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Indoor Air Quality in Public Buildings: Volume II

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This report documents the second of two studies of indoor air quality in public buildings carried out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in response to public and Congressional concern. A total of 10 buildings were studied in the program. A report on the first four buildings is being published simultaneously with this report, which deals with the last six buildings investigated.

This Project Summary was developed by EPA's Environmental Monitoring Systems Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, NC, to announce key findings of the research project that is fully documented in a separate report of the same title (see Project Report ordering information at back).

Introduction

In FY 1982 and again in FY 1983, Congress mandated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carry out studies of indoor air quality. The studies were focused on volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for several reasons: 1) VOCs include a number of carcinogenic and mutagenic species (benzene, chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, etc.); 2) little was known at the time about human exposure to these compounds; and 3) methodology had recently been developed to measure these compounds at environmental levels. Because these compounds were being extensively studied in private homes in EPA's ongoing Total Exposure Assessment Methodology (TEAM) Study (Wallace 1987; Pellizzari 1987a,b; Handy 1987), the study concentrated on buildings rather than homes. Buildings where people spend long periods of time were selected for study: schools, homes for the elderly, hospitals, and office buildings. These buildings also contain populations (children, the sick and the elderly) that may be more sensitive to air pollutants.

Two separate but closely related studies were carried out. The first included measurements in four buildings (one school, one office building, and two homes for the elderly). The final report of that study, an EPA Research Report entitled Indoor Air Quality in Four Buildings, is now available (Sheldon et al., 1988). A separate Project Summary has been written for that report.

The second study included six buildings (a hospital, two office buildings, two homes for the elderly, and an institute for governmental studies). The final report for that study is entitled Indoor Air Quality in Six Buildings. This Project Summary refers to this second study only.

Study Design

The goals of the study were the following:

- 1) Quantify a set of target VOCs, selected on the basis of their potential health effects, production volume, and amenability to collection on Tenax, in all samples.
- 2) Determine the effect of aging on the concentrations of VOCs within three newly constructed buildings.
- 3) Measure emissions of VOCs from building material collected from one of the new buildings.
- 4) Measure concentrations of other chemicals or mixtures including radon, formaldehyde, particles, pesticides, PCBs, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metals, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and asbestos.

Six buildings were selected for study: a hospital and an associated nursing home in Martinsburg, WV; a home for the elderly in Worcester, MA; an office building in Washington, DC; another office building in Fairfax, VA; and an institute for governmental studies in Cambridge, MA. The hospital,

the Worcester home for the elderly, and the Fairfax office building were new buildings, scheduled to be monitored immediately after completion but before occupancy, and then again a few months after occupancy. (Unfortunately, the new hospital was not actually monitored until almost one year after it had been finished; therefore only two buildings were monitored when they were new.) The remaining three buildings were existing buildings ranging in age from 3-8 years.

Each monitoring visit lasted three days. Three indoor sites were selected and one outdoor site (near the air intake for the building) was monitored over consecutive 12-hour periods. Air exchange rates were determined for each 12-hour period by injecting sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) into the building vertilation system and measuring the decay in concentration.

Measurement Methods

Measurement methods are described fully in the report. Following is a brief description for selected pollutant classes.

1) Volatile organics. Thirty-two target VOCs were collected in cartridges containing 1.5 g of 35/60 mesh Tenax. All samples were collected in triplicate, using different flow rates designed to provide 10, 15, and 20 liters of air over the 12-hour collection period. Thermal casorption was followed by GC-MS analysis.

2) Particles. Inhalable particles including both the fine $(<2.5\mu)$ and coarse $(2.5-10\mu)$ fractions were collected on samplers designed for EPA by the National Bureau of Standards. An 8μ Nuclepore filter was used for the coarse particles and a 3μ Ghia Zefluor Teflon filter for the fine particles. The filters were weighed by microbalance following exposure to an ionizing source to reduce static charge.

3) Emissions from materials. A total of 31 materials (22 solid and 9 solvent-based surface coatings) were collected from the new office building in Fairfax, VA when possible or purchased from the manufacturer. Headspace vapors from gently heated (30 -34°C) solid materials in 70-ml glass jars were collected overnight (or over 30 minutes for the solvent-based materials) on Tenax cartridges using a dynamic purging technique and analyzed by GC-MS for the target compounds. Based on the results of these preliminary headspace experiments, nine materials (vinyl and rubber molding, cove adhesive, particle board, etc.) were selected for detailed emission studies using 12-L glass chambers. Solid materials were aged for 14-25 weeks, solvent-based materials for one week, Materials were placed in the chamber,

allowed to equilibrate overnight at 25°C and 48% relative humidity, and their organic emissions were then collected on three consecutive Tenax cartridges and analyzed by GC-MS.

Results

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Quality Assurance

Fifty performance evaluation audit samples supplied by EPA showed recovery efficiencies ranging from 72±19% to 95±34% for nine target VOCs. Forty-one blank Tenax cartridges had nondetectable levels for 24 of the 32 target VOCs and levels under 10 ng/cartridge for seven of the remaining eight VOCs. Precision for most VOCs was excellent, with median relative standard deviations ranging between 11% and 24% for 26 of the 29 compounds with measureable levels (Table 1). One exception was the cresols, which appeared to be unreliably collected.

All Tenax samples were collected in triplicate at widely ranging flow rates (sampling volumes of 10, 15, and 20L) as a means of detecting possible artifact formation or other problems occurring during sampling that would not be detected using normal quality control techniques. Concentrations that vary with changing flow rate would be evidence that such problems were indeed occurring. However, the geometric means of the different sampling volumes were within 10% of each other for 25 of the 29 compounds (Table 2). Thus no evidence of significant sampling problems emerged from this extensive effort at using "distributed volume" sampling.

Quantitative Results

Indoor concentrations of VOCs were higher than outdoor concentrations at all six buildings (Tables 3 and 4). However, for the two new buildings monitored within one month after construction, certain chemicals were at externely elevated concentrations: the straight-chain aliphatic hydrocarbons (ndecane, n-undecane, n-dodecane) and the aromatics (xylene isomers, ethylbenzene, ethyltoluene isomers, and trimethylbenzene isomers). Indoor levels of these compounds shortly after the buildings' construction ranged from 10-400 µg/m³, while outdoor concentrations ranged from 0-1 μ g/m³. After several months, the indoor levels dropped to a range of about 3-30µg/m³still well above the outdoor concentrations.

Emission rates from 31 materials collected from the new office building are summarized in Table 5. Although some solvent-based materials were the highest emitters, as might be expected, other solvent-based materials such as linoleum tile cement and joint compound emitted none of the target VOCs

(Figure 1). Some solid materials, particularly rubber and vinyl molding, linoleum tile, and telephone cable, also emitted significant quantities of the target VOCs (Figure 2). Common emissions included xylenes. ethylbenzene, trimethylbenzenes, ethyltoluenes: decane, undecane, and dodecane 24 of the 32 target chemicals were emitted by at least one material; and 24 of the 31 materials emitted at least one target chemical. Some chemicals such as xylenes and trimethylbenzenes were emitted by as many as 18 or 19 materials, while some materials such as latex caulk and cove adhesive emitted as many as 17 of the target chemicals.

Fine particle mass averaged over 12-hour periods by the EPA-NBS sampler ranged from 14-55 μ g/m³ in smoking areas, compared to 3-38 μ g/m³ in nonsmoking areas.

Air exchange measurements for the ten monitoring visits ranged from 0.14 to 0.94 air changes per hour (ach), with both extreme values occurring during different visits to the new hospital (Table 6). If the rates are averaged across all visits to each building, the range is unusually small—0.43-0.54 ach.

Discussion

The extensive effort at "distributed volume" sampling (over 200 triplicate samples) indicated no significant problems occurred during sampling of entier indo or outdoor air using Tenax. This result confirms and extends the results of a study of indoor air under controlled conditions, which concluded that no differences could be observed among 10 compounds measured simultaneously on Tenax and in evacuated canisters (Spicer, 1986).

Indoor concentrations of VOCs in the six buildings studied exceeded outdoor concentrations for all of the prevalent target chemicals except benzene, indicating the presence of indoor sources in all buildings. The two new buildings had high concentrations of aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons immediately after completion, with concentrations declining by an order of magnitude over the next few months. This is further corroboration of the finding from the earlier EPA study (Wallace 1987c) that half-lives of the chemicals involved may be measured in weeks or months and that therefore the time required for these new buildings to approach outdoor concentrations may be measured in months or even up to one year.

The measurement of emissions from 31 building materials collected from one building shows that the same chemicals found at elevated levels in that building are emitted at high rates from some of those building materials and surface coatings. These

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n-Propylbenzene	100			218		.16		. 8		14.		21		29
n-Ethyltoluene				144		16	`	7		14	,	23		31
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^aNumber of samples.

Table 2: Results of Distributed Volume Sampling

Chemicai			N	Mean ^a	SD ^b	RSD(%)°
n-butylacetate			65	2.25	0.03	1
n-dodecane	•		63	22.84	0.32	1
n-propylbenzene		'a	95	1.55	0.02	1.
1.3.5-trimethylbenzene		**	108	2.67	0.04	1
p-dichlorobenzene	* ,		67	1.71	0.03	2
			59	8.70	0.29	3
a-pinerie			210	2.59	0.08	3
ethylbenzene tetrachloroethylerie	7.00		112	1.74	0.05	3
		i.	- 94	1.85	0.05	3
trichloroethylene			197	2.80	0.075	3
o-xylene 1.1.1-trichloroethane			207	4.45	0.12	3
			119	0.76	0.03	. 4
' isopropylbenzene	•		216	6.56	0.24	. 4
m-xylene			127	11.25	0.41	·4
n-undecane	1		212	0.66	0.025	4
o-etnyltoluene			208	0.99	0.04	4
1.2,3-trimethylbenzene			200	3.00	0.11	4
1.2.4-trimethylbenzene	ī	* •	130	10.27	0.49	5
n-decane			196	2.58	0.16	6
m-ethyltoluene			14	1.07	0.06	6
o-cresol 1.2-dichloroethane			43	2.58	0.17	7

chemicals—a set of 10 aromatic and aliphatic VOCs-were identical in both of the new buildings studied, indicating that the findings may be generally true for many buildings. The materials emitting these chemicals at the highest rates were surface coatings such as adhesives, caulking, and paints; wall and floor coverings such as molding, linoleum tile, and carpet; and miscellaneous other materials such as telephone cables. Structural materials such as brick and mineral board had few organic emissions. Surprisingly however, some solvent-based materials such as linoleum tile cement and joint compound and some other materials such as ceiling tile and plastic laminates also had no detectable emissions of the target compounds. These findings confirm the findings of the earlie EPA study (Sheldon 1988; Wallace 1985) o emissions from 19 building materials.

Because building renovations utilize many of the same materials (adhesives, paints

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chlorobenzene		7	1.16	0.12	10
o-dichlorobenzene		4	1.71	0.025	10
2-ethoxyethylacetate		50	3.53	0.36	10
benzene		215	2.68	0.35	13
carbon tetrachioride	19966 1251	19	0.81	0.12	15
bromodichloromethane		3	0.98	0.24	24
m-cresol	protess as	41	5.35	1.66	31

Mean of the three geometric means for the three sampling volumes.

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carpets, etc.) that cause elevated VOC concentrations in new buildings, it appears possible that similar elevated concentrations will occur in buildings that are being renovated or refurbished.

Two types of health effects may be associated with the elevated concentrations of organic gases and particles reported here. First, chronic health effects, including cancer. may be caused by long-term exposure to some of these compounds. Chloroform, trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, carbon चित्रकारिक विकास के किया के कि animal carcinogens and therefore possible human carcinogens. The elevated particle

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Ethyltoluene		ND	ND	0.66	8.89	2.08	4.01	0.73	1.60	0.74	ND .
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2,3-Trimethylbenzene		0.63	0.43	1.82	73.51	7.27	13.95	-2.52	6.28	2.80	0.98
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^{*}Building completed -34 weeks before first monitoring trip.

Standard deviation of the three geometric means.

^e Relative standard deviation

^{*}Building completed - 1 week before first monitoring trip.

Building completed ~4 weeks before first monitoring trip.

Below the quantifiable limit.

Table 4. Concentration Data for Volatile Organics Summarized by Compound Class

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	Time Since		Aromatic ydrocarbo			Aliphatic drocarbo			Chlorinate rdrocarbo)xygenate /drocarbo			Total	· .
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Office/School (Old) Trip 1 (2/85)	-2 y	30	12	2.5	18	ND		26	3.7	7.0	1.5	ND	; -	75	16	4.6
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Table 5. Summary of Emission Results

	Emmission Rate (μg/m²n)									
Sample ^a	Aliphatic and Oxygenated Aliphatic Hydrocarbons	Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Halogenated Hydrocarbons	All Target Compounds						
Cove adhesive Latex caulk Latex paint (Glidden) Carpet adhesive Black rubber molding	e 252 111 136 24	380 52 98 78	8 5.2 86 _b 0.88	>5000 637 249 234 103						
Small diameter telephon cable Vinyl cove molding Linoleum tile	33 31 6.0	26 14 35	1.4 0.62 4.0	60 46 45						
Large diameter telephon cable Carpet Vinyl edge molding Particle board	e 14 27 18 27	20 9.4 12 1.1	4.3 0.41 0.14	38 36 30 28						
Polystyrene foam insulation Tar paper Primer/adhesive Latex paint (Bruning) Water repellant mineral board	0.19 3.2 3.6	20 3.1 2.5 3.2 0.43	1.4	-22 6.3 6.1 3.2						

loadings associated with the smoking areas of these buildings supplements earlier work (Repace 1980, Spengler 1985) indicating increased exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), a probable human carcinogen, in these buildings, which house children, the sick and the elderly. Risk assessments have been carried out for VOCs (Wallace, 1986; Tancrede, 1987) and for ETS (Repace and Lowrey, 1985; NAS, 1986) in the home environment and have concluded that risks are considerably greater for these chemicals in indoor air than in outdoor air or (except for chloroform) in drinking water. The risks associated with the type of buildings studied here would be proportional to the amount of time spent in them.

The second type of health effect is acute, consisting of eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, neurotoxic symptoms such as depression, irritability, and forgetfulness, and general malaise—a group of symptoms often described as "Sick Building Syndrome" (SBS). Although the cause or causes of SBS are unknown, several hypotheses implicate low-level concentrations of VOCs as a possible cause (Berglund, 1982; Molhave, 1984).

^aBelow the quantifiable limit.

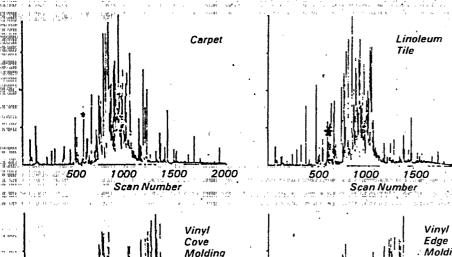
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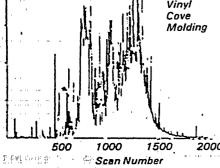
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PVC pipe	•		0.53	•	0 53
- Duct insulation	0.13		0.15		0.28
Treated metal roofing	•		0.19	0.06	0.25
Urethane sealant	•		0,13		0.13
Fiberglass insulation	•		0.08	•	0.80
Exterior mineral board	.		0.03		0.03
"Interior mineral board	•		•	-	
Cerling tile	•		٠,	•	•
Red clay brick	•		-	• .	•
Plastic laminate	•		•		
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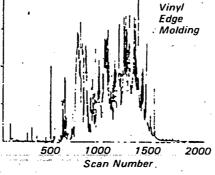
No detectable emissions.





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GC/MS chromatograms of emissions samples collected from interior exposure building materials during headspace experiments (*designates the external standard).

Conclusions

The measurement method employed for VOCs (sampling on Tenax sorbent followed by GC-MS analysis) was shown to have good precision for nearly all target compounds Sampling at three different flow rates ("distributed volume" sampling) detected no artifact formation or other sampling problems

Many volatile organic compounds are at higher concentrations in buildings than outdoors. The sources of these elevated indoor air concentrations include surface coatings, wall and floor coverings, and other building materials. Emission rates ranged up to several thousand µg/m²/h.

Concentrations of individual aromatic and aliphatic compounds such as xylenes and decane were elevated over outdoor levels by factors of 100 or more in the two new buildings studied. The time to reach concentrations comparable with outdoor levels was estimated to be several months.

Concentrations of respirable particulates were elevated in smoking areas of some buildings.

Recommendations

This study of six buildings and its earlier companion study of four buildings has indicated that concentrations of certain target VOCs are elevated in buildings due to emissions from certain building materials. Only ten buildings were monitored and only 50 building materials were tested for emissions. Many more buildings of various types (hospitals, enclosed shopping malls, etc.) where people spend a considerable fraction of their time should be monitored before it will be possible to estimate the frequency distribution of VOC concentrations in such buildings. Many more building materials should be tested to determine their rates of emission of chemicals of concern before a trustworthy estimate of the range of emission rates can be achieved.

Future studies need not employ "distributed volume" sampling on all samples, although limited distributed volume sampling could be employed to assure that sampling problems were not occurring.

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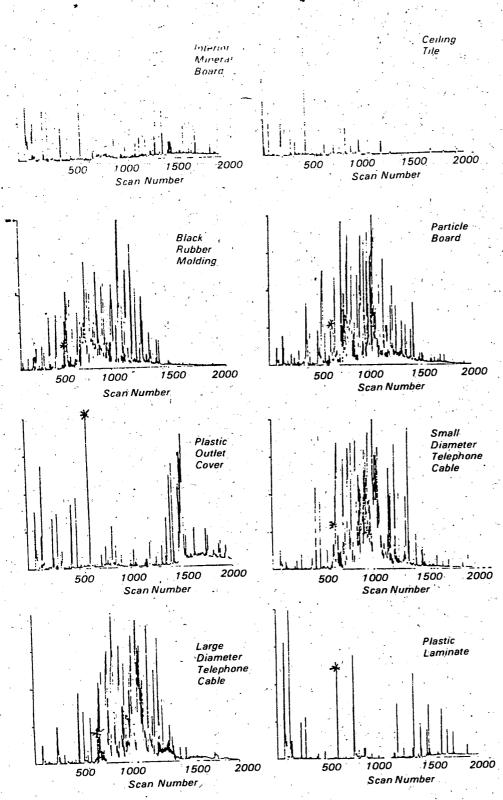


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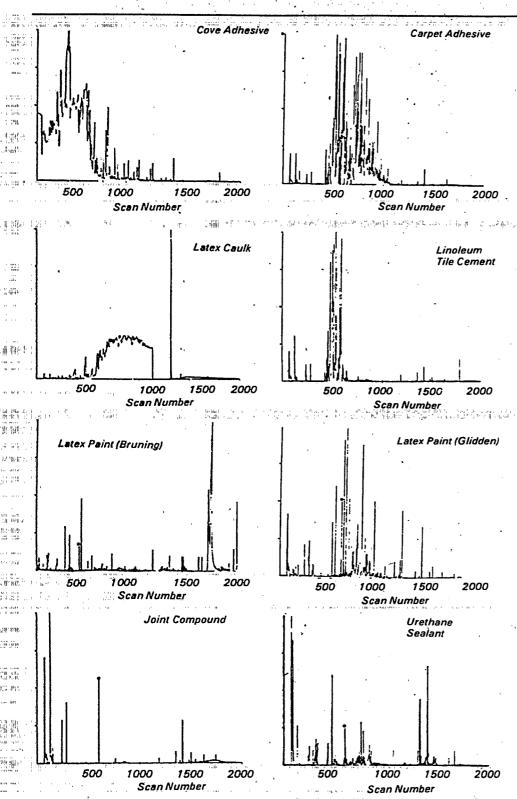


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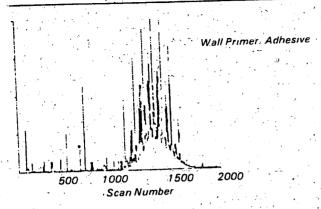
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Average Air Exchange Measurements for Field Monitoring Trips Table 6

Air Exchange Rate (Changes/h) ± S.D.

Location	Trip	Overall	Day	Night
New Buildings				
Hospital	1 2 3	0.94 ± 0.73 0.14 ± 0.12 0.44 ± 0.12	0.93 ± 0.86 0.19 ± 0.14 0.50 ± 0.12	0.95 ± 0.64 0.08 ± 0.08 0.37 ± 0.08
Office	1 2	0.60 ± 0.08 0.30 ± 0.10	0.58 ± 0.08 0.38 ± 0.07	0.61 ± 0.08 0.21 ± 0.03
Nursing Home	1 2	0.54 ± 0.14 NC ^a	0.65 ± 0.10 NC	0.43 ± 0.08 NC
Old Buildings				
Office	1	0.44 ± 0.19	0.49 ± 0.14	0.39 ± 0.23
-Office/School	1	0.50 ± 1.10	0.57 ± 0.08	0.45 ± 0.08
Nursing Home	1	0.43 ± .27	0.54 ± 0.33	0.35 ± 0.19

^aNot calculated.

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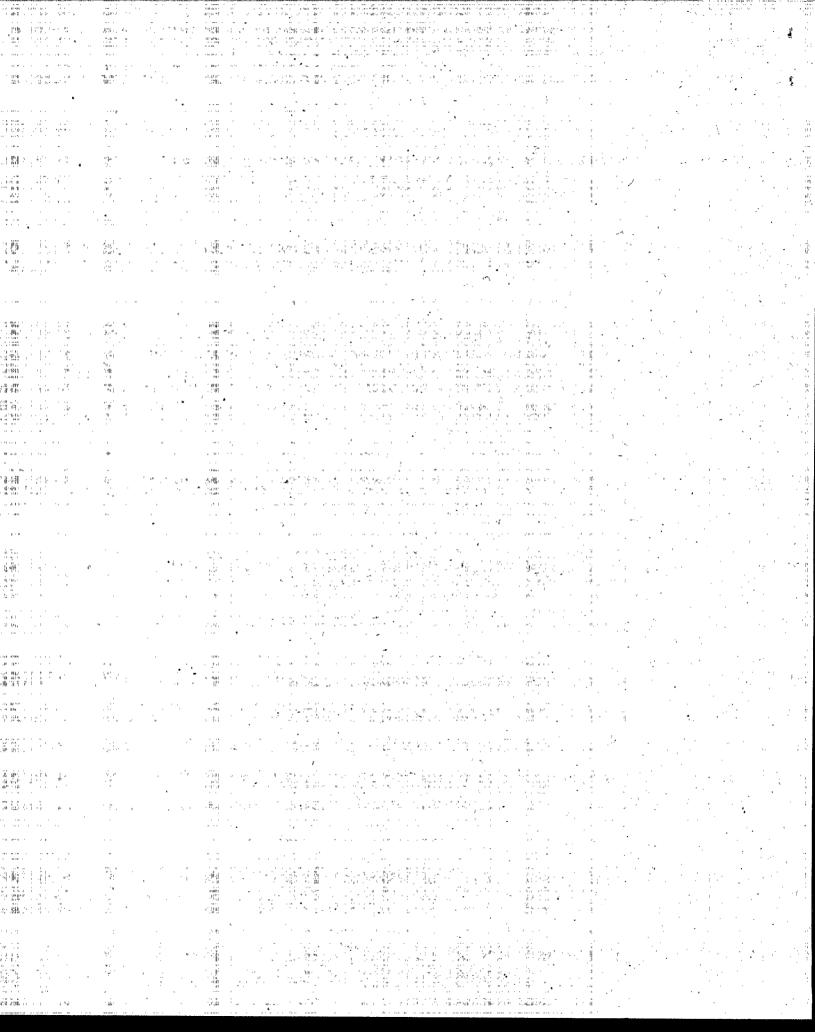
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