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Re: Lancaster Sanitary Landfill
WE Project No. 01339035

Dear Mr. Mitrey:

Pursuant to our meeting this afternoon with regard to the above-referenced landfill facility, I enclose herewith the following:

Table 1 (six pages)
Table 2
Figures 1 through 6

This information summarizes the groundwater monitoring program results from January, 1981 to September, 1983. We completed this study during November, 1983 and, therefore, results subsequent to the September, 1983 sampling are not included. As discussed during today's meeting, this information was apparently inadvertently not submitted to the Department. A very brief verbal description of this information follows:

Although there is a wide scatter of reported values for most parameters, several general trends can be seen. The reported levels for organics (benzene, ethylbenzene, ethylene chloride, toluene, trichloroethylene and vinyl chloride) are generally below detection limits or extremely close to detection limits. However, several extremely high values are observed, predominantly for toluene in 1981, which does not seem consistent with the remaining data. Well W-3 is the only well which has shown consistently elevated values of organics. This well is clearly a downgradient well, showing groundwater quality degradation in other parameters as well. Manganese values are elevated in Well W-3 and exceed, at this location, the Class GA groundwater standards as defined by the NYSDEC. Substantial differences in manganese concentrations are seen between the up-gradient wells (i.e., W-5, W-6A, W-7, etc.) and the downgradient well W-3.

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Iron concentrations are elevated in all wells. This is most likely a reflection of naturally high iron concentrations within the Onondaga Limestone. The reported values for ammonia nitrogen and nitrate nitrogen are low in all cases. Furthermore, in the case of nitrate, the observed levels are well below the standards for Class GA groundwaters (see Tables 1 and 2).

pH values (Figure 1) have fluctuated greatly in several cases, i.e., W-7, and to a lesser extent, B-24D. With these exceptions, the remainder of the reported values generally fall within the Class GA range of 6.5 - 8.5. It may be worth noting, however, that the observed pH values at Well W-3 (downgradient) are significantly lower than the values reported for other sampling locations. In addition, there has been a general decrease in the reported pH value at all locations during the last year.

Figure 2 indicates the plot of specific conductance (in umhos/cm) vs. time. Although significant scatter of results has occurred in the past, the reported values of specific conductance seem to be "levelling off" at all sampling locations. There are no standards, per se, for the levels of conductance. In general, conductance and TDS (for which standards exist) values are closely linked. In addition to existing guidelines for TDS values, upon close examination of the data presented, the background levels of conductance appear to fall between 500 and 1,000 umhos/cm. Values exceeding the 1,000 umhos/cm level are limited to the downgradient well W-3 and the highly fluctuating values at W-6A.

Figure 3 depicts reported alkalinity values. Reported values are extremely variable and in some instances point to laboratory or sampling techniques, i.e., May, 1982 values are all extremely high. Chloride concentrations vs. time are depicted in Figure 4. Tremendous scattering of values, both at a given location and a given time, are observed. However, most of the reported values are below Class GA standards. It should, however, be noted that chloride concentrations are lower in the upgradient wells (W-5, B-24D, etc.) and higher in the downgradient wells (W-3, W-8). Finally, Figure 5 depicts TOC concentrations vs. time at various sampling locations. Again, the reported values are highly scattered.



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Please review this data with regard to the recent decision to re-evaluate the adequacy of the current groundwater monitoring program. We will be contacting you during the week of March 26th to discuss the matter in detail. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James R. Woods', written over the typed name.

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TABLE 1
LANCASTER SANITARY LANDFILL
GROUND-WATER QUALITY DATA SUMMARY
Well Number 3
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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		7.44	6.77	6.45	6.56	6.56	6.51	6.54	6.78	6.45	--	--	--	6.67	0.29	0.31
Conductance	umhos/cm	2100	1050	1480	1580	822	1280	1620	2410	1300	--	--	--	155.78	466.39	494.68
Alkalinity	ppm	6.6	470	600	540	430	290	760	800	390	--	--	--	476.29	228.42	242.28
Chloride	ppm	270	69	140	210	67	320	243	460	180	--	--	--	217.67	117.80	124.94
TOC	ppm	16	10	20	21	16	<1	53	6.9	4.0	--	--	--	16.43	14.51	15.40
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	9.1	6.4	8.1	6.6	10	0.52	5.8	5.6	1.5	--	--	--	5.96	3.00	3.18
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	1.5	0.49	0.15	0.1	0.79	0.42	<0.05	0.09	<0.05	--	--	--	0.40	0.46	0.48
Fe (Total)	ppm	37	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	15	26	9.3	17	2.5	36	17	8.0	--	--	--	16.35	9.96	10.64
Mn (Total)	ppm	3.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	1.2	3.1	3.1	0.20	0.57	3.6	3.5	1.6	--	--	--	2.11	1.29	1.37
Benzene	ppb	<20	310	29	11	11	≤10	12	12	10	--	--	--	47.22	93.10	98.74
Ethylbenzene	ppb	34	<10	14	≤5	<10	≤10	≤10	≤10	<7.2	--	--	--	≤12.24	8.02	8.51
Methylene Chloride	ppb	120	<1	<5	<5	68	14	<20	<10	20	--	--	--	<29.22	37.25	39.51
Toluene	ppb	67	75	21	≤10	≤10	≤10	15	20	18	--	--	--	27.33	23.76	25.20
Trichloroethylene	ppb	33	<5	120	78	18	22	78	≤10	42	--	--	--	45.11	36.57	38.79
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	<40	<10	74	98	<10	15	35	≤10	38	--	--	--	36.67	29.39	31.17

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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		9.66	8.87	7.55	7.37	8.34	7.58	7.71	7.64	7.63	7.58	7.99	7.13	7.92	0.68	0.71
Conductance	umhos/cm	355	371	551	550	475	559	620	599	670	580	578	562	539.17	90.32	94.34
Alkalinity	ppm	97	140	300	240	250	440	390	300	270	346	283	297	279.42	90.76	94.79
Chloride	ppm	4.4	3.5	10	8.3	5.5	3.8	8.0	11	6.5	1.3	2.6	15.1	6.67	3.82	4.00
TOC	ppm	1.9	<2	≤ 1	<1	1.0	1.5	5	<1	3.0	4.0	<0.5	18.1	3.33	4.64	4.85
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	0.17	<0.1	<0.1	0.15	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.10	<0.093	<0.05	0.15	0.11	0.03	0.03
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	<0.2	<0.1	<0.1	0.10	0.24	<0.1	0.23	0.08	0.05	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.21	0.19	0.20
Fe (Total)	ppm	0.55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.5	4.39	2.1	4.89	4.60	5.32
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	0.04	<0.02	<0.05	0.40	4.9	0.23	0.11	0.45	0.5	0.15	0.2	0.64	1.36	1.42
Mn (Total)	ppm	<0.02	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.19	0.07	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.08
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	<0.02	<0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Benzene	ppb	<20	<10	<10	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	30	<1	<1			
Ethylbenzene	ppb	<40	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Methylene Chloride	ppb	<2	<1	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Toluene	ppb	220	200	<20	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Trichloroethylene	ppb	<2	<2	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	16	1	2			
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	<50	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			

TABLE 1
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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		--	8.24	7.40	7.43	7.74	7.44	7.44	7.28	7.76	7.17	7.15	6.83	7.44	0.36	0.37
Conductance	umhos/cm	--	940	10,100	830	730	780	759	817	1,380	900	904	538	1,698.0	2,664.1	2,794.2
Alkalinity	ppm	--	320	310	280	320	320	860	340	1,600	317	283	402	486.55	385.54	404.36
Chloride	ppm	--	110	80	77	77	72	69	44	210	97.2	109	116	96.47	41.28	43.30
TOC	ppm	--	12	14	4.0	2.9	2.5	12	1.0	1.0	<0.5	<0.5	41.5	8.35	11.57	12.13
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	--	0.28	0.32	0.60	0.34	0.22	0.3	0.24	0.19	0.99	<0.05	0.12	0.33	0.25	0.26
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	--	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.30	0.24	<0.05	0.06	<0.05	<0.1	<0.1	1.7	0.26	0.46	0.48
Fe (Total)	ppm	--	5.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.7	1.06	1.8	2.42	1.58	1.82
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	--	0.28	<0.05	0.55	0.14	0.15	0.19	0.67	0.09	<0.01	<0.1	0.22	0.21	0.22
Mn (Total)	ppm	--	0.14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<0.1	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.03	0.04
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	--	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.20	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.10	0.09	0.04	0.04
Benzene	ppb	--	290	<10	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Ethylbenzene	ppb	--	34	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Methylene Chloride	ppb	--	<1	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Toluene	ppb	--	82	<20	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Trichloroethylene	ppb	--	<5	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	2	2	3			
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	--	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			

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GROUND-WATER QUALITY DATA SUMMARY
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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		8.22	7.87	7.25	--	--	10.91	11.41	9.65	9.76	10.61	10.52	9.40	9.56	1.32	1.39
Conductance	umhos/cm	1,610	1,800	2,100	--	--	438	580	219	276	320	348	--	854.56	710.68	753.79
Alkalinity	ppm	180	380	530	--	--	190	650	120	110	149	188	--	277.44	184.86	196.08
Chloride	ppm	390	270	470	--	--	18	13	11	14	17.0	14.3	--	135.26	177.19	187.94
TOC	ppm	6.0	12	16	--	--	1.5	6	4.0	<1	<0.5	<0.5	41.0	8.85	11.79	12.43
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	0.27	0.24	<0.1	--	--	0.21	0.2	0.20	0.17	0.44	<0.05	--	0.21	0.10	0.11
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.38	0.61	<0.1	--	--	0.84	0.33	0.83	0.40	0.6	0.3	--	0.49	0.24	0.25
Fe (Total)	ppm	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.2	0.92	0.6	5.68	8.85	10.22
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	0.67	0.10	--	--	0.25	0.03	3.3	0.19	<0.1	0.06	<0.1	0.53	1.00	1.06
Mn (Total)	ppm	0.10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<0.01	<0.01	0.1	0.06	0.05	0.05
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	0.13	0.25	--	--	<0.02	<0.02	0.04	<0.02	<0.01	<0.01	0.10	0.67	0.08	0.08
Benzene	ppb	<30	<10	<10	--	--	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Ethylbenzene	ppb	<10	<10	<5	--	--	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Methylene Chloride	ppb	3	<1	<5	--	--	≤10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Toluene	ppb	<100	130	<20	--	--	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Trichloroethylene	ppb	<2	<5	8	--	--	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	1	1			
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	<50	<10	11	--	--	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			

TABLE 1
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GROUND-WATER QUALITY DATA SUMMARY
Well Number 8
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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		--	7.98	7.69	7.97	7.98	7.59	8.03	7.60	7.38	7.71	7.35	6.61	7.63	0.39	0.41
Conductance	umhos/cm	--	980	842	868	675	958	840	850	840	820	379	464	774.18	182.98	191.91
Alkalinity	ppm	--	230	250	290	290	200	310	360	280	247	175	358	271.82	56.22	58.96
Chloride	ppm	--	160	140	86	58	180	127	110	130	130	10.0	75.5	109.68	46.57	48.84
TOC	ppm	--	2.1	<1	10	5.3	<1	7.5	87	6.5	4.0	67.0	41.0	21.13	28.73	30.13
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	--	<0.1	<0.1	0.11	0.11	<0.1	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	1.9	<0.05	1.6	0.40	0.64	0.67
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	--	1.3	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.7	2.5	4.6	1.6	1.8	<0.1	1.5	1.84	1.04	1.09
Fe (Total)	ppm	--	4.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.2	34.8	0.4	9.93	14.45	16.69
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	--	<0.02	<0.02	0.24	0.24	0.04	0.49	0.12	<0.1	0.07	<0.1	0.14	0.14	0.15
Mn (Total)	ppm	--	0.10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	<0.01	0.24	0.68	0.26	0.26	0.30
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	--	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.23	0.59	
Benzene	ppb	--	<10	<10	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Ethylbenzene	ppb	--	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Methylene Chloride	ppb	--	<1	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Toluene	ppb	--	710	<20	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Trichloroethylene	ppb	--	1.2	≤5	≤5	<10	<10	<10	≤10	5.5	3	2	4			
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	--	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			

TABLE 1
LANCASTER SANITARY LANDFILL
GROUND-WATER QUALITY DATA SUMMARY
Well Number B-24D
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Parameter	Units	1/81	3/81	5/81	8/81	11/81	3/82	5/82	8/82	12/82	3/83	6/83	9/83	Mean	Standard Deviation	
															σ_n	σ_{n-1}
pH		8.58	8.16	7.56	8.29	9.08	9.17	8.19	8.35	9.16	8.25	7.78	7.70	8.36	0.53	0.55
Conductance	umhos/cm	216	320	330	258	95	128	210	114	119	380	379	338	240.58	103.64	108.25
Alkalinity	ppm	65	140	340	140	66	110	2,300	580	96	142	175	192	362.17	600.33	627.03
Chloride	ppm	19	11	6.5	5.4	7.0	6.5	3.4	4.5	6.4	6.4	10.0	4.0	7.51	4.06	4.24
TOC	ppm	10	9.0	6.0	13	17	1.0	10	22	1.0	46.0	67.0	18.0	18.33	18.61	19.44
Ammonia Nitrogen	ppm	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.21	<0.1	0.13	0.1	0.18	0.11	3.1	<0.05	0.07	0.36	0.83	0.86
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	3.7	<0.2	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	1.7	<0.1	<0.1	0.53	1.05	1.10
Fe (Total)	ppm	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.5	34.8	20.0	42.08	34.32	39.63
Fe (Soluble)	ppm	--	1.0	0.13	0.14	<0.05	0.19	0.23	8.9	0.45	<0.1	0.07	0.2	1.04	2.50	2.62
Mn (Total)	ppm	0.55	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.27	0.24	0.19	0.31	0.14	0.16
Mn (Soluble)	ppm	--	0.10	0.11	0.05	<0.01	0.02	0.04	0.14	<0.02	0.15	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.05
Benzene	ppb	<30	<10	<10	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Ethylbenzene	ppb	<60	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Methylene Chloride	ppb	<2	<1	<5	≤5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Toluene	ppb	240	<80	<20	≤10	≤10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			
Trichloroethylene	ppb	<2	<5	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	2	1			
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	<40	<10	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10	<10	ND	<1	<1	<1			

ND = Not Detected

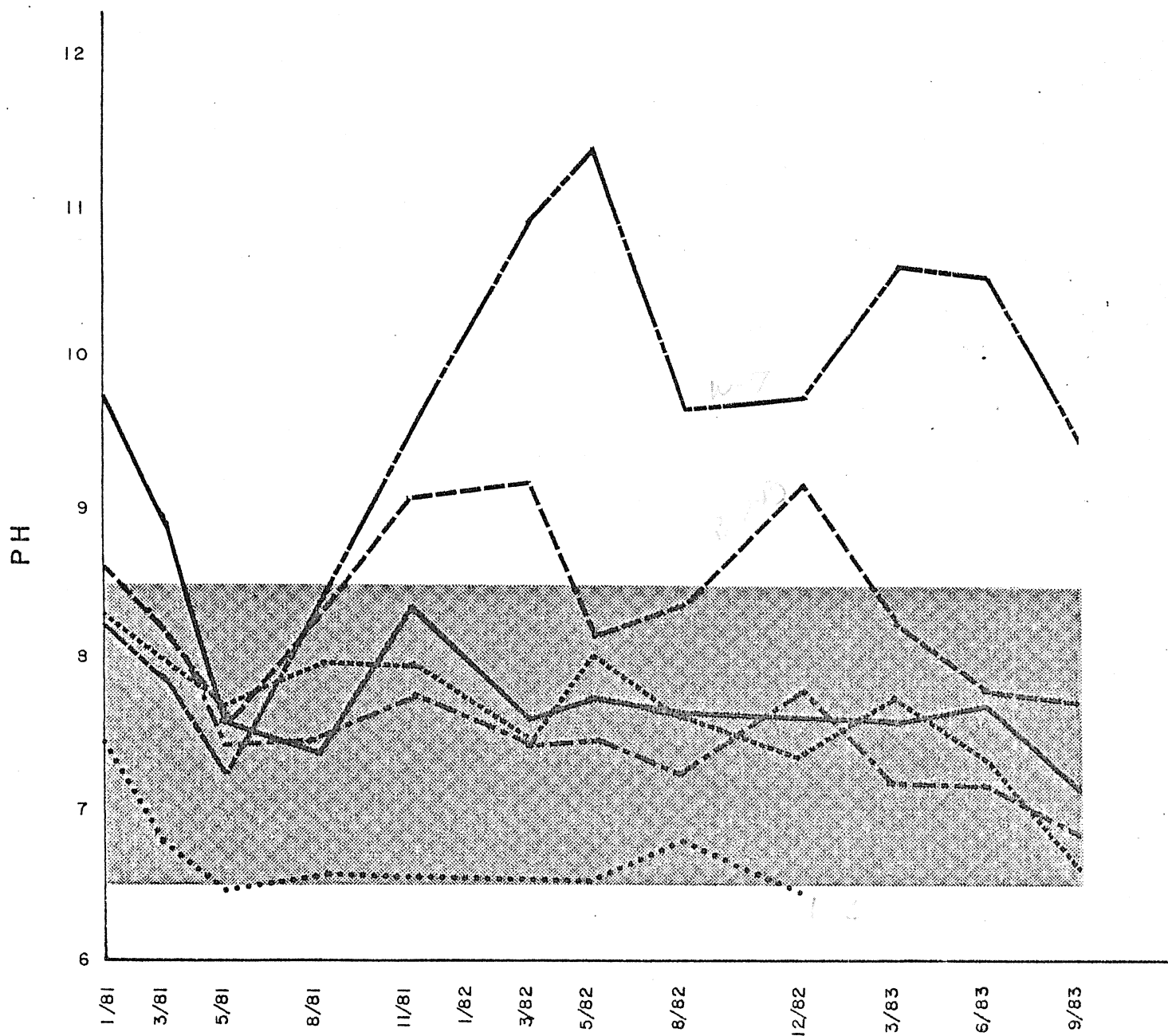
TABLE 2
GROUND-WATER STANDARDS
LANCASTER SANITARY LANDFILL

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>MAXIMUM LEVEL</u>
Chloride	250 ppm
Iron	0.3 ppm*
Manganese	0.3 ppm*
Nitrate	10 ppm
pH	6.5 - 8.5
Vinyl Chloride	5 ppb
Trichloroethylene	10 ppb
Benzene	Not Detectable

* Combined iron and manganese level not to exceed 0.5 ppm.

Parameters listed above are only those which are presently being analyzed. Maximum levels shown are in accordance with Class GA waters, as defined by the NYDEC.

FIGURE 1



LEGEND:

- W-5
- - - W-6A
- · - W-7
- W-8
- · — B-24D
- W-3



WITHIN WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

FIGURE 2

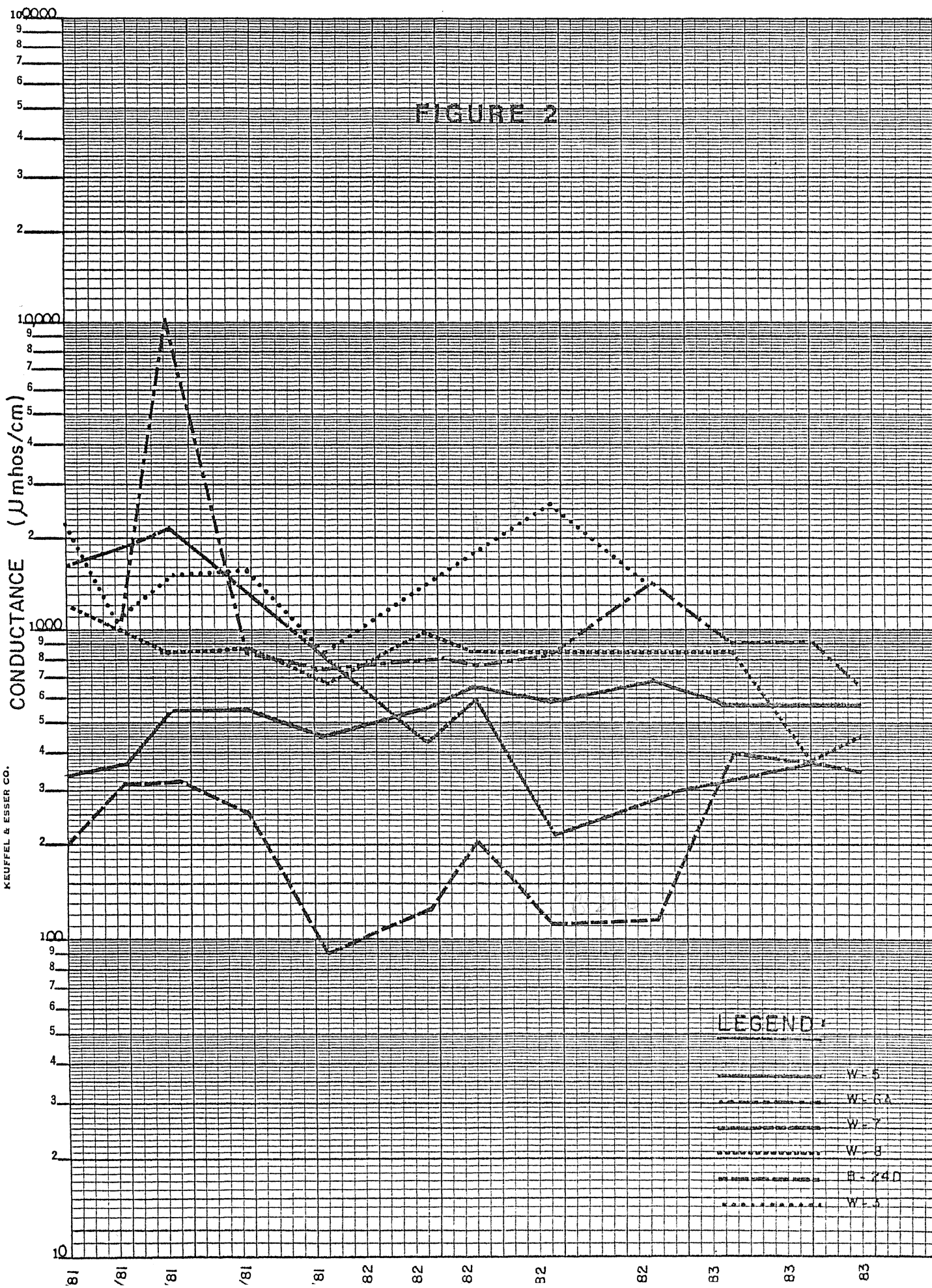
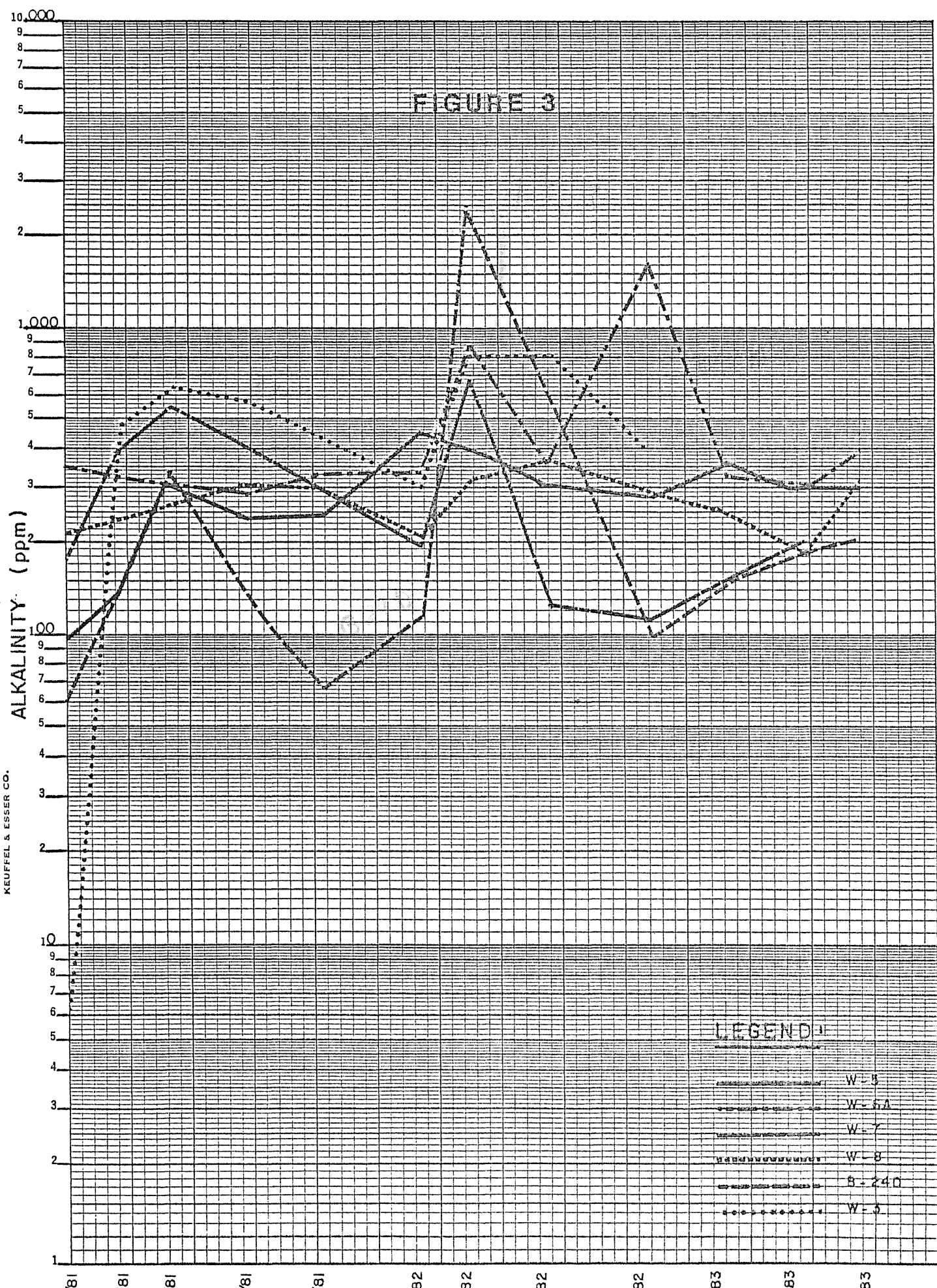


FIGURE 3



LEGEND

- W-3
- W-5A
- W-7
- W-8
- S-240
- W-5

FIGURE 4

LEGEND:

- W-5
- W-6A
- W-7
- W-8
- BI-240
- W-3

AT OR BELOW
WATER QUALITY
STANDARDS

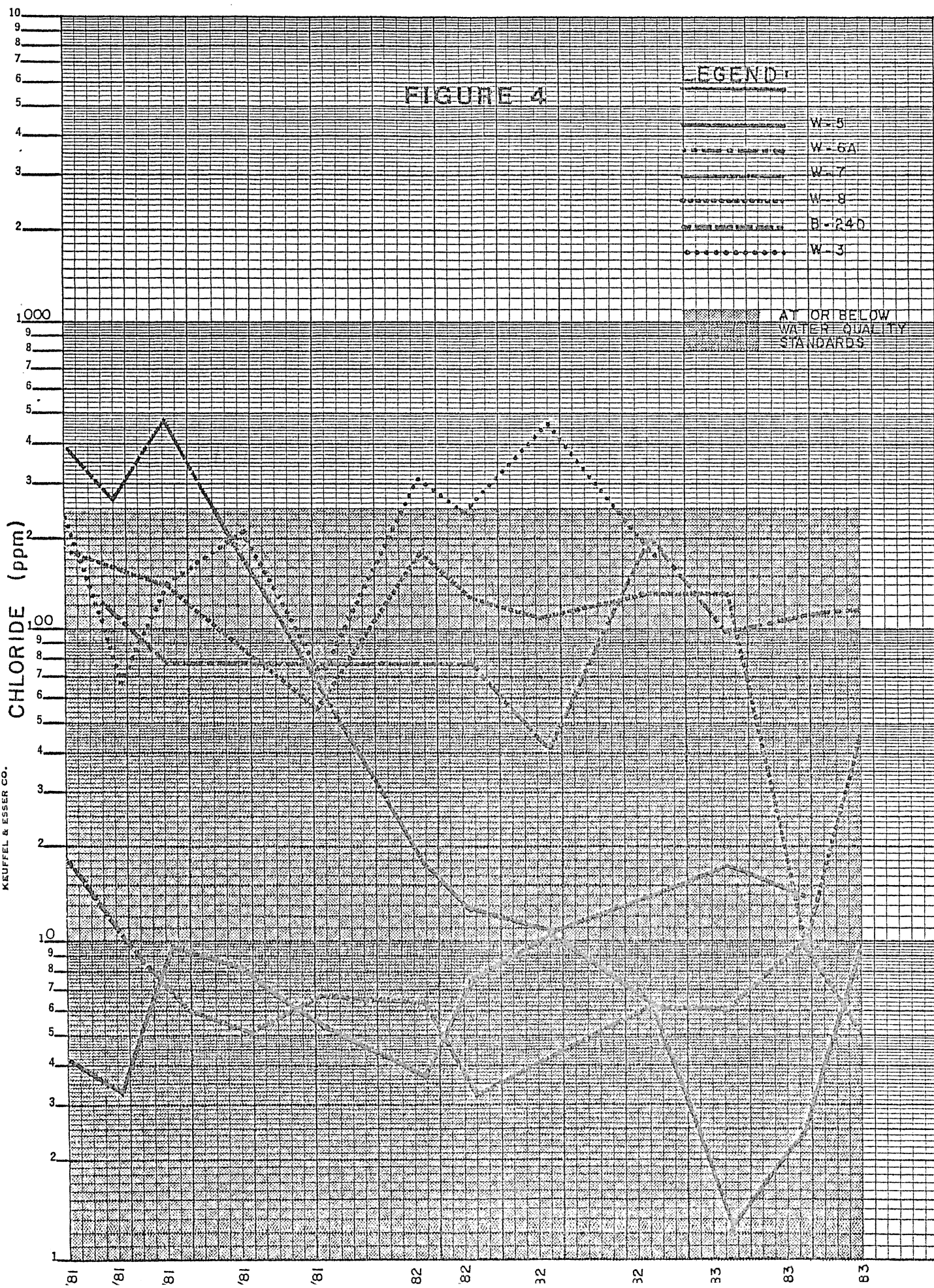


FIGURE 5

LEGEND

- W-5
- W-6A
- W-7
- W-8
- B-24D
- W-3

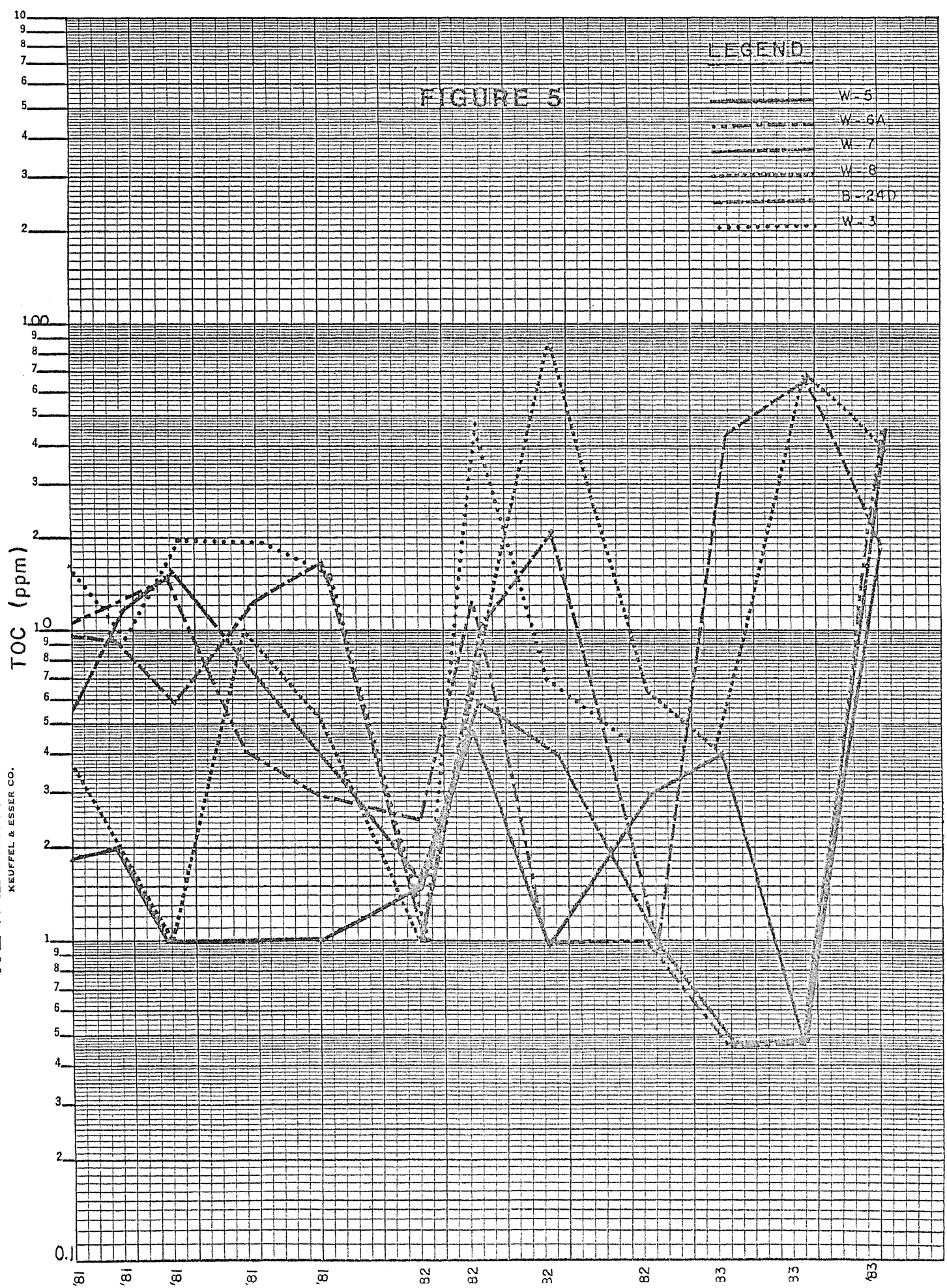
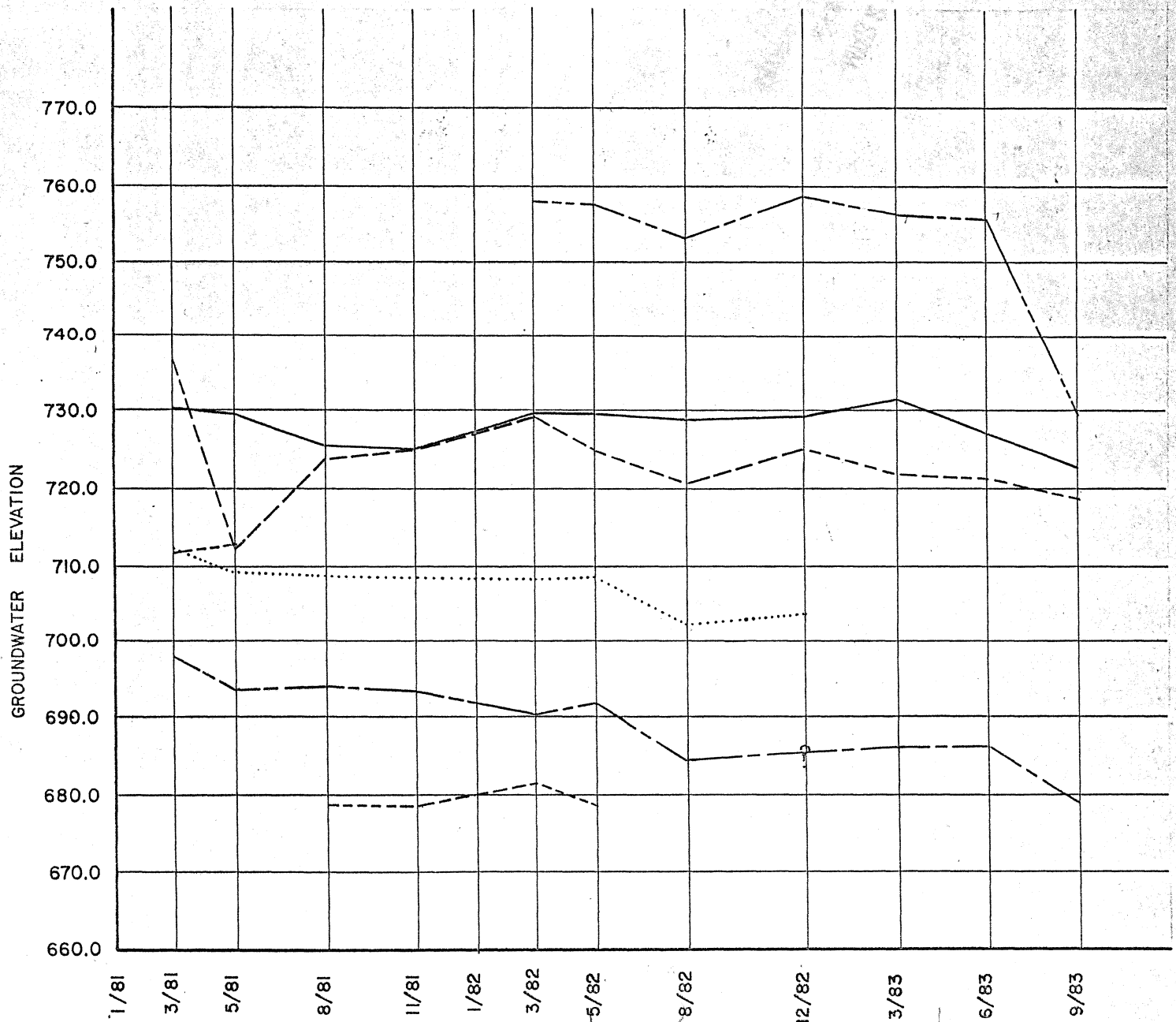


FIGURE 6



LEGEND :

- W-5
- - - - W-6A
- . - . W-7
- - - - W-8
- - - - B-24D
- W-3