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## FOREWORD

The National Eutrophication Survey was initiated in 1972 in response to an Administration commitment to investigate the nationwide threat of accelerated eutrophication to freshwater lakes and reservoirs.

### OBJECTIVES

The Survey was designed to develop, in conjunction with state environmental agencies, information on nutrient sources, concentrations, and impact on selected freshwater lakes as a basis for formulating comprehensive and coordinated national, regional, and state management practices relating to point source discharge reduction and nonpoint source pollution abatement in lake watersheds.

### ANALYTIC APPROACH

The mathematical and statistical procedures selected for the Survey's eutrophication analysis are based on related concepts that:

- a. A generalized representation or model relating sources, concentrations, and impacts can be constructed.
- b. By applying measurements of relevant parameters associated with lake degradation, the generalized model can be transformed into an operational representation of a lake, its drainage basin, and related nutrients.
- c. With such a transformation, an assessment of the potential for eutrophication control can be made.

### LAKE ANALYSIS

In this report, the first stage of evaluation of lake and watershed data collected from the study lake and its drainage basin is documented. The report is formatted to provide state environmental agencies with specific information for basin planning [§303(e)], water quality criteria/standards review [§303(c)], clean lakes [§314(a,b)], and water quality monitoring [§106 and §305(b)] activities mandated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Beyond the single lake analysis, broader based correlations between nutrient concentrations (and loading) and trophic condition are being made to advance the rationale and data base for refinement of nutrient water quality criteria for the Nation's freshwater lakes. Likewise, multivariate evaluations for the relationships between land use, nutrient export, and trophic condition, by lake class or use, are being developed to assist in the formulation of planning guidelines and policies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and to augment plans implementation by the states.

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The staff of the Division of Water Quality Control, Tennessee Department of Public Health; the Division of Environmental Planning, Tennessee Valley Authority; and the Nashville District Corps of Engineers provided invaluable lake documentation and counsel during the Survey, reviewed the preliminary reports and provided critiques most useful in the preparation of this Working Paper series.

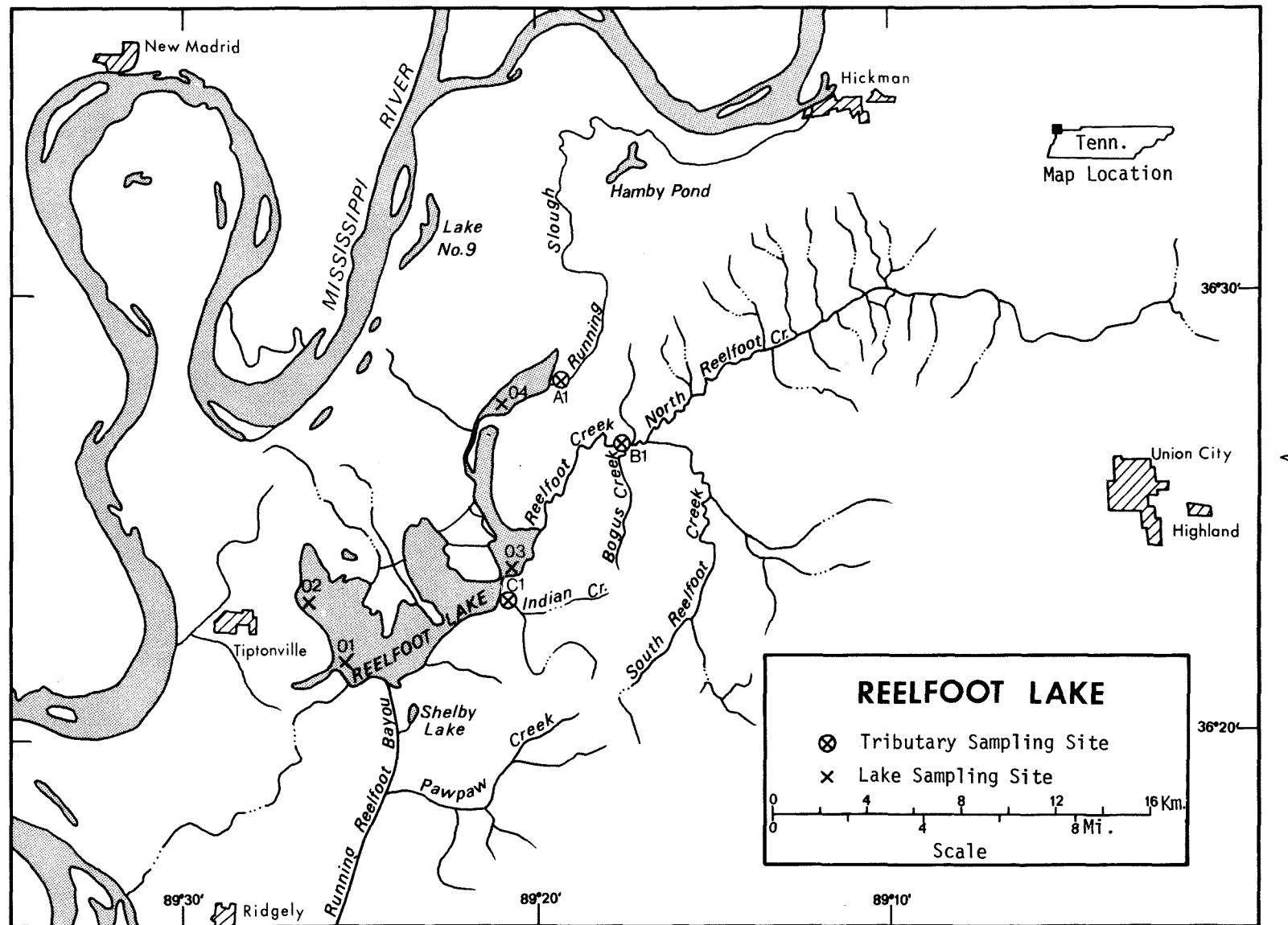
Major General William C. Smith, former Adjutant General of Tennessee, and Project Officer Colonel Wilburn C. Johnson, who directed the volunteer efforts of the Tennessee National Guardsmen, are also gratefully acknowledged for their assistance to the Survey.

## NATIONAL EUTROPHICATION SURVEY

## STUDY LAKES

STATE OF TENNESSEE

<u>LAKE NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Barkley	Stewart, Montgomery (Trigg, Lyon in KY)
Boone	Washington, Sullivan, Carter
Cheatham	Cheatham, Davidson
Cherokee	Jefferson, Hamblen, Grainger, Hawkins
Chickamauga	Hamilton, Rhea, Meigs, McMinn
Douglas	Sevier, Jefferson, Cocke
Fort Loudon	Loudon, Knox, Blount
Great Falls	White, Van Buren
Nickajack	Marion, Hamilton
Old Hickory	Sumner, Davidson, Wilson, Smith, Trousdale
Percy Priest	Davidson, Rutherford
Reelfoot	Obion
South Holston	Sullivan (Washington in VA)
Tims Ford	Moore, Franklin
Watts Bar	Rhea, Meigs, Cumberland, Roane, Loudon
Woods (Elk River)	Franklin, Coffee



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I. CONCLUSIONS

A. Trophic Condition:<sup>\*</sup>

On the basis of Survey data and field observations, Reelfoot Lake is considered hypereutrophic. The lake is characterized by extremely high nutrient levels and phytoplankton concentrations, low Secchi disc transparency (mean 60.3 cm) and high potential for primary production as measured by algal assay control yield. Chlorophyll a values ranged from a low of 16.2  $\mu\text{g/l}$  in the spring to a high of 161.9  $\mu\text{g/l}$  in the summer. Of the 16 lakes sampled in Tennessee, none had greater median total phosphorus, 14 had greater median inorganic nitrogen, and 1 had greater median dissolved phosphorus than Reelfoot Lake.

Survey limnologists reported visible algal blooms and floating duckweed, water hyacinths, and water lilies. The Tennessee Soil Conservation Service has a program proposed for alleviating the sedimentation problem in Reelfoot Lake by damming up several tributaries to the lake (Martin, personal communication).

\*See Appendix E.

B. Rate-Limiting Nutrient:

Algal assay results indicate that Reelfoot Lake was limited by available nitrogen levels. The ratios of available nitrogen to orthophosphorus (N/P) in sampled waters (5/1 or less on all sampling occasions) further indicate nitrogen limitation.

C. Nutrient Controllability:

1. Point sources -

There are no known municipal or industrial point sources contributing to Reelfoot Lake. Septic tanks were estimated to have contributed only 0.1% of the total load to the lake, while the Reelfoot Creek Packaging Company Feedlot contributed 52.5% of the total phosphorus load.

2. Nonpoint sources -

Major tributaries contributed 21.8% of the total phosphorus load to Reelfoot Lake, while minor tributaries were estimated to have contributed 9.0% of the load.

Reelfoot Lake is a combined National Wildlife Refuge Area and a State Wildlife Management Area. Considerable numbers of resident and migratory ducks and geese utilize the reservoir. On the basis of the numbers provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Authority and certain assumptions (see page 12), it is estimated that wild ducks and geese contributed 18,715 kg of total phosphorus (16.1% of the total load) to the reservoir during the sampling year.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) there is no continuous discharge from the lake, only seepage, and it is assumed that the lake is a sink. The Jackson Office of the Department of Public Health has indicated that there is an intermittent flow which is lake-level dependent from Reelfoot Lake into Running Reelfoot Bayou (W. Max, personal communication). Nevertheless, this periodic outlet was not gaged in this Survey and no statements can be made as to its effect on the nutrient budget of the lake.

## II. LAKE AND DRAINAGE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

Lake and drainage basin characteristics are itemized below.

Lake morphometry values are estimated based on information provided by the Tennessee State Department of Wildlife Resources.

Tributary flow data were provided by the Tennessee District Office of USGS. Precipitation values are estimated by methods as outlined in National Eutrophication Survey (NES) Working Paper No. 175. A table of metric/English conversions is included as Appendix A.

### A. Lake Morphometry:

1. Surface area: 36.42 km<sup>2</sup>.
2. Mean depth: 1.37 meters.
3. Maximum depth: 4.88 meters.
4. Volume: 49.895 x 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>.

### B. Tributary and Outlet (see Appendix B for flow data):

#### 1. Tributaries -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Drainage area (km<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>Mean flow (m<sup>3</sup>/sec)</u>
A(1) Running Slough (Bayou Du Chien)	77.2	0.87
B(1) Reelfoot Creek	297.8	3.36
C(1) Indian Creek	21.9	0.25
Minor tributaries and immediate drainage -	<u>170.9</u>	<u>1.93</u>
Totals	567.8	6.41

#### 2. Outlet - None known (see discussion, page 3).

### C. Precipitation:

1. Year of sampling: 125.1 cm.
2. Mean annual: 105.5 cm.

### III. LAKE WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

Reelfoot Lake was sampled three times during the open-water season of 1973 by means of a pontoon-equipped Huey helicopter. Each time, samples for physical and chemical parameters were collected from four stations on the lake and from one or more depths at each station (see map, page ). During each visit, depth-integrated samples were collected from each station for chlorophyll a analysis and phytoplankton identification and enumeration. During the first visit, an 18.9-liter depth-integrated sample was composited for algal assays. Maximum depths sampled were 3.0 meters at Station 1, 2.7 meters at Station 2, 0.9 meters at Station 3, and 1.5 meters at Station 4. For a more detailed explanation of NES methods, see NES Working Paper No. 175.

The results obtained are presented in full in Appendix C and are summarized in III-A for waters at the surface and at the maximum depth for each site. Results of the phytoplankton counts and chlorophyll a determinations are included in III-B. Results of the limiting nutrient study are presented in III-C.

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PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	N*	( 5/15/73 )			( 8/11/73 )			( 10/19/73 )				
		S*** = 4	MAX DEPTH RANGE (METERS)	RANGE MEDIAN	S*** = 4	MAX DEPTH RANGE (METERS)	RANGE MEDIAN	S*** = 4	MAX DEPTH RANGE (METERS)	RANGE MEDIAN		
<b>TEMPERATURE (DEG CENT)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	18.0- 37.0	27.6	0.0- 1.5	7	12.0- 29.1	24.0	0.0- 1.5	5	14.0- 20.2	18.0	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	19.9- 22.3	21.3	0.9- 3.0	4	12.0- 29.1	28.7	0.0- 2.4	4	14.0- 20.2	18.8	0.0- 2.1
<b>DISSOLVED OXYGEN (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	2	7.3- 10.4	8.8	0.9- 1.5	5	1.8- 5.8	3.2	0.0- 1.5	3	7.8- 10.4	9.0	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	7.3- 10.4	7.6	0.9- 3.0	4	1.8- 4.2	2.7	0.0- 2.4	4	5.6- 10.4	8.4	0.0- 2.1
<b>CONDUCTIVITY (UMHOS)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	160.- 210.	195.	0.0- 1.5	7	200.- 274.	207.	0.0- 1.5	5	170.- 203.	172.	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	160.- 210.	190.	0.9- 3.0	4	206.- 274.	233.	0.0- 2.4	4	170.- 203.	186.	0.0- 2.1
<b>PH (STANDARD UNITS)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	7.6- 8.5	8.0	0.0- 1.5	7	7.9- 9.5	8.9	0.0- 1.5	5	8.2- 8.9	8.7	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	7.9- 8.4	7.9	0.9- 3.0	4	7.9- 8.6	8.1	0.0- 2.4	4	8.2- 8.9	8.5	0.0- 2.1
<b>TOTAL ALKALINITY (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	73.- 99.	86.	0.0- 1.5	7	88.- 115.	92.	0.0- 1.5	5	95.- 109.	98.	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	74.- 99.	88.	0.9- 3.0	4	89.- 115.	101.	0.0- 2.4	4	95.- 109.	103.	0.0- 2.1
<b>TOTAL P (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	0.086-0.227	0.169	0.0- 1.5	7	0.233-0.471	0.430	0.0- 1.5	5	0.144-0.269	0.238	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	0.101-0.201	0.138	0.9- 3.0	4	0.233-0.452	0.433	0.0- 2.4	4	0.144-0.269	0.248	0.0- 2.1
<b>DISSOLVED ORTHO P (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	0.021-0.051	0.029	0.0- 1.5	7	0.060-0.273	0.240	0.0- 1.5	5	0.043-0.063	0.059	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	0.026-0.050	0.031	0.9- 3.0	4	0.060-0.254	0.195	0.0- 2.4	4	0.043-0.082	0.061	0.0- 2.1
<b>N02+N03 (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	0.040-0.110	0.065	0.0- 1.5	7	0.110-0.200	0.170	0.0- 1.5	5	0.050-0.100	0.080	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	0.040-0.080	0.070	0.9- 3.0	4	0.110-0.220	0.140	0.0- 2.4	4	0.050-0.100	0.080	0.0- 2.1
<b>AMMONIA (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	0.040-0.120	0.065	0.0- 1.5	7	0.130-0.280	0.150	0.0- 1.5	5	0.060-0.080	0.070	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	0.040-0.090	0.070	0.9- 3.0	4	0.130-0.280	0.215	0.0- 2.4	4	0.060-0.090	0.080	0.0- 2.1
<b>KJELDAHL N (MG/L)</b>												
0.-1.5 M DEPTH	6	0.500-1.000	0.650	0.0- 1.5	7	2.300-3.500	3.000	0.0- 1.5	5	1.000-2.700	2.100	0.0- 1.5
MAX DEPTH**	4	0.400-1.000	0.550	0.9- 3.0	4	2.300-3.200	2.950	0.0- 2.4	4	1.000-2.700	2.200	0.0- 2.1
<b>SECCHI DISC (METERS)</b>												
	0	*****-*****	*****		0	*****-*****	*****		0	*****-*****	*****	

\* N = NO. OF SAMPLES

\*\* MAXIMUM DEPTH SAMPLED AT EACH SITE

\*\*\* S = NO. OF SITES SAMPLED ON THIS DATE

## B. Biological Characteristics:

## 1. Phytoplankton -

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Dominant Genera</u>	<u>Algal Units per ml</u>
05/15/73	1. Melosira 2. Flagellates 3. Nitzschia 4. Stephanodiscus 5. Oscillatoria	4,354 3,886 2,387 1,966 796
	Other genera	<u>2,155</u>
	Total	15,544
08/11/73	1. Melosira 2. Merismopedia 3. Nitzschia 4. Raphidiopsis 5. Stephanodiscus	24,631 5,437 3,107 2,774 2,663
	Other genera	<u>15,754</u>
	Total	54,366
10/19/73	1. Melosira 2. Merismopedia 3. Stephanodiscus 4. Microcystis 5. Flagellates	20,683 4,573 3,949 3,845 2,910
	Other genera	<u>22,555</u>
	Total	58,515

2. Chlorophyll a -

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Station Number</u>	<u>Chlorophyll a (<math>\mu\text{g/l}</math>)</u>
05/15/73	1	17.9
	2	32.7
	3	52.0
	4	16.2
08/11/73	1	138.7
	2	161.9
	3	70.4
	4	143.1
10/19/73	1	106.3
	2	133.0
	3	21.7
	4	77.6

C. Limiting Nutrient Study:

1. Autoclaved, filtered, and nutrient spiked -

<u>Spike(mg/l)</u>	<u>Ortho P Conc.(mg/l)</u>	<u>Inorganic N Conc.(mg/l)</u>	<u>Maximum Yield (mg/l-dry wt.)</u>
Control	M*	0.152	6.4
0.05 P	M	0.152	7.4
0.05 P + 1.0 N	M	1.152	27.5
1.00 N	M	1.152	19.5

2. Filtered and nutrient spiked -

Control	0.025	0.219	3.4
0.05 P	0.075	0.219	6.4
0.05 P + 1.0 N	0.075	1.219	24.2
1.00 N	0.025	1.219	4.0

3. Discussion -

The control yield of the assay alga, Selenastrum capricornutum, indicates that the potential for primary production was high in Reelfoot Lake at the time of sampling. The response to the addition of nitrogen to the autoclaved sample, as well as the lack of response to the addition of phosphorus, indicates nitrogen limitation. Maximum yield was achieved with the simultaneous addition of both phosphorus and nitrogen.

The mean N/P ratios for the spring, summer, and fall lake sampling were respectively 5/1, 2/1, and 3/1, all indicating nitrogen limitation.

\*Missing.

IV. NUTRIENT LOADINGS  
(See Appendix D for data)

For the determination of nutrient loadings, the Tennessee National Guard collected monthly near-surface grab samples from each of the tributary sites indicated on the map (page i), except for the high runoff months of February and March when two samples were collected. Sampling was begun in April 1973, and was completed in March 1974.

Through an interagency agreement, stream flow estimates for the year of sampling and a "normalized" or average year were provided by the Tennessee District Office of the USGS for the tributary sites nearest the lake.

In this report, nutrient loads for sampled tributaries, except for Reelfoot Creek, B(1), were determined by using a modification of a USGS computer program for calculating stream loadings. Nutrient loads indicated for tributaries are those measured minus known point source loads, if any.

Nutrient loadings for unsampled "minor tributaries and immediate drainage" ("ZZ" of USGS) and Reelfoot Creek, B(1), were estimated by using the mean annual nutrient loads, in kg/km<sup>2</sup>/yr, for Running Slough and Indian Creek at Stations A(1) and C(1), respectively, and by multiplying the means by the ZZ area in km<sup>2</sup>.

Estimates on nutrient contributions by Reelfoot Creek Packing Company Feedlot were calculated at 17.60 kg P and 57.49 kg N/animal/yr (Omernik 1976).

Estimates of nutrient contributions by wild ducks and geese were based on the following number of waterfowl using Reelfoot Lake as provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Authority (Fox 1976):

Summer resident mallard ducks	1,000
Year round wood ducks	3,500
Winter resident mallard ducks	175,000
Migratory Canada geese	25,000

In calculating the nutrient loads the following assumptions were made:

1. Each wild duck contributes 0.45 kg total nitrogen and 0.20 kg phosphorus per year (Paloumpis and Starrett 1960).
2. Each wild goose contributes the same amount as one duck since geese typically feed in fields away from the lake several hours each day.
3. Summer resident waterfowl are at the lake for six months of the year.
4. Migratory waterfowl spend a total of one month per year at the lake, i.e., 15 days during spring migration and 15 days during fall migration.

A. Waste Sources:

1. Known municipal - None
2. Known industrial - None

B. Annual Total Phosphorus Loading - Average Year:

1. Inputs -

<u>Source</u>	<u>kg P/yr</u>	<u>% of total</u>
a. Tributaries (nonpoint load) -		
A(1) Running Slough (Bayou Du Chien)	6,210	5.3
B(1) Reelfoot Creek	18,465	15.7
C(1) Indian Creek	990	0.8
b. Minor tributaries and immediate drainage (nonpoint load) -	10,595	9.0
c. Known municipal STP's - None		
d. Septic tanks* -	75	0.1
e. Known industrial - None		
f. Reelfoot Creek Packing Company Feedlot -	61,600	52.5
g. Wild ducks and geese -	18,715	16.1
h. Direct precipitation** -	635	0.5
Totals	117,285	100.0

2. Outputs - None known, see discussion, page 3.

\*Estimate based on 1 State park, 1 camp, and 257 lakeside residences.

\*\*Estimated (see NES Working Paper No. 175).

## C. Annual Total Nitrogen Loading - Average Year:

## 1. Inputs -

<u>Source</u>	<u>kg N/yr</u>	<u>% of total</u>
a. Tributaries (nonpoint load) -		
A(1) Running Slough (Bayou Du Chien)	34,750	7.3
B(1) Reelfoot Creek	96,485	20.3
C(1) Indian Creek	4,345	0.9
b. Minor tributaries and immediate drainage (nonpoint load) -	55,370	11.6
c. Known municipal STP's - None		
d. Septic tanks* -	2,845	0.6
e. Known industrial - None		
f. Reelfoot Creek Packing Company Feedlot -	201,215	42.2
g. Wild ducks and geese -	42,110	8.8
h. Direct precipitation** -	<u>39,320</u>	<u>8.3</u>
Totals	476,440	100.0

2. Outputs - None known, see discussion, page 3.

\*Estimate based on 1 State park, 1 camp, and 257 lakeside residences.

\*\*Estimated (see NES Working Paper No. 175).

D. Mean Annual Nonpoint Nutrient Export by Subdrainage Area:

<u>Tributary</u>	<u>kg P/km<sup>2</sup>/yr</u>	<u>kg N/km<sup>2</sup>/yr</u>
A(1) Running Slough	80	450
B(1) Reelfoot Creek	62	324
C(1) Indian Creek	45	198

E. Yearly Loading:

Total Yearly  
Phosphorus Loading  
(g/m<sup>2</sup>/yr)

Estimated loading for Reelfoot Lake                    3.22

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## VI. APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A CONVERSION FACTORS

## CONVERSION FACTORS

Hectares x 2.471 = acres

Kilometers x 0.6214 = miles

Meters x 3.281 = feet

Cubic meters x  $8.107 \times 10^{-4}$  = acre/feet

Square kilometers x 0.3861 = square miles

Cubic meters/sec x 35.315 = cubic feet/sec

Centimeters x 0.3937 = inches

Kilograms x 2.205 = pounds

Kilograms/square kilometer x 5.711 = lbs/square mile

**APPENDIX B**

**TRIBUTARY FLOW DATA**

## TRIBUTARY FLOW INFORMATION FOR TENNESSEE

09/13/76

LAKE CODE 4727 REELFOOT LAKE

TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA OF LAKE(SQ KM) 567.2

TRIBUTARY	SUB-DRAINAGE AREA(SQ KM)	NORMALIZED FLOWS(CMS)												MEAN
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
4727A1	77.2	1.27	1.69	1.97	1.19	1.42	0.34	0.47	0.19	0.35	0.11	0.63	0.85	0.87
4727B1	297.8	4.93	6.51	7.62	4.59	5.47	1.30	1.82	0.75	1.37	0.42	2.44	3.28	3.36
4727C1	21.9	0.360	0.479	0.558	0.337	0.402	0.096	0.133	0.054	0.099	0.031	0.178	0.241	0.246
4727ZZ	170.9	2.82	3.74	4.36	2.64	3.14	0.75	1.05	0.43	0.78	0.24	1.40	1.89	1.93

## SUMMARY

TOTAL DRAINAGE AREA OF LAKE = 567.2      TOTAL FLOW IN = 77.21  
 SUM OF SUB-DRAINAGE AREAS = 567.8      TOTAL FLOW OUT = 0.0

NOTE \*\*\* LAKE IS A NUTRIENT SINK--NO SIGNIFICANT OUTFLOW UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS

## MEAN MONTHLY FLOWS AND DAILY FLOWS(CMS)

TRIBUTARY	MONTH	YEAR	MEAN FLOW	FLOW DAY		FLOW	DAY	FLOW
				DAY	FLOW			
4727A1	4	73	4.870	15	0.422			
	5	73	2.945	11	0.422			
	6	73	0.269	9	0.218			
	7	73	0.235	29	0.102			
	8	73	0.354	11	0.102			
	9	73	0.252	11	0.153			
	10	73	0.269	14	0.278			
	11	73	6.060	11	0.320			
	12	73	4.446	9	0.345			
	1	74	5.352	12	15.178			
	2	74	1.048	10	0.371	28	0.396	
	3	74	1.645	9	0.490	22	1.427	
4727B1	4	73	18.831	15	1.628			
	5	73	11.327	11	1.628			
	6	73	1.042	9	0.847			
	7	73	0.912	29	0.391			
	8	73	1.368	11	0.391			
	9	73	1.107	11	0.586			
	10	73	1.042	14	1.076			
	11	73	23.390	11	1.237			
	12	73	17.188	9	1.337			
	1	74	20.615	12	58.616	28	45.590	
	2	74	4.049	10	1.433			
	3	74	6.343	9	1.889	22	5.493	

## TRIBUTARY FLOW INFORMATION FOR TENNESSEE

09/13/76

LAKE CODE 4777 REELFOOT LAKE

## MEAN MONTHLY FLOWS AND DAILY FLOWS(CMS)

TRIBUTARY	MONTH	YEAR	MEAN FLOW	DAY	FLOW	DAY	FLOW	DAY	FLOW
4727C1	4	73	1.382	15	0.119				
	5	73	0.833	11	0.119				
	6	73	0.076	9	0.062				
	7	73	0.071	29	0.028				
	8	73	0.099	11	0.028				
	9	73	0.082	11	0.042				
	10	73	0.076	14	0.079				
	11	73	1.716	11	0.091				
	12	73	1.263	9	0.099				
	1	74	1.512	12	4.304				
	2	74	0.297	10	0.105	28	0.113		
	3	74	0.467	9	0.139	22	0.405		
4727ZZ	4	73	10.789						
	5	73	6.513						
	6	73	0.597						
	7	73	0.317						
	8	73	0.634						
	9	73	0.634						
	10	73	0.597						
	11	73	13.422						
	12	73	9.854						
	1	74	11.836						
	2	74	2.316						
	3	74	3.653						

**APPENDIX C**  
**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DATA**

STORET RETRIEVAL DATE 76/09/10

472701  
36 21 41.0 089 25 35.0 3  
REELFOOT LAKE  
47095 TENNESSEE

100691

11EPALES 2111202  
0013 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00010 WATER TEMP CENT	00300 DO MG/L	00077 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES	00094 CNDUCTVY FIELD MICROMHO	00400 PH SU	00410 TALK CACO3 MG/L	00610 NH3-N TOTAL MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00630 NO2&NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P
73/05/15	12 35	0000	21.0		36	200	7.60	85	0.070	0.700	0.070	0.028
	12 35	0006	20.8	8.0		190	7.90	87	0.070	0.500	0.080	0.026
	12 35	0010	20.7	7.8		190	7.90	88	0.080	0.400	0.080	0.026
73/08/11	14 25	0000	29.1	5.0	24	200	9.50	88	0.150	2.900	0.170	0.240
	14 25	0004	28.7	5.8		207	8.70	92	0.170	2.700	0.200	0.252
	14 25	0008	28.6	4.2		211	8.60	91	0.200	2.900	0.220	0.251
73/10/19	14 15	0000	20.5		18	170	8.70	97	0.070	2.100	0.090	0.059
	14 15	0007	19.7	5.6		170	8.40	95	0.090	1.800	0.080	0.082

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00665 PHOS-TOT MG/L P	32217 CHLRPHYL A UG/L
73/05/15	12 35	0000	0.086	17.9
	12 35	0006	0.089	
	12 35	0010	0.101	
73/08/11	14 25	0000	0.402	138.7
	14 25	0004	0.436	
	14 25	0008	0.437	
73/10/19	14 15	0000	0.238	106.3
	14 15	0007	0.247	

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472702  
36 23 10.0 089 26 38.0 3  
REELFOOT LAKE  
47095 TENNESSEE

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11EPALES 2111202  
0011 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	WATER TEMP CENT	00010 DO MG/L	00300 TRANSP INCHES	00077 SECCHI FIELD	00094 CNDUCTVY MICROMHO	00400 PH SU	00410 TALK CACO3 MG/L	00610 NH3-N TOTAL MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00630 NO2&NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P
73/05/15	13 15	0000	20.5			33	190	8.00	87	0.080	0.500	0.070	0.030
	13 15	0006	19.9	8.1			190	8.00	87	0.070	0.400	0.060	0.028
	13 15	0009	19.9	7.5			190	8.00	87	0.090	0.600	0.080	0.033
73/08/11	14 00	0000	29.1			21	204	9.40	89	0.150	3.400	0.170	0.265
	14 00	0005	28.9	3.2			205	8.90	90	0.230	3.000	0.180	0.273
	14 00	0008	28.9	3.0			206	8.20	89	0.230	3.200	0.130	0.254
73/10/19	14 00	0000	20.8			18	172	8.90	95	0.070	2.100	0.070	0.052
	14 00	0005	20.2	7.8			172	8.60	98	0.080	2.600	0.100	0.059

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	PHOS-TOT MG/L P	00665 CHLRPHYL A UG/L	32217
73/05/15	13 15	0000	0.092		32.7
	13 15	0006	0.111		
	13 15	0009	0.126		
73/08/11	14 00	0000	0.458	161.9	
	14 00	0005	0.471		
	14 00	0008	0.452		
73/10/19	14 00	0000	0.223	133.0	
	14 00	0005	0.269		

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36 23 48.0 089 20 32.0 3  
REELFOOT LAKE  
47131 TENNESSEE

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11EPALES 2111202  
0005 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00010 WATER TEMP CENT	00300 DO MG/L	00077 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES	00094 CNDUCTVY FIELD MICROMHO	00400 PH SU	00410 TALK CACO <sub>3</sub> MG/L	00610 NH <sub>3</sub> -N TOTAL MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00630 NO <sub>2</sub> &NO <sub>3</sub> N-TOTAL MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P
73/05/15	13 50	0000	22.4		18	160	8.50	73	0.120	0.800	0.110	0.021
	13 50	0003	22.3	10.4		160	8.40	74	0.060	1.000	0.060	0.029
73/08/11	13 45	0000	29.2	2.4	12	254	8.10	111	0.130	2.300	0.110	0.060
73/10/19	13 50	0000	19.8	9.0	18	200	8.20	108	0.060	1.000	0.050	0.043

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00665 PHOS-TOT MG/L P	32217 A UG/L
73/05/15	13 50	0000	0.227	52.0
	13 50	0003	0.201	
73/08/11	13 45	0000	0.233	70.4
73/10/19	13 50	0000	0.144	21.7

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472704  
36 27 17.0 089 21 14.0 3  
REELFOOT LAKE  
47131 TENNESSEE

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11EPALES 2111202  
0007 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	WATER TEMP CENT	00010 DO MG/L	00300 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES	00077 CNDUCTVY FIELD MICROMHO	00094 PH SU	00400 ALK CACO <sub>3</sub> MG/L	00410 NH <sub>3</sub> -N TOTAL MG/L	00610 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00625 NO <sub>2</sub> &NO <sub>3</sub> N-TOTAL MG/L	00630 N MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P
73/05/15	14 00	0000	22.0			37	205	8.00	99	0.050	0.600	0.040	0.051
	14 00	0005	21.9		7.3		210	7.90	99	0.040	0.500	0.040	0.050
73/08/11	13 25	0000	29.1			16	273	8.90	115	0.140	3.500	0.160	0.136
	13 25	0004	29.1		1.8		274	7.90	115	0.280	3.000	0.150	0.140
73/10/19	13 40	0000	19.8		10.4	14	203	8.90	109	0.080	2.700	0.080	0.063

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	PHOS-TOT MG/L P	00665 CHLRPHYL A UG/L	32217
73/05/15	14 00	0000	0.188		16.2
	14 00	0005	0.150		
73/08/11	13 25	0000	0.362		143.1
	13 25	0004	0.430		
73/10/19	13 40	0000	0.249		77.6

**APPENDIX D**

**TRIBUTARY DATA**

STORET RETRIEVAL DATE 76/09/09

4727A1  
 36 28 00.0 089 19 10.0 4  
 RUNNING SLOUGH  
 47 OLIN TN CO MAP  
 T/REELFOOT LAKE 100691  
 BANK NEAR SEC RD IN WALNUT LOG  
 11EPALES 2111204  
 0000 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00630 NO2&NO3 MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL MG/L	00610 NH3-N MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS MG/L P	00665 PHOS-TOT MG/L P
73/04/15	15	20	0.154	0.680	0.020	0.038	0.155
73/05/11	08	55	0.160	0.880	0.105	0.115	0.310
73/06/09			0.252	1.540	0.168	0.058	0.230
73/07/29	14	10	0.039	1.600	0.042	0.042	0.250
73/08/11			0.012	1.500		0.042	0.220
73/09/11	10	05	0.056	1.180	0.210	0.029	0.230
73/10/14	10	00	0.052	1.000	0.140	0.027	0.180
73/11/11	09	15	0.076	0.700	0.052	0.018	0.105
73/12/09	09	43	0.830	0.600	0.040	0.120	0.315
74/01/12	11	27	0.720	0.900	0.048	0.100	0.290
74/02/10	09	50	0.232	0.300	0.010	0.040	0.080
74/02/25			0.440	1.350	0.055	0.055	0.348
74/02/28	09	35	0.340	0.900	0.030	0.050	0.250
74/03/09	10	18	0.300	0.800	0.075	0.045	0.170

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472781  
36 26 27.0 089 17 50.0 4  
REELFOOT CREEK  
47 OLIN TN CO MAP  
I/REELFOOT LAKE 100691  
ST RT 22 BRDG JUST SW JCT WITH ST RT 157  
11EPALES 2111204  
0000 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE	TIME	DEPTH	NO2&NO3	00630	00625	00610	00671	00665
FROM	OF		N-TOTAL		TOT KJEL	NH3-N	PHOS-DIS	PHOS-TOT
TO	DAY	FEET	MG/L		MG/L	MG/L	MG/L P	MG/L P
73/04/15	15	40		0.350	0.540	0.018	0.018	0.100
73/05/11	09	20		0.310	0.460	0.115	0.120	1.050
73/06/09	14	15		0.450	0.780	0.040	0.048	0.160
73/07/29	14	25		0.011	0.900	0.021	0.024	0.120
73/08/11				0.092	0.420	0.034	0.088	0.320
73/09/11	09	50		0.017	0.690	0.064	0.039	0.125
73/10/14	10	30		0.044	1.030	0.054	0.040	0.295
73/11/11	10	10		0.380	1.050	0.098	0.180	0.680
73/12/09	10	09		0.320	0.850	0.088	0.072	0.355
74/01/12	10	00		0.480	1.400	0.104	0.112	0.420
74/01/28	09	10		0.400		0.040	0.070	
74/02/10	10	20		0.510	0.800	0.060	0.020	0.065
74/02/25				0.560	1.300	0.075	0.040	0.360
74/03/09	11	00		0.528	1.500	0.090		0.380

STORET RETRIEVAL DATE 76/09/09

4727C1  
 36 23 03.0 089 20 34.0 4  
 INDIAN CREEK  
 47 OLIN TN CO MAP  
 T/REELFOOT LAKE 100691  
 ST RT 22 BRDG JUST NE OF SAMBURG  
 11EPALES 2111204  
 0000 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00630 N02&N03 N-TOTAL MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00610 NH3-N TOTAL MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P	00665 PHOS-TOT MG/L P
73/04/15	15	50	0.011	0.195	0.012	0.012	0.060
73/05/11	09	45	0.200	1.050	0.067	0.075	
73/06/09	14	25	0.099	0.340	0.056	0.042	0.120
73/07/29	14	40	0.014	0.480	0.016	0.050	0.125
73/08/11			0.037	0.200	0.034	0.105	0.195
73/09/11	09	30	0.037	0.360	0.064	0.072	0.200
73/10/14	10	15	0.046	0.650	0.034	0.100	0.270
73/11/11	09	45	0.015	0.650	0.020	0.061	0.140
73/12/09	10	00	0.132	0.300	0.040		0.080
74/01/12	09	50	0.232	0.400	0.044	0.032	0.115
74/02/10	10	10	0.036	0.200	0.020	0.015	0.045
74/02/25			0.100	0.400	0.030	0.020	0.080
74/02/28	10	15	0.260	0.900	0.045	0.115	0.140
74/03/09	10	45	0.140	0.300	0.040		0.080

**APPENDIX E**  
**PARAMETRIC RANKINGS OF LAKES**  
**SAMPLED BY NES IN 1974**  
**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

## LAKE DATA TO BE USED IN RANKINGS

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500+ MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLOR A	10+ MIN TDS	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P
4701	LAKE BARKLEY	0.123	0.480	473.331	12.723	10.400	0.047
4704	HOUNE RESERVOIR	0.052	0.995	442.071	11.415	14.000	0.029
4706	CHEATHAM RESERVOIR	0.142	0.460	473.800	8.160	9.600	0.084
4707	CHEROKEE LAKE	0.051	0.780	448.667	12.162	15.000	0.022
4708	CHICKAMAUGA LAKE	0.031	0.440	463.833	3.111	9.600	0.012
4711	DOUGLAS LAKE	0.026	0.440	442.823	4.553	15.000	0.014
4712	FORT LOUDON RESERVOIR	0.054	0.550	465.571	4.776	12.600	0.025
4713	GREAT FALLS LAKE	0.020	0.405	444.417	3.983	14.800	0.007
4717	NICKAJACK RESERVOIR	0.051	0.495	459.833	2.742	9.700	0.025
4720	OLD HICKORY LAKE	0.058	0.330	469.769	8.931	9.400	0.019
4722	WATTS BAR RESERVOIR	0.032	0.510	462.250	5.550	11.000	0.012
4723	J. PERCY PRIEST RESERVOIR	0.056	0.155	430.200	9.993	15.000	0.021
4724	TIMIS FORD RESERVOIR	0.021	0.445	398.167	6.739	14.900	0.009
4725	SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE	0.014	0.570	404.750	7.667	15.000	0.008
4727	REELFOOT LAKE	0.233	0.170	477.917	80.958	13.200	0.059
4728	WOODS RESERVOIR	0.017	0.320	429.083	7.392	15.000	0.005

PERCENT OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES - (NUMBER OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES)

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500- MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLORA	15- MIN DO	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P	INDEX NU
4701	LAKE BARKLEY	13 ( 2)	40 ( 6)	13 ( 2)	7 ( 1)	73 ( 11)	13 ( 2)	159
4704	BOONE RESERVOIR	40 ( 6)	0 ( 0)	73 ( 11)	20 ( 3)	47 ( 7)	20 ( 3)	200
4706	CHEATHAM RESERVOIR	7 ( 1)	47 ( 7)	7 ( 1)	40 ( 6)	90 ( 13)	0 ( 0)	191
4707	CHEROKEE LAKE	50 ( 7)	7 ( 1)	53 ( 8)	13 ( 2)	13 ( 0)	40 ( 6)	176
4708	CHICKAMAUGA LAKE	67 ( 10)	63 ( 9)	33 ( 5)	93 ( 14)	90 ( 13)	70 ( 10)	416
4711	DOUGLAS LAKE	73 ( 11)	63 ( 9)	67 ( 10)	80 ( 12)	13 ( 0)	60 ( 9)	356
4712	FORT LOUDON RESERVOIR	33 ( 5)	20 ( 3)	27 ( 4)	73 ( 11)	60 ( 9)	27 ( 4)	240
4713	GREAT FALLS LAKE	87 ( 13)	73 ( 11)	60 ( 9)	87 ( 13)	40 ( 6)	93 ( 14)	440
4717	NICKAJACK RESERVOIR	50 ( 7)	33 ( 5)	47 ( 7)	100 ( 15)	80 ( 12)	33 ( 5)	343
4720	OLD HICKORY LAKE	20 ( 3)	80 ( 12)	20 ( 3)	33 ( 5)	100 ( 15)	53 ( 8)	306
4722	WATTS BAR RESERVOIR	60 ( 9)	27 ( 4)	40 ( 6)	67 ( 10)	67 ( 10)	70 ( 10)	331
4723	J. PERCY PRIEST RESERVOI	27 ( 4)	100 ( 15)	80 ( 12)	27 ( 4)	13 ( 0)	47 ( 7)	294
4724	TIM'S FORD RESERVOIR	80 ( 12)	53 ( 8)	100 ( 15)	60 ( 9)	33 ( 5)	80 ( 12)	406
4725	SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE	100 ( 15)	13 ( 2)	93 ( 14)	47 ( 7)	13 ( 0)	87 ( 13)	353
4727	REELFOOT LAKE	0 ( 0)	93 ( 14)	0 ( 0)	0 ( 0)	53 ( 8)	7 ( 1)	153
4728	WOODS RESERVOIR	93 ( 14)	87 ( 13)	87 ( 13)	53 ( 8)	13 ( 0)	100 ( 15)	433