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OF LYNN CREEK, NORTH VANCOUVER: A COASTAL STREAM
ADJACENT TO A SANITARY LANDFILL

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ABSTRACT

Significant increases in total ammonia, nitrate and total organic carbon were found in Lynn Creek downstream of the Premier Street landfill in North Vancouver. The higher levels of total ammonia downstream of the landfill were not restricted to any particular season of the year.

The standing crop of attached algae, measured as ug chlorophyll-a/cm 2 , at the sample site downstream of the landfill was generally higher than that of the control stations. Levels at the control stations were similar to those reported for two other Northshore Vancouver streams.

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RESUME

On a relevé une augmentation sensible des taux de concentration en ammoniaque, nitrate et carbone organique dans la rivière Lynn, en aval du dépôt d'ordures de la Premier Street, à North Vancouver. L'augmentation du taux d'ammonique relevé en aval du dépôt d'ordures n'est pas propre à une saison particulière.

La production des algues fixées mesurée en ug de chlorophylle par cm² au point d'échantillonnage situé en aval du dépôt d'ordures était généralement supérieure à celle des stations de contrôle. Les taux relevés par ces dernières étaient proches de ceux qui on été trouvés pour deux autres cours d'eau du North Shore.

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SUMMAR Y

The water quality of Lynn Creek downstream of the Premier Street landfill in North Vancouver was found to differ from that upstream. Significant increases in total ammonia, nitrate and total organic carbon were found downstream of the landfill. The increased total ammonia levels downstream of the landfill were significant irrespective of the season of the year. Calculated un-ionized ammonia concentrations were below recommended levels for continuous exposure to salmonids. The increased levels of nitrate downstream of the landfill could be due to the nitrification of ammonia. The phosphate content, dissolved oxygen content, pH and temperature of Lynn Creek did not appear to be influenced by the landfill. The high detection limit of .01 mg/l for total and total dissolved phosphate may not have been adequate to monitor the influence of the landfill on that component.

The standing crop of attached algae, as measured by ug chlorophyll-a/cm², was found to be greater downstream of the land-fill and this could be related to the elevated nitrogen concentrations. The yearly mean standing crop for 1975 at the upstream control stations L1 and L2 was 0.24 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² and 0.77 ug chlorophyll-a/cm², respectively, compared to 1.36 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² downstream of the landfill at station L3. The precipitation of iron hydroxides on attached algae may be a factor controlling the level of primary production and the distribution of algae downstream of the landfill.

The diversity of diatoms present in Lynn Creek in June 1975 and September 1975 were comparable between the control stations and downstream of the landfill station. The relative abundance of the diatoms Achnanthes, Navicula and Nitzschia were appreciably greater downstream of the landfill in June 1975. In September 1975 the dominant diatoms downstream of the landfill were Achnanthes and Navicula while upstream Cymbella, in addition to the former two genera, was dominant. Ulothrix was the dominant green alga recorded in Lynn Creek during June 1975 and September 1975. The green alga Zygnema was identified in a sample at the upstream control station L1 in September 1975. Blue-green algae were not identified in either the June 1975 or September 1975 samples.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sanitary landfills are recognized to have a potential to pollute groundwater and surface waters through the generation of leachate (Culham & McHugh, 1969; Rovers et al., 1974). This problem is particularly evident at landfills where the application of sound engineering principles in site selection and design are not met. Leachates are formed when rainfall, surface run-off or groundwater come in contact with the solid waste and extract dissolved and suspended materials in it.

The City of North Vancouver, Premier Street landfill, started operations in 1956 and has been identified as a source of leachate contamination to Lynn Creek (Kelly, 1971). During 1974 and 1975 the Environmental Protection Service conducted a monitoring program to characterize the water quality of Lynn Creek above and below the influence of the sanitary landfill. Water quality measurements were made weekly over the period May 1974 to October 1975 and algal standing crop was determined once a month over the period October to November, 1974, and March to October, 1975.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY AREA AND SAMPLE SITES

Lynn Creek drains a 36 km² area of the Coast Mountain Range, north of the City of Vancouver, British Columbia (Figure 1). The average annual rainfall for the Second Narrows area near Lynn Creek is in the order of 1 731 mm. The total monthly precipitation for the area over the study period is shown in Figure 2. It is likely that the rainfall would be somewhat greater nearer the Northshore mountains.

Flows on Lynn Creek are not monitored, but Water Survey of Canada (1977) historical stream flow data for 1915 to 1919 gives some indication of the seasonal discharge pattern (Table 1). Lowest flows are generally recorded over the months of August and September. The City of North Vancouver has a water license to use water from Lynn Creek for domestic purposes but they must maintain a 0.06 m³/s minimum flow requirement. On average, the City of North Vancouver uses 0.18 m³/s of Lynn Creek water and up to 0.58 m³/s during peak periods (Scott, personal communication). The creek is obstructed with a cement dam at the City of North Vancouver intake approximately 6.4 km upstream of Burrard Inlet. There is a natural barrier to fish migration approximately 4.8 km upstream of Burrard Inlet.

For purposes of collecting water samples for water chemistry and determining algal standing crop, three stations were established on the creek. Control station L1 was located immediately downstream of the City of North Vancouver intake, control station L2 was established immediately upstream of the northwest border of the landfill, but downstream of Hastings Creek and Station L3 was located opposite Bridgeman Park approximately 0.75 km downstream of the southern boundary of the landfill. Point source discharges of leachate contaminated water into Lynn Creek are located at the northwest and southwest boundaries of the landfill site (Figure 3). Leachate also permeates through the dyke on the west boundary of the landfill. Samples to determine leachate quality were collected from the north perimeter outfall during the course of the study.

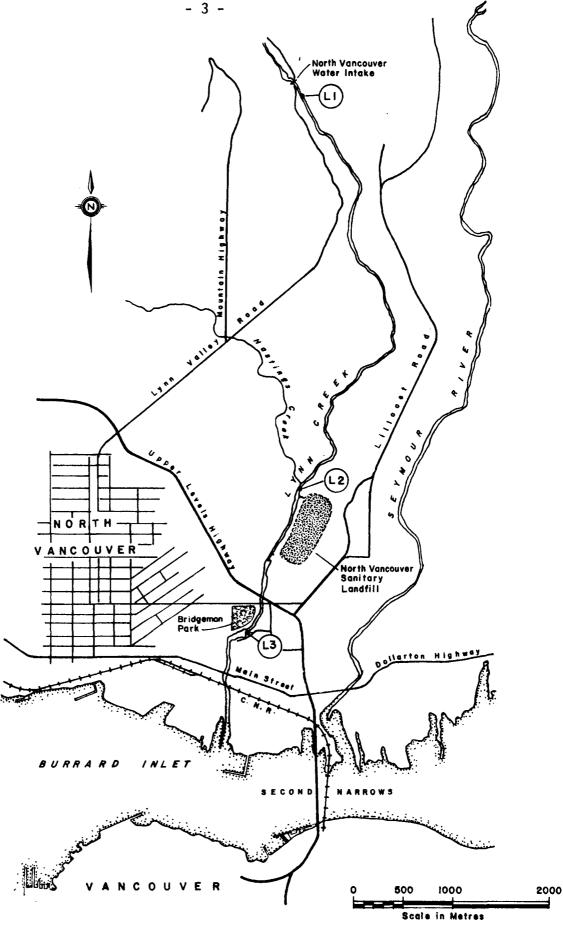


FIGURE I LOCATION OF LYNN CREEK IN NORTH VANCOUVER AND SAMPLE STATION LOCATIONS

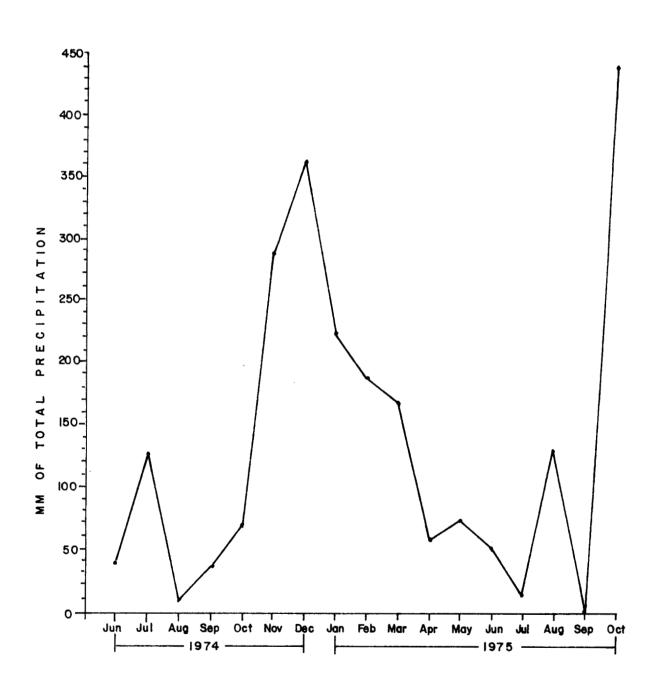


FIGURE 2 TOTAL PRECIPITATION AT ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT SERVICE - NORTH VANCOUVER, SECOND NARROWS STATION

NORTH VANCOUVER SITE MAP OF PREMIER STREET LANDFILL -M FIGURE

HISTORIC STREAMFLOW SUMMARY FOR LYNN CREEK, 1915 TO 1919

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9	.17	5.61	1.62	5.89	7.79	13.74	9.46	2.83	3.51	2.38	5.72	16.57
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All sample sites are characterized by fast-flowing water and a boulder type substrate. Generally, the rocks were typically rounded river rocks, but at station L1 the rocks were much larger and in some cases consisted of bedrock outcrops. The forest canopy at station L1 was moderate and there was no canopy at stations L2 and L3.

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3.0 MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Physical and Chemical Water Quality

All water samples were grab samples collected in a polyethylene sample container. Samples for dissolved oxygen were put in 300 ml BOD bottles, preserved with manganous sulphate and alkali-iodideazide reagents and titrated against a 0.025 N sodium thiosulphate solution within 4 hours. Samples for total organic carbon (T.O.C.) were stored in a 100 ml polyethylene sample bottle. Samples for total ammonia (NH $_3$ +NH $_4$ +), nitrate (NO $_3$ -N), total phosphate (TP), orthophosphate (OP) and pH were stored in a 500 ml polyethylene sample bottle. Dissolved phosphate (TDP) samples were filtered immediately through a distilled water washed 0.45 u cellulose acetate membrane filter and were kept in a 100 ml polyethylene sample bottle. Analytical methods used are those outlined in the Pollution Sampling Handbook of the Environmental Protection Service of Environment Canada (Anon., 1976).

Ammonia was analyzed with an Orion ammonia probe up to December 1974, a manual Berthelot method between December 1974 and July 1975 and thereafter by an automated Berthelot procedure. Nitrate was analyzed by an automated Diazotization method with copper-cadmium reduction.

For orthophosphate, the procedure consisted of a molybdenum blue method run on a Technicon automated system. The total phosphate and total dissolved phosphate analysis consisted of a potassium persulphate and $HNO_3-H_2SO_4$ autoclave digestion and then the sample was run on the orthophosphorous manifold of the Technicon.

Total organic carbon was measured on a carbon analyzer. Water temperature was determined with a hand-held thermometer and pH samples were run on a model 29 Radiometer pH meter either in the field or in the laboratory.

All samples were returned within 3 hours of collection to the Environment Canada, Cypress Creek, Laboratory in West Vancouver for analysis.

3.2 Periphytic Algal Standing Crop

Initially, plexiglass plates raised above the upper surface of a 10 kg cement block were staked at each sample station to colonize for a 4 week period. This method proved to be unsatisfactory due to the extreme variation in flows over short periods of time. The plates quite often were destroyed due to substrate movement during high flows, not recoverable due to high flows or left exposed during unpredicted low flows. In addition, the substrates were frequently vandalized.

An alternative method was selected based on a "toothbrush" sampler described by Stockner and Armstrong (1971) and had a $5.3~\rm cm^2$ sampling area. Six periphyton samples were collected at each station from areas which appeared to be representative of that stretch of the river.

Two attached algal samples were taken from three separate rocks located in close proximity to each other and the samples were combined, thoroughly mixed and the resulting composite was split in half. Ennis, 1975, found that combining two individual samples from a single substrate reduced the variability of biomass from a single substrate by about half. During extreme high flow and reduced flow conditions sample sites were relocated on the river bank as required.

One half of the composite sample was preserved with Lugol's solution for identification purposes. For analysis the sample was shaken and a 5 ml aliquot was taken and allowed to settle for 24 hours. Using an inverted microscope, the counts of two fields were averaged and extrapolated to number of cells/cm².

The remaining half of the composite sample was filtered, within 3 hours, through a 0.45 u cellulose nitrate membrane filter at 254 mm of mercury, treated with MgCO₃, frozen and returned to the Cypress Creek Laboratory for analysis (Anon., 1976).

4.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Premier Street Landfill Leachate Characteristics

The concentrations of various chemical constituents of leachate entering Lynn Creek are reported in Table 2. The leachate is characterized by high levels of ammonia, total organic carbon and low dissolved oxygen. The highest un-ionized ammonia concentration calculated from the limited sampling data was 0.110 mg/l.

4.2 Lynn Creek Physical and Chemical Water Quality

All analytical results for Lynn Creek over the period May 1974 to October 1975 are reported in Appendix I.

Temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH showed no appreciable differences between the control stations L1 and L2 and the downstream station L3. The pH in Lynn Creek ranged between 6.2-7.2 and is similar to the range of 6.3-7.2 reported by Derksen (in print) for the Capilano and Seymour Rivers which also drain the Vancouver northshore. Seasonally, water temperatures ranged between lows of 1.5-2.0°C in February to highs of 14-15°C in August. The percent saturation of dissolved oxygen remained near 100% saturation at all stations over the course of the study (Appendix I).

Total phosphate, total dissolved phosphate and orthophosphate did not indicate a documentable influence on the water quality of Lynn Creek downstream of the landfill. The high detection limit of 0.01 mg/l for total and total dissolved phosphate may not have been adequate to monitor the possible influence of the landfill on Lynn Creek water quality. Values of total and total dissolved phosphate were generally below detection (0.01 mg/l) as was orthophosphorous (0.005 mg/l).

Elevated concentrations of total ammonia, nitrate and total organic carbon were found at station L3, downstream of the landfill, compared to control stations L1 and L2 and indicate a deterioration in water quality. To test for levels of significance the data were arbitrarily grouped into four periods representing the seasons of the

NORTH VANCOUVER PREMIER STREET LANDFILL, NORTH PERIMETER DITCH LEACHATE QUALITY

TABLE 2

Total Organic Carbon (mg/l)	46 70 50 4 44 53
Hd	, 0,000 0,000 5,000
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	0.0 2.0 1.6 1.1 5.5 0.30
Temperature (°C)	11.0 113.5 11.5 10.0 11.0
Total Dissolved Phosphorous (mg/l)	* 10. * 0. * 0. * 0. * 0.
Total Phosphorous (mg/1)	.01* .091 .076 .030
Un-ionized** Ammonia (mg/l)	. 004 . 009 . 009 . 008
Total Ammonia (mg/l)	14.2 7.2 57.0 11.0 2.0 8.5 11.0
Nitrate (mg/l)	8.0 0.22 0.20 0.40 0.10 0.10
Sample Date (1975)	May 29 June 05 18 26 July 10 Aug. 28 0ct. 09

* less than detection limit ** calculated from formula from Emerson et al 1975.

SEASONAL DIFFERENCES IN MEAN TOTAL AMMONIA LEVELS OF LYNN CREEK, 1974 TO 1975 TABLE 3

Station	June to August, 1974 (mg/l)	September to November, 1974 (mg/l)	December 1974 to February 1975 (mg/l)	March to May, 1975 (mg/l)	June to August, 1975 (mg/1)	September to October, 1975 (mg/1)
L3	650.	.210	.313	. 194	. 123	.212
L2	.034	.007	.011	.012	800.	900•
L1	.034	800.	.011	.012	900•	• 005
13/15	*	*	*	**	**	* *
13/11	*	*	*	*	* *	*
L2/L1	SN	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

* significantly different at ∞ = .05, 1 tailed ** significantly different at ∞ = .01, 1 tailed NS = not significant

year. Namely: Winter (December to February), Spring (March to May), Summer (June to August), and Autumn (September to November). The Wilcoxon two-sample test was used to test for the differences between two stations in a particular season (Walpole, 1968). The detection limit was used as the actual concentration in determining the mean.

Total ammonia levels upstream of the landfill were generally at or near the detection limit while levels downstream were much greater (Appendix I). As noted in section 3.1, two methods of ammonia analysis were used in this study. In addition, two levels of minimum detection were used and varied for different periods of the study. The mean total ammonia levels for the control stations generally reflect the detection limit (0.01 mg/l or 0.005 mg/l). Based on a mean total ammonia concentration calculated for each season, the differences between the control stations (L1 and L2) and the downstream station (L3) were significant for all seasons (Table 3).

The highest value of total ammonia (0.75 mg/l) recorded in Lynn Creek downstream of the landfill was on February 6, 1975. Using formula from Emerson et al., 1975, to determine the percent un-ionized ammonia, for station L3, the levels were less than 0.001 mg/l. This level is below the 0.005 mg/l concentration reported by Wedemeyer and Yasutake, 1977, as the safer continuous exposure level for salmonids. It is conceivable that concentrations in the immediate area of the leachate discharges may reach unacceptable levels. Burkhalter and Kaya, 1977, demonstrated that the growth and development of rainbow trout sac fry are inhibited by long-term exposure to concentrations of un-ionized ammonia as low as 0.05 mg/l.

Nitrate concentrations were often higher at station L3 down-stream of the landfill (Appendix I). The seasonal mean nitrate concentration at control station L2 was often greater than that at station L1 (Table 4). Nitrate concentrations were significantly greater at station L3 compared to control stations L1 and L2 in the fall of 1974 and 1975 (Table 4). For the period December 1974 to February 1975, the

SEASONAL DIFFERENCES IN MEAN NITRATE LEVELS OF LYNN CREEK, 1974 TO 1975 TABLE 4

ir to 1975					
September to October, 1975 (mg/l)	.242 .195	*	*	NS	
June to August, 1975 (mg/l)	.163 .125 .127	NS	NS	NS	
March to May, 1975 (mg/l)	.205 .193	NS	NS	NS	
December, 1974 to February, 1975 (mg/1)	.261 .227 .188	NS	*	*	
September to November, 1974 (mg/l)	.220 .174 .161	*	*	NS	
June to August, 1974 (mg/l)	.070	SN	NS	SN	
Station	L3 L2 L1	13/15	L3/L1	12/11	

* significantly different at = .05, 1 tailed
** significantly different at = .01, 1 tailed
NS = not significant

mean nitrate concentration was significantly greater at station L3 compared to station L1. However, station L2 was also significantly greater than station L1.

Total organic carbon levels were also noted to be greater downstream than upstream of the landfill (Appendix I). The differences were significant between stations L3 and L2 for all but the summer 1975 period and between stations L3 and L1 for the winter and spring period only (Table 5).

4.3 Periphytic Algal Standing Crop

4.3.1 <u>Standing Crop.</u> The standing crop of periphytic algae as measured by ug chorophyll-a/cm², is reported in Table 6 and shown schematically in Figure 4. The standing crop of attached algae was notably greater at station L3 downstream of the landfill compared to the control stations L1 and L2. There were considerable differences in the standing crop recorded between the control stations and this is likely directly related to differences in the degree of forest canopy and substrate. Station L1 had a considerable canopy whereas station L2 was in the open and the substrate at station L1 was composed of large rocks and bedrock outcrops which were difficult to sample while the substrate at station L2 was more typical of the creek.

Much of the chlorophyll-a measured at station L1 is likely attributable to the abundant growths of moss on the substrate as there only appeared to be a visible growth of attached algae in June 1975 and again in September 1975 during very low flows. For comparative purposes, station L2 most accurately reflected the forest canopy and substrate type at downstream station L3.

The highest standing crop values were recorded during late summer and early fall, coinciding with low flows, maximum water temperatures and long periods of daylight. Precipitation increases dramatically in the fall (Figure 2) and with increased creek flows, the attached algae are reduced to low levels. Based on samples collected in

SEASONAL DIFFERENCES IN MEAN TOC LEVELS OF LYNN CREEK, 1974 TO 1975

TABLE 5

Station	June to August, 1974	974	September to November, 1974	December, 1974 to February, 1975 (mg/l)	March to May, 1975 (mg/l)	June to August, 1975 (mg/l)	September to October, 1975 (mg/l)
L3				4.0	2.7	2.5	2.6
۲5				2.0	1.8	1.5	1.6
L1				1.6	2.0	1.5	2.0
13/15				*	*	NS	*
13/11				**	*	NS	NS
ר5/ר1				NS	NS	NS	NS

* significantly different at α = .05, 1 tailed ** significantly different at α = .01, 1 tailed NS = not significant

PERIPHYTIC ALGAL STANDING CROP OF LYNN CREEK AND COMPARABLE STATIONS ON THE CAPILANO AND SEYMOUR RIVERS, NORTH VANCOUVER (ug CHLOROPHYLL-A per cm2) TABLE 6

Date	11	Lynn Creek L2	SAMPLE STATION L3	Seymour S1	Seymour River* S2	Capilano River* C1 (control)
1974 Oct. 18	.05 (.02)	1.29 (.69)	2.62 (.87)	5.01 (1.88)	4.29 (7.39)	1.94 (.64)
Nov. 28	.46	BDL	.26	.22	.42 (.74)	.01
1975 Mar. 06	.12	.01	•04	.10	.53 (.09)	BDL
Apr. 08	.21 (.04)	,	1.12 (.38)	.23 (.07)	.22 (.14)	BDL
May 08	• 02	.46	1.19	•03	.42	• 00
June 18	.55	• 05	1.65	•25	.22 (.39)	•04
July 24	.15	.32	.63	.11	.93	.27
Aug. 25	.63 (.55)	3.03 (.25)	2.25 (.11)	1.13 (.07)	1.47 (.55)	.40 (.06)
Sep. 18		1.52	3.95 (1.97)	•03	2.05	.61
0ct. 23	B0L	BDL	•02	.01	.03	BDL

= Below Detection Limit. BDL *

= from Derksen (in print).
= Pheopigment as ug/cm², reported only if sample above detectable limit.



LYNN CREEK - MONTHLY RECORD OF PERIPHYTIC ALGAL STANDING CROP 4 FIGURE

1975 alone, control stations L1 and L2 had annual mean standing crops of 0.24 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² and 0.77 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² respectively compared to a value of 1.36 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² for station L3. Derksen (in print) reported for comparable stations, sampled on identical dates and with identical methods, an annual mean of 0.21 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² for the Capilano River and 0.77 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² and 0.27 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² for two stations on the Seymour River (Table 3).

The high standing crop value of 2.62 ug chlorophyll-a/cm² in October 1974 at station L3 was only about half of that reported by Derksen (in print) on the Seymour River for that month (Table 6). Standing crop levels at station L3 for the period April to June 1975 were higher than that reported on the Seymour River and the Capilano River (Table 6). The standing crop reported in September 1975, prior to autumn rains and increased river flows, were higher at station L3 (3.95 ug chlorophyll-a/cm²) compared to station L2 (1.52 ug chlorophyll-a/cm²) but in August 1975 a higher value was reported for station L2 (3.03 ug chlorophyll-a/cm²) compared to that at station L3 (2.25 ug chlorophyll-a/cm²).

4.3.2 <u>Algal Identification</u>. Identifications were made on the periphyton samples collected June 18, 1975, and September 18, 1975, (Table 7 and 8 respectively).

The composition of the attached algae in June 1975 was similar for all three stations. Bacillariophyceae (diatoms) represented the largest variety of algae. With the exception of <u>Achnanthes</u>, <u>Navicula</u>, <u>Nitzschia</u> and <u>Synedra</u> which were in increased abundance downstream of the landfill the number of cells per cm² for each genus of diatom present were similar. In a composite rating of algae tolerating organic pollution, <u>Nitzschia</u> and <u>Navicula</u> were among the top 8 genera (Palmer, 1969).

The Chlorophyta (green algae) were dominated by <u>Ulothrix</u> at all stations and were recorded in highest numbers at control station L1. Cyanophyta (blue-green algae) were not identified in any of the samples collected in June 1975. Bryophytes (mosses) were identified in the

TABLE 7 IDENTIFICATION OF ALGAE FROM LYNN CREEK FOR JUNE 18, 1975 ACTUAL COUNT EQUALS AMOUNT REPORTED TIMES 100 CELLS PER CM²

	STAT	ION/DATE (1975)	
	L1	L2	L3
Identification	June 18	June 18	June 18
CHLOROPHYTA			
Bulbochaete	-	-	-
Cladophora	-	-	•
Mougeotia	-	-	Р
<u>Oedogonium</u>	-	-	-
Spirogyra	0700.00	-	-
<u>Ulothrix</u> Zygnema	2700.00	260.00	1300.00
BACILLARIOPHYCAE (Pennales) Achnanthes Amphora Cymbella Diatoma Eunotia Fragilaria Hannaea arcus Gomphonema Navicula Nitzschia Synedra Surirella Tabellaria	2.00 	17.00 - 8.50 P - 0.50 P 0.90 15.00 3.00 3.50 - 1.80	100.00
	10100	1000	0.5 0
(Centric) <u>Melosira</u>	29.00	1.00	7.40
BRYOPHYTA (moss)	Р	-	-

P = Present

TABLE 8 IDENTIFICATION OF ALGAE FROM LYNN CREEK FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 1975 ACTUAL COUNT EQUALS AMOUNT REPORTED TIMES 100 CELLS PER CM²

	STAT	ION/DATE (1975)	
	L1*	Lynn Creek L2	L3
Identification	September 18	September 18	September 18
CHLOROPH YTA			
Bulbochaete	1.25	-	-
Cladophora	-	-	-
Mougeotia	-	0.50	3.00
<u>Oedogonium</u>	Р	-	-
Spirogyra	-	-	7.50
Ulothrix	Р	310.00	12.00
Zygnema	470.00	-	-
CHRYSOPHYTA			
BAC ILLAR I OPHYCAE			
(Pennales)			
<u>Achnanthes</u>	.30	8400.00	300.00
Amphora	Р	-	14.00
Cymbella	• 30	400.00	1.00
Diatoma	-	Р	15.00
Eunotia	Р	-	-
Fragilaria	2.00	1.50	1.50
Hannaea arcus	Р	Р	Р
Gomphonema	_	45.00	Р
Navicula	1.90	1600.00	3000.00
Nitzschia	Р	10.00	35.00
Synedra	1.90	35.00	38.00
Surirella	-	-	0.50
Tabellaria	0.60	Р	3.90
(Centric)			
Melosira	-	-	7.00
RYOPHYTA (móss)	_	-	_

P = Present

^{*} not representative of general creek condition, sample collected from a small visible patch of algae colonizing an area only accessible due to the low creek flow.

June 1975 station L1 sample and are thought to have contributed to the high chloryphyll-a value for that station.

For September 1975, the sample collected at station L1 was not truly representative of the overall creek. The sample was taken from a specific small area where a green growth of <u>Zygnema</u> was spotted and this area was only accessible due to the very low flow conditions. The overall variety of the attached algae assemblage in September 1975 at control station L2 and the downstream station L3 was similar (Table 8).

The dominant diatoms reported at station L2 were Achnanthes, Cymbella and Navicula; and at station L3, Achnanthes and Navicula were dominant. Achnanthes was found in higher densities at station L2 while Navicula was found in higher densities at station L3. The green alga Ulothrix was found in greatest density at control station L2. Bluegreen algae were not found in any of the Lynn Creek samples in September 1975.

The substrate of Lynn Creek downstream from the north perimeter ditch outfall past Marine Drive is tinged a rusty color and is aesthetically unsightly. Kelly, 1971, reported that the colour is due to the accumulation of iron sulphide left by slime growths which are present in winter months. During the course of this survey, the substrate at station L3 had a brown discolouration and in the late summer and early fall period long strands of a brown precipitate were evident. As the growth on the substrate at station L3 was rusty and not typical of that observed on other Northshore streams it would seem likely that ferrous iron in the creek is being oxidized and ferric hydroxides are being deposited in association with iron bacteria on the attached algae. The Environmental Protection Service (unpublished data) found the concentration of total iron in Lynn Creek to be higher downstream of the landfill than upstream on two separate occasions. Concentrations of 0.05 mg/l and 0.10 mg/l were detected at station L2 on November 14, 1974, and March 6, 1975, respectively, compared to 0.08 mg/l and 0.67 mg/l at station L3. The long strands of growth are washed out of the system during the initial increase in rainfall and stream flows in the autumn.

Healey (1973) reports that when both nitrate and ammonia are present together, ammonia is usually taken up to exhaustion before the uptake of nitrate begins. As indicated in section 4.2, ammonia levels downstream of the landfill are significantly greater than upstream and available for algal growth. McKee and Wolf, 1963, reported that algae which thrive on high nitrate concentrations appear to be harmed or inhibited when the nitrogen is in the form of ammonia. In addition, they reported that 0.4 to 0.5 mg/l of ammonia nitrogen (as total) caused a complete disappearance of Aphanizomenon, a blue-green alga. Results of this study are not of sufficient detail to determine the influence leachates have on the distribution of attached algae or the level of primary productivity but increased nitrogen levels and iron precipitation must play an important role.

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APPENDIX I

ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR LYNN CREEK
- MAY, 1974 TO OCTOBER, 1975

- a) Dissolved Oxygen and Percent Saturation
- b) Temperature, pH and Total Organic Carbon
- c) Nitrate and Ammonia
- d) Total Phosphate, Total Dissolved Phosphate and Orthophosphate

APPENDIX I(a) DISSOLVED OXYGEN AND PERCENT SATURATION OF LYNN CREEK, MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

Committee Do	. .			D.O.	(mg/l)	9	8 Saturat	ion
Sample Da	te	Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
1974								
May	02 09 16 23 30		12.7 12.7 12.8 12.5 12.4	12.4 12.8 13.0 12.7 12.2	12.8 12.7 12.5 12.2 11.7	97.7 97.2 97.9 96.2 95.1	97.1 99.4 100.7 101.3 96.3	100.2 99.6 99.7 97.3 92.6
June	05 13 20 27		12.6 13.0 12.8 13.3	12.3 12.8 12.8 13.3	12.7 10.4 12.6 12.9	95.3 101.0 100.8 104.7	96.8 102.1 103.6 107.6	99.5 82.9 103.2 106.9
July	04 12 19 26		12.5 12.2 12.0 12.3	12.6 12.4 12.1 11.7	12.7 11.8 11.7 11.7	98.4 96.0 97.1 112.7	104.4 100.3 100.3 108.4	105.3 96.6 98.2 110.8
August	01 08 15 22 28		10.3 10.4 9.0 -	10.7 11.4 10.8 -	10.2 10.4 9.5 -	97.6 97.4 77.4 - 97.0	101.4 108.0 95.3 96.1	98.9 102.0 86.1 97.3
September	04 12 20 26		10.0 12.8 10.6	10.3 12.3 10.4	10.0 12.5 10.1	114.8 97.1	111.9 99.2	114.5 96.8
Oc tober	03 10 18 24		11.4 11.3 12.9	11.4 11.6 11.5	11.8 11.4 11.6	101.9 101.1 110.9	104.4 106.3 102.9	108.1 104.4 101.1
November	01 07 14 21 28		11.8 11.9 12.1 12.2 12.6	12.0 12.1 12.1 12.1 12.7	11.9 11.7 12.0 12.2 12.5	100.2 99.8 100.3 98.7 99.2	104.6 102.8 102.8 97.9 99.9	103.7 100.7 101.9 98.7 98.4

APPENDIX I(a) DISSOLVED OXYGEN AND PERCENT SATURATION OF LYNN CREEK, (cont'd.) MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

				D.O. (mg/1)	% 9	Saturatio	n
Sample Da	te	Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
December	04 12 19		12.2 12.4 12.8	12.2 12.5 12.7	12.4 12.1 12.7	98.7 97.6 100.8	98.7 98.4 102.7	102.8 95.3 102.7
1975								
January	09 16 23 30		13.5 13.4 12.7 13.3	13.7 13.6 13.2 13.1	12.8 12.8 12.6 12.8	100.7 101.3 99.9 99.2	102.2 102.7 103.9 97.7	98.1 98.1 99.2 95.5
February	06 13 20 27		14.0 13.2 13.2 12.9	14.3 13.1 13.2 13.1	13.6 13.0 13.2 12.8	103.1 99.8 98.5 100.2	105.3 100.4 98.5 102.6	100.1 99.7 98.5 100.8
March	06 13 20		13.3 12.9 13.4	13.4 12.9 13.2	13.3 12.6 12.9	99.2 99.2 102.7	99.9 101.6 101.2	99.2 99.2 101.6
April	04 10 17		12.8 12.6 12.9	13.4 13.0 13.0	12.6 12.5 12.7	100.8 101.9 104.4	105.5 105.2 105.2	99.2 103.6 102.7
May	01 08 15 22 29		12.6 12.5 12.5 12.4 12.2	12.7 12.3 12.5 12.6 12.6	12.7 12.3 12.4 12.5 12.4	101.9 102.3 98.4 98.9 101.1	102.7 103.2 101.1 101.9 104.4	102.7 102.4 100.3 101.1 102.8
June	05 18 26		12.6 11.9 12.0	12.5 11.8 12.0	11.4 11.4 12.0	101.9 99.8 99.5	103.6 102.8 101.9	96.9 99.3 101.9
July	10 17 24 31		12.4 12.2 14.3	12.1 11.9 10.8	11.9 11.6 10.8	110.9 109.1	113.3 109.0 -	111.5 107.5 -

APPENDIX I(a) DISSOLVED OXYGEN AND PERCENT SATURATION OF LYNN CREEK, MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

				D.O. (mg/1)	% :	Saturatio	n
Sample Da	te	Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
August	07 14 21 28		10.5 10.2 10.0 10.9	10.3 10.2 10.0 10.6	9.6 9.8 9.9 10.6	97.3 97.7 95.8 97.5	101.0 104.5 99.3 94.8	94.2 102.5 102.5 97.1
September	11 18		10.2 10.9	10.3 11.0	10.2 10.6	93.4 97.5	98.7 104.2	97.7 99.3
Oc tober	02 09 24		10.5 10.9 11.8	10.9 11.0 11.8	10.1 10.5 11.5	96.2 94.9 100.2	104.5 98.4 99.0	96.8 95.1 96.5

APPENDIX I(b) TEMPERATURE, PH AND TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

C1 - D-		Temp	erature	(°C)		рН		T.0.	.C. (mg/	/1)
Sample Da	te	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
1974			, <u>" , " , " , " , " , " , " , " , " , "</u>							
May	02 09 16 23 30	3.0 2.8 2.9 3.0 3.0	3.8 3.5 3.4 4.5 4.1	3.8 3.7 4.5 4.5 4.2	- 6.7 - 7.1	- 6.8 - 6.9	6.7 6.9	-	- - - -	- - - -
June	05 13 20 27	2.5 3.5 4.0 4.0	4.0 4.5 5.0 5.0	3.8 4.5 5.5 6.0	7.0 6.9 7.2 7.2	6.7 6.8 7.3 7.1	7.0 6.7 7.3 7.1	- - -	- - -	- - -
July	04 12 19 26	4.0 4.0 5.0 10.0	6.0 5.0 6.0 10.5	6.0 5.5 6.5 11.5	6.9 7.2 6.8 6.9	7.3 7.1 6.9 6.9	7.1 6.6 6.9 6.9	- - -	- - -	- - - -
August	01 08 15 28	11.5 11.0 7.5 10.4	11.5 11.5 8.5 10.4	12.5 13.0 9.9 10.4	6.8 6.8 7.1 6.9	7.1 6.9 7.3 7.0	6.8 6.8 7.2	- - -	- - -	- - -
September	04 12 20 26	9.1 10.0	9.7 11.8	10.0 12.0 11.4	7.2 - - -	7.2 - -	7.0 - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
October	03 10 18 24	9.0 9.0 7.5	10.0 10.0 9.0	10.0 10.0 8.0	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
November	01 07 14 21 28	7.0 6.5 6.0 5.0 4.0	8.0 7.0 7.0 5.0 4.0	8.0 7.5 7.0 5.0 4.0	7.1 6.7 6.7 6.9	6.8 6.7 6.5 6.8	6.8 6.7 6.5 6.8	- - - 1.0	- - - 1.0	2.0

APPENDIX I(b) TEMPERATURE, PH AND TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

C1 - D-		Tempe	erature	(°C)		рН		T.0.	C. (mg/	(1)
Sample Da	te	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
December	04 12 19	5.0 4.0 4.0	5.0 4.0 5.0	6.0 4.0 5.0	6.5 6.6 6.6	6.4 6.2 6.5	6.5 6.3 6.5	1.0	1.0 2.0	1.0 5.0
<u>1975</u>										
January	09 16 23 30	2.0 2.5 4.0 2.0	2.0 2.5 4.0 2.0	3.0 3.0 4.0 2.0	6.4 6.9 6.5 6.5	6.4 6.7 6.4 6.4	6.3 6.6 6.4 6.4	2.0 2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0 4.0	6.0 5.0 4.0
February	06 13 20 27	1.5 2.5 2.0 3.5	1.5 3.0 2.0 3.8	1.5 3.0 2.0 4.0	6.4 6.5 6.6 6.5	6.2 6.8 6.6 6.5	6.6 6.8 6.6 6.6	2.0 1.0 1.0	1.0 2.0 2.0	3.0 4.0 4.0
March	06 13 20	2.0 4.0 3.0	2.0 4.0 3.0	2.0 4.0 4.0	7.0 6.9 6.6	6.6 6.8 6.6	6.8 6.9 6.5	1.0	1.0 1.0 2.0	2.0 2.0 4.0
April	04 10 17	4.0 5.0 5.0	4.0 5.0 5.0	4.0 6.0 5.0	6.8 6.5 6.7	6.6 6.8 6.7	6.7 6.7 6.6	4.0 1.5	5.0 1.5	6.0 2.5
May	01 08 15 22 29	5.0 5.5 4.0 4.5 6.0	5.0 6.5 5.0 5.0 6.0	5.0 6.5 5.0 5.0 6.0	6.8 - - -	6.7 - - -	6.7	3.0 3.0 2.0 2.0 1.0	2.0 2.0 2.0 1.0	3.0 2.0 3.0 2.0 1.0
June	05 18 26	5.0 6.5 6.0	6.0 8.0 7.0	7.0 8.0 7.0	6.7 6.5 6.6	6.8 6.6 6.6	6.8 6.6 6.6	2.0 1.0 1.0	2.0 1.0 1.0	3.0 2.0 1.0
July	10 17 24 31	9.0 9.0 10.5 11.0	11.0 10.0 12.5 14.0	11.0 10.5 13.0 14.0	6.9 6.4 6.6 7.0	6.6 6.5 6.6 6.9	6.9 6.5 6.8 6.9	1.0 1.0 3.0 1.0	1.0 1.0 2.0 1.0	2.0 2.0 1.0 1.0

APPENDIX I(b) TEMPERATURE, PH AND TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, MAY 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

C1 - D	- 4 -	Temp	erature	(°C)		рН		T.O.C. (mg/l)		
Sample Date		L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
August	07 14 21 28	10.5 12.0 12.0 9.0	13.0 15.0 13.5 9.0	13.0 16.0 15.5 10.0	6.8 6.7 6.7 6.5	7.0 6.9 6.9 6.6	6.9 6.9 6.9 6.6	3.0 1.0 1.0 2.0	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	9.0 1.0 4.0 2.0
Septembe	r 11 18	10.0 9.0	12.0 11.5	12.0 11.0	6.7 6.8	6.9 7.0	6.9 7.1	1.0	1.0 1.0	2.0 2.0
Oc tober	02 09 24	10.0 8.0 7.0	12.0 9.0 6.5	12.0 9.5 6.5	6.7 6.7	6.9 6.8	7.1 6.8	3.0 1.0 3.0	2.0 1.0 3.0	3.0 3.0 3.0

APPENDIX I(c) NITRATE AND AMMONIA CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK,
JUNE 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

			NO:	3 (mg/l)		N	H ₃ (mg/l)
Sample Da	te	Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
1974				······································				
June	05 13 20 27		0.100 0.090 0.060	0.100 0.076 0.055	0.090 0.070 0.058	0.02 0.10 0.09 0.09	0.04 0.11 0.05 0.08	0.040 0.130 0.080 0.060
July	04 12 19 26		0.082 0.068 0.089 0.051	0.086 0.077 0.079 0.038	0.078 0.090 0.079 0.052	0.012 0.005* 0.005* 0.005*	0.005 0.005* 0.005* 0.005	0.018 0.035 0.026 0.080
August	01 08 15 22 28		0.050 0.047 0.075 - 0.076	0.045 0.052 0.071 - 0.088	0.056 0.066 0.076 - 0.054	0.010 0.005* 0.010* - 0.061	0.005* 0.010* 0.062	0.059 0.013 0.144 - 0.022
September	04 12 20 26		0.085 0.163 0.130 0.138	0.05 0.165 0.150 0.137	0.102 0.179 0.178 0.223	0.025 0.010 0.005* 0.005*	0.018 0.013 0.005* 0.005*	0.076 0.136 0.156 0.300
Oc tober	03 10 18 24		0.179 0.157 0.076	0.201 0.146 0.080	0.222 0.257 0.155	0.006 0.005* 0.005	0.006 0.005* 0.005*	0.390 0.360 0.500
November	01 07 14 21 28		0.255 0.290 0.132 0.148 0.184	0.245 0.291 0.208 0.148 0.208	0.280 0.318 0.308 0.152 0.272	0.010* 0.005* 0.005* 0.005* 0.005*	0.010* 0.005* 0.005* 0.005* 0.005*	0.190 0.060 0.095 0.045

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^{*} less than detection limit

APPENDIX I(c) NITRATE AND AMMONIA CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, (cont'd) JUNE 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

			NO:	3 (mg/1)		N	H ₃ (mg/l)
Sample Da	te	Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
December	04		0.133	0.137	0.138	_	-	
	12 19		0.168 0.154	0.144 0.194	0.206 0.228	0.01* 0.01*	0.01* 0.01*	0.140 0.150
1975								
January	09		0.179	0.255	0.330	0.01*	0.01*	0.49
	16		0.219	0.260	0.330	0.01*	0.01*	0.41
	23		0.161	0.200	0.218	0.005*	0.005*	0.110
	30		0.188	0.308	0.258	0.01*	0.01*	0.380
February	06		0.185	0.225	0.270	0.01*	0.01*	0.750
	13		0.217	0.250	0.304	0.01	0.02	0.185
	20		0.240	0.275	0.315	0.02	0.01	0.270
	27		0.225	0.250	0.270	0.02	0.02	0.250
March	06		0.210	0.225	0.230	0.03	0.03	0.180
	13		0.190	0.220	0.240	0.01*	0.01*	0.230
	20		0.205	0.225	0.265	0.01*	0.01*	0.210
April	04		0.195	0.215	0.240	0.01*	0.01*	0.340
	10		0.215	0.231	0.250	0.01*	0.01*	0.280
	17		0.225	0.225	0.245	0.01*	0.01*	0.100
May	01		0.200	0.200	0.200	0.01*	0.01*	0.100
	08		0.147	0.148	0.153	0.01*	0.01*	0.550
	15		0.155	0.155	0.155	0.01*	0.01*	0.040
	22		0.173	0.167	0.170	0.01*	0.01*	0.060
	29		0.108	0.108	0.107	0.01*	0.01*	0.050
June	05		0.126	0.132	0.137	0.01*	0.01*	0.020
	18	•	0.100	0.103	0.105	0.01*	0.01*	0.030
	26		0.080	0.090		0.005*	0.005*	0.060
July	10		0.074	0.074	0.076	0.005*	0.005*	0.040
Ţ	17		0.090	0.090	0.100	0.005*	0.005*	0.190
	24		0.080	0.090	0.110	0.005*	0.007	0.110
	31		0.100	0.100	0.120	0.005*	0.010	0.210

^{*} less than detection limit

APPENDIX I(c) NITRATE AND AMMONIA CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, (cont'd) JUNE 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

			NO:	3 (mg/l)		NH ₃ (mg/l)			
Sample Date		Station:	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	
August	07 14 21 28		0.140 0.120 0.139 0.220	0.140 0.150 0.158 0.250	0.320 0.200 0.183 0.280	0.006 0.005 0.005* 0.005*	0.011 0.015 0.010 0.005	0.200 0.255 0.200 0.035	
September	11 18		0.170 0.225	0.180 0.196	0.220 0.235	0.005* 0.005*	0.005 0.005*	0.110 0.250	
Oc tober	02 09 24		0.090 0.150 0.180	0.190 0.200 0.210	0.300 0.205 0.250	0.005* 0.005 0.005*	0.005* 0.010 0.005*	0.340 0.150 0.210	

^{*} below detection limit

APPENDIX I(d) PHOSPHATE CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, DECEMBER 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

			TP (mg/	1)		TDP (mg	/1)	01	P (mg/1)
Sample Da	te	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3
1974										
December	04 12 19	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	(0.016) 0.01 (0.19)	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005
1975				•						
January	09 16 23 30	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005
February	06 13 20 27	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005
March	06 13 20	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.012	0.005 0.005 (0.008)	0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005
April	04 10 17	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005
May	01 08 15 22 29	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005
June	05 18 26	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 (0.01)	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005	0.005	0.005 - -

^{() -} values not below detection limit, all other values are below the detection limit listed.

APPENDIX I(d) PHOSPHATE CONTENT OF LYNN CREEK, (cont'd.) DECEMBER 1974 TO OCTOBER 1975

Cample Da	•		TP (mg/	1)		TDP (mg	/1)	0	OP (mg/l)		
Sample Date		L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	L1	L2	L3	
July	10 17 24 31	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005	0.005 - - -	0.005	
August	07 14 21 28	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	(0.05) 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	0.005 0.005 0.005 0.005	
September	11 18	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.005	0.005	0.005	
October	02 09 24	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 (0.013) 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.01	- -	- - -	- - -	

^{() -} values not below detection limit, all other values are below the detection limit listed.