

LOCAL ATMOSPHERE SALT PROFILE

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DETERMINATION OF TRACE CONCENTRATIONS OF
SODIUM CHLORIDE IN THE ATMOSPHERE

INTRODUCTION

This report is presented as a conclusion to Shuttle Study Task No. 0031, initiated in 1974 to determine the concentration of sodium chloride in the atmosphere under varying weather conditions and at different locations around the Kennedy Space Center (KSC). Two previous reports^{1,2} have presented data to substantiate the following conclusions.

- A. Salt is present in the local atmosphere under all weather conditions.
- B. East winds produce the highest average aerosol salt concentration.
- C. The average atmospheric salt concentration does not vary significantly from ground level up to a height of 120 meters.

In addition, current data indicate that the atmospheric salt concentration decreases exponentially with distance of sampling location from the ocean.

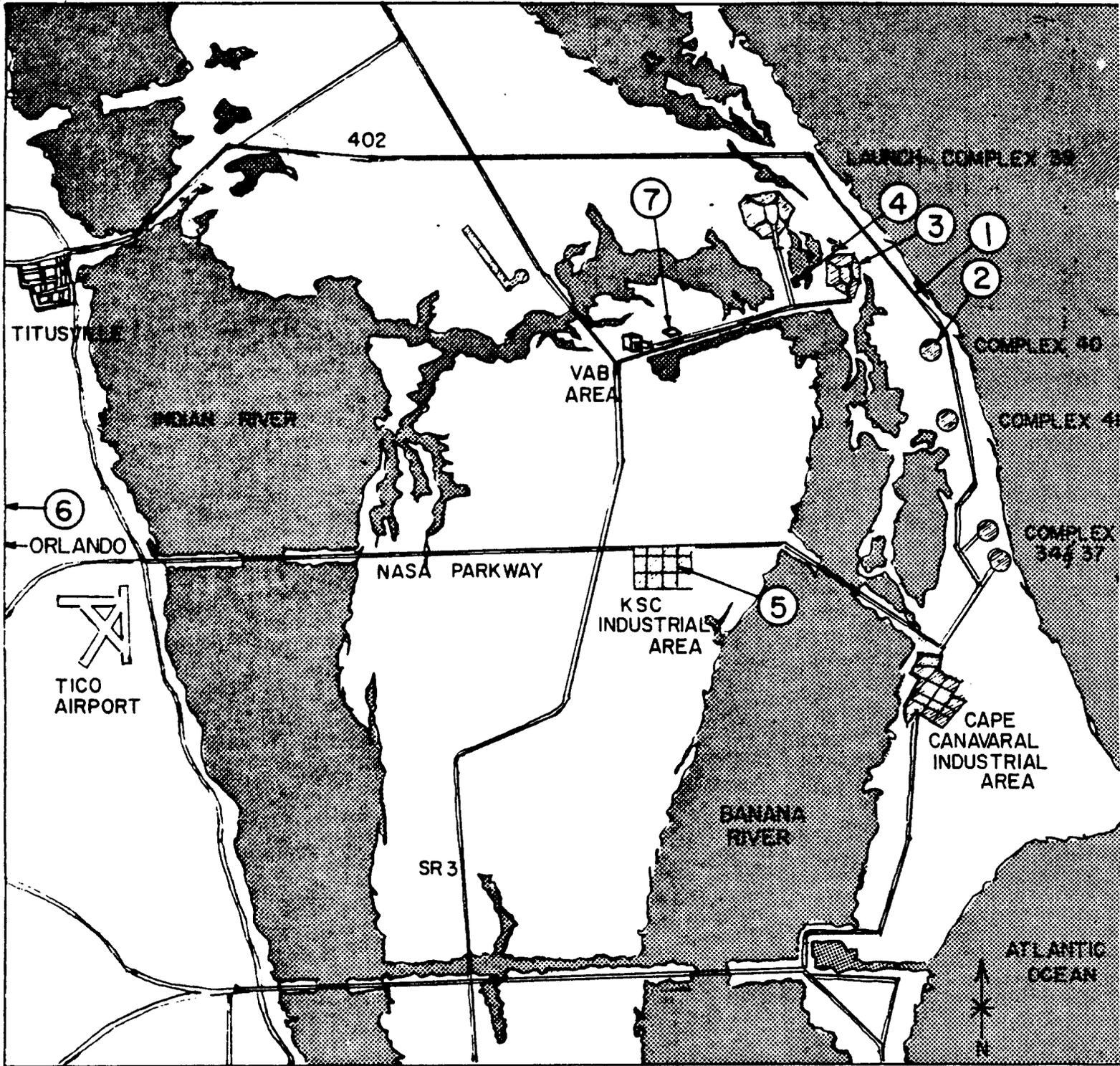
This report includes data obtained during the period February 1975 through October 1976 using primarily plate fallout sampling and funnel-cylinder sampling. Limited wick and confined plate sampling were also performed to evaluate the methodology. Analysis methods were equivalent to those described in the 8 July 1974 report. Table I gives the collection sites and sampling frequency utilized in the current study; Figure I shows the sampling locations at KSC.

In general, the amount of salt collected at a given location is dependent on the type of sampling apparatus used and the weather conditions during the sampling period. The funnel-cylinder collects fallout from dry and moist air in addition to precipitation. This would be representative of areas on GSE and

1 "Local Atmosphere Salt Profile", 8 July 1974, E.L. Williamson and C.W. Hoppesch. (Presents data collected from January 1974 through March 1974).
2 "Local Atmosphere Salt Profile, Addendum 1", 2 June 1975, M.J. Dickinson and C.W. Hoppesch. (Presents data collected from August 1974 through January 1975).

TABLE I
SALT PROFILE TEST SITES

<u>TEST SITE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM OCEAN</u>	<u>SAMPLING EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>SAMPLING FREQUENCY</u>
I (Beach Site)	Ocean side of Beach Road between Cx39A and Cx41	150 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	biweekly biweekly
II (Cx41 Site)	West side of Beach Road at Cx41 entrance gate	800 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	biweekly biweekly
III (Cx39A Site)	East side of Cx39A Perimeter Road	2500 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	biweekly biweekly
IV (Pump house Site)	Near Cx39 water pump station between Pad A and Pad B	5600 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	biweekly biweekly
V (M7-605 Site)	Near Bldg. M7-605 in Industrial Area South of O&C	32,000 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	biweekly biweekly
VI (Naval Training Center Site)	Orlando, Florida	260,000 ft.	1 plate 1 funnel	2 times only; once after 744 hrs., once after 696 hrs. exposure
VII (K7-516 Site)	On roof of Bldg. K7-516 (midway between VAB and Cx39A)	17,500 ft.	1 plate 1 confined plate 1 funnel 2 wicks 1 funnel	weekly weekly weekly weekly Every six weeks



SALT SAMPLING LOCATIONS
AT
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA

FIGURE I

spacecraft which could trap water and salt. The flat plate collects fallout, but accumulation is limited by the washing action of winds and rain. This sample collector would be representative of flat areas on GSE and spacecraft hardware.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- A. The current study gives further evidence that sodium chloride is present in the local atmosphere at all times.
- B. Data from the current study indicate that atmospheric salt concentration decreases with distance from the ocean in a predictable, exponential-type manner. Table II compares distances from the ocean with average salt collected ($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$) for flat plates and funnel-cylinders. Graphs of the Table II data are given in Figure II and Figure III.
- C. The amount of salt collected ($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$) at Site VII by each of the four types of sampling equipment, averaged over the current study period, is given below.

1. Funnel-cylinder samples	:	951
2. Wick samples	:	264
3. Confined plate samples	:	233
4. Flat plate samples	:	58

- D. At a given distance from the ocean, and in a given type of sampling apparatus, the amount of salt collected is dependent on the weather conditions prevalent during the sampling period.

EXPERIMENTAL

Data presented in this report were obtained by analysis of weekly samples from the roof of Building K7-516 and bi-weekly samples from the Test Sites described in Table I. In addition, a single funnel-cylinder sample was exposed for six week intervals at Site VII. Four other long-term (approximately 30 days) exposure samples were taken at Site VI. Collection at Site VI was discontinued due to heavy seasonal rainfall exceeding the capacity of the sampling apparatus.

No aerosol sampling was performed during the period covered by this report due to consistency of results obtained during the two previous testing periods.

A brief description of sampling equipment and techniques is given below. In each instance, result units of total micrograms sodium, obtained from Atomic Absorption (AA) analyses were converted by factor to units of micrograms sodium chloride per square meter per hour. Table III shows the testing period, the number of samples taken, the average salt collected, and the standard deviation for each sampling apparatus.

A. Plate Samples

Horizontal plate samples were taken weekly at Site VII and biweekly at Sites I through V. Two approximately 30-day exposure plate samples were taken at Site VI. In addition, a confined plate sample with one-inch high sides was taken weekly at Site VII. The stainless steel plates with approximately one-tenth square meter ($0.1M^2$) surface area were supported by four No. 2 rubber stoppers

to eliminate surface contamination. The plates were rinsed with sodium-free de-ionized (DI) water and analyzed for sodium by AA. Individual plate results are given in Table IV and V.

B. Funnel-Cylinder Samples

Funnel-cylinder samples were taken weekly at Site VII and biweekly at Sites I through V. In addition, one funnel sample was taken at six-week intervals at Site VII, and two approximately 30-day exposure samples were taken at Site VI. The sampling apparatus consisted of a 100 mm diameter glass funnel inserted in a 1000 ml volumetric flask with a connecting plastic sleeve to support the funnel. Sodium-free DI water rinses of the funnel surface and flask interior were combined with precipitation water from the flask, and the total liquid analyzed for sodium by AA. Tables IV and V show individual funnel results.

Blank runs were made at Site VII by allowing a funnel-cylinder apparatus covered with plastic to remain exposed up to 16 days. A total of 17 blanks (14 seven-day exposures plus three 16-day exposures) gave results which ranged from no sodium detected to $12 \text{ ugNaCl/M}^2/\text{hr}$ with an average blank of $4 \text{ ugNaCl/M}^2/\text{hr}$ and a standard deviation of 3. The blank is not significant compared to the amount of salt collected by the funnel apparatus.

C. Wick Samples

Two wick samples were taken weekly at Site VII. The sampling apparatus consisted of a 24.0 cm Whatman No. 1 filter rolled into a cylinder and inserted

into the neck of a 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask containing sodium-free DI water. The filter paper, supported by a metal wire, was changed whenever it became torn; water was added to the flasks between sampling times to prevent complete evaporation. Sodium-free DI water rinses of the filter paper and the interior of the flasks were combined with water from the flasks, and the total liquid was analyzed for sodium by AA. Individual wick results are given in Table V.

FIGURE II
PLATE SAMPLES

K&E SEMI-LOGARITHMIC 46 6010
4 CYCLES X 75 DIVISIONS MADE IN U.S.A.
KEUFFEL & ESSER CO.

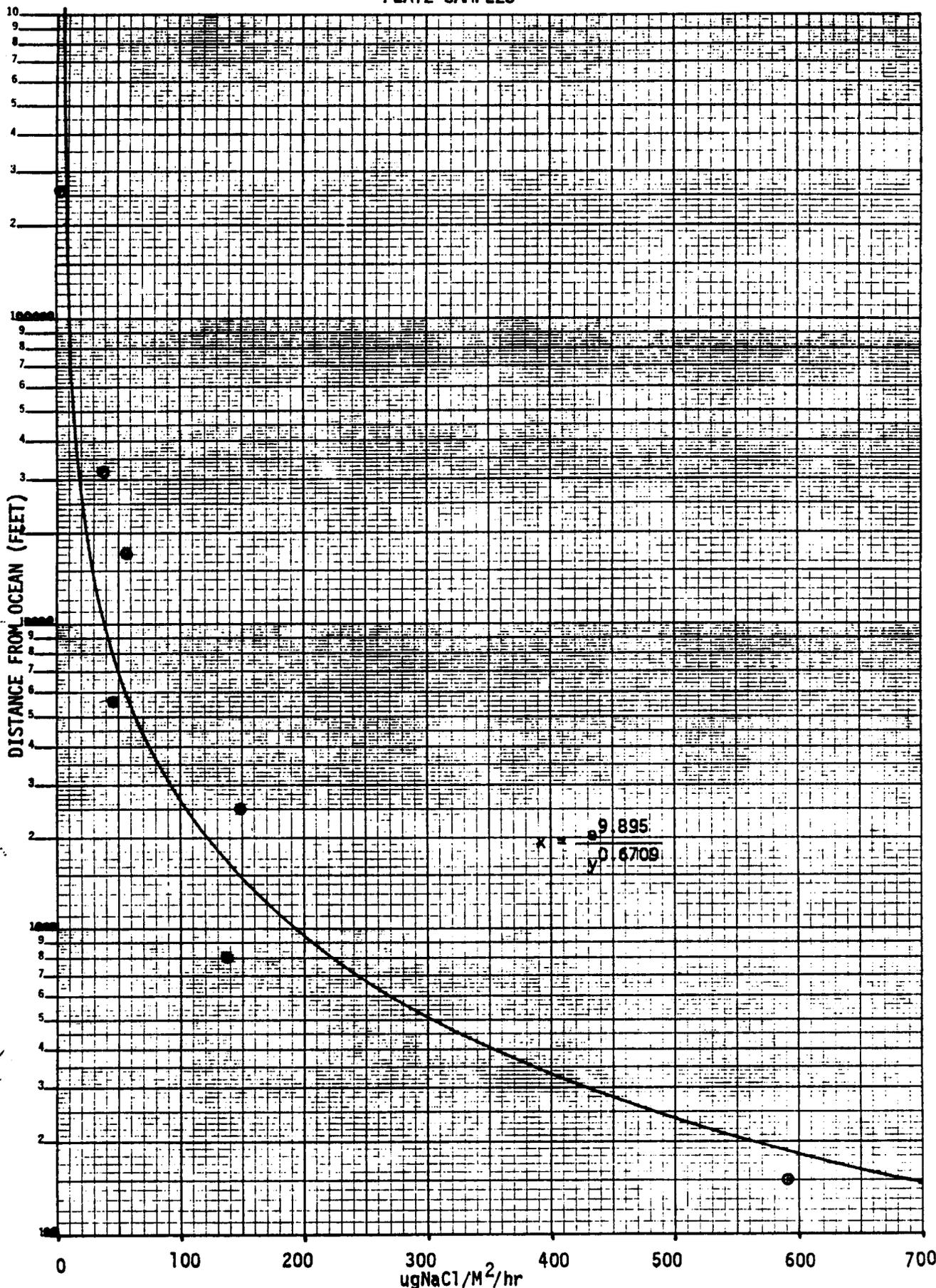


FIGURE III
FUNNEL SAMPLES

K&E SEMI-LOGARITHMIC 46 6010
4 CYCLES X TO DIVISIONS MADE IN U.S.A.
NEUFFELL & ESNER CO.

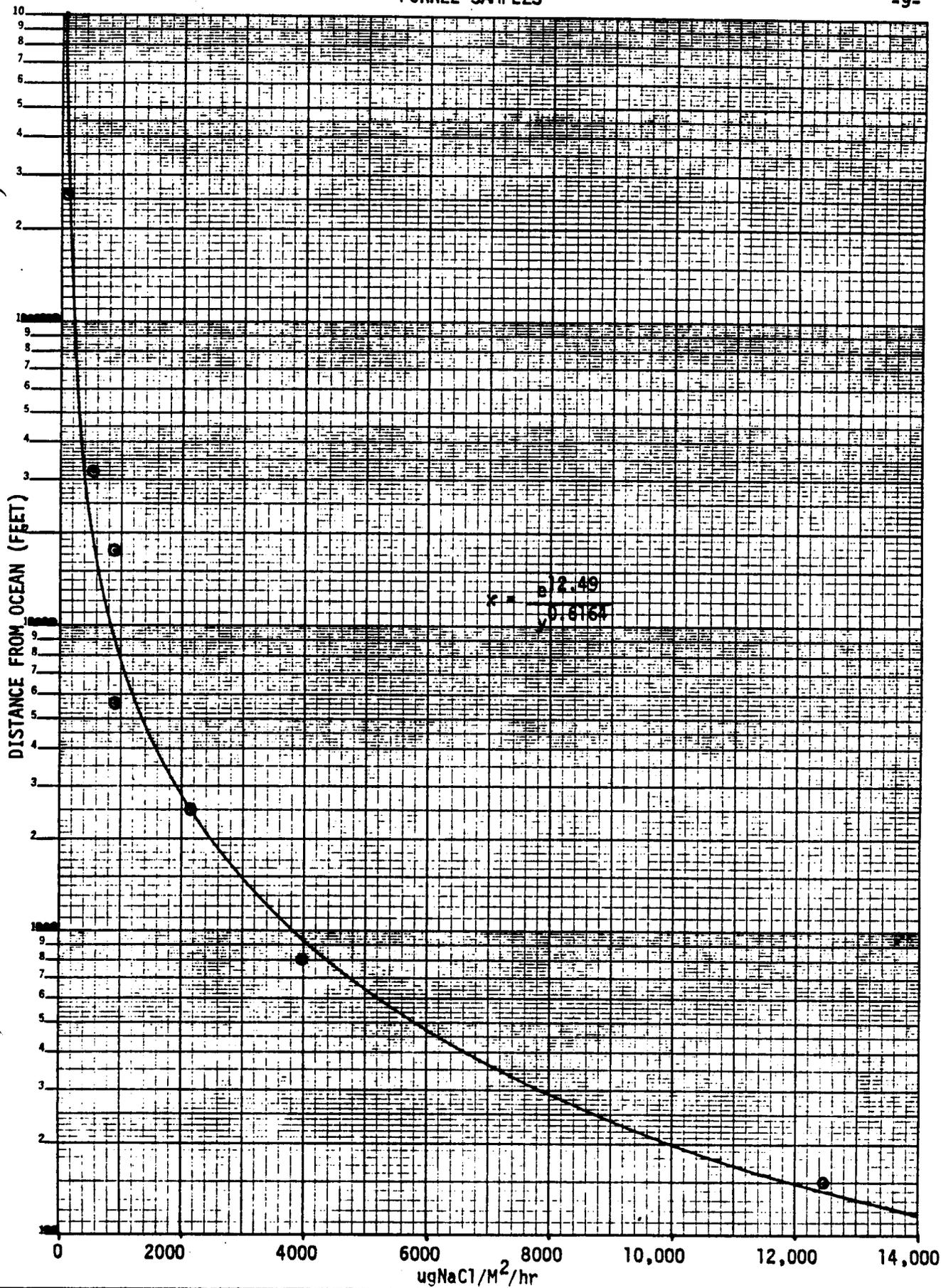


TABLE II

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM OCEAN
vs.
AVERAGE SALT COLLECTED
($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$)

<u>SITE</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM OCEAN</u>	<u>PLATE SAMPLE</u>	<u>FUNNEL SAMPLE</u>
I	150 ft.	591	12,544
II	800 ft.	137	3,974
III	2500 ft.	149	2,162
IV	5600 ft.	46	913
V	32,000 ft.	37	555
VI	260,000 ft.	2	99
VII	17,500 ft.	58	967 850 (six week sample)

TABLE III
 AVERAGE SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
 (ugNaCl/M²/hr)

		<u>TEST PERIOD</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SAMPLES</u>	<u>- x</u>	<u>Sx</u>
SITE I	Plate Funnel	3/26/75-11/3/76	41	591	884
		"	41	12,544	15,387
SITE II	Plate Funnel	"	41	137	218
		"	41	3,974	4,821
SITE III	Plate Funnel	"	42	149	313
		"	40	2,161	1,949
SITE IV	Plate Funnel	"	42	46	79
		"	42	913	830
SITE V	Plate Funnel	"	42	37	50
		"	41	555	760
SITE VI	Plate Funnel	4/11/75-6/10/75	2	2	-
		"	2	99	-
SITE VII	Flat Plate	5/7/75-11/3/76	75	58	94
	Confined Plate	2/5/75-11/3/76	85	233	301
	Funnel	"	84	967	2,725
	Wick #1	"	85	271	354
	Wick #2	"	84	257	260
	Six week Funnel	5/7/75-11/3/76	13	850	1,227

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
(ugNaCl/M²/hr)

SITE I - SITE VI* SAMPLES

DATE	SITE I		SITE II		SITE III		SITE IV		SITE V		
	PRECIPITATION	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	FUNNEL	
4/09/75	0	1076	6538	166	996	209	893	111	337	55	133
4/23/75	1.19	1471	4791	470	963	437	861	205	493	253	433
5/07/75	0.03	272	4849	42	1691	40	360	10	242	21	275
5/21/75	3.55	345	4510	64	1324	12	679	8	737	17	243
6/04/75	2.72	12	2756	3	1098	6	512	1	359	1	55
6/18/75	3.54	95	2532	29	924	11	787	28	513	2	308
7/02/75	3.31	879	28,488	163	3285	124	1643	38	1027	16	471
7/16/75	2.25	469	13,238	108	2243	67	1420	23	534	19	713
7/30/75	2.34	21	2546	4	835	18	417	9	142	7	508
8/13/75	0.83	NO ACCESS - VIKING LAUNCH 9									
8/27/75	0	44	4312	37	2259	183	1506	55	671	37	103
9/10/75	5.47	263	17,427	68	2633	39	773	13	342	3	366
9/24/75	1.02	59	13,750	18	3490	9	1109	2	924	41	431
10/08/75	4.93	938	17,794	175	17,974	37	2851	5	1791	5	934
10/22/75	0.32	742	15,245	215	3764	132	1081	83	317	63	144
11/05/75	2.11	820	94,892	30	16,528	10	8026	50	3672	22	1353
11/19/75	0.58	1815	18,499	77	9075	195	1361	37	789	15	382
12/03/75	0.23	1731	18,821	146	2353	1763	1032	117	352	62	161

TABLE IV

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$)

SITE I - SITE VI* SAMPLES

DATE	PRECIPI- TATION	SITE I		SITE II		SITE III		SITE IV		SITE V	
		PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL
12/17/75	0.05	35	3627	170	22,544	59	2014	8	1047	38	414
12/30/75	0.12	637	3593	154	1723	177	1222	11	712	61	390
1/14/76	0.47	533	8386	57	2051	127	2214	9	1357	50	719
1/28/76	0.38	97	7111	10	1595	43	2187	8	796	4	472
2/11/76	0.01	807	3608	107	898	231	1788	104	395	93	515
2/25/76	0.02	134	30,901	46	1509	57	1678	24	578	168	317
3/10/76	0.51	295	12,427	40	2490	49	2170	32	368	16	563
3/24/76	0.07	1152	15,861	366	3265	273	4081	127	1042	59	818
4/07/76	0.19	136	17,847	14	2613	16	3112	8	654	10	503
4/21/76	0.03	4244	26,298	784	8500	804		254	1615	119	804
5/05/76	0.12	605	17,158	82	3234	68		35	948	29	573
5/19/76	2.41	103	6529	17	3401	11	987	37	2578	7	395
6/02/76	3.79	322	6981	181	2647	81	2301	27	1181	62	77
6/16/76	4.13	42	7830	20	3237	10	3049	6	1035	14	476
6/30/76	5.65	7	3981	6	1448	3	1805	5	631	2	486
7/14/76	1.76	67	890	11	690	12	537	4	169	21	210
7/28/76	0.01	353	427	507	315	60	205	18	69	22	39

TABLE IV

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
(ugNaCl/M²/hr)

SITE I - SITE VI* SAMPLES

DATE	PRECIPITATION	SITE I		SITE II		SITE III		SITE IV		SITE V	
		PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL	PLATE	FUNNEL
8/11/76	1.26	63	2390	36	112	24	1450	12	390	2	577
8/25/76	3.54	54	18,674	26	5636	16	5150	4	1668	3	746
9/08/76	1.59	8	7340	34	2866	1	2691	1	394	5	241
9/22/76	5.44	16	7917	1	4260	1	5210	0	1506	2	
0/06/76	2.11	108	2623	57	1714	23	2089	7	229	3	279
0/20/76	0.24	3334	22,380	1066	6964	797	6587	407	1516	114	1004
1/03/76	3.14	12	8952	2	7802	2	7980	2	3801	1	4969

* SITE VI

DATE	PLATE	FUNNEL	hours exposure	hours exposure (overflow on funnel sample)
5/12/75	3	48	744	
6/10/75	<1	150		696

TABLE V

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$)SITE VII SAMPLES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRECIPITATION</u>	<u>FLAT PLATE</u>	<u>CONFINED PLATE</u>	<u>FUNNEL CYLINDER</u>	<u>WICK #1</u>	<u>WICK #2</u>	<u>SIX WEEKS FUNNEL</u>
2/12/75	0.01		91	289	36	105	
2/19/75	0		249	375	143	109	
2/26/75	0.34		252	693	149	229	
3/05/75	0.62		104	862	99	182	
3/12/75	0		376	1066	152	113	
4/09/75	0		211	567	128	133	
4/16/75	1.19		105	757	181	172	
4/23/75	0		488	918	428	232	
4/30/75	0		281	1132	192	197	
5/07/75	0.03		95	150	143	175	
5/14/75	1.92	15	45	260	175	206	
5/21/75	1.63	36	147	425	17	155	
5/28/75	0	48	59	83	12	12	
6/04/75	2.72	2	28	635	480	317	
6/11/75	1.10	12	60	237	17	8	
6/18/75	2.44	13	93	385	380	6	327
6/25/75	2.38	11	242	597	297	475	
7/02/75	0.93	33	114	385	131	166	
7/09/75	2.20	2	21	246	106	70	
7/16/75	0.05	49	36	578	7	80	
7/23/75	1.51	5	71	350	275	372	
7/30/75	0.83	11	31	254	119	119	345

TABLE V

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
($\mu\text{gNaCl}/\text{M}^2/\text{hr}$)

SITE VII SAMPLES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRECIPITATION</u>	<u>FLAT PLATE</u>	<u>CONFINED PLATE</u>	<u>FUNNEL CYLINDER</u>	<u>WICK #1</u>	<u>WICK #2</u>	<u>SIX WEEKS FUNNEL</u>
8/06/75	0.03	10	116	246	128	118	
8/13/75	0.80	7	107	285	67	74	
8/20/75	0	6	26	125	29	21	
8/27/75	0	12	33	123	30	29	
9/03/75	4.32	5	83	460	245	184	
9/10/75	1.15	30	113	214	116	86	200
9/17/75	0.33	22	48	69	171	163	
9/24/75	0.69	107	415	1398	247	719	
10/01/75	3.57	9	82	1011	590	416	
10/08/75	1.36	7	66	714	238	51	
10/15/75	0.02	205	387	210	157	162	
10/22/75	0.30	66	142	728	266	323	539
10/29/75	0.95	1	88	997	408	792	
11/05/75	1.16	200	923	2091	1647	1065	
11/12/75	0.35	59	233	597	992	304	
11/19/75	0.35	135	301	360	259	214	
11/26/75	0.23	23	91	185	250	250	
12/03/75	0	203	216	337	117	245	650
12/10/75	0.02	94	289	624	1904	1142	
12/17/75	0.03	67	554	612	681	730	
12/23/75	0.10	8	197	234	58	159	
12/30/75	0.02	69	397	674	364	593	
1/07/76	0.31	6	345	1289	641	449	

TABLE VSALT ACCUMULATION RATE
(ugNaCl/M²/hr)SITE VII SAMPLES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRECIPITATION</u>	<u>FLAT PLATE</u>	<u>CONFINED PLATE</u>	<u>FUNNEL CYLINDER</u>	<u>WICK #1</u>	<u>WICK #2</u>	<u>SIX WEEKS FUNNEL</u>
1/14/76	0.16	36	237	347	138	86	657
1/21/76	0.06	165	647	918	182	266	
1/28/76	0.32	5	150	385	309	216	
2/04/76	0.01	65	241	655	138	143	
2/11/76	0	84	212	320	36	131	
2/18/76	0	26	130	181	65	75	
2/25/76	0.02	52	1105	776	259	218	949
3/03/76	0.44	59	90	735	713	544	
3/10/76	0.07	130	185	312	170	43	
3/17/76	0.04	26	161	475	133	121	
3/24/76	0.03	139	754	1228	38	828	
3/31/76	trace	190	282	595	531	466	
4/07/76	0.19	5	123	402	461	447	482
4/21/76	0.03	215	656		398	405	
5/05/76	0.12	26	144	432	196	174	
5/12/76	0.18	24	78	373	137	162	
5/19/76	2.23	13	59	1434	622	510	963
6/02/76	3.79	114	112	886	371	193	
6/09/76	3.54	10	213	1011	103	171	
6/16/76	0.59	7	149	1174	493	508	
6/23/76	1.66	1	99	1209	240	405	
6/30/76	3.99	5	40	835	59	1	552

TABLE V

SALT ACCUMULATION RATE
(ugNaCl/M²/hr)

SITE VII SAMPLES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRECIPITATION</u>	<u>FLAT PLATE</u>	<u>CONFINED PLATE</u>	<u>FUNNEL CYLINDER</u>	<u>WICK #1</u>	<u>WICK #2</u>	<u>SIX WEEKS FUNNEL</u>
7/07/76	0.95	33	92	194	20	5	
7/14/76	0.81	11	24	260	40		
7/21/76	0.01	40	61	169	13	4	
7/28/76	0	1	9	135	54	32	
8/04/76	0.55	5	39	90	62	68	
8/11/76	0.71	36	87	513	4	281	245
8/18/76	0.71	12	137	721	48	103	
8/25/76	2.83	26	506	1933	190	245	
9/01/76	0.01	92	208	429	19	13	
9/08/76	1.58	23	102	693	45	40	
9/15/76	5.42	3	116	4277	874	813	
9/22/76	0.02	1	35	121	17	14	293
9/29/76	0.42	40	64	111	111	55	
10/06/76	1.69	15	142	485	324	125	
10/13/76	0.24	281	2092	3742	82	56	
10/20/76	0	659	1036	1332	107	141	
10/27/76	0	76	509	1607	162	396	
11/03/76	3.14	2	186	24871	1772	1132	4851