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## PREFACE

This volume of the annual hydrologic data report of Wisconsin is one of a series of annual reports that document hydrologic data gathered from the U.S. Geological Survey's surface- and ground-water data-collection networks in each State, Puerto Rico, and the Trust Territories. These records of streamflow, ground-water levels, and water quality provide the hydrologic information needed by State, local, and Federal agencies, and the private sector for developing and managing our Nation's land and water resources.

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Period of record
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE SUPERIOR</b>			
Tower Avenue at Superior, WI	04024080	0.034	1993–95
Little Balsam Creek at Patzau, WI	04024314	4.89	1976–78
Little Balsam Creek near Patzau, WI	04024315	5.05	1976–78
Little Balsam Creek Tributary near Patzau, WI	04024318	0.60	1976–78
Little Balsam Creek near Foxboro, WI	04024320	6.27	1977–78
Amnicon River near Poplar (Amnicon Falls), WI	04025000	110	1914–16
Bois Brule (Brule) River near Brule, WI	04026000	160	1914–17
Sioux River near Washburn, WI	04026300*	33.9	1965–66
Pine Creek at Moquah, WI	04026347	6.20	1976–78
Pine Creek Tributary at Moquah, WI	04026348	0.48	1976–78
Pine Creek near Moquah, WI	04026349	19.9	1976–78
Bad River near Mellen, WI	04026450*	82.0	1971–75
Bad River at Mellen, WI	04026500	98.3	1948–55
Alder Creek near Upson, WI	04026870	22.2	1972–77
Montreal River near Kimball, WI	04028500	100	1924–26
West Fork Montreal River at Gile, WI	04029000	75.0	1918–26, 1943–47
West Fork Montreal River near Kimball, WI	04029500	86.2	1924–26
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE MICHIGAN</b>			
North Branch Pine River at Windsor Dam nr Alvin, WI	04063640*	27.8	1967–68
Pine River near Florence, WI	04064000	510	1914–23
Menominee River, at Mouth, at Marinette, WI	04067651	4,070	1988–90, 1994–95
Peshtigo River at High Falls near Crivitz, WI	04068000	537	1912–57
Pensaukee River near Krakow, WI	04071795	35.8	1993–95
Pensaukee River near Pensaukee, WI	04071858	134	1973–96
Suamico River at Suamico, WI	04072000	60.7	1951–52
Lawrence Creek near Westfield, WI	04072750	13.4	1968–73
Grand River near Kingston, WI	04073050	73.5	1968–75
West Branch White River near Wautoma, WI	04073405	38.9	1964–65
Silver Creek at South Koro Road near Ripon, WI	040734644	36.2	1987–96
Wolf River near White Lake, WI	04075000	485	1935–38
Evergreen Creek near Langlade, WI	04075200*	8.09	1964–73
Wolf River above West Branch Wolf River, WI	04075500	616	1928–62
West Branch Wolf River at Neopit, WI	04076000	93.2	1911–17
West Branch Wolf River near Keshena, WI	04076500	163	1928–32
Wolf River near Shawano, WI	04077400	816	1907–09, 1910–2001
Little Wolf River near Galloway, WI	04079602	22.6	1974–79
Spaulding Creek near Big Falls, WI	04079700*	5.57	1964–66
Little Wolf River at Royalton, WI	04080000	507	1914–70, 1983–85
Tomorrow River near Nelsonville, WI	04080798	44.0	1993–95
Emmons Creek near Rural, WI	04080950	25.1	1968–74
Storm Sewer to Mirror Lake at Waupaca, WI	04080976	0.04	1971–74
Waupaca River near Waupaca, WI	04081000	265	1916–66, 1983–85
Daggets Creek at Butte Des Morts, WI	04081800	10.6	1977
West Branch Fond du Lac River at Fond du Lac, WI	04083000	83.1	1939–54
Parsons Creek, Upstream Site, near Fond du Lac, WI	04083420	5.3	1997–2001
Parsons Creek, Downstream Site, near Fond du Lac, WI	04083425	5.7	1997–2001
East Branch Fond du Lac River near Fond du Lac, WI	04083500	78.4	1939–54
Brothertown Creek at Brothertown, WI	04084200	5.10	1976–77
East River at Midway Road near De Pere, WI	04085109	47.0	1993–95

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Bower Creek, at County MM, near De Pere, WI	04085119	14.8	1991-95,1996-97
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE MICHIGAN--CONTINUED</b>			
East Twin River at Mishicot, WI	04085281	110	1972-96
Otter Creek, at Willow Road, near Plymouth, WI	040857005	9.5	1991-2002
Onion River at Hingham, WI	04085813	37.2	1979-80
Onion River near Sheboygan Falls, WI	04085845	94.1	1979-82
Milwaukee River at Kewaskum, WI	04086150	138	1968-81
North Branch Milwaukee River near Random Lake, WI	040863075	51.4	1993-95
Mud Lake Outlet near Decker Corner, WI	04086488	7.36	1983-84
Lincoln Creek, at 47th Street, at Milwaukee, WI	040869415	9.56	1993-1995, 1997 <sup>1</sup>
Milwaukee River above North Ave Dam at Milwaukee, WI	04087010	702	1982-84
Menomonee River at Germantown, WI	04087018	19.0	1975-77
Jefferson Park Drainageway at Germantown, WI	04087019	1.82	1976-78
Menomonee River at Butler, WI	04087040	60.6	1975-79
Little Menomonee River near Freistadt, WI	04087050	8.0	1975-79
Noyes Creek at Milwaukee, WI	04087060	1.94	1975-80, 1990
Schoonmaker Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087125	1.94	1975-79
Hawley Road Storm Sewer at Milwaukee, WI	04087130	1.83	1975-77
Menomonee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087138	134	1982-84
Kinnickinnic River at Milwaukee, WI	04087160	20.4	1976-83
Milwaukee River at Mouth at Milwaukee, WI	04087170	872	1994-96
<b>ST. CROIX RIVER BASIN</b>			
Namekagon River at Leonards, WI	05331833	126	1996-2001
Namekagon River at Trego, WI	05332000	433	1914-27
Loon Creek near Danbury, WI	05335010	17.6	1970-71
Bashaw Brook near Shell Lake, WI	05335380	26.6	1964-66
Clam River near Webster, WI	05335500	361	1941-42
St. Croix River near Grantsburg, WI	05336000	2,980	1923-70
Wood River near Grantsburg, WI	05339000	185	1939-40
Rice Creek near Balsam Lake, WI	05341375	12.5	1988-89
Balsam Branch at Balsam Lake, WI	05341402	52.8	1988-90
Deer Lake Tributary #1, Upstream Site, near Centuria, WI	05341404	0.04	1998-99,2000-01
Deer Lake Tributary #1, Downstream Site, near Centuria, WI	05341405	0.38	1998-2001
<b>CHIPPEWA RIVER BASIN</b>			
West Fork Chippewa River at Lessards, nr Winter, WI	05355500	474	1912-16
Couderay River near Couderay, WI	05356121	169	1981-83
Flambeau River at Flambeau Flowage (Flambeau Reservoir), WI	05357500	622	1927-61
Flambeau River near Butternut, WI	05358000	688	1914-39
Pine Creek near Oxbo, WI	05358300	38.9	1971-75
Flambeau River at Babbs Island near Winter, WI	05358500	967	1929-75
South Fork Flambeau River near Phillips, WI	05359500	609	1929-75
Price Creek near Phillips, WI	05359600*	16.9	1964-66
Flambeau River near (at) Ladysmith, WI	05360000	1,790	1903-06, 1914-61
Chippewa River near Holcombe, WI	05361000	3,720	1944-49
South Fork Jump River near Ogema, WI	05361500	327	1944-54
Chippewa River at Holcombe, WI	05362500	4,680	1943-49
Fisher River at (near) Holcombe, WI	05363000	81.5	1944-45
O'Neil Creek near Chippewa Falls, WI	05363500	78.1	1944-45
Yellow River near Hannibal, WI	05363700	86.7	1962-63
Yellow River at Cadott, WI	05364000*	364	1943-61
Duncan Creek at Bloomer, WI	05364500*	50.3	1944-52
Duncan Creek Tributary near Tilden, WI	05364850	4.17	1987-89
Duncan Creek at Chippewa Falls, WI	05365000	117	1943-55
Eau Claire River near Augusta, WI	05366000	509	1914-26
Bridge Creek at Augusta, WI	05366300	35.0	1980



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Eau Claire River near Fall Creek, WI	05366500*	760	1943–55
<b>CHIPPEWA RIVER BASIN--CONTINUED</b>			
Chippewa River at (near) Eau Claire, WI	05367000	6,620	1903–09, 1944–54
Red Cedar River at Cty Trunk Highway D at Birchwood, WI	06367102	70.8	2000–01
Sucker Creek at Loch Lamond Blvd near Birchwood, WI	05367154	12.3	2000–01
Hemlock Creek at Cty Trunk Highway F near Mikana, WI	05367190	20.4	2000–01
Red Cedar River at Red Cedar Lake Outlet at Mikana, WI	05367202	151	2000–01
Red Cedar River near Cameron, WI	05367425	442	1966–70
Red Cedar River near Cameron, WI	05367426	443	1971–73
Red Cedar River near Colfax, WI	05367500	1,100	1914–61, 1990
Eau Galle River near Woodville	05369900	39.4	1978–1983, 2001–03
Eau Galle River at Low-Water Bridge at Spring Valley, WI	05369945	47.9	1982–83, 1986–96
French Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369955	6.03	1981–83
Lousy Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369970	5.97	1981–83
Lohn Creek near Spring Valley, WI	05369985	2.53	1981–83
Eau Galle River at Elmwood, WI	05370500	91.6	1943–54
<b>BUFFALO RIVER BASIN</b>			
Buffalo River near Tell, WI	05372000	406	1933–51
<b>TREMPEALEAU RIVER BASIN</b>			
Bruce Valley Creek near Pleasantville, WI	05379288	10.1	1980
Elk Creek near Independence, WI	05379305	108	1980
Trempealeau River near Trempealeau, WI	05380000	719	1932–34
<b>BLACK RIVER BASIN</b>			
Black River at Medford, WI	05380806	48.1	1984–87
Poplar River near Owen, WI	05380900*	155	1964–66
<b>LA CROSSE RIVER BASIN</b>			
Little LaCrosse River near Leon, WI	05382500	76.9	1934–61, 1979–81
LaCrosse River near West Salem, WI	05383000	396	1914–70
<b>COON CREEK BASIN</b>			
Spring Coulee Creek near Coon Valley, WI	05386490	9.01	1979–81
Coon Creek at Coon Valley, WI	05386500	77.2	1934–40, 1978–81
Coon Creek near Stoddard, WI	05386999	120	1934–40, 1979–81
<b>BAD AXE RIVER BASIN</b>			
North Fork Bad Axe River near Genoa, WI	05387100*	80.8	1964–66
<b>WISCONSIN RIVER BASIN</b>			
Wisconsin River at Conover, WI	05390180	177	1967–71
Pelican River near Rhinelander, WI	05391226	101	1976–79
Wisconsin River at Whirlpool Rapids, nr Rhinelander, WI	05392000	1,220	1906–61
Bearskin Creek near Harshaw, WI	05392350*	31.1	1964–66
Tomahawk River near Bradley, WI	05392400	422	1915–27, 1929
Tomahawk River at Bradley, WI	05393000	544	1930–73
New Wood River near Merrill, WI	05394000	82.2	1953–61
Rib River at Rib Falls, WI	05396000	303	1925–57
Little Rib River near Wausau, WI	05396500	79.1	1914–16
East Branch Eau Claire River near Antigo, WI	05397000	81.5	1949–55
Eau Claire River near Antigo, WI	05397110	185	1975–81
Bull Junior Creek (Bull Creek Junior) nr Rothschild, WI	05398500	27.4	1944–52
Big Eau Pleine River near Colby, WI	05399000	78.1	1941–54
Hamann Creek near Stratford, WI	05399431	11.3	1977–79
Wisconsin River at Knowlton, WI	05400000	4,530	1921–42
Plover River near Stevens Point, WI	05400500	145	1914–20, 1944–52

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Period of record
Little Plover River near Arnott, WI	05400600	2.24	1959-75
<b>CHIPPEWA RIVER BASIN--CONTINUED</b>			
Little Plover River at Plover, WI	05400650	19.0	1959-87
Fourmile Creek near Kellner, WI	05400870	75.0	1964-67
Buena Vista Creek near Kellner, WI	05400853	53.1	1964-67
Tenmile Creek Ditch 5 near Bancroft, WI	05401020	9.73	1964-73
Fourteenmile Creek near New Rome, WI	05401100	91.1	1964-79
Wisconsin River near Necedah, WI	05401500	5,990	1903-14, 1944-50
Big Roche a Cri Creek near Hancock, WI	05401510	9.61	1964-67
Big Roche a Cri Creek near Adams, WI	05401535	52.8	1964-78
Yellow River at Sprague, WI	05402500	392	1927-40
Yellow River at Necedah, WI	05403000	491	1941-57
Lemonweir River at New Lisbon, WI	05403500	507	1944-87, 1994
Hulbert Creek near Wisconsin Dells, WI	05403630	11.2	1971-77
Dell Creek near Lake Delton, WI	05403700	44.9	1957-65, 1971-80
Narrows Creek at Loganville, WI	05404200	40.1	1964-66
Wisconsin River at Prairie du Sac, WI	05406000	9,180	1946-54
Black Earth Creek at Cross Plains, WI	05406460	12.8	1985-86, 1990-93
Brewery Creek, Upstream Site, at Cross Plains, WI	05406469	10.1	2000-02
Brewery Creek at Cross Plains, WI	05406470	10.5	1985-86, 1990-2002
Black Earth Creek at Mills Street at Cross Plains, WI	05406476	25.5	1990-95
Garfoot Creek near Cross Plains, WI	05406491	5.39	1985-86, 1990-94, 1994-98
Black Earth Creek at South Valley Road nr Black Earth, WI	05406497	40.6	1990-93
Trout Creek at Confluence with Arneson Creek near Barneveld, WI	05406573	8.37	1976-78
Trout Creek at Twin Parks Dam 8 nr Barneveld, WI	05406574	9.02	1976-79
Trout Creek at County Highway T nr Barneveld, WI	05406575	12.1	1976-78
Trout Creek near Ridgeway, WI	05406577	13.5	1976-79
Knight Hollow Creek near Arena, WI	05406590	7.57	1976-78
Otter Creek near Highland, WI	05406640	16.8	1968-69, 1970-75
Kickapoo River at Ontario, WI	05407500	151	1939, 1973-77
Knapp Creek near Bloomingdale, WI	05408500	8.44	1955-69
West Fork Kickapoo River near Readstown, WI	05409000	106	1939
Kickapoo River at Soldiers Grove, WI	05409500	530	1939
North Fork Nederlo Creek near Gays Mills, WI	05409830	2.21	1968-79
Nederlo Creek near Gays Mills, WI	05409890	9.46	1968-80
Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, WI	05410000	617	1914-34, 1964-77
<b>GRANT RIVER BASIN</b>			
Pigeon Creek near Lancaster, WI	05413400*	6.93	1964-66
Kuenster Creek at Muskellunge Road nr North Andover, WI	054134435	9.59	1982-96
Rattlesnake Creek near North Andover, WI	05413449	42.4	1987-96
Rattlesnake Creek near Beetown, WI	05413451	45.2	1990-91
<b>PLATTE RIVER BASIN</b>			
Little Platte River near Platteville, WI	05414213	79.7	1987-90
<b>GALENA RIVER BASIN</b>			
Sinsinawa River near Hazel Green, WI	05414800	24.9	1987-90
Pats Creek near Belmont, WI	05414894	5.42	1981-82
Madden Branch Tributary near Belmont, WI	05414915	2.83	1981-82
Madden Branch near Meekers Grove, WI	05414920	15.04	1981-82
Galena River at Buncombe, WI	05415000	125	1939-92
Apple River near Shullsburg, WI	05418731	9.34	1981-82
<b>ROCK RIVER BASIN</b>			
West Branch Rock River near Waupun, WI	05423000	40.7	1949-70, 1978-81

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Period of record
West Branch Rock River at County Trunk Highway D near Waupun, WI	05423100	43.9	1978–81
West Branch Rock River at State Highway 49 nr Waupun, WI	05423510	113	1998–2001
East Branch Rock River near Mayville, WI	05424000	179	1949–70, 1998–2001
Rubicon River near Slinger, WI	05424095	7.97	1999–2001
Rubicon River at Pike Lake Outlet near Hartford, WI	054240957	12.31	1999–2001
Johnson Creek near Johnson Creek, WI	05425537	1.13	1978–80
Johnson Creek near Johnson Creek, WI	05425539	13.3	1978–80
Pratt Creek near Juneau, WI	05425928	3.54	1978–80
Rock River at Jefferson, WI	05426031	1,850	1978–94 <sup>2</sup>
Whitewater Creek near Whitewater, WI	05426500	11.8	1926–28, 1946–54
Whitewater Creek at Millis Road near Whitewater, WI	05426900	20.6	1978–81
Whitewater Creek at Whitewater, WI	05427000	22.8	1926–28, 1946–54 1978–80
Koshkonong Creek near Rockdale, WI	05427507	150	1977–82
Token Creek near Madison, WI	05427800	24.3	1964–66, 1976–81
Sixmile Creek near Waunakee, WI	05427900	41.1	1976–82
South Fork Pheasant Branch at Highway 14 near Middleton, WI	05427945	5.74	1978–81
Pheasant Branch at Century Avenue at Middleton, WI	05427950	20.8	1977–81
Pheasant Branch at mouth at Middleton, WI	05427952	24.5	1978–81
Willow Creek at Madison, WI	05427970	3.15	1974–83
Olbrich Park Storm Ditch at Madison, WI	05428665	2.57	1976–80
Manitou Way Storm Sewer at Madison, WI	05429040	0.23	1971–77
Nakoma Storm Sewer at Madison, WI	05429050	2.30	1972–77
Lake Wingra Outlet at Madison, WI	05429120	6.00	1971–77
Nine Springs Creek Storm Sewer Tributary at Madison, WI	05429268	0.18	1991–93
Door Creek near Cottage Grove, WI	05429580	15.3	1976–79
Yahara River near Edgerton, WI	05430000	430	1917–18
Oregon Branch at Oregon, WI	05430030	9.93	1979–81
Badfish Creek at County Highway A near Stoughton, WI	05430095	40.9	1956–66, 1986–88
Badfish Creek near Stoughton, WI	05430100	41.3	1956–66
Delavan Lake Trib at South Shore Drive at Delavan, WI	05431018	7.66	1985–86, 1989–91
Jackson Creek at Petrie Road near Elkhorn, WI	05431014	8.96	1984–95
<b>PECATONICA RIVER BASIN</b>			
Livingston Branch Pecatonica River nr Livingston, WI	05432055	16.4	1987–91
Yellowstone River near Blanchardville, WI	05433500*	28.5	1954–65, 1978–79
Pecatonica River at Dill, WI	05434000	944	1914–19
Steiner Branch near Waldwick, WI	05433510	5.9	1978–79
Skinner Creek at Skinner Hollow Road near Monroe, WI	05434235	32.6	1978–81
Skinner Creek at Klondyke Road near Monroe, WI	05434240	35.0	1978–81
<b>SUGAR RIVER BASIN</b>			
West Branch Sugar River near Mount Vernon, WI	05435980	32.7	1979–80
Mount Vernon Creek near Mount Vernon, WI	05436000	16.4	1954–65, 1976–80
<b>ILLINOIS RIVER BASIN</b>			
Fox River, at Watertown Road, near Waukesha	05543800	77.4	1992–2000
White River near Burlington, WI	05545300	110	1964–66, 1973–82
Unnamed Lauderdale Lakes Trib No. 2 near Lauderdale, WI	05544793	0.19	1999–2001
Birches Creek at Lackey Lane near Lake Geneva, WI	05545133	2.07	1998–2001

<sup>1</sup> No winter record in water year 1997<sup>2</sup> No winter record in water years 1993 and 1994

## DISCONTINUED SURFACE-WATER DISCHARGE STATIONS

The following daily- or continuous-record surface-water-quality stations were discontinued prior to the 2004 water year. Discontinued stations with less than 1 year of record or where data collection frequency was less than daily are not included. Some of the stations in the list are still in operation for purposes other than collection of daily or continuous water-quality data. Information regarding these stations may be obtained from the District Office at the address given on the back of the title page of this report.

[Type of record: T (water temperature), SC (specific conductance), DO (dissolved-oxygen concentration), PH (pH), SED (daily sediment discharge), C (daily discharge of one or more chemical constituents)]

Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Type of record	Period of record
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE SUPERIOR</b>				
Little Balsam Creek at Patzau, WI	04024314	5.00	SED	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek near Patzau, WI	04024315	4.57	SED	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek Tributary near Patzau, WI	04024318	0.64	SED	1976-78
Little Balsam Creek near Foxboro, WI	04024320	6.27	SED	1977-78
Nemadji River near South Superior, WI	04024430	420	SED	1974-78
North Fish Creek near Benoit, WI	04026346	36	SED	1990-91
Pine Creek at Moquah, WI	04026347	5.90	SED	1976-78
Pine Creek Tributary at Moquah, WI	04026348	0.57	SED	1976-78
Pine Creek near Moquah, WI	04026349	21.5	SED	1976-78
North Fish Creek near Moquah, WI	040263491	65.4	SED	1990-91
North Fish Creek near Ashland, WI	04026350	74.4	SED	1990-91
Bad River near Odanah, WI	04027000	597	T,SC	1976-78
White River near Mason, WI	04027080	--	T	1970-72
Sadjak Springs Trib to White River near Mason, WI	04027086	1.00	T	1970-72
Bad River at Odanah, WI	04027595	970	T,SC	1978-81
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE MICHIGAN</b>				
Escanaba River at mouth at Escanaba, MI	040590345	928	SED	1988-90
Menominee River near McAllister, WI	04067500	3,930	T,SC	1979-80
			SED	1988-90
Menominee River at mouth at Marinette, WI	04067651	4,070	SED	1988-90
Peshtigo River at Peshtigo, WI	04069500	1,080	T	1989-90
			SED	1988-90
Peshtigo River at mouth near Peshtigo, WI	04069530	1,100	SED	1988-90
Oconto River near Oconto, WI	04071765	966	SED	1989-90
Oconto River at mouth at Oconto, WI	04071775	982	SED	1989-90
Duck Creek near Howard, WI	04072150	108	C	1992
Parsons Creek, Upstream Site, near Fond du Lac, WI	04083420	5.3	T	1998-2001
			C	1997-99,2000-01
Parsons Creek, Middle Site, near Fond du Lac, WI	04083423	5.6	C	1997-99,2000-01
Parsons Creek, Downstream Site, near Fond du Lac, WI	04083425	5.7	T	1997-2001
			C	1997-99,2000-01
Fox River at Appleton, WI	04084445	5,950	T	1987-90
			SED	1986-90
Fox River at State Highway 55 at Kaukauna, WI	04084475	5,980	SED	1989-90
Fox River at Wrightstown, WI	04085000	6,050	T,SC	1975-81
Fox River at Little Rapids, WI	04085054	6,100	SED	1989-90
Fox River at De Pere, WI	04085059	6,110	SED	1989-90
Bower Creek at Sunnyview Road near De Pere, WI	04085118	4.82	SED,C	1985-86
Bower Creek at Highway MM near DePete, WI	04085119	14.8	T,C	1991-97 <sup>2</sup>
Fox River at mouth at Green Bay, WI	04085139	6,330	T,SC,DO,PH	1989-90
Manitowoc River at Manitowoc, WI	04085427	526	T,SC	1979-80
Cedar Lake near Kiel, WI	04085500	1.43	T	1974-77
Otter Creek #3A at County Highway J near Plymouth, WI	0408570045	9.10	C	1994-97 <sup>2</sup>
Otter Creek at Laack Farm near Plymouth, WI	0408570047	9.16	C	1994-97 <sup>2</sup>
Otter Creek, at Willow Road, near Plymouth, WI	040857005	9.5	T	1991-2002
			C, SED	1991-97,1999-2002
			DO	1991-97
Onion River at Hingham, WI	04085813	37.2	T,SC,SED	1979-80
			C	1980

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Type of record	Period of record
<b>STREAMS TRIBUTARY TO LAKE MICHIGAN--CONTINUED</b>				
Onion River near Sheboygan Falls, WI	04085845	94.1	T,SC,SED	1979-80
			C	1980
Parnell Creek near Dundee, WI	04086175	9.35	T	1997
Milwaukee River near Cedarburg, WI	04086600	607	SED	1982-84
Lincoln Creek at 47th Street at Milwaukee, WI	040869415	9.56	T	1993-97 <sup>2</sup>
			DO	1994-97 <sup>2</sup>
Milwaukee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087000	696	SED	1982-84
Milwaukee River above North Avenue Dam at Milwaukee, WI	04087010	702	SED	1982-84
Menomonee River at Germantown, WI	04087018	19	SED	1975-77
Jefferson Park Drain at Germantown, WI	04087019	1.82	SED	1977-78
Menomonee River at Menomonee Falls, WI	04087030	34.7	SED	1975-77, 1982-84
Menomonee River at Butler, WI	04087040	60.64	SED	1975-77
Little Menomonee River near Freistadt, WI	04087050	8.0	SED	1975-77
Noyes Creek at Milwaukee, WI	04087060	1.94	SED	1975-77
Little Menomonee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087070	19.7	SED	1975-77
Underwood Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087088	18.2	SED	1975-77
Honey Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087119	10.3	SED	1975-77
Menomonee River at Wauwatosa, WI	04087120	123	SED	1975-77, 1982-84
Schoonmaker Creek at Wauwatosa, WI	04087125	1.94	SED	1975-77
Hawley Road Storm Sewer at Wauwatosa, WI	04087130	1.83	SED	1975-77
Menomonee River at Milwaukee, WI	04087138	134	SED	1983-84
Menomonee River at Falk Corp at Milwaukee, WI	04087140	133.82	SED	1975-77, 1982
Kinnickinnic River at South 11th Street at Milwaukee, WI	04087159	20.2	SED	1983-84
<b>ST. CROIX RIVER BASIN</b>				
Round Lake near Gordon, WI	461342091561002	--	T	1981-85
Namekagon River at Leonards, WI	05331833	126	T,SC	1996-2001
St. Croix River at St. Croix Falls, WI	05340500	6,240	SC	1975-81
			SED	1982
Rice Creek near Balsam Lake, WI	05341375	12.5	C	1988-89
Balsam Branch at Balsam Lake, WI	05341402	52.8	C	1988-89
Deer Lake Tributary #1, Downstream Site, near Centuria, WI	05341405	0.38	T	1998,1999-2001
<b>CHIPPEWA RIVER BASIN</b>				
Bear River near Manitowish Waters, WI	05357335	81.3	SED,C	1991-94
Duncan Creek Tributary near Tilden, WI	05364850	4.17	T,C,SED	1987-89
			DO	1987-88 <sup>1</sup>
Red Cedar River at Cty Trunk Highway D at Birchwood, WI	05367102	70.8	SED,C	2000-01
Sucker Creek at Loch Lamond Blvd near Birchwood, WI	05367154	12.3	SED,C	2000-01
Hemlock Creek near Mikana, WI	05367190	20.4	SED,C	2000-01
Red Cedar River at Mikana, WI	05367202	151	C	2000-01
Red Cedar River near Colfax, WI	05367500	1,090	C	1959, 1990
Hay River at Wheeler, WI	05368000	418	C	1959, 1990
Chippewa River at Durand, WI	05369500	9,010	T,SC	1975-81 <sup>2</sup>
			SED	1974-79
Eau Galle River near Woodville, WI	05369900	39.4	T,SC	1978-83 <sup>2</sup>
Eau Galle River at Low-Water Bridge at Spring Valley, WI	05369945	47.9	T	1982-83, 1987-93
			SC	1983
Eau Galle River at Spring Valley, WI	05370000	64.1	T,SC	1978-90
<b>WAUMANDEE CREEK BASIN</b>				
Joos Valley Creek near Fountain City, WI	05378183	5.89	DO	1990-92
Eagle Creek at County Highway G near Fountain City, WI	05378185	14.3	DO	1990-92
<b>TREMPEALEAU RIVER BASIN</b>				
Bruce Valley Creek near Pleasantville, WI	05379288	10.1	T,SC,SED,C	1980
Elk Creek near Independence, WI	05379305	108	T,SC,SED,C	1980
<b>BLACK RIVER BASIN</b>				
Black River near Galesville, WI	05382000	2,080	SED	1976-79

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Type of record	Period of record
<b>WISCONSIN RIVER BASIN</b>				
Lake Clara near Tomahawk, WI	453100089343002	0.46	T	1982–86
Little Rock Lake near Woodruff, WI	455946089415704	--	T	1984–87
Prairie River near Merrill, WI	05394500	184	T	1998–2003
Buena Vista Creek near Kellner, WI	05400853	53.1	T	1965–67
Tenmile Creek Ditch 5 near Bancroft, WI	05401020	9.73	T	1965–72
Dell Creek near Lake Delton, WI	05403700	44.9	T,SED	1958–65
Black Earth Creek at Cross Plains, WI	05406460	12.8	C,SED	1985–86
			T,DO	1985–86, 1990–95
Brewery Creek, Upstream Site, at Cross Plains	05406469	10.1	T	2000–02
Brewery Creek at Cross Plains, WI	05406470	10.5	T	1985–86, 1990–98, 2000–02
			SED	1985–86, 1990–98
			C	1985–86, 1990–98
			DO	1990–91
Black Earth Creek at Mills Street at Cross Plains, WI	05406476	25.5	T,DO	1990–95
Garfoot Creek near Cross Plains, WI	05406491	5.39	SED	1985–86, 1992–98
			DO	1984–85, 1990–98
			T,C	1985–86, 1990–98
Black Earth Creek at South Valley Rd near Black Earth, WI	05406497	40.6	T,DO	1990–98
Black Earth Creek at Black Earth, WI	05406500	45.6	T	1954–65, 1985–86
			DO	1986 <sup>1</sup>
			SED	1956–65, 1985–86
			C	1985–86
Trout Creek Confluence Arneson Creek near Barneveld, WI	05406573	8.37	T,SC	1976–79
Trout Creek at Twin Parks Dam 8 near Barneveld, WI	05406574	9.02	SED	1976–79
Trout Creek at CTH T near Barneveld, WI	05406575	12.1	T,SED	1976–78
Trout Creek near Ridgeway, WI	05406577	13.5	T,SED	1976–79
Wisconsin River at Muscodia, WI	05407000	10,400	T,SC	1975–80 <sup>1</sup> , 1981
			SED	1975–79
Kickapoo River at Hwy 33 at Ontario, WI	05407470	117	T,SED	1973
Kickapoo River at Ontario, WI	05407500	150	T	1974–77
			SED	1973–77
Kickapoo River near Rockton, WI	05407920	260	T,SED	1972–77
Kickapoo River at LaFarge, WI	05408000	266	T,SC	1971–77
			SED	1972–77
North Fork Nederlo Creek at mouth near Gays Mills, WI	05409842	2.31	T	1970 <sup>1</sup> , 1974–78
South Fork Nederlo Creek near Gays Mills, WI	05409860	4.11	T	1970 <sup>1</sup> , 1974–78
Nederlo Creek at Utica Town Hall near Gays Mills, WI	05409870	6.70	T	1968–78
<b>GRANT RIVER BASIN</b>				
Kuenster Creek at Muskellunge Road near North Andover, WI	054134435	9.59	T,DO	1992–96
			C	1993–96
Rattlesnake Creek near North Andover, WI	05413449	42.4	T,DO	1987–96
			C	1992–94
<b>PLATTE RIVER BASIN</b>				
Little Platte River near Platteville, WI	05414213	79.7	T	1987–90
<b>GALENA RIVER BASIN</b>				
			DO	1987–90 <sup>1</sup>
Sinsinawa River near Hazel Green, WI	05414800	24.9	T	1987–90
			DO	1987–90 <sup>1</sup>
Pats Creek near Belmont, WI	05414894	5.42	T,SC,C	1981–82
			DO	1982 <sup>1</sup>
Madden Branch Tributary near Belmont, WI	05414915	2.83	T,SC,C	1981–82
			DO	1981 <sup>1</sup>
Madden Branch near Meekers Grove, WI	05414920	15.06	T,SC,C	1981–82
			DO	1981–82 <sup>1</sup>
			PH	1982 <sup>1</sup>
Apple River near Shullsburg, WI	05418731	9.34	T,SC,C	1981–82
			DO	1981 <sup>1</sup>

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Station name	Station number	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Type of record	Period of record
<b>ROCK RIVER BASIN</b>				
Rock River at Horicon, WI	05424057	456	C	1998–2003
Dead Creek near Hustisford, WI	05424075	26.1	C	2002–03
Rock River at Hustisford, WI	05424082	511	C	1999–2003
Rubicon River near Slinger, WI	05424095	7.79	C	1998–2000
Rubicon River at Pike Lake Outlet near Hartford, WI	054240957	12.31	C	1998–2000
Crawfish River at Milford, WI	05426000	762	SED	1980–82
Rock River at Indianford, WI	05427570	2,630	T	1975–78
			SC,DO,PH	1976–78
South Fork Pheasant Branch at Hwy 14 near Middleton, WI	05427945	5.74	SED	1978–81
Pheasant Branch at Centruy Avenue at Middleton, WI	05427950	20.8	SED	1978–81
Pheasant Branch at mouth at Middleton, WI	05427952	24.5	SED	1978–81
Willow Creek at Madison, WI	05427970	3.15	SED	1973–84
Rock River at Afton, WI	05430500	3,340	T	1955–83
Jackson Creek at Petrie Road near Elkhorn, WI	05431014	8.96	C,SED	1984–85
				1993–95
Delavan Lake Trib at South Shore Drive at Delavan, WI	05431018	9.99	SED,C	1984–85, 1990–91
<b>PECATONICA RIVER BASIN</b>				
Livingston Branch Pecatonica River near Livingston, WI	05432055	16.4	T	1987–91
			DO	1987–91 <sup>1</sup>
Yellowstone River near Blanchardville, WI	05433500	28.5	T	1954–60
			SED	1958–60, 1978–79
Steiner Branch near Waldwick, WI	05433510	5.90	T,SC,SED,C	1978–79
Pecatonica River at Martintown, WI	05434500	1,034	SED	1980–82
<b>SUGAR RIVER BASIN</b>				
Mount Vernon Creek near Mount Vernon, WI	05436000	16.4	T	1954–60
			SED	1956–60
Sugar River near Brodhead, WI	05436500	523	SED	1978–86
<b>ILLINOIS RIVER BASIN</b>				
Birches Creek at Lackey Lane near Lake Geneva, WI	05545133	2.07	T	1998–2000
			SED,C	1997–1999
Powers Lake Tributary at Powers Lake, WI	05548163	1.83	C	1987

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal record, non-freezing periods<sup>2</sup> Numerous periods of missing record

## INTRODUCTION

The Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with local, State and Federal agencies, obtains a large amount of data pertaining to the water resources of Wisconsin each year. These data, accumulated during many years, constitute a valuable data base for developing an improved understanding of the water resources of the state. To make these data readily available to interested parties outside the Geological Survey, the data are published annually in this report series entitled "Water Resources Data - Wisconsin." Lake stage and in-lake water-quality data previously published in this series are now published annually in a report series "Water-Quality and Lake-Stage Data for Wisconsin Lakes." This Open-File Report series began in 1994; 2004 water year data for lakes are published in OFR 2005-1147.

Water-resources data for Wisconsin for the 2004 water year includes records of streamflow at gaging stations, partial-record stations, and miscellaneous sites; stage and contents of lakes and reservoirs; chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of surface and ground water; and water levels in observation wells. Records from several stations in bordering states are also included. This report contains discharge records from 188 gaging stations and peak stage and discharge from 82 crest-stage stations; stage for 9 lakes and contents for 24 reservoirs; water-quality data from 59 streams and from 3 lakes; precipitation from 23 sites; and water-level records from 107 observation wells. Additional water data were collected at various sites not involved in the systematic data-collection program, and are published in this report as miscellaneous measurements.

This series of annual reports for Wisconsin began in the 1961 water year with streamflow data, the 1964 water year with water-quality data, and the 1971 water year with ground-water data. Beginning with the 1975 water year, streamflow, water-quality, and ground-water data for each state were published in present format. These annual reports are for sale, in paper copy or microfiche, by the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161. Recent versions of these reports can be found online. Visit : <http://wi.water.usgs.gov/pubs> and then click on "online publications".

Prior to introduction of this series and for several water years concurrent with it, water-resources data for Wisconsin were published in U.S. Geological Survey Water-Supply Papers. Records of stream discharges and of water levels in lakes and reservoirs were published annually through 1960 and then for the 5-year periods 1961-65 and 1966-70 in the series "Surface-Water Supply of the United States". Chemical-quality, water-temperature, and suspended-sediment data were published annually, from 1941 to 1970, in the series "Quality of Surface Waters of the United States." Records of ground-water levels were published annually from 1935 to 1974, in the series "Ground-Water Levels in the United States." The above mentioned Water-Supply Papers may be consulted in the libraries of the principal cities of the United States and may be purchased from U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25425, Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225.

Publications similar to this report are published annually by the Geological Survey for all states. These official Survey reports have an identification number consisting of the two-letter state abbreviation, the last two digits of the water year, and the volume number. For example, this volume is identified as "U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WI-04-1." For archiving and general distribution, the reports for 1971-74 water years also are identified as water-data reports. These water-data reports are for sale in paper copy or in microfiche by the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

Additional information, including current prices for ordering specific reports, may be obtained from the District Chief at the address given on the back of the title page, or by telephone (608)828-9901.

Water-resources data, including stage and discharge data at most streamflow-gaging stations, water levels in selected wells, and some water-quality data, are available through the World Wide Web on the Internet. Current and historical data provided in water-data reports are available. The Universal Resource Locator (URL) to the Wisconsin District's home page is: <http://wi.water.usgs.gov/>. Information on all U.S. Geological Survey reports and products (including maps, images, and computerized data) is available by calling 1-888-ASK-USGS. Additional earth science information is available by accessing the U.S. Geological Survey Home Page at <http://www.usgs.gov>.

## COOPERATION

The U.S. Geological Survey and the State of Wisconsin have worked under cooperative agreements since 1913 collecting streamflow data, since 1955 collecting water-quality data, and since 1964 collecting ground-water level data. Agencies that worked cooperatively with the Survey during this year collecting data are:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Bayfield County
- Black River Falls Municipal Utilities
- City of Barron
- City of Beaver Dam
- City of Delafield
- City of Fond du Lac
- City of Hillsboro
- City of Madison
- City of Middleton
- City of Muskego
- City of Peshtigo
- City of Sparta
- City of Thorp
- City of Waupun



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 Dane County Department of Public Works  
 Dane County Regional Planning Commission:  
     City of Madison  
     City of Middleton  
     Village of Westport  
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     Stora Enso  
     Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
     Wisconsin Public Service Corporation  
     Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company  
 Fontana/Walworth Water Pollution Control Commission  
 Geneva Lake Environmental Agency  
 Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District  
 Green Lake Sanitary District  
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
 Kickapoo Valley Reserve  
 Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
 Little Muskego Lake District  
 Little St. Germain Lake District  
 Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District  
 Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
 Milwaukee County  
 Oneida Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
 Price County  
 Rock County Public Works Department  
 Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band  
 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission:  
     Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District  
     Waukesha County  
     City of Racine  
     Kenosha Water Utility  
 Stockbridge/Munsee Indian Tribe  
 The University of Wisconsin-Extension, Geological and Natural History Survey  
 Town of Delavan  
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dairy Forage Research Center  
 Village of Wittenberg  
 Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District  
 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
 Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
 Wisconsin Historical Society, Wade House Historic Site

The following organizations aided in collecting streamflow records: Appleton Papers, Excel Energy (NSP) and Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. Organizations that provided data are acknowledged in station descriptions.

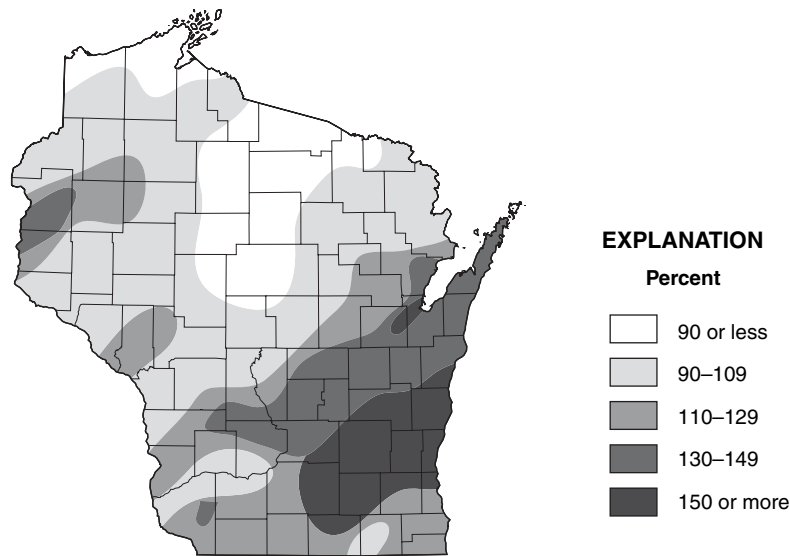
#### SUMMARY OF HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS

##### Streamflow

The statewide average precipitation for the 2004 water year was 34.65 inches, which was 2.01 inches above the normal annual precipitation of 32.64 inches for water years 1971-2000. Average precipitation values affecting streamflow conditions ranged from 95 percent in northwest and north central Wisconsin to 122 percent in southwest Wisconsin with a statewide average of 106 percent. February and March were wet months and May was extremely wet with many locations reporting record rainfall for the month. Sites that reported record rainfall for the month included Baraboo (9.88"), Beaver Dam (10.55"), Fond du Lac (13.47"), Madison (10.84"), Monroe (8.57"), Montello (11.83"), Portage (10.12"), Prairie du Sac (8.63"), Racine (13.55"), Reedsburg (11.31"), Sheboygan (10.94"), Watertown (9.70"), and West Bend (10.75") (National Weather Service, 2004 web citation). These totals are in the range of 2.5 to 3.3 times normal. Central and southern Wisconsin followed this exceptionally wet May with a wet June, although not nearly so extreme. The June precipitation totals for central and southern Wisconsin were about 1.3 to 1.8 of normal. By the middle of August and into September it began to get dry (summary tables provided by Ed Hopkins, State Climatology Office, University of Wisconsin, Madison, written commun., 2004).

The record setting May rainfall led to extensive flooding in the southern half of the state during May and June which was the dominant hydrologic event of water year 2004. Over 20 stations were near or over flood stage during this period. On June 16th, Governor Doyle asked President Bush to declare 12 counties in southern Wisconsin major disaster areas (Wisconsin State Journal, 6/17/04) and on June 19th the President complied (Wisconsin State Journal, 6/29/04). By the end of July, the counties eligible for Federal disaster aid had expanded to 44 counties and \$8.6 million in federal disaster assistance had been approved (FEMA, 7/30/04).

Runoff for rivers in the state ranged from 69 percent of the average annual runoff (1985-2004) at the Nemadji River station near Superior in the far northwest part of the state to 205 percent of the average annual runoff (1916-1924 and 1950-2004) at the Sheboygan River station near Sheboygan in the east central part of the state. Runoff in the 2004 water year for stations with drainage areas greater than 150 square miles and at least 20 years of record is shown in figure 1. In certain parts of the state there is an insufficient density of gages meeting the drainage area and duration of record criterion to draw the runoff areas with sufficient precision. This can be seen in the southeast part of the state where there are adjacent runoff areas that are missing an intermediate runoff category between them.



**Figure 1.** 2004 runoff as percentage of long-term average runoff.

Annual discharges for the individual water years (1916-2004) at the Oconto River near Gillett, Jump River at Sheldon, and Sugar River near Brodhead are shown in Figure 2. Comparisons between the monthly and annual discharges for the 2004 water year and an 89-year period at the same three gaging stations are shown in Figure 3.

Six stations had annual minimum 7-consecutive day average flows (Q7) that equaled or exceeded their 10-year recurrence intervals. Three of them were the lowest on record, and were all clustered in the north central part of the state. The Q7 values, the date of occurrence and the recurrence intervals for these stations are listed in table 1.

Table 1. Stations where the lowest mean discharge for 7 consecutive days (Q7) had recurrence intervals of 10 or more years

Station number	Station name	Years of		Q7 (cfs)	Approximate recurrence interval (years)
		Record	Date		
04087159	Kinnickinnic River - Milwaukee	29	Jan. 27	3.6	12
04087240	Root River at Racine	42	Oct. 9	2.1	12
05357225	Stevenson Cr. near Boulder Jct.	13	Oct. 18	0.69*	30
05357245	Trout River near Boulder Jct.	13	Aug. 30	10*	20
05357335	Bear River - Manitowish Waters	14	Oct. 9	2.8*	30
055401050	Tenmile Creek near Nekoosa	28	Feb. 8	15	10

\* indicates the lowest Q7 on record

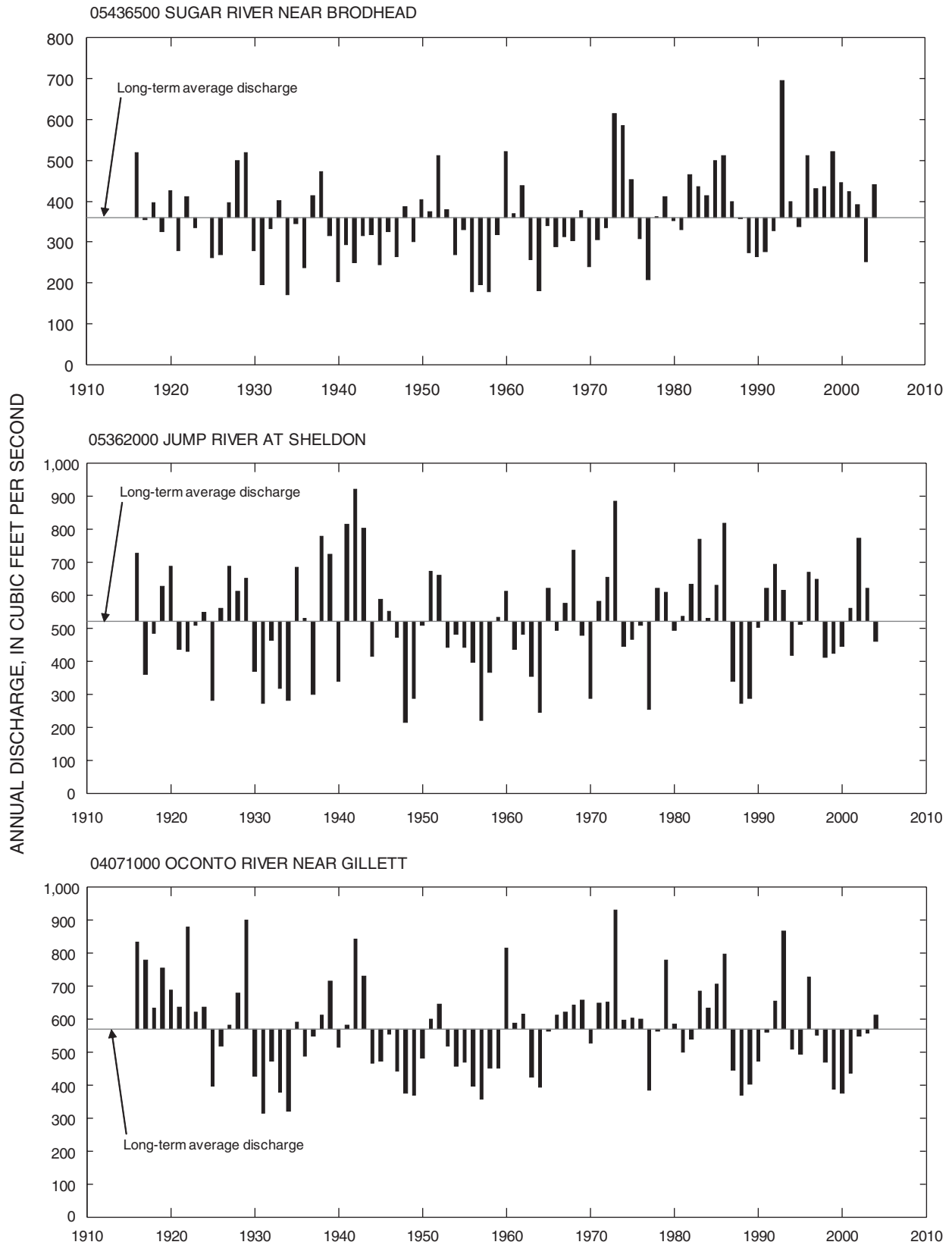


Figure 2. Comparison of annual discharge at representative gaging stations to their long-term average discharge for water Years 1961-2004.

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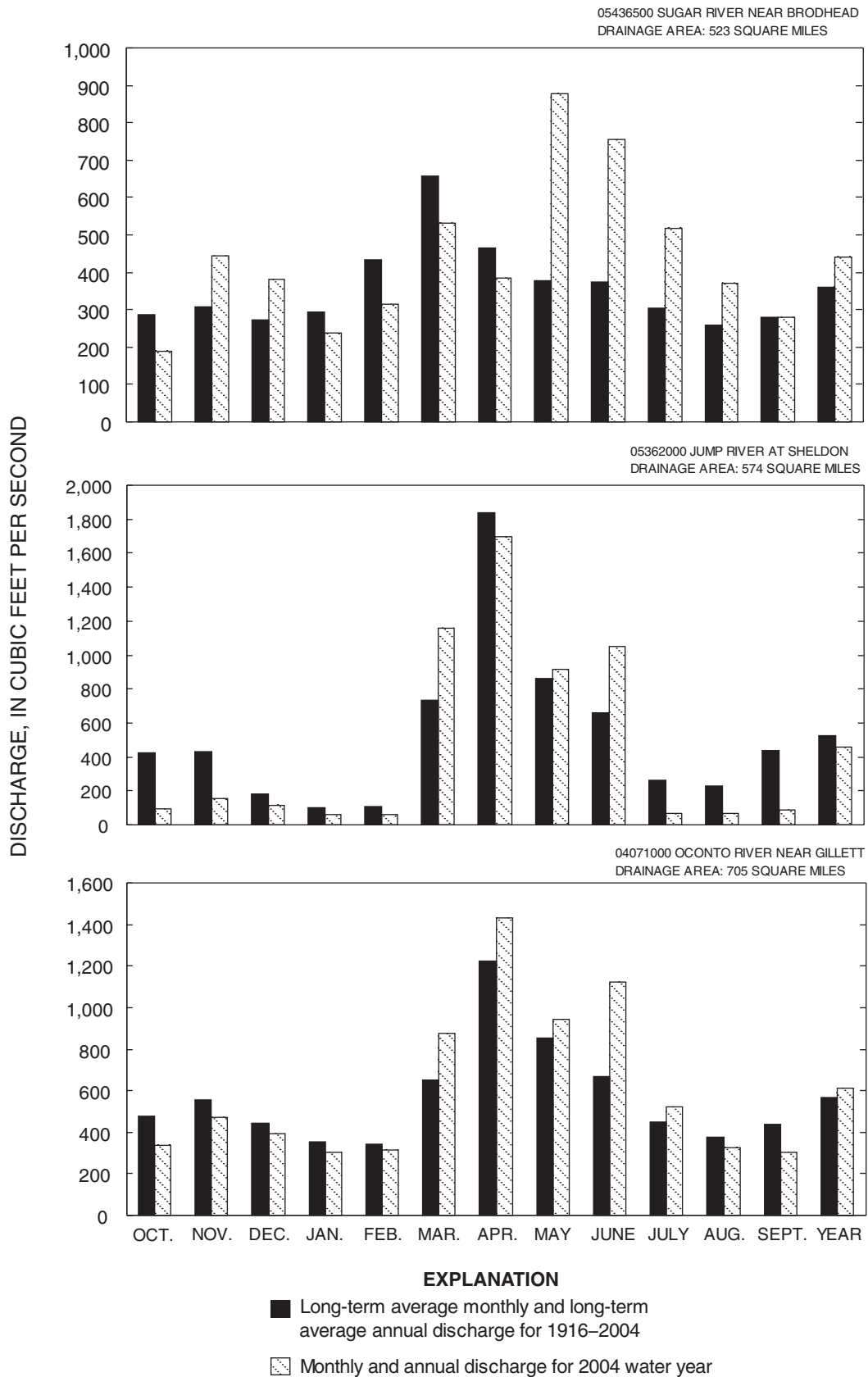


Figure 3. Comparison of discharge at representative gaging stations during the 2004 water year with discharge for water years 1916-2004

Water year 2004 had major flooding in the southern half of the state during May and June. Of the continuously gaged rivers in the state, 5 had record flood discharges. Stations that recorded a peak discharge that equaled or exceeded the 10-year recurrence interval are listed in table 2.

**Table 2. Stations that recorded a peak discharge that equaled or exceeded the 10-year recurrence interval during water year 2004.**

Station number	Station name	Drainage area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Date	Instantaneous peak discharge (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Peak of record (y/n)	Approximate recurrence interval (years)
04069500	Peshtigo River at Peshtigo	1080	Mar. 30	8110	n	35
04071700	N. Br. Little River nr Coleman	21.4	Mar. 28	656	y	75
04073468	Green Lake Inlet nr Gree Lake	53.5	June 13	682*	n	40
04073500	Fox River at Berlin	1340	June 18	5680	n	15
0407809265	Middle Br. Embarrass River nr Wittenberg	76.3	Mar. 29	878	n	20
04084445	Fox River at Appleton	5950	June 17	16,600*	n	15
04086000	Sheboygan River at Sheboygan	418	June 12	6860	n	20
04086600	Milwaukee River nr Cedarburg	607	May 23	5720	y	40
04087233	Root River Canal nr Franklin	57	May 23	1430	n	45
04087257	Pike River nr Racine	38.5	May 23	1650	y	50
05356000	Chippewa River nr Winter	790	Apr. 21	6050	n	15
05357225	Stevenson Cr. nr Boulder Jct.	7.96	June 27	35	n	40
05364000	Yellow River at Cadott	364	Mar. 27	11,700	n	20
053674464	Yellow River at Barron	153	Mar. 28	2660	y	35
05371800	Buffalo River Tributary nr Osseo	1.44	June 9	130	n	15
05382325	La Crosse River at Sparta	167	June 17	2260	y	100
05397500	Eau Claire River at Kelly	375	Mar. 29	5820	n	10
05401050	Tenmile Creek nr Nekoosa	73.3	June 18	420	n	30
05425500	Rock River at Watertown	969	June 12	4730	n	35
05425912	Beaverdam River at Beaver Dam	157	June 14	1140	y	100
05426250	Bark River nr Rome	122	May 23	408	n	15
05427570	Rock River at Indianford	2630	June 4	9200	n	15
05429500	Yarhara River at McFarland	327	May 23	657	n	15
05430175	Yahara River nr Fulton	518	May 23	2670	n	20
05545200	White River Tributary nr Burlington	2.42	June 17	310	n	45

\* mean daily Q

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#### Water Quality

Suspended-sediment yields from four watersheds in southern Wisconsin in water year 2004 ranged from 103 to 261 percent of normal, as indicated by loads measured at relatively long-term monitoring sites on these watersheds. Sediment yields at Grant River in southwestern Wisconsin were 261 percent of normal. The high yields at Grant River were associated with three large storm-runoff events in May and June.

Sediment yields during runoff from these three storms accounted for 82 percent of the total yield in 2004. Yahara River at Windsor in south-central Wisconsin experienced a 187 percent of normal sediment yield, and corresponding annual discharge, which was 110 percent of normal. Sediment yield at Jackson Creek Tributary near Elkhorn in southeastern Wisconsin was 103 percent of normal and discharge was 110 percent of normal. At Green Lake Inlet (Silver Creek) near Green Lake sediment yield was 222 percent of normal, whereas, discharge was 205 percent of normal.

Phosphorus yields in water year 2004 from three watershed in southern Wisconsin, on which there are long-term monitoring sites, generally were greater than normal. Yields at these sites ranged from 97 to 184 percent of normal. The phosphorus yield for Yahara River at Windsor was 137 percent of normal, the yield for Jackson Creek Tributary was 97 percent of normal, and the yield for Green Lake Inlet was 184 percent of normal.

#### Ground-Water Levels

In general, shallow ground-water levels during the first 6 months of the 2004 water year (October through March) were below normal to normal for most of the wells in the State. During this time some wells in Waukesha and Manitowoc Counties experienced record low levels for their period of record. The general deviations from normal levels appear to be consistent with precipitation patterns over the period. Specifically, water levels were already generally below normal following less than average rainfall the last three months of water year 2003, followed by generally less than average rainfall in October. Relatively normal precipitation occurred November through January and water levels slowly recovered. For the second half of the water year, shallow ground-water levels were generally normal to above normal for most of the wells in the State. This is consistent with generally above normal precipitation, particularly during February, March, and a very wet May statewide. An exception to these trends is parts of northwestern Wisconsin (Washburn County, for example) where shallow ground-water levels were generally normal for the entire year.

#### **DOWNSTREAM ORDER AND STATION NUMBER**

Since October 1, 1950, hydrologic-station records in USGS reports have been listed in order of downstream direction along the main stream. All stations on a tributary entering upstream from a main-stream station are listed before that station. A station on a tributary entering between two main-stream stations is listed between those stations. A similar order is followed in listing stations on first rank, second rank, and other ranks of tributaries. The rank of any tributary on which a station is located with respect to the stream to which it is immediately tributary is indicated by an indentation in that list of stations in the front of this report. Each indentation represents one rank. This downstream order and system of indentation indicates which stations are on tributaries between any two stations and the rank of the tributary on which each station is located.

As an added means of identification, each hydrologic station and partial-record station has been assigned a station number. These station numbers are in the same downstream order used in this report. In assigning a station number, no distinction is made between partial-record stations and other stations; therefore, the station number for a partial-record station indicates downstream-order position in a list composed of both types of stations. Gaps are consecutive. The complete 8-digit (or 10-digit) number for each station such as 09004100, which appears just to the left of the station name, includes a 2-digit part number "09" plus the 6-digit (or 8-digit) downstream order number "004100." In areas of high station density, an additional two digits may be added to the station identification number to yield a 10-digit number. The stations are numbered in downstream order as described above between stations of consecutive 8-digit numbers.

#### **NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR WELLS AND MISCELLANEOUS SITES**

The USGS well and miscellaneous site-numbering system is based on the grid system of latitude and longitude. The system provides the geographic location of the well or miscellaneous site and a unique number for each site. The number consists of 15 digits. The first 6 digits denote the degrees, minutes, and seconds of latitude, and the next 7 digits denote degrees, minutes, and seconds of longitude; the last 2 digits are a sequential number for wells within a 1-second grid. In the event that the latitude-longitude coordinates for a well and miscellaneous site are the same, a sequential number such as "01," "02," and so forth, would be assigned as one would for wells (see fig. 6).

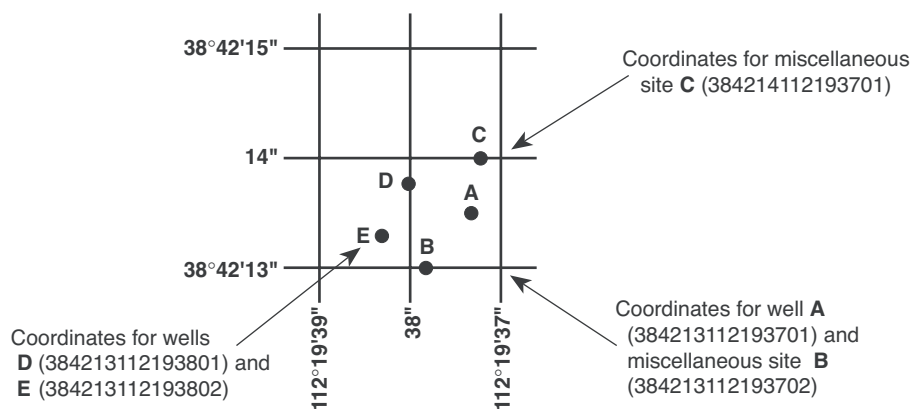


Figure 6. System for numbering wells and miscellaneous sites (latitude and longitude).

### SPECIAL NETWORKS AND PROGRAMS

**Hydrologic Benchmark Network** is a network of 61 sites in small drainage basins in 39 States that was established in 1963 to provide consistent streamflow data representative of undeveloped watersheds nationwide, and from which data could be analyzed on a continuing basis for use in comparison and contrast with conditions observed in basins more obviously affected by human activities. At selected sites, water-quality information is being gathered on major ions and nutrients, primarily to assess the effects of acid deposition on stream chemistry. Additional information on the Hydrologic Benchmark Program may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/hbn/>.

**National Stream-Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN)** is a network of sites used to monitor the water quality of large rivers within the Nation's largest river basins. From 1995 through 1999, a network of approximately 40 stations was operated in the Mississippi, Columbia, Colorado, and Rio Grande River basins. For the period 2000 through 2004, sampling was reduced to a few index stations on the Colorado and Columbia Rivers so that a network of 5 stations could be implemented on the Yukon River. Samples are collected with sufficient frequency

that the flux of a wide range of constituents can be estimated. The objective of NASQAN is to characterize the water quality of these large rivers by measuring concentration and mass transport of a wide range of dissolved and suspended constituents, including nutrients, major ions, dissolved and sediment-bound heavy metals, common pesticides, and inorganic and organic forms of carbon. This information will be used (1) to describe the long-term trends and changes in concentration and transport of these constituents; (2) to test findings of the National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program; (3) to characterize processes unique to large-river systems such as storage and re-mobilization of sediments and associated contaminants; and (4) to refine existing estimates of off-continent transport of water, sediment, and chemicals for assessing human effects on the world's oceans and for determining global cycles of carbon, nutrients, and other chemicals. Additional information about the NASQAN Program may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/nasqan/>.

**The National Atmospheric Deposition Program/National Trends Network (NADP/NTN)** is a network of monitoring sites that provides continuous measurement and assessment of the chemical constituents in precipitation throughout the United States. As the lead Federal agency, the USGS works together with over 100 organizations to provide a long-term, spatial and temporal record of atmospheric deposition generated from this network of 250 precipitation-chemistry monitoring sites. The USGS supports 74 of these 250 sites. This long-term, nationally consistent monitoring program, coupled with ecosystem research, provides critical information toward a national scorecard to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing and future regulations intended to reduce atmospheric emissions and subsequent impacts to the Nation's land and water resources. Reports and other information on the NADP/NTN Program, as well as data from the individual sites, may be accessed from <http://bqs.usgs.gov/acidrain/>.

**The USGS National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program** is a long-term program with goals to describe the status and trends of water-quality conditions for a large, representative part of the Nation's ground- and surface-water resources; to provide an improved understanding of the primary natural and human factors affecting these observed conditions and trends; and to provide information that supports development and evaluation of management, regulatory, and monitoring decisions by other agencies.

Assessment activities are being conducted in 42 study units (major watersheds and aquifer systems) that represent a wide range of environmental settings nationwide and that account for a large percentage of the Nation's water use. A wide array of chemical constituents is measured in ground water, surface water, streambed sediments, and fish tissues. The coordinated application of comparative hydrologic studies at a wide range of spatial and temporal scales will provide information for water-resources managers to use in making decisions and a foundation for aggregation and comparison of findings to address water-quality issues of regional and national interest.

Communication and coordination between USGS personnel and other local, State, and Federal interests are critical components of the NAWQA Program. Each study unit has a local liaison committee consisting of representatives from key Federal, State, and local water-resources agencies, Indian nations, and universities in the study unit. Liaison committees typically meet semiannually to discuss their information needs, monitoring plans and progress, desired information products, and opportunities to collaborate efforts among the agencies. Additional information about the NAWQA Program may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/>.

**The USGS National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP)** is a long-term program with goals to provide framework streamflow data across the Nation. Included in the program are creation of a permanent Federally funded streamflow network, research on the nature of streamflow, regional assessments of streamflow data and databases, and upgrades in the streamflow information delivery systems. Additional information about NSIP may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/nsip/>.

## EXPLANATION OF STAGE- AND WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS

### Data Collection and Computation

The base data collected at gaging stations (fig. 1) consist of records of stage and measurements of discharge of streams or canals, and stage, surface area, and volume of lakes or reservoirs. In addition, observations of factors affecting the stage-discharge relation or the stage-capacity relation, weather records, and other information are used to supplement base data in determining the daily flow or volume of water in storage. Records of stage are obtained from a water-stage recorder that is either downloaded electronically in the field to a laptop computer or similar device or is transmitted using telemetry such as GOES satellite, land-line or cellular-phone modems, or by radio transmission. Measurements of discharge are made with a current meter or acoustic Doppler current profiler, using the general methods adopted by the USGS. These methods are described in standard textbooks, USGS Water-Supply Paper 2175, and the Techniques of Water-Resources Investigations of the United States Geological Survey (TWRIs), Book 3, Chapters A1 through A19 and Book 8, Chapters A2 and B2, which may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>. The methods are consistent with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards and generally follow the standards of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

For stream-gaging stations, discharge-rating tables for any stage are prepared from stage-discharge curves. If extensions to the rating curves are necessary to express discharge greater than measured, the extensions are made on the basis of indirect measurements of peak discharge (such as slope-area or contracted-opening measurements, or computation of flow over dams and weirs), step-backwater techniques, velocity-area studies, and logarithmic plotting. The daily mean discharge is computed from gage heights and rating tables, then the monthly and yearly mean discharges are computed from the daily values. If the stage-discharge relation is subject to change because of frequent or continual change in the physical features of the stream channel, the daily mean discharge is computed by the shifting-control method in which correction factors based on individual discharge measurements and notes by engineers and observers are used when applying the gage heights to the rating tables. If the stage-discharge relation for a station is temporarily changed by the presence of aquatic growth or debris on the controlling section, the daily mean discharge is computed by the shifting-control method.

The stage-discharge relation at some stream-gaging stations is affected by backwater from reservoirs, tributary streams, or other sources. Such an occurrence necessitates the use of the slope method in which the slope or fall in a reach of the stream is a factor in computing discharge. The slope or fall is obtained by means of an auxiliary gage at some distance from the base gage.

An index velocity is measured using ultrasonic or acoustic instruments at some stream-gaging stations and this index velocity is used to calculate an average velocity for the flow in the stream. This average velocity along with a stage-area relation is then used to calculate average discharge.

At some stations, stage-discharge relation is affected by changing stage. At these stations, the rate of change in stage is used as a factor in computing discharge.

At some stream-gaging stations in the northern United States, the stage-discharge relation is affected by ice in the winter; therefore, computation of the discharge in the usual manner is impossible. Discharge for periods of ice effect is computed on the basis of gage-height record and occasional winter-discharge measurements. Consideration is given to the available information on temperature and precipitation, notes by gage observers and hydrologists, and comparable records of discharge from other stations in the same or nearby basins.

For a lake or reservoir station, capacity tables giving the volume or contents for any stage are prepared from stage-area relation curves defined by surveys. The application of the stage to the capacity table gives the contents, from which the daily, monthly, or yearly changes are computed.

If the stage-capacity curve is subject to changes because of deposition of sediment in the reservoir, periodic resurveys of the reservoir are necessary to define new stage-capacity curves. During the period between reservoir surveys, the computed contents may be increasingly in error due to the gradual accumulation of sediment.

For some stream-gaging stations, periods of time occur when no gage-height record is obtained or the recorded gage height is faulty and cannot be used to compute daily discharge or contents. Such a situation can happen when the recorder stops or otherwise fails to operate



properly, the intakes are plugged, the float is frozen in the well, or for various other reasons. For such periods, the daily discharges are estimated on the basis of recorded range in stage, prior and subsequent records, discharge measurements, weather records, and comparison with records from other stations in the same or nearby basins. Likewise, lake or reservoir volumes may be estimated on the basis of operator's log, prior and subsequent records, inflow-outflow studies, and other information.

### Data Presentation

The records published for each continuous-record surface-water discharge station (stream-gaging station) consist of five parts: (1) the station manuscript or description; (2) the data table of daily mean values of discharge for the current water year with summary data; (3) a tabular statistical summary of monthly mean flow data for a designated period, by water year; (4) a summary statistics table that includes statistical data of annual, daily, and instantaneous flows as well as data pertaining to annual runoff, 7-day low-flow minimums, and flow duration; and (5) a hydrograph of discharge.

### Station Manuscript

The manuscript provides, under various headings, descriptive information, such as station location; period of record; historical extremes outside the period of record; record accuracy; and other remarks pertinent to station operation and regulation. The following information, as appropriate, is provided with each continuous record of discharge or lake content. Comments follow that clarify information presented under the various headings of the station description.

**LOCATION.**—Location information is obtained from the most accurate maps available. The location of the gaging station with respect to the cultural and physical features in the vicinity and with respect to the reference place mentioned in the station name is given. River mileages, given for only a few stations, were determined by methods given in "River Mileage Measurement," Bulletin 14, Revision of October 1968, prepared by the Water Resources Council or were provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—Drainage areas are measured using the most accurate maps available. Because the type of maps available varies from one drainage basin to another, the accuracy of drainage areas likewise varies. Drainage areas are updated as better maps become available.

**PERIOD OF RECORD.**—This term indicates the time period for which records have been published for the station or for an equivalent station. An equivalent station is one that was in operation at a time that the present station was not and whose location was such that its flow reasonably can be considered equivalent to flow at the present station.

**REVISED RECORDS.**—If a critical error in published records is discovered, a revision is included in the first report published following discovery of the error.

**GAGE.**—The type of gage in current use, the datum of the current gage referred to a standard datum, and a condensed history of the types, locations, and datums of previous gages are given under this heading.

**REMARKS.**—All periods of estimated daily discharge either will be identified by date in this paragraph of the station description for water-discharge stations or flagged in the daily discharge table. (See section titled Identifying Estimated Daily Discharge.) Information is presented relative to the accuracy of the records, to special methods of computation, and to conditions that affect natural flow at the station. In addition, information may be presented pertaining to average discharge data for the period of record; to extremes data for the period of record and the current year; and, possibly, to other pertinent items. For reservoir stations, information is given on the dam forming the reservoir, the capacity, the outlet works and spillway, and the purpose and use of the reservoir.

**COOPERATION.**—Records provided by a cooperating organization or obtained for the USGS by a cooperating organization are identified here.

**EXTREMES OUTSIDE PERIOD OF RECORD.**—Information here documents major floods or unusually low flows that occurred outside the stated period of record. The information may or may not have been obtained by the USGS.

**REVISIONS.**—Records are revised if errors in published records are discovered. Appropriate updates are made in the USGS distributed data system, NWIS, and subsequently to its Web-based National data system, NWISWeb (<http://water.usgs.gov/nwis/nwis>). Users are encouraged to obtain all required data from NWIS or NWISWeb to ensure that they have the most recent data updates. Updates to NWISWeb are made on an annual basis.

Although rare, occasionally the records of a discontinued gaging station may need revision. Because no current or, possibly, future station manuscript would be published for these stations to document the revision in a REVISED RECORDS entry, users of data for these stations who obtained the record from previously published data reports may wish to contact the District Office (address given on the back of the title page of this report) to determine if the published records were revised after the station was discontinued. If, however, the data for a discontinued station were obtained by computer retrieval, the data would be current. Any published revision of data is always accompanied by revision of the corresponding data in computer storage.

Manuscript information for lake or reservoir stations differs from that for stream stations in the nature of the REMARKS and in the inclusion of a stage-capacity table when daily volumes are given.

### Peak Discharge Greater than Base Discharge

Tables of peak discharge above base discharge are included for some stations where secondary instantaneous peak discharge data are used in flood-frequency studies of highway and bridge design, flood-control structures, and other flood-related projects. The base discharge value is selected so an average of three peaks a year will be reported. This base discharge value has a recurrence interval of approximately 1.1 years or a 91-percent chance of exceedence in any 1 year.

### Data Table of Daily Mean Values

The daily table of discharge records for stream-gaging stations gives mean discharge for each day of the water year. In the monthly summary for the table, the line headed TOTAL gives the sum of the daily figures for each month; the line headed MEAN gives the arithmetic average flow in cubic feet per second for the month; and the lines headed MAX and MIN give the maximum and minimum daily mean discharges, respectively, for each month. Discharge for the month is expressed in cubic feet per second per square mile (line headed CF5M); or in inches (line headed IN); or in acre-feet (line headed AC-FT). Values for cubic feet per second per square mile and runoff in inches or in acre-feet may be omitted if extensive regulation or diversion is in effect or if the drainage area includes large noncontributing areas. At some stations, monthly and (or) yearly observed discharges are adjusted for reservoir storage or diversion, or diversion data or reservoir volumes are given. These values are identified by a symbol and a corresponding footnote.

### Statistics of Monthly Mean Data

A tabular summary of the mean (line headed MEAN), maximum (MAX), and minimum (MIN) of monthly mean flows for each month for a designated period is provided below the mean values table. The water years of the first occurrence of the maximum and minimum monthly flows are provided immediately below those values. The designated period will be expressed as FOR WATER YEARS \_\_-\_\_, BY WATER YEAR (WY), and will list the first and last water years of the range of years selected from the PERIOD OF RECORD paragraph in the station manuscript. The designated period will consist of all of the station record within the specified water years, including complete months of record for partial water years, and may coincide with the period of record for the station. The water years for which the statistics are computed are consecutive, unless a break in the station record is indicated in the manuscript.

### Summary Statistics

A table titled SUMMARY STATISTICS follows the statistics of monthly mean data tabulation. This table consists of four columns with the first column containing the line headings of the statistics being reported. The table provides a statistical summary of yearly, daily, and instantaneous flows, not only for the current water year but also for the previous calendar year and for a designated period, as appropriate. The designated period selected, WATER YEARS \_\_-\_\_, will consist of all of the station records within the specified water years, including complete months of record for partial water years, and may coincide with the period of record for the station. The water years for which the statistics are computed are consecutive, unless a break in the station record is indicated in the manuscript. All of the calculations for the statistical characteristics designated ANNUAL (see line headings below), except for the ANNUAL 7-DAY MINIMUM statistic, are calculated for the designated period using complete water years. The other statistical characteristics may be calculated using partial water years.

The date or water year, as appropriate, of the first occurrence of each statistic reporting extreme values of discharge is provided adjacent to the statistic. Repeated occurrences may be noted in the REMARKS paragraph of the manuscript or in footnotes. Because the designated period may not be the same as the station period of record published in the manuscript, occasionally the dates of occurrence listed for the daily and instantaneous extremes in the designated-period column may not be within the selected water years listed in the heading. When the dates of occurrence do not fall within the selected water years listed in the heading, it will be noted in the REMARKS paragraph or in footnotes. Selected streamflow duration-curve statistics and runoff data also are given. Runoff data may be omitted if extensive regulation or diversion of flow is in effect in the drainage basin.

The following summary statistics data are provided with each continuous record of discharge. Comments that follow clarify information presented under the various line headings of the SUMMARY STATISTICS table.

ANNUAL TOTAL.—The sum of the daily mean values of discharge for the year.

ANNUAL MEAN.—The arithmetic mean for the individual daily mean discharges for the year noted or for the designated period.

HIGHEST ANNUAL MEAN.—The maximum annual mean discharge occurring for the designated period.

LOWEST ANNUAL MEAN.—The minimum annual mean discharge occurring for the designated period.

HIGHEST DAILY MEAN.—The maximum daily mean discharge for the year or for the designated period.

LOWEST DAILY MEAN.—The minimum daily mean discharge for the year or for the designated period.

ANNUAL 7-DAY MINIMUM.—The lowest mean discharge for 7 consecutive days for a calendar year or a water year. Note that most low-flow frequency analyses of annual 7-day minimum flows use a climatic year (April 1-March 31). The date shown in the summary statistics table is the initial date of the 7-day period. This value should not be confused with the 7-day 10-year low-flow statistic.

MAXIMUM PEAK FLOW.—The maximum instantaneous peak discharge occurring for the water year or designated period. Occasionally the maximum flow for a year may occur at midnight at the beginning or end of the year, on a recession from or rise toward a higher peak in the adjoining year. In this case, the maximum peak flow is given in the table and the maximum flow may be reported in a footnote or in the REMARKS paragraph in the manuscript.

MAXIMUM PEAK STAGE.—The maximum instantaneous peak stage occurring for the water year or designated period. Occasionally the maximum stage for a year may occur at midnight at the beginning or end of the year, on a recession from or rise toward a higher peak in the adjoining year. In this case, the maximum peak stage is given in the table and the maximum stage may be reported in the REMARKS paragraph in the manuscript or in a footnote. If the dates of occurrence of the maximum peak stage and maximum peak flow are different, the REMARKS paragraph in the manuscript or a footnote may be used to provide further information.

INSTANTANEOUS LOW FLOW.—The minimum instantaneous discharge occurring for the water year or for the designated period.

ANNUAL RUNOFF.—Indicates the total quantity of water in runoff for a drainage area for the year. Data reports may use any of the following units of measurement in presenting annual runoff data:

Acre-foot (AC-FT) is the quantity of water required to cover 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot and is equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet or about 326,000 gallons or 1,233 cubic meters.

Cubic feet per square mile (CFSM) is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, assuming the runoff is distributed uniformly in time and area.

Inches (INCHES) indicate the depth to which the drainage area would be covered if all of the runoff for a given time period were uniformly distributed on it.

10 PERCENT EXCEEDS.—The discharge that has been exceeded 10 percent of the time for the designated period.

50 PERCENT EXCEEDS.—The discharge that has been exceeded 50 percent of the time for the designated period.

90 PERCENT EXCEEDS.—The discharge that has been exceeded 90 percent of the time for the designated period.

Data collected at partial-record stations follow the information for continuous-record sites. Data for partial-record discharge stations are presented in two tables. The first table lists annual maximum stage and discharge at crest-stage stations, and the second table lists discharge measurements at low-flow partial-record stations. The tables of partial-record stations are followed by a listing of discharge measurements made at sites other than continuous-record or partial-record stations. These measurements are often made in times of drought or flood to give better areal coverage to those events. Those measurements and others collected for a special reason are called measurements at miscellaneous sites.

### **Identifying Estimated Daily Discharge**

Estimated daily-discharge values published in the water-discharge tables of annual State data reports are identified. This identification is shown either by flagging individual daily values with the letter "e" and noting in a table footnote, "e-Estimated," or by listing the dates of the estimated record in the REMARKS paragraph of the station description.

### **Accuracy of Field Data and Computed Results**

The accuracy of streamflow data depends primarily on (1) the stability of the stage-discharge relation or, if the control is unstable, the frequency of discharge measurements, and (2) the accuracy of observations of stage, measurements of discharge, and interpretations of records.

The degree of accuracy of the records is stated in the REMARKS in the station description. "Excellent" indicates that about 95 percent of the daily discharges are within 5 percent of the true value; "good" within 10 percent; and "fair," within 15 percent. "Poor" indicates that daily discharges have less than "fair" accuracy. Different accuracies may be attributed to different parts of a given record.

Values of daily mean discharge in this report are shown to the nearest hundredth of a cubic foot per second for discharges of less than 1 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; to the nearest tenths between 1.0 and 10 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; to whole numbers between 10 and 1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/s; and to 3 significant figures above 1,000 ft<sup>3</sup>/s. The number of significant figures used is based solely on the magnitude of the discharge value. The same rounding rules apply to discharge values listed for partial-record stations.

Discharge at many stations, as indicated by the monthly mean, may not reflect natural runoff due to the effects of diversion, consumption, regulation by storage, increase or decrease in evaporation due to artificial causes, or to other factors. For such stations, values of cubic feet per second per square mile and of runoff in inches are not published unless satisfactory adjustments can be made for diversions, for changes in contents of reservoirs, or for other changes incident to use and control. Evaporation from a reservoir is not included in the adjustments for changes in reservoir contents, unless it is so stated. Even at those stations where adjustments are made, large errors in computed runoff may occur if adjustments or losses are large in comparison with the observed discharge.

#### **Other Data Records Available**

Information of a more detailed nature than that published for most of the stream-gaging stations such as discharge measurements, gage-height records, and rating tables is available from the District office. Also, most stream-gaging station records are available in computer-usable form and many statistical analyses have been made.

Information on the availability of unpublished data or statistical analyses may be obtained from the District office (see address that is shown on the back of the title page of this report).

### **EXPLANATION OF PRECIPITATION RECORDS**

#### **Data Collection and Computation**

Rainfall data generally are collected using electronic data loggers that measure the rainfall in 0.01-inch increments every 15 minutes using either a tipping-bucket rain gage or a collection well gage. Twenty-four hour rainfall totals are tabulated and presented. A 24-hour period extends from just past midnight of the previous day to midnight of the current day. Snowfall-affected data can result during cold weather when snow fills the rain-gage funnel and then melts as temperatures rise. Snowfall-affected data are subject to errors. Missing values are indicated by this symbol “---” in the table.

#### **Data Presentation**

Precipitation records collected at surface-water gaging stations are identified with the same station number and name as the stream-gaging station. Where a surface-water daily-record station is not available, the precipitation record is published with its own name and latitude-longitude identification number.

Information pertinent to the history of a precipitation station is provided in descriptive headings preceding the tabular data. These descriptive headings give details regarding location, period of record, and general remarks.

The following information is provided with each precipitation station. Comments that follow clarify information presented under the various headings of the station description.

**LOCATION.**—See Data Presentation in the EXPLANATION OF STAGE- AND WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS section of this report (same comments apply).

**PERIOD OF RECORD.**—See Data Presentation in the EXPLANATION OF STAGE- AND WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS section of this report (same comments apply).

**INSTRUMENTATION.**—Information on the type of rainfall collection system is given.

**REMARKS.**—Remarks provide added information pertinent to the collection, analysis, or computation of records.

### **EXPLANATION OF WATER-QUALITY RECORDS**

#### **Collection and Examination of Data**

Surface-water samples for analysis usually are collected at or near stream-gaging stations. The quality-of-water records are given immediately following the discharge records at these stations.

The descriptive heading for water-quality records gives the period of record for all water-quality data; the period of daily record for parameters that are measured on a daily basis (specific conductance, water temperature, sediment discharge, and so forth); extremes for the current year; and general remarks.

For ground-water records, no descriptive statements are given; however, the well number, depth of well, sampling date, or other pertinent data are given in the table containing the chemical analyses of the ground water.

### Water Analysis

Most of the methods used for collecting and analyzing water samples are described in the TWRI, which may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>.

One sample can define adequately the water quality at a given time if the mixture of solutes throughout the stream cross-section is homogeneous. However, the concentration of solutes at different locations in the cross section may vary widely with different rates of water discharge, depending on the source of material and the turbulence and mixing of the stream. Some streams must be sampled at several verticals to obtain a representative sample needed for an accurate mean concentration and for use in calculating load.

Chemical-quality data published in this report are considered to be the most representative values available for the stations listed. The values reported represent water-quality conditions at the time of sampling as much as possible, consistent with available sampling techniques and methods of analysis. In the rare case where an apparent inconsistency exists between a reported pH value and the relative abundance of carbon dioxide species (carbonate and bicarbonate), the inconsistency is the result of a slight uptake of carbon dioxide from the air by the sample between measurement of pH in the field and determination of carbonate and bicarbonate in the laboratory.

For chemical-quality stations equipped with digital monitors, the records consist of daily maximum and minimum values (and sometimes mean or median values) for each constituent measured, and are based on 15-minute or 1-hour intervals of recorded data beginning at 0000 hours and ending at 2400 hours for the day of record.

## SURFACE-WATER-QUALITY RECORDS

Records of surface-water quality ordinarily are obtained at or near stream-gaging stations because discharge data are useful in the interpretation of surface-water quality. Records of surface-water quality in this report involve a variety of types of data and measurement frequencies.

### Classification of Records

Water-quality data for surface-water sites are grouped into one of three classifications. A *continuous-record station* is a site where data are collected on a regularly scheduled basis. Frequency may be one or more times daily, weekly, monthly, or quarterly. A *partial-record station* is a site where limited water-quality data are collected systematically over a period of years. Frequency of sampling is usually less than quarterly. A *miscellaneous sampling site* is a location other than a continuous- or partial-record station, where samples are collected to give better areal coverage to define water-quality conditions in the river basin.

A careful distinction needs to be made between *continuous records* as used in this report and *continuous recordings* that refer to a continuous graph or a series of discrete values recorded at short intervals. Some records of water quality, such as temperature and specific conductance, may be obtained through continuous recordings; however, because of costs, most data are obtained only monthly or less frequently.

### Accuracy of the Records

One of four accuracy classifications is applied for measured physical properties at continuous-record stations on a scale ranging from poor to excellent. The accuracy rating is based on data values recorded before any shifts or corrections are made. Additional consideration also is given to the amount of publishable record and to the amount of data that have been corrected or shifted.

**Table 1.** Rating classifications for continuous water-quality records

**Table 2.** [ $\leq$ , less than or equal to;  $\pm$ , plus or minus value shown;  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , degree Celsius;  $>$ , greater than; %, percent; mg/L, milligram per liter; pH unit, standard pH unit]

Measured physical property	Rating			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Water temperature	$\leq \pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$	$> \pm 0.2$ to $0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$	$> \pm 0.5$ to $0.8^{\circ}\text{C}$	$> \pm 0.8^{\circ}\text{C}$
Specific conductance	$\leq \pm 3\%$	$> \pm 3$ to $10\%$	$> \pm 10$ to $15\%$	$> \pm 15\%$

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Measured physical property	Rating			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Dissolved oxygen	$\leq \pm 0.3$ mg/L	$> \pm 0.3$ to 0.5 mg/L	$> \pm 0.5$ to 0.8 mg/L	$> \pm 0.8$ mg/L
pH	$\leq \pm 0.2$ unit	$> \pm 0.2$ to 0.5 unit	$> \pm 0.5$ to 0.8 unit	$> \pm 0.8$ unit
Turbidity	$\leq \pm 5\%$	$> \pm 5$ to 10%	$> \pm 10$ to 15%	$> \pm 15\%$

### Arrangement of Records

Water-quality records collected at a surface-water daily record station are published immediately following that record, regardless of the frequency of sample collection. Station number and name are the same for both records. Where a surface-water daily record station is not available or where the water quality differs significantly from that at the nearby surface-water station, the continuing water-quality record is published with its own station number and name in the regular downstream-order sequence. Water-quality data for partial-record stations and for miscellaneous sampling sites appear in separate tables following the table of discharge measurements at miscellaneous sites.

### On-Site Measurements and Sample Collection

In obtaining water-quality data, a major concern is assuring that the data obtained represent the naturally occurring quality of the water. To ensure this, certain measurements, such as water temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen, must be made on site when the samples are taken. To assure that measurements made in the laboratory also represent the naturally occurring water, carefully prescribed procedures must be followed in collecting the samples, in treating the samples to prevent changes in quality pending analysis, and in shipping the samples to the laboratory. Procedures for on-site measurements and for collecting, treating, and shipping samples are given in TWRIs Book 1, Chapter D2; Book 3, Chapters A1, A3, and A4; and Book 9, Chapters A1-A9. Most of the methods used for collecting and analyzing water samples are described in the TWRIs, which may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>. Also, detailed information on collecting, treating, and shipping samples can be obtained from the USGS District office (see address that is shown on the back of title page in this report).

### Water Temperature

Water temperatures are measured at most of the water-quality stations. In addition, water temperatures are taken at the time of discharge measurements for water-discharge stations. For stations where water temperatures are taken manually once or twice daily, the water temperatures are taken at about the same time each day. Large streams have a small diurnal temperature change; shallow streams may have a daily range of several degrees and may follow closely the changes in air temperature. Some streams may be affected by waste-heat discharges.

At stations where recording instruments are used, either mean temperatures or maximum and minimum temperatures for each day are published. Water temperatures measured at the time of water-discharge measurements are on file in the District office.

### Sediment

Suspended-sediment concentrations are determined from samples collected by using depth-integrating samplers. Samples usually are obtained at several verticals in the cross section, or a single sample may be obtained at a fixed point and a coefficient applied to determine the mean concentration in the cross section.

During periods of rapidly changing flow or rapidly changing concentration, samples may be collected more frequently (twice daily or, in some instances, hourly). The published sediment discharges for days of rapidly changing flow or concentration were computed by the subdivided-day method (time-discharge weighted average). Therefore, for those days when the published sediment discharge value differs from the value computed as the product of discharge times mean concentration times 0.0027, the reader can assume that the sediment discharge for that day was computed by the subdivided-day method. For periods when no samples were collected, daily discharges of suspended sediment were estimated on the basis of water discharge, sediment concentrations observed immediately before and after the periods, and suspended-sediment loads for other periods of similar discharge.

At other stations, suspended-sediment samples are collected periodically at many verticals in the stream cross section. Although data collected periodically may represent conditions only at the time of observation, such data are useful in establishing seasonal relations between quality and streamflow and in predicting long-term sediment-discharge characteristics of the stream.

In addition to the records of suspended-sediment discharge, records of the periodic measurements of the particle-size distribution of the suspended sediment and bed material are included for some stations.

### Laboratory Measurements

Samples for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and indicator bacteria are analyzed locally. All other samples are analyzed in the USGS laboratory in Lakewood, Colorado, unless otherwise noted. Methods used in analyzing sediment samples and computing sediment records are given in TWRI, Book 5, Chapter C1. Methods used by the USGS laboratories are given in the TWRIs, Book 1, Chapter D2; Book 3, Chapter C2; and Book 5, Chapters A1, A3, and A4. The TWRI publications may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>. These methods are consistent with ASTM standards and generally follow ISO standards.

### Data Presentation

For continuing-record stations, information pertinent to the history of station operation is provided in descriptive headings preceding the tabular data. These descriptive headings give details regarding location, drainage area, period of record, type of data available, instrumentation, general remarks, cooperation, and extremes for parameters currently measured daily. Tables of chemical, physical, biological, radiochemical data, and so forth, obtained at a frequency less than daily are presented first. Tables of "daily values" of specific conductance, pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and suspended sediment then follow in sequence.

In the descriptive headings, if the location is identical to that of the discharge gaging station, neither the LOCATION nor the DRAINAGE AREA statements are repeated. The following information is provided with each continuous-record station. Comments that follow clarify information presented under the various headings of the station description.

LOCATION.—See Data Presentation information in the EXPLANATION OF STAGE- AND WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS section of this report (same comments apply).

DRAINAGE AREA.—See Data Presentation information in the EXPLANATION OF STAGE- AND WATER-DISCHARGE RECORDS section of this report (same comments apply).

PERIOD OF RECORD.—This indicates the time periods for which published water-quality records for the station are available. The periods are shown separately for records of parameters measured daily or continuously and those measured less than daily. For those measured daily or continuously, periods of record are given for the parameters individually.

INSTRUMENTATION.—Information on instrumentation is given only if a water-quality monitor temperature record, sediment pumping sampler, or other sampling device is in operation at a station.

REMARKS.—Remarks provide added information pertinent to the collection, analysis, or computation of the records.

COOPERATION.—Records provided by a cooperating organization or obtained for the USGS by a cooperating organization are identified here.

EXTREMES.—Maximums and minimums are given only for parameters measured daily or more frequently. For parameters measured weekly or less frequently, true maximums or minimums may not have been obtained. Extremes, when given, are provided for both the period of record and for the current water year.

REVISIONS.—Records are revised if errors in published water-quality records are discovered. Appropriate updates are made in the USGS distributed data system, NWIS, and subsequently to its Web-based National data system, NWISWeb (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>). Users of USGS water-quality data are encouraged to obtain all required data from NWIS or NWISWeb to ensure that they have the most recent updates. Updates to the NWISWeb are made on an annual basis.

The surface-water-quality records for partial-record stations and miscellaneous sampling sites are published in separate tables following the table of discharge measurements at miscellaneous sites. No descriptive statements are given for these records. Each station is published with its own station number and name in the regular downstream-order sequence.

## Remark Codes

**Table 3.** The following remark codes may appear with the water-quality data in this section:

Printed Output	Remark
E	Value is estimated.
>	Actual value is known to be greater than the value shown.
<	Actual value is known to be less than the value shown.
M	Presence of material verified, but not quantified.
N	Presumptive evidence of presence of material.
U	Material specifically analyzed for, but not detected.
A	Value is an average.
V	Analyte was detected in both the environmental sample and the associated blanks.
S	Most probable value.

## Water-Quality Control Data

The USGS National Water Quality Laboratory collects quality-control data on a continuing basis to evaluate selected analytical methods to determine long-term method detection levels (LT-MDLs) and laboratory reporting levels (LRLs). These values are re-evaluated each year on the basis of the most recent quality-control data and, consequently, may change from year to year.

This reporting procedure limits the occurrence of false positive error. Falsely reporting a concentration greater than the LT-MDL for a sample in which the analyte is not present is 1 percent or less. Application of the LRL limits the occurrence of false negative error. The chance of falsely reporting a non-detection for a sample in which the analyte is present at a concentration equal to or greater than the LRL is 1 percent or less.

Accordingly, concentrations are reported as less than LRL for samples in which the analyte was either not detected or did not pass identification. Analytes detected at concentrations between the LT-MDL and the LRL and that pass identification criteria are estimated. Estimated concentrations will be noted with a remark code of "E." These data should be used with the understanding that their uncertainty is greater than that of data reported without the E remark code.

Data generated from quality-control (QC) samples are a requisite for evaluating the quality of the sampling and processing techniques as well as data from the actual samples themselves. Without QC data, environmental sample data cannot be adequately interpreted because the errors associated with the sample data are unknown. The various types of QC samples collected by this District office are described in the following section. Procedures have been established for the storage of water-quality-control data within the USGS. These procedures allow for storage of all derived QC data and are identified so that they can be related to corresponding environmental samples. These data are not presented in this report but are available from the District office.

## Blank Samples

Blank samples are collected and analyzed to ensure that environmental samples have not been contaminated in the overall data-collection process. The blank solution used to develop specific types of blank samples is a solution that is free of the analytes of interest. Any measured value signal in a blank sample for an analyte (a specific component measured in a chemical analysis) that was absent in the blank solution is believed to be due to contamination. Many types of blank samples are possible; each is designed to segregate a different part of the overall data-collection process. The types of blank samples collected in this district are:

**Field blank**—A blank solution that is subjected to all aspects of sample collection, field processing preservation, transportation, and laboratory handling as an environmental sample.

**Trip blank**—A blank solution that is put in the same type of bottle used for an environmental sample and kept with the set of sample bottles before and after sample collection.

**Equipment blank**—A blank solution that is processed through all equipment used for collecting and processing an environmental sample (similar to a field blank but normally done in the more controlled conditions of the office).

**Sampler blank**—A blank solution that is poured or pumped through the same field sampler used for collecting an environmental sample.



**Filter blank**—A blank solution that is filtered in the same manner and through the same filter apparatus used for an environmental sample.

**Splitter blank**—A blank solution that is mixed and separated using a field splitter in the same manner and through the same apparatus used for an environmental sample.

**Preservation blank**—A blank solution that is treated with the sampler preservatives used for an environmental sample.

### Reference Samples

Reference material is a solution or material prepared by a laboratory. The reference material composition is certified for one or more properties so that it can be used to assess a measurement method. Samples of reference material are submitted for analysis to ensure that an analytical method is accurate for the known properties of the reference material. Generally, the selected reference material properties are similar to the environmental sample properties.

### Replicate Samples

Replicate samples are a set of environmental samples collected in a manner such that the samples are thought to be essentially identical in composition. Replicate is the general case for which a duplicate is the special case consisting of two samples. Replicate samples are collected and analyzed to establish the amount of variability in the data contributed by some part of the collection and analytical process. Many types of replicate samples are possible, each of which may yield slightly different results in a dynamic hydrologic setting, such as a flowing stream. The types of replicate samples collected in this district are:

**Concurrent samples**—A type of replicate sample in which the samples are collected simultaneously with two or more samplers or by using one sampler and alternating the collection of samples into two or more compositing containers.

**Sequential samples**—A type of replicate sample in which the samples are collected one after the other, typically over a short time.

**Split sample**—A type of replicate sample in which a sample is split into subsamples, each subsample contemporaneous in time and space.

### Spike Samples

Spike samples are samples to which known quantities of a solution with one or more well-established analyte concentrations have been added. These samples are analyzed to determine the extent of matrix interference or degradation on the analyte concentration during sample processing and analysis.

## EXPLANATION OF GROUND-WATER-LEVEL RECORDS

Generally, only ground-water-level data from selected wells with continuous recorders from a basic network of observation wells are published in this report. This basic network contains observation wells located so that the most significant data are obtained from the fewest wells in the most important aquifers.

### Site Identification Numbers

Each well is identified by means of (1) a 15-digit number that is based on latitude and longitude and (2) a local number that is produced for local needs. (See NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR WELLS AND MISCELLANEOUS SITES in this report for a detailed explanation.)

### Data Collection and Computation

Measurements are made in many types of wells, under varying conditions of access and at different temperatures; hence, neither the method of measurement nor the equipment can be standardized. At each observation well, however, the equipment and techniques used are those that will ensure that measurements at each well are consistent.

Most methods for collecting and analyzing water samples are described in the TWRI's referred to in the On-site Measurements and Sample Collection and the Laboratory Measurements sections in this report. In addition, TWRI Book 1, Chapter D2, describes guidelines for the collection and field analysis of ground-water samples for selected unstable constituents. Procedures for on-site measurements and for collecting, treating, and shipping samples are given in TWRI's Book 1, Chapter D2; Book 3, Chapters A1, A3, and A4; and Book 9, Chapters A1 through A9. The TWRI publications may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>. The values in this report represent water-quality conditions at the time of sampling, as much as possible, and that are consistent with available sampling techniques and methods of analysis. These methods are consistent with ASTM standards and generally follow ISO standards. Trained personnel collected all samples. The wells sampled were pumped long enough to ensure that the water collected came directly from the aquifer and had not stood for a long time in the well casing where it would have been exposed to the atmosphere and to the material, possibly metal, comprising the casings.

Water-level measurements in this report are given in feet with reference to land-surface datum (lsd). Land-surface datum is a datum plane that is approximately at land surface at each well. If known, the elevation of the land-surface datum above sea level is given in the well description. The height of the measuring point (MP) above or below land-surface datum is given in each well description. Water levels in wells equipped with recording gages are reported for every fifth day and the end of each month (EOM).

Water levels are reported to as many significant figures as can be justified by the local conditions. For example, in a measurement of a depth of water of several hundred feet, the error in determining the absolute value of the total depth to water may be a few tenths of a foot, whereas the error in determining the net change of water level between successive measurements may be only a hundredth or a few hundredths of a foot. For lesser depths to water the accuracy is greater. Accordingly, most measurements are reported to a hundredth of a foot, but some are given only to a tenth of a foot or a larger unit.

### Data Presentation

Water-level data are presented in alphabetical order by county. The primary identification number for a given well is the 15-digit site identification number that appears in the upper left corner of the table. The secondary identification number is the local or county well number. Well locations are shown in figure X; each well is identified on the map by its local well or county well number.

Each well record consists of three parts: the well description, the data table of water levels observed during the water year, and, for most wells, a hydrograph following the data table. Well descriptions are presented in the headings preceding the tabular data.

The following comments clarify information presented in these various headings.

**LOCATION.**—This paragraph follows the well-identification number and reports the hydrologic-unit number and a geographic point of reference. Latitudes and longitudes used in this report are reported as North American Datum of 1927 unless otherwise specified.

**AQUIFER.**—This entry designates by name and geologic age the aquifer that the well taps.

**WELL CHARACTERISTICS.**—This entry describes the well in terms of depth, casing diameter and depth or screened interval, method of construction, use, and changes since construction.

**INSTRUMENTATION.**—This paragraph provides information on both the frequency of measurement and the collection method used, allowing the user to better evaluate the reported water-level extremes by knowing whether they are based on continuous, monthly, or some other frequency of measurement.

**DATUM.**—This entry describes both the measuring point and the land-surface elevation at the well. The altitude of the land-surface datum is described in feet above the altitude datum; it is reported with a precision depending on the method of determination. The measuring point is described physically (such as top of casing, top of instrument shelf, and so forth), and in relation to land surface (such as 1.3 ft above land-surface datum). The elevation of the land-surface datum is described in feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29); it is reported with a precision depending on the method of determination.

**REMARKS.**—This entry describes factors that may influence the water level in a well or the measurement of the water level, when various methods of measurement were begun, and the network (climatic, terrane, local, or areal effects) or the special project to which the well belongs.

**PERIOD OF RECORD.**—This entry indicates the time period for which records are published for the well, the month and year at the start of publication of water-level records by the USGS, and the words “to current year” if the records are to be continued into the following year. Time periods for which water-level records are available, but are not published by the USGS, may be noted.

**EXTREMES FOR PERIOD OF RECORD.**—This entry contains the highest and lowest instantaneously recorded or measured water levels of the period of published record, with respect to land-surface datum or sea level, and the dates of occurrence.

### Water-Level Tables

A table of water levels follows the well description for each well. Water-level measurements in this report are given in feet with reference to either sea level or land-surface datum (lsd). Missing records are indicated by dashes in place of the water-level value.

For wells not equipped with recorders, water-level measurements were obtained periodically by steel or electric tape. Tables of periodic water-level measurements in these wells show the date of measurement and the measured water-level value.

## Hydrographs

Hydrographs are a graphic display of water-level fluctuations over a period of time. In this report, current water year and, when appropriate, period-of-record hydrographs are shown. Hydrographs that display periodic water-level measurements show points that may be connected with a dashed line from one measurement to the next. Hydrographs that display recorder data show a solid line representing the mean water level recorded for each day. Missing data are indicated by a blank space or break in a hydrograph. Missing data may occur as a result of recorder malfunctions, battery failures, or mechanical problems related to the response of the recorder's float mechanism to water-level fluctuations in a well.

## GROUND-WATER-QUALITY DATA

### Data Collection and Computation

The ground-water-quality data in this report were obtained as a part of special studies in specific areas. Consequently, a number of chemical analyses are presented for some wells within a county but not for others. As a result, the records for this year, by themselves, do not provide a balanced view of ground-water quality Statewide.

Most methods for collecting and analyzing water samples are described in the TWRI, which may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>. Procedures for on-site measurements and for collecting, treating, and shipping samples are given in TWRI, Book 1, Chapter D2; Book 5, Chapters A1, A3, and A4; and Book 9, Chapters A1-A6. Also, detailed information on collecting, treating, and shipping samples may be obtained from the USGS District office (see address shown on back of this CD-ROM).

### Laboratory Measurements

Analysis for sulfide and measurement of alkalinity, pH, water temperature, specific conductance, and dissolved oxygen are performed on site. All other sample analyses are performed at the USGS laboratory in Lakewood, Colorado, unless otherwise noted. Methods used by the USGS laboratory are given in TWRI, Book 1, Chapter D2 and Book 5, Chapters A1, A3, and A4, which may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/twri/>.

## ACCESS TO USGS WATER DATA

The USGS provides near real-time stage and discharge data for many of the gaging stations equipped with the necessary telemetry and historic daily mean and peak-flow discharge data for most current or discontinued gaging stations through the World Wide Web (WWW). These data may be accessed from <http://water.usgs.gov>.

Water-quality data and ground-water data also are available through the WWW. In addition, data can be provided in various machine-readable formats on various media. Information about the availability of specific types of data or products, and user charges, can be obtained locally from each Water Discipline District Office (See address that is shown on the back of the title page of this report).

### Definition of terms

Specialized technical terms related to streamflow, water-quality, and other hydrologic data, as used in this report, are defined below. Terms such as algae, water level, and precipitation are used in their common everyday meanings, definitions of which are given in standard dictionaries. Not all terms defined in this alphabetical list apply to every State. See also table for converting English units to International System (SI) Units. Other glossaries that also define water-related terms are accessible from <http://water.usgs.gov/glossaries.html>.

**Acid neutralizing capacity** (ANC) is the equivalent sum of all bases or base-producing materials, solutes plus particulates, in an aqueous system that can be titrated with acid to an equivalence point. This term designates titration of an "unfiltered" sample (formerly reported as alkalinity).

**Acre-foot** (AC-FT, acre-ft) is a unit of volume, commonly used to measure quantities of water used or stored, equivalent to the volume of water required to cover 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot and equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet, 325,851 gallons, or 1,233 cubic meters. (See also "Annual runoff")

**Adenosine triphosphate** (ATP) is an organic, phosphate-rich compound important in the transfer of energy in organisms. Its central role in living cells makes ATP an excellent indicator of the presence of living material in water. A measurement of ATP therefore provides a sensitive and rapid estimate of biomass. ATP is reported in micrograms per liter.

**Adjusted discharge** is discharge data that have been mathematically adjusted (for example, to remove the effects of a daily tide cycle or reservoir storage).

**Algal growth potential** (AGP) is the maximum algal dry weight biomass that can be produced in a natural water sample under standardized laboratory conditions. The growth potential is the algal biomass present at stationary phase and is expressed as milligrams dry weight of algae produced per liter of sample. (See also “Biomass” and “Dry weight”)

**Alkalinity** is the capacity of solutes in an aqueous system to neutralize acid. This term designates titration of a “filtered” sample.

**Annual runoff** is the total quantity of water that is discharged (“runs off”) from a drainage basin in a year. Data reports may present annual runoff data as volumes in acre-feet, as discharges per unit of drainage area in cubic feet per second per square mile, or as depths of water on the drainage basin in inches.

**Annual 7-day minimum** is the lowest mean value for any 7-consecutive-day period in a year. Annual 7-day minimum values are reported herein for the calendar year and the water year (October 1 through September 30). Most low-flow frequency analyses use a climatic year (April 1-March 31), which tends to prevent the low-flow period from being artificially split between adjacent years. The date shown in the summary statistics table is the initial date of the 7-day period. (This value should not be confused with the 7-day, 10-year low-flow statistic.)

**Aroclor** is the registered trademark for a group of poly-chlorinated biphenyls that were manufactured by the Monsanto Company prior to 1976. Aroclors are assigned specific 4-digit reference numbers dependent upon molecular type and degree of substitution of the biphenyl ring hydrogen atoms by chlorine atoms. The first two digits of a numbered aroclor represent the molecular type, and the last two digits represent the percentage weight of the hydrogen-substituted chlorine.

**Artificial substrate** is a device that purposely is placed in a stream or lake for colonization of organisms. The artificial substrate simplifies the community structure by standardizing the substrate from which each sample is collected. Examples of artificial substrates are basket samplers (made of wire cages filled with clean streamside rocks) and multiplate samplers (made of hard-board) for benthic organism collection, and plexiglass strips for periphyton collection. (See also “Substrate”)

**Ash mass** is the mass or amount of residue present after the residue from a dry-mass determination has been ashed in a muffle furnace at a temperature of 500 °C for 1 hour. Ash mass of zooplankton and phytoplankton is expressed in grams per cubic meter ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), and periphyton and benthic organisms in grams per square meter ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ ). (See also “Biomass” and “Dry mass”)

**Aspect** is the direction toward which a slope faces with respect to the compass.

**Bacteria** are microscopic unicellular organisms, typically spherical, rodlike, or spiral and threadlike in shape, often clumped into colonies. Some bacteria cause disease, whereas others perform an essential role in nature in the recycling of materials; for example, by decomposing organic matter into a form available for reuse by plants.

**Bankfull stage**, as used in this report, is the stage at which a stream first overflows its natural banks formed by floods with 1- to 3-year recurrence intervals.

**Base discharge** (for peak discharge) is a discharge value, determined for selected stations, above which peak discharge data are published. The base discharge at each station is selected so that an average of about three peak flows per year will be published. (See also “Peak flow”)

**Base flow** is sustained flow of a stream in the absence of direct runoff. It includes natural and human-induced streamflows. Natural base flow is sustained largely by ground-water discharge.

**Bed material** is the sediment mixture of which a stream-bed, lake, pond, reservoir, or estuary bottom is composed. (See also “Bedload” and “Sediment”)

**Bedload** is material in transport that primarily is supported by the streambed. In this report, bedload is considered to consist of particles in transit from the bed to the top of the bedload sampler nozzle (an elevation ranging from 0.25 to 0.5 foot). These particles are retained in the bedload sampler. A sample collected with a pressure-differential bedload sampler also may contain a component of the suspended load.

**Bedload discharge** (tons per day) is the rate of sediment moving as bedload, reported as dry weight, that passes through a cross section in a given time. NOTE: Bedload discharge values in this report may include a component of the suspended-sediment discharge. A correction may be necessary when computing the total sediment discharge by summing the bedload discharge

and the suspended-sediment discharge. (See also “Bedload,” “Dry weight,” “Sediment,” and “Suspended-sediment discharge”)

**Benthic organisms** are the group of organisms inhabiting the bottom of an aquatic environment. They include a number of types of organisms, such as bacteria, fungi, insect larvae and nymphs, snails, clams, and crayfish. They are useful as indicators of water quality.

**Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)** is a measure of the quantity of dissolved oxygen, in milligrams per liter, necessary for the decomposition of organic matter by microorganisms, such as bacteria.

**Biomass** is the amount of living matter present at any given time, expressed as mass per unit area or volume of habitat.

**Biomass pigment ratio** is an indicator of the total proportion of periphyton that are autotrophic (plants). This also is called the Autotrophic Index.

**Blue-green algae** (*Cyanophyta*) are a group of phytoplankton and periphyton organisms with a blue pigment in addition to a green pigment called chlorophyll. Blue-green algae can cause nuisance water-quality conditions in lakes and slow-flowing rivers; however, they are found commonly in streams throughout the year. The abundance of blue-green algae in phytoplankton samples is expressed as the number of cells per milliliter (cells/mL) or biovolume in cubic micrometers per milliliter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{mL}$ ). The abundance of blue-green algae in periphyton samples is given in cells per square centimeter (cells/cm<sup>2</sup>) or biovolume per square centimeter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{cm}^2$ ). (See also “Phytoplankton” and “Periphyton”)

**Bottom material** (See “Bed material”)

**Bulk electrical conductivity** is the combined electrical conductivity of all material within a doughnut-shaped volume surrounding an induction probe. Bulk conductivity is affected by different physical and chemical properties of the material including the dissolved-solids content of the pore water, and the lithology and porosity of the rock.

**Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum 1928** is a geodetic datum derived from a general adjustment of Canada’s first order level network in 1928.

**Cell volume** (biovolume) determination is one of several common methods used to estimate biomass of algae in aquatic systems. Cell members of algae are used frequently in aquatic surveys as an indicator of algal production. However, cell numbers alone cannot represent true biomass because of considerable cell-size variation among the algal species. Cell volume ( $\mu\text{m}^3$ ) is determined by obtaining critical cell measurements or cell dimensions (for example, length, width, height, or radius) for 20 to 50 cells of each important species to obtain an average biovolume per cell. Cells are categorized according to the correspondence of their cellular shape to the nearest geometric solid or combinations of simple solids (for example, spheres, cones, or cylinders). Representative formulae used to compute biovolume are as follows:

$$\text{sphere } \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad \text{cone } \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \quad \text{cylinder } \pi r^2 h.$$

pi ( $\pi$ ) is the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle;  $\pi = 3.14159\dots$

From cell volume, total algal biomass expressed as biovolume ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{mL}$ ) is thus determined by multiplying the number of cells of a given species by its average cell volume and then summing these volumes for all species.

**Cells/volume** refers to the number of cells of any organism that is counted by using a microscope and grid or counting cell.

Many planktonic organisms are multicelled and are counted according to the number of contained cells per sample volume, and generally are reported as cells or units per milliliter (mL) or liter (L).

**Cfs-day** (See “Cubic foot per second-day”)

**Channel bars**, as used in this report, are the lowest prominent geomorphic features higher than the channel bed.

**Chemical oxygen demand (COD)** is a measure of the chemically oxidizable material in the water and furnishes an approximation of the amount of organic and reducing material present. The determined value may correlate with BOD or with carbonaceous organic pollution from sewage or industrial wastes. [See also “Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)”]

***Clostridium perfringens*** (*C. perfringens*) is a spore-forming bacterium that is common in the feces of human and other warm-blooded animals. Clostridial spores are being used experimentally as an indicator of past fecal contamination and the presence of microorganisms that are resistant to disinfection and environmental stresses. (See also “Bacteria”)

**Coliphages** are viruses that infect and replicate in coliform bacteria. They are indicative of sewage contamination of water and of the survival and transport of viruses in the environment.

**Color unit** is produced by 1 milligram per liter of platinum in the form of the chloroplatinate ion. Color is expressed in units of the platinum-cobalt scale.

**Confined aquifer** is a term used to describe an aquifer containing water between two relatively impermeable boundaries. The water level in a well tapping a confined aquifer stands above the top of the confined aquifer and can be higher or lower than the water table that may be present in the material above it. In some cases, the water level can rise above the ground surface, yielding a flowing well.

**Contents** is the volume of water in a reservoir or lake. Unless otherwise indicated, volume is computed on the basis of a level pool and does not include bank storage.

**Continuous-record station** is a site where data are collected with sufficient frequency to define daily mean values and variations within a day.

**Control** designates a feature in the channel that physically affects the water-surface elevation and thereby determines the stage-discharge relation at the gage. This feature may be a constriction of the channel, a bedrock outcrop, a gravel bar, an artificial structure, or a uniform cross section over a long reach of the channel.

**Control structure**, as used in this report, is a structure on a stream or canal that is used to regulate the flow or stage of the stream or to prevent the intrusion of saltwater.

**Cubic foot per second** (CFS, ft<sup>3</sup>/s) is the rate of discharge representing a volume of 1 cubic foot passing a given point in 1 second. It is equivalent to approximately 7.48 gallons per second or approximately 449 gallons per minute, or 0.02832 cubic meters per second. The term “second-foot” sometimes is used synonymously with “cubic foot per second” but is now obsolete.

**Cubic foot per second-day** (CFS-DAY, Cfs-day, [(ft<sup>3</sup>/s)/d]) is the volume of water represented by a flow of 1 cubic foot per second for 24 hours. It is equivalent to 86,400 cubic feet, 1.98347 acre-feet, 646,317 gallons, or 2,446.6 cubic meters. The daily mean discharges reported in the daily value data tables numerically are equal to the daily volumes in cfs-days, and the totals also represent volumes in cfs-days.

**Cubic foot per second per square mile** [CFSM, (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)/mi<sup>2</sup>] is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, assuming the runoff is distributed uniformly in time and area. (See also “Annual runoff”)

**Daily mean suspended-sediment concentration** is the time-weighted mean concentration of suspended sediment passing a stream cross section during a 24-hour day. (See also “Sediment” and “Suspended-sediment concentration”)

**Daily record station** is a site where data are collected with sufficient frequency to develop a record of one or more data values per day. The frequency of data collection can range from continuous recording to data collection on a daily or near-daily basis.

**Data collection platform** (DCP) is an electronic instrument that collects, processes, and stores data from various sensors, and transmits the data by satellite data relay, line-of-sight radio, and/or landline telemetry.

**Data logger** is a microprocessor-based data acquisition system designed specifically to acquire, process, and store data. Data usually are downloaded from onsite data loggers for entry into office data systems.

**Datum** is a surface or point relative to which measurements of height and/or horizontal position are reported. A vertical datum is a horizontal surface used as the zero point for measurements of gage height, stage, or elevation; a horizontal datum is a reference for positions given in terms of latitude-longitude, State Plane coordinates, or Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

coordinates. (See also “Gage datum,” “Land-surface datum,” “National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929,” and “North American Vertical Datum of 1988”)

**Diatoms** (*Bacillariophyta*) are unicellular or colonial algae with a siliceous cell wall. The abundance of diatoms in phytoplankton samples is expressed as the number of cells per milliliter (cells/mL) or biovolume in cubic micrometers per milliliter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{mL}$ ). The abundance of diatoms in periphyton samples is given in cells per square centimeter (cells/cm<sup>2</sup>) or biovolume per square centimeter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{cm}^2$ ). (See also “Phytoplankton” and “Periphyton”)

**Diel** is of or pertaining to a 24-hour period of time; a regular daily cycle.

**Discharge**, or **flow**, is the rate that matter passes through a cross section of a stream channel or other water body per unit of time. The term commonly refers to the volume of water (including, unless otherwise stated, any sediment or other constituents suspended or dissolved in the water) that passes a cross section in a stream channel, canal, pipeline, and so forth, within a given period of time (cubic feet per second). Discharge also can apply to the rate at which constituents, such as suspended sediment, bedload, and dissolved or suspended chemicals, pass through a cross section, in which cases the quantity is expressed as the mass of constituent that passes the cross section in a given period of time (tons per day).

**Dissolved** refers to that material in a representative water sample that passes through a 0.45-micrometer membrane filter. This is a convenient operational definition used by Federal and State agencies that collect water-quality data. Determinations of “dissolved” constituent concentrations are made on sample water that has been filtered.

**Dissolved oxygen** (DO) is the molecular oxygen (oxygen gas) dissolved in water. The concentration in water is a function of atmospheric pressure, temperature, and dissolved-solids concentration of the water. The ability of water to retain oxygen decreases with increasing temperature or dissolved-solids concentration. Photosynthesis and respiration by plants commonly cause diurnal variations in dissolved-oxygen concentration in water from some streams.

**Dissolved-solids concentration** in water is the quantity of dissolved material in a sample of water. It is determined either analytically by the “residue-on-evaporation” method, or mathematically by totaling the concentrations of individual constituents reported in a comprehensive chemical analysis. During the analytical determination, the bicarbonate (generally a major dissolved component of water) is converted to carbonate. In the mathematical calculation, the bicarbonate value, in milligrams per liter, is multiplied by 0.4917 to convert it to carbonate. Alternatively, alkalinity concentration (as mg/L CaCO<sub>3</sub>) can be converted to carbonate concentration by multiplying by 0.60.

**Diversity index** (H) (Shannon index) is a numerical expression of evenness of distribution of aquatic organisms. The formula for diversity index is:

$$\bar{d} = - \sum_{i \approx 1}^s \frac{n_i}{n} \log_2 \frac{n_i}{n},$$

where  $n_i$  is the number of individuals per taxon,  $n$  is the total number of individuals, and  $s$  is the total number of taxa in the sample of the community. Index values range from zero, when all the organisms in the sample are the same, to some positive number, when some or all of the organisms in the sample are different.

**Drainage area** of a stream at a specific location is that area upstream from the location, measured in a horizontal plane, that has a common outlet at the site for its surface runoff from precipitation that normally drains by gravity into a stream. Drainage areas given herein include all closed basins, or noncontributing areas, within the area unless otherwise specified.

**Drainage basin** is a part of the Earth’s surface that contains a drainage system with a common outlet for its surface runoff. (See “Drainage area”)

**Dry mass** refers to the mass of residue present after drying in an oven at 105 °C, until the mass remains unchanged. This mass represents the total organic matter, ash and sediment, in the sample. Dry-mass values are expressed in the same units as ash mass. (See also “Ash mass,” “Biomass,” and “Wet mass”)

**Dry weight** refers to the weight of animal tissue after it has been dried in an oven at 65 °C until a constant weight is achieved. Dry weight represents total organic and inorganic matter in the tissue. (See also “Wet weight”)

**Embeddedness** is the degree to which gravel-sized and larger particles are surrounded or enclosed by finer-sized particles. (See also “Substrate embeddedness class”)

**Enterococcus bacteria** commonly are found in the feces of humans and other warmblooded animals. Although some strains are ubiquitous and not related to fecal pollution, the presence of enterococci in water is an indication of fecal pollution and the possible presence of enteric pathogens. Enterococcus bacteria are those bacteria that produce pink to red colonies with black or reddish-brown precipitate after incubation at 41 °C on mE agar (nutrient medium for bacterial growth) and subsequent transfer to EIA medium. Enterococci include *Streptococcus faecalis*, *Streptococcus faecium*, *Streptococcus avium*, and their variants. (See also “Bacteria”)

**EPT Index** is the total number of distinct taxa within the insect orders Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera. This index summarizes the taxa richness within the aquatic insects that generally are considered pollution sensitive; the index usually decreases with pollution.

**Escherichia coli** (*E. coli*) are bacteria present in the intestine and feces of warmblooded animals. *E. coli* are a member species of the fecal coliform group of indicator bacteria. In the laboratory, they are defined as those bacteria that produce yellow or yellow-brown colonies on a filter pad saturated with urea substrate broth after primary culturing for 22 to 24 hours at 44.5 °C on mTEC medium (nutrient medium for bacterial growth). Their concentrations are expressed as number of colonies per 100 mL of sample. (See also “Bacteria”)

**Estimated (E) value** of a concentration is reported when an analyte is detected and all criteria for a positive result are met. If the concentration is less than the method detection limit (MDL), an E code will be reported with the value. If the analyte is identified qualitatively as present, but the quantitative determination is substantially more uncertain, the National Water Quality Laboratory will identify the result with an E code even though the measured value is greater than the MDL. A value reported with an E code should be used with caution. When no analyte is detected in a sample, the default reporting value is the MDL preceded by a less than sign (<). For bacteriological data, concentrations are reported as estimated when results are based on non-ideal colony counts.

**Euglenoids** (*Euglenophyta*) are a group of algae that usually are free-swimming and rarely creeping. They have the ability to grow either photosynthetically in the light or heterotrophically in the dark. (See also “Phytoplankton”)

**Extractable organic halides** (EOX) are organic compounds that contain halogen atoms such as chlorine. These organic compounds are semivolatile and extractable by ethyl acetate from air-dried streambed sediment. The ethyl acetate extract is combusted, and the concentration is determined by microcoulometric determination of the halides formed. The concentration is reported as micrograms of chlorine per gram of the dry weight of the streambed sediment.

**Fecal coliform bacteria** are present in the intestines or feces of warmblooded animals. They often are used as indicators of the sanitary quality of the water. In the laboratory, they are defined as all organisms that produce blue colonies within 24 hours when incubated at 44.5 °C plus or minus 0.2 °C on M-FC medium (nutrient medium for bacterial growth). Their concentrations are expressed as number of colonies per 100 mL of sample. (See also “Bacteria”)

**Fecal streptococcal bacteria** are present in the intestines of warmblooded animals and are ubiquitous in the environment. They are characterized as gram-positive, cocci bacteria that are capable of growth in brain-heart infusion broth. In the laboratory, they are defined as all the organisms that produce red or pink colonies within 48 hours at 35 °C plus or minus 1.0 °C on KF-streptococcus medium (nutrient medium for bacterial growth). Their concentrations are expressed as number of colonies per 100 mL of sample. (See also “Bacteria”)

**Filtered** pertains to constituents in a water sample passed through a filter of specified pore diameter, most commonly 0.45 micrometer or less for inorganic analytes and 0.7 micrometer for organic analytes.

**Filtered, recoverable** is the amount of a given constituent that is in solution after the part of a representative water-suspended sediment sample that has passed through a filter has been extracted. Complete recovery is not achieved by the extraction procedure and thus the analytical determination represents something less than 95 percent of the total constituent concentration in the sample. To achieve comparability of analytical data, equivalent extraction procedures are required of all laboratories performing such analyses because different procedures are likely to produce different analytical results.

**Fire algae** (*Pyrrhophyta*) are free-swimming unicells characterized by a red pigment spot. (See also “Phytoplankton”)



**Flow-duration percentiles** are values on a scale of 100 that indicate the percentage of time for which a flow is not exceeded. For example, the 90th percentile of river flow is greater than or equal to 90 percent of all recorded flow rates.

**Gage datum** is a horizontal surface used as a zero point for measurement of stage or gage height. This surface usually is located slightly below the lowest point of the stream bottom such that the gage height is usually slightly greater than the maximum depth of water. Because the gage datum is not an actual physical object, the datum is usually defined by specifying the elevations of permanent reference marks such as bridge abutments and survey monuments, and the gage is set to agree with the reference marks. Gage datum is a local datum that is maintained independently of any national geodetic datum. However, if the elevation of the gage datum relative to the national datum (North American Vertical Datum of 1988 or National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929) has been determined, then the gage readings can be converted to elevations above the national datum by adding the elevation of the gage datum to the gage reading.

**Gage height** (G.H.) is the water-surface elevation, in feet above the gage datum. If the water surface is below the gage datum, the gage height is negative. Gage height often is used interchangeably with the more general term “stage,” although gage height is more appropriate when used in reference to a reading on a gage.

**Gage values** are values that are recorded, transmitted, and/or computed from a gaging station. Gage values typically are collected at 5-, 15-, or 30-minute intervals.

**Gaging station** is a site on a stream, canal, lake, or reservoir where systematic observations of stage, discharge, or other hydrologic data are obtained.

**Gas chromatography/flame ionization detector** (GC/FID) is a laboratory analytical method used as a screening technique for semivolatile organic compounds that are extractable from water in methylene chloride.

**Geomorphic channel units**, as used in this report, are fluvial geomorphic descriptors of channel shape and stream velocity. Pools, riffles, and runs are types of geomorphic channel units considered for National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program habitat sampling.

**Green algae** (*Chlorophyta*) are unicellular or colonial algae with chlorophyll pigments similar to those in terrestrial green plants. Some forms of green algae produce mats or floating “moss” in lakes. The abundance of green algae in phytoplankton samples is expressed as the number of cells per milliliter (cells/mL) or biovolume in cubic micrometers per milliliter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{mL}$ ). The abundance of green algae in periphyton samples is given in cells per square centimeter (cells/cm<sup>2</sup>) or biovolume per square centimeter ( $\mu\text{m}^3/\text{cm}^2$ ). (See also “Phytoplankton” and “Periphyton”)

**Habitat**, as used in this report, includes all nonliving (physical) aspects of the aquatic ecosystem, although living components like aquatic macrophytes and riparian vegetation also are usually included. Measurements of habitat typically are made over a wider geographic scale than are measurements of species distribution.

**Habitat quality index** is the qualitative description (level 1) of instream habitat and riparian conditions surrounding the reach sampled. Scores range from 0 to 100 percent with higher scores indicative of desirable habitat conditions for aquatic life. Index only applicable to wadable streams.

**Hardness** of water is a physical-chemical characteristic that commonly is recognized by the increased quantity of soap required to produce lather. It is computed as the sum of equivalents of polyvalent cations (primarily calcium and magnesium) and is expressed as the equivalent concentration of calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>).

**High tide** is the maximum height reached by each rising tide. The high-high and low-high tides are the higher and lower of the two high tides, respectively, of each tidal day. See NOAA Web site: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/text/glossary.html> (see “High water”)

**Hilsenhoff’s Biotic Index** (HBI) is an indicator of organic pollution that uses tolerance values to weight taxa abundances; usually increases with pollution. It is calculated as follows:

$$HBI = \frac{\sum (n)(a)}{N},$$

where  $n$  is the number of individuals of each taxon,  $a$  is the tolerance value of each taxon, and  $N$  is the total number of organisms in the sample.

**Horizontal datum** (See “Datum”)

**Hydrologic index stations** referred to in this report are continuous-record gaging stations that have been selected as representative of streamflow patterns for their respective regions. Station locations are shown on index maps.

**Hydrologic unit** is a geographic area representing part or all of a surface drainage basin or distinct hydrologic feature as defined by the former Office of Water Data Coordination and delineated on the State Hydrologic Unit Maps by the USGS. Each hydrologic unit is identified by an 8-digit number.

**Inch** (IN., in.), in reference to streamflow, as used in this report, refers to the depth to which the drainage area would be covered with water if all of the runoff for a given time period were distributed uniformly on it. (See also “Annual runoff”)

**Instantaneous discharge** is the discharge at a particular instant of time. (See also “Discharge”)

**International Boundary Commission Survey Datum** refers to a geodetic datum established at numerous monuments along the United States-Canada boundary by the International Boundary Commission.

**Island**, as used in this report, is a mid-channel bar that has permanent woody vegetation, is flooded once a year, on average, and remains stable except during large flood events.

**Laboratory reporting level** (LRL) generally is equal to twice the yearly determined long-term method detection level (LT-MDL). The LRL controls false negative error. The probability of falsely reporting a nondetection for a sample that contained an analyte at a concentration equal to or greater than the LRL is predicted to be less than or equal to 1 percent. The value of the LRL will be reported with a “less than” (<) remark code for samples in which the analyte was not detected. The National Water Quality Laboratory (NWQL) collects quality-control data from selected analytical methods on a continuing basis to determine LT-MDLs and to establish LRLs. These values are reevaluated annually on the basis of the most current quality-control data and, therefore, may change. The LRL replaces the term ‘non-detection value’ (NDV).

**Land-surface datum** (lsd) is a datum plane that is approximately at land surface at each ground-water observation well.

**Latent heat flux** (often used interchangeably with latent heat-flux density) is the amount of heat energy that converts water from liquid to vapor (evaporation) or from vapor to liquid (condensation) across a specified cross-sectional area per unit time. Usually expressed in watts per square meter.

**Light-attenuation coefficient**, also known as the extinction coefficient, is a measure of water clarity. Light is attenuated according to the Lambert-Beer equation:

$$I = I_0 e^{-\lambda L},$$

where  $I_0$  is the source light intensity,  $I$  is the light intensity at length  $L$  (in meters) from the source,  $\lambda$  is the light-attenuation coefficient, and  $e$  is the base of the natural logarithm. The light-attenuation coefficient is defined as

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{L} \log_e \frac{I}{I_0}.$$

**Lipid** is any one of a family of compounds that are insoluble in water and that make up one of the principal components of living cells. Lipids include fats, oils, waxes, and steroids. Many environmental contaminants such as organochlorine pesticides are lipophilic.

**Long-term method detection level** (LT-MDL) is a detection level derived by determining the standard deviation of a minimum of 24 method detection limit (MDL) spike-sample measurements over an extended period of time. LT-MDL data are collected on a continuous basis to assess year-to-year variations in the LT-MDL. The LT-MDL controls false positive error. The chance of falsely reporting a concentration at or greater than the LT-MDL for a sample that did not contain the analyte is predicted to be less than or equal to 1 percent.

**Low tide** is the minimum height reached by each falling tide. The high-low and low-low tides are the higher and lower of the two low tides, respectively, of each tidal day. See NOAA Website: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/text/glossary.html> (see “Low water”)

**Macrophytes** are the macroscopic plants in the aquatic environment. The most common macrophytes are the rooted vascular plants that usually are arranged in zones in aquatic ecosystems and restricted in the area by the extent of illumination through the water and sediment deposition along the shoreline.

**Mean concentration of suspended sediment** (Daily mean suspended-sediment concentration) is the time-weighted concentration of suspended sediment passing a stream cross section during a given time period. (See also “Daily mean suspended-sediment concentration” and “Suspended-sediment concentration”)

**Mean discharge** (MEAN) is the arithmetic mean of individual daily mean discharges during a specific period. (See also “Discharge”)

**Mean high or low tide** is the average of all high or low tides, respectively, over a specific period.

**Mean sea level** is a local tidal datum. It is the arithmetic mean of hourly heights observed over the National Tidal Datum Epoch. Shorter series are specified in the name; for example, monthly mean sea level and yearly mean sea level. In order that they may be recovered when needed, such datums are referenced to fixed points known as benchmarks. (See also “Datum”)

**Measuring point** (MP) is an arbitrary permanent reference point from which the distance to water surface in a well is measured to obtain water level.

**Megahertz** is a unit of frequency. One megahertz equals one million cycles per second.

**Membrane filter** is a thin microporous material of specific pore size used to filter bacteria, algae, and other very small particles from water.

**Metamorphic stage** refers to the stage of development that an organism exhibits during its transformation from an immature form to an adult form. This developmental process exists for most insects, and the degree of difference from the immature stage to the adult form varies from relatively slight to pronounced, with many intermediates. Examples of metamorphic stages of insects are egg-larva-adult or egg-nymph-adult.

**Method code** is a one-character code that identifies the analytical or field method used to determine a value stored in the National Water Information System (NWIS).

**Method detection limit** (MDL) is the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99-percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero. It is determined from the analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte. At the MDL concentration, the risk of a false positive is predicted to be less than or equal to 1 percent.

**Method of Cubatures** is a method of computing discharge in tidal estuaries based on the conservation of mass equation.

**Methylene blue active substances** (MBAS) indicate the presence of detergents (anionic surfactants). The determination depends on the formation of a blue color when methylene blue dye reacts with synthetic anionic detergent compounds.

**Micrograms per gram** (UG/G,  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) is a unit expressing the concentration of a chemical constituent as the mass (micrograms) of the element per unit mass (gram) of material analyzed.

**Micrograms per kilogram** (UG/KG,  $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ) is a unit expressing the concentration of a chemical constituent as the mass (micrograms) of the constituent per unit mass (kilogram) of the material analyzed. One microgram per kilogram is equivalent to 1 part per billion.

**Micrograms per liter** (UG/L,  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) is a unit expressing the concentration of chemical constituents in water as mass (micrograms) of constituent per unit volume (liter) of water. One thousand micrograms per liter is equivalent to 1 milligram per liter. One microgram per liter is equivalent to 1 part per billion.

**Microsiemens per centimeter** (US/CM,  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) is a unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution as measured between opposite faces of a centimeter cube of solution at a specified temperature. Siemens is the International System of Units nomenclature. It is synonymous with mhos and is the reciprocal of resistance in ohms.

**Milligrams per liter** (MG/L, mg/L) is a unit for expressing the concentration of chemical constituents in water as the mass (milligrams) of constituent per unit volume (liter) of water. Concentration of suspended sediment also is expressed in milligrams per liter and is based on the mass of dry sediment per liter of water-sediment mixture.

**Minimum reporting level** (MRL) is the smallest measured concentration of a constituent that may be reliably reported by using a given analytical method.

**Miscellaneous site**, miscellaneous station, or miscellaneous sampling site is a site where streamflow, sediment, and/or water-quality data or water-quality or sediment samples are collected once, or more often on a random or discontinuous basis to provide better areal coverage for defining hydrologic and water-quality conditions over a broad area in a river basin.

**Most probable number** (MPN) is an index of the number of coliform bacteria that, more probably than any other number, would give the results shown by the laboratory examination; it is not an actual enumeration. MPN is determined from the distribution of gas-positive cultures among multiple inoculated tubes.

**Multiple-plate samplers** are artificial substrates of known surface area used for obtaining benthic invertebrate samples. They consist of a series of spaced, hardboard plates on an eyebolt.

**Nanograms per liter** (NG/L, ng/L) is a unit expressing the concentration of chemical constituents in solution as mass (nanograms) of solute per unit volume (liter) of water. One million nanograms per liter is equivalent to 1 milligram per liter.

**National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929** (NGVD 29) is a fixed reference adopted as a standard geodetic datum for elevations determined by leveling. It formerly was called "Sea Level Datum of 1929" or "mean sea level." Although the datum was derived from the mean sea level at 26 tide stations, it does not necessarily represent local mean sea level at any particular place. See NOAA Web site: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/faq.shtml#WhatVD29VD88> (See "North American Vertical Datum of 1988")

**Natural substrate** refers to any naturally occurring immersed or submersed solid surface, such as a rock or tree, upon which an organism lives. (See also "Substrate")

**Nekton** are the consumers in the aquatic environment and consist of large, free-swimming organisms that are capable of sustained, directed mobility.

**Nonfilterable** refers to the portion of the total residue retained by a filter.

**North American Datum of 1927** (NAD 27) is the horizontal control datum for the United States that was defined by a location and azimuth on the Clarke spheroid of 1866.

**North American Datum of 1983** (NAD 83) is the horizontal control datum for the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Central America that is based on the adjustment of 250,000 points including 600 satellite Doppler stations that constrain the system to a geocentric origin. NAD 83 has been officially adopted as the legal horizontal datum for the United States by the Federal government.

**North American Vertical Datum of 1988** (NAVD 88) is a fixed reference adopted as the official civilian vertical datum for elevations determined by Federal surveying and mapping activities in the United States. This datum was established in 1991 by minimum-constraint adjustment of the Canadian, Mexican, and United States first-order terrestrial leveling networks.

**Open or screened interval** is the length of unscreened opening or of well screen through which water enters a well, in feet below land surface.

**Organic carbon** (OC) is a measure of organic matter present in aqueous solution, suspension, or bottom sediment. May be reported as dissolved organic carbon (DOC), particulate organic carbon (POC), or total organic carbon (TOC).

**Organic mass** or **volatile mass** of a living substance is the difference between the dry mass and ash mass and represents the actual mass of the living matter. Organic mass is expressed in the same units as for ash mass and dry mass. (See also "Ash mass," "Biomass," and "Dry mass")

**Organism count/area** refers to the number of organisms collected and enumerated in a sample and adjusted to the number per area habitat, usually square meter (m<sup>2</sup>), acre, or hectare. Periphyton, benthic organisms, and macrophytes are expressed in these terms.

**Organism count/volume** refers to the number of organisms collected and enumerated in a sample and adjusted to the number per sample volume, usually milliliter (mL) or liter (L). Numbers of planktonic organisms can be expressed in these terms.

**Organochlorine compounds** are any chemicals that contain carbon and chlorine. Organochlorine compounds that are important in investigations of water, sediment, and biological quality include certain pesticides and industrial compounds.

**Parameter code** is a 5-digit number used in the USGS computerized data system, National Water Information System (NWIS), to uniquely identify a specific constituent or property.

**Partial-record station** is a site where discrete measurements of one or more hydrologic parameters are obtained over a period of time without continuous data being recorded or computed. A common example is a crest-stage gage partial-record station at which only peak stages and flows are recorded.

**Particle size** is the diameter, in millimeters (mm), of a particle determined by sieve or sedimentation methods. The sedimentation method uses the principle of Stokes Law to calculate sediment particle sizes. Sedimentation methods (pipet, bottom-withdrawal tube, visual-accumulation tube, sedigraph) determine fall diameter of particles in either distilled water (chemically dispersed) or in native water (the river water at the time and point of sampling).

**Particle-size classification**, as used in this report, agrees with the recommendation made by the American Geophysical Union Subcommittee on Sediment Terminology. The classification is as follows:

Classification	Size (mm)	Method of analysis
Clay	>0.00024 - 0.004	Sedimentation
Silt	>0.004 - 0.062	Sedimentation
Sand	>0.062 - 2.0	Sedimentation/sieve
Gravel	>2.0 - 64.0	Sieve
Cobble	>64 - 256	Manual measurement
Boulder	>256	Manual measurement

The particle-size distributions given in this report are not necessarily representative of all particles in transport in the stream. For the sedimentation method, most of the organic matter is removed, and the sample is subjected to mechanical and chemical dispersion before analysis in distilled water. Chemical dispersion is not used for native water analysis.

**Peak flow (peak stage)** is an instantaneous local maximum value in the continuous time series of streamflows or stages, preceded by a period of increasing values and followed by a period of decreasing values. Several peak values ordinarily occur in a year. The maximum peak value in a year is called the annual peak; peaks lower than the annual peak are called secondary peaks. Occasionally, the annual peak may not be the maximum value for the year; in such cases, the maximum value occurs at midnight at the beginning or end of the year, on the recession from or rise toward a higher peak in the adjoining year. If values are recorded at a discrete series of times, the peak recorded value may be taken as an approximation of the true peak, which may occur between the recording instants. If the values are recorded with finite precision, a sequence of equal recorded values may occur at the peak; in this case, the first value is taken as the peak.

**Percent composition** or **percent of total** is a unit for expressing the ratio of a particular part of a sample or population to the total sample or population, in terms of types, numbers, weight, mass, or volume.

**Percent shading** is a measure of the amount of sunlight potentially reaching the stream. A clinometer is used to measure left and right bank canopy angles. These values are added together, divided by 180, and multiplied by 100 to compute percentage of shade.

**Periodic-record station** is a site where stage, discharge, sediment, chemical, physical, or other hydrologic measurements are made one or more times during a year but at a frequency insufficient to develop a daily record.

**Periphyton** is the assemblage of microorganisms attached to and living upon submerged solid surfaces. Although primarily consisting of algae, they also include bacteria, fungi, protozoa, rotifers, and other small organisms. Periphyton are useful indicators of water quality.

**Pesticides** are chemical compounds used to control undesirable organisms. Major categories of pesticides include insecticides, miticides, fungicides, herbicides, and rodenticides.

**pH** of water is the negative logarithm of the hydrogen-ion activity. Solutions with pH less than 7.0 standard units are termed "acidic," and solutions with a pH greater than 7.0 are termed "basic." Solutions with a pH of 7.0 are neutral. The presence and concentration of many dissolved chemical constituents found in water are affected, in part, by the hydrogen-ion activity of water. Biological processes including growth, distribution of organisms, and toxicity of the water to organisms also are affected, in part, by the hydrogen-ion activity of water.

**Phytoplankton** is the plant part of the plankton. They usually are microscopic, and their movement is subject to the water currents. Phytoplankton growth is dependent upon solar radiation and nutrient substances. Because they are able to incorporate as well as release materials to the surrounding water, the phytoplankton have a profound effect upon the quality of the water. They are the primary food producers in the aquatic environment and commonly are known as algae. (See also "Plankton")

**Picocurie** (PC, pCi) is one-trillionth ( $1 \times 10^{-12}$ ) of the amount of radioactive nuclide represented by a curie (Ci). A curie is the quantity of radioactive nuclide that yields  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  radioactive disintegrations per second (dps). A picocurie yields 0.037 dps, or 2.22 dpm (disintegrations per minute).

**Plankton** is the community of suspended, floating, or weakly swimming organisms that live in the open water of lakes and rivers. Concentrations are expressed as a number of cells per milliliter (cells/mL) of sample.

**Polychlorinated biphenyls** (PCBs) are industrial chemicals that are mixtures of chlorinated biphenyl compounds having various percentages of chlorine. They are similar in structure to organochlorine insecticides.

**Polychlorinated naphthalenes** (PCNs) are industrial chemicals that are mixtures of chlorinated naphthalene compounds. They have properties and applications similar to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and have been identified in commercial PCB preparations.

**Pool**, as used in this report, is a small part of a stream reach with little velocity, commonly with water deeper than surrounding areas.

**Primary productivity** is a measure of the rate at which new organic matter is formed and accumulated through photo-synthetic and chemosynthetic activity of producer organisms (chiefly, green plants). The rate of primary production is estimated by measuring the amount of oxygen released (oxygen method) or the amount of carbon assimilated (carbon method) by the plants.

**Primary productivity (carbon method)** is expressed as milligrams of carbon per area per unit time [ $\text{mg C}/(\text{m}^2/\text{time})$ ] for periphyton and macrophytes or per volume [ $\text{mg C}/(\text{m}^3/\text{time})$ ] for phytoplankton. The carbon method defines the amount of carbon dioxide consumed as measured by radioactive carbon (carbon-14). The carbon-14 method is of greater sensitivity than the oxygen light- and dark-bottle method and is preferred for use with unenriched water samples. Unit time may be either the hour or day, depending on the incubation period. (See also "Primary productivity")

**Primary productivity (oxygen method)** is expressed as milligrams of oxygen per area per unit time [ $\text{mg O}/(\text{m}^2/\text{time})$ ] for periphyton and macrophytes or per volume [ $\text{mg O}/(\text{m}^3/\text{time})$ ] for phytoplankton. The oxygen method defines production and respiration rates as estimated from changes in the measured dissolved-oxygen concentration. The oxygen light- and dark-bottle method is preferred if the rate of primary production is sufficient for accurate measurements to be made within 24 hours. Unit time may be either the hour or day, depending on the incubation period. (See also "Primary productivity")

**Radioisotopes** are isotopic forms of elements that exhibit radioactivity. Isotopes are varieties of a chemical element that differ in atomic weight but are very nearly alike in chemical properties. The difference arises because the atoms of the isotopic forms

of an element differ in the number of neutrons in the nucleus; for example, ordinary chlorine is a mixture of isotopes having atomic weights of 35 and 37, and the natural mixture has an atomic weight of about 35.453. Many of the elements similarly exist as mixtures of isotopes, and a great many new isotopes have been produced in the operation of nuclear devices such as the cyclotron. There are 275 isotopes of the 81 stable elements, in addition to more than 800 radioactive isotopes.

**Reach**, as used in this report, is a length of stream that is chosen to represent a uniform set of physical, chemical, and biological conditions within a segment. It is the principal sampling unit for collecting physical, chemical, and biological data.

**Recoverable** is the amount of a given constituent that is in solution after a representative water sample has been extracted or digested. Complete recovery is not achieved by the extraction or digestion and thus the determination represents something less than 95 percent of the constituent present in the sample. To achieve comparability of analytical data, equivalent extraction or digestion procedures are required of all laboratories performing such analyses because different procedures are likely to produce different analytical results. (See also "Bed material")

**Recurrence interval**, also referred to as return period, is the average time, usually expressed in years, between occurrences of hydrologic events of a specified type (such as exceedances of a specified high flow or nonexceedance of a specified low flow). The terms "return period" and "recurrence interval" do not imply regular cyclic occurrence. The actual times between occurrences vary randomly, with most of the times being less than the average and a few being substantially greater than the average. For example, the 100-year flood is the flow rate that is exceeded by the annual maximum peak flow at intervals whose average length is 100 years (that is, once in 100 years, on average); almost two-thirds of all exceedances of the 100-year flood occur less than 100 years after the previous exceedance, half occur less than 70 years after the previous exceedance, and about one-eighth occur more than 200 years after the previous exceedance. Similarly, the 7-day, 10-year low flow ( $7Q_{10}$ ) is the flow rate below which the annual minimum 7-day-mean flow dips at intervals whose average length is 10 years (that is, once in 10 years, on average); almost two-thirds of the nonexceedances of the  $7Q_{10}$  occur less than 10 years after the previous nonexceedance, half occur less than 7 years after, and about one-eighth occur more than 20 years after the previous nonexceedance. The recurrence interval for annual events is the reciprocal of the annual probability of occurrence. Thus, the 100-year flood has a 1-percent chance of being exceeded by the maximum peak flow in any year, and there is a 10-percent chance in any year that the annual minimum 7-day-mean flow will be less than the  $7Q_{10}$ .

**Replicate samples** are a group of samples collected in a manner such that the samples are thought to be essentially identical in composition.

**Return period** (See "Recurrence interval")

**Riffle**, as used in this report, is a shallow part of the stream where water flows swiftly over completely or partially submerged obstructions to produce surface agitation.

**River mileage** is the curvilinear distance, in miles, measured upstream from the mouth along the meandering path of a stream channel in accordance with Bulletin No. 14 (October 1968) of the Water Resources Council and typically is used to denote location along a river.

**Run**, as used in this report, is a relatively shallow part of a stream with moderate velocity and little or no surface turbulence.

**Runoff** is the quantity of water that is discharged ("runs off") from a drainage basin during a given time period. Runoff data may be presented as volumes in acre-feet, as mean discharges per unit of drainage area in cubic feet per second per square mile, or as depths of water on the drainage basin in inches. (See also "Annual runoff")

**Salinity** is the total quantity of dissolved salts, measured by weight in parts per thousand. Values in this report are calculated from specific conductance and temperature. Seawater has an average salinity of about 35 parts per thousand (for additional information, refer to: Miller, R.L., Bradford, W.L., and Peters, N.E., 1988, Specific conductance: theoretical considerations and application to analytical quality control: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 2311, 16 p.)

**Sea level**, as used in this report, refers to one of the two commonly used national vertical datums (NGVD 1929 or NAVD 1988). See separate entries for definitions of these datums.

**Sediment** is solid material that originates mostly from disintegrated rocks; when transported by, suspended in, or deposited from water, it is referred to as “fluvial sediment.” Sediment includes chemical and biochemical precipitates and decomposed organic material, such as humus. The quantity, characteristics, and cause of the occurrence of sediment in streams are affected by environmental and land-use factors. Some major factors are topography, soil characteristics, land cover, and depth and intensity of precipitation.

**Sensible heat flux** (often used interchangeably with latent sensible heat-flux density) is the amount of heat energy that moves by turbulent transport through the air across a specified cross-sectional area per unit time and goes to heating (cooling) the air. Usually expressed in watts per square meter.

**Seven-day, 10-year low flow** ( $7Q_{10}$ ) is the discharge below which the annual 7-day minimum flow falls in 1 year out of 10 on the long-term average. The recurrence interval of the  $7Q_{10}$  is 10 years; the chance that the annual 7-day minimum flow will be less than the  $7Q_{10}$  is 10 percent in any given year. (See also “Annual 7-day minimum” and “Recurrence interval”)

**Shelves**, as used in this report, are streambank features extending nearly horizontally from the flood plain to the lower limit of persistent woody vegetation.

**Sodium adsorption ratio (SAR)** is the expression of relative activity of sodium ions in exchange reactions within soil and is an index of sodium or alkali hazard to the soil. Sodium hazard in water is an index that can be used to evaluate the suitability of water for irrigating crops.

**Soil heat flux** (often used interchangeably with soil heat-flux density) is the amount of heat energy that moves by conduction across a specified cross-sectional area of soil per unit time and goes to heating (or cooling) the soil. Usually expressed in watts per square meter.

**Soil-water content** is the water lost from the soil upon drying to constant mass at 105 °C; expressed either as mass of water per unit mass of dry soil or as the volume of water per unit bulk volume of soil.

**Specific electrical conductance (conductivity)** is a measure of the capacity of water (or other media) to conduct an electrical current. It is expressed in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 °C. Specific electrical conductance is a function of the types and quantity of dissolved substances in water and can be used for approximating the dissolved-solids content of the water. Commonly, the concentration of dissolved solids (in milligrams per liter) is from 55 to 75 percent of the specific conductance (in microsiemens). This relation is not constant from stream to stream, and it may vary in the same source with changes in the composition of the water.

**Stable isotope ratio** (per MIL) is a unit expressing the ratio of the abundance of two radioactive isotopes. Isotope ratios are used in hydrologic studies to determine the age or source of specific water, to evaluate mixing of different water, as an aid in determining reaction rates, and other chemical or hydrologic processes.

**Stage** (See “Gage height”)

**Stage-discharge relation** is the relation between the water-surface elevation, termed stage (gage height), and the volume of water flowing in a channel per unit time.

**Streamflow** is the discharge that occurs in a natural channel. Although the term “discharge” can be applied to the flow of a canal, the word “streamflow” uniquely describes the discharge in a surface stream course. The term “streamflow” is more general than “runoff” as streamflow may be applied to discharge whether or not it is affected by diversion or regulation.

**Substrate** is the physical surface upon which an organism lives.

**Substrate embeddedness class** is a visual estimate of riffle streambed substrate larger than gravel that is surrounded or covered by fine sediment (<2 mm, sand or finer). Below are the class categories expressed as the percentage covered by fine sediment:

0	no gravel or larger substrate	3	26-50 percent
1	> 75 percent	4	5-25 percent
2	51-75 percent	5	< 5 percent



**Surface area of a lake** is that area (acres) encompassed by the boundary of the lake as shown on USGS topographic maps, or other available maps or photographs. Because surface area changes with lake stage, surface areas listed in this report represent those determined for the stage at the time the maps or photographs were obtained.

**Surficial bed material** is the upper surface (0.1 to 0.2 foot) of the bed material that is sampled using U.S. Series Bed-Material Samplers.

**Surrogate** is an analyte that behaves similarly to a target analyte, but that is highly unlikely to occur in a sample. A surrogate is added to a sample in known amounts before extraction and is measured with the same laboratory procedures used to measure the target analyte. Its purpose is to monitor method performance for an individual sample.

**Suspended** is the amount (concentration) of undissolved material in a water-sediment mixture. Most commonly refers to that material retained on a 0.45-micrometer filter.

**Suspended, recoverable** is the amount of a given constituent that is in solution after the part of a representative water-suspended sediment sample that is retained on a 0.45-micrometer filter has been extracted or digested. Complete recovery is not achieved by the extraction or digestion procedures and thus the determination represents less than 95 percent of the constituent present in the sample. To achieve comparability of analytical data, equivalent extraction or digestion procedures are required of all laboratories performing such analyses because different procedures are likely to produce different analytical results. (See also "Suspended")

**Suspended sediment** is sediment carried in suspension by the turbulent components of the fluid or by the Brownian movement (a law of physics). (See also "Sediment")

**Suspended-sediment concentration** is the velocity-weighted concentration of suspended sediment in the sampled zone (from the water surface to a point approximately 0.3 foot above the bed) expressed as milligrams of dry sediment per liter of water-sediment mixture (mg/L). The analytical technique uses the mass of all of the sediment and the net weight of the water-sediment mixture in a sample to compute the suspended-sediment concentration. (See also "Sediment" and "Suspended sediment")

**Suspended-sediment discharge** (tons/d) is the rate of sediment transport, as measured by dry mass or volume, that passes a cross section in a given time. It is calculated in units of tons per day as follows: concentration (mg/L) x discharge (ft<sup>3</sup>/s) x 0.0027. (See also "Sediment," "Suspended sediment," and "Suspended-sediment concentration")

**Suspended-sediment load** is a general term that refers to a given characteristic of the material in suspension that passes a point during a specified period of time. The term needs to be qualified, such as "annual suspended-sediment load" or "sand-size suspended-sediment load," and so on. It is not synonymous with either suspended-sediment discharge or concentration. (See also "Sediment")

**Suspended solids, total residue at 105 °C concentration** is the concentration of inorganic and organic material retained on a filter, expressed as milligrams of dry material per liter of water (mg/L). An aliquot of the sample is used for this analysis.

**Suspended, total** is the total amount of a given constituent in the part of a water-sediment sample that is retained on a 0.45-micrometer membrane filter. This term is used only when the analytical procedure assures measurement of at least 95 percent of the constituent determined. Knowledge of the expected form of the constituent in the sample, as well as the analytical methodology used, is required to determine when the results should be reported as "suspended, total." Determinations of "suspended, total" constituents are made either by directly analyzing portions of the suspended material collected on the filter or, more commonly, by difference, on the basis of determinations of (1) dissolved and (2) total concentrations of the constituent. (See also "Suspended")

**Synoptic studies** are short-term investigations of specific water-quality conditions during selected seasonal or hydro-logic periods to provide improved spatial resolution for critical water-quality conditions. For the period and conditions sampled, they assess the spatial distribution of selected water-quality conditions in relation to causative factors, such as land use and contaminant sources.

**Taxa (Species) richness** is the number of species (taxa) present in a defined area or sampling unit.

**Taxonomy** is the division of biology concerned with the classification and naming of organisms. The classification of organisms is based upon a hierarchical scheme beginning with Kingdom and ending with Species at the base. The higher the classification level, the fewer features the organisms have in common. For example, the taxonomy of a particular mayfly, *Hexagenia limbata*, is the following:

Kingdom:	Animal
Phylum:	Arthropoda
Class:	Insecta
Order:	Ephemeroptera
Family:	Ephemeridae
Genus:	<i>Hexagenia</i>
Species:	<i>Hexagenia limbata</i>

**Thalweg** is the line formed by connecting points of minimum streambed elevation (deepest part of the channel).

**Thermograph** is an instrument that continuously records variations of temperature on a chart. The more general term “temperature recorder” is used in the table descriptions and refers to any instrument that records temperature whether on a chart, a tape, or any other medium.

**Time-weighted average** is computed by multiplying the number of days in the sampling period by the concentrations of individual constituents for the corresponding period and dividing the sum of the products by the total number of days. A time-weighted average represents the composition of water resulting from the mixing of flow proportionally to the duration of the concentration.

**Tons per acre-foot** (T/acre-ft) is the dry mass (tons) of a constituent per unit volume (acre-foot) of water. It is computed by multiplying the concentration of the constituent, in milligrams per liter, by 0.00136.

**Tons per day** (T/DAY, tons/d) is a common chemical or sediment discharge unit. It is the quantity of a substance in solution, in suspension, or as bedload that passes a stream section during a 24-hour period. It is equivalent to 2,000 pounds per day, or 0.9072 metric ton per day.

**Total** is the amount of a given constituent in a representative whole-water (unfiltered) sample, regardless of the constituent’s physical or chemical form. This term is used only when the analytical procedure assures measurement of at least 95 percent of the constituent present in both the dissolved and suspended phases of the sample. A knowledge of the expected form of the constituent in the sample, as well as the analytical methodology used, is required to judge when the results should be reported as “total.” (Note that the word “total” does double duty here, indicating both that the sample consists of a water-suspended sediment mixture and that the analytical method determined at least 95 percent of the constituent in the sample.)

**Total coliform bacteria** are a particular group of bacteria that are used as indicators of possible sewage pollution. This group includes coliforms that inhabit the intestine of warmblooded animals and those that inhabit soils. They are characterized as aerobic or facultative anaerobic, gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria that ferment lactose with gas formation within 48 hours at 35 °C. In the laboratory, these bacteria are defined as all the organisms that produce colonies with a golden-green metallic sheen within 24 hours when incubated at 35 °C plus or minus 1.0 °C on M-Endo medium (nutrient medium for bacterial growth). Their concentrations are expressed as number of colonies per 100 milliliters of sample. (See also “Bacteria”)

**Total discharge** is the quantity of a given constituent, measured as dry mass or volume, that passes a stream cross section per unit of time. When referring to constituents other than water, this term needs to be qualified, such as “total sediment discharge,” “total chloride discharge,” and so on.

**Total in bottom material** is the amount of a given constituent in a representative sample of bottom material. This term is used only when the analytical procedure assures measurement of at least 95 percent of the constituent determined. A knowledge of the expected form of the constituent in the sample, as well as the analytical methodology used, is required to judge when the results should be reported as “total in bottom material.”

**Total length** (fish) is the straight-line distance from the anterior point of a fish specimen's snout, with the mouth closed, to the posterior end of the caudal (tail) fin, with the lobes of the caudal fin squeezed together.

**Total load** refers to all of a constituent in transport. When referring to sediment, it includes suspended load plus bed load.

**Total organism count** is the number of organisms collected and enumerated in any particular sample. (See also "Organism count/volume")

**Total recoverable** is the amount of a given constituent in a whole-water sample after a sample has been digested by a method (usually using a dilute acid solution) that results in dissolution of only readily soluble substances. Complete dissolution of all particulate matter is not achieved by the digestion treatment, and thus the determination represents something less than the "total" amount (that is, less than 95 percent) of the constituent present in the dissolved and suspended phases of the sample. To achieve comparability of analytical data for whole-water samples, equivalent digestion procedures are required of all laboratories performing such analyses because different digestion procedures may produce different analytical results.

**Total sediment discharge** is the mass of suspended-sediment plus bed-load transport, measured as dry weight, that passes a cross section in a given time. It is a rate and is reported as tons per day. (See also "Bedload," "Bedload discharge," "Sediment," "Suspended sediment," and "Suspended-sediment concentration")

**Total sediment load or total load** is the sediment in transport as bedload and suspended-sediment load. The term may be qualified, such as "annual suspended-sediment load" or "sand-size suspended-sediment load," and so on. It differs from total sediment discharge in that load refers to the material, whereas discharge refers to the quantity of material, expressed in units of mass per unit time. (See also "Sediment," "Suspended-sediment load," and "Total load")

**Transect**, as used in this report, is a line across a stream perpendicular to the flow and along which measurements are taken, so that morphological and flow characteristics along the line are described from bank to bank. Unlike a cross section, no attempt is made to determine known elevation points along the line.

**Turbidity** is an expression of the optical properties of a liquid that causes light rays to be scattered and absorbed rather than transmitted in straight lines through water. Turbidity, which can make water appear cloudy or muddy, is caused by the presence of suspended and dissolved matter, such as clay, silt, finely divided organic matter, plankton and other microscopic organisms, organic acids, and dyes (ASTM International, 2003, D1889-00 Standard test method for turbidity of water, *in* ASTM International, Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Water and Environmental Technology, v. 11.01: West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, 6 p.). The color of water, whether resulting from dissolved compounds or suspended particles, can affect a turbidity measurement. To ensure that USGS turbidity data can be understood and interpreted properly within the context of the instrument used and site conditions encountered, data from each instrument type are stored and reported in the National Water Information System (NWIS) using parameter codes and measurement reporting units that are specific to the instrument type, with specific instruments designated by the method code. The respective measurement units, many of which also are in use internationally, fall into two categories: (1) the designations NTU, NTRU, BU, AU, and NTMU signify the use of a broad spectrum incident light in the wavelength range of 400-680 nanometers (nm), but having different light detection configurations; (2) The designations FNU, FNRU, FBU, FAU, and FNMU generally signify an incident light in the range between 780-900 nm, also with varying light detection configurations. These reporting units are equivalent when measuring a calibration solution (for example, formazin or polymer beads), but their respective instruments may not produce equivalent results for environmental samples. Specific reporting units are as follows:

**NTU** (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): white or broadband [400-680 nm] light source, 90 degree detection angle, one detector.

**NTRU** (Nephelometric Turbidity Ratio Units): white or broadband [400-680 nm] light source, 90 degree detection angle, multiple detectors with ratio compensation.

**BU** (Backscatter Units): white or broadband [400-680 nm] light source,  $30 \pm 15$  degree detection angle (backscatter).

**AU** (Attenuation Units): white or broadband [400-680 nm] light source, 180 degree detection angle (attenuation).

**NTMU** (Nephelometric Turbidity Multibeam Units): white or broadband [400-680 nm] light source, multiple light sources, detectors at 90 degrees and possibly other angles to each beam.

**FNU** (Formazin Nephelometric Units): near infrared [780-900 nm] or monochrome light source, 90 degree detection angle, one detector.

**FNRU** (Formazin Nephelometric Ratio Units): near infrared [780-900 nm] or monochrome light source, 90 degree detection angle, multiple detectors, ratio compensation.

**FBU** (Formazin Backscatter Units): near infrared [780-900 nm] or monochrome light source, 30±15 degree detection angle.

**FAU** (Formazin Attenuation Units): near infrared [780-900 nm] light source, 180 degree detection angle.

**FNMU** (Formazin Nephelometric Multibeam Units): near infrared [780-900 nm] or monochrome light source, multiple light sources, detectors at 90 degrees and possibly other angles to each beam.

For more information please see [http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/Chapter6/6.7\\_contents.html](http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/Chapter6/6.7_contents.html).

**Ultraviolet (UV) absorbance (absorption)** at 254 or 280 nanometers is a measure of the aggregate concentration of the mixture of UV absorbing organic materials dissolved in the analyzed water, such as lignin, tannin, humic substances, and various aromatic compounds. UV absorbance (absorption) at 254 or 280 nanometers is measured in UV absorption units per centimeter of path length of UV light through a sample.

**Unconfined aquifer** is an aquifer whose upper surface is a water table free to fluctuate under atmospheric pressure. (See “Water-table aquifer”)

**Unfiltered** pertains to the constituents in an unfiltered, representative water-suspended sediment sample.

**Unfiltered, recoverable** is the amount of a given constituent in a representative water-suspended sediment sample that has been extracted or digested. Complete recovery is not achieved by the extraction or digestion treatment and thus the determination represents less than 95 percent of the constituent present in the sample. To achieve comparability of analytical data, equivalent extraction or digestion procedures are required of all laboratories performing such analyses because different procedures are likely to produce different analytical results.

**Vertical datum** (See “Datum”)

**Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)** are organic compounds that can be isolated from the water phase of a sample by purging the water sample with inert gas, such as helium, and, subsequently, analyzed by gas chromatography. Many VOCs are human-made chemicals that are used and produced in the manufacture of paints, adhesives, petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, and refrigerants. They often are components of fuels, solvents, hydraulic fluids, paint thinners, and dry-cleaning agents commonly used in urban settings. VOC contamination of drinking-water supplies is a human-health concern because many are toxic and are known or suspected human carcinogens.

**Water table** is that surface in a ground-water body at which the water pressure is equal to the atmospheric pressure.

**Water-table aquifer** is an unconfined aquifer within which the water table is found.

**Water year** in USGS reports dealing with surface-water supply is the 12-month period October 1 through September 30. The water year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends and which includes 9 of the 12 months. Thus, the year ending September 30, 2002, is called the “2002 water year.”

**Watershed** (See “Drainage basin”)

**WDR** is used as an abbreviation for “Water-Data Report” in the REVISED RECORDS paragraph to refer to State annual hydrologic-data reports. (WRD was used as an abbreviation for “Water-Resources Data” in reports published prior to 1976.)

**Weighted average** is used in this report to indicate discharge-weighted average. It is computed by multiplying the discharge for a sampling period by the concentrations of individual constituents for the corresponding period and dividing the sum of the products by the sum of the discharges. A discharge-weighted average approximates the composition of water that would be found in a reservoir containing all the water passing a given location during the water year after thorough mixing in the reservoir.

**Wet mass** is the mass of living matter plus contained water. (See also “Biomass” and “Dry mass”)

**Wet weight** refers to the weight of animal tissue or other substance including its contained water. (See also “Dry weight”)

**WSP** is used as an acronym for “Water-Supply Paper” in reference to previously published reports.

**Zooplankton** is the animal part of the plankton. Zooplankton are capable of extensive movements within the water column and often are large enough to be seen with the unaided eye. Zooplankton are secondary consumers feeding upon bacteria, phytoplankton, and detritus. Because they are the grazers in the aquatic environment, the zooplankton are a vital part of the aquatic food web. The zooplankton community is dominated by small crustaceans and rotifers. (See also “Plankton”)

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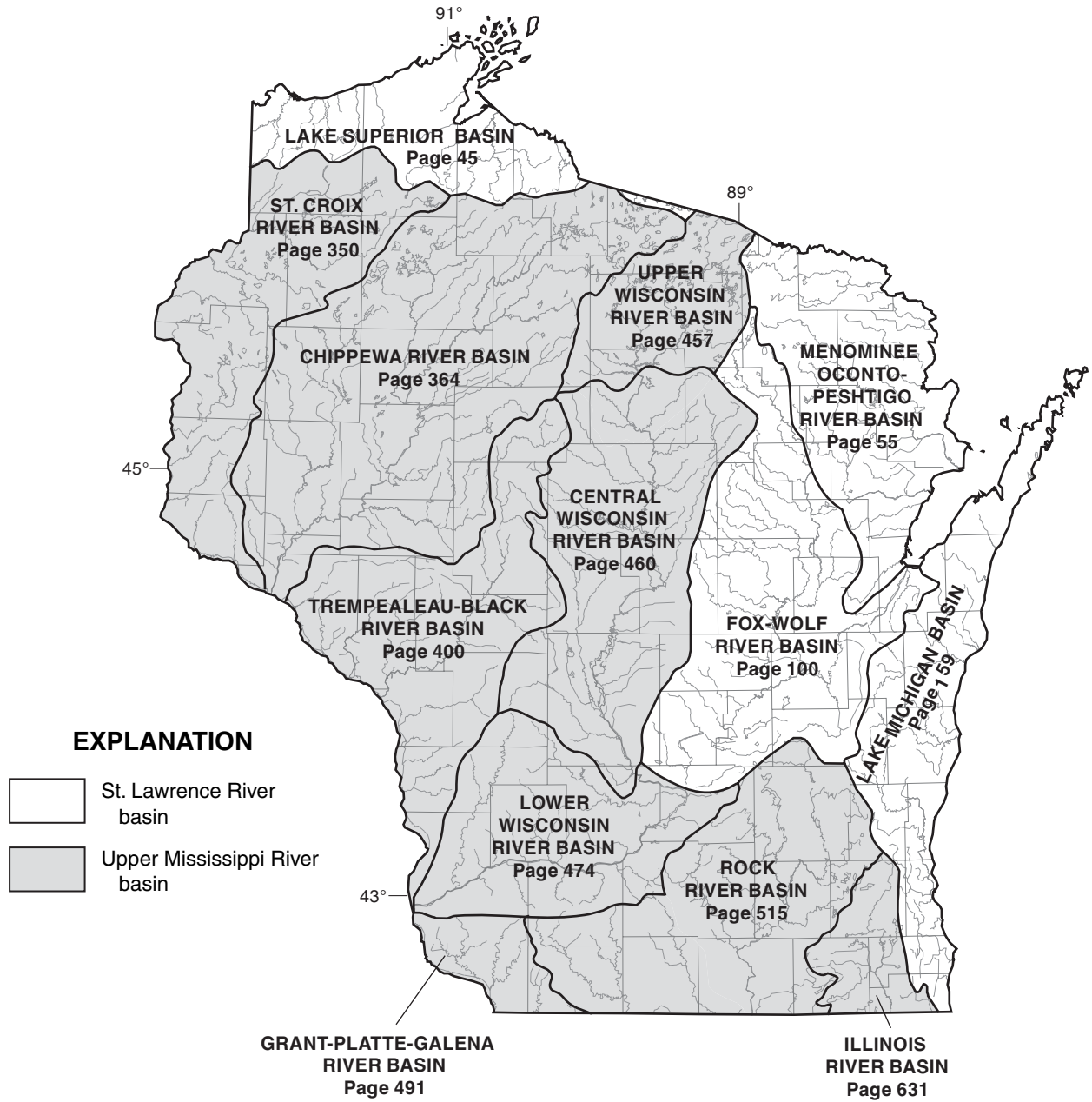
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**Figure 4.** Major surface-water drainage basins and index of hydrologic records.

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