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## Conference

**In the matter of Pollution of  
the Interstate Waters of the  
Grand Calumet River, Little  
Calumet River, Calumet River,  
Wolf Lake, Lake Michigan  
and their Tributaries**

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9 River, Little Calumet River, Calumet River,  
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11 taries (Indiana-Illinois).

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13 MR. MURRAY STEIN, Chairman

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16 McCormick Place  
17 Banquet Room  
18 9:30 o'clock a.m.  
19 March 3, 1965  
20 Chicago, Illinois  
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## CONFEREES:

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Regional Program Director, Illinois

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State Board of Health, Indiana.

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MR. FRANK W. CHESROW, President, and  
MR. GEORGE A. LANE,

The Metropolitan Sanitary District  
of Greater Chicago, Illinois.



1 least from the Federal enforcement Program standpoint is  
2 that we can't get lost; we move on inexorably.

3 With that, I hope as many of you who can will  
4 be back tomorrow, because tomorrow is going to be Hoosier  
5 Day and I've never been in Indiana or in contact with an  
6 Indianan where I haven't thoroughly been enchanted and I am  
7 sure you all will be if you come back tomorrow.

8 We stand recessed until 9:30 tomorrow.

9 (Whereupon the proceedings in the above  
10 entitled matter were continued to March 4, 1965, at 9:30  
11 o'clock A.M.)

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1 the industry and the municipalities, regardless of where they  
2 are, as representing the objectives and the target objectives  
3 so far as the State of Illinois is concerned, that you are the  
4 ones that have been pointed out as contributing to pollution:  
5 You are obligated to find a solution to it. You can't look  
6 to anybody else. This is your responsibility.

7 You know, or you should know, what you are  
8 putting into the streams without being told.

9 However, you have been told and in this parti-  
10 cular conference and there can be no, as I see it, no further  
11 excuses for saying that you don't know.

12 There are two questions and I am directing  
13 this particularly at the people we will hear from tomorrow.

14 There are two questions that we would like  
15 answered, what are you going to do and when are you going to  
16 do it?

17 Now, when we talk about a schedule and time-  
18 wise I can only say this, that if you are now discharging,  
19 whether you are a municipality or an industry, if you are now  
20 discharging pollution into these waters, as far as the  
21 Illinois Sanitary Water Board is concerned, you are already  
22 behind schedule.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, thank you, Mr. Klassen.

25 I might indicate that part of our reputation at

1 MR. KLASSEN: This is -- this pattern has been, and I  
2 assume will be followed.

3 Well, one or two summary remarks on behalf of  
4 the State of Illinois.

5 The Sanitary Water Board area particularly  
6 today and it's been planned this way, you have heard primarily  
7 from the water users and those that have or represent prime  
8 interest in clean water and water pollution abatement.

9 We have also up to this point in the conference  
10 heard a review of the problems that are existing; some of  
11 these are new, but most of them have been known.

12 Some have been brought out at this hearing.

13 I think this is strictly a personal comment,  
14 the thought given so far to this whole pollution problem  
15 and the south end of Lake Michigan reminds me of the same  
16 thought that was given to the disposal of solid wastes in the  
17 feudal castle days and I only get this from reading, -- it is  
18 my understanding that the garbage was thrown on the floor  
19 among the rushes that were spread around on the castle floor  
20 and the garbage was kicked around until it got lost.

21 I have a feeling from hearing the presentations  
22 today that there are some that were hoping that this thing  
23 would be kicked around again. It's been kicked around again  
24 and the problem would be lost.

25 I want to say this and I am addressing, too,

1           The reason that obviously when you see the  
2 map of the Sanitary Water Board, my responsibility did not  
3 include industry because the industrial complex and the  
4 industry included in this report are not within the jurisdic-  
5 tion of the State Sanitary Water Board area.

6           I just want to summarize that -- does that  
7 answer your question, Mr. Poston?

8       MR. POSTON: Well, I think it is important that we hear  
9 from all concerned and I just wanted to bring this out.

10          I guess you answered my question.

11       MR. KLASSEN: Yes, I assume that if the Sanitary District  
12 at the time of their presentation desires to have industry  
13 heard from, that is their prerogative.

14       CHAIRMAN STEIN: Mr. Poston, I thought I pointed out the  
15 Federal law: this is a state responsibility. The conferees  
16 are both Federal and state agency participants. The conferees  
17 in addition, may call upon participants whom they have invited  
18 to the conference to make statements. Invitees are limited to  
19 those who the states invite.

20          Now, I think as far as the Federal participa-  
21 tion is concerned, we are not getting geared to the refine-  
22 ments of state jurisdictional problems and the state either  
23 invites someone or doesn't invite them. It is not our preroga-  
24 tive to invite anyone other than the other Federal agencies and  
25 the state agencies concerned.

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

2 MR. KLASSEN: Mr. Stein, this concludes the presentation  
3 of people to appear on behalf of the State Sanitary Water  
4 Board.

5 I am going to wind up here with about a two  
6 minute or a minute and half --

7 MR. POSTON: I would like to break in, Mr. Klassen.

8 There has been a lot of discussion concerning  
9 industrial pollution in the Calumet area and we have been  
10 given information on this.

11 I wondered whether you plan to have any  
12 industry be heard concerning their thoughts and their wastes,  
13 that they may or may not empty into the Calumet River branch.

14 MR. KLASSEN: Possibly my remarks yesterday or this  
15 morning were overlooked.

16 The legislation or, as I indicated, has  
17 exempted the Chicago Sanitary District from the jurisdiction  
18 of the State Sanitary Water Board. This is the reason that we  
19 have two conferees or co-conferees representing the State of  
20 Illinois and the Sanitary Water Board and the Metropolitan  
21 Sanitary District of Greater Chicago.

22 The co-conferees representing the Sanitary  
23 District was advised and I am sure that they understand this.  
24 It is their responsibility and their prerogative to call any  
25 industry or any municipality coming within the Sanitary District.

1 All data is reported periodically to the  
2 Illinois Sanitary Water Board, which agency regulates water  
3 pollution control in Illinois outside the limits of the  
4 Metropolitan Sanitary District of greater Chicago.

5 We believe the Illinois Sanitary Water Board  
6 has done an outstanding job of controlling water pollution.  
7 The record shows that the responsibility for water pollution  
8 control has been accepted locally and by the state.

9 Increased industrial activity, soaring popula-  
10 tion, new housing and commercial development, and greater  
11 utilization of our natural resources, challenge the District  
12 to keep abreast of its responsibility to provide water pol-  
13 lution control for the Lake Michigan area of Lake County,  
14 Illinois.

15 Additional collection and treatment facilities  
16 will have to be provided in the near future in order to meet  
17 the needs within the District. Furthermore, adjacent areas  
18 linked to the North Shore by reasons of commerce, culture,  
19 business, or recreation are looking to the District for a  
20 solution to their sewage problems and for protection of their  
21 Lake Michigan water supply and recreation waters from contami-  
22 nation as a basis for a healthful, orderly growth and develop-  
23 ment. The basic need for the District is as real today as it  
24 was when the enabling legislation was approved by the General  
25 Assembly in 1911.

<u>Beach</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of</u> <u>Samples</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of</u> <u>Samples</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of</u> <u>Samples</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
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Winthrop Harbor	55	629	11		57	155	5			63	139	13							
Zion 25th Street	55	370	9		57	148	5			62	155	14							
Illinois Beach State Park	55	294	9		57	111	5			63	107	10							
Lake Shore along Pershing Road	56	395	6		53	243	4			63	88	9							
Waukegan	55	266	3		57	87	3			63	54	5							
Foss Park	52	820	13		57	278	7			63	192	20							
U. S. N.											20	76	9						
Lake Bluff	53	537	12		63	181	4			63	201	13							
Lake Forest	53	390	7		57	192	5			61	182	15							
Highwood	27	290	5		16	152	5			32	242	17							
Park Avenue	56	283	6		57	182	4			62	183	14							
Ravine Drive	54	328	9		57	137	4			63	254	18							
Rosewood	41	299	9		57	214	7			63	302	22							

1 testing, the District has established a laboratory to perform  
2 extensive physical, chemical and bacteriological analyses.  
3 This laboratory has been issued a Certificate of Approval from  
4 the Illinois Department of Public Health under the Bureau of  
5 Sanitary Bacteriology and Laboratory Approval Program.

6 In 1964 the District completed its seventeenth  
7 consecutive summer season of routine sampling and bacterial  
8 analyses of Lake Michigan waters along the North Shore between  
9 the Wisconsin State Line and Cook County. This comprehensive  
10 program includes determinations of the water quality at the  
11 public beaches in Lake Michigan, and of the discharges from  
12 the District's disposal plants, and from industries.

13 Since 1947 when the special sampling program at  
14 bathing beaches within the District was initiated by the Board  
15 of Trustees at the request of the Illinois State Department of  
16 Health, thousands of samples have been analyzed and a great  
17 deal of information has been accumulated concerning the  
18 quality of waters of Lake Michigan along the North Shore. It  
19 is known that this quality varies with the weather, ravine  
20 flow, conditions of the lake, and the characteristics of dis-  
21 charges into it.

22 Following is a summary of water quality data,  
23 showing the geometric mean for coliforms and streptococcus,  
24 based on results obtained using the membrane filter technique.



1 120 per 100 ML.

2 2. Outboard Marine Corporation. Small amounts  
3 of oil separator effluent. No other contaminants.

4 3. U. S. Steel Waukegan Works. An estimated  
5 10 M.G.D., approximately two-thirds of which is neutralized  
6 and treated pickle liquors, the balance from rinses, galvaniz-  
7 ing, general mill operations, etc. No organic or coliform  
8 contaminants.

9 4. Abbott Laboratories. Activated sludge type,  
10 with year-round chlorination. Coliform geometric mean of 47  
11 per 100 ML.

12 5. Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation, 0.35  
13 M.G.D. of neutralized acid. A small amount of suspended  
14 solids from the unused lime. No other contaminants.

15 The District's "Ordinance Relating to Sewers and  
16 Sewer Systems" sets forth conditions under which sewers may be  
17 constructed and used within the District. This Ordinance is  
18 particularly valuable in protecting both the District and the  
19 municipalities within it from unsatisfactory sewer construction  
20 and from various abuses of the sewers and interceptors already  
21 involved, have cooperated excellently to make the Ordinance  
22 effective.

23 As a means of continuously determining the  
24 effectiveness of its own treatment processes, and of performing  
25 special industrial, Lake Michigan or stream sampling and

1 plant at its rifle range north of Zion, with intermittent  
2 effluent discharges to Lake Michigan during the summer  
3 months.

4               During the last decade, the municipalities and  
5 industries within the District have also spent millions of  
6 dollars to control and prevent water pollution. Many miles  
7 of new sewer have been laid to collect sewage formerly  
8 treated inadequately by individual septic tanks, and to pro-  
9 vide for new residential and industrial development.

10              Untreated or partially treated sewage dis-  
11 charged to creeks, to ravines, and to the east fork of the  
12 north branch of the Chicago River, has been intercepted and  
13 conveyed to sanitary district treatment facilities.

14              All of the industries have complied with the  
15 District's requirements for treatment of wastes before dis-  
16 charge to the receiving waters or for pre-treatment before  
17 discharge to the sewage disposal facilities of the District  
18 by installing a variety of controls, pre-treatment facilities,  
19 complete treatment works, or by revising manufacturing  
20 processes.

21              Industrial effluents, other than cooling  
22 water, are discharged to Lake Michigan from the following:

23              1. Johns-Manville Corporation. A lagoon  
24 effluent of approximately 12 M.G.D., with negligible five-day  
25 B.O.D. and suspended solids. 1964 coliform geometric mean

1 North Chicago, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, and Highland Park,  
2 with the effluent being discharged to the River.

3 The flow to the Clavey Road plant is primarily  
4 of domestic origin, although industrial areas west of Waukegan  
5 are rapidly being developed. With the exception of a small  
6 flow from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant in Lake  
7 Bluff which receives secondary treatment, no industrial wastes  
8 are discharged to the River, but are treated at the Clavey  
9 Road plant of the District.

10 The 1961-1964 average flow to the Clavey Road  
11 plant was 2.40 M.G.D., with a final effluent containing 315  
12 pounds of five-day B.O.D. No deterioration of the River in  
13 Cook County, south of the plant, has been noted, as evidenced  
14 by the sampling program begun before the plant was built and  
15 continued regularly since it was put into operation.

16 Two Federal installations located on Lake  
17 Michigan, in Lake County, Illinois, who do not come under the  
18 jurisdiction of the North Shore Sanitary District, are the  
19 Great Lakes Naval Training Center and the U.S. Army, Fort  
20 Sheridan. Both have sewage treatment plants, with effluent  
21 discharge to the lake.

22 The Naval Training Center also has a sewage  
23 treatment plant located on the east fork of the north branch  
24 of the Chicago River which serves a portion of its facilities.  
25 The Illinois National Guard operates a small sewage treatment

A. Waukegan -- activated sludge type, with year-around chlorination.

B. North Chicago -- highprate trickling filter type, with year-around chlorination.

C. Lake Bluff, Lake Forest and Park Avenue, Ravine Drive, and Cary Avenue, Highland Park -- Imhoff tanks, with four months of summer chlorination. Outfalls, with diffusers, ranging from 800 to 1,800 feet into Lake Michigan.

A summary of averages of pertinent effluent data for the period 1961 through 1964 follows:

Effluent Quality and Characteristics

<u>Location</u>	<u>Flow, 5-Day</u>		<u>1964 Coliforms</u>
	<u>M.G.D.</u>	<u>B.O.D., lbs.</u>	<u>per 100 ML</u>
			<u>Geometric Mean</u>
Waukegan	9.79	1,679	221
North Chicago	3.39	1,405	29
Lake Bluff	.327	240	80
Lake Forest	1,429	762	66
Park Avenue, Highland Park	.843	613	191
Ravine Drive, Highland Park	.424	263	48
Cary Avenue, Highland Park	.889	459	82

The east fork of the north branch of the Chicago River has its headwaters west of Waukegan, within the boundaries of the North Shore Sanitary District. Its eighteen-mile length is paralleled by a Sanitary District intercepting sewer terminating at an activated sludge plant on Clavey Road in Highland Park. This plant serves the cities of Park City and Highwood and the western portions of Waukegan,

1 facilities were constructed to serve the sewered areas in  
2 Zion, North Chicago, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Highwood, and  
3 portions of Waukegan and Highland Park. This construction was  
4 financed out of the general tax levy. In the 1930's a bond  
5 issue, coupled with a PWA grant, provided for the construc-  
6 tion of a new plant and interceptor for Waukegan; new treat-  
7 ment works in Winthrop Harbor and at Cary Avenue and Racine  
8 Drive in Highland Park; and major additions to the plants in  
9 North Chicago, Lake Forest, and Highwood.

10 Following a program of education and wise  
11 publicity, the voters, by a margin of more than two to one,  
12 approved a bond issue in 1953 for a comprehensive construction  
13 program.

14 This included major additions to the existing  
15 treatment works at Waukegan and North Chicago; a new treat-  
16 ment plant in Highland Park and an intercepting sewer from  
17 Waukegan to Highland Park to serve the Skokie Valley; an  
18 intercepting sewer from Winthrop Harbor to Waukegan, with  
19 pumping stations at Winthrop Harbor and Zion; extended out-  
20 falls into Lake Michigan at five lakefront plants; and other  
21 plant improvements. This program was completed in 1961, at  
22 a cost of over eight million dollars.

23 Sewage treatment plants with effluents dis-  
24 charging to Lake Michigan are operating by the North Shore  
25 Sanitary District at the following locations:

1 Lake Michigan Water Commission was organized to study pol-  
2 lution of the lake and its effect upon water supplies.

3 A second group, organized under the auspices  
4 of the Chicago Association of Commerce and known as the Lake  
5 Michigan Sanitary Association, urged in December 1908, that a  
6 sanitary survey be made along the north shore as far north  
7 as Waukegan.

8 As a result, early in 1909, a rather informal  
9 organization to study the problem locally was formed. It was  
10 known as the North Shore Sanitary Association, with its  
11 stated purpose "to investigate sanitary problems along the  
12 North Shore, and endeavor to work out a solution of the same."

13 On June 5, 1911, approval was given by the  
14 Illinois Legislature to "An Act to create sanitary districts  
15 and to provide for sewage," which Act applied specifically  
16 to the area along the North Shore.

17 In 1914, a part of this area was organized  
18 under this Act as the North Shore Sanitary District. Its  
19 boundaries have since been extended to include the entire  
20 shoreline of Lake County, Illinois. The Act states that "The  
21 Board of Trustees of any sanitary district organized under  
22 this Act shall have power to provide for the disposal of the  
23 sewage thereof and to save and preserve the water supplied to  
24 the inhabitants of such district from contamination...."

25 Between 1922 and 1928, sewage treatment

1 but the lake recognizes no boundary lines; the waste pours  
2 into our beaches and into our drinking water.

3           Only Federal action can stop the gradual ruin  
4 of Lake Michigan. We urge full use of the Water Pollution  
5 Act and recommendations by the Department of Health, Education,  
6 and Welfare, and of more stringent statutory controls of  
7 industrial waste.

8           Respectfully,

9           George Overton, Chairman

10          Parks and Recreation Committee

11          Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference"

12          MR. KLASSEN: Also, now, there is a statement of Mr.  
13 Raymond E. Anderson, General Manager, North Shore Sanitary  
14 District, Waukegan (Lake County) Illinois.

15          MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman:

16               The development of the area along the North  
17 Shore of Lake Michigan proceeded slowly until about the turn  
18 of the Century, by which time the problem of water supply and  
19 pollution control arose. The larger towns in Lake County,  
20 Illinois, which draw their water supplies from Lake Michigan,  
21 found that untreated sewage from these same towns was pol-  
22 luting their source of drinking water.

23               Although some protective measures were taken  
24 early in 1900, the problem became increasingly more serious  
25 for all the shore towns of Lake Michigan. In April 1908, the

1 MR. CHESROW: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

3 MR. KLASSEN: Mr. Stein, I have a statement from the  
4 Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference that I would like in the  
5 record.

6 CHAIRMAN STEIN: It may go in.

7 STATEMENT FROM THE HYDE PARK-KENWOOD COMMUNITY

8 CONFERENCE

9 The Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference is  
10 a neighborhood organization serving Hyde Park-Kenwood areas  
11 in the southeastern portion of Chicago. The region fronts on  
12 Lake Michigan from 47th to 69th Streets. The Conference  
13 serves as the center for local planning actions and as the  
14 spokesman for the community before government agencies.

15 The residents of the Hyde Park and Kenwood  
16 communities use Lake Michigan not only for their drinking water  
17 but also as their recreation area. A row of parks fronting  
18 on the lake provide the residents with much of their leisure  
19 time facilities.

20 We are deeply concerned with mounting pollution  
21 in Lake Michigan. We have examined the United States Public  
22 Health Service report on Lake Michigan and we are appalled to  
23 learn that tons of sulfuric acid, cyanide, and oil waste are  
24 poured into the lake daily by steel mills in the South Chicago-  
25 Gary region. Most of this waste is poured into Indiana waters,



1 end that this resource of great value will be protected and  
2 enhanced.

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Are there any comments or questions?

4 MR. CHESROW: Mr. Stein.

5 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Yes?

6 MR. CHESROW: First, let me compliment Mr. Ackermann  
7 and the --

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: This isn't Mr. Ackermann.

9 MR. CHESROW: Mr. Ackermann wrote it.

10 Compliment him on that last paragraph and his  
11 conclusions.

12 They are very well put and most desirable.

13 By the same token, I haven't been able to  
14 follow his talk because I have a copy of a previous statement  
15 and I understand this is a condensed version.

16 MR. LARSON: That is correct. This is the official one.

17 MR. CHESROW: Until I have had an opportunity to go over  
18 this condensed version with our attorneys and, incidentally,  
19 as you know, did you know our lake diversion case -- I would  
20 like to reserve the right to make any comments on the condensed  
21 version.

22 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Will you be here for the rest of the  
23 conference?

24 DR. LARSON: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN STEIN: If you have any questions tomorrow or  
thereafter, we may be able to resolve them.

1 that he include individual mineral constituents in one of the  
2 parameters for monitoring the water quality.

3 The Illinois River basin also is affected by  
4 waste discharges in the Calumet River as it enters the state  
5 and as it flows by way of the Calumet Sag Channel to the  
6 Sanitary and Ship Canal to the Des Plaines River and the  
7 Illinois River.

8 However, it is assumed that this is not a  
9 matter of direct concern in the present conference.

#### 10 Conclusions

11 In the concern of the Illinois Technical  
12 Advisory Committee on Water Resources, "unnecessary pollution  
13 can be associated with toxic or otherwise harmful discharges  
14 to lakes and streams, and the Committee, therefore, urges  
15 its elimination.

16 We do not consider any water problems --  
17 whether they be local, state, interstate, or international --  
18 as unsolvable, although we must be continually searching for  
19 new solutions, which, above all, require coordinated efforts.

20 We consider Lake Michigan and its related  
21 waters a joint asset of great present and future value. It is  
22 our firm intention to contribute in every way possible to the  
23 present conference and any subsequent activities by making  
24 information available, by contributing to its analysis, by  
25 reasoning together, and by evaluating our alternatives to the

1 Obviously, a considerable degree of control was exercised at  
2 this time or some changes in industrial development were  
3 taking place.

4 If the lower average chloride values over the  
5 early period are extrapolated, the natural rate of increase of  
6 chloride without excessive pollution would be about 2.5 mg/l  
7 in 100 years. In 1963 a value indicating three times this rate  
8 has been recorded. During the past fifteen years the rate of  
9 increase has been approximately 1.8 mg/l per 15 years, or, by  
10 comparison an unnatural 12 mg/l per 100 years (almost five  
11 times the normal rate).

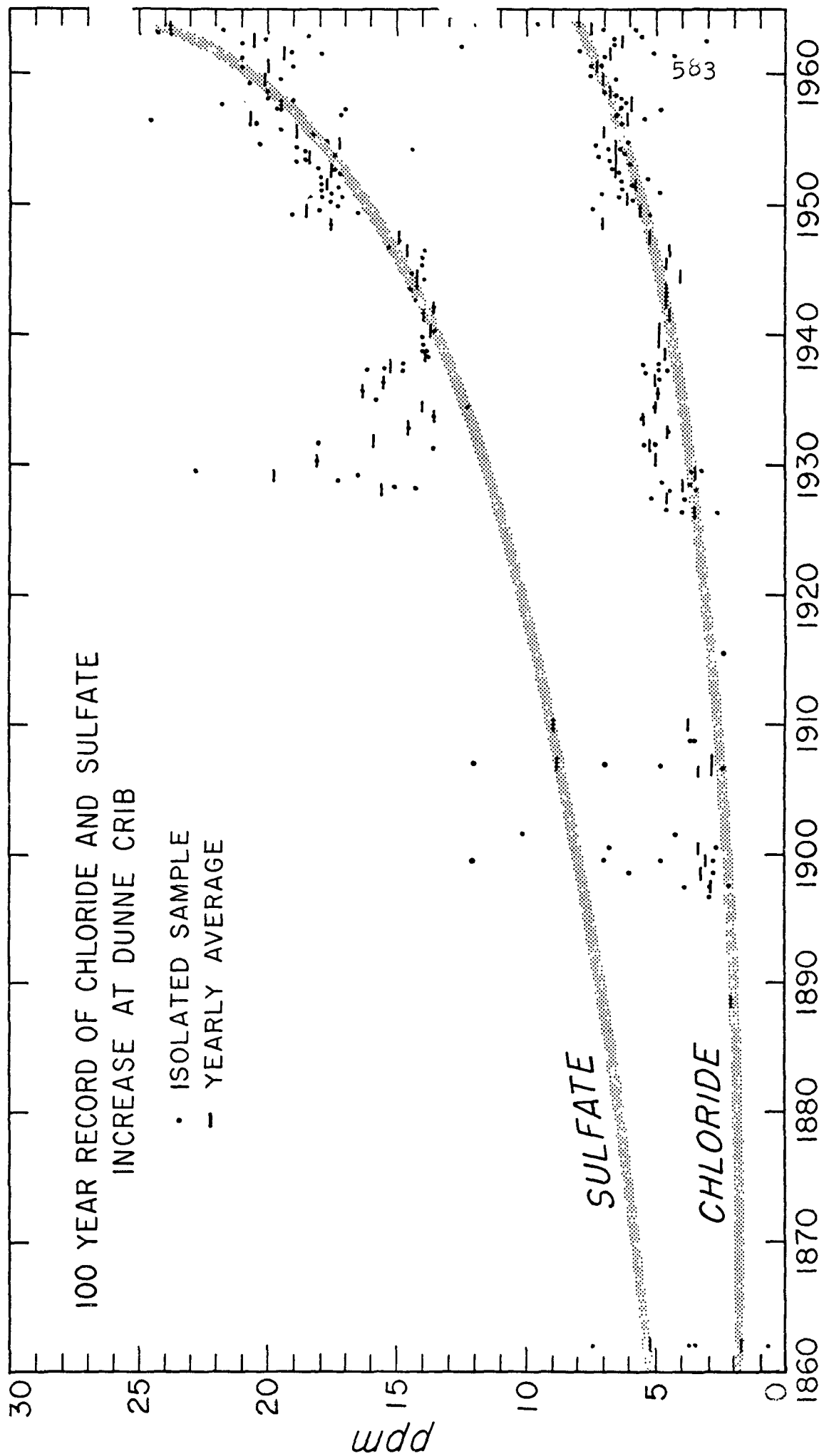
12 The data on sulfate increase is even more  
13 notable. The early data are not sufficiently defined to  
14 suggest a normal rate of increase, but since 1948, the general  
15 rate of increase is about 3.5 mg/l per 10 years with a sudden  
16 rise just prior to 1948 and again in 1963.

17 Now, I want to add something not in the text  
18 here.

19 The actual levels of concentration on the  
20 chart are tight. They are not too serious in themselves.

21 They do represent an appreciable amount of  
22 dilution from the concentration of the center of pollution.

23 The thing that is of real interest and concern  
24 is the accelerated rate of increase in the most recent years  
25 and I would like, at this time, to recommend to Mr. Poston



1 shows the available records on these increases over the past  
2 hundred years. The data were obtained on request from the  
3 Bureau of Water of the Chicago Department of Water and Sewers.

4 Of particular interest are three features of  
5 this chart. First is the general increase over this period,  
6 which is presently at a significantly greater rate. Second is  
7 the variability of the data which is particularly significant  
8 during the most recent fifteen year period. This variability  
9 is considered to be due to the directional changes in flow of  
10 water at the southern end of the lake and a center of increas-  
11 ing exceptional pollution.

12 Therefore, the general increase and the greater  
13 variability of the data during the past fifteen years is  
14 attributed to increasing waste discharges from the south of  
15 the sampling point at Dunne Crib.

16 The third feature of the data is the inconsis-  
17 tent ratio of sulfate to chloride. This inconsistency, which  
18 ranges from 2.2 to 4.3, range of variability indicates more  
19 than one type of waste discharge.

20 To a lesser degree there was some variability  
21 of quality in 1862, but most of these samples were collected  
22 closer to the mouth of the Chicago River and before the flow  
23 was reversed.

24 Another feature is the relatively constant and  
25 low rate of increase during the period between 1938 and 1948.

1           Lake Michigan has represented a bountiful water  
2 resource for many purposes. Its quality is of great importance  
3 to the communities on and beyond its border. Creeping destruc-  
4 tion of this natural excellent quality is of great concern to  
5 the State of Illinois from an economic standpoint as well as  
6 from the standpoint of the health and well being of its  
7 citizens.

8           The health and well being of the citizens of  
9 Illinois now depending on this principal adequate source of  
10 supply is paramount and to a great degree so is the economy  
11 of this important commercial and industrial center of the  
12 State and the Nation.

13           One parameter that may seem to be innocuous is  
14 the chloride ion, normally from salt. This ingredient,  
15 chloride, is present in human waste discharges and therefore,  
16 in waste treatment effluents. When present in increasing  
17 concentrations with time, it can, therefore, be an indication  
18 of the increase of other components from such discharges, many  
19 of which are unidentified. Increasing concentrations also  
20 promote increasing corrosion of metals in contact with the  
21 water. An increase in sulfate likewise can indicate the  
22 presence of an industrial waste discharge with other accompany-  
23 ing unidentified components.

24           This is taking place at an accelerated rate  
25 in the southern end of Lake Michigan. The accompanying figure

1 fertilizers.

2           The public becomes aware of water pollution  
3 only when it is in a noticeable form -- usually visible sus-  
4 pended matter, floating debris, green scum (algae growth), or  
5 an unpleasant odor. In such cases, the public shuns the  
6 recreational area, and its value is diminished. A much  
7 greater concern, however, is the unseen pollution which may  
8 be hazardous to health.

9           The State of Illinois, Department of Conserva-  
10 tion advises that it is developing more detailed and specific  
11 data on recreation which is relevant to this conference and  
12 wishes an opportunity to submit this at an early date.

#### 13           Health and Economy

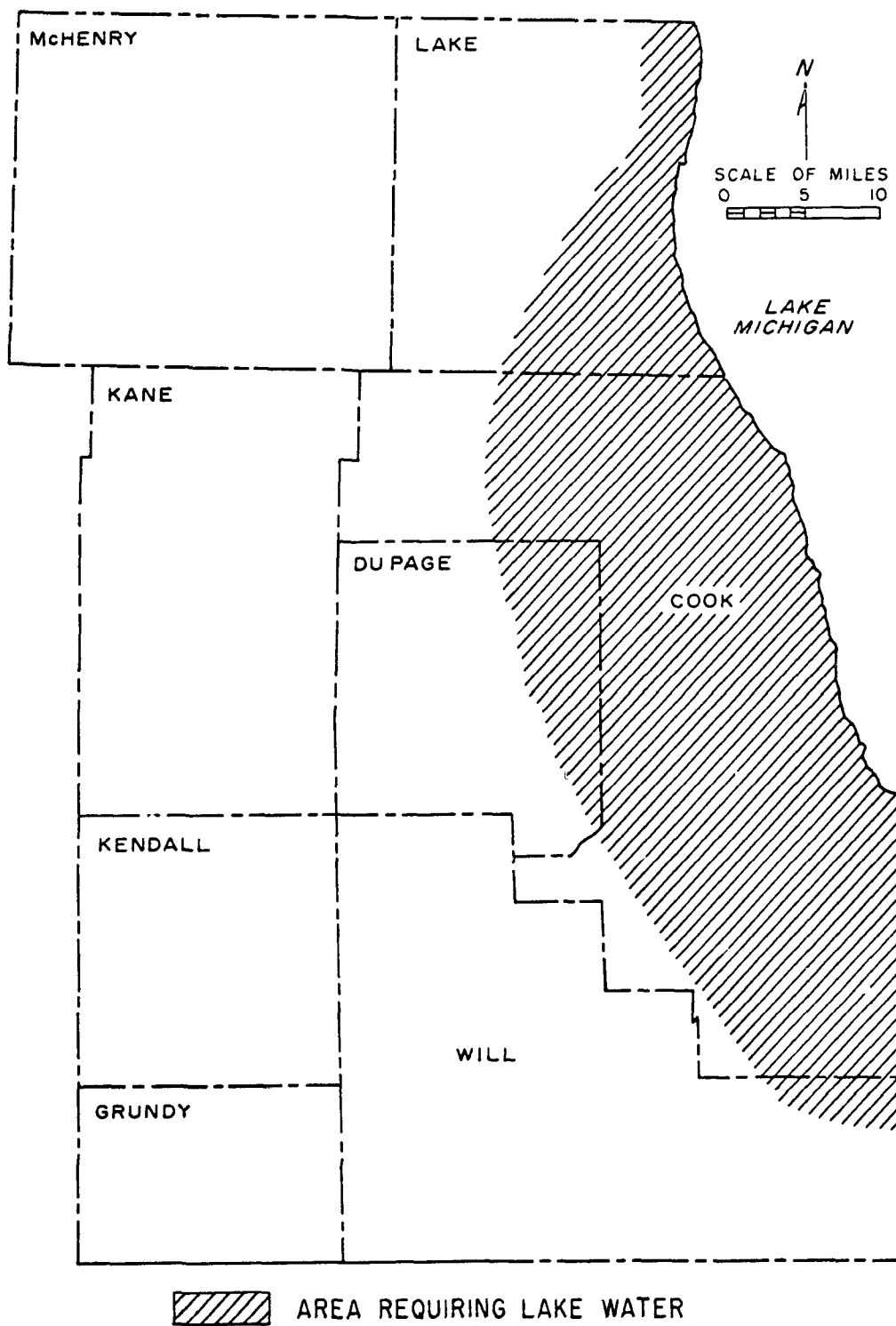
14           In Illinois statewide planning for the develop-  
15 ment and use of its water resources, quality is recognized as  
16 being as important as quantity. Quality is important to the  
17 industrial as well as domestic user. When water of inferior  
18 quality is provided to industries by self development or by  
19 public water utilities, supplementary treatment to correct  
20 inferior quality is an economic loss to the industry, and if  
21 industry should choose a more favorable site on this basis,  
22 it then becomes an economic loss to the community and to the  
23 state. Similarly, if recreational facilities are degraded,  
24 the degraded environment for adequate living conditions results  
25 in a loss to the industry as well as to the community and the  
State.

1 pected to increase threefold during the 40-year period from  
2 1960 to 2000, and most of this increase will be concentrated  
3 in and near metropolitan areas such as northeastern Illinois.  
4 This means that either more intense use will need to be made  
5 of present water recreation facilities or more facilities will  
6 need to be made available. An effect of this projected in-  
7 crease in participation has been an increase in the relative  
8 importance of recreation in water resources development  
9 projects.

10           Since recreational use is a flow or on-site  
11 use of water, it can be measured in terms of available  
12 facilities. Current Water-oriented recreational use in north-  
13 eastern Illinois amounts to 651 swimming pools, 187 miles of  
14 publicly-owned streams, 25,873 surface areas of inland lakes  
15 and the recreational opportunities afforded by Lake Michigan.  
16 When compared with other metropolitan areas, Northeastern  
17 Illinois ranks low in existing public facilities for outdoor  
18 recreation, but high in the degree of intensity of use of these  
19 facilities.

20           Pollution has been recognized as one of the  
21 major limitations of water recreation activities in metropoli-  
22 tan areas. The pollution results from the discharge of  
23 industrial and municipal wastes, storm water overflows, seepage  
24 from septic systems, discharge from pleasure boats, and runoff  
25 from lawns and agricultural areas that leaches chemicals and





1 people will be in the Chicago metropolitan area. Studies  
2 conducted by the Illinois State Water Survey show conclusively  
3 that the State's interior water resources, even when fully  
4 utilized, will be inadequate, and increasing dependence must  
5 be made on Lake Michigan waters for water supply.

6 The accompanying map shows by shading the esti-  
7 mated geographical area which will need to be supplied from  
8 the lake in the year 2000. (See Map - next page)

### 9 Recreation

10 Outdoor recreation is a major leisure time  
11 activity and generates an estimated \$20 billion a year  
12 national market for goods and services. Water is a focal  
13 point of outdoor recreation -- "people want water to swim and  
14 fish in, to run their boats across, to dive under and to ski  
15 over." In addition to all the water activities which actually  
16 use water, many other activities are directly enhanced by the  
17 presence of bodies of water. Such activities include  
18 picnicking, walking and driving for pleasure, as well as all  
19 forms of waterfowl hunting. Thus, the presence of appropriate  
20 water bodies exerts almost as much influence as access in  
21 determining the adequacy of recreation resources of metropoli-  
22 tan residents.

23 The Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Committ-  
24 ee (ORRRC) has speculated that increasing income, leisure time,  
25 mobility and population will result in more participation in  
outdoor recreation in the future. This participation is ex-

1           The interests of this Illinois Committee  
2 extends to programs aimed at developing and exploiting one of  
3 mankind's greatest assets - the waters of our Great Lakes.

4           The lakes provide us, not only with a source of  
5 water for human and industrial use, but also with a highway of  
6 commerce, a source of fisheries and magnificent area of  
7 recreation. However, there are problems -- including the  
8 control of pollution through human, industrial and shipping  
9 wastes.

10          We must seek to manage these pollution sources  
11 in such a way as not to destroy any of the major actual and  
12 potential values of the lakes.

13          Difficulties are ever present and finding  
14 solutions to the complex matters that limit our realization  
15 of full opportunity from the Great Lakes is our primary task.

16          Present problems can be resolved by the prepara-  
17 tion of short and long-range management plans for future  
18 protection and development of the Great Lakes. These plans,  
19 however, are going to take an even greater effort than we have  
20 been making in the past, a high order of cooperation and all  
21 of the collective information and intelligence we can bring  
22 to bear on the subject.

### 23           Water Supply

24          Of primary importance to the State of Illinois  
25 is the availability of Lake Michigan as a source of water  
supply. By the year 2000 it is predicted that some ten million

1 Chief, State Geological Survey Division,  
2 Department of Registration and Education.

3 Chief Waterway Engineer, Division of Waterways,  
4 Department of Public Works and Buildings.

5 The Committee performs four major tasks to  
6 supplement the functions assigned to the respective agencies.

7 First, the Committee is charged with advising  
8 the Governor on technical issues affecting maximum beneficial  
9 use of Illinois' water resources.

10 Second, the Committee determines ways to co-  
11 ordinate water uses and agency activities in the state to  
12 achieve maximum beneficial use.

13 Third, the Governor receives advice on proposed  
14 legislation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Besides  
15 reviewing proposals, the Committee may recommend legislation  
16 to further conservation and development of the State's water  
17 resources. The Committee gives particular attention to the  
18 problems of multiple use and reuse of water, and to the  
19 resolution of conflicts.

20 Finally, the Committee is assisting the Board  
21 of Economic Development, the State's planning agency, in the  
22 formulation of a statewide water development plan. The neces-  
23 sary studies are under way now. Each agency is responsible  
24 for certain appropriate phases of the work, and the Committee  
25 will recommend policies and programs for assuring the State's  
water uses of adequate future supplies.

1 A statement has been prepared by this Technical  
2 Advisory Committee on Water Resources and it will be presented  
3 by Dr. T. E. Larson.

4 DR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman, conferees:

5 My name is T. E. Larson, Assistant Chief of the  
6 Illinois State Water Survey.

7 I am reading this for Mr. Ackermann, who is a  
8 member of the Illinois Technical Advisory Committee on Water  
9 Resources.

10 I am pleased to be here today as the designated  
11 representative of the Illinois Technical Advisory Committee on  
12 Water Resources. This Committee is a body created by State  
13 statute in 1963 to coordinate the several and interrelated  
14 water resources responsibilities of state agencies. The  
15 Committee is composed of the following individuals who direct  
16 the principal water resources agencies of state government:

17 Executive Director, Board of Economic Develop-  
18 ment, Chairman of Committee.

19 Chief, State Water Survey Division, Department  
20 of Registration and Education.

21 Superintendent, Division of Soil and Water  
22 Conservation, Department of Agriculture.

23 Director, Department of Conservation.

24 Chief, Division of Sanitary Engineering,  
25 Department of Public Health.

1 tion between the discharge of a pollutant and an effect, do  
2 we have anything with which to get at it.

3 Sometimes getting at these causal connections  
4 is very, very difficult.

5 Mr. Beecher pointed out that he suspected  
6 certain types of materials or parts of materials being re-  
7 sponsible for these deaths. But I think that we should not  
8 delude ourselves that until we are pretty sure that we  
9 ascertain the cause of the destruction.

10 Mr. Klassen.

11 MR. KLASSEN: We have one more presentation for the State  
12 of Illinois.

13 We have a Governor in the State of Illinois who  
14 has a real interest in water, water pollution.

15 When he took office some four -- about four  
16 years ago -- while the many state agencies that were involved  
17 in water questioned an informal working arrangement, it was  
18 through Governor Kerner's efforts that a bill was passed  
19 creating a Technical Advisory Committee on Water Resources.

20 This legalized the working relationship that  
21 formerly existed and still does between all of the state  
22 agencies involved in the questions of water.

23 The administrative home of this agency is in  
24 the Board of Economic Development, but membership consists of  
25 the various state agencies that have this interest in water.

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Are there any comments or questions?

2 For those of you who are still here, I would  
3 like you to turn your attention to the last two speakers. I  
4 think it may be wise to take a minute and give you at least  
5 what I believe might conceivably be a limitation of what we can  
6 do as a result of a conference of this type in enforcement  
7 procedures.

8 Now, whatever you may think about the dismal  
9 effect of killing loons or protecting the loons under our law,  
10 we are still bound by a nasty little item that we have to  
11 show a causal connection between a discharge of wastes and  
12 damage.

13 It very well may be that the proposals we  
14 heard from Mr. Gerstein this morning will protect the water  
15 supply. It very well may be that we may come up with something  
16 which will protect the beaches, or maybe these proposals of  
17 Mr. Gerstein will be broad enough to do that.

18 Unless we can ascertain with reasonable cer-  
19 tainty, or have a fairly good notion of what causes alewives  
20 to die, or loons to die, or geese or ducks to die, we are  
21 going to have a pretty hard time controlling that.

22 The alternative to that is to prevent dis-  
23 charges of any wastes, and as good as we think we are, I am  
24 not sure we can quite do that. I do think that we have to  
25 recognize when, and only when, we can find the causal connec-

1 Michigan, Wolf Lake and their tributaries - Illinois and  
2 Indiana. We think the recommended criteria in the above re-  
3 port to be a good set of standards and, therefore, recommend  
4 to the conference that such water quality criteria be accepted  
5 as standards for the water quality at the lower end of Lake  
6 Michigan.

7           The basic economics of the possible future  
8 pollution of the lakefront as far north as Edgewater would  
9 certainly affect the property values of the area. If this  
10 pollution continues, the City of Chicago would certainly lower  
11 tax revenue in the area of Edgewater.

12           To be realistic, we in the Edgewater Community  
13 Council are, therefore, committed to the idea that this con-  
14 ference will hopefully come forth with a solution to this  
15 pollution before it becomes more troublesome than it is at  
16 present.

17           We wish to thank the United States Department  
18 of Health, Education, and Welfare, Division of Water Supply  
19 and Pollution Control, Region V, Chicago, Illinois, for the  
20 advice given to our Conservation Committee in giving us the  
21 data to read. It is refreshing to see again the cooperation  
22 from governmental bodies with civic organizations in the  
23 attempt to make this world of ours a better place to live and  
24 work.

25           Respectfully submitted.



1 John Kilcullen, Conservation Officer for the Edgewater  
2 Community Council. Our boundaries in the City of Chicago are  
3 on the south side, Foster Avenue, on the west side, Ravens-  
4 wood Avenue, on the north side, Devon Avenue and on the east  
5 side the Lakefront.

6 At the direction of the Executive Board of the  
7 Edgewater Community Council, I was appointed to come to this  
8 meeting and observe, as well as state the position of the  
9 Edgewater Community with regards to the pollution at the lower  
10 end of Lake Michigan. This community is concerned, as all  
11 people are, in a quality of water good enough to drink and  
12 swim in.

13 The Council is aware of the problem of metro-  
14 politan planning because it is proposed in the Comprehensive  
15 Policies of the Chicago Plan, to extend the landfill in the  
16 lake north from Hollywood to the city limits.

17 Our first question, therefore, is: "If this  
18 pollution is not corrected at the southern end of Lake Michi-  
19 gan now, what will the quality of the water be at the beaches  
20 in five or ten years?" The next question we have to ask:  
21 "What authority will establish water quality standards?"

22 Using Chapter VIII: "Effects of Wastes in  
23 Water Quality and Water Uses" - Water Quality Criteria is  
24 described in the report on pollution of the water of the  
25 Grand Calumet River, Little Calumet River, Calumet River, Lake

1 Loren Woods.

2 He doesn't seem to know either. This is one  
3 of the mysteries.

4 I would say this, that, certainly, the Great  
5 Lakes study of the waters of Lake Michigan should be studied  
6 by a complete study. I think money should be provided on a  
7 grant basis for universities who wish to make studies like that  
8 out of the United States Public Health Service funds, perhaps.

9 MR. POSTON: You also talked about insoluble poisons in  
10 the bottom of the lake. Would you care to expand?

11 DR. BEECHER: This is actually drawn from Grover Cook's  
12 findings and I would prefer that you discuss this with him.

13 MR. POSTON: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Mr. Klassen?

15 MR. KLASSEN: The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs  
16 merely wanted to indicate their interest in the subject.

17 Is Mrs. Roman Ford here? Would she stand up  
18 just to be recognized?

19 Apparently, she is not here.

20 The Edgewater Community Council, which is the  
21 north part of the City of Chicago, desires to place in the  
22 record a statement which will be given by Mr. Kilcullen, their  
23 Conservation Officer.

24 MR. KILCULLEN: Conferees from Illinois, Indiana and the  
25 United States Government, ladies and gentlemen: My name is

1 whirlpool first described by Dr. Edmund Andrews, once Director  
2 of the Academy, I think that this is the time to call a halt  
3 to this sort of thing.

4 I don't think we can be very soft about it,  
5 either. I think when the levels of pollution that are  
6 allowable are set, that they will have to be very stringently  
7 enforced and to stick with it. Because the thing that many  
8 people don't seem to realize today is that we live in a  
9 biological world. We are part of this world.

10 There are some things you can't do. People  
11 keep thinking science can bail us out.

12 We do this wrong and that wrong and science  
13 will save us.

14 This is something that science can't do. When  
15 you start fooling around with the drinking water, you are  
16 taking some awful risks.

17 So, I think that will be it.

18 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you Doctor. Just one moment,  
19 there may be a question.

20 MR. POSTON: I would like to ask Dr. Beecher what causes  
21 the alewives to die each year?

22 I have noticed, being a smelt fisherman, that  
23 we seem to get more and more alewives each year and we get  
24 large numbers and they die. I am unable --

25 DR. BEECHER: I am an ornithologist. I say, when we come  
to a question like this, I have asked the same question of

1           Much of the industrial waste lies on the bottom  
2 of Lake Michigan, essentially an insoluble, poisonous mass.  
3 It may be significant that the bird deaths occurred in the  
4 fall at a time when Lake Michigan begins its overturn - when  
5 cooling surface waters sink to mix with lower strata. Possibly  
6 the mingling of wastes from the lower strata into the biologic-  
7 al food chain of microorganisms, at this time caused the  
8 deaths of fish and birds.

9           As of this date, we do not know what killed  
10 them but it is clear that Lake Michigan must be cleaned up.  
11 We have made a barbarous use of one of the world's outstand-  
12 ing natural resources, poisoned wildlife and threatened  
13 the lives of millions of people.

14           My additional statement is about the amount of  
15 pollution.

16           Actually, I agree very firmly with Mr. Meserow  
17 and seemed shocked that industry has never made any attempt to  
18 clean up by itself. Apparently, they have stringent laws to  
19 keep this pollution down. In fact, the one steel company down  
20 there in Indiana has dumped every day 990 pounds of ammonia  
21 nitrogen into Lake Michigan, 60 pounds of total nitrogen, 250  
22 phenol, 60 pounds of cyanide, 7700 pounds of oil into the lake  
23 every day. It is rather frightening and shocking.

24           Certainly, one of the reasons why we have this  
25 large blob of poison out in the middle of the lake and the

1           The introduction of smelt and sea lamprey have  
2 wiped out the lake trout and most of the burbot, almost wiping  
3 out the fishing industry as well. The alewife has displaced  
4 the lake herring and the bloater has increased greatly in  
5 numbers. Thus, the so-called "rough-fish", ones having no  
6 market value, have displaced those which formerly supported  
7 the Lake Michigan fishing industry. Alewives are cast up in  
8 huge windrows every summer from Wilmette over to the Michigan  
9 side. The beach becomes impossible for swimming; the stench  
10 is that of a huge garbage heap.

11           But these are not the only changes. It has  
12 been reported by the United States Public Health Service that  
13 the equivalent of raw sewage of approximately 4,500,000 people  
14 is dumped into the Great Lakes. Increased nutrients in the  
15 lake over past decades have increased the abundance of algae,  
16 feeding on bacteria. The increase in green algae has been  
17 reported along beaches of the Indiana and Michigan shore, so  
18 that it is impossible to use the beach for recreation. Skin  
19 divers have encountered clouds of algae miles from shore.

20           The increased use of the lake by sea-going  
21 vessels and by pleasure boats may be an element in this pol-  
22 lution, but the industrial waste from steel mills and other  
23 industries in the Calumet area of northern Indiana has been  
24 well documented in the United States Public Health Service  
25 report of February 1965.

1                   There the toxicological examinations under Dr.  
2 Carlton Herman of Fish and Wildlife Service were delayed by  
3 immunization of the staff against Type E botulism before a  
4 study could be undertaken. However, eight months later, it was  
5 clear that botulism could not be accepted as the answer.  
6 Some of the dead birds showed no sign of it in their organs.  
7 Some 80 birds injected with the bacterium showed no signs of  
8 being affected at all.

9                   Now, more than a year later, we still do not  
10 know what killed these birds. Insecticides, industrial pol-  
11 lution and poisons of unknown origin are suspect.

12                   In the fall of 1964 some 5,000 further deaths  
13 were reported at the north end of Lake Michigan between St.  
14 Ignace and the Wisconsin border. Of these, 3500 were loons,  
15 bringing the total of loon deaths for 1963 and 1964 to about  
16 6500. Since loons lay only two eggs a season, such a loss  
17 is difficult to make up; in fact, it is estimated that this  
18 wipes out most of the loon population lying north of the Great  
19 Lakes Region.

20                   These deaths of very hardy species of birds,  
21 living mainly on fish, are alarming in themselves but are  
22 symptomatic of something seriously wrong in Lake Michigan.  
23 Loren P. Woods, Curator of Fishes, Chicago Natural History  
24 Museum, has reported the extensive biological changes that have  
25 taken place in Lake Michigan in the past 35 years.

1 1857, it was known then as the first museum in the west.

2 One of the early directors, in 1860, was the  
3 first person to write scientifically about the occurrence of  
4 life in Lake Michigan. The paper he wrote for the Academy  
5 is scarce because the whole supply was burned up in the Chicago  
6 fire.

7 Well, the Academy has grown on from those days  
8 and has been interested in education of the public as regards  
9 biology and things of that nature and we very frequently have  
10 groups of school children and teachers out to study the life  
11 and stream life of local areas.

12 So, we are interested in pollution.

13 I am going to read the statement, that is the  
14 quickest way to get it out of the way, then I want to make one  
15 additional comment.

16 During the second week of November 1963, thou-  
17 sands of gulls, loons and fish-eating ducks were found dead  
18 and dying on beaches of Lake Michigan from Gary eastward and  
19 up the Michigan shore. The total estimate was in excess of  
20 10,000 birds.

21 I alerted the United States Fish and Wildlife  
22 Service and the United States Public Health Service, Great  
23 Lakes-Illinois River Basins Project. Mr. Grover Cook, biolo-  
24 gist of the project, sent some birds, I had picked up and  
25 refrigerated, on to Laurel, Maryland, for study.

1 The future of boating in this area is dependent upon it. For  
2 this compelling reason, the boating sport and industry by and  
3 large have been, are, and will continue to be self-policing in  
4 the anti-pollution measures they follow. It is a minor contri-  
5 bution to the campaign against water pollution, we grant you,  
6 because pollution from recreational boats is a relatively  
7 minor problem.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity  
9 of taking part in this conference to express our views.

10 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

11 Are there any comments or questions?

12 (No response)

13 If not, then, Mr. Klassen.

14 MR. KLASSEN: The Chicago Academy of Sciences has a con-  
15 tribution to make, particularly in some of the scientific  
16 aspects of wildlife.

17 Dr. Beecher.

18 DR. W. J. BEECHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:  
19 I am Dr. W. J. Beecher, Director of the Chicago Academy of  
20 Sciences.

21 I am also Chairman of the Conservation Council  
22 of Chicago and so, I am also a member of the Open Lands  
23 Project of the Welfare Council of Greater Chicago, and I speak  
24 for the Conservation aspects.

25 The Chicago Academy of Sciences was founded in



1           If there is a problem involving pleasure boats,  
2 it is more likely on small congested lakes that are purely  
3 state waters, and the problem is of a local or state nature,  
4 not of Federal magnitude.

5           As the Wisconsin Committee on Water Pollution,  
6 the principal antipollution enforcement agency in Senator  
7 Nelson's own state, has stated:

8           "Laws and regulations pertaining to sewage  
9 disposal facilities by commercial vessels operating  
10 interstate should be developed and enforced by the  
11 Federal Government. In the case of pleasure boats  
12 or boats operating within the waters of a single  
13 state, the enactment of laws and regulations should  
14 be a state responsibility as should the enforcement  
15 of such laws and regulations."

16           If Federal legislation affecting recreational  
17 boating in this area is to come nevertheless, we strongly urge  
18 that every effort be made to assure that it is as uniform as  
19 practicable with state pollution controls so that boatment  
20 traveling from one body of water to another within the bound-  
21 aries of the same state or across state lines are not beset  
22 by dual standards.

23           In closing, let me emphasize once more that  
24 recreational boatmen are acutely aware of the necessity and  
25 desirability of keeping prime boating water like that of the  
south end of Lake Michigan and its tributaries pure and clean.

1           Although Senator Nelson is primarily concerned  
2 about pollution on the Great Lakes and its harbors in his home  
3 territory, when he talks about legislation affecting navigable  
4 waters in general, he infers such legislation would apply to  
5 navigable waters throughout the United States. Senator Nelson  
6 proposes to have the responsibility for the enforcement of  
7 anti-pollution laws on all navigable waters centralized and to  
8 streamline the enforcement procedure.

9           We do not believe that pollution from pleasure  
10 boats is the serious problem which Senator Nelson insinuates  
11 by joining pleasure craft with commercial ships and barges and  
12 government vessels on the Great Lakes.

13           The findings of the Pollution Committee of the  
14 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators  
15 confirm our belief. They found pollution from pleasure boats  
16 to be insignificant when compared with several thousand  
17 communities which still have inadequate municipal sewage  
18 treatment plants or no facilities at all, and with the thou-  
19 sands of industries still dumping untreated wastes into rivers  
20 and lakes.

21           Furthermore, we find it hard to believe that  
22 sewage and garbage disposal from pleasure boats on waters as  
23 vast and deep as the Great Lakes really poses a problem justi-  
24 fying pollution control regulation of pleasure boats on the  
25 Great Lakes.

1 tional watercraft contribute substantially to the over-all  
2 pollution problem, it is most anxious that a uniform system be  
3 made available to those states which now or in the future feel  
4 the necessity of such laws.

5 As a special member of the Committee, the  
6 Outboard Boating Club of America has prepared a model law  
7 dealing with the general subject of pollution from recreation-  
8 al watercraft. This model law has been extensively reviewed  
9 by the Committee and the United States Public Health Service,  
10 somewhat modified, approved, and now awaits the acceptance of  
11 the national body which will meet in November of this year. (a  
12 copy is appended hereto.)

13 In view of these effective and far-sighted  
14 efforts being made to stop pollution from recreational water-  
15 craft before it begins to become a problem, we are indeed  
16 interested to learn from the February 9th "Congressional Record"  
17 of the intent of Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin to draft  
18 Federal legislation to attack what he calls one phase of the  
19 pollution problem on the Great Lakes - the dumping or  
20 spillage of human, galley, and wash-water waste and garbage  
21 from vessels.

22 The proposed legislation would require all ships  
23 and pleasure craft which use the Great Lakes and other  
24 navigable waters to be equipped with Federally approved faci-  
25 lities for the proper treatment or retention of sewage and  
other wastes.

1 manufacturers interested in producing marine chlorinators.  
2 They, too, are conscious of the need for standards so that  
3 their products will be universally acceptable to the various  
4 state agencies responsible for approving treatment devices.

5 Recently these manufacturers have taken steps  
6 to meet and cooperate with recognized testing authorities to  
7 develop acceptable standards and criteria. The United States  
8 Public Health Service is also involved in this standard-  
9 setting process.

10 We would like to emphasize that boating law  
11 administrators, too, have jumped into the fight against water  
12 pollution. At the 1963 annual meeting of the National  
13 Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the admini-  
14 strators pledged their support to anti-pollution efforts by  
15 Federal and state government. They will seek to do all within  
16 their power to curtail any pollution by recreational water-  
17 craft, but at the same time, they intend to see that boaters  
18 are not made the scapegoats in particular pollution situations  
19 when the real culprits and real causes are elsewhere.

20 The National Association of State Boating Law  
21 Administrators has a Water Pollution Control Committee to  
22 implement its aims and to serve as a liaison with other  
23 agencies and groups likewise concerned with the abatement of  
24 pollution.

25 While the Committee does not feel that recrea-

1 regulate in this area. Over the past six years the Outboard  
2 Boating Club of America has distributed thousands of copies of  
3 its model act without charge to people in and out of government.

4 Recognizing the trend in boat pollution regula-  
5 tions, the Outboard Boating Club of America four years ago  
6 took positive steps to prepare boat manufacturers for the  
7 installation of required treatment devices.

8 We published a standard in our "Engineering  
9 Manual of Recommended Practices" for minimum space require-  
10 ments for marine toilets fitted with chlorinator units. (See  
11 copy appended) Boatbuilders are advised to leave a recommend-  
12 ed minimum space on craft of size and design reasonably  
13 expected to have toilets so that any owner hereafter required  
14 or wishing to install a sewage treatment device can do so  
15 without encountering structural difficulties.

16 At the time we first published our recommended  
17 standard on this subject, a joint letter was sent by the  
18 Outboard Boating Club of America and the National Association  
19 of Engine and Boat Manufacturers to all known boat-builders  
20 asking that they agree to leave the desired space. There was  
21 no dissent.

22 Consequently, we believe you will find that  
23 virtually all boat manufacturers now provide adequate space  
24 for sewage treatment devices.

25 Today there are an increasing number of

1 State registration of watercraft equipped with  
2 toilets is conditioned upon proof that the toilets are fitted  
3 with an approved treatment device. All boats having toilet  
4 facilities are subject to inspection at any time to see that  
5 they comply with the law, and those that do not will have the  
6 registration suspended if the equipment violation is not cor-  
7 rected as soon as practicable.

8 The New Hampshire Act was endorsed by the New  
9 England Water Pollution Control Commission not long after its  
10 adoption, and started a wave of action in the same direction.

11 Subsequently, the Council of State Governments  
12 issued, as part of its program of suggested state legislation,  
13 a model act very similar to the New Hampshire law. About the  
14 same time the Outboard Boating Club of America published its  
15 "Model Act on Sewage Disposal from Boats." (A copy is appended  
16 to this statement)

17 Both acts recommend the use of marine toilets  
18 be permitted only with affixation of a treatment facility  
19 or method authorized by regulation of the state pollution  
20 control agency. They also authorize the state boat registering  
21 agency to refuse to number boats with toilets unless they meet  
22 the requirements for treatment devices.

23 At the same time, it is suggested that this  
24 problem remain exclusively under state jurisdiction, and that  
25 local units of government be expressly denied the right to

1 but is unlikely to prevent the deposit of waste materials  
2 when the occasion demands.

3 A number of devices are now on the market which  
4 treat human wastes before they are committed to the water.  
5 For the most part these are chlorinating units of one kind or  
6 another. Usually some maceration process is also involved  
7 prior to chemical treatment.

8 Also recently developed are special devices to  
9 hold waste materials until they can be disposed of in waters  
10 far offshore not susceptible to pollution or at a special  
11 shoreside facility.

12 The availability of these marine toilet  
13 appurtenances has given rise to a second form of state legis-  
14 lation, which we consider to be a more reasonable solution to  
15 the boat pollution problem.

16 In 1957 the state of New Hampshire, after con-  
17 siderable testing of the effectiveness of marine chlorinators,  
18 passed an act requiring that every toilet on any boat operated  
19 on state waters be equipped with a state-approved treatment  
20 device, and prohibiting the discharge of any untreated sewage  
21 into the water.

22 The Act authorizes the state's Water Pollution  
23 Commission to determine the adequacy of treatment devices, and  
24 any device used in a boat on New Hampshire waters must be con-  
25 structed and installed in accordance with regulations of the  
Commission.

1 River Project Lake - then lug your litter home!"

2                   On the back side of the bag there is a con-  
3 densed version of the Arizona Boating and Water Sports Laws,  
4 including a provision which prohibits dumping refuse or debris  
5 on the shoreline or waterways of the state. Cooperation by the  
6 public is reported to be excellent. We submit such campaigns  
7 can easily be conducted in other areas to prevent littering  
8 from recreational users.

9                   If we may judge by recent state legislation,  
10 the greatest attention in the area of boat pollution today is  
11 being devoted to regulating the operation of toilet facilities  
12 aboard boats. There are basically two legislative approaches  
13 to this:

14                   1. Require the sealing of all marine heads to  
15 prevent the discharge of any excrement or other human waste  
16 into the water on the theory that this will eliminate the  
17 possibility of any pollution.

18                   2. Require all marine toilets to be equipped  
19 with some device which will either effectively treat waste  
20 material before discharge into the water or provide for its  
21 retention and subsequent disposal some place other than in the  
22 water.

23                   The first method - sealing - is highly un-  
24 realistic since it defies basic laws of nature. This approach  
25 is also highly unfair since reasonable alternatives do exist.  
A sealed toilet may create problems of convenience and etiquette



1 riparian property owners. This kind of heedless behavior is  
2 usually prohibited under general legislation found in most  
3 states.

4 As a practical matter, however, effective  
5 enforcement of such laws is difficult. But the problem  
6 is not insurmountable. On our public highways where littering  
7 was formerly a serious problem, it now seems substantially  
8 remedied by the twin approach of education and enforcement.  
9 Fines for an offender are often very high, and more important,  
10 the public has been persuaded to cooperate. We are encouraged  
11 by anti-litter campaigns for our waterways already initiated  
12 by boating groups alone and in cooperation with organizations  
13 such as Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

14 An example of such anti-litter campaigns is  
15 that of the Salt River Project, an irrigation and water supply  
16 district in Arizona whose reservoirs provide a great deal of  
17 outdoor recreation and boating for the public.

18 The Salt River Project furnishes plastic con-  
19 tainers for use by boaters in stowing their trash. In a year  
20 and a half more than 150,000 of these bags have been distribut-  
21 ed free of charge in gasoline stations, marine dealerships,  
22 and marinas.

23 On the front of the bag is printed, "Don't be  
24 a Litter Bug. Use this Litter-Lugger. Put your empty cans,  
25 bottles and trash in this bag while having fun at the Salt

1 waters along the southern shore and in Calumet region streams  
2 indicates that pollution from pleasure craft is infinitesimal  
3 compared with pollution from industrial and municipal sewage  
4 sources and that contributed by 11,000 trips of large cargo  
5 vessels in these waters annually.

6           If pollution from recreational watercraft were  
7 completely controlled, we do not think it would make any  
8 significant difference in the pollution problem in general.  
9 Nevertheless, we are eager to do everything possible to  
10 eliminate recreational boating as a possible source of water  
11 pollution however insignificant.

12           Potentially problems of pollution from recrea-  
13 tional watercraft are likely to be most acute within areas of  
14 large concentrations of boats, such as marina, where there is  
15 perhaps less dilution effect due to limited current flow and  
16 other factors.

17           Obviously, an important and effective deterrent  
18 to pollution in shoreside areas of heavy boat concentration is  
19 the provision for adequate sanitary and trash disposal faci-  
20 lities. Thus, marina operators, both public and private, should  
21 be encouraged to place rest rooms and trash disposals convenient  
22 to docks and launching area.

23           Another aspect of the situation is the deposit  
24 of rubbish and garbage overboard, particularly in areas where,  
25 when washed ashore, it will prove a nuisance to littoral and

1                   Ironically, we have heard it said that the  
2 tremendous interest in the use of inland waterways for boating,  
3 fishing, and other recreational pursuits is responsible for  
4 part of the water pollution problem. If recreational water-  
5 craft do contribute to pollution, we submit it is very  
6 negligible compared to municipalities who inadequately treat  
7 or fail to treat their sewage at all before discharging it  
8 into the water, and industries which likewise fail to properly  
9 treat their waste products before dumping them. Let's not  
10 overlook the detergent and pesticide problems either.

11                   At the annual meeting of the National Associa-  
12 tion of State Boating Law Administrators, held November 18-20,  
13 1963 in Oklahoma City, a Committee was appointed to report on  
14 the nature and extent of pollution of the waters of the United  
15 States by recreational watercraft and to make recommendations  
16 relative thereto.

17                   The Pollution Study Committee with Mr. Keith  
18 Wilson, Director, Michigan State Waterways Commission, as  
19 Chairman completed its study and reported at the 1964 NASBLA  
20 meeting in November at Portland, Oregon. The Study Committee  
21 concluded that "Pollution of waters attributable to recreation-  
22 al watercraft is of a most insignificant nature." A copy of  
23 the Study Committee Report is attached to this statement.

24                   More recently, the United States Public Health  
25 Service Report of February 1965, on pollution of Lake Michigan

1 Calumet River are used for recreational boating, but are  
2 hardly ideal with floating debris, oil, and sewage conditions  
3 prevailing generally. But what else is there for boaters to  
4 use in the area except polluted waters?

5 That these waters are a health hazard, that  
6 fishing is bad to non-existent, that swimming and other boat-  
7 oriented recreation are less than pleasant in many areas is well  
8 known. The water may be "gritty", oily, or variously hued,  
9 depending upon the type of pollution where the boater is try-  
10 ing to enjoy himself along the south shore of Lake Michigan.

11 In recent years the growth of pleasure boating  
12 has been at a phenomenal rate. Pleasure boating is called  
13 "the Nation's fastest growing family sport". Marinas, mooring  
14 facilities, launching ramps and docking areas are unable to  
15 keep up with the booming popularity of pleasure boating and  
16 related sports.

17 The State of Illinois alone expects to spend  
18 over \$5 million in the next ten years on boating facilities,  
19 much of it in the Lake-Cook County area. Many cities along  
20 the south shore of Lake Michigan are building and planning  
21 public marinas and launching facilities, not to mention private  
22 developments.

23 Clearly there will be many more people looking  
24 to the waters of the area for recreation in the future. Clearly  
25 too, the waters will not provide this recreation if current  
pollution practices are allowed to continue.

1 from coast to coast. Fifty-eight of our clubs are in Indiana  
2 and Illinois, and twelve in the immediate area under considera-  
3 tion.

4           Naturally we are more than interested in the  
5 subject of water pollution and abatement along the south  
6 shore of Lake Michigan. There is a tremendous investment in  
7 dollars and pleasure at stake here. The Chicago-Gary metro-  
8 politan area is the second largest market in the country for  
9 outboard motors. We estimate there are at least 214,000  
10 outboard motors in use in this area alone.

11           When we speak of recreational boating, we are  
12 talking not only of cruising, but of fishing, swimming, water  
13 skiing, skin diving and other related recreations involving  
14 the use of boats. We are talking about the leisure activities  
15 of hundreds of thousands of persons on and about the waters at  
16 the southern end of Lake Michigan.

17           How do all these people find the waters at the  
18 south end of Lake Michigan? In many cases, not very good...  
19 and getting worse.

20           It does not take a scientist to ascertain that  
21 streams in the Calumet area are polluted with raw sewage...  
22 only a deep breath. Waters of the Grand Calumet River and  
23 Indiana Harbor area are so unfit for recreational boating that  
24 they are not used.

25           The Calumet River and parts of the Little

1 Any comments or questions?

2 (No response)

3 Mr. Klassen?

4 MR. KLASSEN: One of the organizations that is vastly  
5 getting many new members and certainly equipment is the  
6 Outdoor Boating Club of America, which has its headquarters  
7 in Chicago, and a statement from that organization will be  
8 made by Mr. Ron Stone.

9 MR. STONE: Mr. Chairman, Fellow Conference Participants,  
10 Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Ron Stone. I am the Director  
11 of the Government Relations Department of the Outboard Boating  
12 Club of America, headquartered in Chicago.

13 We are a National trade association represent-  
14 ing 208 manufacturers in the recreational boating industry,  
15 28 of them in the two states that are the participants in this  
16 conference.

17 Our Illinois and Indiana-based member manu-  
18 facturers enjoy a multi-million dollar share of the boating  
19 market. Their products are top brands in outboard motors,  
20 outboard and inboard boats, sailboats, houseboats, boat  
21 trailers and marine accessories.

22 The Outboard Boating Club of America speaks for  
23 the people who buy pleasure boating equipment as well as the  
24 people who manufacture and sell it. Over 350 boating clubs,  
25 boasting 40,000 individual members are affiliated with us

1 MR. FANNING: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies and  
2 gentlemen:

3 I am Art Fanning, President of the Illinois  
4 Division of the Izaak Walton League of America.

5 We, the members of the Illinois Division of the  
6 Izaak Walton League of America, state to the conference the  
7 policies of the Izaak Walton League of America and the result  
8 of over 43 years of thinking and work on the part of members,  
9 chapters, divisions and international organizations of the  
10 League.

11 The Izaak Walton League was founded right here  
12 in Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 1922.

13 We welcome this conference on water pollution,  
14 called by Mr. Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health,  
15 Education, and Welfare.

16 We know that the states involved, Illinois and  
17 Indiana, have been unable or unwilling to stop this pollution.  
18 We are interested in clean waters.

19 We have present at this conference, the Chair-  
20 man of our Clean Waters Committee, Walt Sherry, also Joe  
21 Chantigney. These Chairmen, along with the Committee members,  
22 will be glad to inform the members of all the problems of  
23 pollution in the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet and their  
24 tributaries.

25 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

1 in his opinion it was much more desirable to abate pollution  
2 rather than to flush the polluted waters one place or another.

3 The League believes the American people possess  
4 the ability, ingenuity, energy and wealth to abate pollution  
5 by all means possible. Certainly it is fully as important to  
6 devise new types of sewage treatment plants which have an  
7 efficiency rating approaching the 100 percent level as it is  
8 to land a man on the moon!!

9 Also, much more practical application should be  
10 made of knowledge presently available in order to achieve a  
11 higher degree of pollution abatement.

12 The Izaak Walton League of America is honored to  
13 be able to appear before you and it calls upon you to take  
14 immediate steps to rectify the various sources of water pollution  
15 mentioned above as well as a multitude of others much too  
16 lengthy to be included herein.

17 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Riaski.

18 Are there any comments or questions?

19 (No response)

20 Mr. Klassen.

21 MR. KLASSEN: One of the affiliated groups of the Izaak  
22 Walton League is the Illinois Division of the League and its  
23 President, Art Fanning, wants to present a statement. I  
24 wouldn't say wants to, we invited him to, as to the position  
25 of the Illinois Division.



1 disagreeable taste and perhaps is even a bit discolored. This  
2 also applies to the water in the pipes in their homes if the  
3 water comes from Lake Michigan.

4 There is little doubt the most important sub-  
5 ject in connection with this conference is the health of the  
6 vast number of people who daily drink and wash in such waters,  
7 as those under consideration.

8 The Izaak Walton League of America feels it is  
9 extremely important that these waters be given far more pro-  
10 tection for this purpose alone. However, there are many  
11 additional benefits to be gained from clear water for indus-  
12 trial, recreational and other uses.

13 It is definitely time all concerned exert a  
14 major effort to restore these waters to a high degree of  
15 purity for the benefits which it will return in the health,  
16 welfare and economic well-being of every one.

17 Colonel Mattina in answering a question yester-  
18 day following his presentation for the United States Corps of  
19 Engineers, made a statement of considerable importance, and the  
20 full significance of which may be overlooked.

21 There had been some discussion about the pos-  
22 sible location of a proposed dam to be built on the Grand  
23 Calumet River designed to control its direction of flow. When  
24 questioned about his thoughts as to exactly where the dam  
25 should be built, Colonel Mattina responded to the effect that,

1           The Inland Steel Company and the Youngstown  
2 Sheet and Tube Company of East Chicago; and the United States  
3 Steel Corporation of Gary are polluting the Indiana harbor  
4 Canal - Grand Calumet River system and Lake Michigan as are  
5 the Cities Service Petroleum Company, Sinclair Refinery  
6 Company and Mobil Oil Company in East Chicago.

7           Wastes are being discharged directly into Lake  
8 Michigan by the American Oil Company and Union Carbide  
9 Chemicals Company, both of Whiting; the American Maize Pro-  
10 ducts Company of Hammond and the United States Steel Corporation  
11 of Chicago. Other important industries in the area also  
12 contribute to the water pollution problem in various degrees.

13           Currents in Lake Michigan are of considerable  
14 importance for their presence at some periods and their  
15 absence at others, the direction of the currents and their  
16 speed all enter into the picture.

17           It is worthy to note to those present today who  
18 live in the areas under discussion that this conference is  
19 being held in the Banquet Room of this building.

20           One is tempted to speculate on the number of  
21 folks who have gathered here who have drunk water taken from  
22 Lake Michigan. In spite of the fact some health authorities  
23 claim no real danger exists after such water is properly treat-  
24 ed with chlorine and other chemicals in a modern water supply  
25 system, one cannot help but wonder why it often has a rather

1 East Chicago, Gary, Hammond and Whiting (all in  
2 Indiana) have combined sewer systems which sometime overflow  
3 into the Indiana Harbor Canal - Grand Calumet River system and  
4 thence into Lake Michigan.

5 Chesterton, East Gary, Griffith, Hobart, Porter  
6 and Valparaiso have combined sewer systems which sometimes  
7 overflow into the Little Calumet River - Burns Ditch system  
8 and into Lake Michigan.

9 Whiting, Indiana, also has a combined sewer  
10 overflow which discharges directly into Lake Michigan.

11 Pleasure boats and commercial vessels contri-  
12 bute to the pollution of Lake Michigan. In fact, these can  
13 be particularly dangerous sources of health hazardous pollu-  
14 tion because of their unique ability to discharge such wastes  
15 in close proximity to the water intakes of the cities of  
16 Chicago, East Chicago, Gary and Hammond.

17 The list of industries which are polluting the  
18 waters under consideration is re~~re~~plendent with the names of  
19 some of America's most prosperous businesses. Of late, the  
20 executive officers of most of these businesses have been  
21 furnishing their stockholders and the public with glowing  
22 accounts of their prosperity during the past year. It is  
23 usually not the lack of sufficient capital which prevents them  
24 from installing adequate sewage treatment systems but rather  
25 their general disregard for the problems raised by water  
pollution.

1 the nose but in many cases the condition of the waters actually  
2 presents health hazards.

3           The entire problem of water pollution in the  
4 area is greatly affected by the fact that much of the water  
5 involved is only slightly higher than the levels of water in  
6 Lake Michigan.

7           Several of the streams concerned have a very  
8 low rate of flow for this reason and, at times, appear to be  
9 almost stationary. The presence of many combined sewerage  
10 systems which carry both human and industrial wastes as well  
11 as that from storm sewers adds to the complexity of the  
12 problem.

13           In times of rapid runoff during and following  
14 heavy rainstorms, it is not unusual for such sewers to bypass  
15 into the streams because the sewage treatment plants simply  
16 cannot accommodate the huge flows of water involved.

17           Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Munster and  
18 Schererville (all in Indiana) have combined sewer systems and  
19 sewage treatment plants which empty into the Calumet River and  
20 some times produce such overflows into it that these go into  
21 Lake Michigan during periods of reversal of flow.

22           The same holds true for Burnham, Calumet City,  
23 Chicago (Calumet Treatment Plant), Dolton, Lansing, Phoenix,  
24 Posen, Riverdale, and South Holland (all in Illinois) which  
25 also have combined sewers which sometimes overflow into the  
Calumet River and into Lake Michigan.

1           The National Izaak Walton League has their  
2 headquarters here in Chicago.

3           They have been long noted for their active  
4 interest in clean waters and a statement from the League will  
5 be presented by the Executive Director, Mr. Riaski.

6           MR. RIASKI: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies and gentle-  
7 men:

8           I am William A. Riaski, Executive Director of  
9 the Izaak Walton League of America, the National Headquarters  
10 of which is located in Glenview, Illinois. The League is a  
11 Nationwide organization of citizens dedicated to the wise and  
12 proper use of America's natural resources.

13           It may be of some interest to you to know that  
14 the League, at the behest of President Hoover, in 1927, con-  
15 ducted the first nationwide survey of water pollution in the  
16 United States. Mr. Hoover at the time was Secretary of  
17 Commerce and the Honorary President of the League. The League  
18 was then but five years old but throughout its life, it has  
19 had an active and intensive interest in water pollution  
20 abatement.

21           The increasing pollution of the waters of the  
22 Grand Calumet River, Little Calumet River, Calumet River,  
23 Wolf Lake and the southern end of Lake Michigan constitutes  
24 a very grave problem. There is little doubt that in some of  
25 the areas involved it is not only disagreeable to the eye and

We urge you not to consider --

CHAIRMAN STEIN: May we have your first name, please, Mrs. Anderson? I guess you are not the only Mrs. Anderson in Chicago.

MRS. ANDERSON: Mrs. Daniel C. Anderson

(Laughter)

Joan.

We urge you not to consider this brief statement a measure of the deep interest the League of Women Voters has maintained for many years in the conservation of our water resources.

Of our 76 local Leagues in Illinois, in urban, suburban and rural communities, about 45 are in the Chicago Metropolitan area.

Although the League of Women Voters of Illinois has a long-standing interest in water pollution control and abatement, we are attending this conference as most interested observers and will not be presenting a detailed statement.

We feel our best contribution to the success of this conference will be to create in our communities public understanding and awareness of the problems discussed here.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Klassen.

MR. KLASSEN: I might say off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

1 (No response)

2 If not, we will stand recessed for ten minutes  
3 and I ask everyone, including the conferees, to come back  
4 promptly because if you do, we are going to make a valiant  
5 effort to recess again at 4:30.

6 We stand recessed for ten minutes.

7 (A ten minute recess was taken.)

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: May we reconvene.

9 Mr. Klassen?

10 MR. KLASSEN: Sometimes the men think that they are  
11 responsible and run things, but I think most of the time  
12 we are just kidding ourselves because in Illinois, for example,  
13 our water pollution law -- the first one was introduced by a  
14 woman and she said there is no reason why a housewife shouldn't  
15 be interested in water pollution because, after all, it is  
16 merely a question of municipal or industrial housekeeping.

17 This is why we always welcome the participation  
18 of a ladies' organization in this fight for clean streams.

19 We are going to depart very slightly from the  
20 agenda today and have a very brief statement from the League  
21 of Women Voters of Illinois, by Mrs. Anderson, who is the  
22 State Water Resources Chairman.

23 Mrs. Anderson.

24 MRS. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies and  
25 gentlemen:

1 Too frequently they fail to provide competent  
2 waste works operation, fail to adequately compensate a good  
3 operator for his services, fail to give financial support to  
4 waste and disposal facilities.

5 Many industries which have contributed so much  
6 to our economy research, product and employment react slowly  
7 in meeting their water pollution abatement obligations to the  
8 general public.

9 Keeping pollution, natural wastes out of our  
10 waters may mean increased cost of product ultimately borne by  
11 the consumer. Only when industry as a group observes its  
12 margin of competition will the individual enterprise devote  
13 its energies to clean waters.

14 Mr. Chairman, the Illinois Federation of  
15 Sportsmen's Clubs is pleased to have the opportunity to express  
16 its views and anxieties.

17 The cooperation between our organization, the  
18 Illinois Sanitary Water Board, the Clean Streams Committees and  
19 other agencies has been most productive.

20 We sincerely hope that this conference will  
21 result in constructive actions aimed to restore and preserve  
22 our streams and lakes for the beneficial use of people and I  
23 thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Extrom.

25 Are there any questions or comments?



1           They argue in substance that the surface waters  
2 cannot be maintained in a condition suitable for every con-  
3 ceivable use and, therefore, alternate recreational areas must  
4 be built.

5           Surely, there is a grain of truth in these  
6 assertions, but the family, the men, the women or the child  
7 who has to travel extreme distances to avoid a polluted  
8 stream and reach a suitable place of recreation will often  
9 seek some other less acceptable form of relaxation closer to  
10 home.

11          We are concerned with the long term degrading  
12 effect of many wastes on our waters, wastes solids blanket  
13 the bottom of the streams, chemicals of many varieties inhibit  
14 or snuff out the organisms upon which higher forms of aquatic  
15 plant life and animal life depend.

16          Even when chronic discharges of wastes to  
17 streams are eliminated, accidental losses of materials are  
18 frequent enough to label them careless losses. Waste dis-  
19 charges, even though accidental, have the same effect on the  
20 stream as purposeful discharges.

21          Recovery of streams from fish kills and  
22 desecration of aquatic life may require years of reestablish-  
23 ment and acceptable balance of aquatic environment. Many  
24 municipal officials who so honestly desire to develop their  
25 community often fall short in planning for waste treatment.

1 big business in which millions of people participate and on  
2 which billions of dollars are spent annually. Proportionately,  
3 the sportsmen of Illinois participate and spend in an effort  
4 to gain a beneficial effect of the great outdoors.

5 Although we realize that our expanding economy  
6 makes it possible for the sportsman to earn a living and the  
7 time to enjoy his avocation, it does not seem necessary to  
8 sacrifice our natural water resources on the altar of progress.

9 Streams and lakes are regarded as public  
10 property and they should be kept fit for human uses and  
11 enjoyment.

12 Yet, some waters are barely acceptable to the  
13 aesthetic senses and some may be labeled as disgusting  
14 spectacles.

15 Proper waste disposal by municipalities and  
16 industries has an economic value in supporting aquatic life  
17 and in making available land for forest preserves, picnic  
18 areas and other outdoor uses.

19 Heavily polluted streams not only are offensive  
20 to the senses, they also impose a hazard to the health of  
21 those coming in contact with these waters.

22 There are those who contend that the public  
23 must be satisfied with minimum acceptable water qualities in  
24 streams and lakes if our industrial and urban way of life is to  
25 progress.

1 accelerated clean streams program.

2 They are doing a wonderful job.

3 MR. CHANTIGNEY: Mr. Chesrow, I would like to compliment  
4 you and Mr. Bacon. In our last meeting, I asked that one  
5 portion of Calumet be cleaned. This was on a Tuesday evening  
6 and your people were over there Thursday morning and I don't  
7 know how fast is fast, but this is fast.

8 Thank you.

9 (Laughter)

10 MR. CHANTIGNEY: I will leave all this stuff.

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you very much.

12 MR. KLASSEN: Thank you, Joe.

13 I don't know how many members there are in the  
14 Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. The last count I  
15 had was some 16,000. The Executive Secretary of the Illinois  
16 Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs wants to put a statement into  
17 the record here. Mr. Ace Extrom.

18 MR. EXTROM: Mr. Chairman, conferees:

19 I am Ace Extrom, Executive Secretary of the  
20 Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, which organization  
21 has as its objective the encouragement of intelligent manage-  
22 ment of the life sustaining forests and plant life and wild-  
23 life in order that these resources may be wisely used and  
24 preserved for future generations.

25 Hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation is a

1 the average American citizen drinks, because the chemical  
2 treatment often required to kill the bacteria is sufficiently  
3 toxic to kill any fish that might be put into it. Fishing at  
4 the south end of Lake Michigan has been poor for years.

5 "Mr. Chairman, our membership asks that you  
6 carefully review this and all other statements made at this  
7 hearing by persons who are not financially interested in the  
8 outcome of this hearing and let justice decide the verdict.  
9 The elimination of pollution is a social cost of doing business  
10 in this country and those industries, which through one method  
11 or another avoid this expenditure, certainly have a decided  
12 advantage over their competitors that do obey the law.

13 "Thank you for permitting me to present this  
14 statement for the record.

15 "Signed John T. Kelly, Newsletter Editor and  
16 Director."

17 MR. CHANTIGNEY: I believe this Hearing will be recorded  
18 in history as being responsible for a modern miracle, turning  
19 the dirty water of the present into clean water of the future.

20 I thank you for the opportunity granted to  
21 testify here today.

22 CHAIRMAN STEIN: All right, Colonel Chesrow.

23 MR. CHESROW: I would like to take this opportunity to  
24 thank Mr. Chantigney and his committee for the outstanding  
25 cooperation they have given to us, the Sanitary District in our

1 Harvester Company, the Interlake Iron Company.

2 "Exhibit #11: Editorial which appeared in the  
3 Chicago Daily Calumet, dated August 15, 1963. Titled OIL,  
4 GREASE PREVENT USE OF AREA BEACH. Article stated swimmers and  
5 waders could not use Calumet Park because of heavy oil or tar  
6 in the water.

7 "Exhibit #12: Editorial which appeared in the  
8 Chicago Daily Calumet, dated August 17, 1963 titled CLOSE  
9 CALUMET PARK BEACH. In this article editor pointed out water  
10 was too dirty to swim in. Demanded investigation by United  
11 States Public Health Service.

12 "Exhibit #13: Editorial from the Chicago  
13 Daily Calumet, titled WATER POLLUTION dated August 24, 1964.  
14 The writer states that 'The water in Lake Michigan at Calumet  
15 Park contains oil, grease, slag, and other debris. Dead  
16 fish line the shore each morning. The writer points out that  
17 there is a Federal injunction against dumping waste into the  
18 lake but it is not being enforced. A second news article on  
19 this exhibit, titled CANCEL BEACH CHECK, appeared in the  
20 Chicago Daily Calumet on August 27, 1963, in which the writer  
21 reports that under Public Law 660 the United States Public  
22 Health Service will not make an investigation unless requested  
23 to do so by the Governors of each state.

24 "As a sportsman I must point out that fish of  
25 desirable game species frequently will not live in water which

1 "Exhibit #7: A letter to John T. Kelly from  
2 Mr. Albert H. Stevenson, Sanitary Engineer, United States  
3 Public Health Service, dated October 28, 1948. Excerpt:  
4 'Swimming is not recommended in Lake Michigan at Calumet Park,  
5 etc.'

6 "Exhibit #8: A letter to John T. Kelly from  
7 Mr. D. W. Evans, Regional Engineer, United States Department  
8 of Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 28, 1955.  
9 Excerpt: 'The Public Health Service will take such practical  
10 measures within its available resources to ascertain the  
11 source of the November 22 oil pollution and to prevent similar  
12 occurrences in the future.'

13 "Exhibit #9: A letter to Mr. Lewis L. Birdsall,  
14 Cook County Clean Streams Committee from Mr. L. A. Beaudin,  
15 Chief, United States Army Engineers in Chicago, dated August  
16 30, 1961. Excerpt: 'Popcorn slag on the water, at Calumet  
17 Park is believed to come from the United States Steel plant in  
18 South Chicago.'

19 "Exhibit #10: News article taken from the  
20 Chicago Daily Calumet, dated July 2, 1963, titled SETTLE IN  
21 RIVER DUMPING, reporting the Federal law suit against three  
22 local steel mills in South Chicago was settled and that they  
23 paid \$600,000.00 damages for pollution of the Calumet River  
24 which leads into Lake Michigan. These companies were: The  
25 Republic Steel Mill, the Wisconsin Steel Mill, the International

1 into Wolf Lake but state it is "treated" and not harmful.

2 "Exhibit #5: A letter to John T. Kelly from  
3 Mr. Peter Witham, Deputy Attorney General, State of Indiana,  
4 dated June 4, 1962. Excerpt: 'the hearing officer, Mr. Anson  
5 S. Thomas, Chairman of the Indiana Stream Pollution Control  
6 Board, has entered a "finding of fact against Lever Brothers"  
7 and that Lever Brothers were exercising their rights under  
8 the statute and taking an appeal to be heard by the membership  
9 of the entire Board.' We have been unable to learn the  
10 results of this second hearing although we have made many  
11 requests for this information which we were promised at that  
12 time.

13 "Exhibits 6 through 13 pertain to pollution  
14 of Lake Michigan.

15 "Exhibit #6: A news article which appeared in  
16 the Chicago Daily News on July 30, 1948, written by Austin  
17 Boyle, in which he stated that Attorney General Barrett of  
18 Illinois, reported that Indiana authorities would be in com-  
19 pliance with an order of the United States Supreme Court,  
20 within a year, which would halt pollution of the southern end  
21 of Lake Michigan.

22 "The story also stated that three beaches,  
23 Calumet Park in Chicago, the City Beach in Whiting, Indiana,  
24 and the City Beach in Hammond, Indiana, were closed because  
25 of pollution in Lake Michigan.

1 "Exhibit #1. A letter to John T. Kelly from  
2 Mr. B. A. Poole, Technical Secretary, Stream Pollution Control  
3 Board of Indiana, dated September 19, 1947. Excerpt: 'It is  
4 acknowledged that the waste from Lever Brothers going into the  
5 lake is large in volume and contains sludge deposits, etc.'

6 "Exhibit #2. Another letter to John T. Kelly  
7 from Mr. B. A. Poole, dated November 14, 1951. Excerpt: 'Lever  
8 Brothers has done some construction work in their plant which  
9 is expected to reduce the pollution load going into Wolf Lake'

10 "Exhibit #3. A letter to John T. Kelly from  
11 Mr. Oyler, Plant Manager of Lever Brothers in Hammond, Indiana.  
12 Excerpt: 'Lever Brothers places 10,000,000 gallons of water a  
13 day, Monday through Friday, and 2,000,000 gallons of water on  
14 Saturday and Sunday into Wolf Lake.' He reports this water  
15 is 'treated'.

16 "Exhibit #4. Two newspaper articles on a  
17 single sheet of paper. Article #1, titled WOLF LAKE HEARING  
18 UNDER WAY, was taken from the Hammond Times, dated January 31,  
19 1962, and reports residents of that state were in attendance  
20 at a public hearing being held by the Indiana Stream Pollution  
21 Control Board in Indianapolis, where they were protesting odors  
22 and unsightly wastes in Wolf Lake.

23 "Article #2, titled LEVER BROTHERS DENY LAKE  
24 POLLUTION was published in the Southeast Economist, February 8,  
25 1962, in which the company officials admit discharging water



1 resources, to work for improvement in the lakes and rivers of  
2 Illinois, and to provide better fishing and hunting for the  
3 users of these waters.

4 "The membership of the Southeast Sportsmen's  
5 Club has been active for the past 18 years in reporting  
6 pollution of Lake Michigan and Wolf Lake to various govern-  
7 mental agencies.

8 "It is our belief that these waters are still  
9 polluted. To support this belief we offer a number of exhibits  
10 indicating pollution over a period of the last 18 years. These  
11 exhibits, briefly summarized are: replies received to letters  
12 seeking information and making complaints about apparent  
13 pollution conditions in these bodies of water, some being  
14 news stories, the others editorials by the editors.

15 "It is our belief that, due to the interstate  
16 movement of the pollution in these bodies of water, that the  
17 laws of Illinois and Indiana have proven ineffective, or this  
18 condition would not exist, therefore, we ask immediate positive  
19 action by the Federal Government.

20 "Exhibits summarized below, numbers 1 through  
21 5, pertain to Wolf Lake in Illinois and Indiana. This pol-  
22 lution enters the Wolf Lake from the Lever Brothers plant in  
23 Hammond, Indiana, and flows into Wolf Lake in Indiana and then  
24 into Wolf Lake in Illinois, the bodies of water being divided  
25 by an imaginary line through the center of this lake.

1                   This concludes the report on the film. Thank  
2 you.

3           CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

4                   Are there any comments or questions?

5           MR. CHANTIGNEY: Thank you, Mr. Magon.

6                   Mr. Stein, I would like to also present one  
7 more statement from a member of my Committee who won't be able  
8 to read it, but we would like to present this as a statement  
9 for the record.

10          CHAIRMAN STEIN: Without an objection, that will be  
11 included.

12          MR. CHANTIGNEY: A statement from Mr. John Kelly, thank  
13 you very much.

14          CHAIRMAN STEIN: Pass that among the conferees.

15          MR. CHANTIGNEY: Yes.

16                   "My name is John T. Kelly. My address is  
17 9037 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I represent the  
18 Southeast Chapter of the Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's  
19 Clubs. We are a not-for-profit corporation operating under  
20 the laws of the State of Illinois.

21                   "The Southeast Sportsmen's Club was organized  
22 over 25 years ago, and now has a membership of 370 persons  
23 residing in Cook County, Illinois, and Lake County, Indiana.  
24 The purpose of our organization is: to work for the conserva-  
25 tion and the restoration of our wildlife and natural

1 charge ran out into the river.

2 Now, here is something taken at Swift Ferti-  
3 lizer.

4 This is an ammonia caldron in my estimation.

5 The discharge is approximately 100 yards to the  
6 south, right here into the Grand Calumet River.

7 To the left is a dike which is supposed to hold  
8 all of this pollution back, which was wide open.

9 Two months previous to this film, we looked at  
10 the dike there and there was a red colored water in there and  
11 it is all drained out now.

12 There is another discharge close to this  
13 ammonia, which when mixed with it, turned a milky white as you  
14 see right here.

15 And the next shot will show you where the other  
16 discharge was coming from.

17 It is kind of hidden by weeds, a milky white  
18 color it turned to.

19 That flows into the Grand Calumet River.

20 This is another picture of the dike which is  
21 empty, the settling basin.

22 It was kind of gloomy and drizzling. We took  
23 this picture here in the afternoon.

24 Here is a picture of the hidden discharge which  
25 mixed with the ammonia turned white, hidden in the middle of  
their weeds.

1 that you see in the background, appearing between Calumet  
2 Beach and Mutchins Beach.

3 The Coast Guard lookout tower and here we are  
4 approaching the Coast Guard Harbor.

5 Here is a mallard duck which you have seen in  
6 the Calumet Harbor, which you don't see in any Indiana  
7 Harbor at all.

8 Here we are taking off all of our equipment  
9 which we brought with us.

10 There is the gangplank being thrown over to  
11 the Coast Guard Cutter.

12 Here is a shot of the Coast Guard Commander,  
13 Mr. Caffey.

14 Mr. Chantigney is on the left and thanking him  
15 for the cooperation his Coast Guard rendered us.

16 Here is a shot of the Republic Steel in South  
17 Chicago.

18 There is a dark liquid you see coming out of  
19 the outfalls. An hour and a half before this picture was taken,  
20 we stood on top of the outfall and we could see the visible  
21 discharge of rainbow colors of oil coming into the river.

22 It formed a pocket on the west side of the river  
23 and this is what developed from it -- a heavy oil slick. The  
24 current was moving to the right real slow.

25 There was a northeast wind and the outflow dis-

1           The gentleman in the background was Mr. A.  
2 Brantizsky, from the Cook County Department of Public Health.

3           This is a picture of myself. It was kind of  
4 cold out there that day, so I took my hunting jacket along.

5           This is the mast of the Coast Guard cutter.

6           That is Mr. Tullis, again.

7           This is a shot of Lever Brothers, taken from  
8 Lake Michigan.

9           Here we made a chemical analysis of the water  
10 and also one for bacteria.

11           This is Mr. Brantizsky from the Cook County  
12 Department of Health, taking an analysis of the water.

13           (Laughter)

14           Well, he made it.

15           Here is Mr. Traficano checking for a bacteria  
16 test. He got his dip stick in there, bringing up the plastic  
17 bottle.

18           Here we are under way again for Calumet Harbor  
19 Coast Guard Station.

20           That is the back of the jacket of Mr. Tullis  
21 of the Coast Guard.

22           (Laughter)

23           This is another shot of the Coast Guard Engi-  
24 neer aboard.

25           Here again we are back at the Calumet Beach,

1 is also present in the Harbor.

2           The next shot you will see is an oil slick  
3 which is approximately 25 to 30 feet wide and extends the full  
4 length of the ship.

5           There is another oil slick and that extends  
6 the full length of the ship.

7           Here is a view looking back at the canal harbor,  
8 and we are under way to take a test grab, a little bit west of  
9 the mouth of the river or the harbor channel.

10           This is just outside of the harbor breakwater  
11 and a little bit to the west of it.

12           Here the water is a little bit cleaner.

13           That is Mr. Traficano. He is taking another  
14 test sample.

15           That is our Chairman, Mr. Chantigney, capping  
16 the bottle.

17           Here we are leaving Indiana Harbor and in the  
18 background you see the steam water of the oil industry which  
19 are in East Chicago.

20           From here we are under way to take a test  
21 sample of the Lever Brothers Company in the northern part of  
22 Indiana in Lake Michigan.

23           That is Mr. Norman Patch, photographer, on the  
24 left.

25           This is Mr. Dick Phenol. He is the State  
Director of the Izaak Walton League.

1 Here we are taking another test grab for  
2 analysis.

3 That is Mr. Traficano, co-chairman.

4 Here you see another shot of oil on the surface.

5 That was one of the photographers from a  
6 newspaper.

7 This is the west side of the channel looking  
8 toward the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and here is  
9 another one toward Inland Steel.

10 If you will notice that the water line of this  
11 ship, all of these ships, the saturation of oil which is  
12 collected on the hull of the boat, this is a view looking at  
13 Inland Steel.

14 You can also see the oil on the docks.

15 Now, here is the outfall which you have seen  
16 yesterday from the air. You will see the oil here in the  
17 foreground.

18 These are twin discharges of Youngstown Sheet  
19 and Tube.

20 Here is one looking at Inland Steel.

21 If you notice the heavy saturation of oil at  
22 the stern of the ship.

23 Here you see the pilings of the river are just  
24 saturated with oil.

25 This is a close-up of one of the outfalls.

Now, here is a heavy concentration of oil which

1 Here you can distinguish the color of Lake  
2 Michigan upper topside and the lower one which is the effluent  
3 flowing or polluted water flowing out of Indiana Harbor.

4 Here we are coming into the breakwater.

5 In the back you see the smoke pollution of  
6 Youngtown Sheet and Tube.

7 Here is the first sample we are taking right at  
8 the mouth of the Harbor.

9 Our cochairman, Ben Traficano, is doing the  
10 sampling and our Chairman, Mr. Chantigney, is capping the  
11 bottle.

12 This is Mr. Slitzer. He is the President of  
13 the Izaak Walton League.

14 Mr. Traficano was on the right side of the  
15 screen here.

16 We are coming into the Indiana Harbor of  
17 Indiana Harbor.

18 If you will notice this breakwater, you will see  
19 the heavy saturation of oil on the breakwater.

20 The next shots are something you will see,  
21 which we took in Indiana Harbor Inter-channel itself.

22 Here you see the formations of oil inside the  
23 Harbor.

24 I might state that the entire Harbor this day  
25 was full of this oil.



1 this time, please.

2 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Go right ahead.

3 MR. MAGON: This is the title of our film.

4 Here we are at the Coast Guard Station in  
5 Calumet Harbor. We are bringing our sample bottles aboard.

6 The gentleman coming down the ladder now is Mr.  
7 Slitzer with some of the sample bottles.

8 This is the deck hand who was throwing off the  
9 forward anchor line or mooring line.

10 This is the shot of the Coast Guard Station and  
11 here's the harbor leading out from the Coast Guard Station and  
12 in the background you see Calumet Beach Coast Guard Station  
13 taken from a distance.

14 Here's a shot of the State Line Generating  
15 Plant.

16 This is a view looking toward Indiana Harbor.

17 I might say it was a little bit choppy that day.

18 This is a view looking back at United States  
19 Steel in South Chicago.

20 Here is another shot of the Coast Guard Station.

21 Here we are passing the Hammond Water Intake  
22 Crib.

23 This is a view looking at Indiana Harbor.

24 This is Standard Oil in East Chicago.

25 Now, here is the mouth of the Indiana Harbor  
breakwater.

1           These cities are supplied from Lake Michigan.

2 I might point out that not all of them, but most of them, and  
3 I will just read the cities that gave me a resolution in order  
4 to save time: Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Harvey, Riverdale,  
5 South Chicago Heights, Park Forest, Phoenix, Homewood, Crete  
6 Dolton, East Hazel Crest, Worth, Hazel Crest.

7           Also is attached a resolution adopted by the  
8 Tents 'N Trailers, Chapter of the National Campers and Hikers  
9 Association in which they protest the pollution of the bodies  
10 of water under consideration today. Their letter of protest  
11 which they have asked me to present to you is marked as our  
12 Exhibit #26.

13           As our Exhibit #29, we have attached petitions  
14 containing over 5,000 signatures of persons who desire to be  
15 recorded as protesting the pollution of Lake Michigan and the  
16 other bodies of water, the subject of this hearing.

17           We thank Mr. Klassen, Chief Sanitary Engineer,  
18 for the Illinois Department of Public Health, for permission  
19 previously granted, to show a film taken on Lake Michigan on  
20 February 11, 1965, which not only shows the taking of samples  
21 of water referred to in our exhibits, numbers 5 through 13, but  
22 also shows the oil slick and other pollution floating on the  
23 lake and the smoke pollution from the industries which contri-  
24 bute pollution to the water also. This film will follow the  
25 presentation of this report, but I would like to show it at

1 Exhibit #11, sample taken from Lake Michigan  
2 February 11, 1965, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
3 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16188.

4 Exhibit #12, sample taken from Lake Michigan,  
5 February 11, 1965, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
6 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16189.

7 Exhibit #13, sample taken from Lake Michigan,  
8 on February 11, 1965, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
9 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16190.

10 I will submit a picture to you for just the  
11 Committee to look at, I wouldn't want the ladies to see this.

12 Also, I will not elaborate on the samples of  
13 the lake, as I said earlier, I will let you just read these  
14 over.

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: We show these at our hearings all the  
16 time.

17 (Laughter)

18 MR. CHANTIGNEY: This is my first one I ever attended.

19 CHAIRMAN STEIN: This is just a conference.

20 MR. CHANTIGNEY: The following exhibits are resolutions  
21 adopted by legislative bodies of cities and villages in  
22 southern Cook County, Illinois, which they have asked me to  
23 present to you, for the purpose of recording their protest  
24 to the pollution of Lake Michigan because of "its interference  
25 with its use as drinking water".

1 Pollution found. Illinois Department of Public Health  
2 Laboratory File #15860.

3 Exhibit #4, sample taken February 5, 1965, from  
4 the Grand Calumet River at the Illinois-Indiana State Line.

5 Pollution found. Illinois Department of Public Health Labora-  
6 tory File #15861.

7 Exhibit #5, sample taken February 11, 1965,  
8 from Lake Michigan at location indicated on report. Pollution  
9 found. Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File  
10 #16182.

11 Exhibit #6, sample taken February 11, 1965, in  
12 Lake Michigan, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
13 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16183.

14 Exhibit #7, sample taken February 11, 1965, in  
15 Lake Michigan, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
16 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16184.

17 Exhibit #8, sample taken February 11, 1965, in  
18 Lake Michigan, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
19 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16185.

20 Exhibit #9, sample taken February 11, 1965, in  
21 Lake Michigan, at location indicated. Pollution found.  
22 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16186.

23 Exhibit #10, sample taken in Lake Michigan,  
24 February 11, 1965, at located indicated. Pollution found.  
25 Illinois Department of Public Health Laboratory File #16187.

1 officials have asked me to present to you; water samples  
2 taken from these bodies of water and analysis made by the  
3 Illinois Department of Public Health; and a motion picture  
4 film taken by my cochairman, Chester Magon, aboard a Coast  
5 Guard boat in Lake Michigan, and the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal,  
6 on February 11, 1965, which I will present to you today.

7           Our first thirteen exhibits are reports on  
8 water samples taken in my presence, by Mr. A. Brantizky,  
9 Engineer, Cook County Department of Public Health. I will not  
10 elaborate on all of these as I am not an engineer or a chemist.

11           I will merely touch on the first two samples  
12 but I will submit the rest for the record, so you gentlemen  
13 can look them over at your leisure.

14           Sample Exhibit #1, a sample taken from the  
15 Grand Calumet River at the Illinois-Indiana State Line, Jan-  
16 uary 22, 1965. Pollution found. Illinois Department of Public  
17 Health Laboratory File #15176.

18           This sample showed that approximately one-third  
19 of the Grand Calumet was raw sewage.

20           Exhibit #2, a sample taken from the Little  
21 Calumet River at the Illinois-Indiana State Line, January 22,  
22 1965. Pollution found. Illinois Department of Public Health  
23 Laboratory File #15177.

24           Exhibit #3, sample taken February 5, 1965, from  
25 the Little Calumet River at the Illinois-Indiana State Line.

1 in the streams and rivers of Cook County. The Thorn Creek-  
2 Calumet Committee serves the area south of 76th Street in  
3 Chicago, south, east and west to the Cook County line. Over  
4 three million persons reside in this area. All members who  
5 serve on this Committee are volunteer workers. Meetings are  
6 held monthly. They are open to the public.

7 For several years I have been interested in the  
8 problem of water pollution. It is my opinion, which is shared  
9 by other members of this Committee, that Federal assistance  
10 is necessary, at this time, to correct the existing conditions  
11 of pollution in Lake Calumet, Lake Michigan, the waters of the  
12 Grand Calumet River, the Little Calumet River, Wolf Lake, and  
13 their tributaries. Existing state laws in Illinois and  
14 Indiana have not corrected this condition.

15 We believe that municipal sewage and industrial  
16 wastes, treated to varying degrees, are the principal pol-  
17 lutional materials discharged into these waters. Other wastes  
18 discharged intermittently may have serious local effects or  
19 may cause temporary excessive pollution. Among these wastes  
20 are accidental spills from storage tanks and barges, combined  
21 sewer overflows, wastes from lake vessels, barge tows, and  
22 pleasure craft, and material from dredging operations.

23 Our belief is supported by exhibits listed  
24 below: resolutions adopted by numerous municipalities in  
25 southern Cook County, copies of which are attached, which their

1 our committee whom I would like to introduce before I commence.  
2 It will only take a minute.

3 Our retiring General Chairman, Mr. Duke E. Read,  
4 and our newly appointed General Chairman, Mr. Don Maskey.

5 CHAIRMAN STEIN: You might explain that these are purely  
6 volunteers.

7 MR. CHANTIGNEY: Yes, it is in my statement.

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: All right.

9 MR. CHANTIGNEY: Did Mr. Donald Maskey stand? Please  
10 stand.

11 And, our Executive Secretary, Mr. Lee Bradish,  
12 in the back.

13 I might also say that we are just one of seven  
14 committees on the Cook County Clean Streams and we are here  
15 because this happens to be our area of responsibility. I  
16 would like to point this out on the map to you, ladies and  
17 gentlemen.

18 Our map is very small. We will use the large  
19 one then. We extend from 76th Street on the south side all  
20 the way over to Blue Island, west all the way south to Cook  
21 County line and over to the Indiana State Lines. This is our  
22 boundary. Thank you.

23 The Cook County Clean Streams Committee was  
24 formed in 1953 by the Cook County Board of Forest Preserve  
25 Commissioners for the express purpose of eliminating pollution

1 authority and the power and authority of the United States  
2 Public Health hold the point until the appropriate state or  
3 local agency does something about it and sometimes I will admit  
4 they are pointing at us.

5 (Laughter)

6 The first and the most active of these groups  
7 of unique organizations is the Cook County Clean Streams  
8 Committee, and they are so organized that they are in basins.  
9 The Chairman of the Thorn Creek watershed, which is in the  
10 southern part of Cook County, is going to present their thoughts  
11 here, and the interests of the Cook County Clean Streams  
12 Committee on the particular problem that is before us.

13 I present to you the Chairman of the Thorn Creek  
14 Watershed, Mr. Joseph Chantigney. Mr. Chantigney.

15 MR. JOSEPH CHANTIGNEY: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies  
16 and gentlemen:

17 I want to assure you all this stuff I brought up  
18 I won't be reading it all. It would take all day.

19 My name is Joseph T. Chantigney. My home address  
20 is 14823 Evers Avenue, Dolton, Illinois. I am the Chairman of  
21 the Thorn Creek-Calumet Committee of the Cook County Clean  
22 Streams Committee.

23 With me today are two cochairmen on this committee,  
24 Mr. Chester Magon and Mr. Ben Traficano.

25 Mr. Klassen, you invited three more members of



1 standpoint of water resources needed to support a growing  
2 urban area such as Joliet. The Lower Des Plaines Valley  
3 Water Resources Committee, a group made up of representatives  
4 from the various governmental jurisdictions and industry in  
5 this region, had conducted by Stanley Engineering Studies, a  
6 study of water resources in the Lower Des Plaines Valley.

7           This study shows that the Joliet-Lockport-  
8 Lemont area will face a severe water shortage unless a major  
9 new water supply is developed, the projected water deficien-  
10 cies in the Lower Des Plaines Valley to be ten million gallons  
11 per day in ten years. They forecast the fact that our  
12 existing source of water supply, ground water, will be inade-  
13 quate for public and industrial needs.

14           Therefore, we are especially concerned with  
15 the pollution of the Des Plaines River and the Illinois Deep  
16 Waterway because this represents to us the resource from  
17 which this area can best obtain an adequate supply of water  
18 to continue the growth and prosperity of this region.

19           We submit to you and the United States Public  
20 Health Service an urgent plea to act within the full extent  
21 of your power and authority to eliminate pollution in the  
22 Des Plaines River, in Illinois Deep Waterway, so that Joliet  
23 and their region can utilize this water resource to meet the  
24 growing needs of this area.

25           We express the hope that your power and

1 is slightly outside the area of this conference, but flowing  
2 past and through the City of Joliet is the waterway which  
3 does take some of the wastes that come from Indiana and we  
4 know the Mayor is a person that is vitally interested in the  
5 water supply needs of his community and hopes that someday  
6 he may utilize the water course that flows through Joliet as  
7 a source of water supply and, in this context, we have a  
8 brief statement from Mayor Berlinsky of Joliet.

9 MR. MORRICE BERLINSKY: Mr. Chairman, the Honorable  
10 Murray Stein, and distinguished co-conferees:

11 I would like to preface my remarks by saying  
12 that the citizens of Joliet are most grateful for the  
13 opportunity for our opinion to be read into the record and  
14 made a permanent part of the record of this conference.

15 Our statement is addressed to Mr. Klassen.

16 As Mayor of the City of Joliet, I wish to  
17 express the fact that our City is gratified with the atten-  
18 tion being directed by your Department and by the United  
19 States Public Health Service to the problem of water pollu-  
20 tion.

21 We share with you, the state and the region  
22 and the Nation, the concern relative to pollution of our  
23 waters.

24 The problem of pollution concerns us not only  
25 from the standpoint of public health, but also from the

1 like to make that suggestion.

2 I want to close by saying: Our sincere  
3 appreciation for the privilege of speaking for the City of  
4 Calumet and the Calumet City Flood and Pollution Control  
5 Committee. Also, our thanks to the Metropolitan Sanitary  
6 District, the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Department of  
7 Public Health for their continued interest and aid in keeping  
8 our streams as clean as possible in spite of pollution pro-  
9 blems.

10 I want to commend the United States Department  
11 of Health, Education, and Welfare, on their comprehensive  
12 report, the pollution report. I have had a lot of very fine  
13 information out of that. It has come in handy, really, to  
14 our local people.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mrs. Mays--M-A-Y-S?

17 Are there any comments?

18 MRS. MASE: It is Mase.

19 CHAIRMAN STEIN: M-A-S-E, that is my fault.

20 To follow up, we will show you how American  
21 this is and what a wonderful conference we have -- I would  
22 like to just go off-the-record for a minute to read a post  
23 card.

24 (Discussion off the record)

25 MR. KLASSEN: We have invited the Mayor of Joliet. It

1 banks is a narrow, crooked polluted stream.

2           Pollution problems can only be solved through  
3 the fullest cooperation of and between industries, municipali-  
4 ties, county, state and Federal Government. Because sludge  
5 has been building up over a long period of time, perhaps,  
6 we should look to widening, straightening, and dredging our  
7 smaller polluted streams.

8           I want to interject here that the one time  
9 we tried to have a committee, an interstate committee, and  
10 we called it the Illiana Waterwaste Drainage and Flood  
11 Control Committee, and I was Chairman, and Mr. Giannini of  
12 Indiana, who is here today, was the Secretary -- but because  
13 of jurisdictional problems, every time we went to the Indiana  
14 side, we were told they had no jurisdiction in Illinois, and  
15 every time we went to the Illinois side, we were told they  
16 had no jurisdiction in Indiana.

17           So, before I close this brief message, I  
18 would like to make a suggestion, if I may take the liberty,  
19 that a committee, an interstate committee, along with the  
20 Federal Government, form a commission or committee -- I know  
21 we are overloaded with commissions and committees today, but  
22 they do get things done--that they be formed to combat this  
23 flood pollution and to just at least keep the populace aware  
24 of what is going on, and informed people generally are better  
25 residents and better citizens. I find it that way and I would

1 heavily by industrial wastes and raw sewage. The Little  
2 Calumet River runs through a residential section of our City  
3 and is subject to pollution from Indiana towns without treat-  
4 ment facilities.

5 Our residents along the River suffer from  
6 obnoxious odors during warm weather. Pollution has been so  
7 bad that the paint on houses and garages has been peeling and  
8 changing color. Both rivers flow in a westerly direction  
9 from Indiana.

10 Our people, through popular subscription,  
11 built dikes along the river to protect from flooding. To  
12 date the dikes have stopped overflow during heavy rainfall,  
13 but the pollution is another problem that has grown much  
14 worse each year.

15 In dry weather, little water flows, and such  
16 flow is very sluggish, even stagnant. The hot sun causes  
17 river bottom sludge to be exposed.

18 If you ever watched it -- may I interject  
19 here -- when the waters are way down, the sludge is drawn up  
20 by the hot sun. It is a strange phenomenon but the smell  
21 is very strange, too, I assure you.

22 No recreational areas are located near the  
23 River because of such conditions. Children are forbidden to  
24 play near the streams because of health hazards. What could  
25 be a nice clean river with parks and playgrounds along its

1 make a couple of additional remarks.

2 This is a statement on the subject of pol-  
3 lution of the Grand and Little Calumet Rivers and their  
4 tributaries with relation to my community and my City.

5 I am a much smaller municipality; I have only  
6 27,500. But we are directly concerned because we are  
7 bordered by the Grand Calumet on the north and the Little  
8 Calumet on the south. And if you will look on the map, I  
9 am concerned with the area where the dotted line crosses  
10 the pink map or the Little Calumet River, just on the inner  
11 side of the River across from Lansing - this white area here.  
12 Calumet City lies in that area long the State line. We have  
13 been plagued with flooding and pollution for the fifteen  
14 years that I have lived there in that suburban community.

15 I want to read from this.

16 It says, Calumet City is located in the south-  
17 east corner of Cook County, bounded on the north by the  
18 Grand Calumet River, on the east by the State of Indiana, on  
19 the south by the Little Calumet River, and west by the  
20 Calumet Expressway. We are plagued by two interstate polluted  
21 rivers along our borders.

22 The Grand Calumet River pollution is caused  
23 primarily by industries, but the Little Calumet River is  
24 polluted both by industry and municipalities. The Grand  
25 Calumet runs through industrial sections and is polluted

1 pollution at the sources.

2 We need help also from the Secretary in a  
3 continuing research program; in continuing help to municipali-  
4 ties and industries; and especially in a continuing program  
5 of imaginative education designed to build public awareness  
6 of water pollution, public participation to end it, and  
7 public enthusiasm for an improved environment.

8 We ask urgently for help, and we promise full  
9 support.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Despres.

12 Any comments or questions?

13 (No response)

14 Thank you very much for your statement, sir.

15 MR. KLASSEN: Next, we have an Alderman of the Sixth  
16 Ward, but not from the City of Chicago -- from Calumet City.

17 And, very interestingly enough, this Alderman  
18 is also a member of the Clean Streams Committee and active in  
19 that area, and, of particular interest, she is a lady.

20 I want to present now, Mrs. Sarah Mase, the  
21 Alderman of the Sixth Ward, from Calumet City.

22 MRS. SARAH MASE: Conferees, Mr. Chairman, ladies and  
23 gentlemen:

24 I do have a short statement that has been  
25 released and I am going to read that. Then I would like to

1 power to act.

2 We need help to stop the dumping of sewage  
3 from 325,000 people.

4 We need help to stop dumping of industrial  
5 wastes. Industry stands to gain enormously if it ends water  
6 pollution. We know that some of the pollutants can be  
7 turned into valuable by-products, as industries in the Pacific  
8 Northwest and German Ruhr learned after they worked with  
9 government to stop pollution.

10 Some dumping of pollutants is just a bad habit  
11 which can be stopped by storage or reprocessing. All pol-  
12 lution will eventually destroy industry, as pollution goes  
13 on to destroy the environment and means of life which industry  
14 needs to survive. Since industry, although it stands to  
15 lose heavily from general water pollution, cannot legislate  
16 rules against it, the Federal Government has the responsi-  
17 bility to do so.

18 The measures we need are measures to end pol-  
19 lution of Lake Michigan. There is a danger that the Secretary  
20 may be tempted to define "standards" and tolerate all  
21 pollution down to a fixed point. Such a procedure would  
22 encourage pollution; allow irreversible damage; and permit  
23 the continued entrance into the lake of sewage, chemicals,  
24 metals and solid wastes whose cumulative effect on our  
25 population could be devastating. Our need is to stop



1 the personal observation of our portion of the Lake bottom  
2 made by a constituent who does amateur skin-diving and has kept  
3 a careful four-year journal of underwater observations. He  
4 reports one overriding observation -- the startling growth in  
5 length and size of algae.

6           The Public Health Service report tells us what  
7 our own observations hinted at -- that the Lake and its water  
8 are being fatally degraded; that bloodworms, sludgeworms,  
9 and fingernail clams have all but taken over the Lake bottom  
10 near us; that the Lake's growing nitrogen content has almost  
11 reached the point where algae finally take over the lake-  
12 front and bathing and impede filtration; that sewage and  
13 industrial wastes tax Chicago's great filtration plant beyond  
14 its power to purify completely; and that our water is receiv-  
15 ing massive chemicals, metals, and poisons whose cumulative  
16 biological effect may be massively disastrous. What we are  
17 suffering from is inadequate control of the effects of  
18 population increase and industrial advance. Nobody knows  
19 how long our filtration will be effective if contamination  
20 increases.

21           Since years of conscientious preventive efforts  
22 by the City of Chicago, both alone and in cooperation with  
23 industry and with local governments in Indiana and Illinois,  
24 have ended in increased Lake pollution, I urge strong measures  
25 now by the Federal Government, which alone has effective

1 along Lake Michigan between 51st and 67th Streets. The  
2 75,000 persons in my ward share the general concern of all  
3 Chicagoans in our Lake and hold a special concern because we  
4 live directly next to Lake Michigan.

5 I have come here to urge the Secretary to take  
6 the strongest and most effective measures possible to end  
7 pollution of lake water. The report on Lake Michigan made by  
8 the Public Health Service for this conference has horrified  
9 all of us who have studied it.

10 It shows that the danger to lake water is not  
11 ten years off, not five years off, but immediate and present.  
12 It shows that sewage and industrial wastes are doing  
13 irreversible damage to the lake; that municipalities and boats  
14 are pouring in sewage wastes daily; and that the steel, oil,  
15 and chemical plants are daily pouring vast, deadly industrial  
16 wastes into our end of the lake.

17 The report confirms the disturbing personal  
18 observations we have made as laymen. In December 1964, for  
19 instance, we found millions of mysterious polyethylene pellets  
20 washed up on our two miles of breakwater. Later we learned  
21 that they represented just one flushing from a chemical plant,  
22 and we learned that on the Michigan shore part of the same  
23 flushing made up 30 or 40 miles of windrows, plus an incalcu-  
24 lable area of lake bottom.

25 Another disturbing instance to us has been

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Mr. Despres.

2 MR. LEON M. DESPRES: Mr. Chairman, before I start, I  
3 would like to ask if I could be permitted to file for the  
4 record the statement I was requested to give you from the  
5 Chicago Heritage Committee, Thomas Stauffer, Chairman. It is  
6 a brief statement, if I may file it?

7 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Without objection, that will be included  
8 in the record. The conferees can look at that.

9 STATEMENT OF CHICAGO HERITAGE COMMITTEE

10 We urge TOTAL control of pollution for the  
11 metropolitan area. Such control is technologically possible;  
12 that it is both desirable and necessary is beyond debate.

13 We believe that this should be achieved by  
14 legal control of the sources of pollution with costs to be  
15 borne, in the case of industrial pollution, by private  
16 enterprise and the market, in accordance with American tradi-  
17 tion, rather than by public administration with costs  
18 covered by taxes.

19 We believe that there is considerable exper-  
20 ience showing that such control is often even profitable;  
21 however, if it is not, the cost will be passed to consumers  
22 equally by all competitors.

23 MR. DESPRES: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:

24 I appear here as an Alderman of the City of  
25 Chicago elected from Chicago's Fifth Ward, which extends

1 are by people, by organizations that are, you might say,  
2 the users and on the receiving end of pollution and interested  
3 in this particular problem.

4 Some have been invited to participate, some  
5 requested the appearance and the first one of these that we  
6 are presenting is the Alderman from the Fifth Ward in Chicago,  
7 Leon Despres.

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: While Mr. Despres is coming up, I don't  
9 know how it is in Springfield, but in Washington the people  
10 don't have to wait for public meetings, they seem to criticize  
11 us all the time.

12 And, I think the beauty of our Government is  
13 not just that ordinary people can criticize you, but some of  
14 the biggest corporations can criticize you, too,

15 MR. KLASSEN: I will say maybe there is more to criticize  
16 in Washington than in Springfield.

17 (Laughter) (Applause)

18 CHAIRMAN STEIN: That might be, but in my visits, I  
19 missed it.

20 MR. POSTON: I would like to comment, Mr. Chairman, to  
21 the effect that I thought the Public Health Service had re-  
22 ceived a lot of accolades today and yesterday and it makes me  
23 feel real good.

24 I think probably our Chairman is a little more  
25 critical of us than some of the local people.

1 numerous wells became polluted as a result of a disturbance  
2 in the bed of the Calumet-Sag Channel. A survey in 1962 of 55  
3 homes in this area showed that 24 of the 55 wells tested  
4 contained varying amounts of pollutional bacteria.

5 There can be no compromise between public  
6 health and stream pollution. We in Cook County have demanded  
7 that our residents do not pollute the streams, we can ask no  
8 less from others.

9 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Dr. Hall.

10 Are there any questions or comments?

11 (No response)

12 If not, thank you very much for your state-  
13 ment.

14 MR. KLASSEN: Several years ago we had a visitor to our  
15 office for most of the summer from behind the Iron Curtain  
16 and after he had been with us several months attending  
17 meetings and hearings, when he left I said, "What are some  
18 of the things that have been high points in your visit?"

19 "Well," he said, "I was impressed by the fact  
20 that at your public meetings ordinary people can get up and  
21 criticize Government, criticize industry and criticize other  
22 people and this is a right, privilege that apparently you  
23 people have."

24 Following here are a series of several pre-  
25 sentations, some of them a very short statement. But they

1           Aesthetically these streams become eyesores.  
2 Because of the heavy pollution, there is little interest on  
3 the part of the resident public to improve them, and in time  
4 they become clogged, overgrown with vegetation and reposi-  
5 tories for junk.

6           Through the Cook County and the Metroplitan  
7 Sanitary District of Greater Chicago's program of stream  
8 cleaning, efforts are being made to reclaim these streams.  
9 However, stream cleaning, although an excellent thing in  
10 itself, does not eliminate the potential healthhazard of  
11 pollution.

12           Public interest and pride in the stream  
13 cannot be generated as long as the pollution remains. In  
14 addition, the mere mechanics of stream cleaning involves  
15 individual hand work and, in a polluted stream, this is a  
16 health hazard to the worker.

17           The health of the public in the vicinity of  
18 these streams can be affected by other means. Insects and  
19 rodents that breed in and along these polluted waters become  
20 carriers of disease. Dysentery of various types can possibly  
21 be transmitted to man. Livestock damage is not beyond being  
22 caused by polluted waters.

23           We have cases on record where individual wells  
24 become polluted from these streams where the water-bearing  
25 aquifer was at or near the surface. In the Alsip area,

1 Any problems that the City of Chicago Water  
2 Purification Division has producing a safe water supply for  
3 the citizens of the City of Chicago is reflected in the hazards  
4 possible to the other users of this water.

5 The reduction of the pollution in this area of  
6 Lake Michigan is of prime importance in protecting the health  
7 of the citizens of this metropolitan area. Waste disposal  
8 in waterways must be rigidly controlled. Performance stand-  
9 ards must be established and met. Cost factors should be  
10 subordinate to the health and welfare of the citizens dependent  
11 on this water supply.

12 Part of the problem is pollution of the Little  
13 Calumet River. Reference is made to this because it directly  
14 affects the health and welfare of the citizens of suburban  
15 Cook County under the jurisdiction of this Department. This  
16 pollution has been of such extent as to render these streams  
17 almost totally unfit for recreation.

18 Recreation and public health are inexorably  
19 wedded together. Fishing, boating, water skiing and even  
20 walking along the banks of these streams are denied to the  
21 public since contact with these polluted waters is a public  
22 health hazard. Adults can become educated and prevailed upon  
23 to leave the streams alone, but children are drawn to them  
24 and, through no fault of their own, can suffer the effect  
25 of industrial neglect.

		<u>Population</u>
44.	River Forest	13,000
45.	River Grove	8,600
46.	Riverside	9,500
47.	Robbins	8,200
48.	Rosemont	1,700
49.	Schiller Park	6,200
50.	South Holland	12,700
51.	Stone Park	5,000
52.	Summit (Argo)	11,700
53.	Westchester	18,700
54.	Canfield Community Service (Norwood)	1,000
55.	Leyden Township (Leyden)	8,000
56.	Monterey Manor Subdivision (Norwood)	850

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES FROM LAKE  
MICHIGAN, OTHER THAN CHICAGO

Glenview	22,400	From Winnetka
Lansing	19,500	From Hammond, Indiana
Northbrook	12,300	Directly from Lake Michigan.
Skokie	66,800	From Evanston
Wilmette	29,900	Directly from Lake Michigan.

The constant reduction in the water table in this metropolitan area has driven more and more communities to seek the waters of Lake Michigan. There have been many plans under consideration and it can be said that this movement will spread so that in the foreseeable future the total population of this metropolitan area will be deriving its water supply from Lake Michigan.

At the present time, we are talking about the water supply of 4.5 million people in the State of Illinois, then we will be talking about a population of more than 7 million persons.



PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION  
OF THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
OBTAINING LAKE MICHIGAN WATER THRU CHICAGO

		<u>Population</u>
1		
2		
3		
4	1. Alsip	4,300
5	2. Berkeley	7,600
6	3. Berwyn	54,224
7	4. Blue Island	20,500
8	5. Broadview	9,000
9	6. Brookfield	20,429
10	7. Burnham	2,478
11	8. Calumet City	26,000
12	9. Calumet Park	9,200
13	10. Cicero	70,600
14	11. Dixmoor	3,400
15	12. Dolton	19,800
16	13. East Hazelcrest	1,500
17	14. Elmwood Park	24,200
18	15. Evergreen Park	25,300
19	16. Forest Park	14,900
20	17. Franklin Park	18,700
21	18. Golf	430
22	19. Harvey	30,800
23	20. Harwood Heights	6,300
24	21. Hazel Crest	8,200
25	22. Hillside	8,500
	23. Hodgkins	1,200
	24. Hometown	7,500
	25. LaGrange Park	14,700
	26. Lincolnwood	12,200
	27. Lyons	11,100
	28. Markham	12,300
	29. Maywood	27,700
	30. McCook	470
	31. Melrose Park	23,800
	32. Merrionette Park	2,400
	33. Midlothian	9,000
	34. Morton Grove	22,100
	35. Niles	26,000
	36. Norridge	14,700
	37. Northlake	12,900
	38. North Riverside	8,400
	39. Oak Lawn	33,100
	40. Park Ridge	36,700
	41. Phoenix	4,700
	42. Posen	4,800
	43. Riverdale	13,000

1 many such substances and the evaluation of their potential  
2 health hazards at present is either lacking or incomplete,  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical  
5 Society go on record as being opposed to any unnecessary dis-  
6 charge of wastes that will result in the degradation of  
7 drinking water supply resources, or the impairment of water  
8 used for bathing and swimming.

9           Passed by the Illinois State Medical Society,  
10 Board of Trustees, on January 17, 1965.

11       MR. KLASSEN: Next, the Cook County Department of Public  
12 Health has a real jurisdictional interest in this particular  
13 area, particularly that area in Cook County outside of the  
14 City of Chicago and at this time a statement will be presented  
15 by the Health Officer for the Cook County Department of Public  
16 Health, Dr. John B. Hall.

17       DR. JOHN B. HALL: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies and  
18 gentlemen:

19           Any pollution of Lake Michigan which affects  
20 the potability of the water supply of the City of Chicago also  
21 affects the water supply of 56 communities in suburban Cook  
22 County (with a total population of approximately 750,000  
23 persons) who procure their water from the City of Chicago, and  
24 five other communities which use Lake Michigan water from  
25 other directions with a population of approximately 150,000.

(No response)

If not, thank you very much for your statement.

MR. KLASSEN: The Illinois State Medical Society has prepared a statement for the record which will not be presented at this time, but will go into the record. It is a general statement concerning its interests in clean waters in this area.

CHAIRMAN STEIN: You have a copy of that statement?

MR. KLASSEN: No.

CHAIRMAN STEIN: Well, would that be made available?

MR. KLASSEN: It will be mailed.

CHAIRMAN STEIN: Without any objection, that will be inserted at this point.

#### ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

#### RESOLUTION ON WATER POLLUTION

WHEREAS, any unnecessary discharge of sewage and industrial wastes, either treated or untreated, into underground or surface sources of domestic drinking water supplies is contrary to the basic concepts of disease prevention, and

WHEREAS, prevention of such pollution is becoming increasingly important because of the multiplicity of potential pollutants especially those involving organic and inorganic chemicals and viruses, and

WHEREAS, methods for the identification of

1           The Department of Public Works and Buildings of  
2 the State of Illinois joins with the Metropolitan Sanitary  
3 District of Greater Chicago in urging that the wastes from  
4 the Hammond Sewage Treatment Plant not be permitted to flow  
5 into the State of Illinois.

6           It is our opinion that the construction of  
7 this dam by the Corps of Engineers as part of the Cal-Sag  
8 navigation improvement has not properly involved the Depart-  
9 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare at this time. The dam  
10 does not exist at the present time and while reports show that  
11 pollution does originate from the Hammond sewage treatment  
12 plant, data are not available to show that this undesirable  
13 material would be more acceptable in the inland waterway  
14 system of Illinois than it would be in Lake Michigan.

15           It is our understanding that under the Public  
16 Law 660, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Depart-  
17 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare, has a corrective  
18 jurisdiction relative to matters such as the Barrier Dam only  
19 after a hearing to establish pollution has been held.

20           We further believe that the law clearly indi-  
21 cates such a hearing would be necessary subsequent to this  
22 conference.

23           Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

24           CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Lorenz.

25           Are there any comments or questions?

1 Michigan. It is also true that the same volume of effluent  
2 applied to the Little Calumet River, the Cal-Sag Canal and the  
3 Illinois River will constitute a much greater source of pol-  
4 lution because of the comparatively minuscule volume of  
5 dilution water available.

6 A further consideration in this regard is the  
7 burden placed upon the Sanitary Water Board in endorsing  
8 pollution requirements in Illinois, on the one hand, while  
9 accepting polluted waters from Indiana, on the other hand.

10 It is the position of the Department of Public  
11 Works and Buildings that this is a completely untenable  
12 proposition.

13 The question of pollution to Lake Michigan by  
14 effluent from the Hammond sewage treatment plant is one of  
15 academic interest. It is a fact that the pollution moving to  
16 Lake Michigan through the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal originates  
17 primarily in the Grand Calumet River easterly of the Canal.  
18 This flow which is of industrial origin moves westerly in the  
19 Grand Calumet River to the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, at  
20 which point it turns in a northerly direction and moves to  
21 Lake Michigan.

22 It is because of the large volume of this  
23 grossly polluted flow that effluent from the Hammond Sewage  
24 Treatment plant is sometimes noted to move in a westerly  
25 direction towards Illinois.

1 cation, and Welfare, covering the pollution of the Waters of  
2 the Grand Calumet River, the Little Calumet River, the Calumet  
3 River and the Lake Michigan, makes reference to the construc-  
4 tion of a temporary dam on the Grand Calumet River at  
5 Columbia Avenue in Hammond, Indiana. The Department of Public  
6 Works and Buildings of the State of Illinois and, I believe,  
7 the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, will  
8 both be on record as proposing the construction of this dam in  
9 such a way that the treated effluent of the Hammond, Indiana,  
10 sewage treatment plant would be excluded from the State of  
11 Illinois and would flow to Lake Michigan through the Indiana  
12 Harbor Ship Canal.

13           The recommendation of the Department of Public  
14 Works and Buildings is based on the foregoing precepts of  
15 Illinois law.

16           Observations by competent individuals have  
17 clearly shown that during the preponderance of time flow in  
18 the Grand Calumet River is from the Hammond sewage treatment  
19 plant to the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal and then into Lake  
20 Michigan. Topographic data provided by the Chicago District  
21 Office of the Corps of Engineers clearly shows a slight rise  
22 in the Grand Calumet River to substantiate the preceding  
23 statements.

24           It is true that the effluent from the Hammond  
25 treatment plant will constitute a slight pollutant to Lake

1                   We do feel very strongly, however, that each  
2 stream of the State does have an appropriate standard of  
3 quality which should be maintained in the vicinity of the  
4 industrial centers of Illinois. Many of the streams have  
5 already deteriorated to the point where desirable standards  
6 of quality are no longer satisfied.

7                   In these areas, state government, principally  
8 through the Sanitary Water Board and the Department of Public  
9 Works and Buildings, is moving toward the re-establishment of  
10 the quality criteria which is believed to be desirable.

11                   An excellent example of this procedure is the  
12 Fox River which flows through Lake County, as well as McHenry,  
13 Kane, Kendall and LaSalle Counties in Illinois.

14                   In those areas of the State where streams are  
15 not yet polluted to the point that the acceptable standards of  
16 quality have been violated, the Sanitary Water Board is  
17 making every effort to insure that the quality does not  
18 deteriorate to a value less than a desirable standard for that  
19 particular stream.

20                   I do not infer that stream quality standards  
21 have been vigorously applied to all of the streams of this  
22 State, but I do strongly assert that the forces of the State  
23 government are presently moving to maintain and to improve  
24 the quality of our service waters.

25                   The report of the Department of Health, Edu-

1 both flood flows and low flows of the streams of the watershed.

2 Our responsibility relative to flood flows is  
3 clear and is not particularly germane to the issue today.

4 The responsibilities of the Department relative  
5 to low flows has been interpreted to include augmentation of  
6 flows which are inadequate so as to maintain reasonable  
7 stream water quality. For each watershed of the state, there  
8 is a fine topography and a limited capability for the storage  
9 of dilution waters.

10 The Department of Public Works and Buildings  
11 is automatically concerned with the amount of pollution being  
12 directed to streams of this State because of the volume of  
13 low flow augmentation storage varies directly with the pol-  
14 lution delivered to the stream by industry, drainage districts  
15 or individuals.

16 Our efforts to develop optimum water resource  
17 plans for the basins of the State are substantially hindered  
18 by excessive requirements for dilution flow signs. These  
19 waters arrive in the stream from storage volumes within  
20 reservoirs which Michigan allocated to a different, more re-  
21 imbursable purpose.

22 The Department does not propose that every  
23 stream in the State of Illinois shall be of sufficient quality  
24 to permit bathing or domestic consumption of the water without  
25 prior treatment.



1 bathing, recreation, agriculture, industry or any other  
2 purpose. But, the same rule which applies in his favor also  
3 limits his rights in respect to other riparian owners with  
4 regard to water quality.

5 He cannot make such use of the water as to un-  
6 reasonably diminish its quality or create a nuisance; neither  
7 can be discharge poisonous or noxious matter into the stream  
8 or use the stream to float away refuse if the refuse is in-  
9 jurious to the rights of the public or other riparian owners.

10 When questions arise between riparian owners,  
11 regarding the right of one to make a particular use of the  
12 water in which he may have a right common to others, the  
13 solution will generally depend upon the reasonableness of the  
14 use and the extent of the detriment to the common owner.

15 The evaluation of Illinois law indicates that  
16 municipal corporations or private corporations have no greater  
17 right to pollute waters than do individuals. This being the  
18 case, it should be clear that any pollution of Illinois  
19 waters, regardless of a party acting as the polluter, would  
20 automatically infringe upon the property rights of individual  
21 riparians to the body of water and therefore should not be  
22 condoned.

23 Illinois statutes provide that the Department  
24 of Public Works and Buildings is responsible for the develop-  
25 ment of watershed plans or resource development which include

1 Illinois is usually considered to follow the  
2 doctrine of riparian rights which broadly stated are the  
3 rights of the owner of land situated on a water course rela-  
4 tive to the water, its use and the ownership of soil under the  
5 stream. The doctrine also implies the intended responsibility  
6 of the owner to refrain from interfering with or depriving  
7 other land owners, similarly situated, of the same rights.

8 In addition to the general police power of the  
9 state to regulate within limitations the use of water and  
10 other related activities--and the state of Illinois has  
11 several rather specific types of jurisdiction over natural  
12 water courses that are of interest here--it has the power to  
13 regulate and control fishing in all waters of the State. It  
14 has the power to control and protect all navigable waters of  
15 the state for the purpose of navigation; to control and  
16 regulate the exercise of all rights incident to the ownership  
17 of beds of all water courses in which the state holds title  
18 and to control and regulate the general use of all public  
19 waters of the state. These jurisdictions are in addition to  
20 the powers and the rights which the state enjoys as a  
21 riparian proprietor on a particular water course and such  
22 regulatory actions as the Commission of Pollution Control  
23 laws and other similar regulatory functions.

24 The individual riparian owner may make such  
25 reasonable use of the water as he can while it passes his  
land. He may use it for water supply, for navigation, for

1 Water Resources.

2 Perhaps, it would be best to first acquaint you  
3 in a general way with the scope of the authority of the De-  
4 partment relative to waters and water courses in Illinois.

5 The Department of Public Works and Buildings  
6 is a co-department of the Executive Branch of State Govern-  
7 ment and has jurisdiction and supervision over the rivers,  
8 lakes and streams of the State of Illinois and is charged with  
9 the specific responsibility of making careful investigation  
10 of such waters and water courses to prevent or remove en-  
11 croachments; in this connection, title to the bed of meandered  
12 lakes in Illinois.

13 Lake Michigan, for example, is held in trust for  
14 the benefit of all of the people of the State, and jurisdiction  
15 in this instance is assigned to the Department of Public Works  
16 and Buildings. As a general rule, considering other than  
17 meandered bodies, title to the bed of rivers and other streams  
18 whether navigable or non-navigable, rests with the owner of the  
19 abutting properties, regardless of whether publicly or  
20 privately owned. Supervision of the waters remains with the  
21 Department, particularly, as to the collection of data rela-  
22 tive to navigation and natural resources, the development of  
23 public reserves, the exercise of permit for the erection of  
24 structures, the development of flood control and low flow  
25 improvements, drainage and, to a specific degree, water supply.

1 also a member of the State Sanitary Water Board -- one of our  
2 real active members.

3 MR. FRANCIS LORENZ: Mr. Chairman, official conferees,  
4 ladies and gentlemen:

5 I am most pleased to appear before you today  
6 to present the views of the Department of Public Works and  
7 Buildings as it relates to the subject of this conference.

8 We are deeply concerned with the problem of  
9 pollution in Lake Michigan because the lake is our most im-  
10 portant single water resource.

11 It is essential that sound management practices  
12 based upon thorough engineering analyses be applied so this  
13 resource, for the benefit of the people of the City of  
14 Chicago, the states of Illinois and Indiana and of the Nation  
15 as a whole be preserved.

16 The Department of Public Works and Buildings,  
17 through its director, is a voting member of the State Pollu-  
18 tion Control Agency, the Sanitary Water Board, through the  
19 office of Chief Waterway Engineer, the Department is an  
20 official member of the Technical Advisory Committee for Water  
21 Resources.

22 I am pleased to reaffirm that this Department  
23 subscribes completely to the comments presented to this con-  
24 ference by Mr. Clarence Klassen for the Sanitary Water Board  
25 and by Mr. Ackermann for the Technical Advisory Committee for

AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIRMAN STEIN: May we reconvene.

First, I would like to read a telegram I just received addressed to me, dated today:

"Our Union welcomes your conference on lake pollution. However, on behalf of the employees we represent and the situation in Whiting, it is felt that unions such as ours should have been invited to participate and an answer shall be appreciated."

Signed "Joseph J. Sotack, President, Independent Petroleum Workers Union, Whiting, Indiana."

Mr. Klassen?

MR. KLASSEN: To continue with the State of Illinois Agency presentations, we have within our State government, the Department of Public Works of which the Illinois Division of Waterways is a part.

This department through this division has some jurisdictions and some real interests in the waterways involved in this conference.

It is because of this and the interest of that department and its Director in this whole problem that we are scheduling at this time a presentation by our Department of Public Works and it will be given by the Director of the Department, the Honorable Francis Lorenz, who incidentally is

1 abatement of the pollution which they are doing.

2           It is my recommendation that, if the Secretary,  
3 after this conference and if they so find that these industries  
4 are polluting, that they should recommend that they abate this  
5 pollution within the time allotted under the Act and if they  
6 don't, that action, legal action, should be filed by the  
7 Attorney General of the United States, and I strongly urge  
8 that there can be no compromise with the health of the people  
9 of the City of Chicago.

10           Thank you.

11           (Applause)

12           CHAIRMAN STEIN: Any comments or questions?

13           (No response)

14           If not, we will stand recessed until 2:00  
15 o'clock.

16           (Whereupon the proceedings in the above  
17 entitled matter were continued to 2:00 o'clock P.M. the  
18 same date).

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1 Moelmann; they examined the plans and when they approved the  
2 plans, these efforts were carried into effect by the industries.

3 When they were completed, the engineers in-  
4 spected the treatment works and, if they were satisfactory,  
5 each of these industries were dismissed from the case in the  
6 United States Supreme Court.

7 This was done over a period of four or five  
8 years. The industries spent about twenty million dollars in  
9 doing it. It was done under the supervision of the United  
10 States Supreme Court Master and every three months these  
11 industries had to report their progress.

12 Now, I found in my investigation that these  
13 conferences, such as these were held as far back as 1890,  
14 whenever there was an outbreak of any epidemic or disease or  
15 communicable disease. A furor would take place and they  
16 would hold these conferences and the industries said, "Yes,  
17 we will do something about it", but they never did anything  
18 until they were forced to do it by Court action.

19 Now, it is my recommendation to these conferees  
20 that now we have the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
21 which has all of the teeth in it which we didn't have back in  
22 1943, which gives the Attorney General of the United States,  
23 upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health, Education, and  
24 Welfare, authority to commence a legal action in the District  
25 Courts of the United States for the purpose of securing the

1 I was instructed by the Attorney General to  
2 make an investigation which I did for over a period of a year.

3 I found that the pollution at that time was  
4 much greater than it is at the present time. At the Indiana  
5 Harbor Ship Canal we had pollution to the extent of samples  
6 of over one million per hundred millimeters, sometimes as high  
7 as ten million.

8 We found that raw sewage went on cakes of ice  
9 as far north from the Whiting area up to Wilson Avenue intake.  
10 There was a real pollution problem and fortunately, for the  
11 expert efforts of the City of Chicago and their filtration,  
12 the handling of their water, there were no epidemics but they  
13 commenced a suit in the United States Supreme Court on behalf  
14 of the State of Illinois against the State of Indiana and the  
15 four cities and seventeen national industries that were  
16 polluting the lake.

17 We had a meeting of the respective governors  
18 and the representatives of the Indiana industries and they  
19 came in and they admitted that they were polluting the lake.

20 They said they wanted to do something about it,  
21 they were willing to do something about it.

22 We worked out a unique method whereby each of  
23 these industries proposed the necessary abatement plans.

24 These plans were submitted to the engineers of  
25 the Sanitary District, Lange Donpers, Horace Rayne and Dr.



1 its mutual water problems with the other Great Lakes states  
2 and desires to solve these varied water resource problems  
3 which exist today and which can be anticipated.

4 It hopes to accomplish this in full cooperation  
5 with the various federal and local agencies as well as with  
6 the agencies of its sister Great Lakes states.

7 It is believed that through public recognition  
8 and through proper engineering, research, regulation, develop-  
9 ment, legal and sound administrative arrangements that mutual  
10 water needs can be met so far ahead as man can see.

11 I again wish to emphasize that I personally  
12 believe that within the framework of this Great Lakes Commis-  
13 sion lies the ultimate amicable solution to many of the present  
14 Great Lakes water use problems and the future problems with  
15 which all states will be confronted as industry and population  
16 expand.

17 To this end, the Illinois Delegation of the  
18 conference pledges its active cooperation and support.

19 I would like, at this time, to refer the con-  
20 ferees to a case in a pollution situation in the same area,  
21 the lower end of Lake Michigan, which took place prior to 1943.

22 While I was an Assistant Attorney General of  
23 Illinois, there was a great furor about the pollution of Lake  
24 Michigan at the lower end, principally because of the in-  
25 dustries and the four cities at the lower end of Lake Michigan.

1           This applies especially to the assimilation and  
2 dilution of domestic and industrial wastes in lieu of their  
3 proper treatment. It is believed that all of these uses can  
4 be compatible.

5           It is my further belief that within the frame-  
6 work of such interstate compacts as the Great Lakes Compact  
7 Commission that many problems involving the multiuse and reuse  
8 of the Great Lakes waters can and should be resolved.

9           I believe that in this area we can occupy an  
10 extremely important role in resolving these Great Lakes water  
11 problems and at the same time protecting and promoting the  
12 water interests of this state.

13           It is my belief that a uniform understanding  
14 and policies can be developed and agreed upon whereby waters  
15 from the Great Lakes can be utilized by the bordering states  
16 without involving economic, health or similar losses or pro-  
17 blems to the various states involved.

18           While litigation may be necessary in resolving  
19 some of these questions, it is believed that mutually satis-  
20 factory solutions to the problems of water uses of the Great  
21 Lakes can be resolved through sound and practical statesman-  
22 ship.

23           Illinois regards its available water resources  
24 as one of the most important factors in the economic growth  
25 for its municipalities and industries. Illinois also recognizes

1 Article VII of the Compact has been ratified by each of the  
2 eight Great Lakes state legislatures. It provides for the  
3 states to consider the action of the Commission with respect  
4 to recommendations on the stabilization of lake levels,  
5 measures for combating pollution, beach erosion, floods, and  
6 shore inundation; problems of navigation, fishing, power,  
7 diversions of waters and other Great Lakes problems.

8               So far as Illinois is concerned, several of  
9 these considerations do and can vitally effect the economic  
10 and industrial growth of our state and particularly the Chi-  
11 cago area as well as the potential population increase which  
12 that area can support, particularly in reference to water  
13 usage.

14               Illinois is dedicated to the principal of full  
15 multipurpose use of its water resources and this should apply  
16 to the waters of the Great Lakes.

17               We must make maximum economic use of these  
18 waters for municipal water supplies, the industrial water  
19 supplies, water for agricultural purposes, for fishing and  
20 aquatic recreational uses, for water power, navigation, and  
21 by those municipalities and industries whose adequately treat-  
22 ed wastes are discharged to these waters.

23               The Delegation recognizes the importance of all  
24 of these uses, and further, that this resource is far too  
25 valuable to be dedicated primarily for one particular use.

1 Lake Michigan and also the industries in that area have  
2 treatment works. There are numerous water intakes in that  
3 area that have a satisfactory raw water source and also, all  
4 of the bathing beaches that operate in that area are open and  
5 meeting up to bacterial standards.

6 I want to mention this because Mr. Anderson is  
7 present. Will you stand up a minute, Ray?

8 Mr. Chesrow made a good suggestion here. I am  
9 talking about Lake County, Illinois.

10 There is a Lake County, Indiana. Thank you,  
11 Colonel.

12 We promised to get you out of here at 12:30  
13 and we have one short presentation we want to work in this  
14 morning.

15 Mr. Albert Meserow, who is the immediate past  
16 Chairman of the Great Lakes Compact Commission and the  
17 Chairman of the Illinois Delegation. Mr. Meserow, would you  
18 make a statement on behalf of the Illinois Delegation? This  
19 will then conclude the discussion for this morning.

20 MR. ALBERT E. MESEROW: Mr. Chairman, fellow conferees:  
21 The Great Lakes Commission is an eight-state statutory agency  
22 composed of membership of the eight Great Lake states, Illinois,  
23 being one and Indiana being one.

24 The Commission serves as a medium of discussion  
25 and makes recommendations on all Great Lakes problems.

1 will continue to cooperate with the District in our industrial  
2 waste program and the treatment plant expansion completed in  
3 accordance with the consulting engineer's recommendations, the  
4 present and future needs of the Sanitary District of Bloom  
5 Township will be adequate for the next ten to fifteen years,  
6 provided the population trend, industrial development, and  
7 area expansion remain within predicted forecasts.

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Meers, for a very in-  
9 formative statement.

10 Are there any comments or questions?

11 MR. POSTON: I would like to ask Mr. Meers whether they  
12 anticipate chlorination as part of their expansion program?

13 MR. MEERS: It is very possible. It will be on the  
14 recommendation of the consulting engineers.

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, sir.

16 MR. KLASSEN: One other area that has been pointed out  
17 that is within the jurisdiction of the State Board, but which  
18 is not an official part of this conference is the area in Lake  
19 County.

20 We are not going to ask the North Shore Sani-  
21 tary District to make a formal presentation. I wanted to  
22 state that Mr. Ray Anderson is here and will be available to  
23 be called on if and when any problems or questions may arise.

24 I merely want to state that that District has  
25 complete treatment and chlorination of the sewage going into

1 Engineering, University of Illinois, to supervise and conduct  
2 the abovementioned survey and study. The final report of this  
3 study is entitled, "Future Planning - Plant Evaluation and  
4 Industrial Waste Survey, Sanitary District of Bloom Township,  
5 Park Forest, Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights, Illinois,  
6 April 1963, Ewing, Engelbrecht and Associates, Champaign,  
7 Illinois."

8           The Sanitary District has entered into a co-  
9 operative agreement with the United States Department of the  
10 Interior, Geological Survey, to construct, install, equip and  
11 operate a stream gaging station located above our wastewater  
12 treatment plant at Halsted Street in Chicago Heights. The  
13 stream gaging station was constructed and put into operation  
14 in June 1964. Our District is now measuring the flow of the  
15 stream, sampling and conducting stream evaluation studies.

16           The wastewater treatment plant of the Sanitary  
17 District of Bloom Township is achieving consistently 85  
18 percent or higher biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and sus-  
19 pended solids (SS) removal efficiency.

20           The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District  
21 have retained the services of a competent sanitary engineering  
22 firm to prepare plans and specifications for construction and  
23 installation of additional treatment facilities at our waste-  
24 water treatment plant.

25           It is my considered opinion that, if industry

1 storage capacity has been provided and arrangements made to  
2 adequately dispose of these oil wastes.

3 The industrial waste study has resulted in some  
4 accomplishments other than the remedial measures taken by  
5 those industries. Foremost is the keener understanding of the  
6 effects of industrial wastes on the treatment plant and  
7 knowledge of the industries needing remedial action, those  
8 needing further investigation, and those which produce no  
9 significant wastes.

10 Another very important accomplishment has been  
11 the development of greater respect and appreciation of the  
12 District's problems by people in all the industries in the  
13 community. The associations resulting from this study greatly  
14 enhance the long and continued effort to educate these people  
15 to appreciate waste treatment and cooperate in the control of  
16 pollution.

17 Laboratory pilot plant studies conducted to  
18 determine the effect of industrial wastes on the treatment  
19 plant actually demonstrated some possible modifications in  
20 operation which permitted the plant to accommodate these  
21 difficult industrial wastes with less ill effects. The  
22 laboratory pilot plants have been continued and have even be-  
23 come a control feature of the treatment plant.

24 The Sanitary District retained Dr. R. S.  
25 Engelbrecht and Dr. Ben B. Ewing, Professors of Sanitary

1 treatment plant was attributed to the infiltration of storm  
2 water.

3 The Sanitary District conducted a comprehensive  
4 industrial waste survey and wastewater treatment plant evalua-  
5 tion study. Forty-seven (47) industries were surveyed and  
6 their wastes were studied, identified and characterized.

7 During the course of this survey and study the  
8 industries, officials and personnel were very cooperative.

9 The Sanitary District's policy is that industry should elimi-  
10 nate objectionable industrial waste at the source. Industry  
11 has responded in various ways, but with gratifying results.

12 One industry which produces a waste which is  
13 very difficult to treat has installed industrial waste treat-  
14 ment facilities and these facilities are doing a very satis-  
15 factory job.

16 Another industry is making an intensive study  
17 of possible waste abatement measures within its plant and  
18 records of sampling have shown marked improvement.

19 One of the companies has designed and installed  
20 additional pretreatment facilities.

21 Still another has agreed to purchase and install  
22 monitoring equipment which, in their case, was the only cor-  
23 rective measure considered necessary.

24 One large industry was found to be discharging  
25 oil directly to the stream during heavy rains. Sufficient



1 I am J. Edward Meers, Manager-Superintendent  
2 of the Sanitary District of Bloom Township, Chicago Heights,  
3 Illinois.

4 The Sanitary District of Bloom Township is  
5 located 24 miles south of the Chicago Loop and 6 miles west of  
6 the Indiana State line. The Sanitary District serves Chicago  
7 Heights, South Chicago Heights and Park Forest, Illinois. The  
8 present connected population is 75,357. On June 4, 1928, a  
9 referendum was held and the formation of the Sanitary District  
10 was approved.

11 The first wastewater treatment plant, a septic  
12 tank and contact bed, was built in 1907 to serve the City  
13 of Chicago Heights. In 1921 this plant was revised to an  
14 Imhoff tank and trickling filter type plant. Construction  
15 was started in 1935 on a new activated sludge plant and addi-  
16 tions were completed on the activated sludge plant in 1956.

17 The Sanitary District initiated a survey and  
18 study of the infiltration of storm water into the sanitary  
19 sewer system. The District has a separate sewer system.  
20 The result of this study was a report entitled, "Study and  
21 Survey of the Nonuse and Misuse of Sanitary Sewers", 1959, E.  
22 H. Ashdown; Consulting Engineer, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

23 We received cooperation of the Municipalities  
24 served by the District and during a three-year period, from  
25 1961 to 1964, only ten percent of the flow received at our

1 to the plaintiff in accordance with plans and specifications  
2 filed with the Sanitary Water Board.

3 Finally, it should be mentioned that the  
4 Sanitary Water Board does not grant permits for sewers unless  
5 adequate treatment facilities exist or are assured. Many of  
6 the treatment works in the Thorn Creek watershed were en-  
7 larged or improved as a requisite for consideration of sewer  
8 system expansion.

9 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

10 Are there any comments or questions?

11 (No response)

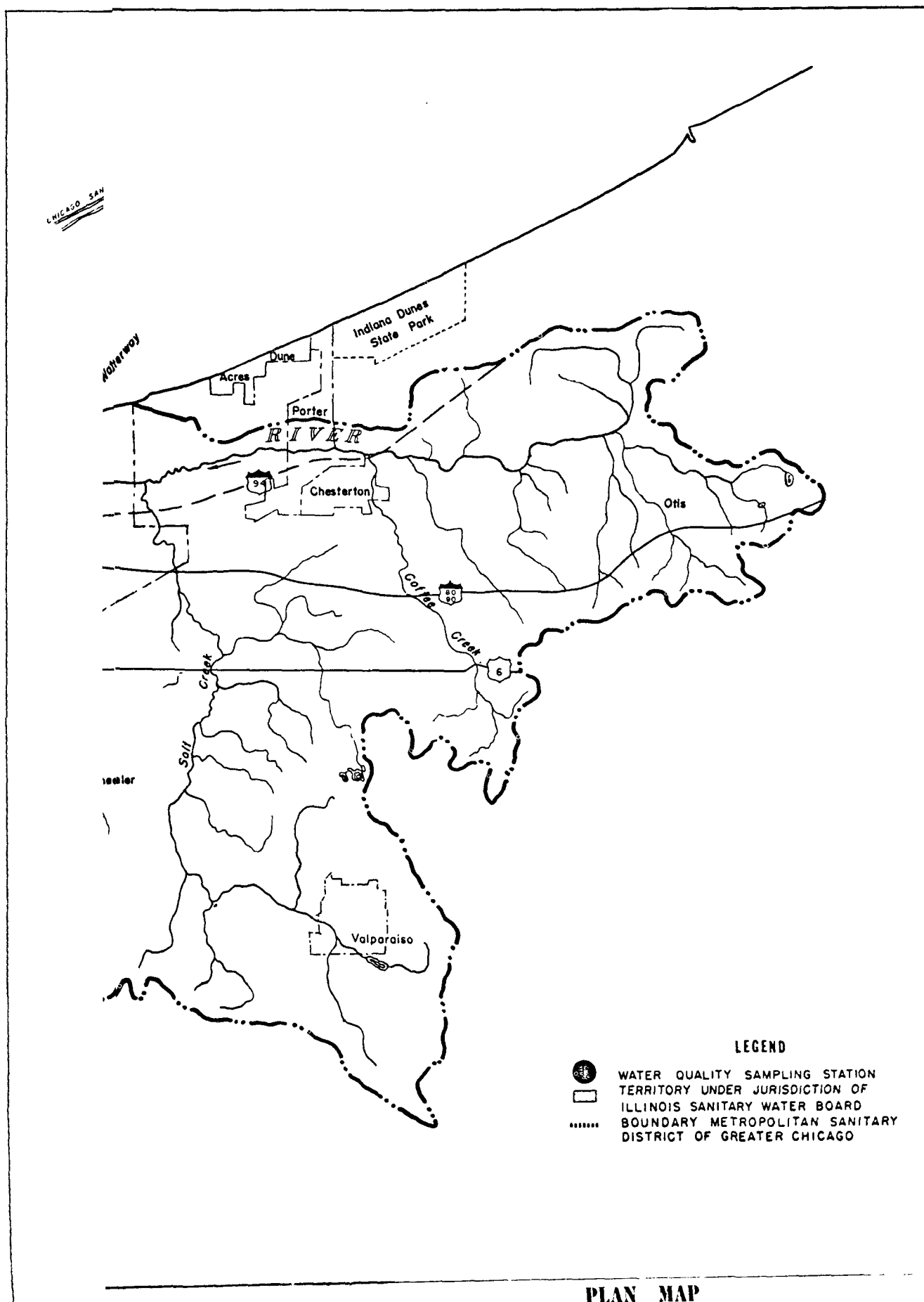
12 Thank you very much, sir.

13 MR. KLASSEN: I am going to ask Mr. Meers, the Superin-  
14 tendent of the Thorn Creek-Bloom Township Sanitary District,  
15 to make a brief statement on behalf of that Sanitary District  
16 which embraces the areas of Park Forest, Chicago Heights,  
17 and that immediate area.

18 Inasmuch as this was mentioned in the Public  
19 Health Service report and referred to several times, I wanted  
20 it as a matter of record what this Sanitary District has and  
21 is doing.

22 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Without objection, Mr. Nelle's complete  
23 report, including the chart and map will appear in the record.

24 MR. MEERS: Mr. Chairman, Honorable conferees, ladies  
25 and gentlemen:



T A B L E I V

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM - PLUM CREEK (HART DITCH - LITTLE CALUMET RIVER)  
SAMPLING POINT: Steger Road (WQ Station 01 HBE)

Date	Lab. No.	Flow cfs	Temp. F.	pH	D.O. mg/l	B.O.D. <sub>5</sub> mg/l	Bacteria #/ml		Turbidity Units	Specific Cond. micro- mhos	Total Dissolved Solids micro- mhos	Alkalinity mg/l	Hardness mg/l	ABS mg/l	Chloride mg/l
							Coliforms	Enterococci							
1965															
January 5	14038	< 5	35	8.0	13.2	3	300	300	44	909	545	166	420	0.2	44
January 12	14481	< 5	33	7.9	14.0	4	0	40	13	1,053	632	218	532	0.0	43
January 28	15472	< 5	32	7.4	11.8	3	18,000	1,000	115	651	391	84	308	0.0	17
February 16	16445	< 5	34	7.8	14.8	2	4,000	170	54	743	446	124	380	0.0	17

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1 same order as those shown in Table II and the same general  
2 comments are applicable although the flow in Thorn Creek is  
3 about one-half that in Little Calumet River.

4 It should be noted that the municipalities of  
5 Glenwood, East Chicago Heights, and Sauk Village are within  
6 the Chicago Sanitary District and also within Thorn Creek  
7 watershed. Their combined population is about 9,000.

8 Plum Creek, having its source in eastern Will  
9 County, flows northeasterly into Indiana, becomes known as  
10 Hart Ditch and empties into Little Calumet River at the north-  
11 east corner of Munster, Indiana. Three small sewage treat-  
12 ment plants serving two undeveloped subdivisions and a  
13 country club drain into Plum Creek tributaries. Sampling  
14 data included in Table IV do not indicate significant pollution  
15 entering the State of Indiana from Illinois. (See Table IV on  
16 following page.)

17 Since its inception in 1929, the Sanitary Water  
18 Board has refused to grant permits for new combined sewer  
19 systems and has required that extensions to existing combined  
20 sewer systems be made on the separate sewer plan.

21 A permit issued to the Village of Lansing for  
22 sewer development in a private tract constitutes the single  
23 exception to this policy. In the case of Frank vs. Village of  
24 Lansing and State Sanitary Water Board, No. 48398, Illinois  
25 Appellate First District, the Appellate Court affirmed the  
order of the Circuit Court directing the issuance of a permit

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TABLE III

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM - THORN CREEK  
SAMPLING POINT: 167th Street Bridge, East of Calumet Expressway (WQ Station 01 HBD)

Date	Lab. No.	Temp. F.	pH	D.O. mg/l	B.O.D <sub>5</sub> mg/l	Bacteria #/100ml		Turbidity Units	Specific Cond. micro-mhos	Total Dissolved Solids mg/l	Alkalinity mg/l	Hardness mg/l	ABS mg/l	Chloride mg/l
1959						Coliforms	Enterococci							
July 22	1491	--	7.8	--	9	--	--	26	1,290	775	220	410	0.0	85
December 10	9530	--	7.4	6.8	19	192,000	400	15	1,774	1,064	250	578	2.0	188
1960														
August 19	4201	90	7.5	--	10	200,000	50	19	1,928	1,147	286	564	3.0	175
1961														
February 17	14879	--	7.7	8.4	11	240,000	240	13	1,794	1,076	282	512	0.0	228
1963														
August 2	6768	--	7.1	0.4	8	34,000	20	26	1,687	1,012	160	530	2.5	244
1964														
February 7	15913	40	7.5	2.6	6	91,000	1,000	32	2,230	1,338	320	680	3.0	289
September 2	6678	69	7.7	1.2	3	300,000	160	34	2,080	1,248	306	608	1.8	272
1965														
January 5	14039	43	7.7	10.0	6	500,000	16,000	32	1,402	841	236	516	0.6	137
January 12	14483	38	7.5	8.0	15	300,000	13,000	20	1,722	1,033	272	572	1.3	204
January 19	14869	34	7.6	7.4	13	1,800,000	9,000	30	2,144	1,286	354	600	1.9	85
January 28	15470	32	7.6	9.0	6	200,000	5,000	140	952	571	152	352	0.3	82
February 4	15855	--	7.6	--	24	--	--	30	1,918	1,151	336	620	0.6	220
Median Value			7.6	7.4	10	220,000	700	28	1,784	1,070	277	568	1.6	196
High Value			7.8	10.0	24	1,800,000	13,000	140	2,230	1,338	354	680	3.0	289
Low Value			7.1	0.4	3	34,000	20	13	952	571	152	352	0.0	82

T A B L E II

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM - LITTLE CALUMET RIVER  
 SAMPLING POINT: Wentworth Avenue Bridge downstream from Indiana State Line west of Hammond, Indiana. (WQ Station '02 HB)

Date	Lab. No.	Temp. F.	pH	D.O. mg/l	B.O.D.5 mg/l	Bacteria #/100ml		Turbidity Units	Specific Conductance micro- mhos	Total Dissolved Solids mg/l	Alkalinity mg/l	Hardness mg/l	ABS mg/l	Chloride mg/l
						Coliforms	Entero- cocci							
1959														
August 19	3597	--	7.7	--	26	46,000	--	29	930	558	286	452	0.0	40
December 10	9529	--	7.7	8.0	9	144,000	680	10	849	509	218	438	0.0	25
1960														
August 19	4200	90	7.6	--	17	101,000	--	35	935	551	266	420	25.0	41
1961														
February 17	14880	--	7.7	5.4	17	70,000	2,400	26	745	447	192	310	0.0	32
1963														
August 2	3769	--	7.1	0.0	5	140,000	20	16	753	452	170	348	1.0	39
1964														
February 7	15915	40	7.8	3.0	15	120,000	1,000	10	1,040	624	262	444	3.0	53
September 2	6677	70	7.6	0.6	19	1,900,000	410	18	1,051	631	238	424	1.2	54
1965														
January 5	14040	38	7.7	8.8	5	300,000	5,000	25	1,002	605	194	452	0.5	56
January 12	14482	33	7.6	6.8	10	200,000	6,000	25	1,114	668	246	504	0.8	55
January 19	14868	33	7.5	1.2	7	150,000	3,000	28	1,382	829	330	620	1.1	75
January 28	15471	32	7.4	10.0	5	180,000	2,000	115	682	409	104	300	0.3	30
Median Value			7.6	5.4	10	144,000	2,000	25	935	558	238	438	0.8	41
High Value			7.1	10.0	26	1,900,000	6,000	115	1,382	829	330	620	25.0	75
Low Value			7.8	0.0	5	46,000	20	10	682	409	104	300	0.0	25

Bloom Township Sanitary District serving Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights, and Park Forest collects and treats about one-half of the total wastewater in the Thorn Creek watershed. Included in this presentation is a brief statement from the District concerning its future plans and programs.

Table II lists observations and analytical results taken at a sampling station located on Little Calumet River at Wentworth Avenue in Lansing. These results portray the general water quality of the River as it comes from the State of Indiana.

The data indicate quantities of organic matter present in the water or presumably in bottom deposits sufficient to depress the dissolved oxygen content below satisfactory levels. In past years a diurnal change in dissolved oxygen has been noted with absence or low values at daybreak and high values by mid-afternoon.

(See Table II on following page.)

Table II further shows coliform bacteria and enterococcus counts in a range of values consistent with numbers found in fresh or dilute sewage treatment plant effluents. Other constituents likewise confirm the presence of undesirable amounts of waste matter.

(See Table III on following page.)

Table III lists similarly the water quality of Thorn Creek near its confluence with Little Calumet River. Co-incidentally, the values for various tests are much of the

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TABLE I  
DOMESTIC WASTEWATER WORKS - LITTLE CALUMET RIVER WATERSHED  
ILLINOIS SANITARY WATER BOARD AREA

Municipality	Receiving Stream	Estimated Load to Sewers and Treatment		Design Capacity P.E.	Year Built or at Last Expansion
		Population	P.E.(a)		
Lansing	Little Cal. R.	18,500	18,500	25,000	1958
Thornton	Thorn Creek	2,900	2,900	4,500	1959
Homewood	Butterfield Cr.	15,000	15,000	16,000	1956
Flossmoor	Butterfield Cr.	4,800	4,800	8,000	1956
Olympia Fields					
Main	Butterfield Cr.	800	800	2,500	1960
Olympia Woods	Butterfield Cr.	400	400	1,500	1959
Graymoor	Butterfield Cr.	180	180	400	1954
Matteson	Butterfield Cr.	3,200	3,200	5,000	1959
Richton Park	Butterfield Cr.	1,050	1,050	3,000	1964
Bloom Township San. Dist.(b)	Thorn Creek	68,000	75,000	60,000	1958
Crete	Deer Creek	2,750	3,500	4,000	1963
Steger	Third Creek	6,400	6,400	10,000	1954
3 Minor(c)	Plum Creek	--	100(e)	--	--
3 Minor(d)	Thorn Creek	--	100(e)	--	--
		123,980	131,730	139,900	

(a) - Population Equivalent

(b) - Chicago Heights, South Chicago Heights, Park Forest

(c) - 2 Subdivisions and 1 country club

(d) - 1 Subdivision, 1 medical center, and 1 industrial domestic

(e) - Excluded from totals

NOTE: All wasteworks provide secondary treatment capable of 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand reductions of greater than 85%. Estimated total P.E. to streams 17,500

1                   It is sufficient to note that in Thorn Creek  
2 watershed through constant public demands for cleaner streams  
3 and through Sanitary Water Board action, numerous raw sewage  
4 discharges were eliminated, and all sewered municipalities now  
5 have secondary treatment facilities. Although the water  
6 quality of these streams are not ideal, a gradual improvement  
7 of conditions has been noted in the past thirty years or more,  
8 despite a growing population and greater industrial activity.

9                   These streams are not large for the populations  
10 that use them for wastewater treatment effluent assimilation  
11 and transport. During dry weather the flow in Thorn Creek  
12 approximates the combined volumes of sewage treatment plant  
13 effluents.

                  (See Table I on following page)

14                   In Table I are listed the municipal wastewater  
15 works located within the Little Calumet River drainage system  
16 under Sanitary Water Board jurisdiction. An estimated  
17 124,000 persons are served by sewers and secondary treatment,  
18 and with some included industrial waste the population equiva-  
19 lent is about 132,000.

20                   Population equivalent is a calculated waste-  
21 water strength equal to a normal waste contribution by the  
22 same number of persons. Present treatment plants, all of which  
23 have been built, enlarged, or improved in the past ten years,  
24 have a nominal capacity for treatment of wastes of 140,000  
25 population equivalent.

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1 of Clarence W. Klassen, Chief Sanitary Engineer of the  
2 Department, and Technical Secretary of the Illinois Sanitary  
3 Water Board.

4 My principal duties for almost thirty years have  
5 been in activities relating to Illinois programs of water pol-  
6 lution abatement, prevention, and control. In the course of  
7 my work, I have devoted much time and effort to the region  
8 under consideration at this conference.

9 The accompanying map of Calumet Region shows  
10 the areas over which the Illinois Sanitary Water Board has  
11 responsibility for water pollution control. Other areas in  
12 this part of Cook County have been subject to control by the  
13 Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago since 1956,  
14 prior to which year 159th Street (U.S.Route 6) defined the  
15 general southern boundary of the District.

16 Pollution control of Lake Michigan waters  
17 within the State are a responsibility of the Board from the  
18 north Cook County line to the State of Wisconsin, and in  
19 Cook County from sources other than those originating in the  
20 Sanitary District.

21 From 1929 to 1946, surveys and sampling in the  
22 Calumet Region for the Sanitary Water Board encompassed  
23 streams within the Chicago Sanitary District, as the responsi-  
24 bilities for stream pollution control were less well defined  
25 than at the present time.

1 District of Chicago. This accounts for the co-conferees, the  
2 Sanitary Water Board and the Chicago Sanitary District.

3 The next brief presentation -- it is brief  
4 because it covers a small area -- will be made on behalf of  
5 the State Sanitary Water Board by Mr. Richard Nelle, who is  
6 the Co-ordinator of the Board enforcement activities and  
7 handles our water resources information. He will be assisted  
8 by Ben Leland, coming up the aisle here, who is in charge of  
9 the Sanitary Water Board of Chicago Office.

10 I do want to call attention to the map over  
11 here, the three white areas that you see. Do you want to  
12 point them out for a minute, Leland? They are the areas under  
13 the jurisdiction of the State Sanitary Water Board.

14 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Those are the three areas left of the  
15 Illinois line within dotted areas, because this won't show up  
16 when we reprint it.

17 MR. KLASSEN: The dotted area, the one at the left,  
18 Chicago Heights and the Homewood area, then the next is the  
19 Thornton area and then next is Lansing.

20 Mr. Nelle, will you make the presentation for  
21 the Board?

22 MR. RICHARD S. NELLE: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies  
23 and gentlemen:

24 I am Richard S. Nelle, Sanitary Engineer,  
25 Illinois Department of Public Health, serving under direction

1 Is it not timely for us to ask that our great  
2 neighboring State of Indiana and the responsible officials of  
3 local communities in that State, together with industries who  
4 may be contributing to the pollution of interstate waters,  
5 take immediate remedial and necessary preventive measures to  
6 halt such pollution which jeopardizes not only the citizens of  
7 Chicago, but citizens of Indiana as well.

8 It is my great hope that this conference called  
9 by Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze today will be consummated  
10 by the development of an acceptable program and schedule under  
11 which the State of Indiana, with the cooperation of the Federal  
12 Government and the State of Illinois, will bring about a  
13 cessation of pollution, thereby assuring us and future genera-  
14 tions of a wholesome water supply.

15 Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Dr. Andelman.

17 (Applause)

18 Any comments or questions?

19 (No response)

20 If not, --

21 MR. KLASSEN: This is an off-the-record remark.

22 (Discussion off the record)

23 MR. KLASSEN: Most of the audience, I am sure, is aware  
24 of the fact that the Illinois Legislature has excluded from  
25 the jurisdiction of the Sanitary Water Board the Sanitary

1 deleterious to health when ingested over a long period.

2 Specifically, any contamination of our drinking  
3 water with intestinal organisms, even though they be harmless  
4 in themselves, is an immediate signal of potential danger.

5 Furthermore, the viruses of poliomyelitis and  
6 infectious hepatitis may both be disseminated by fecal contami-  
7 nation of the water supply. The fact that we now have an  
8 effective vaccine against poliomyelitis does not alter the  
9 situation. There is no such vaccine against hepatitis, and  
10 this disease is still a serious health problem.

11 Good sound public health preventive medical  
12 practice demands that our water resources be maintained in the  
13 cleanest possible condition.

14 The United States Public Health Service report  
15 titled, "Report on Pollution of the Waters of Grand Calumet  
16 River, Little Calumet River, Calumet River, Lake Michigan,  
17 Wolf Lake and Their Tributaries, Illinois - Indiana", dated  
18 February 1965, contains adequate documentation of the sources  
19 of pollution which may adversely affect the health and well-  
20 being of citizens residing in our communities.

21 The City of Chicago has used every lawful  
22 measure available to control and prevent pollution insofar as  
23 this municipality is concerned. We have received assurance  
24 from our responsible state agencies that similar measures are  
25 being undertaken by the State of Illinois.

1 sewage empty into the lake.

2 We in Public Health are rightly concerned since  
3 this type of pollution carries with it the threat of outbreaks  
4 of infectious hepatitis, typhoid fever, Salmonellosis, and  
5 possibly other virus or bacterial diseases, which we have not  
6 had since the late 1800's.

7 In order to successfully control these water-  
8 borne diseases, it has been necessary to maintain constant  
9 vigilance of the safety of our water supply and to require  
10 more money for the construction of new water treatment faci-  
11 lities.

12 At present, water used for drinking purposes is  
13 being maintained safely. Persons using the lake for swimming  
14 and other recreational purposes do not have the protection of  
15 filtration and chlorination, but come in direct contact with  
16 the polluted water; hence hazard to them is markedly greater  
17 than exists from the drinking of properly treated water.

18 The waters of Lake Michigan that are used for  
19 drinking, bathing and recreational activities should be free  
20 from undesirable appearance, odor, and taste. In this connec-  
21 tion industrial wastes such as phenolics, oils, cyanides, flue  
22 dust and popcorn slag play a serious role in the Lake Michigan  
23 water pollution problem.

24 Industrial wastes impart undesirable odors to  
25 the water and in sufficient concentration may also be

1 the responsible city and state officials concerned with the  
2 protection of the health of our community advise us that  
3 pollution from both municipal sewage disposal systems and from  
4 some industrial plant discharges is becoming a serious problem  
5 and creating potential health hazards, as well as adding sub-  
6 stantially to the economic burden on the taxpayers of this  
7 community due to the increased cost for the treatment of our  
8 drinking water.

9               Studies carried out by the United States Public  
10 Health Service and the Chicago Department of Water and Sewers  
11 during the years 1962 through 1964 indicate an increasing  
12 degree of fecal type contaminants in the waters at the south-  
13 ern end of Lake Michigan.

14               The United States Public Health Service states:  
15 "Highest coliform concentration occurred in the waters extend-  
16 ing from the mouth of the Calumet River to the Indiana Harbor  
17 and out to a distance of approximately two miles off shore."

18               This contaminated water, due to current flows  
19 in the south end of Lake Michigan, moves northward until it  
20 reaches the South District Water Filtration Plant intakes and  
21 the beaches in the southern half of the City of Chicago. The  
22 presence of these polluted waters presents a definite health  
23 hazard because when there is increased concentration of non-  
24 pathogenic organism, pathogenic bacterial and viral organisms  
25 obviously must increase also as greater and greater amounts of



1 plants became necessary in order that safe, potable water,  
2 free of disease-producing contaminants, would be available in  
3 sufficient abundance to assure protection of the public health  
4 and continued residential and industrial growth. To meet our  
5 obligations the City of Chicago has just completed the con-  
6 struction of the world's largest and most modern water treat-  
7 ment plant designed to supply not only Chicago but also other  
8 communities served by Chicago's water system.

9           In addition to constituting a domestic raw  
10 water source for our drinking water, Lake Michigan provides  
11 recreation for millions of citizens of Chicago and the  
12 metropolitan area. We have been justly proud of our bathing  
13 beaches and aquatic recreational facilities.

14           Because of these aforementioned actions, the  
15 City has had an excellent record with respect to the control  
16 of waterborne diseases. The maintenance of this record,  
17 however, has been dependent upon many factors including main-  
18 tenance of a highly trained staff of water safety experts.  
19 These experts advise us that an increasing amount of inferior  
20 quality lake water moving in from the south of the City has  
21 been noted at the water intakes of the South District Filtra-  
22 tion Plant. Already it is noted that a number of beaches in  
23 the communities to the south of Chicago have been closed be-  
24 cause of polluted water in Lake Michigan.

25           The United States Public Health Service and

1 statement to this conference.

2 DR. ANDELMAN: Thank you, very much.

3 MR. KLASSEN: He is locally known as Dr. Sam.

4 DR. ANDELMAN: Thank you, very much.

5 I see some of you smoking. I want to make sure  
6 this is not affecting water pollution.

7 (Laughter)

8 Honorable Chairman, Conferees Poston, Poole  
9 Klassen, Colonel Chesrow, public officials, representatives  
10 citizen groups, ladies and gentlemen:

11 The citizens of Chicago who inhabited these  
12 shores at the turn of the Century, when Chicago was a fledg-  
13 ling community, dealt sternly and realistically with the pro-  
14 blem of disease and nuisance-creating pollution of Lake  
15 Michigan.

16 Their foresight in establishing the Metropoli-  
17 tan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago with its world re-  
18 nowned record for efficient waste treatment, and the outstand-  
19 ing engineering feat of reversal of the flow of the Chicago  
20 River were critical factors in permitting the development of  
21 Chicago as a leader residential, business and industrial center  
22 whose citizens enjoyed the health benefits of a safe, potable  
23 drinking water supply and water-oriented recreation areas  
24 second to none.

25 The construction of modern water treatment

1 something like 38 in one place, 49 percent in another place  
2 and I just raise this issue.

3 I am not saying whether it is significant or  
4 anything of that kind, but, I would think that before the  
5 conference is concluded, the Sanitary District in its presenta-  
6 tion, may want to cover that so the conferees will be able to  
7 come to a uniform judgment.

8 Are there any other points or comments?

9 (No response.)

10 If not, you know, we do have a lot of people  
11 and we are going to keep your nose to the grindstone.

12 Mr. Klassen has a few more people to call be-  
13 fore lunch and I think we are not going to go past 12:30, but  
14 we are going to try to expedite this as much as possible.

15 Mr. Klassen?

16 MR. KLASSEN: Yes, that is the general timing.

17 One of the real important jobs in the city of  
18 Chicago is the Commissioner of Health.

19 He's got to keep his eye open for present and  
20 possible future potential hazards to health,

21 Chicago is fortunate to have a Health Commis-  
22 sioner that has a rare combination of medical and environ-  
23 mental health competencies.

24 At this time, I am going to ask Dr. Andelman,  
25 Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago, to present his

1 I think the problems that come with treating  
2 a polluted water and the possible ramifications, if the treat-  
3 ment wasn't proper, are more important than any costs that we  
4 might have.

5 MR. POSTON: Thank you. I thought it was excellent.

6 CHAIRMAN STEIN: For the conferees--and maybe they want  
7 to hold you when you finish this--I think we have two points  
8 here.

9 I think one is that for the first time, at  
10 least to me, I have seen recommended water criteria goals.  
11 This should be borne in mind during the rest of the conference  
12 by the conferees. There was another point that Mr. Gerstein  
13 raised--and this is always one of the most awkward spots for a  
14 Chairman who has to keep his eye on the unresolved issues--  
15 and I bring it up because I wondered particularly if the  
16 Sanitary District would later, in its presentation, be careful  
17 to include this: Mr. Gerstein, generally speaking, said that  
18 the report is in accord with the data and reports presented  
19 by Mr. LeBosquet yesterday, and I think that these reports  
20 speak for themselves and the conferees will be able to evaluate.  
21 However, Mr. LeBosquet said that the Calumet River and its  
22 wastes went back into Lake Michigan a significant number of  
23 times. There was a question on that by Colonel Chesrow. This  
24 is still, to my mind, an unresolved issue.

25 I think Mr. Gerstein's figures as I saw them up there were

1 I suspect that this paper is such a classical  
2 example of our problem that it will very well be used in other  
3 regions throughout the country.

4 If this conference accomplishes nothing else,  
5 at least, we provided the forum for the deliverance of the  
6 paper.

7 Thank you very much.

8 Wait, let's see if there are any comments or  
9 questions.

10 Any questions?

11 Wait just one moment. Mr. Poston?

12 MR. POSTON: I would like to ask Mr. Gerstein if he's  
13 made cyanide analyses on raw water and have they had any  
14 reason to suspect that they might have --

15 MR. GERSTEIN: I checked with Jim Vaughn on this matter  
16 and we haven't taken very many samples for cyanide tests, but  
17 all those that we have taken in the lake have been negative  
18 for cyanide.

19 MR. POSTON: I was going to ask one more question and  
20 that pertained to whether you have any estimated total annual  
21 cost of treatment because of pollution?

22 In other words, whether you could break out the  
23 cost of extra chemicals and extra filter washing?

24 MR. GERSTEIN: I don't have that figure.

25 It can be obtained. It is rather difficult.  
But, frankly, I am not really concerned about the cost.

1           We are, therefore, suggesting that natural  
2 algae odors be omitted from these parameters, and set a  
3 maximum goal of a threshold odor number of 6 in the intake  
4 water for odors produced by industrial waste pollution with  
5 the particular caution to be observed that the odors so caused  
6 should always be of such nature as to come within the capacity  
7 of a conventional water treatment plant for their removal.

8           The statement was prepared by Oscar Dillens  
9 and his assistant, Jim Vaughn, who played a big part in the  
10 preparation of this report.

11           Nick Kuhn, the head of the Water Safety Control  
12 Section, furnished most of the data, since it was collected  
13 under his jurisdiction.

14           Thank you.

15           CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Gerstein.

16           Why don't you wait up there a minute.

17           Speaking for myself, Hy, I want to say that I  
18 have waited twenty years for that statement and it was worth  
19 waiting for.

20           MR. GERSTEIN: Thank you.

21           CHAIRMAN STEIN: I think it was completely comprehensive  
22 and I don't know where the views and information you presented  
23 in the report are going to lead. But I am sure that these  
24 views and this information will have to be taken into consider-  
25 ation in any evaluation of water quality in this area.

1           We have prepared recommendations which we  
2 believe are both desirable and practical for attainment of  
3 the maximum goals in various parameters of quality which, if  
4 met, should present no serious problems in producing a safe  
5 and palatable, superior quality water for the consumers in  
6 Chicago and the metropolitan area.

7           These are maximum goals which should never be  
8 exceeded but it is most desirable that these parameters be  
9 kept at levels below these maximums at all times.

10           I am showing on the slide the Recommended  
11 Quality Criteria.

12           These are not too strict. I would say most of  
13 the time, water at our intakes met these standars; but, by  
14 setting the criteria limits and also setting permissable  
15 limits for not more than 12 days per year, we feel that an  
16 acceptable water can be received at our intakes which will  
17 lend itself to efficient treatment in our plant.

18           We have purposely omitted the parameter "odor  
19 threshold" number because of differences which exist in the  
20 effectiveness of water treatments for removing various types  
21 of odors from the water. It has been our experience that it  
22 is more difficult to reduce a "hydrocarbon" type odor of 6  
23 threshold intensity to an acceptable level, than an algae-type  
24 odor of 15 threshold intensity.  
25

1                   And now, I come to the last section. It is on  
2 Recommended Quality Criteria Goals for Lake Water at the  
3 Chicago Water Works Intakes.

4                   Next slide, please.

5                   We have been requested to develop recommenda-  
6 tions for desirable quality criteria goals for various para-  
7 meters of quality for Lake Michigan water received at our  
8 water works intakes. We are fully aware of the pit-falls that  
9 are inherent in setting water quality criteria goals and are,  
10 therefore, approaching this matter with great caution and  
11 trepidation, and with full knowledge that only a practical and  
12 reasonable recommendation for quality goals can be justified.

13                  Lake Michigan water in its natural state has  
14 been an excellent source of water supply and lends itself to  
15 treatment in conventional rapid-sand treatment plants to pro-  
16 duce a superior quality water for domestic and industrial use.

17                  It is only during periods when industrial and  
18 sewage pollution of the water with contaminants such as coli-  
19 form bacteria, odor producing wastes which are difficult to  
20 remove, ammonia, nitrogen, phenols, ABS and various organic  
21 wastes having unknown chemical constituents, are present in  
22 the water that it becomes difficult to produce our customary  
23 high quality water in the conventional treatment plant. Also  
24 increased nutrients in the water definitely tend toward bring-  
25 ing about biological degradation of the lake and the problems  
that go with it.



1 sufficient numbers to reduce the filter runs at the South  
2 District Filtration Plant to less than 7 hours. Therefore,  
3 the problem of short filter runs, which normally occurred only  
4 on a seasonal basis, is now present almost all the year round,  
5 resulting in increasing the costs of treatment and creating  
6 operating problems in the plant.

7 Another result of increased amounts of phos-  
8 phorus and ammonia nitrogen in the lake water has been the  
9 increase in the growth of the filamentous algae known as  
10 Cladophora. This algae has been found growing along the rocks  
11 around the bulkhead of the filter plant and has been observed  
12 by skin divers growing in patches at the bottom of the lake  
13 near the plant intakes.

14 The wave action of the lake loosens this algae  
15 and it collects on the screens of the intake basin ahead of  
16 the low lift pumps, clogging these screens and reducing the  
17 flow through them. At times each summer it has been necessary  
18 to keep a crew of laborers busy cleaning these screens which  
19 are of the fixed type and not adaptable to automatic cleaning.

20 Four to six men are kept busy almost every day  
21 for a period of six weeks to three months, cleaning screens of  
22 this particular algae. Each year clogging of the screens in-  
23 creases and the period over which it is necessary to clean the  
24 screens of this algae lengthens out. In 1964 it was necessary  
25 to clean the screens as late as the first week in November.

1           As previously indicated, normally the popula-  
2       tion peaks of plankton in the water are reached in the spring  
3       and the fall of each year; however, in 1956 a new problem  
4       appeared -- a new diatom which had existed in small numbers  
5       heretofore, began to occur in appreciable numbers. This  
6       diatom is known as *Stephanodiscus hantzschii*. It is a small  
7       diatom that grows best when the water temperature ranges be-  
8       tween 32 and 39 degrees Fahrenheit. This organism does not  
9       interfere with filter runs but in its life cycle produces col-  
10      loidal calcium carbonate which produces colloidal turbidity  
11      in the water, and raises the hydrogen ion concentration of the  
12      water. This in turn requires the use of much more coagulant.

13           In 1959 another difficult water diatom appear-  
14      ed -- this one had not been observed in Lake Michigan until  
15      that time. It has been reported as being present in the St.  
16      Lawrence River water at Montreal in 1956.

17           This organism is known as *Stephanodiscus*  
18      *binderanus*. It is a filamentous diatom and in addition to  
19      raising the hydrogen ion concentration of the water, produced  
20      colloidal calcium carbonate when present in large quantities,  
21      and the organisms not settled out in the basin are carried on  
22      to the filters, producing short filter runs and creating  
23      serious operating problems because of the large number of  
24      filter washes required.

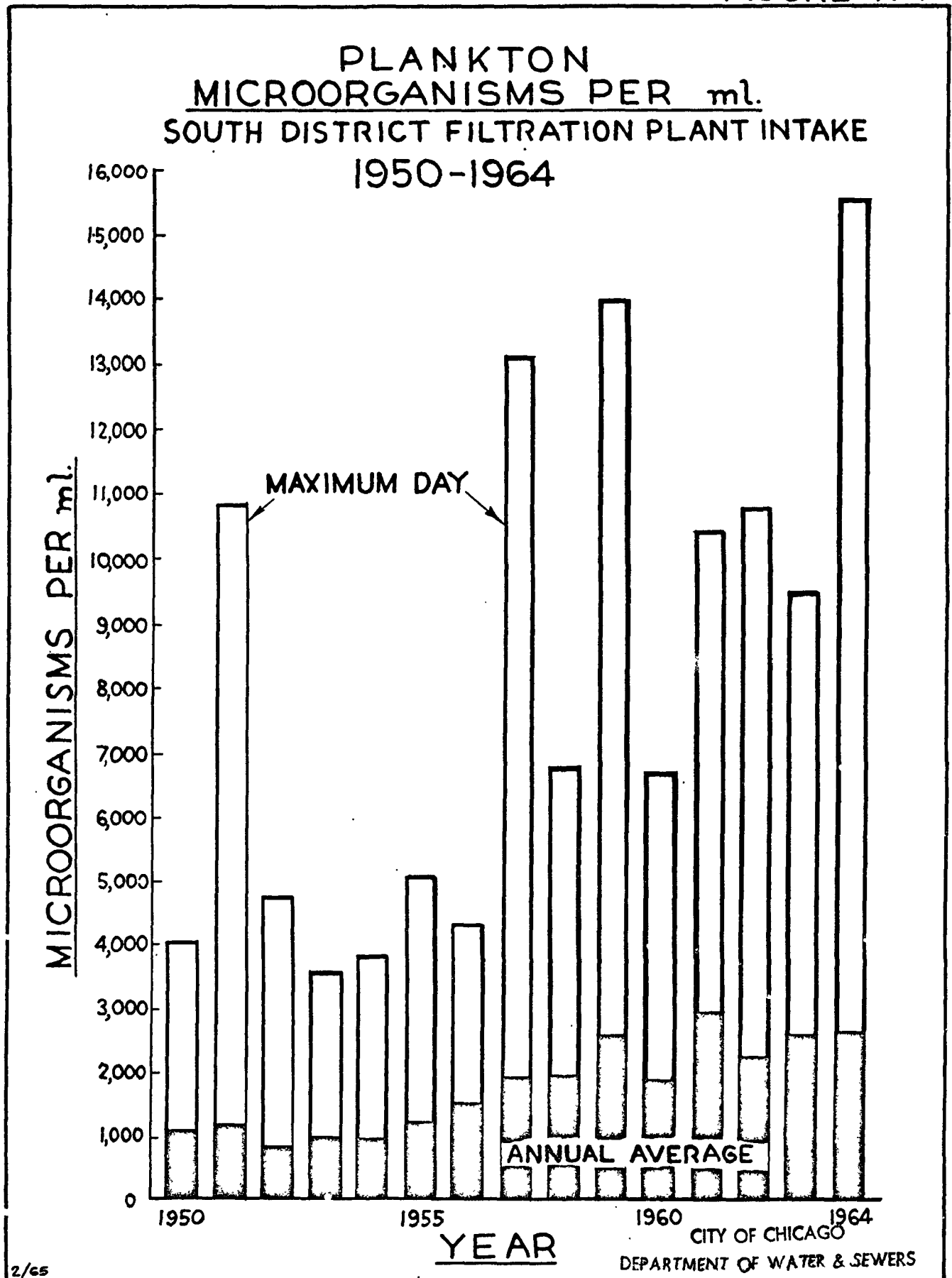
25           In January 1960 this organism occurred in

1 maximum number found during any day in each year for the  
2 period 1950-1964 in the lake water at the South District  
3 Filtration Plant intakes. This chart shows in a very striking  
4 manner the general upward trend in plankton numbers over the  
5 period. The annual average microorganisms per milliliter more  
6 than doubled from 1076 in 1950 to 2624 in 1964, and the number  
7 found in the water during the maximum day of each year in-  
8 creased from 3961 in 1950 to 15,510 in 1964.

9           The prevailing type of algae in the lake at the  
10 Chicago intakes has been the diatoms *Tabellaria*, *Fragilaria*  
11 and *Asterionella*. Normally there are spring and fall peaks of  
12 these organisms, usually rising when the water temperature  
13 ranges between 45 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

14           Under normal operation, the filters at the  
15 South District Filtration Plant are washed about once in 24  
16 hours or longer. However, when the algae numbers in the intake  
17 water reach their peaks, the coagulation is less effective in  
18 settling out the microorganisms, and clogging of the filters  
19 results, cutting down the filter runs to about 6 or 7 hours.  
20 At such time, the operating problems caused by larger number  
21 of filter backwashes and the increased "time out" of filters  
22 being washed, decreased the plant capacity considerably. Such  
23 occurrences during peak demand periods in the water system  
24 have had serious consequences in reducing the available capa-  
25 city of the plant when needed most.

FIGURE H-1



1 to scan all of our 250 instruments in various parts of the  
2 plant, at very frequent intervals and print out on a data log  
3 when it exceeds or goes under set points.

4 We plan later to try to use the computer to  
5 automate certain functions in the treatment.

6 Next slide, please.

7 This section is on the Effect of Nutrient  
8 Pollution of Lake on Plankton Development.

9 The increased nutrient waste discharge into the  
10 southern end of Lake Michigan, indicated by the rise in  
11 ammonia nitrogen content of the water, has caused increases  
12 in the numbers and changes in the species of plankton micro-  
13 organisms in the lake water. (See Fig.H-1 on following page.)

14 In recent years routine tests for phosphorus  
15 in the water were carried out in our laboratory other than on  
16 samples for complete chemical analysis. However, in light of  
17 the ABS (synthetic detergent) pollution found to exist in the  
18 Indiana Harbor Ship Canal discharges to the lake and the  
19 results of laboratory determinations made by the United States  
20 Public Health Service in their recent surveys, there is no  
21 question that sufficient phosphorus exists in the water to act  
22 with the high ammonia nitrogen content to furnish the necessary  
23 nutrients to sustain the increased plankton growths which have  
24 been observed.

25 In this chart shown on the board, the annual  
average number of plankton organisms per millileter and the

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1 produced as side effects in the increase of nutrient pollu-  
2 tion, and are discussed in Section H of this report.

3 A very obvious and apparent result of this  
4 steady increase in the pollution of the raw water treated at  
5 the South District Filtration Plant has been a rapidly accel-  
6 erating rise in the costs of chemicals for treatment. While  
7 there has been a slight rise in the price per pound paid for  
8 the chemicals, this is but a fraction of the total increase in  
9 the total cost of chemical treatment of the polluted intake  
10 water.

11 The annual average cost of chemicals used in  
12 treating water at the South District Filtration Plant has in-  
13 creased from \$3.81 per mg. in 1955 to \$6.35 in 1964. Pro-  
14 jecting these costs at the present rate of increase into the  
15 future, it is obvious that the cost of producing a satisfactory  
16 water from such a highly polluted source, may well become pro-  
17 hibitive. It is also possible, if this pollution continues,  
18 that the capacity of this plant to properly treat such a pol-  
19 luted water, may soon be overtaxed.

20 I would like to depart from my prepared state-  
21 ment to tell you about the provision that our new Central  
22 District Filtration Plant has a very sophisticated type of  
23 instrumentation for controlling treatment in the plant.

24 We are now taking bids for a computer which will  
25 cost about a quarter of a million dollars, which will function

1 in spite of a remarkable degree of anticipation, there have  
2 been several occasions in which the reserve supply of activated  
3 carbon was sufficient for less than 24 hours at the peak rate  
4 of consumption.

5 Additional dosages of alum are required for  
6 high carbon dosages in order that the carbon after completing  
7 its absorption function, may be coagulated and settled out.  
8 The ratio of the peak taste and odor incidents to normal  
9 usage for the application of dosages of carbon, chlorine and  
10 alum, are as follows:

Carbon,	70:1
Chlorine,	7:1
Alum,	4:1

13 The potential problems and hazards involved in  
14 treating highly polluted waters are:

15 1. Water with a highly obnoxious taste and  
16 odor may be supplied to the consumers.

17 2. It may be impossible to apply enough chlor-  
18 ine to decompose the ammonia nitrogen present and still leave  
19 enough to destroy the bacteria present introducing a potential  
20 hazard that a bacteriologically unsafe water might leave the  
21 plant.

22 No such occurrences have taken place since the  
23 South District Filtration Plant has been in operation but we  
24 are concerned with the future if pollution of the intake  
25 waters are not abated. Other operating problems have been

1           Of great assistance in anticipating taste and  
2 odor incidents, are the wind direction and velocity instru-  
3 ments, the measuring elements of which are located at the top  
4 of the chemical building south penthouse. The indicating and  
5 recording instruments are located in the control center. It  
6 is well established that a wind from a southerly direction may  
7 bring up pools of industrial pollution from the Calumet region.

#### 8           Problems in Handling High Pollution Periods

9           The first problem is to anticipate these  
10 periods. Watching the wind direction and velocity are impor-  
11 tant warnings. A drop in pH, a rise in temperature of the raw  
12 water are other indications. A drop in the chlorine residual  
13 of the treated water is another immediate indication of an in-  
14 crease of ammonia nitrogen or chlorine absorptive pollution.

15           It is well established that ten units of  
16 chlorine are required to decompose one unit of ammonia nitro-  
17 gen. When the ammonia nitrogen content of the raw water is  
18 high, the problem is to add enough chlorine to decompose it  
19 and still leave enough chlorine present to destroy the bacter-  
20 ial pollution also present.

21           Another problem of operation is to keep on hand  
22 adequate reserves of the chemicals necessary to combat taste  
23 and odor incidents. Whenever a taste and odor incident begins  
24 continuing shipments of chemicals are begun.

25           In spite of expanding the storage facilities,



1           Next to the control center is the control  
2 laboratory which operates 24 hours of every day. This labora-  
3 tory, at regular intervals, makes certain tests on the raw  
4 intake and treated waters that are necessary for control of  
5 the treatment process in all of its phases.

6           In addition to checking out the readings of the  
7 pH and chlorine residual recorders, the control chemist makes  
8 threshold odor and ammonia nitrogen determinations on the raw  
9 waters.

10           Normally, these tests are made at four-hour  
11 intervals. In case a taste and odor incident occurs, they are  
12 usually made every hour. The most important facility available  
13 in anticipating taste and odor incidents, is a Continuous Odor  
14 Monitor.

15           This gives an immediate qualitative indication  
16 as to the intensity and character of the odor of the water  
17 being supplied to that instrument. There are five of these.  
18 These sample water from the crib intake, the shore intake, the  
19 raw water header containing the prevailing mixture of crib and  
20 shore water, and from each of the two outlet shafts.

21           When there is a sudden and extreme change for  
22 the worse in the odors of the raw waters, the control engineer  
23 and the control chemist are immediately aware of this change.  
24 Thus the carbon application may be increased immediately and  
25 adjusted when the results of the threshold odor dilution tests  
are available.

1 350,000 pounds of bag carbon which is made into slurry when  
2 used is also kept on hand.

3 Carbon may be applied to the crib water by  
4 means of a bypass shaft 1,100 feet ahead of the chemical appli-  
5 cation channels. This is done when the phenol content of the  
6 crib water is at a significant level. This removes the  
7 phenols ahead of chlorination.

8 It is well established that when phenols are  
9 chlorinated, a very obnoxious medicinal odor is produced due  
10 to the formation of chlorophenols which are very difficult to  
11 remove. Carbon may be added at the beginning of the mixing  
12 period but in case treated water passes this point with in-  
13 adequate treatment, it may also be added to the settled water  
14 as it goes on to the filters.

#### 15 Control of Treatment

16 The operation of the plant stems from a control  
17 center. Here pumpage rates are set. The control engineer has  
18 available information from the pumping stations as to pumpage  
19 rates. Before him on the control panel, he has available  
20 indicated and recorded information as to the status of water  
21 levels and flows throughout the plant.

22 The control engineer also sets chemical dosages.  
23 He has available on the panel indicated and recorded inform-  
24 ation as to the pH and temperature of the raw waters as well  
25 as the pH and chlorine residual of the treated waters.

1 The plant is designed to receive Lake Michigan water either  
2 from the Dunne Crib intake 2 miles off shore, or from the  
3 shore intake, which is 2,500 feet out from the main shoreline,  
4 or from a mixture of both.

5 For the last three years, it has been necessary  
6 to use both intakes. The coagulants used are alum and chlori-  
7 nated copperas (ferrous sulfate). Sterilization and oxidation  
8 is accomplished by the use of chlorine. Post ammoniation in  
9 the finished water is practiced for the purpose of maintaining  
10 sterilization residuals and for reducing chlorinous taste and  
11 odors.

12 Provision is also made for the removal of ob-  
13 jectionable tastes and odors. This may be accomplished in two  
14 ways. Small amounts of phenols and some types of "fishy" or  
15 "musty" odors originating from the plankton in the water may  
16 be reduced by the action of chlorine.

17 The principal agent for taste and odor removal  
18 for the more difficult odors is activated carbon. This is a  
19 finely divided, highly absorptive material having its origin  
20 in certain charcoals. This material is received in bulk and  
21 on arrival is made into a slurry so that each gallon of slurry  
22 contains approximately one pound of activated carbon.

23 The storage capacity for carbon slurry has been  
24 steadily increased over the years as the carbon demands in-  
25 creased, now amounts to 180,000 pounds. A reserve stock of

1 nitrogen content of 0.164 parts per million and the shore  
2 intake water on this day had a maximum threshold odor of 16 Ch  
3 and a maximum ammonia nitrogen of 0.080 parts per million.

4 The maximum carbon dosage on this day was  
5 745 pounds per mg. The total activated carbon used during the  
6 month of December was 531,572 pounds. Of this total,  
7 462,272 pounds were used during fifteen days of the high "Ch"  
8 odor threshold in the raw water.

9 The most recent appearance of industrial pol-  
10 lution occurred in February 1965. Hydrocarbon odors appeared  
11 at the Dunne Crib intake on February 6. The threshold odor  
12 reached a maximum value of 12 Ch on February 7. The ammonia  
13 nitrogen reached a maximum value of 0.138 parts per million  
14 on this day. These hydrocarbon odors in the raw water pre-  
15 vailed continuously for 7 days up to and including February  
16 12. The maximum activated carbon dosage required by this  
17 water to produce an acceptable treated water was 320 pounds  
18 per mg. on February 7, 1965.

19 The next slide, please.

20 The next section of the statement is regarding  
21 the "Effect of Pollution on the Operation of our Treatment  
22 Plant".

23 The South District Filtration Plant is a typi-  
24 cal water treatment plant with facilities for coagulation,  
25 settling, filtration, sterilization and taste and odor removal.

1 on October 28 and remained through October 31. It reached  
2 the Dever Crib on October 30 but did not drift to the Wilson  
3 Avenue Crib. All of these pools had hydrocarbon odors and  
4 high ammonia nitrogen content.

5 A similar experience of pollution being trans-  
6 ported as a result of wind action occurred in 1963 over the  
7 period of January 29 to February 2.

8 As indicated above, the prevailing wind preced-  
9 ing the incident was from the southeast to southwest quadrant.  
10 The slug of pollution reached the Dunne Crib intake on January  
11 29. On January 31 the wind switched from southwest to south-  
12 southeast. The pollution arrived at the Dever Crib intake  
13 on February 2.

14 The raw water from this intake reached a maxi-  
15 mum threshold odor of 10 Ch. The chlorine demand of this  
16 water amounted to 14.5 pounds per mg. The maximum threshold  
17 odor of the intake water from the Dunne Crib reached 50 Ch on  
18 January 29. The ammonia nitrogen content reached a maximum of  
19 0.270 parts per million.

20 During the month of December 1965 the South  
21 District Filtration Plant experienced four principal odor  
22 periods. In length and severity these periods exceeded any-  
23 thing observed in recent years.

24 On December 12, the raw water from the crib  
25 intake had a maximum threshold odor of 90 Ch with an ammonia

1 lake off the mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal and  
2 Calumet area toward Chicago's intakes. The winds continued  
3 for the next several days from this quadrant, ranging from  
4 southeast to southwest.

5 The pollution reached the Dunne Crib on Septem-  
6 ber 19 and arrived at the Dever Crib on September 21 where it  
7 lasted for 3 days. The same slug with the same general winds  
8 prevailing was observed at the Wilson Avenue Crib on September  
9 24.

10 A similar experience occurred during the period  
11 of October 4 to 16. During this period the winds again were  
12 from the quadrant between the compass points of southeast and  
13 southwest.

14 The polluted water first appeared at the Dunne  
15 Crib on October 4 and remained through October 13. It appear-  
16 ed at the Dever Crib on October 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 16.  
17 This same pool drifted to the Wilson Avenue Crib intake twice  
18 on October 10 and once on October 11.

19 A third experience occurred during the period  
20 of October 24 - 31, inclusive. Beginning on October 24, the  
21 winds again moved into the critical quadrant between the south-  
22 east and southwest points of the compass. With few exceptions,  
23 the winds prevailed in a generally southern direction through  
24 October 31.

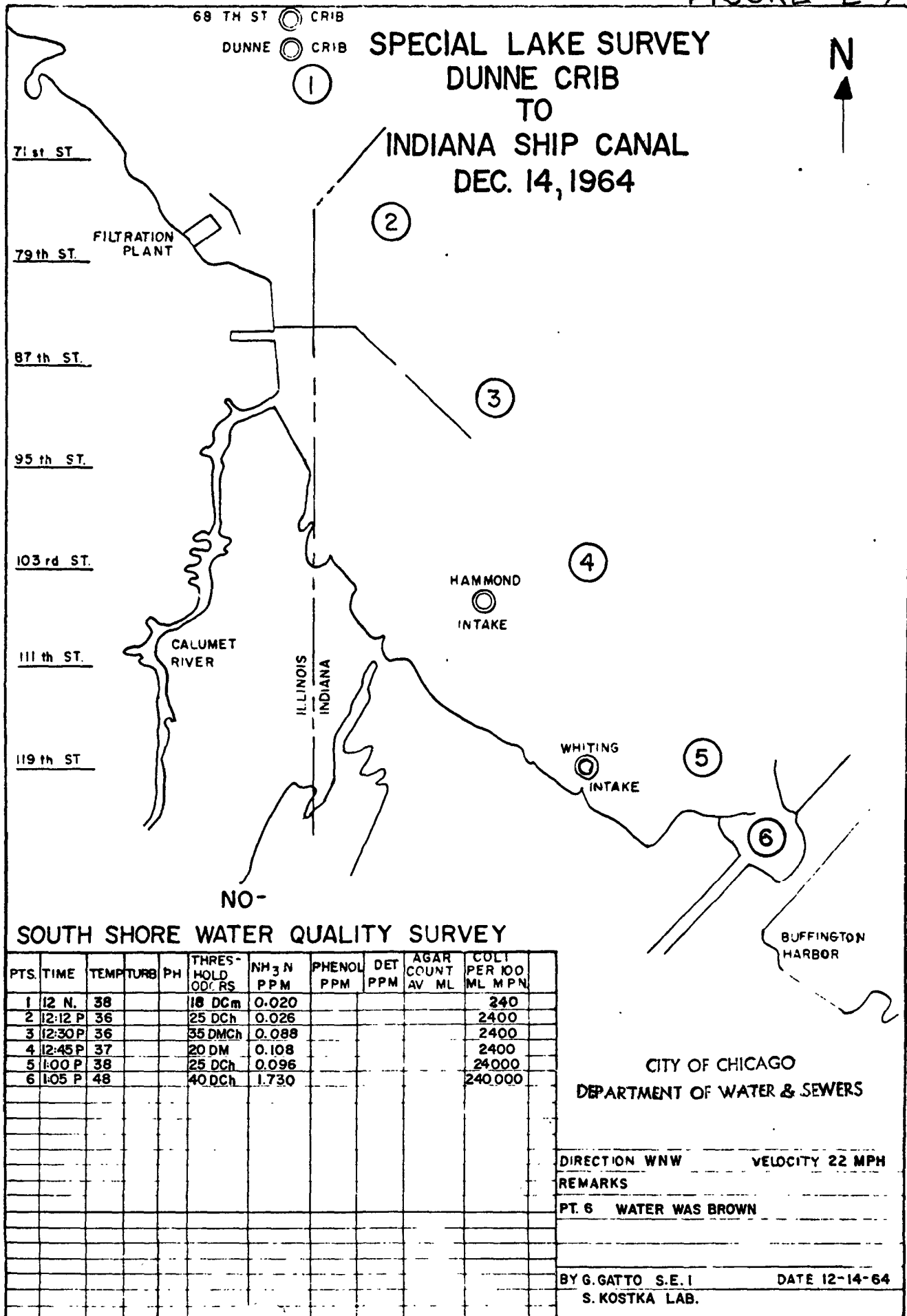
25 The polluted water appeared at the Dunne Crib

1           These conclusions are borne out by analyses of  
2 many pollution incidents which have been observed each year  
3 since close supervision over the water quality and safety be-  
4 gan in 1924. Further confirmation of wind-induced lake  
5 currents is offered by the results of a series of float travel  
6 tests made by the Water Safety Control Section in 1925 and  
7 1926, under my direction, as well as the most recent compre-  
8 hensive current studies made by the United States Public  
9 Health Service Great Lakes-Illinois River Basin (GLIRB) Pro-  
10 ject.

11           An illustration of the movement of pollution  
12 pools under the influence of wind-induced lake currents which  
13 were experienced in the fall of 1961 was a series of tests  
14 and odor incidents at Chicago's water intakes.

15           These show in a striking manner how far pools  
16 of pollution have traveled in the lake. During the period of  
17 September 15 to November 15, 1961, at the Dunne Crib and shore  
18 intakes supplying the South District Filtration Plant, there  
19 were 8 periods of taste and odor incidents. Some of these  
20 lasted for several days and some were shorter.

21           The first pool of pollution reached the Dunne  
22 intake on September 19 and lasted 5 days. Prior to this  
23 period, for 3 days there had been prevailing winds from east-  
24 southeast to south-southwest direction. These winds usually  
25 cause drifting of pools of pollution from that portion of the





December 14, 1964. (See Fig. E-7 on following page.)

I don't know if you can see but the results are shown in the lower left-hand corner but it shows that the .6 at the mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal -- it has got the highest figures in ammonia nitrogen and coliform and progressively the amounts get less as you go from 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, up to the intake on -- the Dunne intake on the top.

The next slide, please.

The next section is on lake currents carrying slugs of pollution to intakes.

I hope you will bear with me in this section. We tried to follow various slugs of pollution carried by the winds to just give you an idea of how the pollution is carried long distances in the lake under the influence of lake currents.

Experience and observation made in the course of day-by-day supervision over the quality of the Chicago water supply has produced ample evidence that polluted water drifts in slugs or pools which are carried by wind-induced lake currents in the general direction of the winds existing at the time.

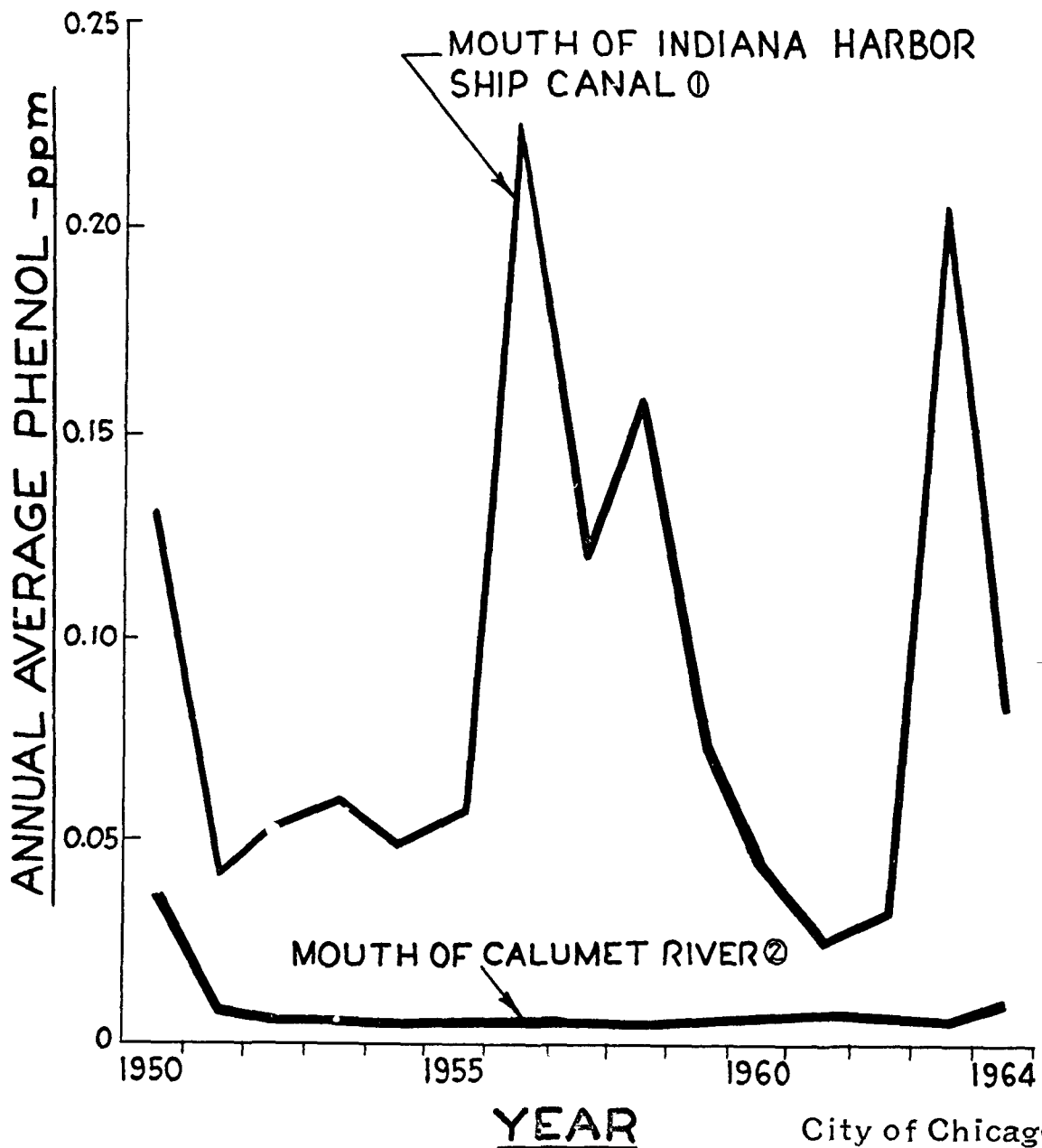
The travel of the lake currents bears a direct relationship to wind direction and velocity. The distance that slugs or pools of pollution are carried in the lake are dependent upon the total hours that the wind is sustained in a given direction.

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FIGURE E-6

ANNUAL AVERAGE PHENOL  
WEEKLY SANITARY SURVEYS  
1950-1964

- ① INDIANA HARBOR SHIP CANAL SAMPLING AT CANAL ST. BRIDGE (1950-1959) AND DICKEY RD. BRIDGE (1960-1964)  
② CALUMET RIVER SAMPLING AT 92<sup>nd</sup> ST. BRIDGE (1950-1964)



City of Chicago  
Dept. of Water & Sewers

FIGURE E-5

ANNUAL AVERAGE AMMONIA NITROGEN  
WEEKLY SANITARY SURVEYS  
1950-1964

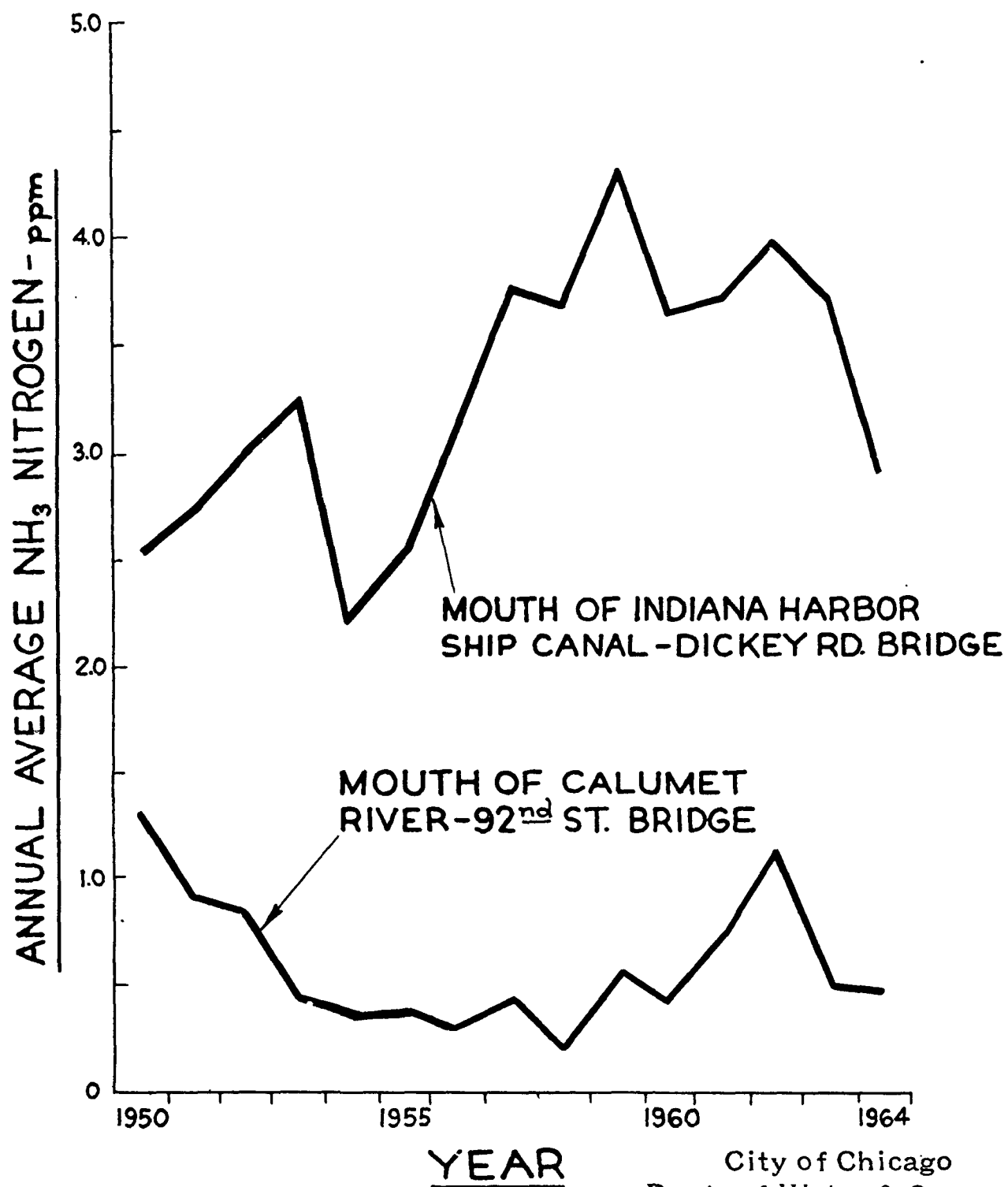
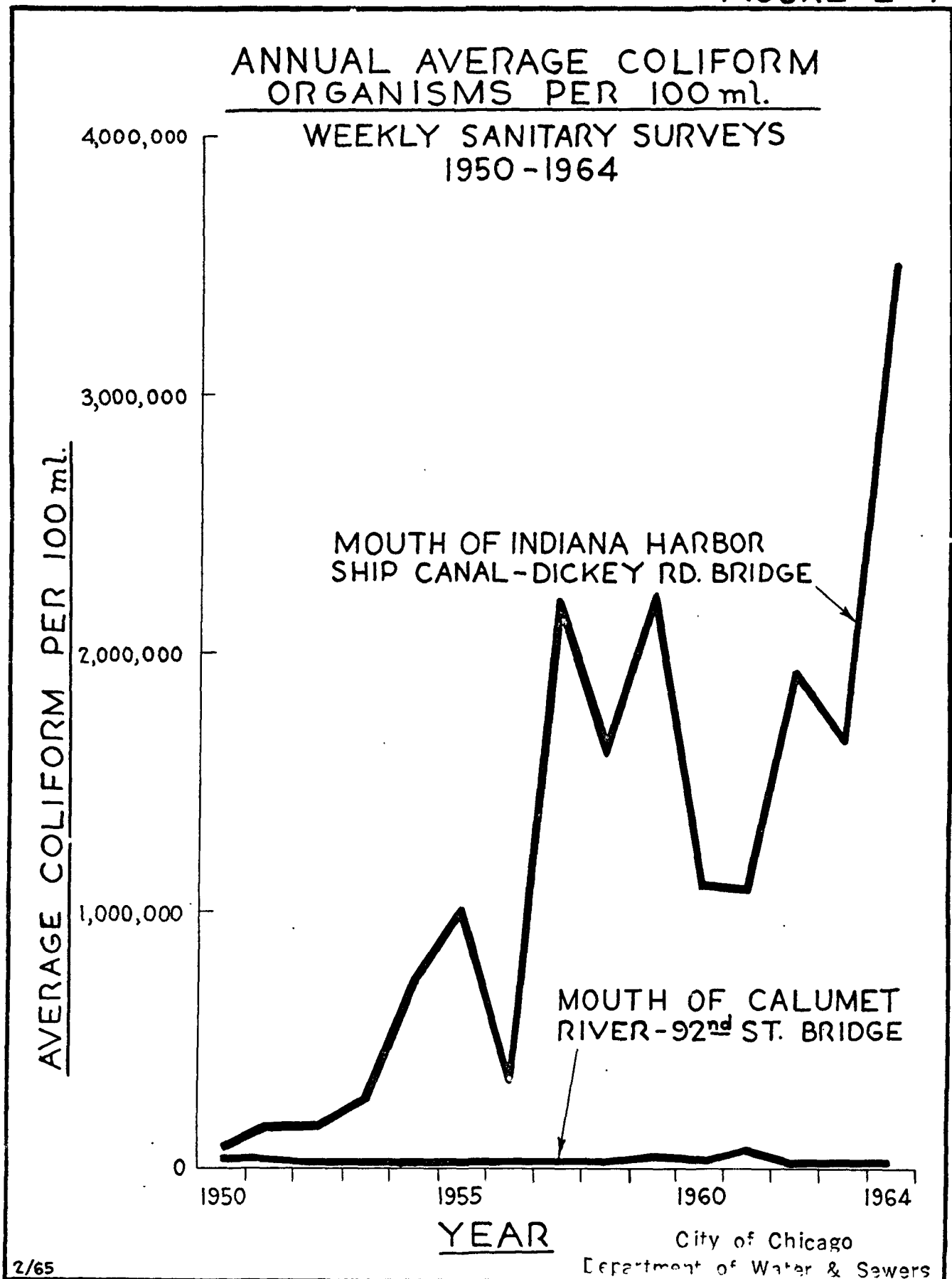


FIGURE E-4



1 100 per cent and also at the junction of the Grand Calumet  
2 River and the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal. We show the percen-  
3 tage as well as the percentage where the Grand Calumet River  
4 enters the Little Calumet River toward the Sag-Channel.

5 Next slide.

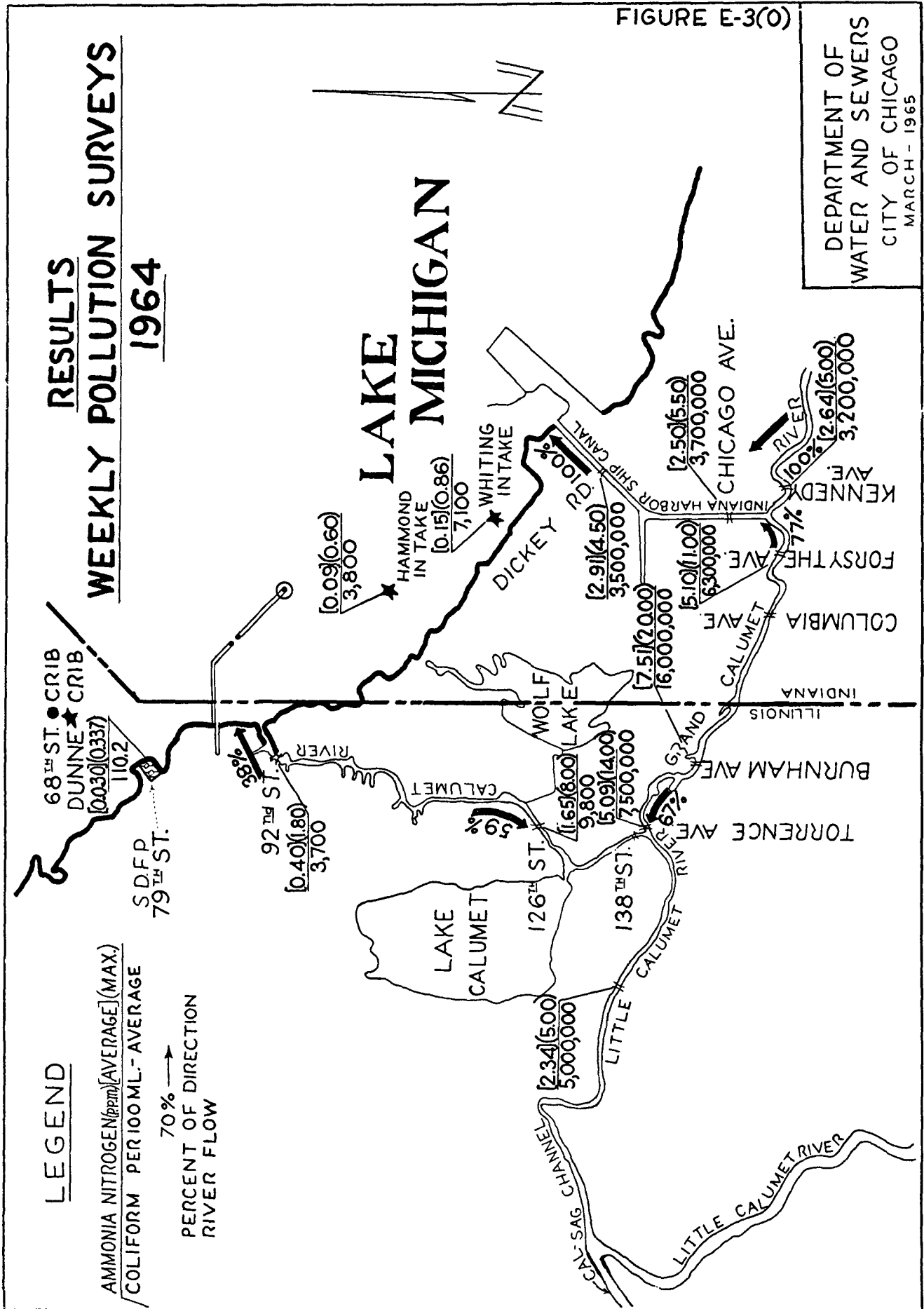
6 This is the last year on our records, 1964.  
7 I think the results can be shown much better by showing the  
8 data in chart form and this chart shows the average coliform  
9 at Dickey Road which is the upper part of the graph and which  
10 shows the character of the water flowing into the lake from  
11 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, which shows a generally upward  
12 trend since 1950 to 1964, and the average at the 92nd Street  
13 bridge which is the lower line, which represents the water  
14 near the mouth of the Calumet River. (See Fig. E-4 on following page)

15 The next slide shows similarly the amount of  
16 ammonia nitrogen average, yearly figures, for the Dickey Road  
17 at the ship canal and the lower one shows the 92nd Street  
18 bridge on the Calumet River. (See Fig. E-5 on following page)

19 The next slide shows the phenol determinations  
20 on the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal and the lower one is the  
21 Calumet River. There's a greater fluctuation in these results  
22 than in some of the others. (See Fig. E-6 on following page)

23 I have one more slide that I haven't mentioned  
24 in the text, but the next slide shows a typical lake survey  
25 that our Water Safety Control Section makes. This is on

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# LEGEND

AMMONIA NITROGEN (ppm) [AVERAGE] (MAX.)  
COLIFORM PER 100 ML. - AVERAGE

70% →  
PERCENT OF DIRECTION  
RIVER FLOW

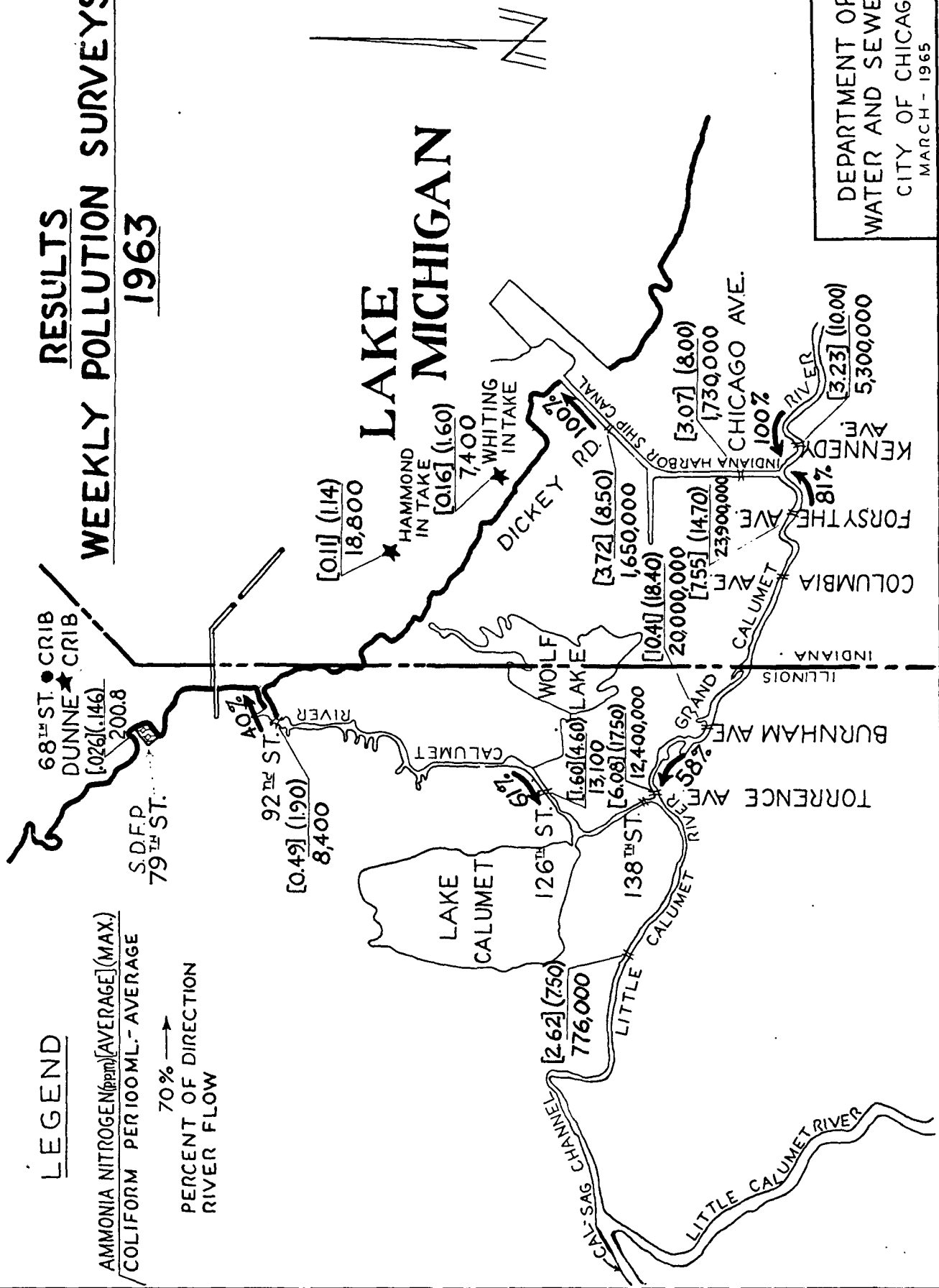
## RESULTS

## WEEKLY POLLUTION SURVEYS

1963

FIGURE E-3(m)

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WATER AND SEWERS  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
MARCH - 1965



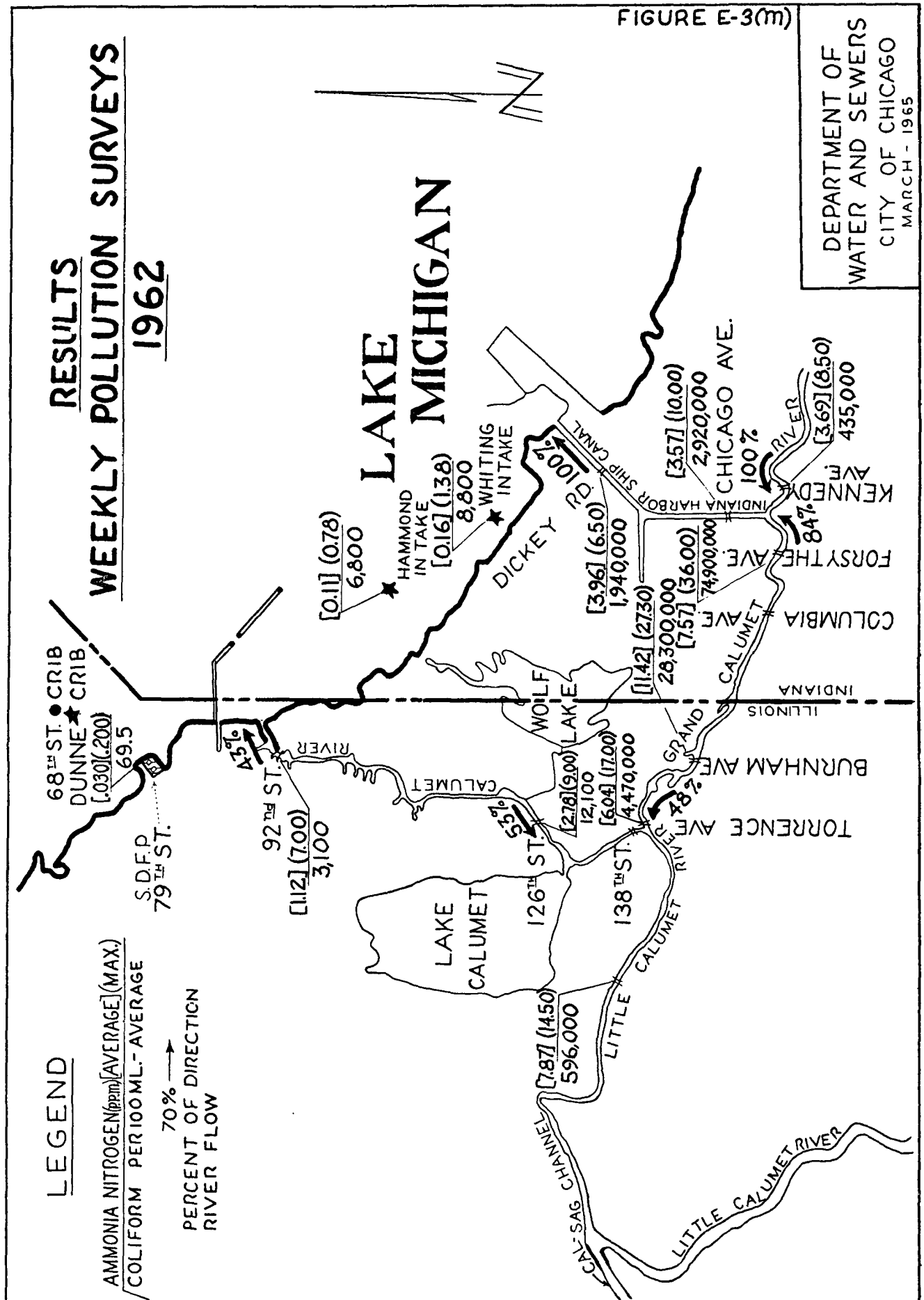
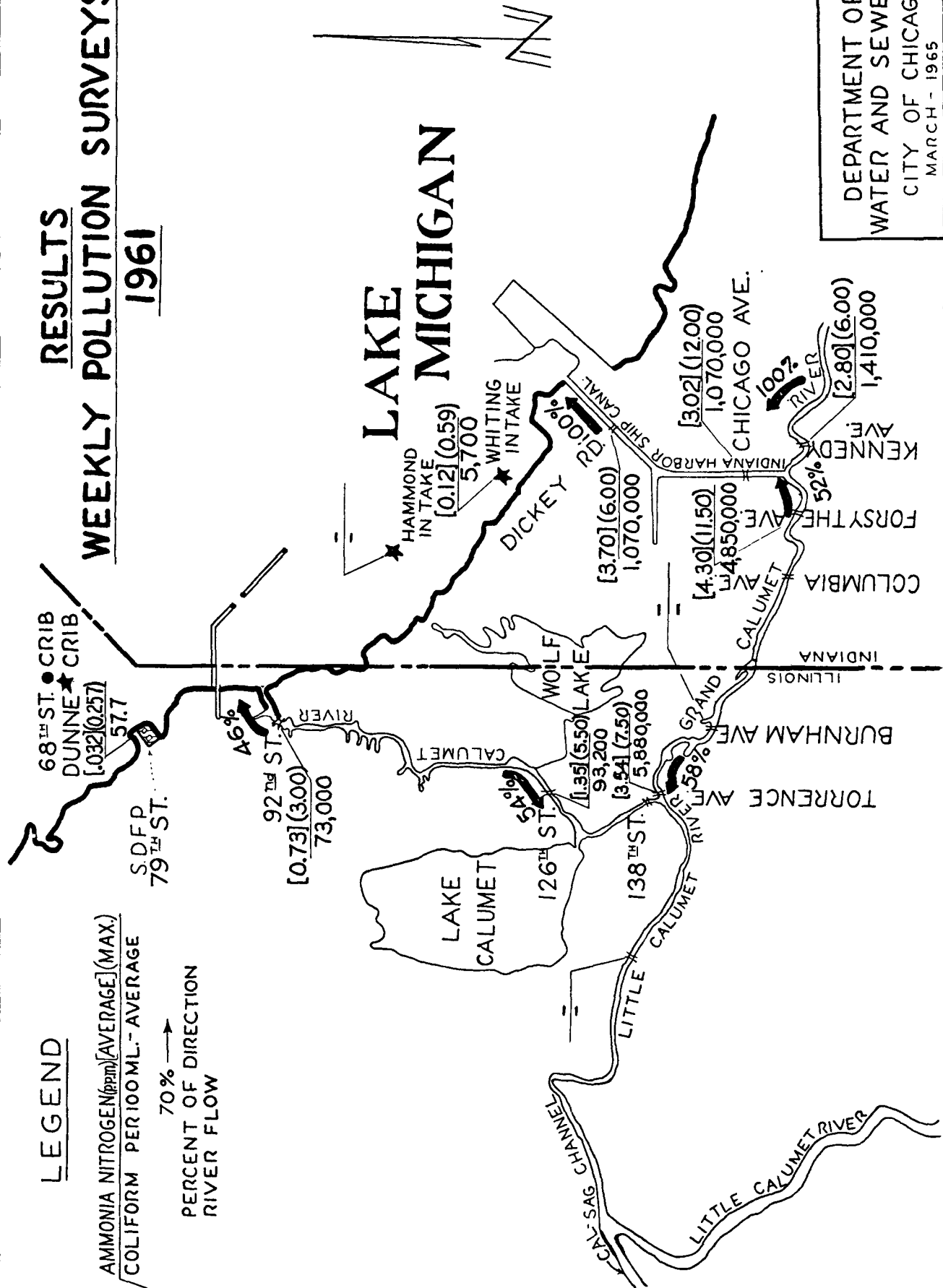




FIGURE E-3(1)

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WATER AND SEWERS  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
MARCH - 1965

# RESULTS WEEKLY POLLUTION SURVEYS 1961



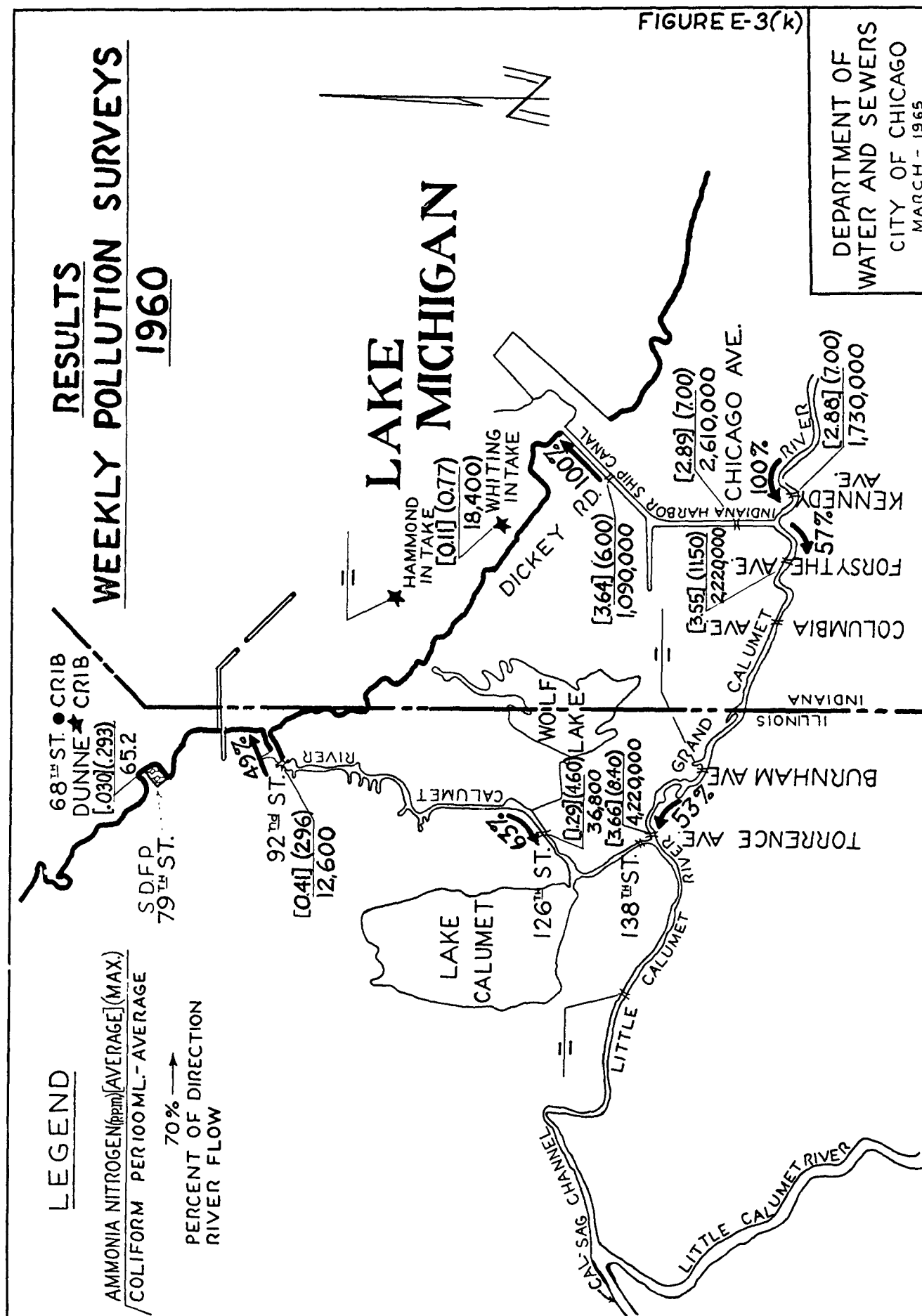
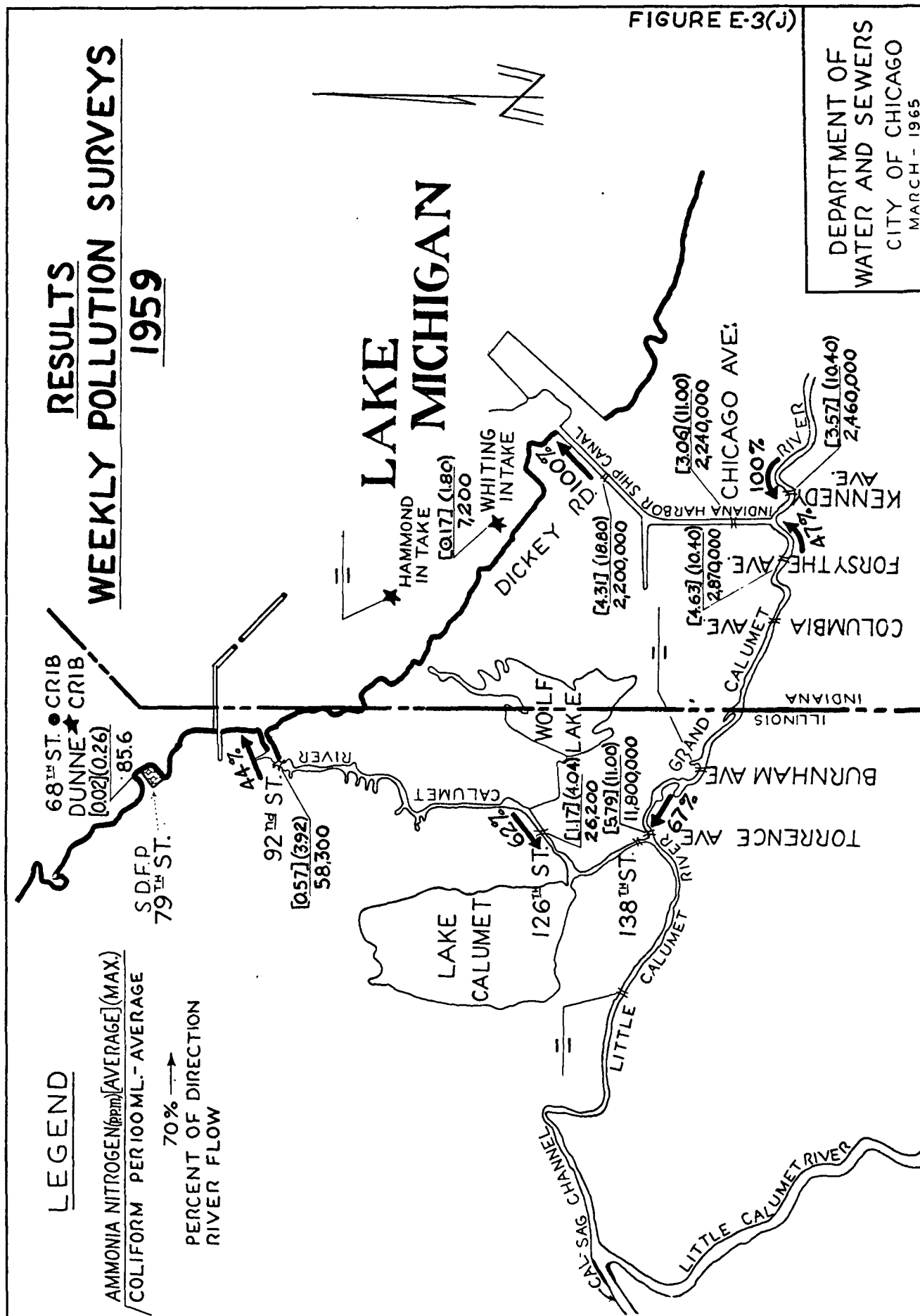


FIGURE E-3(J)



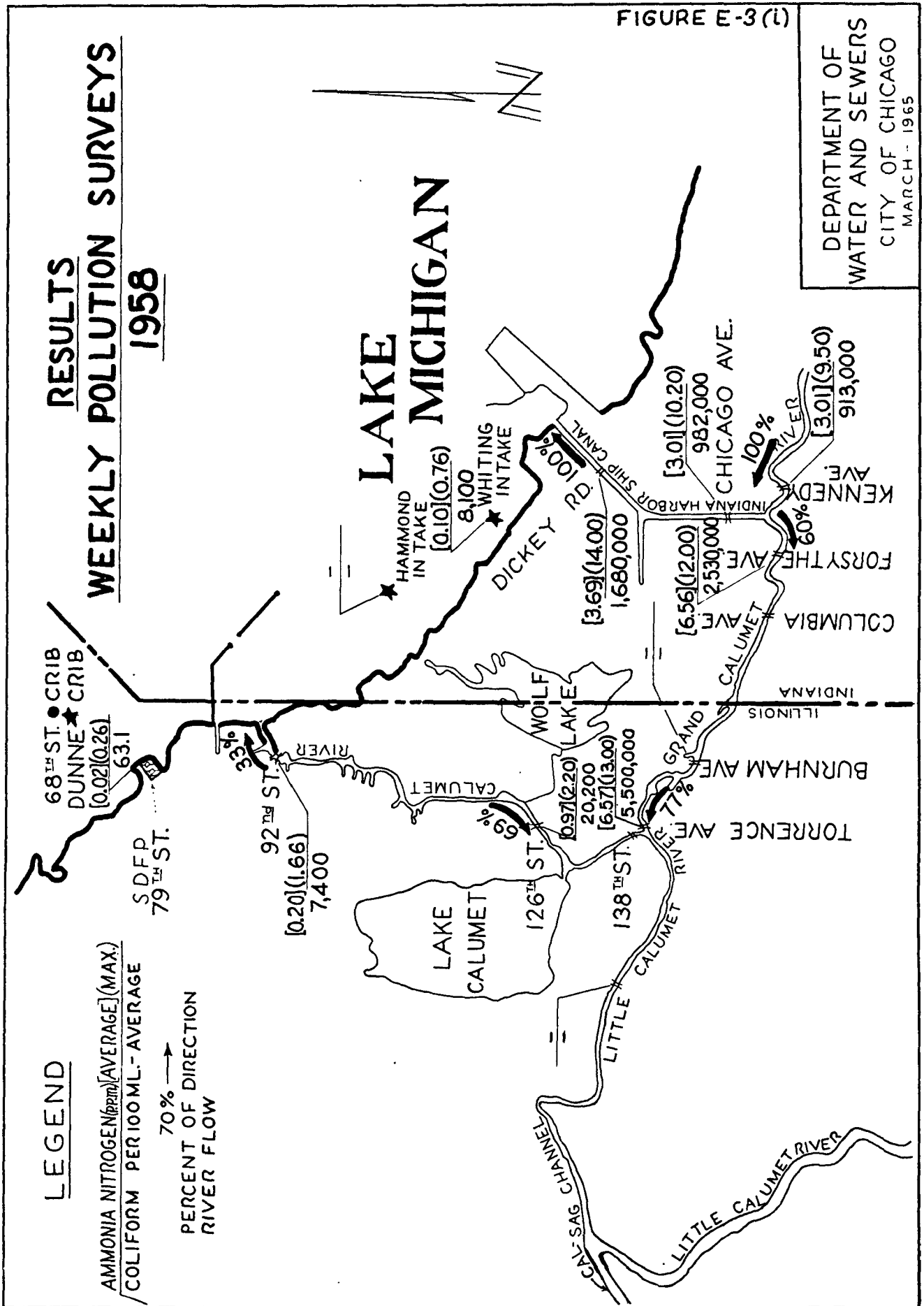
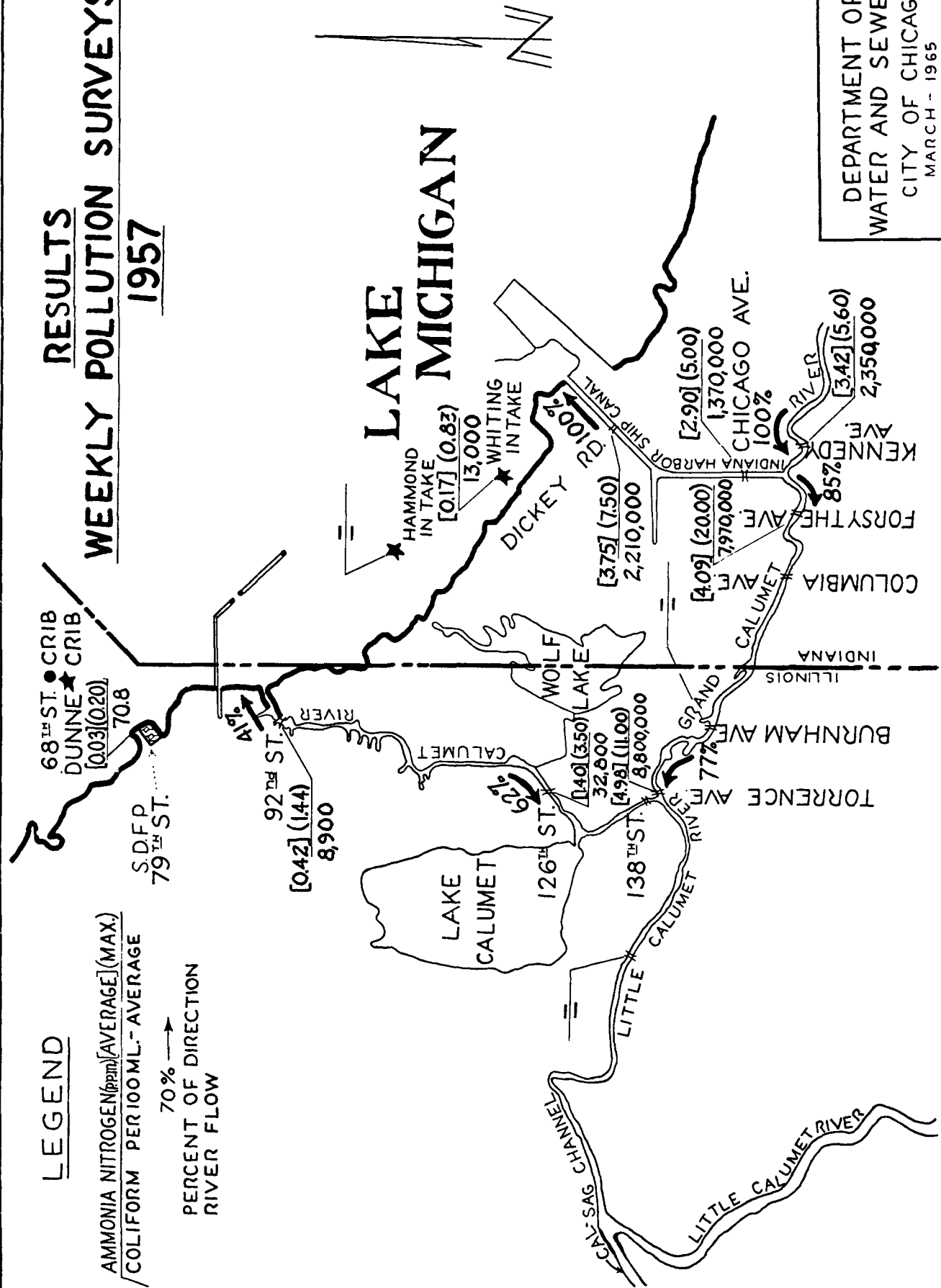


FIGURE E-3(h)

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WATER AND SEWERS  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
MARCH - 1965

# **RESULTS** **WEEKLY POLLUTION SURVEYS** **1957**



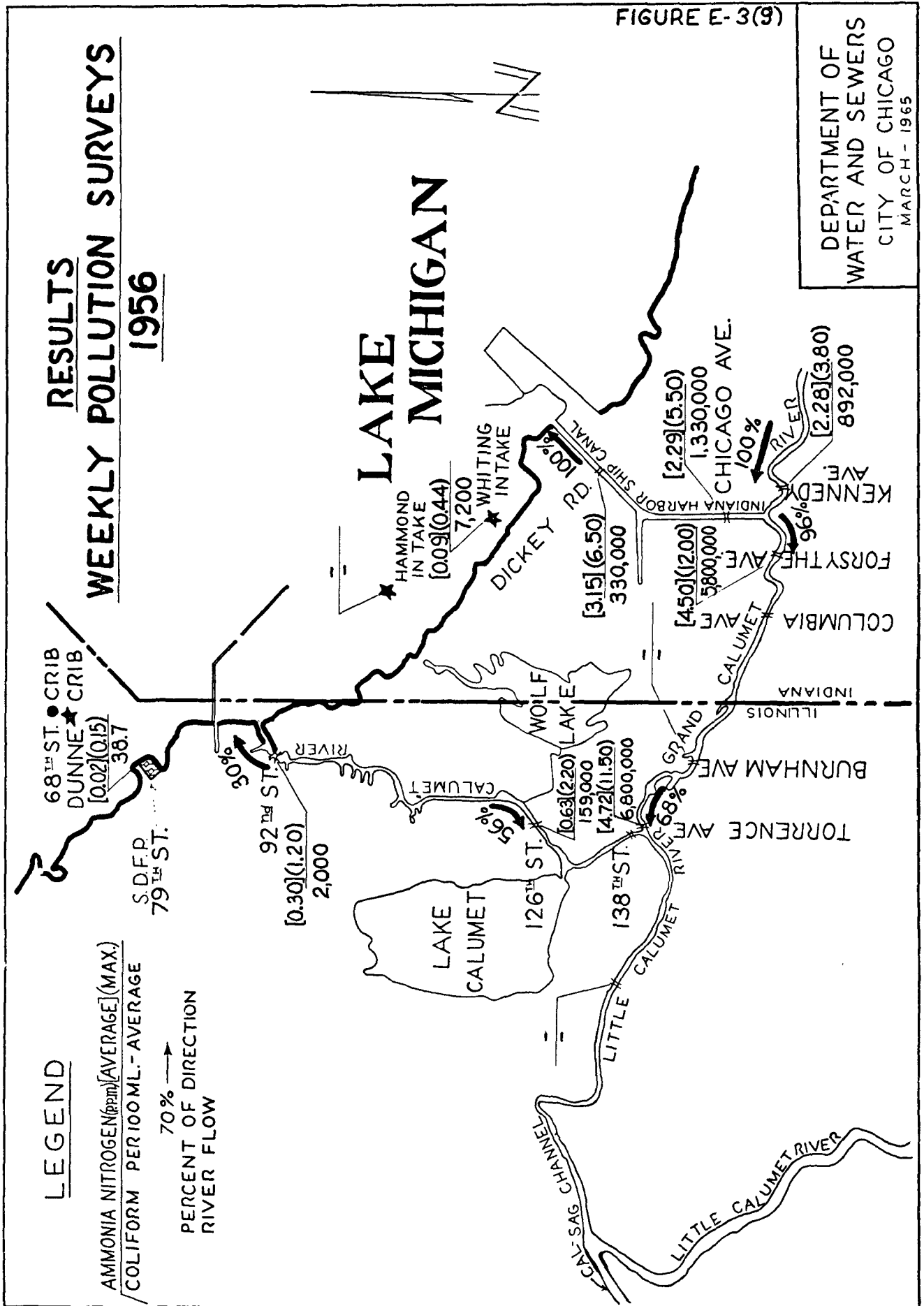
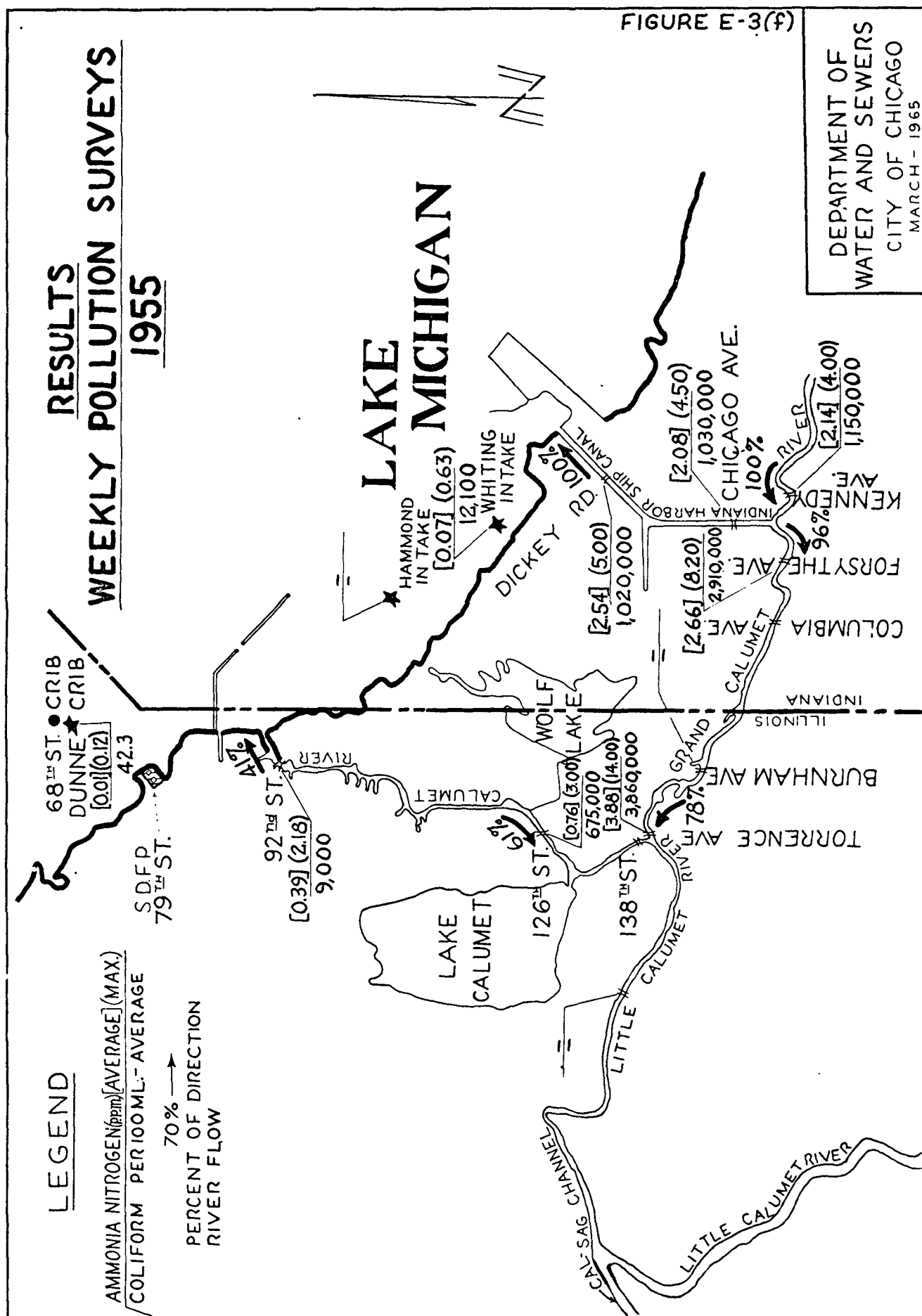


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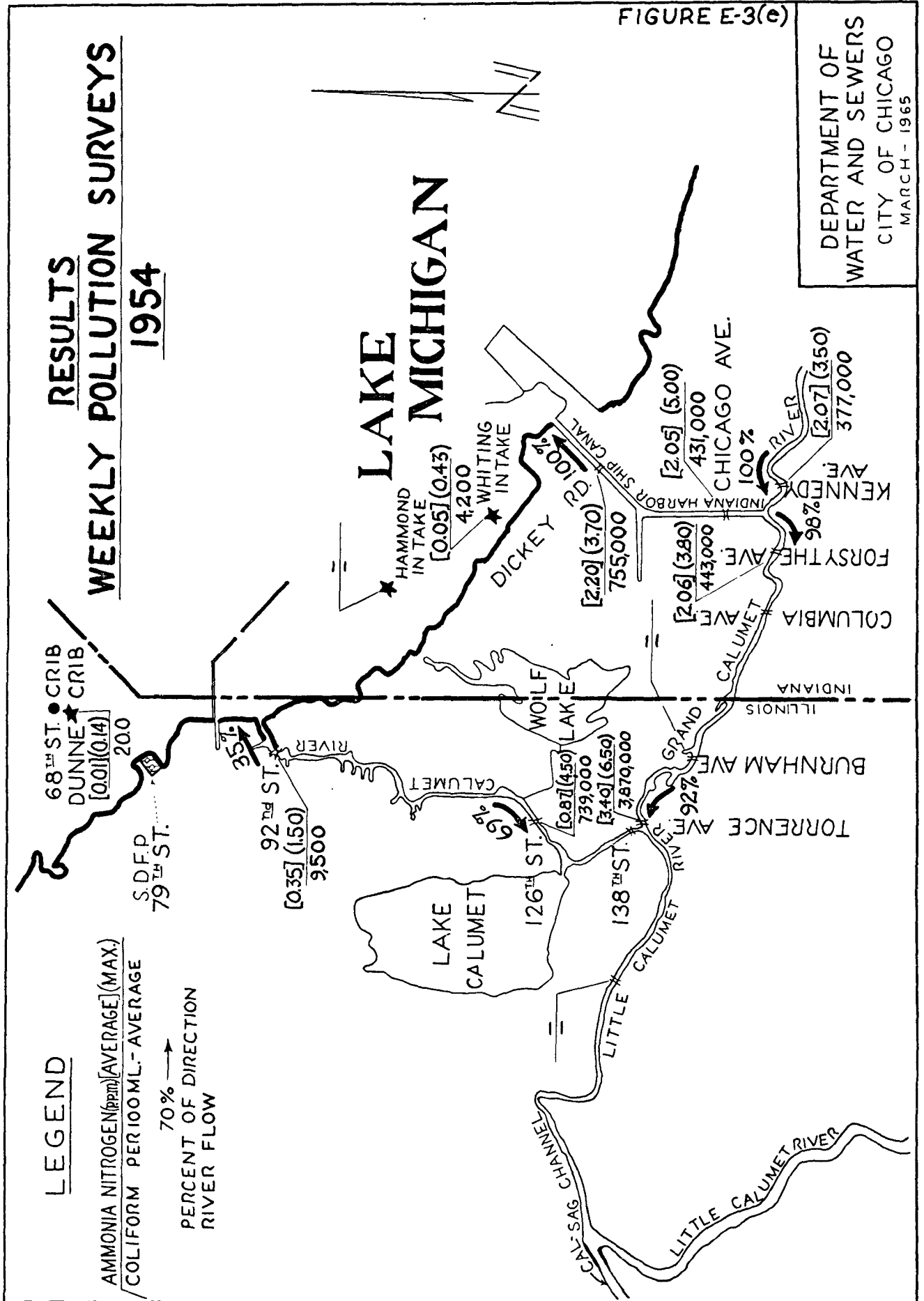


FIGURE E-3(e)



FIGURE E-3(d)

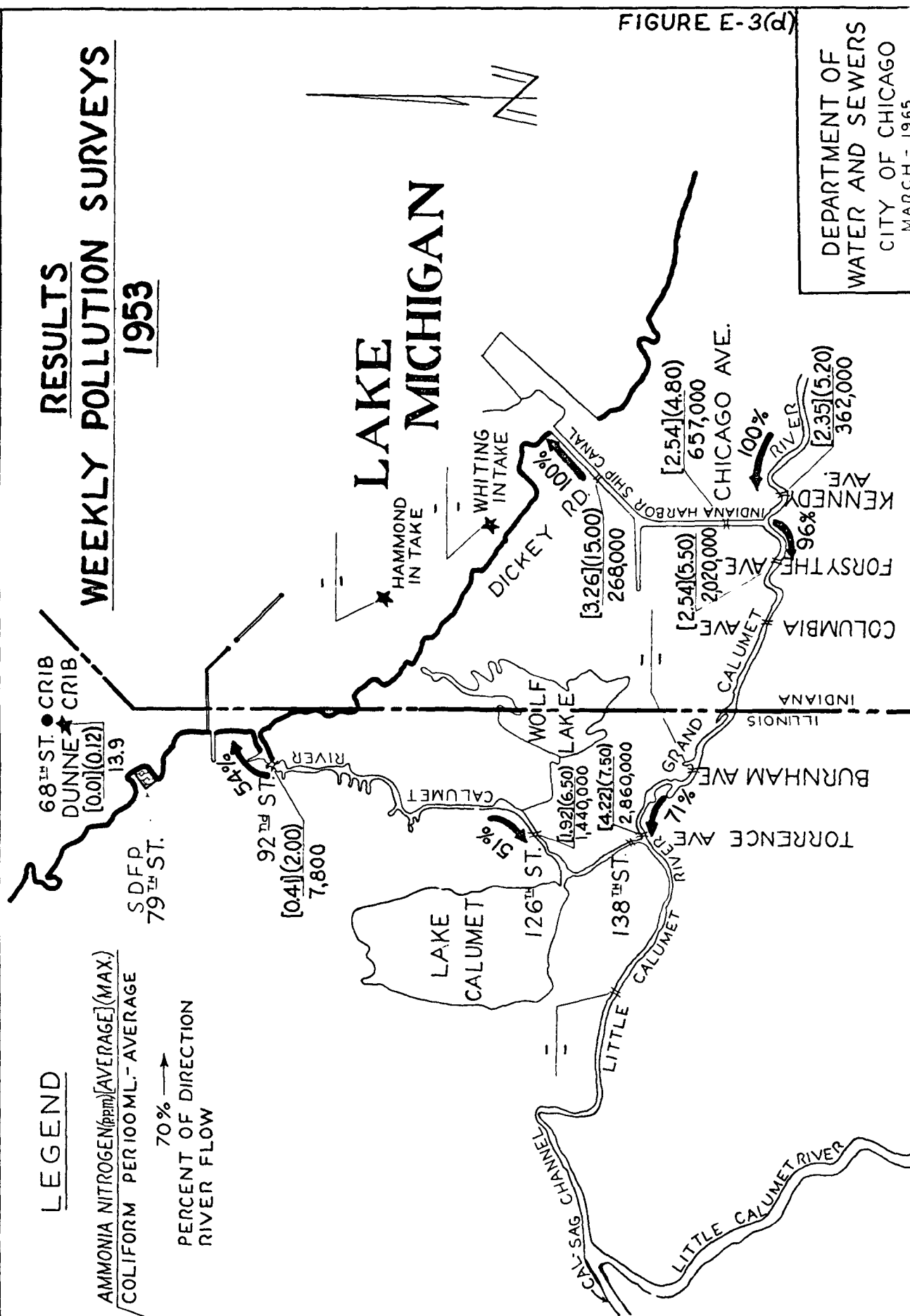
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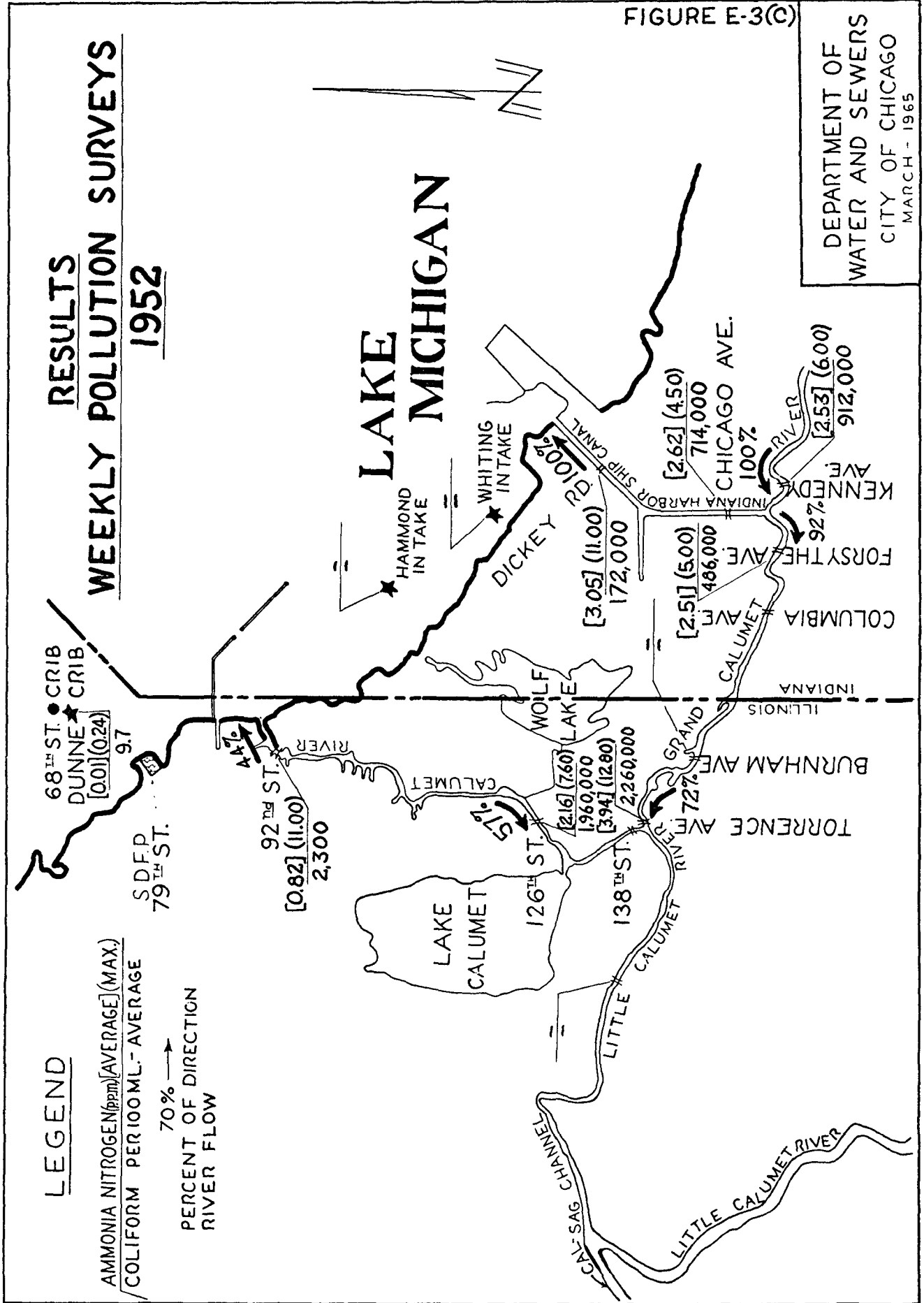
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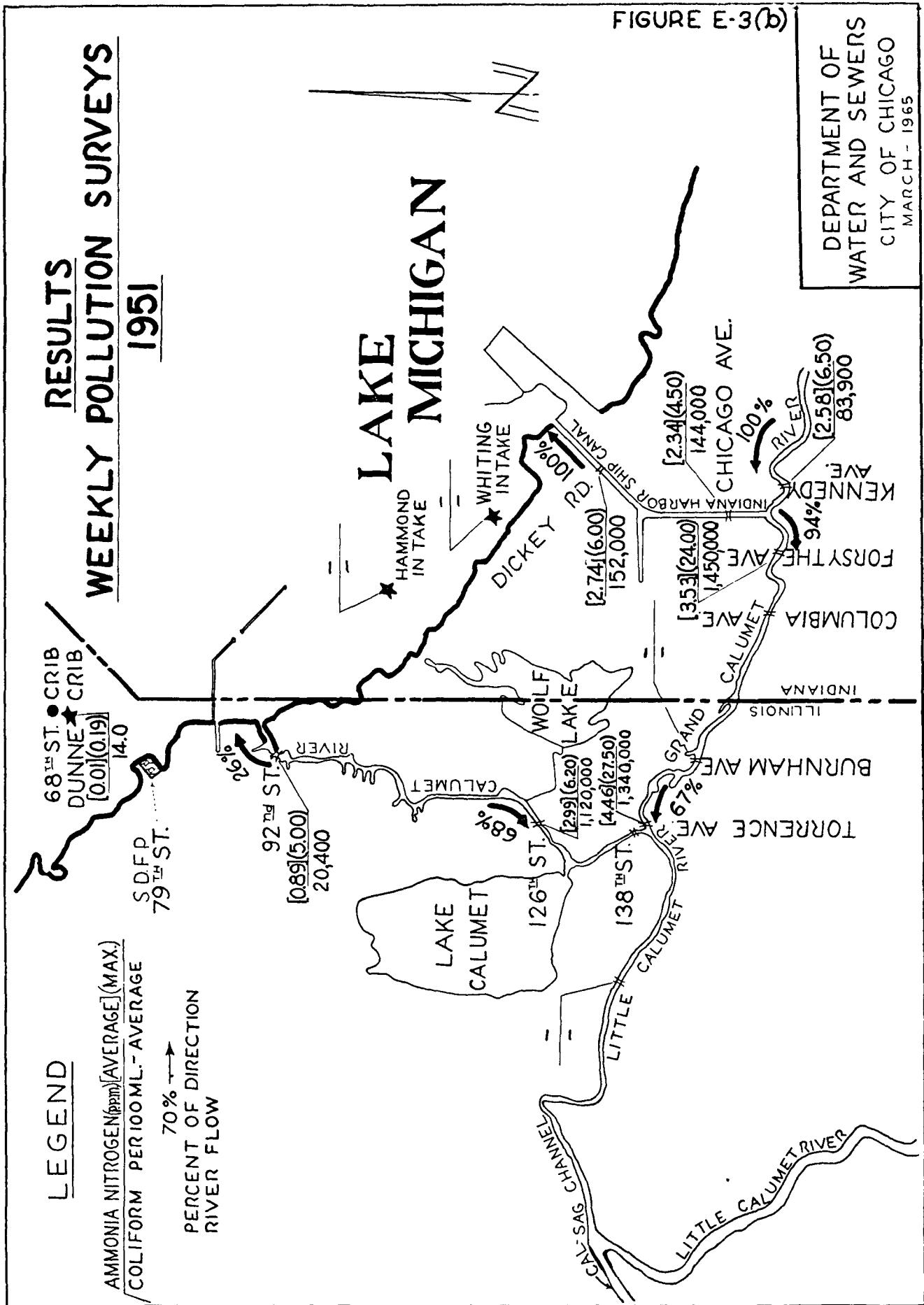
AMMONIA NITROGEN (ppm) [AVERAGE] (MAX.)  
COLIFORM PER 100 ML. - AVERAGE

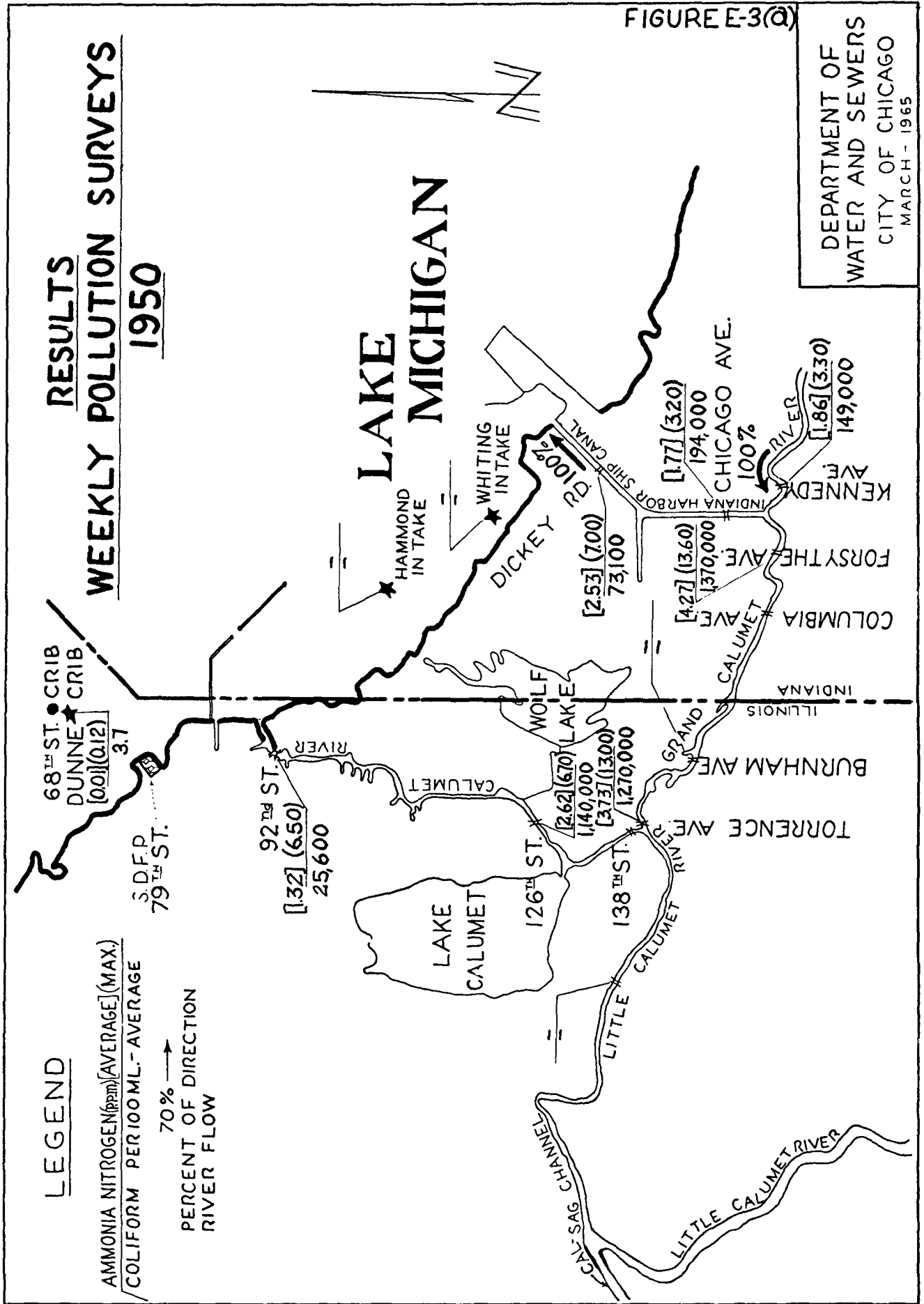
70% →  
PERCENT OF DIRECTION  
RIVER FLOW

## RESULTS WEEKLY POLLUTION SURVEYS 1953









1 and the drainage runoff from the connecting rivers.

2 We have prepared fifteen charts, one for each  
3 year for the period 1950-1964, showing the annual average and  
4 maximum ammonia nitrogen values in parts per million at various  
5 points on the rivers, and the annual average of coliform  
6 bacteria per 100 milliliters at each point (See Figs.E-3(a)  
(through E-3(o) on  
(following pages)

7 I will not bore you with showing all these  
8 slides. They are in the text of our statement for anyone who  
9 wants to look it over. However, I will show you just a few  
10 slides to show you just how they look.

11 Next slide, please.

12 These slides show, on the upper part of the  
13 line, the average annual ammonia nitrogen in one type of  
14 brackets and the maximum result of ammonia nitrogen in other  
15 brackets and underneath the line, the average coliform per  
16 100 milliliters.

17 You will notice that the greater amount is at  
18 the mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

19 Next slide, please.

20 I think that is 1955.

21 Next slide, please.

22 That is 1960. You will notice the arrows at  
23 the mouth of the Calumet River which show the percentage of  
24 the time of our observations when the river was flowing toward  
25 the lake and at the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal where it shows

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1 I can't read it right from here -- what is  
2 that?

3 MR. PAWLOWSKI: 2.5

4 MR. GERSTEIN: 2.5

5 Now, also on the Grand Calumet River east of  
6 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal we had some very high ammonia  
7 and phenol results.

8 At the time of sampling at the various points  
9 on the rivers, observations were made of the direction of the  
10 river flows, but no quantitative measurement was made of the  
11 flows in the streams.

12 Our results of the surveys, therefore, have  
13 qualitative value but have the weakness of not being quantita-  
14 tive as related to total flows. However, in case of the  
15 Indiana Harbor Ship Canal which was at all times found to flow  
16 to the lake, reliable data is available showing that the flow  
17 has been in the range of 700 to 900 cubic feet per second.

18 As I found out yesterday, at the Dickey Road  
19 Bridge--where our samples showed the character of the water  
20 being discharged into the lake--Mr. LeBosquet said their  
21 measurement showed two thousand cubic feet per second.

22 The amount and the direction of flow in the  
23 different reaches of the Calumet River at the time of sampling  
24 were influenced by the amount of diversion being drawn from  
25 the lake through the Cal-Sag Channel, lake level fluctuations

FIGURE E-2

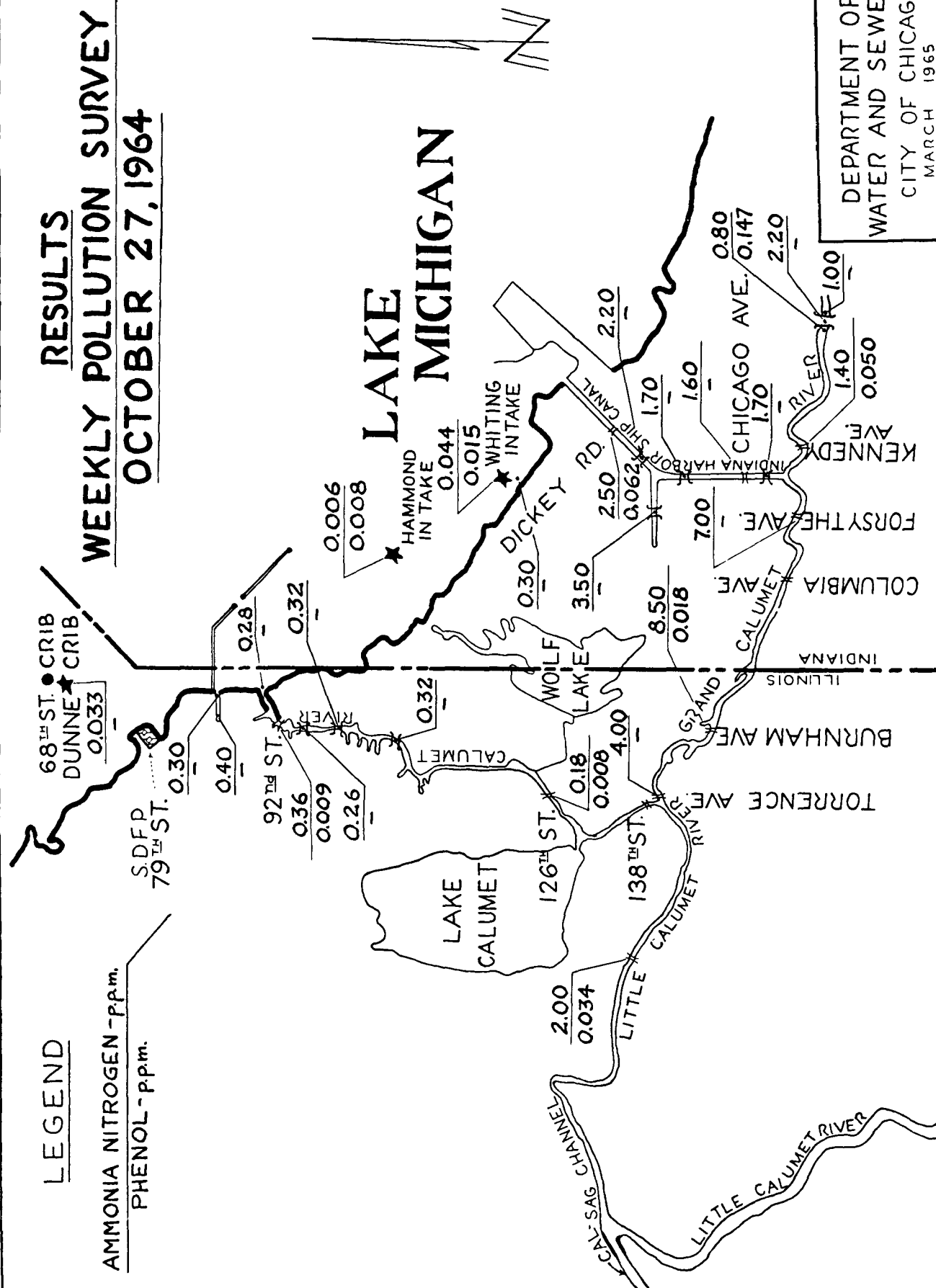
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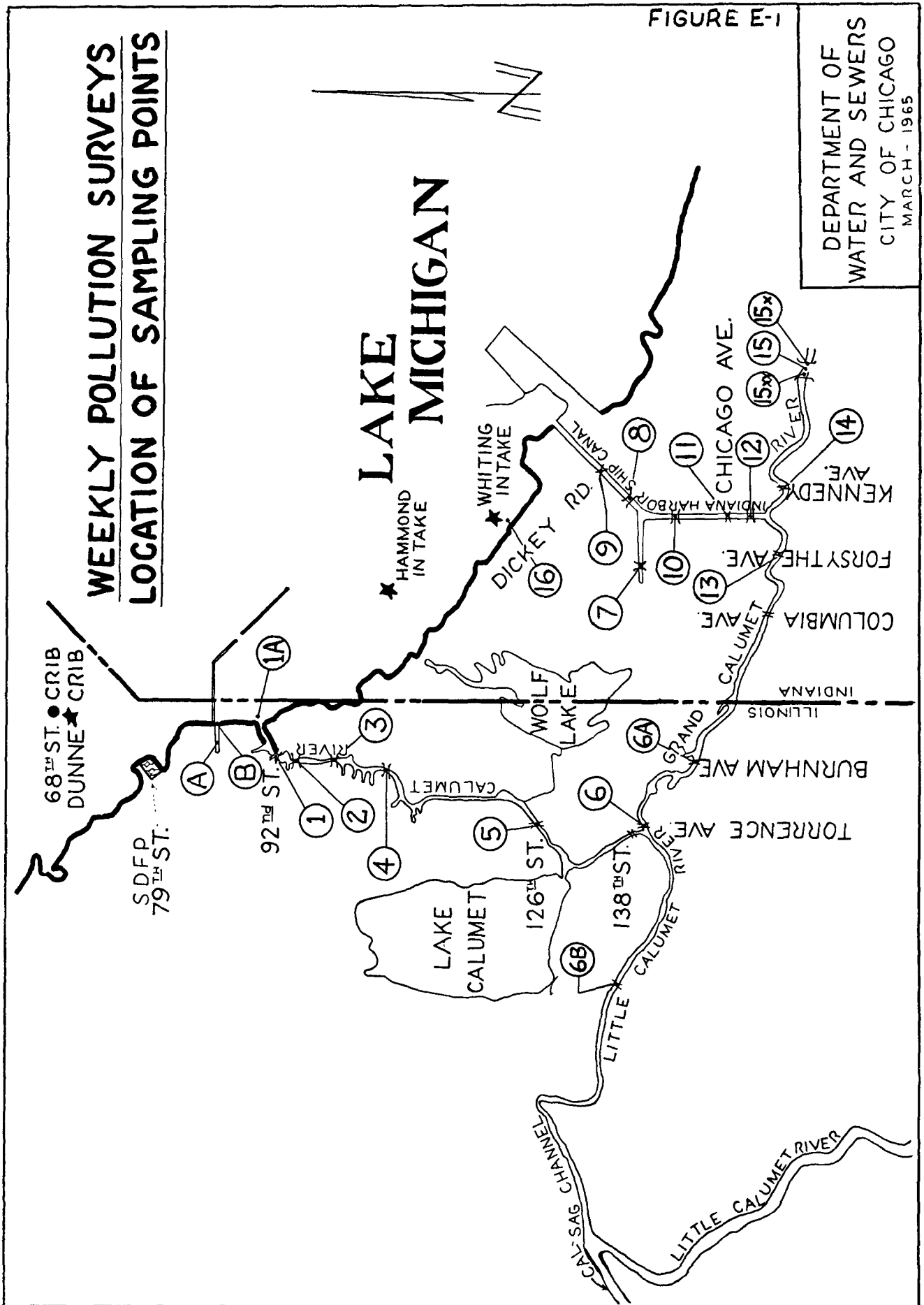
# LEGEND

AMMONIA NITROGEN - p.p.m.

PHENOL - p.p.m.

## RESULTS WEEKLY POLLUTION SURVEY OCTOBER 27, 1964







## SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT

## SPECIAL POLLUTION SURVEY

GRAND CALUMET RIVER,  
INDIANA HARBOR SHIP CANAL,  
CARNEGIE ILLINOIS STEEL CORP.

DATE: 10-27-67  
SAMPLES COLLECTED 10-27-67  
SAMPLES RUN 10-27-67

NO.	LOCATION	THRESHOLD ODOR HOT	PH	NH <sub>3</sub> N PPM	DETERGENT A. B. S.		FLUORIDES		RADIOACTIVITY MMC / LITER
					PPM	PHENO PPM	PPM	CHLORIDES PPM	
1.	92 NO ST. & RIVER	5 DM <sub>m</sub>	8.0	0.36	TR	0.009		9	
2	95 TH " " "	6 DM <sub>m</sub>	8.2	0.26			0.06		
3.	100 " " " "	8 DM <sub>m</sub>	8.1	0.32					
4	106 " " " "	6 DM <sub>m</sub>	8.1	0.32					
5	126 " " " "	18 DMA	7.4	0.18	TR	0.008			
6.	138 " " " "(AT TORRENCE)	50 DMA	7.0	4.00			3.20		
6A	BURNHAM AVE AND GRAND CALUMET RIVER	NS	7.4	8.50	2.40	0.018			
6B	134 TH. AND INDIANA AVE.	6 DM <sub>m</sub>	7.5	2.00	0.11	0.054			
7	FORSYTHE & I.H.S.C.	600 GA	7.4	3.50					
8	CANAL " "	40 DMA	7.3	2.20					
9.	DICKEY " "	NS	7.3	2.50	0.88	0.062	0.54	21	
10	141 ST. " "	18 D <sub>s</sub> M	7.2	1.70					
11	CHICAGO " "	12 D <sub>s</sub> M	7.3	1.60			0.57		
12.	151 ST. " "	35 D <sub>s</sub> M	7.4	1.70					
13.	FORSYTHE & G.C RIVER	60 D <sub>s</sub> M	7.4	7.00					
14	KENNEDY " " "	45 DMA	7.2	1.40	0.12	0.050			
15	CLINE " " "	60 DMA	7.5	2.20			0.53		
15X	" " " "(E. SEWER)	140 D <sub>s</sub> M	8.0	1.00					
15XX	" " " "(W. SEWER)	120 D <sub>s</sub> M	8.2	0.80	0.34	0.147			
	CARNEGIE ILLINOIS STEEL		8.5	0.30					
A	NORTH SLIP - INTAKE	6 DMG	8.0	0.40					
B	" " - DISCHARGE	5 DMA	7.8	0.30					
I-A	MOUTH OF CALUMET RIVER	6 DM <sub>m</sub>	8.2	0.20					

AVERAGE LAKE MICHIGAN  
RAW WATER FOR WEEK  
ENDING WITH \_\_\_\_\_

AVE  
MAX.  
MIN.

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WATER CHEMIST II

James C. Vaughan  
CHIEF FILTRATION ENGINEER

1 odor, ammonia nitrogen, coliform bacteria and hydrogen ion  
2 concentration on each sample, and on selected samples examina-  
3 tions were made for phenol, ABS, fluorides and radioactive  
4 beta counts.

(See Table E-1 and Figs. E-1  
and E-2 on following pages.)

5 Next slide, please.

6 This slide shows a typical summary of results  
7 of a one-day sampling survey. This was made on October 27,  
8 1964. The same data is charted on the next slide and you will  
9 notice in the upper left-hand corner the legend which shows on  
10 the upper part, the figure on the upper part of it says  
11 ammonia nitrogen, parts per million, and the lower is phenol.

12 This is a map on which the ammonia nitrogen and  
13 phenol content of the water at the various points in the river  
14 system are shown. The ammonia nitrogen results and observa-  
15 tions of direction of river flow indicate that the Calumet  
16 River was positively flowing away from the lake toward the  
17 Cal-Sag Channel on that day.

18 You will notice that the results of ammonia and  
19 phenol from the mouth of the river up to about 138th Street  
20 are about the same, indicating the quality of the water that  
21 was coming in from the lake.

22 On the other hand, if you look at the result at  
23 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal at Dickey Road, you will find  
24 quite high results.

25 (Continue text on page 415)

TABLE D-5

SUMMARY OF PHENOL TESTS  
MADE DURING ABNORMAL "OIL REFINERY" TYPE ODOR PERIODS

RAW WATER SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT

YEAR	NO. OF SAMPLES SHOWING PHENOLS	PHENOL PARTS PER BILLION		
		AVG.	MAX.	MIN.
1950	3	7	12	2
1957	6	3	4	2
1958	1	1	1	1
1959	0	0	0	0
1960	-	-	-	-
1961	3	2	3	1
1962	158	3	11	1
1963	103	3	14	1
1964	32	3	6	1

No samples tested since August, 1964

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1 were used and the maximum carbon dosage was 745 pounds per  
2 million gallons. The next slide is a chart showing the gen-  
3 erally upward trend of maximum activated carbon dosages.

4 Next slide, please. (See Table D-5 on following  
page.)

5 Tests for phenol in the water collected during  
6 the abnormal pollution periods at the South District Filtra-  
7 tion Plant are recorded in the slide shown which shows a sum-  
8 mary of phenol determinations for the period 1955 to date.

9 Only the samples tested which show the presence  
10 of phenol are summarized. It will be noted that a phenol con-  
11 tent as high as 14 parts per billion was found in the intake  
12 water.

13 The next section is on data on pollution of  
14 rivers discharging into the lake, 1950-1964.

15 Beginning with 1948 the Water Purification  
16 Division has collected samples one day each week at various -  
17 that is, every Tuesday - at various established points in the  
18 Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Calumet River  
19 and the Little Calumet River. The total number of samples  
20 collected on a sampling day varied from 16 to 23.

21 I might say that we have had full cooperation  
22 from the Indiana people in permitting us to collect these  
23 samples and that we have furnished them with results of tests  
24 that we made on these samples during the entire period.

25 Laboratory examinations were made for threshold

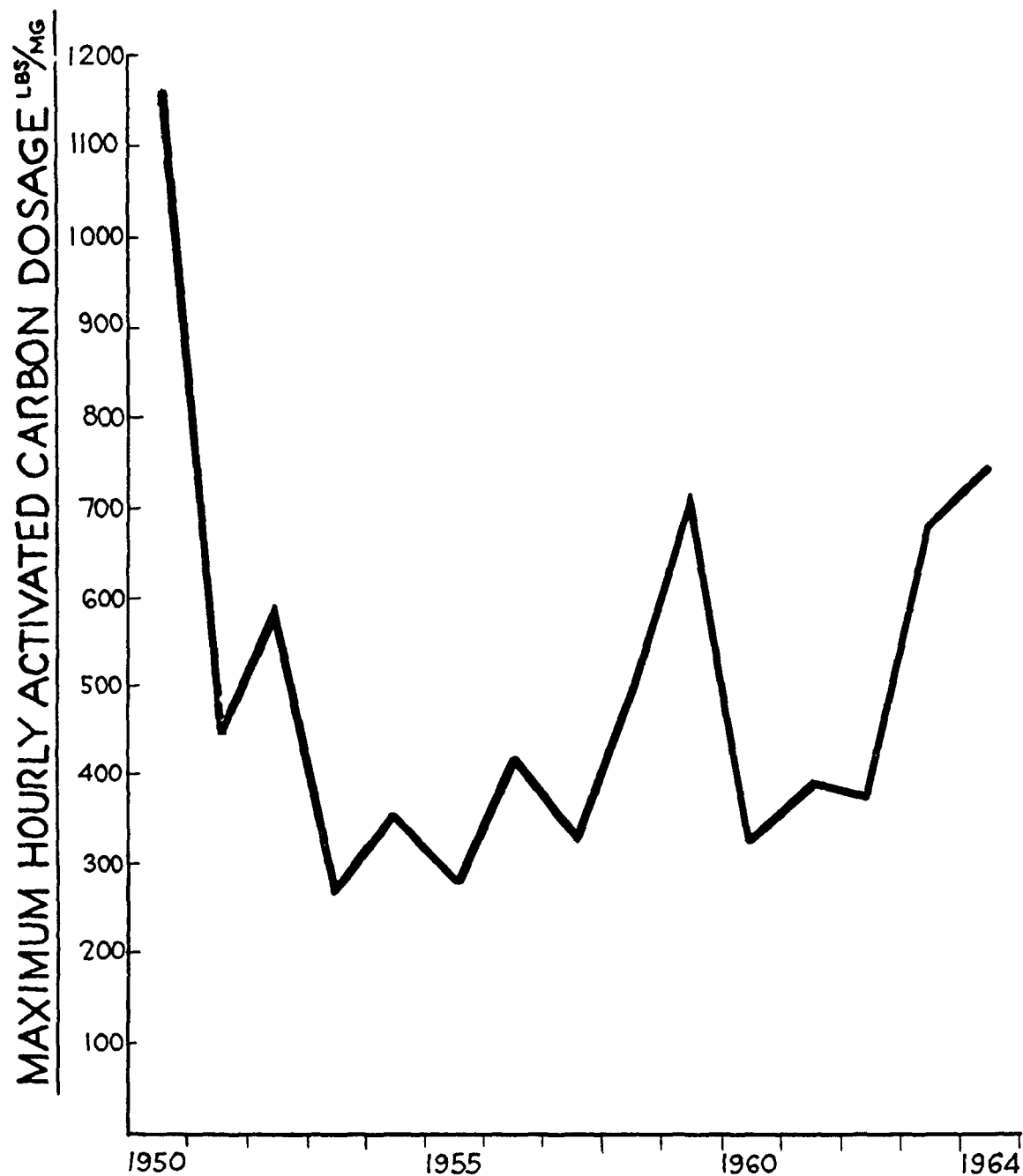
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FIGURE D-4

MAXIMUM ACTIVATED CARBON  
DOSAGE DURING ABNORMAL  
"OIL REFINERY" TYPE ODOR PERIODS

SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT INTAKE

1950 - 1964



YEAR

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Table D-4

SUMMARY OF ACTIVATED CARBON APPLIED  
FOR REMOVAL OF ODORS IN LAKE WATER  
SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT  
1950-1964

Year	Total Activated Carbon Applied (#)	Average Carbon Dosage (#/MG)	Maximum Hourly Carbon
			Dosage during Odor Periods (#/MG)
1950	2,874,905	25.5	1,158
1951	3,545,552	30.7	446
1952	3,203,426	26.3	590
1953	1,775,063	13.9	266
1954	2,011,359	15.7	356
1955	2,057,781	16.6	279
1956	1,981,108	16.0	415
1957	3,032,729	24.0	325
1958	2,762,540	22.0	503
1959	3,035,509	23.0	712
1960	2,727,005	20.7	324
1961	2,632,923	20.6	388
1962	2,865,541	21.6	370
1963	3,194,443	22.8	680
1964	3,773,655	26.7	745

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FIGURE D-3

MAXIMUM AMMONIA NITROGEN  
DURING ABNORMAL "OIL REFINERY"  
TYPE ODOR PERIODS  
SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT INTAKE  
1950 - 1964

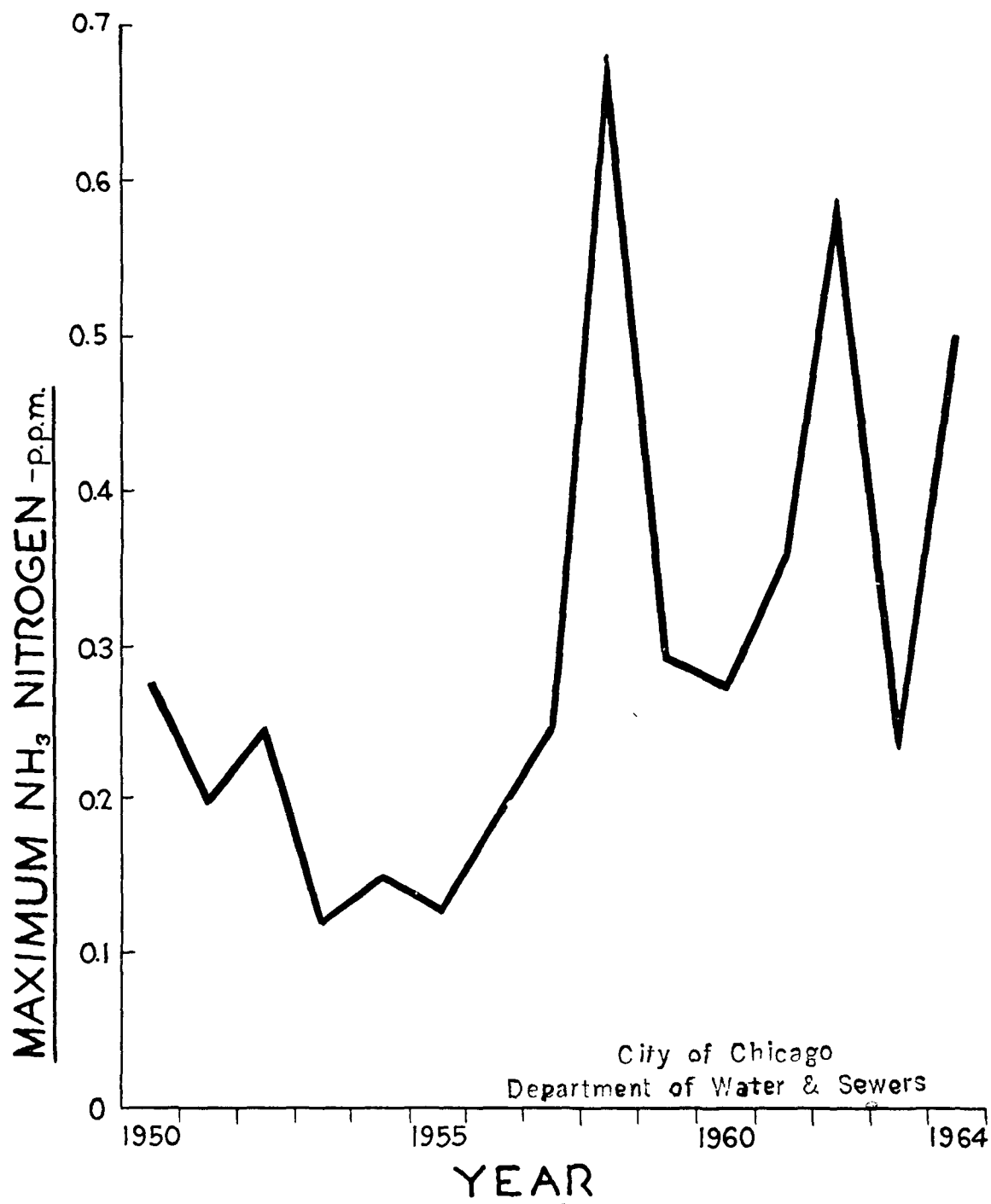


TABLE D-3

SUMMARY OF MAXIMUM AMMONIA NITROGEN IN INTAKE WATER SUPPLY, AND  
ACTIVATED CARBON AND CHLORINE APPLIED DURING ABNORMAL ODOR POLLUTION PERIODS  
SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT, 1950-1964

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maximum Ammonia Nitrogen (ppm)</u>	<u>Maximum Activated Carbon Dosage (#MG)</u>	<u>Maximum Chlorine Dosage (#/MG)</u>
1950	0.276	1,158	84.0
1951	0.196	446	45.5
1952	0.248	590	45.1
1953	0.120	266	35.4
1954	0.148	356	20.8
1955	0.125	279	24.3
1956	0.180	415	24.4
1957	0.248	325	26.8
1958	0.680	503	19.4
1959	0.290	712	24.5
1960	0.272	324	16.0
1961	0.358	388	20.3
1962	0.590	370	27.2
1963	0.230	680	42.8
1964	0.496	745	56.1



1 trend of pollution in the water during the last ten years.

2 It is interesting to note that in the various  
3 charts prepared as part of this presentation, there are shown  
4 peak values of the various pollution parameters in the years  
5 1950-1951 which are followed by a reduction in these values  
6 for the next few years subsequent to which these parameters  
7 followed a definitely upward trend in the last ten years. It  
8 is possible that the decline in pollution severity following  
9 1950-1951 was due in a large part to the industries exercising  
10 better control of their waste discharges.

11 Next slide, please. (Table D-3 on following page)

12 A summary for the period 1950-1964 of the maxi-  
13 mum ammonia nitrogen which occurred during the pollution  
14 periods each year is presented in Table D-3 which shows, dur-  
15 ing 1964, a maximum of 0.496 parts per million ammonia nitrogen  
16 and requiring a maximum chlorine dosage of 56.1 pounds per  
17 million gallons. The data charted in Figure D-3 shows the  
18 same general increasing trend during the last ten years of  
19 ammonia nitrogen.

20 Next slide, please. (Fig. D-3 on following page)

21 The table on the screen shows the total pounds  
22 of activated carbon used each year at the South District Filtra-  
23 tion Plant during 1950-1964 and the annual average activated  
24 carbon dosage and the maximum activated carbon dosage during  
25 pollution periods. (See Table D-4 on following page.)

(See Figure D-4 on page 408-A)

In 1964, 3,773,655 pounds of activated carbon  
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FIGURE D-2

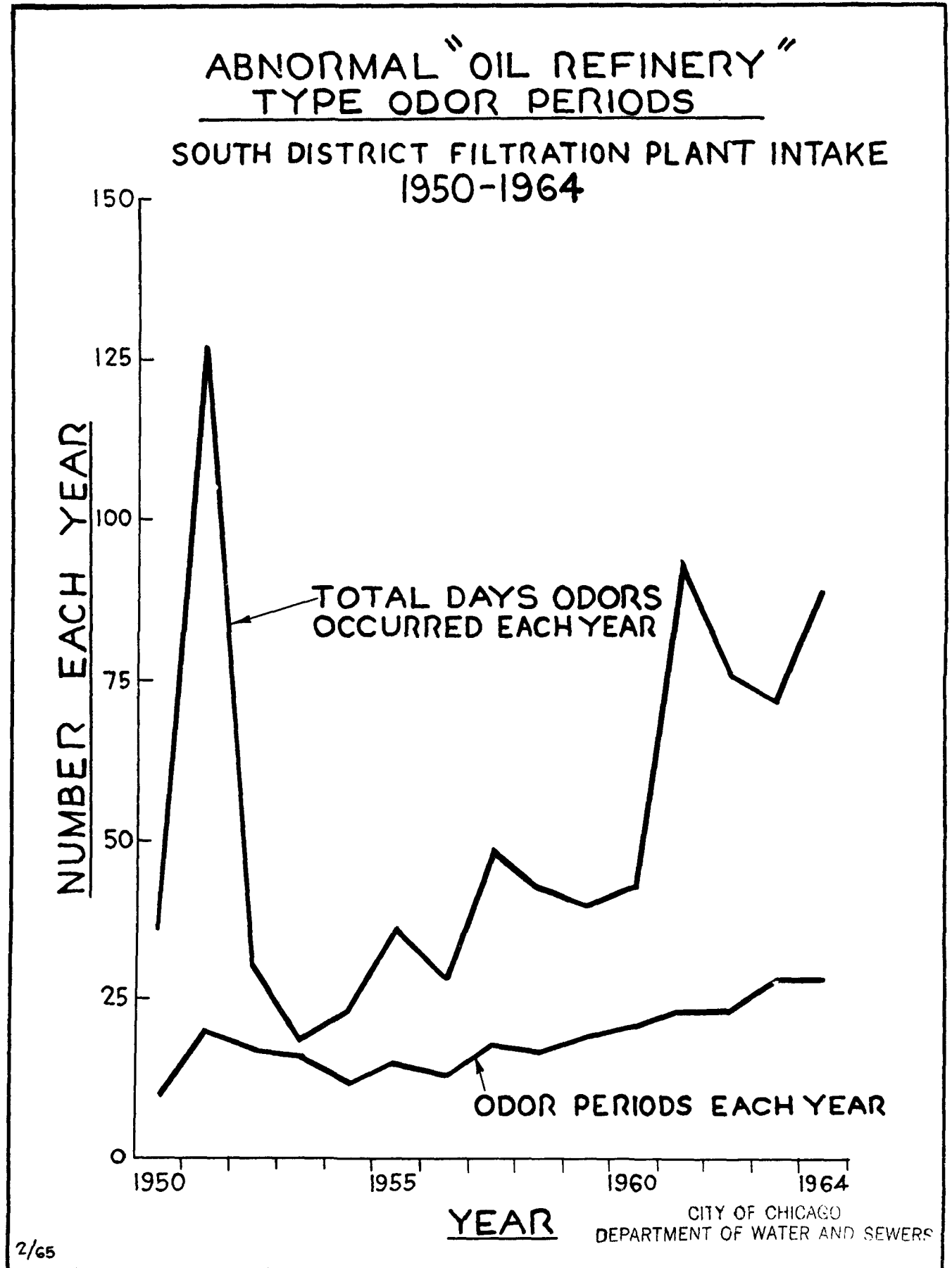


Table D-2

SUMMARY OF "OIL REFINERY WASTE" TYPE ABNORMAL, ODOR PERIODS  
IN RAW LAKE WATER SUPPLY TO SOUTH DISTRICT FILTRATION PLANT  
1950-1964

Year	Number of Odor Periods	Total Odor Days	Maximum Threshold Odors During Periods			Maximum Activated Carbon Dosage Applied #/MG
			4-20	21-50	51-100	
1950	10	36	6	3	1	1,158
1951	20	127	16	4	-	446
1952	17	30	16	1	-	590
1953	16	18	16	-	-	266
1954	12	23	11	1	-	356
1955	15	36	15	-	-	279
1956	13	28	12	1	-	415
1957	18	49	18	-	-	325
1958	17	43	16	1	-	503
1959	19	40	17	2	-	712
1960	21	42	20	1	-	324
1961	23	94	23	-	-	388
1962	23	76	23	-	-	370
1963	28	72	27	1	-	680
1964	28	89	27	-	1	745

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Next slide, please.

The most seriously polluted condition of the water at the intakes of the South District Filtration Plant when slugs of wastes drifting to the intake have abnormal "hydrocarbon" odors which are similar to those which are obtained by diluting oil refinery waste effluent with lake water. The water during these periods of objectionable odors also usually has a high ammonia nitrogen and phenol content, and has abnormal chlorine absorbing properties all of which increase the difficulty of producing a satisfactory water in the treatment plant.

These data on abnormal "oil refinery" type odor periods for the fifteen year period, 1950-1964, are tabulated on an annual basis in Table D-2, which shows the number of odor periods and the total days included in these periods for each year; also shown are the frequency of various intensities of maximum threshold odor numbers which occurred during the periods, and the maximum activated carbon dosage required to treat the water (See Table D-2 and Figure D-2 on following pages).

In 1964 there were 28 days of abnormal odors covering a total of 89 days with a maximum threshold odor number during one of the periods of 90 (hydrocarbon). These data are charted in Figure D-2 which shows a generally upward trend of pollution in the water during the last ten years. These data are charted in the next slide which shows a generally upward

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FIGURE D-1

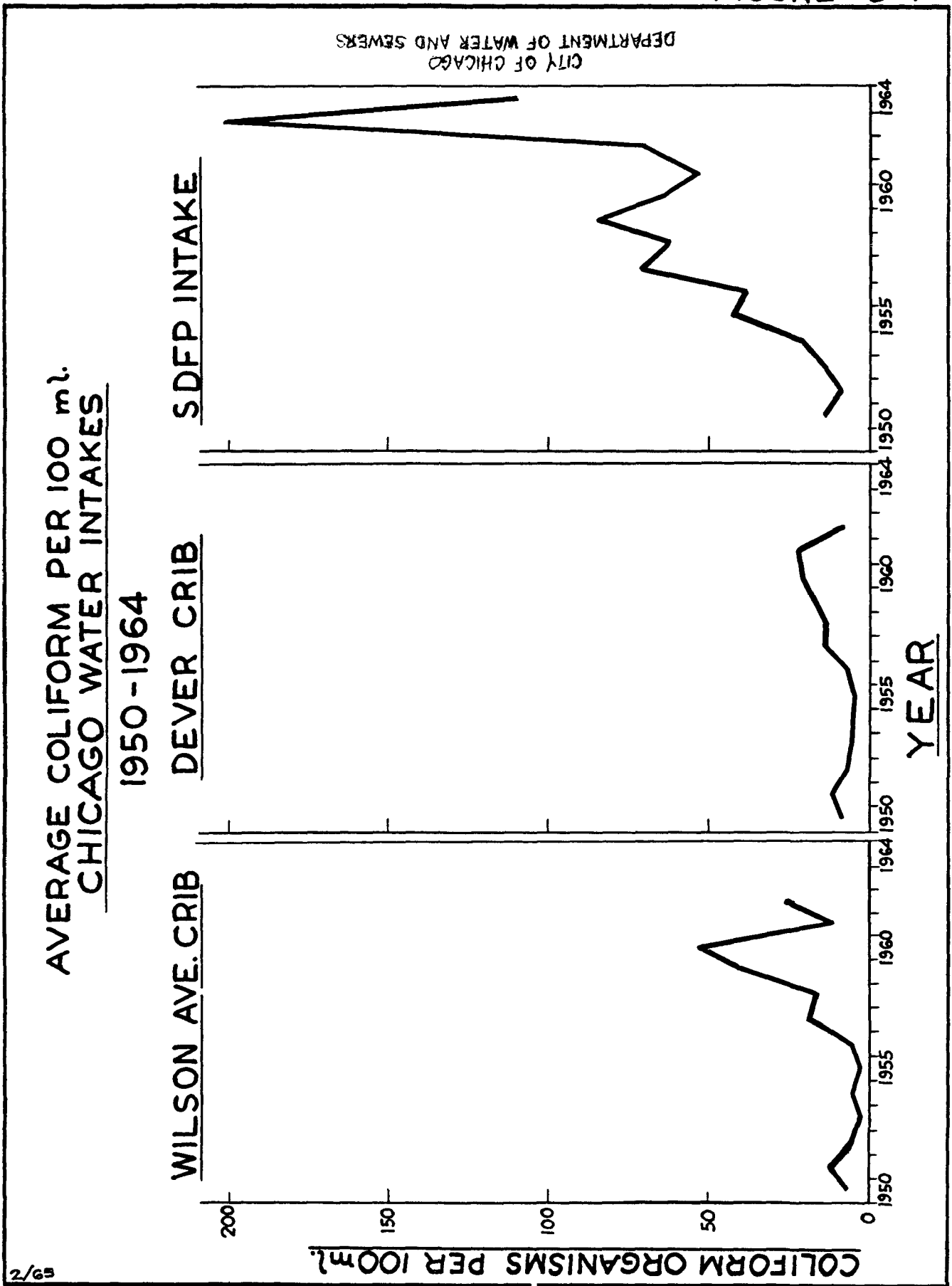


TABLE D-1

RAW LAKE WATER BACTERIAL QUALITY  
COLIFORM ORGANISMS PER 100 ML  
CHICAGO WATER INTAKES

Year	<u>WILSON AVE. CRIB</u>		<u>DEVER CRIB</u>		<u>SDFP INTAKES</u>	
	Annual Average	Maximum Day	Annual Average	Maximum Day	Annual Average	Maximum Day
1950	7.9	852	9.2	400	*	*
1951	12.8	1700	10.9	230	14.0	375
1952	7.1	330	8.1	850	9.7	495
1953	3.1	78	7.0	790	13.9	534
1954	6.4	1100	6.9	330	20.0	959
1955	3.2	110	5.8	140	42.3	1300
1956	5.3	270	7.4	200	38.7	1400
1957	19.3	1900	14.1	2000	70.8	9600
1958	17.3	1300	13.9	490	63.1	6400
1959	40.5	3500	18.4	1300	85.6	3200
1960	52.5	3500	20.5	700	65.2	2900
1961	10.9	300	21.6	790	52.4	3000
1962	26.9	-	9.2	-	69.5	1700
1963	*	*	*	*	200.8	5800
1964	*	*	*	*	110.2	1900

\*Chlorinated water

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1 fifteen year period, 1950-1964, are summarized in Table D-1,  
2 and shown on the screen (See Table D-1 on next page).

3 These show the annual averages and maximum day  
4 results. (See Fig. D-1 on page 401)

5 I think the material in these slides is more  
6 significantly shown in the next slide which in chart form  
7 shows a definitely increasing trend of the annual average  
8 coliform per 100 milliliters (ml) in the intake water at the  
9 South District Filtration Plant which is closest to the  
10 sources of pollution from the Calumet area, while the other  
11 intakes to the north show a much lesser degree of bacterial  
12 pollution. (Continue text on page 402 )

1 pollution from occasional illegal discharges of wastes  
2 from lake vessels and small craft, and also the infrequent  
3 short period reversals of the Chicago River when the locks are  
4 opened during heavy rainfall runoff in order to prevent  
5 flooding.

6           Pollution effects from sewage effluent dis-  
7 charges from communities in Lake County, Illinois, and other  
8 communities to the north, at the present time, are of lesser  
9 significance than the other pollution sources mentioned.

10           Filter backwash water and settling basic  
11 sediment are discharged into the lake from the South District  
12 Filtration Plant and the Central District Filtration Plant.  
13 I am covering the point that was made by Mr. LeBosquet when he  
14 showed the slide of the South District Filtration Plant  
15 yesterday with an indication of discharge of the filter backwash  
16 water on one corner.

17           The solids in these discharges contain material  
18 that was in the original lake water plus the chemicals added  
19 for treatment which include the coagulants and spent activated  
20 carbon. This material is completely innocuous and our exper-  
21 ience has been that it has produced no problems on the lake.

22           The next slide, please.

23           The results of bacteriological examination of  
24 samples of water collected daily from the Wilson Avenue, Dever  
25 and South District Filtration Plant intake supplies for the



1 the pollution sources at the mouth of the Indiana Harbor  
2 Ship Canal and the mouth of the Calumet River.

3 For example, the Dunn intake is approxi-  
4 mately 3-3/4 miles from the mouth of the Calumet River and  
5 9-1/4 miles from the mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal;  
6 the Dever intake is 18-1/2 miles and the Wilson intake 22  
7 miles north of the mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

8 My next section is the effect of lake pol-  
9 lution on water quality.

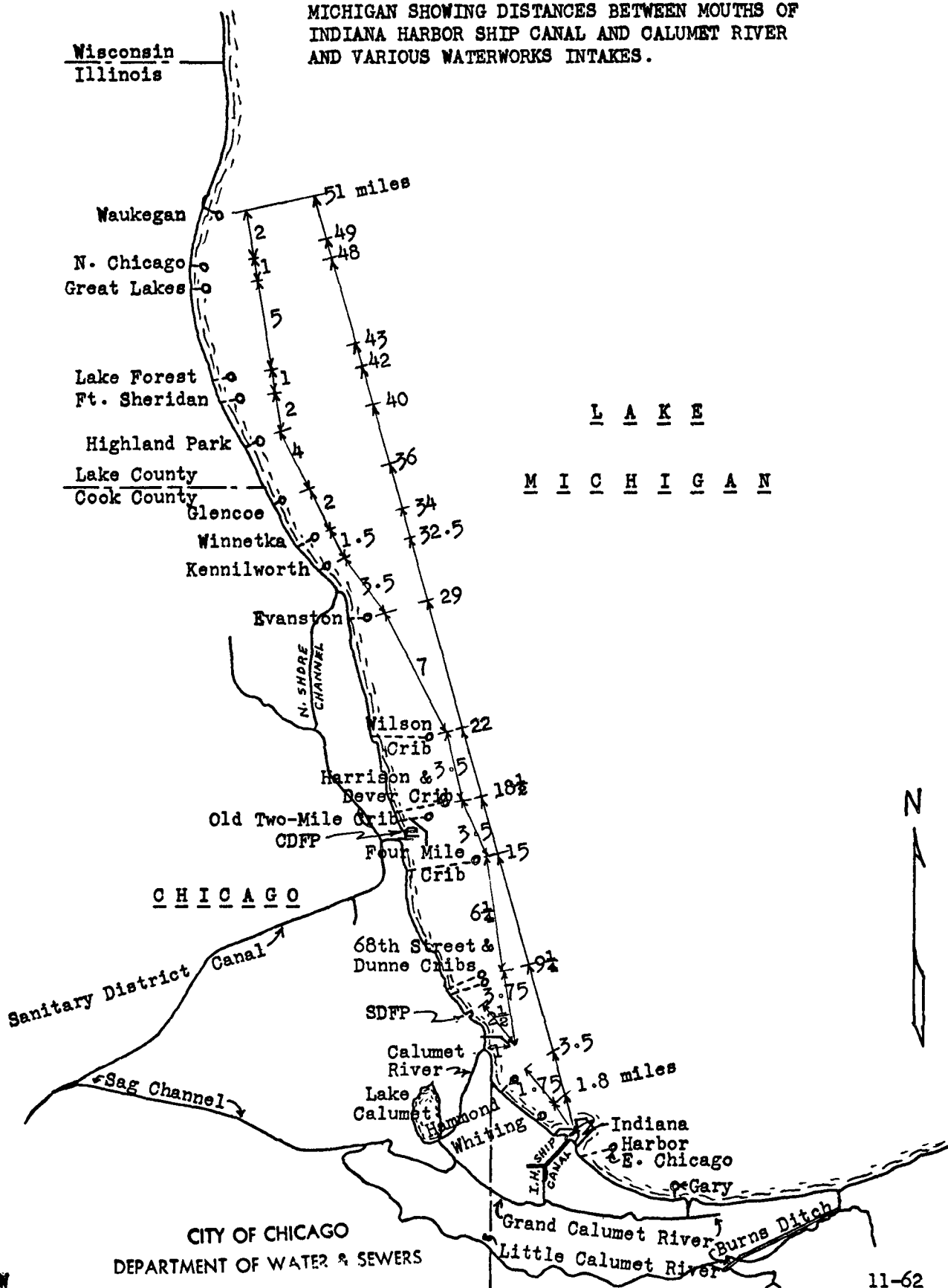
10 There are no sewage or industrial wastes  
11 discharged into Lake Michigan along the 30 miles of lakefront  
12 extending from the Cook County limits on the north to the  
13 mouth of the Calumet River on the south.

14 I have repeated this a number of times and I  
15 feel that this repetition cannot be overdone because there is  
16 no waste being discharged off the Chicago area.

17 The principal source of pollution at the  
18 Chicago intakes has been from the southern end of Lake Michi-  
19 gan which receives the discharges of waste from the Indiana  
20 Harbor Ship Canal, various industrial sewer outlets on the  
21 lake off the Calumet area, and the fluctuating discharges  
22 from the Calumet River.

23 The South District Filtration Plant intakes  
24 being the closest to the source of pollution are the most  
25 seriously affected. In addition, the intakes are exposed to

MAP OF WEST SHORE OF SOUTHERN PORTION OF LAKE MICHIGAN SHOWING DISTANCES BETWEEN MOUTHS OF INDIANA HARBOR SHIP CANAL AND CALUMET RIVER AND VARIOUS WATERWORKS INTAKES.



The next slide, please.

The Central District Filtration Plant, which was placed in operation in October 1964, is located on made land on the lakeshore opposite Ohio Street just north of Navy Pier.

At present it obtains its water supply from a shore intake on the north end of the plant. In the near future, tunnel connections will be completed which will permit the plant to take its supply from the Dever and Harrison crib intakes which are located in the lake about 2.6 miles off of Chicago Avenue. The plant supplies the remainder of the area of Chicago north of Pershing Road and 34 adjacent suburbs, a total population of 2.7 million. Its rated capacity is 960 million gallons daily and peak capacity 1700 million gallons daily. The plant supplies seven pumping stations by gravity flow through tunnels.

The next slide, please.

The Wilson Avenue intake, which is located 2.1 miles from shore opposite Wilson Avenue, will be maintained as an emergency intake. The Four-Mile crib, which is located 3.1 miles offshore opposite 14th Street, is no longer used as an intake and will soon be razed. (See Map - Fig. C-1 on following page.)

The map on the screen shows the location of the two filter plants and the crib intakes, and also shows distances that the various intakes along the lake are from

1 all time peak hour pumpage rate was 1,888 million gallons  
2 daily on June 29, 1964.

3 I would now like to start the slides, if you  
4 please. I will ask Mr. Pawlowski to point out on the slides  
5 the various points.

6 The entire water supply now receives filtra-  
7 tion treatment at the South District Filtration Plant which  
8 supplies 37 percent of the total, and the new Central District  
9 Filtration Plant which supplies 63 percent of the total.

10 The South District Filtration Plant, located  
11 on made land along the lake front between 78th and 79th  
12 Streets supplies the entire south side of the city south of  
13 Pershing Road and adjacent suburbs.

14 The principal intake is the Dunne crib loca-  
15 ted about 2 miles off of 68th Street in about 32 feet of  
16 water. This intake is connected to the filter plant through a  
17 14 and 16-foot tunnel. The plant also has a shore intake at  
18 the east end which is located in about 24 feet of water and is  
19 used as an alternate intake.

20 The plant which was placed in full operation  
21 in 1947 is now undergoing a fifty percent expansion of capa-  
22 city, which will be completed late in 1965 and will provide a  
23 total rated capacity of 480 mgd and a peak capacity of 850 mgd.  
24 It supplies filtered water by gravity flow through underground  
25 tunnels to four pumping stations which serve a population of  
1.8 million in Chicago and 29 suburbs.

1 algae and some of the new species which have developed have  
2 at times caused serious interference with the filtration pro-  
3 cess, due to the shorter filter runs which have resulted.

4 9. Our recommendations for water quality  
5 criteria goals for Lake Michigan are directed toward maintain-  
6 ing the benefits of the naturally superior quality of lake  
7 water at our water works intakes. We urge that no further  
8 degradation of quality of the lake water be permitted and that  
9 contaminants be kept at the lowest level possible so that the  
10 capacity of our treatment plants to produce a pure, safe,  
11 sparkling, clear, palatable water for our consumers is not  
12 endangered.

13 Section C regards the Chicago Water Works  
14 System.

15 The Chicago Water Works System supplies a  
16 total population of approximately 4.8 million of which 3.5  
17 million are in Chicago and 1 million are in 63 suburbs located  
18 adjacent to the city limits.

19 All of the suburbs supplied with Chicago  
20 water at the present time are located within the confines of  
21 the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago. The  
22 average daily pumpage in 1964 was 1,046 million gallons, of  
23 which 135 million gallons per day were supplied to the suburban  
24 municipalities. The all time peak day pumpage of the Chicago  
25 System was 1,529 million gallons on June 30, 1964, and the

1                   This canal is reported to have a flow rate  
2 of 700 to 900 cubic feet per second.

3                   I was interested in hearing Mr. LeBosquet  
4 say yesterday that at the Dickey Road Bridge near the mouth of  
5 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, the flow was measured at  
6 2,000 cubic feet per second.

7                   In the last ten years, there has been a  
8 general increase in the annual average coliform bacteria,  
9 ammonia nitrogen and phenol in the waters discharged into  
10 the lake from the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal. Discharges into  
11 the lake also occur from the Calumet River when the hydraulic  
12 gradient changes due to temporary drops of the lake level,  
13 and when the runoff from the Little Calumet River is greater  
14 than can be handled by the capacity of the Sag Channel which  
15 connects to Illinois Drainage Canal.

16                   8. The continuous and increasing trend of  
17 discharge of nutrients into the lake in the Calumet area, as  
18 illustrated by increases in the ammonia nitrogen content of  
19 the lake water in recent years, has resulted in definite  
20 signs of eutrophication of the water. This is exemplified by  
21 the increasing number of plankton organisms found and the  
22 changes in the character of the species found.

23                   Cladophora, a long filamentous algae, appeared  
24 at the water intakes and has caused nuisances on the bathing  
25 beaches in the last three years. The increasing numbers of

1 similar to odors which are obtained by diluting oil refinery  
2 waste effluents in lake water. During these pollution periods,  
3 the water also has excessive amounts of ammonia nitrogen,  
4 phenols and high coliform bacterial counts, creating more dif-  
5 ficult operating problems in producing a satisfactory, safe  
6 and palatable water at the treatment plant.

7 It has been necessary to apply excessive  
8 dosages of chemicals such as alum coagulant, chlorine for  
9 disinfection and oxidation, and activated carbon for odor  
10 removal, in order to produce a satisfactory quality water.

11 In 1964 there were 28 periods of abnormally  
12 polluted water at the South District Filtration Plant intake  
13 covering a total of 89 days. During these periods, the odor  
14 threshold number reached a maximum of 90 (hydrocarbon) and  
15 the ammonia nitrogen a maximum of 0.496 ppm. The maximum  
16 chlorine dosage required for effective treatment was 56.1  
17 pounds per million gallons and the maximum activated carbon  
18 dosage required for odor removal was 745 pounds per million  
19 gallons.

20 7. Results of various laboratory tests on  
21 the routine samples collected during weekly sampling surveys  
22 from various points on the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, the  
23 Grand Calumet River, the Calumet River and Little Calumet River  
24 have positively shown that the major source of Lake Michigan  
25 pollution off the Calumet area has been the continuous dis-  
charge into the lake from the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

1 from the south end of Lake Michigan off the Calumet area at  
2 times drift to the Chicago water works intakes under the in-  
3 fluence of wind-induced lake currents. The South District  
4 Filtration Plant intakes are the closest to the pollution  
5 sources and are most frequently affected by the highest pollu-  
6 tion concentrations.

7 Occasionally, with prolonged winds from  
8 southerly directions, slugs of pollution have drifted north-  
9 ward beyond the South District Filtration Plant intakes,  
10 ultimately reaching and affecting water at the Dever intake and  
11 at times traveling further north to the Wilson Avenue intake.

12 These long distances traveled by pollution  
13 can be best visualized if we consider that the South District  
14 Filtration Plant intakes are 9-1/4 miles from the mouth of the  
15 Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, the Dever intakes are 18-1/2 miles  
16 away and the Wilson Avenue intake is 22 miles distant from  
17 this point.

18 Our records show that in the past under very  
19 heavy pollution conditions and prolonged southerly winds, the  
20 pollution slugs have traveled as far north as the water intake  
21 at Waukegan, Illinois, which is about 50 miles north of the  
22 mouth of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

23 6. During abnormal pollution periods at the  
24 water intakes at the South District Filtration Plant the water  
25 usually has objectionable "hydrocarbon type" odors which are



1 Sanitary District of Greater Chicago are discharged into the  
2 Sanitary Drainage Canal. No wastes are discharged along the  
3 entire lake front from the Cook County boundary on the north  
4 to the mouth of the Calumet River on the south, except for  
5 infrequent short periods of outflow of the Chicago River when  
6 the locks must be opened during heavy rainfall in order to  
7 prevent flooding.

8               However, continuous outflow into the lake of  
9 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal and partial outflows from the  
10 Calumet River as well as direct discharges from sewer outlets  
11 along the lake off the Calumet Region have continuously pol-  
12 luted the southern end of Lake Michigan.

13              The intensity of pollution of the lake water  
14 has had upward and downward trends over a period of years,  
15 indicating occasional beneficial effects of treatments in-  
16 stalled for abatement of pollution at times and also increases  
17 and decreases in industrial activity.

18              However, in the last ten years there has been  
19 a general increase in pollution of the lake. The most alarm-  
20 ing features of the pollution picture are the indications of  
21 eutrophication of the lake, as well as increases in the number  
22 and intensity of periods when the quality of the intake water  
23 at the Chicago South District Filtration Plant has been  
24 seriously affected by the pollutants.

25              5. Our studies show that the polluted waters

1 lated a great mass of data over the last forty years pertain-  
2 ing to results of laboratory examination on extensive routine  
3 and special sampling to determine the quality of the water at  
4 the lake intakes as well as at various points in the lake  
5 opposite Chicago and in the rivers and streams discharging in-  
6 to Lake Michigan. It would be impractical to present all of  
7 the data available. We are, therefore, presenting data  
8 covering the last fifteen years, 1950-1964, which will best  
9 illustrate the year-by-year trends of pollution and its  
10 effects on the quality of the water at the Chicago waterworks  
11 intakes.

12 3. In 1926 Chicago began an extensive investi-  
13 gation of methods of treating the highly polluted water which  
14 was periodically received at the south side water intakes.  
15 The studies were carried on at the now world-famous experi-  
16 mental filtration laboratory located at Oglesby Avenue and  
17 69th Street, where Mr. John R. Baylis and his associates  
18 developed the use of activated carbon for removal of difficult  
19 industrial waste odors from water and methods for high-rate  
20 filtration as well as other improvements in water treatment.  
21 The results of the studies were incorporated in the design of  
22 the South District Filtration Plant which was placed in full  
23 operation in 1947.

24 4. The industrial and sewage wastes of  
25 Chicago and the metropolitan area included in the Metropolitan

1 "Pollution of the Waters of the Grand Calumet River, Little  
2 Calumet River, the Calumet River, Lake Michigan, Wolf Lake  
3 and their tributaries, Illinois-Indiana February 1965".

4 2. Following an epidemic on the south side  
5 of Chicago in the late fall of 1923, which resulted in 228  
6 cases of typhoid fever and 23 deaths, the Water Safety Control  
7 Section was organized in 1924 in the Chicago Department of  
8 Health for the purpose of instituting strict control over  
9 chlorination treatment at the various pumping stations in the  
10 Chicago Water System and for the collection of data on the  
11 quality of the water at the lake intakes and of the chlorinat-  
12 ed water supply furnished to the consumers.

13 An additional function of the section was the  
14 investigation of the sources of pollution in Lake Michigan in  
15 the vicinity of Chicago and the determination of the condi-  
16 tions which caused polluted water to be carried to the water  
17 intakes by lake currents.

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19 work with the City in 1925, was to be in charge of the lake  
20 survey that the City was making of the lake waters off of Chi-  
21 cago.

22 In 1926 the Water Safety Control Section was  
23 transferred to the Water Department where it has continued as  
24 part of the Water Purification Division.

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2 longed periods of southerly winds the polluted waters are  
3 carried northward affecting the Dever and Wilson Avenue water  
4 intakes.

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6 sistently produced an excellent quality, safe and palatable  
7 water, even during the periods of heavy pollution of the water  
8 at its intakes, but we are deeply concerned for the future if  
9 the increasing trends of pollution are permitted to continue.

10 We are also concerned with the definite indi-  
11 cation of degradation of the lake water quality in the south-  
12 ern end of Lake Michigan because of excessive nutrient pol-  
13 lution which has already produced undesirable changes in the  
14 nature of the microscopic plankton growths in the lake water.

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16 frequency and severity of pollution incidence, and of the  
17 capacity of our treatment plant to handle these incidences,  
18 indicate that the time when the raw water can no longer be  
19 satisfactorily treated may soon come.

20 The next section is a summary and conclusions.  
21 After that, I will get into the full text of my statement.

22 1. We are generally in accord with the data  
23 presented and the conclusions drawn regarding the pollution of  
24 the waters of the southern end of Lake Michigan in the report  
25 prepared by the United States Public Health Service entitled,

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

2 MR. GERSTEIN: Mr. Chairman, conferees, ladies and  
3 gentlemen:

4 My statement will concern the effect of pol-  
5 lution of the southern end of the lake on the operation of  
6 our filter plants and the general pollution of our water at  
7 our intakes.

8 I beg your indulgence in the fact that some  
9 portions of my statement will be repetitive, but I feel that  
10 it is necessary in order to make certain points.

11 The City of Chicago at present furnishes  
12 water supply to a population of approximately 4.5 million of  
13 which 3.5 million are in Chicago, and 1 million are in 63  
14 suburbs in the metropolitan area.

15 Although no sewage and industrial wastes are  
16 discharged into Lake Michigan along the entire 30-mile stretch  
17 of lake front from the north boundary of Cook County to the  
18 mouth of the Calumet River, there exists gross pollution of  
19 the lake waters in the southern end of Lake Michigan from  
20 communities and industries in the Calumet area, and such  
21 pollution discharge is apparently on an increasing trend.

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23 by wind-induced lake currents to the Chicago water works in-  
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12 done, it is something that must be done.

13 Mr. Chairman, present with me today are many  
14 of our top engineers from the Chicago Water Department who  
15 are experts and will be happy to answer any questions.

16 I would like to present Mr. Hyman Gerstein,  
17 our Chief Water Engineer.

18 He is an outstanding water works engineer  
19 who will outline for you and the people in the audience the  
20 picture of water pollution in the Calumet area of Lake Michi-  
21 gan and will point out it's effect on our water.

22 The report which he will present has been pre-  
23 pared from available data on our water safety control section  
24 during the past fifteen years,

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4 years and by 1931 the abatement program had significantly  
5 reduced the amount of phenol pollution in the lake. Relief  
6 was temporary, however, and the water quality at the intakes  
7 again showed an increasing pollution trend with "oil refinery"  
8 type tastes and odors predominating, although chlorophenol  
9 taste persisted.

10 The increasing deterioration of raw water  
11 quality on the city's south side prompted the Department to  
12 install an ammonia-chlorine treatment plant at the Dunne Crib  
13 in 1936. This type treatment was installed to reduce taste  
14 and odor problems and to provide additional protection. The  
15 water filtration program, which had begun at the experimental  
16 plant, was now accelerated very rapidly and construction of  
17 the 320 million gallon per day South District Filtration Plant  
18 was started in 1938.

19 The Dunne Crib water supply continued to  
20 deteriorate from 1937 through 1941. At the city's request,  
21 the United States Public Health Service studied the situation  
22 in 1941-42 and reported again that the Calumet Region was  
23 again responsible for increasing levels of lake pollution.

24 Following this report, the State of Illinois  
25 in 1943 brought suit in the United States Supreme Court

1 In 1923-4, 228 typhoid fever cases occurred  
2 on the city's south side and 23 persons died as a result.  
3 City officials immediately recognized the need for a more  
4 rigid system of chlorination control.

5 New chlorination equipment was installed in  
6 duplicate sets at all of the pumping stations. Permanent  
7 chlorine attendants were employed and trained, and a compre-  
8 hensive program of water sampling, testing and pollution study  
9 was instituted under technical supervision. These actions  
10 proved their effectiveness by virtually eliminating death by  
11 typhoid fever in Chicago.

12 In fact, since 1924, there hasn't been re-  
13 corded in Chicago a single case of typhoid attributed to the  
14 public water supply. Intensive lake pollution surveys were  
15 made in 1924-25 by the United States Public Health Service  
16 and in 1925 and 1926 by the City. These surveys and reports  
17 warned of declining water quality and growing pollution in  
18 the Calumet Region. The Chicago Water Department heeded the  
19 warning by beginning construction in 1926 of an experimental  
20 filtration plant to conduct research for design of a full  
21 scale plant.

22 Beginning in 1927, the city's water supply  
23 began suffering periods of severe chlorophenol tastes and  
24 odors. A pollution abatement program was immediately launched  
25 by certain industrial concerns in cooperation with the city

1 Up to this time, the city of Chicago govern-  
2 ment had shouldered responsibility for water supply and sewage  
3 disposal. Now a new and separate governmental agency was  
4 created to protect Lake Michigan from pollution. The success  
5 of the Metropolitan Sanitary District, covered in a separate  
6 report, in carrying out this assignment and manner in which  
7 this task was accomplished is both history and one of the  
8 Seven Engineering Wonders.

9 While the Sanitary District attacked their  
10 phase of the problem, the protection of Lake Michigan from  
11 pollution, the Chicago Water Department concerned itself with  
12 its mission of supplying an adequate quantity of safe water  
13 of high quality.

14 In support of this objective, the Water De-  
15 partment introduced the sterilization treatment of the raw water  
16 with a hypochlorite solution in 1912.

17 By 1915, all of the city's water was receiving  
18 this chemical treatment. Shortly thereafter, liquid chlorine  
19 feeding equipment was installed in all of the water pumping  
20 stations. The striking effect of these improvements was imme-  
21 diately noted as the annual death rate from typhoid fever  
22 was sharply reduced to a rate of 2 per 100,000 in 1917, from  
23 the high of 174 per 100,000 in 1891. Reduction in the fre-  
24 quency of cholera and dysentery also followed the use of  
25 chemical treatment.

1 where it spread beyond the water intakes. This episode  
2 triggered an epidemnic of typhoid fever which persisted for  
3 several years.

4 This crisis also led to the formation by the  
5 Chicago City Council of a Drainage and Water Supply Commission  
6 in 1886. This Commission was given the assignment of study-  
7 ing the city's problems relating to water supply, sewage  
8 disposal, and storm drainage. After several years of study,  
9 the Commission recommended a plan designed to protect Chicago's  
10 most priceless asset - its lake front and water supply.

11 The plan was to:

12 1. Relocate the flow of the Des Plaines  
13 River to the westerly edge of its drainage basin.

14 2. Construct a new drainage canal 28  
15 miles in length from the Chicago River at Damen  
16 Avenue to the Des Plaines River at Lockport. This  
17 would permanently reverse the flow of the Chicago  
18 River.

19 3. Build major intercepting sewers along  
20 the lake to collect existing sewerage and drain this  
21 sewerage to the new canal.

22 To carry out these plans, the Commission  
23 recommended the creation of the Metropolitan Sanitary District.  
24 Enabling state legislation was passed in 1889 and on January  
25 18, 1890, the Metropolitan Sanitary District became a reality.

1           In the quest for safe water, a tunnel system  
2 under the lake bed was constructed, connecting water intakes  
3 located two miles from shore. The first such water tunnel was  
4 completed in 1867 and attracted world-wide interest.

5           At the same time, it was determined that  
6 steps would have to be taken to prevent the flow of the river  
7 with its pollution load from reaching the lake.

8           Thus, the plan to reverse the flow of the  
9 Chicago River had its beginning. City engineers calculated  
10 that, if the Illinois and Michigan Canal, opened in 1848, were  
11 deepened, the flow of the Chicago River from West to East  
12 would be reversed.

13           This project was started in 1865 and completed  
14 in 1871. The system worked well for a time, but expanding  
15 population and real estate development created a situation  
16 which finally terminated the temporary relief and resulted in  
17 the Chicago River returning to its normal flow. Other  
18 unsuccessful schemes followed.

19           Finally, on August 2, 1885, nature counter-  
20 attacked with a torrential rainstorm which blanketed the  
21 Chicago area with over 6 inches of rainfall. The intensity of  
22 the storm scoured the sewerage system and produced a record  
23 mass of pollution.

24           The storm waters also overloaded the river and  
25 canal system permitting the storm pollution to enter the lake

1           Early efforts to obtain an uncontaminated source  
2 of water prompted the city's engineers to reach for clean  
3 water by extending water intakes further into the lake,  
4 beyond the polluted shore lines. The first such effort  
5 occurred in 1854, when a water intake was extended 600 feet  
6 into the lake. However, in the same year a cholera epidemic  
7 claimed the lives of 5.5 percent of the population. Mute  
8 testimony to the magnitude of the problem.

9           In 1856, work began on the construction of an  
10 integrated sewerage system, the first of its kind in the  
11 United States. With the completion of this project, the  
12 surface drainage of Chicago's flat and marshy areas was  
13 greatly improved but only at the expense of the problem of  
14 supplying safe drinking water. This was particularly true  
15 since the integrated sewerage system emptied into the Chicago  
16 River which in turn flowed into the lake.

17           During this period, the problems of supplying  
18 an adequate supply of uncontaminated drinking water were ever  
19 compounding because of the rapidly increasing population.

20           In 1862, the City's Chief Engineer, Mr. Ches-  
21 brough, was sounding the alarm about the increasing pollution  
22 of the river and rapidly declining quality of the water supply.

23           About this time, a program was formulated to  
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18 lake. In this way, the deadly cycle of sanitary wastes con-  
19 taminating the community's water supply was activated with  
20 resultant disease-breeding potential.

21         When the infant city formed its own water com-  
22 pany, the forerunner of the Department of Water and Sewers,  
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2 Commissioner of Water and Sewers, James Jardine.

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: While Mr. Jardine is coming up, I think  
4 we have a little advance information. A good deal of his  
5 presentation will be based on slides and I think this will  
6 probably be one of the most vital or interesting we have.  
7 The suggestion is that some of the people sitting in the  
8 fringes back there who don't have a good view of the screen  
9 might want to adjust their seats and make sure they see the  
10 slides.

11 MR. JAMES W. JARDINE: Mr. Chairman, Distinguished  
12 Conferees, Ladies and Gentlemen:

13 I have submitted to the reporter the full text  
14 of my statement, Mr. Chairman, and in the interest of saving  
15 time, I would appreciate it if the full statement could be  
16 included in the record and I will brief the reporter later.

17 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Without objection, this will be done.

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7 the public what their problems are.

8 Usually, they have had to take what's given to  
9 them and solve the problem the best way they can. And, this  
10 is no exception here.

11 Without in any way minimizing any of the other  
12 jobs in the city, I know this from my long years of experience,  
13 that the people in charge of a public water supply, whether  
14 it is Chicago or any other place, has the one most responsible  
15 job in any municipality because literally, and figuratively,  
16 in their hands rests the health and the lives of the people  
17 of that community, in this instance, the health and lives of  
18 over five and one-half million people, where a billion and a  
19 half gallons of water every day, at peak days particularly,  
20 roughly about a billion gallons is pumped to the citizens of  
21 this area.

22 I say, it is a rather rare opportunity that  
23 waterworks officials have of laying out their particular  
24 problems. This is going to be one of the exceptions because  
25 this is a fact-finding conference, and the person that is  
going to lead off for the City of Chicago is the man that has

1           Apparently there is a sensitivity about cyanide  
2 in certain quarters and I -- my only conclusion is, I hope  
3 this sensitivity continues.

4           (Laughter)

5           Without minimizing any of the multipurpose uses  
6 of Lake Michigan under consideration here, there is one that  
7 is the most important without any question.

8           That is the source of Lake Michigan as a public  
9 water supply for human consumption.

10          A water supply has some peculiar character-  
11 istics. It is a peculiar type of industry. It has no control  
12 over its raw material and this is something that industry  
13 would never tolerate.

14          Yet, it is expected and required to turn out  
15 a quality product, a product that must be safe to drink,  
16 every drop of it, every minute of every day, of every night.

17          Again, it is an industry that has to take what's  
18 given to it. There is no industry, I am sure, and those par-  
19 ticularly represented in this conference, that would think of  
20 not controlling its raw materials.

21          Yet, we have seen that some of these industries  
22 and cities think nothing of effecting the raw material of such  
23 an important commodity as a water supply.

24          The fact that Chicago's water supply is safe  
25 to drink, I know and I am in a position to know, is due to the

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you very much, Mr. Jordahl.

2 This, I think, completes the federal agency  
3 presentation.

4 The Department of Interior and the Corps of  
5 Engineers, as you know, work very closely with us in the  
6 water resources field.

7 There is one other agency, water resources  
8 agency in the Department of Agriculture.

9 They didn't indicate they wanted to speak here  
10 at this meeting, and I guess, flying in here, you can guess  
11 why.

12 That concludes it?

13 MR. POSTON: That concludes it.

14 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Again, we would like to call on Mr.  
15 Klassen of Illinois.

16 Mr. Klassen.

17 MR. KLASSEN: Before I call on the next agency to appear,  
18 Mr. Chairman, last evening, after the session it was called to  
19 my attention that I made a technically incorrect statement  
20 and I, just for the record, wanted to correct it.

21 I did say that two-tenths parts per million of  
22 cyanide was toxic.

23 This is technically incorrect. I should have  
24 said that two-tenths parts per million of cyanide is the  
25 maximum amount permissive in drinking water.

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2 whether the reason is development for other purposes or the  
3 pollution of the waters -- the result is a greater demand and  
4 heavier load on remaining facilities, local, State, and  
5 National.

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7 southern Lake Michigan are inadequate to meet the existing  
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9 of recreation demand predicted by the ORRRC report. There-  
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11 in this area will be of immeasurable value to people deserving  
12 outdoor recreation.

#### 13 CONCLUSION

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15 stressed the essential element of cooperation as follows:

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17 tion and development, there was little need for coordination  
18 among the various Federal agencies involved. The field was so  
19 sparsely occupied, water problems -- especially water-quality  
20 problems -- were so relatively less urgent than they are now,  
21 that coordination was not then a major consideration. Today,  
22 and in the years ahead, close and effective coordination is  
23 essential. This Department and other Federal agencies must  
24 pool their resources in order to accomplish our goal of  
25 acceptable levels of water quality for our natural resources  
and our economic needs."

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2 State and local governments and other Federal agencies; the  
3 Survey has responsibility also for the design of the national  
4 network of hydrologic data collection. Results of these pro-  
5 jects are available to all in the form of maps and reports.  
6 The Geological Survey wishes to continue its cooperation with  
7 Federal and State agencies in the basins around Lake Michigan  
8 to obtain the information on water and its environment that  
9 is most needed in the solution of the pressing water problems.  
10 These agencies and those to which data and information have  
11 been furnished include Illinois Water Survey, Metropolitan  
12 Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, Indiana Board of Health,  
13 Indiana Department of Conservation, Division of Water Re-  
14 sources, Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission,  
15 U. S. Public Health Service, Corps of Engineers, Illinois  
16 Division of Waterways, and the Northeastern Illinois Metro-  
17 politan Area Planning Commission.

#### 18 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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20 ested in the improvement of the water quality of our streams,  
21 lakes, estuaries and oceans generally. The pollution of the  
22 southern end of Lake Michigan has a direct effect upon the  
23 recreation use potential of the Indiana Dunes National Lake-  
24 shore proposal and an indirect effect on all areas of the  
25 National Park Systems. A recreation potential is lost in one

1 scientific and technological investigations among the mineral  
2 industries with the aim of improving health conditions, in-  
3 creasing safety and efficiency, and preventing economic waste  
4 ..... Close contact with current industrial practices is  
5 maintained through activities that include: (1) conduct of  
6 cooperative studies with State and other governmental agencies  
7 and with industry; (2) participation in the committee work of  
8 technical societies; and, (3) informal exchanges of informa-  
9 tion between Bureau and industrial specialists in appropriate  
10 fields."

#### 11 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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18 by the Survey give information on the surface features of  
19 river basins; its geologic maps give information on rock types  
20 and structure which control ground water occurrence and move-  
21 ment. Hydrologic maps and reports based on these topographic  
22 and geologic data present information on the quantity,  
23 quality and distribution of the water resources of the United  
24 States.

25 Programs and individual projects are designed

1 arise in the mineral industry.

2 The Bureau of Mines can contribute to the study  
3 by identifying number and location of existing mineral-based  
4 industries and determining the water requirements, as well as  
5 the water discharged, from these establishments. Prediction  
6 of future water requirements of the mineral industry is also  
7 a province where the Bureau's special abilities can be uti-  
8 lized.

9 Assistant Secretary of Interior Carver, in a  
10 statement on July 8, 1963, stated the following relative to  
11 the role of the Bureau of Mines in the pollution-control  
12 field.

13 "Mineral-industry water interests initially  
14 conflict with all other major water interests. To ameliorate  
15 such conflicts, the Bureau of Mines of this Department en-  
16 courages the mineral industries to practice water conservation,  
17 including water-quality control. In this way, we promote  
18 attainment of an equitable use balance within the total  
19 national demand for water. Water withdrawn from natural  
20 supplies must be used over and over where feasible. Waste  
21 water effluents must not be allowed to impair significantly  
22 the quality of our water supplies.

23 "Under the provisions of the Bureau of Mines  
24 Organic Act, it is both the province and the duty of the  
25 Secretary of the Interior to conduct economic inquiries and



1           The mighty Great Lakes with their many tribu-  
2       taries can rightfully be included among our nation's major  
3       natural resources. Through the years we have been led to  
4       believe that the Great Lakes can be little affected by the  
5       activities of man. Recent studies and observations show that  
6       many portions of the Great Lakes have been adversely affected  
7       by pollution. The severity of the pollution is evidenced by  
8       violent fluctuations in species composition by not only  
9       fishes but other aquatic organisms. The choicer fishes are  
10      being replaced by less valuable species which have a greater  
11      tolerance for turbidity and low oxygen. The gradual accumula-  
12      tion of wastes day after day may render the water a barren  
13      wasteland to fish.

14           Most important to fishery utilization is the  
15      capacity of a fish population to restore itself after its  
16      numbers have been reduced or changed. For this reason all is  
17      not lost. By cleaning up pollution, the restoration of our  
18      fishery resources can become a reality. Once again we will be  
19      able to see, capture and eat the choicer varieties of fish  
20      which are no longer present or are present in limited numbers.

21           The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries is always  
22      interested in maintaining high water and environmental quality  
23      in areas where the development or continuation of commercial  
24      fisheries is possible. Conditions regarding water quality  
25      and fish production in the extreme southern portion of Lake

1 upon which they depend for food consist of the living re-  
2 sources in rivers, lakes and the sea. They are the property  
3 of no man until caught. In life they are the concern of the  
4 people and can be conserved and managed by governmental  
5 authority -- local, State, Federal or international. Hidden  
6 as they are beneath the surface of the water, special and  
7 complicated techniques are needed to find out how they can be  
8 managed so as to yield maximum sustained production.

9           Sound management requires an understanding of  
10 the nature of living resources. The stocks of fish which  
11 support our fisheries are self-renewing. They do not exist  
12 in limited quantities, like our mineral resources, to be used  
13 once and thereafter be gone forever. Living resources can  
14 endure forever, and therefore are more valuable, by far, than  
15 the annual yield would suggest. This is true only if we  
16 manage them wisely, and we can do this only if we understand  
17 the habits of the aquatic animals and plants and their inter-  
18 relationships with each other and with the environment.

19           Where the environment becomes changed or re-  
20 stricted by pollution, the fish population and fish food  
21 organisms have to adjust themselves to altered conditions.  
22 This produces fluctuation of abundance, changes in species  
23 composition, changes in growth rate and many other things,  
24 most of which do not benefit mankind. This has happened in  
25 the Great Lakes where the environment has been changed or  
rendered unfit by pollution.

1                   2. Strengthen and maintain a vigorous fishery  
2 industry by assuring full and fair access to the American  
3 market.

4                   3. Do these things in partnership with the  
5 States and in full accordance with our international obliga-  
6 tions, and without sacrificing the system of free enterprise.

7                   In pursuing these policies the Federal Govern-  
8 ment has a responsibility to the Public as a whole to see  
9 that our fishery resources are utilized to the fullest eco-  
10 nomic extent without damage to their future productivity.

11                   A deeper look into the complex problems facing  
12 our fishing industry today is a look into the major trends  
13 operating over decades, that have produced the critical  
14 problems now facing us.

15                   Our population growth, the change from rural to  
16 urban economy, and industrial development have caused in-  
17 creasing complications: first, from domestic wastes; then  
18 from dams, industrial wastes, channel and harbor improvements,  
19 marsh drainage and conversion of marshlands and backwaters to  
20 residential and industrial sites; more recently from the wide-  
21 spread and rapidly expanding use of insecticides, herbicides,  
22 detergents, and a host of other technological developments;  
23 and now the possible dangers introduced by disposal of radio-  
24 active wastes from research, industry and other uses.

25                   Our raw material, the fishes, and the organisms

2. They enrich our diet with variety.

3. They promote our health, providing dietary supplements such as vitamins, trace minerals, and the essential requirements in wider variety than any other class of foods.

4. They have, because of the unique properties of their proteins and oils, potential uses as pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals.

5. They supply to our animal industries vital proteins, fats and growth factors.

6. They develop the seafaring qualities of our people and provide marine facilities and equipment sorely needed by an America now faced with transoceanic problems and wide responsibilities in a changing world.

The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 recognizes that fish and shellfish are capable of making a valuable continuous contribution to the national economy, food supply and health, recreation, and well-being of our citizens. When these resources are properly protected, properly developed, properly managed, and properly utilized, the Act considers them capable of being greatly increased. Control of pollution is one conservation measure that must be practiced. The alternative is destruction by neglect.

It is the National Fish Policy to:

1. Increase and maintain forever, for the people of the United States, a fishery resource capable of yielding the maximum annual product.

1 activity by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The National  
2 fish policy established by the 1956 Act places high on the  
3 list of goals the responsibility for the economic betterment  
4 of the commercial fishing industry in all its phases - pro-  
5 duction, processing and distribution. This responsibility  
6 extends to the control and prevention of pollution. Pollution  
7 is probably the primary factor today that limits the production  
8 of food fish and in fact threatens future fish production.  
9 The measure of pollution as used here is the suitability of  
10 water for a required use. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries  
11 is concerned with the suitability of the waters of Lake  
12 Michigan for production of fish and fish food organisms.

13         The fishermen of America have played a unique  
14 part in this country's economy since its founding. Fisheries  
15 are still of major importance to many sections of the country.  
16 Employment, direct and indirect, is furnished to 500,000  
17 citizens. Today our fisheries supply over five billion pounds  
18 of fish each year, about half of which is used for human food.  
19 The fish catch, when processed, is worth over a billion  
20 dollars annually at the retail level.

21         Our aquatic resources are far more valuable  
22 than is indicated by the number of persons they support or  
23 the dollar values of their products.

24         1. They are living, renewable resources which  
25 can continue to make their contribution to our welfare forever  
if we treat them wisely.

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2 by pollution, the fish population and fish-food organisms  
3 have to adjust to the altered conditions or perish. This pro-  
4 duces fluctuations of abundance, changes in species composi-  
5 tion, changes in growth rate, and many other modifications of  
6 the plant and animal life present.

7           Changes in the environment of the waters of Lake  
8 Michigan are being reflected in the following:

9           1. Lake trout and Whitefish have all but dis-  
10 appeared, in part due to lamprey infestations.

11           2. Alewives, a low value species, have greatly  
12 increased in numbers, and catches of carp have also shown  
13 great increases. Periodic die-offs of alewives in great num-  
14 bers at the southern end of Lake Michigan are a major nuisance.

15           3. Catch statistics of the Bureau of Commercial  
16 Fisheries indicate great declines in fish harvest.

17           4. In 1963 about 10,000 migratory waterfowl  
18 were killed along the shores of eastern and southern Lake  
19 Michigan (loons, ducks, gulls). Although the causes were not  
20 definitely determined, (botulism, pesticides, organic pollu-  
21 tants were all investigated), obviously some highly unfavor-  
22 able environmental change occurred.

#### 23 BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

24           The 1956 Act and a wide variety of other  
25 statutes enacted over the years authorize a broad range of

1           The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is  
2 vitally interested in protecting and enhancing the quality of  
3 all waters throughout the Nation. In this respect, the Bureau  
4 is a signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding with the  
5 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare concerning water  
6 pollution control. This agreement was developed in recogni-  
7 tion of common interests in the field of water pollution and  
8 to make possible a more effective program of interagency  
9 cooperation.

10           It is in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife  
11 Coordination Act of 1956 which authorized the Secretary of  
12 the Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife Service and the  
13 Bureau of Mines, to make such investigations as he deems  
14 necessary to determine the effects of domestic sewage, mine,  
15 petroleum, and industrial wastes, erosion silt, and other  
16 polluting substances on wildlife, and to make reports to the  
17 Congress concerning such investigations and of recommendations  
18 for alleviating dangerous and undesirable effects of such  
19 pollution. These investigations shall include: (1) the  
20 determination of standards of water quality for the maintenance  
21 of wildlife; (2) the study of methods of abating and prevent-  
22 ing pollution, and (3) the collection and distribution of data  
23 on the progress and results of such investigations for the use  
24 of Federal, State, municipal and private agencies, individual  
25 organizations or enterprises.

1 water makes it unsafe for swimming. Official beach attendance  
2 is zero. Thus, it is estimated 150-250 thousand activity  
3 days of swimming are lost annually due to the closure of this  
4 beach. A portion of the local water-oriented recreation needs  
5 of the area are met in the form of swimming pools. A recent  
6 Indiana Department of Health survey indicates that while Lake  
7 County had 9 outdoor pools in 1960, about 17 more were needed  
8 to meet local public needs within the county. Construction  
9 of that many pools and their attendant facilities could well  
10 run over 2.5 million dollars. The survey further indicated by  
11 1970 there would be a need for about 35 swimming pools to  
12 meet the growing needs of Lake County, Indiana -- this at a  
13 time when Hammond's Lake Michigan beach sits unusable due to  
14 poor water quality.

15 In addition, other beaches in the area are  
16 threatened with closure due to deterioration of water quality.  
17 Gary, Indiana's beach at Marquette Park, is presently suffer-  
18 ing water quality problems according to information received  
19 in connection with this Bureau's Nationwide inventory of  
20 recreation areas. In addition, five beaches on Chicago's south  
21 side are threatened by the changing water quality. If the  
22 trend continues, millions of people within this area will be  
23 left without a place to swim on the southern end of this Great  
24 Lake.

25 BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE



1 areas in which urban people may retreat occasionally from the  
2 complexity of city life increases. Such an escape is almost  
3 a spiritual necessity.

4 It has been established through studies by the  
5 Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Committee that our great-  
6 est need is for outdoor recreational areas near population  
7 centers. ORRRC studies further indicate 90 percent of all  
8 Americans participate annually in some type of outdoor recrea-  
9 tion, with 44 percent preferring water-oriented recreation,  
10 mainly swimming. This region, with its near seven million  
11 local inhabitants, adjoins Lake Michigan, one of the largest  
12 bodies of fresh water in the world. The lake is a real  
13 treasure for those able to use it for outdoor recreational  
14 activities. However the pleasure of swimming in its cooling  
15 waters or sunbathing along one of its pleasant sand beaches  
16 after a sweltering day at work is not available to many of  
17 the thousands who live along its shores.

18 For example, Hammond, Indiana, with its 112,000  
19 population, has about a quarter mile of public beach. Such a  
20 beach by accepted standards should support a daily attendance  
21 of 2,000 to 3,000 people, affording thousands of local people  
22 the opportunity to enjoy conveniently water-oriented outdoor  
23 recreation throughout the summer. Such is not the case,  
24 however, the beach has been closed for more than 15 years by  
25 order of the local Board of Health, because the quality of the

1 by Act of Congress on May 28, 1963 as a result of recommenda-  
2 tions made by the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commis-  
3 sion, to provide a focal point in the Government for the  
4 Nation's outdoor recreation activities. The Congress took  
5 this action because they deemed it desirable that (1) all  
6 American people of present and future generations be assured  
7 adequate outdoor recreation resources, and (2) prompt and  
8 coordinated efforts be made toward conserving, developing and  
9 utilizing such resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the  
10 American people. Thus, it has become the purpose of this  
11 Bureau to fulfill these desires of the Congress. As a result  
12 this Bureau shares a very deep concern for events which have  
13 been and are taking place in the area under consideration  
14 here, events which have affected the natural resources of this  
15 region and their usefulness to the American people, particu-  
16 larly the local citizen, for recreational pursuits.

17 The area under consideration includes much of  
18 the Chicago-Northwestern Indiana Standard Consolidated area  
19 as defined by the U. S. Census. It had a 1960 population of  
20 about 6.8 million, an increase of 21.6 percent over the 1950  
21 population. As such, it is an area of rapidly increasing re-  
22 creational needs where, at the same time, areas suitable for  
23 recreation development must compete with industrial and other  
24 development.

25 As urbanization increases, the need for natural

1 access to all points of the compass. Mid-Americans making  
2 plans for vacations and outdoor recreation look to the Ozarks  
3 in the southwest, to the Smoky Mountains in the southeast, or  
4 to this Great Lakes region to the north.

5 The highway pattern in Mid-America indicates  
6 that the Great Lakes are within easy reach of these 50 million  
7 people. And, situated at the doorstep of the southern end of  
8 Lake Michigan is the gigantic Chicago metropolitan area.

9 The Outdoor Recreation Resource Review Com-  
10 mission in their voluminous studies highlighted the importance  
11 of water to outdoor recreation as follows:

12 "Water is a focal point of outdoor recreation.  
13 Most people seeking outdoor recreation want water -- to sit  
14 by, to swim and to fish in, to ski across, to dive under and  
15 to run their boats over. Swimming is now one of the most  
16 popular outdoor activities and is likely to be the most popular  
17 of all by the turn of the century. Boating and fishing are  
18 among the top ten activities. Camping, picnicking and hiking,  
19 also high on the list, are more attractive near water sites.  
20 About 90 percent of all Americans participated in some form of  
21 outdoor recreation in 1960 -- a total of 4.4 billion  
22 occasions. By 1976, the total will be 6.9 billion, and by the  
23 year 2000, it will be 12.4 billion -- a three-fold increase by  
24 the turn of the century."

25 The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation was established

1 of this valuable resource. The Interior approach emphasizes  
2 the coordination and interrelation between uses and the effect  
3 of these uses on management and quality of the total water  
4 supply system.

5 "Maintenance of water quality involves not only  
6 the quality levels for human consumption, but also quality  
7 levels for consumption by other animal and plant life, for  
8 development of other natural resources, and for industrial  
9 processes. These quality considerations are interrelated.  
10 They can be understood and controlled best from the point of  
11 view of water as a resource, rather than from a point of view  
12 of a particular quality need."

13 The Department of the Interior has a rich back-  
14 ground of experience and knowledge in this area and is  
15 equipped with highly qualified technical manpower. All  
16 bureaus and offices of the Department have an interest in  
17 water resources. In the Great Lakes, the Bureaus of Outdoor  
18 Recreation, Commercial Fisheries, Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,  
19 Mines, Geological Survey and National Park Service have a  
20 direct interest.

#### 21 BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

22 The nine upper midwest states which make up Mid-  
23 America contain 50 million people. Much of this nine-state  
24 region is flat or gently rolling prairie, plain, and field,  
25 and has a relative scarcity of water and topographic resources  
for recreation purposes, but many fine highways provide ready

CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you, Mr. Jordahl.

Are there any comments or questions?

(No response)

Mr. Jordahl, you wanted your whole statement to appear in the record. Without objection, that will be done.

Are there any comments or questions?

(No response.)

STATEMENT BY HAROLD C. JORDAHL, JR., REGIONAL COORDINATOR  
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SOUTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN

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INTRODUCTION

My name is Harold C. Jordahl, Jr., Regional Coordinator for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Department is pleased to offer its cooperation to the Public Health Service and the States of Illinois and Indiana in the matter of pollution at the southern end of Lake Michigan.

Secretary of the Interior Stuart Udall, in a statement before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Government operations early in 1963, expressed the Department of Interior's interest in maintenance of clean water as follows:

"....the focus of Interior effort is directed to the maintenance of adequate national water supplies and adequate water quality for whatever uses man may wish to make

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2 of recreation demand predicted by the ORRRC report.

3 Therefore, any action which can be taken to im-  
4 prove water quality in this area will be of immeasurable  
5 value to people deserving outdoor recreation.

6 In the way of conclusion, I would like to quote  
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11 among the various federal agencies involved. The field was so  
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18 must pool their resources in order to accomplish our goal of  
19 acceptable levels of water quality for our natural resources  
20 and our economic needs."

21 On behalf of the Department of the Interior and  
22 in line with this statement, we assure you that we will make  
23 every effort to assist on this study and to achieve a goal of  
24 acceptable water quality in the Waters of Lake Michigan.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Results of these projects are available to all  
2 in the form of maps and reports.

3 Now, the work of the Geological Survey and their  
4 cooperators in the area under study would include the Illinois  
5 water survey, Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater  
6 Chicago, Indiana Board of Health, Indiana Department of Con-  
7 servation, Division of Water Resources, Indiana Flood Control  
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24 local state and government and other federal agencies; the  
25 survey has responsibility also for the design of the national  
network of hydrologic data collection.



1 water, discharge from operating plants. These data will be  
2 useful in arriving at solutions to water problems which may  
3 arise in the mineral industry.

4 The Bureau of Mines can contribute to the study  
5 by identifying number and location of existing mineral-based  
6 industries and determining the water requirements, as well as  
7 the water discharges from these establishments.

8 Prediction of future water requirements of the  
9 mineral industry is also a province for the Bureau's special  
10 abilities to be utilized.

11 Assistant Secretary of Interior Carver, in a  
12 statement on July 8, 1963, stated the following relative to  
13 the role of the Bureau of Mines in the pollution-control field  
14 and I quote:

15 "Mineral-industry water interest initially  
16 conflict with all other major water interests. To ameliorate  
17 such conflicts, the Bureau of Mines of this Department en-  
18 courages the mineral industry to practice water conservation,  
19 including water-quality control. In this way, we promote  
20 attainment of an equitable use balance within the total nation-  
21 al demand for water. Water withdrawn from natural supplies  
22 must be used over and over where feasible. Waste water  
23 effluents must not be allowed to impair significantly the  
24 quality of our water supplies.

25 "Under the provisions of the Bureau of Mines

1 there prior to 1950 would certainly be of great value to the  
2 states involved and to the nation as a whole.

3 Let's turn now to the Bureau of Mines.

4 Adequate --

5 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Mr. Jordahl, I don't know if we may  
6 interrupt -- is Ted Layheu of the Department of East Chicago  
7 Sanitary District here?

8 MR. JORDAHL: Turning now to the Bureau of Mines.

9 Adequate supplies of usable water are essential  
10 to the mineral industry. As in many other industries, the  
11 quantity and quality of available water are vital factors in  
12 the development of an economic operation.

13 Consideration for the needs of the mineral  
14 industry must be included in a study of the nature being  
15 considered. Regulations on water discharges from a mineral-  
16 based operation must be consistent with good industry practices  
17 and must be based on factual evidence.

18 The Bureau of Mines has the scientific and  
19 technological abilities to assist in studies of the mineral  
20 industries with the objective of improving health conditions,  
21 increasing safety and efficiency and preventing economic waste.

22 This Bureau has just completed a canvas of the  
23 mineral industry to establish water use and water needs of the  
24 mineral industry. The study included development of data on  
25 the treatment methods in relation to quantity and quality of

1 commercial fisheries in Illinois and Indiana that may be attri-  
2 buted to several things. A change in the fishery has resulted  
3 from predation from sea lampreys.

4           However, the general drop off in production from  
5 the areas involved implies that conditions other than sea  
6 lamprey predation has been at least partially responsible for  
7 poor conditions existing in the area in the Illinois and  
8 Indiana fisheries.

9           The Bureau is inclined to believe that water  
10 pollution has had an effect on the normal production of the  
11 finer fishes in that area, and approves and supports the  
12 foresight involved in the current approach to the problem  
13 existing in southern Lake Michigan.

14           Their attitude is stimulated particularly by the  
15 fact that, although gross pollution of the whole of Lake  
16 Michigan cannot be demonstrated at present, from a fishery  
17 standpoint, the gradual spread of situations resembling that  
18 extent in southern Michigan can become of vital concern in a  
19 relatively short time.

20           It is conceivable that the situation in southern  
21 Lake Michigan could spread subtly but steadily into other  
22 sections of this very large and productive body of water.

23           Statistics on the catch of fishes in the states  
24 of Indiana and Illinois indicate almost full collapse. Any  
25 movement made to restore the productive fishery that existed

This has been happening in the Great Lakes where the environment has been changed or rendered unfit by pollution.

The mighty Great Lakes with their many tributaries can rightfully be included among our nation's major natural resources. Through the years we have been led to believe that the Great Lakes can be little affected by the activities of man. Recent studies and observations show that many portions of the Great Lakes have been adversely affected by pollution. The severity of the pollution is evidenced by violent fluctuation in species composition, but not only fishes but also other aquatic organisms.

The choicer fishes are being replaced by less valuable species which have a greater tolerance for turbidity and low oxygen. The gradual accumulation of wastes day after day may render the water a barren wasteland to fish.

The Bureau is always interested in maintaining high water and environmental quality in areas where the development or continuation of commercial fisheries is possible. Conditions regarding water quality and fish production in the extreme southern portion of Lake Michigan have caused the Bureau concern in the past few years and particularly in the recent past. This problem is under study as part of our participation in the United States Public Health Service's Illinois River Basin-Great Lakes Project.

There has been a gradual disintegration of com-

change occurred.

Let's turn to the sister bureau.

The 1956 Act and a wide variety of other statutes enacted over the years authorize a broad range of activity by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

The national fish policy established by the 1956 Act places high on the list of goals the responsibility for the economic betterment of the commercial fishing industry in all its phases -- production, processing, and distribution.

This responsibility extends to the control and prevention of pollution. Pollution is probably the primary factor today that limits the production of food fish and that threatens future fish production.

The measure of pollution as used here is the suitability of water for a required use. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries is concerned with the suitability of the waters of Lake Michigan for production of fish and fish food organisms.

Where the environment becomes changed -- to those of you who are following the prepared presentation, I will go to page 12, -- where the environment becomes changed or restricted by pollution, the fish population and fish food organisms have to adjust themselves to altered conditions. This produces fluctuations of abundance, changes in species composition, changes in growth rate, and many other things, most of which do not benefit mankind.

1 on wildlife, and to make reports to the Congress concerning  
2 such investigations and of recommendations for alleviating  
3 dangerous and undesirable effects of such pollution.

4 Where the environment becomes changed or damaged  
5 by pollution, the fish population and fish-food organisms  
6 have to adjust to the altered conditions or perish. This pro-  
7 duces fluctuations of abundance, changes in species composi-  
8 tion, changes in growth rate, and many other modifications of  
9 the plant and animal life present.

10 Changes in the environment of the waters of Lake  
11 Michigan are being reflected in the following:

12 I. Lake trout and white fish have all but dis-  
13 appeared, in part due to lamprey infestations.

14 II. Alewives, a low value species, have greatly  
15 increased in numbers and catches of carp have also shown the  
16 increases. Periodic die-offs of alewives in great numbers at  
17 the southern end of Lake Michigan are a major nuisance.

18 III. Catch statistics of the Bureau of Commercial  
19 Fisheries indicate great declines in fish harvest.

20 IV. In 1963, about ten thousand migratory water  
21 fowl were killed along the shores of eastern and southern Lake  
22 Michigan -- loons, ducks, gulls.

23 Although the causes were not definitely deter-  
24 mined, botulism, pesticides, organic pollutants were all  
25 investigated, obviously some highly unfavorable environmental

1 In addition, other beaches in the area are  
2 threatened with closure due to deterioration of water quality.  
3 Gary, Indiana's beach at Marquette Beach is presently suffer-  
4 ing water quality problems according to the information re-  
5 ceived in connection with this Bureau's nationwide inventory  
6 of recreational areas.

7 In addition five beaches in Chicago's south side  
8 are threatened by the changing water quality. If the trend  
9 continues, millions of people within this area will be left  
10 without a place to swim on the southern end of this Great Lake.

11 Let's turn now to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
12 and Wildlife.

13 This Bureau is vitally interested in protecting  
14 and enhancing the quality of all waters throughout the nation.

15 In this respect, the Bureau is a signatory to a  
16 Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health,  
17 Education, and Welfare, concerning water pollution control.

18 This agreement was developed in recognition of  
19 common interests in the field of water pollution and to make  
20 possible a more effective program of interagency cooperation.

21 It is in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife  
22 Coordination Act of 1956 which authorized the Secretary of the  
23 Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau  
24 of Mines, to make such investigations as he deems necessary to  
25 determine the effects of domestic sewage, mine, petroleum, and  
industrial wastes, erosion silt, and other polluting substances

1 sweltering day at work is not available to many of the  
2 thousands who live along its shores.

3 For example, Hammond, Indiana, with its 112,000  
4 population, has about a quarter mile of public beach. Such a  
5 beach, by accepted standards should support a daily attendance  
6 of 2,000 to 3,000 people, affording thousands of local people  
7 the opportunity to enjoy conveniently water-oriented outdoor  
8 recreation throughout the summer.

9 Such is not the case, however: the beach has  
10 been closed for more than fifteen years by order of the local  
11 Board of Health, because the quality of the water makes it  
12 unsafe for swimming. Official beach attendance is zero. Thus,  
13 it is estimated 150 to 250,000 activity days of swimming are  
14 lost annually due to the closure of this beach.

15 A portion of the local water-oriented recreation  
16 needs of the area are met in the form of swimming pools. A  
17 recent Indiana Department of Health survey indicates that,  
18 while Lake County had nine outdoor pools in 1960, about 17 more  
19 were needed to meet the local public needs in the county.

20 Construction of that many pools and the attendant  
21 facilities would well run over 2.5 million dollars.

22 The survey further indicated by 1970 there would  
23 be a need for about 35 swimming pools to meet the growing needs  
24 of Lake County, Indiana, -- this at a time when Hammond's Lake  
25 Michigan beach is unusable due to poor water quality.



1 American people.

2           Thus, it has become the purpose of this Bureau  
3 to fulfill these desires of Congress.

4           The area under consideration includes much of  
5 the Chicago-Northwestern Indiana Standard Consolidated Area as  
6 defined by the United States Census. It had a 1960 population  
7 of about 6.8 million, an increase of 21.6 percent over the  
8 1950 population. As such, it is an area of rapidly increasing  
9 recreational needs where, at the same time, areas suitable for  
10 recreation development must compete with industrial and other  
11 development.

12           It has been established through studies by the  
13 Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission that our great-  
14 est need is for outdoor recreational areas near population  
15 centers.

16           ORRRC studies further indicate 90 percent of all  
17 Americans participate annually in some type of outdoor recrea-  
18 tion, with 44 percent preferring water-oriented recreation,  
19 mainly swimming.

20           Now, this region with its near 7 million local  
21 inhabitants, adjoins Lake Michigan, one of the largest bodies  
22 of fresh water in the world. This lake is a real treasure for  
23 those able to use it for outdoor recreational activities.

24           However, the pleasure of swimming in its cooling  
25 waters or sunbathing along one of its sand beaches after a

1           The focus of Interior effort is directed to  
2 the maintenance of adequate national water supplies and ade-  
3 quate water quality for whatever uses man may wish to make of  
4 this valuable resource. The Interior approach emphasizes the  
5 coordination and interrelation between uses and the effect of  
6 these uses on management and quality of the total water supply  
7 system.

8           Our Department has a rich background of exper-  
9 ience and knowledge in this area, and we are equipped with  
10 highly qualified technical manpower.

11           All bureaus and offices of the Department have  
12 an interest in water resources. In the Great Lakes, our  
13 Bureaus of Outdoor Recreation, Commercial Fisheries, Sport  
14 Fisheries and Wildlife, Mines, Geological Survey and National  
15 Park Service have a direct interest.

16           Our Bureau of Outdoor Recreation was established  
17 by the Act of Congress on May 28, 1963, as a result of  
18 recommendations made by the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review  
19 Commission, to provide a focal point in the government for the  
20 nation's outdoor recreation activities. The Congress took  
21 this action because they deemed it desirable that: I, All  
22 American people of present and future generations be assured  
23 adequate outdoor recreation resources, and II, prompt and co-  
24 ordinated efforts be made toward conserving, developing and  
25 utilizing such resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the

1 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Let's reconvene.

2 I would like to call on Mr. Poston.

3 As was indicated yesterday, there is another  
4 Federal representative who came here and we will have an  
5 opportunity of hearing from him.

6 Mr. Poston?

7 MR. POSTON: The Department of Interior asked that its  
8 statement be withheld until this morning, when Mr. Harold  
9 Jordahl could be present and I would like to hear from Mr.  
10 Jordahl now.

11 MR. JORDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Poston, conferees, ladies  
12 and gentlemen:

13 What I would like to do, Mr. Stein, is to ask  
14 that the statement which I have provided to you earlier be  
15 inserted in the record. I will just give the comments I have  
16 about the presentation.

17 The Department of Interior is pleased to offer  
18 its cooperation to the Public Health Service and to the States  
19 of Illinois and Indiana in the matter of pollution at the  
20 southern end of Lake Michigan.

21 Our Secretary of the Interior, Stuart Udall, in  
22 a statement before a subcommittee of the House Committee on  
23 Government Operations early in 1963 expressed the Department  
24 of Interior's interest in maintenance of clean water as  
25 follows:

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