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ABSTRACT

A basic survey has been made of the concentrations of dissolved phosphorus in many types of Florida's surface waters. The extensive deposits of phosphate rock in Florida lead to unusually high dissolved phosphorus contents in the streams and lakes which drain these areas. Thus these waters are potentially of high fertility for growth of aquatic organisms. Additional quantities of dissolved phosphorus are being added by sewage and industry in some areas, although little recognition has been made of the possibly large biological effects that relatively small amounts of added phosphorus can have on those areas which are not receiving drainage from phosphate areas. The moderately low phosphorus content of basic springs in contrast to acid surface streams suggests a controlling role of pH in phosphorus solubility in Florida. It seems likely that percolating rainwaters are continually concentrating phosphorus in the layers just beneath the surface as the acid rainwater becomes basic. The natural and artificial phosphates contributed to Florida's surface streams hypothetically seem to be of the magnitude to contribute to red tide phenomena and the rapid growth of water hyacinths in prescribed areas.

INTRODUCTION

Over the surface of the earth as a whole phosphorus is a scarce substance and much in demand as it is an absolutely necessary requirement for Man's civilization and indeed for all life. Without phosphorus no plants can grow and no food production is possible for Man or for fish and wildlife.

Phosphorus is a magic word in Florida because the extensive natural phosphate rock deposits located near the surface have directly and indirectly made many profound changes in the culture of the State. Directly, benefits such as those developing from the phosphate industry and from agricultural advances due to low cost phosphate fertilizer have resulted. Indirectly, as the evidence

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January 9, 1953 Report to the Florida Geological Survey in this report suggests, sports fishing, commercial fishing, red tide, water hyacinth growth, and pollution are all related to the distribution of phosphorus dissolved in the Florida fresh and marine waters.

Purpose and Scope of Investigation

The purpose of this study has been to analyze representative samples of all kinds of Florida surface waters for dissolved phosphorus and to determine what relationships there are between: dissolved phosphorus and the type of geological rock formations underlying the area; between dissolved phosphorus and the type of body of water; between dissolved phosphorus in Florida and in other regions of the world; between dissolved phosphorus and the processes of formation of phosphate rock; between dissolved phosphorus and the growth of aquatic organisms such as plants and fish; between dissolved phosphorus and the increasing problem of pollution of streams and estuaries; and between dissolved phosphorus and the spectacular red tide.

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Previous Investigations

Over the world as a whole a very large number of studies have established the geochemical behavior of the element and importance of phosphorus to growth on land and in the lakes and ocean. Current knowledge on this may be found in Hutchinson (1952) and Riley (1951).

In Florida although much work has been done on phosphorus in land deposits and its behavior in terrestrial agriculture, relatively little knowledge has been accumulated about the phosphorus in water. Routine analyses of waters have not included phosphorus primarily because in contrast to the usual elements analyzed it is present usually in small quantities, much less than a part per million. However, it is this low concentration that makes the element important. Along with dissolved nitrogen dissolved phosphorus has been shown to be the usual limiting factor to growth in waters in other regions.

Specht (1950) has published a series of analyses of phosphorus dissolved in fresh water of Peace River in a report on phosphorus pollution. Additional analyses of this river have been made by Florida State Board of Health but have not been published.

Some data on the estuarine and marine waters from the Miami area have been published by Miller (1952) and from waters associated with the red tide phenomenon by Ketchum and Keen (1948).

A general survey of the phosphorus over the whole State has been needed in order that the values in special situations could have comparative meaning. The results and principles of general surveys of this sort which have been done in Wisconsin by Juday, Birge, Kemmerer and Robinson (1928) and in marine waters by Redfield, Smith and Ketchum (1937) can not be directly applied to Florida because the State has extensive rock phosphate deposits

and Wisconsin does not. In turn the study of phosphorus behavior in an area where phosphorus minerals occur abundantly can contribute to the general understanding of this critical chemical element the world over.

Methods

Samples were collected in 100 to 400 cc. soft glass bottles with vinylite lined plastic caps. About two-thirds of the samples collected received several drops of chloroform in order to reduce the fixation by adsorption and bacteria of the dissolved phosphorus on the walls of the bottles. Where the quantity of phosphorus present is in concentrations of the magnitude of .020 ppm., the loss to bottle walls has been shown to be appreciable (Harvey, 1948). Phosphorus is present in waters as fine particulate matter, as dissolved organic compounds, and as dissolved inorganic phosphate. Except in a few cases no attempt was made to distinguish between these fractions because the partition of phosphorus changes rapidly due to the action of organisms in the sample bottles. Thus with the delay inherent in the sampling, it was only feasible to make determinations of total phosphorus in most cases. The total phosphorus is of primary interest because in the course of one day the phosphorus in a natural body of water may fluctuate between an inorganic fraction and an organic fraction during phytoplankton plant photosynthesis and decay.

Samples of 100 cubic centimeters were digested with acids over a hot plate to convert all fractions into inorganic phosphorus, a procedure used by Robinson and Kemmerer (1930). When this solution was diluted to 50 cubic centimeters, a blue color developed proportional to the phosphorus content. The intensity of color after five minutes was measured in a Klett Summerson colorimeter. A graph was prepared of the color intensity of known standards that had been treated in the same way as the samples. The concentration of phospherus in unknown samples was obtained from this graph. With homogeneous materials this method has been reported with an accuracy of reproducibility of 5-10%. For a single series the data in Table 1 and the data for Silver Springs (Table 2) indicate a similar accuracy in these analyses. However for heterogeneous materials and for the lower concentrations it is likely that the errors are considerably greater. Fortunately the types of differences discussed below seem to be much greater than can be accounted for as experimental error by the largest estimate.

TABLE 1 TECHNIQUE TEST ON KNOWN STANDARD SOLUTIONS

Known concentration:	.033	.033	.033
Date of series:	July 12	July 13	July 13
Procedure:	Without Digestion	Without Digestion	With Digestion
Analyses: Mean: Standard Deviation	.032 .038 .032 .026 .032 .033 .035 .035 .035 .038 .0326	.036 .040 .036 .030 .028 .038 .028 .033 .030 .034 .033 .034	.032 .035 .035 .035 .035 .037 .033 .030 .033 .035 .0337
With the amount of var ation above, 95% of analyses made will be within the following percent of the correct value:		29%	14%
Test of Phospi	torus loss by dia	estion over hot ple	ate ppm P
		g stops	* *
		g stops	
		e stops	

TABLE 2 PHOSPHORUS VALUES IN SILVER SPRING RUN August 9, 1952

Boil 1/8 mile 1/2 mile 1 mile 1 mile 1 1/2 mile 2 miles 2 1/2 miles 3 miles 4 miles 5 miles	Inorg. P .041 .045 .045 .040 .051 .043 .042 .041 .040	PPM P .047 .047 .046 .053 .046 .046 .041 .048 .046
Mean Standard Deviation	.0431 .00332	.0466
95% of analyses can be expected to have less error than: Organic phosphorus .0035 ppm 7.5% of T	15% otal	13%

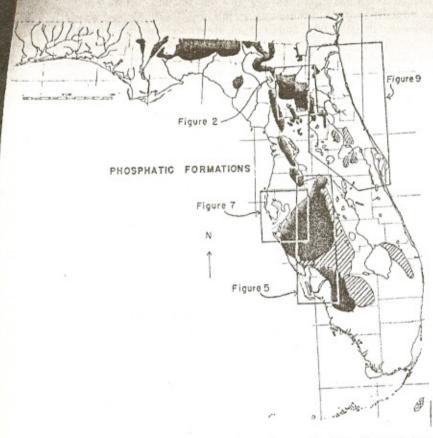


Figure 1.—Surface phosphate-bearing formations. (Position of formations after Cooke, 1945)

In waters that are highly saline the blue color has been shown to be depressed by some interaction with the salts (Robinson and Thomson 1948). This error is usually compensated by analyzing standards to which low phosphorus sea water has been added and deducing a correction usually between 1.1 to 1.35. In this survey a correction of 1.2 was used for saline waters. However for these very varied waters of contrasting qualitative salt compositions and varying salinities, considerable error has necessarily been incorporated by such a procedure. Thus the error is possibly 20% greater for saline than for fresh waters. The analyses include any small quantities of arsenic which may act with phosphorus in this test.

PATTERNS OF DISTRIBUTION OF DISSOLVED PHOSPHORUS

Dissolved Phosphorus and Geological Formations

In general most of the dissolved contents of waters are derived from the rocks over which the waters flow. Thus it is a reasonable hypothesis to expect the dissolved phosphorus in waters to correspond to the type of underlying rock.

The phosphate bearing formations in Florida are primarily the Miocene Hawthorn formation, Alachua formation, and Duplin marl and the Pliocene Bone Valley formation. The areas of outcrops of these rocks in Florida are shown in figure 1.

The streams that cross these formations and the total phosphorus content of their waters in parts per million are shown in figures 2, 3, 5, 7 and 9. In much of Florida a close correlation exists between the phosphate areas and the dissolved phosphorus in

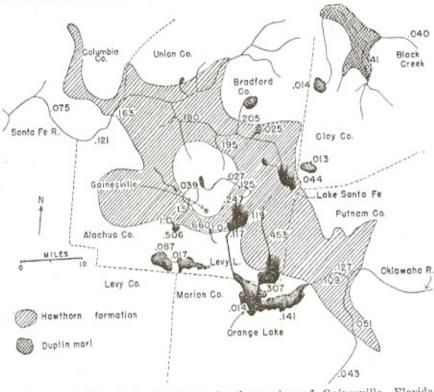


Figure 2.—Dissolved phosphorus in the region of Gainesville, Florida, and the phosphatic Hawthorn formation. (Position of formations after Cooke, 1945)

the waters. The correlation seems good in the north central Florida area and in the Bone Valley phosphate mining district in central Florida. Some relatively high values that are not associated with phosphatic geological formations are due to pollution. Some deposits are not crossed by major streams and therefore correlative data are lacking on these. The analyses for Alachua County, figure 2, show the manner in which the dissolved phosphate reflects the geology. In figure 3, lines of equal phosphate concentration have been drawn over the whole State much as one would draw lines of equal height on a topographical map. These are of course approximations but serve to emphasize the superposition of areas of high dissolved phosphate concentration over known phosphate deposits.

Deevey and Bishop (1940) had shown in Connecticut that crys-

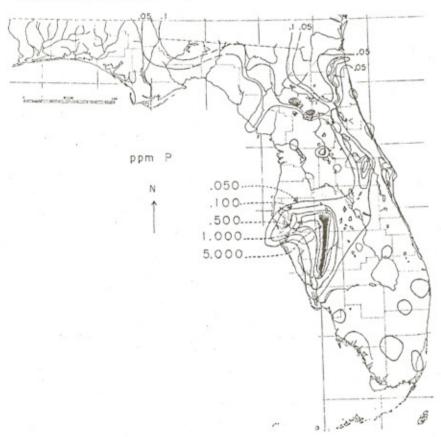
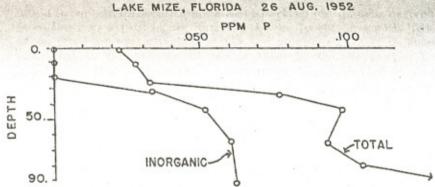


Figure 3 .- Dissolved phosphorus in Florida Waters.



rigure 4.—Dissolved phosphorus in Lake Mize, Florida during summer stratification.

talline rock areas possess slightly lower dissolved phosphate contents than the central lowland sedimentary area. These results confirm in a striking way the general principle of the geologic control of phosphate content of the waters, and it is possible that future prospecting may be facilitated by analyses of dissolved phosphates in stream systems.2 It has long been known that dissolved phosphorus is so scarce in the ocean that it is rapidly removed by phytoplankton and lost to the deeper water through sedimentation of organic detritus so that the upper ocean waters are maintained in an impoverished condition receiving a little phosphorus for growth only from turbulent exchange of the element brought up from the deeper waters and in from rivers (Riley, 1951). The analyses of estuarine waters of Florida further document this pattern by showing that Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay are one of the richest phosphatic areas and receive more dissolved phosphate from streams than any other estuary in Florida.

Dissolved Phosphorus and the Type of Water

The essential features of the distribution and circulation of phosphorus within streams, lakes, ground waters, and estuaries have been established in other regions (Juday, Birge, Kemmerer, and Robinson 1928; Mortimer 1941-1942; Hutchinson 1941; Newcombe 1940). In general, streams and ground waters have been

²It is amusing to remember the excitement that arose in the laboratory when waters from the Econlochatchee River were found to possess relatively enormous phosphorus concentrations although no phosphate districts were in the drainage. It was learned that a recent shift in the disposition of the Orlando sewage into this river accounted for these values.

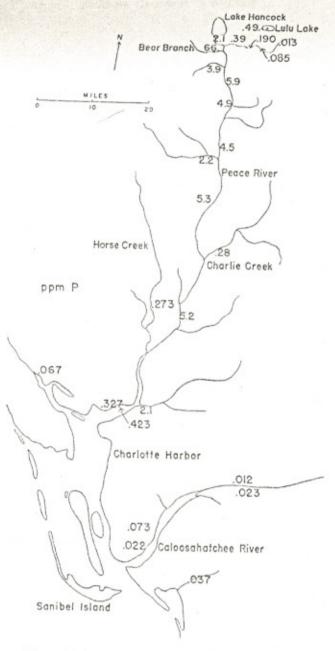


Figure 5.—Dissolved phosphorus in the Peace River system. Data obtained in cooperation with Mr. Ellis Landquist.

found to contain moderate amounts of dissolved phosphorus derived from the rock strata in an inorganic form. In streams with little or no plankton and attached plants the volume of water is large compared to the number of plants that derive phosphorus for growth and thus there is more phosphorus than is needed in plant metabolism. But the situation shifts when these waters flow into lakes where the relatively still waters in the upper levels support microscopic floating plants which take up the phosphorus and convert it into the phosphorus of organic matter. Then the lack of phosphorus often becomes limiting to plant growth. When these tiny single celled plants are eaten by microscopic plankton animals, the phosphorus may be transferred into other organisms and eventually returned to the water as dissolved organic phosphorus or deposited on the bottom as particulate phosphorus. Thus the inorganic phosphorus in shallow lakes and in the upper levels of deeper lakes is small and the organic phosphorus is only a little more. But in the bottom waters of the deeper lakes much larger concentrations of phosphorus are found during the summer stratification. Here the chemically reduced conditions associated with lower oxidation reduction potential and sometimes lower pH and the absence of green plants cause more phosphorus to remain in solution both as dissolved inorganic phosphorus and dissolved organic phosphorus. Thus the processes within the lake remove phosphorus from water as it flows through the lake and deposit it in the lake's lower waters and sediments. It has been shown thus

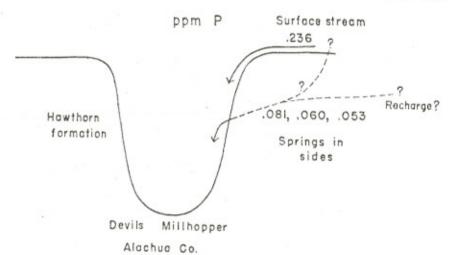


Figure 6.—Dissolved phosphorus in the Devils Millhopper, Alachua Co., Florida.

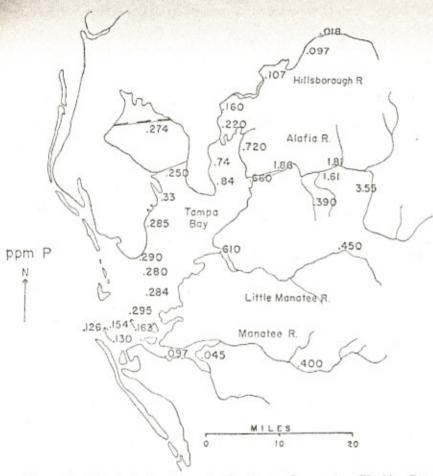


Figure 7.—Dissolved phosphorus in the Tampa Bay region, Florida. Data obtained in cooperation with Dr. Nelson Marshall, Florida State University in the fall, 1952.

that lakes are a phosphorus filter as in River Sussa, Denmark (Berg, 1945). In a similar manner, when phosphorus laden river waters reach the sea the phosphorus is removed and deposited on the bottom of the ocean in the sediments. Estuarine waters are zones of mixing where the phosphorus content is intermediate between rivers and sea.

With the above introductory account of the occurrence and distribution of phosphorus in natural waters, it is interesting to compare data from Florida as summarized in tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 7. It will be noticed that streams are high and in fact enormously laden with phosphorus in the phosphate districts. The lake waters at the surface have smaller amounts than the streams because of the filtering action of the lakes. Estuarine waters contain more phosphorus than open water, as reported in the literature, but somewhat less than the streams from which the phosphate is derived. In comparison to lakes, streams and estuaries which receive high values in phosphate areas, the spring waters have moderate values irrespective of the area in which they occur. As shown in the Silver Springs analyses the springs have primarily inorganic phosphate, the organic phosphorus having been removed by the soils and rocks of the recharge areas. The spring waters in these limestone areas are basic so that little calcium phosphate is dissolved and very little can be held in solution. Thus pH is critical in regulating the amounts of dissolved phosphate of inorganic form but not that of the organic phosphorus. The solubility of calcium phosphate under a variable pH is represented in Table 4. However, calcium phosphate is found in nature usually in some type of apatite mineral, a complex chemical composition, upon which no such solubility tables are available.

TABLE 3
MEAN VALUES OF PHOSPHORUS IN TYPES OF FLORIDA WATERS

Water Types	ppm Tot	al P
	Phosphate District	Other
Streams	.876 (18)	.046 (44)
Estuaries	.269 (2)	.044 (21)
Lakes	.290 (8)	.038 (31)
Springs	.061 (5)	.045 (27)
(80)		

(The number of different bodies of water average in each case is indicated by the figure in parentheses).

TABLE 4

SOLUBILITY OF INORGANIC PHOSPHORUS AS A FUNCTION OF CALCIUM AND ACIDITY. (Based on theoretical data of Green and Holmes (1947) for 68 deg. F.)

		Calcium ppm					
		.4	4.	12.	20.	40.	80.
Acidity	6.0	Greater					33.
as	6.5	Than			33.	12.	4.
pH	7.0	40. ppm	i	10.	4.	1.6	.33
	7.5 8.0		8. 2.3	1.6	.66 .16	.3	.10 .026
	8.5	27.	.33	.16	.066	.026	.007
			Diss	olved pho	sphorus i	n ppm	CONTRACTOR AND ADDRESS.

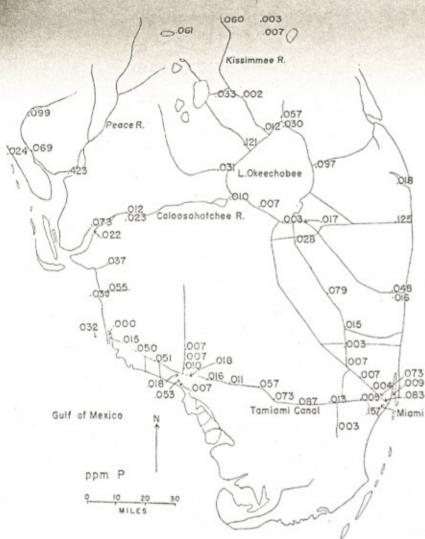


Figure 8.—Dissolved phosphorus in the rivers and canals of south Florida during August 1952.

Among the lakes there are great ranges of phosphate contents just as there are great ranges of conditions such as hardness, carbon dioxide and color. The vertical pattern of phosphorus distribution within Lake Mize, Florida, is similar to that of Lake Mary, Wisconsin, although the values are much higher for these two lakes than for most of the other lakes reported in Wisconsin or elsewhere (see figure 4 and Juday and Birge, 1931). These lakes are similar in being deep soft seepage lakes with high phosphates possibly due to low pH. Lake Mary, Wisconsin, is very atypical. It is not known whether the stratification of phosphorus in Lake Mize is typical for Florida's relatively few deep lakes.

TABLE 5

REGIONAL COMPARISONS OF DISSOLVED PHOSPHORUS IN LAKES (Modified from Hutchinson, 1937, 1952)

	ppr	n P
HUMID CLIMATE; EXTERNAL DRAINAGE:	Mean	Range
N. E. Wisconsin (Birge and Juday) Connecticut (Deevey)	.023	.008140
Eastern Highland	.011	.004021
Western Highland	.013	.007031
Central Lowland	.020	.010031
Japan (Yoshimura)	.015	.004044
Austrian Alps (Ruttner)	.020	.000046
Sweden (Lohammar)		
Uplands	.038	.002162
South	.026	.004092
North	.024	.007064
North Germany	.077	.005600
Florida		
Phosphate districts	.290	.100660
Other districts	.038	.000197
Gran Chaco, Paraguay (Carter and Beadle)		.51.5
ADID CLIMATE, INTERNAL DRAINAGE, SALIS	NE LAWRE	

ARID CLIMATE; INTERNAL DRAINAGE; SALINE LAKES:

Nevada (Hutchinson)	.90	.05 - 3.0
Aegean (Stankovic)		.09745
Central Africa (Beadle)	****	.1676
South Africa (Hutchinson, Pickford, Schuurman)	441.44	.05-2.0
Indian Tibet (Hutchinson)		.02330
Owen's Lake, California	76.	
Salt Range, Punjab (Hutchinson)	.17	_
Goodenough Lake, British Columbia	208.	

The data in Table 6 indicate that some of the lowest values are found in waters where attached littoral plants have possibly had a rôle in depleting the waters such as in marshy pools surrounding lakes, pools along roads, and small lakes without appreciable drainage in the sandhills. The action of a lake in filtering phosphorus is illustrated in figure 2.

Data from analyses of water entering Orange Lake from the north and discharging eastward into the Oklawaha River show a marked decrease in phosphorus content. Also in figure 2, the waters entering Newnans Lake, the moderate sized lake just east of Gainesville, show a drop from a phosphorus content of .247 to .117 ppm.

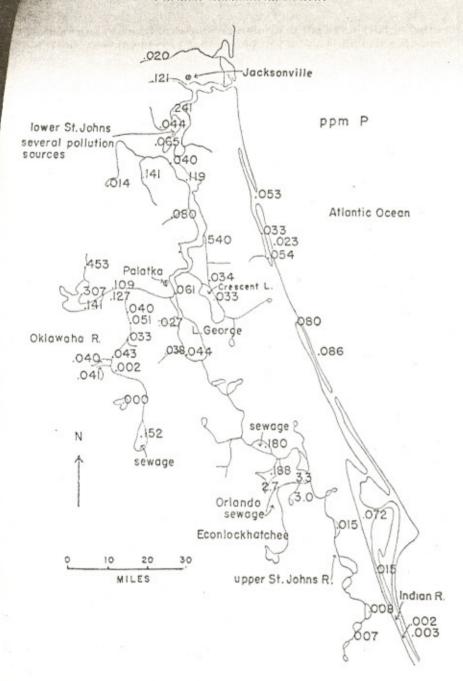


Figure 9.—Dissolved phosphorus in the St. Johns River system.

The general impression that one obtains, that water filled sinks are often fertile, is supported by the analyses of phosphorus. Apparently the water filling the basins are phosphorus laden in contrast to the deeper artesian aquifers as represented by the large springs which have moderate phosphate values.

TABLE 6
PHOSPHORUS IN FLORIDA LAKES AND STREAMS

			ppm P
Standing Waters:	Cases	Mean	Range .
Grassy, sand bordered lakes	6	.008	.001014
Flatwoods ponds	4	.151	.03043
Sinks	4 4	.320	.028 - 1.01
Lakes with organic mud borders and extensive water hyacinths	5	.298	.10051
Larger lakes receiving sewage (Jessup, Monroe, Griffin, Lulu,		12110	1200 101
Reedy, Tohopekaliga)	6	.185	.04249
Larger lakes not receiving sewage or phosphate district drainage (Geneva, Brooklyn, Kingsley, Eustis, Ola, Weir)	6	.007	.000— .014
Streams:			
Small streams, not polluted, not draining phosphatic formations Small, humic watered creeks, draining	18	.019	.003— .034
phosphatic formations, no	10	.413	.1411.5
pollution, generally acid	10	.910	.1411.0
Streams not draining phosphate formations but receiving sewage	7	.836	.038 - 3.1
formations but receiving sewage	,	1000	.0.505.1

The classification of analyses according to the type of water as given in Table 6 suggests some relationship between the percentage of dissolved phosphate and the type of lake water but a general classification of the water types biologically is one outstanding problem not yet completed. In Table 6, it should be noted that the high phosphate contents are found in small acid streams which had relatively short surface courses since falling as rain. The more basic waters which have received ground waters and salts have lower values depending of course on the rocks through which the water passed.

Ohle (1934) found higher values in German dystrophic waters (brown waters) than in clear waters. Similar results noted in Florida are suggested as due to the soft acid nature and to the course of these waters. Also Barbier and Maroger (1950) have shown that colloidal humates increase the amount of calcium phosphate that is dissolved by binding action. Humates are brown mo-

Dissolved Phosphorus in Florida Compared with Other Regions

Since Florida has such large resources of phosphate rock, it is reasonable to expect Florida's waters to contain on the average higher phosphorus concentrations than most other regions of the world. G. E. Hutchinson, in an unpublished manuscript, collected data on dissolved phosphorus in lakes to which averages of Florida data have been added and both are presented as Table 5. This table indicates that Florida has higher dissolved phosphorus concentrations than the rest of the world with humid climate, with the possible exception of those districts elsewhere that indicate major phosphate deposits. Of those analyzed only the salt lakes in arid parts of the world show higher phosphate contents than those of the phosphate districts of Florida. It is interesting that the areas that are most similar to Florida are the sedimentary North Germany area, which resembles Florida in some respects such as elevation and general geological structure, and the Gran Chaco of Paraguay, which has a somewhat similar climate. In contrast, waters in crystalline rock areas are low and the older and more modified sedimentary areas are intermediate in dissolved phosphorus concentrations such as shown for Connecticut and Sweden in Table 5. It is likely that other areas of the world possessing phosphate districts, such as North Africa, Idaho, Esthonia, Egypt, etc., (Johnson, 1952), would similarly possess high dissolved phosphorus.

Dissolved Phosphorus and the Origin of Phosphate Deposits

No wholly satisfactory explanation has become accepted for the origin of Florida's extensive and varied phosphate deposits. The status of knowledge on this is discussed in detail by Vernon (1943, 1951). Apparently a combination of initial deposition of phosphatic minerals, bones and teeth in marine and terrestrial sediments followed by a possible later concentration of these parts of the sediments have produced the existing deposits. Although there is little evidence of phosphate deposition during the Recent, other than at bird and mammal rookeries, following the hypothesis of uniformitarianism we look at contemporary Florida for answer to the processes in past geologic time for there is little evidence that Florida is geologically much different now than it was in the Tertiary times.

An examination of the data on dissolved phosphate from the present Florida waters suggests two things: First, the marine estuarine deposits now forming off some rivers are forming in the presence of relatively high phosphate concentrations so that these sediments may be expected to contain a proportionately high phosphate content. Miller (1952) has shown for Biscayne Bay in the Miami area that the ratio maintained between dissolved phosphorus and the sedimentary phosphorus is about 1/1000. The high phosphorus contents of the rivers moving into sea water are possibly supersaturated in relation to the high calcium, basic, ocean waters as estimated theoretically by Dietz, Emery, and Shepard (1942). Second, the highest dissolved phosphorus contents have been found where soft acid streams crossed phosphatic formations suggesting that acidity regulates the amount of phosphorus which becomes dissolved.

Since the basic spring waters are moderately low in dissolved phosphorus, even in phosphatic districts, it seems that phosphorus may become dissolved in the surface drainage water but becomes removed again as the ground water passes through deeper strata. This suggests a mechanism by which the deposits already rich in phosphorus now found most abundantly a few feet below the surface have been enriched. First the phosphorus is dissolved and then redeposited as the water becomes more basic on reaching the deeper ground water levels and as the initial carbon dioxide acidity is neutralized with the limestone. Those acid surface waters moving down surface streams to the sea gradually become basic but much of the dissolved phosphorus by this time is converted into the organic phosphorus of plant and animal matter in particulate, colloidal, and dissolved form so that it remains in solution in estuarine waters for some time in spite of high pH. Thus the difference observed between the high phosphorus content of acid surface water and the low phosphorus content of more basic ground waters indicate that phosphorus leached out of one layer can be precipitated in the rocks through which it may pass or that the ground water was relatively free of phosphorus at the recharge area.

That enrichment of phosphorus may occur in existing formations due to the above causes does not imply that the present phosphatic formations are themselves older formations concentrated by leaching. The Alachua formation of Florida (Vernon, 1951) is typical of those phosphate deposits formed by the fixation of phosphatic acid solutions through reaction with carbonate rocks. Vernon (1951) using detailed stratigraphic data from Citrus and Levy counties, Florida, found that Miocene phosphatic formations (Hawthorn and Duplin marl) were probably laid down in shallow seas adjacent to a land mass upon which the phosphate of the Alachua formation was forming. He feels that the high phosphate content of these formations was derived from a high dissolved phosphate level in the sea and adjacent land at the time of formation.

The solubilities of calcium phosphate in fresh water of varying acidity shown in Table 4, have been modified from Green and Holmes (1947). These solubilities are based on the theoretical equation for the solution of excess tricalcium phosphate under equilibrium conditions, and in the ionic strength of fresh water. Although these assumptions rarely correspond exactly to natural conditions, the important rôle of pH and calcium concentration is demonstrated nevertheless. Acid soft water streams have capacity for taking up very large concentrations of phosphorus mineral matter through which they pass whereas basic hard waters such as in Florida's ground waters, even at equilibrium can hold less than one part per million. The values for the large typical Florida Springs of .020—.123 ppm P with pH ranges mostly between 7.3 and 8.3 with calcium concentrations 30 to 70 ppm are only slightly above those predicted by Table 4.

For salt waters the assumption used in calculating these data do not apply, for solubilities of many substances in saline waters are greater due to the greater ionic strength. The greater ionic strength in part counteracts the effects of high calcium in sea water. However, from similar calculations based on greater ionic strength Dietz, Emery, and Shepard (1942) found that the ocean is possibly saturated with phosphorus. The unusually high phosphorus values reported in Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor are of course total values including organic and colloidal fractions. Note that if some source of acidity such as industrial pollution should lower the pH much greater phosphate solubilities are possible and although later neutralized this mechanism would permit the introduction of high phosphate concentrations into organic fractions and into colloidal and soluble form. Bear Branch, which receives wastes from a superphosphate plant near the town of Bartow, was reported by Mr. Ellis Landquist in his biological study of the Peace River during 1950-51 to possess a pH range from 2.5 to 6. Such acidity accounts for the dissolved phosphate contents up to 177 ppm phosphorus in this branch. Although subsequently diluted by the Peace Creek, the high values of 5 ppm which persisted in the Peace Creek below this point (see figure 5) seem to have been due to this pollution since other streams in the system at the same time had dissolved phosphorus values ranging .5 to 3 ppm.

Some observations made of the dissolved phosphorus in streams in the Devils Millhopper, a large sink near Gainesville, may be interpreted as in agreement with the hypothesis of concentration discussed above. Several small springs issue from the sides of the Millhopper and one stream falls into this sink from the surface. These flows rush down the sides and out through a fissure in the bottom of this 80-foot hole. The sink penetrates the Hawthorn formation which is heavily phosphatic. The data presented as figure 6 indicate that the water which has passed through the ground has a lower phosphate content than the water that flows in over the top of the sink. If surface water does lose its phosphorus upon passing through rock, there should be a concentration of phosphate not far below the soil surface in areas of ground water recharge. Such a concentration has not been determined, but may be present.

Dissolved Phosphorus and Potential Fertility

As indicated in the introduction, all life requires phosphorus as a basic chemical material for its metabolic processes. About twotenths of one per cent of phosphorus is required to make chromosomes in the cells and to make coenzymes and other energy transforming substances. In most aquatic environments it has been substantiated by many workers (Hutchinson, 1952) that the growth of plants, and the subsequent growth of animals that derive nutrition from these plants, is limited by the amounts of phosphorus and nitrogen available and utilized by the plant. In fresh waters of many tropical areas blue-green algae are abundant and fix nitrogen from the air to help supply the nitrogen requirements, and thus cause phosphorus to be the limiting factor in plant growth. Hutchinson (1937), in discussing lakes in desert regions considered values of phosphorus over .050 as certainly not limiting. There is some evidence that this is true in Florida, for continual blooms of blue-green algae through the long summer have been reported to me in personal communication by J. C. Dickinson and in the monograph on the St. Johns River by E. L. Pierce (1947). There are of course many other factors affecting the biological productivity of waters and where phosphorus and nitrogen are not so scarce as to limit growth, these other factors will determine the production of protoplasm by the natural community of organisms. For example, trace elements such as copper and 'cobalt may be limiting.

The phosphorus distribution is not expected to be the same as the distribution of high production but the dissolved phosphorus can be thought of as a measure of potential productivity and fertility. The phrase potential fertility is used in the sense of phosphorus availability. Other things being equal regions of high phosphorus might be proposed as regions of high fertility. This is very important to Florida. The growths of microscopic plants that support fish and other fauna are fundamental to the prosperity of commercial and sports fishing, both of which are very important to Florida's tourist trade. Someone with experience in other regions quickly gains the impression that the waters of the State are fertile and contain much life. Indeed, with a very high annual sunshine average and with its waters carrying considerable phosphorus, one suspects that productivities may be high on a world basis. There are little data as yet to test such a hypothesis, but it can be said that the potential fertility of the State, as measured by the dissolved phosphorus, is very large.

Although a high fertility is generally a good thing from man's point of view in that more life is produced in the lakes, streams and estuarine waters, it is not necessarily so. If the fertility results in the proliferation of some objectionable organism or does not produce the desired type of organism, then either less fertility is needed or some control needs to be exercised over the type of organisms which are permitted to make use of the potential fertility. The clogging of waters by water hyacinths is an example of an undesirable result of high fertility. Another is the overproduction of undesirable fish species in some waters at the expense of species desired for food or sport.

Superficially the distribution of high potential fertility as measured by high concentrations of dissolved phosphorus in figure 3 suggests a possible relationship to the areas of water hyacinth nuisance. Certainly, rapid growths of these plants occur in the St. Johns, Peace and Suwannee river systems and in the lakes of the

phosphate district such as Newnan Lake and Orange Lake in Alachua County. Indeed, this possible correlation should be investigated and comparative growth of hyacinths measured in different waters.

Much work has been done in ponds of other areas to increas the fertility of water by artificial fertilization similar to that don in terrestrial agriculture. However, nothing has been done to wor out a method for decreasing the potential fertility of a water should it be deemed advisable. Actually this is a major engineering need since great sums of money are spent each year killing alg: blooms in lakes in which clear water is desired rather than rap production. The approach to the problem of using chemicals rather a backwards approach for whenever blooms of algae or rat of hyacinths are killed, the phosphorus within them is releas into the water and into the lake muds so that the remaining of ganisms grow even faster. A much better approach would be o designed to remove the phosphorus. Commercially this might possible since the dissolved quantities involved are so small, bei usually much less than one part per million. As yet, no practic solution seems to be at hand. Perhaps a biological filter is feasily in which phosphorus and plant growth are removed from wat running through a lake, with resultant improvement downstreau or perhaps ferrous or aluminum salts could be added to remo the phosphorus as a precipitate.

An understanding of the quality and quantity of the aquat production under various situations in Florida is needed. A co certed research program should be made to uncover the basic fa tors and their interactions, which control this natural aquatic agr culture.

It is likely that phosphorus fertilization of the Florida water which contain more than .050 ppm total phosphorus will not it crease biological production because it is probably not limiting a these concentrations.

Dissolved Phosphorus and Pollution

Some types of pollution produce extreme effects on the potential fertility of Florida's waters by adding large amounts of dissolve phosphorus relative to the amounts naturally present. By pollutions is here meant the addition of materials to a natural body of water as a result of man's activity so that the conditions of the lake

stream, or estuary are markedly changed with respect to the quality and quantity of biological growth. By this definition a pollution may not necessarily be bad if the man made changes are not undesirable to the long range welfare of all concerned. However, pollution by changing the natural situation often restricts the variety of organisms and often markedly affects the populations of fish organisms in indirect ways by affecting their plant and animal foods.

In Florida two sources are at present increasing the dissolved phosphorus in Florida waters: Industrial and municipal sewage and the byproducts of the phosphate industry. Phelps and Barry (1950) have summarized sources of pollution in Florida. When sewage is passed through chemical treatment many of its objectionable properties, such as disease organisms and organic matter, are removed, which if dumped directly in streams would use up the dissolved oxygen and kill the organisms. However, the very high content of phosphorus in urine and in the solid materials of raw sewage is not completely removed by sewage treatment plants. By the time the decomposing raw sewage reaches the plant there is already a high concentration of phosphorus in the dissolved inorganic form. Apparently this inorganic fraction passes through the plant without much loss. Raw sewage entering the university sewage plant in Gainesville, April 9, 1953, possessed a dissolved inorganic phosphorus content of 2.1 ppm. The final effluent emerging from the same plant contained 1.9 ppm dissolved inorganic phosphorus. These values in comparison to the natural concentrations in most streams are enormous.

A sample of the phosphorus developed from Lakeland sewage and taken out of Lake Hancock in Saddle Creek and analyzed was 2.0 ppm. and a sample of the Orlando sewage taken in the Econlochhatchee Creek analyzed 3.2 ppm. Standard engineering practice has not recognized these relatively small phosphorus quantities on a weight basis as being a pollution. Considering the possible stimulus to undesirable growths or undesirable species, it is clear that this may at times be harmful although a general increase in fertility is promoted in some fish culture. With the increasing population of Florida and the increased dumping of sewage into Florida's relatively small surface streams, the result of this practice must be studied. It is certainly not possible to say from the available evidence whether the character of Florida's fresh waters and estuaries, which are an important resource, are being markedly

changed and if so whether for the better or worse by these large changes in potential fertility. It is, however, important that the total biological character of the major water types be established before and after such increase in potential fertility to determine if there is a resultant increased hyacinth growth, game fish, or algae blooms in previously clear waters.

The phosphate industry particularly in the Peace and Alafia river systems is discharging phosphate slimes and, in the case of Bear Branch, Bartow, Florida, acid waters high in dissolved phosphorus into a river which must already have had high concentrations because of the underlying rock formations. A high original phosphorus concentration is indicated by the streams in the Peace and Alafia river area which do not receive industrial wastes but have very high values although not as great as the Peace and Alafia proper. It seems likely that the pollution somewhat accentuates the addition of phosphorus. The data in figure 5 support this. Relatively undisturbed Charlie Creek, for example, has a lower phosphorus value than the streams receiving wastes. It is unlikely that at these high levels phosphorus is limiting in the Peace River or that the potential fertility is in any way realized. But the effect on the fertility of Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor is probably being increased by the increase in phosphorus going down these rivers. Phosphorus also goes down the Peace River through Lake Hancock from Lakeland sewage. The problem of the possible effects of colloidal and slime phosphorus on river organisms is a separate problem that is being studied by Mr. Ellis Landquist of the University of Florida.

Dissolved Phosphorus and the Red Tide

If there are increasing quantities of phosphate going down some rivers, the question is raised whether this additional fertility is increasing the incidence of the red tide offshore. The so called red tide is a bloom of a microorganism *Gymnodinium brevis* in marine waters which becomes so concentrated that fish are killed in large numbers and are washed up in great quantities on the beaches (Gunter et al, 1948).

Much work has been done to show that similar phenomena occur in many parts of the world at widely timed intervals. Walton Smith (1949) postulated that the occurrence is due to nutrients becoming available, especially phosphorus. Ketchum and Keen (1948) found unaccountably high total phosphorus concentrations in the 1947 growth off the coast at Sarasota. As yet, however, there is no definite proof that high phosphorus concentrations are required for red tide blooms.

Slobodkin (1952) has postulated that the relatively frequent red tide occurrence off the lower Florida west coast is a result of rains and northeast winds which carry low salinity waters containing a few of the Gymnodinium organisms and nutrients out over the saltier open waters where they develop a bloom and then drift northward and shoreward in the prevailing Gulf drift. The mechanism of this drift was demonstrated by E. L. Pierce (1951). Specht (1950) has shown high phosphorus concentrations entering Charlotte Harbor from the Peace River. From the data in figures 3 and 7 it is suggested that the Peace and Alafia rivers are sources of larger nutrient concentrations than the Caloosahatchee and Okeechobee which have smaller amounts of dissolved phosphorus. The Caloosahatchee river crosses phosphatic formations but is derived largely from phosphorus poor Lake Okeechobee and is not so acid when it crosses phosphorus rocks. A charge of phosphate laden low salinity water might accumulate in Tampa Bay or Charlotte Harbor and then be blown out to sea as a fairly intact mass of water before mixing.

The data in Table 7 suggest that adequate phosphorus is found in these waters in excess of that needed for a red tide bloom. After the initial bloom further fertilization can come from fish that swim

TABLE 7
PHOSPHORUS RELATIVE TO RED TIDE

	Cases	PPM Total Mean	Phosphorus Range
Amber water off Ft. Myers July 1947 (Ketchum and Keen, 1947) Nov. 1952 (Marshall and Odum)	5 3	.335 .052	.152630 .036076
during late stages of bloom			
Off Ft. Myers, not at times of Red tide Aug. 1947 (Ketchum and Keen, 1947)	. 5	.029	.019038
Dec. 1952 (Lackey and Odum)	4	.016	.008024
Estuaries which contribute phosphorus Tampa Bay (Marshall and Odum)			
September 27, 28, 1952	15	.318	.125840
Charlotte Harbor, June-Dec., 1952 Caloosahatchee Estuary	2	.376	.327—.425
June, Nov., Dec., 1952	3	.071	.022118
Caribbean open water (Ketchum and Keen, 1947)			.0003015
Indian River, summer 1952	3	.034	.001086

into the area, die and decompose. The data on samples collected from the recent red tide in 1952 by N. Marshall show that lower concentrations are required at least in these last stages of the bloom than might have been surmised from the values taken by Ketchum and Keen (1948). Perhaps, however, during the last stages, the bloom was being dispersed by mixing although the water was recognizably red at the time. To further test these hypotheses a continuous series of samples must be taken regularly until the initial formation stages of the red tide are covered. Of course adequate phosphorus does not guarantee a bloom for there are other factors, but certainly adequate phosphorus is a prerequisite (Specht, 1950; Smith, 1949; Ketchum and Keen 1948)."

If the phosphate going down the rivers into the coastal areas in large amounts is increasing due to expansion of industry and population, further examinations must be made to determine whether the general fertility of some coastal waters is being increased and whether or not this is following desirable lines or is producing undesirable products. The procurement of adequate fishing statistics may permit some examination of change in this respect.

⁽This note was added in press.) Three recent papers and a fresh outburst of red tide in September 1953 at the mouths of Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor have further increased interest in red tide phenomena. (Kierstead, H. and L. Slobodkin, 1953. Journ. of Marine Research, vol. 12, pp. 141-147; Slobodkin, L., 1953. Journ. of Marine Research, vol. 12, pp. 148-155; Chew, F., 1953. Bull. of Marine Science of the Gulf and Caribbean, vol. 2, pp. 610-625.) Slobodkin proposes that a lens of brackish water blowing out from shore on the surface provides a means of developing a critical minimum mass for starting a full bloom. He thinks that the nutrient phosphorus could be concentrated by organisms migrating vertically into the surface layer. Thus he thinks that the amount of phosphorus initially present need not be larger than usual. Chew found patches of low salinity water offshore but found that the red tide was not in these but was in slightly higher salinity waters nearby. He interpreted the lower salinity water as derived from rivers and the higher salinity water which was high in phosphorus as derived from offshore. It seems possible that Chew's lower salinity water could have been from the Caloosahatchee and the red tide water could have originated further north in the polluted Tampa Bay estuary and Charlotte Harbor, Slobodkin's idea of critical mass seems more applicable if applied to nutrient containing water from the polluted estuaries. Even if phosphorus is not a limiting nutrient to red tide blooms, it is likely to be correlated with limiting nutrients from the polluted bays and thus act as a water marker in tracing such water. The repeated localization of the red tide blooms in areas near the mouths of the phosphatic rivers suggests that some causal factor is localized there.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The dissolved phosphorus content of Florida fresh waters is correlated with the underlying phosphatic rock formations of the drainage area.
- 2. The dissolved phosphorus content of Florida estuarine waters is determined by the proximity of the rivers and the phosphorus content of these rivers.
- 3. In the phosphatic districts the dissolved phosphorus is highest in the soft acid streams, lower in lakes due to a biological filtering action, and lowest in springs possibly due to a geological precipitating action.
- 4. The dissolved phosphorus and thus the potential fertility in Florida waters especially in the phosphatic districts is considerably higher than in waters in most other humid regions of the world vet studied.
- 5. Dissolved phosphorus liberated by sewage and by the phosphate industry is producing a high potential fertility in many waters. There is no definite evidence whether or not this is desirable.
- 6. The high frequency of the red tide off the mouths of the Peace and Alafia rivers suggests causal relationship between the large quantities of natural and industrial phosphorus passing down these rivers.
- 7. A program of research is needed to discover what other factors determine how the high potential fertility of Florida's waters is expressed in terms of fish production, water hyacinth growth, and cloudy waters. The natural condition of Florida streams should be studied and recorded as a valid basis for resource use management before further pollution destroys our chance to establish the biological structure of the natural streams.

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	Total P			Inorganie	Total
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Bayport Estuary, May 30, 1952, sample 1 Bayport Estuary, May 30, 1952 sample 2	.018		Mud Spring, Welaka		
Bayport Estuary, May 30, 1952 sample 2 Bayport Estuary, May 30, 1952 sample 3	.010 .024		Nov. 1951* Nov. 1951	.083	
Dayport Detuary, May 50, 1302 sample 5	.924		Beecher Spring, Welaka	.00.	
Chassahowitzka Bay series (With William Jennings, Florida			Nov. 24, 1951°	.145	
Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission)			Nov. 24, 1951° June 6, 1952	.137	9.744
July 22, 1952 aquatic plants listed			June 6, 1952	.120	
Bay, Chara flats	.014		Weekiwachee Springs, Hernando County		
Mouth of Chassahowitzka, Chara and Ruppia	.025 .032		Nov. 29, 1951*	.083	*****
Dog Island, Sayo, Ruppia Alligator creek, Valisneria	.044		Nov. 29, 1951	.073	
Porpoise Bay, Mangrove Island, Sago	.018		May 29, 1952 Wacissa Springs, Jefferson County	.060	21.144
		-	August 3, 1952		.033
Homosussa series July 22, 1952 (With William Jennings,			Ichtucknee Springs, run, Rt. 27, Hildreth	*****	1000
Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission)			Aug. 3, 1952	(4400000)	.072
West of tewn of Homosassa ¼ mile	.030		Aug. 12, 1952	44.000	.060
North of town, ¼ mile	.040		Rainbow Springs, Marion County	0.50	
Halls river	.023		Aug. 22, 1952 Wakulla Springs, Wakulla County	.053	
Brices Cove west of Homosassa	.067		Aug. 12, 1952, boil	08/00/88	.039
			Chassahowitzka Springs, Citrus County		
			Aug. 23, 1952, boil	.013	
II. Inorganic and Total Phosphorus of Spring Waters (With			(with J. H. Davis)	010	
Office of Naval Research) (samples from springs marked by asterisk are aged samples.) Inorganic	Total		Neck below boil Boil of 2nd Spring	.013	-1000
P	P		Down run of 2nd Spring, 1/2 way	.022	411.90
ppm	ppin		Mouth of second spring	.033	
Silver Springs, July 15, 1952, canal entrance	.045		First curve below head springs	.009	
June 30, 1952, 3 miles down run .057	.037		Second curve	.013	* ***
June 30, 1952, 5 miles down run .050 June 80, 1952, in littoral plants .025	.040		Boil of third spring Downstream, %-mile	.019	
Aug. 1C, 1952, boil .036	.021		Downstream, 1¼ miles	.015	
Sept. 3, 1952, boil	.061		Downstream, 1% miles	.018	
Warm Salt Springs, Murdock			Downstream, 3 miles	.019	
June 19, 1952°	.040		Downstream, 4 miles	.017	
June 19, 1952 June 19, 1952	.050		Downstream, 5 miles—estuarine water Downstream, 6 miles—in Gulf	.023	******
June 19, 1952 .013	*****		Su No Wa Springs	.020	******
June 19, 1952 .053			Aug. 10, 1952	.013	
Alexander Springs, Astor Park			Aug. 10, 1952	.022	
March 8, 1952°, boil .067	*****	4	Devils Millhopper Springs, Alachua County	0.40	
March 8, 1952 .070 Aug. 14, 1952, boil .039	.068		Aug. 26, 1952	.060	
Aug. 14, 1952, boil .039 Aug. 14, 1952, ½-mile downstream .045	.061		Aug. 26, 1952 Aug. 26, 1952	.053	
Salt Springs, Marion County	1001		Bonita Springs	.001	
Oct. 9, 1951° .020	*****		June 21, 1952 Hotel		.013
Oct. 9, 1951 .018			Blue Springs, Orange City		
Oct. 9, 1951 .005	007	,	Undated	10-10-10	.123
Aug. 7, 1952 Juniper Springs, Marion County	.027		Manatee Springs Aug. 6, 1952		
Aug. 14, 1952 .013			Boil	.037	.028
Aug. 14, 1952 .017			Down run	.023	1020
Rock Spring, Apopka		,	Down run	.013	
Dec. 27, 1951° .140	.127		Down run	.039	
Dec. 27, 1951 Dec. 27, 1951	.120 .127		Down run River sink, Wakulla County	.048	
Sulphur Springs, Tampa	.121		Feb. 9, 1951	.223	
Dec. 1, 1951° .007			Feb. 9, 1951	.220	*****
Dec. 1, 1951 .017			Buckhorn Spring, Hillsborough County		******
Dec. 1, 1951 .020	-		June 18, 1952	.140	

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	Inorganie	Total	
Constal Services the Constant	ppm	ppm	
Crystal Springs, Pasco County June 18, 1952	.020		
Lithia Springs, Hillsborough County			
June 19, 1952 June 15, 1952	.050	0.15	
Silver Glenn Springs, Marion County		.067	
March 22, 1952 Boil	.001		
August 14, 1952 Boil	.023	.042	
Mouth of Run	.020	.036	
Orange Springs, Marion Co., Aug. 7, 1952 Blue Springs, Gilchrist Co., June 9, 1952	0.00	.095	
Homosassa Springs, Citrus Co., May 29, 1952 Boil	.032		
Blue Springs, Marianna, Jackson, Co., Aug. 1, 1952	.000		
Boil	.013	.021	
Among plants	.033	(4) 14	
Downstream 100 yds. Glen Julia Springs, Gadsden Co., Aug. 1, 1952	.065		
Boil	000	000	
Downrun 50 yds.	.003	.000	
Mouth of run	.032		
Ponce De Leon Spring, Holmes Co., Aug. 2, 1952			
Boil Start of run	.009	.027	
End of run	.005		
Morrison Springs, Walton Co., Aug. 2, 1952	.015	.027	
Blue Springs, Madison Co., Aug. 1952, (With Willian	m	.021	
Beck of Florida State Board of Health)		.060	
Green Cove Springs, Clay Co., Night Series 9-11 p.r	11.		
Aug. 10, 1952 Boil	005	000	
Pool outlet	.005	.006	
Rapids below falls	.005	.005	
Middle bridge	.005	.006	
Next curve	.005	.012	
Last curve Green Cove Springs Day Series	.006	.008	
July 16, 1952 2-4 p.m. Many people in pool at Sta	n n		
Boil	.022		
Pool Outlet	.041		
Rapids below falls	.041	75.00	
Middle bridge Next curve	.018		
Last curve	.008		
LINE CHEVE	.005	** ** *	
III. Total and Inorganic phosphorus in streams of the F (Station numbers of Florida State Board of Health)	eace River s	vstem:	
Ellis Landquist, Univ. of Fla., Dept of Biology)	(11 1011		
Six mile creek south of Bartow, Station p-33, Aug. 8, 1952	0.00		
Peace creek, Ft. Meade, Station p-9, Aug. 7, 1952	3.86 4.86		
Bear branch, Station p-37, Bartow, pH 3.5	4.00	11.5100	
Aug. 4, 1952	66.		
Aug. 4, 1952	96.		
March 2, 1952	178.	2.00	
Bearbranch, Bartow, Station p-35, Aug. 9, 1952 Peace River, Homeland, Station p-11, Aug. 4, 1952	E 00	25.3	
Peace River, Bowling Green, Station p-7, Aug. 5, 1952	5.86	*****	
Peace creek, Station p-16, Aug. 6, 1952		.39	
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		Inorganie	Total
		P	P
	Areadia, Station p-1,	bbm	ppn
	Aug. 3, 1952	5.3	
	June 26, 1952		>3.3
	Peace River, Zolfo Springs, Station p-5, Aug. 3, 1952	* 6	
	Aug. 2, 1952	5.3 5.1	
	Peace creck, east of L. Hancock, Station p-55a,	0.1	
	Aug. 6, 1952		.18
	Paines creek, below Bowling Green, Station p-18,		
	Aug. 8, 1952 Charlie creek, Garderner, Station p-17,		.72
	Aug. 3, 1952		6.0
	Shell creek, Rt. 17, Cleveland, Fla.		.88
	Punta Gorda, June 20, 1952		2.1
	Charlotte Harbor, Punta Gorda, June 20, 1952		.2'
	Horse Creek, Arcadia, June 20, 1952	148	.2'
	Peace River, Bartow, March 2, 1952		>3.3
	Peace creek, east of Eloise, March 2, 1952		.0
	Saddle creck, south of L. Hancock, March 2, 1952 (including much animal plankton)		
	Citrus waste, canal, Snively Plant, Polk Co.,		2.1:
	March 2, 1952		0.
	Peace creek, outlet near Alturus, (near station p-	55a)	.0
	Aug. 19, 1952	,,,,	.0:
	Phosphate water, clear, Pembroke settling basin	1.00	
	Lulu lake outlet, Eloise, (receives Winterhaven	3,644,54	
	sewage, flows into Peace Cr. Aug. 15, 1952) (US	SGS)	.45
Si	wannee-Santa Fe River System		
	(With William Pools Elevide Charles In the American		
	(With William Beck, Florida State Board of Hea	lth)	
	Carver's camp, river backwater, near mouth,		
	Suwannee River, Aug. 7, 1952		.1:
	Small creek, tributary of Santa Fe River, Monteocha, Alachua Co., Aug. 31, 1952		2.53
	Santa Fe River, Rt. 234, Brooker, Bradford Co.,		.15
	Aug. 31, 1952		.18
	Creek, tributary of Santa Fe River, Graham,		.70
	Bradford Co., Aug. 31, 1952		.20
	Suwannee River at Fanning Springs, Aug. 6, 1952		.06
	Santa Fe River, Camp O'lene Park, Sept. 16, 1952 High water		212
	Aug. 29, 1952	41	.16
	Aug. 29, 1952 May 27, 1952		.15
	Santa Fe River, Rt. 441, Sept. 16, 1959		.12
	Santa Fe River, Ft. White Ang 11 1059		.07
	Suwannee River, Bell, Aug. 11, 1952 Suwannee River, White Springs, Aug. 12, 1952		.08
	Suwannee River, White Springs, Aug. 12, 1952 Suwannee River, Branford, Aug. 13, 1952		.33
	Suwannee River, Ellaville, Aug. 12, 1952		.08
	Withlacoochee River, Rocky Ford, Brooks Co., Ga.,		.15
	Aug. 1952		.25
	Withlaccochec River, Rt. 145, Madison Co. Fla.,		
	Aug. 1952		.16
	Withlacoochee River, Pinetta Bridge, Madison		
	Co., Fla., Aug. 1952 Withlacoochee River, Blue Springs Bridge,		.08
	Madison Co., Fla., Aug., 1952		4.07
	Withlacoochee River, junction with Suwannee,		.19;
	Aug. 1952		.10
			120

bbm	.027		Canals and Rivers of South Florida (See figure 8)	bhm	phin
	.027				The state of the s
			(with William Jennings, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission)		
	.184		Tamiami Canal, Ochopee, June 21, 1952		.018
*****	.125		West of Ochopee, 10 miles, June 21, 1952 East of Ochopee, 7.5 miles, June 21, 1952		.051
	1.0		East of Ochopee, 18 miles, June 21, 1952	4011-0	.011
					.057
	.065				.073
	1.4		Collier-Seminole State Park, June 21, 1952	****	.05
******				*****	.01
****	>2.0		Coral Gables Canal, pool, Univ. of Miami		.00
	>1.0		Service Center, June 22, 1952		.15
					.07
A-1-1-1-18-10	>2.0				.00
	.114		Eighteen miles north of Miami, June 22, 1952		.00
***	.087		At Everglades		.1(
		5			.00
******	.660				.0:
*****	.390				O.
	1.81		North of Everglades, 9 miles		.00
	2.37			*****	.00
					.0.
	20.00	1	Belle Glade, June 22, 1952		
*****	1.25				O.C
					0.0
	.097		North New River Canal		
	.450		Rt. 27, June 22, 1952		
	990		At Rolles Canal, Okeelanta, June 22, 1952		.0:
	,160		Lake Okeechobee		
411-44	.107		Bean City, south dike canal, June 22, 1952		
		1	Near mouth of Taylor Creek		.00
*****	.010		north shore, June 22, 1952		.0:
******	.057		Caloosahatchee River		0.1
111.64	.054				.01
	.067				.05
*****	.059		Ft. Myers, June 20, 1952		
	400		Ft. Myers, Dec. 2, 1952 (J. B. Lackey)	1059	07
			Fisheating Creek, Rt. 78, June 22, 1952		- DC
	.014		Indian Prairie Canal, Rt. 78, June 22, 1952		.12
	.011		Rissimmee River		01
	.063		Below Kissimmee, Aug. 19, 1952		.01
	.028	1.	Ft. Bassinger, June 16, 1952		.00
			Taylor Creek, mouth at Lake Okeechobec, June 22,		.05
11.114					.05
	.017		Josephine Creek, De Soto City, Aug. 19, 1952		0.4
		 	 	1.0	1.0

	Inorganie	Total		lno	rganie
	P	P			bbm l.
Small Creek, Rt. 441, Osceola-Okecchobce	bbm	ppm		Lake Jessup, June 23, 1952	1-1
County Line, June 23, 1952		.007		Lake Monroe, Sanford, June 23, 1952	
Small Creek, Rt. 441, 6 miles north of Yehaw Junction, June 23, 1952		.003		Wekiya Kiver, Rt. 46, June 23, 1952 Creek, north shore of Crescent Lake,	
Tenan Sunction, Sunc 23, 1132				Andalusia, July 19, 1952	
Streams of West and Northeast Florida				Lake Washington, marshes, August, (W. Jennings)	
A1- 1-11- Di				Creek, Hastings, Rt. 207, July 14, 1952	
Apalachicola River Chattahoochee, Aug. 26, 1952 (USGS)		200		Crescent Lake, Andalusia, July 19, 1952	
Chattalioochee, Aug. 3, 1952		.200		Clarke cicek, south of Green Cove Springs, Aug. f., 1952	
Perdido River, Barrineau Park, Aug. 23, 1952		.041		74 K, 1902	
(USGS)		.021		IV. Lakes, ponds, sinks	
Escambia River, Century, Aug. 23, 1952 (USGS)		.033		(Some data on lakes in appendix sections on Oklawah	na
Chipola River, Altha, Aug. 11, 1952		005		and St. Johns rivers)	
Aug. 11, 1952 Aug. 1; 1952	*****	.025		Sinks	
Coldwater Creek, Milton, Aug. 24, 1952 (USGS)		.005		Green sink, Univ. of Fla., Gainesville,	
Ochlockonee River, Bloxham,		1000		Aug. 31, 1952	1.01
Aug. 11, 1952 (USGS)		.687		Dairy sirk, Univ. of Fla., Gainesville,	70.00
Aug. 1, 1952		.072		Aug. 31, 1952	
Choctawhatchee River, Caryville, Aug. 2, 1952		000		Sink, Administration Building, Univ. of	
Aug. 26, 1952 (USGS)	******	.033		Fla., Gainesville, Aug. 31, 1952	
St. Mary's River, Macclenny, Sept. 16, 1952 (USGS)		.033	7	Lakes	
Nassau River, Rt. 1, Aug. 10, 1952		.020		Lake Alice, Gainesville,	
				(fertilized surrounding fields, Heron rookery)	
Oklawaha River System				July 16, 1952 (D. Karraker)	.550
				July 16, 1952 (D. Karraker)	.530
Above Silver River, Aug. 9, 1952	.003	.041		Lake Santa Fe, July 13, 1952	.015
Rt. 40, Aug. 1952 Eureka, Aug. 7, 1952		.043		Lake Geneva, Keystone Heights, July 16, 1952	
Sureka, 1952		.040		Brooklyn Lake, Keystone Heights, July 16, 1952 Kingsley Lake, July 16, 1952	
Moss Bluff, Aug. 18, 1952		.027	10	Hampton Lake, Bradford Co., Aug. 31, 1952	
Orange Springs, Aug. 20, 1952	******	.050		Newnan's Lake, Gainesville, Aug. 31, 1952	
Lake Griffin (headwater of Oklawaha,				West edge	
receives sewage), June 23, 1952		.152		Outlet	
Orange Lake Outlet, Citra, July 22, 1952 Lochloosa Lake outlet, Lochloosa, July 22, 1942	******	.141		May 16, 1952 Lake Kanapaha, Gainesville, Aug. 31, 1952	1.0
Lochloosa Creek, Grove Park,	****	.453		East Tohopekaliga Lake outlet, St. Cloud,	
Orange Creck, Aug. 20, 1952	******	.127		Aug. 21, 1952 (USGS)	
Creck near Mud lake, Aug. 7, 1952		.033		Tohopekeliga Lake Outlet, St. Cloud.	
Haines Creek, Lisbon, Aug. 18, 1952	*****	.027		Aug. 21, 1952 (USGS)	
St. Juliu's Pinas Sustant (see Sussan 6)				Lake Rochelle, town of Lake Alfred, March 2, 1952	
St. John's River System (see figure 9)				Johnson Lake, Clay Co., June, 1952 (M. Westfall) Pebble Lake, Putnam Co., June, 1952 (M. Westfall)	
Lake George, at Silver Glen Springs,				Lake Ola, Mt. Dora, June 20, 1952 (W. Jennings)	
Aug. 14, 1952		.044		Spring Lake, Winterhaven, Fla., March 2, 1952	
St. John's River, Green Cove Springs,				Lake Dora, Mt. Dora, June 20, 1952 (W. Jennings)	
July 16, 1952		.119		Lake Weir, Oklawaha, June 20, 1952 (W. Jennings)	
Doctor's Lake, Rt. 17, Aug. 9, 1952	11144	065		Lake Okeechobee,	
Ortega River, Rt. 21, Aug. 9, 1952	** -*-	.044		Clewiston, June 22, 1952	
Black creek, Rt. 17, Aug. 9, 1952 Trout creek, Dinsmore, Rt. 1, Aug. 19, 1952	*****	.040		North shore, June 22, 1952 Bivin's Arms, Gainesville, July 11, 1952	177 17
St. Johns River, Crows Bluff, Volusia Co.,		.121		Unfiltered	.070
(K. Strawn) Sept. 3, 1952		.117		Filtered	1010
St. Johns River, Rt. 192, June 23, 1952		.007		Lake Eustis, Tavares, June 23, 1952	
St. Johns River, Rt. 50, June 23, 1952		.015		Clubhouse Lake, 7 miles east of Keystone	763
St. Johns River (Palatka), July 19, 1952	.015	.061		Heights, June 15, 1952 (H. Hansen)	
Econlockhatchee River,	0.1			Reedy Lake, outlet, Frostproof, Aug. 19, 1952 (USGS)	
Rt. 419, Oviedo, June 23, 1952 Chulota (USGS), July 29, 1952	3.1	2.67		Istokpoga Lake, outlet canal, Cornwell, Aug. 19, 1952 (USGS)	
		2.01			

Total Inorganie ppm ppm Red Water Lake, 6 miles southeast of Hawthorne, Sept. 10, 1952 (H. Hansen) 197 Johnson Lake, 4 miles north of Gainesville, Sept. 8, 1952 039 Hanna Lake, outlet, Lutz, Aug. 8, 1952 (USGS) Hutchins Lake, outlet, Lutz, Aug. 8, 1952 (USGS) .061 .016 Lake Wauberg, Gainesville, July 6, 1952 .087 July 25, 1952 June 27, 1952 .091 .127Lake Winnemesset, DeLand, Aug. 29, 1952 .024 Small Ponds, Pools, Marshes Flatwoods pond, roadside ditch connection, Alachua Co., 4.2 miles north of Rt. 24 on Monteocha road, Aug. 31, 1952 .072Pool, marshy margins of Lake Kerr, north shore, Marion Co., Aug. 7, 1952 Swampy tributary in Suwannee floodplain, Carver's .000 camp, 10 miles south of Oldtown, Aug. 6, 1952 .112.... Pond in Hammock, Duckweed covered, Rt. 329, 4 miles south of Rt. 235, 3 miles cast of La Crosse, Alachua Co., Aug. 31, 1952 .190 Flatwoods pond, Rt. 301, 1 mile north of Orange Heights, Alachua Co., Aug. 31, 1952 .030Boat basin, near mouth of Silver Springs, .035Creek, sluggish meander in cypress swamp, Rt. 52. San Antonio, June 18, 1952 .004 Pond, sandy dunes, maidencane, in scrub area, Rt. 19, north of Weekiwachee Springs, Hernando Co., May 30, 1952 .001 Pond, sand dunes, maidencane, in scrub area, Rt. 19. Weekiwachee Springs, Hernando Co., May 30, 1952 .004Pond, sand dunes, maidencane, in scrub area, Rt. 19, north of Weekiwachee Springs, Hernando Co., May 30, 1952 .008 Marsh water, seepage from Fowlers Prarie, Rt. 20, Putnam Co., June 9, 1952 .260Flatwoods pond, 14-1/2 mile south of Devils Millhopper, Alachua Co., Sept. 11, 1952 .070Edgar Clay Pits, Edgar, Putnam Co., 25 miles east of Gainesville, Sept. 10, 1952 .027Pond, 7/10 miles south of Wachoota, Alachua Co., Sept. 11, 1952 1.0 Slough between Kanapaha Prarie and Levy Lake, .017 Alachua Co., Sept. 11, 1952 Pond, hyacinth filled, along road, 12.2 miles south of Wachoota, Alachua Co., Sept. 11, 1952 .077Flatwoods pond, along road, 11.3 miles south of Wachoota, Alachua Co., Sept. 11, 1952 .433Watermelon pond, Archer, July 30, 1952 .044Pond, watershield, just north of Watermelon Pond, Archer, July 30, 1952 .136 Cummer Limestone Co. Quarry, Ocala, Aug. 18, 1952 .353 Tsala Apopka Lake, pond-like coves, Rt. 200, June 18, 1952 .013 Tsala Apopka Lake, small stream draining margins, Rt. 200, June 18, 1952 .027Pond, Marion Co., 11/2 miles east of Rt. 42 and Rt. 450, Aug. 30, 1952

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