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**ASSESSMENT STUDY OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS  
AND ASSOCIATED WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES  
WESTBANK FIRST NATION TSINSTIKEPTUM IR NO. 9 & 10**

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## **Appendix D**

# **WATER TESTING RESULTS**

(CHEMICAL/PHYSICAL/BACTERIOLOGICAL)  
WITH COMPARISONS TO THE  
*GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN DRINKING WATER QUALITY (GCDWQ)*

**RESULTS OF ANALYSIS - Water**Westbank  
FN IR #9

98 03 10

**Physical Tests**

Colour	(CU)	<5
Conductivity	(umhos/cm)	270
Total Dissolved Solids		163
Hardness	CaCO3	128
pH		7.89
Turbidity	(NTU)	0.3

**Dissolved Anions**

Alkalinity-Total	CaCO3	110
Chloride	Cl	3.5
Fluoride	F	0.22
Sulphate	SO4	28

**Nutrients**

Nitrate Nitrogen	N	0.322
Nitrite Nitrogen	N	<0.001

**Total Metals**

Aluminum	T-Al	<0.2
Arsenic	T-As	0.0005
Barium	T-Ba	0.02
Boron	T-B	<0.1
Cadmium	T-Cd	<0.0002
Calcium	T-Ca	35.1
Chromium	T-Cr	<0.01
Copper	T-Cu	<0.01
Iron	T-Fe	0.08
Lead	T-Pb	<0.001
Magnesium	T-Mg	9.79
Manganese	T-Mn	<0.005
Mercury	T-Hg	<0.00005
Potassium	T-K	2
Selenium	T-Se	0.0005
Sodium	T-Na	12
Zinc	T-Zn	<0.005

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**RESULTS OF ANALYSIS - Water**

File No. K3503

SLG1

*Tomar Ave  
IR #10*

SLG2

*✓ IR #9  
Pumphouse*

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**Physical Tests**

Colour	(CU)		<5	<5
Conductivity	(umhos/cm)		275	278
Total Dissolved Solids			155	153
Hardness	CaCO3		122	122
pH			7.27	7.67
Turbidity	(NTU)		0.2	0.5

**Dissolved Anions**

Alkalinity-Total		CaCO3	110	108
Chloride	Cl		3.5	2.8
Fluoride	F		0.19	0.16
Sulphate	SO4		27	27

**Nutrients**

Nitrate Nitrogen		N	<0.1	0.1
Nitrite Nitrogen		N	<0.1	<0.1

**Total Metals**

Aluminum	T-Al		0.005	0.013
Arsenic	T-As		0.0006	0.0005
Barium	T-Ba		0.021	0.021
Boron	T-B		<0.05	<0.05
Cadmium	T-Cd		<0.0002	<0.0002
Calcium	T-Ca		34.0	33.9
Chromium	T-Cr		<0.001	<0.001
Copper	T-Cu		0.032	0.014
Iron	T-Fe		<0.03	<0.03
Lead	T-Pb		<0.001	<0.001
Magnesium	T-Mg		9.10	9.16
Manganese	T-Mn		<0.001	0.002
Mercury	T-Hg		<0.00005	<0.00005
Potassium	T-K		2.34	2.31
Selenium	T-Se		<0.001	<0.001
Sodium	T-Na		10.3	10.4
Uranium	T-U		0.00240	0.00245
Zinc	T-Zn		<0.005	<0.005

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# RESULTS OF ANALYSIS - Water

File No. J2898

Westbank  
First N  
IR# 10  
98 03 03

### Physical Tests

Colour	(CU)	<5
Conductivity	(umhos/cm)	274
Total Dissolved Solids		159
Hardness	CaCO3	120
pH		7.73
Turbidity	(NTU)	0.2

### Dissolved Anions

Alkalinity-Total	CaCO3	106
Chloride	Cl	4.1
Fluoride	F	0.21
Sulphate	SO4	28

### Nutrients

Nitrate Nitrogen	N	0.081
Nitrite Nitrogen	N	<0.001

### Total Metals

Aluminum	T-Al	<0.2
Arsenic	T-As	0.0005
Barium	T-Ba	0.02
Boron	T-B	<0.1
Cadmium	T-Cd	<0.0002
Calcium	T-Ca	32.5
Chromium	T-Cr	<0.01
Copper	T-Cu	0.07
Iron	T-Fe	<0.03
Lead	T-Pb	<0.001
Magnesium	T-Mg	9.43
Manganese	T-Mn	<0.005
Mercury	T-Hg	<0.00005
Potassium	T-K	2
Selenium	T-Se	<0.0005
Sodium	T-Na	11
Zinc	T-Zn	0.006

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## OKANAGAN LAKE

A view from the lakeside hill

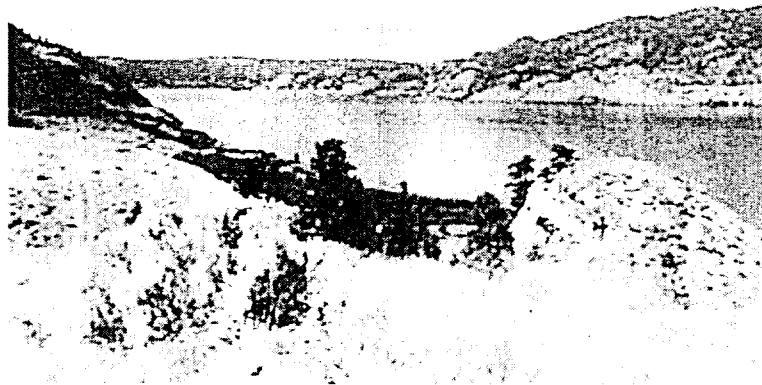


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### A. LOCATION

- British Columbia, Canada.
- 49:30-50:22N, 119:20-119:45W; 342 m above sea level.

### B. DESCRIPTION

Okanagan Lake is situated in south central British Columbia. It has a catchment area of over 6,000 km<sup>2</sup> and is the largest of the five main and interconnected lakes in the Okanagan valley. The Okanagan valley is U-shaped with mountains rising on both sides to 1,000-2,500 m.

Okanagan Lake in general is a deep, oligotrophic water body with two shallower reaches with poorer water circulation, higher nutrient levels, and greater plankton abundance. The lake in profile is composed of three basins, a large north basin, a mid basin and a southern basin. It is joined to Kalamalka Lake in the north by Vernon Creek and at the south end to Skaha Lake by

the Okanagan River. This river flows south through Skaha Lake, Vaseaux Lake and Osoyoos Lake; it joins the Columbia River near Brewster, Washington.

Several hundred meters of unconsolidated materials deposited during the Pleistocene epoch line the valley bottom. These materials probably resulted from glacial outwash, direct glaciation, and lacustrine fluvial sedimentation. Notable characteristics of the valley, particularly at the south end, are the terraces which were formed as the lowering of postglacial lake levels were repeatedly arrested. These fertile benches have been used extensively for horticulture, principally fruit trees and grape growing.

Three major population centres are located along lake Okanagan shores: Vernon at the north end, Kelowna at the mid point and Penticton at the south end (Penticton's sewage effluent is discharged to the outflow of Okanagan Lake). The major industrial development in the valley is associated with agriculture and forestry. As well, a large copper deposit has been developed in the drainage basin. Tourism is also a major economic factor in the local economy. These facts coupled with the arid nature of the region have resulted in a very high economic value being given to water quality and quantity. This is reflected by the number of studies conducted on the Okanagan lakes in recent history. Federal-provincial studies in 1969-1974 and 1977-1982 provided the first basic technical information on all the valley lakes and tracked water quality following sewage treatment improvements at Vernon and Penticton. Water quality improvement in the central basin of the lake is expected now, so that the city of Kelowna has instituted tertiary treatment (1).

## C. PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS (2, 3)

Surface area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	351
Volume [km <sup>3</sup> ]	24,644
Maximum depth [m]	230
Mean depth [m]	76
Water level	Regulated
Length of shoreline [km]	270
Residence time [yr]	52.8
Catchment area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	6,188

## D. PHYSIOGRAPHIC FEATURES

### D1 GEOGRAPHICAL

- Sketch map: Fig. NAM-51-01.
- Bathymetric map: Fig. NAM-51-02.
- Names of main islands: Grant (<0.01 km<sup>2</sup>) and Rattlesnake (<0.01 km<sup>2</sup>).
- Number of outflowing rivers and channels: 1 (Okanagan R.).

### D2 CLIMATIC

- Climatic data at Penticton Airport, 1950-1980

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann.
Mean temp. [deg C]	-2.7	0.6	3.9	8.6	13.4	17.2	20.3	19.5	14.7	8.7	3.0	0.4	8.9
Precipitation [mm]	32	20	17	21	29	28	21	27	18	15	24	31	236

Fig. NAM-51-01  
Sketch map (Q).

Fig. NAM-51-02  
Bathymetric map [50 ft=15.24 m](4).

- Number of hours of bright sunshine (North of Okanagan and Penticton Airport): 2,032 hr yr-1.
- Solar radiation (Summerland)[MJ m-2 day-1](5)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann.
3.4	6.5	11.5	16.7	20.8	22.6	23.7	19.6	14.5	8.5	3.8	2.5	12.8

- Water temperature [deg C](6, 7, 8)

North Okanagan Centre, 1977-1988

Depth [m]	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
0	3.75	6.0	11.0	14.0	20.0	22.0	18.8	15.0
5	3.75	6.0	-	-	20.0	-	18.5	15.5
10	3.75	6.0	-	-	15.0	-	18.5	15.0
15	3.75	5.5	-	-	14.0	-	13.3	14.0
20	3.75	5.5	-	-	9.0	-	9.8	14.0
25	3.75	5.0	-	-	7.5	-	8.3	10.5
35	3.75	5.0	-	-	6.0	-	6.2	6.0
45	3.75	5.0	-	-	5.5	-	5.8	5.0

Vernon Arm, 1979-1988

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0	1.5	-	3.8	5.0	12.0	17.5	20.0	23.0	19.1	16.0	8.0	3.0
2	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	18.8	-	-	-
4	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	18.5	-	-	-
6	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	18.3	-	-	-
8	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	18.0	-	-	-
10	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	17.6	-	-	-

14	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.4	-	-	-
18	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9	-	-	-

- Freezing period (Vernon Arm): January-February.
- Mixing type: Monomictic. Partially dimictic (North Okanagan Centre).
- Notes on water mixing and thermocline formation

North Okanagan Centre and the entire lake have only had complete ice cover 3 to 4 years in the past 100 years. As a result the lake stratifies in spring and mixes throughout the winter. Partial freezing of sheltered areas such as Vernon Arm can occur, i.e. Vernon Arm is dimictic during cold winters but monomictic during warm winters.

## E. LAKE WATER QUALITY

### E1 TRANSPARENCY [m](7, 8)

North Okanagan Centre, 1983-1984

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
16.5	-	11.9	6.4	5.8	5.8	8.4	8.1	9.0	9.7	10.7	14.2

Vernon Arm, 1979-1984

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
10.0	-	6.5	3.0	2.4	2.0	3.6	4.25	8.0	8.9	7.5	9.0

### E2 pH (8)

North Okanagan Centre, 1983-1984

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1.5	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.0

Vernon Arm, 1984

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1.5	8.2	-	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.0

### E3 SS [mg l-1]

South Okanagan Centre, 29 July 1975: 1.

### E4 DO [mg l-1] North Okanagan Centre, 1971-1988

Depth [m]	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
0	11.6	12.5	12.9	10.2	9.3	9.5	9.8	9.3	9.2
5	11.6	12.5	-	-	10.0	-	10.0	9.3	-
10	11.6	13.0	-	-	10.0	9.5	10.2	9.3	-
15	11.6	-	-	-	10.5	-	11.3	9.3	-
20	11.6	-	-	-	10.5	-	11.9	9.3	-
25	11.6	12.0	-	-	11.0	11.5	11.9	9.8	-
35	11.6	12.0	-	-	11.0	11.8	11.9	10.0	-
45	11.6	12.0	-	-	11.0	11.8	12.0	10.0	-
150	-	11.6	11.8	-	-	-	-	-	-

Vernon Arm, March and September 1988

Depth [m]	Mar	Sep
0	13.6	10.3
2	13.6	10.3
4	13.6	10.4
6	13.6	10.4
8	13.6	10.4
10	13.6	10.6
14	13.6	10.8
18	13.6	11.2

Fig. NAM-51-03

Profiles of temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity for Okanagan Lake North, 1977 and 1978 (7).

## E6 CHLOROPHYLL CONCENTRATION [micro l-1]

North Okanagan Centre, 1984-1987

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	0.8	0.9	0.8	2.0	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.0

Vernon Arm, 1979-1987

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	1.2	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.8	2.0	<1.0	2.3	1.8

## E7 NITROGEN CONCENTRATION (9)

- Total-N [mg l-1]

## North Okanagan Centre, 1979-1987

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	0.27	0.23	0.2	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.24	0.11	0.20	0.14	0.23	0.18
20-45	-	-	0.2	0.13	0	0.17	-	-	-	0.35	-	-

## Vernon Arm, 1979

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.15	0.18

**E8 PHOSPHORUS CONCENTRATION**

- Total-P [mg l-1]

## North Okanagan Centre, 1971-1987 (9)

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	.009	-	.008	.009	.001	.009	.008	.008	0.01	.009	.009
20-45	-	-	.006	.010	-	-	.007	.010	0.01	-	-

## Vernon Arm, 1979-1986 (7, 9)

Depth [m]	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
0-10	0.13	0.16	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.14	0.11	0.10	.008	.009

**E9 CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION [mg l-1](7)**

Okanagan Centre, 1983-1988: 1.66 (mean; N =7).

**E10 PAST TRENDS**

Fig. [NAM-51-04](#)

Spring Total-N at 4 sites in North Basin. Vernon discharge stopped by 1978 (8).

Fig. [NAM-51-05](#)

Spring Total-P at 4 sites in North Basin. Vernon discharge stopped by 1978 (8).

Fig. [NAM-51-06](#)

Fall phytoplankton at 4 sites in North Basin (8).

Fig. [NAM-51-07](#)

Total-P, phytoplankton chlorophyll a and periphyton chlorophyll a and nitrogen at Vernon Arm (OK-S2), 1976-1979 (7).

## F. BIOLOGICAL FEATURES (1977)

### F1 FLORA

- Emerged macrophytes: *Scirpus lacustris*, *Typha latifolia* (10).
- Floating macrophytes (10)  
*Potamogeton gramineus*, *P. natans*, *Nuphar polysepalum*.
- Submerged macrophytes (10)  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*, *Potamogeton perfoliatus*, *P. pectinatus*, *P. crispus*, *Elodea canadensis*.
- Phytoplankton (8)  
Dominants (*Lyngbya limnetica*, *Fragilaria crotonensis*, *Melosira italica*); Sub-dominants (*Merismopedia*, *Oscillatoria*, *Botryococcus*, *Ankistrodesmus*, *Teraspora*, *Asterionella*, *Cyclotella*, *Rhizosolenia*, *Stephanodiscus*).

### F2 FAUNA

- Zooplankton (8)  
Dominants (*Diatomus ashlandi*, *Cyclops bicuspidatus*); Sub-dominants (*Bosmina*, *Notholca*, *Kellicottia*).
- Benthos (11, 12)  
*Oligochaeta* (*Tubifex tubifex*, *Ilyodrilus templetoni*, *Limnodrilus hoffmeisteri*, *L. udekemianus*, *L. claparedeanus*, *Nais variabilis*, *N. pardalis*); *Hirundinea* (*Helobdella stagnalis*, *Placobdella monifera*); *Amphipoda* (*Gammarus limnaeus*, *Hyalella azteca*); *Ephemeroptera* (*Caenis* sp., *Choroterpes* sp.); *Odonata* (*Enallagma cyathigerum*); *Trichoptera* (*Ithytrichia* sp., *Hydroptila* sp., *Polycentropus* sp., *Oecetis avara*, *Mystacides* spp.); *Hemiptera* (*Notonecta* sp., *Corixa* sp.); *Diptera* (*Chironomus*, *Endochironomus*, *Cryptochironomus*, *Allochironomus*, *Prochironomus*, *Paratendipes*, *Pentapedilum*, *Polypedilum*, *Procladius*, *Tanytarus*, *Cladotanytarus*); *Coleoptera* (*Hydroporus* sp.); *Hydracarina* (*Hygrobates longipalpis*); *Gastropoda* (*Lymnaea caperata*, *Gyraulus parvus*, *Menetus exacuus*); *Percypoda* (*Anodonta oregonensis*, *A. beringiana*, *Pisidium compressum*, *Valvata sincera*, *V. sp.*).
- Fish (13)  
*Oncorhynchus nerka*\*, *O. mykiss*\*, *Salvelinus namaycush*\*, *Prosopium williamsoni*\*, *Perca fluviatilis flavescens*\*, *Lota lota*\*, *Coregonus clupeaformis*\*, *Catostomus macrocheilus*, *C. catostomus*, *Cyprinus carpio*\*, *Ptychocheilus oregonensis*, *Mylocheilus caurinus*, *Acrocheilus alutaceus*, *Richardsonius balteatus*, *Rhinichthys falcatus*, *Cottus asper*, *C. cognatus*. \* Important for sport-fishing.

### F5 FISHERY PRODUCTS (2)

- Annual fish catch [no.] (1980)  
Rainbow trout: 13,109.  
Kokanee: 222,867.

### F6 PAST TRENDS: Fig. NAM-51-08.

Fig. [NAM-51-08](#)

## Trends in kokanee escapement in Okanagan Lake.

- Supplementary notes  
Reduced kokanee fishery possibly due to introduction of carp, whitefish, mysid shrimp and Eurasian milfoil or to loss of spawning habitat and quality due to channelization, dam construction and diversion of water for irrigation and domestic use. Fishing pressure has increased with the increase in human population near the lake (14).

**F7 NOTES ON THE REMARKABLE CHANGES OF BIOTA IN THE LAKE IN RECENT YEARS (23)**

Eurasian milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) had colonized about one quarter of the lake's littoral zone by 1979 after invading sometime in the early 1970's. It presented a nuisance to boaters and swimmers and a major control effort was undertaken by the provincial authorities to limit these effects on beaches and on boat harbours. The milfoil beds have shrunk to some extent in the last ten years but control (i.e. harvesting, dredging) is still implemented in some areas.

**G. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS****G1 LAND USE IN THE CATCHMENT AREA (15) (1970)**

	[km <sup>2</sup> ]	[%]
Natural landscape		
- Woody and	4,208	68
- herbaceous vegetation		
- Others	990	16
Agricultural land	495	8
Residential area	186	3
Others*	309	5
Total	6,188	100

\* Lake surface areas.

- Types of important forest vegetation  
*Pinus ponderosa* (mid-altitudes), *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (high altitudes), *Abies lasiocarpa*, *Picea engelmannii* (high & exposed subalpine).
- Types of important herbaceous vegetation  
*Artemisia* spp., *Agropyron spicatum* (low & mid-altitudes), *Calamagrostis rubescens* (high altitudes), *Carex* spp. (high & exposed subalpine).
- Types of other important vegetation  
*Balsamorhiza sagittata*, *Opuntia fragilis*, *Lewisia rediviva*, *Typha latifolia*, *Salicornia europaea* *rubra*, *Purshia tridentata*.
- Main kinds of crops and/or cropping systems  
Fruits (apple, cherry, grape, peach, apricot, pear, plum), hay, alfalfa.
- Levels of fertilizer application on crop fields: Moderate.
- Trends of changes in land use in recent years

Gradual loss of agricultural land to urban development.

## G2 INDUSTRIES IN THE CATCHMENT AREA AND THE LAKE (15) (1970)

	Gross product per year (US\$1.00)	No. of persons engaged	Main products or major industries
Primary industry			
- Crop production	40,300,000	2,650	Fruit trees, grapes
- Fisheries*			
- Others	49,710,000	660	Lumber, mining
Secondary industry			
- Manufacturing	77,860,000	4,170	Wood products, fabricating
- Tourism	11,240,000	1,230	
Tertiary industry Retail		19,760	

\*There is no commercial fishery.

- Number of domestic animals in the catchment area (17)  
Cattle 9,350, sheep -1,000, swine 6,975, poultry 372,800, others 4,500.

## G3 POPULATION IN THE CATCHMENT AREA (1986)\*

	Population density [km-2]	Major cities (population)
Urban	62,700	Kelowna, Summerland, Peachland, Westbank, Vernon,
Rural	62,300	Armstrong, Naramata, Okanagan Centre, Spallumcheen
Total	125,000	20.2

\* Last Canadian Census year.

## H. LAKE UTILIZATION

### H1 LAKE UTILIZATION

Source of water, sightseeing and tourism (no. of visitors in 1980: 1.05 million for entire Okanagan Valley (15)), recreation and fisheries.

## H2 THE LAKE AS WATER RESOURCES (2) (1979)

	Use rate [m3 day-1]
Domestic	2,117
Irrigation	14,165,159
Industrial	85,435
Others Water work	2,340

## I. DETERIORATION OF LAKE ENVIRONMENTS AND HAZARDS

### I1 ENHANCED SILTATION

- Extent of damage: Not serious.
- Supplementary notes  
Relative composition of phosphorus transported to the Okanagan Valley lakes in suspended sediments during snowmelt averaged 62% apatite P, 16% non-apatite P and 22% organic

### I2 TOXIC CONTAMINATION

- Present status: Detected but not serious.
- Main contaminants, their concentrations and sources

Name of contaminants	Range of concentrations [ppm]			Main Sources
	Water*1	Bottom mud	Fish*2	
	1987 (19)	1974 (4)	1988 (8)	
Hg	<0.00005-0.00019	34-777 ppb	0.06-0.33	
PCB	<0.0004		<0.1-0.6	
PCP/TCP	<0.0001		0	
DDT			<0.01-3.63	
Organophosphorus	<0.0025			Pesticides
Organochlorine	<0.00025			Pesticides

\*1 Volume basis [mg l-1].

\*2 Dorsal muscle of rainbow trout; wet weight basis [mg l-1].

- Food safety standards or tolerance limits for toxic contaminant residue  
Canadian Food and Drug Directorate, World Health Organization.

- Past trends

Fig. NAM-51-09

1970-1988: Mercury in rainbow trout muscle (wet wt. basis). Circles indicate means and vertical lines indicate ranges.

Fig. NAM-51-10

1970-1986: DDT in rainbow trout muscle. Circles indicate means and vertical lines indicate ranges.

- Supplementary notes: British Columbia banned the use of DDT in 1971.

### 13 EUTROPHICATION

- Nuisance caused by eutrophication  
Unusual algal bloom (*Anabaena* sp.; Vernon Arm, June 1975), foul odour of tap water, and degraded aesthetic value (reduced tourist and local use).
- Nitrogen and phosphorus loadings to the lake [t yr<sup>-1</sup>](2, 15, 17)  
Past, present and predicted bioavailable phosphorus loadings.

	1970	1980	1990
Controllable*1			
- Point sources			
-- Municipal*2	37.5	17.0	8.5
-- Storm sewers	0.3	0.5	0.7
-- Industrial	0.7	1.1	1.2
- Non-point sources			
-- Agriculture			
--- Animals	2.2	8.8	8.9
--- Fertilizer	0.3	0.4	0.4
-- Septic tank	3.8	6.6	8.3
-- Logging	N.A.	6.0	6.0
-- Others	0.2	1.3	0.3
- Subtotal			
Non-controllable*3			
-- Dustfall & precipitation*4	8.9	8.9	8.9
-- Watershed sources*5	24.5	18.5	18.5
-- Mainstem loadings*5	0.1	0.1	0.1
- Subtotal	33.5	27.5	27.5
Total loadings	78.5	69.2	61.8

\*1 Assumes that all controllable sources of P are biologically available. \*2 Future loadings are estimated on the basis of population growth assuming that minimum objectives 90% of P will

be removed. \*3 Loadings from uncontrollable sources are shown to be the same for all years because of the lack of data basis, except for watershed loadings. \*4 Assumes that dustfall and precipitation P are bio-available. \*5 Bio-available P loadings from watershed and mainstem sources were calculated as set out in (22).

- Supplementary notes

Water quality objective for phosphorus is 0.010 mg l-1 (2)(British Columbia Ministry of Environment water quality criteria documents). Countermeasures are to reduce P contributions from point and non-point sources through the 1982 Okanagan Basin Implementation Agreement (15) and the Okanagan Water Quality Project (1986-1989) described below. Goals: 90-95% removal of P from sewage sources through upgrading of sewage treatment plants and waste management planning for centres without collection systems. Implementing best management practices for agriculture and logging to reduce contributions from these diffuse sources of phosphorus.

#### I4 ACIDIFICATION

- Extent of damage: None.
- Supplementary notes (20)

Based on the high calcium content and alkalinity of Okanagan Lake water, it is considered of low sensitivity to acidic inputs.

Fig. NAM-51-11 (21)

Sulphate deposition at Kelowna near centre point of Okanagan Lake.

#### I5 OTHER HAZARDS

Log booms.

### J. WASTEWATER TREATMENTS

#### J1 GENERATION OF POLLUTANTS IN THE CATCHMENT AREA

(d) Measurable pollution with limited wastewater treatment.

#### J2 APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POLLUTANT LOADS

Sources	1970	1980	1987	[%]
Sewage treatment plants	59.1	19.1	11.7	14
Septic	8.0	11.5	16.9	21
Agriculture	4.5	11.9	2.5	3
Forestry	8.4	8.4	8.4	10
Other	41.9	41.9	41.9	51
Total			81.4	100

### **J3 SANITARY FACILITIES AND SEWERAGE**

- Percentage of municipal population in the catchment area provided with adequate sanitary facilities (on-site treatment systems) or public sewerage: 100%.
- Percentage of rural population with adequate sanitary facilities (on-site treatment systems): 100%.
- Municipal wastewater treatment systems  
No. of tertiary treatment systems: 3 (Kelowna, Vernon, Westbank).  
No. of secondary treatment systems: 1 (Armstrong).

### **K. IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE LAKE**

#### **K1 RESTORATION**

None.

#### **K2 AERATION**

None.

#### **K3 OTHERS**

Diver operated dredges used to control milfoil in Vernon Arm, Kelowna and Summerland.

### **L. DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Most of the land is owned privately and has been developed or can be. Most of the lakeshore suitable for housing development has been developed or will be within a few decades. Dense subdivisions have or will have tertiary treatment for wastewater. Tile fields from septic tanks are not allowed closer than 33 m from the lakeshore and are usually not permitted in area of high groundwater or porous soils which do not remove most of the phosphorus from wastewater. Livestock operations are being encouraged to conform to pollution control guidelines.

### **M. LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES FOR UPGRADING LAKE ENVIRONMENTS**

#### **M1 NATIONAL AND LOCAL LAWS CONCERNED**

- Names of the laws (the year of legislation)
  1. British Columbia Environment Management Act/Waste Management Act (1982)
  2. British Columbia Health Act/Sewage Disposal Regulations (1986)
- Responsible authorities
  1. Government of British Columbia, Ministry of Environment

2. Government of British Columbia, Ministry of Health
  - Main items of control
    1. All discharges of wastewater >5,000 IGD
    2. All discharges of wastewater <5,000 IGD
  - Supplementary notes: Limited control over nutrient from agriculture, forestry and urban runoff - most control measures are not regulations but guidelines.

## **M2 INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES**

1. Okanagan Basin Study -Joint Canada/British Columbia interdisciplinary program
2. British Columbia Pollution Control/Waste Management Branch, British Columbia Ministry of Environment
3. Okanagan Basin Implementation Program - Joint Canada/British Columbia project to implement recommendations of the Okanagan Basin Study

## **M3 RESEARCH INSTITUTES ENGAGED IN THE LAKE ENVIRONMENT STUDIES**

1. British Columbia Waste Management Branch
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## **Appendix E**

# **WASTEWATER TESTING RESULTS**

**(CHEMICAL/PHYSICAL/BACTERIOLOGICAL)  
WITH COMPARISONS TO THE  
*GUIDELINES FOR EFFLUENT QUALITY AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AT  
FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENTS***

*Nil*