	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
240	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	524	6.83	4.9	521	6.90	4.4	538	6.94	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
241	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.0	538	6.85	4.8	537	6.91	4.5	537	6.94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
242	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.2	519	6.83	5.0	532	6.89	4.7	616	6.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
243	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	543	6.82	4.4	519	6.92	5.0	548	6.92	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
244	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.0	620	6.80	4.9	523	6.86	4.9	551	6.92	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
245	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.7	538	6.81	4.7	531	6.85	4.8	550	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
246	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.8	597	6.80	5.0	532	6.88	5.0	536	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
247	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.1	542	6.88	5.1	557	6.89	5.3	551	6.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
248	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.8	549	6.87	5.0	554	6.91	5.1	556	7.03	10	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
249	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.6	555	6.89	4.9	550	6.91	5.0	548	7.01	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
250	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.9	631	6.89	4.9	556	6.90	5.1	552	7.02	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
251	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.2	631	6.90	5.1	552	6.91	5.0	552	7.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
252	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.0	634	6.89	4.8	559	6.89	5.0	555	7.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
253	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.7	632	6.84	4.8	553	6.91	4.8	550	7.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
254	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	5.0	560	6.89	4.9	557	6.91	5.2	548	6.98	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
255	01/02/94	Ground	10.1	6.59	4.9	629	6.90	5.0	556	6.90	5.1	557	7.01	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
256	22/02/94	Ground	12.1	5.88	4.8	542	6.58	4.9	555	6.58	4.6	510	6.54	10	0	10	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
257	22/02/94	Ground	12.1	5.88	5.3	499	6.45	5.4	506	6.58	5.0	503	6.73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
258	22/02/94	Ground	12.1	5.88	4.9	578	6.58	4.8	571	6.56	4.4	503	6.73	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
259	22/02/94	Ground	12.1	5.88	4.5	590	6.58	5.0	582	6.62	4.8	512	6.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	33	0	0
260	22/02/94	Ground	12.1	5.88	5.5	598	6.57	5.1	589														

Tabulated data. TC and FC counts in cfu per 100 ml. Temperature in °C, conductivity in $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

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