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FOREWORD

The National Eutrophication Survey was initiated in 1972 in response to an Administration commitment to investigate the nation-wide threat of accelerated eutrophication to fresh water 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 non-point 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 fresh water 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 EPA and to augment plans implementation by the states.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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NATIONAL EUTROPHICATION SURVEY

STUDY LAKES

STATE OF MINNESOTA

LAKE NAME

Albert Lea Andrusia Badger Bartlett Bear Bemidji Big Big Stone

Birch Blackduck **Blackhoof** Budd Buffalo Calhoun Carlos Carrigan Cass Clearwater Cokato Cranberry Darling E1bow **Embarass** Fall

Leech Le Homme Dieu

Lily Little Lost

Forest

Green

Heron

Gull.

COUNTY

Freeborn Beltrami Polk

Koochiching Freeborn Beltrami Stearns

Big Stone, MN; Roberts,

Grant, SD
Cass
Beltrami
Crow Wing
Martin
Wright
Hennepin
Douglas
Wright

Beltrami, Cass Wright, Stearns

Wright Crow Wing Douglas St. Louis St. Louis Lake

Washington Kandiyohi Cass Jackson Cass Douglas Blue Earth Grant St. Louis

LAKE NAME

Madison
Malmedal
Mashkenode
McQuade
Minnetonka
Minnewaska
Mud
Nest
Pelican

Rabbit Sakatah Shagawa Silver Six Mile Spring St. Croix

Pepin

St. Louis Bay
Superior Bay
Swan
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White Bear
Winona
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Woodcock
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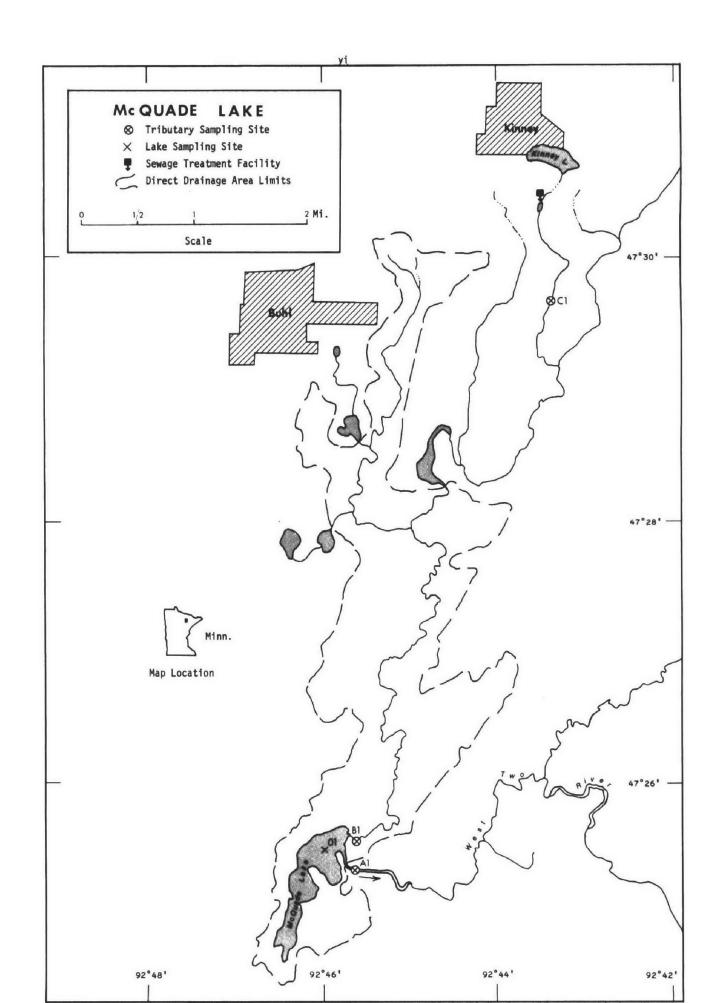
COUNTY

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Kandiyohi Chisago Washington Douglas Beltrami, Hubbard Kandiyohi Olmstead, Wabasha

Todd

Itasca



MCQUADE LAKE

STORET NO. 2757

I. CONCLUSIONS

A. Trophic Condition:

Limited Survey data indicate McQuade Lake is eutrophic.

Survey limnologists noted an algal bloom in progress in July,

1972, and reported much rooted aquatic vegetation in the shallows.

Of the 60 Minnesota lakes on which sampling was completed, 21 had less mean total phosphorus, 15 had less mean dissolved phosphorus, and 15 had less mean inorganic nitrogen. For all lakes sampled, 46% had greater mean Secchi disc transparency, and 32% had less mean chlorophyll a.

B. Rate-Limiting Nutrient:

McQuade Lake was not sampled the third time, so no algal assay sample was collected. However, the limited lake data indicate nitrogen limitation in July and September of 1972 (N/P ratios were less than 10/1, and nitrogen limitation would be expected).

C. Nutrient Controllability:

1. Point sources--During the sampling year, IlcQuade Lake received a total phosphorus load at a rate about 1½ times the rate proposed by Vollenweider (in press) as "dangerous"; i.e., a eutrophic rate (see page 11). Of this load, the Village of Kinney is estimated to have contributed about 46%.

It is concluded that 80% phosphorus removal at the Kinney waste treatment plant would reduce the loading rate to 6.7 lbs/ acre/yr or 0.75 g/m 2 /yr and thus less than the eutrophic rate but greater than the oligotrophic rate.

2. Non-point sources—The estimated nutrient exports of the unnamed stream during the sampling year (see page 11) compare favorably with the exports of unimpacted Minnesota streams studied elsewhere. This indicates a lack of intensive agriculture in the area as well as a reasonable estimate of point-source loads.

II. LAKE AND DRAINAGE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS:

- A. Lake Morphometry*:
 - 1. Surface area: 164 acres.
 - 2. Mean depth: 9 feet.
 - 3. Maximum depth: 21 feet.
 - 4. Volume: 1,476 acre/feet.
 - 5. Mean hydraulic retention time: 57 days.
- B. Tributary and Outlet: (See Appendix A for flow data)
 - 1. Tributaries -

Name	Drainage area	Mean flow
Unnamed Creek (B-1)	22.7 mi ²	12.1 cfs
Minor tributaries & immediate drainage -	<u>1.8 mi²</u>	1.0 cfs
Totals	24.5 mi ²	13.1 cfs

2. Outlet -

West Two River 24.8 mi $^{2++}$ 13.1 cfs $^{++}$

- **C.** Preciptation^{†††}:
 - 1. Year of sampling: 28.0 inches.
 - 2. Mean annual: 26.9 inches.

^{*} Anonymous, 1972.

 $[\]pm$ Drainage areas are accurate within $\pm5\%$; mean daily flows are accurate within $\pm10\%$; and ungaged flows are accurate within ±10 to 25% for drainage areas greater than 10 mi².

tt Includes area of lake; outflow adjusted to equal sum of inflows.

ttt See Working Paper No. 1, "Survey Methods".

III. LAKE WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

McQuade Lake was sampled two times during the open-water season of 1972 by means of a pontoon-equipped Huey helicopter. Each time, samples for physical and chemical parameters were collected at two depths from one station on the lake (see map, page vi). During each visit, a single depth-integrated (near bottom to surface) sample was collected for phytoplankton identification and enumeration; and a depth-integrated sample was collected for chlorophyll <u>a</u> analysis. The maximum depth sampled was 6 feet.

The results obtained are presented in full in Appendix B and are summarized below. The mean values presented in these summary tables are not volume-weighted; nonetheless, the means are useful as a general guide to differences in water quality at the different sampling times.

A. Physical and chemical characteristics:

	near varues					
Parameter	lst Sample (07/08/72)	2nd Sample (09/09/72)				
Temperature (Cent.) Dissolved oxygen (mg/l) Conductivity (µmhos) pH (units) Alkalinity (mg/l) Total P (mg/l) Dissolved P (mg/l) NO ₂ + NO ₃ (mg/l)	21.6 - 130 8.4 56 0.032 0.012 0.050	16.3 9.1 145 7.9 61 0.043 0.021 0.050				
Ammonia (mg/l) Chlorophyll a (µg/l) Secchi disc (inches)	0.060 19.2 60	0.080 2.2 48				

Mean Values

Parameter	Min. for all samples	Max. for all samples	Mean for all samples
Temperature	16.3	21.6	19.8
Dissolved oxygen	9.1	9.1	9.1
Conductivity	130	145	140
рН	7.9	8.4	8.1
Alkalinity	56	61	59
Total P	0.032	0.046	0.039
Dissolved P	0.012	0.023	0.018
$NO_2 + NO_3$	0.050	0.050	0.050
Ammonia ³	0.060	0.080	0.073
Chlorophyll a	2.2	19.2	10.7
Secchi disc —	48	60	54

B. Biological characteristics:

1. Phytoplankton -

Sampling Date	Dominant Genera	Number per ml
07/08/72	 Dinobryon Anabaena Ilicrocystis Cryptomonas Tabellaria Other genera 	2,754 1,920 1,087 435 326 869
	Total	7,391
09/09/72	 Anabaena Melosira Tabellaria Cryptomonas Microcystis Other genera 	442 382 291 281 221 803
	Total	2,420

2. Chlorophyll \underline{a} - (Because of instrumentation problems during the 1972 sampling, the following values may be in error by plus or minus 20 percent.)

Sampling Date	Station Number	Chlorophyll <u>a</u> (µg/l)
07/08/72	01	19.2
09/09/72	01	2.2

C. Limiting Nutrient Study:

No algal assay sample was collected, since the lake was only sampled two times.

The lake data indicate nitrogen limitation in July (N/P ratio = 9/1) and September (N/P = 6/1).

IV. NUTRIENT LOADINGS (See Appendix C for data)

For the determination of nutrient loadings, the Minnesota National Guard collected monthly near-surface grab samples from each of the tributary sites indicated on the map (page vi), except for the high runoff months of April and May when two samples were collected, and the colder months when ice cover and access prevented sampling. Sampling was begun in October, 1972, and was completed in September, 1973.

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

In this report, nutrient loads for sampled tributaries were determined by using a modification of a U.S. Geological Survey computor program for calculating stream loadings. Nutrient loads for unsampled "minor tributaries and immediate drainage" ("ZZ" of U.S.G.S.) were determined by using the pounds per square mile per year calculated for station B-1 (minus point-source loads) and multiplying that by the ZZ area in square miles.

The Village of Kinney declined participation in the Survey, and nutrient loads were estimated at 2.5 lbs P and 7.5 lbs N/capita/year.

In the tables that follow, loads attributed to tributaries are those measured minus point-source loads, if any.

A. Waste Sources:

1. Known municipal -

<u>Name</u>	Pop. <u>Served</u>	Treatment		Receiving <u>Water</u>		
Kinney	325*	Imhoff tank	0.032**	Unnamed Creek		

2. Known industrial - None

^{*} Anonymous, 1973. ** Estimated at 100 gal/capita/day.

B. Annual Total Phosphorus Loading - Average Year:

1. Inputs -

Sou	<u>rce</u>	lbs P/ yr	% of total
a.	Tributaries (non-point load)	-	
	Unnamed Creek (B-1)	840	48.0
b.	Minor tributaries & immediat drainage (non-point load) -		4.0
с.	Known munıcipal -		
	Kinney	810	46.3
d.	Septic tanks - None	-	-
e.	Known industrial - None	-	-
f.	Direct precipitation* -	<u>30</u>	1.7
	Total	1,750	100.0

2. Outputs -

Lake outlet - West Two River 1,240

3. Net annual P accumulation - 510 pounds

^{*} See Working Paper No. 1.

C. Annual Total Nitrogen Loading - Average Year:

1. Inputs -

Sou	rce	lbs N/	% of total
a.	Tributaries (non-point load)	-	
	Unnamed Creek (B-1)	45,720	85.7
b.	Minor tributaries & immediate drainage (non-point load) -		6.8
с.	Known municipal -		
	Kinney	2,440	4.6
d.	Septic tanks - None	-	-
e.	Known industrial - None	-	-
f.	Direct precipitation* -	1,560	2.9
	Total	53,350	100.0
0ut	puts -		
Lak	e outlet - West Two River	46,760	

3. Net annual N accumulation - 6,590 pounds

2.

^{*} See Working Paper No. 1.

D. Mean Annual Non-point Nutrient Export by Subdrainage Area:

Tributary	1bs P/mi ² /yr	lbs N/mi ² /yr
Unnamed Creek	37	2,014

E. Yearly Loading Rates:

In the following table, the existing phosphorus loading rates are compared to those proposed by Vollenweider (in press). Essentially, his "dangerous" rate is the rate at which the receiving waters would become eutrophic or remain eutrophic; his "permissible" rate is that which would result in the receiving water remaining oligotrophic or becoming oligotrophic if morphometry permitted. A mesotrophic rate would be considered one between "dangerous" and "permissible".

	Tota	1 Phosphorus	Total Nitrogen		
Units	Total	Accumulated	Total	Accumulated	
lbs/acr g /yr grams/m²/yr	10.7 1.20	3.1 0.35	325.3 36.5	40.2 4.5	

Vollegweider loading rates for phosphorus (g/m²/yr) based on mean depth and mean hydraulic retention time of McQuade Lake:

[&]quot;Dangerous" (eutrophic rate) 0.82
"Permissible" (oligotrophic rate) 0.41

V. LITERATURE REVIEWED

- Anonymous, 1972. Survey questionnaire. MPCA, Minneapolis.
- Anonymous, 1973. Wastewater disposal facilities inventory--State of Minnesota. MPCA, Minneapolis.
- Vollenweider, Richard A., (in press). Input-output models. Schweiz. A. Hydrol.

VII. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

TRIBUTARY FLOW DATA

LAKE CODE 2757 MOUNTABE LAKE

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TOTAL DWATNAGE AREA OF LAKE	=	24.50	TOTAL FLOW IN =	157.43
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	12	77	1.10	1.4	1.00				
	1	73	0.79	14	0.80				
	2	73	1.07	4	1.20				
	3	13	6.31	10	1.30				
	4	73	14.40	4	7.90	24	28.00		
	5	73	25.10	6	22.00	21	4.00		
	4	73	12.00	15	14.00				
	7	77	5.75	1.7	3.50				
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APPENDIX B

PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL DATA

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APPENDIX C
TRIBUTARY DATA

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