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NEW MEXICO**

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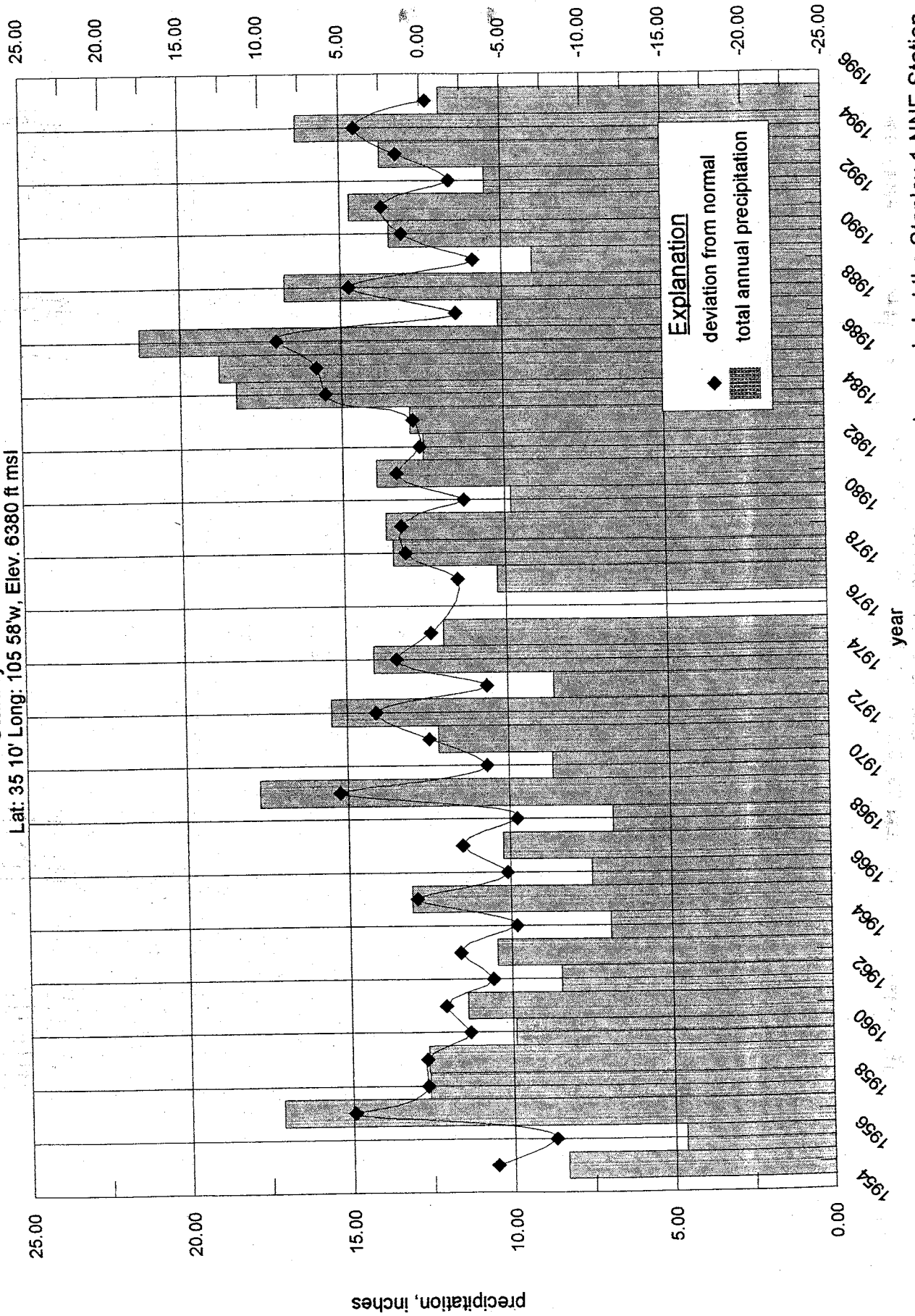
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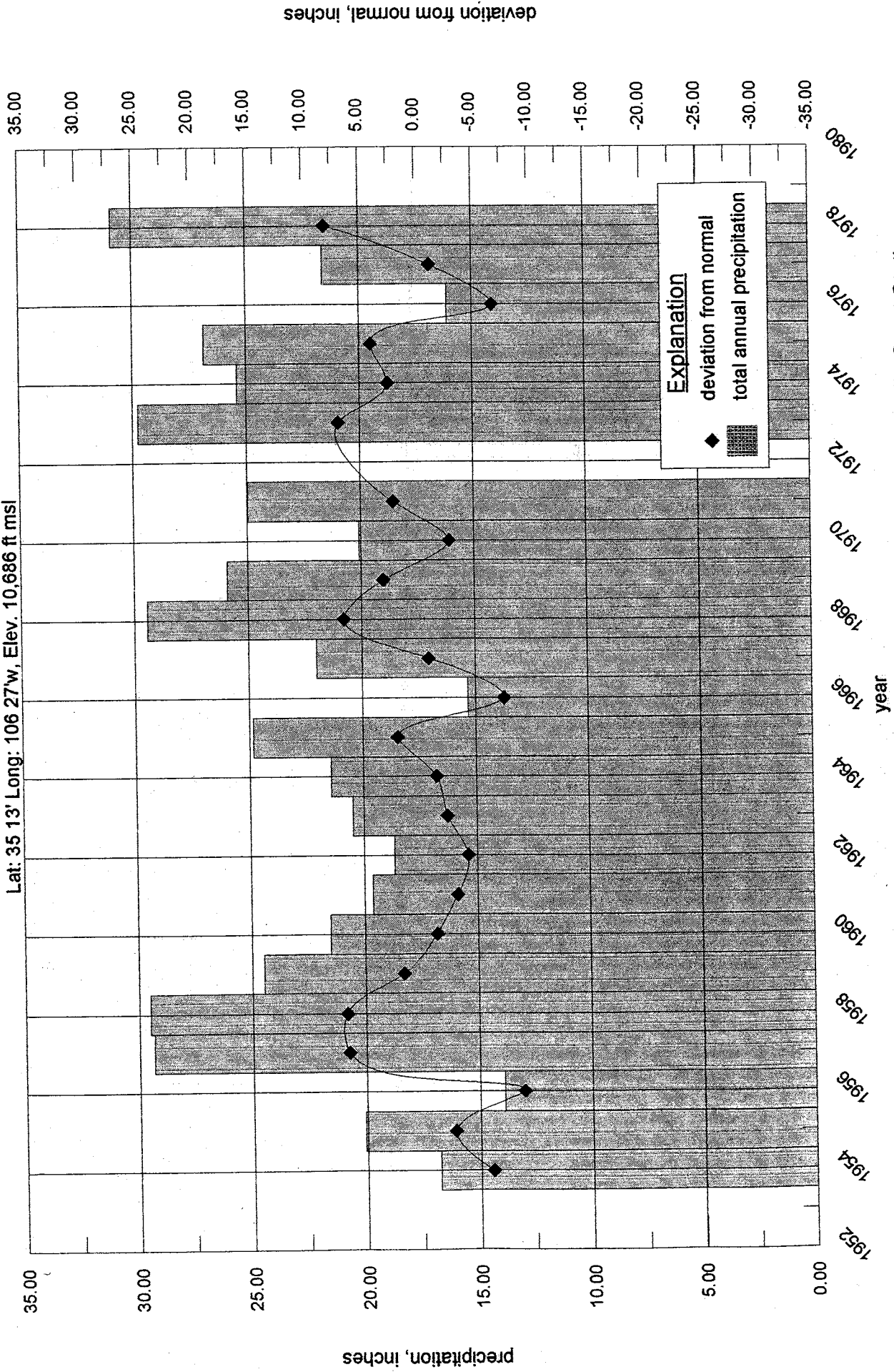
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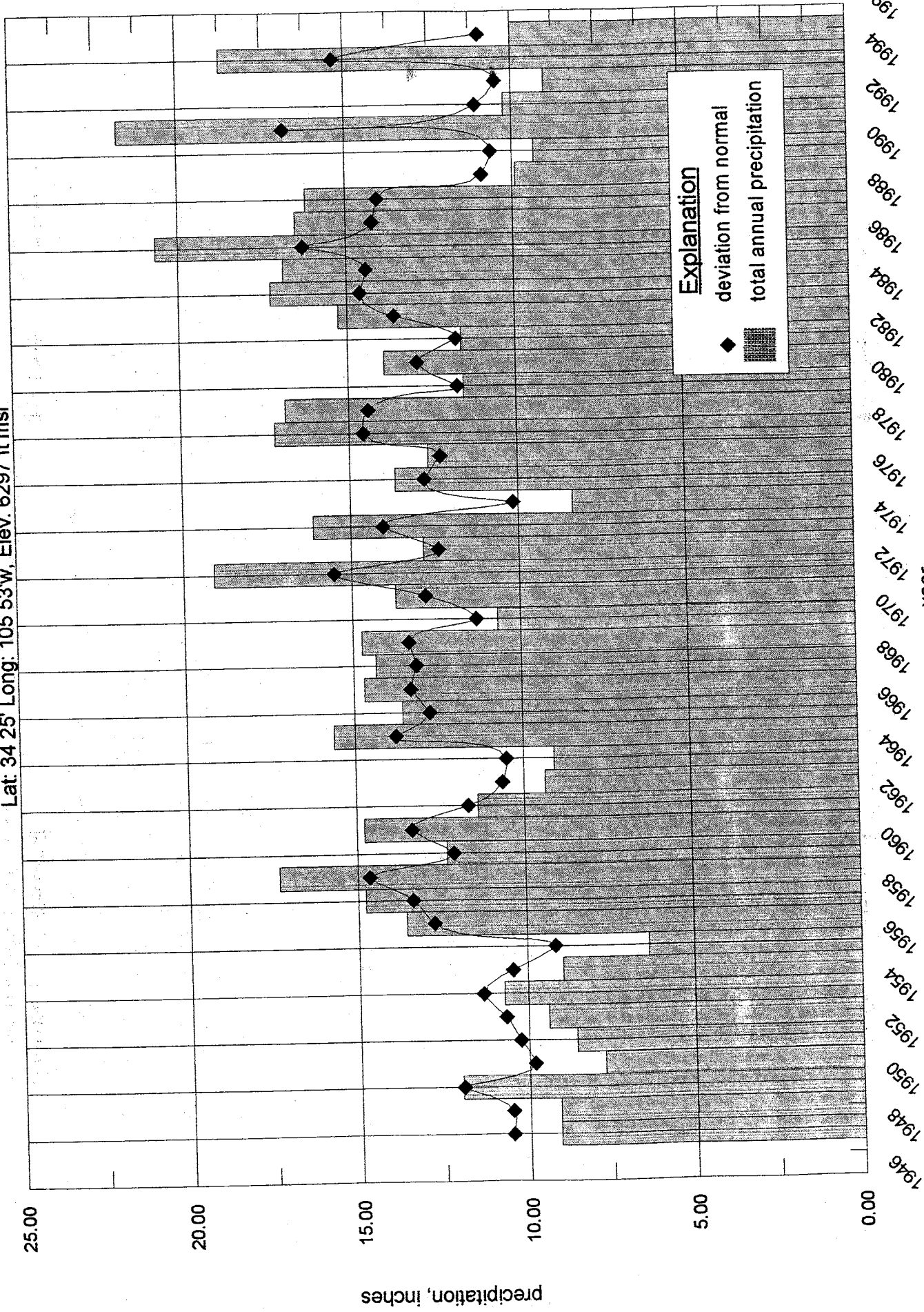
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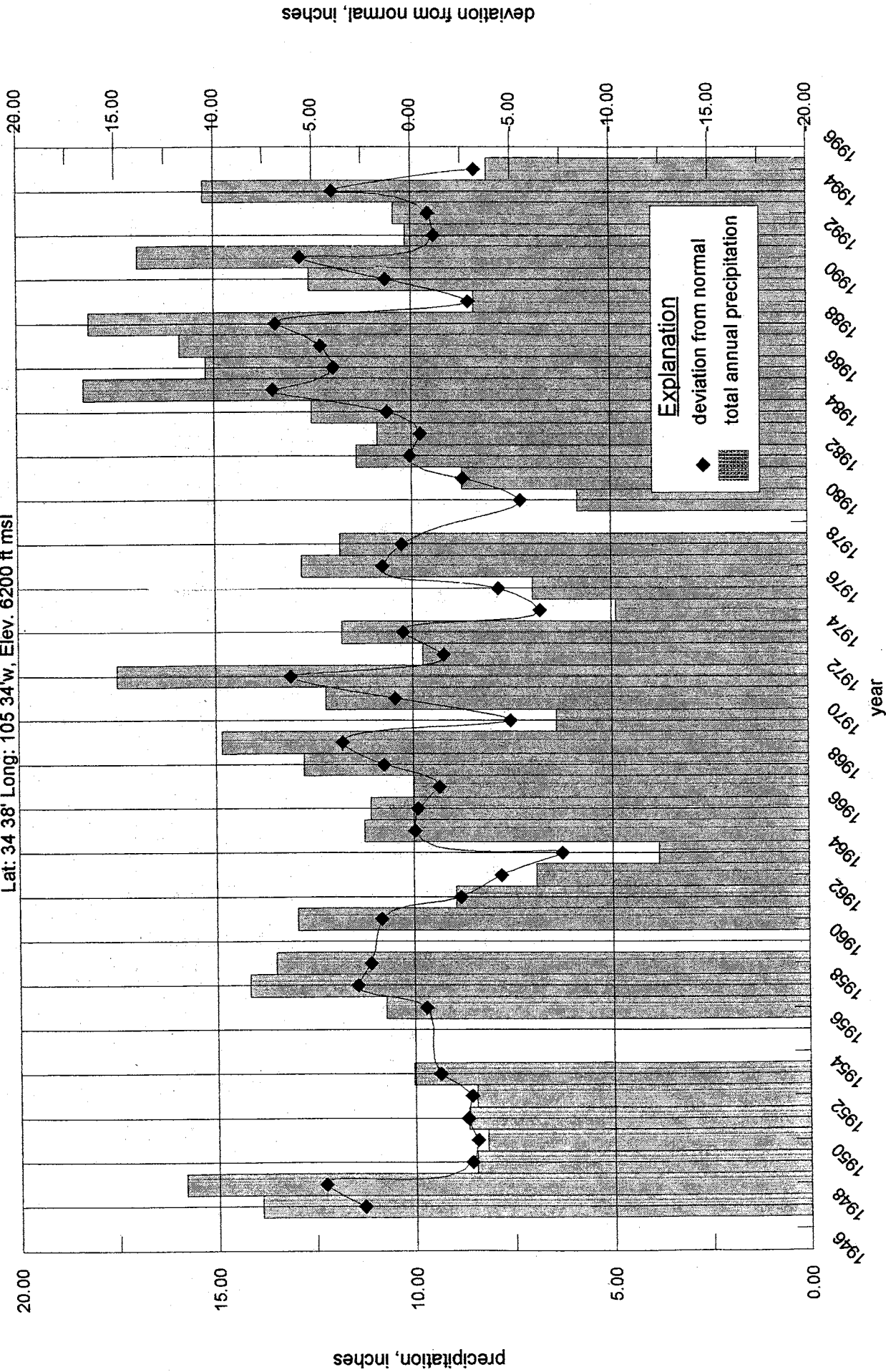
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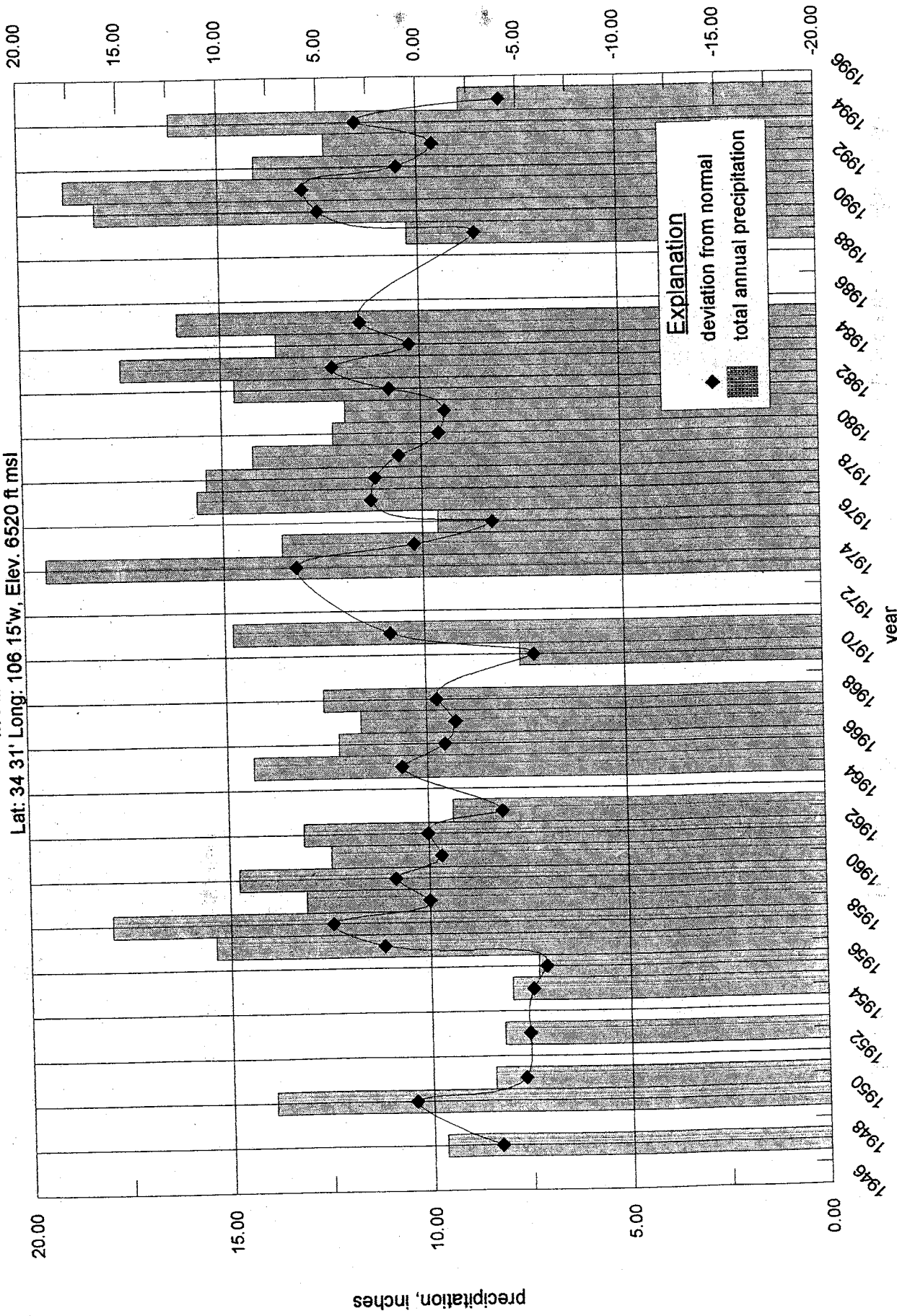
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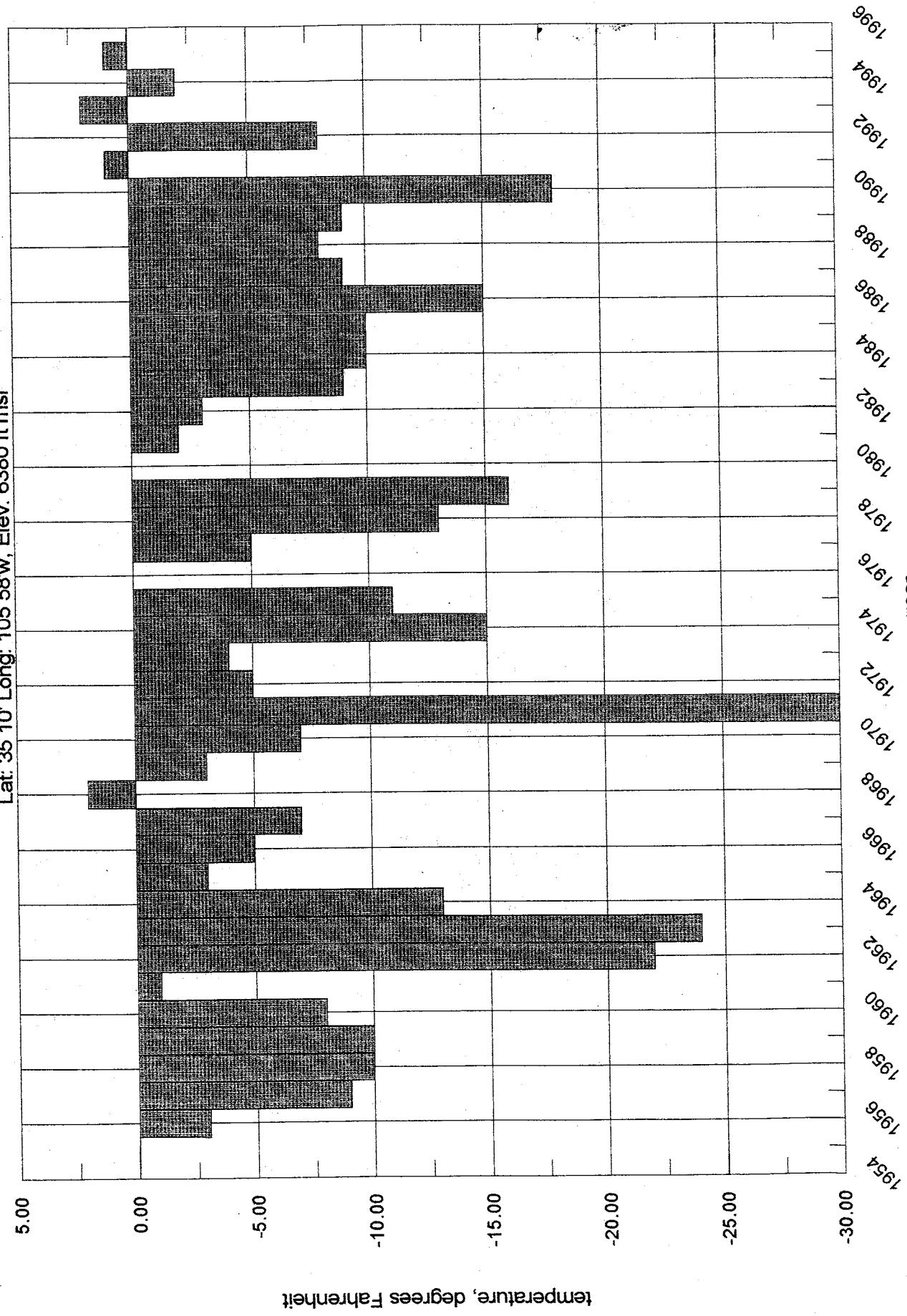
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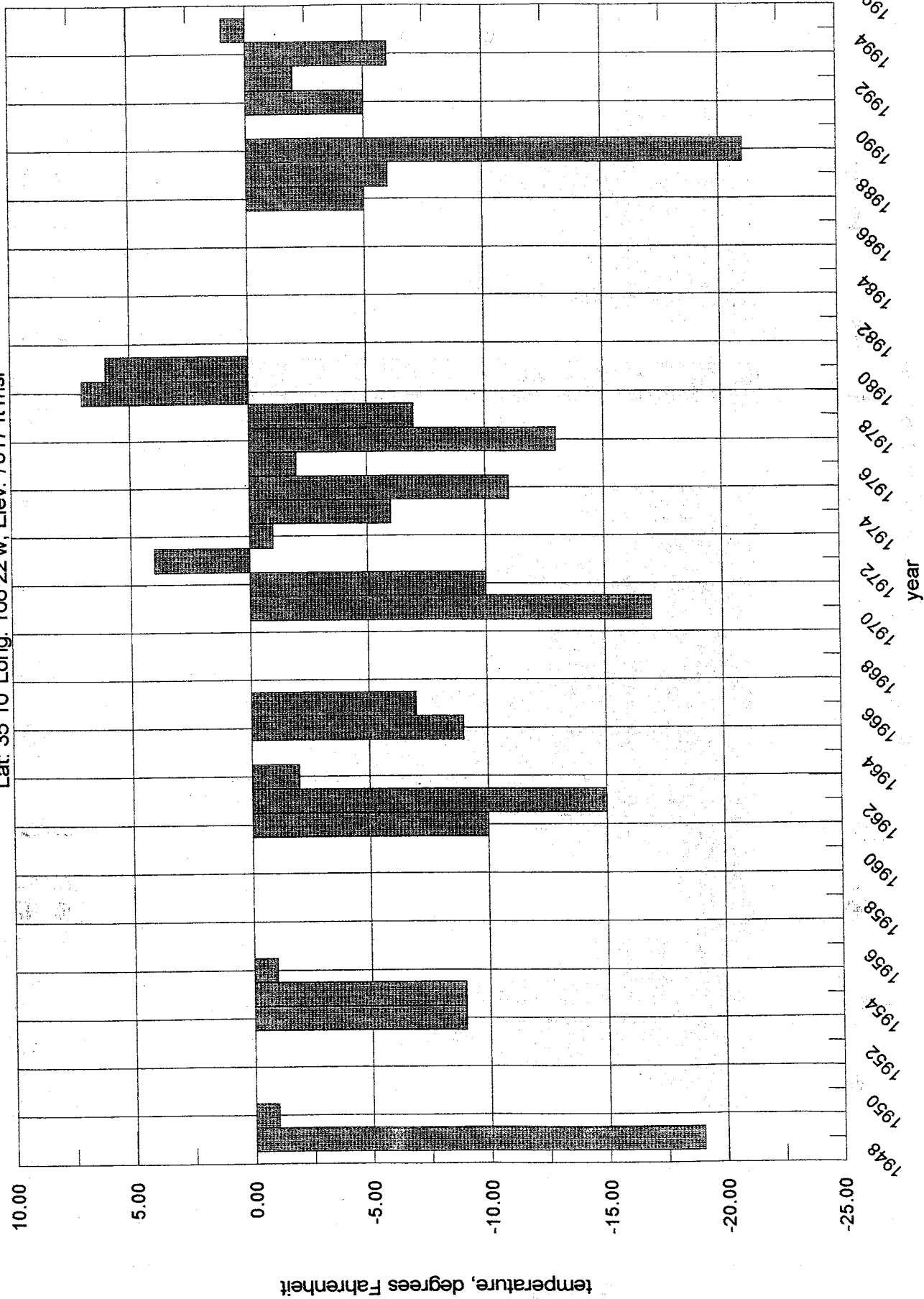
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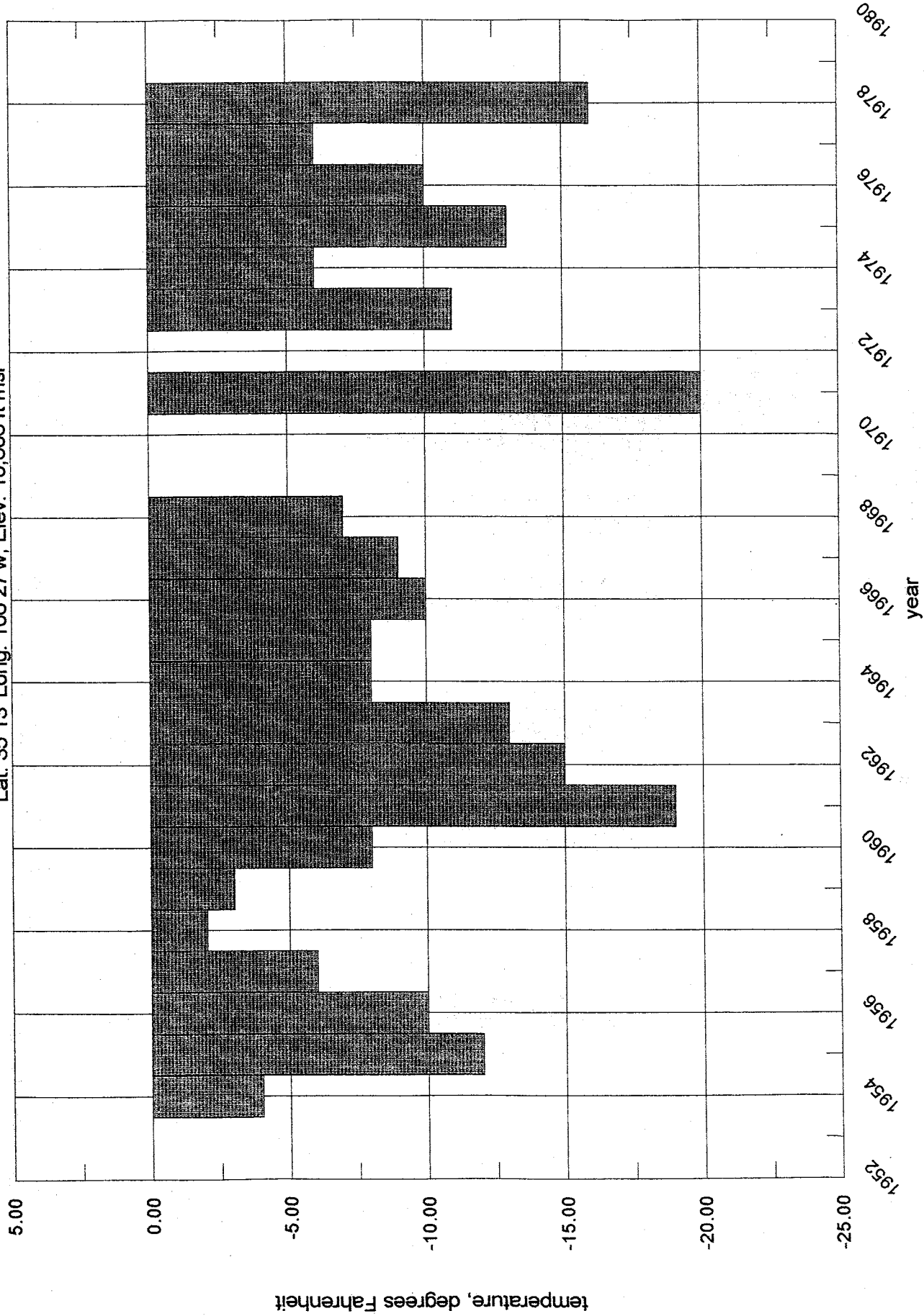


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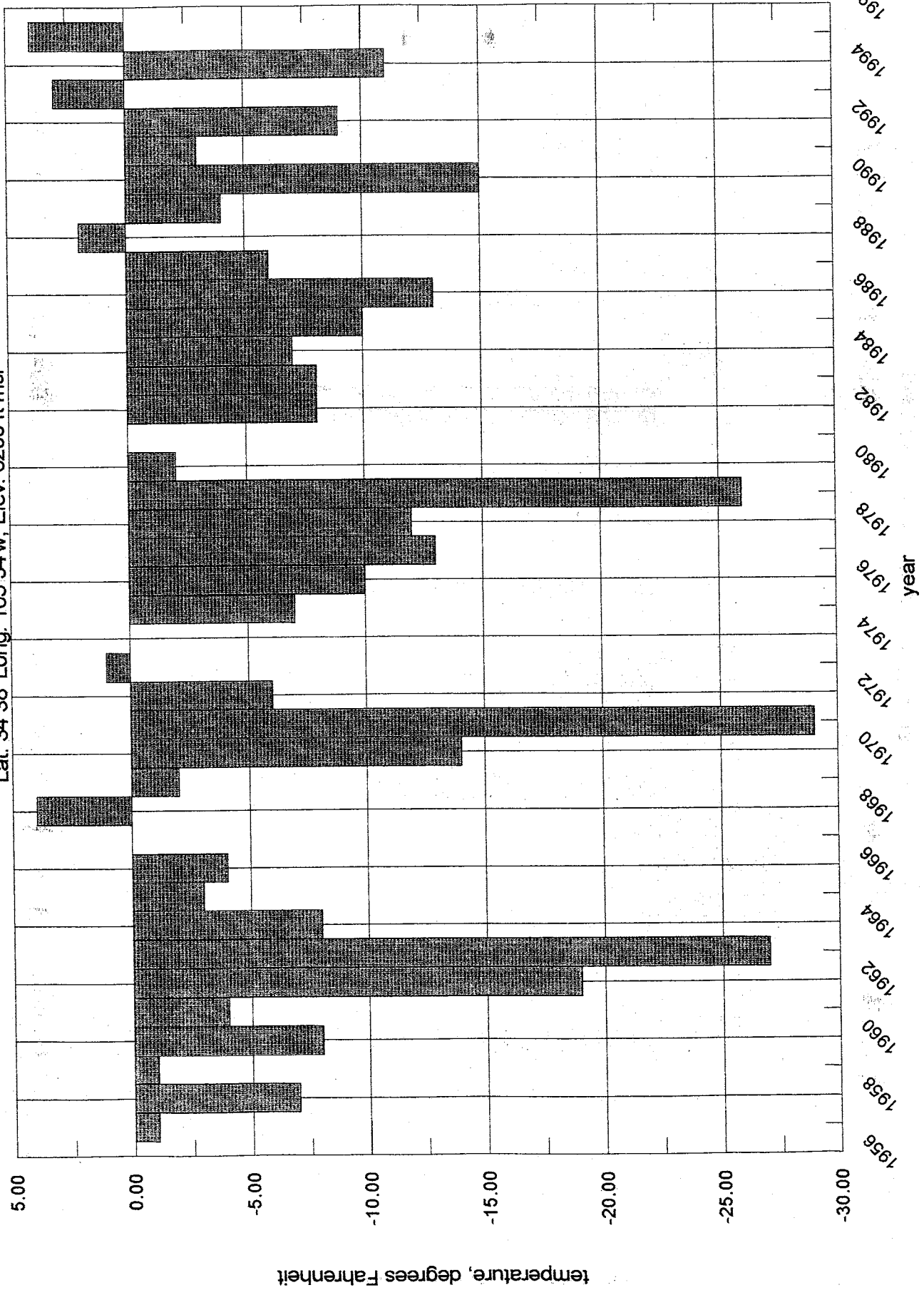
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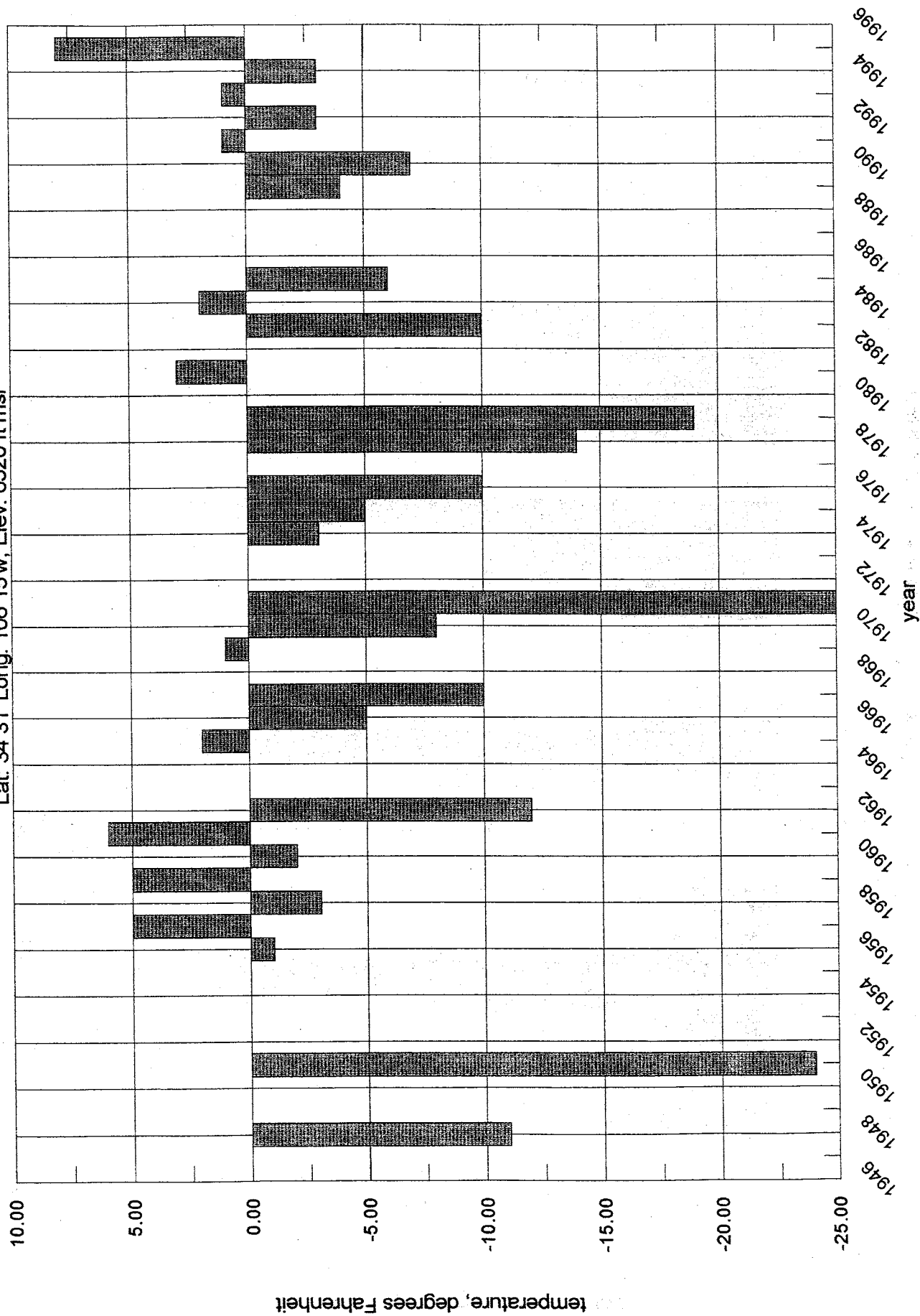
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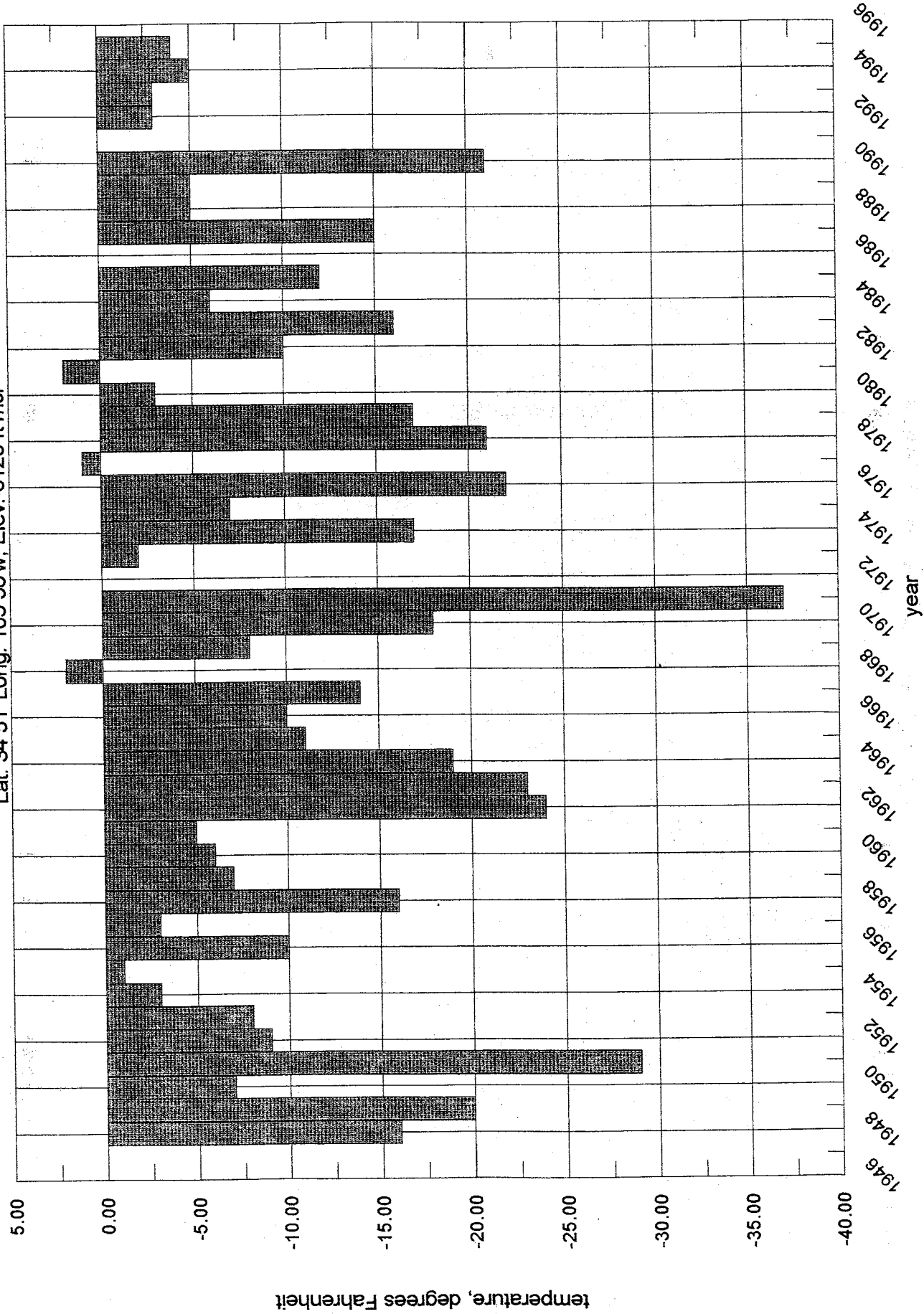
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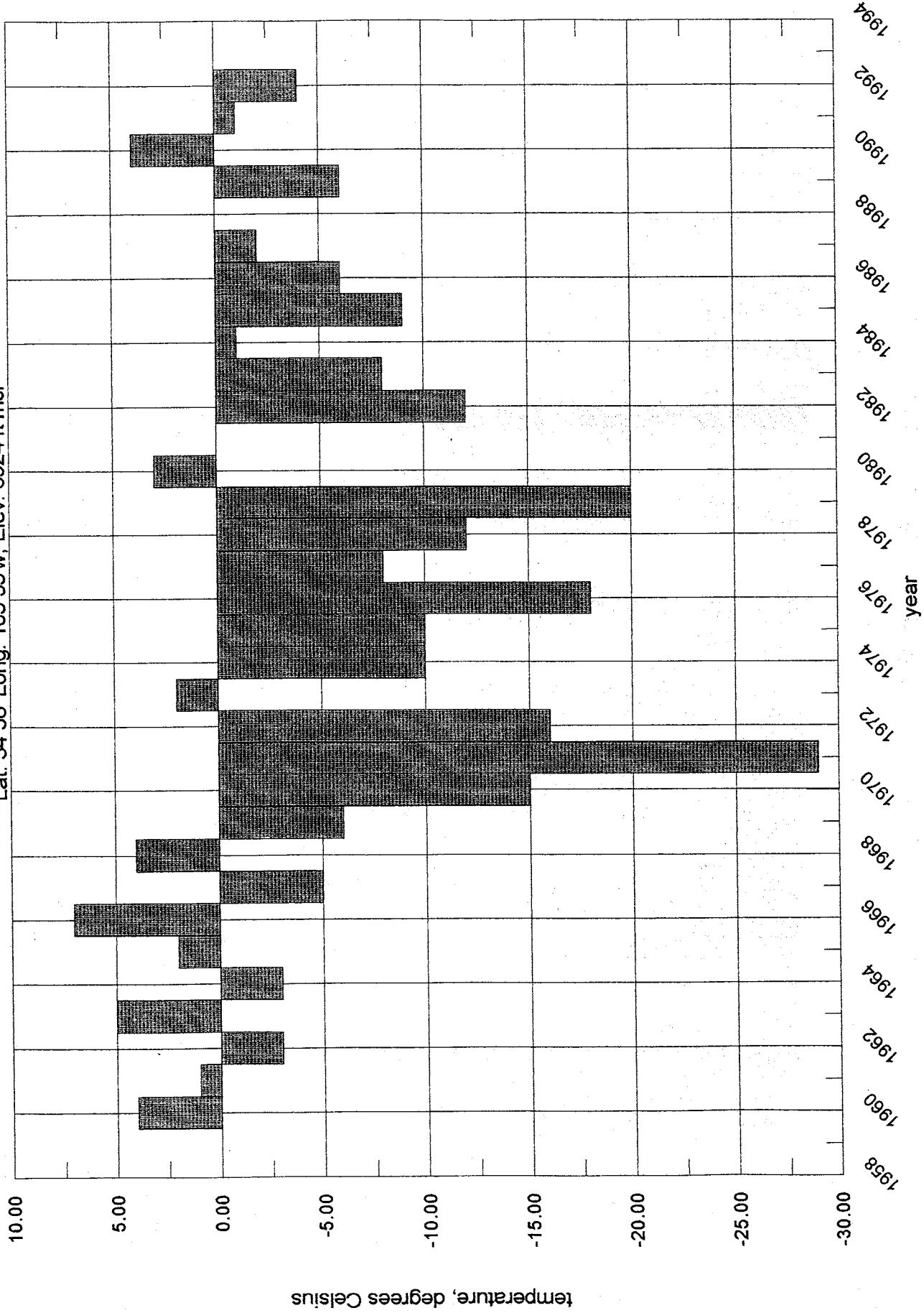
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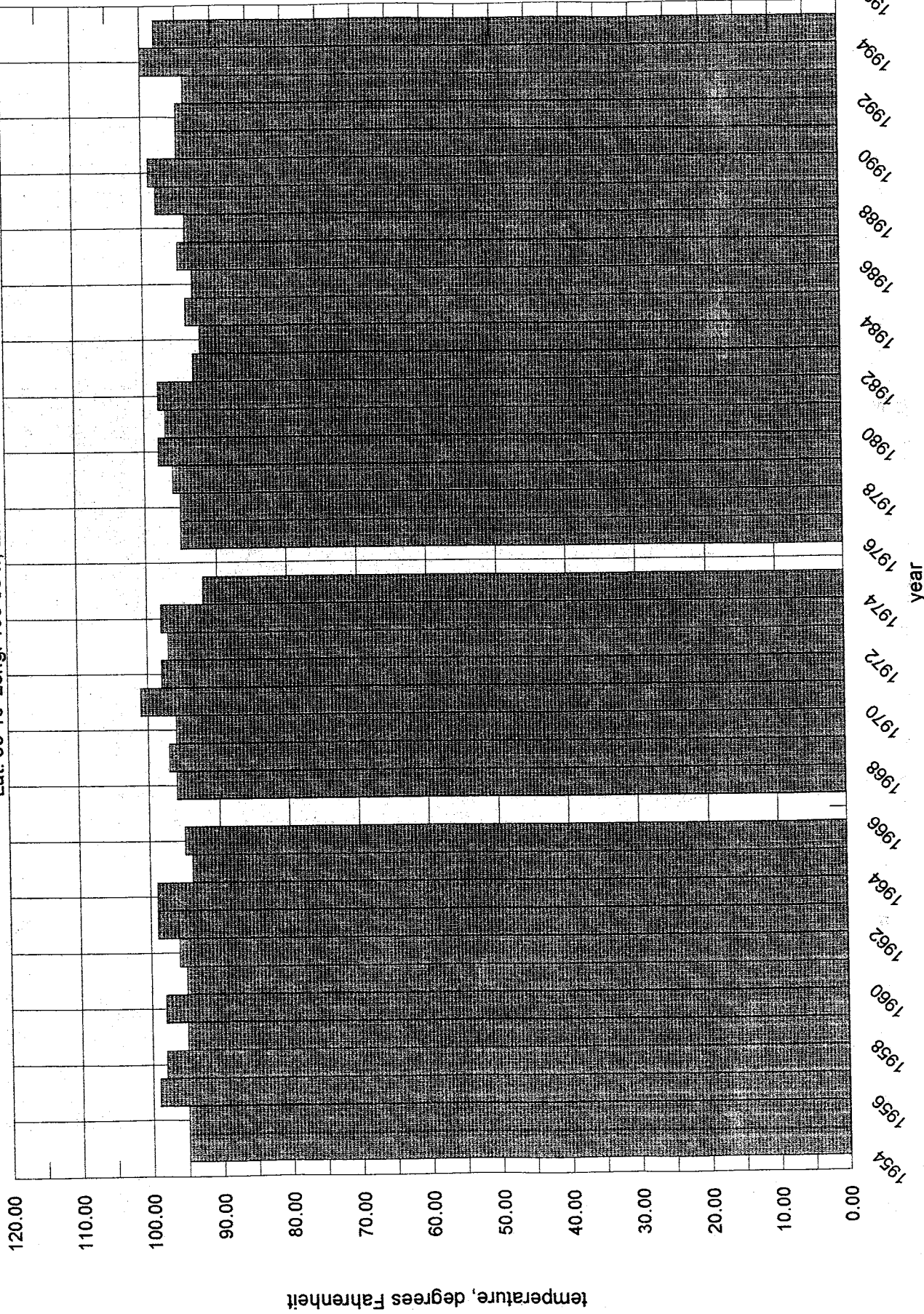
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Minimum annual temperature recorded at the Clines Corner Station

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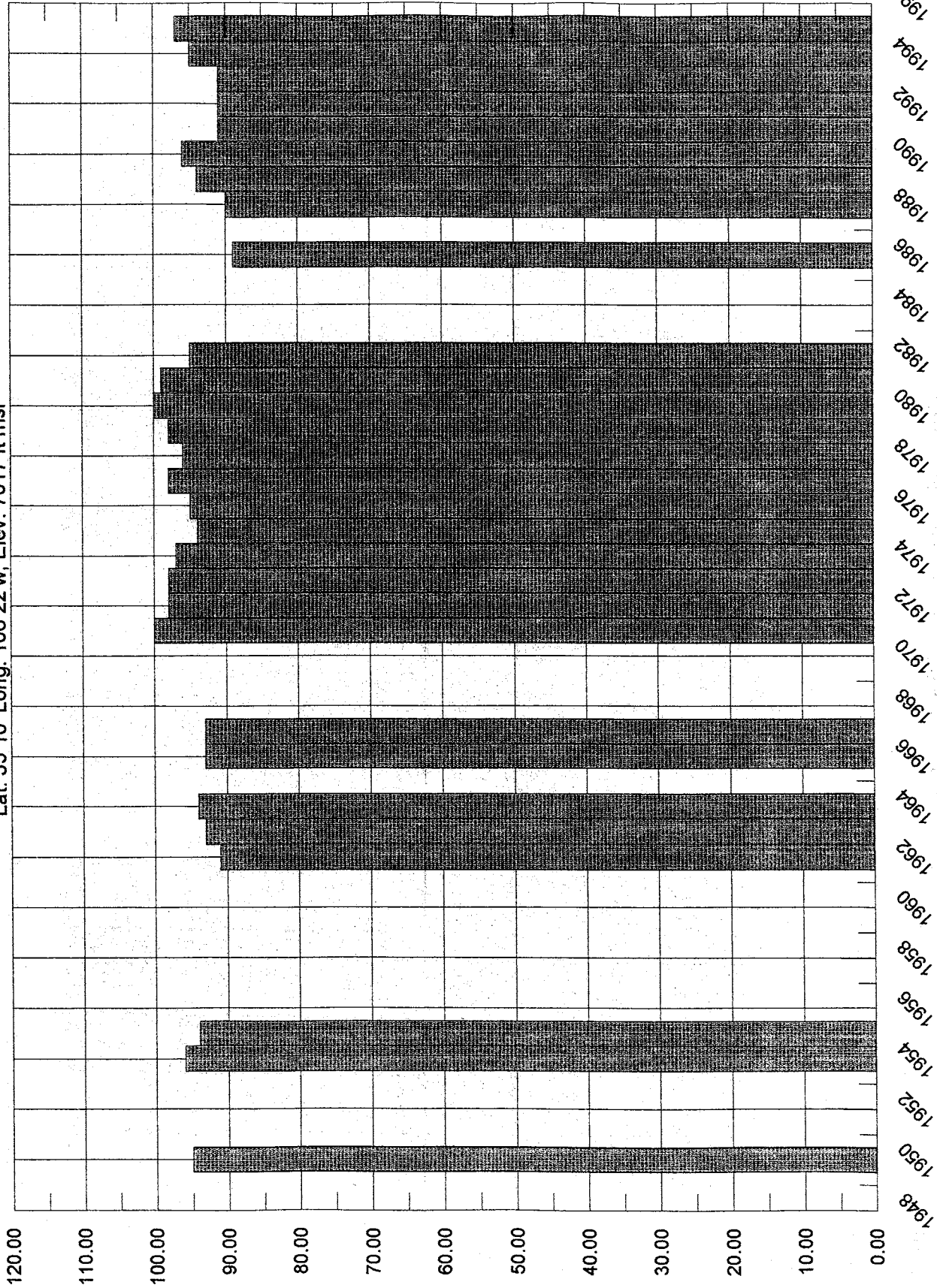
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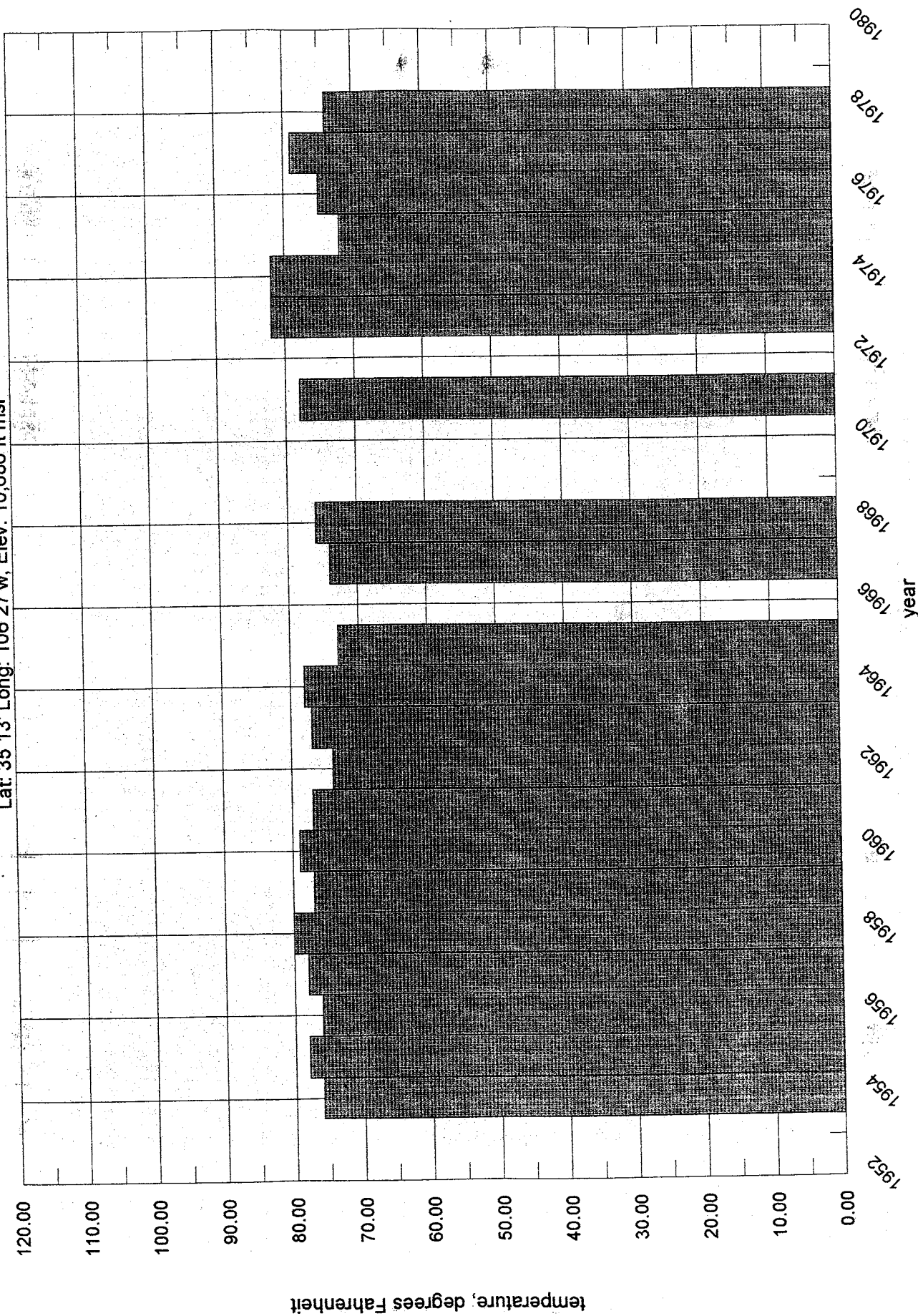
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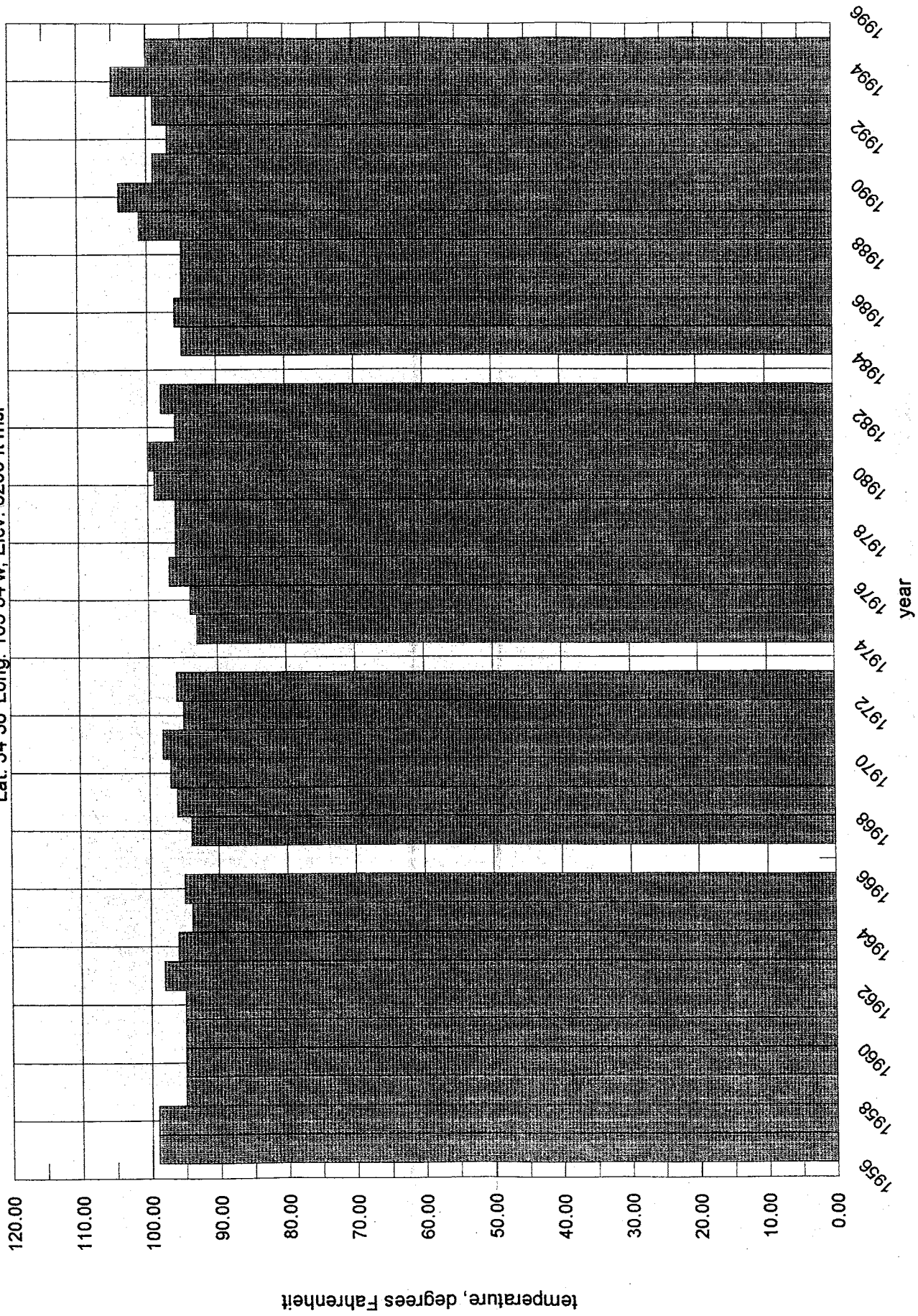


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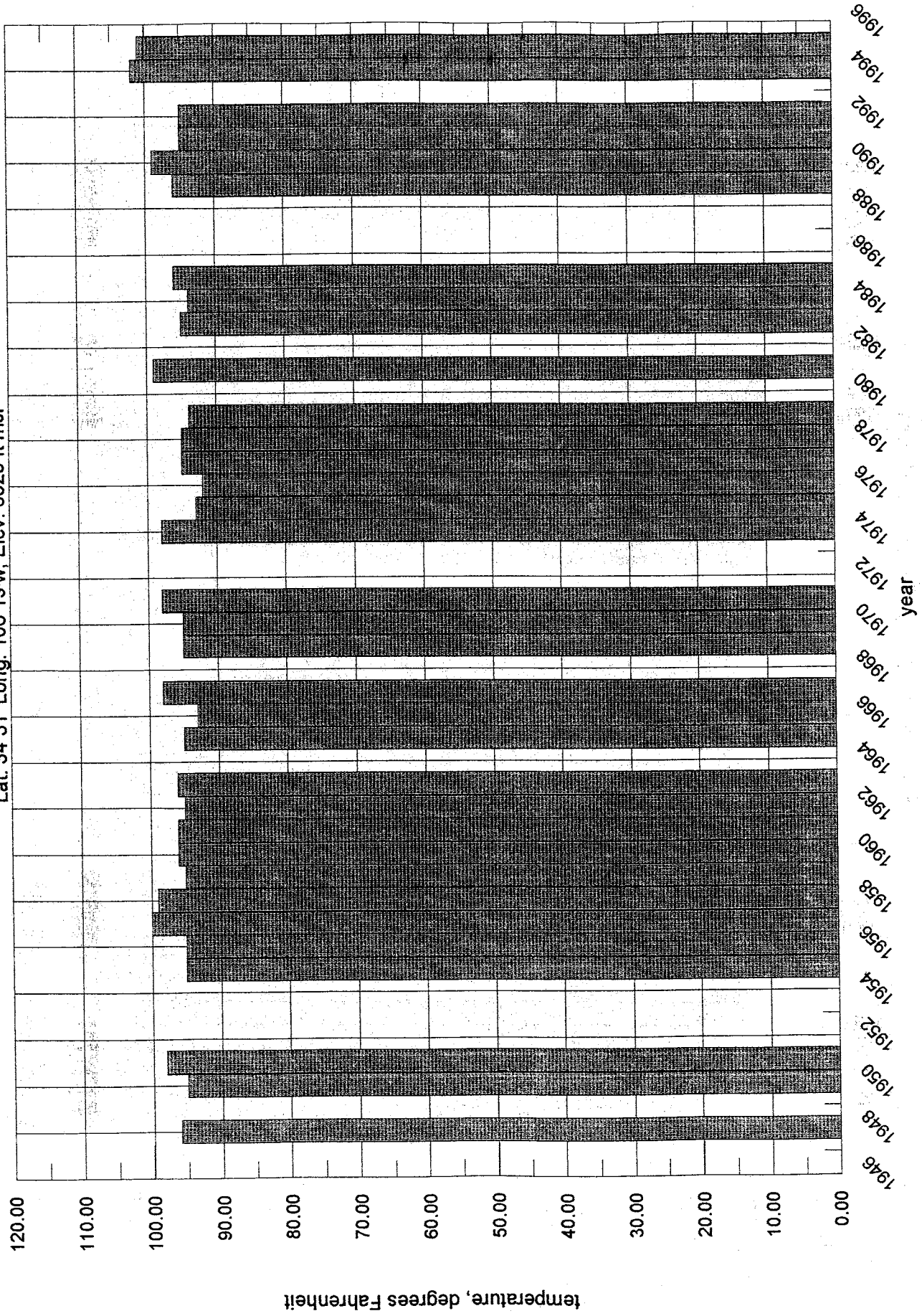
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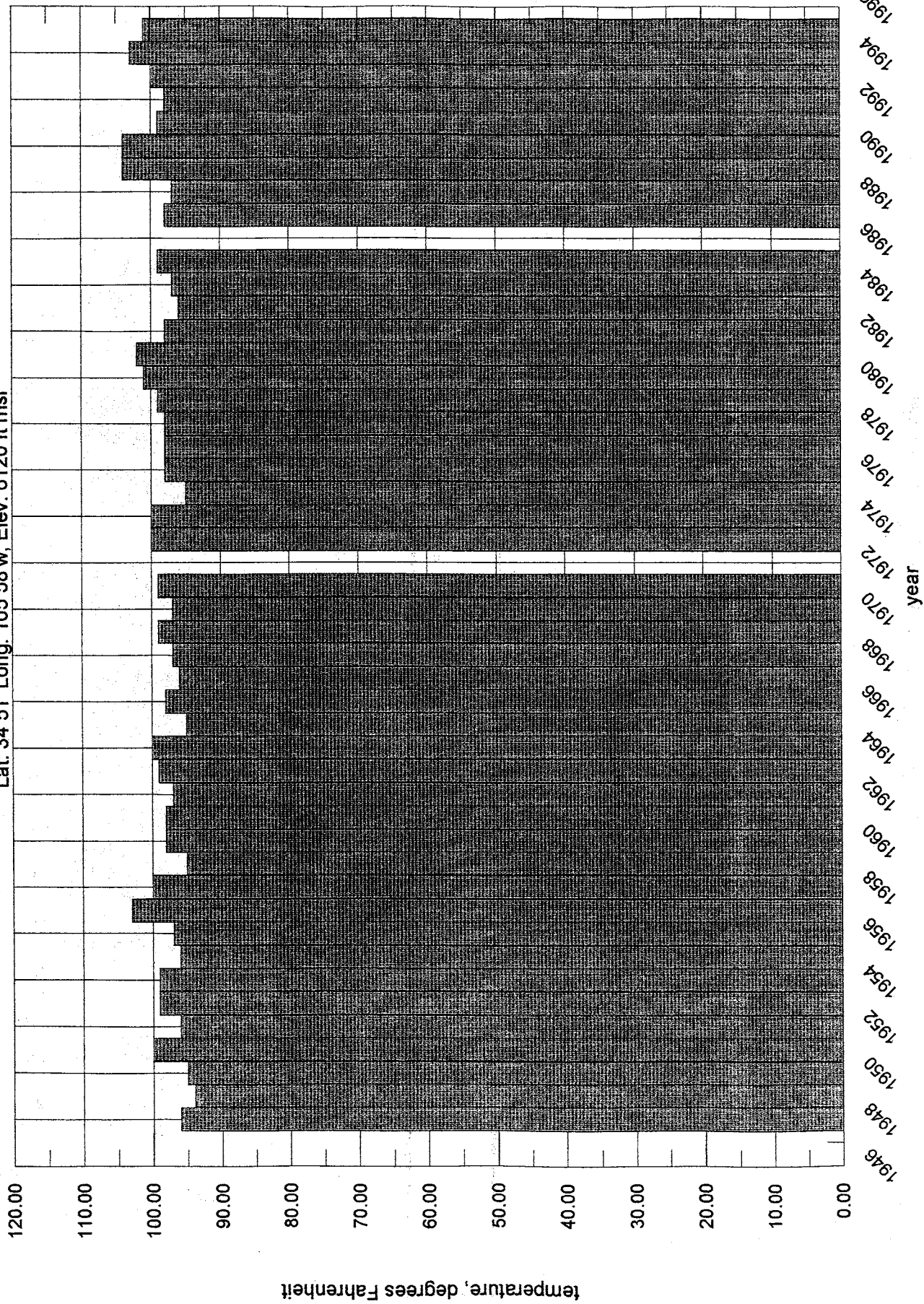
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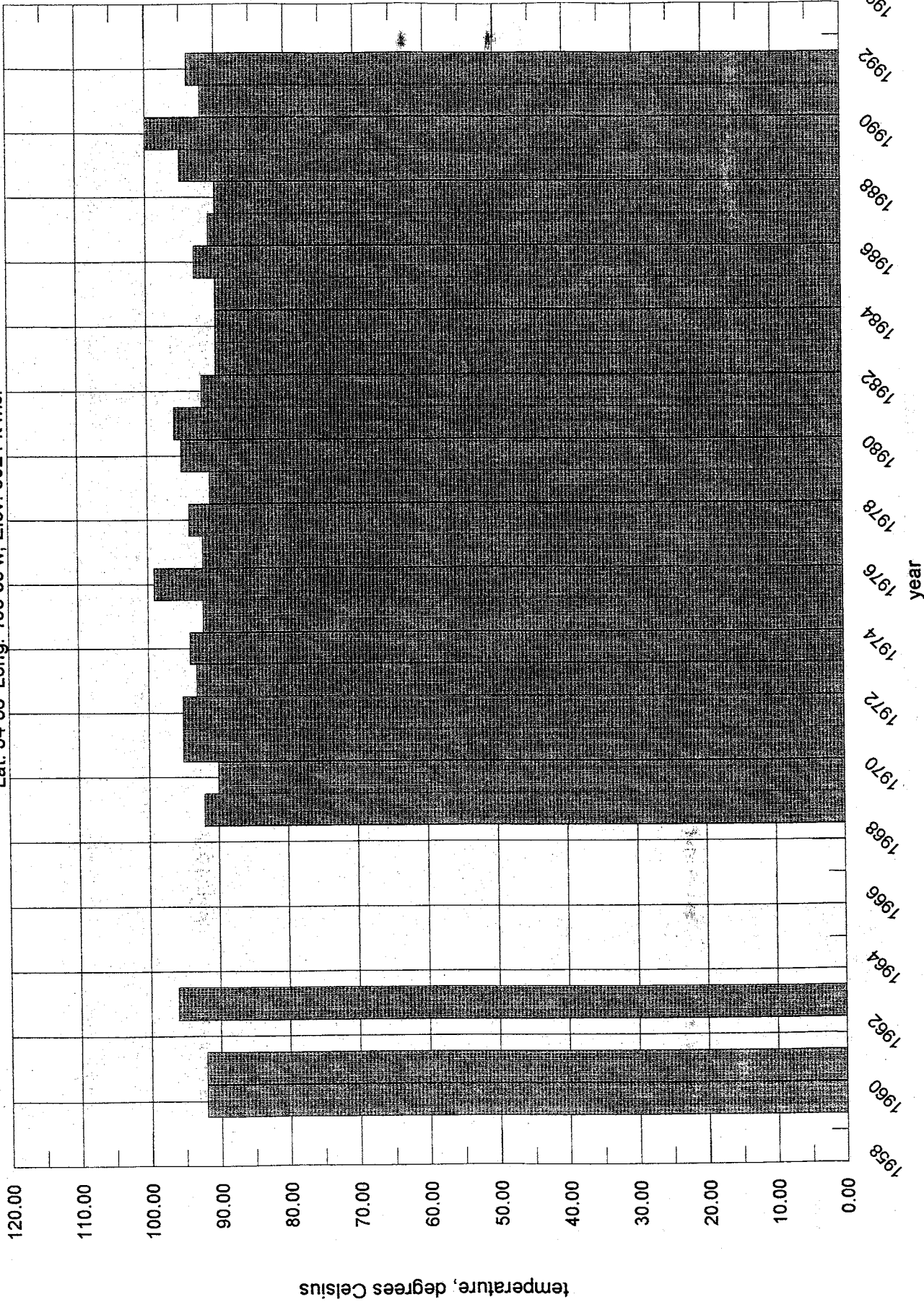
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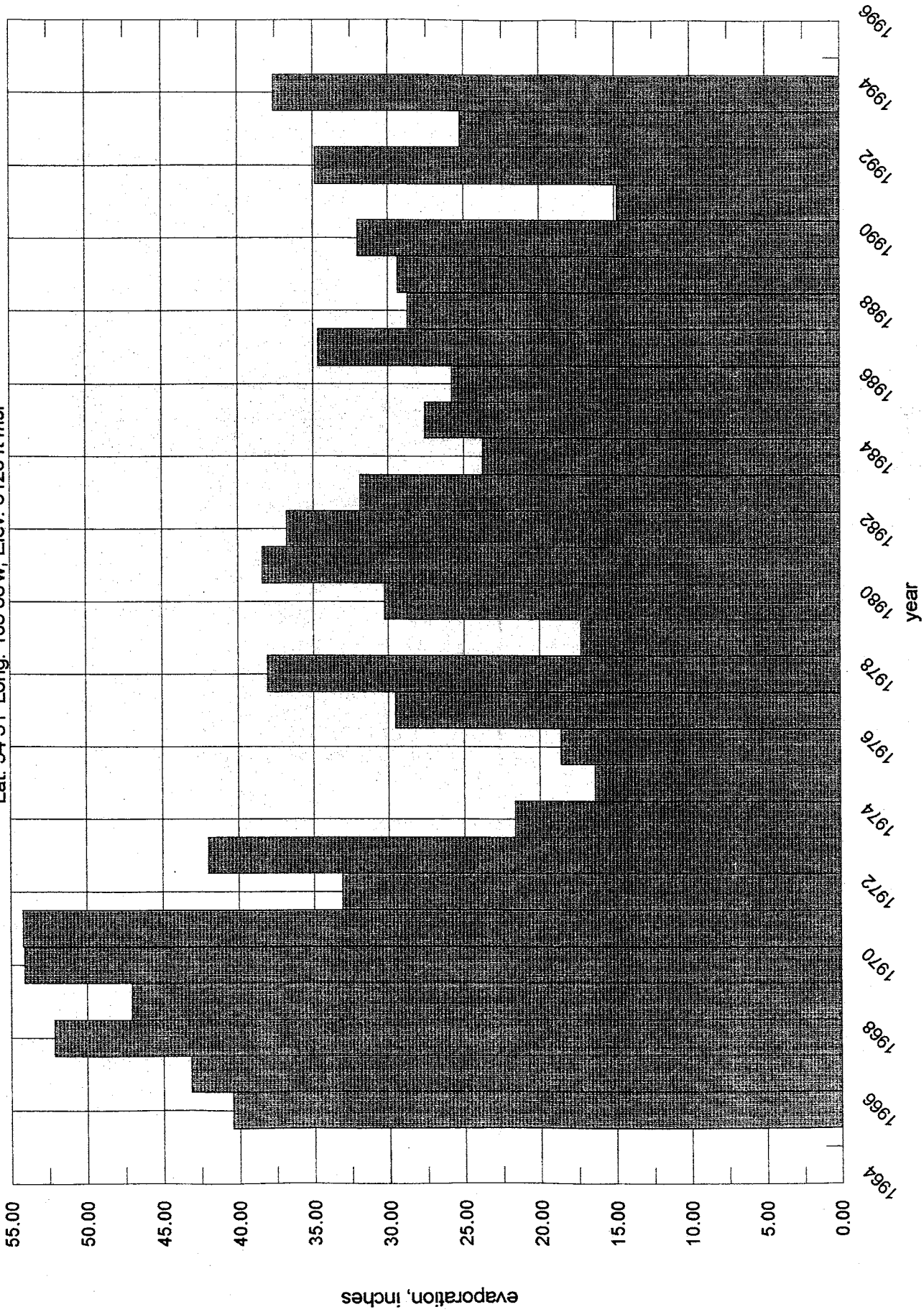
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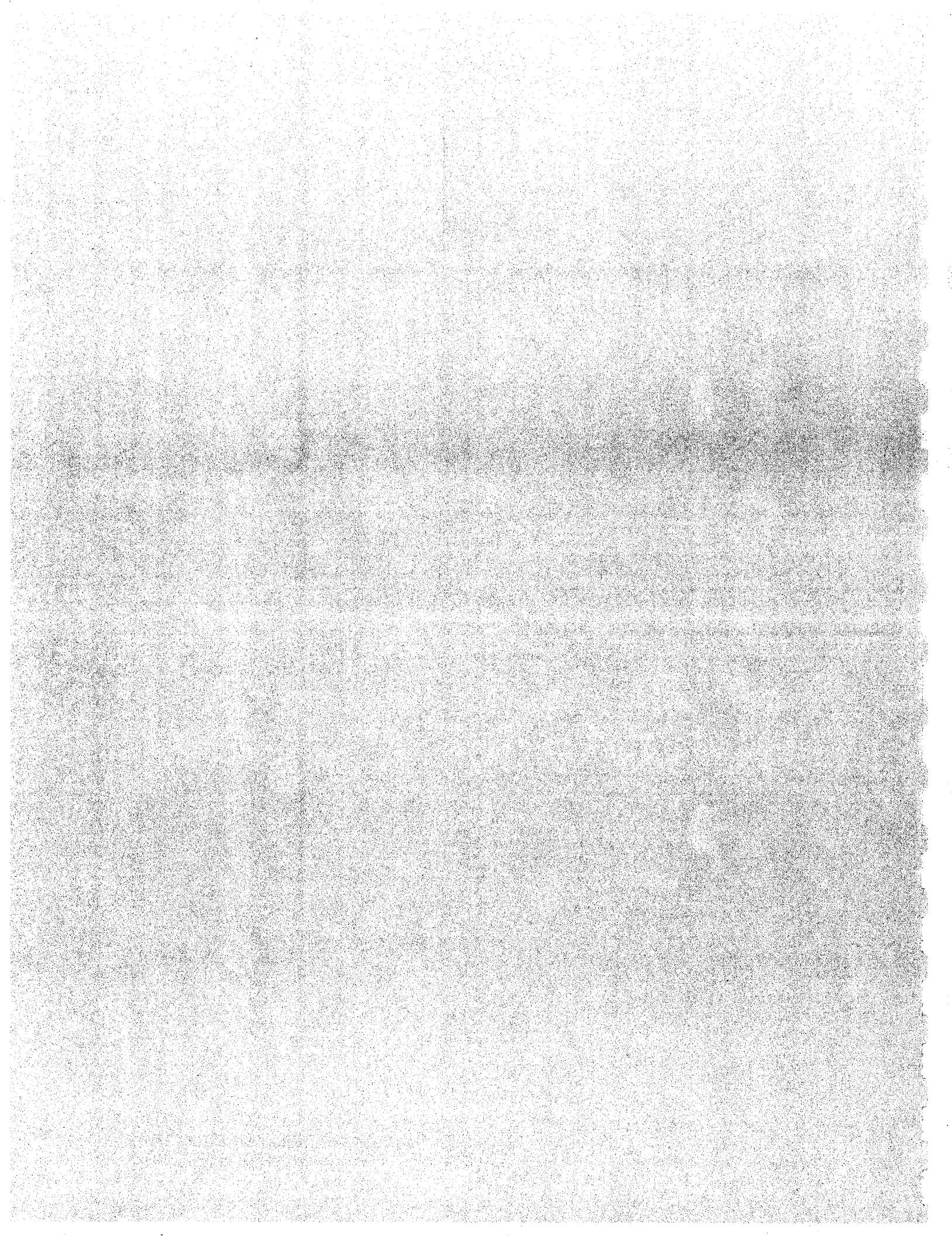
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**Appendix 5.**

**Spring Data for Bernalillo, Santa Fe, and Torrance Counties, New Mexico.**



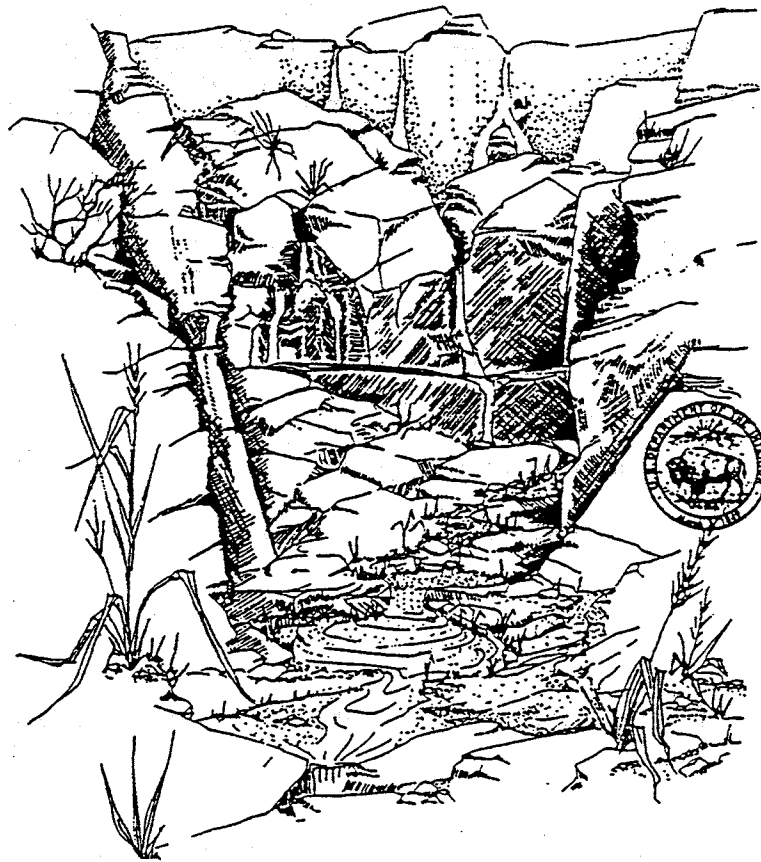
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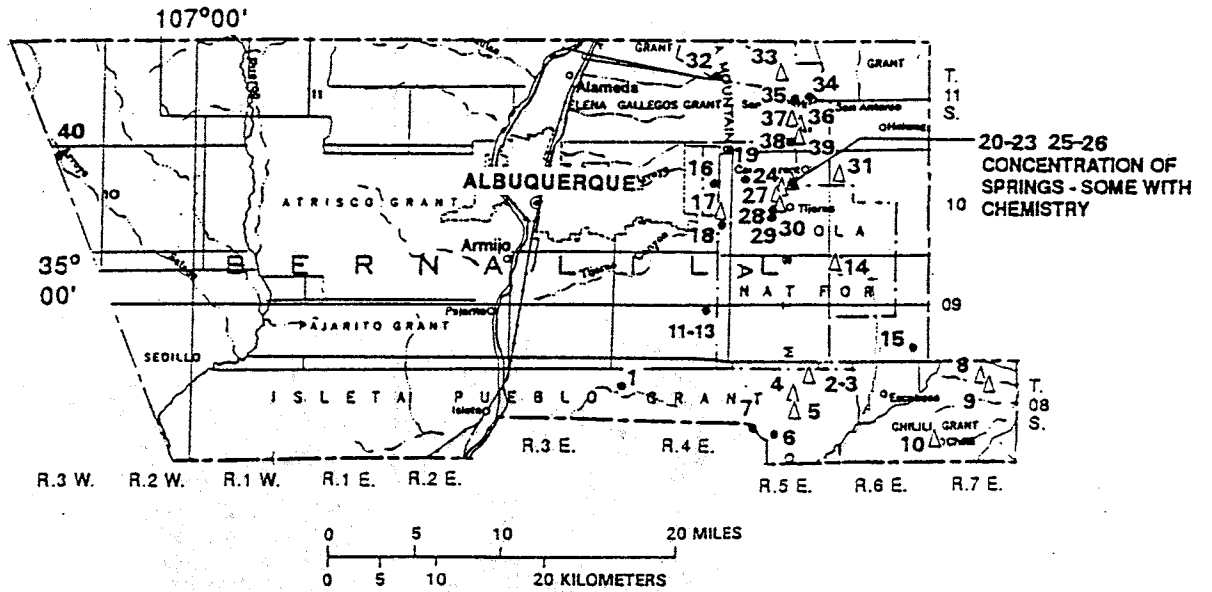
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- SPRING WITH CHEMISTRY
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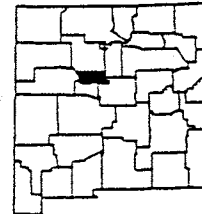


Figure 4.--Location of inventoried springs in Bernalillo County.

Table 2.--Physical characteristics of springs in Bernalillo County

Number in figure 4	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield Gallons per minute	Date	Temperature °C	Specific conductance (micro-siemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks	
	Number	Latitude-longitude												
1	8N.4E.9.314	345555-1063147	Hubbell Spring	Pueblo of Isleta	East mesa, Rio Grande valley	5,341	3	02-27-56	13.5	56	836	S	Bjorklund and Maxwell, 1961	CA.
2	8N.5E.12.422	345559-1062135	--	do.	Canyon floor	6,947	20-30	09-19-62	--	--	--	S?	*	Pueblo of Isleta; underflow from limestone possibly adds to spring discharge.
3	8N.5E.12.432	345546-1062157	--	do.	do.	6,890	<1	09-19-62	--	--	--	S?	*	Pueblo of Isleta.
4	8N.5E.14.434	345648-1062251	--	do.	Canyon wall	6,620	10	09-19-62	--	--	--	S?	*	Pueblo of Isleta; fault-controlled seep; travertine festooning 15 feet above arroyo marks old seep.
5	8N.5E.23.343	345358-1062313	--	do.	Canyon floor	6,440	1-5	09-19-62	--	--	--	S?	*	Pueblo of Isleta; underflow from alluvium wedge-out.
6	8N.5E.27.224	345343-1062337	--	--	--	6,320	9	09-19-62	15.0	59	360	S	*	CA; spring located in fault gouge.
7	8N.5E.28.124	345316-1062513	--	Pueblo of Isleta	Canyon floor	6,670	<1	09-19-62	23.0	73	745	S	*	CA; Pueblo of Isleta; underflow where channel narrows and alluvium thins.
8	8N.7E.3.443	345636-1061106	--	--	Head of box canyon	6,620	<1	10-03-63	--	--	--	S	*	Chillili Grant; flow issues from joint in rock.

Table 2.--Physical characteristics of springs in Bernalillo County--Continued

Number in figure 4	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield		Date	Temperature °C	Specific conductance (microsiemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks
	Number	Latitude-longitude					Gallons per minute	Source						
9	8N.7E.11.113	355617-1061101	--	--	Head of box canyon	6,575	1-5	10-03-63	--	--	--	S	*	Chillili Grant; flow issues from joint in rock.
10	8N.7E.30.444	355305-1061414	--	--	Valley floor	6,830	20-30	09-27-63	17.0	63	--	S	*	Chillili Grant; discharge flows through Chillili; reported never dry; flow issues from joint in rock.
11	9N.4E.24.112	345958-1062813	Coyote Springs	Sandia Military Reservation	Channel	5,850	--	07-25-45	18.5	65	--	N	*	CA; one of a group of three springs; TA.
12	9N.4E.24.113	345955-1062815	do.	do.	do.	5,850	--	07-25-45	17.0	63	2,540	N	*	CA; one of a group of three springs.
13	9N.4E.24.211	345957-1062812	do.	do.	do.	5,850	30	1942	--	--	--	--	Murray, 1959	Contact spring forming sump-like pools.
14	9N.6E.6.132	350214-1062042	--	--	Confluence of two canyons	--	<1	11-08-62	--	--	--	N	*	CA; TA.
15	9N.6E.36.312	345738-1061533	--	--	do.	7,085	>1	12-21-60	4.5	40	984	S	*	CA; fault controlled (?); reported as 9N.6E.36.311.

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Number in figure 4	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield		Date	Temperature °C	Temperature °F	Specific conductance (microsiemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks
	Number	Latitude-longitude					Gallons per minute	per minute							
16	10N.4E.13.242	350548-1062749	Embuda Spring	L. Petrino	Canyon floor	6,520	50R	05-07-56	13.5	56	963	S	Bjorklund and Maxwell, 1961	CA.	
17	10N.4E.24.342	350420-1062736	--	--	do.	6,160	<1	10-21-60	--	--	--	--	*	CA; reported location 10N.4E.13.213.	
18	10N.4E.25.111	350406-1062738	Fach Spring	Fred C. Fach	Canyon side	5,990	<1	10-21-60	--	--	704	D	*	CA; reported location 10N.4E.25.121; flow reported constant.	
19	10N.5E.7.432	350557-1062618	Three Gun Spring	Cibola National Forest	Confluence of two canyons	7,370	2-3	12-07-61	--	--	391	--	*	CA.	
20	10N.5E.10.423	350617-1062309	--	--	Anticline breached by canyon	6,790	50-75	08-10-62	13.0	55	478	P, S	*	CA; travertine deposit below spring; used by residents of San Antonio.	
21	10N.5E.10.432	350610-1062316	--	--	Canyon	6,800	3	08-10-62	--	--	--	N	*	--	
22	10N.5E.10.434	350600-1062315	--	Charles Hobbie	Fault in canyon	6,750	2	08-10-62	--	--	426	P	*	CA; water used by trailer park residents.	
23	10N.5E.11.333	350603-1062253	--	--	Canyon	--	1	08-10-62	--	--	--	D	*	Steeply dipping sandstone beds.	

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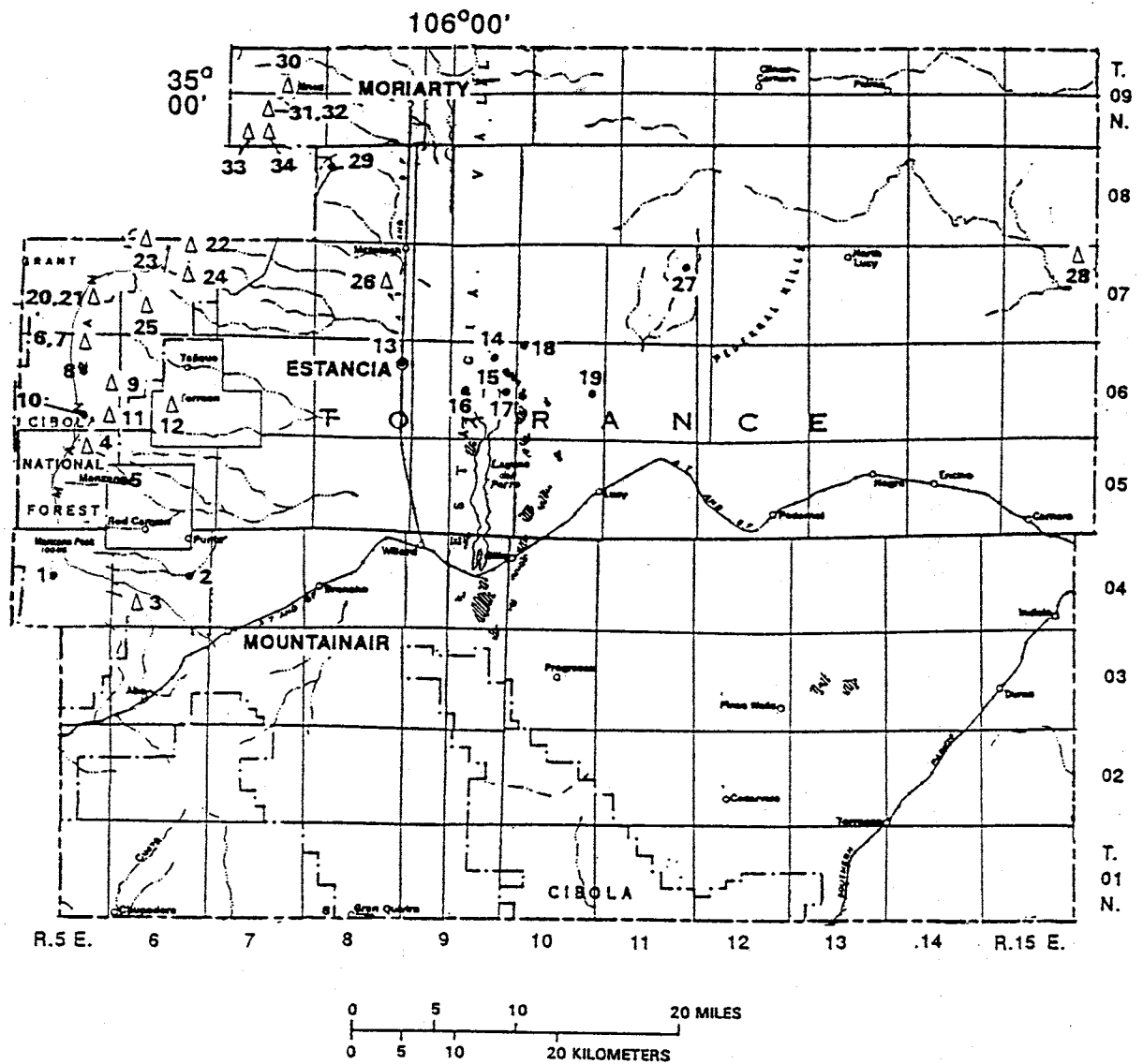
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	Number	Latitude-longitude											
24	10N.5E.15.142	350543-1062339	--	Cibola National Forest	Canyon	IPm 6,840	5	06-12-62	--	--	N	*	Travertine coats face of 30-foot drop-off in stream channel; reported as 10N.5E.15.141.
25	10N.5E.15.212	350555-1062315	--	Charles Hobbie	Fault	-- 6,740	5-10	08-09-62	--	--	P	*	Discharge fluctuates seasonally; used by trailer park residents.
26	10N.5E.15.223	350555-1062314	--	do.	--	Trc --	--	08-10-62	14.0	57	N	*	CA; Chinle Formation faulted against Morrison Formation; iron stain in channel.
27	10N.5E.15.331	350518-1062357	Carlito Spring	--	Fractures in cliff face	IPm --	400	1942	--	--	--	Murray, 1942	--
				J.D. Guenko	--	do. --	500	11-08-62	--	--	D	*	Water may be from upper part IP; travertine deposits present.
				Tony Guenko	--	do. 6,790	20	06-22-72	--	--	D, I	Hudson, 1978	--
28	10N.5E.21.223	350447-1062403	--	R.A. Curtis	Canyon wall	do. --	--	02-13-58	14.0	57	--	*	CA.
							5-10	08-10-62	14.0	57	D	*	Travertine deposits present.

Table 2.--Physical characteristics of springs in Bernalillo County--Continued

Number in figure 4	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield Gallons per minute	Date	Temperature °C	Specific conductance (microsiemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks	
	Latitude-longitude	Longitude												
29	10N.5E.21.412	350447-1062414	Seven Springs	--	Canyon bottom	Qal 6,150	100	1942	--	--	--	Murray, 1942	Seep.	
				John Giannini		do.	20	06-15-62	11	52	692	C	* CA; trout ponds.	
				--		do.	6M	07-08-75	--	--	--	N	Hudson, 1978	Flowing from 1½-inch-diameter plastic pipe.
30	10N.5E.22.143	350446-1062342	--	--	Canyon floor	do.	30	06-21-62	--	--	--	--	*	Qal wedges out.
31	10N.6E.7.342	350606-1062024	--	--	do.	do.	<1	05-15-62	--	--	--	--	*	Qal wedges out.
32	11N.4E.1.314	351228-1062833	--	--	--	--	--	05-08-56	17	63	297	--	*	CA; Cibola National Forest.
33	11N.5E.10.133	351137-1062407	Tree Spring	--	Canyon	IPm 8,120	<1M	07-27-62	8	46	--	P	*	Cibola National Forest; canyon follows fault.
34	11N.5E.14.342	351023-1062235	Sulphur Spring	Cibola National Forest	Valley	Pa 7,310	<1	07-12-62	17	63	--	P	*	Picnic ground; reported as 11.5.14.242.
35	11N.5E.23.111	351012-1062304	Cienega Spring	do.	do.	IPm 7,514	10-15	06-20-62	10	50	503	P	*	CA; picnic ground; travertine in channel below spring.
36	11N.5E.26.333	350835-1062300	--	do.	do.	Qal, Pys 7,200	25	07-26-62	11	52	--	D	*	--

Table 2.--Physical characteristics of springs in Bernalillo County--Concluded

Number in figure 4	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield Gallons per minute	Date	Temperature °C	Temperature °F	Specific conductance (micro- siemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks
	Latitude- longitude	Longitude												
37	11N.5E.27.423	350851- 1062319	--	--	Canyon	IPm 7,550	25	07-25-62	11	52	--	D	*	Cibola National Forest; travertine in past and present channel below spring; spring supplies water to Cañoncito through acequia.
38	11N.5E.34.243	350807- 1062317	Cole Spring	--	--	Q1 7,414	6M	06-21-62	9	48	564	P	*	CA; Cibola National Forest; picnic ground.
39	11N.5E.35.131	350835- 1062259	--	Dr. Jenkins	Canyon confluence	Pym 7,250	<1	08-02-62	--	--	--	D	*	CA.
40	10N.3W.3.212	350750- 1070817	Jose Manuel Spring	Cañoncito Navajo Reservation	Channel wall	Jm --	--	01-28-52	--	--	372	--	Trauger, 1953	CA; concrete-boxed seep.
								09-03-53	--	--	389	--	do.	--
								06-06-67	--	--	--	--	Doty, 1967.	Not flowing on June 6, 1967.



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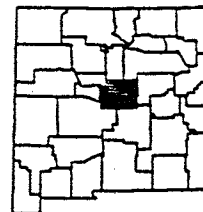


Figure 33.--Location of inventoried springs in Torrance County.



Table 31.--Physical characteristics of springs in Torrance County

Number in figure 33	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Source	Altitude (feet)	Yield		Temperature °C	Specific conductance (microsiemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks
	Number	Latitude-longitude						Gallons per minute	Date					
1	4N.5E.16.331	343403-1062558	Pine Shadow Spring	Cibola National Forest	Hillside	IPm	7,240	3	03-28-50	--	--	--	Spiegel, 1955	CA. Reported as 4N.5E.16.332.
2	4N.6E.14.300	343405-1061725	--	Mrs. Pine	--	Trc	--	1-2	03-26-54	--	1,700	--	*	CA.
3	4N.6E.29.444	343215-1061945	--	--	Arroyo floor	Pa	6,720	1	01-24-50	--	--	A	Smith, 1957	Rock enclosed; water piped to tank.
4	5N.5E.10.313	344017-1062435	New Canyon Spring	Cibola National Forest	Base of mountain	Qal	7,780	6	11-08-49	--	--	--	do.	Rock enclosed at campground.
5	Manzano Grant	345845-1062046	--	--	--	IPm	6,910	--	06-12-73	11.5	53	--	*	CA. IA.
6	6N.5E.2.124	344650-1062316	Big Spring	Cibola National Forest	Valley floor	do.	7,740	1	11-18-49	--	--	--	Smith, 1957	Campground.
7	6N.5E.2.134	344639-1062331	--	do.	do.	do.	7,820	1	11-18-49	--	--	A	do.	--
8	6N.5E.11.114	344650-1062333	--	do.	--	do.	7,960	0.66M	10-25-64	9.0	48	--	*	CA.
9	6N.5E.24.224	344427-1062140	--	do.	Arroyo bank	do.	7,190	2	12-07-49	--	--	D,S	Smith, 1957	--
10	Cibola National Forest	344159-1062404	--	do.	--	do.	9,200	--	06-05-75	6.5	44	151	*	CA. TA. Capilla Campground.
11	6N.5E.36.221	344244-1062142	--	do.	Arroyo floor	do.	7,200	1	12-07-49	--	--	D,S	Smith, 1957	Rock enclosed.
12	6N.6E.27.100	344325-1061804	Torreon Spring	--	do.	do.	--	--	--	--	--	D	do.	Town of Torreon Grant. Water pumped to reservoirs.

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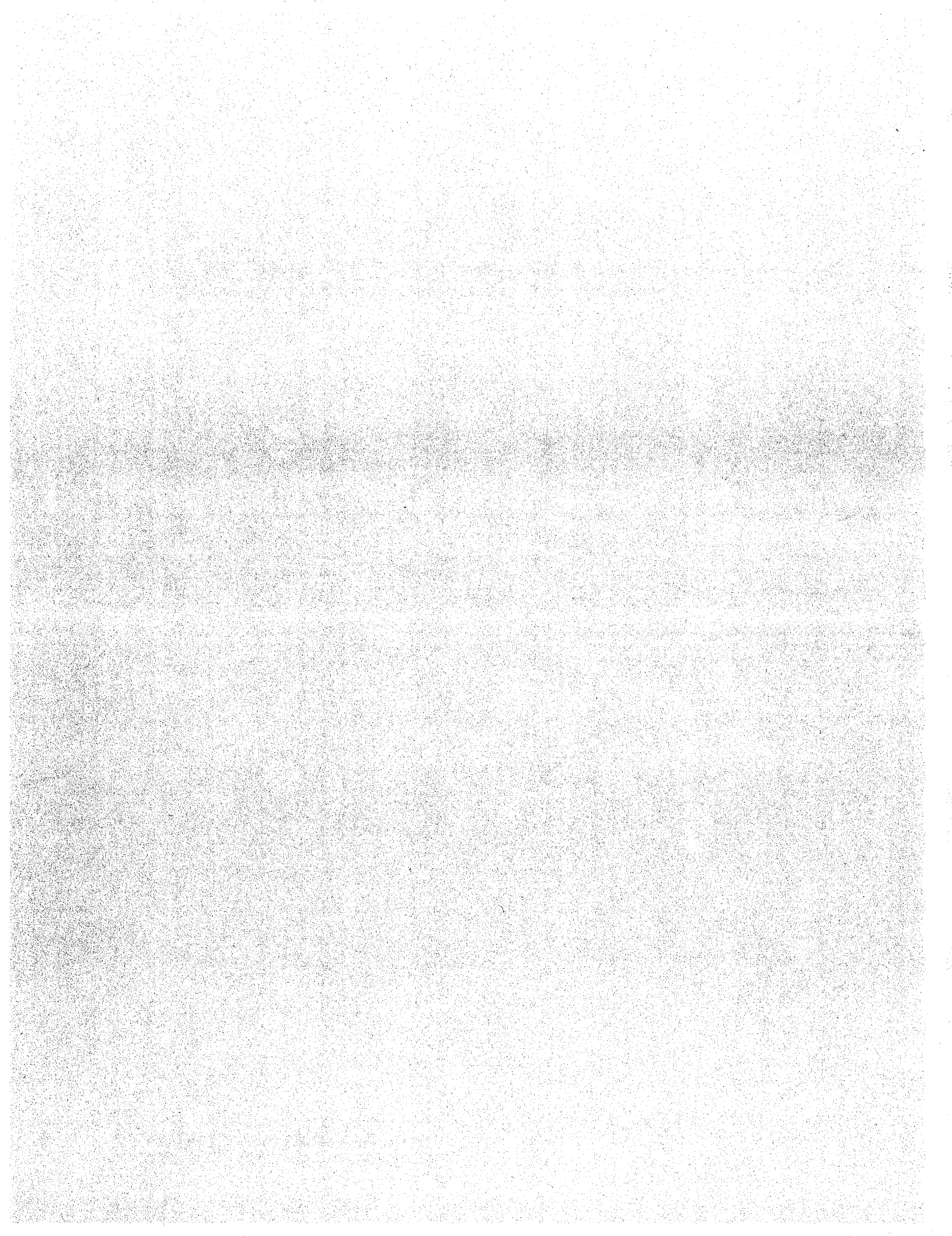
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	Latitude-longitude	Longitude					Gallons per minute	Date					
13	6N.9E.11.442	344523-1060345	Estancia Spring	Town of Estancia	Valley flat	Qal 6,118	08-17-50	--	484	--	Smith, 1957	CA. Reported as 6N.9E.11.442. Rock and concrete enclosed.	
14	6N.9E.11.411	344538-1055745	--	--	Playa	Qab 6,081	06-22-67	20.0	33,300	--	*	CA.	
15	6N.9E.13.134	344450-1055707	--	--	do.	do. 6,095	06-22-67	21.5	7,840	--	*	CA.	
16	6N.9E.21.124	344410-1060002	--	--	do.	do. 6,075	06-22-67	23.0	112,000	--	*	CA.	
17	6N.9E.24.333	344304-1055715	--	--	Laguna del Perro	do. 6,040	06-22-67	21.5	137,000	--	*	CA.	
18	6N.10E.6.331	344608-1055606	--	--	Playa	do. 6,080	06-22-67	30.0	187,000	--	*	CA.	
19	6N.10E.24.332	344354-1055032	--	--	Valley flat	do. 6,110	06-22-67	26.0	20,500	--	*	CA.	
20	7N.5E.35.232	344734-1062258	Fourth of July Spring	Cibola National Forest	Fault in canyon floor	IPm, Qal 7,630	10-25-63	--	--	P	*	Picnic ground.	
21	7N.5E.35.422	344722-1062243	Fourth of July Spring (Lower)	do.	do.	do. 7,540	11-18-49	--	--	P	Smith, 1957	--	
22	7N.6E.2.410	345141-1061646	--	--	Valley	do. 7,200	10-02-63	--	--	S	*	Chillili Grant. Feeds perennial streamflow.	
23	7N.6E.5.322	345147-1062009	Ojo los Casa	--	Valley side	IPm 7,605	10-02-63	--	--	S	*	Chillili Grant.	

Table 31.--Physical characteristics of springs in Torrance County--Concluded

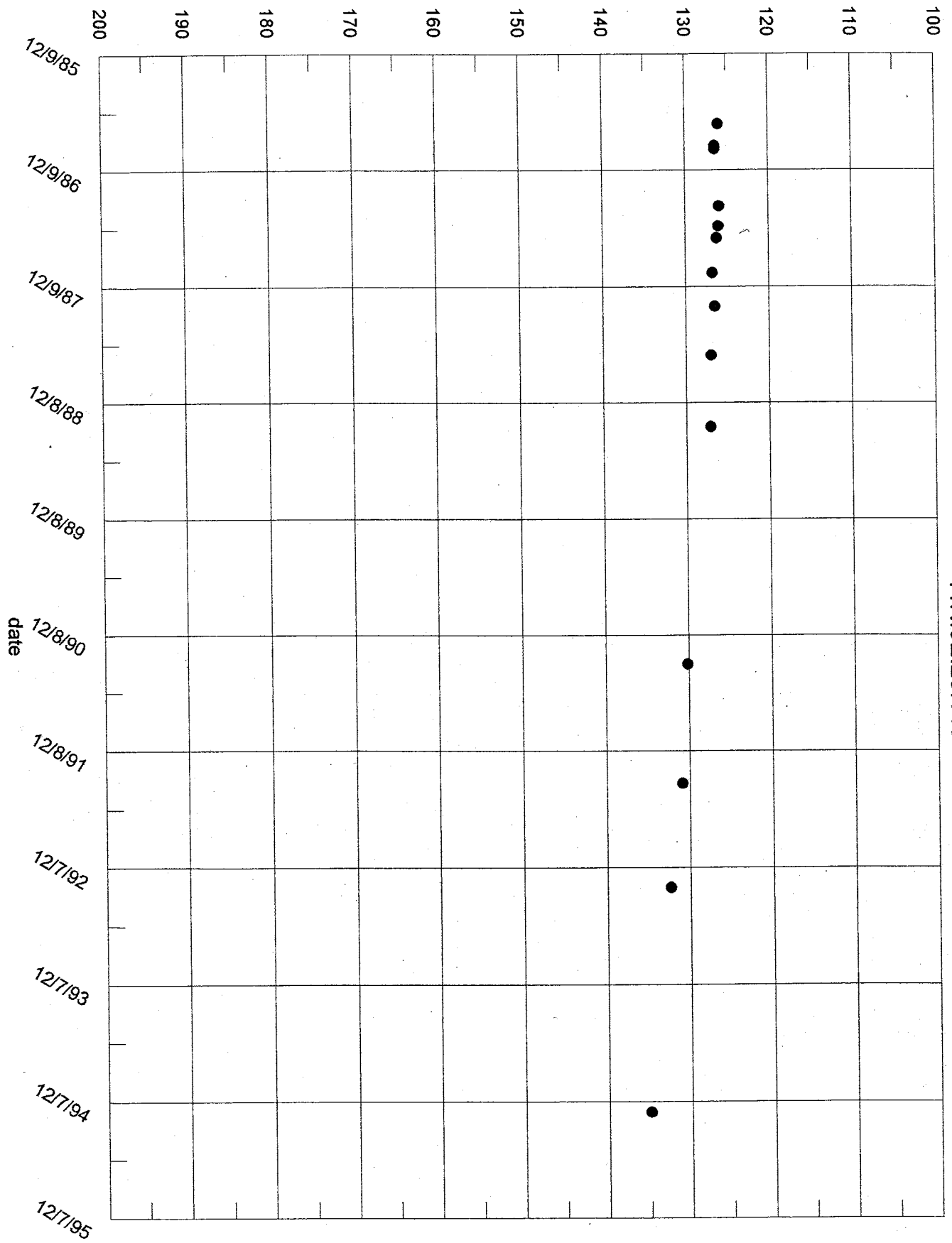
Number in figure 33	Location		Name	Owner	Topographic situation	Altitude (feet)	Yield		Temperature °C	Temperature °F	Specific conductance (micro-siemens)	Use	Reference	Remarks
	Number	Latitude-longitude					Gallons per minute	Date						
24	7N. 6E. 11. 133	345100-1061724	Deer Spring	--	Head of canyon	7,210	<0.5	11-13-63	--	--	--	--	*	Chillili Grant.
25	7N. 6E. 29. 120	344843-1062010	Riley Ranch Spring	Riley Ranch	Valley floor, perched	--	NV	11-14-63	--	--	--	--	*	Reported location 7N. 6E. 29. 213. Smith, 1957, reported spring dry in 1948.
26	7N. 8E. 14. 410	344955-1060408	Antelope Springs	Antelope Springs	Hillside	6,150	20	09-01-50	--	--	--	C, S	Smith, 1957	Reported as 7N. 8E. 23. 410; spring house.
27	7N. 12E. 11. 411	345054-1053758	--	Marvin Henser	Mountain base	6,955	--	07-12-50	--	--	250	D, S	do.	CA. Reported as 7N. 12E. 11. 322. Deepened and concrete lined; hand-lift pump.
28	7N. 15E. 2. 100	--	--	Bigbee Ranch	--	--	0.5R	07-12-50	--	--	--	S	do.	--
29	8N. 8E. 6. 442	345636-1060802	Buffalo Springs	Russ Thompson	Fault in valley floor	6,360	2-7	10-03-63	--	--	--	D, S	*	CA. Reported never dry.
30	9N. 7E. 21. 341	345905-1061210	--	Ballingier	Valley	6,740	1-5	10-16-63	--	--	--	S	*	Numerous springs and seeps upstream for more than 3 miles.
31	9N. 7E. 29. 214	345846-1061248	--	--	--	6,800	10	10-16-63	--	--	--	S	*	--
32	9N. 7E. 29. 441	345814-1061238	--	--	Valley floor	6,820	--	--	--	--	--	S	*	--
33	9N. 7E. 31. 334	345714-1061429	--	--	do.	6,880	3	10-16-63	--	--	--	D, S	*	--
34	9N. 7E. 32. 111	345801-1061329	--	Paul Danneville	do.	6,885	1-5	10-16-63	--	--	--	S	*	--

**Appendix 6.**

**Hydrographs from Wells Monitored by the NMSEO and the USGS  
in the Estancia Underground Water Basin.**

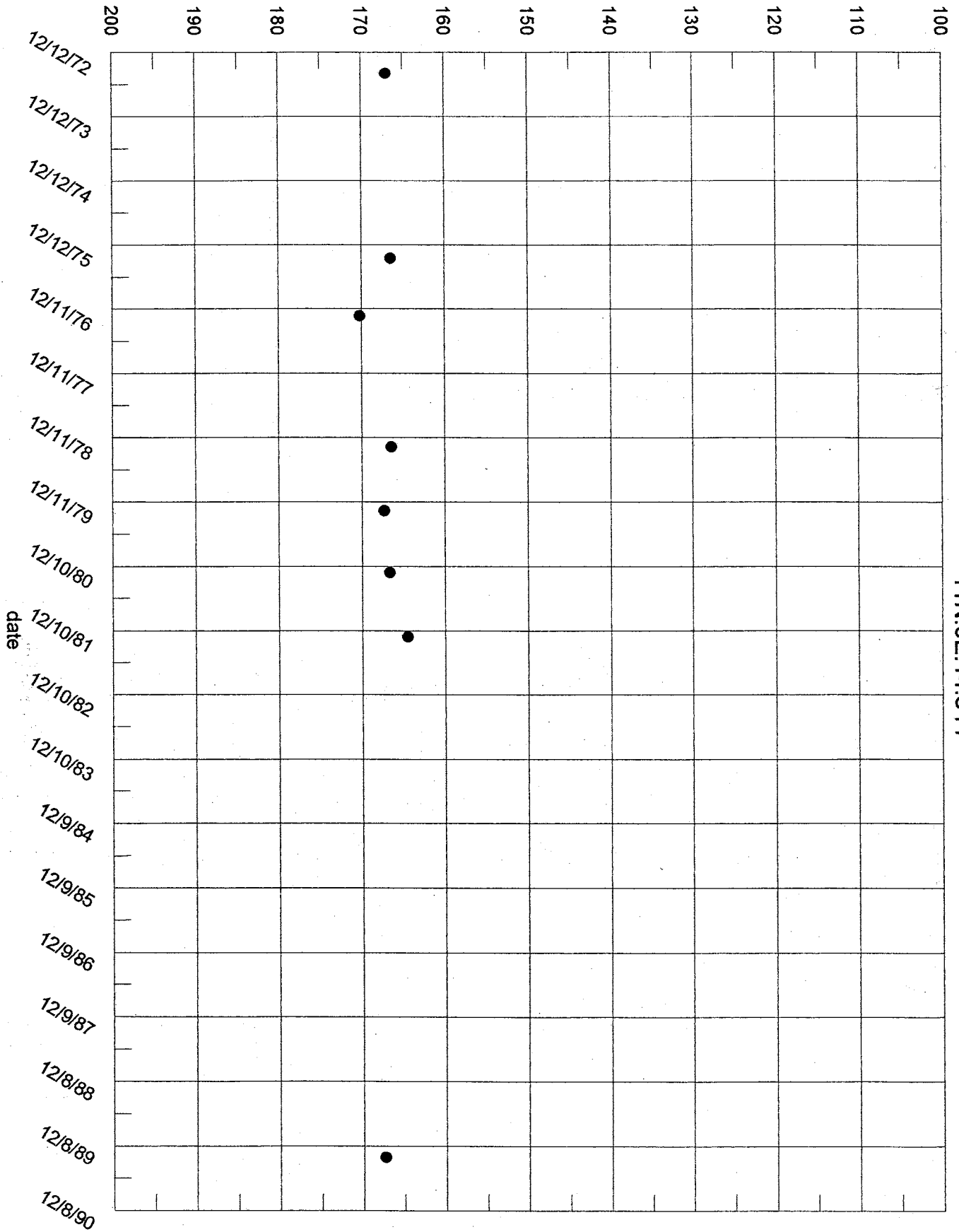


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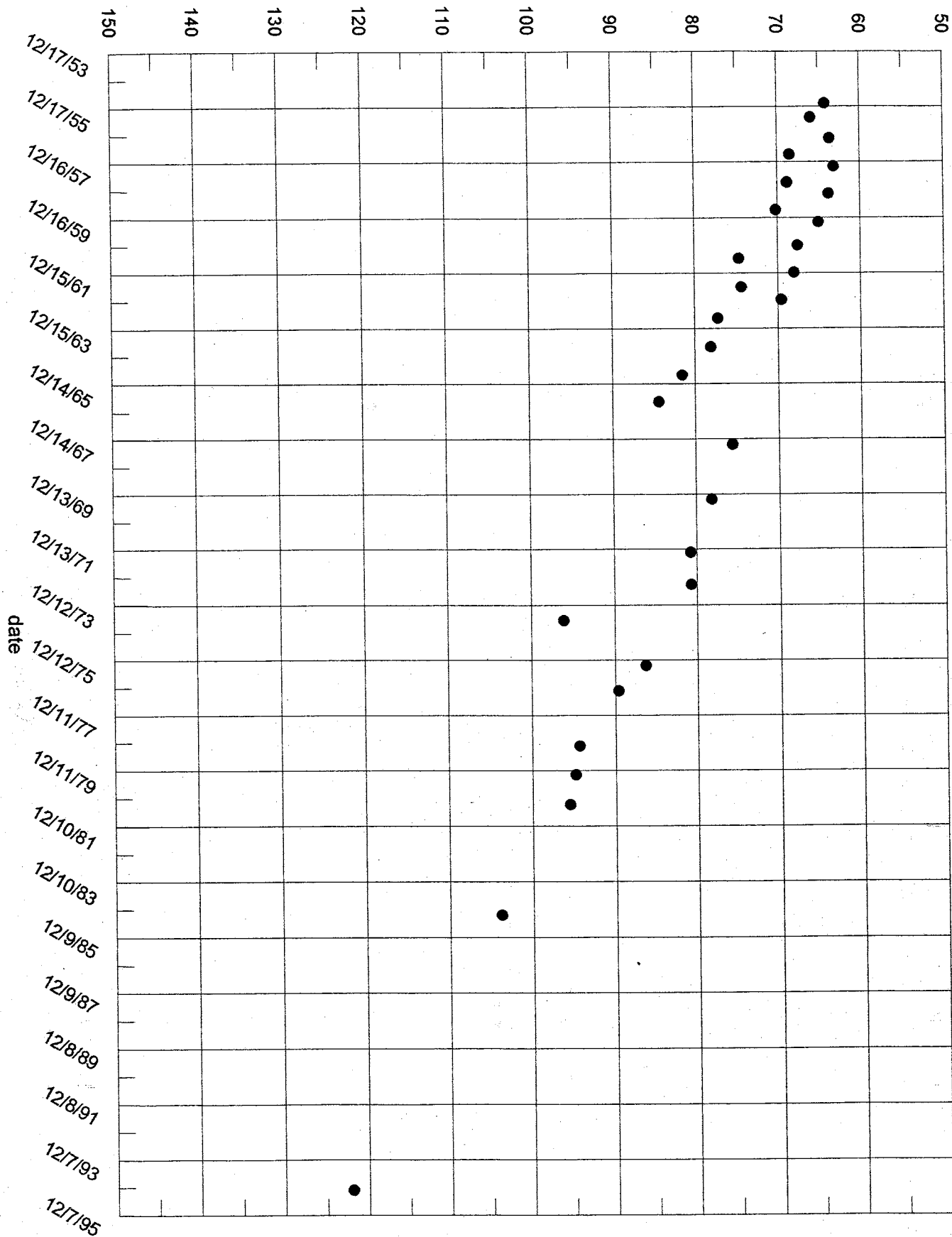
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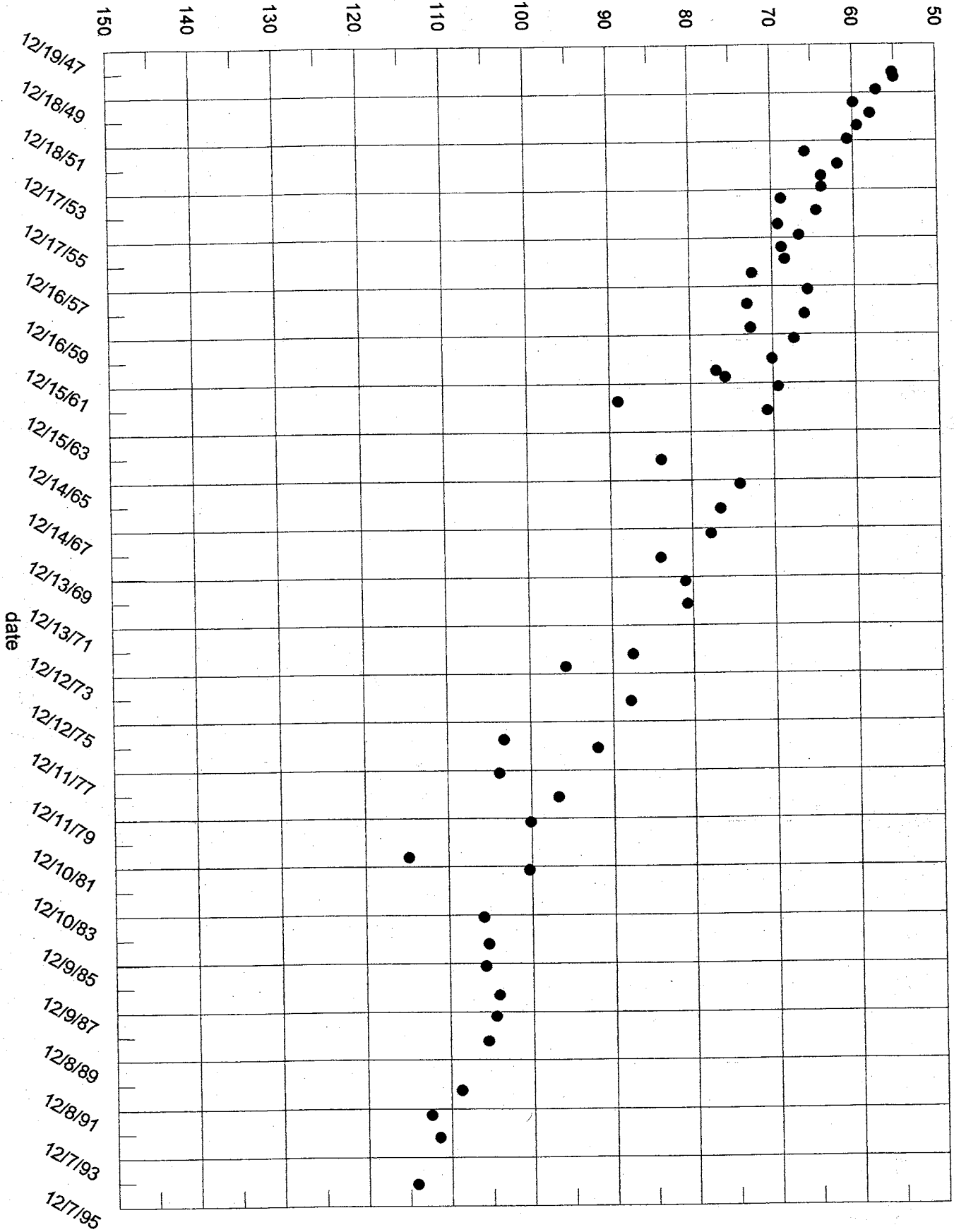
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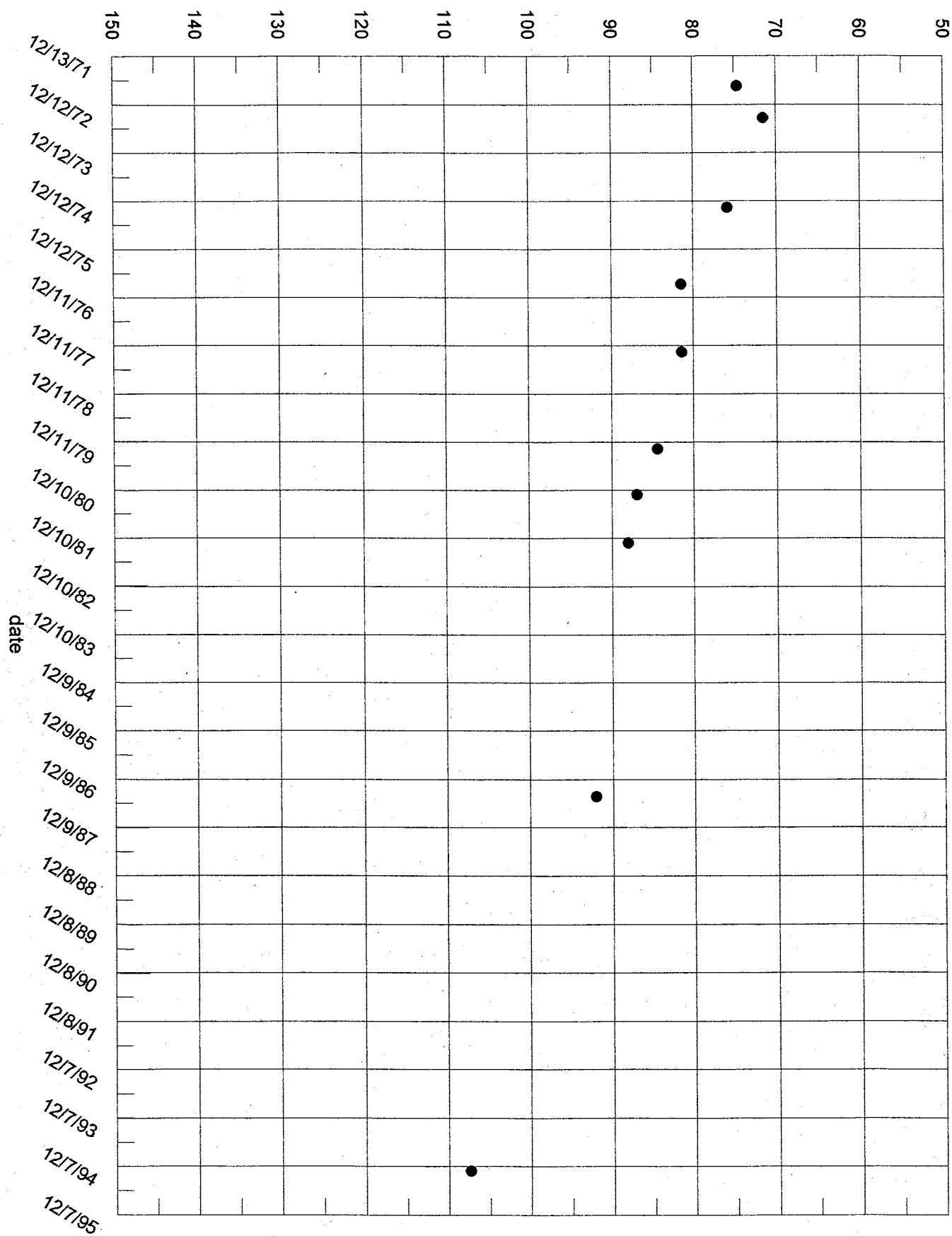


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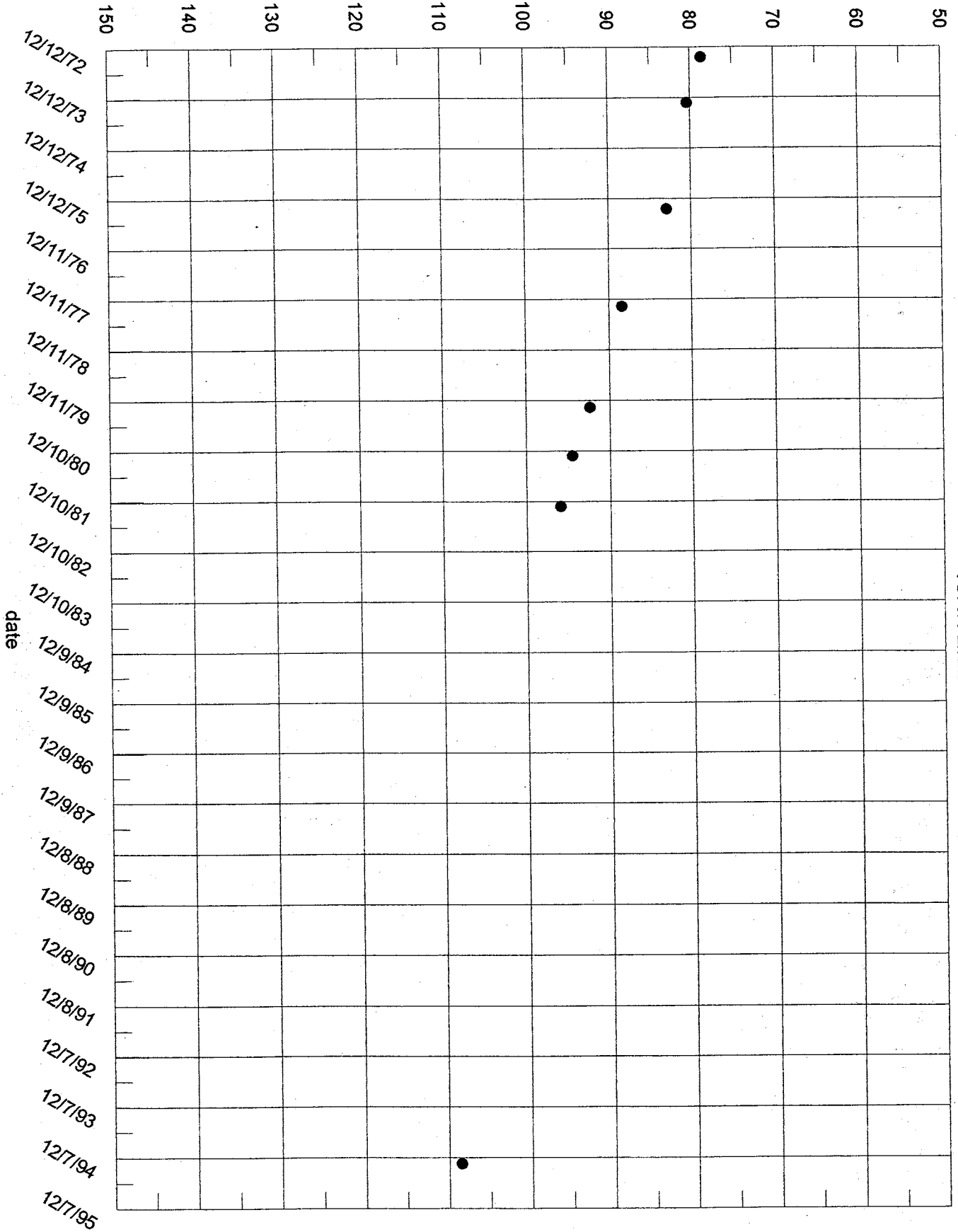
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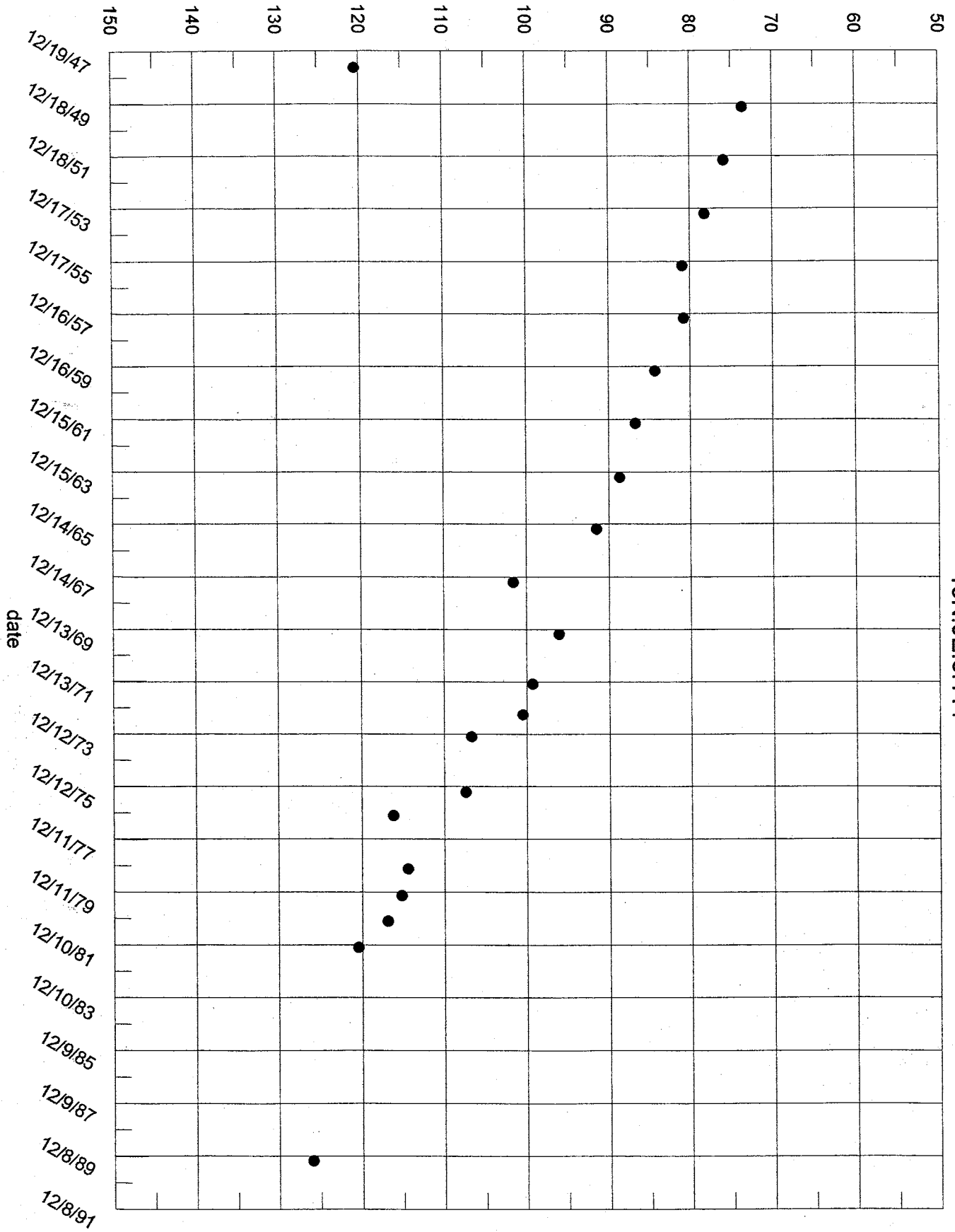
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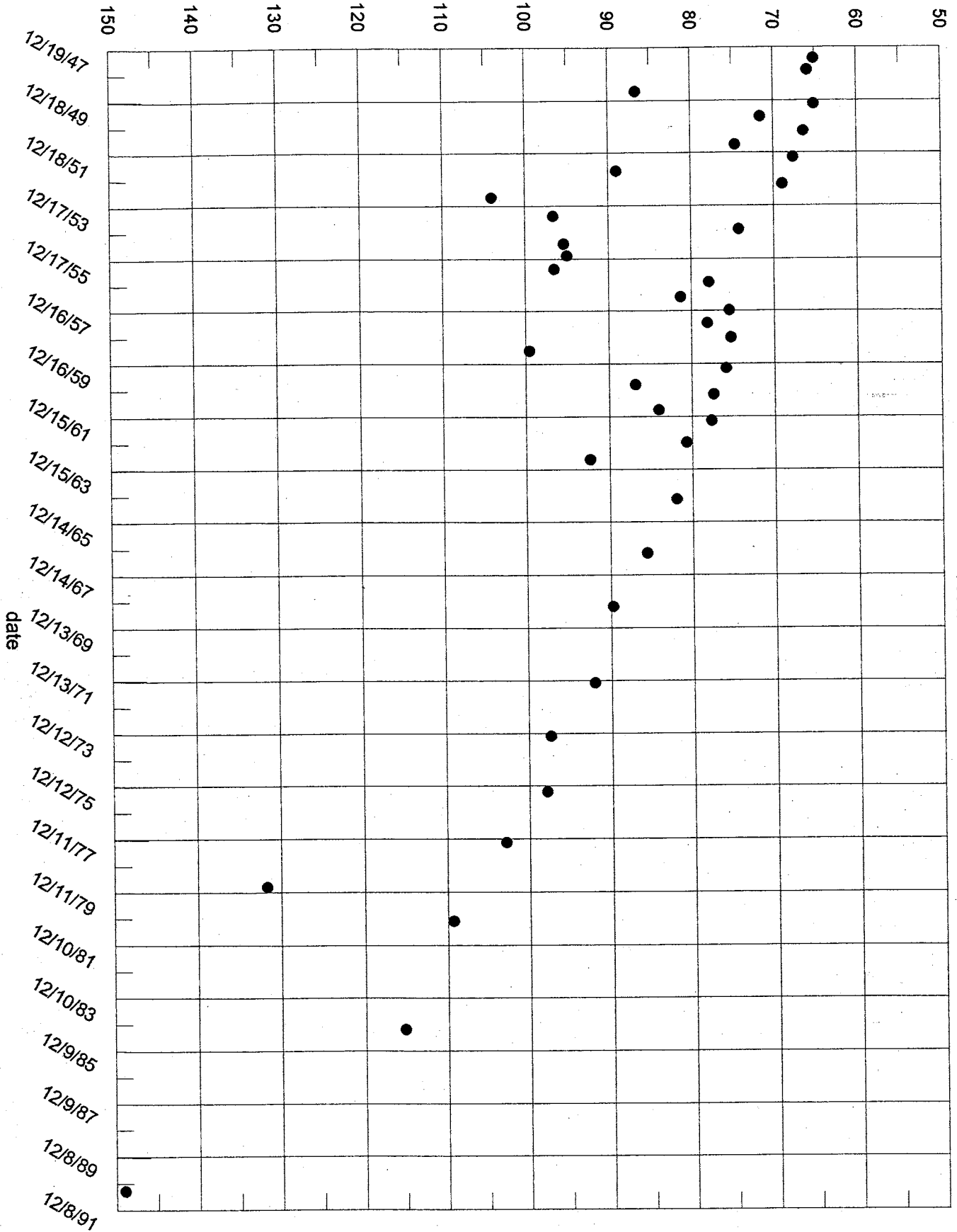
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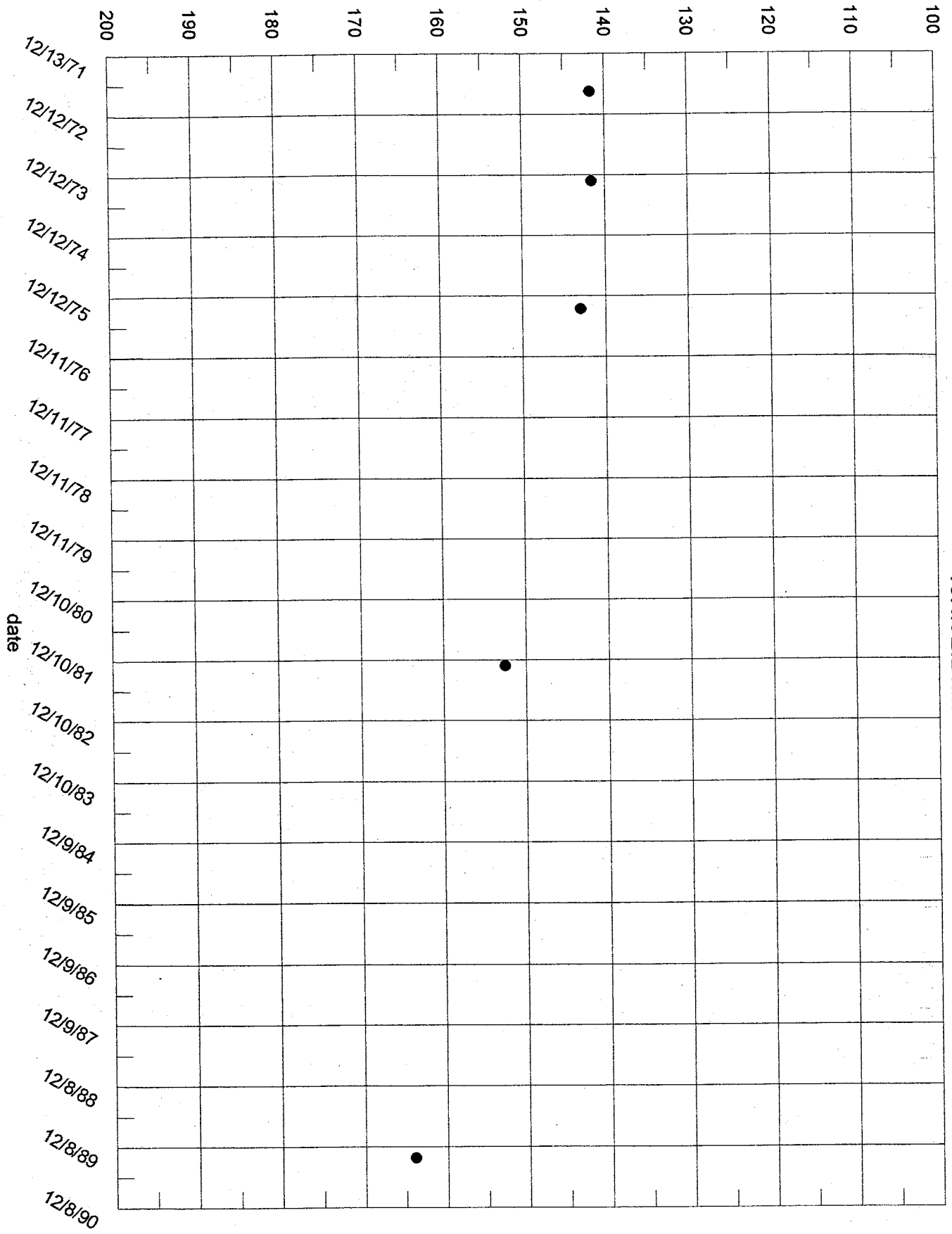


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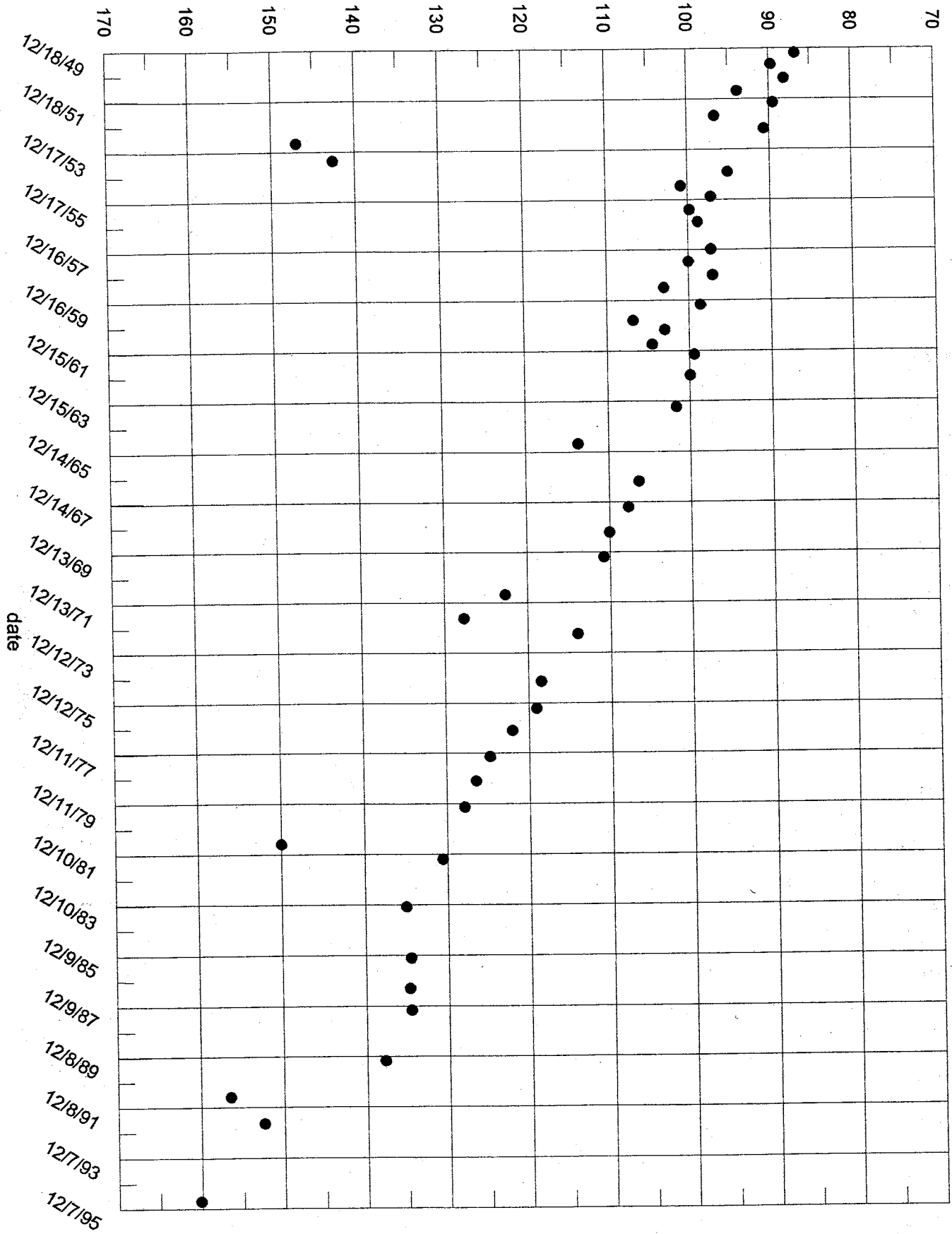


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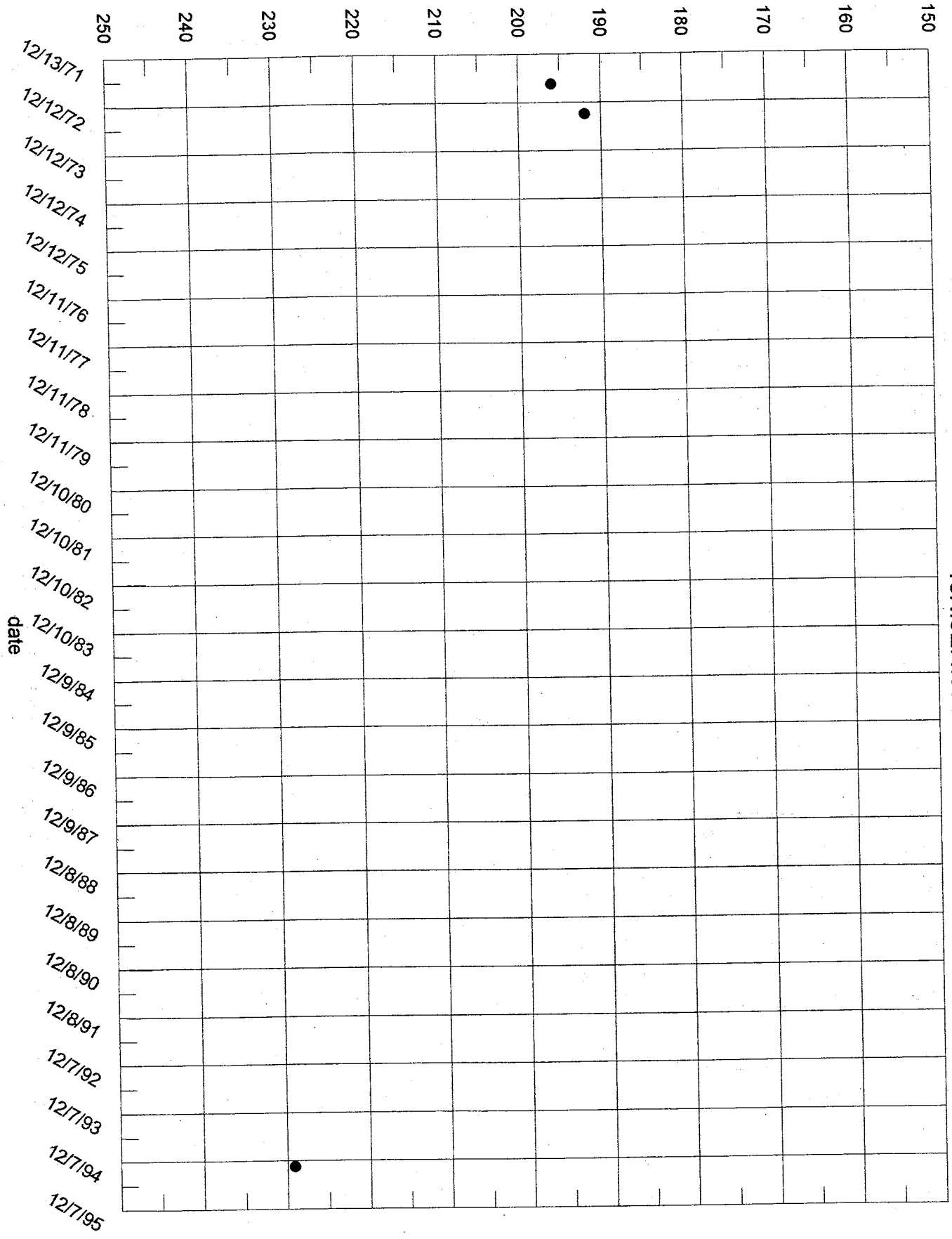


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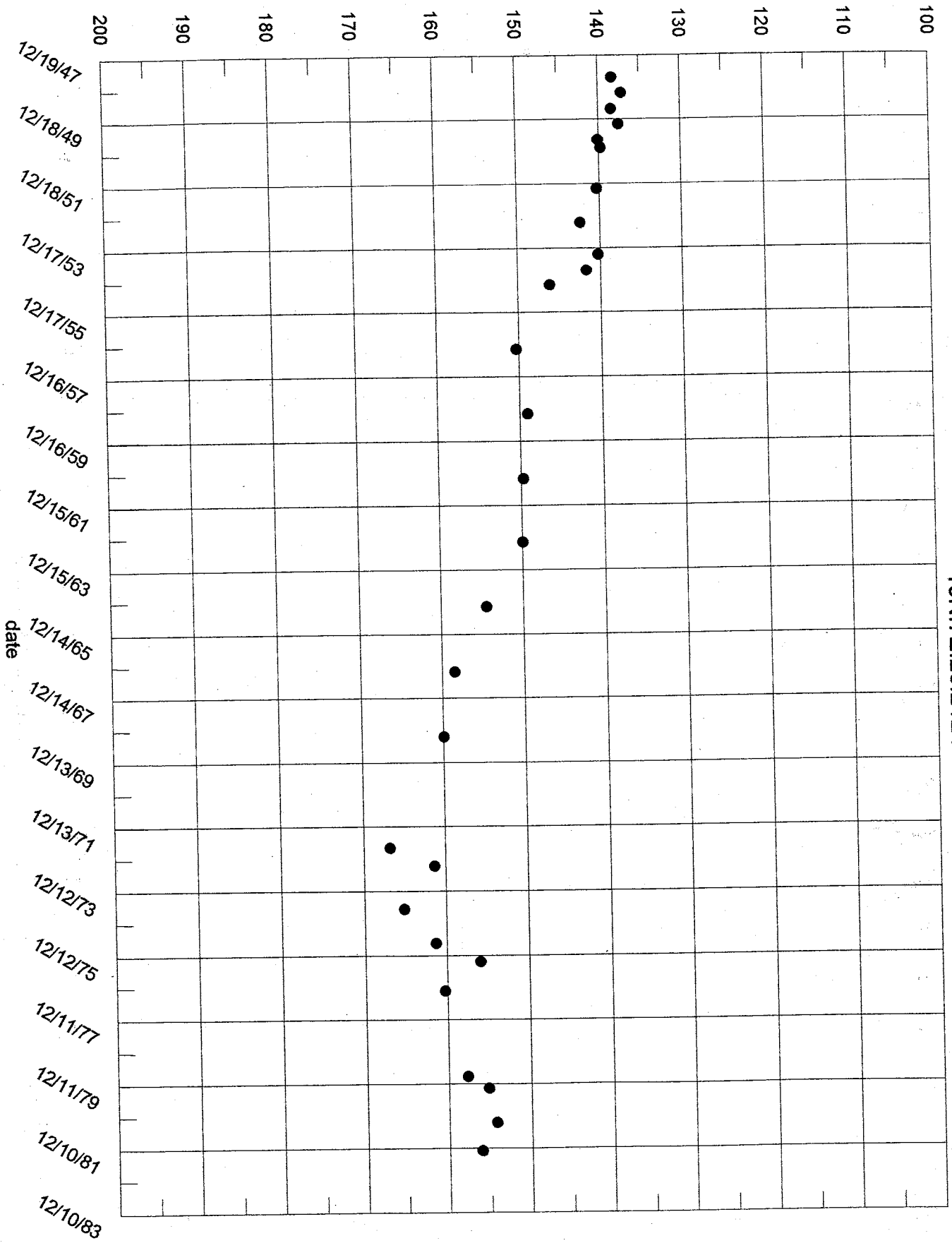
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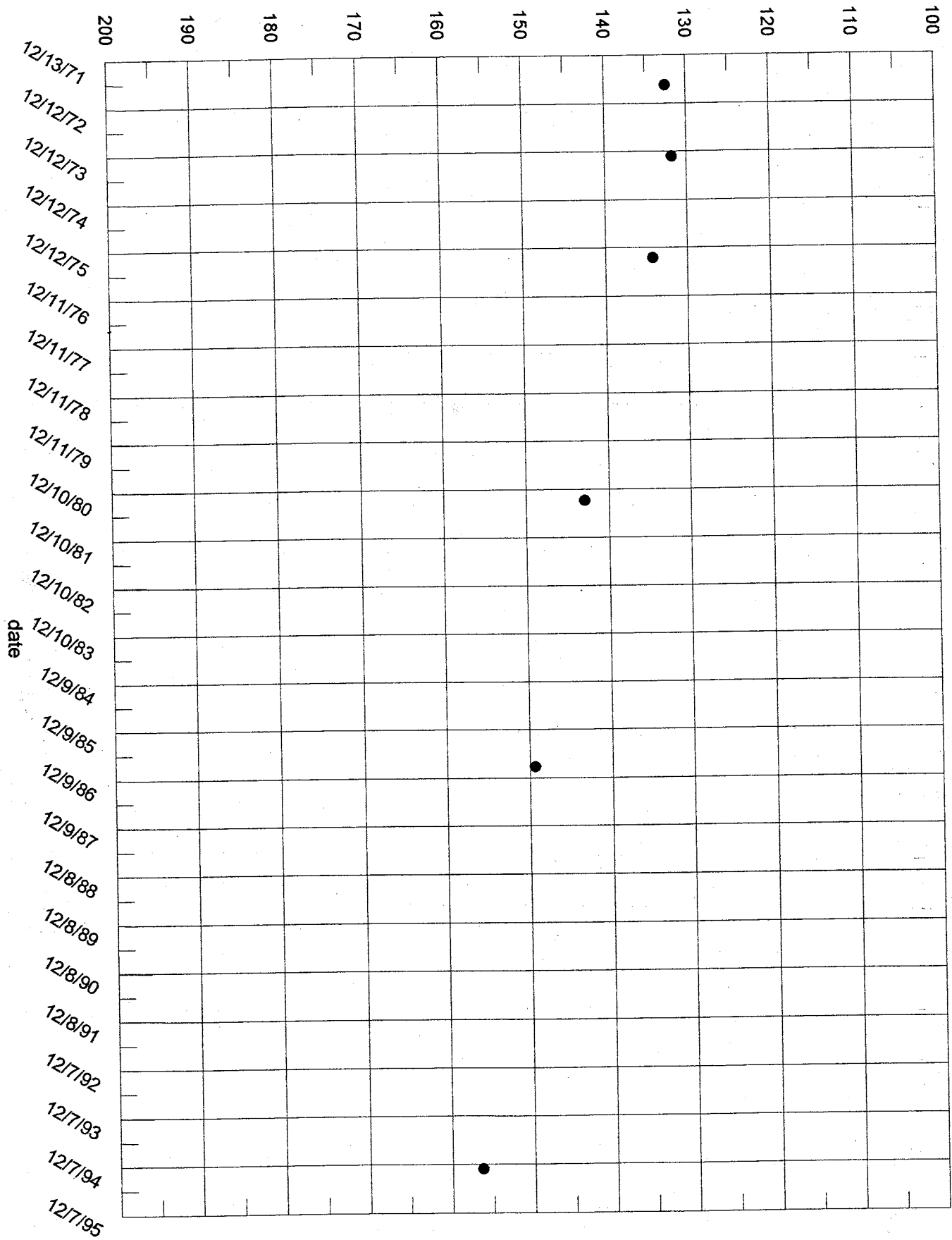


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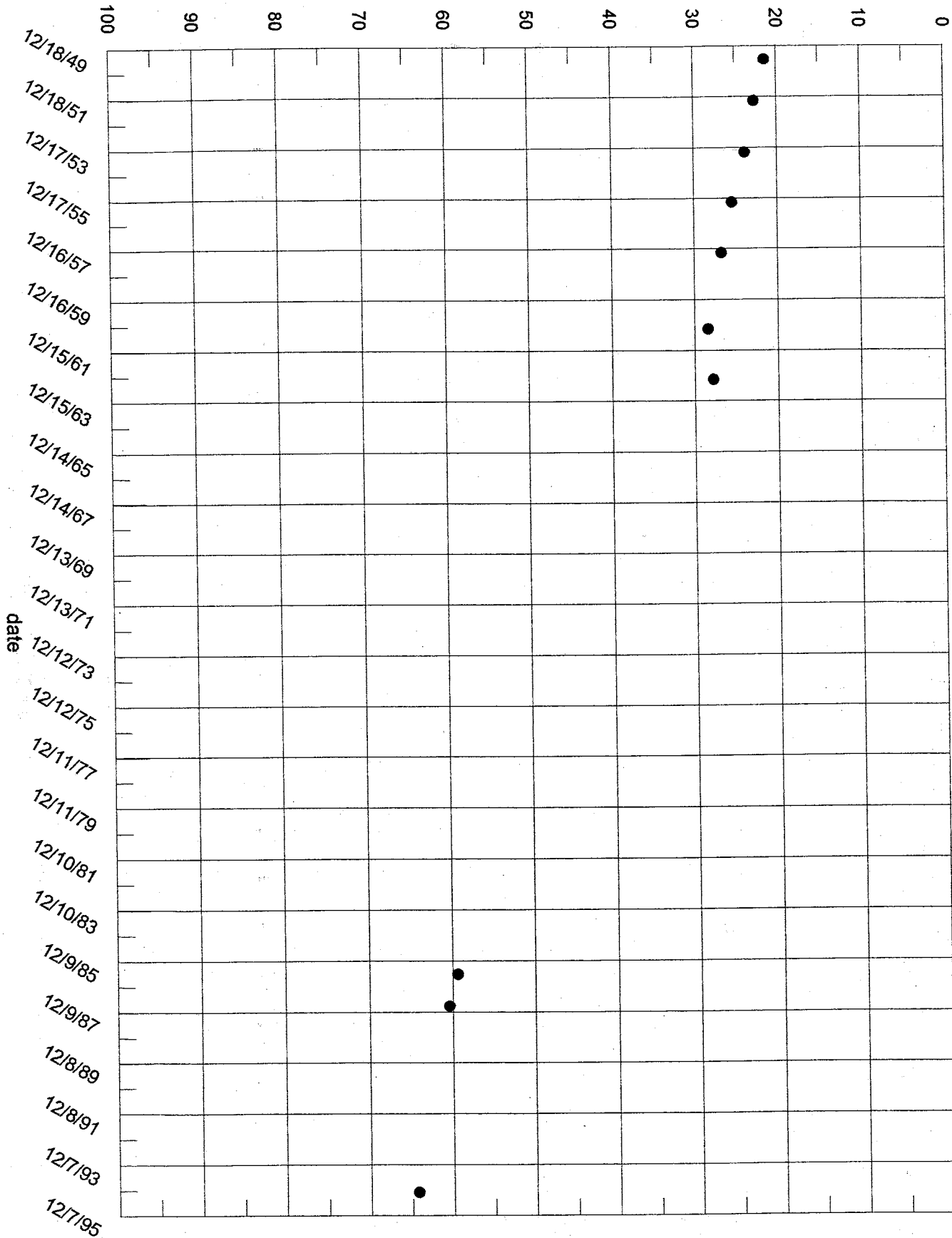
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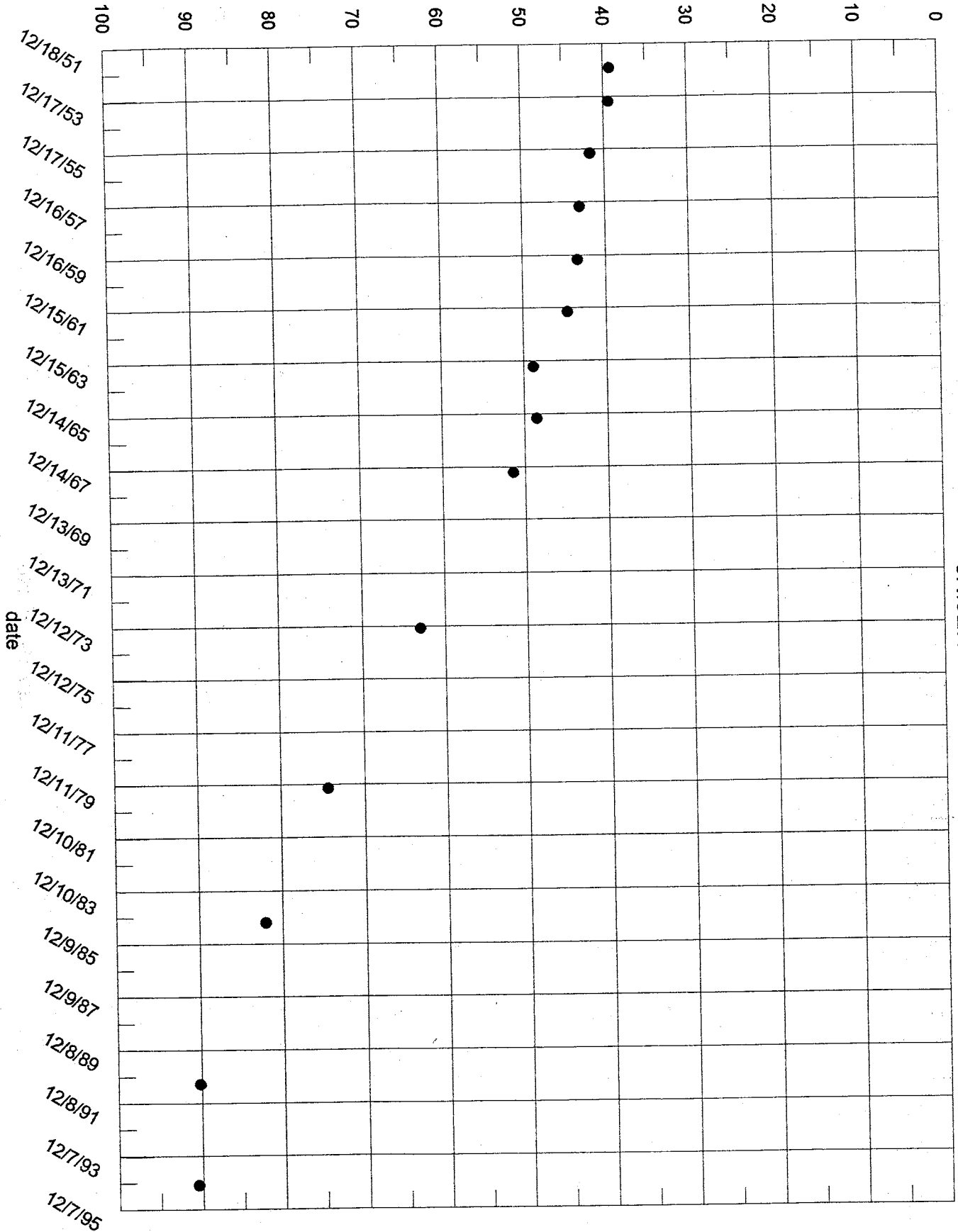
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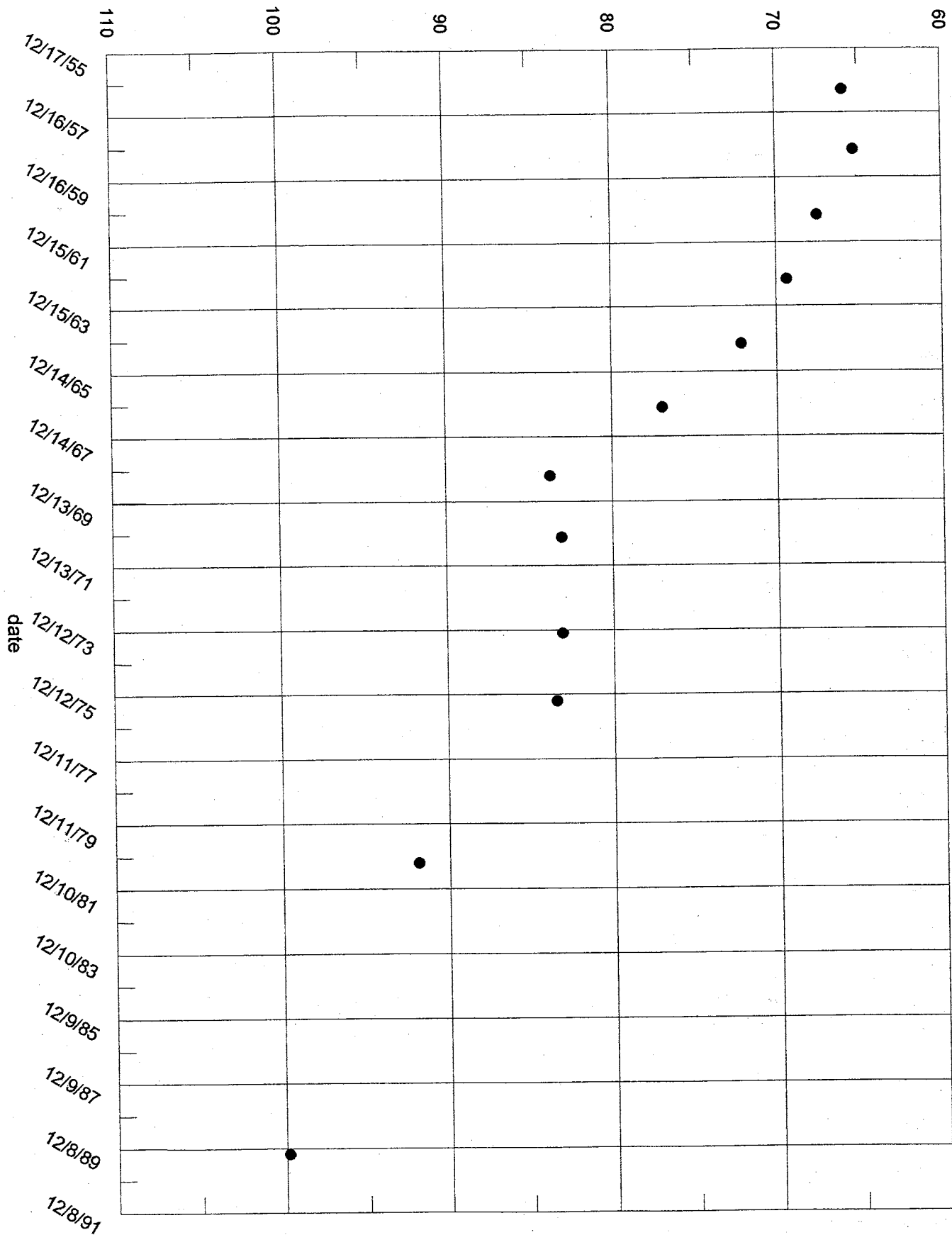
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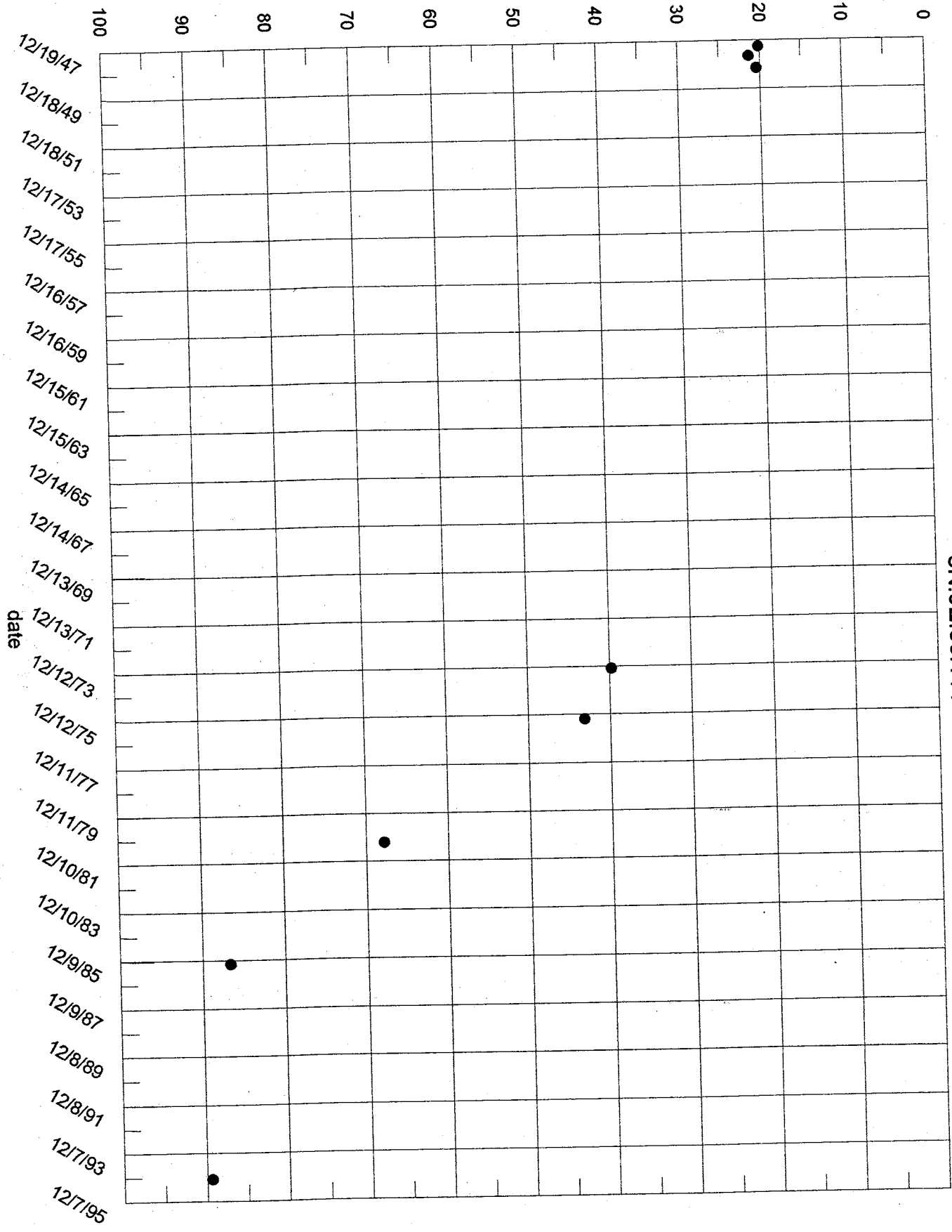
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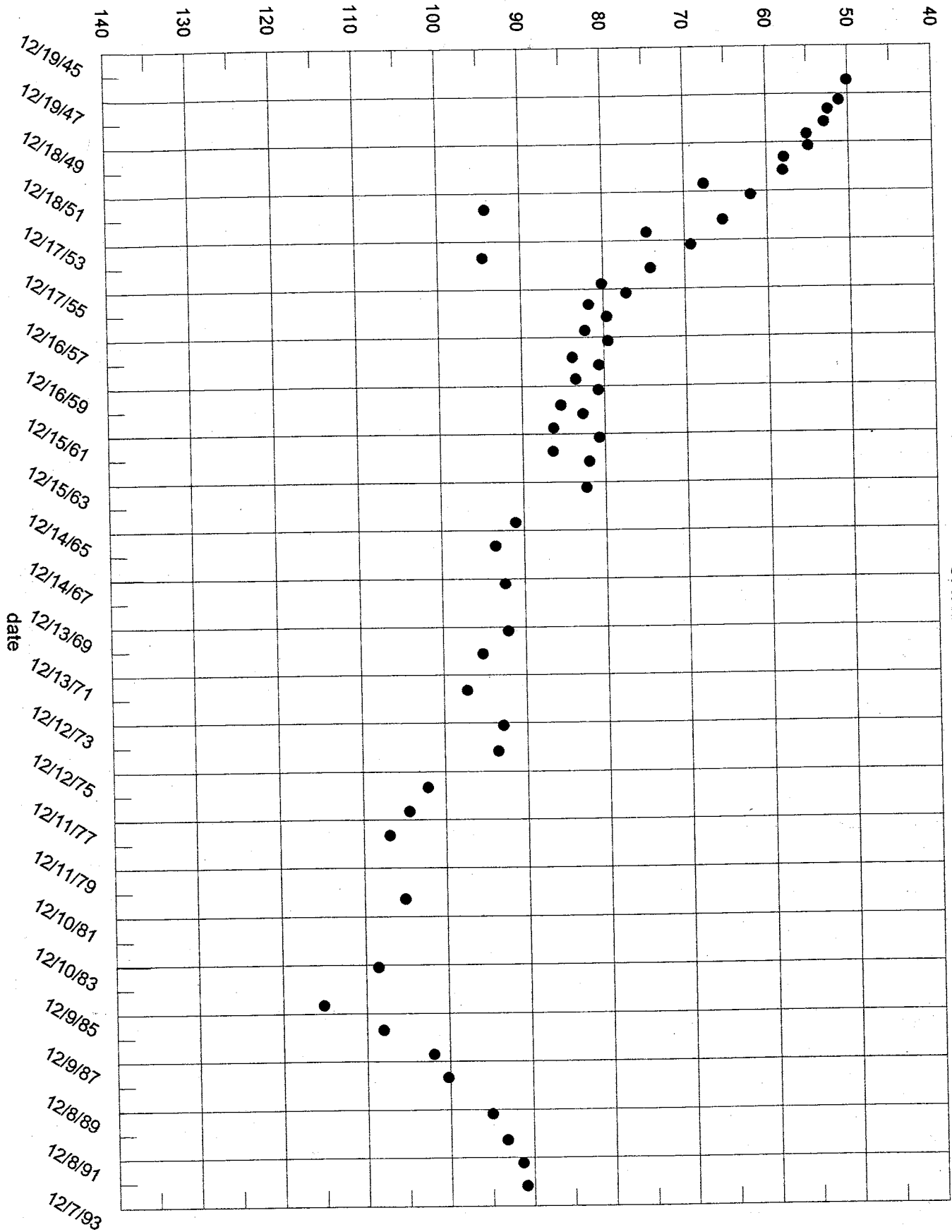
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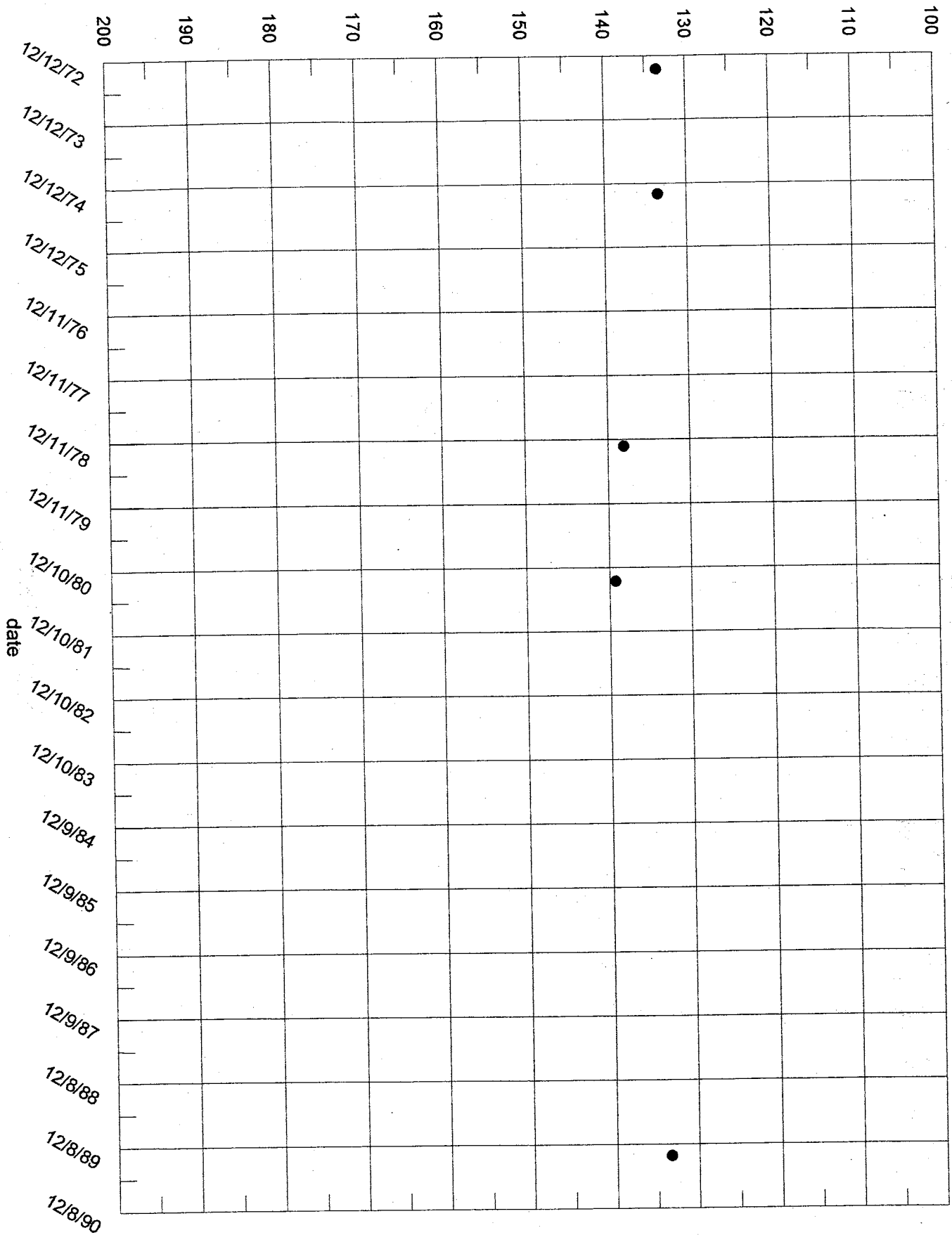
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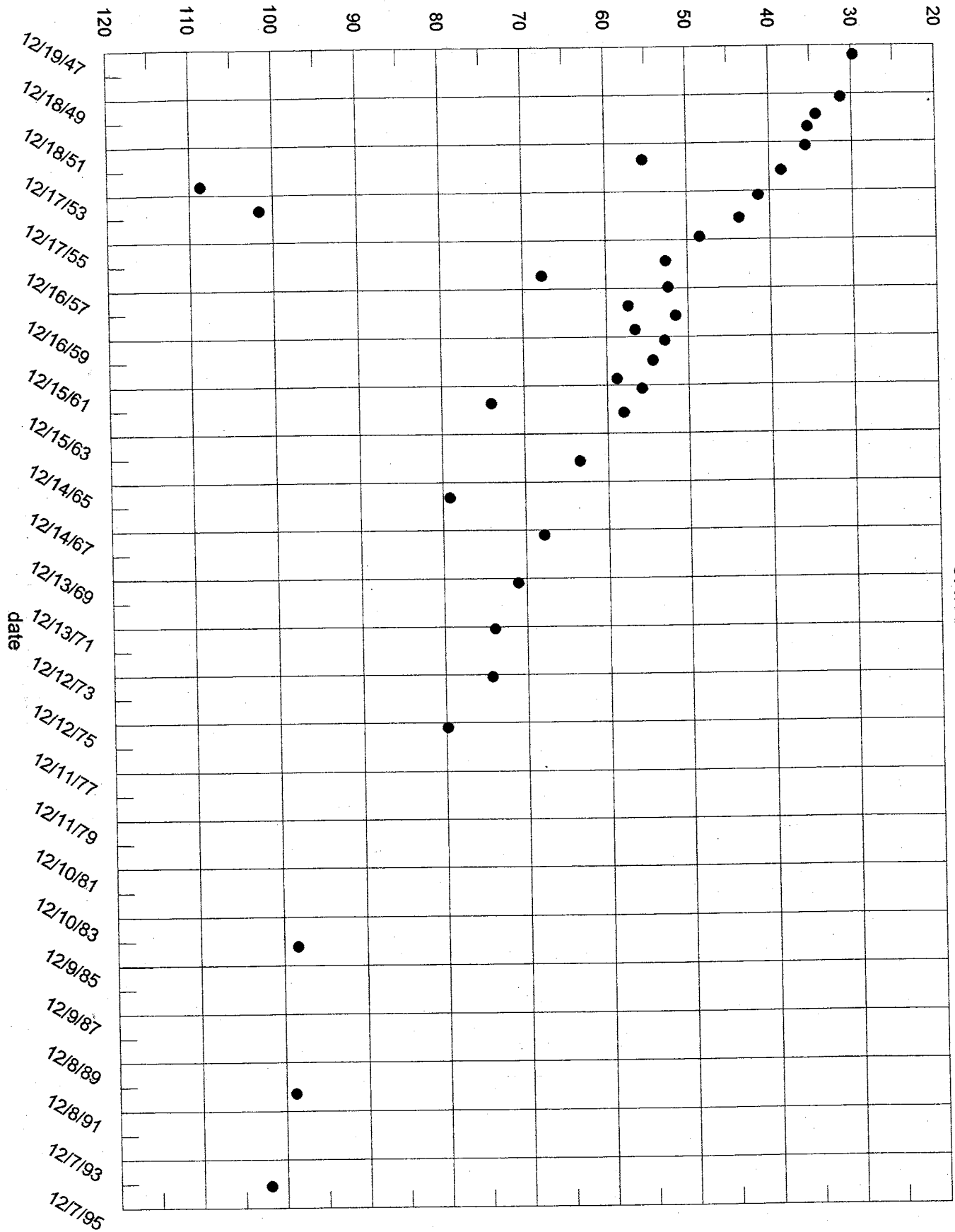
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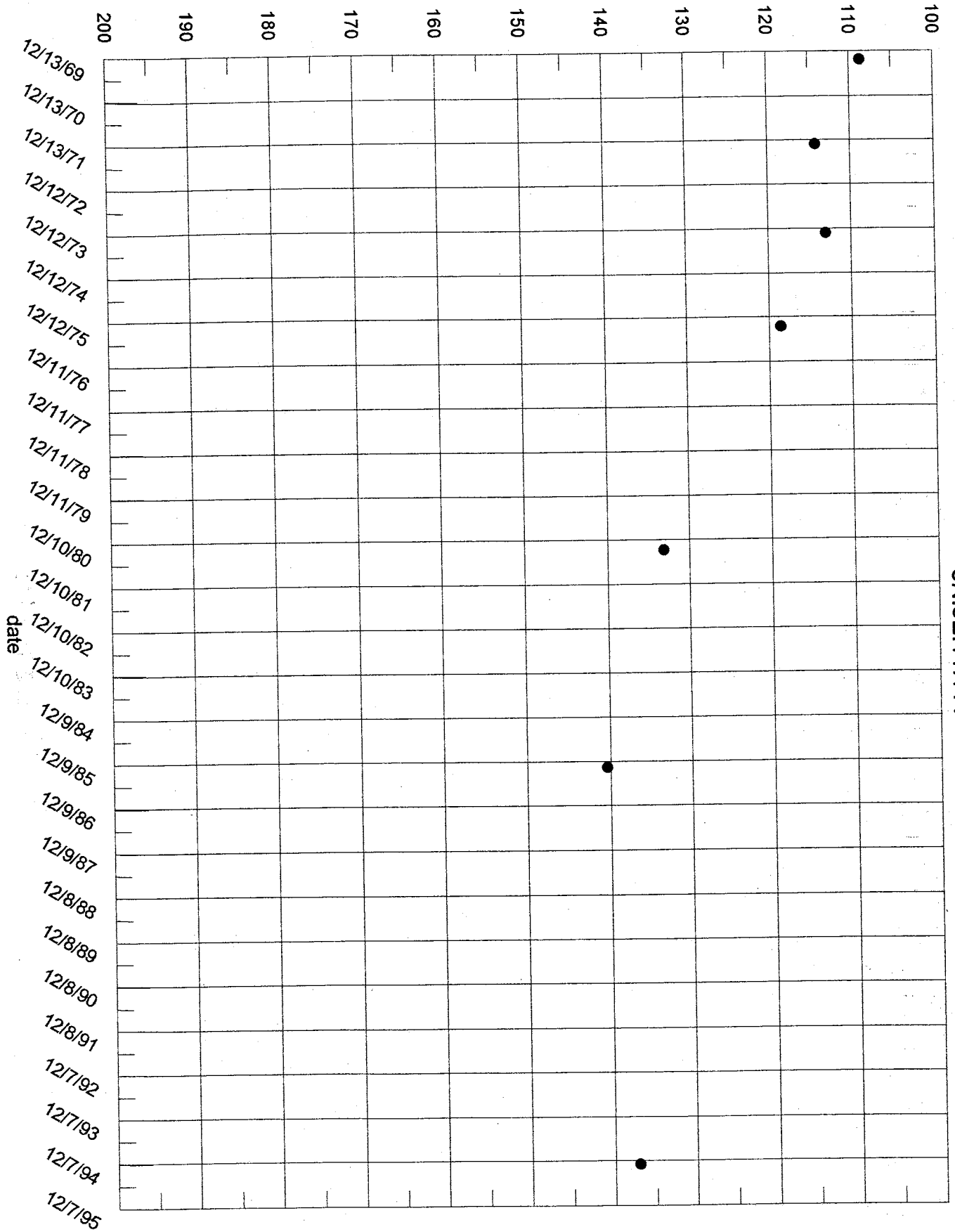


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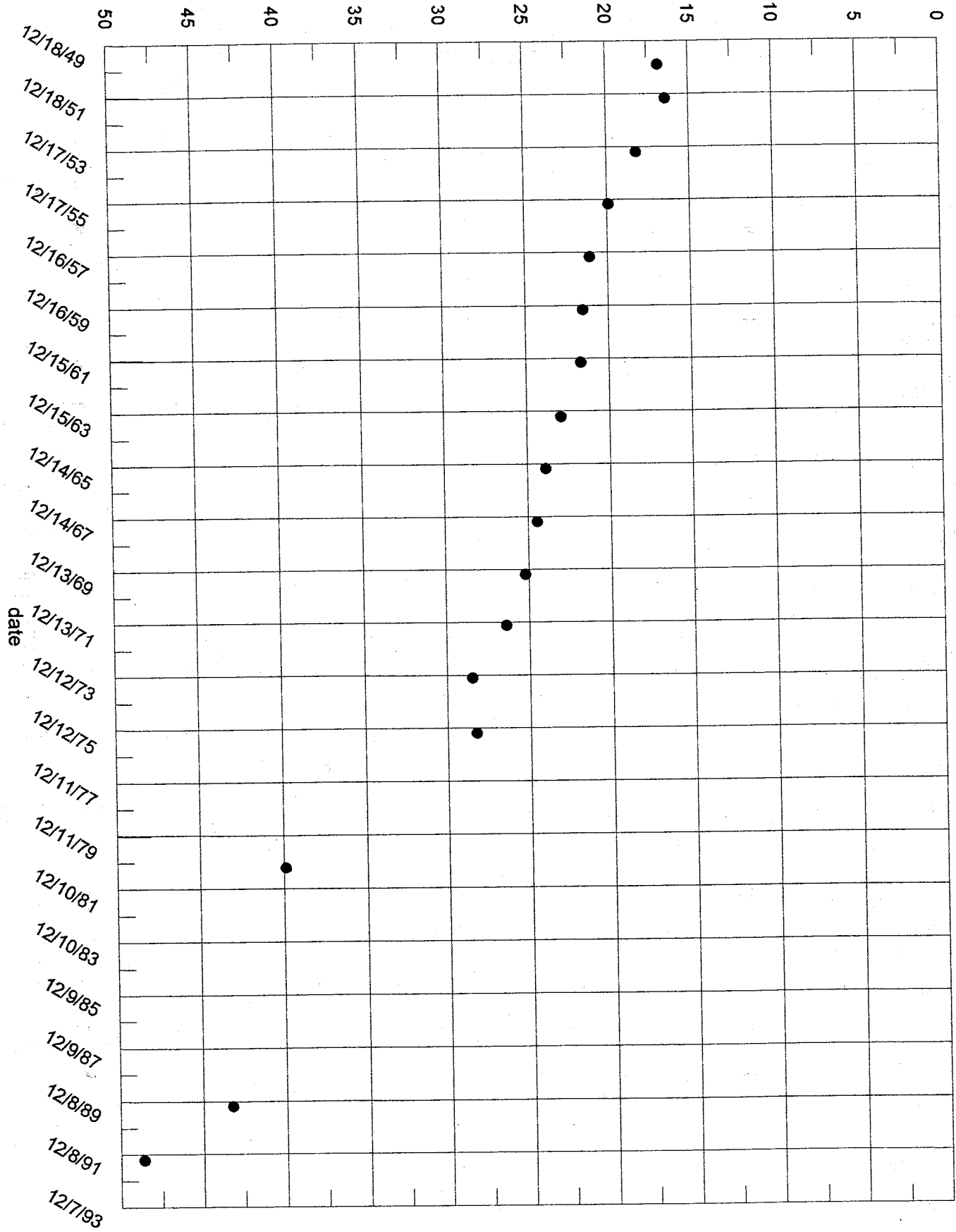
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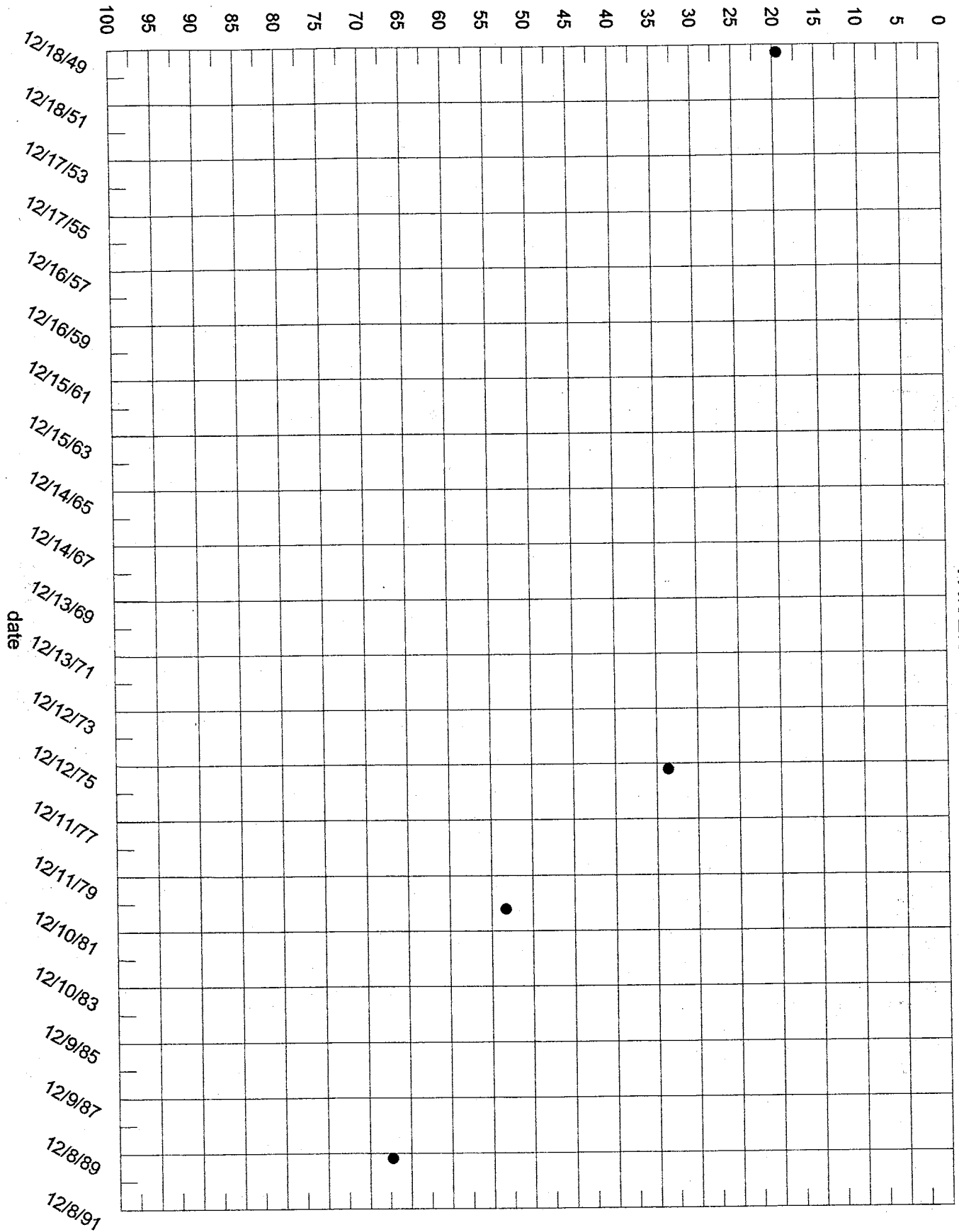
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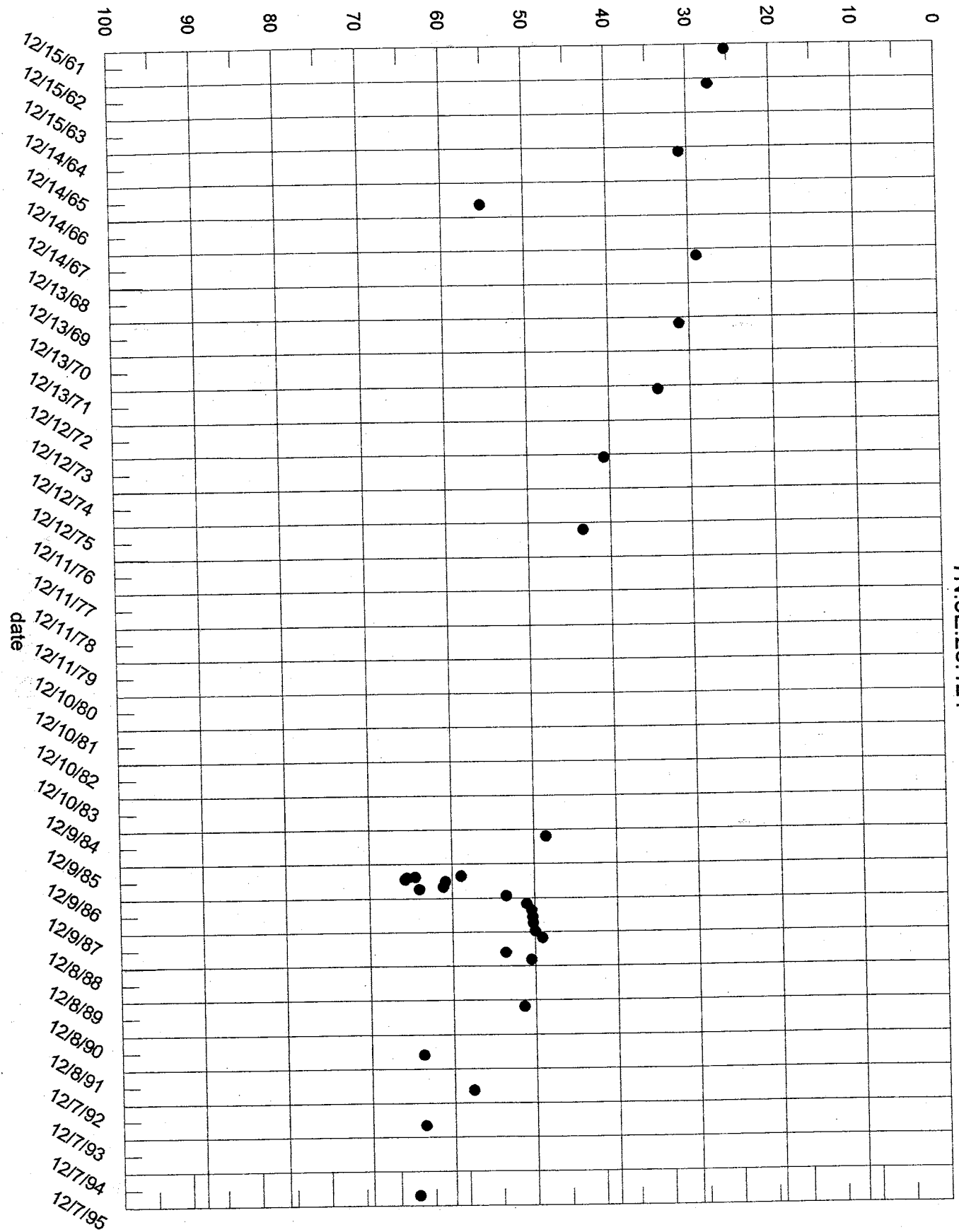
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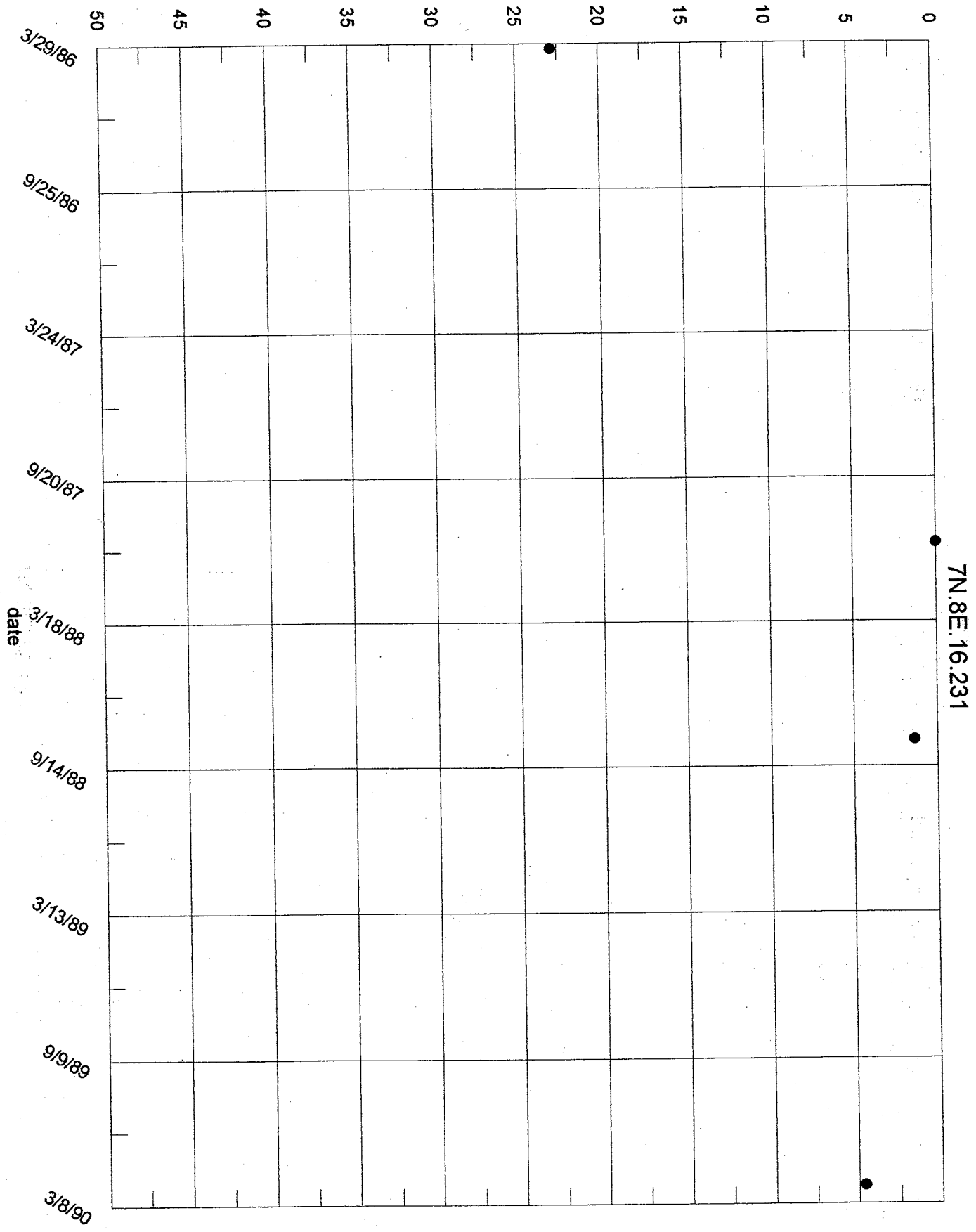
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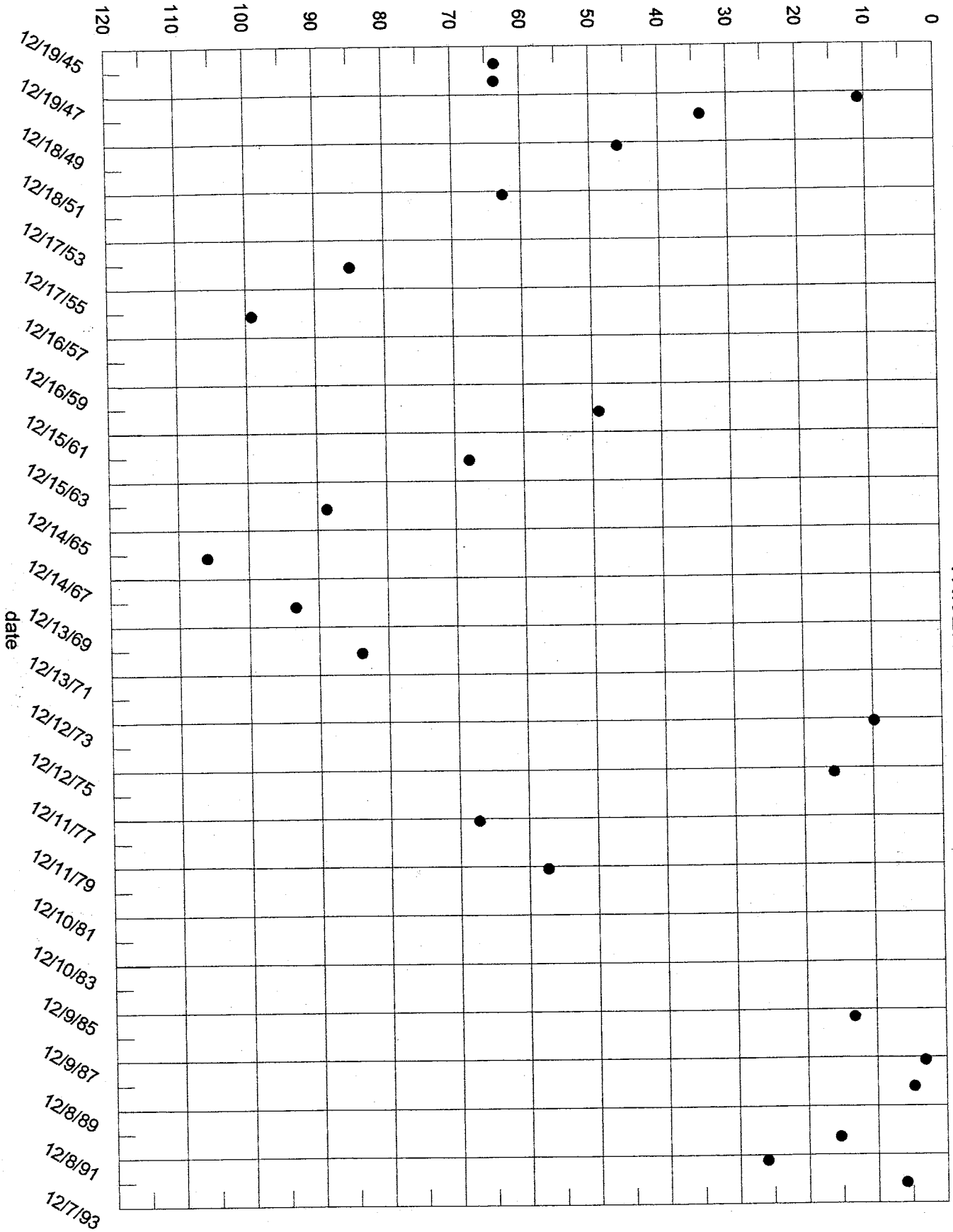


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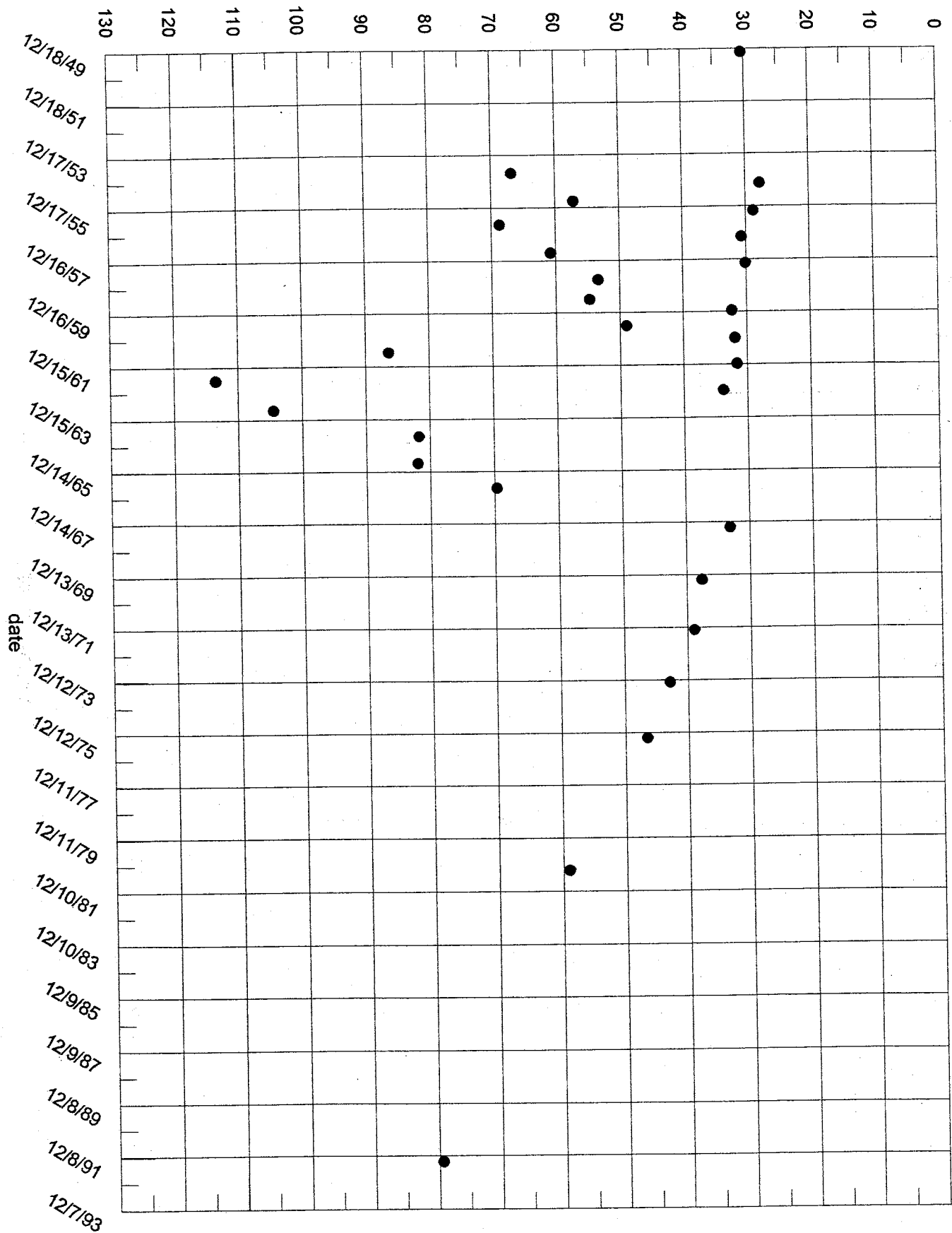


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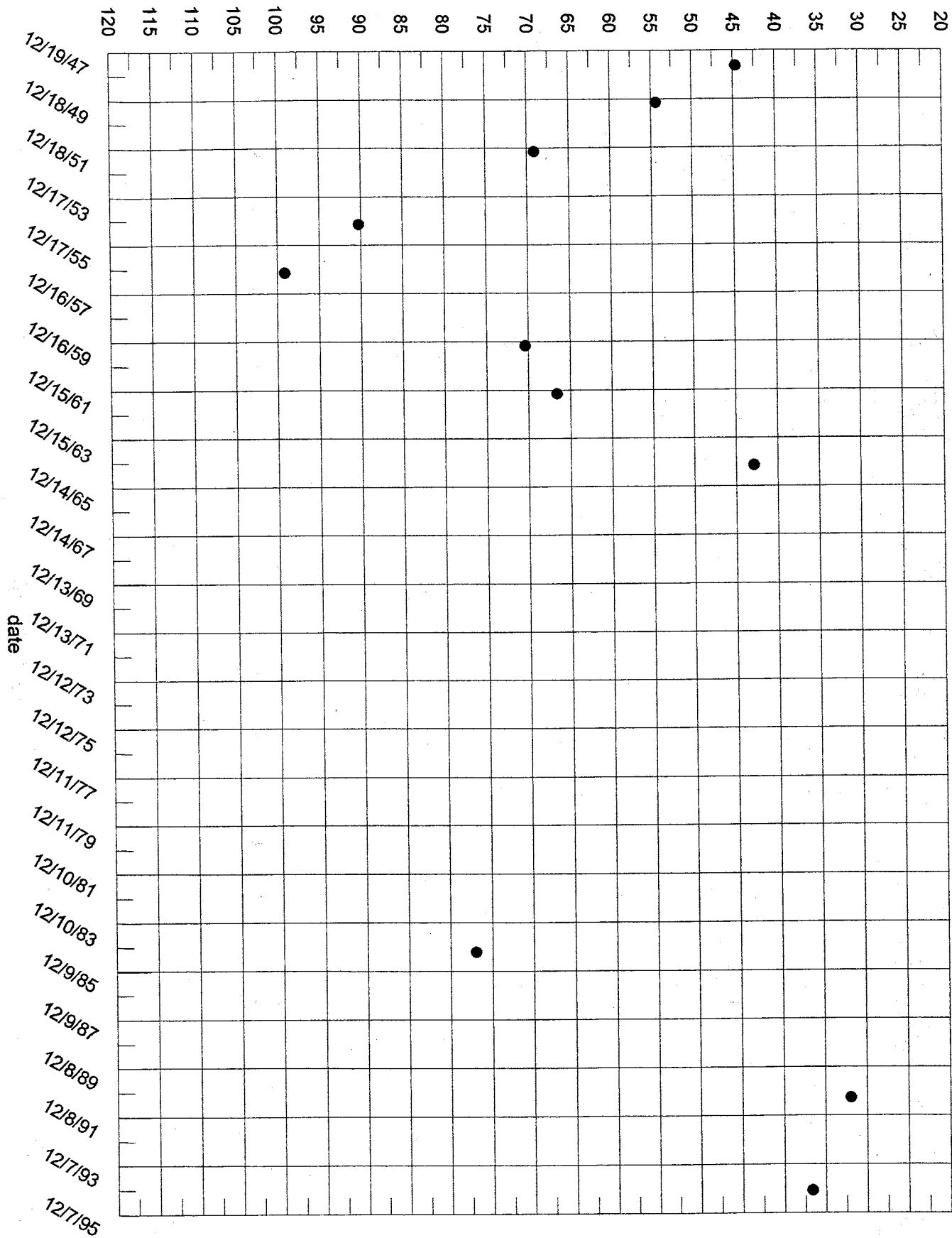
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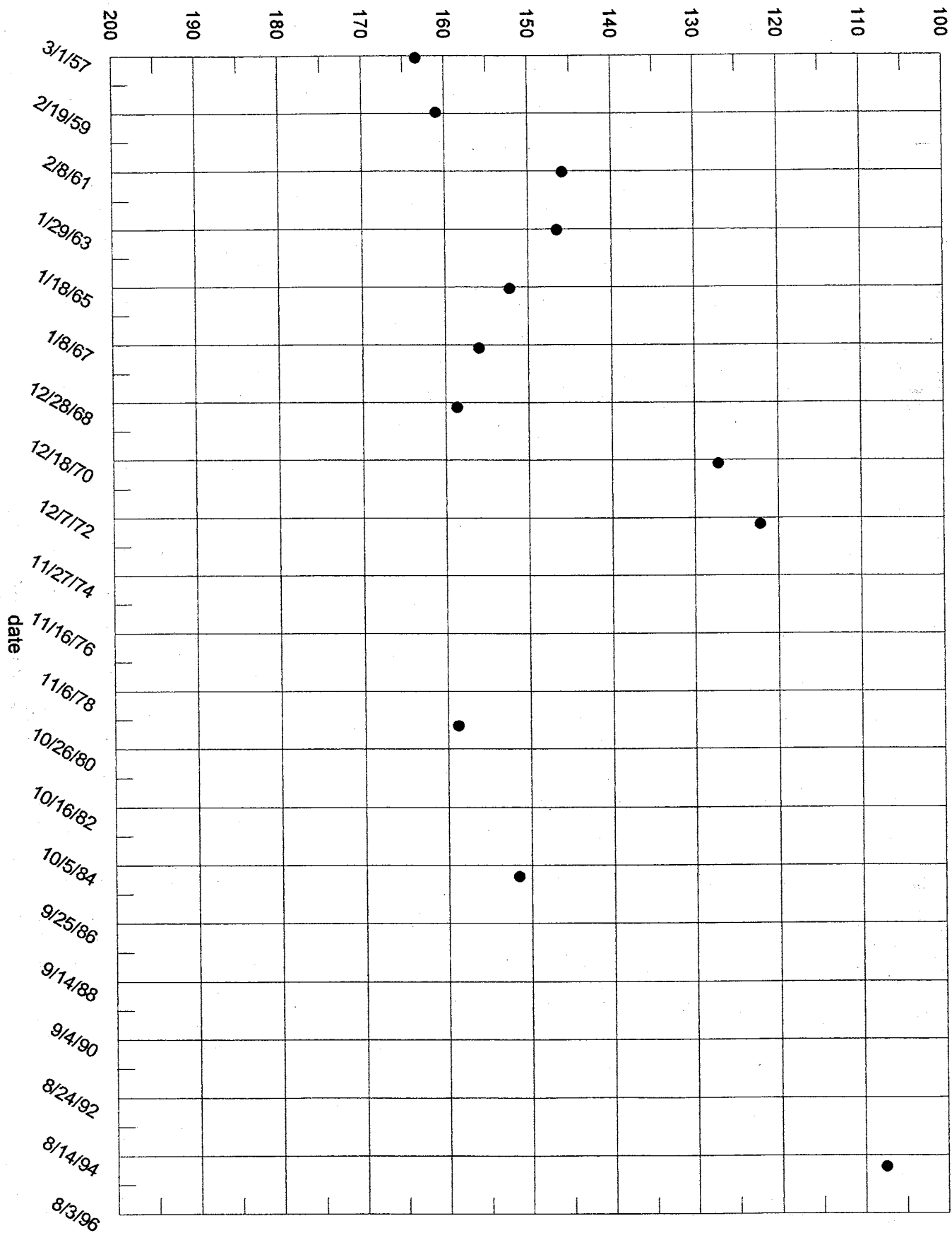


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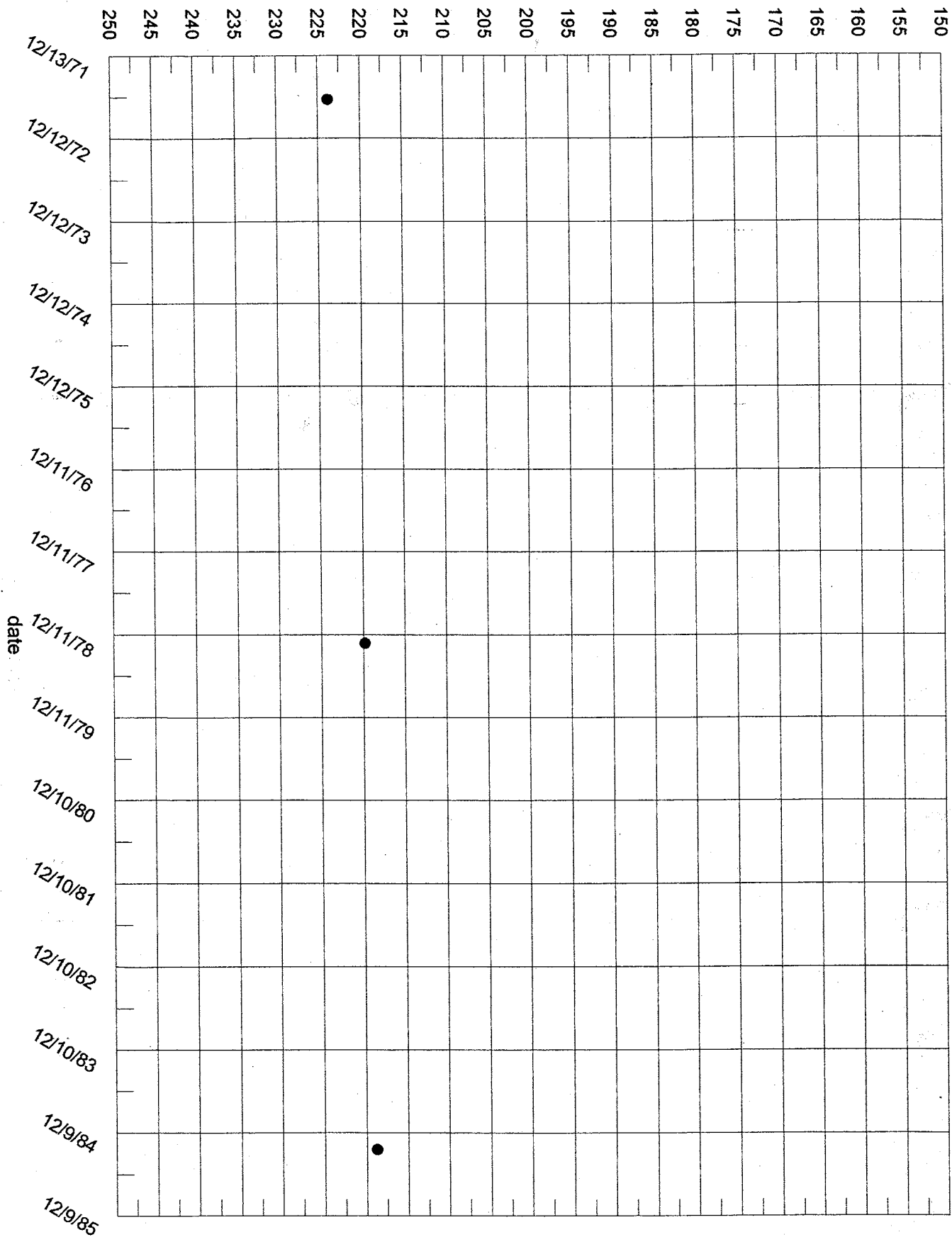
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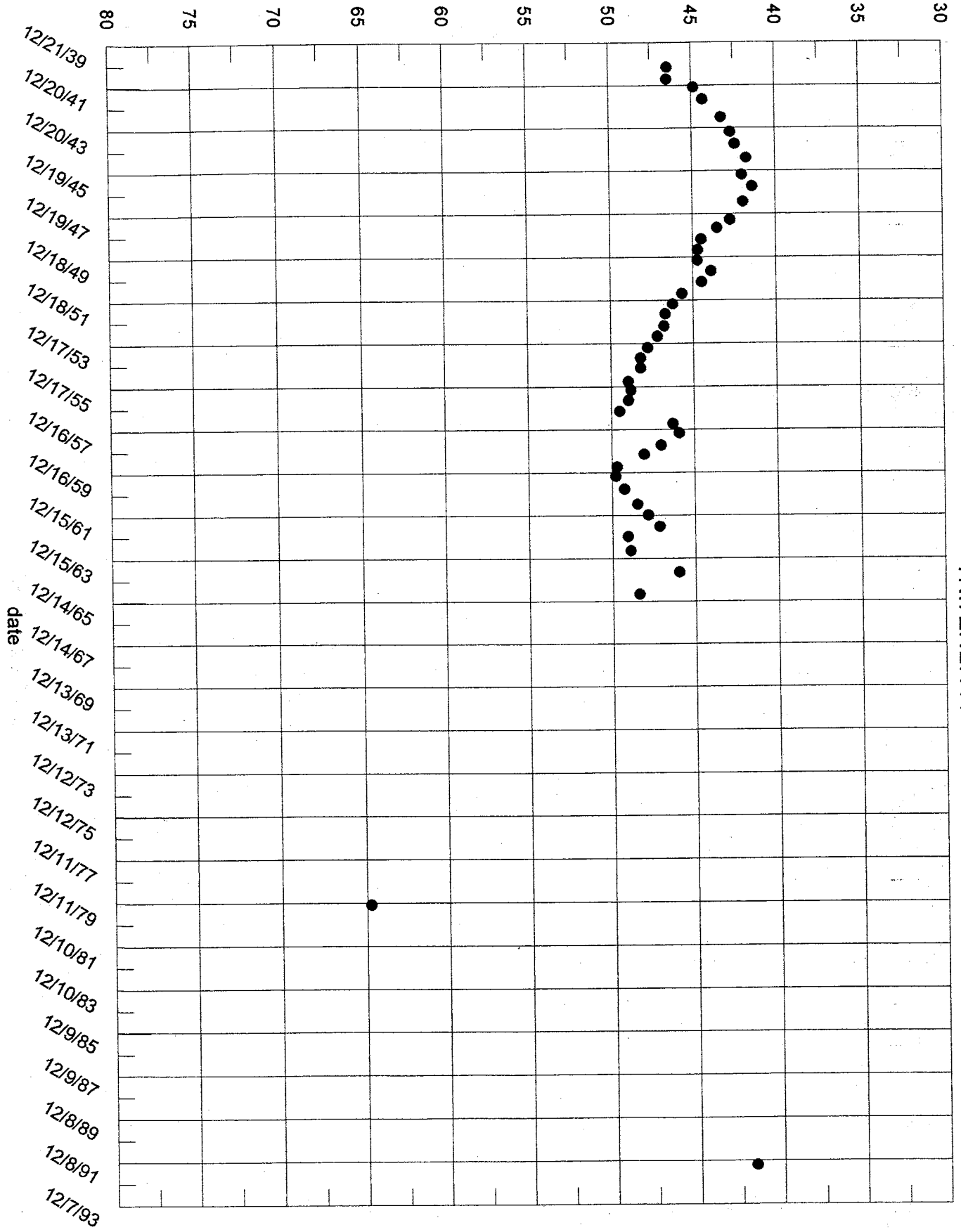
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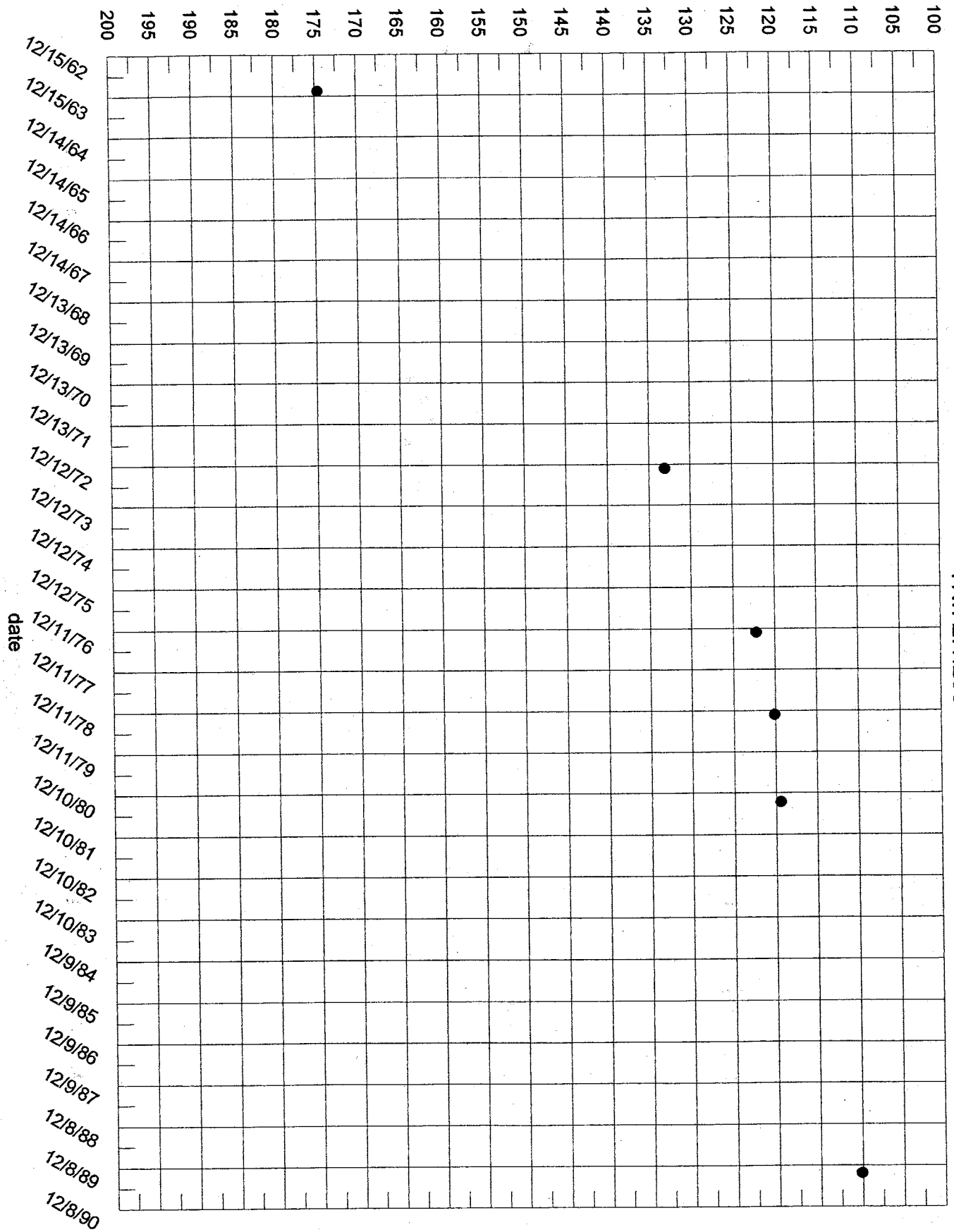


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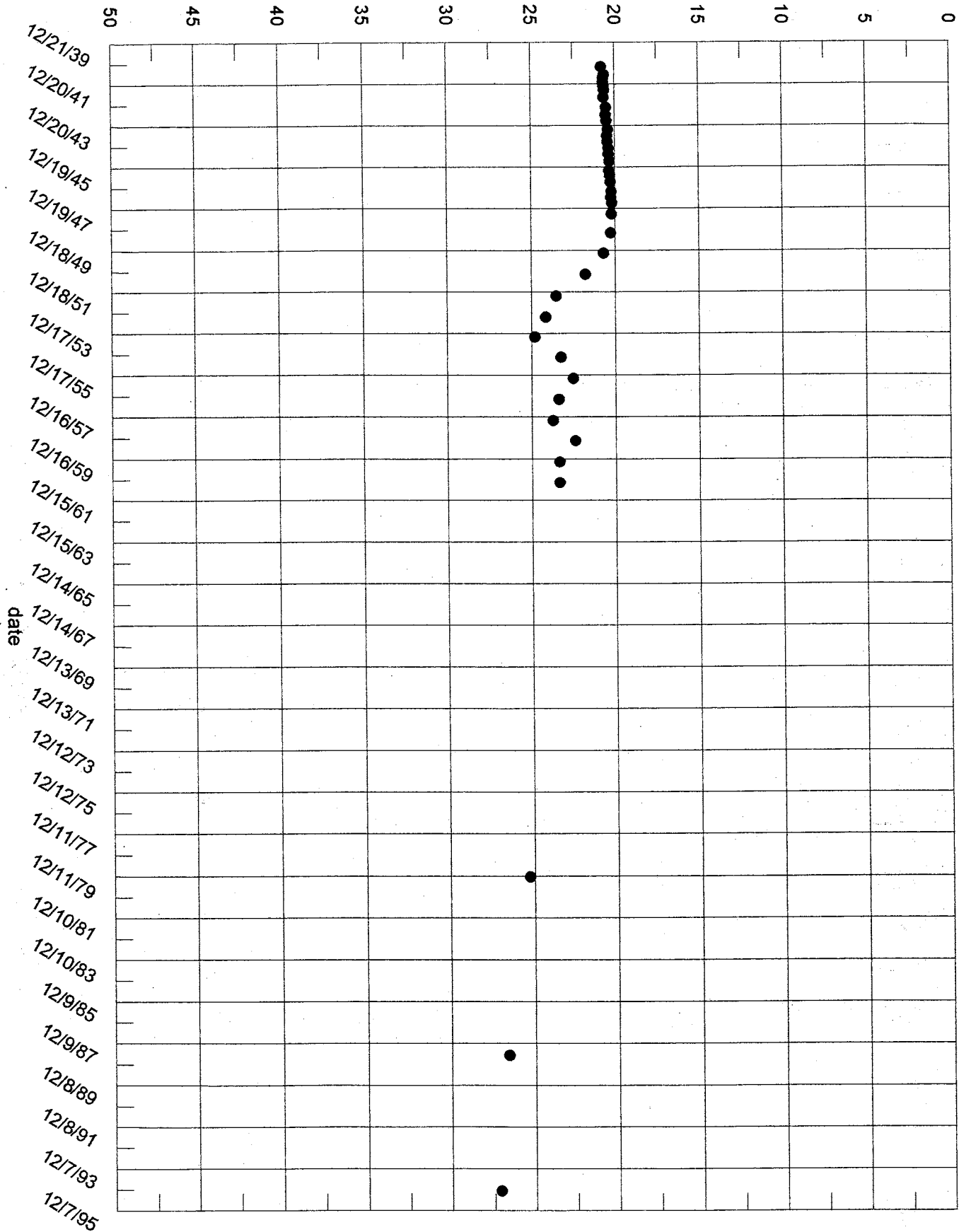
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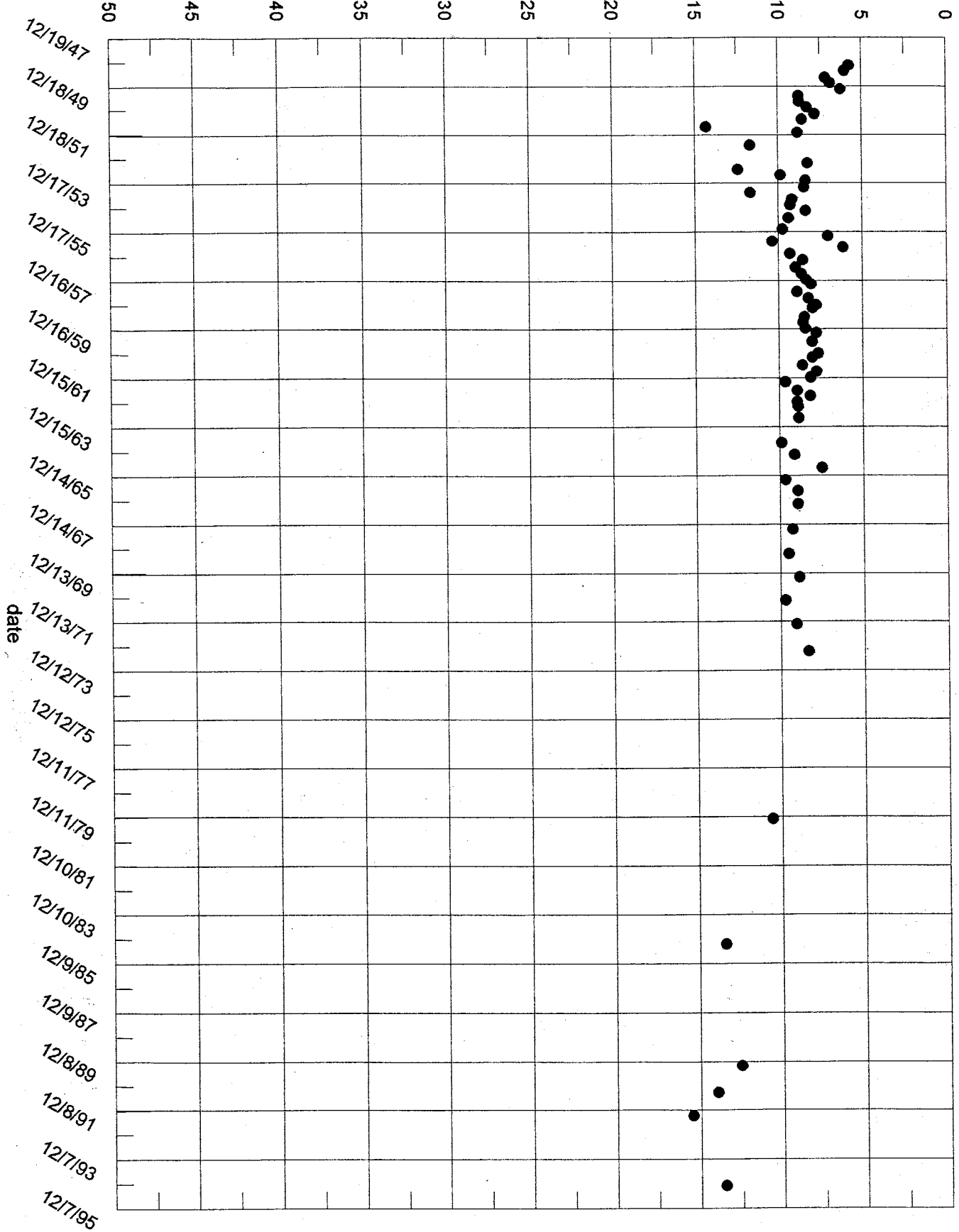
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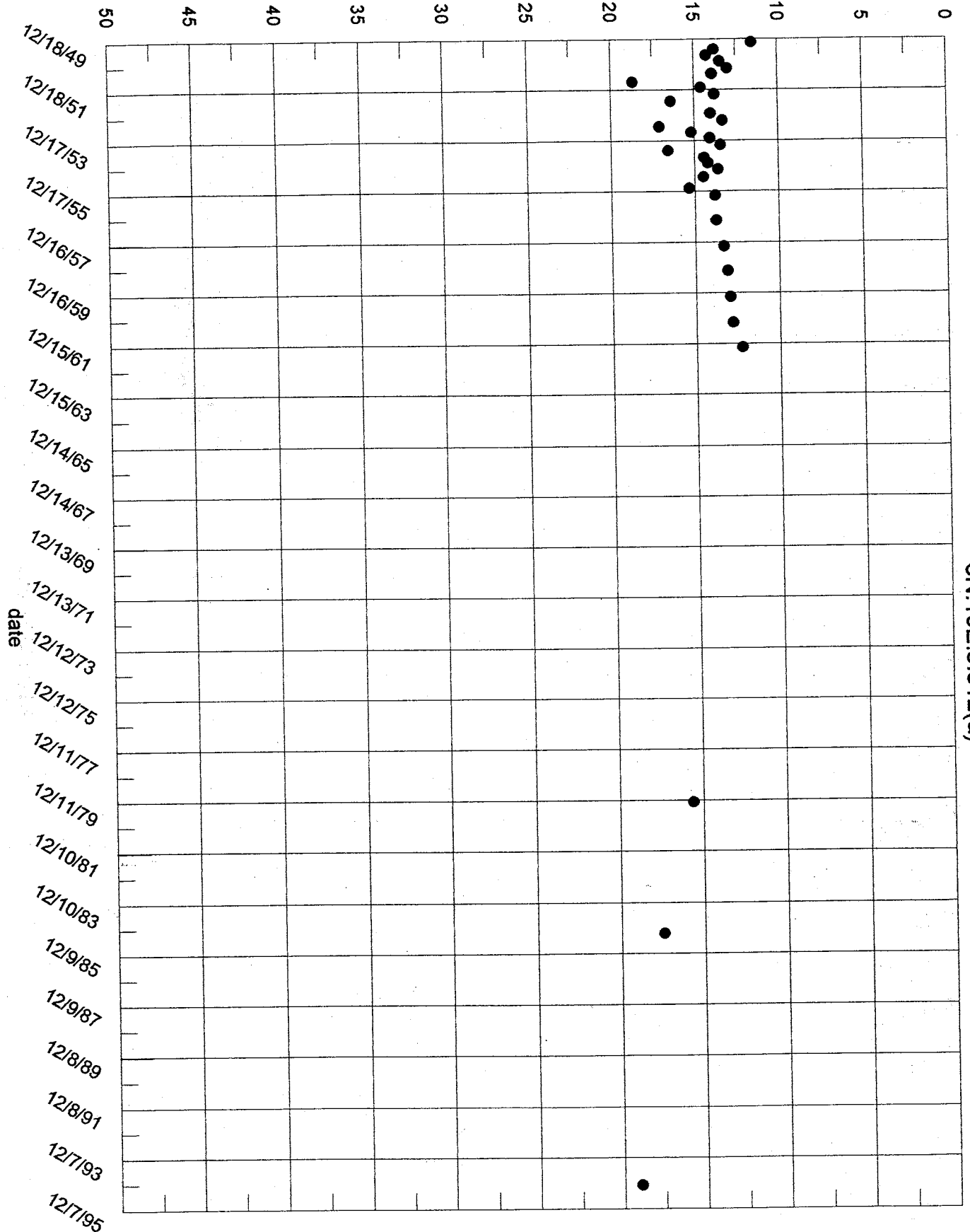
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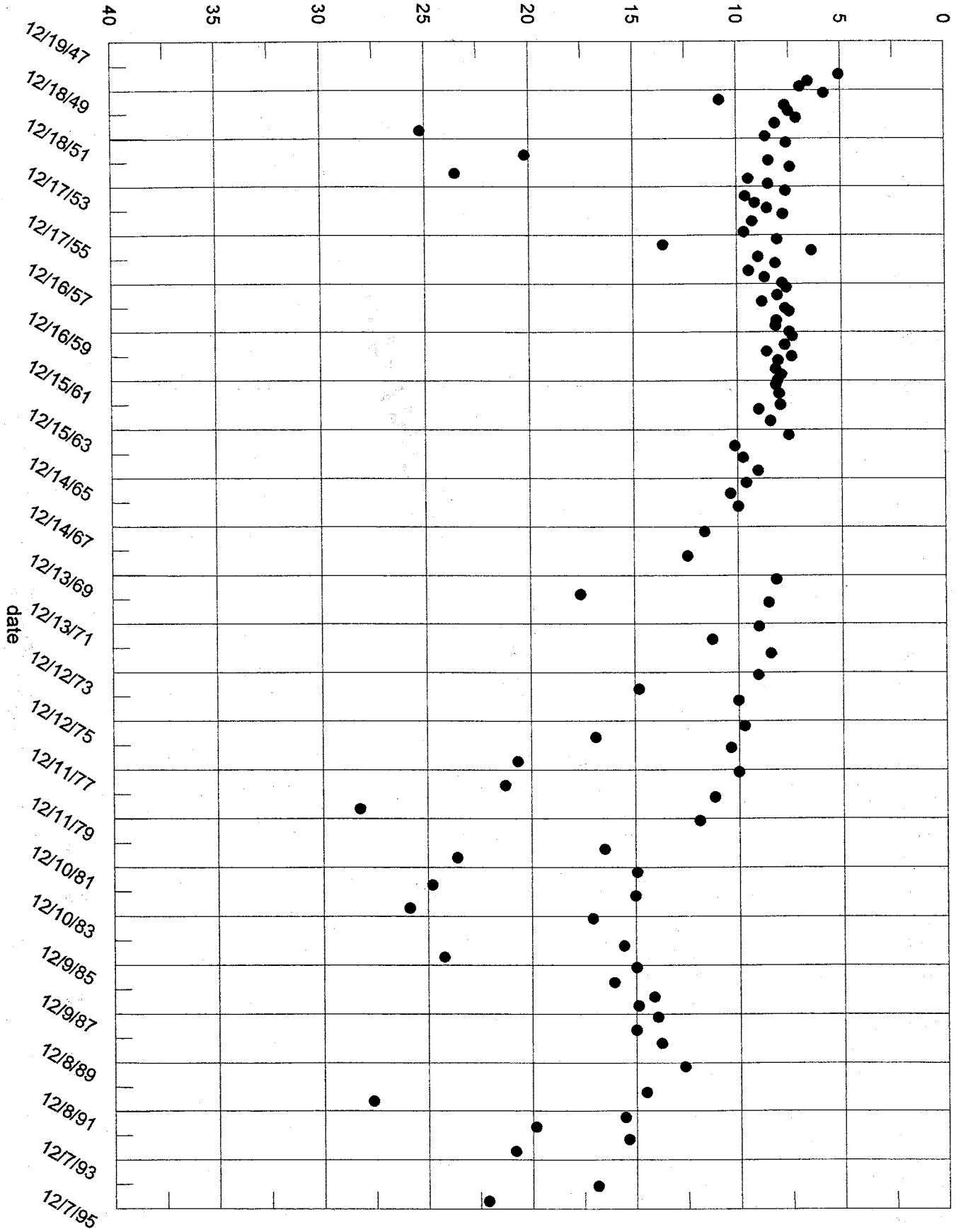
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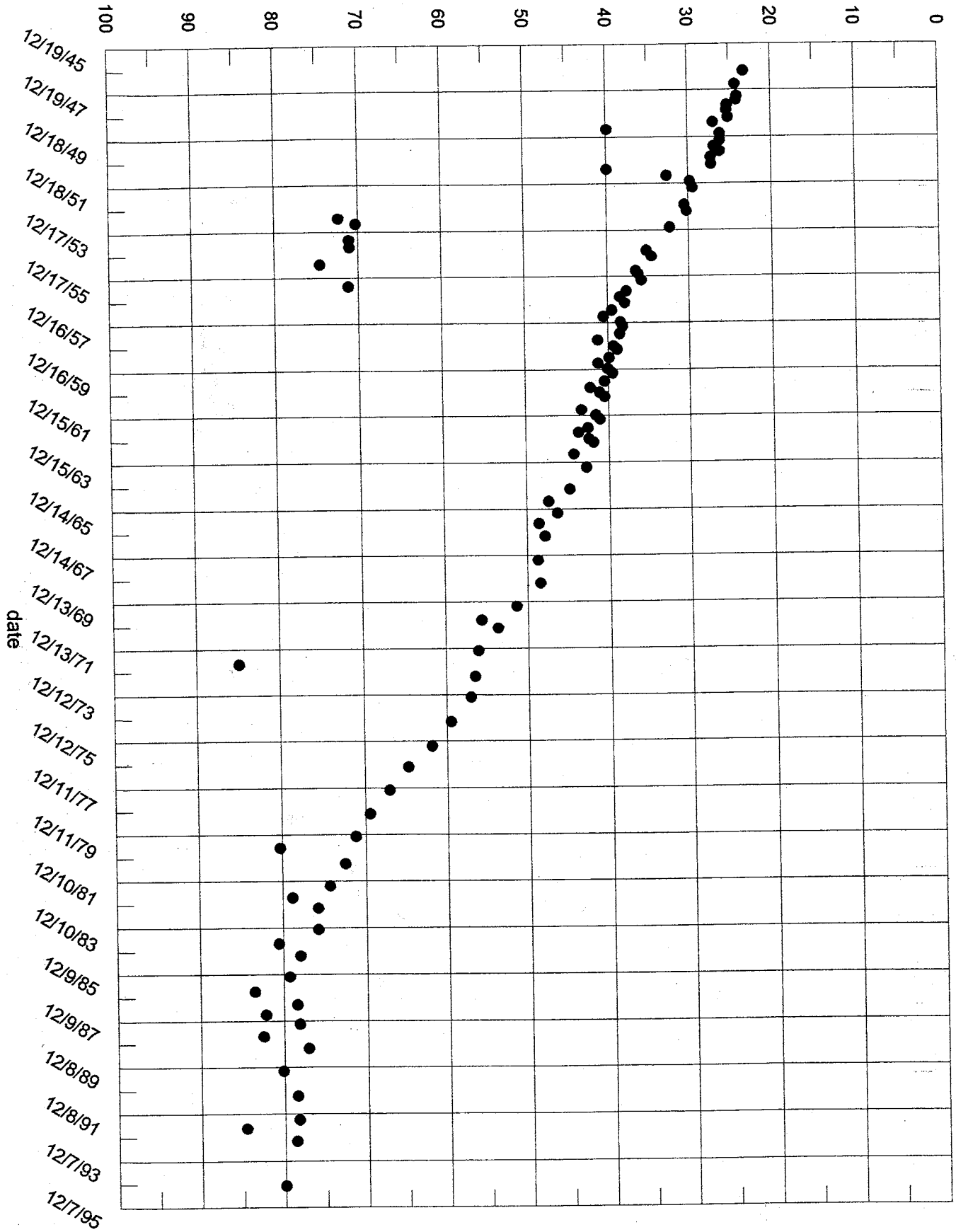


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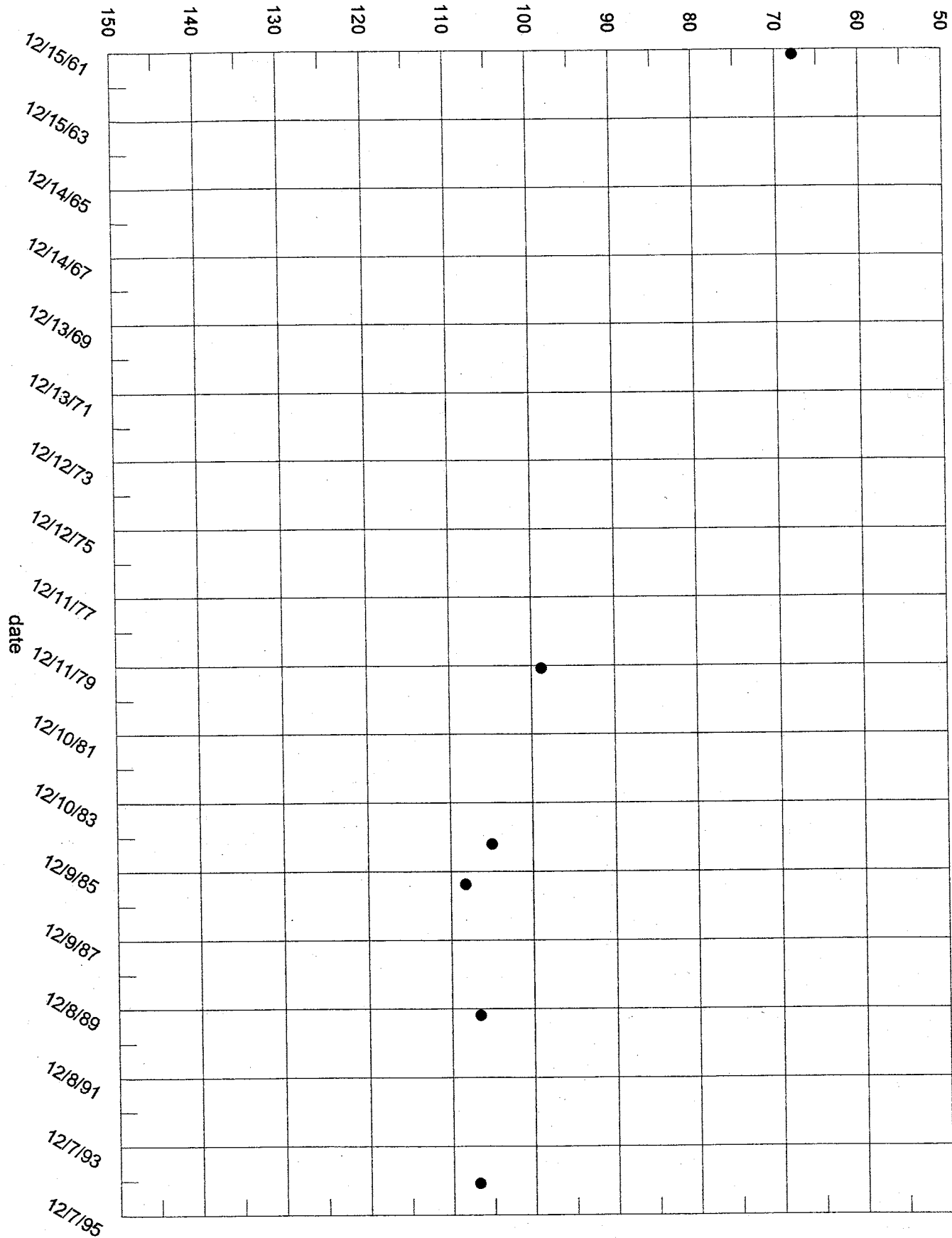
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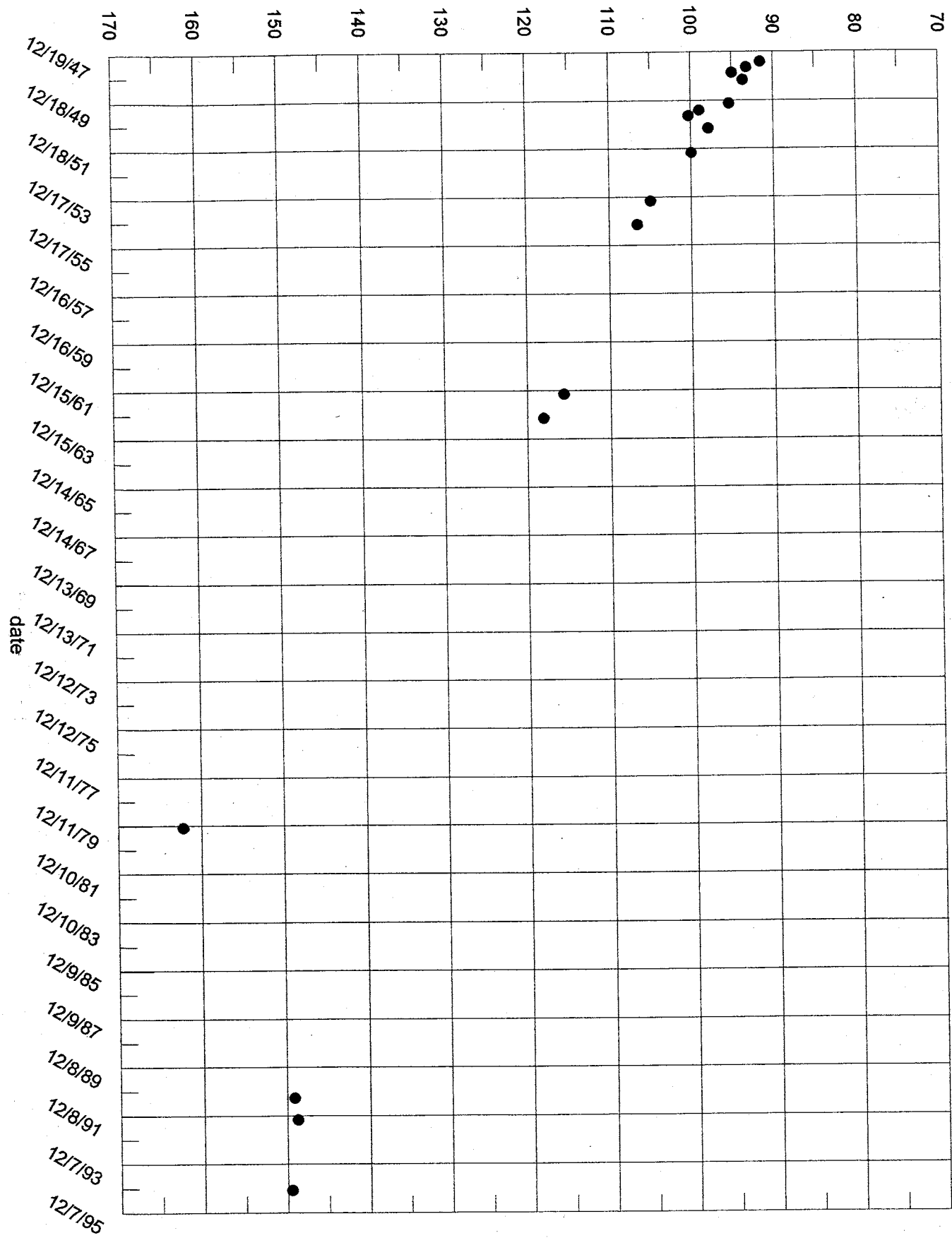
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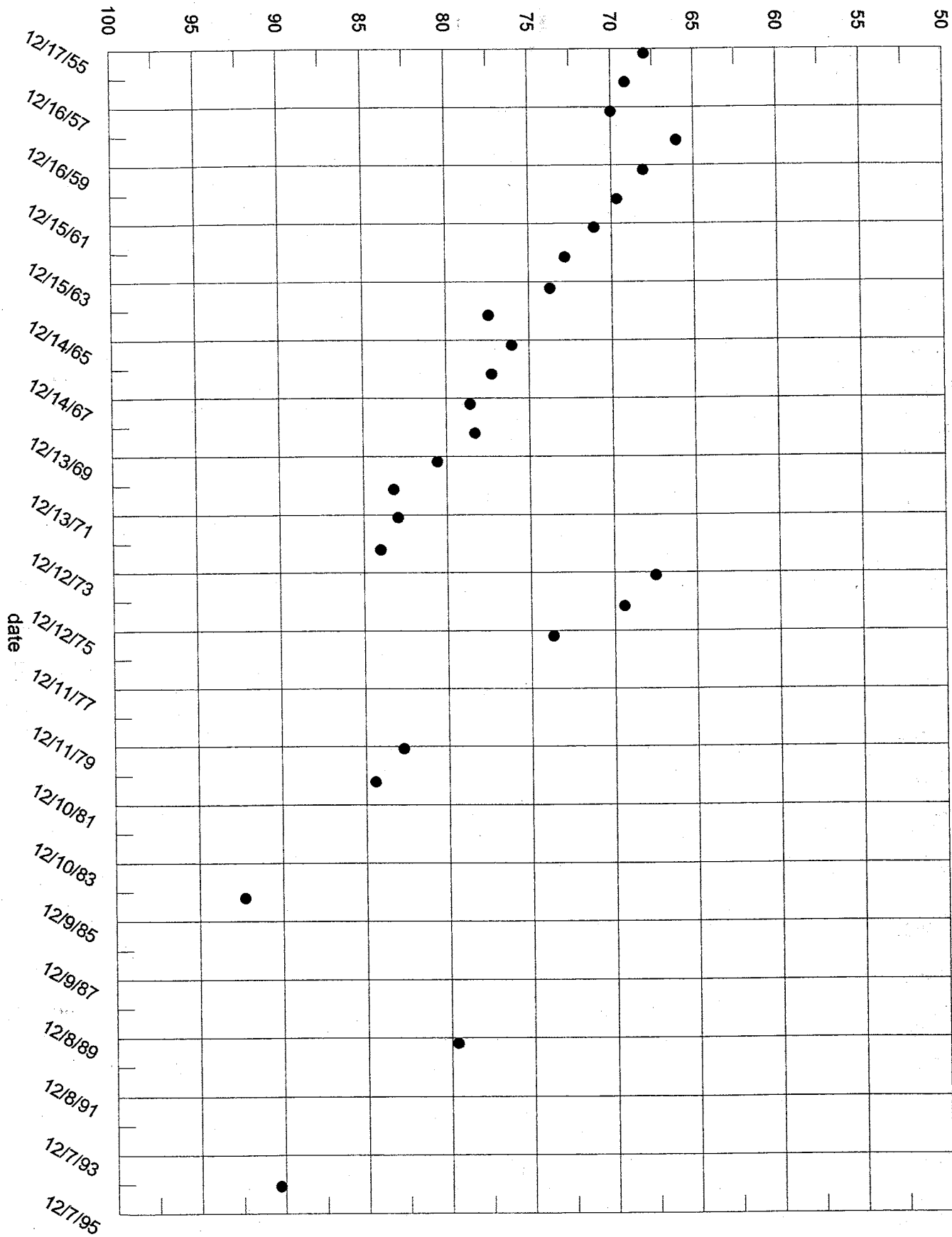
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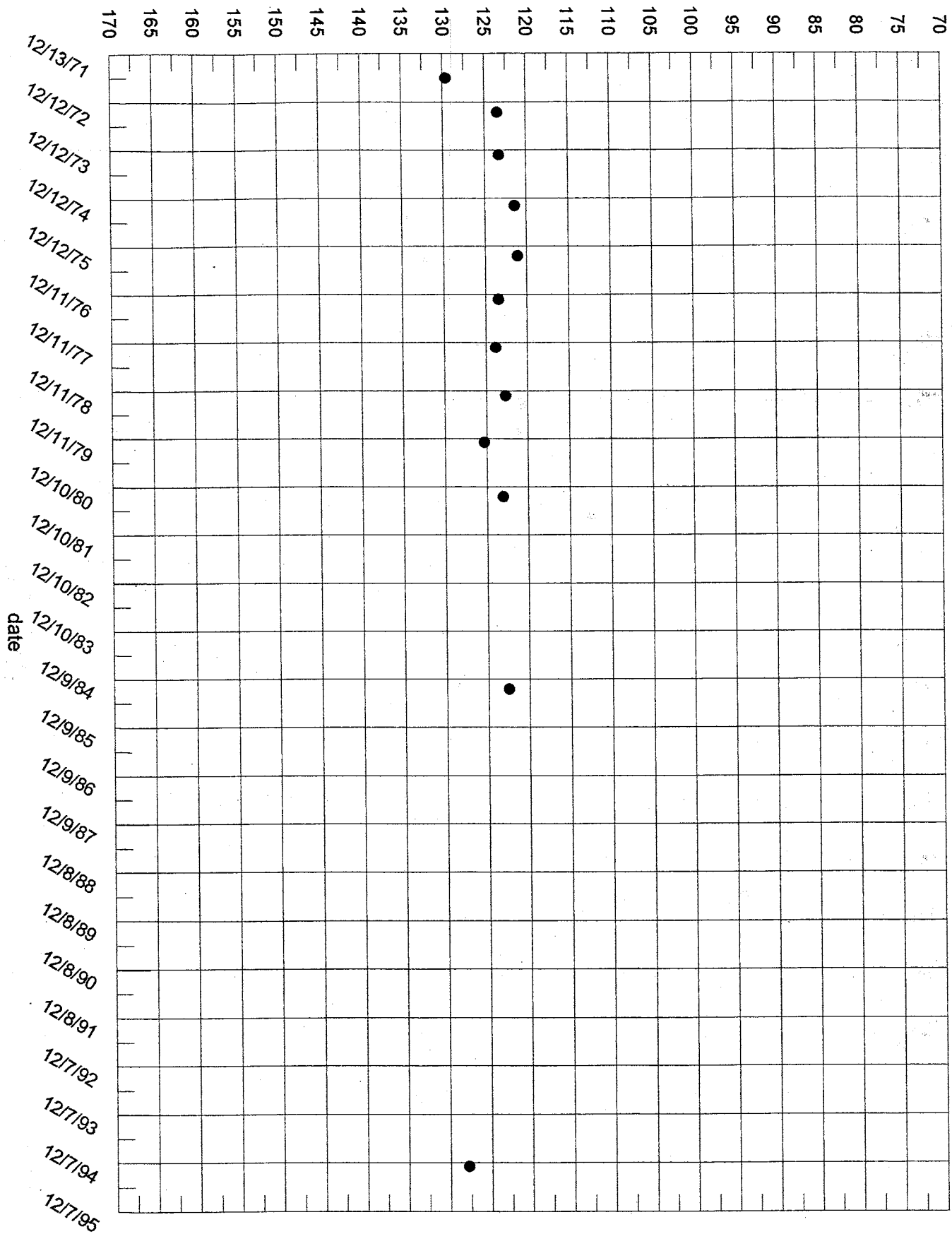
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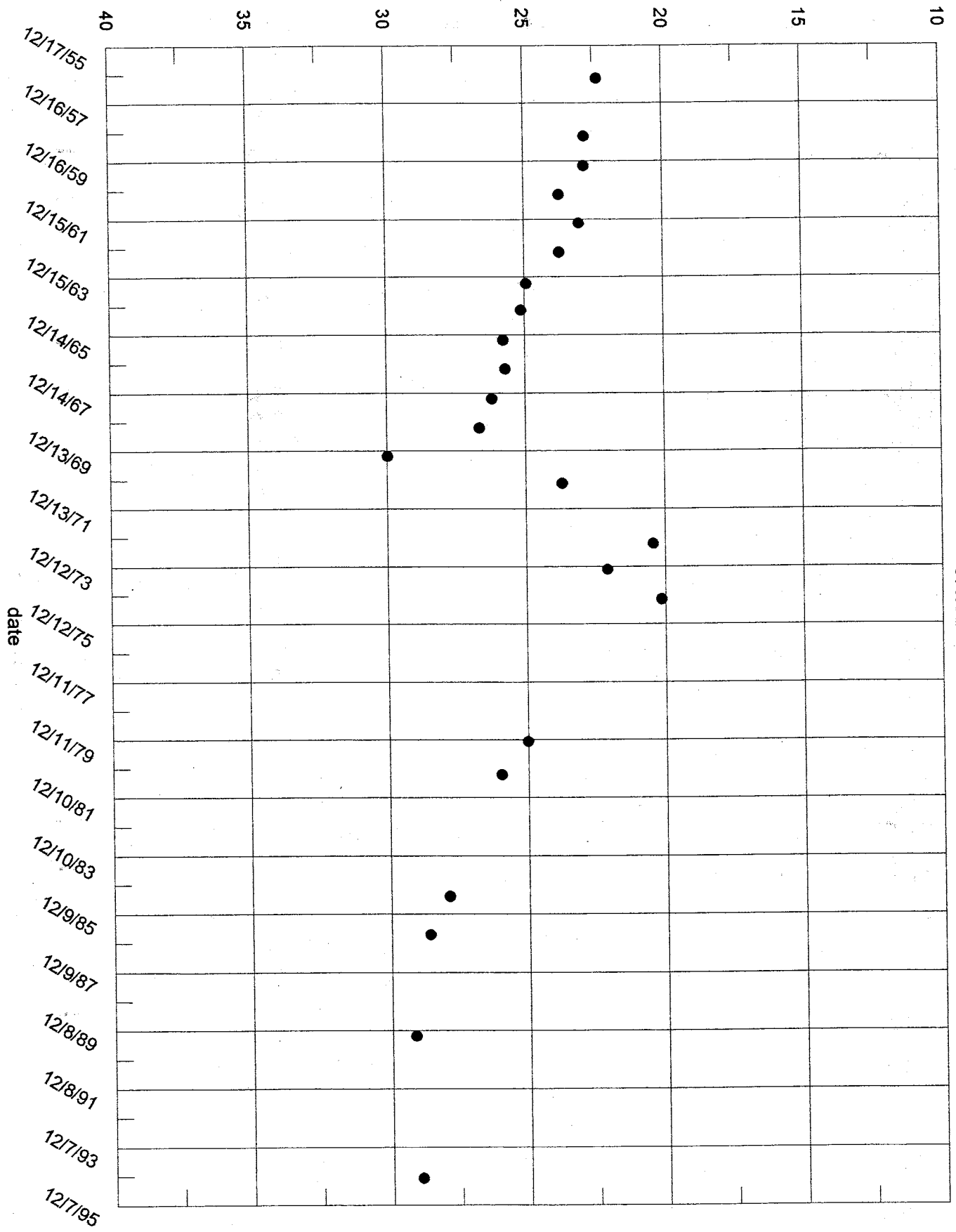
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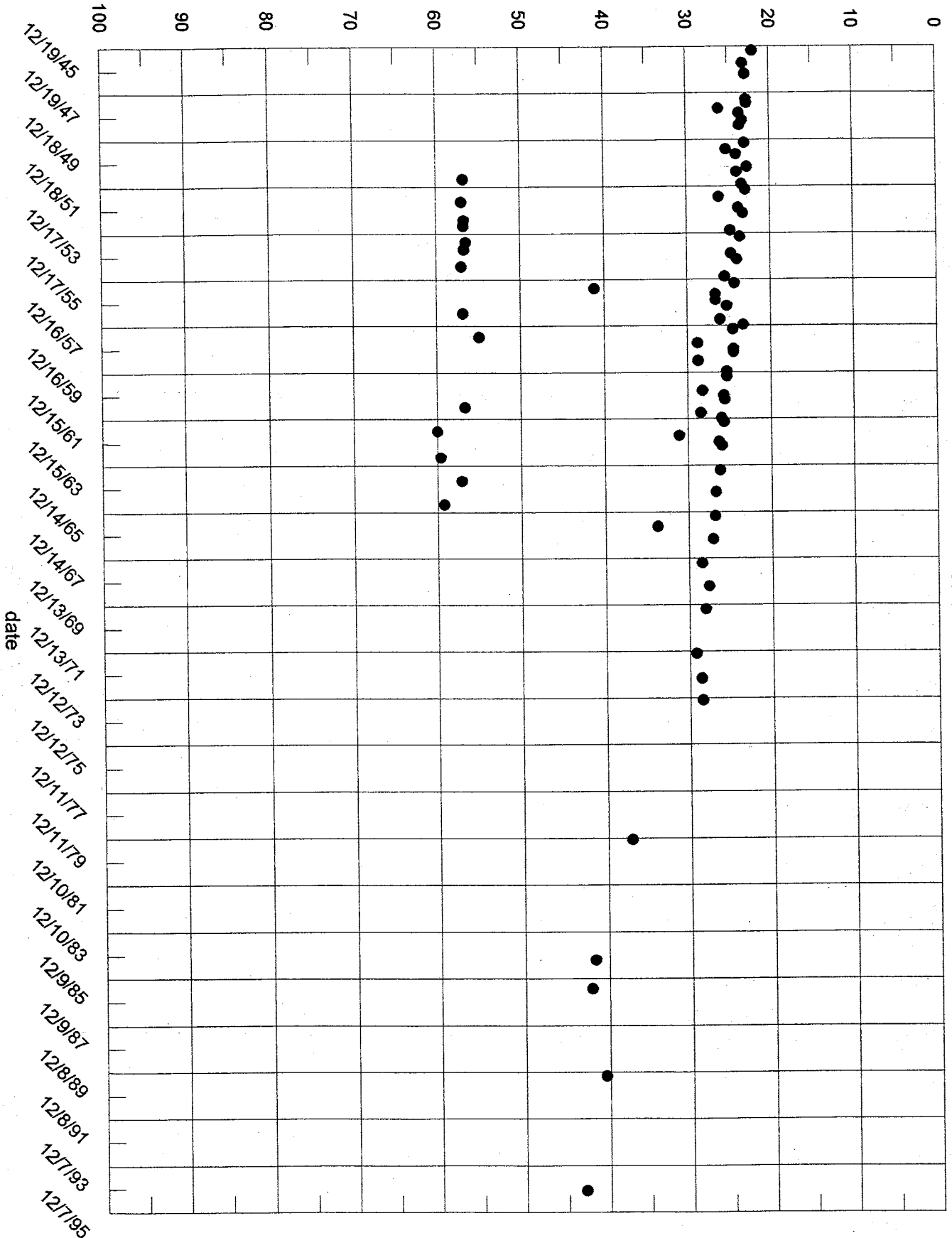
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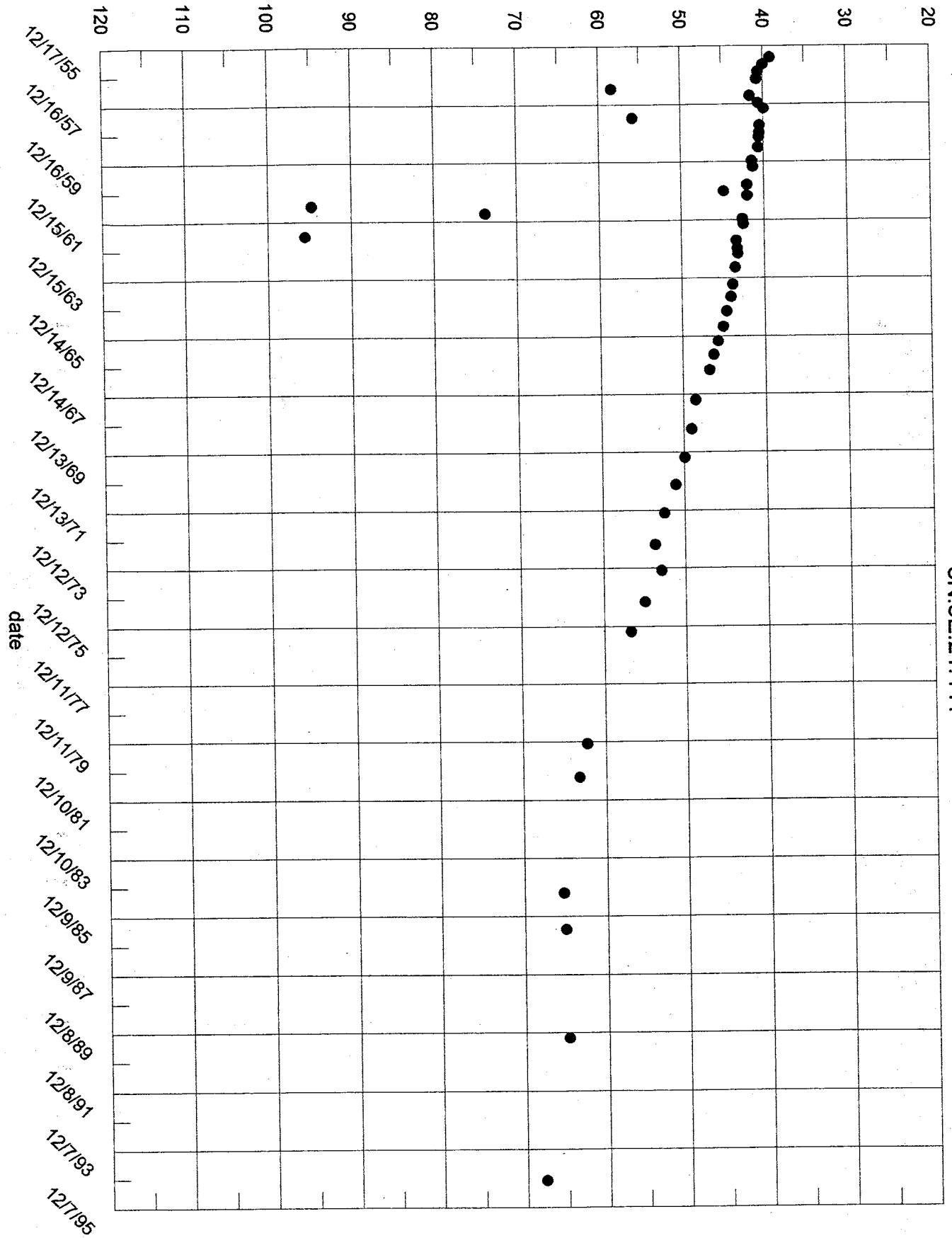
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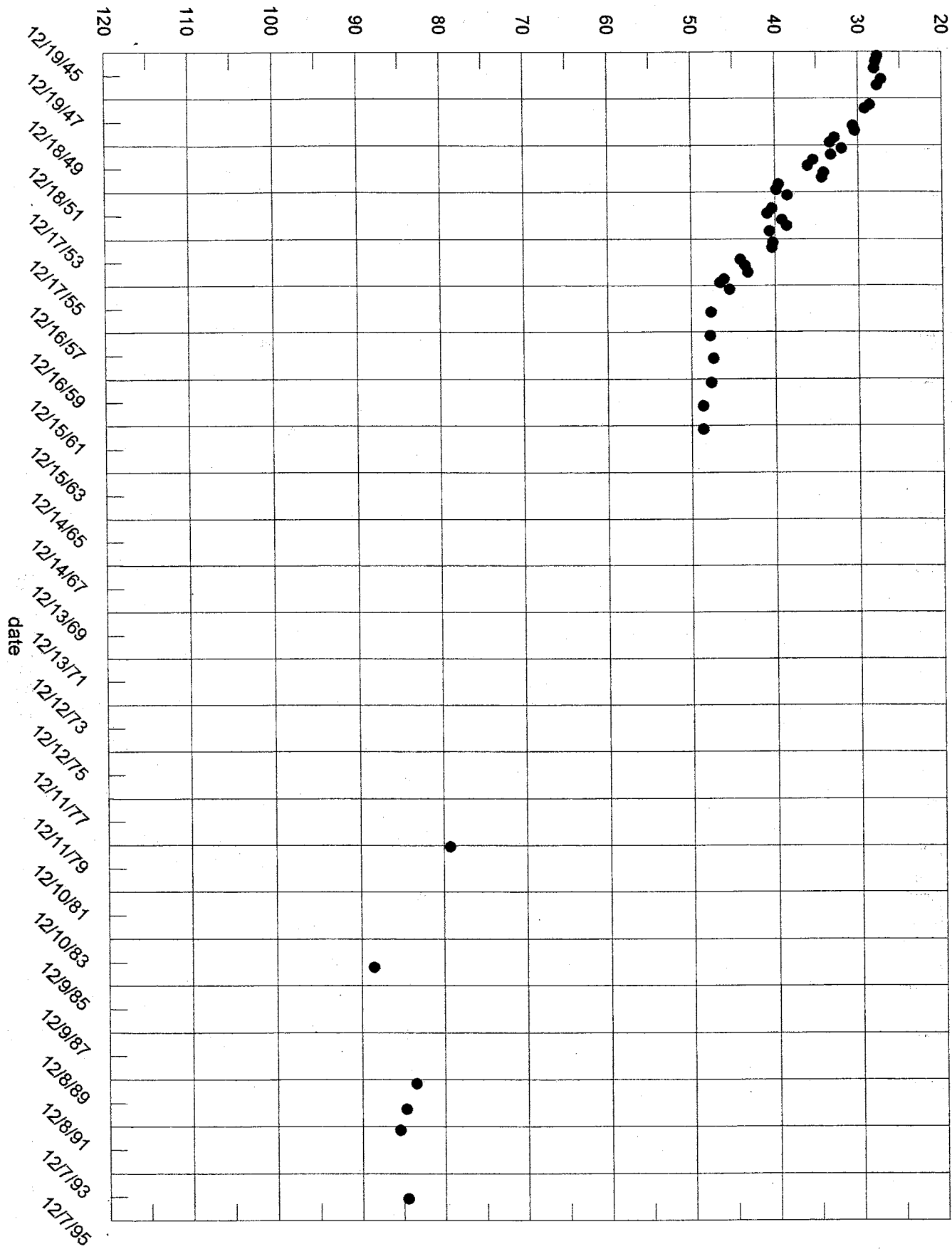
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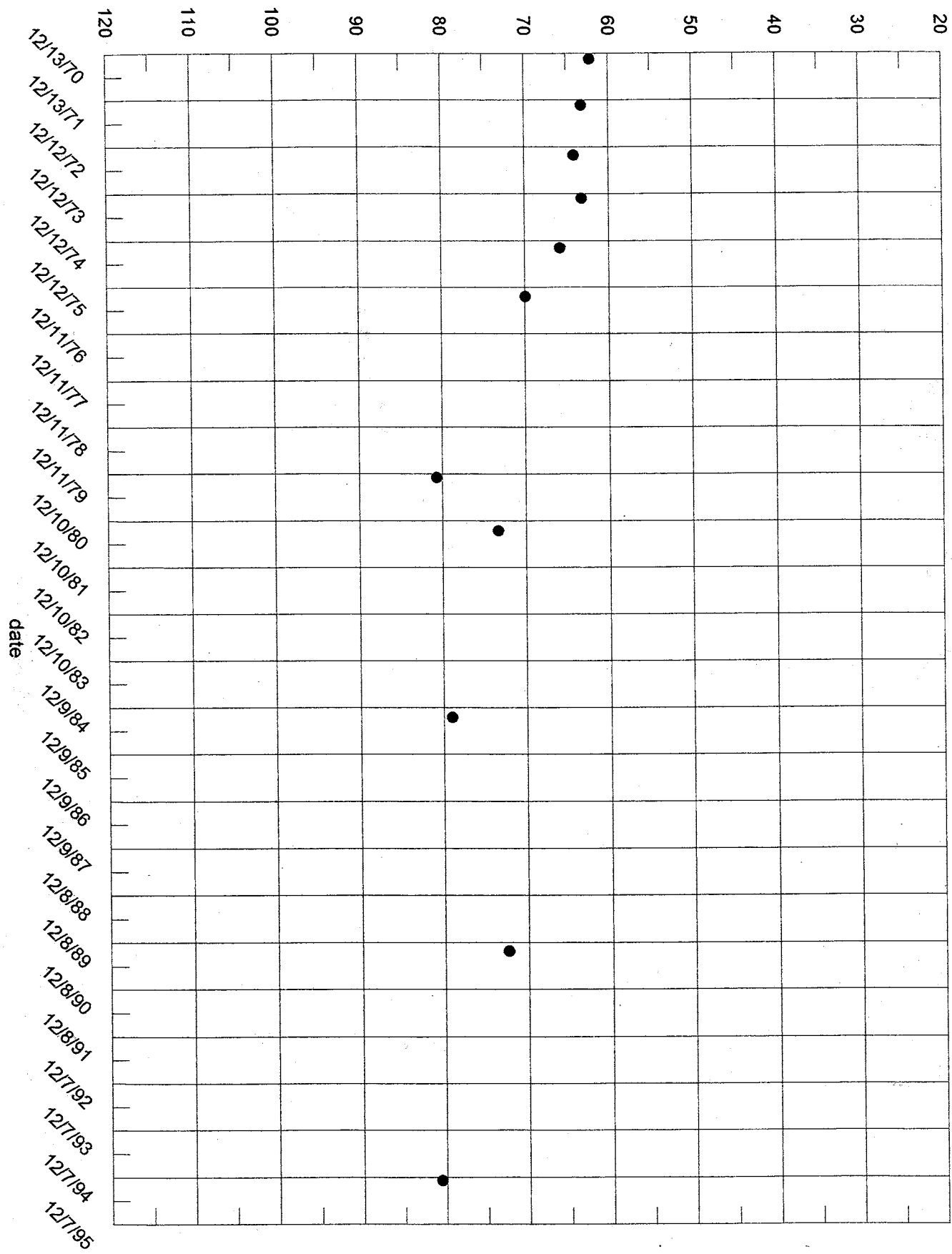


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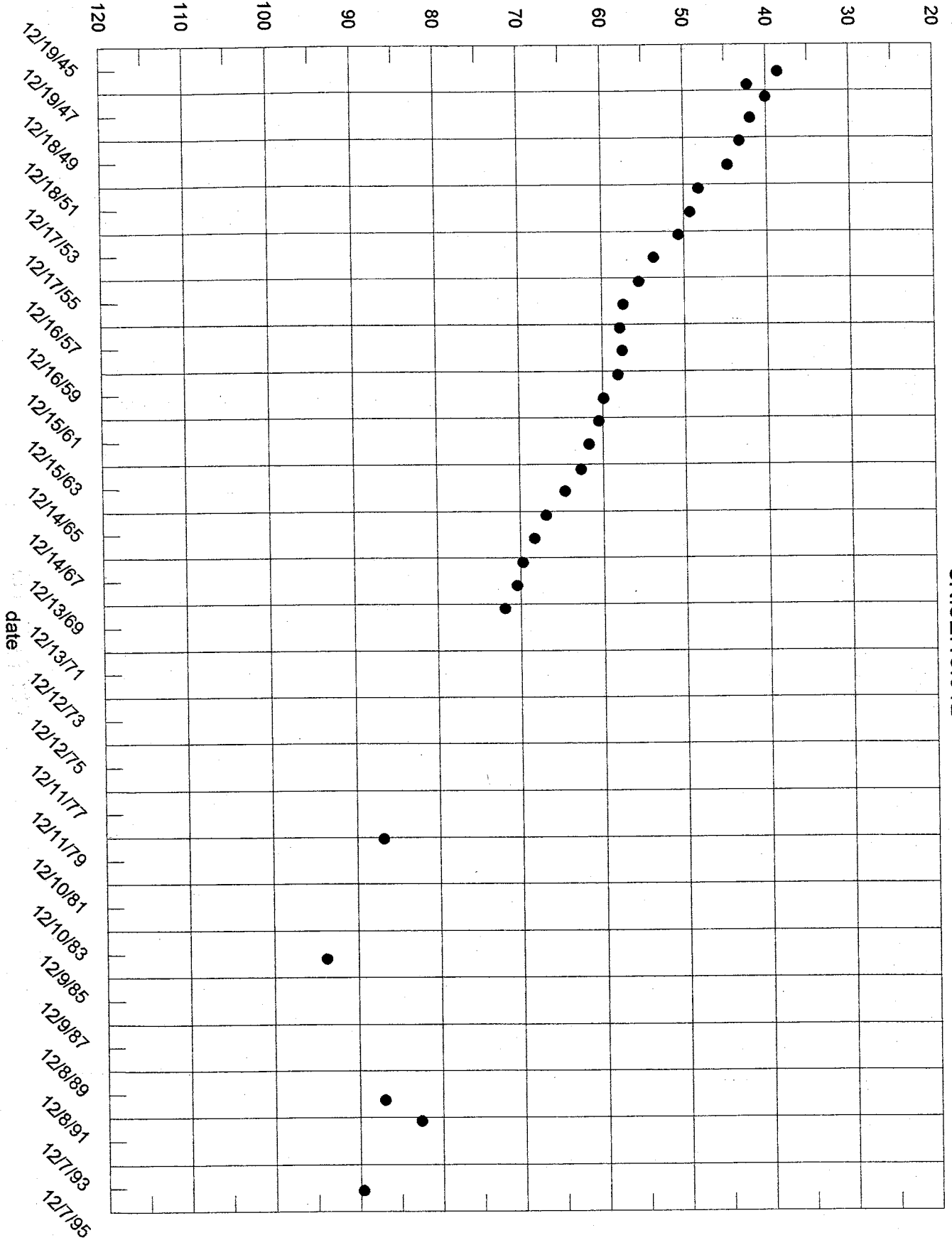
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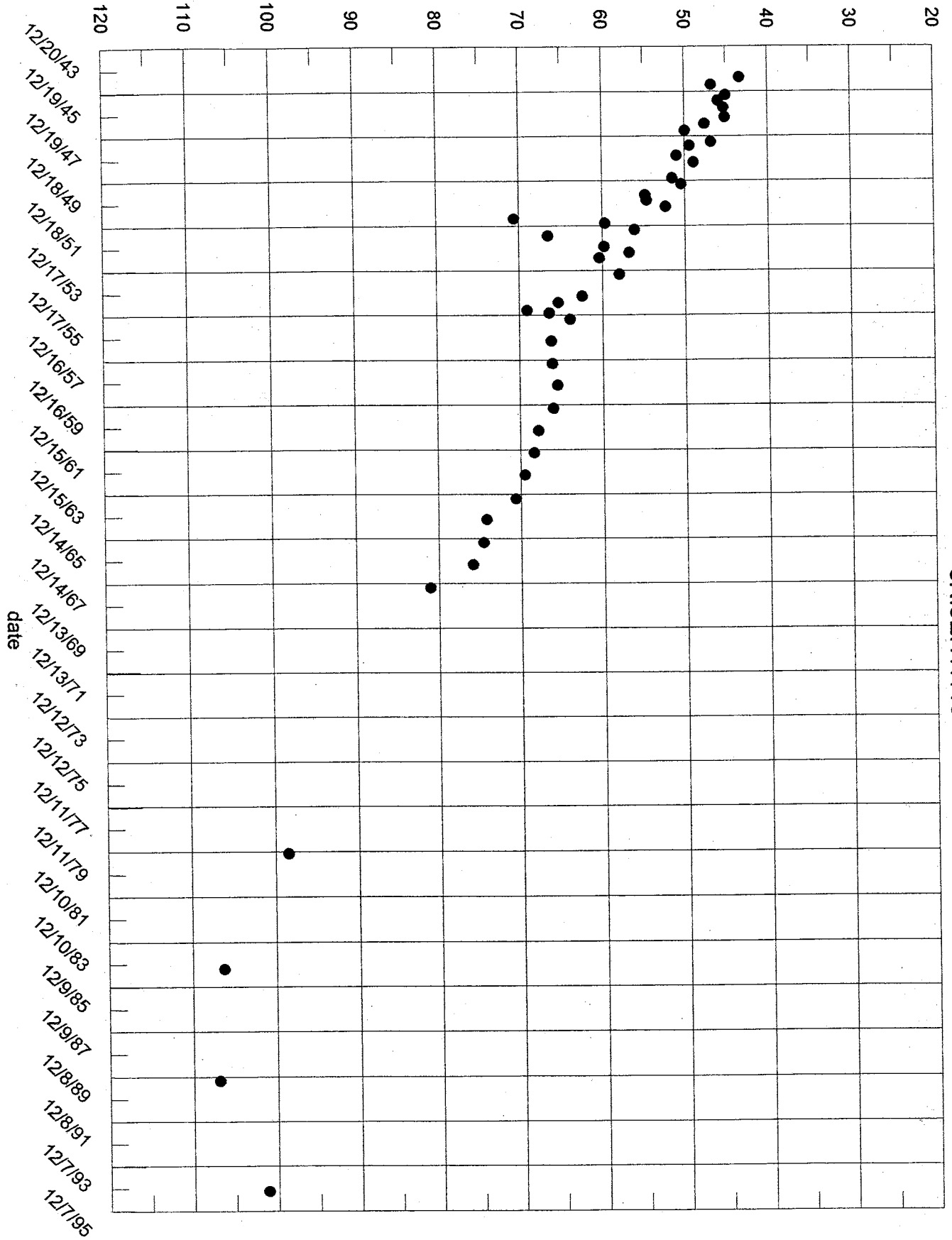
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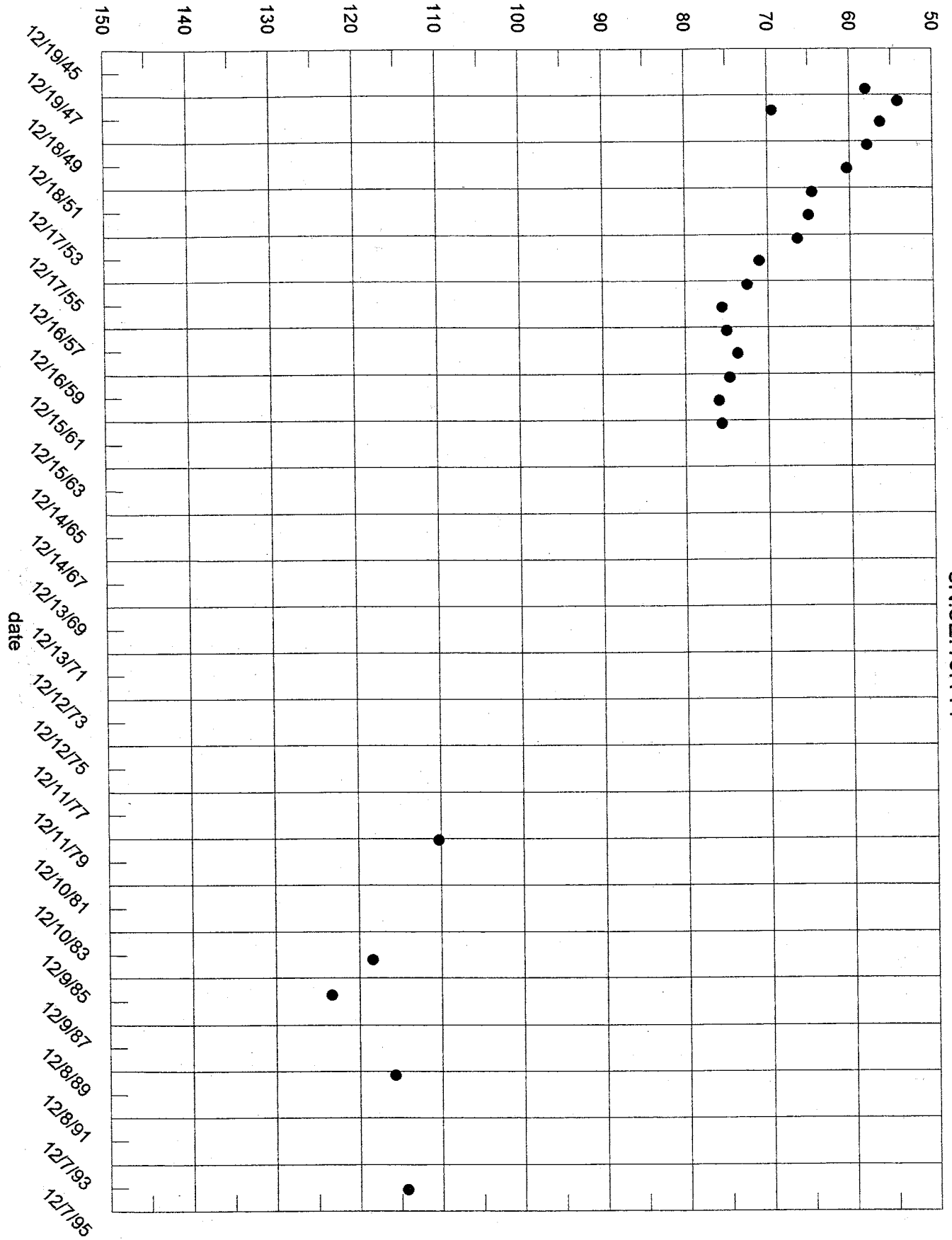


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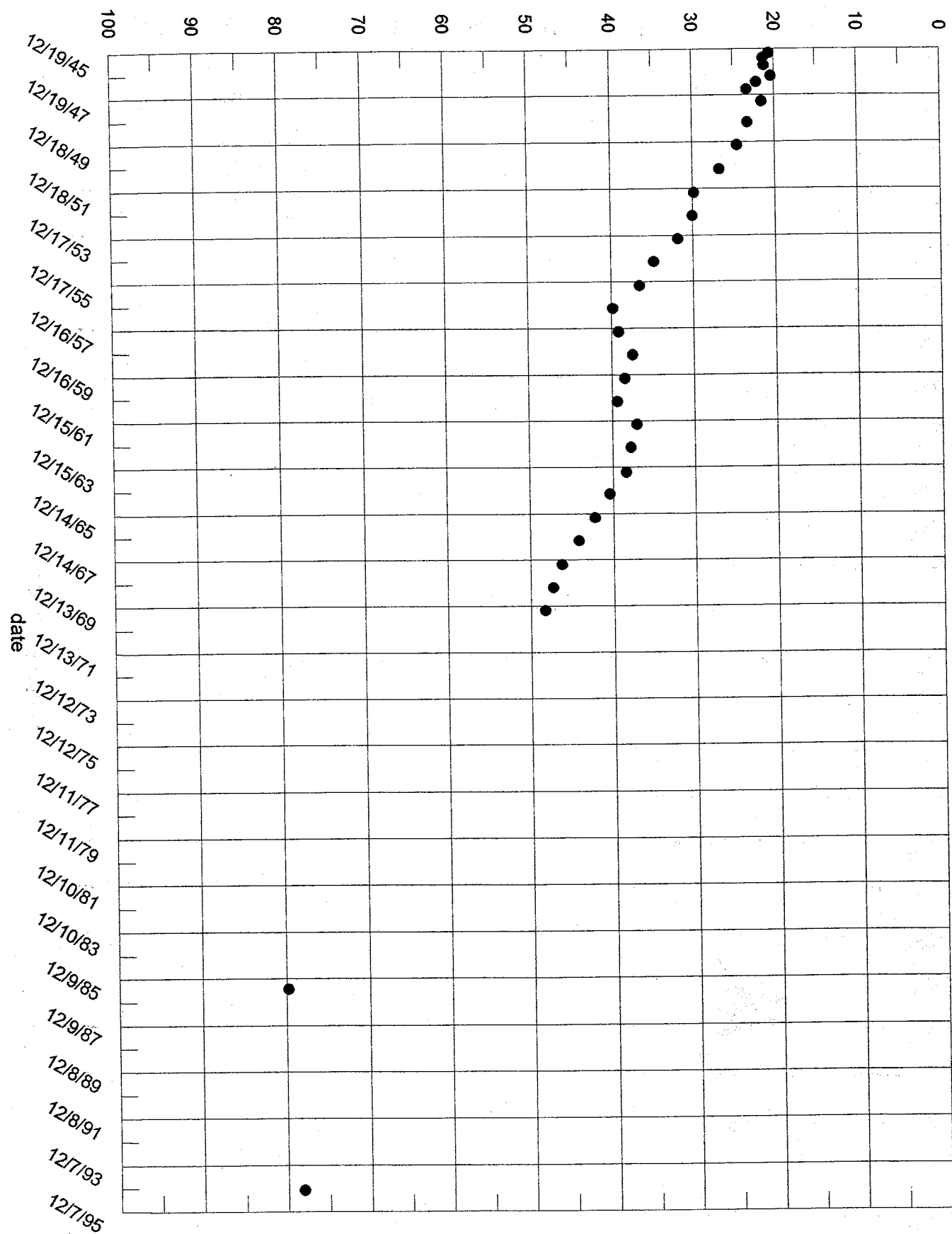


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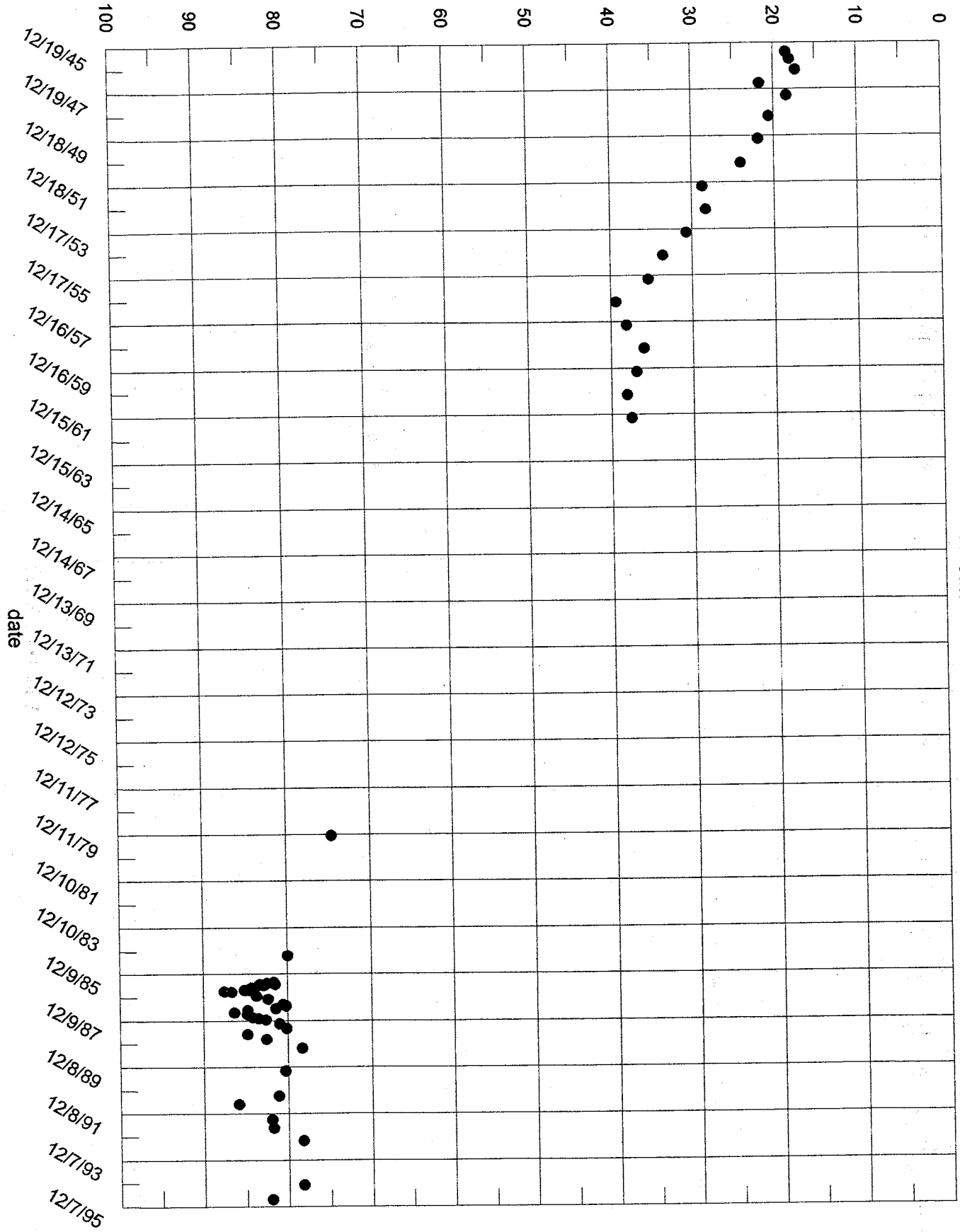
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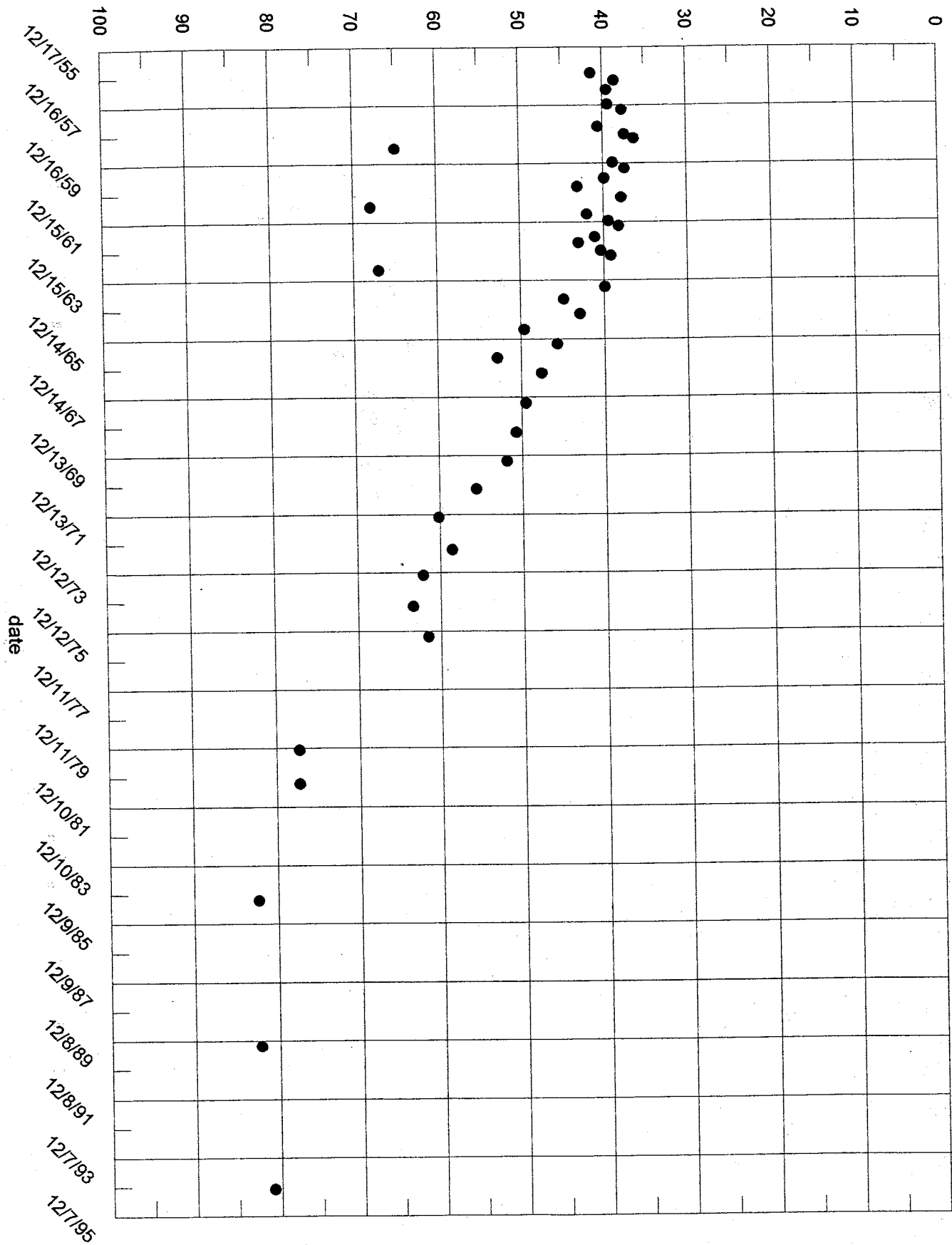
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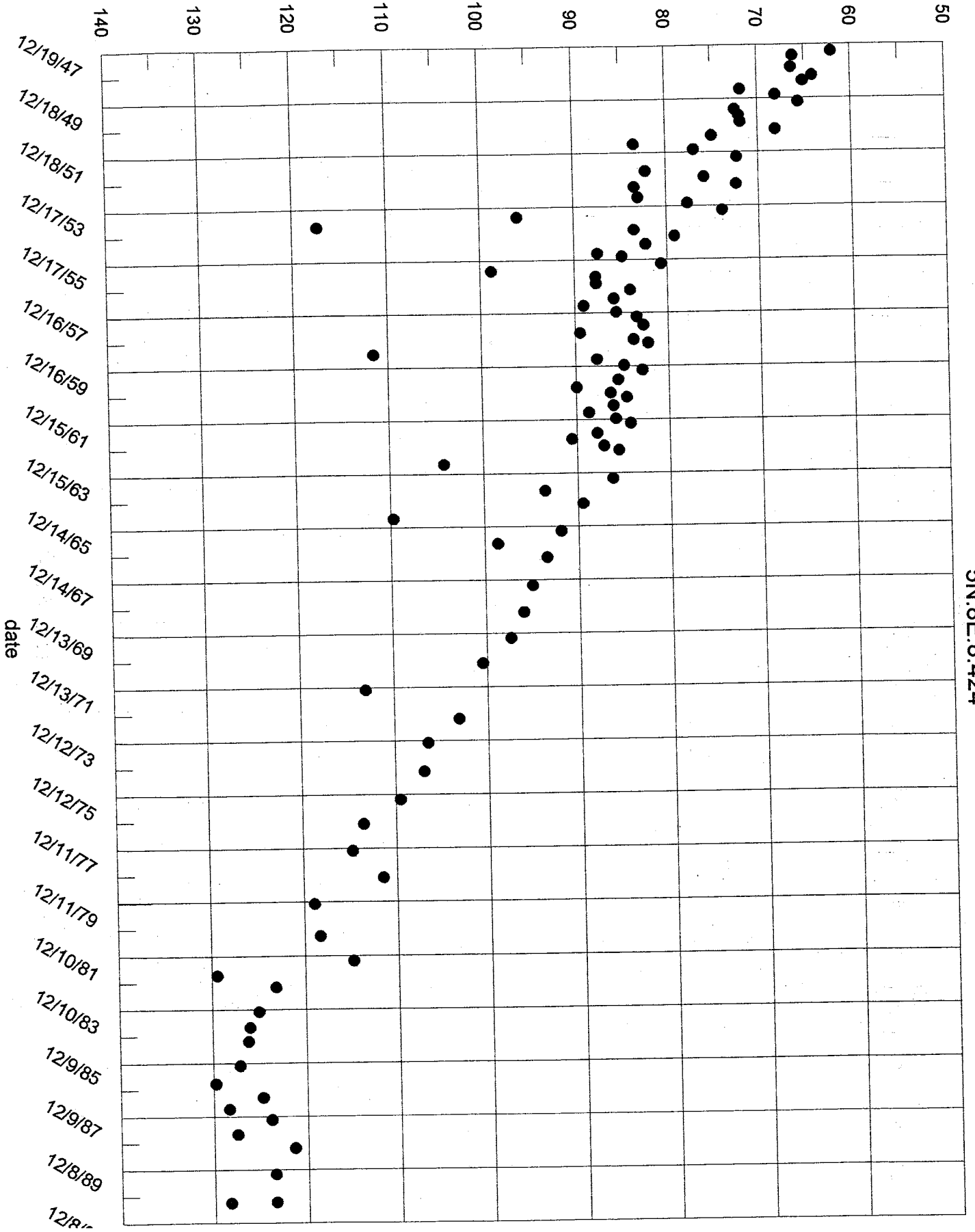


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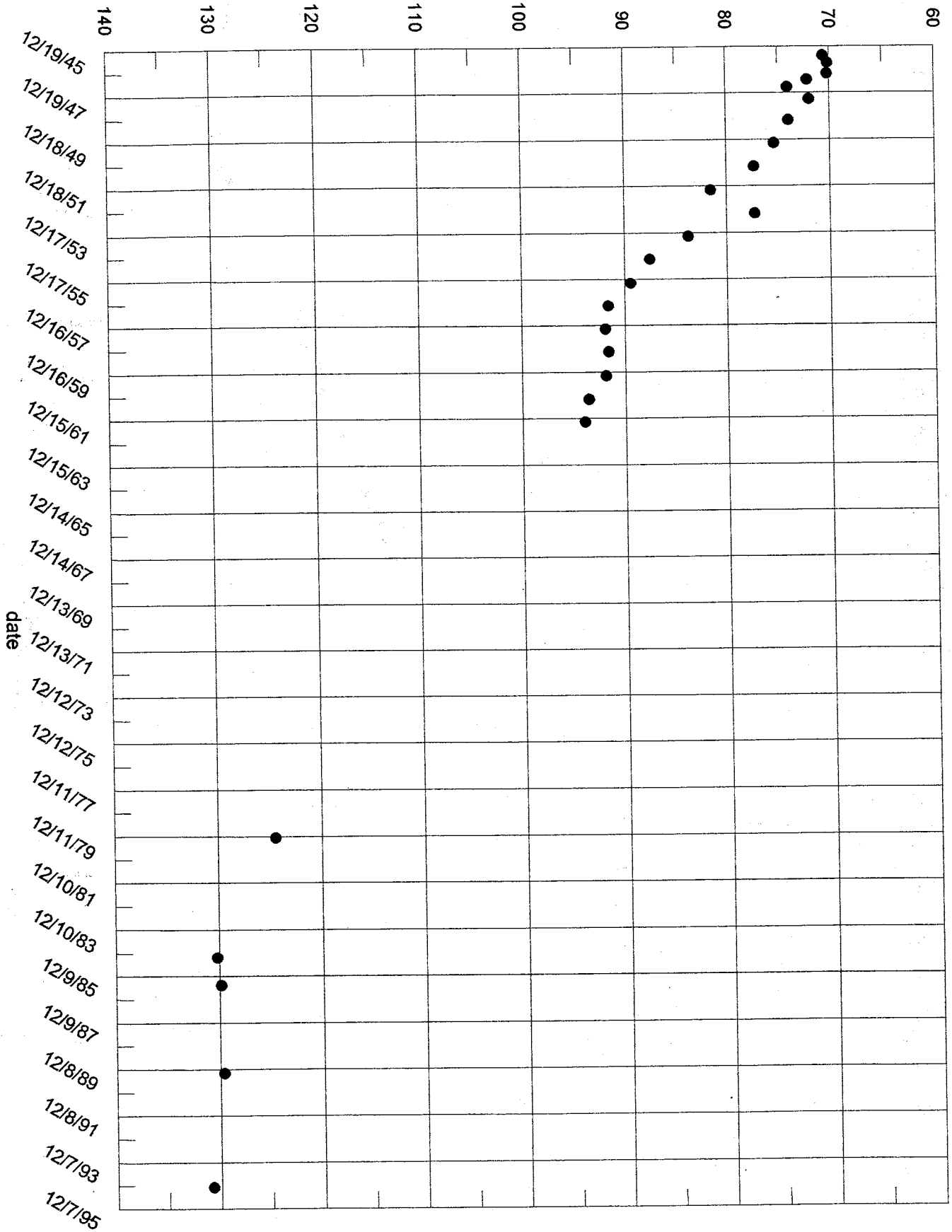
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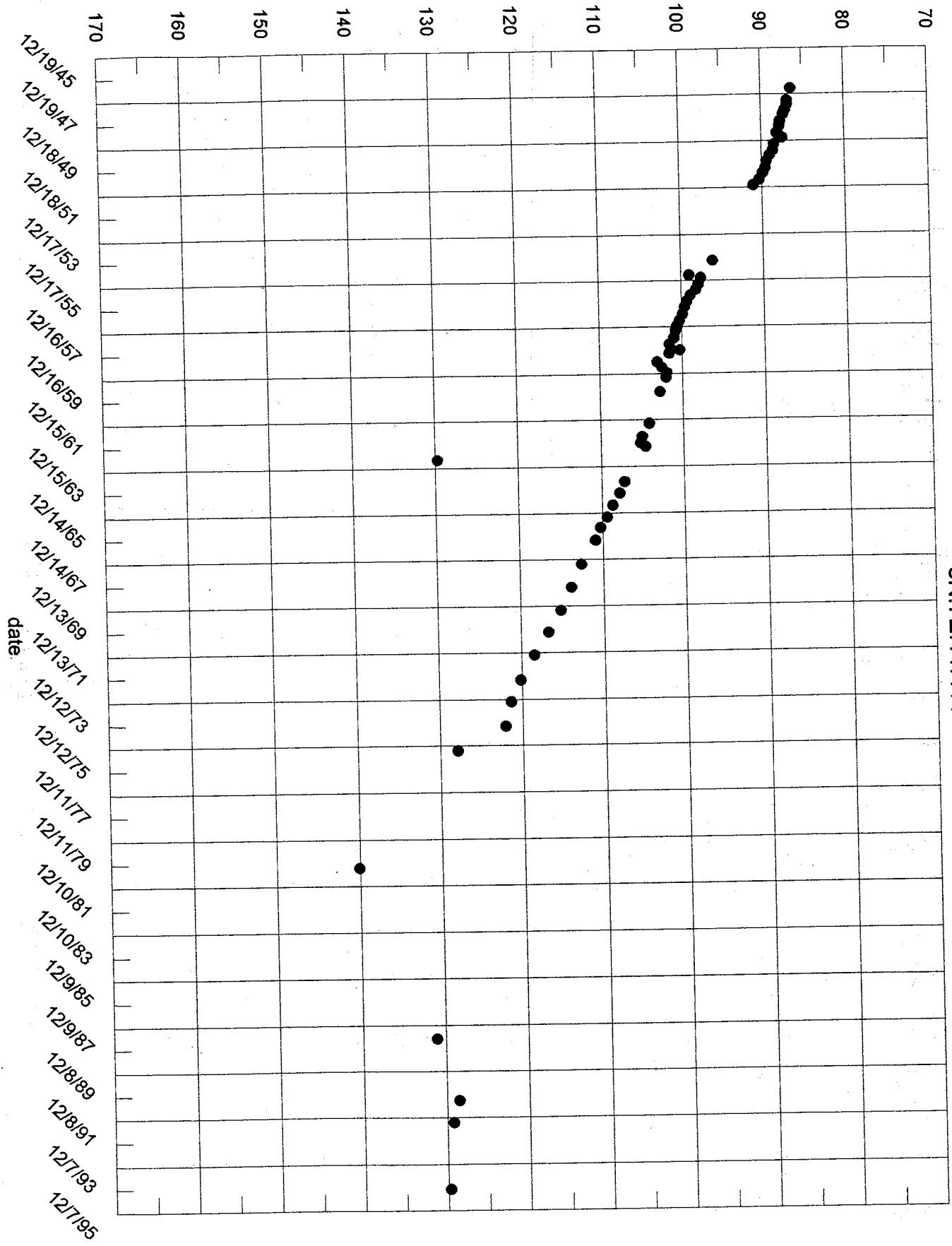
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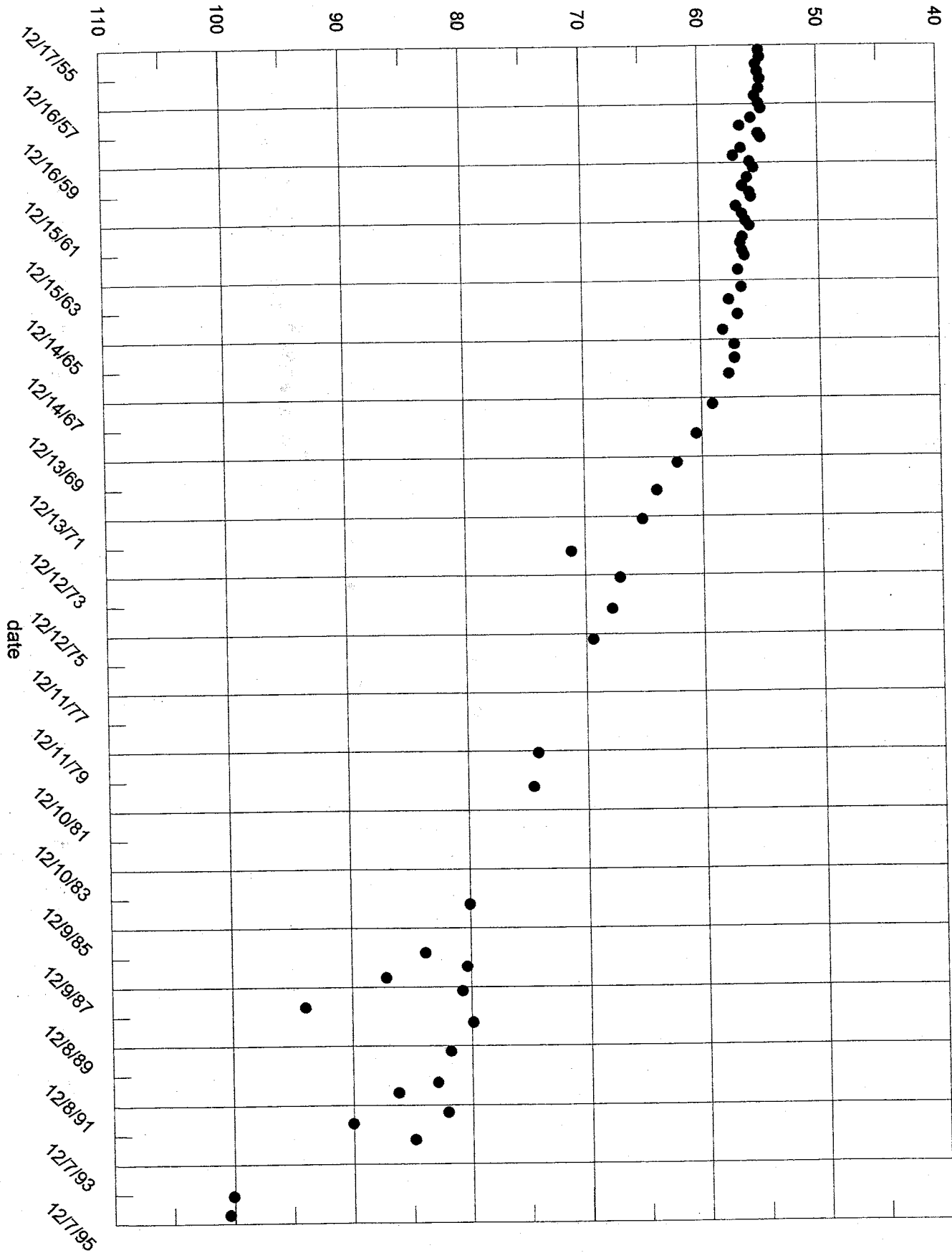
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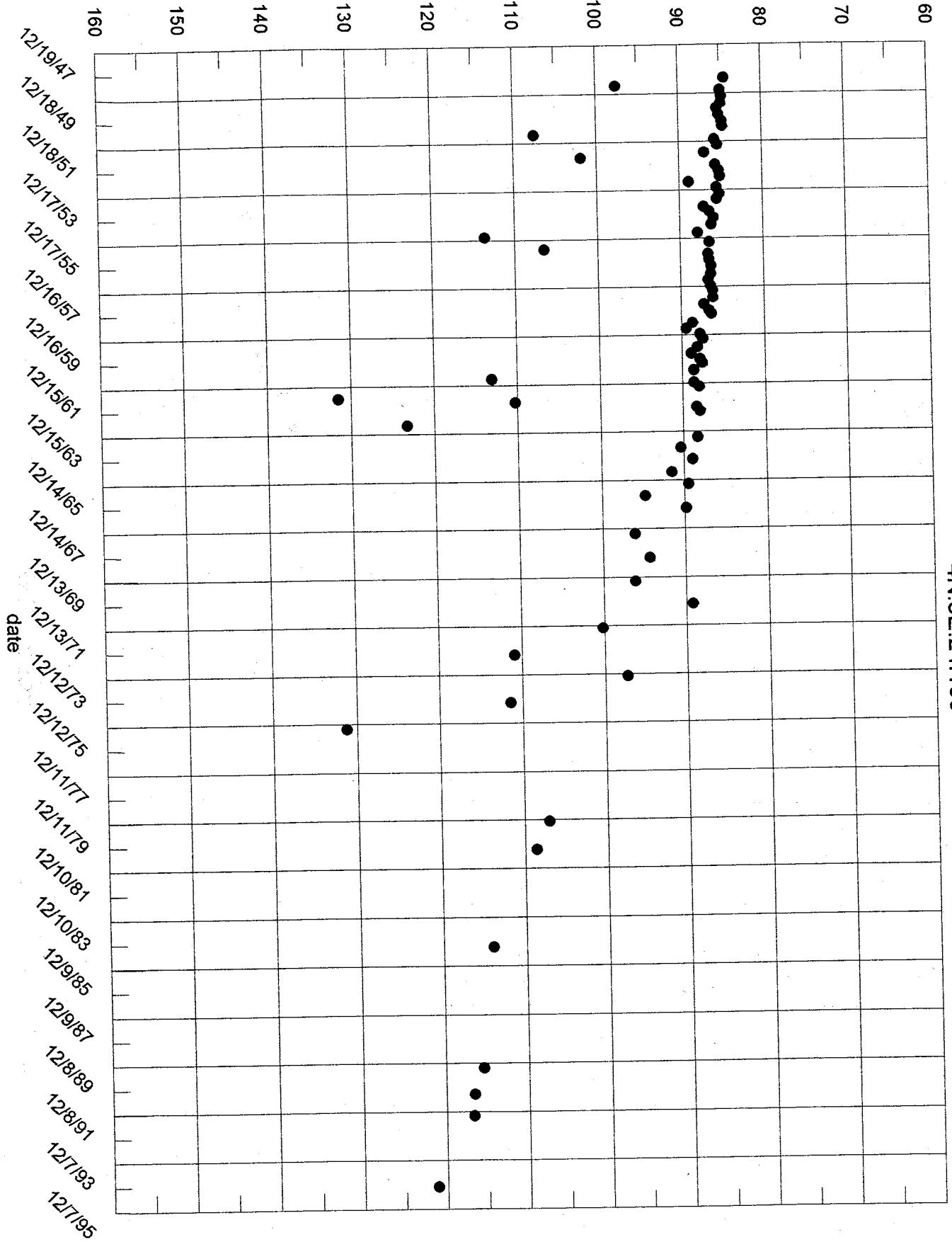


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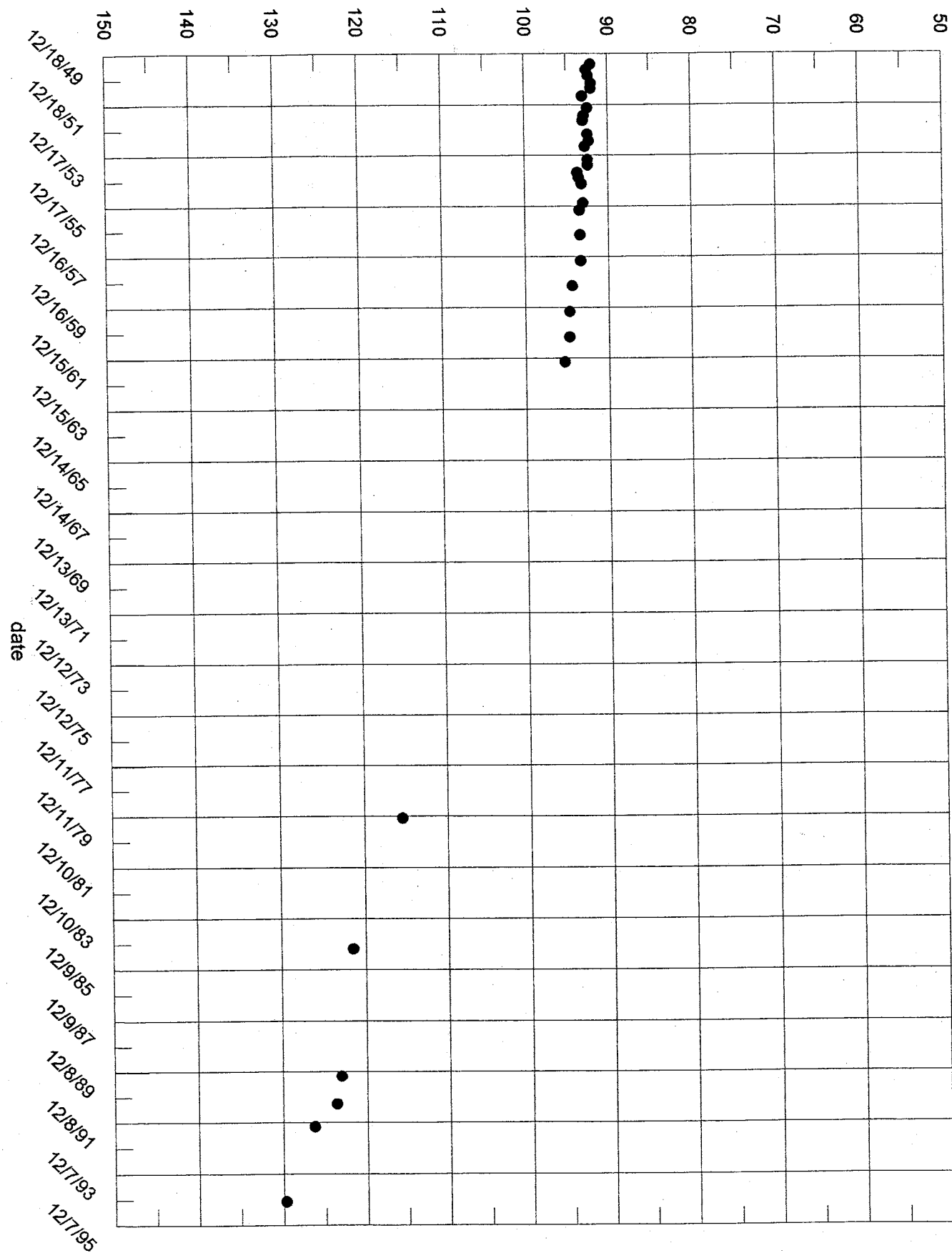


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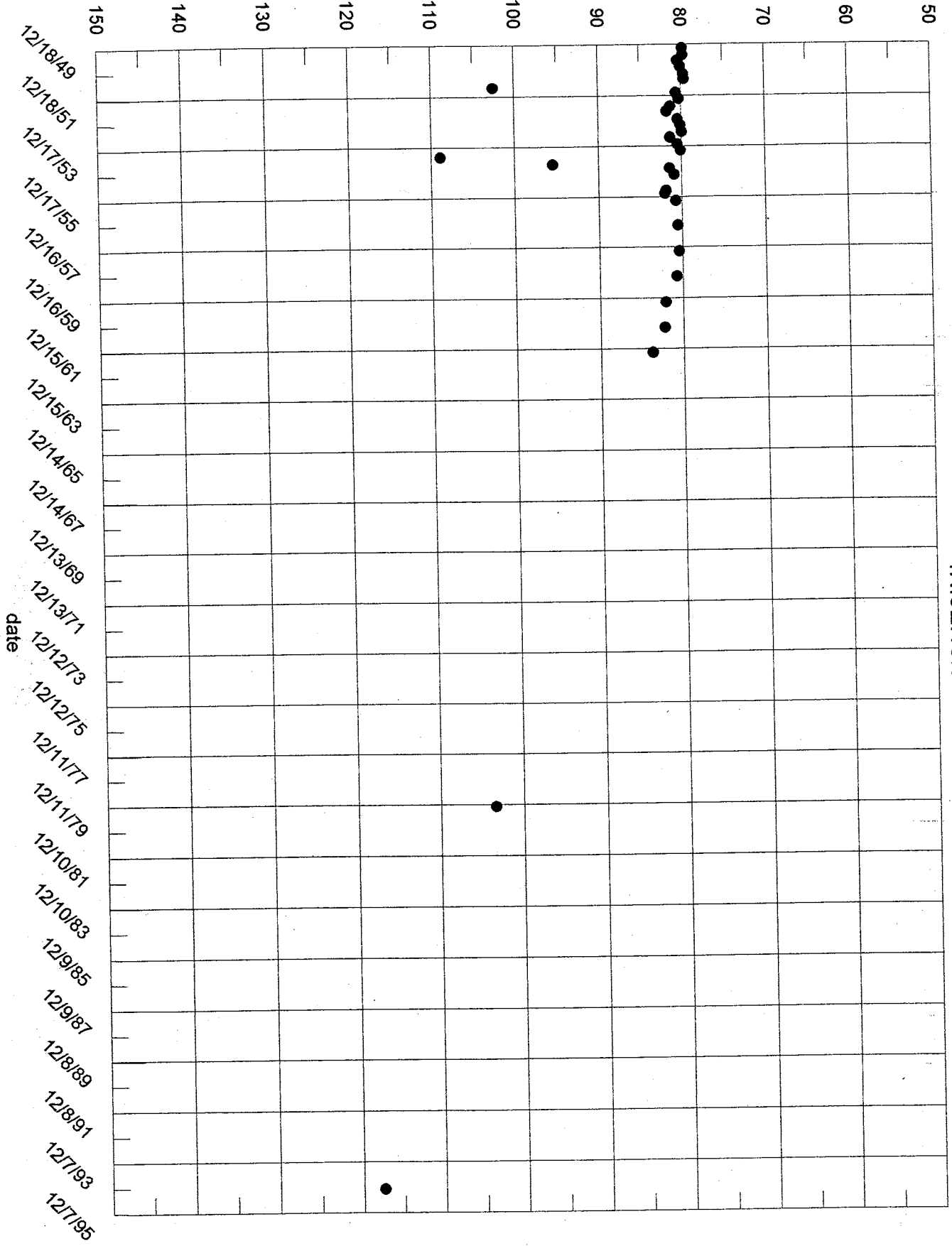
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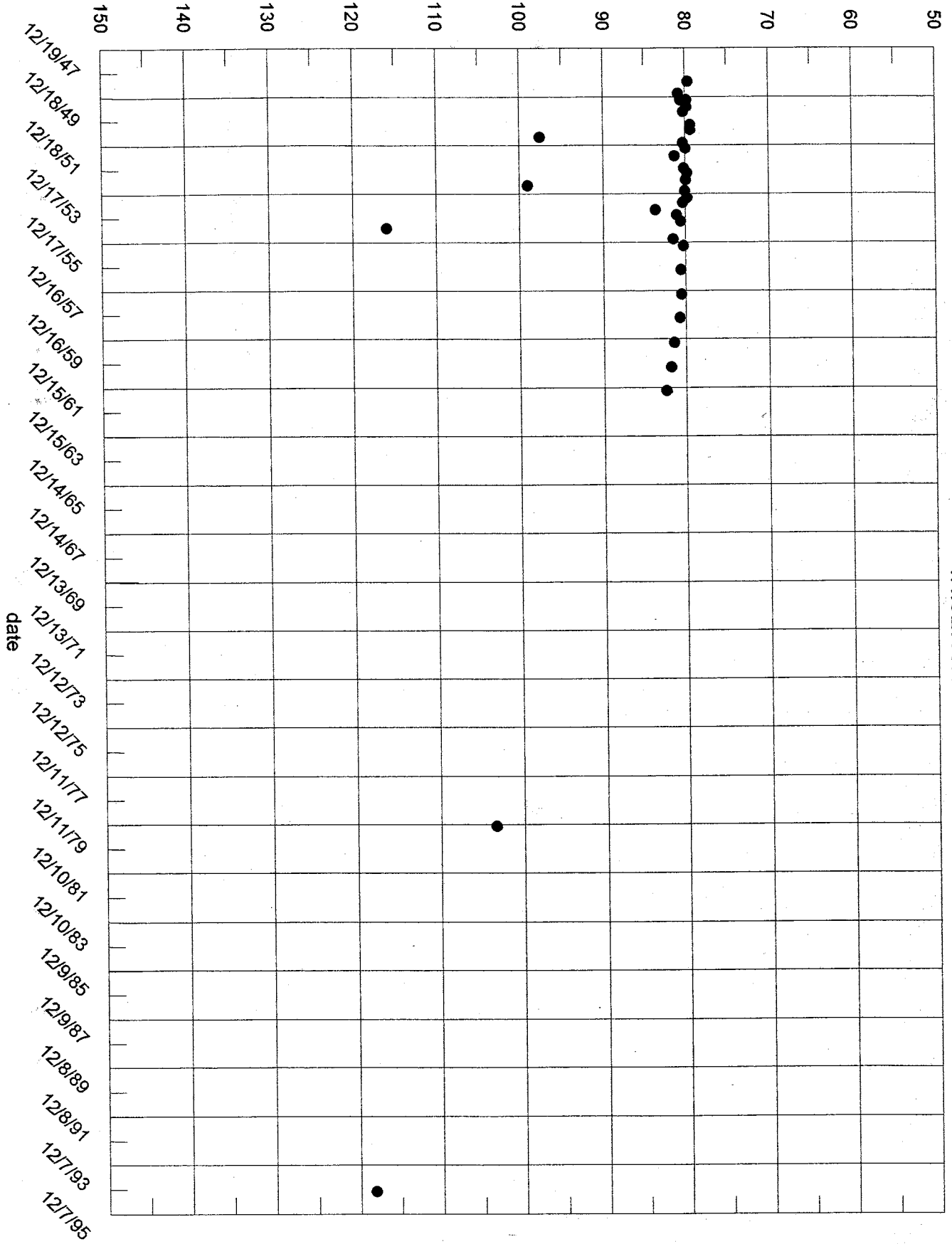
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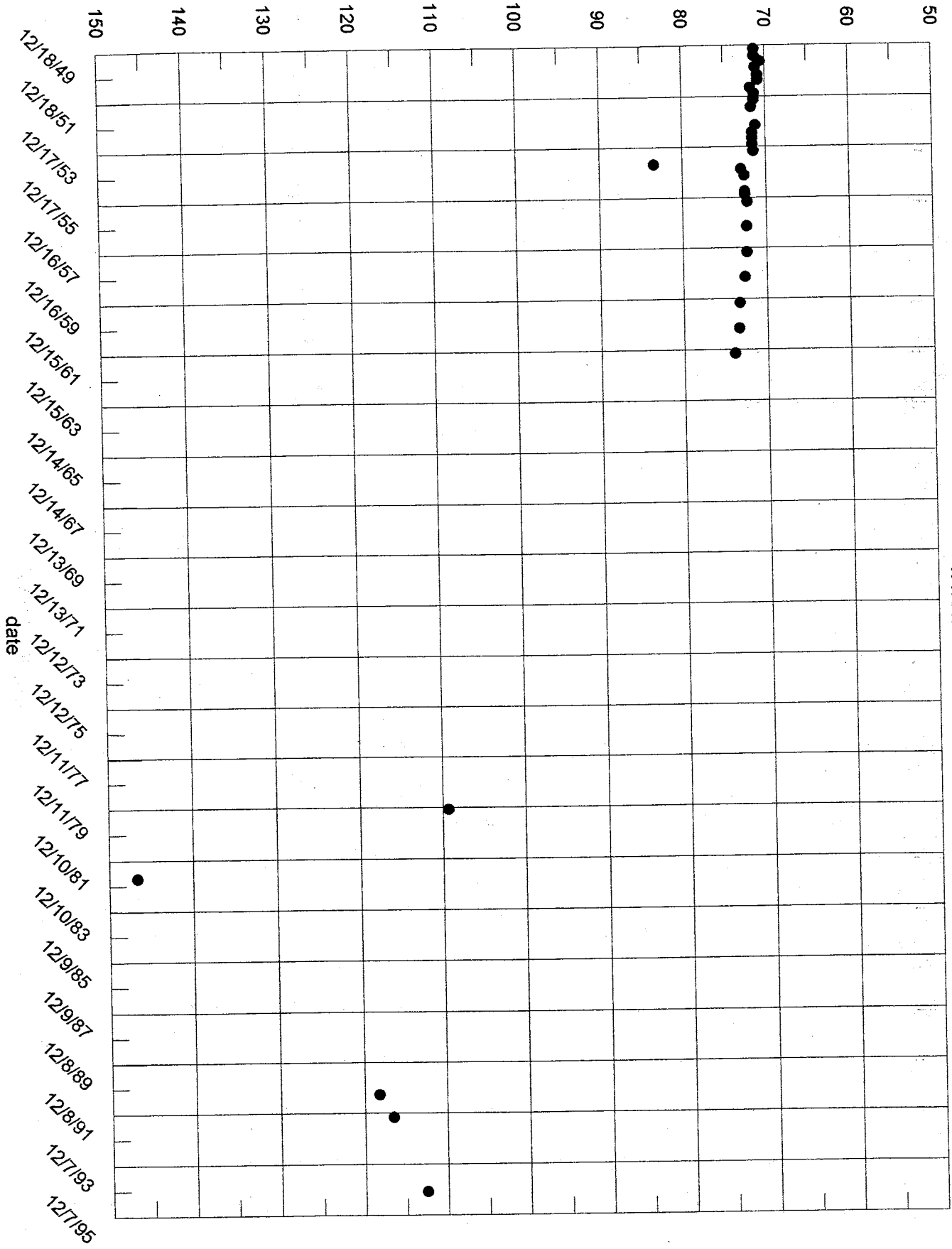


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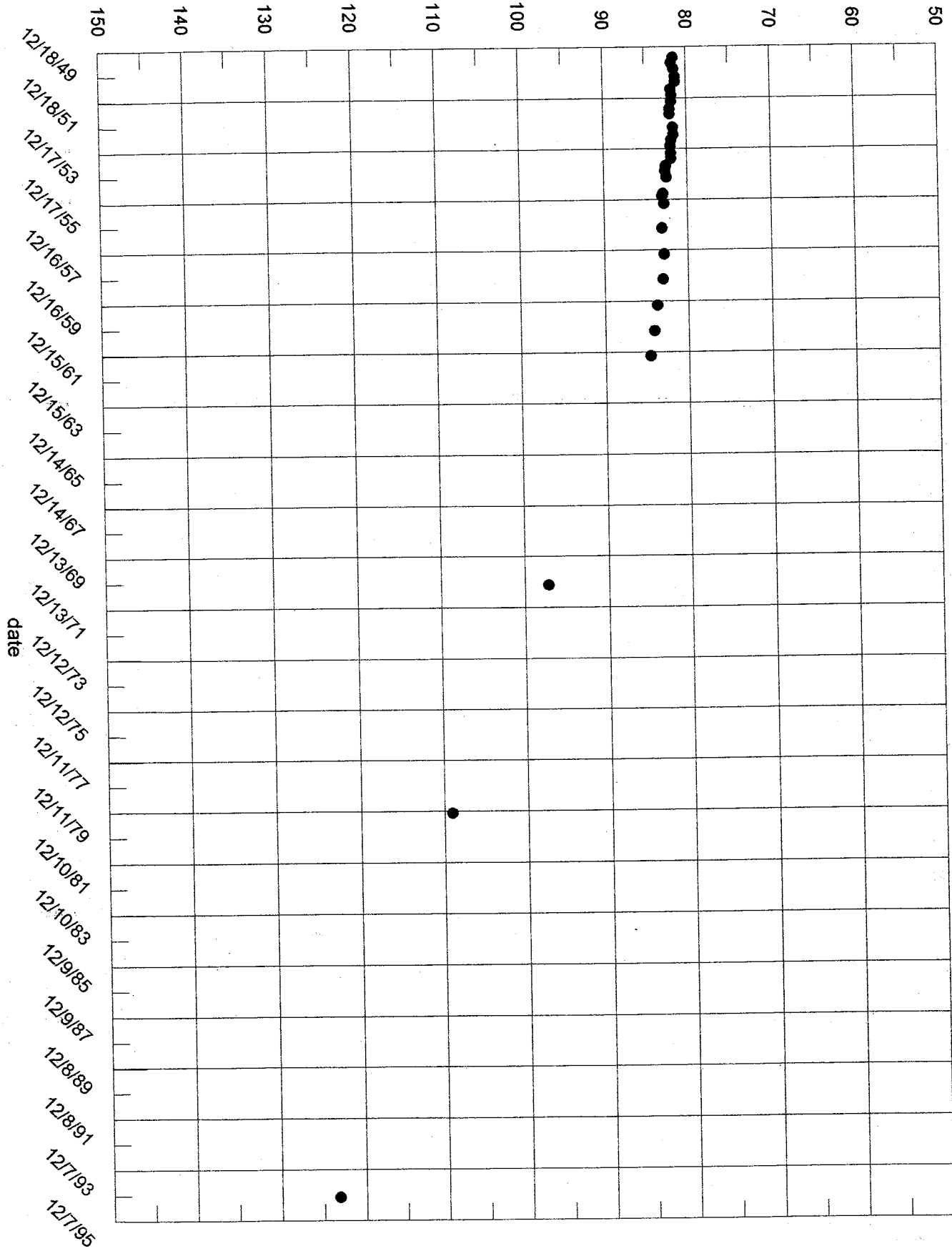
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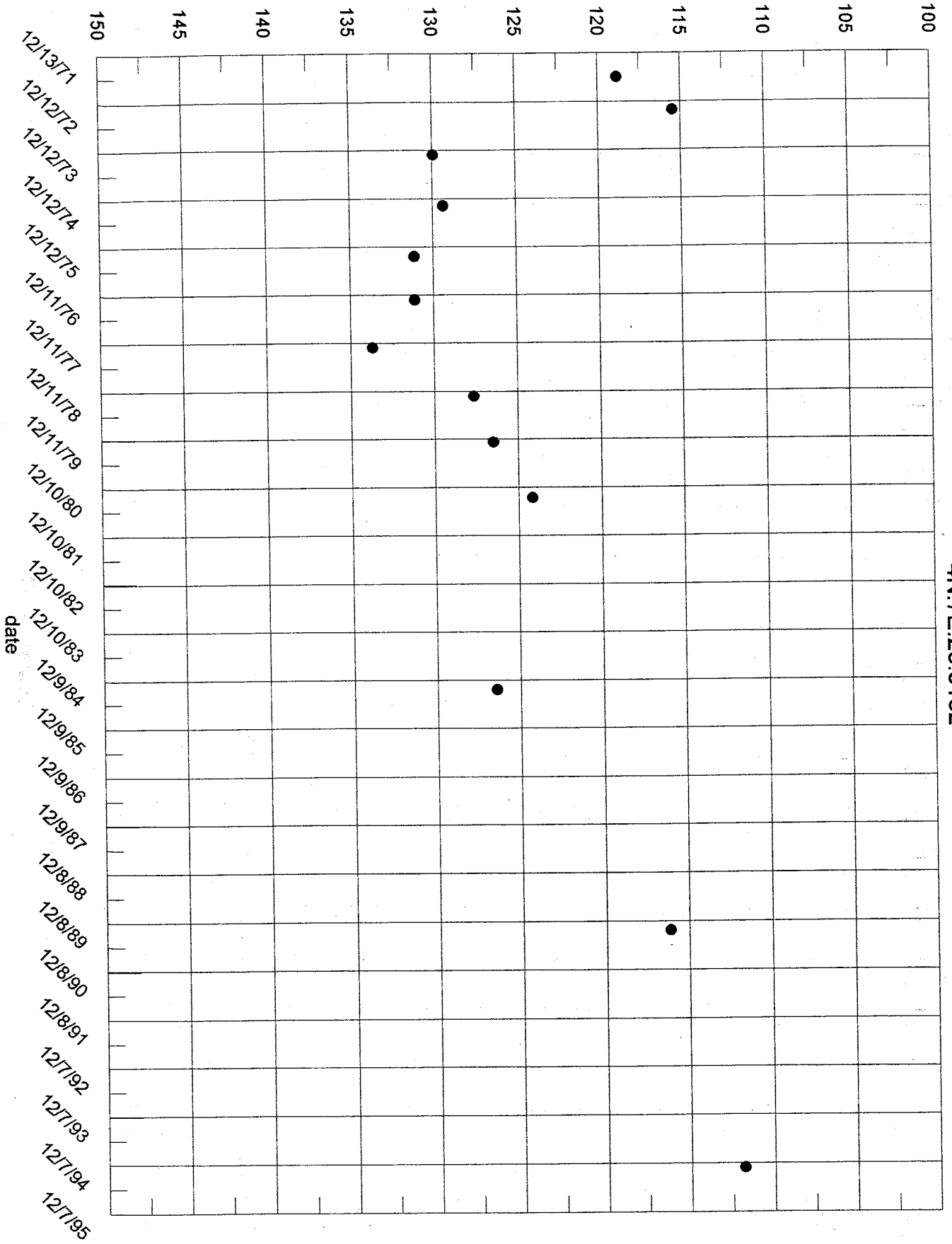
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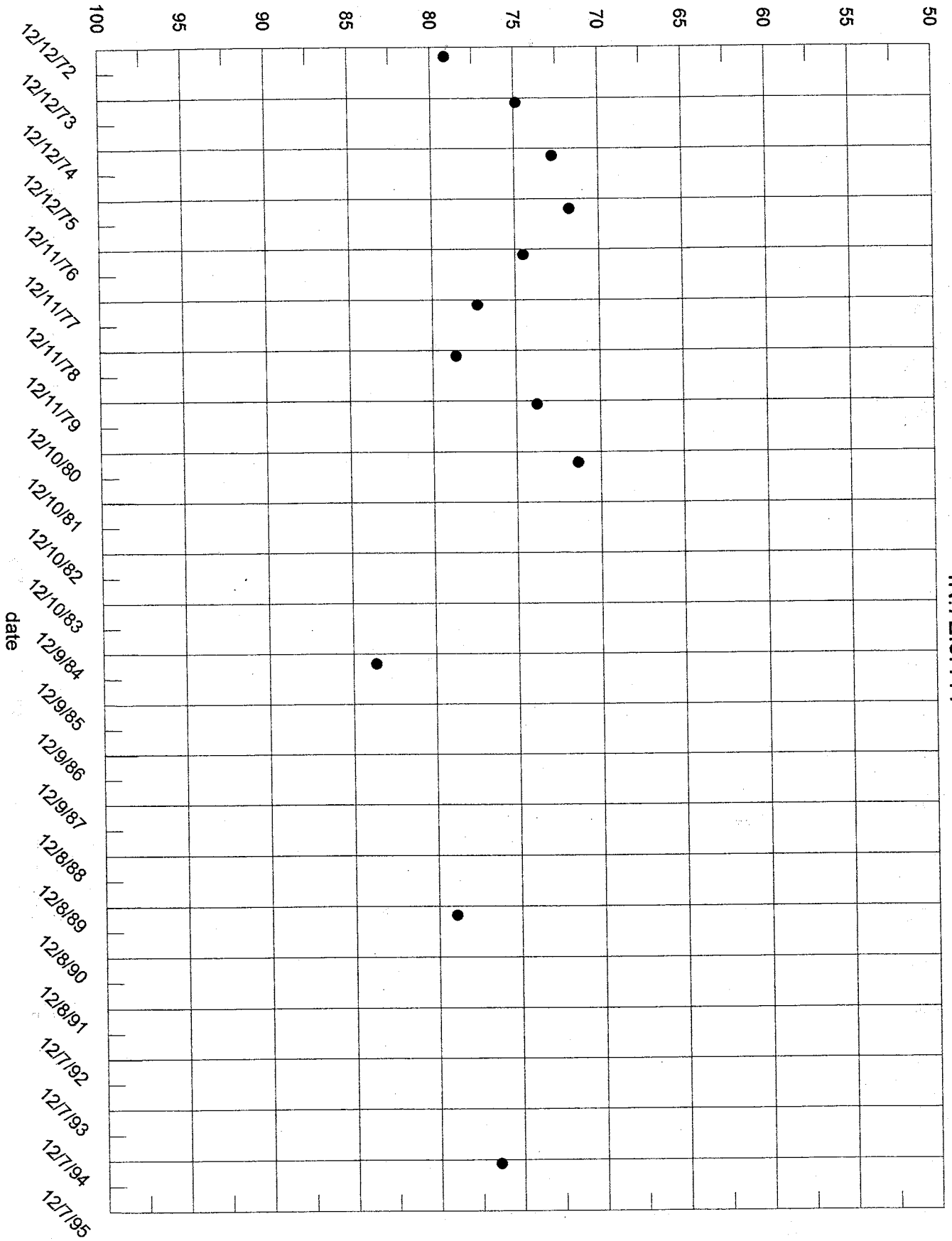
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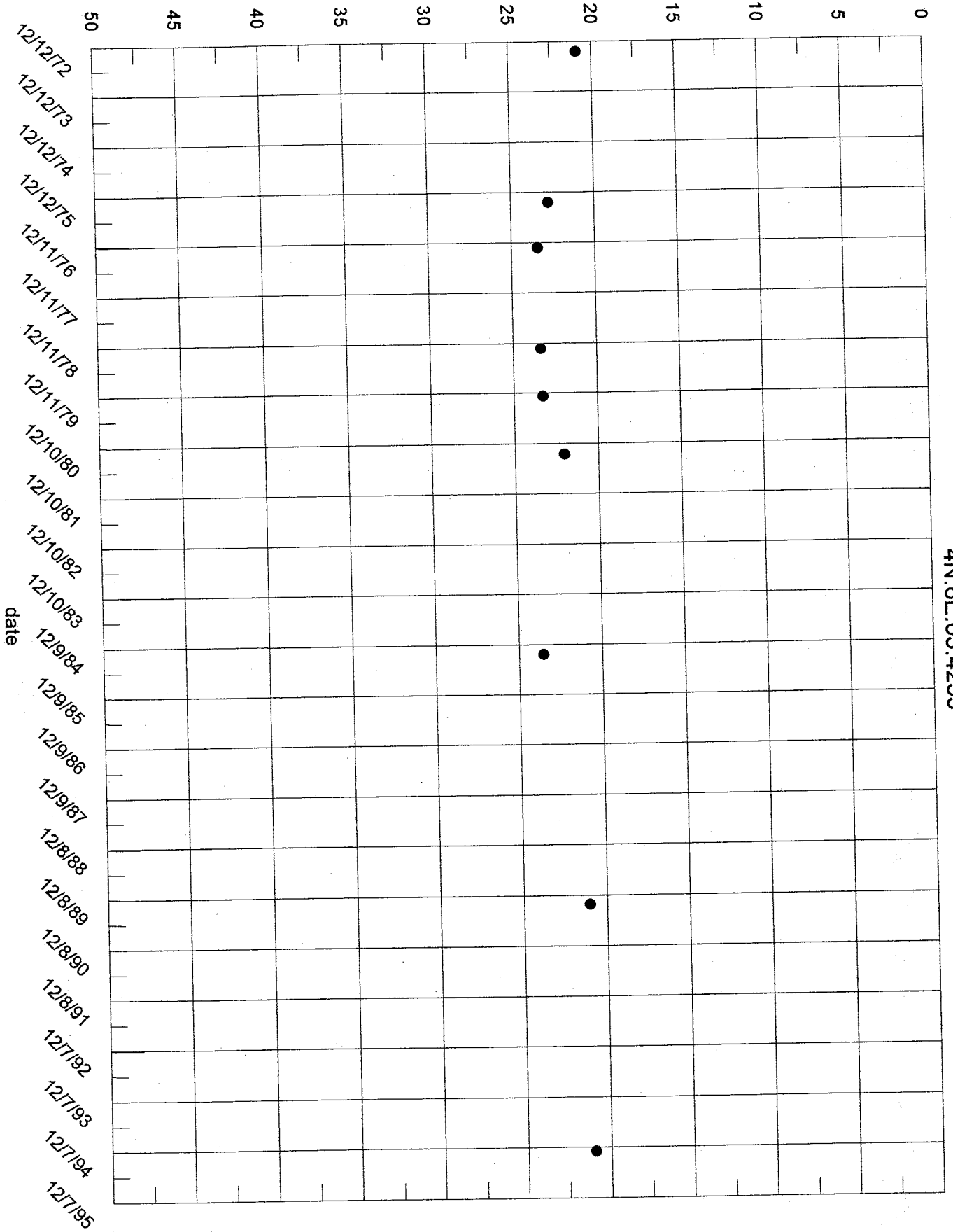


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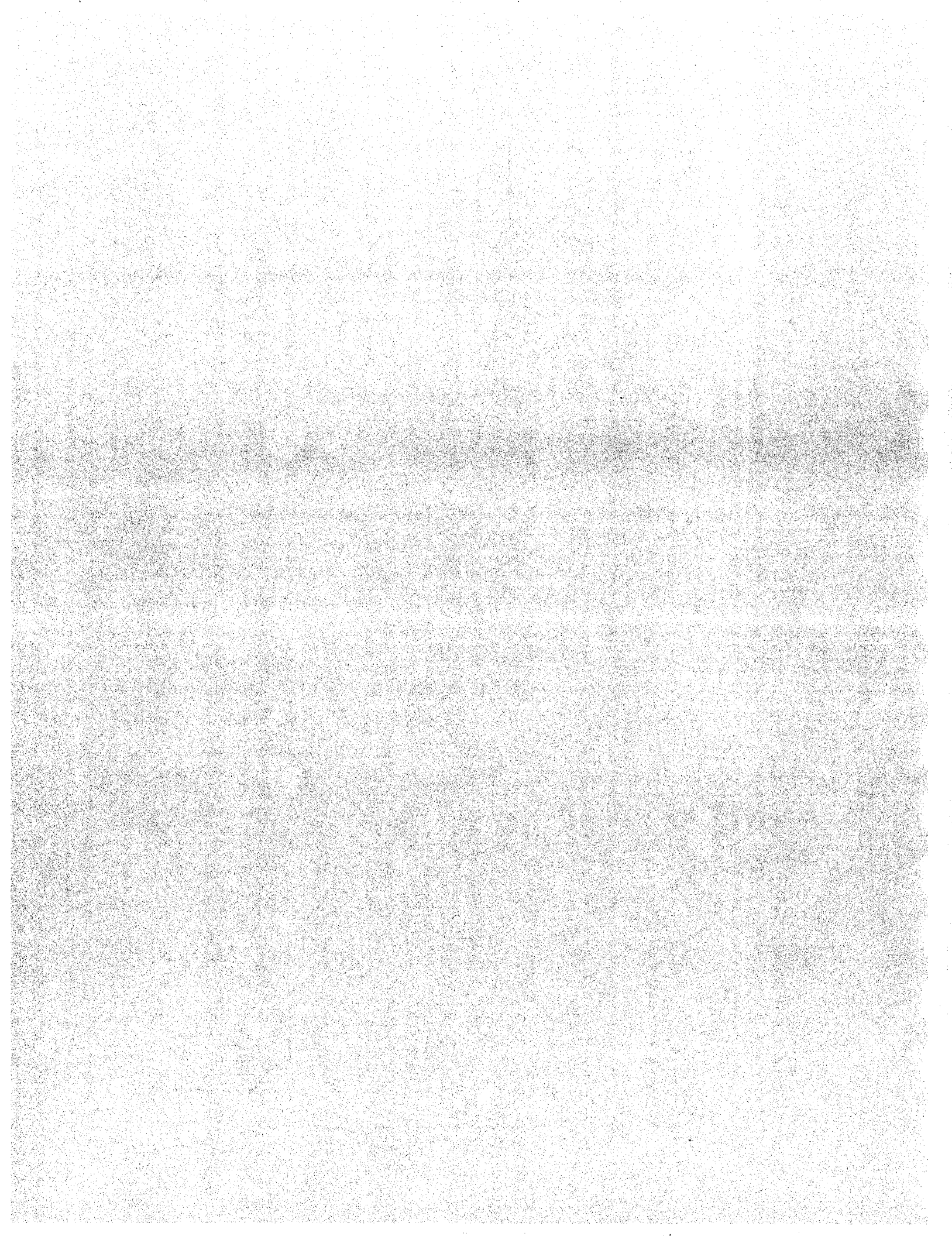
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**Appendix 7.**

**Selected NMSEO Well Records for Well Fields Within  
the Estancia Underground Water Basin.**





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Armon T. Rustin Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address Route 1, Box 126  
City and State Estancia, N.M. 87016

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-2134-Explor-2 and is located in the:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ 5.41 ¼ of Section 30 Township 2N Range 11E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor C. B. Handford License No. WP 430

Address Box 204 Mountain View, N.M. 87036

Drilling Began 11-14-81 Completed 11-28-81 Type tools Cable Size of hole 18 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 223 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 54 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
78	85	7	Gravel - 13' sand & gravel	
93	96	3	Silt - Red - 13' lower 2'	
			Contains water	
			Well Pumped out	600 9.5.81

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
16	42.05	None			170	1" mud	70	170

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				
					8 11:13

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

State Engineer Representative

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2134-Explor-2 Use Explor Location No. SW ¼ Sec. 30 T20R11E

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Driller  
C. B. McQuinn

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		To	From
Clay - Tan	4.0	4.0	0
Clay - Tan - with some gravel	3.8	7.8	4.0
Gravel - grey & tan - with clay	1.7	9.5	7.8
Clay - Tan - some gravel	9	9.3	9.5
Gravel - Tan - some gravel	3	9.6	9.3
Gravel - Tan - some gravel	14	11.0	9.6
Clay - Tan - some gravel	23	13.3	11.0
Gravel - Tan - some gravel	9.0	22.3	13.3

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Revised June 1972

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

A) Owner of well Lowell Green Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 726 Jarles Road  
City and State Belen, NM 87002

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6439-X and is located in the:

a. NE  NW  SE  \_\_\_\_\_ of Section 24 Township 03N Range 07E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

B) Drilling Contractor Garcia's & Sons Drilling Co. License No. WD-539

Address 28 Garcia Loop Tijeras, NM 87059

Drilling Began 04-04-96 Completed 04-09-96 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 155 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 80 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
80	155	75	Creves	1/2 a gallon

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
4 1/2-160		pvc	0	155	20	cup	80	100
							110	155

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 4/24/96

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-6439-X Use Dom. Location No. 03N.07E.24.412

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*Raymond J. ...*  
 Driller

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		From	To
Brown sandstone	20	20	0
Tan sandstone	40	60	20
Brown sandstone	10	70	60
Creves	2	72	70
Gray sandstone and brown sandstone	8	80	72
Creves	75	155	80

**WELL RECORD**

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Mr. Dennis Laos  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Willard State Ohio  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-1709 and is located in the  
1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 22 Twp. 3N Rge. 10E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor J. J. Turner License No. 399  
 Street and Number Box 524  
 City Fort Sumner State N.M.  
 Drilling was commenced Feb, 16, 19 70  
 Drilling was completed Feb, 17, 19 70

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 60  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 30

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Section 2

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	32	33	1	red sand ( 2 gal. )
2	45	46	1	sand & gravel ( 10 gal )
3				
4				
5				

**RECORD OF CASING**

Section 3

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
65/8	14	weld	surface	60	60	none	45	60

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Section 4

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Section 5

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received FEB 24 1970

File No. E-1709 Use dam Location No. 22 SN 10E

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	



**WELL RECORD**

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Armon T. Austin  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Matanzas State N. I.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E. 1641 and is located in the  
1/4 1/4 1/4 of Section 25 Twp. 31 Rge. 10  
 (B) Drilling Contractor J. J. Turnor License No. 359  
 Street and Number Box 524  
 City Fort Turnor State N. I.  
 Drilling was commenced Jan 14 1969  
 Drilling was completed Jan 15 1969

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 249  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 0

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	77	78	1	red sandy lime rock (50 gal)
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
65/8	14	weld	0	77	77	NO	NO	

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Matthew or Polly Luna Owner's Well No. E-6315  
Street or Post Office Address 4527 Perimeter Way, N.E.  
City and State Rio Rancho, N.M. 87124

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6315 and is located in the:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9 Township 4N Range 10E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Tom Massey Drilling License No. 1358

Address P.O. Box 401, Estancia, N.M. 87016

Drilling Began 11/11/95 Completed 11/11/95 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 230 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 78 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
196	220	24	red sandstone	15 GPM

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5"OD		8 sch 40 PVC					200	220

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

Date Received 11/21/95

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Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-6315 Use Don Location No. 04N.10E.09.22



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Matthew or Polly Luna Owner's Well No. E-6318  
Street or Post Office Address 4527 Peridot Way, NE  
City and State Rio Rancho, N.M. 87124

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6318 and is located in the:  
a.  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE of Section 9 Township 4N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Tom Massey Drilling License No. 1358  
Address P.O. Box 401, Estancia, N.M. 87016  
Drilling Began 11/13/95 Completed 11/13/95 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 70 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 26 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
52	70	18	gravel	40 GPM

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5"00		80 40					50	70

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

State Engineer Representative

Date Received 11/21/95 FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY  
Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-6318 Use Don Location No. 04N-10E-07.22



WELL RECORD

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well ARMON JUSTIN  
 Street and Number BOX B-4  
 City ESTANCIA State N. MEXICO  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. F-1854 and is located in the  
NE 1/4 1/4 of Section 20 Twp 4N Rge 11E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor JEWELL ADKISON DRLG. CO License No. L.D. 328  
 Street and Number STAR RT. BOX 287  
 City TIJERAS State N. MEXICO  
 Drilling was commenced 11/18 1971  
 Drilling was completed 11/24 1971

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 354 ft.  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian SHALLOW Depth to water upon completion 244 ft.

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	266	300	44	FRACTURED ROCK
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 5/8	24	F.E.	plus 2ft.	354		NONE	266	300

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				
				NONE	

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

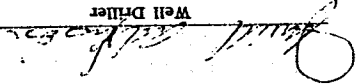
Section 6

LOG OF WELL

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
			To	From
CLAYSTONE	GRAY	7	22	15
ROCK	BROWN	13	40	22
BROWN ROCK	BROWN	4	44	40
ROCK	BLACK	6	50	44
BROKEN ROCK	BROWN	5	55	50
ROCK	BLACK	28	83	55
ROCK	BROWN	5	88	83
ROCK	GRAY	44	132	88
ROCK	BROWN	18	150	132
ROCK	GRAY	22	172	150
ROCK	BROWN	8	180	172
ROCK	CLAYSTONE	20	200	180
BROKEN ROCK WITH SAND STAINING	BROWN	22	222	200
BROKEN ROCK WITH RED SHALE STAINING	BROWN	44	266	222
ROCK	BROWN & BLACK	22	288	266
ROCK	BLACK	8	296	288
ROCK	BLACK & BROWN	56	352	296
HARD ROCK	BLACK	8	360	352
ROCK	BLACK & BROWN	13	373	360

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Well Driller



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Armon T. Austin Owner's Well No. 1  
Street or Post Office Address Star Route, Box 24  
City and State Stancia, NE 87016

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-3112 and is located in the:

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24 Township 4N Range 11E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor T. M. Yates License No. WD-599  
Address 3951 Hwy 85, Los Lunas, NM

Drilling Began Nov. 14, 1979 Completed Nov. 15, 1979 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 5 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 160 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 58 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
65	85	20	Sandstone cavity	100
85	135	50	Gravel	100 +
150	160	10	Sand	100 +

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: T. M. Yates  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received November 28, 1979 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-3112 Use domestic Location No. 41.11E.24 SE 1/4 (Torrance)





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well David W. Sehn Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address 2817 Plaza Amarilla  
 City and State Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5323 and is located in the:  
 a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE of Section 18 Township 11N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD 49  
 Address P.O. Box 91, Stanley, New Mexico, 87056  
 Drilling Began 12-15-91 Completed 2-19-92 Type tools Cable Size of hole 8 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 493 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 270 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
300	306	6	Yeso rock	10
365	366	1	Yeso crack	10
390	460	70	Yeso lime streaks	150
460	468	8	Yeso lime streak less mud	300 - 400

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 5/8	-	-	0	393	394	Welded	300	490

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

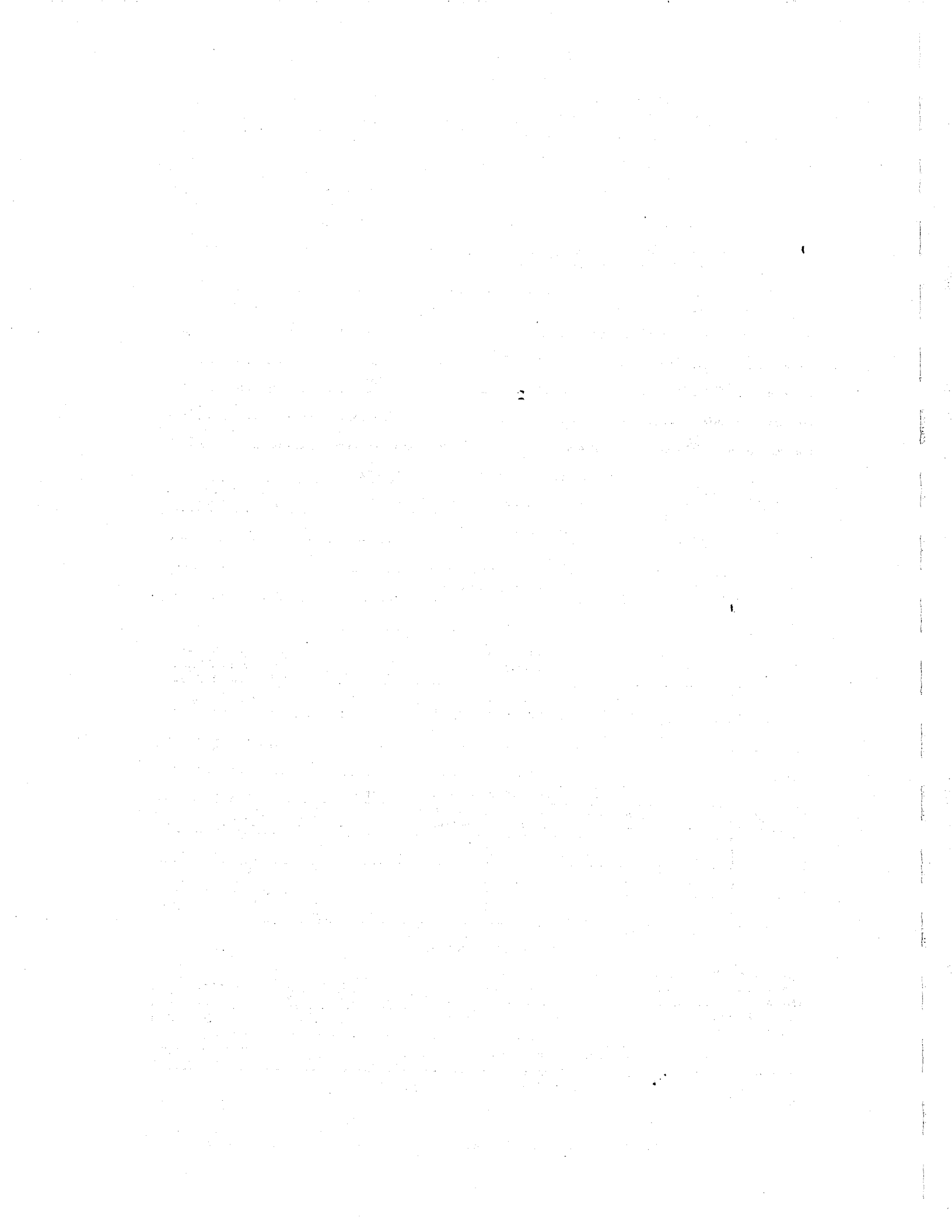
Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Robert H. Gibson Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 419 Prosperity SE  
City and State Albuquerque, NM, 87105

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6216 and is located in the:

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW of Section 17 Township 11N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa FE County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennison Drilling License No. WD 49  
Address PO Box 91, Stanley, NM, 87056  
Drilling Began 9-23-95 Completed 9-26-95 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 7 7/8 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 430 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 330 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
340	380	40	Red - blue shale	25

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5			0	430	430	none	330	430

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well HENRY & PAT HUMME Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 124 COUNTY ROAD A-104  
City and State EDGEWOOD, NM. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6459 and is located in the:  
TRACT 3B - 60 AORES  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 E. \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 SE \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 SW \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section 18 Township 11N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in SANTA FE County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor DENNIBSON DRILLING License No. WD-49  
Address P. O. BOX 86, STANLEY, NM. 87056

Drilling Began 03/21/96 Completed 03/25/96 Type tools ROTARY Size of hole 7 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 425 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 290 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
300	320	20	BROWN SAND STONE	5 GPM
390	412	22	WHITE SAND STONE	20 GPM

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5" PVC			0	425	425	NONE	380 (SCREEN)	410

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-6459 Use Per Location No. 11N, 10E, 18, 340

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

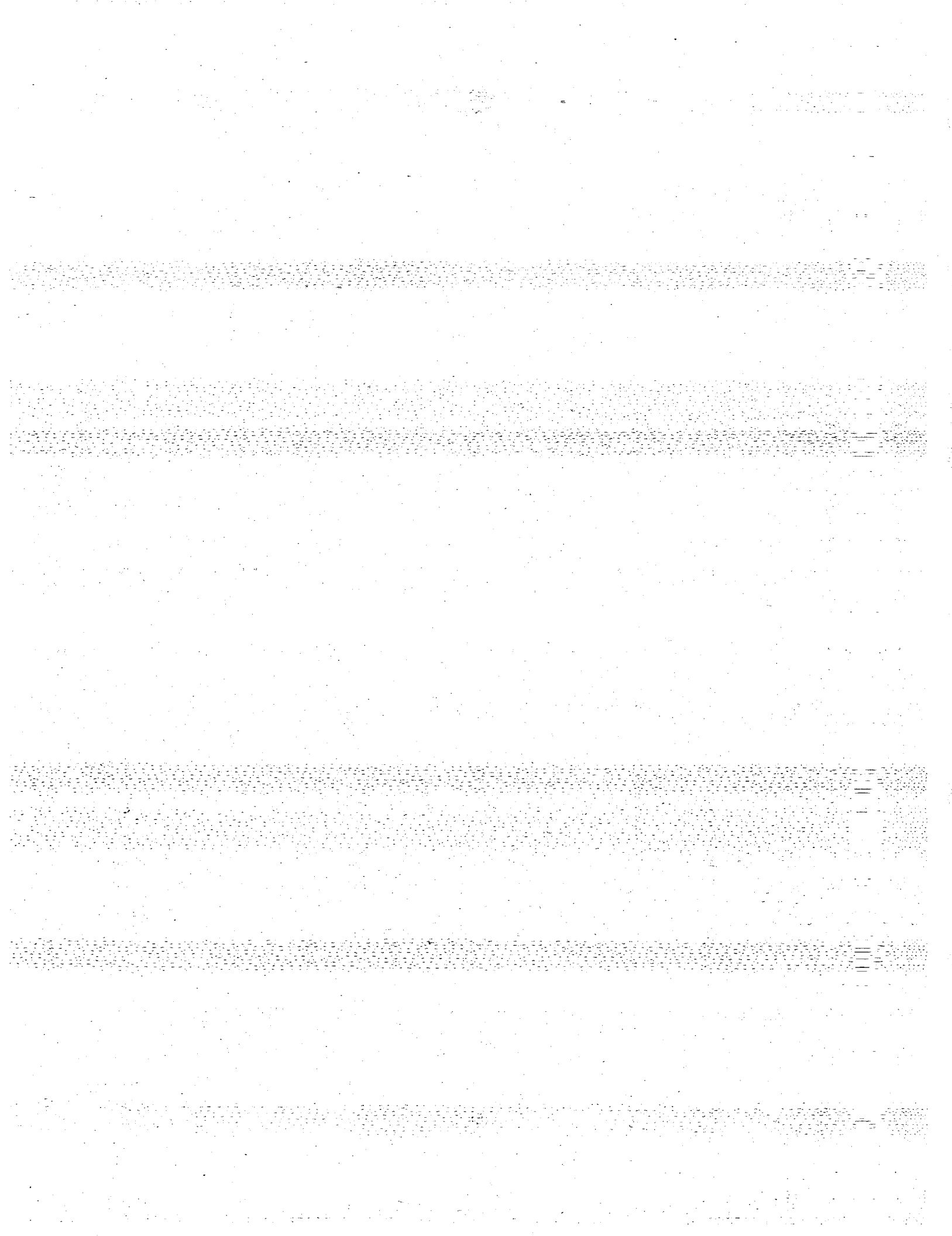
Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		To	From
Top Soil	3	3	0
Caliche	9	12	3
Tan Clay	48	60	12
Triassic Red	240	300	60
Brown Sand Stone	20	320	300
Red Clay Shale	70	390	320
White Sand Stone	22	412	390
Red Shale	13	425	412

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*John B. ...*  
Driller

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Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet		Depth in Feet	
	In Feet	To	From	To
Red Shale	120	120	0	
Red Shale & SS Streaks	320	440	120	
Grey SS	40	480	440	
Red Shale	20	500	480	

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE



Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Larry Williams Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address P.O. Box 144  
 City and State Moriarty, NM 87035

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6325 and is located in the:

- a. SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_ of Section 16 Township 9N Range 10E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Well address: 6 miles south of Martinez road, moriarty, NM
- c. Lot No. 1 of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lobo Acres  
 Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia's & Sons Drilling Co. License No. WD-539

Address 28 Garcia Loop Tijeras, NM 87059

Drilling Began 11-15-95 Completed 11-18-95 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 225 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 140 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
140	225	85	Yellow sandstone and rock	20 gallons

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
4 $\frac{1}{2}$		pvc	0	225	20	cup	180	225

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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 Location No. 09N-10E-16-333

Lobo Acres, Lot 1 ✓



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WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Jack Love Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 3511 Carlisle NE  
City and State Albuquerque, NM

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-4972 X and is located in the:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section 19 Township 9N Range 10E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. 31 of Block No. 1B Unit 1B1 of the Estancia Valley Ranchettes  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennison Drilling License No. ED 49

Address P.O. Box 91, Stanley, New Mexico, 87056

Drilling Began 1-24-94 Completed 1-29-94 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 7 7/8 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 240 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 230 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
325	333	8	Fed - gray small gravel	20

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5			0	240	240	0	240	240

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-4972-X Use Sam Location No. 09N.10E-19.224

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~~Driller~~

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Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Topsoil	3	3	
Gauche boulders	17	30	
Hard rock - black obelation	15	35	
Red clay	15	50	
Yellow sandstone	70	120	
Red sandstone	120	240	
Red medium soft shale	70	310	
Red sandstone	15	325	
Red mix grey shell gravel	8	333	
Red sandstone	7	340	

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Larry Stevens Owner's Well No. E-6105  
 Street or Post Office Address J Po Box 561  
 City and State McIntosh TN 37032

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the:

a. SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6 Township 7N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in DeWitt County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet; Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Morris Drilling License No. #1340

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Began 5/9/95 Completed 5/11/95 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 135 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 80' ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
80	85	5	Sandstone	5
125	130	5	Lime Stone & Gypsiferous	15

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (Inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5" ID	Plastic			135			95	135

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-6105 Use Dom Location No. 07N.10E.06.14

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Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	2	2	Top Soil. Red
2	80	78	Sand Stone Red
80	85	5	Sand Stone Red
85	125	40	Sand Stone Red.
125	130	5	Lime Stone & Shale Gray + yellow
130	135	5	Lime Stone Gray

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Ray Morris  
Driller

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WELL RECORD STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well ROSENAUER BERRKSHIRE GREENE Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address 10024 BRIDGEPOINT NE 55MATII P2 06  
 City and State ALBUQUERQUE, NM. 87111

Well was drilled under Permit No. L-169 and is located in the:  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 7N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in TORRANCE County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor DENNISSON DRILLING License No. WD-49  
 Address P. O. Box 86, STANLEY, NM. 87056  
 Drilling Began 01/15/95 Completed 01/30/95 Type tools ROTARY Size of hole 15 3/4 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 280 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 60 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
255	280	25	BOULDERS GRAVEL	1000 GPM

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12" PVC			0	173	173	NONE		
8" PVC			163	280	117	NONE	240	280

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Color and Type Material Encountered	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet
	To	From	
TOP SOIL	3	3	3
YELLOW CLAY	57	60	3
Rd. YESS	195	255	60
BOULDERS GRAVEL	25	280	255

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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*[Signature]*  
Driller

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**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Owner of well Pete E. Montano Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address PO Box 522  
 City and State Moriarty, NM 87035

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5168 and is located in the:  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section 12 Township 8N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. 5 of Map No. 17 of the Chilili Grant  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
 d. X= 508,700 feet, Y= 1,208,200 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central Zone in  
 the Chilili Land Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Sandia Well Drilling License No. WD 641  
 Address PO Box 940 Tijeras, NM 87059  
 Drilling Began 10-29-90 Completed 10-30-90 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 500 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 210 ft.

**Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
482	483	1	gray/brown limestone	3

**Section 3. RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5			18"	500	501½		480	500
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**Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

**Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD**

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-5168 Use Don Location No. OPN. 07E.12  
Chilili Grant - T. 5, R. 7E



Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Herman Chavez Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address 7000 Cisco Road NW  
 City and State Albuquerque, NM 87120  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6163 and is located in the: Repair and deepen well  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
 d. X= 493,300 feet, Y= 1,349,600 feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the Town of Tereon Land Grant Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia's & Sons Drilling Company License No. WD-539  
 Address 28 Garcia Loop Tijeras, NM 87059  
 Drilling Began 05-21-96 Completed 05-25-96 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6½ in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 205 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 100 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
100	205	105	Red clay and green rock	10 gallons

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
4½-160		pvc	0	205	20	cup	100	160
							180	205

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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 Quad Y=1,349,600  
 File No. E-6163 Use Dom. Location No. \_\_\_\_\_



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Margaret V. & John G. Behr Owner's Well No. HC-1-6556  
 Street or Post Office Address 9109 Sonya SW  
 City and State Albuquerque, NM 87121

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6148 and is located in the:  
 a.         $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section        Township        Range        N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. B of Map No.        of the       

c. Lot No.        of Block No.        of the         
 Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.

d. X = 479,000 feet, Y = 1,355,000 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central Zone in  
 the Town of Torreon Grant Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor W.H. Adkison Drilling, Inc. License No. WD-497

Address P.O. Box 478, Edgewood, NM 87015

Drilling Began 12-6-95 Completed 12-8-95 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.

Elevation of land surface or        at well is        ft. Total depth of well 460 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 250 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
			Seeper	40 gals per day

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5 od pvc			+1.5	450	20		240	260
							300	320
							340	380
							420	440

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor         
 Address         
 Plugging Method         
 Date Well Plugged         
 Plugging approved by:         
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
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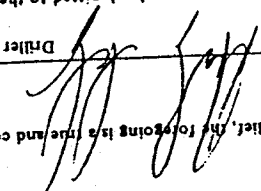
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 File No. E-6148 Quad y = 1,355,000 FWL        FSL         
 Use Dom. Location No.

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet
	From	To	
brown clay	24	24	24
brown clay w/limestone streaks	76	52	32
grey limestone	108	108	4
tan sandy clay	112	112	7
grey limestone	134	134	22
black shale	141	141	103
grey limestone	244	244	13
black shale	257	257	107
grey limestone	364	364	8
black shale	372	372	88
grey limestone	460	460	

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Owner of well Harold Staley or Yvonne Staras Owner's Well No. E-6415  
 Street or Post Office Address General Delivery  
 City and State Tijique, N.M. 87057

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6415 and is located in the:

- a.         $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section        Township        Range        N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No.        of Map No.        of the         
 c. Lot No.        of Block No.        of the         
 Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
 d. X= 498,000 feet, Y= 1,369,000 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central Zone in  
 the Town of Tijique Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Tom Massey Drilling License No. 1358  
 Address P.O. Box 401, Estancia, N.M. 87016  
 Drilling Began 3/23/96 Completed 3/25/96 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
 Elevation of land surface or        at well is        ft. Total depth of well 500 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 268 ft.

**Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
268	332	64	limestone	$\frac{1}{2}$ GPM
478	481	11	black shale	2 GPM

**Section 3. RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5"OD		sch pvc 40					300	320
5"OD		sch pvc 40					460	480

**Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

**Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD**

Plugging Contractor         
 Address         
 Plugging Method         
 Date Well Plugged         
 Plugging approved by:       

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

Date Received 4/2/96 FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY  
 File No. E-6415 Use Dom. Location No.         
 X = 498,000  
 Quad Y = 1,369,000 FWL        FSL       

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Driller

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		To	From
red shale	3	3	0
red sandstone	9	12	3
red shale	30	42	12
yellow shale	15	57	42
limestone	59	116	57
black shale	6	122	116
limestone	105	227	122
red shale	41	268	227
limestone, water, $\frac{1}{2}$ GPM	64	332	268
black shale	9	341	332
red shale	26	367	341
limestone	51	418	367
black shale	9	427	418
limestone	51	478	427
black shale, water, 2GPM	11	481	478
green sandstone	11	492	481
limestone	8	500	492



**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Owner of well Frank E. Dow Owner's Well No. HC-1-2427  
 Street or Post Office Address 11308 Academy Ridge Rd. NE  
 City and State Albuquerque, NM 87111

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5781 and is located in the:

a.         $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section        Township        Range        N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No.        of Map No.        of the         
 c. Lot No.        of Block No.        of the         
 Subdivision, recorded in        County.  
 d. X = 483,600 feet, Y = 1,366,800 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central Zone in  
 the Town of Tajuque Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor W.H. Adkison Drilling, Inc. License No. WD-497  
 Address P.O. Box 478, Edgewood, NM 87015

Drilling Began 6-7-94 Completed 6-7-94 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Elevation of land surface or        at well is        ft. Total depth of well 95 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 50 ft.

**Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
71	77	6	tan fractured limestone	6

**Section 3. RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations		
			Top	Bottom			From	To	
5" od			+2	90	20			50	90
PVC									

**Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

**Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD**

Plugging Contractor         
 Address         
 Plugging Method         
 Date Well Plugged         
 Plugging approved by:       

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-5781

Quad        FWL        FSL       

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## Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	5	5	brown topsoil & bolders
5	35	30	grey fractured limestone
35	42	7	caverns (lost Circulation) no returns
42	71	29	tan limestone
71	77	6	tan fractured limestone W/fractured streaks
77	95	18	grey limestone W/fractured streaks

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**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Owner of well Filomeno Gutierrez Owner's Well No. HC-1-2460  
 Street or Post Office Address 128 Placitas NE  
 City and State Albuquerque, NM 87107

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5784 and is located in the:

a.         $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$          $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section        Township        Range        N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No.        of Map No.        of the         
 c. Lot No.        of Block No.        of the         
 Subdivision, recorded in        County.  
 d. X= 524,600 feet, Y= 1,427,400 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central Zone in  
 the Chilili Land Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor W.H. Adkison Drilling, Inc. License No. WD 497  
 Address P.O. Box 478, Edgewood, NM 87015  
 Drilling Began 5-24-94 Completed 5-24-94 Type tools rotary Size of hole 6 1/2 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or        at well is        ft. Total depth of well 132 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 60 ft.

**Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
70	76	6	tan fractured limestone	1
85	90	5	tan fractured limestone	5
100	106	6	grey fractured limestone	20

**Section 3. RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5 od pvc			+2	132	20		90	130

**Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

**Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD**

Plugging Contractor         
 Address         
 Plugging Method         
 Date Well Plugged         
 Plugging approved by:         
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

Date Received 6/3/94 FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY  
 X= 524,600 Quad Y=1,427,400 C Zone Chilili Land Grant  
 File No. E-5784 Use Don Location No.         
 FWL        FSL

**Section 6. LOG OF HOLE**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	7	7	brown sandy clay
7	23	16	white calichi
23	70	47	tan calichi
70	76	6	tan fractured limestone
76	85	9	brown clay
85	90	5	tan fractured limestone
90	100	10	grey limestone
100	106	6	grey fractured limestone
106	120	14	grey limestone
120	132	12	tan limestone

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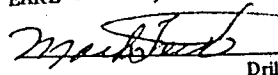
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Driller

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From	To	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
0	15	15	Topsoil
15	40	25	Clay, shale
40	100	60	Clay
100	120	20	Clay, sand
120	140	20	Shale
140	180	40	Clay and sandstone
180	240	60	Shale and sandstone
240	260	20	Shale and gravel

**Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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EARL & SONS, INC.

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Driller

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section I. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Carlene Mitchell  
 P.O. Box 293  
 Street or Post Office Address Morality, NM 87035  
 City and State  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E 5177 and is located in the:  
 Government Lots (1) and (2)  
 a. 7 % of Section 7 Township 10N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ Santa Fe \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
 d. X = \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y = \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System  
 Zone in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Earl R. Tauter dha Earl & Sons, Inc. License No. 583  
 Address P.O. Box 410, Cedar Crest, NM 87008  
 Drilling Began. 11-1-90 Completed 11-2-90 Type tools Hammer Size of hole 7 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6500 ft. Total depth of well 260 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 160 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
200	60	Shale and gravel	10+
1			

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5" ID	200PSI		0	260	260		200	260

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet	Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
0	7			Air, foam and water

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet	Cubic Feet of Cement
1	Bottom	
2	Top	
3		
4		

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Date Received 11-14-90  
 File No. E-5177  
 Use Blow  
 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location No. 10N-10E-07.12  
 Lengths referred to \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well J. B. Wyche Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 8904 Volcano Rd., NW  
City and State Albuquerque, NM, 87121

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6114 and is located in the:

- a. 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE of Section 17 Township 10N Range 10E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD 49  
Address PO Box 91, Stanley, NM, 87056

Drilling Began 5-15-95 Completed 5-29-95 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 8 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 420 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 200 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
NA	NA		Possibly fractured	pumping
			Sandstone	17

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5			0	420	420	None	320	420

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				
					1:35

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 7/5/95 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-6114 Use Dom Location No. 10N. 10E. 17. 223  
Compton Reservoir Quad.





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Joe M. Anaya Owner's Well No. E-5459  
Street or Post Office Address Star Route Box 13  
City and State Stanley, NM 87056

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the:

- a. SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_ of Section 10 Township 10N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia's Drilling Company License No. WD-539  
Address 28 Garcia Loop Tijeras, NM 87059

Drilling Began 09-16-92 Completed 09-19-92 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 440 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 240 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
240	440	200	Red shell and yellow sandstone	10

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
4 1/2		pvc	0	440	20	cup	240	260
							280	300
							320	340
							360	380
							400	440

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
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Date Received 11-13-92

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-5459 Use Dom Location No. 10N.10E.10.123  
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*Ray Jones*  
Driller

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Feet	Remarks
0	White clay
30	Brown clay
110	Red clay
140	Gray clay
180	Red clay
200	Blue shell
260	Red shell and yellow rock
300	Yellow rock and sandstone
330	Red shell



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Estancia Underground Water Basin was declared by order of the New Mexico State Engineer Office on January 31, 1950, and was extended on March 28, 1975 and March 14, 1994 and includes about 2,005 square miles. The watershed boundary is topographically closed and includes southern portions of Santa Fe County, eastern portions of Bernalillo County, a small portion in the southwest corner of San Miguel County, a few square miles in the northern portion of Lincoln County, and much of the western portion of Torrance County. The watershed area for the Basin is 2,260 square miles.

Large scale ground-water development began in the Basin in about 1947. The majority of ground-water mining that has occurred in the valley fill aquifer was used for irrigation. A total of 1,410,000 acre-feet of ground water was mined from the valley fill sediments from 1910 to 1995, and there is about 6,580,000 acre-feet of ground water remaining in the aquifer, assuming a specific yield of 12.5 percent for the valley fill aquifer. The average quantity of ground water mined from the valley fill aquifer from 1956 to 1995 was 32,000 acre-feet per annum, assuming pumping from the aquifer was essentially constant each year.

The Glorieta Sandstone, Yeso Formation, Abo Formation, and Madera Group aquifers have relatively large quantities of ground water in storage, but most of these aquifers do not readily yield large quantities of water to wells throughout the Basin and generally cannot be used for irrigation, municipal, or other large capacity supplies. The Glorieta Sandstone and Yeso Formation aquifers are known to locally yield relatively large quantities to wells; however, the quality of water in the Yeso is often poor. The Madera Group aquifer is capable of yielding relatively large quantities of water to wells, particularly in the northwest portion of the Basin.

The total ground-water diversion in the Basin for 1995 was 57,174 acre-feet. Irrigation uses accounted for 95 percent of the diversions in the Estancia Basin in 1995, most of which were from the valley fill sediments. It may be necessary to drill and complete irrigation supply wells in aquifers beneath the valley fill sediments in order to reduce potential subsidence of the valley fill aquifer that may result from excessive dewatering.

Ground-water quality in the valley fill aquifer, based on specific conductance data, decreased north of Estancia, near the northeast quadrant of Township 7 North, Range 8 East from 1956 to 1995. Ground-water quality also decreased near Cedar Grove, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Sections 20 through 22, from 1956 to 1995. In general, specific conductance increases from the Basin margins toward the center of the Basin.

The economy of the Basin is largely based on government, trade, and agriculture. Agriculture employs 18 percent of the local workforce (including agricultural wage and salary jobs and farm employment) and generates \$18 to \$20 million in receipts. Moriarty Public Schools accounts for almost one-fifth of all nonagricultural jobs. Retail trade is concentrated along Interstate 40.

Nearly 46 percent of the total land area in the Basin is rangeland. Irrigated cropland, which increased dramatically from 1940 to 1955 and has fluctuated since that time, occupies approximately 25,000 acres. Irrigated agriculture is concentrated in the central portion of the Basin along New Mexico State Highway 41 from Stanley to Willard.

In contrast, urban lands occupy an estimated 8,000 acres, with an additional 15,000 acres in "transitional" or urbanizing status. At current densities, projected population and employment growth could more than triple the amount of land in urban development, converting all land in transitional use to land in urban use.

In 1990, an estimated 68 percent of the Basin's population obtained water from a community or municipal water system, and 32 percent obtained water from domestic wells. Most businesses obtain water from community water systems, although about 20 commercial and industrial users have private wells. Total diversions for public and private water systems for residential, commercial, and industrial users were 2,294 acre-feet per annum in 1990.

The population of the Basin was an estimated 23,354 in 1995 and is projected to grow to 25,623 by 2000 and 42,630 by 2020. By 2040, the population could be as much as 70,300 if current trends continue. The majority of current population growth is concentrated along Interstate 40 in the northwest portion of the Basin. Residents in the Basin are primarily commuters; however, job growth is projected in the Basin, particularly in the communities along Interstate 40. These population increases within the Basin will require an additional ground-water diversion of 2,669 acre-feet per annum by 2000, 4,436 acre-feet per annum by 2020, and 7,316 acre-feet per annum by 2040.

Rapid growth in the East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County is also relevant to water resource planning for the Estancia Basin. Ground water is currently being exported out of the Basin to supply the Paa-Ko subdivision and other subdivisions in the Sandia Underground Basin. The East Mountain Area outside of the Basin is projected to grow to nearly 30,000 by 2040, adding a population of 19,000 new residents. It is probable that the population growth in the East Mountain Area will create a demand for Estancia Basin ground water.

Irrigated agricultural lands are expected to remain essentially the same and fluctuate between about 44,000 to 77,000 acres. Current estimates of ground-water diversions for irrigated agricultural land indicate the annual average diversion is 2.56 acre-feet per annum for flood irrigated land, 2.1 acre-feet per annum for sprinkler irrigated land, and 1.26 for drip irrigated land. Changes in irrigation methods, when possible, may reduce ground-water diversions.

Future commercial and industrial ground-water diversions were assumed to be proportional to projected employment. Projected commercial diversions are 58 acre-feet per annum by 2000, 98 acre-feet per annum by 2020, and 168 acre-feet per annum by 2040. Projected industrial diversions are 20 acre-feet per annum by 2000, 35 acre-feet per annum by 2020, and 59 acre-feet by 2040.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ac-ft	acre-feet
ac-ft/an	acre-feet per annum
afy/p	acre-feet per year per person
avg	average
BBER	Bureau of Business Economic Research
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
cfs	cubic feet per second
CID	Carlsbad Irrigation District
CIR	consumptive irrigation requirement
DASZs	Data Analysis Subzones
EBID	Elephant Butte Irrigation District
EIB	Environmental Improvement Board
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
evap.	evaporation
ft/ft	feet per foot
ft <sup>2</sup> /d	feet squared per day
gpcd	gallons per capita per day
gpm	gallons per minute
gpm/ft	gallons per minute per foot
HW	highway
ID	incidental completions
MDWCA	Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association
mi	mile(s)
MRGCOG	Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments
msl	mean sea level
NCDC	National Climatic Data Center
NEPA	National Environment Policy Act
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
NMERI	New Mexico Engineering Research Institute
NMSEO	New Mexico State Engineer Office
NMSHTD	New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department
NMWQCC	New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	National Pollution Elimination System
OCD	Oil Conservation Division
OTA	Congressional Office of Technology Assessment
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SC	specific conductance
TCU	Transportation, Communications, and Utilities
UNM	University of New Mexico
μmhos/cm	micromhos per centimeter
USGS	United States Geological Survey
Va	volume of water available for appropriation

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The results are based on reviews of selected published and unpublished information, and personal communication with individuals familiar with the study area. Unless contradicted by conflicting data obtained independently during the conduct of the work, all information was accepted at face value. No new data were collected for this report. The information obtained during interviews, and from files, publications, and databases is sometimes inaccurate or incomplete. The information and conclusions in this report are subject to the accuracy, completeness, and availability of such data.

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# REGIONAL WATER PLAN, ESTANCIA UNDERGROUND WATER BASIN, NEW MEXICO

## I. INTRODUCTION

This project was initiated and supervised by the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee, and made possible by the joint efforts of representatives from Torrance, Santa Fe, and Bernalillo Counties, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, and the Edgewood, East Torrance Claunch/Pinto Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This report is intended to fulfill the requirements of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Regional Water Planning Template and deals with the watershed boundary for the Estancia Underground Water Basin. The Regional Water Planning Template format was used for this report. The watershed boundary for the Basin encompasses an area greater than the area defined by the New Mexico State Engineer Office (NMSEO) for the Basin. The report is a summary of 1) data as to the factors that govern water availability, 2) data as to water use and water quality, 3) the legal framework relating to water allocation, and 4) projected water demands, that provides the basic information needed for decision-making.

The geologic, hydrogeologic, and historic water use portions of the report were prepared by John Shomaker & Associates, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The legal framework portions were prepared by Sheehan, Sheehan, & Stelzner, P.A., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The demographic, economic, cultural, historic, and population and water use projection portions were prepared by Southwest Land Research, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The current water demand portions were prepared by Livingston Associates, P.C., Alamogordo, New Mexico.

At the request of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee, this report was prepared by representing as much of the information as possible in the form of tables, figures, maps and map-overlays. The intent of this report style was to provide an easily accessible and understandable representation of the data for decision makers in the Estancia Underground Water Basin and Torrance County, and at the same time to follow the format of the Regional Water Planning Template.

Specific locations in this report are referred to using a standard system of numbering public lands in New Mexico. Locations are referred to by Township, Range, and Section, with the section being further divided into tracts of 160-, 40-, and 10-acre tracts. Figure 1 is an example showing the well numbering system in New Mexico.

Most of the water used in the Estancia Basin is drawn from wells. Numerous groundwater studies have been performed within the study area with the earliest studies having been completed in the early 1900's. However, only several studies focused on reporting groundwater conditions for the entire Estancia Underground Water Basin and Torrance County. The most notable of the early work in the area was that of Meinzer (1911), and Smith (1957). Subsequently, many other quality reports have been generated by authors detailing work at specific sites within the study area, and several which have focused specifically on the Estancia Underground Water Basin. Unpublished data were also provided by the New Mexico State Engineer Office and the U. S. Geological Survey. A complete list of references is included.

## II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### A. Description of Water Planning Region

The Estancia Underground Water Basin was declared by an order of the New Mexico State Engineer on January 31, 1950. The Basin area was extended on March 28, 1975 and March 14, 1994 (NMSEO, 1995). The Basin defined by the NMSEO includes about 2,005 square miles. The watershed boundary for the Basin is approximately 2,260 square miles and encompasses the majority of the NMSEO defined basin. The watershed boundary includes the southern portions of Santa Fe County, eastern portions of Bernalillo County, a small portion in the southwest corner of San Miguel County, a few square miles in the northern portion of Lincoln County, and much of the western part of Torrance County. The watershed boundary will be referred to as the Estancia Basin, or Basin, throughout this report, except when referenced with other declared underground water basins, in the legal section, and ground-water diversions and depletions. The Estancia Basin is topographically closed, and is bounded 1) on the north by the crest of the San Pedro Mountains and the northern extent of the White Lakes area, which is near the southern boundary of the San Cristoval Grant, 2) on the east by mesas and the Pedernal Hills, 3) on the south by the Gallinas Peak, Mesa de los Jumanos, and West Mesa, and 4) on the west by the crest of the Manzano Mountains and by slopes east of the Sandia Mountains.

Manzano Peak has an elevation of 10,097 feet and is the highest point in the vicinity. The lowest point in the Basin is about 6,050 ft in the Laguna del Perro area. Slopes from the eastern side of the Manzano Mountains to Laguna del Perro, and in areas from the western portion of the Basin to the central portion, range from 1 to 2 percent (Fig. 3).

The majority of the Basin is rural and is dominated by farming and ranching. The main densely populated areas include the towns of Moriarty, Edgewood, Mountainair, and Estancia. Other small communities include Cedar Grove, Cedarvale, Willard, Stanley, Chilili, Tajique, Torreon, Manzano, Punta de Aqua, and McIntosh.

#### 1. Natural resources

The most important natural resources in the Basin currently being used are the ground water and soils. Other natural resources include uncultivated vegetation, sand and gravel, fuel wood, forest products, cultural resources, and minerals.

##### a. Water Resources

###### i. Major Hydrologic Basins

The Estancia Underground Water Basin is generally considered a closed basin and includes an entire watershed. Some hydrogeologist have argued that the Basin is hydrologically connected to nearby underground water basins (Turner, 1992).

###### ii. Significant Streams

There are no significant streams in the study area. The Estancia Underground Water Basin is a closed basin and no surface water drains out of the Basin. The majority of surface water flow occurs as ephemeral flows in drainages and arroyos. Some springs in the Basin are reported to flow continuously, and there are two small fresh water lakes, Manzano and

Sherwood Forest Lakes. Laguna del Perro is a salt water lake and there are numerous small salt water lakes nearby. The U.S. Geological Survey does not have permanent gauges to monitor surface water flows, nor does it monitor surface water quality, in the study area.

### iii. Underground Water Basins

The declared underground water basins in the region adjacent to the Estancia Underground Water Basin are the 1) Upper Pecos Basin, 2) Roswell Basin, 3) Rio Grande Basin, and 4) Sandia Basin. The Upper Pecos Basin is 3,842 square miles and borders the northeastern to the south-east central portion of the Estancia Basin. The Roswell Basin is 10,779 square miles and borders the southeastern portions of the Estancia Basin. The Rio Grande Basin is 26,209 square miles and borders the majority of the western to the southwestern corner of the Estancia Basin. The Sandia Basin is 73 square miles and borders a small part of the northwest portion of the Estancia Basin.

### iv. Assumptions to Determine Availability

The assumptions used to estimate the availability of water-resources in the Basin are discussed in detail in **Section IV** of this document.

### b. Soils

Soil associations in Torrance County include the Salas-Rock outcrops and slides, Wilcoxson-Supervisor-Pino, Witt-Wilcoxson-Turkeysprings, Witt-Harvey-Manzano, Willard-Idefonso-Karde, Clovis-Otero-Rock land, Tapia-Dean-Pastura, Penistaja-Steep rock land, La Fonda-Alicia-Rock outcrop, and Otero-Palma-Trail (Bourlier et al., 1970). Soil associations in Santa Fe County within the study area include the Witt-Harvey-Clovis, Harvey-Dean-Tapia, Travessilla-Rock outcrop-Bernal, La Brier-Willard, Laporte-Witt, Rednun-Pena-Stony rock land, and Chimayo-Mirabal-Supervisor. Soil associations in Bernalillo County within the study area include the Silver-Witt-Laporte, Seis-Orthids, and the Kolob-Rock. Soil associations in San Miguel County within the study area include the Tuloso-Sombordo-Rock outcrop, Laporte-Rock outcrop, and the Vibo-Tapia. Soils in Lincoln County are described with the soils in Torrance County.

Some of the soil associations have slightly different names across county boundaries. For example, the Witt-Harvey-Clovis association in South Santa Fe County corresponds to the Witt-Harvey-Manzano association in Torrance County. The soil associations are very similar, and the difference in the names most likely reflects the source area of the soils. Where there associations are similar across county lines, the soil association in the county adjoining Torrance County were given the same designation as the association in Torrance County.

A soil association is a "landscape that has a distinctive proportional pattern of soils. It normally consists of one or more major soils and at least one minor soil, and it is named for the major soils" (Bourlier et al., 1970). The first name in the soil association is the most extensive. Soil association maps are useful for regional planning, but may not present detailed enough data for planning purposes at relatively small scales. Figure 4 is a general map showing the soil associations in the

Basin and the relative permeability of each soils association. The permeability of the majority of the most extensive soil(s) in the association was assumed to represent the permeability of the entire association. Figure 5 shows the textural guide for soil classifications.

#### **i. Torrance County Soil Associations**

The Salas-Rock outcrops and slides association is present on the western slopes of the Manzano and Gallinas Mountains on steep to very steep slopes. This association consists of stony soils, rock outcrops, and rock slides, and includes about 2 percent of Torrance County. The Erramouspe soils are in this association and are on steep to very steep slopes in the Gallinas Mountains. This association is generally not amenable for conservation engineering structures because it is in areas which are steep and rocky. Vegetation on this association is primarily pinon and juniper, short and mid-grasses, mountain-mahogany, and cactus (Bourlier et al., 1970).

The Wilcoxson-Supervisor-Pino association is present on gently sloping to very steep mountain slopes at the highest elevations in the western and southern portions of the county. This association consists of moderately deep to deep stony and non-stony acidic soils, and includes about 1 percent of Torrance County. The Pinata soils are in this association on moderately steep to very steep slopes and ridges in the southern part of the county. Other soils include the Capillo, Fortwingate, Fuera, Stroupe, Tampico, and Tecolote. This association is not amenable to conservation engineering structures because it is in areas which are steep and rocky. The Tampico soils are present in drainage ways and are suitable for constructing ponds. Vegetation on this association is primarily ponderosa pine, limber pine, Douglas-fir, white fir, alligator juniper, deciduous oaks and shrubs, and short and mid-grasses (Bourlier et al., 1970). This association corresponds to the Kolob-Rock outcrop association in Bernalillo County.

The Witt-Wilcoxson-Turkeysprings association is present on gently sloping to very steep mountain slopes on the eastern slopes of the Manzano Mountains. This association consists of shallow to moderately deep wooded soils and includes about 12 percent of Torrance County. The Pinon, Laporte, Alicia, Encierro, and Washoe soils are in this association on the side slopes of ridges. This association is generally amenable to conservation engineering structures such as terraces and diversions, but not ponds because of the relatively shallow depth to gravel or bedrock. However, the Witt soils are relatively deep and can be used for ponds. Crops grown on these soils include wheat, corn, and pinto beans. Native Vegetation on this association is primarily pinon and juniper, short and mid-grasses, and cactus (Bourlier et al., 1970). This soil association corresponds to the Silver-Witt-Laporte association in Bernalillo County and the Laporte-Witt association in Santa Fe County.

The Witt-Harvey-Manzano association is present on nearly level to very steep slopes, pediment fans, and alluvium in the western and southern portions of the county. This association consists of moderate to deep soils

and includes about 14 percent of Torrance County. The Tapia, Pinon, Dean, Wilcoxson, Carnero, and Clovis soils are in this association. This association is generally amenable to conservation engineering structures such as terraces, diversions, and ponds because of the relatively low permeability, and they are relatively deep soils. However, the Tapia and Pinon soils are relatively shallow and can not be used for ponds. The main crops grown on these soils include alfalfa, wheat, corn, and pinto beans. Native vegetation on this association is primarily pinon and juniper, short and mid-grasses, and cactus (Bourlier et al., 1970). This soil association corresponds to the Witt-Harvey-Clovis association in Santa Fe County.

The Willard-Ildefonso-Karde association is present on level to very steep slopes formed in lake sediments on terraces and wind-deposited hills in the Estancia, Encino, and Pinos Wells Lake Basins. This association consists of moderately deep saline and non-saline soils and includes about 15 percent of Torrance County. The Pedrick and Manzano soils are in this association. The Willard, Karde, and Harvey soils can be used for ponds, diversions, and terraces. Ildefonso and Pedrick soils have a relatively high permeability and are not amenable for use as diversions and ponds. Underground plumbing in these soils should be coated or cathodically protected, or plastic pipes should be used, to avoid corrosion problems. The main crops grown on these soils include alfalfa, barley, and corn. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, and chamiza (Bourlier et al., 1970). This soil association corresponds to the La Brier-Willard association in Santa Fe County.

The Clovis-Otero-Rock land association is present on gently sloping to very steep slopes formed over igneous rocks and in valley fill primarily in the Pederal Hills. This association consists of shallow to deep soils and includes about 6 percent of Torrance County. The Kech, Scholle, and Chilton soils are in this association and are present on the sides and upper portion of pediment fans. The Clovis and Scholle soils can be used for ponds. Otero and Chilton soils have a relatively high permeability and Kech soils are too shallow to be used as diversions and ponds. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, cactus, yucca, and pinon and juniper at higher elevations (Bourlier et al., 1970).

The Tapia-Dean-Pastura association is present on nearly level to very steep slopes formed over igneous rocks and in valley fill throughout most of eastern Torrance County. This association consists of shallow to moderately deep soils and includes about 18 percent of Torrance County. The Harvey, Rance, Prewitt, and Manzano soils are in this association and are present on the sides of slopes and narrow drainages. Soils in the association are not generally used for ponds because they are underlain by caliche at depths ranging from about 12 to 20 inches. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, cactus, and some juniper (Bourlier et al., 1970). This soil association corresponds to the Harvey-Dean-Tapia association in Santa Fe County.



The Penistaja-Steep rock land association is present on nearly level to very steep upland slopes and rocky hillsides in the southern and eastern portions of the county. This association consists of shallow to deep soils, and steep rock land, and includes about 15 percent of Torrance County. The Hagerman, Bernal, Travessilla, and Laporte soils are in this association. The Penistaja soils can be used for terraces, diversions, and ponds. Other soils in the association are not generally used for ponds because they are relatively shallow and underlain by bedrock. Native vegetation on this association is primarily pinon, juniper, short and mid-grasses, cactus, and yucca (Bourlier et al., 1970). This association corresponds to the Laporte-Rock outcrop association in San Miguel County.

The La Fonda-Alicia-Rock outcrop association is present on gently sloping to very steep rock outcrops in the eastern and southwestern portions of the county. This association consists of deep loamy soils on upland pediment fans and includes about 9 percent of Torrance County. The Encierro, Chilton, Scholle, and Pinon soils are also in this association and are present on sides of slopes, pediment fans, and ridge crests. Soils in the association are highly susceptible to water erosion and may slough off when saturated; however, they are still used for ponds. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, cactus, and yucca (Bourlier et al., 1970). This soil association corresponds to the Travessilla-Rock outcrop-Bernal association in Santa Fe County.

The Otero-Palma-Trail association is present on rolling hills primarily in the southern portion of the county. This association consists of deep, sandy soils on alluvial fans and includes about 4 percent of Torrance County. The Penistaja and Chupadera soils are also in this association and are present on sides of slopes, pediment fans, and ridge crests. Soils in the association are highly susceptible to wind and water erosion and do not make good ponds because they are relatively permeable. Native vegetation on this association is primarily pinon, juniper, short to tall grasses, and yucca (Bourlier et al., 1970).

## ii. Santa Fe County Soil Associations

The Witt-Harvey-Clovis association is present on level to moderate slopes in the central and western portions of Santa Fe County. This association consists of deep, loamy soils formed on alluvial fans and includes about 11 percent of Santa Fe County. The La Brier, Penistaja, and Dean soils are also in this association and comprise about 5 percent. Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing cattle and are moderately susceptible to wind erosion in dry-farmed areas. Native vegetation on this association is primarily mid-grasses (Folks et al., 1975).

The Harvey-Dean-Tapia association is present on level to moderate slopes in the southeastern portions of Santa Fe County. This association consists of loamy soils formed on upland alluvial fans and includes about 9 percent of Santa Fe County. The Penistaja, Pastura, Otero, Palma, and Hagerman soils are also in this association and comprise about 30 percent.

Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing cattle and moderately susceptible to wind erosion. Native Vegetation on this association is primarily mid-grasses, and minor amounts of pinon and juniper (Folks et al., 1975).

The Travessilla-Rock outcrop-Bernal association is present on nearly level to moderate slopes in the southeast to south central portion of Santa Fe County. This association consists of shallow loamy soils and rock outcrop, and includes about 13 percent of Santa Fe County. The Prewitt, Rednun, Wilcoxson variant, Chimayo, Ortiz, Las Lucas, Cueva, and Encierro soils are also in this association and comprise about 40 percent. Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing cattle and are moderately susceptible to water erosion in areas where the range is in poor condition. Native vegetation on this association is primarily mid-grasses, shrubs, forbs, pinon and juniper (Folks et al., 1975).

The La Brier-Willard association is present on level to nearly level slopes in the south central portion of Santa Fe County. This association consists of loamy to clayey soils on alluvial fans and lake benches, and includes about 1 percent of Santa Fe County. The Moriarty, Penistaja, Harvey, and Witt soils are also in this association and comprise about 15 percent. Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing cattle and are moderately susceptible to wind erosion in areas where the range is in poor condition. Native vegetation on this association is primarily mid-grasses, forbs, and shrubs (Folks et al., 1975).

The Laporte-Witt association is present on level to moderately steep slopes in the southwestern portion of Santa Fe County. This association consists of loamy soils on low foothills and alluvial fans, and includes about 1 percent of Santa Fe County. The Harvey soils and limestone outcrop are also in this association and comprise about 10 percent. Soils in the association are primarily used for range and stock ponds. Native vegetation on this association is primarily mid-grasses, forbs, shrubs, pinon, and juniper (Folks et al., 1975). This soil association corresponds primarily to the Silver-Witt-Laporte and to minor extent the Seis-Orthids association in Bernalillo County.

### **iii. Bernalillo County Soil Associations**

The Silver-Witt-Laporte association is present on level to moderately steep slopes in the eastern and southeastern portions of Bernalillo County. This association consists of loamy soils which formed in alluvial sediments, and includes about 10 percent of Bernalillo County. Rock outcrop, Manzano soils are also in this association and comprise about 26 percent. Soils in the association are primarily used for range and watershed development. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, pinon, and juniper (Hacker et al., 1977).

The Seis-Orthids association is present on level to very steep slopes in the northeastern portion of Bernalillo County. This association consists of very stony loamy soils which formed on the sides of canyons and mountains,

and includes about 12 percent of Bernalillo County. Salas, Silver, La Fonda, Carlito, Millett, Tesajo, Bond, Scholle, Burnac, and Ildefonso soils, and rock outcrop are also in this association and comprise about 60 percent of the association. Soils in the association are primarily used for range and stock ponds. Native vegetation on this association is primarily short and mid-grasses, pinon, juniper, mountain mahogany, and oak (Hacker et al., 1977).

The Kolob-Rock outcrop association is present on steep to very steep slopes in the southeastern portion of Bernalillo County. This association consists of loamy and stony soils which formed on mesa breaks, canyon walls, and sides of ridges, and includes about 8 percent of Bernalillo County. Pino, Laporte, and Sandia soils are also in this association and comprise about 48 percent of the association. Soils in the association are primarily used for range and stock ponds. Native vegetation on this association is primarily ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, mountain mahogany, and grass (Hacker et al., 1977).

#### iv. San Miguel County Soil Associations

The Tuloso-Sombordo-Rock outcrop association is present on moderately rolling to steep slopes. This association consists of shallow stony sandy loam, very stony loam, very stony fine sandy loam, and extremely stony clay, and includes about 15 percent of San Miguel County. Bernal and Carnero soils are also in this association and comprise about 25 percent of the association. Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing stock and wildlife habitat. Native vegetation includes pinon, juniper, oak, and grasses (Hilley et al., 1981).

The Laporte-Rock outcrop association is present on moderately rolling hills to ridges. This association consists of shallow stony loams, and limestone rock, and includes about 2 percent of San Miguel County. Dean, Escabosa, Manzano, Sombordoro, Tapia, and Tuloso soils are also in this association and comprise about 35 percent of the association. Soils in the association are primarily used for grazing stock and wildlife habitat. Native vegetation includes pinon, juniper, oak, and grasses (Hilley et al., 1981).

The Vibo-Tapia association is present on moderately slightly to moderately rolling hills. This association consists of sandy loam, sandy clay loam, loam, and gravelly loam, and includes about 5 percent of San Miguel County. Dean, Laporte, Ribera, Sombordoro, Teco, and Tuloso soils are also in this association and comprise about 20 percent of the association. Soils in the association are primarily used for seasonal habitat for wildlife and for grazing stock. Native vegetation includes grass with scattered pinon and juniper (Hilley et al., 1981).

#### v. Characteristics of Specific Soils

The physical characteristics for the major soils within each association are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Summary of the characteristics of the primary soils in each soil association in the Estancia Underground Water Basin, New Mexico**

soil series	description	total depth, inches	permeability, inches/hour	salinity	degree of limitation for sewage disposal field	shrink-swell potential
Alicia	loam, clay loam	60	0.63 to 2.0	none	slight	low to moderate
Bernal	fine sandy loam, sandy clay loam	12	0.63 to 2.0	none	severe: rock at shallow depth	low to moderate
Chimayo	very stony loam	20	0.63 to 2.0	-	severe: shallow depth to rock	low
Clovis	loam, clay loam	60	0.20 to 0.63	none	slight	moderate to high
Dean	loam, gravely loam	36	0.63 to 2.0	none	slight	low
Harvey	loam, clay loam	60	0.63 to 2.0	none to slight	slight	low to moderate
Ildefonso	fine sandy loam, gravely fine sandy loam	36	0.63 to 6.3	none	slight	low
Karde	loam, silt loam	60	0.63 to 2.0	moderate to severe	moderate: moderate permeable	low
Kolob	stony clay loam, and stony clay	42	0.2 to 0.6	none	severe: low permeability	moderate
La Brier	clay loam	60	0.06 to 2.0	-	severe: low permeability and subject to flooding	moderate
La Fonda	loam, heavy loam	60	0.63 to 2.0	none	moderate permeability	low to moderate
Laporte	stony loam	11	0.63 to 6.3	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low
Manzano	loam, light clay loam	41	0.63 to 2.0	none	slight	low to moderate
Mirabal	stony sandy loam	21	2.0 to 6.3	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	
Orthids	variable lithology	variable	0.2 to 0.6	low to moderate	severe: steep slopes	low
Otero	fine sandy loam	40	2.0 to 6.3	none	slight	low
Palma	fine sandy loam, heavy fine sandy loam	60	0.63 to 6.3	none	slight	low
Pastura	loam	24	0.63 to 2.0	none	severe: caliche reduces permeability	low
Pena	stony clay loam, very gravely clay loam and loam	60	0.63 to 2.0	-	slight to severe: variable slopes	low to moderate

**Table 1. Summary of the characteristics of the primary soils in each soil association in the Estancia Underground Water Basin, New Mexico (continued)**

soil series	description	total depth, inches	permeability, inches/hour	salinity	degree of limitation for sewage disposal field	shrink-swell potential
Penistaja	fine sandy loam, sandy clay loam	60	0.63 to 6.3	none	slight	low to moderate
Pino	loam and very fine sandy loam, clay loam	36	0.63 to 2.0	none	moderate seepage	low to moderate
Rednun	clay loam, very fine sandy clay loam	60	0.06 to 2.0	-	severe: low permeability	moderate to high
Salas	stony loam, clay loam	33	0.05 to 2.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low to moderate
Seis	very cobbly loam, very stony clay loam	30	0.6 to 2.0	none	severe: rocky	low
Silver	silty clay loam, silt loam	60	0.06 to 0.6	none	severe: low permeability in subsoil	low to moderate
Sombordo	very stony fine sandy loam, extremely stony clay	16	0.06 to 6.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low to high
Supervisor	loam, stony loam	30	0.63 to 2.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low to moderate
Tapia	loam, clay loam, gravely light clay loam	21	0.05 to 2.0	none	severe: caliche prevents drainage	low to moderate
Trail	loamy fine sand, fine sand	60	>6.3	none	slight	low
Travessilla	fine sandy loam, loam	6	0.63 to 2.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low
Tuloso	stony sandy loam, very stony loam, stony loam	11	0.6 to 6.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low
Turkey-springs	stony loam, stony clay loam, stony clay, stony silty clay loam, stony silt loam	42	0.05 to 2.0	none	severe: shallow depth to rock	low to high
Vibo	fine sandy loam, clay loam, sandy loam	24	0.6 to 6.0	none	moderate: moderate permeability	low to moderate

**Table 1. Summary of the characteristics of the primary soils in each soil association in the Estancia Underground Water Basin, New Mexico (concluded)**

soil series	description	total depth, inches	permeability, inches/hour	salinity	degree of limitation for sewage disposal field	shrink-swell potential
Washoe	cobbly loam, very gravely clay loam	60	0.20 to 6.3	none	moderate: moderate permeability	low to moderate
Wilcoxson	clay loam, clay, silty clay loam, stony loam	46	0.05 to 2.0	none	severe: low permeability	low to high
Willard	fine sandy loam, clay loam, loam	60	0.20 to 6.3	none to severe	slight	low to moderate
Witt	loam, clay loam	60	0.20 to 2.0	none	moderate: moderate permeability	moderate to high

### c. Uncultivated Vegetation

Uncultivated vegetation in the Basin includes pinon, juniper, cactus, short to tall grasses, mountain mahogany, ponderosa pine, limber pine, Douglas fir, white fir, deciduous oaks and shrubs, forbs, yucca, and chamiza (Bourlier et al., 1970, Folks et al., 1975, and Hacker et al., 1977).

Endangered species and non-native vegetation were not investigated as part of this study. Water consumption along streams was not assessed due to the lack of streams which flow year round and the limited data regarding spring flow.

### d. Minerals

Four precious-metal mines or prospects are reported to be within the study area: 1) the 3 in 1 Mine near Manzano, 2) the El Cuervo Butte Prospects west of Clines Corners, 3) the Pedernal Hills Mine west of Encino, and 4) the San Pedro Mine on the side of the San Pedro Mountains. Numerous gravel and rock quarries are within the study area. Naturally occurring radioactive mineral deposits have been found in the Permian-age Abo Formation and in Paleozoic-age syenites which have intruded Precambrian rocks in Tarrant County (see potentiometric contamination map, Fig. 25). Only one deposit, the Abo Mining claims, reports uranium production (McLemore, 1983).

## 2. Demographics for the Region

The Estancia Basin study area consists of a large portion of Tarrant County, a portion of the east mountain section of Bernalillo County, a large area of southern Santa Fe County, the northwest corner of San Miguel County, and a small area of National Forest Land in Lincoln County. The recent growth pattern for this area has been residential development in the rural areas, with a majority of residents commuting to jobs in Albuquerque.

In 1990, there were a total of 4,586 families in the Estancia Basin and the median family income for the area was \$25,492. The average household size, which can be a family or a group of people who occupy a housing unit, was 2.3 persons per unit in 1990.

#### a. Population

The 1990 population information for the study area was obtained from the U.S. Census. Population totals were collected at the census block group level. When the study area did not conform to census block groups, individual blocks were used to calculate population totals. Table 2 shows the 1990 census totals for population and housing units for each county within the study area.

According to 1990 census data, the total population within the Estancia Basin study area was 16,631. The largest portion of the study area population--57 percent--is located within Tarrant County. Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties had the second and third largest portion of total populations at 23.5 and 19.3 percent, respectively. San Miguel County has less than 1 percent of the population in the study area.

**Table 2. 1990 and 1995 population and housing units in Estancia Basin study area by county and subcounty area**

county (study area only)	population			housing units		
	1990	1995	% growth 1990-95	1990	1995	% growth 1990-95
Bernalillo	3,214	4,192	30.4%	1,328	2,379	79.1%
Santa Fe	3,911	5,180	32.4%	1,443	2,154	49.3%
Edgewood area	2,880	3,965	37.7%	1,038	1,649	58.9%
Stanley area	205	286	39.5%	77	119	54.6%
Cedar Grove area	826	928	12.3%	328	386	17.7%
San Miguel	40	42	--	14	14	--
Tarrant	9,466	12,525	32.3%	4,431	5,678	28.1%
Moriarty area	2,355	2,979	26.5%	980	1,274	30.0%
Estancia area	1,004	1,205	20.0%	470	575	22.3%
Mountainair area	1,009	1,070	6.0%	499	539	8.0%
West of Moriarty	1,665	2,387	43.4%	765	1,050	37.3%
South 14	1,002	1,093	9.1%	576	640	11.1%
SW of Moriarty	707	969	9.1%	275	383	39.3%
SE of Moriarty	670	902	37.1%	307	420	36.8%
NW of Estancia	511	668	30.7%	232	308	32.8%
SW of Estancia	238	259	8.8%	125	139	11.2%
East of Estancia	329	611	85.7%	197	250	26.9%
South of US 60	291	382	31.3%	143	191	33.6%
total	16,631	21,908	31.7%	7,216	10,225	41.7%

Source: 1990 U.S. Census Data

The 1995 estimates were obtained from the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (Torrance and Bernalillo Counties) and from Santa Fe County. Both information sources estimated population growth based on new residential construction and installation of mobile homes. In some cases, housing and population was reported for areas that extend beyond the study area boundary. The proportion of the population in these areas within the Estancia Basin was assumed to remain the same as in 1990.

From 1990 to 1995, the study area population grew by over 30 percent. As a comparison, the state population and the population of the Bernalillo/Santa Fe/Torrance County region increased by about 10 percent during this period. The areas experiencing the most growth from 1990 to 1995 were Torrance County east of Estancia, Torrance County surrounding Moriarty; and southern Santa Fe County. Nearly one out of two residents in the Bernalillo County portion of the study area in 1995 did not live there in 1990. Over one in three residents in other growth areas in 1995 did not live there in 1990.

#### i. Urban/Rural Populations

The Census Bureau defines "urban" for the 1990 census as places of 2,500 or more persons incorporated as cities, villages, boroughs, towns, or Census designated places of 2,500 or more persons. Territory, population, and housing units not classified as "urban," constitutes "rural" areas. All of the study area was "rural" in 1990 according to the Census definition.

As shown above, most of the population growth from 1990 to 1995 in the study area was in unincorporated areas, but population growth did occur in municipalities. Table 3 shows 1990 through 1994 population estimates for incorporated places within the study area. All of the municipalities in the study area are located in Torrance County. Moriarty has been the fastest growing municipality in the study area.

**Table 3. Growth trends for municipalities in the Estancia Basin**

county/subcounty	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1991 <sup>1</sup>	1992 <sup>1</sup>	1993 <sup>1</sup>	1994 <sup>1</sup>	1990 to 1994 growth rate
Town of Estancia	799	778	776	817	866	8.4%
Moriarty City	1,401	1,443	1,451	1,542	1,620	15.6%
Town of Mountainair	926	911	914	923	958	3.5%
Village of Willard	182	183	158	178	181	0.0%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, October 1995

<sup>1</sup> July 1 estimates



Table 4 presents population data for the two unincorporated Santa Fe County communities--Edgewood and Stanley--that are located within the study area. According to a Santa Fe County official, the Edgewood traditional community is the fastest growing community in the county. During the twenty years from 1973 to 1993, the Edgewood area population increased by nearly 500 percent, and since 1993 the area has grown an additional 39 percent. Its annual rate of growth has exceeded 11 percent in recent years, making Edgewood the fastest growing part of the Estancia Basin.

**Table 4. Santa Fe traditional communities in study area**

community	1973 population	1993 population	1996 population	1973-1993 growth rate	1993-1996 growth rate
Edgewood	506	2,991	4,156	491.1%	39.0%
Stanley	62	103	108	66.1%	4.8%

Source: Santa Fe County General Plan Update, 1996

#### **b. Employment**

Employment data for counties are reported monthly by the New Mexico Department of Labor. Subcounty data are reported by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments for Tarrant and Bernalillo Counties, by the City of Santa Fe for Santa Fe County, and by Dun & Bradstreet for zip codes in the Estancia Basin. Employment information was derived from these sources to arrive at current employment estimates for the Estancia Basin.

##### **i. Work Force**

The most recent subcounty work force information is provided by the 1990 Census. 1990 Census employment information is available at the block group level. Block groups are bounded areas used by the Census, usually containing on average about 400 housing units. The areas of San Miguel and Lincoln Counties that are in the Estancia Basin are substantially smaller than block groups. Because the portions of these counties within the Basin are so small, employment data are not reported.

Employed residents in the Tarrant County portion of the Estancia Basin account for approximately 90 percent of the civilian labor force in the County.

According to the Census, there were 6,836 employed residents within the Basin in 1990, as shown in Table 5. Major categories of employment are services, retail trade, and public administration. These were the top three categories of employment in all counties and in the overall Basin.

Table 5. Workforce by type of employment, 1990

county (study area only)								
type of employment	Torrance County	%	Bernalillo County	%	Santa Fe County	%	total	%
agriculture	296	8	19	1.3	72	4.2	387	5.7
mining	96	3	0	0.0	6	0.3	102	1.5
construction	373	10	183	12.2	168	9.7	724	10.6
manufacturing	335	9	157	10.5	142	8.2	634	9.3
TCU	293	8	77	5.1	127	7.3	497	7.3
wholesale trade	79	2	111	7.4	56	3.2	246	3.6
retail trade	811	23	216	14.4	352	20.3	1,379	20.2
finance, insurance, and real estate	128	4	81	5.4	114	6.6	323	4.7
services	643	17.9	471	31.4	493	28.4	1,607	23.5
public administration	546	15.2	187	12.5	204	11.8	937	13.7
total	3,600	100.0	1,502	100.0	1,734	100.0	6,836	100.0

Source U.S. Census

TCU transportation, communications, and utilities

## ii. Unemployment Figures

Table 6 shows unemployment rates for the years 1993 through 1995 for the four counties within the study area. According to the New Mexico Department of Labor, in 1995 San Miguel County had the highest unemployment rate of the counties within the study area at 7.5 percent, which ranks 10th statewide. Bernalillo County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.9 percent.

The unemployment rate for the state of New Mexico in 1995 was 5.7 percent. Unemployment rates in the Estancia Basin counties reflect statewide trends over the past few years, decreasing from 1993 to 1994 and increasing somewhat from 1994 to 1995. The unemployment rate in Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties is lower than the state unemployment rate, and the unemployment rate in Torrance County and San Miguel Counties is higher.

**Table 6. Unemployment by county\***

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Bernalillo County	5.2%	5.6%	4.8%	6.6%	4.4%	4.0%
Lincoln County	5.5%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	5.7%	8.4%**
San Miguel County	8.9%	10.1%	10.0%	9.1%	7.5%	8.3%
Santa Fe County	3.3%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	4.3%
Torrance County	7.6%	8.0%	9.9%	9.3%	6.4%	6.7%
statewide	6.3%	6.9%	6.8%	7.5%	6.3%	6.3%

Source: NM Labor Market Review, NM Department of Labor, January 1995 & February 1996

\* Not Seasonally Adjusted

\*\* Reflects closure of Fort Stanton Hospital

### c. Job Data by Sector of the Economy

#### i. Historic Employment Data

Since the 1970's, the northwestern portion of the Estancia Basin has been the fastest growing area. Many of the new residents have jobs in Albuquerque and use I-40 to commute to work. In 1990, 41 percent of the work force commuted to jobs in other counties.

Job growth by area from 1990 to 1995 is shown in Table 7. The number of jobs has increased throughout the Basin. The most rapid job growth has occurred in the rural portions of Torrance County and within the East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County.

**Table 7. Job growth, 1990 to 1995 by area**

area	total jobs 1990	total jobs 1995	job growth	average annual growth rate
Moriarty Area	1,096	1,335	239	4.0%
Estancia Area	329	511	182	9.2%
Mountainair Area	175	233	58	5.9%
remainder of Estancia Basin in Torrance County	130	372	242	23.4%
Bernalillo County in Estancia Basin	172	272	100	12.1%
Santa Fe County in Estancia Basin	n/a	564	n/a	n/a
total Estancia Basin	n/a	3,267	n/a	n/a
other East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County	791	1,232	441	11.7%

Source: Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, City of Santa Fe

n/a not available

According to the New Mexico Department of Labor, there were a total of 2,206 wage and salary jobs in Torrance County in 1995. These are roughly 73 percent of the total wage and salary jobs in the Estancia Basin. The wage and salary jobs include all employees covered under the state's unemployment law. Military employment, self-employed individuals, railroad employment, and non-profit agencies (such as churches) are not included in this sample.

As shown in Table 8 public administration followed by retail trade industry, services, and construction are the largest industries, accounting for approximately 75 percent of the total wage and salary jobs in the Basin.

**Table 8. Jobs by industry in the Estancia Basin, 1995**

industry	Torrance County	Bernalillo County	Santa Fe County	Basin total	percent
agriculture, forest, and fishing	55	17	69	141	4.7%
mining	0	0	0	0	0.0%
construction	0	45	129	174	5.8%
manufacturing	97	8	4	109	3.6%
TCU	106	35	58	199	6.6%
wholesale trade	33	1	33	67	2.2%
retail trade	595	24	135	754	25.0%
finance, insurance, and real estate	37	7	19	63	2.1%
service	404	57	112	573	19.0%
public administration	879	58	5	942	31.2%
total	2,206	252	564	3,022	100.0%

Source: NM Department of Labor

TCU transportation, communications, and utilities

According to the Torrance County Extension Office, in 1996 there are a total of 578 businesses accounting for 2,195 full and part time jobs in Torrance County and the Edgewood area of Santa Fe County. The source of this information is the Torrance County Business Retention and Expansion Data Base. The largest industry within this area is the service industry, followed by retail and construction. Out of the 578 businesses; 80 have five or more employees, 20 businesses have 10 or more employees, 11 have 20 or more employees and the largest employer in the area has over 120 employees.

The New Mexico Department of Labor employment numbers for the Torrance County and southern Santa Fe County portion of the Basin totaled 2,770 jobs while the Torrance County Extension Office total was 2,195 jobs. The New Mexico Department of Labor's figures include public administration jobs, the Torrance County figures do not.

Employment trends in Torrance County are shown in Table 9. These trends are assumed to be representative of trends in the entire Basin. Trend data are only available by county, and the number of jobs in all other

counties is such a small proportion of the county totals, that county trend data are not a useful indicator of job trends in the Basin.

The information shown in Table 9 is taken from the Bureau of Economic Analysis report of jobs, including full-time and part-time employees, by major industry. These data include farm employment and sole proprietors, which represent over 40 percent of total jobs in Torrance County and are not reported to the Department of Labor.

Strong job growth, in terms of number of jobs, has occurred in services. Construction and transportation, communications and utilities (TCU) have experienced up and down cycles since 1990.

**Table 9. Employment by type and industry in Torrance County, 1990 to 1994**

industry	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	average annual percent change
wage and salary employment	2,025	2,090	2,183	2,181	2,410	4.4%
proprietor's employment	1,208	1,232	1,384	1,406	1,431	4.3%
total	3,233	3,322	3,567	3,587	3,841	
farm employment	564	561	599	589	597	1.4%
non-farm employment						
agriculture, forest, and fishing	78	79	82	88	95	5.1%
mining	4	4	4	6	7	15.0%
construction	133	166	217	187	205	11.4%
manufacturing	95	100	145	142	145	11.2%
TCU	289	268	187	202	228	-5.8%
wholesale trade	29	57	59	56	60	19.9%
retail trade	726	719	689	708	788	2.1%
finance, insurance, and real estate	124	116	107	111	119	-1.0%
service	450	460	650	692	725	12.7%
government	741	792	828	806	872	4.2%
total	3,233	3,322	3,567	3,587	3,841	

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis  
TCU transportation, communications, and utilities

#### d. Family Income

##### i. Median Family Income for the Region

Median family income by county for 1992 through 1996 is shown in Table 10. These data are available by county. Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties have the highest median family incomes, largely due to the incomes in the urban areas that lie outside the Estancia Basin. Median family income in Torrance County is estimated to be \$30,000 in 1996.

**Table 10. Median family income by county**

county	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Bernalillo*	\$35,900	\$37,600	\$38,300	\$38,300	\$42,000
Santa Fe**	\$39,900	\$44,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$60,644
San Miguel	\$18,300	\$22,800	\$23,400	\$23,400	\$25,300
Torrance	\$20,200	\$26,400	\$28,100	\$28,100	\$30,000

Source: HUD Office of Economic Affairs, Economic and Market Analysis Division

\* Bernalillo County is part of Albuquerque metropolitan statistical area

\*\* Santa Fe County is part of Santa Fe metropolitan statistical area

## ii. Numbers of Families

### a) Total in Region

Table 11 shows total families in the Estancia Basin. Most families in the Basin live in Torrance County.

**Table 11. Family poverty status, 1989**

county (Estancia Basin portion)	families for which poverty statistics are determined	families with incomes below the poverty level	percentage of families with incomes below poverty level
Torrance	2,561	461	18.0%
Bernalillo	958	112	11.7%
Santa Fe	1,067	98	9.2%
total	4,586	671	14.6%

Source: U.S. Census

### b) Families on Welfare

The total number of New Mexico Income Support Division cases in Torrance County for April 1996 was 2,290 cases. These include food stamp, Assistance to Families with Dependent Children, general assistance, and medical assistance cases. The breakdown of cases by type is shown in Table 12.

**Table 12. Income support division caseload for Torrance County, April 1996**

	food stamp	AFDC	general assistance	medical assistance	total
Torrance County	1,067	370	13	840	2,290

Source: New Mexico Human Services Department, Income Support Division

AFDC: Assistance to Families with Dependent Children

**c) Families Within Income Below the Poverty Level**

Nearly 15 percent of the families in the Estancia Basin were below the poverty level in 1989, as reported in the 1990 Census. This compares to a state poverty rate of 16.5 percent of all families.

**3. Economy of the Region**

**a. Main Urban Economies in the Region**

According to the 1990 Census, the economy of the Estancia Basin is largely based on government, trade, and agriculture. Three school districts account for two-thirds of the government employment. The Moriarty School District is the largest employer in the Basin, providing almost one-fifth of all the nonagricultural jobs in 1990.

Trade in the Basin is primarily retail and is concentrated along I-40. The major retailers are oriented to users of I-40, both truckers and tourists. In 1990, 85 percent of the retail jobs were located near the interstate. Edgewood, Moriarty, and Clines Corners are the principle retail locations, with smaller concentrations in Estancia, Willard, Mountainair, and Stanley. In 1990, tourism directly or indirectly supported one-fourth of the jobs in the Basin. Service stations generate about a third of the Basin's retail receipts.

Agriculture employs 18 percent of the Torrance County workforce (including wage and salary jobs and farm employment) and generates \$18 to \$20 million a year in receipts. A majority of the receipts--60 percent--are the result of raising livestock, primarily cattle. Principle crops include alfalfa, silage, grains, and vegetables. Farming is located in the area from Stanley south to Willard while ranching is spread throughout the rest of the county.

Table 13 shows all large employers in the Estancia Basin in the fourth quarter of 1994. Large employers are defined as having 25 or more employees. All large employers are located in Torrance County. No businesses with 25 or more employees are located in the Estancia Basin portions of Bernalillo, Santa Fe, San Miguel, or Lincoln Counties.

**b. Industrial Activity in the Region**

None of the manufacturing activity in the Basin are water related, except for two greenhouses in Estancia and Edgewood and two sod farms in McIntosh and Moriarty.

**i. Recent New Industries**

There is currently a cabinet manufacturing business under construction in Torrance County north of Moriarty. This business will occupy 5,000 square feet.

**ii. Manufacturing Firms**

In addition to the cabinet manufacturer, there is a doorknob manufacturer in Moriarty located in the Moriarty Industrial Park.

**iii. Industrial Parks**

There is one industrial park in the Basin, located in Moriarty. This park is 40 acres with three buildings, one of which is occupied by the doorknob manufacturer.

Table 13. Large Employers in Torrance County

name	location	type of business
<b>Private Employers</b>		
ARA Food Service	Moriarty	food service
Blackies Restaurant	Moriarty	restaurant
Central NM Electric	Mountainair	power company
Clines Corner Operating	Clines Corners	souvenirs/convenience
El Comedor De Anayas	Moriarty	restaurant
Jelly Bean Junction Day Care	Moriarty	child care
McDonalds Restaurant	Moriarty	restaurant
Moriarty Foods	Moriarty	grocery store
Rip Griffin Truck Service Center	Moriarty	truck stop
Tillery Chevrolet-GMC	Moriarty	car/truck dealership
Torrance County Detention Facility, Correction Corporation of America	Estancia	detention facility
White Mesa	Estancia	jewelry manufacturer
<b>Government Employers</b>		
Estancia Municipal Schools	Estancia	public schools
Moriarty Municipal Schools	Moriarty	public schools
Mountainair Public Schools	Mountainair	public schools
New Mexico Highway Department	Mountainair	highway department
Torrance County	Estancia	county offices

Source: Large Employers in New Mexico by County, NM Department of Labor, December 1995

### c. Government Employment

All government employment in the Basin is located in Torrance County. In Torrance County, the three school districts account for two-thirds of the government employment. Other major government employers include Torrance County, located in Estancia, and the State Highway Department maintenance yard, located in Mountainair. Government employment by level of government is shown in Table 14. All government agencies located in the Basin are based in Torrance County. This includes Moriarty Public Schools, which serves Edgewood in Santa Fe County.



**Table 14. Total government employment by county and type, 1995**

type	Torrance	Bernalillo (Estancia Basin)	Santa Fe (Estancia Basin)	total
federal	73	0	0	73
state	82	0	0	82
local	724	0	0	724
total	879	0	0	879

Source: New Mexico Department of Labor

Government employers are listed in Table 15.

**Table 15. Government employers in the Estancia Basin**

employer	location	type of agency
Estancia Municipal Schools*	Estancia	public schools
Estancia Town Government	Estancia	municipal government
Moriarty City Government	Moriarty	municipal government
Moriarty Municipal Schools*	Moriarty	public schools
Mountainair Public Schools*	Mountainair	public schools
Mountainair Town Government	Mountainair	municipal government
<u>New Mexico State Government</u>		
Children Youth and Families Dept.	Estancia	social services
Cooperative Extension Service	Estancia	agricultural services
Corrections Department	Moriarty	public safety services
Health Department	Estancia	social services
Human Services Department	Estancia	social services
Highway Department*	Moriarty, Mountainair	highway department
Magistrate Court	Estancia, Moriarty	judicial services
Motor Vehicle Department	Moriarty	general government
State Land Office	Moriarty	public land management
State Police	Moriarty	public safety services
Torrance County*	Estancia	county government
<u>U.S. Government</u>		
Department of Agriculture	Estancia, Mountainair	agricultural services
National Park Service	Mountainair	recreational services
Post Office	Estancia, Moriarty	general government

Source: New Mexico Department of Labor

\* Employs 25 or more persons

#### d. Agricultural Activity

##### i. Location of Cropland

According to the New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Report, the total amount of acreage of dry and irrigated cropland for Bernalillo, Santa Fe, and Torrance Counties has remained the same since 1992. Table 16 shows the 1994 total acreage of dry cropland in these counties, including the entire county. Almost all dry cropland is located in Torrance County. The State Engineer's 1990 estimates of irrigated cropland show that approximately three-fourths of irrigated cropland in the Basin is located in Torrance County. The acreage shown in the last column in Table 16 are 1996 estimates of irrigated cropland provided by Farm Services Agency, Torrance County Office. The 1996 numbers show that almost 70 percent of the irrigated crop land in the Basin is located in Torrance County. Note: The acreage shown in Table 16 has been taken from three different sources and therefore all the information will not be consistent.

**Table 16. Acres of dry and irrigated cropland by county**

county	acres of dry cropland, 1994 <sup>1</sup>	acres of irrigated cropland in the Basin, 1990	acres of irrigated cropland in the Basin, 1996
Bernalillo	1,000	50	n/a
Santa Fe	2,000	6,540	9,830
Torrance	51,000	18,000	22,160
total	54,000	24,590	31,990

Source: New Mexico State University, Agricultural Experimental Station; State Engineer Office; Farms Services Agency

<sup>1</sup> dry cropland estimates are county totals

n/a: not available

##### a) Irrigable Acreage

Most irrigated acreage is located in the central part of the Basin, extending north-south on either side of NM State Highway 41 from Stanley to Willard. According to the Farm Services Agency, in 1996 there were a total of 40,000 irrigable acres in the Torrance County and southern Santa Fe County portions of the Estancia Basin and 31,990 acres out of the 40,000 irrigable acres were used for farming. The acreage not used for farming has been set aside as part of the Conservation Reserve Program. The Farm Services Agency reported zero irrigable acres for Bernalillo County.

##### b) Dryland Acreage

Most of the Basin is dry rangeland, with ranches covering approximately 68.4 percent of the total Basin area. There is almost no dry cropland in Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties, and approximately 95 percent of dry cropland is located in Torrance County.

## ii. Farm Data

### a) Historic Number of Farms Trend

According to New Mexico Agricultural Statistics, in 1982 there were a total of 426 farms in Torrance County and in 1994 there was a total of 485 farms. The U.S. Census definition of a farm is any entity that produces or sells more than \$1,000 worth of agricultural products during the year. This represents a 13.8 percent increase in the number of farms from 1982.

### b) Historic Size of Farms Trend

The U.S. Department of Census, Bureau of Census, and Census of Agriculture reported that in 1982, the average farm size for Torrance County was 3,908 acres. In 1992, the Census of Agriculture reported the average farm size was 3,706 acres, a decrease in the average farm size of 202 acres. According to an extension officer for Agricultural Community Development in Torrance County, farm sizes have remained about the same over the last 20 years. Generally, the size of the farm depends on the water production capacity of the farm's well and available water rights.

### iii. Historic Irrigated Acreage Trend

Prior to 1940, there was almost no irrigated agriculture land in the Estancia Basin. Extensive irrigated farming began about 1950 and has continued to the present as shown in Table 17.

**Table 17. Historic irrigated acreage trend, 1940-1990 in the NMSEO defined Estancia Underground Water Basin**

year	estimated irrigated acres
1941	160
1945	250
1950	19,000
1955	25,000
1960	20,000
1965	20,000
1969	25,930
1975	28,440
1980	34,360
1985	32,055
1990	24,590

Sources: New Mexico State Engineer Office, 1977, 1982, and 1992, and Wilson, 1986

Table 18 shows total current acres of irrigated cropland in the Basin in the three counties.

**Table 18. Total acres irrigated by county, by type of irrigation, 1990**

county	flood	drip	sprinkler	total
Bernalillo	50	0	0	50
Santa Fe	1,265	110	5,165	6,540
Torrance	5,765	10	12,225	18,000
total	7,080	120	17,390	24,590

Source: State Engineer Office

#### iv. Livestock Data

The number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches in the three counties fluctuates from year to year, with 77,000 head of cattle in this area in 1995.

**Table 19. Number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches by county**

county	1992	1993	1994	1995
Bernalillo	22,000	21,000	22,000	23,000
Santa Fe	29,000	26,000	27,000	29,000
Torrance	24,000	24,000	24,000	25,000
total	75,000	71,000	73,000	77,000

Source: New Mexico Agricultural Statistics

#### v. Gross and Net Farm Receipts

Cash receipts for farm commodities, livestock, and crops are reported by county, as shown in Tables 20 and 21. These statistics include areas outside the Estancia Basin. In Bernalillo and Santa Fe Counties, most agricultural activity is outside the Basin. The trend has been a decline or very small increase in farm receipts for both livestock and crops in all counties.

**Table 20. Cash receipts, all farm commodities by county**

county	1994 county ranking	1992*	1993*	1994*
Bernalillo	11	\$30,328	\$32,689	\$30,806
Santa Fe	19	\$21,492	\$21,231	\$22,333
Torrance	25	\$18,228	\$18,866	\$16,437

Source: 1994 New Mexico Agricultural Statistics

\* All amounts in thousands of dollars

**Table 21. Cash receipts, all livestock and all crops**

county	all livestock			all crops		
	1992*	1993*	1994*	1992*	1993*	1994*
Bernalillo	\$25,260	\$27,827	\$25,494	\$5,068	\$4,862	\$5,312
Santa Fe	\$15,410	\$16,164	\$16,546	\$6,082	\$5,067	\$5,787
Torrance	\$11,669	\$12,462	\$9,540	\$6,559	\$6,404	\$6,897

Source: 1994 New Mexico Agricultural Statistics

\* All amounts in thousands of dollars

#### e. Mining Activity

Mining activity is discussed in Section IV.A.3.b.iv.

#### f. Tourism Activity

Tourist traffic helps support highway oriented businesses along I-40, including motels, restaurants, and gas stations.

Major tourist attractions that draw visitors to communities in the Basin include the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument and the Manzano Mountains. In 1995, there were 54,000 recreational visits to the Salinas Pueblo Missions, with 71 overnight stays.

### 4. Cultural Information

#### a. History of People Inhabiting the Region

Human settlement in the Estancia Basin is of considerable antiquity. As much as 20,000 years ago, Sandia Man may have hunted there, and much later Pueblo Indians traveled through it to obtain salt, extracted from salt lakes in the center of the Basin.

The earliest traces of sedentary settlement in the Basin are 9th century pit houses found at Gran Quivira in the southwest portion of the Basin. Until the 10th century the Mogollon culture was dominant. Inhabitants lived in pit houses and later in adobe-plastered pole dwellings. By the late 1100's Anasazi cultural influence was apparent in the contiguous stone and adobe homes.

Between 1100 and 1500, the area became one of the most populous Pueblo trade centers, located along major trade routes. An estimated 10,000 people inhabited the area by the 1600's. In addition to the valuable salt from the Salinas Valley, they traded maize, pinon nuts, beans, squash, and cotton goods from the Rio Grande villages for buffalo meat, hides, flints, and shells from the plains to the east.

In 1598, the Spanish colonizer Oñate visited the Basin and its largest settlement, Gran Quivira. Oñate found a community living in multi-storied buildings, practicing farming and water management by damming arroyos and constructing wells. He accepted formal submission to the Spanish King from the area's Indians. The area's salt was considered one of New Mexico's "four riches." However, there were

insufficient natural riches for self sufficiency of the Spanish colonies, and the Spanish placed heavy demands on the Indians to support the missions.

Spanish colonization, epidemics of European diseases, strong influences from the Zuni, and deteriorating relations with the Apaches altered life in the pueblos. Drought and famine followed in the 1660's and 1670's, and the settlements were abandoned by 1670.

Colonization of the western mountain foothill areas by the Spanish began after the Spanish reconquest of New Mexico and continued throughout the 18th century. Manzano, Torreon, Tajique, Chilili, and Punta de Agua were established during this period.

By the turn of the century, the railroad arrived, and with it a flood of homesteaders. By 1910, there were over 10,000 people living in the region. The homesteader farming towns of Mountainair, Willard, McIntosh, Estancia, Moriarty and Stanley were founded during this period along the east/west "Belen Cut-off," which still exists today, and the rail route between Santa Fe and Willard that no longer exists. Moriarty was established in 1887; Estancia was laid out in 1902, and Mountainair was founded in 1903.

Original homesteaders were dryland farmers. In 1941, 32 million pounds of pinto beans were shipped from Mountainair, but the droughts of the 1950's devastated the bean farmers. The county population fell from 11,000 in 1940 to 5,800 in 1962. In the 1950's and 1960's much of the land toward the middle of the Basin, which had a high water table, yet was not close enough to the salt lakes to have immediate salinity problems, was given over to pump irrigation farming. Today pivot irrigation rigs supplying water to alfalfa, feed corn, wheat, pinto beans, pumpkins, and other crops are common sights in the central portion of the Basin. Ranching has replaced bean farming in other parts of the Basin.

The 1937 rerouting of Route 66 through Tijeras Canyon, and later the construction of I-40, caused the growth of towns along it, including Edgewood, Clines Corners, and Moriarty.

#### **b. Fish and Wildlife and Recreation Areas**

Two districts of the Cibola National Forest are located within the Basin. Recreational activities in the National Forest include hiking, picnicking, camping, and cross country skiing. Manzano State Park and Manzano Lake provide opportunities for camping, picnicking, fishing, and hiking. Trails are accessible to horses. The Fourth of July Canyon, within the Cibola National Forest, provides a campground and trails.

#### **c. Land Ownership and Land Use in the Region**

##### **i. Land Uses in Acres**

Estimated land use by acres and proportion of the basin are shown in Table 22 and in Figure 6; zoning and subdivisions are shown on Figure 7. Nearly 46 percent of the basin's land area is rangeland, about 20 percent is forest land, and less than 10 percent is irrigated crop or pasture land. Just under 20,000 acres, or around 1 percent of total land area is urban or urbanizing (transitional areas).

Table 22. Land use in the Estancia Basin (1982)

land use type	total land area (acres)	percent of total land area
<u>Urban Area</u>		
residential	3,122	<1%
commercial and services	870	<1%
industrial	10	<1%
mixed urban or built-up land	182	<1%
other urban or built-up land	71	<1%
transitional areas	14,952	1%
<b>total urban and urbanizing</b>	<b>19,207</b>	<b>2%</b>
<u>Inland Waters</u>		
reservoirs	40	<1%
lakes	32	<1%
<b>total inland waters</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Transportation, Communities, and Utilities</u>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Cropland and Pasture</u>	<b>130,959</b>	<b>9%</b>
<u>Other Agricultural Land</u>		
confined feeding operations	125	<1%
other agricultural land	529	<1%
<b>total other agricultural land</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Range Lands for Grazing</u>		
herbaceous rangeland	330,484	23%
shrub-brushland rangeland	2,562	2%
mixed rangeland	658,069	46%
<b>total rangeland</b>	<b>991,115</b>	<b>68%</b>
<u>Strip mines, Quarries, and Gravel Pits</u>	<b>654</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Department of Defense Facilities</u>	--	--
<u>Forest Land</u>		
evergreen forest land	286,147	20%
deciduous forest land	30	<1%
<b>total forest land</b>	<b>286,177</b>	<b>20%</b>
<u>Shrub and Brush Tundra</u>	<b>60</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Nonforested Wetland</u>	<b>586</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
<u>Dry Salt Flats</u>	<b>14,634</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>total land area</b>	<b>1,446,400</b>	

Source: JSAI; New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute; land use data are based on a 1982 survey conducted by EPA

## ii. Land Ownership and Administration in Acres

Land ownership and administration by type of owner is shown in Table 23 and in Figure 8. Approximately 80 percent of land is in private ownership. The Cibola National Forest accounts for 104,385 acres and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages 13,298 acres. The State of New Mexico, the major government landowner, owns 179,658 acres.

**Table 23. Land ownership and administration**

type of ownership	total land area (acres)	percent of total land area
Indian Lands	80	<1%
Forest Service (National Forest)	104,385	7%
Bureau of Land Management	13,298	1%
Department of Defense	--	--
state lands	179,658	12%
private lands	1,148,979	79%
total lands	1,446,400	

Sources: JSAI; New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute

## B. Historic Overview of Water Use in Region

### 1. History of Water Uses and Development to Present

Ground-water development in the basin has been primarily for irrigated agriculture. Early records of ground-water diversions were not available for any use except for irrigation. Other ground-water diversions were limited to domestic and possibly some limited municipal uses. Irrigated acreage and ground-water diversions for irrigation from 1941 through 1990 are shown in Table 24. The source of the information for Table 24 was NMSEO (1967), and Wilson (1977, 1982, 1987, and 1992).

The NMSEO began cataloging diversions for surface and ground water in the basin at 5-year intervals beginning in 1975. Summaries of the diversions from 1975 through 1990 are shown in Table 25.



**Table 24. Irrigated acres and the corresponding ground-water diversion from 1941 through 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

year	irrigated acres	water diverted (acre-feet)
1941	160	500
1942	100	75
1943	150	150
1944	200	150
1945	250	500
1946	725	1,000
1947	5,000	5,000
1948	6,000	5,400
1949	10,000	8,000
1950	19,000	19,000
1951	20,000	40,000
1952	21,000	30,000
1953	21,000	36,500
1954	23,000	33,000
1955	25,000	36,000
1956	25,000	36,000
1957	25,000	33,000
1958	20,000	26,000
1959	20,000	27,000
1960	20,000	29,000
1961	20,000	30,000
1962	20,000	30,000
1963	20,000	30,000
1964	20,000	30,000
1969	25,930	32,420
1975	28,440	35,860
1980	34,360	47,090
1985	32,055	77,562
1990	24,590	54,386

Sources: NMSEO (1967), and Wilson (1977, 1982, 1987, 1992)

**Table 25. Summary of annual surface and ground-water diversions in Torrance County at 5-year intervals from 1975 through 1990**

year	public water systems	domestic	irrigated agriculture	livestock	com-mercial	industrial	stockpond evaporation	reservoir evaporation	total diversion
<b>surface water, (acre-feet)</b>									
1975	0	0	0	233	0	0	1,284	0	1,517
1980	0	0	0	182	0	0	1,284	15	1,481
1985	0	0	0	142	0	0	1,284	15	1,441
1990	0	0	0	29	0	0	1,284	0	1,313
<b>ground water, (acre-feet)</b>									
1975	0	633	45,990	232	5	0	0	0	46,860
1980	0	348	31,980	191	0	0	1,780	0	32,519
1985	0	895	58,675	145	5	0		0	59,720
1990	781	477	41,820	280	47	17		0	43,422
<b>total diversion, (acre-feet)</b>									
1975	0	633	45,990	465	5	0	1,284	0	48,377
1980	0	348	31,980	373	0	0	1,284	15	33,985
1985	0	895	58,675	287	5	0	1,284	15	61,161
1990	781	477	41,820	309	47	17		0	43,142

References: NMSEO Tech Reports 41, 44, 46, 47

### III. LEGAL ISSUES

#### A. Water Laws Relevant to Region

##### 1. New Mexico Water Law

The use of water in New Mexico is governed by the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation. The "prior appropriation" system of water law was adopted in the West as a result of the carryover of the Mexican civil law in the western territories ceded to the United States by Mexico in 1848,<sup>1</sup> the Mormon influence in the state of Utah,<sup>2</sup> and federal policy during the expansion of the western United States from the mid-nineteenth century on.<sup>3</sup> Although stated differently in the various western states, the prior appropriation system has always contained two essential principles:

- (1) The first user (appropriator) in time has the right to take and use water; and
- (2) That right continues as against subsequent users as long as the appropriator puts the water to beneficial use.<sup>4</sup>

At least ten western state constitutions acknowledge the appropriation system based upon beneficial use,<sup>5</sup> as do numerous western state laws<sup>6</sup> and the Federal Reclamation Act.<sup>7</sup>

Debate has taken place concerning what physical acts are sufficient to constitute an appropriation<sup>8</sup> and what is a beneficial use. Most prior appropriation jurisdictions recognize beneficial use as the basis, the measure, and the limit of the right to use water. The common theme in all these states is that beneficial use means application of water to a lawful purpose which is useful to the appropriator and at the same time is a use consistent with the general public interest in having water utilized to its maximum.

Beneficial use refers to the amount of water actually used, not to water appropriated to be used. The prior appropriation doctrine is tailored to fit the geography and climate of the western United States. Water is a precious commodity in scarce supply. The basic principle behind the prior appropriation doctrine is that if it is no longer economically or geographically feasible for an individual to use his or her water rights, persons who will use the water in a profitable manner should be allowed to do so.<sup>9</sup> If an appropriator ceases using water beneficially for long enough, the water becomes available to other appropriators, because of forfeiture or abandonment.

An example of how this system operates may be helpful. The day a person diverts water from a stream or from the ground becomes the "priority date" of the right. More priority dates are assigned as more people use the water source until it is fully "appropriated"--all of the water available is taken--or even until it is "over-appropriated"--a circumstance where people wish to use more water than is available for distribution. When there is insufficient water in a stream to meet the demand, the person with the oldest water right is entitled to his or her full amount irrespective of geographical location. Once the senior right is fully exercised, the next most senior right in time may be used to its full amount, and so on, until the entire supply is exhausted. Thus, persons with the newest rights on an over-appropriated stream get no water in times of scarcity. In terms of economic theory, those newest right holders, if they are willing to pay the price, will go to the long-time water users and buy senior water rights. In this manner, water will, at least theoretically, be continually transferred to the use that will generate the most revenue. As one can imagine, whether this system actually functions this way is the subject of unending debate, especially among economists.

The western states' prior appropriation treatment of ground water has not been as consistent as their treatment of surface water. For example, some courts and legislatures steadfastly deny the hydrological relationship between water in the ground and water flowing on the surface in stream beds.<sup>10</sup> New Mexico, on the other hand, is a state that acknowledges this relationship. Well before statehood, prior appropriation governed the use of both ground and surface waters,<sup>11</sup> and even hybrid forms of the riparian doctrine, of wetter climates, found no foothold in New Mexico.<sup>12</sup>

#### a. New Mexico Water Code

New Mexico statutory law codified and refined the prior appropriation doctrine. New Mexico's water code governing the use of surface water was enacted in 1907.<sup>13</sup> The code's purpose was the conservation, protection, and development of public waters of the state and their application to beneficial use.<sup>14</sup> The 1907 water code expressly recognized existing or vested surface water rights, allowing for the filing of Declarations with the State Engineer stating the beneficial use of rights vested prior to 1907.<sup>15</sup> In 1931, the Legislature extended the state water code to underground waters, declaring water in underground streams, channels, artesian basins, lakes, and reservoirs having reasonably ascertainable boundaries to be public waters subject to appropriation for beneficial use.<sup>16</sup> Since all of the water in New Mexico running in natural streams and underground belongs in effect to the state as trustee for the people, no individual owns the water.<sup>17</sup> However, one may acquire a real property right<sup>18</sup> to divert water consistent with the procedures under state law,<sup>19</sup> up to the amount which can be put to a beneficial use.<sup>20</sup>

New Mexico has not statutorily limited what constitutes a "beneficial use." The term has been construed to include irrigation and recreational fishing,<sup>21</sup> as well as other traditional western uses such as stock watering,<sup>22</sup> if the water is actually diverted.

By statute, however, an owner forfeits his water right if he fails to apply water to beneficial use for a period of four years and he continues not to use the water for one year after notice of proposed forfeiture is given him by the State Engineer.<sup>23</sup> In addition to statutory forfeiture, water rights can also be abandoned in New Mexico if both the intent to abandon as well as nonuse occur. Intent to abandon is extremely difficult to prove.<sup>24</sup> The law is unclear concerning whether one can lose a water right due to adverse possession, but this result seems extremely unlikely.<sup>25</sup> The doctrine of estoppel may exist as against private litigants providing that one person cannot knowingly let another develop a system of utilizing a water source and then deny that person's water right.<sup>26</sup> An underlying principle that runs through the New Mexico cases is that the courts traditionally have not favored forfeiture of water rights; and, where a court can find a reason or legitimate excuse for the nonuse, the original holder's rights generally will be upheld.<sup>27</sup>

The jurisdictional effect of enactment of the water code in 1907 was that it converted New Mexico into a permit jurisdiction. The result was a shift of the burden of proof of impairment from the party alleging injury to the party seeking a permit to make a new appropriation or to change an existing appropriation. The surface water code in 1907 required that applicants seeking such a permit obtain approval from the Territorial Engineer.<sup>28</sup>

## b. Administration of Water Rights

Today New Mexico law continues to charge the State Engineer with the duty of administering all matters relating to the appropriation, transfer, and distribution of water.<sup>29</sup> The State Engineer must approve all new appropriations of water for beneficial use as well as changes in the place or manner of existing uses.<sup>30</sup> The State Engineer has the power to appoint water masters, to apportion water consistent with priorities, and to install headgates and meters for measuring the quantity of water being used.<sup>31</sup>

A water right owner can sell a surface water right to another who may elect to change the point of diversion, storage, or use without losing the priority date. This can only be done, however, with approval of the State Engineer. The State Engineer must publish the proposed changes and, before allowing such a transfer, determine that no foreseeable detriment exists to other right holders.<sup>32</sup>

One aspect of New Mexico case law which serves to facilitate transfers is that one who has been party to a court proceeding where the water rights were adjudicated, and who later wants to transfer that right, can rely on the previous adjudication as the measure of the water right. The transferor need not prove that this amount of water was put to beneficial use. The existence of the previous adjudication will sustain a claim absent evidence to the contrary.<sup>33</sup> Subsection c, below, discusses water rights transfers in detail.

The State Engineer has very expansive jurisdiction over water if he chooses to exercise it. Certain nominal types of "captured" waters are, however, exempt from State Engineer jurisdiction, but are not worthy of discussion in this report.<sup>34</sup> In addition, water rights that were acquired prior to the creation of State Engineer jurisdiction, while governed by the law of prior appropriation, are free of the State Engineer's control. If they are transferred, they become subject to the State Engineer's jurisdiction.

As mentioned above, since 1931, state law has made all water in an underground water basin, declared to be such by the State Engineer, the property of the public subject to appropriation for beneficial use.<sup>35</sup> If one wishes to appropriate ground water in a declared underground water basin, that person must apply to the State Engineer,<sup>36</sup> who may grant a permit after determining that unappropriated water exists and that the proposed appropriation will not impair the existing water rights of others.<sup>37</sup> While the potential appropriator has the burden of proving the absence of impairment, the State Engineer must make an independent investigation.<sup>38</sup> Subsection d, below, illustrates this process. The difficulty of determining what constitutes "impairment" is discussed in Subsection d as well as in Section H.

Ground-water rights can be sold or transferred. The transfer can be of both location and purpose.<sup>39</sup> Also, the State Engineer has allowed transfers from surface appropriations to ground-water appropriations on a limited basis.<sup>40</sup> To make such a transfer, the transferor has the burden of showing that other users' water rights will not be impaired.<sup>41</sup> Again, the statute imposes an independent obligation on the State Engineer to make a similar determination before granting the application.<sup>42</sup>

The State Engineer has no jurisdiction, however, even in a declared underground water basin, to prohibit wells for nominal personal domestic use.<sup>43</sup> Most areas of the state have been declared to constitute underground water basins. In the remaining open areas, however, the State Engineer has no jurisdiction. The New Mexico Supreme Court in State v. Mendenhall<sup>44</sup> held that a person who commences drilling a well prior to declaration of an underground basin and diligently develops the water right subsequent to the basin being declared acquires a water right with a priority date relating back to the date of commencement of drilling.

### c. Transfer of Water Rights

The legal right to transfer a water right is generally the same whether the water is ground or surface, tributary or nontributary. One exception to this rule is the conjunctive management obligation to maintain an equilibrium between ground and surface water in stream-related aquifers.<sup>45</sup> Water can be transferred from basin to basin, subject to interstate compacts and federal law.<sup>46</sup> In such an instance, the transferor must be certain that within-basin consumptive use after the transfer would not be greater than before the transfer. Simply put, an out-of-basin transfer cannot make the basin worse off than it was before.<sup>47</sup>

Under State Engineer regulations governing the use of underground waters, a change of place and/or purpose of use of ground water will only be approved if the change would not have specified adverse effects. State Engineer Ground water Regulation 2-2 provides:

**Change of Place and/or Purpose of Use.** The owner of a water right within a declared underground water basin cannot change the place or purpose of use of the right without the approval of the State Engineer. Such approval will be granted only after proper application is made and the State Engineer determines that the proposed move would not impair existing water rights and will not be contrary to the conservation of water within the state and will not be detrimental to the public welfare of the state.<sup>48</sup>

Section 72-12-7 of the New Mexico statutes likewise places the same three conditions on the change of use of ground water.<sup>49</sup> Because the conservation and public welfare conditions were only made requirements by amendment to state law in 1985, their application remains somewhat uncertain. As discussed below in Section G, the meaning of public welfare is particularly open-ended and undefined at this time.

The requirement of nonimpairment is the most specific condition. As long as a change in place of use, even outside of a declared underground basin, does not impair prior existing water rights within the basin, such a usage meets the nonimpairment condition. To assure such nonimpairment, it is the practice and policy of the State Engineer to approve only the consumptive portion, as opposed to return flow, of a ground-water right for transfer, including transbasin export.

This standard is consistent with state law governing the use of surface waters for transbasin export. Section 72-5-26, which provides for the diversion of surface waters from one water shed to another, states in part:

Whenever the owner of a ditch, canal, pipeline, reservoir or other works shall turn or deliver water from one stream or drainage into another stream or drainage, such owner may take and use the same quantity of water, less a reasonable deduction for evaporation and seepage to be determined by the State Engineer ....<sup>50</sup>

Undoubtedly some limitations on transbasin export of water may be appropriate and would withstand legal challenge. However, under New Mexico law a water right is a property right.<sup>51</sup> Limitations on the use or alienation of such a right if excessive may run afoul of the takings clause of the U.S. Constitution.<sup>52</sup> Regulations that penalize transbasin uses may violate equal protection guarantees in federal and state law.<sup>53</sup> Restraint on use also could conceivably compromise the Commerce Clause, if interstate commerce were adversely implicated. The Commerce Clause empowers congress "to regulate Commerce ... among the several States."<sup>54</sup>

To date, judicial application of the Commerce Clause has focused on interstate export issues. The United States Supreme Court in Sporhase v. Nebraska ex rel. Douglas<sup>55</sup> and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico in City of El Paso v. Reynolds<sup>56</sup> ("El Paso I") have held that ground water is an article of commerce and, therefore, the ability of states to regulate its interstate use is restricted. The court in El Paso I held:

[A] state may discriminate in favor of its citizens only to the extent that water is essential to human survival. Outside of fulfilling human survival needs, water is an economic resource.<sup>57</sup>

In response to El Paso I's invalidation of New Mexico's ban on interstate export of waters, the state legislature amended the state law to allow for export of New Mexico water "under appropriate conditions."<sup>58</sup> Under the amended provision, the State Engineer may not approve an application to use New Mexico waters outside of the state that would cause impairment or would be contrary to principles of conservation and public welfare. The statute provides six additional considerations:

1. The supply of water available to the State of New Mexico;
2. Water demands of the State of New Mexico;
3. Whether there are water shortages in the State of New Mexico;
4. Whether the water that is the subject of the application could feasibly be transported to alleviate water shortages in the State of New Mexico;
5. The supply and sources of water available to the applicant in the state where the applicant intends to use the water; and
6. The demands placed on the applicant's supply in the state where the applicant intends to use the water.<sup>59</sup>

In a subsequent ruling in the El Paso case, the federal court held that these six factors were legitimate considerations for evaluating an application to export water out of state.<sup>60</sup> The court reasoned: "A state may favor its own citizens in the utilization of scarce water resources unless the burden imposed on [interstate] commerce is clearly excessive in relation to the putative local benefits."<sup>61</sup>

The standard for intra-state transbasin limitations is less clear. In contrast to New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma have enacted statutes requiring the consideration of in-basin needs before granting permits for out-of-basin diversions.<sup>62</sup> Except for possible

application of public welfare and conservation principles, New Mexico law does not favor one basin over another, as long as water sheds are kept whole.

A water right priority date remains the same even though it is transferred. Imported water, on the other hand, does not carry a priority date, but is subject to state rules of forfeiture and beneficial use. New Mexico's water rights leasing statute allows temporary transfers,<sup>63</sup> but those transfers and transfers on a permanent basis always go through the Office of the State Engineer.<sup>64</sup> Where a transfer is within irrigation or conservancy districts, and is on lands served by the district works, the State Engineer does not get involved<sup>65</sup> as long as downstream users are not affected.

Persons seeking to transfer a water right must file a formal application with the State Engineer. The application indicates the point of diversion, the place of use, the quantity of the right, and, where they exist, the file and license number of the right. After filing an application, the applicant publishes a notice of intent to change the right's use or place of use in a newspaper of general circulation where the right is located.<sup>66</sup>

Anyone objecting to a proposed transfer can file a formal protest with the State Engineer. Protests must be based on a claim that the transfer will impair existing rights, will be contrary to the conservation of water, or will be detrimental to the public welfare. Where no protest is filed and the State Engineer finds the transfer compatible with state law, the transfer application will be approved. Where there is a protest, the State Engineer holds a formal, due process hearing on the issues set out in the protest and decides the case.<sup>67</sup> If either party is dissatisfied with the State Engineer's decision, the party may appeal *de novo*<sup>68</sup> to the district court. Although such appeals are *de novo*, caselaw suggests that courts should defer to the State Engineer's expertise.<sup>69</sup>

In transfer hearings, the applicant bears the burden of proving nonimpairment, conservation of water, and consistency with the public welfare.<sup>70</sup> Technically, the applicant also must prove the use and amount of the transferred right.<sup>71</sup> Practically, however, where the right has been adjudicated, the protestant bears the burden of disproving the right's use and amount. This is the case because adjudication of rights in a transfer proceedings is not allowed, and an existing adjudication decree is accepted as *prima facie* evidence of the size and validity of the right. Generally, in water right cases the burden of proof is by preponderance of the evidence. If the action filed is a forfeiture or abandonment claim, however, the standard of clear and convincing evidence applies.<sup>72</sup>

#### d. State Engineer's Role Illustrated

The role of the State Engineer as water manager and planner is illustrated best by two New Mexico cases: Mathers v. Texaco<sup>73</sup> and City of Albuquerque v. Reynolds.<sup>74</sup> Mathers reflects his role vis-a-vis a mined aquifer; i.e., one where recharge is less than the rate of withdrawal. City of Albuquerque v. Reynolds demonstrates this management function in a non-"mining" circumstance.

The case of Mathers v. Texaco<sup>75</sup> arose in connection with an essentially non-recharging aquifer in eastern New Mexico which was being mined by ground-water users and, therefore, is particularly pertinent to the Estancia Basin.



In 1952, the New Mexico State Engineer made a determination of the amount of water in each township in the Lea County Basin, the amount of water that had been appropriated in each township, and the amount of water that would be drawn from the stock or supply in each township into the surrounding townships after the waters in the surrounding townships would be fully appropriated. He then calculated the amount of water that could be withdrawn from each township and still leave one-third of the water in storage at the end of forty years. It was determined that at the end of the forty-year period, some of the remaining water could be economically withdrawn for domestic and perhaps other uses, but that it would no longer be economically feasible to withdraw water for agricultural and most other purposes.

Persons desiring to pump water from this declared basin had to receive a permit from the State Engineer. Texaco received a permit from the New Mexico State Engineer to appropriate 350 acre-feet of water per year for oil production from the Lea County Basin. Mathers, who had acquired prior rights to appropriate water from the basin, sued Texaco for impairing his water right and attacked the validity of the method of administering the basin adopted by the State Engineer. He argued that any appropriation from the aquifer subsequent to his necessarily impaired his right because the amount of water in the aquifer was finite.

The court of appeals upheld the State Engineer's method of managing the basin as valid. In addition, in discussing the issue of impairment of prior rights, the court said that the lowering of a water table does not necessarily constitute an impairment of water rights of adjoining appropriators, and went on to add: "This must, of necessity, be true in a nonrechargeable basin, such as the one here involved, if the water is to be put to beneficial use, and if the use is to be made available to more than the initial appropriator."<sup>76</sup>

In ruling in favor of Texaco, the court ratified the following principles followed by the State Engineer:

1. The New Mexico State Engineer can and does have the power to determine the useful life of an underground water basin and allow water to be mined from that basin until agricultural and industrial use of the water is no longer economically feasible, thus practically terminating all industrial and agricultural water rights stemming from the basin on that day.
2. He can and does allow mining of that basin for the specified number of years even though this results in higher pumping costs for earlier appropriators.

The case of City of Albuquerque v. Reynolds<sup>77</sup> described and defined the State Engineer's duties in a non-mining circumstance, involving possible impairment of an interstate compact.

There, the City of Albuquerque filed applications for permission to drill four wells within the declared Rio Grande Underground Water Basin. The facts at the hearing established that the wells would directly affect the base flow of the Rio Grande River, which was fully appropriated and had previously been apportioned by the Rio Grande Compact of 1938<sup>78</sup> and the Mexican Water Treaty of 1906.<sup>79</sup>

Before the State Engineer would allow these wells, he ruled that new well users would have to retire surface rights equal to the amount of the drawdown on the base flow of the river. This meant that a substantial amount of ground water could not be mined until all surface rights were retired. On appeal, the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld the State Engineer's three conditions on the withdrawal of ground water:

1. That the amount of water pumped be measured;
2. That the amount of return flow be measured; and
3. That existing rights to the consumptive use of surface water would be retired to the extent necessary to offset the effects of the appropriation on the Rio Grande.<sup>80</sup>

Thus, the State Engineer's managerial functions in New Mexico encompass two basic areas. The first is calculating a reasonable rate of ground-water mining for mined aquifers<sup>81</sup> and, second, in rechargeable aquifers, coordinating the interrelationships between the ground-water withdrawals and prior surface commitments in the form of prior appropriative rights, interstate compacts, and treaties.

#### e. Other State Agencies Administering Water Rights

The State Engineer is not alone in governing the allocation of water rights. Over the years, the legislature has spawned numerous other entities with overlapping and undefined jurisdiction. For example, the Interstate Stream Commission is given the authority to investigate, develop, and conserve the waters of New Mexico both intra-state and inter-state.<sup>82</sup> At the local level numerous entities such as conservancy districts share the State Engineer's jurisdiction.<sup>83</sup>

## 2. Federal Water Law Relevant to Basin

Over the course of this century, a doctrine of federal reserved water rights was developed that recognizes a federal water right outside of the requirements of state law under the prior appropriation doctrine. Simply stated, federal reserved rights are created when the United States sets aside land for specific purposes (thereby withdrawing the land from the general public domain), and there is implied, if not expressed, a concomitant intent to reserve that amount of water required to fulfill the purpose for which the land was set aside. The doctrine was first applied to recognize inchoate water rights on Indian reservations.

In Winters v. United States,<sup>84</sup> the United States Supreme Court decreed the applicability of the reserved rights doctrine to Indian waters. In that case, the United States sued to enjoin the construction of a dam on the Milk River in Montana which would have prevented the flow of water downstream to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. The reservation had been created by a treaty between the Indians and the United States with the consent of Congress. In affirming the issuance of an injunction prohibiting construction of the dam, the Court found that when the Fort Belknap Indians granted their vast domain to the United States, the Indians did not relinquish the waters appurtenant to the lands they retained.<sup>85</sup> Noting that without waters the lands retained by the Indians would be arid and practically useless, the Court found the Indian reservation of waters to continue in full force against the states, the United States, and their respective grantees.

Within a few months of that decision, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held that the Indian reservation water rights extended to reasonable future uses as well as present uses.<sup>86</sup> Courts have consistently upheld and applied the Winters doctrine to cases where an Indian reservation is created by Executive Order as well as by Act of Congress.<sup>87</sup> Thus, the Winters doctrine provides that whenever a parcel of land is withdrawn from the public domain and reserved for Indian use, sufficient waters are also reserved to enable the Indians to fulfill the goal of the reservation.

For more than half of a century, the federal reserved rights doctrine was thought to apply only to Indian lands. In 1963, however, the Supreme Court stated that the reserved rights doctrine would apply to any enclave withdrawn from the public domain by the federal government.<sup>88</sup> Because the priority date of a federal reserved water right may be very early, based on the date of the land reservation, and because the quantity of the federal claim can be sizeable, many western states have viewed the reserved rights doctrine as a threat to the proper functioning of water rights determination under state law. Since 1963, many western states have sought to narrow the scope of the federal reserved rights doctrine. States have been successful in establishing state court jurisdiction over such federal claims under the McCarran Amendment<sup>89</sup> and by sharply narrowing the potential federal claim associated with national forests, the largest acreage of lands owned by the federal government in the west. In United States v. New Mexico,<sup>90</sup> the Court ruled that the federal reserved water rights doctrine was limited to the "primary purpose" for which the federal reservation was established and only in amounts without which the purposes of the reservation would be entirely defeated.<sup>91</sup>

Fitting the federal reserved rights doctrine into a state water scheme based on prior appropriation is difficult at best. Under prior appropriation, a water right is created by diversion and application to beneficial use, of a fixed amount of water, on a given date. The reserved rights doctrine is practically the antithesis of this system because it relies on federal rights which are not based on these elements for their existence. Consequently, the potential for federal claims to reserved water adds uncertainty to water rights planning and administration under state law.

## **B. Federal Legal Issues**

### **1. Federal Reservations and Water Projects**

Relative to some of the other underground water basins or stream systems in New Mexico, the potential effects of federal and Indian water rights claims within the Estancia Basin do not represent a substantial threat. In other areas of the state, such as on the San Juan River and the Rio Grande, the presence of Indian reservations and pueblos and of federally designated lands makes the determination of water rights, and consequently the planning for future water supplies, a complex problem. By and large, the Estancia Basin is free of such federal and pueblo claims.

The federal land interests in or near the Basin do not pose a significant threat to existing water rights because of the unavailability or limitations of the federal reserved water rights doctrine, discussed above. Throughout the Basin, there are a number of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) holdings; however, BLM land status by itself is insufficient to make a federal water rights claim, as such land was never reserved for a specific federal purpose, which is a requirement for a reserved water rights claim.

The other large federal ownership interest can be found at the western and southern edges of the Basin, in the form of national forest and wilderness lands. At the southern end of the Basin, a portion of the Cibola National Forest just touches the edge of the Basin, but is principally outside of it. The western edge of the Basin extends into the Cibola National Forest, in the area of the Manzano mountains and includes a small portion of the Manzano wilderness. These forest and wilderness areas do constitute federal reserved lands, and it certainly is conceivable that at some point in the future, the United States will claim surface flows as federal reserved water rights. But, as discussed previously, the United States Supreme Court has taken a narrow view of such federal claims. In United States v. New Mexico,<sup>92</sup> the Court stated that such claims must be "carefully examined" for their "primary purposes" and that reserved water rights should not be implied unless "without the water the purposes of the reservation would be entirely defeated." In that case, involving federal claims in the Gila National Forest, the Court found that the primary purposes of the national forest did not include fish, wildlife, recreation, or aesthetic purposes, but only timber production and watershed protection.<sup>93</sup>

The far western portion of the Estancia Basin also abuts Isleta Pueblo lands within the Manzano mountain area and at one point contains a small tract of Pueblo lands. Because virtually all of the Pueblo lands are outside the Basin and because of the hydrology within this mountainous terrain, a potential Indian water rights claim should be considered insignificant. Indian water rights claims are determined using the "practicably irrigable acreage" standards first established in Arizona v. California.<sup>94</sup> Consequently, whether from an irrigation standpoint or some "needs-based" standard that a court might apply, the present Isleta Pueblo reservation represents a minimal or negligible threat to the underground waters of the Estancia Basin.

## 2. Federal Environmental Laws and Water Quality Standards

### a. The Endangered Species Act:

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) can play a prominent role in disputes pitting environmentalists against developers or other users of scarce natural resources such as water. Although the Endangered Species Act may play a more significant role in systems which are reliant on surface water, development of ground-water resources also may be affected by the Endangered Species Act. There are four endangered species, and three threatened species which could potentially affect development of water resources in the Estancia Basin; see Appendix 3. Both endangered and threatened species receive protection under the Act.<sup>95</sup> Additionally, there are numerous "species of concern" in the Estancia Basin which are monitored by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and which could be listed as threatened or endangered sometime in the future; see Appendix 2. In addition, it is worthy to note that the Fish and Wildlife Service has recognized the Playa Lakes in Torrance County as significant wetland habitat for migratory waterfowl. This recognition is not pursuant to any federal statute or authority, but rather in accordance with a policy to protect, where possible, migratory bird flyways. This recognition currently has no effect on the development of water resources.

The current ESA was enacted in 1973 and, with limited exceptions, has remained in its current form since then. The ESA has been up for reauthorization through the last several Congresses, and substantial amendments have been proposed, including adding provisions which mollify the effect of the Act on state held property rights, including water rights.

The protections of the Endangered Species Act are triggered by the "listing" of a species as threatened or endangered. The goal of the Act is to "recover" threatened or endangered species through a statutorily mandated recovery plan and ultimately to delist the species.<sup>96</sup> The recovery plan identifies the needs of the species, the reasons for decline, and proposes a plan for "recovery." Of the threatened and endangered species found in the Estancia Basin, all but the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, the most recently listed species, have recovery plans in place. Recent revisions to the American Peregrine Falcon and the Arctic Peregrine Falcon plans may result in downlisting or delisting of these species.

Once listed as threatened or endangered, no person may "take" any member of the species. "Take" is defined as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, or collect or to attempt to engage in any such conduct."<sup>97</sup> In addition, federal agencies are prohibited from taking any action that may jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species and are prohibited from taking any action which results in the "destruction or adverse modification" of the "critical habitat" of the species.<sup>98</sup> Federal agencies are required to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether federal actions or federally sponsored actions will affect or jeopardize threatened or endangered species or critical habitats.<sup>99</sup>

Although the existence of threatened and endangered species in the Estancia Basin may impose some constraints on development of water supplies in the Basin, the needs of currently listed species do not appear at present to affect development of ground-water resources.

#### **b. Clean Water Act**

The Clean Water Act applies to "navigable waters" which is broadly defined under the Act as "the waters of the United States."<sup>100</sup> The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has defined "waters of the United States" to encompass most surface waters, including navigable waters, their tributaries, interstate waters, and intrastate waters that can affect interstate or foreign commerce.<sup>101</sup> The Clean Water Act does not apply to ground-water pollution unless it affects surface waters.<sup>102</sup> The Act regulates water quality through effluent limitations based on water-quality standards. These effluent limitations are put into effect through a permitting system, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). States can adopt stricter water-quality standards than the federal standards, but cannot approve more lenient standards. New Mexico has adopted its own water-quality standards for surface water within the state which are published in the "State of New Mexico - Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Streams" published by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (NMWQCC). A state can also receive authorization to administer the NPDES program within the state, but New Mexico has not taken this step.<sup>103</sup>

While the Estancia Basin is not likely to be affected by the majority of Clean Water Act requirements, the Act also extends its regulatory reach to the use of "wetlands" through Section 404 of the Act. Wetlands come under the auspices of the Act through the definition of "waters of the United States" which includes "adjacent wetlands." Under Section 404, the Corps of Engineers is responsible for issuing permits for the discharge or dredging of wetlands. Permits for dredge and fill may be individually issued under 33 C.F.R. Part 323 or authorized under a Nationwide Permit issued under 33 Part 330. All discharges of dredge or fill material must be permitted unless exempted.<sup>104</sup>

Over the last two years, numerous amendments have been proposed to the Clean Water Act which has yet to be reauthorized despite efforts in the last several sessions of Congress. As with the Endangered Species Act, numerous proposed amendments focus on limiting the regulatory effect of the Clean Water Act on state held individual property rights, including water rights.

### c. Safe Drinking Water Act

Another federal statute related to water quality is the Safe Drinking Water Act.<sup>105</sup> The Act regulates the quality of a municipal water supply for public consumption and requires EPA to set maximum levels for contaminants in public water systems.<sup>106</sup> Of special concern are toxic contaminants in water from underground sources. A 1984 report by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) identified more than 200 contaminants in ground water used for drinking, many of them associated with cancer and damage to the central nervous system, liver, and kidneys. The report documented serious incidents of such contamination by toxic chemicals, including pesticides and wastes leaked from landfills or disposed of in underground injection wells, in at least 34 states.

The Safe Drinking Water Act directs EPA to set health-based standards for contaminants in drinking water and to require water supply system operators to come as close as possible to meeting the standards by using the best available technology that is economically and technologically "feasible."

EPA has developed a special regulatory program to deal specifically with pesticide contamination of ground water. The program rests on a combination of state pesticide management plans and federal ground-water quality standards. Most prominent among the federal statutes invoked are Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Acts<sup>107</sup> as well as the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Under the Underground Injection Control Program, the Safe Drinking Water Act also regulates the use of injection wells for disposal of hazardous wastewaters. The Act's Sole-Source Aquifer provisions allow EPA to intervene when federally funded projects pose a threat to a designated sole-source aquifer. The Act also calls for states to develop wellhead protection strategies.

Primary enforcement responsibility may be delegated to states which request it, if they adopt drinking water regulations no less stringent than the national standards and implement adequate monitoring and enforcement procedures.

New Mexico has obtained authorization to exercise primary enforcement responsibility under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Pursuant to the Environmental Improvement Act,<sup>108</sup> the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) promulgates

regulations and standards for water supplies, and NMED has the power to develop and enforce regulations for water supplies pursuant to the "Water Supply Regulations."

The Water Supply Regulations apply to all public water supply systems, defined under the regulations as a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if the system has at least 15 service connections or regularly services an average of at least 25 individuals at least 60 days out of the year.<sup>109</sup>

**d. National Environmental Policy Act**

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969,<sup>110</sup> (NEPA) expresses Congress' intent to restore and maintain environmental quality. To achieve this goal, Congress directed federal agencies to preserve important historical, cultural, and natural aspects of the nation's heritage through the use of a systematic, interdisciplinary approach in planning and decision making. NEPA is purely a procedural act, but requires a "hard look" be given to environmental concerns by requiring federal agencies undertaking major federal actions to prepare Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements. Private and state agencies may also be required to participate in the preparation of Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements if there is a sufficient federal nexus.

**e. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

Enacted in 1976 and significantly amended in 1984, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act<sup>111</sup> (RCRA) was a response to growing public awareness of serious problems related to disposal of hazardous wastes. For many contaminated sites the most serious risk is that toxic chemicals enter the ground water and contaminate public drinking supplies.

Three sets of standards are required, covering generators, transporters, and disposal sites. EPA has broad authority to prescribe such standards "as may be required to protect human health and the environment." As the last phase of this "cradle to grave" system for hazardous wastes, Section 3004 requires standards covering storage and disposal facilities. These standards cover compliance with the manifest system and other recordkeeping requirements. More importantly, they also cover treatment and disposal methods, as well as location, construction, and operation of disposal sites.

Under Section 3004 (as amended in 1984), new landfills and surface impoundments, as well as expansions of existing units, must have double liners, leachate collection systems, and ground-water monitoring facilities unless the EPA Administrator specifically finds for a particular site that an alternative design or operating practice will be equally effective in preventing migration of hazardous substances into ground or surface water.

A permit system established under Section 3005 is the key enforcement provision for disposal sites. EPA is given broad inspection powers (Section 3007) and the power to issue compliance orders (with violators subject to a civil penalty) or bring a civil action against violators of any requirement (Section 3008). Criminal penalties are also available for violation of the permit requirements or falsification

of documents (Section 3008(d)). Finally, RCRA makes careful provision for state regulation. Under a provision modeled on the Clean Water Act, states may assume responsibility for hazardous waste control (Section 3006), but state laws less stringent than federal requirements are preempted (Section 3009).

New Mexico's corollary to RCRA is the Hazardous Waste Act.<sup>112</sup> New Mexico is authorized, through the EIB, to administer a hazardous waste program in lieu of the federal RCRA program, with the exception of EPA regulations promulgated pursuant to the 1984 amendments. EPA also maintains some oversight and influence over the state's implementation. For the most part, EIB has adopted the federal RCRA regulations by reference.

### 3. Treaties

The Estancia Basin contains a number of Spanish land grants. The New Mexico Constitution recognizes the "rights, privileges and immunities" guaranteed to the people of New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.<sup>113</sup> However, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled, as to non-Indian grants, that the U.S. Patent was a deed de novo that would carry no special water rights. Such rights, if any, would have to be based on New Mexico law and, therefore, should not pose a threat to planning for future water supplies.

## C. State and Municipal Water-Quality Standards

### 1. State Water Quality

State authority for regulation of surface water quality stems from section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the New Mexico Water Quality Act.<sup>114</sup> The Water Quality Act charges the NMWQCC with adopting a water-quality management program and continuing planning process, adopting water-quality standards for surface and ground waters, and adopting regulations to prevent or abate water pollution and to govern the disposal of septage and sludge.<sup>115</sup> Implementation of the NMWQCC regulations falls to the New Mexico Environment Department.<sup>116</sup> The EIB and Oil Conservation Division (OCD) also play a role in water-quality regulation. The EIB assumes responsibility for promulgating standards and regulations for water supplies and liquid waste,<sup>117</sup> and pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, the OCD has responsibility for regulating water pollution stemming from oil and gas activities.<sup>118</sup>

Regulation of ground-water quality remains primarily a state activity and New Mexico regulates ground water through the Water Quality Act and the Water Quality Control Commission. Regulation is premised on water quality standards and the requirement that no discharge may be made into ground water absent a discharge plan which incorporates such standards.<sup>119</sup>

### 2. Municipal Water Quality

The local jurisdictions supplying water in the Estancia Basin are subject to the various federal and state statutes described above, most notably the Safe Drinking Water Act and its state corollary.

Also worthy of note at the local level is the joint City of Albuquerque and County of Bernalillo "Groundwater Protection Policy and Action Plan." The plan, adopted by the County in November 1993, and the City in August 1994, establishes a Ground-Water Protection



Advisory Board and outlines various policies and strategies to protect the ground water within Bernalillo County.

The plan is innovative in many respects, most importantly recognizing that where, as in the Estancia Basin, the public water supply relies on the mining of ground water, protection of the quality of that water is of utmost importance.

#### **D. Lawsuits Relevant to Water Uses and Supplies**

##### **1. Water Rights Adjudication**

###### **a. Framework for an Adjudication:**

The New Mexico Constitution, ratified in 1912, confirms all existing rights to the use of any waters in the state, makes beneficial use the basis, measure, and limit of the right to the use of water, and declares all unappropriated water in the state to be property of the public.<sup>120</sup> Unlike Wyoming, the New Mexico Constitution did not create an administrative body to regulate the appropriation of water in the state. Rather, the New Mexico Constitution merely authorized the legislature to provide for the organization and operation of drainage districts and systems, and, by amendment in 1967, provided for *de novo* appeals to the district court from decisions made by any state executive body in matters relating to water rights.<sup>121</sup>

In 1907 the territorial legislature wrote the New Mexico Water Code,<sup>122</sup> which included the creation of the Office of the State Engineer.<sup>123</sup> The State Engineer was charged with "the supervision of waters of the state and of the measurement, appropriation, distribution thereof...[a]ccording to the licenses issued by him and the adjudications of the courts."<sup>124</sup> He also was delegated the authority to "adopt regulations and codes to implement and enforce any provision of any law administered by him...to aid him in the accomplishment of his duties..."<sup>125</sup> State Engineer regulations may be for the purpose of "prescribing procedures and interpreting and exemplifying the statutes to which they relate..."<sup>126</sup>

Section 72-4-13 of the Water Code mandates the State Engineer to conduct hydrographic surveys, beginning on those stream systems most used for irrigation, in order for the waters of the state to be adjudicated. He also is directed "[to obtain and record] all available data for the determination, development and adjudication" of the state's water supply.<sup>127</sup> The Code further states that the State Engineer shall deliver his surveys to the Attorney General, who, at the request of the State Engineer, shall enter suit on behalf of the state for the determination of all rights to the use of such water.<sup>128</sup>

Despite the statutory mandate, the State Engineer has been slow to adjudicate the state's waters. Currently, the State Engineer Office is devoting its resources in other parts of the state to adjudication suits there, many of which have been pending for decades. At this time, the State Engineer has indicated no intention to commence an adjudication of the Estancia Basin.

###### **b. Example of the Pecos River Adjudication:**

In 1956, the State of New Mexico and the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District initiated a general adjudication of ground-water rights in the Roswell

Artesian Basin in Chaves County. The ground-water adjudication was subsequently consolidated with a second suit filed in 1958 by the same parties to adjudicate the water rights of the Hagerman Irrigation Company and individual water users of the Company, State of New Mexico v. Lewis, Fifth Judicial District, Nos. 20294 & 22600 Consolidated. The adjudication was further expanded in 1974 to encompass both surface and ground water uses and to include the tributary Rio Hondo system.

The Pecos River adjudication is ongoing, but because of the suit's size, involving thousands of claimants, it proceeds slowly and in phases. Currently, the most significant portion of the adjudication is the quantification of rights within the Carlsbad Irrigation District (CID). The State of New Mexico ex rel. State Engineer, as plaintiff, has entered into a settlement agreement with defendants United States of America and Carlsbad Irrigation District, describing the water rights for the CID. An expedited proceeding is going forward in which other claimants may oppose the proposed judgment. Over 900 claimants objected to the proposed judgment, and the court has since issued a pretrial order governing the proceedings, including an extensive and time-consuming briefing schedule.

## **E. Water Rights Administration Policies Specific To Basin**

### **1. Regulations Governing Ground-Water Pumping\***

The current administrative criteria used by the State Engineer Office are designed to achieve a reasonable consumption of water assuming a limited and declining water supply. As with other closed basins, such as the Mimbres, Lea County, Capitan, and Tularosa, the State Engineer has developed criteria to allow a regulated level of mining of the Estancia Basin aquifer.

In 1965, the State Engineer developed an inventory system to describe the amount of water physically present in the valley fill aquifer. This initial inventory of water was based on the estimated thickness of the aquifer as it varies throughout the saturated alluvium. Once the initial inventory was established, the State Engineer instituted an inventory block system to administer the basin assuming a productive life of 40 years, to the year 2005. The inventory block system is essentially a division of the basin into a grid where each block in the grid consists of a 1/4 township of nine square miles.

Once the initial inventory was established, accounting for prior existing uses, the State Engineer issued permits based on a projected 40-year use for each existing water right. In addition to existing rights, a 40-foot aquifer reserve was also deducted from the total inventory to allow for adequate capacities for pump depth and for domestic uses and stock watering. The volume of water remaining after these deductions was designated as water available for appropriation. The State Engineer then established administrative criteria to evaluate applications to appropriate the available water.

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\* The following discussion is based upon conversations with staff of State Engineer Office District 1 and upon administrative memoranda provided by that office, including excerpts contained in Appendix III-A. Particular appreciation is expressed to Bob Thompson for his review of and comment on this sub-section, sub-section G.1 and Appendix III-A.

Since establishment of the basin criteria, applications to appropriate new water in the valley fill have been considered based on water availability within the subject block and the surrounding eight blocks, together creating a 9-block "template." Applying the 9-block template, the State Engineer will determine whether sufficient unappropriated water is available in the 9-block area to allow a new diversion from the center block. Because the State Engineer estimates that only about 20 percent of pumped water will come from the center block, the greatest effects of pumping will be felt in the surrounding eight blocks. The following diagram shows the calculations the State Engineer applies to apportion effects among nine blocks covering the valley fill.

The 9-block template: Apportionment of effects within saturated valley

8.3%	11.7%	8.3%
11.7%	20% Pumping Block	11.7%
8.3%	11.7%	8.3%

The State Engineer will not approve an application to appropriate ground water from the valley fill unless each of the nine blocks has sufficient available water to sustain the designated effects. If any of the nine blocks within the valley fill shows an inventory that has no available water for appropriation, the current administrative criteria require that the application be denied. The rationale is that the "zero" block cannot afford any more water withdrawals because all the water in that block has been previously allocated. Using the inventory block system, the State Engineer has developed fairly sophisticated and technical regulations for determining whether appropriable water is available depending on whether the applicable 9-block template is completely within the valley fill, partially within the valley fill, or completely out of the valley fill. Generally, the system is designed to predict the effects of pumping where they are most likely to occur, that is in the valley fill, the place of greatest stored water. For instance, State Engineer information indicates that water pumped from the Madera Limestone is derived principally from storage in the saturated valley alluvium over time. Consequently, an application to appropriate new ground water from a Madera Limestone block adjoining the valley fill would be denied if any of the surrounding valley blocks contains insufficient or no water available in inventory for appropriation.

Whether proposed diversions from blocks located away from the valley fill will be allowed depends on their effects on the saturated alluvium. To determine such effects, the State Engineer Office will use when necessary 25-, 49-, or even 81-block templates to register the effects of a proposed appropriation on water in storage in the valley fill. See attached Appendix 1 outlining State Engineer criteria for the Estancia Basin.

The following is a hypothetical illustration of the use of inventory values within a 9-block template of saturated valley fill to evaluate an application to appropriate water.

Hypothetical inventory values in storage ( $V_a = X$ )  
 ( $V_a$  = volume of water available for appropriation)

1 10,000	2 25,000	3 600
4 10,000	5 16,000	6 200
7 10,000	8 15,000	9 25,000

In this instance, we will assume an application to appropriate 100 consumptive use acre-feet of water per annum by drilling a well in block number 5. Looking first at block number 5, the pumping block would itself have sufficient water available to satisfy the application. Over a 40-year period, 16,000 acre-feet of water in storage would allow an appropriation of 400 acre-feet per annum, which would easily provide 20 percent of the requested appropriation.

In determining whether to grant the application for 100 acre-feet, the State Engineer would then look to the effects on the surrounding 8 blocks. Seven of those blocks have sufficient available water in storage to satisfy the requested appropriation. Even block number 3 with 600 acre-feet available has sufficient supply. Over 40 years, 600 acre-feet would yield 15 acre-feet per year available for appropriation. Because of the apportionment of effects, only 8.3 acre-feet (8.3 percent of 100 acre-feet) per year would be required to meet the demands of the application.

However, the application would not be fully granted because of the low amount of water available in storage in block number 6. Two hundred acre-feet in storage would yield only 5 acre-feet for appropriation per year over 40 years. Because block number 6 must sustain 11.7 percent of the effects of an appropriation, no more than 42.7 acre-feet per year would be approved under State Engineer criteria.

As discussed below in Section G.1., the current administrative criteria contain conservative assumptions that function to make the model a barrier to the full use of water within the basin.

## 2. Duty of Water and Return Flow Credits

The State Engineer Office has established the amount of water that may be diverted and consumed per irrigated acre of land within the Estancia Basin. A water right allows the annual diversion of 2.5 acre-feet per acre of irrigated land. The State Engineer has determined that the average depletion or consumptive use is 1.23 acre-feet per acre. This average is based on a depletion within the basin of 1.29 acre-feet per irrigated acre per annum and assumes that no more than 95 percent of irrigated land will be in use at any one time. Consequently, return flow from irrigation is 1.27 acre-feet per irrigated acre per annum. Return flow by deep percolation is assumed to be 30 percent of pumpage.

### 3. Water Rights for New Subdivisions

In response to the proliferation of communities that lack basic amenities and infrastructure resulting from misuse of the "four-lot split" exemption to the Subdivision Act, the New Mexico Legislature in 1995 amended the Act to narrow its exceptions. Effective July 1, 1996, the amended Subdivision Act defines "subdivision" to mean the division of surface lands into two or more parcels for the purpose of sale, lease, or other conveyance or for building development.<sup>129</sup>

The new Subdivision Act requires counties to scrutinize subdivision water demands and corresponding availability closely before approving a subdivision plat. Whereas under the former act, county regulations had to establish a requirement for "enough water for subdivision use,"<sup>130</sup> the new act states that each county shall adopt regulations setting forth the county requirements for "quantifying the maximum annual water requirements of subdivisions including water for indoor and outdoor domestic uses" and "assessing water availability to meet the maximum annual water requirements of subdivisions[.]"<sup>131</sup> Bernalillo, Doña Ana, and Santa Fe Counties are required to adopt such regulations on or before July 1, 1996.<sup>132</sup> All remaining counties, including Torrance County, are required by the Act to adopt implementing regulations on or before July 1, 1997.<sup>133</sup> Even though the Act does not require Torrance County to adopt implementing regulations until July 1, 1997, the Act itself is effective July 1, 1996.

Under the new Act, county regulations shall require, as part of preliminary plat approval, a showing of adequate water supply to meet subdivision needs. Prior to the amendment, subdividers only had to satisfy proposals as to water supply made in disclosure statements.<sup>134</sup> County regulations under the new Act cannot rely on satisfaction of the subdivider's disclosure statement. As part of preliminary plat review and approval, a subdivider must furnish documentation of "water sufficient in quantity to fulfill the maximum annual water requirements of this subdivision, including water for indoor and outdoor domestic uses[.]"<sup>135</sup> And further, the subdivider must provide documentation of "water of an acceptable quality for human consumption and measures to protect the water supply from contamination[.]"<sup>136</sup> In order to evaluate such documentation, the county shall request opinions from the State Engineer and the Environment Department.<sup>137</sup>

Finally, the new Act contains a provision adding a requirement of a water permit for any subdivisions of 20 or more parcels where any parcel is smaller than 2 acres in size.<sup>138</sup> During the Act's first effective year, until July 1, 1997, the provision mandates that county regulations require the subdivider to provide a copy of a water-rights permit obtained from the State Engineer[.]"<sup>139</sup> Absent issuance or existence of a permit for use by the subdivision, the Board of County Commissioners may not approve the final plat. Significantly, after July 1, 1997, the permit condition is no longer mandatory under the Act; instead the "Board of County Commissioners may require that the subdivider provide a copy of a permit that will be used to supply the subdivision[.]"<sup>140</sup> Accordingly, the Board of County Commissioners may elect to deny a final plat if there is not a State Engineer permit to meet the subdivision needs. Finally, the Act requires disclosure statements for all subdivisions, not just for Types 1, 2, and 4, and specific statements are required for subdivisions of more than four lots providing a detailed description, including information regarding water requirements and availability.<sup>141</sup>

Because the Estancia Basin extends into four separate counties, the implementation of the Act will likely vary within the Basin. The major portion of the Basin is in Torrance County, including the municipalities of Moriarty, Estancia, Willard, and the northern portion of

Mountainair. The next largest portion of the Basin falls in Santa Fe County, at the northern end of the Basin. Stanley falls in the approximate middle of the declared Basin within Santa Fe County. Bernalillo County includes a relatively small portion of the Basin on its west side including Chilili. An even smaller portion falls within San Miguel County on the northeast corner of the Basin, near White Lakes.

As required by the Subdivision Act, counties in New Mexico have implemented or are in the process of developing regulations implementing the new Act. As stated above, Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties are required to implement regulations by July 1, 1996, and Torrance and San Miguel Counties have until July 1, 1997. For purposes of water planning for new subdivisions, regulations implemented by the counties will be of great importance. Under the Act, a county may implement the Act's requirements per se, however, the Act specifically provides that a county may adopt more stringent regulations as long as the county has adopted a comprehensive plan and the more stringent regulations are consistent with such a plan.<sup>142</sup>

On July 9, 1996, Santa Fe County adopted Ordinance 1996-8 implementing regulations in accordance with the Act. Article VII, Section 6, governs water supply requirements for subdivision approval. Notably for all subdivisions containing six or more lots, the Santa Fe County regulations go beyond the requirements of the Act, requiring a water availability assessment demonstrating a 100-year water supply for any development using a new community ground-water diversion, or an existing community or municipal water utility, or individual or shared domestic wells.<sup>143</sup> For new surface water diversions, a subdivider must submit a hydrologic report demonstrating that the supply is sufficient to meet the maximum annual water requirements of the subdivision and is physically available.<sup>144</sup> Furthermore, a community water system (as opposed to domestic well diversions under Section 72-12-1 NMSA 1978) must be available for specified subdivisions and must be supplied under a valid existing State Engineer permit for all subdivisions containing 20 or more parcels, any one of which is 2 or less acres in size.<sup>145</sup> The regulations also contain extensive provisions governing water quality<sup>146</sup> and water conservation.<sup>147</sup>

On December 11, 1996, the Torrance County Commission adopted ordinance number 96-7 implementing the County's new subdivision regulations. The new ordinance requires a water availability assessment demonstrating a 70-year water supply for all subdivisions of six or more parcels where the source of water is from a new community well and water system, or from an existing community system served by a utility company or where the water supply is individual or shared domestic wells.<sup>148</sup> The ordinance requires a community water system for all proposed subdivisions containing twenty or more parcels, any of which is 2 acres or less.<sup>149</sup> More stringent than the Act, the county ordinance also requires a subdivider to demonstrate that the proposed water supply would be under a valid water rights permit issued by the State Engineer for any subdivision containing twenty or more parcels any one of which is 2 or less acres in size.<sup>150</sup> Furthermore, unless a subdivider submits a water demand analysis or water conservation plan, the subdivision ordinance quantifies the water requirements per parcel at an amount of 0.55 acre-feet per annum.<sup>151</sup> The ordinance also contains design requirements for conservation<sup>152</sup> as well as regulations governing water quality.<sup>153</sup>

Bernalillo County adopted Ordinance No. 96-23 implementing its subdivision regulations on October 1, 1996. As with the Torrance County ordinance, the Bernalillo County subdivision ordinance requires subdividers to demonstrate a 70-year supply of water provided by new community ground-water diversions, or by existing community water supply companies or from

individual or shared domestic wells.<sup>154</sup> If supplied by a new surface water diversion, the subdivider must submit a hydrological report demonstrating that surface water is sufficient to meet the maximum annual water requirements of the subdivision and is physically available.<sup>155</sup> Again, the regulations require a community water system for subdivisions of twenty or more lots, if any, are 2 acres or smaller.<sup>156</sup> Furthermore, absent a detailed water demand analysis, the county ordinance sets 0.6 acre-feet per year as the maximum annual water requirement for each parcel in a residential subdivision.<sup>157</sup> More stringent than the Act, the county ordinance requires a valid water right permit issued by the State Engineer for all subdivisions containing twenty or more parcels any one of which is 2 or less acres in size.<sup>158</sup> The ordinance contains design standards<sup>159</sup> and water quality requirements.<sup>160</sup>

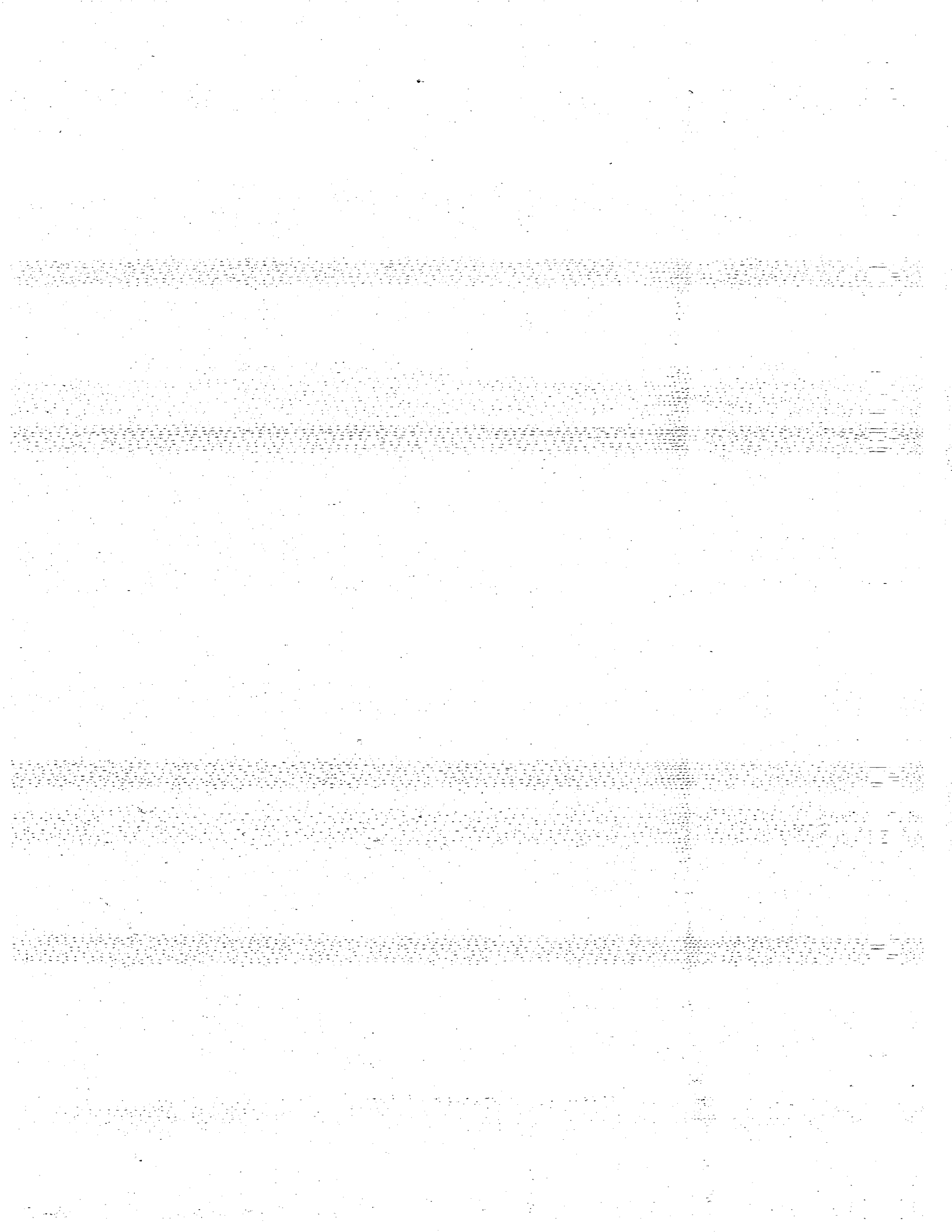
The San Miguel County Commission adopted Ordinance No. SMC-06-25-96-ORD on July 16, 1996. This ordinance requires a 40-year supply of water for all subdivisions containing 6 or more parcels with a source of water from a new community ground-water diversion, or from an existing community water utility or from individual or shared domestic wells.<sup>161</sup> For new surface water diversions, a subdivider must submit a hydrological report demonstrating that the supply is sufficient to meet the maximum annual water requirements of the subdivision and is physically available.<sup>162</sup> Furthermore, a community water system must be available and supplied under a valid existing State Engineer permit for all subdivisions containing 20 or more parcels any one of which is 2 or less acres in size.<sup>163</sup> The ordinance provides for water conservation<sup>164</sup> and water quality standards.<sup>165</sup>

#### **4. Incorporation of Regional 40-Year Water Plans**

As discussed above, water rights that are not exercised for a period of 4 years are subject, after notice, to forfeiture by New Mexico statute, and water rights that go unused for an unreasonably long period (perhaps 10 to 15 years) are subject to common law abandonment. In order to allow municipalities, counties, and the public utilities supplying water to them a longer planning horizon within which to use water rights, the New Mexico legislature in 1985 enacted the 40-Year Planning Statute.<sup>166</sup> The statute allows municipalities, counties, and public utilities to acquire and hold unused water rights in an amount to meet reasonable needs within 40 years, based on the development and implementation of water plans.

In addition to planning at the municipal or county levels, the state has recognized the importance of regional water planning.<sup>167</sup> Because water users within the boundaries of a common underground basin or along a water course compete for a finite and shared resource, integrated and comprehensive water planning reduces conflict and allows for reasonable and efficient management and use of water resources. Statutory requirements for regional planning by the Interstate Stream Commission state that such a planning region should contain "sufficient hydrological and political interest in common to make water planning feasible."<sup>168</sup>

The Estancia Basin is an ideal candidate for joint water resources planning. As a mined basin extending into four counties and containing a number of municipalities as well as rural water users, a regional plan is essential. Such a plan will assist in the beneficial use of water in the short-term and for protection of water resources for future needs.







**b. County Improvement Districts:**

Any county, except H class counties (i.e., Los Alamos County), may create a county improvement district to acquire, construct, or maintain a water utility when the board of county commissioners determines that the creation of an improvement district is necessary for the public safety, health, or welfare.<sup>178</sup>

**4. Intercommunity Water Associations**

Any combination of two or more municipalities and the board of county commissioners of the county in which the municipalities are located may organize, by joint or concurring resolution of the governing bodies, an association for the purpose of acquiring a water supply system.<sup>179</sup>

**5. Cooperative Associations**

Cooperative associations may be formed to acquire and distribute any type of goods or services,<sup>180</sup> including water. Cooperatives are alternatively known as mutual domestic water associations and are non-profit organizations.

**6. Water and Sanitation Districts**

Water and sanitation districts may be formed pursuant to the Water and Sanitation Act,<sup>181</sup> to establish or acquire waterworks for domestic and industrial consumers. Class A and Class B counties which have over 90,000 residents may create water and sanitation districts.<sup>182</sup>

**7. Sanitary Projects**

Sanitary projects are formed to install and operate sanitary domestic water facilities in rural unincorporated communities, using some funds from the state. Two or more communities may combine for this purpose. Communities, however, must have been in existence for at least twenty-five years to qualify for the program, and communities which abut incorporated subdivisions may not participate in the program.<sup>183</sup>

**G. Legal Issues Needing Resolution**

**1. Accurate Administrative Criteria**

The current administrative criteria used by the State Engineer to administer the Estancia Basin contain conservative assumptions that may serve as a barrier to full use of water within the Basin. Although a conservative approach to regulating appropriations from a mined basin may be in order, the criteria adopted by the State Engineer appear to be overly cautious in several respects, leading to an unrealistic and inflexible basin administration.

One of the principal reasons for the apparent inaccuracy of the current criteria are two assumptions regarding basin hydrology. The first assumption, regarding water supply, is that there is no recharge to the Basin. As indicated in Section IV of this Water Plan, the aquifer experiences significant recharge. Although there may be some hydrologic debate as to the level of recharge, it is clear that recharge in substantial amounts is occurring. Second, and on the demand side of the equation, the model assumes full development of existing permits at the time the criteria were instituted. Although the State Engineer's practice is to add back into inventory waters associated with permits that are terminated or diminished, the assumption of full use still

operates in a conservative fashion to "lock up" water that could reasonably be calculated to be available.

Additionally, use of the 9-block template itself appears to operate as a barrier to the appropriation of water which otherwise would be available for use without impairment to others. The first aspect of the 9-block template which limits appropriation is the confinement of effects for approval purposes to the 9 blocks. The State Engineer recognizes that the effects of an appropriation within the valley fill will extend beyond a 9-block template and may require a larger template to register the expected effects. Nonetheless, the 9-block criteria is used for approval purposes.<sup>184</sup> In other words, because of high hydrologic transmissivity levels, apportionment of effects exclusively within the 9-block criteria may be overly restrictive, thereby leading to an administrative finding of greater impact on neighboring blocks than actual hydrology would demonstrate.

The second aspect of the 9-block system that may serve as a barrier to appropriation of available water is the general prohibition of additional appropriations where any of the 9 blocks is a "zero" block, containing no water in inventory available for appropriation, as illustrated in Diagram number 3.

Hypothetical inventory values in storage, including "zero" block ( $V_a = X$ )

1 10,000	2 25,000	3 0
4 10,000	5 16,000	6 1,000
7 10,000	8 15,000	9 25,000

Unless there are no permitted water rights in a "zero" block, any application to appropriate water within a 9-block template that included the "zero" block would automatically be denied. The result of such a denial functions to preclude the appropriation of water that appears to be available in the aquifer. Despite the general availability of water within a 9-block template, as shown in Diagram number 3, an application to divert water from a block adjoining a "zero" block, such as block number 3, will be denied. This veto effect leaves some water unappropriated despite an application that in every other respect meets state water law requirements. In short, under the 9-block template system, the sum of the parts may not equal the whole.

It should be noted that application of the administrative criteria need not be the final outcome. After denial, an applicant may seek a hearing during which a demonstration of actual hydrology could be undertaken. However, putting an evidentiary burden on denied applicants to this extent may be costly and time consuming and may have the practical effect of frustrating meritorious applications to appropriate ground water, if, as in many cases, the applicant lacks the financial resources to develop hydrologic data to rebut the denial of an application under the administrative criteria.

In addition to their practical shortcomings, the basin criteria may not fully meet violate state law requirements. In considering an application for use of underground waters, New Mexico law imposes a duty on the State Engineer to determine whether waters are available for appropriation.<sup>185</sup> In administering the Estancia Basin using the present criteria, it may be that the State Engineer has not met the statutorily imposed duty. Because the administrative system is not a realistic reflection of the hydrologic facts of the basin, the criteria may function to deny a justifiable application, which otherwise would be approved, if the State Engineer were to apply criteria reflecting physical realities. However, because the current administrative criteria may operate mechanically to deny an application, the duty or burden is thereby shifted to the applicant to investigate and demonstrate the availability of appropriable water.

The State Engineer Office has recognized deficiencies in current administrative criteria and is attempting to develop a replacement model. The Hydrology Division of the State Engineer Office is currently working to develop a "finite difference model" that would provide a more realistic and dynamic picture of the aquifer. Development of a sophisticated and accurate model would be helpful in achieving reliable water planning and reasonable use of aquifer resources within the Basin. Once the model is completed, the State Engineer could propose new criteria that should both protect the Basin through appropriate conservation criteria and, at the same time, allow for a more realistic evaluation of applications. In that way, the best use of the Basin may be achieved. Particularly in light of new subdivision regulations requiring a demonstration of 40- to 100-year supply of water, accurate administrative criteria based on a realistic timeline are essential.

## 2. Quantification of Water Rights

Under the New Mexico Water Code, and consistent with the Prior Appropriation Doctrine, a water rights claim will not be recognized where prior existing rights constitute full appropriation of a river's waters. As previously mentioned, before authorizing a permit to appropriate water, the State Engineer must determine that there is "unappropriated water available for the benefit of the applicant."<sup>186</sup> With respect to the Estancia Basin, the principal obstacle to determining the existence of unappropriated water is the lack of a reliable hydrologic model and appropriate corresponding administrative criteria. An additional barrier, however, should be noted, and that barrier is the uncertain legal status of water rights within the Estancia Basin.

New Mexico Water Code requires the State Engineer to undertake a hydrographic survey of each stream and source of water supply within the state, and, upon completion thereof, to request the Attorney General to enter suit on behalf of the state to adjudicate all of the water rights within the subject area.<sup>187</sup> The State Engineer has not commenced an adjudication and has indicated no intention to adjudicate water rights in the Estancia Basin. If conflict over legal title to water rights occurs or the use of underground waters is denied because of the uncertainty of prior existing legal title or because of the existence of unperfected water rights that should be considered for judicial termination, it may be necessary to commence adjudication of the Estancia Basin in order to quantify its water rights.

### 3. Conservation of Water Resources Within the Basin

More and more, the conservation of water will be necessary to assure a future supply. It will also be necessary to prove good conservation practice to assure the transferability of water rights before the State Engineer.

The criteria used by the State Engineer to administer the Estancia Basin are not designed to extend the useful life of the basin as long as possible. Instead, the aim of the criteria is to define legal access to the aquifer for use within a specified period. An assumption underlying the criteria is that after 40 years of pumping, at most 40 feet of saturated alluvium will be available in the valley fill for domestic uses and stock watering. To prolong the life of the aquifer, two steps may be taken. First, local governmental entities may take what reasonable measures are within their authority to require conservation of water. Second, the State Engineer Office may consider redesigning its administrative criteria to place a greater emphasis on conservation.

Either regionally or on an individual basis, the local governmental entities having jurisdiction within the Estancia Basin must develop conservation plans. Such plans must take into account economic forces affecting demand for water. An effective means of promoting conservation is by raising the cost of its use, either directly or indirectly. Where municipal water systems are already in place, pricing structures and use restrictions can be implemented to encourage the efficient use of water.

The pertinent counties may also wish to consider valuation adjustments within their jurisdictions to promote conservation of water. Counties could consider accomplishing this by adjusting property tax assessments to reflect the value of perfected water rights appurtenant to private lands. Water rights are a valuable asset that give their owners the right to deplete the basin's limited natural water resources. Assessments should reflect that value and thereby help to assure that water rights are exercised in a beneficial manner. Finally, counties could consider placing an excise or a severance tax on all water that is pumped from the Basin. Of course, with respect to all of these suggestions, accommodations could be made to reflect the cultural and historical values of the region, including the prevalence of agriculture.

Conservation measures are not only vital from a practical standpoint, but also as a matter of compliance with state law. In considering an application for use of underground waters, the State Engineer is required to deny the application if the proposed use would be "contrary to conservation of water within the state[.]"<sup>188</sup> Likewise, in reviewing an application to change the location of a well or change the place or purpose of use of water, the State Engineer will again require that the proposal not be contrary to the conservation of water.<sup>189</sup> Indeed, the State Engineer should be encouraged to adopt reasonable conservation requirements in administering the Estancia Basin.

### 4. State Recognition of Conservation Credits

Another issue requiring resolution is the legal right of water users under state law to use conserved water for other purposes. Among the issues that must be addressed is the legal right to engage in water spreading, water banking or conveyance of conserved waters.

The State Engineer has demonstrated a long-standing policy and practice of approving water spreading. Under this policy and practice, an irrigator may apply to extend the exercise of a water right on additional farm lands. Through conservation practices, the duty of water required per acre is reduced, allowing the same water right to irrigate a larger acreage. The New Mexico Supreme

Court in Sun Vineyards v. Luna County Wine Development Corp.<sup>190</sup> recognized the desirability of spreading as a water savings device.

If an irrigator implements water saving measures, the irrigator's only alternative, however, should not be limited to water spreading. If through efficient irrigation practices conserved waters become available, the water user may wish to keep excess waters in reserve for future use without threat of forfeiture or abandonment. Or, the irrigator may wish to sell excess water to another user for use in a different place and perhaps for a different purpose.

The State Engineer is in the process of considering these issues. In order to protect the viability of agriculture in New Mexico in the future, and in the face of substantial population growth projections, both in the state overall and in the Estancia Basin in particular, it will be necessary to formulate and create procedures that recognize and encourage conservation.

### **5. Scope of 40-Year Planning Statute**

New Mexico has a statute that provides that municipalities and counties may appropriate sufficient water to meet their needs for a 40-year planning horizon, as discussed above. The statute allows for the acquisition of rights for future use so that rights do not have to be purchased piecemeal and put to beneficial use. Rather, anticipated new demand may be included in an application to appropriate. But, some problems are raised by this planning process resulting in practical constraints on municipalities and counties.

First, the ability to appropriate water is determined by demographers who will provide their expert opinion as to future populations of an area; this in turn will be tied to water demand. Population projections vary widely between experts. The municipality is often placed in a bind. To be safe, it wishes to appropriate the greatest amount of surface water possible, but at the same time wishes to encourage water conservation. However, if a city anticipates water savings through conservation, it will be decreasing its ability to appropriate water for future needs.

Furthermore, the law is unclear as to the kinds of demands that can go into a municipal water plan in terms of future needs. To address this problem, any reasonable municipality will include the following potential uses in its plan. These uses should include at a minimum the following: domestic use, commercial use, lease for commercial purposes, investment, recreation, wildlife, fire protection, health and safety, evaporation, carriage and delivery losses. The application should, of course, make it possible to use any or all of the water for any of the varied purposes, rather than having a specific quantity earmarked for a particular use.

From a financing standpoint, a number of considerations also arise. Water rights acquisitions are expensive, and if a public entity plans to finance water rights acquisitions through pledging real property, approval by popular vote is constitutionally required. It is not always easy to convince the voters that they should encumber their property today to support the water needs of future generations. In addition, some argue that if one is to finance a "water system," the only method for doing so is through the issuance of water revenue bonds.

Unfortunately, acquisition of water rights for future use is not an activity which can provide current revenues to retire a bond obligation, so this mechanism does not work for this purpose. More creative financing mechanisms need to be found. These could include rebates by the state government of locally earned severance taxes on oil and gas or mineral reserves or tax breaks to those conveying rights to municipalities. The municipalities and counties having jurisdiction within the Estancia Basin should begin to evaluate what regional revenue sources

currently going to the state are available to help offset the costs of acquiring rights for future generations. In addition, any rights purchased today, but not needed until the future, should be leased back to the seller to lower the acquisition costs. Also, state income tax rebates for selling rights to municipalities could ease the costs of acquiring rights.

## 6. Meaning of Public Welfare

In reviewing an application to appropriate water or to transfer water rights, the State Engineer will consider whether approval of the application would be detrimental to public welfare. Neither the New Mexico legislature, the courts, nor the State Engineer have provided a definition of "public welfare" as used in the Water Code. The following section discusses the dispute over a proposed non-traditional water use that first raised "public welfare" considerations.

### A Case in Point

The requirement that appropriation and transfer applications be consistent with the public welfare became state law in 1985.<sup>191</sup> Because few such applications have been challenged on that ground, the full ramifications of the requirement are not known. The likelihood that the ramifications will be prolix is perhaps best illustrated by the case of Sleeper v. Ensenada Land and Water Ass'n.<sup>192</sup> This case directly pitted the economic values associated with a new ski development against the cultural values of a northern New Mexico community.

Events leading up to the Sleeper suit date to the late 1970s, when Tierra Grande Corporation began developing a subdivision in conjunction with a large ski resort development<sup>193</sup> near Ensenada, New Mexico, a small farming community in the north central part of the state. While building roads for the new subdivision, Tierra Grande dug a gravel pit, then later transformed the pit into a recreational lake by damming the Nutrias Creek.<sup>194</sup> The Nutrias, a tributary of the Rio Brazos,<sup>195</sup> empties into the Ensenada irrigation ditch before it joins the Rio Brazos. Fed mainly from snowmelt, the Nutrias runs heavily during the spring and is dry by late May or early June.<sup>196</sup> The Ensenada Land and Water Association uses the creek's waters, drawn off the Ensenada ditch, to fill irrigation reservoirs and "fertilize" the soil with its rich silt.<sup>197</sup> Association members use the Rio Brazos water when the Nutrias runs dry.

Tierra Grande's actions in damming the creek violated laws regarding the building of dams and the diversion of water.<sup>198</sup> Then the State Engineer discovered the lake, and ordered Tierra Grande to breach the dam.<sup>199</sup> After complying with the order, Tierra Grande contracted with two local property owners to purchase their lands and appurtenant water rights.<sup>200</sup> The parties conditioned the purchase upon the State Engineer's approval of the property owners' application for change of use, place of use, and point of diversion of their surface water rights.<sup>201</sup>

The Applicants requested a one-time diversion of 61.32 acre-feet of water from Nutrias Creek to create the lake, and, thereafter, annual diversions of 13.32 acre-feet to compensate for evaporative loss.<sup>202</sup> These diversions necessarily would result in the retirement of agricultural land,<sup>203</sup> because when water rights used to irrigate land are transferred to a nonagricultural use, the previously irrigated land must be retired from agriculture. To offset loss of water from the creek, the Applications proposed to temporarily retire 64.55 acres of irrigated land during the year the lake was filled, then, in the next year, permanently retire 14.02 acres of irrigated land.<sup>204</sup>

In 1982, the Applicants applied for transfer of the surface water rights. The Ensenada Association protested, alleging that the transfer would impair existing rights and would be contrary to the public interest. Relying upon hydrologic studies and a finding that the transfer would not impair existing rights, the hearing officer recommended that the State Engineer approve the transfer application. When the State Engineer acted on this recommendation, the Ensenada Association appealed his decision, and the state district court reversed in a *de novo* hearing.

At the district court hearing, Ensenada Association argued that the transfer would be contrary to the public interest because it would result in the permanent loss of agricultural land and, inasmuch as ditch maintenance expenses after the transfer would be born by fewer people than before, would increase the financial obligations of individual association members.

Applicants contended that economic development resulting from the proposed resort project would be in the public interest because it would stimulate the local economy. The resort would generate construction jobs, such as the building of second homes, in the Ensenada area. Eventually, the Applicants claimed, the tourist industry associated with the project would provide more local jobs, shifting the populace from an agricultural subsistence economy to an economy based on tourism.<sup>205</sup>

An expert for Ensenada Association countered that the development of tourism/recreational facilities would not improve the financial outlook of people currently residing in the area. The resort project would provide only menial jobs, such as those for waiters and maids. Overall, he said, most local residents would never realize any benefits from the resort economy.<sup>206</sup>

Presiding at the hearing, Judge Art Encinias addressed the conflict between economic and cultural values inherent in the dispute. Although Encinias used the term "public interest" rather than "public welfare," it is clear he considered the terms synonymous. "Northern New Mexicans possess a fierce pride over their history, traditions, and culture," he said, noting that the deeply rooted traditional ties of northern New Mexicans to the land and water are central to maintaining that culture.<sup>207</sup> He observed, further, that the living culture of the northern New Mexico region is recognized at the state and federal levels as possessing significant value that cannot be expressed in monetary terms. "[H]ere," he said, "it is simply assumed by the Applicants that greater economic benefits are more desirable than the preservation of a cultural identity."<sup>208</sup> In opposition to this view, Encinias mentioned that developments such as the resort community in question contribute step-by-step to the destruction of the local culture.<sup>209</sup> Reversing the State Engineer, Encinias stated that "to transfer water rights, devoted for more than a century to agricultural purposes, in order to construct a playground for those who can pay is a poor trade, indeed."<sup>210</sup>

On appeal, the New Mexico Court of Appeals held that the statute in effect at the time of the application precluded the State Engineer from considering broad public interest factors in the transfer of surface water. Because, in a strict hydrological sense, the transfer did not harm existing rights, the court reversed.<sup>211</sup> In response to this dispute, the Legislature in 1985 amended the Water Code to include consideration of public welfare by the State Engineer when reviewing applications to appropriate water or to transfer water rights. Although 11 years have passed, the definition and impact of the term remains unknown.



## 7. Right of Counties to Regulate Domestic Wells

Section 72-12-1 of the water code provides that the State Engineer shall issue permits "for watering livestock, for irrigation of not to exceed one acre of non-commercial trees, lawn, or garden; or for household or other domestic use...."<sup>212</sup> State Engineer regulations set the maximum quantity of water under a section 72-12-1 permit at three acre-feet per annum.<sup>213</sup>

In light of the statutory and regulatory allowance of up to three acre-feet per annum of diversion's from a domestic well, the question arises to what extent counties may seek to implement conservation measures that would operate to reduce pumping from domestic wells to a level below the allowance. New Mexico statutory law recognizes the rights of counties to exercise police powers in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of county residents.<sup>214</sup> Counties, along with municipalities also have a statutory right to regulate water courses and to regulate the flow and use of water in public acequias for irrigating purposes.<sup>215</sup> At present, neither court decisions nor state statutes adequately delineate the extent of which a county may regulate water pumping and usage from domestic wells. The State Engineer's policy is that Section 72-12-1 permits may be conditioned on more stringent county regulations.

## 8. Declaration of Unregulated Basins

The Estancia Basin was first declared within the jurisdiction of the State Engineer on January 31, 1950. Since then, the basin has been extended in 1975 and again in 1994. Today, the basin abuts other regulated basins with the exception of a portion of the southern boundary of the Basin that is contiguous with an undeclared area, essentially south of Mountainair. Given hydrologic flows within the Estancia Basin, the absence of State Engineer regulation over underground water use to the south probably does not pose a threat to Basin water supply. Nonetheless, in conjunction with the State Engineer's development of a new hydrologic model for the Basin, the physical connection between the Basin and the unregulated area should be determined and, if necessary, State Engineer jurisdiction should be extended to the unregulated lands or pertinent portion thereof.

### H. Local Conflicts

#### 1. Well Interference

As urbanization continues, it will lead to more and more ground-water withdrawals. As a result, not only will wells affect an underground basin, they will also affect each other. New Mexico statutes prohibit a junior well user from "impairing" the rights of others who have existing wells.<sup>216</sup> The question is thus raised: when does the pumping of one well impair another enough that the new well should be prohibited? The calculus is not easy.

A hypothetical example may illustrate this point. If well owner A decides to put down a well, and pumping from A's well affects well owner B who owns an existing well, the following questions seem appropriate for the State Engineer in deciding whether the effects on well owner B constitute impairment. First, has well owner A designed her well to minimize the effects on B, and has she selected a site which will minimize the effects on B? If the answer to both of these questions is "yes," then the State Engineer should ask the following questions of B. What is the depth of B's well, and what is the depth to water in the aquifer where B's well is located? Finally, what is the water column in B's well? If B has a water column of 75 feet and the pumping by A would lower that water column only 10 feet over the next 50 years, this

would definitely affect B's well. This would not, however, constitute impairment. B's well would function as efficiently at the end of 50 years with a water column of 65 feet as it did with 75 feet of water column.

Suppose, however, that B's well has only 20 feet of water column in it, and that after 25 years it will be lowered to a water column of 12 feet. If we assume that the well ceases to function with only 12 feet of water column, this would seem to be an open and shut case of impairment. Unfortunately, additional factors can make the State Engineer's job more difficult.<sup>217</sup>

Suppose the aquifer is 300 feet thick and begins at 20 feet below the ground surface. Suppose further that B chose to drill his well only 40 feet deep to save expenses and that if he had drilled it 80 feet deep, there would have been no impairment problem. Can B choose to tap just the top of the aquifer and foreclose A's junior, but more efficiently constructed, well?

In arguing impairment in this case, B would argue that his well is impaired because 25 years from now, he will have to replace his well with a deeper one as a result of A's pumping. The question that must be asked by the State Engineer is whether the pumping of A has actually caused B to have to replace his well. There may be no easy answer. In virtually all urban aquifers there will be other pumpers who are also having an effect on the aquifer by lowering the water table. If the water table is already declining before A puts in her well, at some point B would have to replace his well even if A did not pump.

In this hypothetical example, suppose that as a result of pumping by other permitted well users, B's well would have to be replaced after 30 years even if A never pumped a drop. Therefore, if A's pumping caused B to replace his well after 25 years, and it would have to be replaced after 30 years even if A didn't pump, then the actual impairment to B is the impact of having to replace his well at the end of 25 years rather than at the end of 30 years. This would mean he would have to expend the capital he would otherwise have to spend in the future, but 5 years earlier. Thus, it is not the capital expenditure that is the damage, as this would have to be spent anyway because of others' pumping. Rather, the damage is the loss of the use of the money for drilling a well for 5 years. However, the loss of the use of that money for 5 years will not occur for 25 years. The actual cost today is the present value of not being able to use the money 25 years from now. At historical interest rates, this cost would not be high. The State Engineer must balance this cost against the benefit to A of drilling a well and supporting her business operation.

If the issue were not complicated enough, another factor may be relevant. Suppose that at the time of drilling A's well, B's well is 30 years old. If the useful life of a well is 50 years, then B's well will have to be replaced anyway before A's well would have any impact. Therefore, A would argue that B's well is not impaired because simple depreciation of the well is requiring the replacement, not A's well. B would counter that because of A's pumping he will have to drill the well deeper in the future, at greater cost, when he does replace his well. Therefore, the additional cost of drilling a deeper well is impairment. A will respond that the actual damage to B today is the present value of B's having to drill his well somewhat deeper 20 years in the future. In this argument, the State Engineer will have to decide whether the depth of a well is part of B's water right or whether the water right is the right to obtain water at reasonable depths with an efficiently designed well appropriate to the aquifer.

Both logic and caselaw support the proposition that one's water right in a well does not include the right to a well of a particular depth. The rational solution for the State Engineer in

these cases is to place burdens on the new well driller as well as on the holder of a vested right. First, the new well owner must have selected a site that is designed to minimize the impacts on surrounding wells and have drilled and equipped her well to minimize impacts on other well owners. As to the vested right holder, the State Engineer must (1) not allow an inefficient shallow well to foreclose all future access to the aquifer; (2) distinguish between impacts that are actually caused by the new well owners as opposed to existing and projected impacts caused by pumping by others; (3) determine the practical present effects on the water column within the well of the lowering of the water table; and (4) determine whether the well would have to be replaced anyway because of depreciation of the well itself. Finally, if there are actual effects caused by the new well, the State Engineer should determine whether to condition a well permit on the new well owner's willingness to either compensate the existing well owner for the damage or in severe cases, drill a new well for the existing owner. If a new well would inflict actual costs on persons of modest incomes in the area who are unable to pay the costs, this factor is relevant to the State Engineer's inquiry under the issue of "public welfare" and would certainly present a good case for requiring compensation. However, the State Engineer should not rule that any lowering of the water column in a well is impairment.

The "tradeoffs" between protecting vested rights on the one hand and allowing full development of the aquifer on the other were perhaps best framed by the Colorado Supreme Court in A-B Cattle Co. v. United States.<sup>218</sup> Commenting upon past decisions that protected senior water rights but foreclosed other development, the court stated:

These decisions are concerned primarily with the respective priorities of vested rights which have been established. It is implicit in these constitutional provisions that, along with vested rights, there shall be maximum utilization of the water of this state. As administration of water approaches its second century, the curtain is opening upon the new drama of maximum utilization and how constitutionally that doctrine can be integrated into the law of vested rights. We have known for a long time that the doctrine was lurking in the backstage shadows as a result of the accepted, though oft violated, principle that the right to water does not give the right to waste it.<sup>219</sup>

The "waste" in A-B Cattle was the possibility that a storage reservoir could not be built if the supreme court upheld an alleged inefficient means of diversion by surface users.<sup>220</sup> The court did not allow that "waste." In the context of ground water, the "waste" caused by interpreting any decline in water levels as "impairment" would be the loss of valuable ground-water resources because senior well owners have drilled shallow wells.

The New Mexico Supreme Court has held that a decline in water level in a well is not per se "impairment." In Application of Brown, the Supreme Court refused to hold that a decline in the water level of 3.9 feet was impairment as a matter of law.<sup>221</sup> Rather, the court held that it was merely a factor to be considered among others, including the particular characteristics of the aquifer.<sup>222</sup>

The issue of reasonable water table declines was addressed most directly in Mathers v. Texaco.<sup>223</sup> As previously discussed, in Mathers an application was filed to appropriate water in the Lea County Underground Water Basin.<sup>224</sup> Prior to any litigation, the State Engineer had recognized that the Lea County Basin would necessarily decline if it was to be utilized at all.<sup>225</sup> As a result, he applied a time dimension to the rights and decided to allow water to be taken by future appropriators at a rate such that, at the end of 40 years, there would be sufficient water left for domestic and nominal uses, but not for commercial agriculture.<sup>226</sup>

The protestants whose wells were being substantially affected by the declines in the water table as a result of new permits argued that under the doctrine of prior appropriation, no new appropriator could lower water levels and deny them their right to the water level they had when they put down their well.<sup>227</sup> In rejecting this argument, the Supreme Court pointed out:

[If] the position of the protestants be correct, then each and all of the many permits to withdraw waters from this basin issued by the State Engineer, subsequent to the initial permit, have been issued wrongfully and unlawfully, because each withdrawal, to some degree, has caused a lowering of the water level, and thus an impairment of the rights of the initial appropriator.<sup>228</sup>

Judge Bratton also described the issue thoroughly and clearly in a United States District Court decision involving an attempt to drill wells in the then-unregulated lower Rio Grande. In Maestas v. Elephant Butte Irrigation District,<sup>229</sup> Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) had drilled wells in an undeclared basin. Individuals claiming that the pumping of EBID's wells adversely affected the performance of their wells filed suit to enjoin EBID from pumping.<sup>230</sup> Judge Bratton distinguished the integrity of an appropriator's "water right" from the functioning of the means of diversion.<sup>231</sup>

In Maestas, high volume pumping from deeper wells, to supplement the entire water supply of the District, reduced the amount of water discharged by the shallow private wells.<sup>232</sup> This caused surging and caused some wells to pump sand.<sup>233</sup> Judge Bratton refused to grant an injunction, pointing out that the effects the farmers observed "relate only to the functioning of their wells and not to the integrity of their water rights."<sup>234</sup> He found that "at this point in time there is ample water of an acceptable quality available and it is economically feasible to pump it."<sup>235</sup>

The Albuquerque Task Force Subcommittee on impairment commissioned by former State Engineer Eluid Martinez reached a conclusion similar to the Supreme Court and to Judge Bratton.<sup>236</sup> The Subcommittee concluded that if water were available through deepening of wells, it would be appropriate to allow water level declines so long as they were not excessive:

Drawdown calculations shall be performed in the manner as described . . . to provide the most realistic estimates of drawdown at wells in the area of hydrologic influence. Excessive water level decline is deemed as the drawdown which will result in a certain number or percentage (e.g., 30 percent) of the wells in the area of hydrologic influence to require deepening within a 40-year period.<sup>237</sup>

The Task Force Subcommittee pointed out that a key consideration is whether it would be possible for the senior user to deepen a well. If the saturated thickness was not adequate to allow the well to be deepened, then a replacement supply would have to be developed by the junior appropriator. The report states that "[t]he definition of excessive water level decline will be made on a case-by-case basis. Factors to be considered include the . . . available saturated thickness to enable wells to be deepened."<sup>238</sup>

In New Mexico, even in the area of water quality, a decline in the water level is reasonable if it does not significantly increase effects caused by past pumping. In Stokes v. Morgan,<sup>239</sup> a new well was causing saltwater intrusion in an old well.<sup>240</sup> The court rejected an argument that this was impairment because historical pumping had already begun to cause deterioration in the water quality in the well. The court stated, "[t]his Court has previously held that the lowering of a water table does not necessarily constitute impairment, even though there

may be some negative economic impact. . . ."<sup>241</sup> It went on to hold that "protestants have not shown that the proposed move will cause a significant change in the rate of deterioration."<sup>242</sup>

Unlike New Mexico, which addressed reasonable water declines through case law, many western states have dealt with this issue by statute. This is true in Idaho,<sup>243</sup> Kansas,<sup>244</sup> Colorado,<sup>245</sup> Montana,<sup>246</sup> Nevada,<sup>247</sup> and Utah.<sup>248</sup>

## 2. Contradictory Hydrologic Studies

As discussed in Section IV of this report, consensus among hydrologists has not been achieved regarding the Basin hydrology, especially the amount of recharge. Most recently, a study by William Turner in 1992,<sup>249</sup> concluded that the amount of recharge to the aquifer is substantial. Given the contradictory opinions on this subject, it is essential that a thorough and accurate hydrologic study be performed so that the State Engineer may adopt a model and may implement administrative criteria that are realistic and appropriate.

## IV. WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT FOR THE PLANNING REGION

### A. Water Supply

#### 1. Surface Water Supplies

Surface water supplies in the Basin are limited to relatively small quantities of runoff impounded in stock tanks, Manzano Lake and Sherwood Forest Lake reservoirs, and the salt lakes at Laguna del Perro. Spring flows may provide limited supplies to livestock and wildlife. Manzano Lake and Sherwood Forest Lake are used primarily for wildlife and recreation.

##### a. Precipitation Data and Statistics

Climatological data for the Basin were collected from nine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather stations in and around the study area. Data for all stations, from the beginning of the period of record to 1994, were retrieved from the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) Summary of the Day digital database. Data from 1995 were collected from the NOAA Climatological Data Annual Summary for New Mexico. Station locations, elevations, and available parameters are shown in Table 26.

Table 26. NOAA climatic data recording stations in the Estancia Basin area

station name	elevation (feet msl)	latitude	longitude	parameters recorded
Clines Corners 7 SE	7,205	34.56	105.35	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Estancia 7 NE	6,106	34.51	105.58	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Golden	6,699	35.16	106.13	prec.
Mountainair	6,519	34.31	106.15	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Pedernal 4 E	6,204	34.38	105.34	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Progreso	6,296	34.25	105.53	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Sandia Crest	10,686			prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Sandia Park	7,018	35.10	106.22	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow
Stanley	6,318	35.10	105.58	prec., Tmax, Tmin, snow

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

prec.: precipitation

Tmax: maximum temperature

Tmin: minimum temperature

snow: inches of snow

msl: mean sea level

Total annual precipitation data were collected for each station. Total annual precipitation was compared to the departure from normal for each station. While departure from normal is published in the NOAA Climatological Data Annual Summary for New Mexico, it was not available in the NCDC digital data. For the years prior to 1995, deviation from normal was derived by comparison of a given annual total to the mean for the period of record. Graphs of total annual precipitation with departure from normal are included in Appendix 4.

Average annual precipitation was compared with the respective station elevation to provide information for an estimate of average precipitation over the Basin (Fig. 9). Table 27 shows the average annual precipitation for the period of record for each station.

**Table 27. Average annual precipitation for NCDC recording stations for the period of record through 1995, in and near the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

station name	average precipitation, inches
Clines Corners 7 SE	18.81
Estancia 7 NE	12.18
Golden	13.79
Mountainair	13.11
Pedernal 4 E	11.33
Progreso	13.17
Sandia Crest	22.87
Sandia Park	18.68
Stanley	12.26

NCDC: National Climatic Data Center

**b. Drainage Basins and Watersheds**

The Estancia Underground Water Basin is a closed basin and encompasses an entire watershed. The watershed area is 2,260 square miles and includes the majority of Tarrant County, the southern portion of Santa Fe County, and small portions of eastern Bernalillo County, and western San Miguel County. Surface water flows are generally ephemeral and drain toward the center of the Basin.

**c. Streamflow Data and Statistics**

There are no perennial streams in the Basin. Spring flow provides small discharges to the drainages in select portions of the Basin. However, these surface flows ultimately infiltrate into the underlying sediments or are lost through evapotranspiration. Many of the drainages have surface flows only during periods of rapid snowmelt or high precipitation events.

**d. Evaporation Data and Statistics**

Evaporation from Laguna del Perro and the other nearby salt lakes was estimated by Smith (1957) and DeBrine (1971). Smith (1957) reported the pan evaporation in the Estancia Valley to range from 65 to 76 inches per year, and estimated that the evaporation from the salt lakes (playas) would be less than pan evaporation because evaporation is less for a larger body of water and saline water evaporates more slowly. He assumed that 50 inches of ground water was lost to evaporation per year at the playas and that the total evaporation from the playas was about 50,000 acre-feet per annum. The study performed by DeBrine (1971)

indicated that between 27,000 and 36,000 acre-feet per annum of ground water is lost to evaporation from the playas.

Titus (1969) reviewed the evaporation estimate from the playas by Smith (1957). Titus (1969) suggested that the total evaporation from the playas may be two or more times lower than estimated due to the decreased evaporation rate from wet mud or water in a salt crystal mesh.

The NMSEO does not monitor evaporation from the salt lakes. The NMSEO does compile data for other surface water bodies in the Basin which include stock ponds, Manzano Lake, and Sherwood Forest Lake. The net evaporation from these sources was reported as 1,959 acre-feet per annum in 1980.

Evaporation data are available from the Estancia weather station, and indicate a range of total evaporation ranging from about 15 to 54 inches per annum. No other evaporation data were available from the eight other NOAA weather stations in and near the area.

**e. Surface Water Yields**

Surface water yields in the Basin occur predominantly as spring flow, and ephemeral flows associated with storm events and snow melt. Flows move from the Basin margins toward the central portion of the Basin.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) does not have any gages which measure daily flows within the Basin. The USGS does have six stations at which it measures peak flows in select drainages, and these are 1) Estancia Valley tributary at Cedar Grove, 2) Juan Tomas Canyon near Edgewood, 3) Osita Draw near Clines Corners, 4) Canon de Torreon at Torreon, 5) Arroyo del Cuervo near Torreon, and 6) Big Draw near Mountainair. Surface water flows within the Basin can vary from no flow during most of the year to peak flows exceeding several thousand cubic feet per second (cfs).

The USGS has inventoried numerous springs throughout New Mexico including many within the Estancia Underground Water Basin. The USGS (White and Kues, 1992) reports 34 springs in Torrance County, 30 of which are within the Basin, no springs in Santa Fe County within the Basin, and 4 springs in Bernalillo County within the Basin (see potentiometric elevation map, Fig. 13). At least two springs not inventoried by the USGS are known to be within the study area in Santa Fe County (personal communication, Bud Hagerman, 1996) and are also shown on Figure 13.

Discharge from springs in Bernalillo County within the study area ranged from less than 1 to 30 gpm in 1963 (White and Kues, 1992). Discharge from springs in the Chilili Grant are reportedly from joints in rock. Discharge from a spring about 3 miles northeast of Escabosa is reported to be fault controlled. Spring discharge in Torrance County within the Basin ranged from less than 1 to 20 gpm, unfortunately yields from many of the springs were not reported. The nature of the rock or sediments from which the springs flow was generally not reported in the Basin. Tables generated by White and Kues (1992) listing other data such as location, elevation, discharge rate, and water-quality data for each spring are included in Appendix 5.



Flows from selected eastward-flowing springs, drainages, and arroyos in the Manzano Mountains were measured intermittently from December 1985 to September 1987 (White, 1994). Flow rates ranged from 0.0 to 23.1 cubic feet per second (cfs). One cfs equals 448.8 gallons per minute. Flows were measured where drainages cross State Highway 337 (South Highway 14) and at a location between Manzano Spring and Manzano Lake. Table 28 shows the locations, measured flow, and the date of measurement for data collected by White (1994). Discharges measured in April 1987, and to a lesser degree, June 1987, were substantially greater than flows measured during other months. The increased flows were likely due to surface discharge resulting from snowmelt or rain.

**Table 28. Measured flow, date of measurement and location for selected springs, and drainages in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

drainage or spring	discharge, cubic feet per second					
	Dec. 4, 1985	Mar. 26, 1986	Oct. 23, 1986	Apr. 2, 1987	June 16- 17, 1987	Sept. 24, 1987
Arroyo de Yrisarri at junction of Highways 337 and 222	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada de Escabosa at Highway 337	0	0	0	0.05	0.06	0.01 est.
Canon de Chilili at Highway 337	0.50	0.44	0.18	10.9	5.17	0.61
Canada de la Perra at Highway 337	0	0	0	1.26	0.84	0
Canon de Tajique at Highway 337	0.24	0.26	0.15	23.1	4.55	0.29
Canon de Torreon at Highway 337	0	0.1 est.	0.43	20.5	5.29	0.51
Arroyo del Cuervo at Highway 337	0	0	0	0	0.13	0
Arroyo de Manzano at Highway 337	0	0	0	6.53	0.20	0
Manzano Spring, between spring and lake	0.47	2.46	1.51	9.57	1.80	0.29
Canon de los Pino Reales at Highway 337	-	-	0	3.0 est.	0.01 est.	0
Canon del Chato at Highway 337	-	-	0	2.0 est.	0	0
Canon Colorado at El Gato at Highway 337	-	-	0	6.0 est.	0.73	0.2 est.
Canon Sapato near Punta de Agua at Highway 337	-	-	0	6.0 est.	0.73	0.2 est.
total	1.21	3.26	2.35	83.2	18.9	2.02

Table modified from White, 1994

est.: estimate

White (1994) measured surface water flow at selected locations in Canon de Tajique (Arroyo de Tajique) and Canon de Torreon (Torreon Draw) May 28 through 29, 1985, and July 8, 1987, respectively. Flow in Canon de Tajique began as spring flow in a tributary at an elevation of 7,800 feet above mean sea level, and reached a maximum of 6.61 cfs at the Village of Tajique on the east side of Highway 337. Surface water flow in Torreon Draw began at springs in the Manzano Mountains at an elevation of about 7,900 feet above mean sea level, and reached a maximum flow of 2.21 cfs east of Highway 337.

#### f. Uses of Surface Water

Surface water uses are fairly limited due to the relatively small number of springs and their relatively small discharges. Surface water is generally used for stock watering, wildlife, and possibly for limited domestic supplies.

#### g. Water Supply Facilities

There are no known surface water supply facilities for community, municipal, or industrial uses.

### 2. Ground-Water Supplies

#### a. Geologic Data

##### i. Geologic Structure and Units

The Estancia Basin is structurally bounded on the west by the eastward dipping rocks of the Manzano Mountains. The eastern structural boundary is the uplift associated with the Pedernal Hills. The northeast boundary is formed by the Tertiary-age intrusive and Precambrian-age rocks at South Mountain and the San Pedro Mountains. The southeastern boundary is formed by the Precambrian-age rocks in the Gallinas Peak area.

The expression of faulting at the surface is not dominant in the study area. Several relatively extensive northeast-trending faults have been mapped by Titus (1980) south of Chilili. Other faults trending northeast and northwest are present from northeast of Chilili to South Mountain. Titus (1969) reports the east side of the Basin has probably been faulted down against the west side of the Pedernal uplift. Oil-test holes provided evidence for the faulting and suggested a minimum vertical displacement of 650 feet between test holes drilled in Township 6 North, Range 11 East, Section 31, and Township 6 North, Range 9 East, Section 19. Both holes passed through the Madera into the underlying Precambrian rock.

The geologic units which crop out in the Estancia Underground Water Basin are shown on Figure 10, and geologic cross-sections are shown on Figures 11 and 12. Precambrian, Pennsylvanian, Permian, Triassic, Tertiary, and Quaternary-age units are present in the study area. These units are described in ascending order below.

Precambrian-age rocks are present in outcrop primarily the eastern Manzano Mountains, eastern Pedernal Hills, and Cerrito del Lobo. Precambrian rocks in the area consist of igneous and metamorphic, and include granite, quartzite, and schist (Smith, 1957).

Pennsylvanian-age rocks consist of the Sandia Formation and the overlying Madera Formation in the northwestern portion of the study area. In the Manzano Mountains, the Madera Formation is referred to as the Madera Group of Pennsylvanian and early Permian age (Myers, 1982). The Sandia Formation was deposited on the erosional surface of the Precambrian. The Sandia Formation ranges in thickness from 10 to about

200 feet, and consists of interbedded sandstone, shale, limestone, conglomerate, and siltstone.

In the Manzano Mountains, the Madera Group includes three units, which are the Los Moyos Limestone, Wild Cow Formation, and Bursum Formation. The Los Moyos Limestone gradationally overlies the Sandia Formation. The Los Moyos Limestone is about 590 feet thick and consists of cliff-forming beds of limestone with minor interbeds of shale, sandstone, and conglomerate. The Wild Cow Formation overlies the Los Moyos Limestone and ranges in thickness from about 200 to 620 feet thick. The Wild Cow Formation consists of interbeds of arkosic sandstone, sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone, and shale. The early Permian-age Bursum Formation gradationally overlies the Wild Cow Formation. The Bursum Formation is present only in the southern portion of the Manzano Mountains. The Formation is up to about 95 feet thick and consists of limestone, sandstone, siltstone, and shale.

Permian-age units in the study include the Abo Formation, Yeso Formation, Glorieta Sandstone, and San Andres Limestone. The Abo Formation crops out primarily in the southern portion of the Manzano Mountains. The thickness of the Abo ranges from about 700 to 900 feet; it consists predominantly of shale, sandstone, and minor conglomerate (Smith, 1957).

The Yeso Formation conformably overlies the Abo Formation. The Yeso crops out primarily in the east-central and southwestern portions of Torrance County. The Yeso ranges in thickness from 600 to 1,000 feet thick and consists of sandstone, gypsum, siltstone, limestone, and shale (Smith, 1957). Titus (1969) reports the Yeso to be more than 1,000 feet in the east-central portion of the Basin at Township 6 North, Range 10 East, Section 21, and only about 150 feet thick 4 miles to the west in Township 6 North, Range 9 East, Section 19. This indicates the Yeso was thinned by erosion prior to the deposition of the valley fill.

The Glorieta Sandstone conformably overlies the Yeso Formation and crops out primarily in the eastern, and north- and south-central portions of Torrance County. The Glorieta Sandstone is yellow to white, well-sorted, and well-cemented. The Glorieta ranges in thickness from about 150 to 280 feet (Smith, 1957).

The San Andres Limestone crops out primarily in the south central and northwestern portions of Torrance County. The San Andres Limestone is up to 200 feet thick and consists of limestone containing numerous solution channels, gypsum, and sandstone (Smith, 1957).

Triassic-age units include the Santa Rosa Sandstone and the Chinle Formation and are shown on the geologic map as one unit. These units may exceed 350 feet in thickness. The Santa Rosa Sandstone consists of a gray and white sandstone containing limestone and quartz pebbles. The Chinle Formation consists of red shale with interbedded sandstone.

Tertiary-age intrusive rocks crop out in areas between Encino and Duran, and it is possible that these rocks are a sill or a series of sills, and may be related to the Gallinas Mountains intrusive center (Smith, 1957). Tertiary-age monzonitic rocks crop out at South Mountain and the San Pedro Mountains (Titus, 1980). Tertiary-age dikes and sills are present primarily in the southwestern portion of Torrance County.

Quaternary-age sediments include valley-fill material, lake and dune deposits, and alluvium along drainage channels and mountain valleys. Valley-fill sediments consist of up to 400 feet of silt, sand, and gravel (Titus, 1980, and NMSEO, 1996). Lake and dune deposits range in thickness from 30 to 80 feet and consist predominantly of clay, shale, gypsum, and minor interbeds of sand (Smith, 1957). Alluvial sediments are up to several feet thick, and consist of sand, silt, clay, and gravel.

#### ii. Water Bearing Characteristics by Basin

Precambrian-age rocks are generally not considered major aquifers because they provide only limited quantities of water to wells. Smith (1957) reported that there were several windmill wells completed in these rocks that were capable of supplying a quantity sufficient for domestic or stock uses, but that the quality was poor. Smith reports the highest-yielding well completed in Precambrian-age rocks produced 100 gallons per minute (gpm) with a drawdown of 60 feet. The well was owned by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and was about 3 miles north of Negra. White (1994) studied the hydrology of the Estancia Basin and indicated that no wells inventoried for his study produced water from the Precambrian-age rocks. Generally, wells completed in these rocks are capable of producing only a few gallons per minute.

Few wells are completed in the Sandia Formation because it crops out near the summits of steep slopes in the Manzano Mountains where few wells are drilled. Where it is present in other portions of the study area, it is at relatively great depths and few wells are completed in the formation because there are other water-bearing units at shallower depth.

For the purposes of the hydrogeologic interpretation, the Madera Formation and Group will be referred to as the Madera Group. The Madera Group is the principal aquifer in the west central and northwestern portions of the study area. The Madera supplies water to wells through fractures along bedding planes, fracturing resulting from faulting, solution channels, and cavernous areas. Wells completed in the Madera are capable of producing quantities from less than 1 to more than 1,000 gpm. Most wells completed in the Madera produce from about 1 to 15 gpm. Unusually high well yields have been reported in Townships 6 to 8 North, Ranges 7 and 8 East. A well at Township 7 North, Range 7 East, Section 1.233 was reportedly pump tested at 1,470 gpm, and other nearby wells have reported yields up to 450 gpm (Titus, 1980). Many "dry" holes have also been drilled into the formation where the rock was not fractured enough to yield water to wells; wells which yield less than 1 gpm are often considered dry holes. Well

yields between the towns of Edgewood and Cedar Grove have well yields which range from about 24 to 72 gpm (Kues, 1990).

The specific yield of the Madera Formation is reported by Titus (1980) to be 1 percent or less. The specific yield refers to the ratio of water that will drain from a volume of saturated rock, under the influence of gravity, to the volume of rock. The specific yield does not give an indication of the time it takes for the water to drain from the saturated rock. Locally, in areas where the aquifer is highly fractured, solution channels are prominent, or cavernous conditions exist, the specific yield of the aquifer may be as high as 2 to 3 percent.

Titus (1980) collected data from 300 holes drilled into the Madera Group in the Sandia and Manzano Mountains. He reports that within the upper 600 feet, the permeability of the limestone decreases with depth. However, Titus (1980) reports that two wells drilled outside the Basin, at the Ideal Cement Company Plant at Tijeras, had significant increases in permeability at depths exceeding 1,000 feet. It is possible that the increased permeability is the result of nearby faulting and, therefore, significant increases in permeability at relatively great depths in the Madera Group may not be present in other areas.

The Abo Formation does not appear to be a major aquifer in the study area. The Abo is known to produce yields of a few gallons per minute, which is sufficient for supplying water for domestic purposes. Near Punta de Agua, Smith (1957) reports a well drilled 400 feet into the Abo which yielded 3 gpm. The specific yield of the Abo northwest of the study area was reported to be 0.10 (Shomaker, 1984).

The Yeso Formation is the principal aquifer north and east of Chupadera Mesa. Wells completed in the Yeso yield from several to more than 3,000 gpm (Smith, 1957). Water-supply wells for the Town of Mountainair are completed in the Yeso about 4 miles northeast of the town, and produce from 100 to 300 gpm. Smith (1957) reported two wells completed in fractured Yeso, Township 7 North, Range 10 East, Section 18.431 and Township 7 North, Range 10 East, Section 19.112, which were pump tested at 3,000 and 2,250 gpm, respectively. The fracturing increased the transmissivity of the aquifer. Transmissivity refers to the capacity of an aquifer to transmit water. Yields from wells completed in the Formation are substantially less than those mentioned above and would generally be less than 15 gpm.

The Glorieta Sandstone is the principal aquifer near the north, south, and eastern sides of Lobo Hill. Wells completed in the Glorieta Sandstone may yield from several to more than 1,000 gpm depending on the amount of fracturing (Smith, 1957). Some irrigation wells north of Moriarty were reported to have been completed in the Glorieta and the overlying valley fill.

The San Andres Limestone is above the water table throughout the study area. Precipitation can easily enter the limestone where it crops out at the surface (Smith, 1957). This allows recharge to underlying rocks.

Triassic-age rocks provide water to wells in the northeastern portion of the study area. Wells completed in these rocks provide adequate water quantity for domestic and stock uses.

Tertiary-age intrusive rocks generally do not provide large quantities of water to wells. Locally, it is possible that these rocks are sufficiently fractured or weathered to provide limited quantities of water for domestic and stock uses. Water quality will likely be highly variable, and depend on the type of igneous rock and the overlying rocks, or sediments, through which the water flowed. Yields will generally be on the order of a few gallons per minute.

Quaternary-age valley fill is the principal aquifer in the central portion of the Estancia Underground Water Basin. The valley fill extends from the south central portion of Santa Fe County to the southern portion of Tarrant County. The saturated portion of the valley fill sediments encompass an area of approximately 625 square miles. Wells completed in the valley fill provide yields ranging from several to hundreds of gallons per minute. Most irrigation wells in the Basin are completed in the fill. The greatest irrigation withdrawals occur from several miles north of Moriarty to several miles south of Willard.

Quaternary-age lake and dune deposits have relatively low permeability and provide only enough water to wells for domestic and stock purposes. Water quality is not expected to be high because gypsum was deposited with these sediments.

Quaternary-age alluvial sediments in drainages can provide limited quantities of water to wells for domestic and stock purposes. Yields are generally low because the alluvium is relatively thin. If the alluvium overlies relatively permeable rock, such as fractured limestone or sandstone, it is not likely to provide water to wells because the water will infiltrate through the alluvium and recharge the underlying rocks.

### **iii. Geologic Cross-Sections by Basin**

Two geologic cross-sections were made for the Basin and are provided as Figures 11 and 12. The geology shown on the cross-sections was discussed in detail in the previous sections.

### **iv. Geologic Control of Water Resources**

Geologic control of ground-water resources is determined by the physical characteristics of the sediments and rocks in the Basin and can be highly variable. The hydraulic conductivity of an aquifer is generally one or more orders of magnitude greater in the horizontal direction than in the vertical direction. This is because the physical properties of rocks and sediments are more homogeneous horizontally. Greater hydraulic conductivity values indicate that ground water can move more readily through the rocks or sediments.

Physical properties of the aquifers such as 1) size and extent of fractures, 2) presence of solution channels and caverns, 3) dominant grain size, 4) degree of cementation of the rock matrix, 5) orientation of the beds, and 6)

horizontal and vertical continuity of the beds will control ground-water movement, the quantity that can be stored, and the yield of wells. For example, in areas where the limestone or sandstone aquifers are highly fractured, or solution channels are extensive in the limestone, yields from wells will be significantly greater than in areas where fractures and solution channels are sparse. The water-supply wells for the Town of Mountainair are completed in limestone in the Yeso Formation which apparently is fractured cavernous, and well yields range up to 500 gallons per minute (Smith, 1957). The Yeso Formation in other areas is capable of providing yields which are adequate only for domestic or livestock uses, yet in fractured areas between Cerrito del Lobo and Laguna del Perro, yields of up to 3,000 gpm have been reported (Smith, 1957).

Fracturing of bedrock aquifers in the Basin was the result of movement of rocks along and adjacent to faults. While faulting can increase the permeability of rocks it can also create clay gouge along the fault which can reduce the permeability of the rocks and limit ground-water flow along or across the fault. The effects of faulting should be assessed at specific sites to determine the local control of ground water.

## b. Hydrogeology Data by Aquifer

### i. Location and Extent of Aquifers

#### a) Areal Extent

The areal extent of each aquifer was estimated by comparing the published geologic data (Fig. 10) with the 1995 potentiometric surface elevation map (Fig. 13). The area of each rock unit beneath the potentiometric surface was measured per township using a planimeter and is shown in Table 29.

**Table 29. Area extent of aquifers in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

aquifer	horizontal extent, square miles
valley fill	625
San Andres Limestone	89
Glorieta Sandstone	486
Yeso Formation	1,023
Abo Formation	11,513
Madera Group (includes Sandia Formation)	1,913

#### b) Aquifer Thickness

The saturated thickness of the valley fill was estimated by comparing the thickness of the valley fill (Fig. 14, modified from unpublished NMSEO data) and the 1995 potentiometric surface elevation contours shown on Figure 13. The saturated thickness of each bedrock aquifer within the Estancia Basin was determined first by examining each

township within the Basin. Characteristics, such as surface geology, elevation of Precambrian basement, alluvial thickness, valley fill thickness, potentiometric surface elevation, and projected locations of geologic contacts in the subsurface were examined for each township. In townships where the geologic relations appeared to be complex, the township was divided into smaller areas, so that the saturated thickness of the Paleozoic aquifers could be estimated.

The elevation of the Precambrian basement in each township was determined from the map of the basement by Foster and Stipp (1961) (see Fig. 15). The elevation of the potentiometric surface was then compared with the basement elevation in order to determine the total saturated thickness of alluvium and bedrock in each township. The saturated thickness of the valley fill was then subtracted from this total in order to determine the total saturated bedrock thickness.

The average stratigraphic thickness of each Paleozoic-age unit was used in determining the individual saturated thickness of each unit in each of the townships. Oil-test-well logs were used where available in order to provide control on the thickness of the units in each of the townships. It was assumed in most areas that where the total calculated saturated thickness was less than the sum of the estimated maximum stratigraphic thickness of each of the Paleozoic units, that the uppermost units must have been removed by erosion prior to the deposition of the valley-fill. Variations in the thicknesses of the lowermost units, such as the Madera, Abo, and Yeso Formations, were also taken into account along the margins of the Basin, and in the area proximal to Lobo Hill. In areas where the calculated saturated thickness of the Paleozoic aquifers exceeded the sum of the maximum average stratigraphic thicknesses of the units, it was assumed that the Precambrian basement was actually higher than shown on the map by Foster and Stipp (1961), rather than assuming over-thickened Paleozoic units in that location. Table 30 lists the range of average saturated thickness for each stratigraphic unit used to estimate the ground water in storage.

**Table 30. Range of average saturated thickness for stratigraphic units used to estimate ground water in storage in the Estancia Underground Water Basin for 1995**

stratigraphic unit	range of average saturated thickness used to estimate ground water in storage, feet
valley fill	50 to 325
San Andres Limestone	50 to 150
Glorieta Sandstone	50 to 215
Yeso Formation	35 to 800
Abo Formation	100 to 800
Madera Group (includes Sandia Formation)	100 to 1,165



### c) Aquifer Storage Amounts

The quantity of water in storage in the valley fill was estimated by the NMSEO based on the estimated quantity of water pumped from January 1948 to January 1965 and the corresponding water-level declines. The NMSEO assumed a specific yield of 0.125, and the corresponding ground water in storage in the valley fill sediments was estimated to be 8,013,151 acre-feet in 1965.

JSAI estimated the quantity of water in storage in the valley fill material by multiplying the average saturated thickness of the valley fill material by the specific yield for the sediments which was previously estimated by the NMSEO. The estimated ground water in storage for 1995 was 6,580,000 acre-feet. JSAI estimated that 1,410,000 acre-feet of ground water has been mined from the Basin since 1910. This indicates a volume of about 8,000,000 acre-feet of ground water in storage in the valley fill in 1910, which is a slightly lower quantity than estimated by the NMSEO.

The area where the individual Paleozoic aquifers are present in the subsurface were measured using a planimeter. Each area was then multiplied by the estimated saturated thickness of each of the units per township. This calculation yielded a volume estimate for each aquifer. This saturated volume was then multiplied by the assumed average specific yield for each aquifer to estimate the volume of ground water in storage in each of the units. This procedure takes into account variations in saturated thickness of units in the various parts of the Basin, and is a much more exacting method than assuming an average saturated thickness for each of the aquifers over the entire Basin. Table 31 is a summary of estimates of ground water in storage for the extensive aquifers in the Basin. Estimates of ground water in storage were not made for Precambrian-age rocks because of the large variability in the capability of these rocks to yield ground water to wells.

**Table 31. Summary of estimates of 1995 ground water in storage in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

aquifer	specific yield	ground water in storage, acre-feet
valley fill	0.125	6,580,000
San Andres Limestone	0.01	67,155
Glorieta Sandstone	0.15	5,854,925
Yeso Formation	0.10	23,787,357
Abo Formation	0.10	44,877,728
Madera Group (includes Sandia Formation)	0.01	11,065,988

Although there is a relatively large quantity of ground water in storage in several of the aquifers in the Basin, the aquifers may not readily yield water to wells unless fracturing has enhanced permeability. This is particularly true for the Abo and Yeso Formations. Well yields of up to 20 gpm were reported from the Abo Formation northwest of the study area with specific capacities up to 0.29 gpm per foot of drawdown (Pearson et al., 1995). Well yields for the Abo and Yeso Formations in the Basin should generally be expected to be less than 20 gpm.

The specific yield is the volume of water that will drain under the influence of gravity from a volume of aquifer. The specific yield does not indicate how long it takes for water to drain from the aquifer material. In general, fine-grained sediments are capable of storing more water than coarse grained sediments because fine-grained sediments have more pore space. However, fine-grained sediments will release water from storage more slowly than coarse-grained sediments.

Water quality may also limit the usefulness of ground water in select areas. For example, ground water in the valley fill sediments in the southeastern portion of the study area has high total dissolved solids concentrations which can limit its use for irrigation, domestic, and industrial supply. Gypsum beds are present in the Yeso Formation and when present in the saturated portion of the formation, the gypsum increases the total dissolved solids concentration of the water.

## ii. Aquifer Storage Characteristics

### a) Specific Yield and Transmissivity

Storage coefficients used by JSAI to estimate ground water in storage are shown in Table 32. The aquifer characteristics for the principal hydrogeologic units in the Basin are listed in Table 32. The values given in the table are those reported by the person or firm that tested the well. JSAI has only presented the reported data and did not attempt to evaluate the pumping-test data to assess the results.

The specific capacity of a well is the rate at which a well will yield water per unit of drawdown, and in this report is expressed as gallons per minute per foot of drawdown (gpm/ft). Transmissivity is the capacity of an aquifer to transmit water and in this report is expressed in units of feet squared per day ( $\text{ft}^2/\text{d}$ ). The specific yield is the ratio of water that will drain from a volume of saturated rock, under the influence of gravity, to the volume of saturated rock, and is expressed as a percent or a decimal fraction.

**Table 32. Reported aquifer characteristics for the Madera Group and valley fill in the Basin**

reference	well location	specific capacity, gpm/ft	transmissivity, feet <sup>2</sup> /day	specific yield	geologic unit
DeBrine, 1971	T6N.R9E.16.333	-	1,340	0.00029	valley fill
DeBrine, 1971	T6N.R9E.20.244	-	1,680	0.0019	valley fill
Geoscience Consultants, 1974	T8N.R7E.29.341	-	1,340	0.00002	Madera Group
Summers, 1975	T9N.R6E.36.322	-	4,630 to 4,840	0.00011 (assumed)	Madera Group
Turner, 1984	T9N.R8E.10.324	6.4	227 to 245	Sy = 12.5 (assumed)	valley fill
Jenkins, 1980	T10N.R7E.4.242	-	10,000 to 40,000	0.01 (assumed)	Madera Group
Earth Environmental Consultants, 1974	T10N.R7E.23.111	178	82,000	0.038 to 0.05	Madera Group
Jenkins, 1980	T11N.R7E.28.442	-	400		Madera Group

gpm/ft: gallons per minute per foot

The NMSEO (1965) suggested a specific yield of 12.5 percent as an average value for the valley fill. The value was selected after the NMSEO estimated the quantity of ground water pumped in the Basin from January 1948 to January 1965, and compared the volume of valley fill that had been dewatered over the same time period. The NMSEO selected an average transmissivity value of 4,010 ft<sup>2</sup>/d for the valley fill material.

Additional data regarding the transmissivity and storage coefficient were compiled by the NMSEO for the Basin, and has not been published by the NMSEO to date. Much of the data came from unpublished NMSEO, USGS and Bureau of Land Management sources. Transmissivity ranges for the Madera Group, Glorieta Sandstone, and the valley fill based on these data are shown in Table 33. Transmissivity ranges for the San Andres Limestone, Glorieta Sandstone, Abo Formation, and Yeso Formation in the study area were not available.

**Table 33. Transmissivity ranges for the Madera Group, Glorieta Sandstone, and valley fill aquifers in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

aquifer	transmissivity range, feet <sup>2</sup> /day	average transmissivity, feet <sup>2</sup> /day
valley fill	226 to 21,277	5,382
Glorieta Sandstone	4,010 to 51,778	20,082
Madera Group	401 to 1,300,000	150,040

### iii. Ground-Water Recharge

#### a) Sources

Ground-water recharge occurs as rain and snowmelt infiltrate into rock outcrops and the valley fill. The majority of recharge is likely to the Madera Group, the Glorieta Sandstone, and to the valley fill. Recharge to the Madera Group would be through fractures, and solution channels. Recharge to the Glorieta Sandstone would be through fractures in the rock and along bedding planes. Recharge to the limestone or the sandstone occurs where the fractured or solution-channeled rocks crop out or are overlain by relatively permeable soils, shallow alluvium, and shallow valley fill. Recharge to the valley fill is from precipitation and spring flow infiltrating along arroyos and drainages, and from water moving vertically upward from underlying aquifers. The rates of vertical upward ground-water flow into the valley fill from underlying aquifers has not been quantified and will likely be highly variable throughout the Basin.

It appears the Madera Group, at least locally, provides recharge to the valley fill. Evidence for this is in the northwest portion of T.7N., R.8E. where there have been increases in the potentiometric surface elevation (ground-water mounding) in the valley fill aquifer. The mounding is probably not related to recharge to the valley fill from nearby drainages, but rather from water rising up from the underlying Madera Group aquifer. At least three wells completed in the area of ground-water mounding were reported to have been drilled deep enough to penetrate into the Madera Group aquifer. If the wells were not completed such that the Madera Group was sealed off from the overlying valley fill, the ground water would be able to flow upward, assuming there is an upward vertical gradient in the Madera aquifer at this location, and increase the ground-water elevation in the valley fill.

The majority of recharge to the Basin probably occurs where the Madera Group is present in outcrop and has sufficient permeability to allow water to enter the rock readily. The Madera Group is known to be fractured and cavernous in northwestern portions of the Basin near the Cedar Grove area, and it is fractured in outcrop in many other places. It is likely that the Madera Group provides recharge to valley fill where the

head (ground-water elevation) is higher in the Madera Group than it is in the valley fill and the valley fill lies directly over the Madera Group. This recharge from the Madera Group to the valley fill is probably substantially greater than the quantity of recharge to the valley fill from springs and runoff in drainages, because recharge can readily enter permeable portions of the Madera Group and the Madera immediately underlies the valley fill throughout much of the west central portion of the Basin. The hydraulic connection between the Madera Group aquifer and the overlying valley fill is poorly understood. No wells have been completed in the Madera Group and the valley fill solely for the purpose of assessing the hydraulic interaction between these aquifers.

#### **b) Rates**

The rate of recharge to the Basin may be assumed to equal natural discharge from the Basin via evaporation from the salt lakes, which has been estimated to range from 27,000 to 50,000 acre-feet per annum (DeBrine, 1971 and Smith, 1957, respectively). Smith (1957) assumed that the system was in equilibrium prior to large-scale ground-water development in the area, and that discharge from the Basin was still about equal to recharge as recently as 1957.

The majority of recharge is to the Madera Group which crops out over about 244 square miles on the western portion of the Basin. Recharge may range from 0 to more than 10 percent of the total precipitation on the outcrop depending on the permeability of the rocks where they crop out. Small quantities of recharge also occur to other rock outcrops in the Basin. Evidence for this is that the ground-water flows from the Basin margins (recharge areas) towards discharge areas in the central portion of the Basin. The quantity of recharge to the different aquifers and the hydraulic relation between these aquifers is unknown because no data are currently available.

Recharge estimates for the Basin, excluding arroyos and drainages, were made by assuming recharge occurs at, or near, the Basin margins, and that the recharge is distributed equally along a given segment of the Basin perimeter. Ground-water recharge estimates for the Estancia Basin are based on rates developed for the Albuquerque Basin (Kernodle et al., 1995) and applied to basin lithologic boundaries as follows.

- 1) Manzano Mountains: 0.75 cfs per mile, along the Madera Group--Quaternary alluvium boundary, from Manzano Peak to the west side of South Mountain.
- 2) north basin: 0.15 cfs per mile, along the basin boundary, from east side of South Mountain eastward to the Triassic-age outcrops.
- 3) northeast basin: 0.05 cfs per mile, along the eastern boundary of the Triassic-age outcrops, from approximately White Lakes to Clines Corners.

- 4) east basin: 0.1 cfs per mile, along the Pre-Cambrian-age outcrop and the valley fill boundary, from approximately Clines Corners to Willard.
- 5) south basin: 0.15 cfs per mile, along the Glorieta Sandstone and the valley fill boundary, from approximately Willard to Manzano Peak.

**Table 34. Recharge estimates along the Estancia Underground Water Basin perimeter**

area	average recharge per mile, cfs	length of recharge perimeter, miles	annual recharge, ac-ft/an
Manzano Mountain	0.75	51	27,710
north basin	0.15	22	2,391
northeast basin	0.05	18	652
east basin	0.10	29	2,101
south basin	0.15	45	4,890
total			37,744

cfs: cubic feet per second  
ac-ft/an: acre-feet per year

#### c) Variability

Recharge is variable in the Basin and depends on fluctuations in the annual precipitation and evaporation rates. In areas where rocks and sediments have greater permeability at and near the surface the potential for recharge is greater. Site specific studies have not been performed to assess the variability of recharge to specific rocks or sediments, or in particular locations in the Basin.

The quantity of recharge will vary due to fluctuation in annual precipitation. Precipitation deviations from normal, either above average or below the annual average, for the stations monitored in and near the Basin, range from 0 to about 10 inches. Kues (1990) noted that fluctuations in a well in the Sandia Park area, northwest of the Basin, were likely to be related to changes in precipitation. The lag time between a change in precipitation and fluctuation in ground-water level was thought to range from 7 months to 2.5 years.

#### d) Recharge-Precipitation Relation

The relation between recharge and precipitation is likely to be highly variable throughout the Basin. For example, ground water in the Madera Group in the northwestern portion of the study basin is known to occur in solution channels and caverns. Recharge to Madera outcrop exhibiting these features can occur readily during relatively moderate to high precipitation events, and the effects may be noticed quite quickly. Conversely, there may be a longer lag time between precipitation events and changes in ground-water elevations, and a more subtle change, with recharge to the Madera Group in areas where fracturing may be limited.

#### iv. Annual Withdrawals by Aquifer

Meter records were not available for all water-supply wells in the Basin. Irrigation wells in the Basin generally withdraw water from the valley fill aquifer. Some irrigation wells withdraw water from the Madera Group, or Glorieta Sandstone, often in conjunction with the valley fill aquifer. Therefore, all irrigation withdrawals are assumed to be from the valley fill aquifer. Some of the municipal wells for Moriarty are completed in saturated valley fill and the underlying Yeso Formation, and because the quantity of water provided from the Yeso is unknown, all of the water was assumed to be withdrawn from the valley fill. Domestic ground-water withdrawals were assumed to be equally from the valley fill and the Madera Group based on the location of the majority of subdivisions in the Basin. All withdrawals for livestock, commercial, and industrial uses were assumed to be from the valley-fill. 1995 withdrawals from selected aquifers in the Basin are estimated in Table 35.

**Table 35. Estimated 1995 withdrawals from aquifers in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

aquifer	ground-water withdrawal in 1995, acre-feet
valley fill	55,781
Yeso Formation	180
Madera Group (includes Sandia Formation)	1,213
total from above aquifers	57,174

1995 data are unofficial NMSEO

A portion of the ground water pumped does represent a withdrawal from ground-water storage, and the proportion is larger at greater distance from the areas of natural discharge near the axis of the Basin, but a significant part of the pumping is "salvaged" water that would otherwise be lost to evaporation in the areas of natural discharge. This water is not accounted for in the administrative scheme used by the NMSEO to administer water rights in the Basin.

#### v. Water-Level Data and Statistics

Hydrographs showing historic water-level data (unpublished NMSEO and USGS data) for the Basin were plotted to assess the changes in the depth to ground water. Data from the majority of the hydrographs were used to construct the maps showing ground-water declines in the valley-fill sediments, potentiometric surface elevations for 1995, and depth to ground water (Figs. 13, 15, and 22). The potentiometric surface represents the elevation of the ground-water surface above mean sea level. In general, the water level data indicate declines in the potentiometric surface elevations throughout most of the valley fill aquifer. The data did indicate an increase in the potentiometric surface elevations, or a decrease in the depth to ground

water, throughout the central and northwest portion of T.7N., R.8E. Hydrograph plots are included in Appendix 6. Figure 17 shows depth to water contours for Torrance County.

#### vi. Ground-Water Flow Direction And Gradient

The ground-water flow direction in the Basin is from the Basin boundaries toward the central portion of the Basin. The gradient in 1910 ranged from 0.001 feet per foot (ft/ft) in the northern portion of the Basin to 0.004 ft/ft on the western side of the Basin. Flow directions and gradients for the year 1910 were based on data collected by Meinzer (1911). No data were available for the eastern and northeastern portion of the Basin for 1910. Figure 18 shows the 1910 potentiometric surface elevation contours in the Basin.

The ground-water gradient ranged from 0.02 ft/ft in the west central portion of the Basin to 0.01 ft/ft in the south western portion of the Basin in 1957. Figure 19 shows the 1956 potentiometric surface elevation contours in the Basin. The ground-water gradient ranged from 0.02 ft/ft in the west central portion of the Basin to 0.007 ft/ft in the south western portion of the Basin in 1995. Figure 20 shows the potentiometric surface elevation contours for Torrance County.

#### c. Uses of Ground Water

##### i. Categories of Water Use by Source

Most of the wells capable of producing relatively large yields are completed in the Madera Group, Yeso Formation, Glorieta Sandstone, and valley fill aquifers. All irrigation water is assumed to be withdrawn from the valley fill aquifer even though some of the wells are completed in the Madera Group and Glorieta Sandstone, because it is likely that the wells are completed in both the valley fill and underlying aquifer. The estimated sources for different water uses in the Basin are shown in Table 36.

**Table 36. Categories of water use, estimated aquifer from which the water is withdrawn, and the annual withdrawal (1990 and 1995 data) in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water use category	primary aquifer(s) and estimated withdrawal (acre-feet)
public water systems	Madera Group 977 acre-feet, valley fill 600 acre-feet, and Yeso 180 acre-feet
domestic	Madera Group 236.5 acre-feet, and valley fill 236.5 acre-feet
irrigated agriculture	valley fill 54,440 acre-feet
livestock	Madera Group 100 acre-feet, and valley fill 340 acre-feet
commercial	Madera Group 5 acre-feet, and valley fill 42 acre-feet
industrial	valley fill 17 acre-feet



## ii. Storage Depletion Summary by Aquifer

The majority of wells monitored used to monitor potentiometric surface elevations in the Basin are completed in the valley fill, Madera Group, or both aquifers. Well completion data are generally not available for the wells and it is likely that the majority of wells completed in the Madera Group, or other aquifers beneath the valley fill, are in hydraulic connection with the valley fill because annular seals are not commonly used to prevent hydraulic communication between the aquifers via the borehole annulus. Most of the early ground-water supply wells were completed in the valley fill and, therefore, most of the data regarding changes in ground-water conditions are for this aquifer. The ground-water depletion estimates in the Basin for this report will be limited to the valley fill sediments.

It should be noted that as an aquifer is depleted, the costs associated with using water from that aquifer increase. The increased costs are a result of 1) increases in energy costs from having to pump water from greater depths, 2) increases in capital costs from having to drill more wells to provide the same amount of water, and 3) increases in energy costs from pumping more wells.

### a) Depletion of Ground Water in Storage From the Valley Fill From 1910 to 1956

Ground-water declines in the valley fill between 1910 and 1956 occurred in six areas (Fig. 21) based on data by Meinzer (1911) and Smith (1957). The approximate central portions of the areas with ground-water declines are 1) 4 miles north of Moriarty in T. 10 N., R. 8 E., Section 26, 2) 1.5 miles southwest of Moriarty in T. 9 N., R. 8 E., Section 28, 3) 3 miles northwest of McIntosh in T. 8 N., R. 8 E., Section 34, 4) 9 miles east of McIntosh in T. 7 N., R. 10 E., Section 9, 5) 1.5 miles southwest of Estancia in T. 6 N., R. 8 E., Section 10, and 6) 3 miles southwest of Willard in T. 4 N., R. 8 E., Section 13. Maximum ground-water declines in the valley fill ranged from 10 to 40 feet

### b) Depletion of Ground Water in Storage From the Valley Fill From 1956 to 1995

Ground-water declines in the valley fill between approximately 1956 and 1995 are shown by contours on Figure 22. Some data slightly prior to 1956 and post-1995 were also used to generate this map because 1956 or 1995 data were not available for many areas. Ground-water declines over this period extend over the majority of the valley fill. Declines of at least 20 feet extend from about Stanley southward along State Highway 41 to about 5 miles south of Willard, and from several miles to about 10 miles east and west of State Highway 41.

The largest ground-water declines from 1956 to 1995 occurred in five main areas. The approximate central portions of the areas with ground-water declines are 1) 6 miles northeast of Moriarty in T. 10 N.,

R. 9 E., Section 18, 2) 2.5 miles northwest of Moriarty in T. 10 N., R. 8 E., Section 35, 3) 4 miles northeast of McIntosh in T. 8 N., R. 9 E., Section 18, 4) 2 miles northwest of Estancia in T. 6 N., R. 8 E., Section 3, and 5) 6.5 miles southwest of Estancia in T. 5 N., R. 8 E., Section 9.

**c) Total Volume of Valley Fill Sediments Dewatered From 1910 to 1995**

There were not enough data to reliably define the area where only a few feet of ground-water declines occurred, nor the northern or southern extent of ground-water declines from 1956 to 1995. However, an estimate of the total volume of sediments that have been dewatered was made by assuming that the zero contour of ground-water decline is correct and that the northern and southern extent of ground-water declines is represented by the maximum extent of the inferred contours shown on Figure 22.

The NMSEO assigned a specific yield of 12.5 percent to the valley fill sediments (NMSEO, 1965). Table 37 lists the estimated volumes of valley fill that have been dewatered from 1910 to 1995 and the corresponding amount of ground water that has been withdrawn from the sediments, assuming a specific yield of 12.5 percent.

**Table 37. Estimated volume of valley fill dewatered and quantity of ground water mined from the valley fill from 1910 to 1995**

time interval	volume of valley fill dewatered (feet <sup>3</sup> )	specific yield	quantity of ground water mined (acre-feet)
1910 to 1956	$5.72 \times 10^{10}$	0.125	160,000
1956 to 1995	$4.36 \times 10^{11}$	0.125	1,250,000
1910 to 1995	$4.93 \times 10^{11}$	0.125	1,410,000

The estimate of the average quantity of ground water mined from the valley fill aquifer from 1956 to 1995 is 32,000 acre-feet per annum, assuming ground water pumping has remained essentially unchanged.

**d. Water Supply Facilities**

**i. Well Fields**

Well fields which provide ground water for municipal use in the Basin are listed in Table 38. The locations shown in the table are intended only to describe the general area of the well fields. NMSEO well records for specific wells within the well fields are included in Appendix 7. Selected domestic and municipal well locations are also shown on Figure 20.

**Table 38. General locations of well fields in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

well owner	well locations
Horton Family	T.11N., R.7E., Sections 3, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33, and T.10N., R.7E., Section 4
Entranosa Water Cooperative	T.11N., R.7E., Section 33, and T.10N., R.7E., Section 4
Calkins, Bassett (Edgewood)	T.10N., R.7E., Sections 23 and 27
Moriarty	T.9N., R.8E., Sections 14 and 23
Town of Estancia	T.6N., R.8E., Section 11
Town of Mountainair	T.5N., R.9E., Section 31
Village of Willard	T.4N., R.9E., Sections 5 through 7

## ii. Conveyance Canals and Pipelines

Water is pumped from well fields to storage tanks which supply water to domestic, commercial, and industrial users via gravity flow, or through the use of lift stations and gravity flow. The locations of the various water-supply pipelines were not mapped during this study. Irrigation wells generally pump water from the wells directly to the crop, using flow, sprinkler, or drip irrigation.

## 3. Water Quality

### a. Surface Water

#### i. Water-Quality Description

Surface water quality in Laguna del Perro and the other nearby small surface water bodies is poor; the water is saline, with specific conductance ranging from 20,500 to 187,000 micromhos per centimeter ( $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ ) (White and Kues, 1992). Manzano Lake and Sherwood Forest Lake are also within the Basin. Water quality data for these two lakes were not available, but they probably have relatively good water quality as they are in areas in which the ground-water quality is relatively high. The quality of surface water from spring flow is generally good, with specific conductance ranging from 151 to 1,700  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  (White and Kues, 1992).

#### ii. Sediment Yield by Station

These data were not available because surface water flows are not regularly monitored in the Basin.

#### iii. Limitations on Supply Due to Quality

Laguna del Perro and the other small saline surface water bodies cannot be used as water supplies for domestic, livestock, or irrigation purposes without treatment to reduce the salinity. Therefore, the potential uses for the water would be few without treatment.

Use of spring flow is not limited by the quality of the water based on data collected by White and Kues (1992). The use of springs is limited by the small yield of the springs.

**b. Ground Water**

**i. Water-Quality Description by Aquifer**

**a) Ground Water in Storage**

Comprehensive ground-water quality data were not available for each aquifer. However, specific conductance data for the majority of the aquifers in the Basin were available and are listed in Table 39. Specific conductance is related to total dissolved solids content, which in turn provides a general indicator of water quality. Specific conductance multiplied by a value ranging from 0.55 to 0.75, depending on the relative concentration of ions, will give an approximation of total dissolved solids concentration, and the higher of the values is generally associated with water high in sulfate (Hem, 1970). In the Basin, White (1994) multiplied specific conductance measurements by a factor of 0.65 to 0.70 to estimate the total dissolved solids concentration. The specific conductance data presented in Table 39 were taken from Smith (1957), Titus (1980), White (1994), and USGS files (unpublished data), and the corresponding range of total dissolved solids concentration was estimated by multiplying the specific conductance by 0.65 to 0.70.

**Table 39. Specific conductance and estimated total dissolved solids concentration ranges for ground water in select aquifers in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

aquifer	specific conductance ( $\mu$ mhos/cm)	estimated total dissolved solids (mg/l)	comments
valley fill	350 to 6,000	227 to 4,200	highest values east side of Laguna del Perro and east of Moriarty
Triassic-age rocks	1,300	845 to 910	data from outside study area
Glorieta Sandstone	900 to 6,000	585 to 4,200	
Yeso	1,700 to 5,100	1,105 to 3,570	higher specific conductance due to gypsum
Abo	400 to 800	260 to 560	
Madera Group	400 to 1,300	260 to 910	calcium bicarbonate water

$\mu$ mhos/cm: micromhos per centimeter  
mg/l milligrams per liter

Two specific conductance (SC) contour maps of the Estancia Underground Water Basin were generated in order to assess historical changes in the specific conductance of ground water. The majority of water quality data are specific conductance data from ground water in the valley fill sediments. Figure 23 is primarily based on information

published by Smith in 1957, and data gathered during 1973 and published in 1980 by Mourant (figure annotated where Mourant data was used). The Mourant (1980) data were used primarily in the northern portion of the Basin where Smith (1957) did not have data. Figure 24 was generated principally from late 1980's USGS and NMSEO data published by White (1994); SC contours in the western portion of the Basin were based on information gathered during 1990 to 1995 and stored in a USGS water quality database. In general, the specific conductance of ground water is greater in the east central portion of the Basin, several miles east of Highway 41. Specific conductance increases from the Basin margins toward the center of the Basin.

The two SC contour maps (Figures 23 and 24) were compared to assess changes in SC between the two periods. In general, the SC values have not changed significantly basin-wide. Local changes occurred primarily in areas that have experienced a significant lowering (i.e., greater than 40 feet) of the ground-water level due to pumping. An improvement, or reduction in SC values, has been observed northeast of Moriarty in T. 10 N., R. 9 E. and T. 10 N., R. 10 E.

The northeast quadrant of T. 7 N., R. 8 E., north of Estancia, has shown an increase in SC values from less than 750  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  to approximately 1,000  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ . A similar trend is noted south of Estancia along the eastern boundaries of T. 5 N., R. 8 E. and T. 6 N., R. 8 E., and north of Moriarty in T. 9 N., R. 8 E. and T. 10 N., R. 8 E. Each of these areas experienced a decline in ground-water level greater than 40 feet since 1956.

The area of Cedar Grove (T. 11 N., R. 7 E., Sections 20, 21, and 22) also experienced an increase in SC values from approximately 400  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  to 900  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ . This SC change does not appear to correspond to a change in ground-water level.

As previously mentioned, an approximate 50 percent decrease in SC values has been observed in portions of T. 10 N., R. 9 E. and T. 10 N., R. 10 E. This improvement in water quality also does not appear to correspond to any significant change in ground-water elevation.

Carbon dioxide gas has been found in two areas in the Basin: 1) T. 6 N., R. 7 E., Sections 11 and 12, and 2) T. 7 N., R. 7 E., Sections 12, 13, 32, and 36. The gas is thought to occur in the lower portion of the Sandia Formation (Foster and Jensen, 1972). Elevated concentrations of carbon dioxide in water is corrosive to plumbing. Carbon dioxide gas can build up in well houses and create an oxygen-deficient environment which can be hazardous or fatal to people and animals.

#### **b) Return Flow Quality**

Ground water returning to the system would primarily be return flow from irrigated areas. This is because most of the irrigation in the Basin occurs in the valley fill areas where the sediments are relatively permeable and the depth to ground water is relatively shallow. The

quality of ground water that returns to the system from irrigation practices is unknown. However, due to long history of irrigation in the area, and the fact that the water quality degraded in areas from about 1956 to 1995, it can be assumed that the return flow from irrigation is degrading water quality.

Ground-water return flow from septic systems also occurs. Return flows from septic systems can degrade ground-water quality by increasing nitrate concentrations. Elevated nitrate concentrations can be particularly harmful to young children, and animals, causing serious health problems or death (Peavy, Rowe, and Tchobanoglous, 1985). The Environmental Protection Agency standard for nitrate in drinking water is 10 milligrams per liter (as nitrogen).

## **ii. Limitations on Supply Due to Quality**

As of 1995, the availability of ground water to supply existing wells in the Basin was not limited due to water quality. Ground water with higher specific conductance (lower quality) is present in the east central portion of the Basin. As the valley fill sediments continue to be dewatered, ground water with greater specific conductance will be drawn toward pumping wells completed in, or in hydraulic connection with, the saturated valley fill.

Generally, water-bearing rocks older than, and underlying, the valley fill should have water quality suitable for most uses. Unfortunately, production from these rocks can be substantially lower than that from the valley fill. The Yeso Formation does not generally yield large quantities of water to wells, and it may yield water which has high total dissolved solids in areas where gypsum is present. This could limit the usefulness of the Yeso as an aquifer, without treatment of the water for domestic uses.

## **iii. Assess Quality of Different Water Sources**

### **a) Existing Water Quality**

Ground-water quality is the best toward the Basin margins, and decreases towards the east central portion of the Basin, based on specific conductance data. No data were available to adequately assess major ion or metal concentrations in the regional ground water, or historic changes in water quality.

### **b) Potential for Contamination**

In order to assess the potential for ground-water contamination at selected areas, soil permeability (Fig. 4), geology (Fig. 10), and depth-to-water (Fig. 16) should be considered. The potential for ground-water contamination is dependent on the depth to ground water, soil permeability and thickness, and the presence of fractures or solution channels in rocks near the ground surface and in the underlying aquifer. In general, where the depth to ground water is less than 100 feet the potential for ground-water contamination is greater. This is particularly true if there are no low-permeability beds, such as clay or unfractured rock, between the source of contamination and the ground water. In

areas where the depth to ground water exceeds 100 feet and there is only a thin soil horizon overlying fractured rock, the potential for ground-water contamination is high. This is because fluids can move readily through the fractures down into the ground water.

**c) Water-Quality Standards**

Federal and New Mexico water-quality standards are included in Appendix 8.

**iv. Identify Sources of Water Contamination**

The potential sources of ground-water contamination in the Estancia Basin which were examined in this study are leaking underground storage tanks, septic tanks, mines and quarries, naturally occurring radioactive mineralization, and hazardous waste dumps. Individual sites are plotted on Figure 25. Overall, the study area appears to be minimally affected by introduced contaminants.

**a) Point Sources**

**1) Underground Storage Tanks**

The District 1 Office of the New Mexico Environment Department, Underground Storage Tank Bureau provided information on all reported underground storage tank leaks within Torrance County. Additional information was provided in the *East Mountain Area Plan* report (1992). Ten sites exist within Torrance County which are either in investigation, active remediation, or monitoring. These sites are in Encino, Estancia, Moriarty, Mountainair, and Willard. Data regarding the underground storage tanks and sites listed as being in active status are provided in Table 40. Sites listed as active are not necessarily in active remediation, but may be under investigation or may be undergoing monitoring.

**2) Contamination from Mines and Quarries**

Five precious-metal mines or prospects are reported to occur within the study area: the 3 in 1 Mine near Manzano, the El Cuervo Butte Prospects west of Clines Corners, the Pedernal Hills Mine west of Encino, the Carnahan Mine, and the San Pedro Mine (Fig. 25). The potential for acid mine drainage can exist at sites host to sulfide mineralization. Sulfide-bearing tailings associated with the Carnahan Mine in the San Pedro Mine Grant have traveled down a drainage away from the source. The effects of the sulfide-bearing mine on ground water in the area is not known. No reported ground-water contamination has been associated with the other sites. Information relating to these sites is included in Appendix 9.

Numerous gravel and rock quarries were identified within the study area. The impacts of these operations on the quality of the ground water has not been assessed, but is expected to be minimal.

Table 40. Reported leaking underground storage tanks

location	owner/responsible party	date file opened	date file closed	case manager	status	
Abo					none	
Cedarvale					none	
Chilili					none	
Chupadera					none	
Clines Corners		06-25-91	06-28-91		closed	
Corona	State Rd. 42	NMSHTD	09-25-90	10-05-90	closed	
Derramadero					none	
Duran					none	
Encino		NMSHTD		active	Ray Montes	investigating
		Milagro Chevron	03-20-95	active		investigating
Escabosa					none	
Estancia	10th & Allen	County Yard		active	Chris Holmes	active
	5th & Arthur	vacant lot	11-15-92	03-23-93		closed
	5th & Allen	H&M Service Sta.	09-23-93	active	Pat DeGruyter	active
Gran Quivira					none	
Manzano					none	
Martinez					none	
McIntosh					none	
Moriarty		NMSHTD	11-90	03-91		closed
	904 Irene	El Bar, Inc.	08-01-90	12-09-93		closed
	HW 366	Circle K Corp. # 1430	01-05-90	06-28-91		closed
		Estancia Concrete	05-09-91	06-12-91		closed
		Griffin's Truck Stop	05-13-88	12-04-90		closed
	1001 Rt. 66	Sierra Cable Vision	04-01-92	active	Jane Cramer	active
	old HW 41	Moriarty Bulk Plant		active	Jane Cramer	monitoring
		Chaparral Truck	04-01-92	active		active
	I-40	Longhorn Ranch	07-14-92	07-30-92		closed
	601 HW 66 E	JRS Tire	07-10-92	active		active
Mountainair	HW 55	NMSHTD	10-03-90	10-09-90		closed
		USFS Ranger Sta.	10-05-91	12-19-91		closed
	HW 60	Padilla's Service Sta.	07-17-92	10-30-92		closed
	HW 60	Padilla's Service Sta.	01-94	02-94		closed
	HW 60 and 55	Transwestern Station #7	10-22-93	05-31-94		closed
	Tom's Minimart	09-27-94	active		active	
Negra		AT&SF, Negra Siding	11-15-91	12-07-92		closed
North Lucy					none	
Progreso					none	
Punta de Agua						
Torrance						
Torreon						
Willard	6 mi N. of Willard	AT&SF, Silo Cygno	10-29-91	12-07-92		closed
		AT&SF, Culebra	11-15-91	12-07-92		closed
		AT&SF, Lucy Siding	11-15-91	12-07-92		closed
		Dean's Gas & Grocery		active		investigating

Source: obtained from New Mexico Envir. Dept., Underground Storage Tank Bureau, Kalvin Martin, 4-18-96



### 3) Landfill

The Torrance County Landfill is in Township 10 East, Range 9 North, Section 22.3. The landfill was constructed within the last few years. Potential contamination from the site would be leachate from the waste placed in the landfill.

### b) Non-Point Sources

#### 1) Contamination from Septic Systems

Data on ground-water contamination related to septic systems was derived from two previous studies on the East Mountain Area. The *East Mountain Area Plan* (1992) provided information for the communities of Cedar Crest and Chilili within the present study area. The *East Mountains Wastewater Feasibility Study* (NMERI, 1995) provided data on the northwest quarter of Torrance County, and include the communities of Willard, Estancia, McIntosh, Moriarty, Bella Vista Subdivision, Tajique, Torreon, Punta de Agua, Manzano, and Chilili.

Though only Chilili was found to have concentrations of nitrate in drinking water exceeding the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standard of 10 milligrams per liter (as nitrogen), it was discussed within the texts of the referenced reports that the potential for future ground-water contamination exists in areas where numerous septic systems exist in close proximity to each other. Concern was also expressed as to the ability of septic tank effluent to easily migrate to the ground water through solution cavities in the Madera Group limestone beds.

Subdivisions in the Edgewood area which use septic systems also present a potential source of nitrate contamination because of the increasing housing density. No data were available from Santa Fe County regarding current or historic nitrate concentrations in the ground water in this or other areas in south Santa Fe County.

#### 2) Contamination from Naturally Occurring Radioactive Mineralization

Naturally occurring radioactive mineral deposits have been found in the Permian-age Abo Formation and in Paleozoic syenites which have intruded Precambrian-age rocks in Torrance County (Fig. 25). Only one deposit, the Abo Mining claims, reports uranium production (McLemore, 1983). These deposits appear to be very small and are not reported to have affected the quality of ground water in the Estancia Basin.

### c) Water Bodies Affected by Contamination

Ground-water contamination associated with the leaking underground storage tanks has the potential to contaminate relatively extensive areas, but this is dependent on the quantity of fuel (or other hydrocarbon) lost, depth to water, distance to nearby pumping wells, and the transmissivity of the aquifer. The volume of ground water presently affected by contamination appears to be minimal.

Nitrate contamination will probably pose the greatest threat to ground-water quality of the non-point sources in the Basin. As housing density increases in the Basin, the potential for nitrate contamination will increase. This is particularly true in areas where the ground water is shallow, and where there are thin soils overlying fractured bedrock beneath septic systems.

**v. Water-Quality Management Plans**

Water quality management plans for point sources should address the potential for point and non-point source contamination to reach the ground water and the proximity of point sources to water supply wells. Such plans should include well-head protection requirements which delineate buffer zones around community and municipal water supply wells. Within the buffer zones, activities that have the potential to contaminate the ground water, and ultimately the water produced from supply wells, should not be allowed.

Water quality management plans for housing subdivisions should address the potential for nitrate contamination of ground water from septic systems. This may include investigating alternative treatment systems which can reduce the quantity of fluid discharged to septic systems, individual liquid waste treatment systems, or community treatment systems.

**B. Water Demand**

**1. Present Water Uses, Rights, and Ownership**

**a. Bases for Water Use Data**

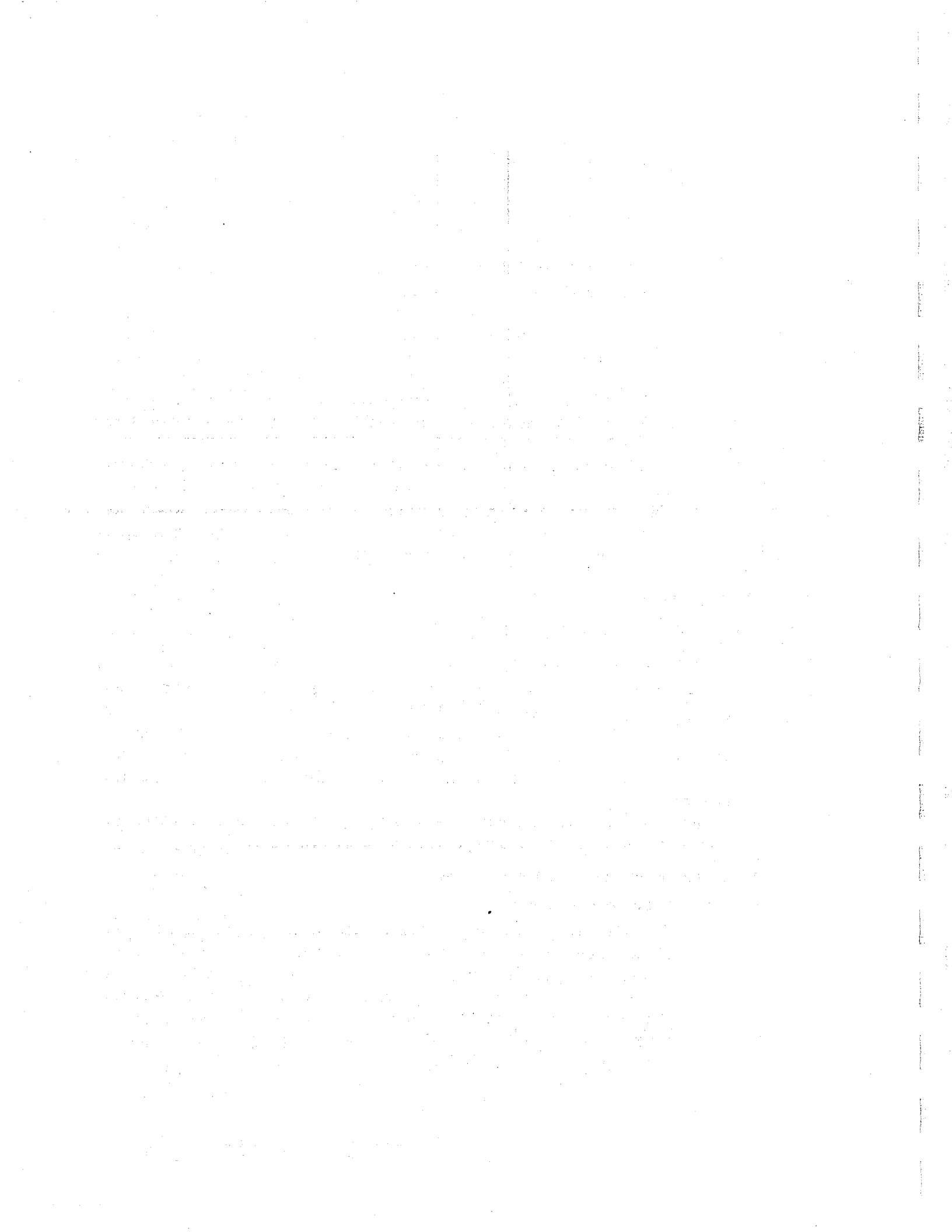
Water use data for this portion of the study were obtained primarily from records and reports available from the NMSEO. The report entitled, *Water Use by Categories in New Mexico Counties and River Basins, and Irrigates Acreage in 1990*, by Brian C. Wilson, P.E., NMSEO, was used extensively as the primary source of information. Other reports are used as discussed in their respective categories.

Interviews with individual public water suppliers were also used as an additional source of information when other data were not available (n/a).

**b. Water Diversions by Category of Use**

**i. Public Water Supply**

Water diversions used for public water supply "...include all water utilities, publicly or privately owned, which have at least 15 service connections or regularly serve an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. Water used for the irrigation of self-supplied playing fields, golf courses, and parks, or to maintain the water level in ponds and lakes owned and operated by a municipality which is a public water supplier, is also included in this category" (Wilson, 1992).



A total of seven (7) water-supply systems reported to the 1995 inventory survey conducted by the NMSEO, with service populations ranging from 200 to over 4,500 persons. Records from the Environmental Protection Agency list approximately 15 water systems in Torrance County serving residential population of about 5,080, and approximately 24 transient, non-transient and other (school) water systems serving more than a total of 2,960 persons. These are generally recreational, rest areas, camp grounds, etc., and are not classified as commercial water uses. Table 41 summarizes the water withdrawals used for public water supply in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 41. Public water-supply diversions for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	usage (gpcd)	total diversion (ac-ft)
Entranosa Water Co-Op	4,400 <sup>a</sup>	91 <sup>a</sup>	442.74 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood Water Co-Op	4,500 <sup>a</sup>	79 <sup>a</sup>	398.66 <sup>a</sup>
Thunder Mountain Water Co.	1,200 <sup>a</sup>	76 <sup>a</sup>	102.00 <sup>a</sup>
Estancia Water System	792 <sup>a</sup>	285 <sup>a</sup>	253.35 <sup>a</sup>
Moriarty Water System	1,399	207	325.16
Tajique Water System	452 <sup>a</sup>	13.5 <sup>a</sup>	6.8 <sup>a</sup>
Echo Ridge Subdivision	225 <sup>a</sup>	106 <sup>a</sup>	26.72 <sup>a</sup>
Mountainair	926	173	179.86
Willard Water System	200 <sup>a</sup>	99 <sup>a</sup>	22.20 <sup>a</sup>
total	14,094	125.5 (avg.)	1,757.49

<sup>a</sup> based on unofficial 1995 data, NMSEO questionnaire (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

gpcd: gallons per capita per day

ac-ft: acre-feet

avg.: average

## ii. Domestic

Domestic uses include self-supplied residences which may be single family homes or multiple housing units with less than 25 occupants, where water is used for normal household purposes such as drinking, food preparation, bathing, washing clothes and dishes, flushing toilets, and watering lawns and gardens. This use also includes water used by that segment of the population which is served by small community water systems for which reliable population and water use data are unavailable.

Approximately 6,600 persons are served by self-supplied domestic systems. There are approximately 5,800 domestic well permits in the Estancia Basin. Each domestic well is entitled to 3 acre-feet per year diversion. The per capita consumption for a domestic well (typically located in a rural setting) is likely about 125.5 gallons per capita per day (gpcd). An average daily use of 64 gpcd would include little or no outdoor irrigation.

An average daily use of 125.5 gpcd would include moderate outside irrigation. Because meters are not required on domestic wells, the per capita consumption is estimated based on previous studies (Wilson, 1990). Typically the per capita consumption is substantially lower than urban usage, because the landscaping component is minimal to non-existent. Santa Fe County 1996 regulations have restricted domestic water use for housing at new subdivisions to 0.25 acre-feet per annum.

The following Table 42 summarizes the water withdrawals used for domestic water supply in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 42. Domestic water-supply diversions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	gallons per capita per day use	total diversion (ac-ft)
rural self supplied homes	6,594	64 to 125	473 to 924
total	6,594	64 to 125	473 to 924

### iii. Industrial

Industrial uses within the Estancia Basin are limited, and of those uses that are self supplied (i.e., not already supplied via a public water-supply system), only one industrial user is reported on record. This industrial water user is Transwestern PL, and the water is used for a natural gas compressor station.

The following Table 43 summarizes the industrial water withdrawals in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 43. Industrial use diversions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

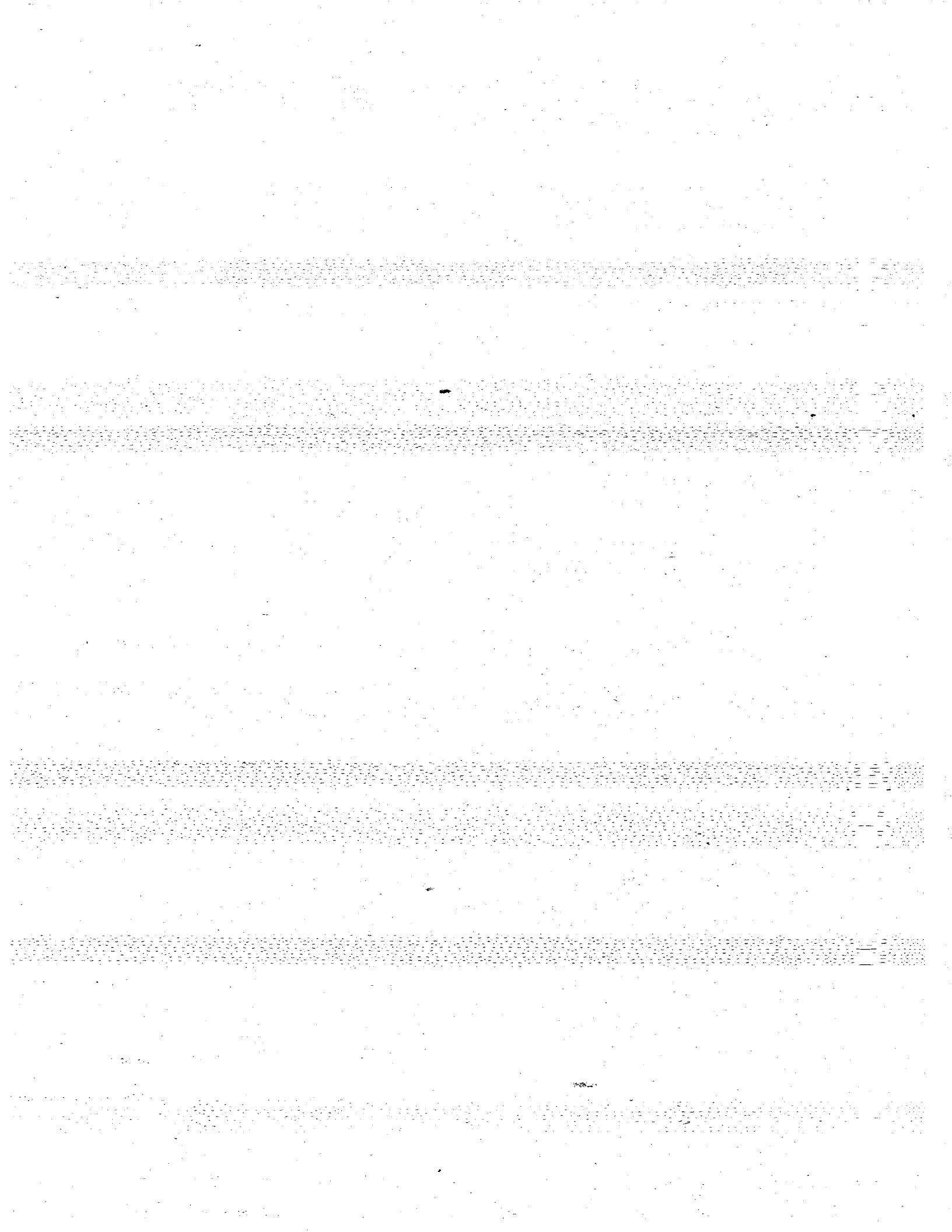
water use	user	classification	total diversion (ac-ft)
industrial	Transwestern PL	ground water	16.57
total			16.57

ac-ft: acre-feet

### iv. Commercial

Commercial uses (self supplied) within the Estancia Basin include businesses, campgrounds, picnic areas, and visitor centers. These facilities are self supplied in that they derive their water supply from dedicated wells, and not the public water system.

The following Table 44 summarizes the water withdrawals used for commercial use in the Estancia Basin.



**Table 45. Irrigated agricultural diversions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

type of irrigation	county	irrigated acreage	total diversion (ac-ft)
flood	Bernalillo	50	137
flood	Santa Fe	1,265	2,172
flood	Torrance	5,765	15,854
sub-total		7,080	18,163
drip	Santa Fe	110	140
drip	Torrance	10	11
sub-total		120	151
sprinkler	Santa Fe	5,165	10,171
sprinkler	Torrance	12,225	25,955
sub-total		17,390	36,126
total all classes		24,590	54,440

ac-ft: acre-feet

#### vi. Livestock

The livestock water withdrawals rely primarily upon the number of livestock reported by various state and federal agencies and per capita water requirements determined by research. This category includes both surface and ground waters.

The following Table 46 summarizes the water withdrawals used for livestock use in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 46. Livestock use diversions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water use	surface water	ground water	total diversion (ac-ft)
livestock	164	440	604
total	164	440	604

ac-ft: acre-feet

Values for stockpond evaporation were obtained from 1980 data compiled by the NMSEO and used in previous reports. These data are not available for current NMSEO inventories. The number of stock ponds were counted from aerial mapping, and an assumed surface area of one acre was used in the evaporation computations (personal communication with, and files from, Brian Wilson, P.E., NMSEO).

The following Table 47 summarizes the water withdrawals associated with stockpond evaporation in the Estancia Basin:

**Table 47. Stockpond evaporation withdrawals for 1980 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

county	number of stockponds	net evaporation (feet)	total evaporation (acre-feet)
Santa Fe	464	3.35	496
Torrance	1,163	3.25	1,284
total	1,627		1,780

Values for reservoir evaporation were obtained from 1980 data compiled by the NMSEO and used in previous reports. These data are not available for current NMSEO inventories. There are only two surface water bodies inventoried for reservoir evaporation. Typically, playa lakes (such as the Laguna del Perro in southern Estancia Basin) are not categorized as reservoirs and evaporation not considered. The reservoir surface area is obtained from mapping, and an assumed surface area of three acres was used in the evaporation computations (personal communication with, and files from, Brian Wilson, P.E., NMSEO).

The following Table 48 summarizes the water withdrawals associated with reservoir evaporation in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 48. Reservoir evaporation withdrawals for 1980 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

reservoir	surface area (acre)	net evaporation (feet)	total evaporation (acre-feet)
Manzano Lake	3	2.67	8
Sherwood Forest Lake	3	2.33	7
total	6		15

ac-ft: acre-feet

**vii. Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation**

There are no fish, wildlife, or recreational water uses in the Estancia Basin.

**ix. Summary Total All Uses**

The following Table 49 summarizes the water withdrawals associated with all uses in the Estancia Basin.



**Table 49. Summary of diversions for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

use	surface water (acre-feet)	ground water (acre-feet)	total diversion (acre-feet)
public water systems	0	1,757 <sup>a</sup>	1,757 <sup>a</sup>
domestic (self supplied)	0	473	473
irrigated agriculture	0	54,440	54,440
livestock (self supplied)	164	440	604
commercial (self supplied)	0	47	47
industrial (self supplied)	0	17	17
stockpond evaporation	1,780	0	1,780
reservoir evaporation	15	0	15
total	1,959	57,174	59,133

<sup>a</sup> includes unofficial 1995 data.

### c. Water Depletions by Category of Use

#### i. Public Water Supply

Depletions in a water system indicate the amount of water totally lost out of the system; in other words, that quantity is not returned to either surface or ground water. This water is taken up in consumption, cooking uses, evapotranspiration, etc., and is not returned to the system via sewage treatment, landscape irrigation, etc. Data available indicate that approximately 45 percent of all public water supply ground-water withdrawals are assumed as depletions to the Estancia Basin.

The following Table 50 summarizes the water depletions by the public water supply in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 50. Public water-supply depletions for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	depletion (gpcd)	total depletions(ac-ft)
Entranosa Water Co-Op	4,400 <sup>a</sup>	41 <sup>a</sup>	199 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood Water Co-Op	4,500 <sup>a</sup>	36 <sup>a</sup>	179 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood	1,200 <sup>a</sup>	34 <sup>a</sup>	46 <sup>a</sup>
Estancia Water System	792 <sup>a</sup>	128 <sup>a</sup>	114 <sup>a</sup>
Moriarty Water System	1,399	93	146
Tajique Water System	452 <sup>a</sup>	6 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>
Echo Ridge Subdivision	225 <sup>a</sup>	48 <sup>a</sup>	12 <sup>a</sup>
Mountainair	926	78	81
Willard Water System	200 <sup>a</sup>	45 <sup>a</sup>	10 <sup>a</sup>
total	14,094	57 (avg.)	790

<sup>a</sup> estimated, based on unofficial 1995 data and 1990 NMSEO report percentages (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

gpcd gallons per capita per day

ac-ft acre-feet

### ii. Domestic

Because water use associated with depletions is the same for self-supplied domestic homes as with those on a public water system, the depletion factor remains the same for domestic uses. Data available indicate that approximately 45 percent of self-supplied domestic ground-water withdrawals are assumed as depletions to the Estancia Basin.

The following Table 51 summarizes the water depletions by the domestic water supply in the Estancia Basin assuming diversion ranges from 64 to 125.5 gpcd.

**Table 51. Domestic water-supply depletions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	depletion (gpcd)	total depletion (ac-ft)
rural self supplied homes	6,594	29 to 57	213 to 421
total	6,594	29 to 57	213 to 421

gpcd    gallons per capita per day  
ac-ft    acre-feet

### iii. Industrial

The following Table 52 summarizes the water depletions by industrial use in the Estancia Basin:

**Table 52. Industrial Use Depletions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water use	type of use	per capita use	total depletion (ac-ft)
industrial	Transwestern (nat'l gas)	100%	16.57
total			16.57

ac-ft    acre-feet

### iv. Commercial

Because most commercial users do not directly meter their discharges, computation of depletions are difficult. Where meter data are not available, depletions are usually determined as a percentage of withdrawal, depending on use. For the commercial uses in the Estancia Basin, a depletion factor of 49.8 percent was used.

The following Table 53 summarizes the water depletions by commercial use in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 53. Commercial use depletions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water use	user	depletion factor	total depletion (acre-feet)
commercial	Assoc. Devel. Co.	45%	0.77
commercial	Bethany United Church	45%	0.58
commercial	Carl Colletti Realty	45%	0.23
commercial	Cibola National Forest	45%	0.41
commercial	Moriarty Cemetery	80%	2.66
commercial	Estancia Mun School	45%	1.35
commercial	Forest Meadows Baptist	45%	0.01
commercial	Hanson Enterprises, Inc.	45%	0.23
commercial	Indian Hills VFD	45%	0.23
commercial	McIntosh Bible Church	45%	0.45
commercial	McIntosh Fire Dept.	45%	0.07
commercial	Moriarty School-Mtnv	45%	1.05
commercial	Moriarty Mun. School	45%	0.51
commercial	NM Laborers Training	45%	9.05
commercial	NM State Parks & Rec.	45%	0.23
commercial	NMSHTD rest area	45%	2.87
commercial	R. Crotwell Salon	45%	0.23
commercial	Estancia Cemetery	80%	2.40
total			23.33

#### v. Irrigated Agriculture

The total depletion of water used by irrigated agriculture includes both the consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) of the crop and incidental depletions (ID). The CIR of a crop is that quantity of irrigation water that is consumptively used by crops or evaporated from the soil in a specific period of time. This volume of water is exclusive of rainfall. The ID include such factors as evaporation from canals and laterals, transpiration by phreatophytes, water-supply pipe leakage, sprinkler spray evaporation and drift, and evaporation and runoff from irrigated fields and wetted crop canopies.

The ID depend on the method of irrigation used, and the relative "on-farm" efficiency. For the data reviewed, the on-farm efficiencies for the three irrigation methods are as follows:

- flood irrigation, 60 percent
- drip irrigation, 85 percent
- sprinkler irrigation, 65 percent

The following Table 54 summarizes the water depletions by Irrigated Agriculture use in the Estancia Basin.

#### a) Private Use by District and Area

### 1) Crop Consumption

For the Estancia Basin, the CIR for each irrigation method depends on the location, and are as follows in Table 54.

**Table 54. Consumptive irrigation requirement for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

type of irrigation	county	irrigated acreage	consumptive irrigation requirement (ft)
flood	Bernalillo	50	1.640
flood	Santa Fe	1,265	1.030
flood	Torrance	5,765	1.650
drip	Santa Fe	110	1.080
drip	Torrance	10	0.900
sprinkler	Santa Fe	5,165	1.280
sprinkler	Torrance	12,225	1.380

### 2) Incidental On-Farm Depletions

The incidental on-farm depletions for flood, drip, and sprinkler irrigation in the Estancia Basin for 1990 are listed in Table 55.

**Table 55. Irrigated agriculture depletions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

type of irrigation	county	irrigated acreage	total depletion (acre-feet)
flood	Bernalillo	50	86
flood	Santa Fe	1,265	1,368
flood	Torrance	5,765	9,988
sub-total		7,080	11,442
drip	Santa Fe	110	119
drip	Torrance	10	9
sub-total		120	128
sprinkler	Santa Fe	5,165	8,343
sprinkler	Torrance	12,225	21,291
sub-total		17,390	29,634
total all classes		24,590	41,204

<sup>a</sup> - based on 1990 NMSEO data

## vi. Livestock

### a) Summary Total Livestock Depletion

All of the livestock water withdrawals are considered depletions because there is no return flow to the Basin. These depletions may be conservatively high because the ponds may not be full every year, and a portion of the water depleted from the ponds would have been lost to evapotranspiration if the water was not stored in the ponds.

The following Table 56 summarizes the water used by Livestock in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 56. Livestock Use Depletions for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water use	surface water	ground water	total depletion (acre-feet)
livestock	164	440	604
total	164	440	604

### b) Stockpond Evaporation

All of the stockpond evaporations are considered depletions to the Basin.

The following Table 57 summarizes the water depletion associated with stockpond evaporation in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 57. Stockpond evaporation depletions for 1980 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

county	no. of stockponds	net evaporation (feet)	total evaporation (acre-feet)
Santa Fe	464	3.35	496
Torrance	1,163	3.25	1,284
total	1,627		1,780

All reservoir evaporations are also considered depletions to the Estancia Basin.

The following Table 58 summarizes the water depletions associated with reservoir evaporation in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 58. Reservoir Evaporation Depletions for 1980 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

reservoir	surface area (ac)	net evaporation (ft)	total evaporation (ac-ft)
Manzano Lake	3	2.67	8
Sherwood Forest Lake	3	2.33	7
total	6		15

ac-ft    acre-feet

**viii. Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation**

There are no fish, wildlife, or recreational water uses in the Estancia Basin.

**ix. Mining**

There are no mining water uses listed with the NMSEO in the Estancia Basin.

**x. Summary All Depletions****Table 59. Summary of depletions for the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

use	surface water (ac-ft)	ground water (ac-ft)	total depletions (ac-ft)
public water systems	0	790 <sup>a</sup>	790 <sup>a</sup>
domestic (self supplied)	0	213 <sup>b</sup>	213 <sup>b</sup>
irrigated agriculture	0	41,204 <sup>b</sup>	41,204 <sup>b</sup>
livestock (self supplied)	164 <sup>b</sup>	440 <sup>b</sup>	604 <sup>b</sup>
commercial (self supplied)	0	23 <sup>b</sup>	23 <sup>b</sup>
industrial (self supplied)	0	17 <sup>b</sup>	17 <sup>b</sup>
stockpond evaporation	1,780 <sup>c</sup>	0	1,780 <sup>c</sup>
reservoir evaporation	15 <sup>c</sup>	0	15 <sup>c</sup>
total	1,959	0	44,646

<sup>a</sup> - includes unofficial 1995 data

<sup>b</sup> - 1990 data

<sup>c</sup> - 1980 data

ac-ft: acre-feet

**c. Water Rights by Category of Use**

Water rights information is catalogued at the State Engineer District Office in Albuquerque. Besides the individual water rights paper documentation contained in individual files, the information is summarized on mapping of the Estancia Basin, by section, township, and range. These maps were researched and part information on water rights in this report was obtained from that mapping, and should not be construed as exhaustive. The maps, however, do not include self supplied domestic wells. The declared or licensed water rights are recognized by the NMSEO pre-basin rights. Current permitted water rights are rights that were issued by the NMSEO based on the current administrative criteria using the 9-block template. Pending license for water rights include applications for water rights which have been submitted to the NMSEO.

**Table 60. Location of water rights as reported by the State Engineer Office in 1995 for the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

location		declared or licensed water right		current permitted water right		pending license for water right		non-irrigation water right (municipal, etc.)	
township	range	acreage	wells	acreage	wells	acreage	wells	right (ac-ft)	wells
2N	11E	50.2	1					15	1
3N	10E			160	1				
3N	11E	160	2	328	1				
4N	5E								
4N	6E	6.2	1					4.5	1
4N	7E	59.7	2	26.66	2			564.6	2
4N	8E	412.5	4			1,601	12		
4N	9E	83.4	3	160	1	1,225.1	11	17.98	3
5N	6E			50	2	40.8	3	8.06	1
5N	7E	942.9	12	284.4	5				
5N	8E	4,978.3	53	97.3	2	1,106.8	16		
5N	9E	1,290.6	7			79.8	1	1,000	1
5N	10E	269.9	1						
6N	5E					1	1		
6N	6E							36.7	1
6N	7E	483.2	9	220	3				
6N	8E	3,457.86	46	938.29	15	336.9	6	529.45	3
6N	9E	536.57	4	667.01	2	773.78	4		
6N	10E	397.31	3	128.12	1				
6N	11E			160	1				
7N	7E	341	3	503	3			14.5	3
7N	8E	5,048.51	67	515.19	13	265.2	7		
7N	9E	2,560.60	25	2,019.80	14	1,105.27	8		
7N	10E	355.4	2						
8N	6E							25.8	2
8N	7E	50	1					13.44	1
8N	8E	3,710.5	42	834.65	10	135.2	2	48	2
8N	9E	3,424.29	40	1,356	12	485.7	7	180	1
9N	7E			30	1				
9N	8E	1,574.95	30	1,259.45	17	901	4	999.75	21
9N	9E	151.41	7			184.5	2	168.94	6
9N	10E							15.4	2
10N	5E	10	2			0.7	1	658.35	31
10N	6E			20	1			36.25	6
10N	7E	339.26	4	139.51	5			2,055.72	12
10N	8E	1,172.17	14	396.4	9	3,843.14	33	20	2
10N	9E	1,498.3	14	55.97	1	1,952.1	18		
11N	5E			160	1			76.5	9
11N	6E			8	1			29.2	2
11N	7E	80	1	185	4			3,236.73	4
11N	8E					688.04	6	1,570	1
11N	9E			106.66	3	821.34	9		
11N	10E			75	2				
12N	7E	17.6	2					15.4	2
total		33,463	402	10,884	133	15,547	151	11,340	120
total (acre-feet)		83,658 <sup>a</sup>		27,210 <sup>a</sup>		38,868 <sup>a</sup>		11,340	
grand total		149,736 acre-feet						11,340 acre-feet	

<sup>a</sup> - based on 2.50 acre-feet per acre

### i. Public Water Supply

Public water-supply water rights consist of municipal, mutual domestic water associations, water cooperatives, and wells for subdivisions. According to the water rights mapping, only two municipalities are listed with water rights, the towns of Mountainair and Estancia. One Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) was also indicated. Substantial research into the documents on file with the NMSEO is required to identify the rights associated with all public water supplies in the Estancia Basin.

The following Table 61 summarizes the current water rights information contained in the mapping on file with the State Engineer for public water supply.

**Table 61. Public water-supply water rights per the 1995 State Engineer Office mapping file**

public water supplier	water rights (ac-ft/an)
Entranosa Water Co-Op	n/a
Edgewood Water Co-Op	n/a
Estancia Water System	489.95
Moriarty Water System	n/a
Mountainair Water System	1564.60
Willard Water System	n/a
Melody Ranch Subdivision	n/a
Pajarito Estates Subdivision	n/a
Manzano MDWCA	n/a
Punta de Agua MDWCA	13.44
Torreon MDWCA	n/a
Tajique MDWCA	n/a
Edgewood Meadows Water Co-Op	n/a
Indian Hills Water Company Subdivision	n/a
Echo Ridge Water Company	n/a
Homestead Water Company	n/a
Squaw Valley Water Supply	n/a
total	

MDWCA: Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

ac-ft/an: acre-feet per annum

n/a: not available

### ii. Domestic

Domestic well permits are not recorded on the NMSEO Estancia Basin water right mapping. To obtain a fairly accurate count of domestic-use-only well permits, the latest well permit number was used as the total number of



permits issued, and the number of non-domestic wells obtained from the water right mapping was subtracted (Bob Thompson, NMSEO Albuquerque District, personal communication). A total of 5,889 domestic well permits in the Estancia Basin are estimated. Domestic wells are permitted to use up to 3 acre-feet per year for non-commercial uses. Based on the estimated 5,889 domestic well permits, there are approximately 17,667 acre-feet per annum domestic water rights in the Estancia Basin.

### iii. Industrial

There is only 1 well permit recorded for Industrial uses in the Estancia Basin. The water rights for this well total 6.0 acre-feet per annum.

### iv. Commercial

There are 69 well permits recorded for Commercial uses in the Estancia Basin. The water rights for these wells total 4,954.12 acre-feet per annum.

### v. Irrigated Agriculture

There are approximately 686 well permits recorded for Irrigation uses in the Estancia Basin. The water rights for these wells total 59,834.41 acres, which converts to 149,586.025 acre-feet per annum based on 2.50 acre-feet per acre.

### vi. Summary Total All Uses

The following Table 62 summarizes the approximate current water rights information contained in the mapping on file with the State Engineer.

**Table 62. Summary of water rights per the 1995 State Engineer Office mapping file**

type of water right	irrigation right (acres)	irrigation right (acre-feet) <sup>a</sup>	number of wells
declared or licensed water right	33,402.63	83,506.58	402
current permitted water right	10,884.41	27,211.03	133
pending license for water right	15,547.37	38,868.43	151
non-irrigation water right (municipal, etc.)	n/a	11,340.27 <sup>b</sup>	115
self supplied domestic users	n/a	17,667 <sup>c</sup>	5,889 <sup>d</sup>
total water rights, all categories	59,834.41	149,586.03	6,690

<sup>a</sup> - based on 2.50 acre-feet per annum per acre

<sup>b</sup> - non-irrigation uses

<sup>c</sup> - based on 3 acre-feet per annum per permit

<sup>d</sup> - permits

## e. Public Water-Supply Systems by Community

### i. Present Water Use Data

The following Table 63 summarizes the water withdrawals used for public water supply in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 63. Public water-supply withdrawals for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	usage (gpcd)	total withdrawal (ac-ft)
Entranosa Water Co-Op	4,400 <sup>a</sup>	91 <sup>a</sup>	442.74 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood Water Co-Op	4,500 <sup>a</sup>	79 <sup>a</sup>	398.66 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood	1,200 <sup>a</sup>	76 <sup>a</sup>	102.00 <sup>a</sup>
Estancia Water System	792 <sup>a</sup>	285 <sup>a</sup>	253.35 <sup>a</sup>
Moriarty Water System	1,399	207	325.16
Tajique Water System	452 <sup>a</sup>	13.5 <sup>a</sup>	6.8 <sup>a</sup>
Echo Ridge Subdivision	225 <sup>a</sup>	106 <sup>a</sup>	26.72 <sup>a</sup>
Mountainair	926	173	179.86
Willard Water System	200 <sup>a</sup>	99 <sup>a</sup>	22.20 <sup>a</sup>
total	14,094	125.5 (avg.)	1,757.49

<sup>a</sup> - based on unofficial 1995 data, NMSEO questionnaire (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

gpcd: gallons per capita per day

ac-ft: acre-feet

**a) Average Daily Water Consumption (see below)**

The following Table 64 summarizes the public water-supply data for the Estancia Basin.

**Table 64. Public water-supply data for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	usage (gpcd)	daily use (gallons)
Entranosa Water Co-Op	4,400 <sup>a</sup>	91 <sup>a</sup>	400,400 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood Water Co-Op	4,500 <sup>a</sup>	79 <sup>a</sup>	355,500 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood	1,200 <sup>a</sup>	76 <sup>a</sup>	91,200 <sup>a</sup>
Estancia Water System	792 <sup>a</sup>	285 <sup>a</sup>	225,720 <sup>a</sup>
Moriarty Water System	1,399	207	289,950
Tajique Water System	452 <sup>a</sup>	13.5 <sup>a</sup>	6,100 <sup>a</sup>
Echo Ridge Subdivision	225 <sup>a</sup>	106 <sup>a</sup>	23,850 <sup>a</sup>
Mountainair	926	173	160,200
Willard Water System	200 <sup>a</sup>	99 <sup>a</sup>	19,800 <sup>a</sup>
total	14,094	112	1,572,720 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> - based on unofficial 1995 data, NMSEO questionnaire (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

<sup>b</sup> - rounded

gpcd: gallons per capita per day

**b) Per Capita Water Withdrawal Rates**

As shown in Table 64 above, the per capita water use varies substantially with the public water system. These withdrawal rates vary from just under 14 gallons per person per day (gpcd) in Tajique to around 285 gpcd in the Estancia water system. Typically, any type of landscape irrigation will increase the per capita consumption by as much as 100 percent of the typical domestic uses (drinking/cooking, bathing, washing, etc.). Additionally, in larger systems where there are commercial/industrial or irrigation (parks, etc.) uses, the per capita consumptive values are higher than their rural counterparts because the non-domestic use is averaged into the figures.

**f. Irrigation Practices****i. Irrigated Lands****a) Present**

In 1990, 24,590 acres of irrigated farmland were reported (Wilson, 1990). The quantity of ground water that must be diverted for crops depends on the type of crop and the irrigation method. Flood, sprinkler, and drip irrigation are used throughout the Basin. Consumptive irrigation requirements for the three types of irrigation for Bernalillo, Santa Fe, and Tarrant Counties within the Basin are shown on Table 54. Wilson (1990) points out that when considering a change from one type of irrigation to another, factors such as land slope, soil conservation, water conservation, and crop type should be taken into account.

**g. Return Flows****i. Agriculture****a) Amounts**

Agriculture return flows are based on the irrigation method and the number of acres irrigated with each type of irrigation. The return flow is the difference between the total quantity of ground water diverted less the quantity of water depleted. Ground-water diversions for irrigation are shown in Table 45, and ground-water depletions for irrigation are shown on Table 55. The following Table 65 summarizes the return flows from irrigated agriculture use in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 65. Irrigated agriculture return flows for 1990 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

type of irrigation	county	irrigated acreage	total return (acre-feet)
flood	Bernalillo	50	51
flood	Santa Fe	1,265	804
flood	Torrance	5,765	5,866
sub-total		7,080	6,721
drip	Santa Fe	110	21
drip	Torrance	10	2
sub-total		120	23
sprinkler	Santa Fe	5,165	1,828
sprinkler	Torrance	12,225	4,664
sub-total		17,390	6,492
total all classes		24,590	13,236

<sup>a</sup> - based on 1990 data

## ii. Municipal and Industrial

### a) Amounts

Municipal and industrial return flow values indicate the estimated amount of water which may be theoretically returned to the Estancia Basin via wastewater treatment discharge, septic tank drain fields, landscape watering, etc., and are obtained by subtracting the total depletions from the total diversions.

The following Table 66 summarizes the water return flows from the municipal, domestic, industrial, and commercial water supply in the Estancia Basin:

**Table 66. Municipal, domestic, industrial, and commercial water-supply return flows in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

water supplier	population served	return (gpcd)	total returns (ac-ft) <sup>c</sup>
Entranosa Water Co-Op	4,400 <sup>a</sup>	50 <sup>a</sup>	244 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood Water Co-Op	4,500 <sup>a</sup>	43 <sup>a</sup>	220 <sup>a</sup>
Edgewood	1,200 <sup>a</sup>	42 <sup>a</sup>	56 <sup>a</sup>
Estancia Water System	792 <sup>a</sup>	157 <sup>a</sup>	139 <sup>a</sup>
Moriarty Water System	1,399	114	179
Tajique Water System	452 <sup>a</sup>	8 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>a</sup>
Echo Ridge Subdivision	225 <sup>a</sup>	58 <sup>a</sup>	15 <sup>a</sup>
Mountainair	926	95	99
Willard Water System	200 <sup>a</sup>	54 <sup>a</sup>	12 <sup>a</sup>
self supplied domestic	6,954	35	260
commercial	n/a	n/a	24
industrial uses	n/a	0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.00 <sup>b</sup>
total	21,048	53	1,252 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> - estimated, based on unofficial 1995 data and 1990 NMSEO report percentages (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

<sup>b</sup> - 100 percent depletion, based on 1990 NMSEO report (Brian Wilson, P.E.)

<sup>c</sup> - rounded

gpcd: gallons per capita per day

ac-ft: acre-feet

n/a: not available

#### h. Natural Lake Evaporation

##### i. Mountain Lakes

The following Table 67 summarizes the reservoir evaporation in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 67. Reservoir evaporation for 1980 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

reservoir	surface area (acres)	net evaporation (feet)	total evaporation (acre-feet)
Manzano Lake	3	2.67	8
Sherwood Forest Lake	3	2.33	7
total	6		15

The NMSEO does not recognize playa lake evaporation in its water use inventory.

The following Table 68 summarizes the return flows in the Estancia Basin.

**Table 68. Summary of annual return flows for the Estancia Underground Water Basin based on 1990 and 1995 data**

use	surface water (ac-ft)	ground water (ac-ft)	total return (ac-ft)
public water systems	0	967 <sup>a</sup>	967 <sup>a</sup>
domestic (self supplied)	0	260	260
irrigated agriculture	0	13,236	13,236
livestock (self supplied)	0	0	0
commercial (self supplied)	0	24	24
industrial (self supplied)	0	0	0
total	0	14,487	14,487

<sup>a</sup> - includes unofficial 1995 data

ac-ft: acre-feet

## 2. Future Water Uses in the 40-Year Planning Horizon

### a. Projected Future Demographics

Continued population growth is projected for the Estancia Basin, as shown in Table 69. The Moriarty area is projected to be the fastest growing part of the Basin.

Population projections for Bernalillo County and Tarrant County were developed from population projections prepared by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG). MRGCOG compiled 1990 Census data, prepared 1995 estimates, and developed 2020 projections for small areas called Data Analysis Subzones (DASZs). The Moriarty, Estancia, and Mountainair areas are individual DASZs, and Willard falls within three DASZs. Therefore, population estimates and projections are reported for the Moriarty, Estancia, and Mountainair areas, and the county remainder, including Willard. Southwest Land Research prepared interim year projections and projections to 2040 based on MRGCOG average annual growth rates.

Population projections for the Santa Fe County portion of the Estancia Basin were developed from population and housing projections prepared for the Santa Fe County Land Use Department in August 1994. These projections were developed for 1990 through 2020, and have been extended to 2040.

**Table 69. Population projections for the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

county (within Basin)	1990	1995	2000	2010	2020	2040			
						long term trend	short term trend	MRCOG water study rates	BBER rate
Moriarty (0111)	2,355	2,979	3,607	4,749	6,172	11,054	10,425	9,681	8,500
Estancia (0321)	1,004	1,205	1,340	1,609	1,970	2,919	2,953	2,557	2,245
Mountainair (0401)	1,009	1,070	1,167	1,313	1,458	1,867	1,798	1,636	1,436
Unincorporated Area									
West of Moriarty	1,665	2,387	2,908	3,754	5,365	10,255	10,958	8,982	7,886
SW of Moriarty	707	969	1,166	1,566	2,111	3,936	3,936	3,447	3,026
SE of Moriarty	670	902	1,080	1,445	1,944	3,593	3,518	3,147	2,763
South 14	1,002	1,093	1,242	1,497	1,793	2,664	2,572	2,333	2,049
NW of Estancia	511	668	811	1,086	1,448	2,689	2,574	2,355	2,068
East of Estancia	329	611	804	1,045	1,215	2,106	1,642	1,844	1,619
SW of Estancia	238	259	289	350	430	645	649	565	496
South of US 60	291	382	494	633	731	1,229	975	1,076	945
total Unincorporated	5,413	7,271	80,794	11,376	14,306	27,116	26,725	22,673	19,907
Torrance County total	9,781	12,525	14,908	19,047	24,637	42,957	41,901	37,622	33,033
Santa Fe County									
Cedar Grove Area	826	928	1,011	1,188	1,302	2,328	2,184	1,188	1,402
Edgewood Area	2,880	3,965	5,025	6,915	8,296	20,425	13,917	10,422	12,306
Stanley Area	205	286	395	585	725	2,081	1,216	1,062	1,254
Santa Fe County Total	3,911	5,180	6,430	8,688	10,323	24,447	17,318	12,474	14,729
Bernalillo County	3,214	4,162	4,755	6,285	8,347	12,840	14,723	9,242	9,941
San Miguel County	40	42	44	49	54	66	66	66	66
basin total	16,946	21,908	26,137	34,069	43,361	80,309	74,008	59,404	57,769
EMA outside basin	8,190	10,100	11,668	15,383	20,170	29,694	28,643	22,332	24,020
population of area potentially using basin water	25,136	32,009	37,806	49,451	62,800	110,003	119,969	94,406	96,751

Source: Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRCOG), Santa Fe County, and Southwest Land Research

The highest projection assumes continuation of the projected 1995 to 2020 trend to 2040. Under that scenario, the Basin population would reach 70,796 by 2040, and when combined with the remaining East Mountain Area, nearly 100,000 people could be creating demand for Estancia Basin water.

The MRGCOG Water Planning study and BBER growth rates produce nearly identical results for the entire East Mountain Area, but the population of the Basin is higher using COG assumptions.

**a) Source of Population Growth**

Population growth in the Estancia Basin is largely attributable to migration into the area. The growth of urban Albuquerque has resulted in increasing population growth in rural communities outside the urban area, and this growth extends as far as Moriarty and Estancia. Accessibility to jobs in Albuquerque via I-40, lower housing costs, the availability of large rural lots, and an excellent small school district make the East Mountain area and the communities in the Estancia Basin attractive to families seeking a more rural lifestyle.

Natural increase and net migration are typically projected at the county level, so information regarding the Bernalillo County and Santa Fe County portions of the Basin is not very useful for analyzing the source of population growth. Components of growth for Torrance County are similar to characteristics for the Basin.

From 1980 to 1990, migration accounted for 75 percent of the growth in Torrance County. Projections for Torrance County prepared by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at UNM show that net migration is projected to continue to account for about 75 percent of the County's population growth over the next 25 years.

**b) Methodology to Project Population**

The methodology used in projecting population starts with a "top-down" approach which considers growth at the state and county levels and then allocates projected growth to the subcounty level. Existing projections to 2020 were used as the basis for projections to the year 2040. Existing projections were prepared by three different sources, the BBER and MRGCOG and Santa Fe County, but similar methodologies were used in both sets of projections.

Population was projected first at the county level for all counties using a cohort-component methodology which takes into account natural increase (births minus deaths) and net migration (people moving into the county less people moving out). The data required for making assumptions about birth and death rates and historic migration trends are available only at the state and county levels. In general, county growth is projected by considering natural increase at the county level and migration in the context of projected state growth and historic migration trends.



At the subcounty level, the share of county growth allocated to small areas is based on historical subcounty growth rates and the availability of land for future development. County projections are considered to be control totals, with subcounty growth summing to the county control total.

Projections for 2020 for Bernalillo and Torrance Counties were developed by the MRGCOG using BBER county forecasts. These projections were done for the four-county area surrounding Albuquerque and reflect a trend of increasing rural and suburban development surrounding the Albuquerque urban area.

Projections for 2000, 2010, and 2020 for Santa Fe County were developed by Santa Fe County as part of the County's General Plan Update. The Santa Fe County projections assume that the southern part of Santa Fe County will account for a slightly higher share of county growth through 2020 because of the expansion of the Albuquerque metropolitan area east of the Sandia Mountains and because of higher housing costs in the central region of the county closer to Santa Fe.

Four sets of projections were prepared for 2020 to 2040, using different assumptions about the future rate of growth. Long term trend projections assume a growth rate from 2020 to 2040 equal to the 1995 to 2020 trend. Short term trend projections assume that growth from 2020 to 2040 will be at a rate similar to the trend from 2010 to 2020. In general, this series assumes a slowing of growth at the end of the projection period. The COG Water Study rate projection assumes that growth from 2020 to 2040 will be at the rate projected by the MRGCOG in its Regional Development Forecast for Regional Water Planning, completed in 1991. The projections are updated by starting with the current 2020 projections and assuming the 2020 to 2030 average annual growth rate to 2040. The BBER Rate series assumes that the rate of future growth is similar to the rate projected by the BBER in its most recent published county level forecasts for the state. Growth rates for subcounty areas for each series are shown in Table 70.

Table 70. 2020 to 2040 average annual growth rate by area

	2040 growth rate			
	long term trend	short term trend	COG water study rates	BBER rates
Moriarty	2.96%	2.66%	2.28%	1.61%
Estancia	1.99%	2.04%	1.31%	0.65%
Mountainair	1.25%	1.05%	0.58%	-0.08%
Unincorporated Area				
West of Moriarty	3.29%	3.64%	2.61%	1.94%
SW of Moriarty	3.16%	3.03%	2.48%	1.82%
SE of Moriarty	3.12%	3.01%	2.44%	1.77%
South 14	2.00%	1.82%	1.33%	0.67%
NW of Estancia	3.14%	2.92%	2.46%	1.80%
East of Estancia	2.79%	1.52%	2.11%	1.45%
SW of Estancia	2.05%	2.08%	1.37%	0.72%
South of US 60	2.63%	1.45%	1.95%	1.29%
total Unincorporated	3.25%	3.17%	2.33%	1.67%
Torrance County total				
	2.97%	2.45%	2.29%	1.63%
Santa Fe County				
Cedar Grove Area	2.62%	2.62%	-0.46%	0.37%
Edgewood Area	2.62%	2.62%	1.15%	1.99%
Stanley Area	2.62%	2.62%	1.92%	2.78%
Santa Fe County total	2.62%	2.62%	0.95%	1.79%
Bernalillo County				
	2.18%	2.88%	0.51%	0.88%
San Miguel County				
	1.00%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%
Basin Total				
	3.22%	3.88%	2.66%	2.71%
EMA outside basin				
	1.95%	1.77%	0.51%	0.88%
Population of area potentially using basin water				
	2.84%	3.29%	2.06%	2.18%

Source: Southwest Land Research

## ii. Future Land Use Requirements

The estimates of future land use requirements are based on the current ratio of land to population and employment. Projections of land for urban development are shown in Table 71.

**Table 71. Land required for urban development**

land use type	1980 baseline (population and employment density)	land required in 1995 (acres)	land required in 2020 (acres)	land required in 2040 (acres)			
				long term trend	short term trend	COG water study rate	BBER rate
residential	3,122 acres 11,830 people 3.7 persons/acre	5,681	11,250	18,264		15,677	15,245
other urban development	1,133 acres 1,411 jobs	2,427	5,135				

Source: Southwest Land Research

**iii. Economic Growth and Jobs**

Projected employment growth is shown in Table 72.

**Table 72. Projected employment growth**

county (w/in Basin)	1990	1995	2020	2040			
				long term trend	growth rate*	short term trend	growth rate*
Torrance	1,730	2,451	4,362	7,657	2.85%	5,864	1.96%
Santa Fe	NA	564	833	1,137	1.57%	1,128	1.53%
Bernalillo	172	252	1,065	3,374	5.93%	2,135	4.86%
basin total	1,902	2,975	6,260	12,168	3.18%	9,127	2.52%
East Mountain Area outside basin	794	1,165	2,892	5,792	3.63%	5,502	3.51%
employment in area potentially using Estancia Basin water	2,696	4,140	9,152	17,960	3.31%	14,629	2.84%

Source: Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, Santa Fe County, Southwest Land Research

\*Average annual rate of growth from 1995 to 2040

Strong job growth is projected for the Basin, with the most rapid job growth projected for the East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County. Within the Basin, over 12,000 jobs are projected by 2040 under the long term scenario, and over 9,000 jobs are projected under the short term trend scenario.

Job growth is projected to outpace population growth, increasing local job opportunities for Basin residents. However, commuting to jobs outside the Basin will still be the dominant trend.

### b. Assumptions in Developing Projections of Water Use

Public water systems provide water to serve population growth within their service areas as well as most businesses in the Basin. Historical use rates include use by both population and businesses. Projected water demand is based primarily on population growth, and because employment growth is projected to parallel population growth, demand includes most projected demand for businesses as well. In 1995, about 68 percent of the Basin population obtained water from a public system. This proportion is projected to continue into the future.

By 2020, the Paa-Ko Subdivision will be built out. This subdivision has been approved for 1,440 units, which will support a population of approximately 3,900. The State Engineer has approved diversion of 500 acre-feet per annum from the Estancia Underground Water Basin to serve this development, and it is assumed that the entire 500 acre-feet per annum diversion will be in use by 2020. An application has been filed for the export of an additional 300 acre-feet per annum from the Basin. The projections do not assume diversions out of the Basin other than what has been approved for Paa-Ko Subdivision. The East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County outside the Estancia Basin is growing rapidly, and it is likely that additional exports out the Basin will be requested by 2040.

**Table 73. Projected water demand, public water supply diversion in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

location	projected population on public water systems			projected diversion, afy assuming 0.12 afy/p		
	2000	2020	2040	2000	2020	2040
in basin	17,463	29,031	47,900	2,096	3,484	5,748
out of basin	1,200	3,900	3,900	144	500	500

afy/p: acre-feet per year per person

An estimated 32 percent of the Basin population is served by domestic wells. A portion of new residential development will continue to be on private wells. The projections assume that 32 percent of the total basin population continues to obtain water from domestic wells, as shown in Table 74.

**Table 74. Projected water demand, domestic water diversions for the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

projected population on domestic wells			projected diversion, afy assuming 0.12 afy/p		
2000	2020	2040	2000	2020	2040
8,180	13,599	22,400	573	952	1,568

afy/p: acre-feet per year per person

The amount of irrigated agricultural land in the Basin has fluctuated from 20,000 to 35,000 acres over the past 40 years. If local conditions continue, these values can be expected to represent the upper and lower bounds of irrigated agricultural lands in the future. As shown in Table 75, projected diversions could vary widely, from 44,000 to 77,000 acre-feet per annum, depending upon the total lands in production in a given year.

**Table 75. Projected water demand, based on historic range of irrigated agriculture in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

diversion	projected irrigated agriculture (acres)	projected diversion (ac-ft/an)
2.2 ac-ft/ac/y	20,000 to 35,000	44,000 to 77,000

ac-ft/ac/y: acre-feet per acre per year

ac-ft/an: acre-feet per annum

Per acre water use also varies by type of irrigation. Current estimates of water demand show that the average annual diversion per acre for flood irrigated land is 2.56 acre-feet. The average annual diversion for sprinkler irrigated land is 2.1 acre-feet, and the average annual diversion for drip irrigated land is 1.26 acre-feet. Prudent management of irrigation through installation of lower water use irrigation systems, whenever possible, should reduce water demand without reducing the amount of land in production.

Most businesses in the Basin are served by public water systems. One industrial user and 18 commercial users (including local governments, churches and other institutions) currently have private wells, and account for a very small portion of total water demand in the Basin. It is assumed that a portion of industrial and commercial users will remain on private wells and that new demand for industrial and commercial wells will be proportional to projected employment growth. Table 76. shows projected commercial and industrial water use from private wells.

**Table 76. Projected water demand, commercial, and industrial use diversions from private wells in the Estancia Underground Water Basin**

projected industrial water use, ac-ft/an			projected commercial use, ac-ft/an		
2000	2020	2040	2000	2020	2040
20	35	59	58	98	168

ac-ft/an: acre-feet per annum

It is assumed that livestock use, and stockpond and reservoir evaporation will remain about the same as current.

**Table 77. Projected livestock diversions, and stockpond and reservoir evaporation depletions**

livestock diversions, ac-ft/an	stockpond evaporation depletion, ac-ft/an	reservoir evaporation depletion, ac-ft/an
604	1,780	15

ac-ft/an: acre-feet per annum

## V. GROUND WATER SUMMARY

A summary of selected ground water data provided in the report are shown in Table 78. Projected ground-water diversions for 2020 and 2040 assume that irrigated agricultural will be within the historic range of 20,000 to 35,000 acres of land. The corresponding ground-water diversions would range from 44,000 to 77,000 acre-feet.

**Table 78. Basin ground-water diversions, depletions, projected ground-water diversions for 2020, estimated ground-water depleted from the valley-fill from 1956 to 1995, and estimated ground water in storage in the valley fill 1995**

category	acre-feet
ground-water diversions, 1995 <sup>a</sup>	57,174
ground-water depletions, 1990 <sup>b</sup>	42,687
ground-water return flows <sup>c</sup>	14,487
projected ground-water diversion for 2020	50,314 to 83,314
projected ground-water diversion for 2040	51,316 to 84,316
ground-water depleted from the valley-fill from 1910 to 1995	1,410,000
ground-water storage in the valley fill, 1995	6,580,000
evaporation from salt lakes	27,000 to 50,000

<sup>a</sup> - includes unofficial 1995 data

<sup>b</sup> - includes 1980 data, 1990, and unofficial 1995 data

<sup>c</sup> - includes 1990 and unofficial 1995 data

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE STUDIES

### A. Hydraulic Connection Between the Madera Group and the Valley Fill

The hydraulic connection between the Madera Group and valley fill aquifers is poorly understood. No wells are known to have been completed solely in the Madera Group aquifer beneath saturated areas of the valley fill. Monitor wells, or nested piezometers, completed in select areas in the Madera Group and the valley fill could provide useful data regarding the hydraulic connection between these aquifers. Water levels in the wells should be monitored at least quarterly to assess changes in the potentiometric surface elevations. The use of transducers and data loggers could provide daily water level measurements. Daily water level data could be used to assess flow between the aquifers. Ideally, the wells would be completed as far from large pumping wells as practicable to reduce the effects from pumping on water levels.

Water-quality analyses from the wells should also be performed. Water-quality data can also help assess the interaction between the aquifers.

### B. Subsidence of Valley Fill

Dewatering of the valley fill sediments will lead to compaction of the aquifer, and consequent subsidence of the land surface. This may also be accompanied by the formation of fissures at land surface and by damage to structures. The magnitude of drawdown in the valley fill sediments that will result in subsidence depends on many factors and has not been estimated. Compaction of the aquifer will limit the ability of the aquifer to store water. This could limit future opportunities for performing artificial recharge (injection of water into the aquifer) in the aquifer.

### C. Septic and Nitrate Problems

An increase in the density of septic tanks may lead to elevated nitrate concentrations in the ground water in portions of the Basin. Ground-water quality should be monitored in areas where developments using septic systems are becoming relatively dense. Community wastewater treatment plants, or alternative wastewater treatment methods for individual homes, should be investigated in areas where the potential to contaminate the ground water is relatively high.

### D. Monitor Spring Flows

A monitoring plan should be developed and implemented to document spring flow quantity and quality. Springs which flow year round should be monitored since it is likely to be cost prohibitive to monitor all springs in the Basin. Continuous flow-measurement recording devices would provide the best data. The data can be used to refine recharge estimates in the drainages. Two or three appropriately placed gages within a given drainage will help estimate surface water gains and losses in various portions of the drainage. Spring water quality could be monitored at intervals of 1 to 5 years to assess changes in water quality.

### **E. Evapotranspiration Data**

Evapotranspiration data for the Basin were not available. A study estimating evapotranspiration from the native plants could lead to more accurate estimates of the percentage of precipitation available annually for recharge. Evaporation data from additional weather stations and the salt lakes would also help in estimating recharge for various areas in the Basin.

### **F. Isotope Studies**

Stable isotope studies are often used to assess the location of recharge and the interaction between aquifers. These studies are often costly because of the relatively large number of samples that must be collected and analyzed, but they may provide valuable data for assessing the ground-water flow system.

### **G. Ground-Water Quality Monitoring**

Intrusion of ground water having high total dissolved solids concentrations into areas which have relatively low total dissolved solids concentrations should be monitored in the valley fill aquifer. As the ground water in the valley fill sediments continues to be mined, the opportunity for ground water having relatively high total dissolved solids concentrations, from areas generally on the eastern side of the Basin, becomes greater. This is because the ground water with high total dissolved solids concentrations is drawn towards pumping centers as the higher-quality ground water is mined. Several wells should be completed in selected areas where decreases in the ground-water elevation in the valley fill aquifer are relatively high and poorer quality water is relatively near. The water-quality monitoring program should include at least annual sampling and water-level measurements.

### **H. Recommendations**

1. In order to promote the beneficial use of water and to reduce conflict caused by uncertainty, it would be helpful for the State Engineer Office to develop more accurate administrative criteria for administration of the Basin and to promulgate regulations that outline procedures for and encourage the conservation of water within the Basin. Furthermore, the State Engineer may want to consider extending the Basin to include those lands adjoining the Basin that are currently unregulated. Finally, the State Engineer may wish, either administratively or by commencing judicial proceedings, to quantify more fully water rights within the Basin. State Engineer regulations defining the standard for non-interference between wells may also be of help in clarifying the rules by which ground water is withdrawn, thereby reducing conflict caused by well interference or impairment.

2. In order to promote conservation of water resources within the Basin, local governmental entities may wish to consider implementing measures to require or to create incentives for conservation of water. Land use regulations, including subdivision water quantity requirements and regulation of domestic wells, should also be considered. In addition to conservation plans, local governments could consider adopting taxation/rebate policies to advance conservation objectives.



3. Adoption of new regulations or statutory provisions designed to promote the beneficial use of water in the Basin may also be appropriate. A change in the law may be necessary in order to define more clearly requirements for the use of water, including under the 40-year planning statute and with regard to conserved water. Furthermore, the statutory or regulatory refinement of the meaning of public welfare may be important in determining adequate standards for the appropriation and use of water.

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95 Endangered species is defined by the Act as "any species which is in danger of  
extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range . . . ." 16 U.S.C. § 1532(6).  
Threatened species is defined as "any species which is likely to become an endangered

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species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range."  
16 U.S.C. § 1532(20).

96 16 U.S.C. § 1533(f).

97 16 U.S.C. § 1532(19). The take prohibition does not apply to threatened species.

98 Critical habitat is defined as "the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species, at the time it is listed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act [15 USCS §1533], on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to the conservation of the species and (II) which may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it is listed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act [15 USCS § 1533], upon a determination by the Secretary that such areas are essential for the conservation of the species.

99 16 U.S.C. § 1536(a).

100 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251(a)(1), 1252(a), 1313(c)(4); 1342(b); 1362(12); 1362(7).

101 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

102 See, e.g. Exxon Corp. v. Train, 554 F.2d 1310, 1312, 1331 N.1 (5th Cir. 1977.)

103 33 U.S.C. § 1342(b).

104 33 C.F.R. § 323.3.

105 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 300f to 300j-26.

106 A reauthorized Safe Drinking Water Act recently passed both the House and Senate and was signed by the President on August 7, 1996 after several years of debate.

107 7 USC § 136 et seq.

108 § 74-1-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.)

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- 109 New Mexico Water Supply Regulations (EIB/WSR) § 103 (as amended through  
4/16/91); see also NMSA § 74-1-13(G)(2) NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.).
- 110 42 U.S.C. §§ 42 U.S.C. 4321 to 4379a.
- 111 42 USC § 6901 et seq.
- 112 § 74-4-1 to -13 NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.).
- 113 N.M. Const. Art. II, § 5.
- 114 § 74-6-1 to -17 NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamph.).
- 115 § 74-6-4 NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.).
- 116 § 74-6-4(E) NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.).
- 117 § 74-1-8(A)(2)(3) NMSA 1978 (1993 Repl. Pamp.).
- 118 § 70-2-12(B)(15).
- 119 New Mexico Water Quality Standards § 3-104; 3-109; NMSA § 74-6-5(A) (1993 Repl.  
Pamp.).
- 120 N.M. Const. Art. XVI.
- 121 N.M. Const. amend. Art. XVI, § 5.
- 122 Codified at § 72-1-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (1985 Repl. Pamp. & 1990 Supp.).
- 123 § 72-2-1 NMSA 1978.
- 124 § 72-2-1 and § 72-2-9 NMSA 1978.
- 125 § 72-2-8 NMSA 1978.
- 126 Id.

127 § 72-4-13 NMSA 1978 provides in part: "The state engineer shall make hydrographic surveys and investigations of each stream system and source of water supply in the state, beginning with those most used for irrigation, and obtaining and recording all available data for the determination, development and adjudication of water supply of the state...."

128 § 72-4-15 NMSA 1978.

129 Section 47-6-2 NMSA 1978 (1995 Repl. Pamp.).

130 Id. at § 47-6-9 (effective until July 1, 1996).

131 Id. § 47-6-9 (effective July 1, 1996).

132 Id. at 47-6-9C.

133 Id. at 47-6-9D.

134 Id. at 47-6-11A(1) and E(1).

135 Id. at 47-6-11B(1) (effective July 1, 1996).

136 Id. at 47-6-11 at B(2).

137 Id. at 47-6-11 at F(1) and (2).

138 Id. at 47-6-11.2.

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140 Id. at 47-6-11.3(b).

141 Id. at 47-6-17B(11) (effective July 1, 1996).

142 NMSA § 47-6-9E (effective July 1, 1996) (1995 Repl. Pamp.).



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143 Art. VII, Sec. 6.4, Santa Fe County Ordinance 1996-8, July 9, 1996.

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145 Id. at Sections 6.2 and 6.3.

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147 Id. at Section 6.6.

148 Section 5, Supplemental Guidelines, Torrance County Subdivision Regulations,  
Ordinance No. 96-7, December 11, 1996.

149 Id. Supp. Guidelines at § 4.

150 Id. § 5.7 and Supp. Guidelines at § 3 .

151 Id. Supp. Guidelines at § 2.

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154 Art. 10, Sec. 5, Subdivision Ordinance, No. 96-23, Bernalillo County, October 1, 1996.

155 Id. at Art. 10, Sec. 5.5.

156 Id. at Art. 10, Sec. 4.

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159 Id. at Art. 10, Sec. 1.

160 Id. at Art. 10, Secs. 14 and 15.

161 Appendix E, Part 5, San Miguel County Ordinance No. SMC-06-25-96-ORD, July 16,  
1996.

162 Id. Appendix E, Part 5.

163 Id. § 5.5 and Appendix E, Part 4.

164 Id. Appendix E, Part 1.

165 Id. Appendix D, § 2 and § 3.

166 Section 72-1-9 NMSA 1978 (1996 supp.).

167 Section 72-14-44 NMSA 1978 (1996 supp.).

168 Id. at 72-14-44D.

169 For a thorough discussion of formation, finances and authority of such entities, see  
Water Entities in New Mexico: Comparisons and Contrasts, Suedeen Kelly, 1995 CLE  
International.

170 §§ 62-2-1 to 62-2-22 NMSA 1978.

171 §§ 53-11-1 to 53-18-12 NMSA 1978.

172 § 3-18-35 NMSA 1978. See also § 3-27-2 NMSA 1978.

173 § 3-33-3 NMSA 1978.

174 § 3-33-2 NMSA 1978.

175 § 4-37-1 NMSA 1978.

176 § 4-36-8 NMSA 1978.

177 Id. at 4-36-10 (1996 Supp.)

178 § 4-55A-1, -3(A) NMSA 1978.

179 § 3-28-1 NMSA 1978.

180 § 53-4-3 NMSA 1978.

181 §§ 73-21-1 to 73-21-55 NMSA 1978.

182 § 73-21-4(F) NMSA 1978.

183 § 3-29-2 to 3-29-5 NMSA 1978.

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190 107 NM 524, 760 P.2d 1290 (1988)

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221 65 N.M. 76, 80, 332 P.2d 474, 479 (1955).

222 Id.

223 77 N.M. 239, 421 P.2d 771 (1967).

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225 See id. at 242, 421 P.2d at 774.

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227 See Id. at 243, 421 P.2d at 775.

228 Id.

229 No. 78-138-B, slip. op. at 1 (D.N.M. May 11, 1979).

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231 See id. at 15.

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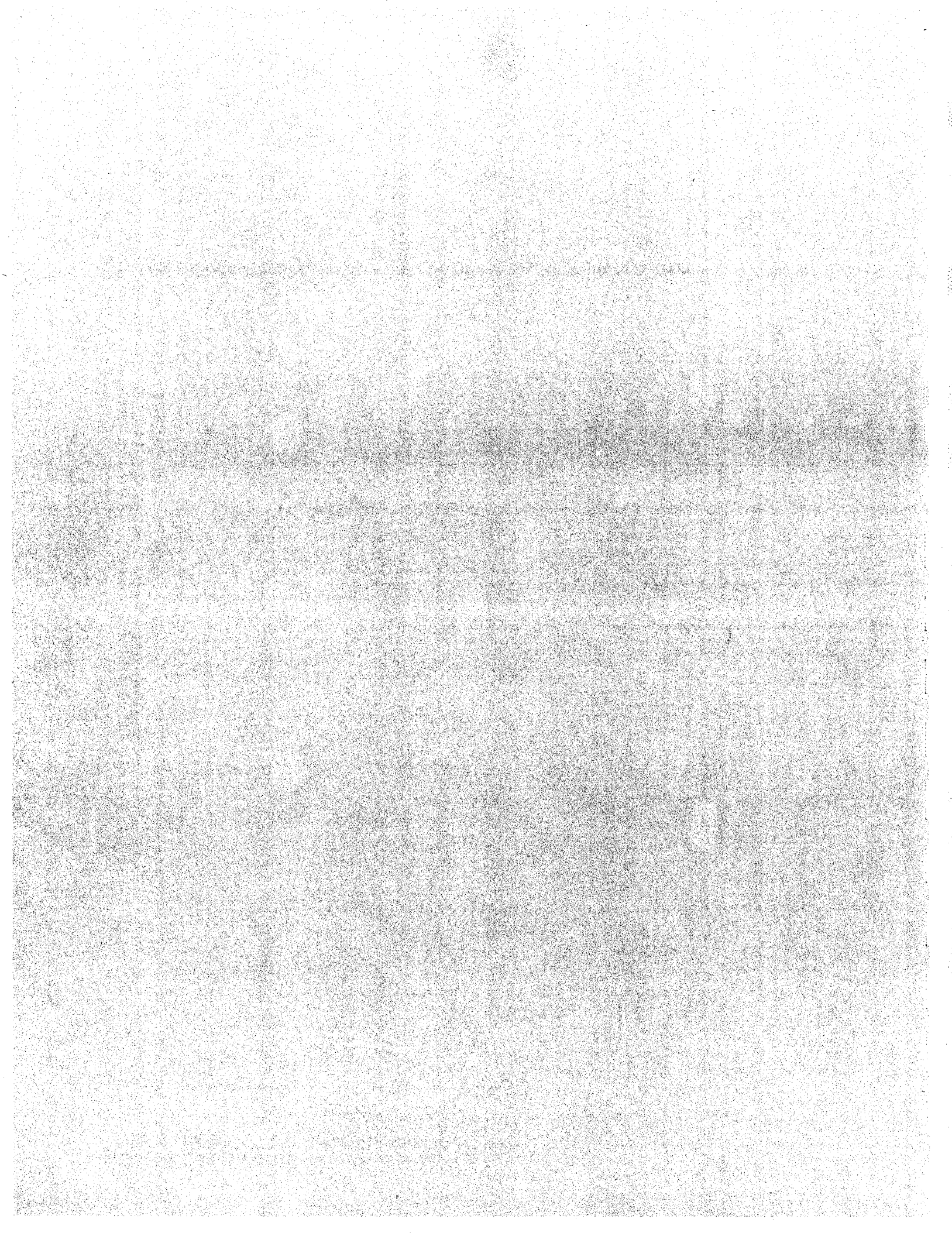
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**Appendix 1.**

**State Engineer Office Administration of Estancia Basin (Excerpted Memorandum).**





## APPENDIX III-A

### STATE ENGINEER OFFICE ADMINISTRATION OF ESTANCIA BASIN (Excerpted Memoranda)

#### Definition of Terms

1. Inventory Block: a square block with dimensions of three sections by three sections and is 1/4 of a township.
2.  $V_o$ : initial volume of water in storage in the valley fill formation under one inventory block at the time the inventory was initially computed (1965 or 1967).
3.  $V_{40}$ : calculated volume of water which would be depleted in 40 years, to supply the rights which existed in 1965.
4.  $V_r$ :  $V_o - V_{40}$  (volume remaining).
5.  $V_{na}$ : volume of water represented by 40 feet of saturated thickness and not appropriable.
6.  $V_a = V_o - (V_{40} + V_{na})$ : volume of water available for new appropriations.

#### Overview

Administration of the Estancia Basin is based on the amount of water in the saturated alluvium, and the factors that are included are  $V_o$ , which was the estimated volume of water in acre-feet in saturated alluvium.  $V_{40}$  was the calculated volume of saturated water which would be depleted after 40 years to supply all existing rights at the time the study was made.  $V_r$  was the water which remained after the  $V_{40}$  was subtracted from the  $V_o$ .  $V_{na}$  was a volume of water reserved to provide pump depth, stock and domestic water and this was 40 feet of the bottom of the saturated valley fill. If the  $V_r$  exceeds the  $V_{na}$ , this leaves a  $V_a$ , which is the calculated volume of water that is available for new appropriations. The administration is based on a block system. Each block is a quarter township or nine sections. For appropriations within the valley fill area, a nine block template is centered over the block containing the well from which the water will be appropriated. If water is available in each of the nine blocks then the appropriation can be approved. If any one of the nine blocks does not have a  $V_a$  the appropriation is denied. There are other factors which enter into the administration. The first is

the Madera block. The Madera block is a block which at one time contained the zero saturated valley fill line and it is determined that wells can be deepened into the Madera to provide the supply. It is felt that the Madera contains no storage but derives its storage from valley fill water.

If a template for a valley fill appropriation covers a Madera block, the water which would ordinarily come from the Madera block is folded back and by reasonable calculation taken out of the adjacent valley fill blocks. If a well is applied for in a Madera block (if the Madera block is the center block), the application is considered on a basis that water is available in any of the blocks of the nine block template, in which are covered due to the location of the center block. Since the nine block template may not reach a sufficient number of blocks to provide water, the water for this application may be taken out on the basis of a 25 block template or a 49 block template or even a 81 block template. If templates larger than the nine blocks overlie valley fill blocks which have no water available, this is not considered reason for denial. The same type of administration is used for wells in hard rock aquifers which are outside of the immediately adjacent Madera blocks. Another modification to the valley fill criteria is the area known as the Playa Lakes, in the southeastern part of the basin. The blocks which contain the Playa Lakes are designated as recharge blocks. If the template overlies a recharge block the water which would have ordinarily come from the recharge block is added to the inventory in its neighboring blocks by some reasonable method similar to that which is used when you fold water out of the Madera blocks.

Another modification of the valley fill criteria are the so called permian blocks. Permian blocks are template blocks underlaying by older formations other than the Madera Limestone which act in a similar manner hydrologically to the Madera Limestone.

In other words it is deemed these formations would be, for example, the Yaso. In these blocks, if there is no water, it is not considered reason for denial but the water which would ordinarily be taken out of these blocks is folded back from adjacent valley fill blocks.

Another modification of the valley fill criteria are the Glorieta blocks. Glorieta blocks are blocks which are deemed to be underlaying by the Glorieta Sandstone formation. It is felt that the Glorieta Sandstone in many areas in the Estancia Basin is highly fractured and forms very good medium to high capacity irrigation wells, but it is felt that there is no storage in the Glorieta. So the present criteria is the reservation will be removed from the Glorieta. In other words, it was not necessary to reserve 40 feet of water above the pump but that at the time the Glorieta block went to zero. It was at the time that the Vna went to zero that it would be considered a valley fill block at zero and therefore would be a block which would stop further development if the proposed applications infringed on that block.

Another modification of the valley fill criteria primarily occurs on the edges of the valley fill when there are blocks which have a Vna but which have no Va. If there are no rights in these blocks having a Vna, water is used out of these blocks to supply applications in adjacent blocks. If the Vna goes to zero, this block is considered to be as if it never had water and would be an unsaturated valley fill block.

One appropriation is allowed in a block designated with a Vna. After this one appropriation, no further appropriations or drafts are allowed to affect this block. If a valley fill block exists in which the calculated amount of water is a Vna and this block contains rights, it is considered to be a valley fill block with rights with no further water for appropriation. And

under this consideration, no new rights are allowed in this block or permitted from blocks which would cause a draft on the Vna block.

## **Administrative Areas**

### **I. Valley Fill - General Administration**

Administration of water in the valley fill is based on the amount of water in inventory within a square nine block template which is centered on the block which contains the proposed well. This template is used to calculate the theoretical draft on each of the nine valley fill blocks which will result from pumping the proposed well based on a 40 year life. If the inventory in each of the nine blocks shows that water is available for the appropriation ( $V_a$  is greater than the draft of 40 years), the application can be approved. If the inventory in any block is not adequate to supply the 40 year draft ( $V_a$  less than 40 year draft) then the application cannot be approved because its approval would impair existing rights. If  $V_a=0$ , application cannot be approved. If  $V_a$  is greater than 0, application approved in part until  $V_a=0$ .

### **II. Valley Fill - Special Cases**

A. No rights, no  $V_a$  or  $V_a$  small. If one or more blocks in a template area contains no  $V_a$  or  $V_a$  which is insufficient to supply the proposed application, but no rights exist in the block(s) (no wells with appurtenant rights are situated in the subject block) the  $V_{na}$  can be used to satisfy the application. No further effects (drafts) are considered on this block and effects which would normally be subtracted from its inventory are redistributed or "folded" to adjacent blocks.

If the block containing no  $V_a$  (preceding paragraph) happens to be the center block of the template area (contains proposed well) on application (first application) can be approved for its full acreage even though it may require more water than is inventoried as  $V_{na}$ . No further drafts are allowed in this block.

B. Playa Lakes Blocks: The southeastern part of the inventoried valley fill contains playa lakes which are assumed to be discharge points for the valley fill aquifer. Blocks which contain playas are designated as recharge blocks. If one or more blocks of the nine block template for a proposed application are recharge blocks; the water which would normally be reserved in the valley fill inventory of a recharge block is added to the inventory of its adjacent blocks. A reasonable method of apportioning the water similar to the methods used to "fold out" of blocks containing no water is used to "fold in" the recharge water.

#### **C. Valley Fill Blocks Bordering Madera Blocks**

1. Template centered on valley fill block corners a Madera block which contains water ( $V_a$  greater than 0). The water in inventory is reserved in all blocks.
2. Template centered on valley fill blocks corners one or more Madera blocks in which the  $V_a$  or the  $V_{na}=0$ . If water is available to satisfy the proposed appropriation in the valley fill blocks the application is considered for approval and the water which would normally be reserved in the Madera blocks is "folded out" by a reasonable method and reserved from the inventory in the valley fill blocks covered by the nine block template.

D. Valley Fill Blocks Bordering Permian Formations Other Than Madera or Glorieta:  
If a proposed application with template centered on valley fill block corners a Permian formation which is known to behave in a manner hydrologically similar to the Madera it is administered as if it were a Madera block. (See C above)

E. Valley Fill Block Bordering a Glorieta Block:

1. Glorieta block containing Va or Vna is administered as a valley fill block which has a Va inventory. Expressed differently, the Vna in a Glorieta block is considered as if it were Va. If the template for an application centered on a valley fill block corners one or more Glorieta blocks which contain Vna inventory, the application is considered for approval and the Vna water in the Glorieta blocks is reserved to satisfy the application.
2. If the Vna water in a Glorieta block is depleted to zero this block is considered to act as a valley fill block which has a Va of zero and therefore is a limiting block which is cause for recommendation of denial of an application whose template overlies it.

III. Madera Blocks

1. Proposed application centered on a Madera block adjacent to valley fill blocks. If the Va in the Valley fill blocks covered by the nine block template centered on a Madera block contain sufficient Va water to support the draft which the application would impose on a particular valley fill block the application is considered for approval. The water to satisfy this application is reserved using a larger template i.e. 25 or 49 block template.
2. Proposed application centered on Madera block which is separated from the valley fill by one or more Madera blocks. Evaluate the application on the basis of local impairment which may consider: distance to other water right wells, geometry of aquifer in the local area, potential for recharge and any other factors dictated by particular case. If the proposed application covers no local impairment, use a large template (49 or 81 block) to reserve the water in the valley fill inventory. The fact that the large template overlies as valley fill block which has a Va=0 is not considered a reason to deny the application.

IV. Glorieta

If an application for a new appropriation is made which will have an effect on the blocks designated as Glorieta blocks and Vna does not equal 0, the application can be approved. If the Glorieta block Vna equals 0, the application cannot be approved.

V. Permian

If an application for a new application is made which will effect a designated Permian block, the inventory in the Permian block is reduced until Vna=0, at which time the effects are folded out of the block into the adjacent valley fill blocks in the same manner as in the Madera

valley fill interface. However, if the proposed application is located within the Permian block and  $V_{na}=0$  then this application cannot be approved as it impairs existing rights.

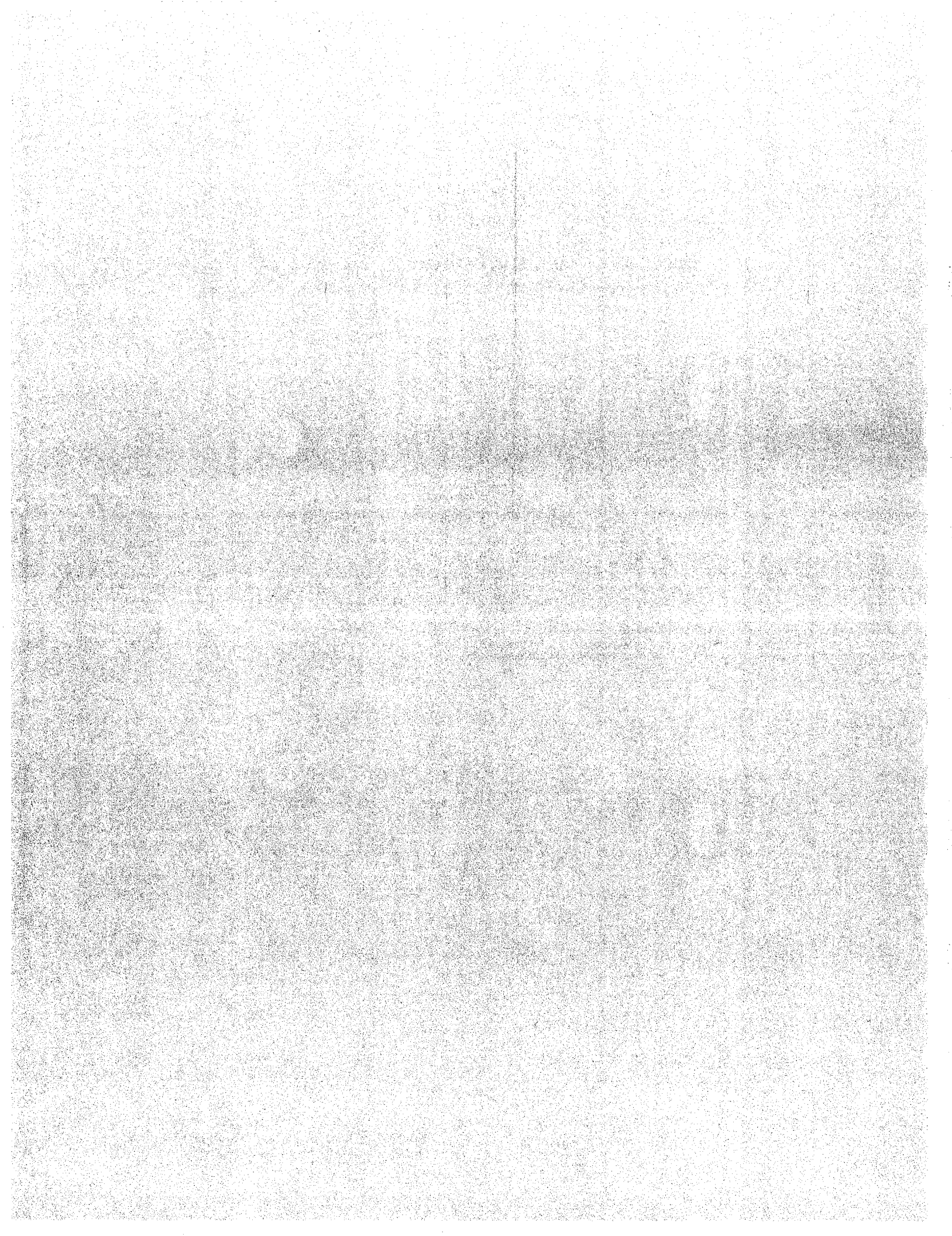
### Illustrations

- I. An application is made in a valley fill block where water is available for appropriation. Also all of the surrounding blocks have water available for appropriation in the valley fill, except one which has some remaining "V<sub>na</sub>." However, no rights exist in that block; therefore, the application could be considered for approval and a reduction would be made from the "V<sub>na</sub>." This process would continue until all of the "V<sub>na</sub>" reservation had been folded out of that block, and the block become "V<sub>r</sub>" = 0. At that time the edges of the block would be considered an impermeable boundary, and no more water would be subtracted from that block.
- II. Assume that an application for a new appropriation is made within a valley fill block where water is not available for a new appropriation, but no rights exist within that block. If water is available in the surrounding blocks from the valley fill, based on the 9 block template criteria, then one appropriation could be acted upon favorably within the block where no rights had existed before, even though water is not available for a new appropriation. To further clarify the last statement, in order to make that one new appropriation there must be "V<sub>na</sub>" water available. Once the block goes to "V<sub>r</sub>" = 0, then that theory would not longer apply, and a new appropriation could not be considered in that block.  
Also, if there is not enough water available under the "V<sub>na</sub>" criteria to fulfill the one proposed new appropriation, then the full appropriation would be allowed, even though the amount of water would go below that available under the amount shown as "V<sub>na</sub>."
- III. In 1965 and then again in 1967, reductions from the valley fill were made based on the 9 block template, as if the total appropriation would come out of the 9 blocks, when, in fact, it does not. Subsequently, that policy was changed. The 9 block template is used only as a criteria to determine if a new appropriation can be approved. Once it is decided that there is water available under the 9 block criteria, then the reduction of water from the blocks is taken out with various templates. The templates used are the 25 block template, or the 49 block template, or the 81 block template, depending upon judgment of the person making the reduction and whether or not the template fits the case. The reason for this change in policy, even though it was in effect changing in mid-stream, was because it became obvious that too much water was being taken out of the valley fill in certain blocks and it would limit new appropriations far sooner than it should. What should be done is that all of the deductions that were made based strictly on the 9 block template should be re-done. If effect, this means that all of the calculations going back to 1967 should be recalculated, based on this philosophy. This modification and the inventory system was done after a discussion between Williams and Don Akin, Chief, Technical Division. At that time, it seemed like the most reasonable approach to both of the people involved in the discussion.  
This discussion will involve the adding back of water into the inventory. These things come about when a permit is canceled, or an application for extension of time is denied,

or which a license is written for less than the amount that was originally approved for appropriation. The way the water should be added back into the inventory is in the exact same manner as it was taken out, using the calculation sheet for that particular appropriation. One exception to this is that for those permits that were in effect at the time of the original inventory, the water was calculated as if the right was fully developed, and the amount of effect was taken out of the system, either on the 49 or 81 block template. For those permits that are either canceled, or where a license is written for a lesser amount, then the water could be added back in on a 9 block template or any one of the other templates. Water should be added back in in the same manner that it was taken out with one additional exception, and that is: if there is a block where " $V_r$ " = 0, then no water will be added back into that block. Water will be added back into blocks where there is a " $V_a$ " or water available for appropriation or water in the " $V_{na}$ ." For re-clarification where a block has a " $V_r$ " of zero (0), then the edges of that block act as an impermeable boundary. The " $V_r$ " = 0 acts as a boundary, except when there is a consideration for a new appropriation where the 9 block template would over-lie a block that is " $V_r$ " = 0, and rights exist. In that case, since rights exist in the block where " $V_r$ " = 0, no new appropriation could be recommended, if the 9 block template over-lies such a block. On the other hand, if the " $V_r$ " block has no rights, then there would be no consideration given that block, based on the 9 block criteria, and an application could be considered for approval.

**Appendix 2.**

**New Mexico County List, Endangered, Threatened, and  
candidate species and species of concern.**





**APPENDIX III-B**  
**NEW MEXICO COUNTY LIST**  
**ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES**  
**AND SPECIES OF CONCERN**

**Bernalillo**

- Arizona black-tailed prairie dog, Cynomys ludovicianus arizonensis, SC  
Big free-tailed bat, Nyctinomops macrotis (=Tadarida m., T. molossa), SC  
Black-footed ferret, Mustela nigripes, E  
Fringed myotis, Myotis Thysanodes, SC  
Long-legged myotis, Myotis volans, SC  
New Mexican meadow jumping mouse, Zapus hudsonius luteus, SC  
Occult little brown bat, Myotis lucifugus occultus, SC  
Pale Townsend's (=western) big-eared bat, Plecotus townsendii pallescens, SC  
Pecos River Muskrat, Ondatra zibethicus ripensis, SC  
Small-footed myotis, Myotis ciliolabrum, SC  
Spotted bat, Euderma maculatum, SC  
Yuma myotis, Myotis yumanensis, SC  
American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum, E  
Arctic peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus tundrius, T (S/A)  
Baird's sparrow, Ammodramus bairdii, SC  
Bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus, T  
Black tern, Chlidonias niger, SC  
Ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis, SC  
Loggerhead shrike, Lanius ludovicianus, SC  
Mexican spotted owl, Strix occidentalis lucida, T w/CH  
Mountain plover, Charadrius montanus, C  
Northern goshawk, Accipiter gentilis, SC  
Southwestern willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii extimus, E w/PCH

Western burrowing owl, Athene cunicularia hypugea, SC  
White-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi, SC  
Whooping crane, Grus americana, E  
Flathead chub, Platygobio, (Hybopsis) gracilis, SC  
Rio Grande silvery minnow, Hybognathus amarus, E w/PCH  
Texas horned lizard, Phrynosoma cornutum, SC  
Millipede, Toltecus chihuanus, SC

### Santa Fe

Black-footed ferret, Mustela nigripes, E  
Fringed myotis, Myotis thysanodes, SC  
Long-legged myotis, Myotis volans, SC  
New Mexican meadow jumping mouse, Zapus hudsonius luteus, SC  
Occult little brown bat, Myotis lucifugus occultus, SC  
Pale Townsend's (=western) big-eared bat, Plecotus townsendii pallescens, SC  
Small-footed myotis, Myotis ciliolabrum, SC  
Spotted bat, Euderma maculatum, SC  
Yuma myotis, Myotis yumanensis, SC  
American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum, E  
Arctic peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus tundrius, T (S/A)  
Baird's sparrow, Ammodramus bairdii, SC  
Bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus, T  
Ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis, SC  
Loggerhead shrike, Lanius ludovicianus, SC  
Mexican spotted owl, Strix occidentalis lucida, T w/CH  
Mountain plover, Charadrius montanus, C  
Northern goshawk, Accipiter gentilis, SC  
Southwestern willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii extimus, E w/PCH  
Western burrowing owl, Athene cunicularia hypugea, SC  
White-faced ibis, Plegadis chihi, SC

Whooping crane, Grus americana, E  
Flathead chub, Platygobio, (Hybopsis) gracilis, SC  
Texas horned lizard, Phrynosoma cornutum, SC  
Santa Fe cholla, Opuntia viridiflora, SC

### **Torrance**

Arizona black-tailed prairie dog, Cynomys ludovicianus arizonensis, SC  
Black-footed ferret, Mustela nigripes, E  
Fringed myotis, Myotis thysanodes, SC  
Long-legged myotis, Myotis volans, SC  
Occult little brown bat, Myotis lucifugus occultus, SC  
Spotted bat, Euderma maculatum, SC  
American peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum, E  
Arctic peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus tundrius, T (S/A)  
Baird's sparrow, Ammodramus bairdii, SC  
Bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus, T  
Black tern, Chlidonias niger, SC  
Ferruginous hawk, Buteo regalis, SC  
Loggerhead shrike, Lanius ludovicianus, SC  
Mexican spotted owl, Strix occidentalis lucida, T w/CH  
Mountain plover, Charadrius montanus, C  
Southwestern willow flycatcher, Empidonax traillii extimus, E w/PCH  
Northern goshawk, Accipiter gentilis, SC  
Texas horned lizard, Phrynosoma cornutum, SC

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Index: E = Endangered; PE = Proposed Endangered;

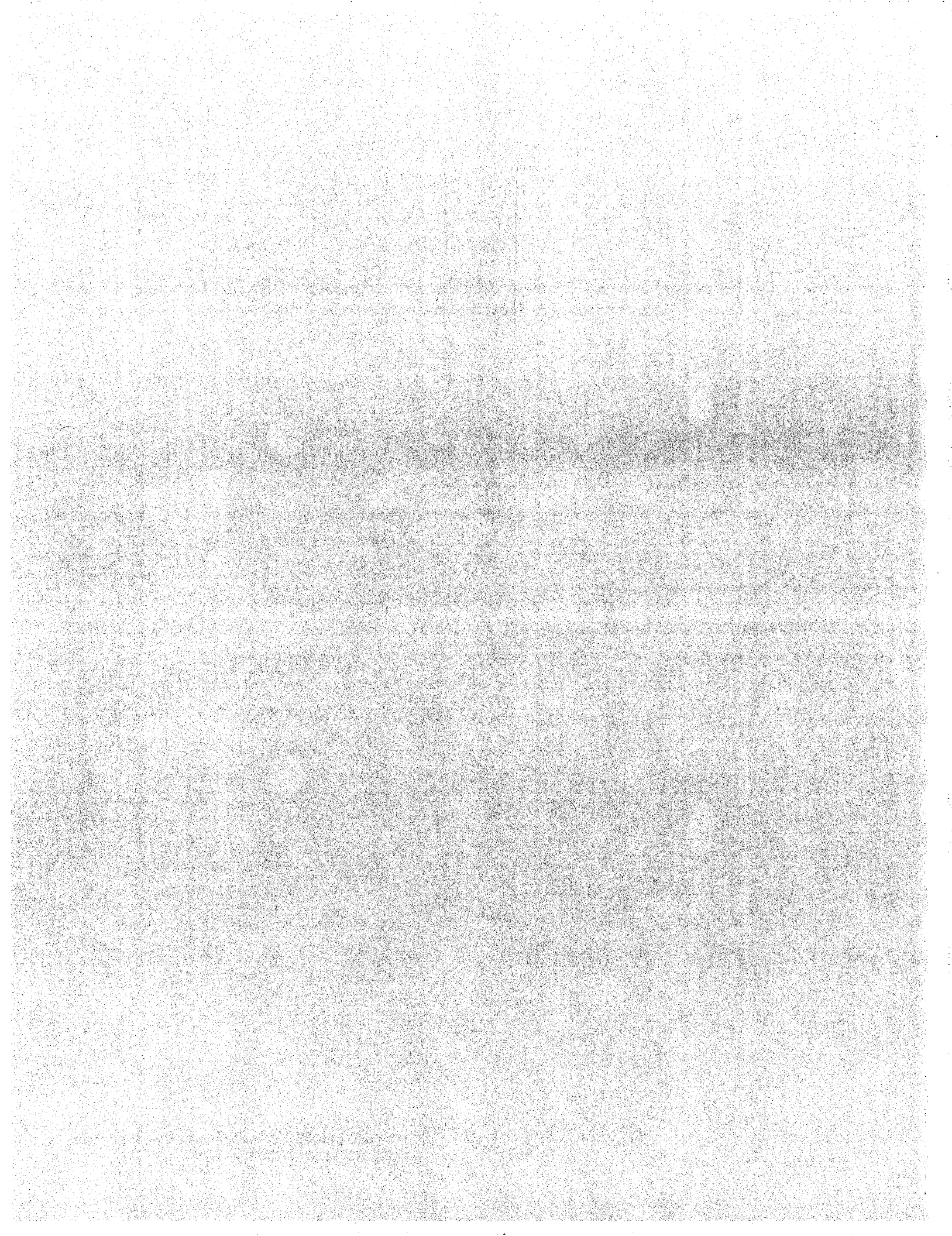
PE w/CH = Proposed endangered with critical habitat; T = Threatened;

PT = Proposed Threatened; PT w/CH = Proposed threatened with critical habitat; PCH = Proposed  
Critical Habitat; C = Candidate Species;

SC = Species of Concern; S/A = Similarity of Appearance; \* = Introduced population

**Appendix 3.**

**Status of Recovery Plans for Endangered or Threatened Species  
Within Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torrance Counties.**



**APPENDIX III-C**  
**STATUS OF RECOVERY PLANS**  
**FOR ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES**  
**WITHIN BERNALILLO, SANTA FE AND TORRANCE COUNTIES**

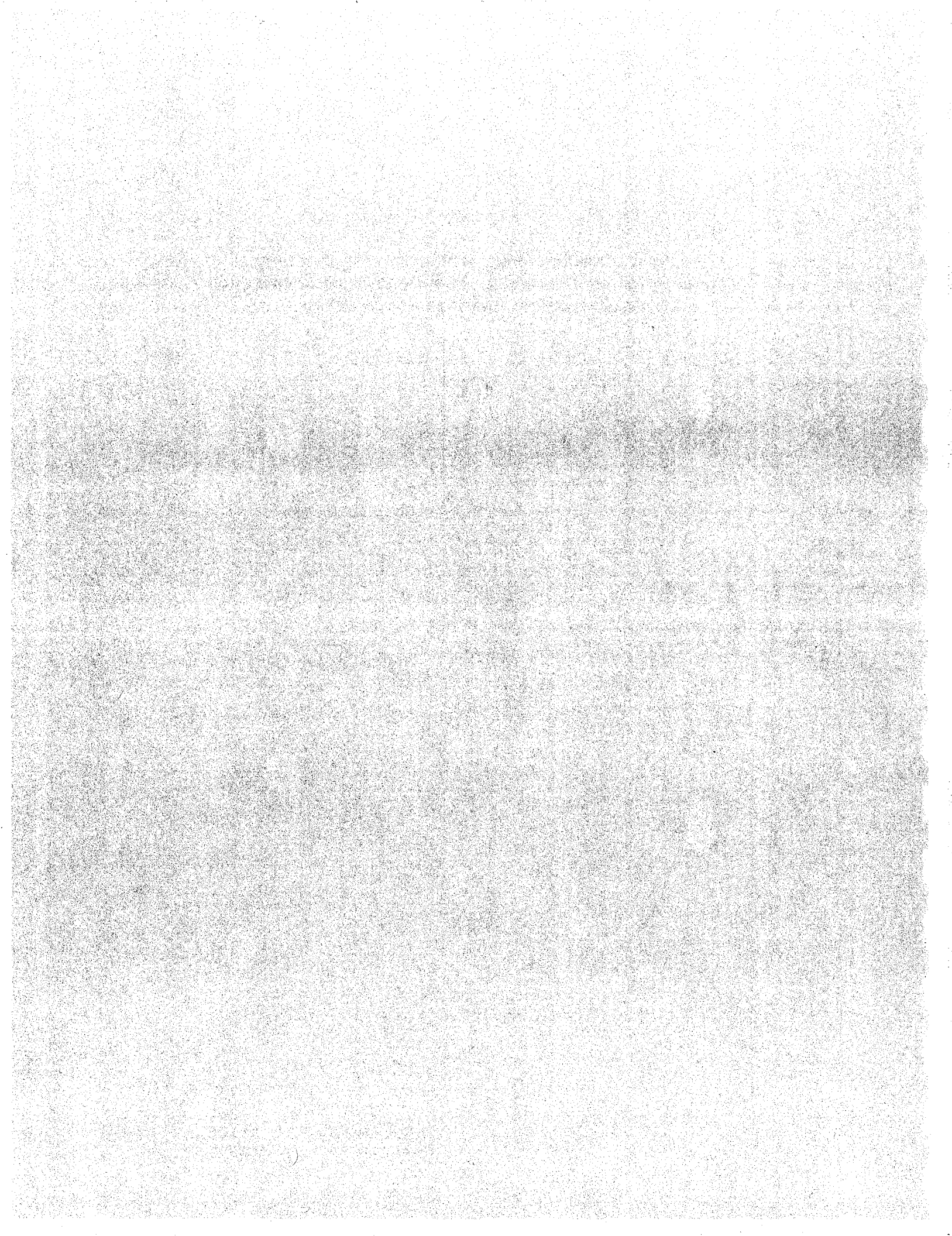
Black Footed Ferret:	First Recovery plan on 6/14/78; latest revision on 8/8/88
American Peregrine Falcon:	First Recovery plan on 8/3/77; in the process of being revised, possibly de-listed or downlisted (at least in some populations).
Arctic Peregrine Falcon:	Same as American Peregrine Falcon
Bald Eagle:	Recovery plan on 9/8/82
Mexican Spotted Owl:	Recovery plan on 12/16/95
Southwest Willow Flycatcher:	Recovery plan not yet completed. Likely will not be completed within the 2.5 years projected for completion.
Whooping Crane:	Recovery plan on 1/23/80; revised 2/11/94





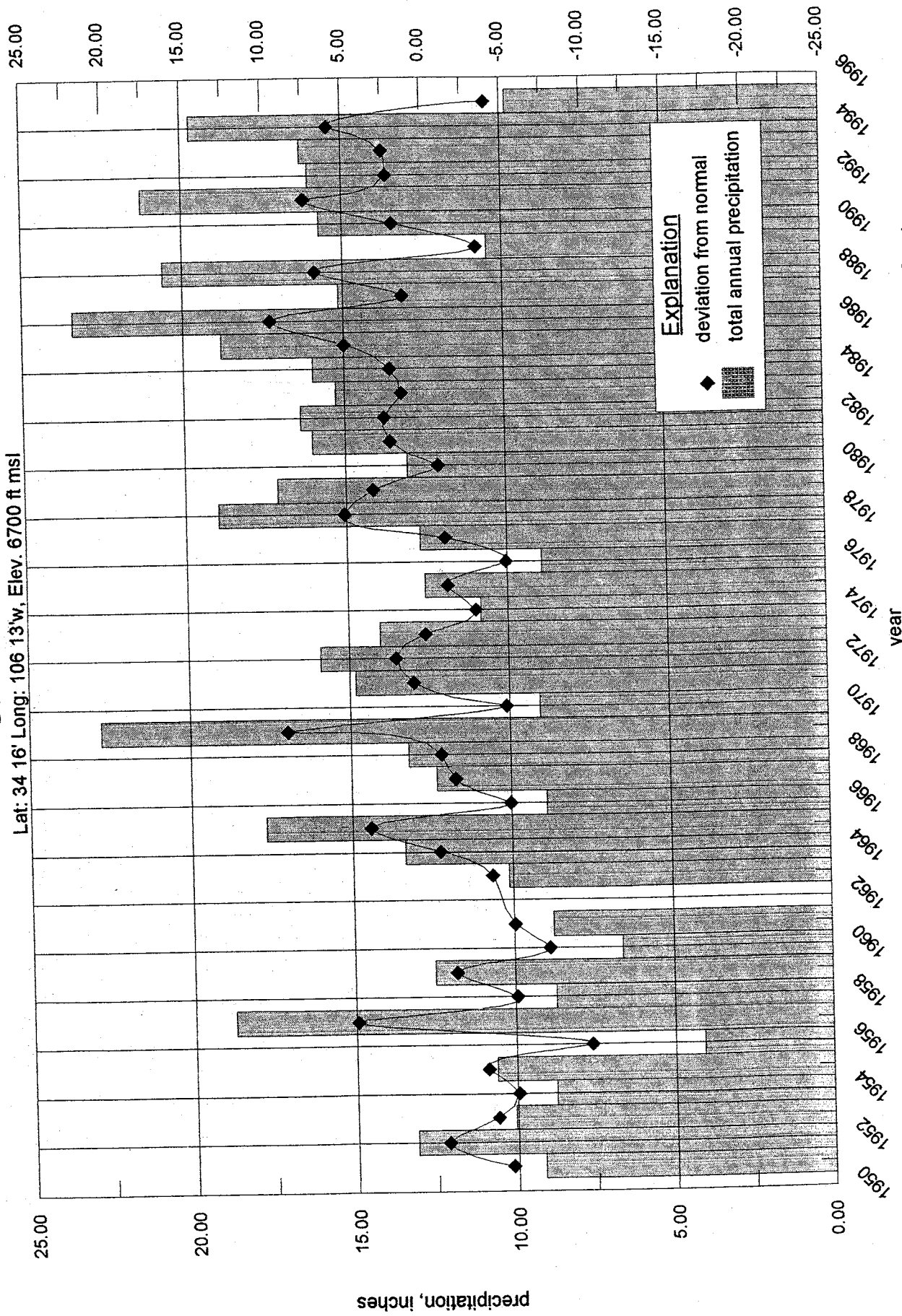
**Appendix 4.**

**Graphs of Annual Precipitation With Departure for Normal,  
Maximum Annual Temperature, Minimum Annual Temperature,  
and Evaporation from the Estancia Station.**



# Golden Station

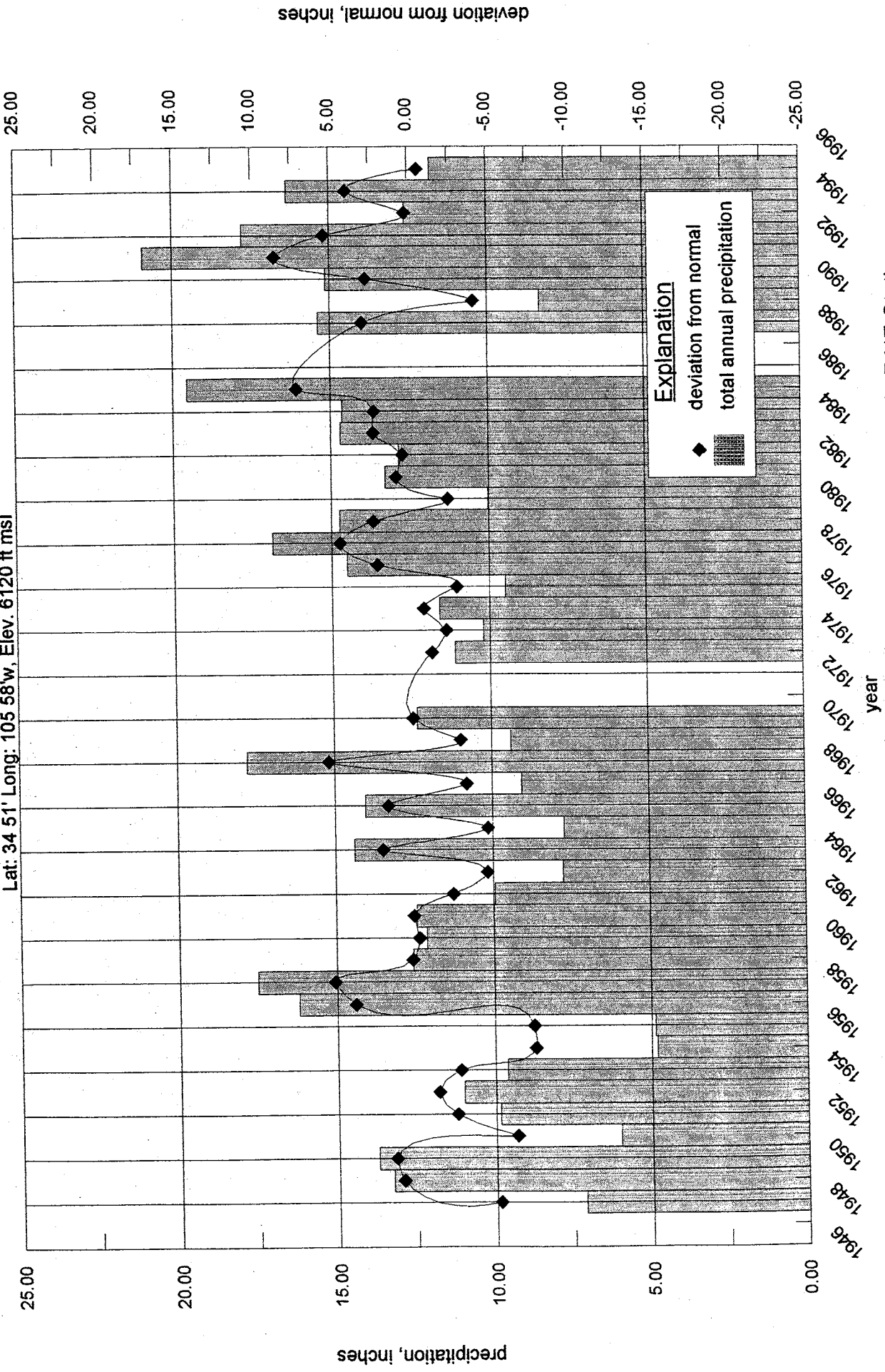
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Total annual precipitation and deviation from normal recorded at the Golden Station

# Estancia 7 NE Station

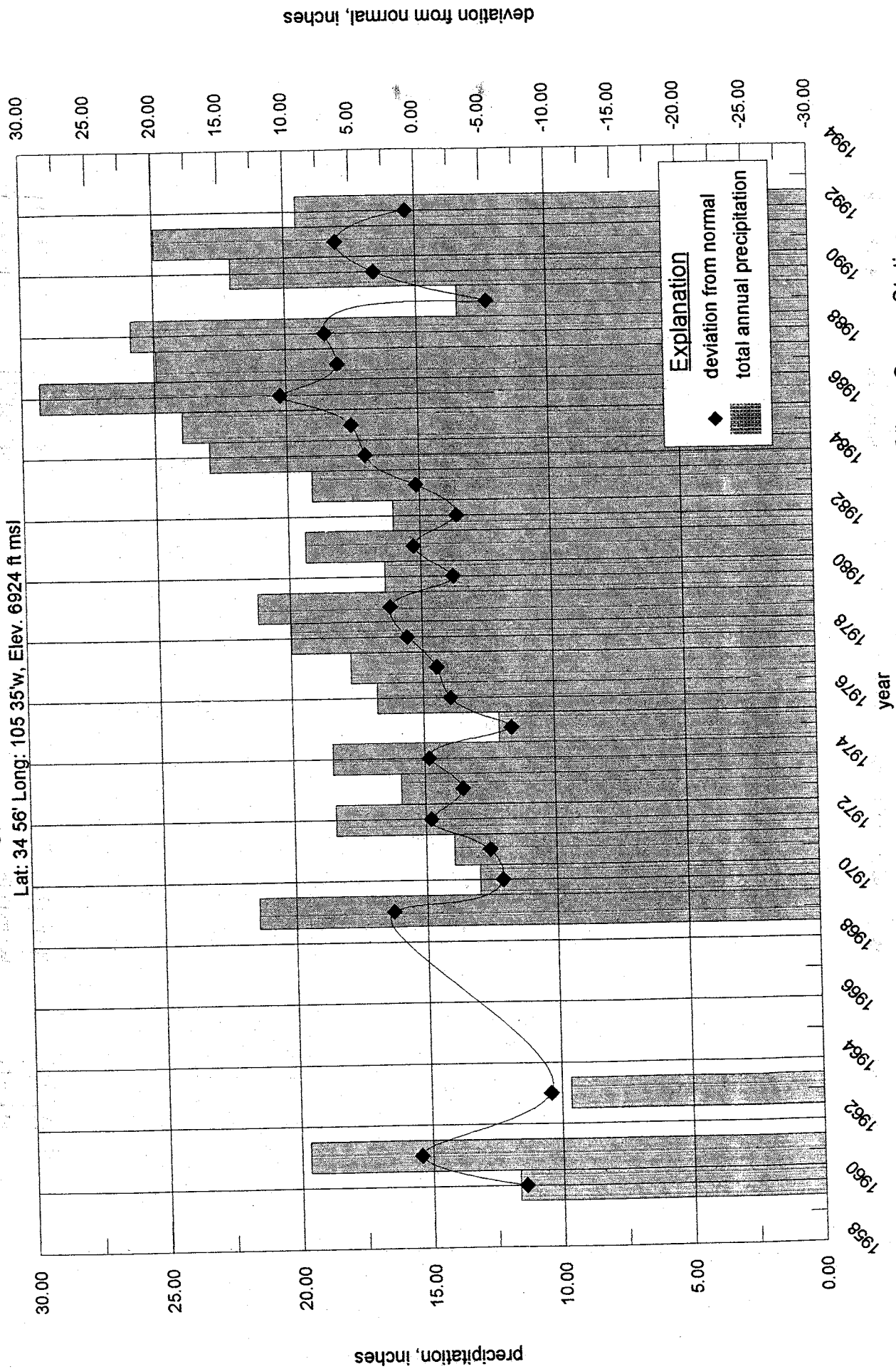
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Total annual precipitation and deviation from normal recorded at the Estancia 7 NE Station

# Clines Corners 7 SE Station

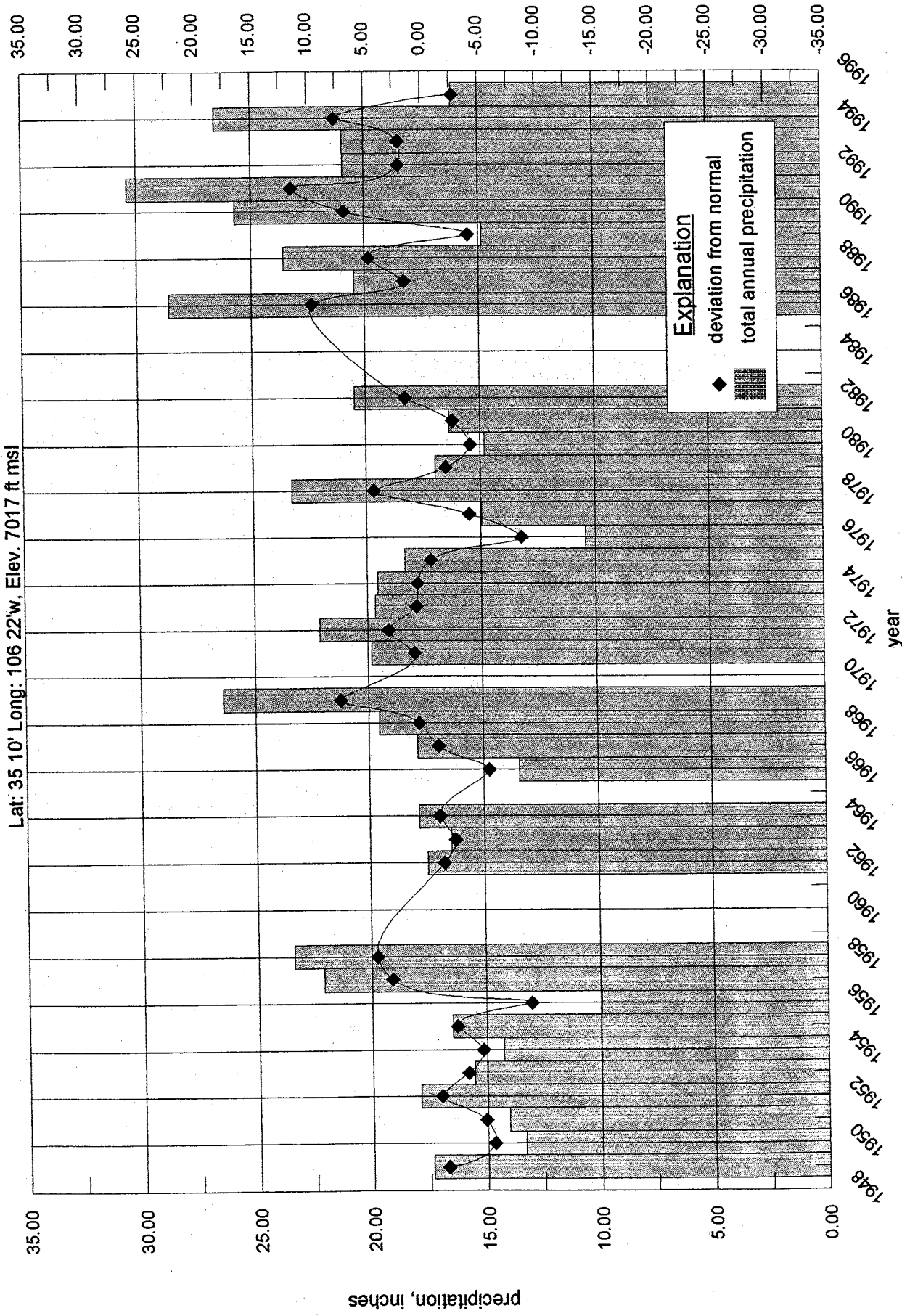
Lat: 34 56' Long: 105 35'w, Elev. 6924 ft msl



Total annual precipitation and deviation from normal recorded at the Clines Corner Station

# Sandia Park Station

Lat: 35 10' Long: 106 22'w, Elev. 7017 ft msl



Total annual precipitation and deviation from normal recorded at the Sandia Park Station

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Ruck C. Chavez OWNER'S WELL No. 05588 712 41  
 Street or Post Office Address Box 740  
 City and State Moriarty, New Mexico, 87035

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6396 and is located in the:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18 Township 9N Range 11E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Torance County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD 49  
 Address PO Box 91, Stanley NM, 87056

Drilling Began 1-25-96 Completed 1-30-96 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 7 7/8 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 515 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 510 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
500	510	10	Y <sub>230</sub>	10

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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File No. E-6396 Use Dom Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location No. C9N.11E.18.113  
El Cuervo Btte. Quad.





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Jane Lovato Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address HCR 81 Box 200  
City and State Moriarty, NM 87035

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-6496 and is located in the:  
a. -- ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼ -- ¼ of Section 13 Township 09N Range 10E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Torrance County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia's & Sons Drilling Co. License No. WD-539  
Address 28 Garcia Loop Tijeras, NM 87059  
Drilling Began 05-20-96 Completed 05-25-96 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 6½ in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 680 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 520 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
520	680	160	Red shale and gravel	10 gallons

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
4½-160		pvc	0	680	20	cup	500	520
							650	680

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 6/4/96 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-6496 Use Dom. Location No. 09N.10E.13.24  
El Corvino 2<sup>nd</sup> Quad.



WELL RECORD

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Ray D. Jones  
 Street and Number 1341 - 26  
 City Estancia State N. Mex.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-1760 and is located in the  
N. 1/4 1/4 1/4 of Section 26 Twp. 7N Rge. 11E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor C. B. H. Hines License No. D435  
 Street and Number 1342 04  
 City Mountain State N. Mex.  
 Drilling was commenced 11 - 23 1920  
 Drilling was completed 11 - 3 1920

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 189'  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 109'

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	170	175	5	Sandstone & shale
2				
3				
4				6-9 ft. in
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia. in.	Pounds #.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 1/2	10	None			189	None	100	189

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-1760

Use Shab

Location No. 7N 11E 26

Referred Mountain 002  
 Quad



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Paul Butt Owner's Well No. 1  
 Street or Post Office Address 4300 Prospect N.E.  
 City and State Albuquerque, NM 87110

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-3927 and is located in the:

- a. NE ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section 2 Township 7N Range 1E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor SANDIA WELL DRILLING INC License No. W. D. 461

Address P. O. Box 757, Cedar Crest, NM 87008

Drilling Began 10/10/83 Completed 10/17/83 Type tools rotary Size of hole 5 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 620 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 300 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
360	361	1	Black & White Granite	30/5
				410:52

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
5			0	620	620		340	620

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

Date Received 11-9-83

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Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-3927 Use Dom Location No. 7N.11E.2 242 (SF)

Federal Avenue Road.



**WELL RECORD**

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**Section 1**


(A) Owner of well Howard Galkins  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Edgewood State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E 1036 and is located in the  
N.W. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 N.W. 1/4 of Section 27 Twp. 10 N. Rge. 7 E.  
 (B) Drilling Contractor C.C. Dennisson License No. W.D. 49.  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Stanley State New Mexico.  
 Drilling was commenced July 20 1961  
 Drilling was completed August 23 1961.

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 312  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 112 265

**Section 2**

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	310	312	2	Open stratum in conglomerate.
2				
3				
4				
5				

**Section 3**

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>2 7/8 in</u>			0	<u>315</u>	<u>315</u>	None	292	312.

**Section 4**

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received 1961 SEP 13 AM 8:16

File No. E-1036 Use domestic Location NDON. 7E. 27 121

LOG OF WELL

Section 6

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness In Feet	Depth in Feet	
			From	To
Surface Soil.		10	0	10
Clay.	BROWN	35	45	97
Limestone.	Grey	52	97	97
Shale and Lime Boulders.		13	97	110
Limestone.	Grey	45	110	156
Shale.	Yellow	5	160	160
Limestone.	Grey	15	175	175
Shale.	Yellow	5	180	180
Shale.	Red	35	215	215
Shale (hard).	Brown	68	283	283
Demented Conglomerate		29	312	312
		13	325	312

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

*D. C. Korman*  
Well Driller



PROOF OF COMPLETION OF WELL

Permit No. E 1036

1. Name of Water Right Owner Howard Calkins  
Mailing address P.O. Box 388  
City and State Edgewood, New Mexico 87015

2. Permit is for Commercial from shallow ground water.  
(supplemental well, change location of well) (artesian or shallow)

3. Description of well:  
Located in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 27 Twp. 10N Rge. 7E N.M.P.M., or Tract No. 1-2  
of Map No. NA of the NA District; total depth, 325 feet; is well cased Yes;  
outside diameter of top casing (or hole, if uncased) 6 5/8 inches; if artesian, is well equipped with gate  
valve NA; date drilled September 19 61; Name of driller C. C. Denisson

4. Record of Pumping Test, if made (to be supplied by person or firm making test); Name and address of  
person making test, Unknown;  
date of test NA 19 NA; depth to water before test, NA feet NA land surface,  
(above, below)  
and pumping level during test, NA feet; length of test, NA hours; average discharge, NA G.P.M.;  
specific capacity of well, NA gals./min. per foot of drawdown.

5. Permanent Pump Equipment:  
(a) Description of pump: Make Universal; Type Submersible;  
size of discharge 1 1/4 inches; if turbine type, give size of column, NA inches; diameter of  
bowls NA inches; number of bowls NA; length of suction pipe 320 feet; total length of  
column, bowls and suction pipe NA feet; if centrifugal type, give size of pump NA inches;  
if other type, describe Universal Submersible Pump;  
rated capacity of pump (if known), 25 G.P.M., at NA rev. per min., from a depth of 320 feet.

(b) Description of power plant: Make Electric; Type Central N.M. Electric Co-op, Inc, In  
rated horsepower (if available) 5; type of drive connection to pump direct  
(direct, gearhead, or belt)

(c) Actual discharge of pump, 20 G.P.M., at NA rev. per min., from a depth of 320 feet;  
Date of test 4/15 1976

6. If reservoir is used, give approximate size: length NA feet; width NA; depth NA

7. If above well replaced an old well to be plugged or abandoned, fill out the following: the well abandoned  
is located in the NA 1/4 NA 1/4 NA 1/4 of Sec. NA, Twp. NA, Rge. NA

Describe plugging method NA  
Name of plugging contractor NA

8. Well Record filed with State Engineer's Office Yes  
(Yes or No)

I, Howard Calkins, affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge  
and belief and that I am the sole owner and holder of said water right.  
(sole, partial, agent for, etc.,)

Howard Calkins, Permittee  
Howard Calkins  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE  
ALL: 41

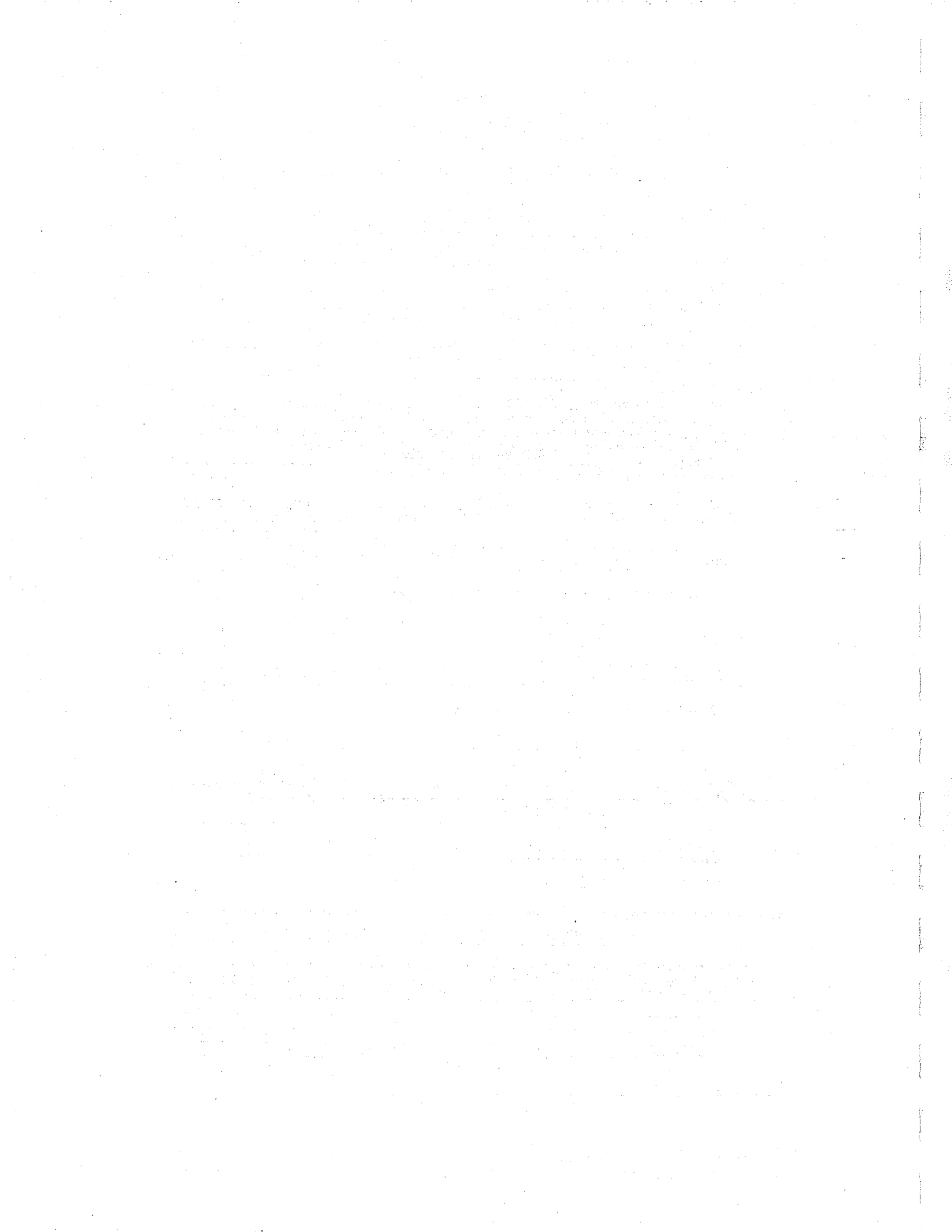
STATEMENT OF STATE ENGINEER'S REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I have inspected the above well and find it constructed in accordance with the conditions  
of the permit. Note any exceptions This Proof of Completion of Well is accepted  
without benefit of field check by State Engineer personnel.

Well was producing \_\_\_\_\_ gpm against a \_\_\_\_\_ head of \_\_\_\_\_ feet at \_\_\_\_\_ rpm.  
(measured) (estimated)

Old well has been \_\_\_\_\_  
(plugged) (capped) (retained for other rights)

By: C. R. Connaughton  
Title: Asst. Eng.  
Date: 6-14-76



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Howard Collins Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State NEWTON, N.C.

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-1036-S and is located in the:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27 Township 10N Range 7W N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Book 10 County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor H. Addison License No. 497  
Address South route, Tigawood, N.C. 87015

Drilling Began 5-3-76 Completed 5-7-76 Type tools rotary Size of hole 8 1/2 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 340 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 290 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
30 1/2	34 1/2	3 1/2	broken limestone	150

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
65/8	108 wall		0	340	20		30	340

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address ALBION, N.C.  
Plugging Method STANDARD METHOD  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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State Engineer Representative

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-1036-S Use 2219-Supp. Location No. 101.76.27 121



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## Section 1

(A) Owner of well Ray Cassett  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Edgewood State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. 1-1107 and is located in the  
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 23 Twp. 10 N Rge. 7 E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Dannison Cont. License No. 1249  
 Street and Number Box 91  
 City Stanley State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced Oct. 23 19 65  
 Drilling was completed Nov. 2 19 65


(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 220  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 184

## Section 2

### PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	196	210	14	Broken Limestone
2				
3				
4				
5				

## Section 3

### RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12 1/2	1	18	0	220	221	None	194	20

## Section 4

### RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

## Section 5

### PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

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File No. 1107 Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 10N 7E 23



**WELL RECORD**

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Wally Bassett, May  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Edgewood State New Mexi  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E1107S and is located in the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Rge. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Cont. Inc. License No. 49  
 Street and Number Box 91  
 City Stanley State New Mex.  
 Drilling was commenced April 10 19 71  
 Drilling was completed July 25 19 71

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 309  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 184

Section 2

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	218	235	17	Lime
2	265	300	35	Lime
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12 3/4 OD	3/8 wall	FE	0	309	309	homemade	220	305

Section 4

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

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File No. E-1107-S Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 23

Section 6

LOG OF WELL

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Depth in Feet	
		From	To
topsoil	brown	5	0
boulders	grey	40	5
shale	brown	45	90
lime shale	grey	170	90
lime shale	blue	5	170
lime	grey	129	175
shale	blue	5	304

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Dennisson Contractors Inc.

Well Driller



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**Section 1**


(A) Owner of well New Mexico State Highway Department  
 Street and Number 1120 Cerrillos Road  
 City Santa Fe State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the  
 NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20 Twp. 10N Rge. 7E  
 HMSHD License No. 3194D  
 (B) Drilling Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number 1120 Cerrillos Road  
 City Santa Fe State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced January 19, 19 74  
 Drilling was completed March 20, 19 74

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level 6775.5 Total depth of well 385  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian D & A Depth to water upon completion None

**Section 2**

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1				NONE
2				
3				
4				
5				

**Section 3**

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia. in.	Threads ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
7"	20.75	none	+1	57.8	53.8	none	none	

**Section 4**

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor Not plugged, left for observation. License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6

## LOG OF WELL

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color	Type of Material Encountered
From	To			
0.0	7.0			Medium Hard Brown Stiff Clay
7.0	8.6			Sandy Clay (Considerably sandy) traces of caliche - also broken rock
9.6	23.8			Soft to Medium Hard Limestone (grey)
23.8	26.4			Yellow limey shale (soft no hyd. press.)
26.4	71.6			Hard to Medium hard grey limestone (reduced hole at 57.8' - 6 3/4")
71.6	81.2			Brownish shale and broken grey lime.
81.2	113.8			Hard grey limestone alternating layers of yellow and brown shale.
113.8	116.8			Soft to medium hard yellow-brown sandy clay
116.8	144.0			Hard grey limestone with alternating layers of yellow and brown shale - also occasional streaks of soft clay (red)
144.0	159.0			Medium hard red clay with intermittent layers of white or grey clay
159.0	165.0			Hard to medium hard grey limestone - also layers of a dark grey shale (med hard) occas. traces of red grey clay.
165.0	170.6			Alternating layers of shale (medium hard) mostly red
170.6	209.0			Hard broken grey limestone - also some shale soft to medium hard (dark grey)
209.0	244.0			Soft grey shale with layers of grey limestone - also some traces of red or brown shale.
244.0	251.5			Medium hard to hard black limestone - also layers of light grey limestone - some traces of brown shale.
251.5	285.0			Light brown limestone (hard) with layers of dark grey limestone - Lost circulation at 260' occas. layers of 6" sticky grey clay or shale.

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Well Driller:

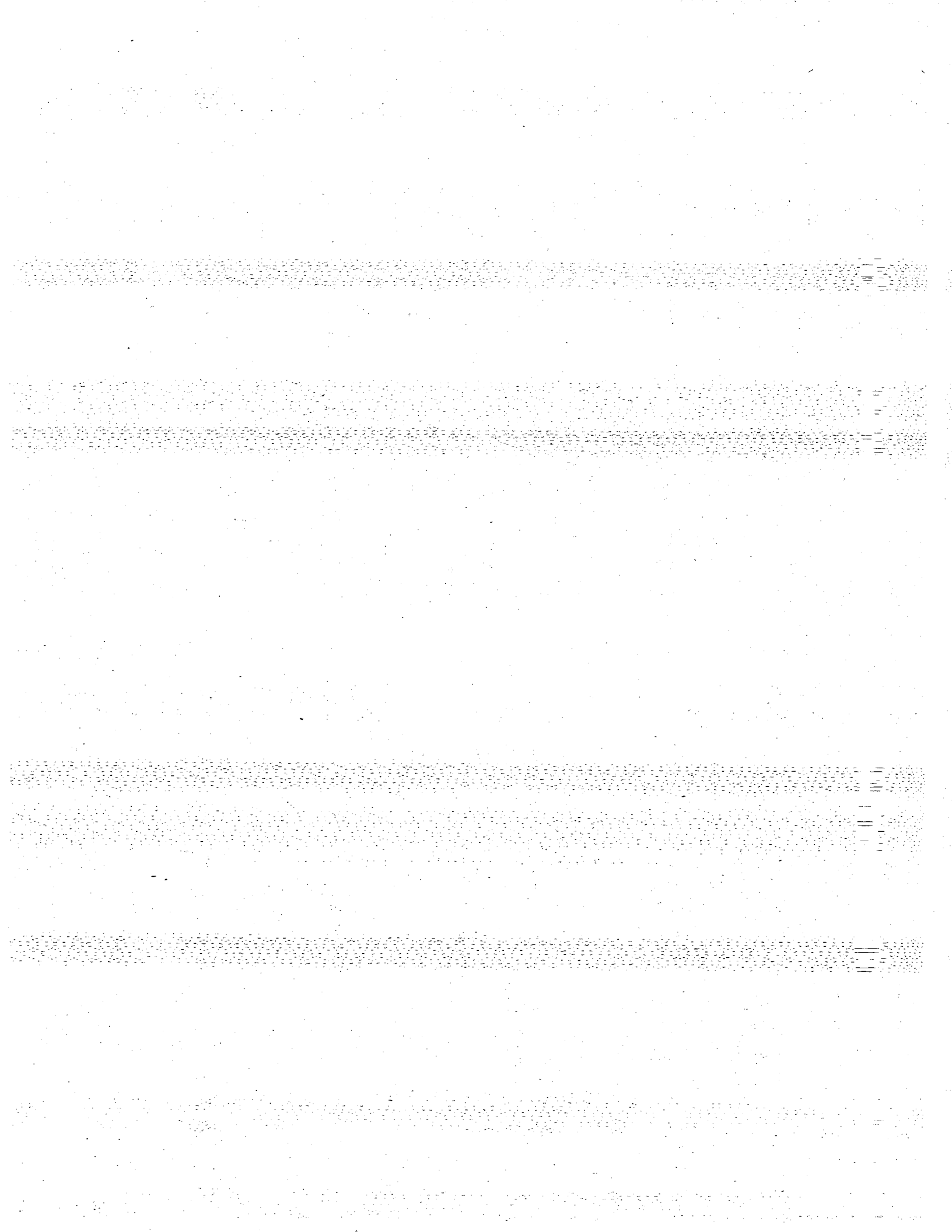
LOG OF WELL

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color	Type of Material Encountered
From	To			
251.5	285.0	33.5		Light Brown Lime Stone (Hard) with Layer → of Dark Gray Lime Stone Lost Circulation at 260' occ. Layers of 6" Sticky Grav Clay or Shale
285.0	313.0	28.0		Dark Gray Lime Stone (Hard) with Layers of Light Brown Lime Stone Also, occ. Layers of Red or Brown Shale
313.0	319.5	6.5		Light Gray Lime Stone (Med. Hard) Also Traces of Shale
319.5	325.0	5.5		Med. Soft, Gray, Sticky Clay or Shale with Alternate layers of brownish or yellow Shale
325.0	352.0	27.0		Hard to Med. Hard Gray Lime Stone with Traces of Gray Clay or Shale.
352.0	355.0	3.0		Med. Soft Gray Sand Stone with Occ. Layers of Lime Stone
355.0	385.0			Med. Hard Dark Gray and Light Gray Lime → Stone from 375.0 to 384.0 cavities tools Drop 1' to 2' Dry and Abandoned

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well

Well Driller





Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet	
	To	From

Top soil	1	0
Caliche and clay	27	1
Gravel	30	27
Caliche and clay	64	30
Sand and gravel	73	64
Clay	113	73
Sand and gravel	118	113
Clay	128	118
Sand and gravel	134	128
Clay	138	134
Broken lime	153	138
Sand, hard, tan (cemented)	158	153
Sand and gravel, tan (cemented)	172	158
Sand, tan (cemented)	190	172
Sand and red shale, hard (consolidated)	195	190
Red sand and thin red shale streaks (consolidated)	210	195
Sand (cemented)	231	210
Lime, hard, sandy	233	231
Sticky red clay (red beds)	234	233
Red conglomerate	237	234
Red sandstone, hard	250	237

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*J. W. ...*  
Driller

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PROOF OF COMPLETION OF WELL

Permit No. E-2057

1. Name of Water Right Owner City of Moriarty, New Mexico
Mailing address P. O. Drawer 130
City and State Moriarty, New Mexico 87035

2. Permit is for appropriation from shallow ground water.
(supplemental well, change location of well) (artesian or shallow)

3. Description of well:
Located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, of Sec. 23 Twp. 9N Rge. 8E N.M.P.M., or Tract No.
of Map No. of the District; total depth, 250 feet; is well cased yes;
outside diameter of top casing (or hole, if uncased), 16 inches; if artesian, is well equipped with gate
valve; date drilled March 19 74; Name of driller Rodgers & Co., Inc.

4. Record of Pumping Test, if made (to be supplied by person or firm making test); Name and address of
person making test, Clarence Rodgers, 2615 Isleta Blvd., SW, Albuquerque, NM;
date of test April 19 74; depth to water before test, feet below land surface,
and pumping level during test, 163 feet; length of test, 12 hours; average discharge, 200 G.P.M.;
specific capacity of well, 2.35 gals./min. per foot of drawdown.

5. Permanent Pump Equipment:
(a) Description of pump: Make REDA; Type Submersible turbine;
size of discharge 4 inches; if turbine type, give size of column, 4 inches; diameter of
bowls 6 5/8 inches; number of bowls 4; length of suction pipe 200 feet; total length of
column, bowls and suction pipe 204 feet; if centrifugal type, give size of pump inches;
if other type, describe;
rated capacity of pump (if known), 200 G.P.M., at 3450 rev. per min., TDH

(b) Description of power plant: Make REDA; Type Electric;
rated horsepower (if available) 15; type of drive connection to pump direct
(direct, gearhead, or belt)

(c) Actual discharge of pump, 200 G.P.M., at 3450 rev. per min., TDH
Date of test 19

6. If reservoir is used, give approximate size: length feet; width; depth

7. If above well replaced an old well to be plugged or abandoned, fill out the following: the well abandoned
is located in the 1/4 1/4 1/4 of Sec., Twp., Rge.

Describe plugging method
Name of plugging contractor

8. Well Record filed with State Engineer's Office Yes
(Yes or No)

I, ARTHUR J. STUART, affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge
and belief and that I am the AGENT owner and holder of said water right
(sole, partial, agent for, etc.,)

City of Moriarty, New Mexico permittee
By: Arthur J. Stuart

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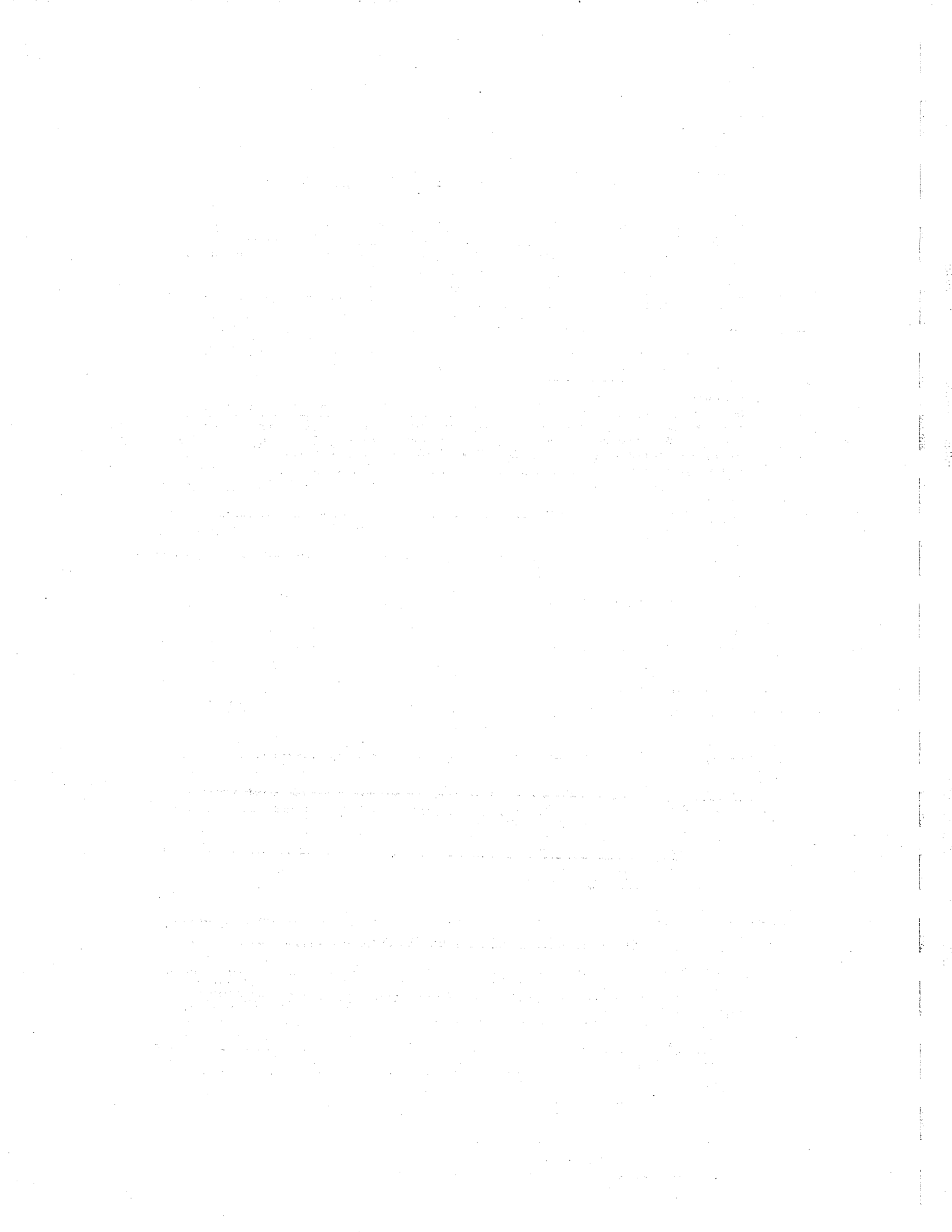
STATEMENT OF STATE ENGINEER'S REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I have inspected the above well and find it constructed in accordance with the conditions
of the permit. Note any exceptions This Proof of Completion of Well is hereby
accepted for filing without benefit of field check by the State
Engineer personnel.

Well was producing gpm against a head of feet at rpm.
(measured) (estimated)

Old well has been (plugged) (capped) (retained for other rights)

By: C. R. Connaughton
C. R. Connaughton
Title: Geologist
Date: January 16, 1979





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Section 1


(A) Owner of well TOWN OF MORIARTY  
 Street and Number Recreation Area  
 City Moriarty State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-890 and is located in the  
 SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14 Twp. 9N Rge. 8E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Cecil Kellogg License No. W.D. 192  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Moriarty, State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced 8/17 (Sept. 17) 19 59  
 Drilling was completed 9/22 (Sept. 22) 19 59

(Plat of 840 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 182 ft.  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 57 ft

Section 2

#### PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	60	65	5	<u>Fine Sand</u>
2	95	101	6	<u>Sand Gravel</u>
3	120	182	60	<u>Sand Gravel</u>
4				
5				

Section 3

#### RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>7" OD</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Welded</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>120</u>
							<u>140</u>	<u>182</u>

Section 4

#### RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

#### PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

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LOG OF WELL

Section 6

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Depth in Feet	
		From	To
Dirt	SOIL	4	4
Caliche	White	56	60
Fine Sand	Gray	5	65
Caliche	White	30	95
Sand & Gravel		6	101
Conglomerate		19	120
Sand & Gravel		60	182

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

W. H. L. Wells  
Well Driller

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Town of Moriarty  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Moriarty State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-917 and is located in the  
Yale Avenue between blk 19 & 20 Irvin Addition  
1/4 1/4 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Rge. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Dan Pino License No. D-98  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Moriarty State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced Feb. 10, 19 60  
 Drilling was completed Feb. 19, 19 60

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 125\*  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 50 ft.

Section 2 PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	60	65	5	Sand
2	100	110	10	Sand & Gravel
3				
4				
5				

Section 3 RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6	1	P.E.	0	125	125	none	95	125

Section 4 RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5 PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

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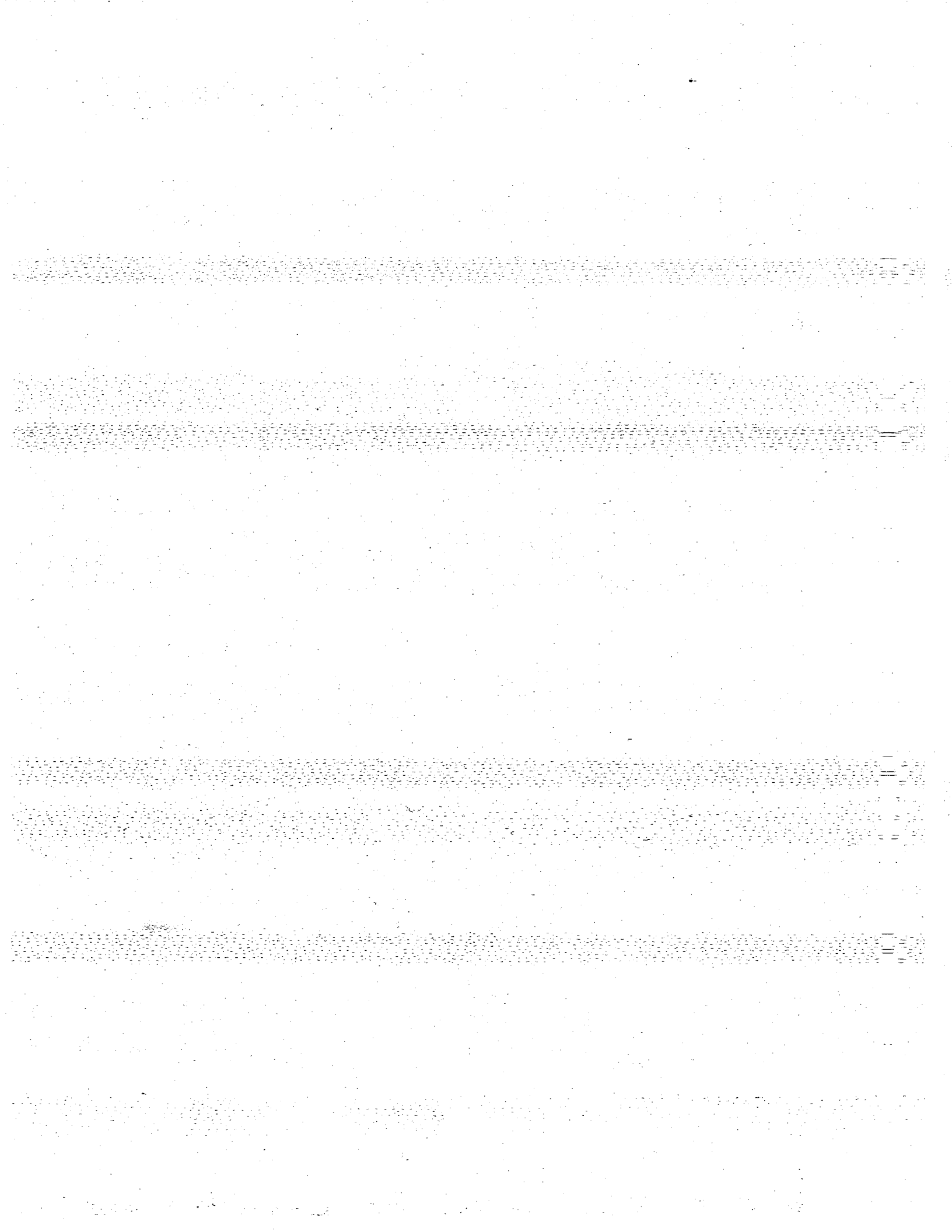
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LOG OF WELL

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness In Feet	Depth in Feet	
			To	From
Top Soil		5	5	0
Clay	Brown	55	60	5
Sandy Silt - 1st water		5	65	60
Clay	Grey	35	100	65
Sand & Gravel - 2nd water		10	110	100
Clay	Grey	10	125	110

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Don P. [Signature]  
Well Driller



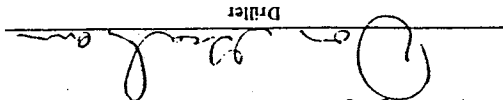
Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		To	From
Tan Sandy Clay	19	19	0
Tan Fractured Gravel	2	21	19
Tan Sandy Clay	48	69	21
Tan Sandy Clay/Sharp Gravel Stringers	9	78	69
Blue Clay	18	96	78
Tan Sandy Clay	21	117	96
Tan Sandy Sharp Gravel/Clay Stringers	29	146	117
Yellow Sand	12	158	146
Red Sandy Clay	14	172	158
Huey Tan Sandy Clay	9	181	172
Red Sandy Clay	11	192	181
Tan Sand	22	214	192
Red Fractured Sandstone	51	265	214
Red & White Limestone	12	277	265
Lost Circulation - Regained Cir. Fairly Firm Cavity 277-283	18	295	277
Red Clay	51	346	295
Red Sandstone & Clay Stringers	16	362	346
Red Hard Sandstone	8	370	362
Red Clay	4	374	370
Red Sandstone/Clay Stringers	58	432	374
Red Clay	17	449	432
Red Sandstone/Blue Limestone streaks	33	482	449
Red Clay	25	507	482
Red Sandy Shale/clay stringers	59	566	507
Red Clay	23	589	566
Sandy Shale /Clay	11	600	589

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

600 656  
 656 683  
 683 700  
 17 Red Clay  
 27 Red Sandy Shale  
 56 Red Clay

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

  
 Driller

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well City of Morristown Owner's Well No. MC 50473  
Street or Post Office Address Lawrence 130  
City and State Morristown, N.M.

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-890-5-3 and is located in the:  
a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW of Section 14 Township 9N Range 8E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Shield Drilling License No. WD-536  
Address South Pt. Edgewood N.M.  
Drilling Began Oct. 10, 1973 Completed Oct. 12, 1973 Type tools rotary Size of hole 8 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 175 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 85 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
70	170	100	gravel, boulders, clay	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 $\frac{5}{8}$	10				176		130	175
							100	20

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

State Engineer Representative

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-890-5-3 Use Irrig. Location No. 9.8.14. 334 Torrance

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet		Color and Type of Material Encountered
	To	From	
0	18	18	Brown top soil
18	20	20	White sand
20	27	27	Brown gravel clay
27	47	47	Brown clay
47	70	70	Brown clay
70	100	100	Brown gravel, sandstone, clay
100	175	175	Brown clay

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*Bob Smith*

Driller

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# WELL RECORD

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### Section 1


(A) Owner of well Town of Moriarty  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Moriarty comb. State N Mex  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. Eng-5 and is located in the  
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 14 Twp. 9N Rge. 8E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Jack & Lamb License No. W D 63  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Moriarty State N Mex  
 Drilling was commenced Mar 18 1964  
 Drilling was completed Mar 23 1964

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 150  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 60

### PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

### Section 2

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	60	150		<u>Sand beds,</u>
2				
3				
4				
5				

### RECORD OF CASING

### Section 3

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>8"</u>	<u>17 1/2</u>	<u>pipe</u>	<u>line</u>	<u>150'</u>		<u>none</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>150</u>

### RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

### Section 4

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

### PLUGGING RECORD

### Section 5

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 1964  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal

File No. E-890 & E-917-Comb. Eng. & S Use & S \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 9N.8E.14 424

Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet		Color	Type of Material Encountered
	From	To		
Top	60			
	60	150		sandy clay clay & stone, sand shell

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Well Driller

*Jack J. Smith*

WELL RECORD

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well city of Estancia  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Estancia State N Mex  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E 650 and is located in the  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 11 Twp. 6 Rge. 8  
 (B) Drilling Contractor R J Floyd License No. WD 54  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Estancia State N Mex  
 Drilling was commenced 3/3 1956  
 Drilling was completed 3/10 1956

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 110  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian \_\_\_\_\_ Depth to water upon completion 5-3

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1		72		Drilled By Virgil S White Jan 2/55
2	72	75	3	Sand
3	75	80	5	Sandy clay
4	80	85	5	Sand some water
5	85	110	25	Sand & clay

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
1 1/2	110	Welded	0	75-6	75-6		0	75-6
6.8	20	Welded	74-6	110	42-9	liner		42-9

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
**FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY**  
 Date Received March 13, 1956

File No. E-650 Use Irrigation Location No. 6.8.11.441

Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet		Color	Type of Material Encountered
	To	From		
0	72	172	Red	Drilled log - 1/2 mile
72	75	3	Red	hard
75	80	5	Red	loamly clay
80	85	5	Red	hard
85	110	25	Red	hard clay

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

*J. S. Stump*

Well Driller

## WELL RECORD

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**Section 1**


(A) Owner of well Town of Estancia  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Estancia State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. 1771-1-650 and is located in the  
NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 11 Twp. 6N Rge. 1E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Cont. Inc. License No. A-15584  
 Street and Number P.O. Box 91  
 City Stanley State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced June 19 1964  
 Drilling was completed July 20 1964

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 170' 7"  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 55'

**Section 2**

### PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	50	54	4	Sand and Gravel
2	130	140	10	Sand Gravel
3				
4				
5				

**Section 3**

### RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12" ID	27'	P.L.		170' 7"	170' 7"	None	55	170

**Section 4**

### RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

### PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 1964  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

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File No. 1771-1-650 Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 1-8-11-3771

Basin Supervisor

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Depth in Feet	
		To	In Feet
	Gravel	0	8
hard clay and Gravel	brown	8	50
sand and Gravel, water bearing	Gray	50	54
sandy clay	brown	100	54
hard sand rock	brown	130	180
hard sand rock	Gray	140	130
sand and Gravel, water bearing	Gray	140	140
hard sand rock	brown	190	140
red bed	red	185	190

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

*H. H. P. H.*  
Well Driller  
*L. W. ...*  
*by James ...*

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well City of Estancia Owner's Well No. E-18-S-3  
Street or Post Office Address, P. O. Box 166  
City and State Estancia, New Mexico 87016

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-18-S-3 and is located in the:

a. NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11 Township 6N Range 8E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor H & W Enterprises License No. WD675

Address P. O. Box 437, Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Drilling Began 07-22-77 Completed 09-28-77 Type tools Cable Size of hole 14 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 280 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 165 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
<u>154</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>40 ft.</u>	<u>Clay Gravel-Sand</u>	<u>250</u>
		<u>Well Screen-</u>	<u>10" Telescope 304 Standard</u>	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>14"</u>	<u>54 lbs.</u>	<u>P/E</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>P/E</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>194</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_

Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

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Date Received 9-21-78

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-18-S-3 Use Municipal Location No. 6N.8E.11 320 (Torrance)

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*Tom Hall*  
 Driller

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet
	From	To	
Gravel & Rock	0	15	15
Brown Clay	15	65	50
Brown Clay, Gravel, Water in hole up to 51'	65	70	15
Clay, Gravel	70	80	10
Gravel (cement Rock)	80	120	40
Clay Gravel	120	150	30
Cement Rock	150	175	25
Clay Gravel	175	182	8
Cement Rock	182	187	5
Cement Rock with Clay Strands	187	200	13
Brown Clay	200	204	4
Cement Rock & Clay	204	206	2
Cement Rock	206	214	8
Red Clay	214	264	50
Hard Cement Rock	264	280	16



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well City of Estancia Owner's Well No. E-18  
Street or Post Office Address P. O. Box 166  
City and State Estancia, New Mexico 87016

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-18 and is located in the:

- a. SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11 Township 6N Range 8E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor H & W Enterprises License No. W0675  
Address P. O. Box 437, Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Drilling Began 10-04-77 Completed 10-19-77 Type tools Cable Size of hole 14 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 158 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 75 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
<u>118</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>40 ft.</u>	<u>Fine Sand, Gravel, Clay</u>	<u>150</u>
			<u>Well Screen- 10" Telescope- 304 Standard</u>	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>14</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>158</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY

Date Received 9-21-78

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-18 Use Municipal Location No. 6N.3E.11.240 (Torr.)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. 87003  
18 SEP 21 11:21 AM '78



**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

(A) Owner of well Town of Estancia Owner's Well No. E-18  
 Street or Post Office Address Box 116  
 City and State Estancia, New Mexico

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-18 and is located in the:

- a. 11  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11 Township 6N Range 8E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Verol New Drilling License No. LD6C8  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Began 9/21/78 Completed 11/14/78 Type tools cable Size of hole 16-13-1/2 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6200 ft. Total depth of well 350 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 37 ft.

**Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
70	90	20	pink clay/lg. gravel/sand	
105	125	20	red sand/lg. white rock	
145	155	10	red sand rock	
				500

**Section 3. RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
14	.250	welded	0	128	128	none	0	128
10	.250	welded	0	248	248	none	0	248
8	.250	welded liner	237	231	64	none	237	301

**Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

**Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD**

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.  
 Date Well Plugged STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

**FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY**

Date Received **November 22, 1978**

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-18 Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 6N.8E.11.420

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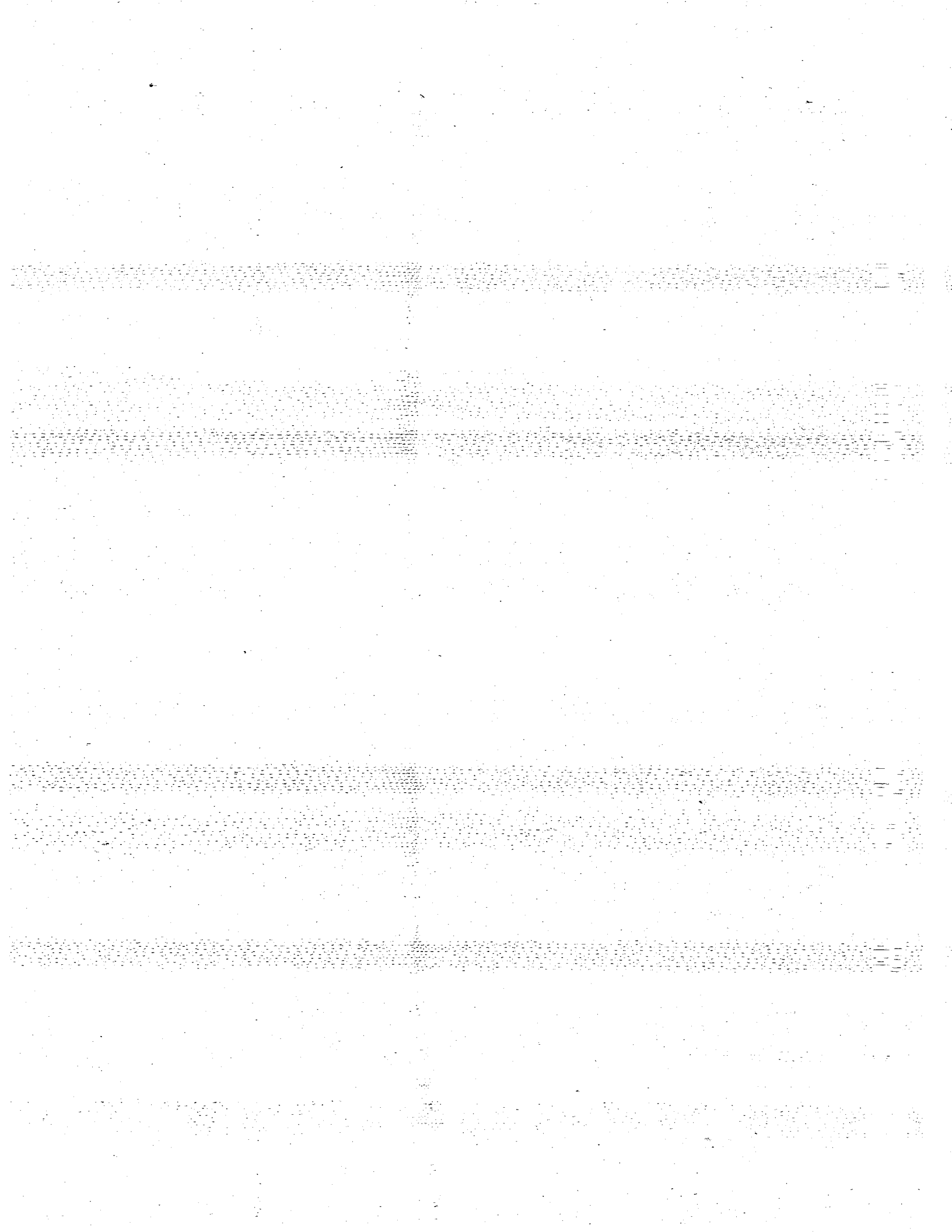
*Walter C. Miley*  
 Driller

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

This hole was so covey and muddy it was very difficult to determine water strata and formation changes.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From	Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
5	10	5	top soil
10	20	10	white sandstone
15	35	15	pink clay
35	50	15	rock/clay mix (pink)
50	70	20	white calciche
70	80	10	pink clay/level/water
80	90	10	red clay/sand/water
90	105	15	brown sand/water
105	130	25	red sand/white rock/water
130	140	10	grey lime 128 to 138
140	160	20	red clay/sand rock/water?
160	180	20	red sandy shale
180	210	30	grey sandrock/red clay
215	250	35	red shale
250	270	20	blue clay
270	315	45	red sandrock/red shale
315	320	5	red sandrock
320	325	5	grey lime rock
325	350	25	grey sandrock/red clay



Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet
	From	To	
Sand	0	3	3
Sand silt blue	3	18	15
Sand and silt light blue	18	57	39
Hard gravel	57	60	3
Sandy clay	60	90	30
Sticky clay reddish brown	90	103	13
Sandy clay	103	117	14
Gravel	117	122	5
Clay	122	184	62
Conglomerate	184	193	9
Clay	193	195	2
Conglomerate very hard 197-210	195	210	15

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

SHAWROCK DRILLING COMPANY  
 Dan Laughlin  
 Harry Farnell

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Perm. Of Mountainside Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State Perm. Of Mountainside

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW of Section 31 Township 5N Range 9E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor John Purser License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Drilling Began \_\_\_\_\_ Completed 1-8-76 Type tools rotary Size of hole 4 3/4 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 306 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
* Total hole drilled for samples				

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
NONE								

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

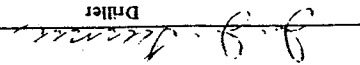
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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2380 Use Exploratory well Location No. 59.31 26.56 56

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Driller  


The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Depth in Feet	From To	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
0	55	55	gray sandy clay & clay
55	59	4	sand & gravel
59	88	29	red & gray clay
88	91	3	gravel
91	109	18	white sandy clay with little sandstone
109	110	1	sand & gravel
110	170	60	red sandy clay with spots gravel
170	176	6	red clay
176	182	6	red sandy clay with spots gravel
182	187	5	conglomerate
187	192	5	red clay with little gravel
192	210	18	conglomerate with little clay
210	213	3	One boulder
213	214	1	red sandy shale
214	216	2	yellow sandstone
216	263	47	red & yellow sandstone
263	264	1	gray lime
264	292	28	hard red sandstone
292	295	3	gray lime & shale
295	300	5	red sandstone
300	306	6	gray lime & red sandstone



### WELL RECORD

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Section 1


(A) Owner of well Village of Willard  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Rge. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (B) Drilling Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drilling was commenced 6-15-71 19\_\_\_\_\_  
 Drilling was completed 6-25-71 19\_\_\_\_\_

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 170  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 41

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	90	125	35	coral and shell layer
2	135	160	25	light gray sand and gravel
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 5/8	19	welded	0	170	170	factory		

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
61 JUL 29 9-30 AM 1971

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness In Feet	Depth in Feet	
			From	To
Topsoil	Yellow	5	0	5
Clay	Yellow	15	5	20
Sandy clay	Yellow	10	20	30
Clay and gravel	Yellow	10	30	40
Clay and gravel	red	15	40	55
Clay	red	5	55	60
Clay and gravel	red	5	60	65
Clay	red	5	65	70
Clay and gravel	red	5	70	75
Clay and gravel	red	5	75	80
Clay and gravel	red	5	80	85
Clay and gravel	red	5	85	90
Clay and gravel	red	5	90	95
Clay and gravel	red	5	95	100
Clay and gravel	red	5	100	105
Clay and gravel	red	5	105	110
Clay and gravel	red	5	110	115
Clay and gravel	red	5	115	120
Clay and gravel	red	5	120	125
Clay and gravel	red	5	125	130
Clay and gravel	red	5	130	135
Clay and gravel	red	5	135	140
Clay and gravel	red	5	140	145
Clay and gravel	red	5	145	150
Clay and gravel	red	5	150	155
Clay and gravel	red	5	155	160
Clay and gravel	red	5	160	165
Clay and gravel	red	5	165	170

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

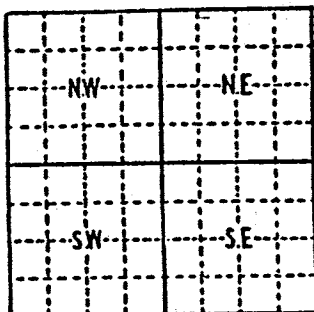
Well Driller

# WELL RECORD

File No. E-143

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Location of well in file no. 1951



Owner of well Felipe Alderete  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Office Estancia, N.M.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-143 and  
 is located in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6  
 Township 4N Range 9E  
 Drilling Contractor Ray O. Brown  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Office Estancia, N.M.

(Plat of 640 Acres)  
 Locate Well Accurately

Drilling was commenced September 1 1950 Drilling was completed September 15 1950  
 Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level 6200  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian. Artesian  
 Total depth of well 200 feet. Water level upon completion of well 35 feet below land surface.

**Sec. 2 PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No. 1, from <u>40</u> to <u>42</u> , Thickness in feet _____, Formation <u>Shale</u>
No. 2, from <u>70</u> to <u>82</u> , Thickness in feet _____, Formation <u>Coarse Gravel</u>
No. 3, from <u>82</u> to <u>180</u> , Thickness in feet _____, Formation <u>Sand and clay</u>
No. 4, from _____ to _____, Thickness in feet _____, Formation _____
No. 5, from _____ to _____, Thickness in feet _____, Formation _____

**Sec. 3 RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter in Inches	Founds per Foot	Threads per Inch	Name of Manufacturer	Feet of Casing	Type of Shoe	Perforated		Purpose
						From	To	
18	55	0	0	118	0	40	118	

**Sec. 4 RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Diameter of Hole in Inches	Number of Sacks of Cement	Methods Used	Specific Gravity of Mud	Tons of Clay Used

**Sec. 5 PLUGGING RECORD OF OLD WELL**

Well is located in the \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_  
 Range \_\_\_\_\_ Name of plugging contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was plugging approved by Artesian Well Supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_

Cement plugs were placed as follows:

No. 1 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

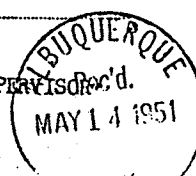
No. 3 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

No. 5 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

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FILED MAR 30, 1951  
 OFFICE ARTESIAN WELL SUPERVISOR  
 ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO



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# WELL RECORD

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**Section 1**


(Plat of 640 acres)

(A) Owner of well Breedlove Enterprises, Inc  
 Street and Number Box 109  
 City Willard State N.M.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-907 and is located in the  
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 7 Twp. 4N Rge. 9E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor H.M. Marlow License No. WA 168  
 Street and Number Box 66  
 City Marionville State N.M.  
 Drilling was commenced Aug 1 1959  
 Drilling was completed Aug 9 1959

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 158  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 40' 6"

**Section 2**

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	50	90	40	Sand + Gravel
2	130	158	28	Sand + Gravel
3				
4				
5				

**Section 3**

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
10				158			58	158

**Section 4**

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

STATE ENGINEER, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.  
Basin Supervisor

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AUG 21 1959

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

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*A.M. Maxwell*  
Well Driller

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness In Feet	Depth In Feet	
			To	From
Soil		4	4	0
Caliche		16	20	4
Coarse		30	50	20
Sand + gravel		40	90	50
Red sandy shale		40	130	90
Sand + gravel		28	158	130

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**Section 1**

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(A) Owner of well Edwin F Woods  
 Street and Number 4848 Southern Ave S.E  
 City Albuquerque State New Mex.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E 1075 and is located in the  
1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 5 Twp. 4N Rge. 9E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor J.O. Shield License No. WD 140  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Estancia State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced Sept 30 1965  
 Drilling was completed Oct 27 1965

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 180 ft.  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian Shallow Depth to water upon completion 41 ft

**Section 2**

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	38	44	6	Coarse sand and gravel
2	66	75	9	sand and gravel
3	95	117	22	fine sand and gravel
4	167	180	13	fine sand and gravel
5				

**Section 3**

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
1 1/2		Welded	1	137	137		40	137
1 1/4		Welded	130	180	50		130	180

**Section 4**

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY  
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
 DISTRICT 1  
 STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

Basin Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received Nov 18 10 27 AM '65

File No. E-1075 Use Irrigation Location No. 4N 9E 5

WELL LOG

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Driller \_\_\_\_\_

Well Driller  
*Ernest Sheld*

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described well.

Type of Material Encountered	Color	Thickness In Feet	Depth in Feet	
			From	To
Top Soil		3	3	
Clay		14	17	3
Clay		21	38	17
Sand and gravel carrying water		6	44	38
Red clay		22	66	44
Medium and coarse sand carrying water		9	75	66
Red shale		20	95	75
Sand and gravel carrying water		22	117	95
Gray shale		50	167	117
Sand and gravel carrying water		13	180	167

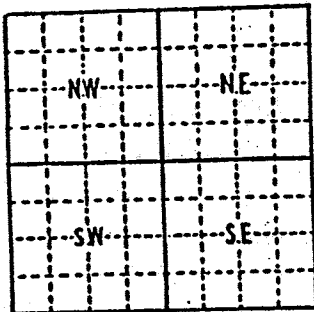


# WELL RECORD

File No. E-155

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FEB 12, 1951  
STATE ENGINEER



Owner of well Leo Koger  
 Street and Number 525 N. W. 5th Street  
 Post Office Tulia, Texas.  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-155 and  
 is located in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6  
 Township 4 N., Range 9 E.  
 Drilling Contractor Tulia Drilling & Pump Service, Leo Koger, owner  
 Street and Number 525 N. W. 5th St.

(Plat of 640 Acres)  
Locate Well Accurately

Post Office Tulia, Texas  
 Drilling was commenced Oct. 25, 1950. Drilling was completed Dec. 17, 1950

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian. shallow  
 Total depth of well 150 feet. Water level upon completion of well \_\_\_\_\_ feet below land surface.

**Sec. 2 PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**  
 No. 1, from 50 to 57, Thickness in feet 7, Formation soft sand  
 No. 2, from 90 to 95, Thickness in feet 5, Formation Gravel sand  
 No. 3, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, Thickness in feet \_\_\_\_\_, Formation \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 4, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, Thickness in feet \_\_\_\_\_, Formation \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 5, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, Thickness in feet \_\_\_\_\_, Formation \_\_\_\_\_

**Sec. 3 RECORD OF CASING**

Diameter in Inches	Pounds per Foot	Threads per Inch	Name of Manufacturer	Feet of Casing	Type of Shoe	Perforated		Purpose
						From	To	
				NONE				IRRIGATION

**Sec. 4 RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Diameter of Hole in Inches	Number of Sacks of Cement	Methods Used	Specific Gravity of Mud	Tons of Clay Used

**Sec. 5 PLUGGING RECORD OF OLD WELL**

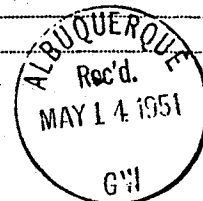
Well is located in the \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_  
 Range \_\_\_\_\_ Name of plugging contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Was plugging approved by Artesian Well Supervisor?

Cement plugs were placed as follows:

No. 1 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 2 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 3 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 4 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 5 was placed at \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Number of sacks of cement used \_\_\_\_\_

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**WELL RECORD**

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**Section 1**


(A) Owner of well Torrance County Land & Livestock Company  
 Street and Number P. O. Box 1738  
 City Roswell State New Mexico  
 Well was drilled under Permit No. E-518 and is located in the  
 SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7 Twp. 4N Rge. 9E  
 (B) Drilling Contractor J. D. Gibson License No. WD-327  
 Street and Number Route 2, Box 264-A  
 City Roswell State New Mexico  
 Drilling was commenced June 8 1967  
 Drilling was completed June 14 1967

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 190  
 State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 57

**Section 2**

**PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA**

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1	Cleaned & Deepened from			
2	145	154	sand	
3	154	187	sand & gravel	
4	187	190	blue clay	
5				

**Section 3**

**RECORD OF CASING**

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
Run	55 feet of 12 1/2 liner top of Line 145.							

**Section 4**

**RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING**

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

**Section 5**

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor

**FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY**

Date Received 10:35 AM 5-11-67

File No. E-578 Use irrig Location No. 4N 9E 7

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

TO ENLARGE AREAS OF USE OF UNDERGROUND WATERS  
 To Appropriate the Underground Waters of the State of New Mexico

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ File No. E-2298 thru E-2298-S-30

1. Name of applicant T. C. Horton Family

Mailing address NSR 2 Box 150

City and State Edgewood, New Mexico 87015

2. Source of water supply Shallow Water Aquifer located in Estancia Basin  
 (artesian or shallow water aquifer) (name of underground basin)

The applicant is permitted for a diversion of 2615.7 acre-feet per annum for the purpose of providing water for domestic, light commercial, housing subdivisions, agricultural and related purposes in sections 1,2,3,11,12,13,14,15,23,24,25, T10N, R6E: sections 19, 20,22,23,24,25,26,28,29,34,35,36, T11N, R6E: sections 3,4,5,6,7,8,19,30,31, T10N, R7E: sections 19,20,21,22,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35, 14,15, T11N, R7E: the San Pedro Grant in Bernalillo County: NMPM and adjacent areas if service is not available

The applicant has applied for an additional 1600 acre-feet of water to serve an additional area of enlargement of use to include Sections 21, 27, 32, 33, T11N, R6E: Sections, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, 27, 35, 36, T10N, R6E: Section 12, T10N, R5E: Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, T9N, R6E: Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, T9N, R7E NMPM in Bernalillo and Torrance Counties and adjacent areas if service is not available for domestic, light commercial, housing subdivisions agricultural and related purposes.

Permitted wells include the following:

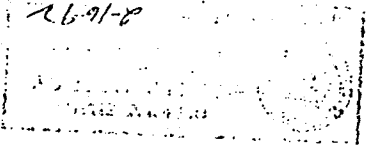
Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
E-2298	NW1/4NW1/4	20	11N	7E
E-2298-S	W1/2NW1/4NE1/4	19	11N	7E
E-2298-S-2	NW1/4NW1/4	20	11N	7E
E-2298-S-3	SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	28	11N	7E
E-2298-S-4	NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-5	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	32	11N	7E
E-2298-S-6	NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	28	11N	7E
E-2298-S-7	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	32	11N	7E
E-2298-S-9	NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-10	NE1/4	4	10N	7E
E-2298-S-11	S1/4SE1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-12	W1/4	20	11N	7E
E-2298-S-13	SW1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-14	N1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-15	SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4	30	11N	7E
E-2298-S-16	E1/4	19	11N	7E
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E-2298-S-21	SW1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-22	NE1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-23	SW1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-24	NW1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-25	NW1/4	20	11N	7E
E-2298-S-26	SW1/4	20	11N	7E
E-2298-S-27	NE1/4	19	11N	7E
E-2298-S-28	SE1/4	19	11N	7E
E-2298-S-29	SE1/4	28	11N	7E
E-2298-S-30	NW1/4	35	11N	7E
Applied for permit				
E-2298-S-31	SW1/4NW1/4	35	11N	7E
E-2298-S-32	SE1/4NW1/4	35	11N	7E
E-2298-S-33	GOV. LOT 3	6	10N	7E
E-2298-S-34	NW1/4NW1/4	3	10N	7E
E-2298-S-35	NE1/4SW1/4	3	10N	7E
E-2298-S-36	S1/4SW1/4SE1/4	29	11N	7E
E-2298-S-37	S1/4SE1/4	30	11N	7E
E-2298-S-38	E1/4SW1/4	30	11N	7E
E-2298-S-39	E1/4NW1/4	30	11N	7E
E-2298-S-40	SE1/4	30	11N	7E
E-2298-S-41	S1/4NE1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-42	N1/4SE1/4	33	11N	7E
E-2298-S-43	S1/4SE1/4	34	11N	7E
E-2298-S-44	S1/4SW1/4	34	11N	7E

For this application the applicant proposes to increase the permitted and applied for diversions by 3000 acre-feet per annum with the addition of all recharge water rights resulting from the pumping of water from the Estancia Basin into the Sandia Administrative Basin and the addition of area of service to include: all remaining sections in Townships 9N, R5E; 9N, R6E; 10N, R5E; 10N, R6E; 11N, R6E, 11N R5E

And adjacent areas if water is not available. And sections 9, 10, 11, T10N, R7E

*T. C. Horton*

I affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that development shall not commence until approval of the permit has been obtained.



By: [Signature] Permitter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 1990.  
My commission expires 3-16-92  
[Signature] Notary Public

Number of this permit

ACTION OF STATE ENGINEER

After notice pursuant to statute and by authority vested in me, this application is approved provided it is not contrary to the decision of any other authority having authority further provided that all rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the drilling of wells be complied with, and further subject to the following conditions:

This application is hereby denied for the reason that applicant has not provided plans for expanding the place of use of water produced from wells E-2298 et al., including projected water requirements at projected system intervals, or for system segments, and a schedule for the development of systems phased or coordinated for the accomplishment of beneficial use within a reasonable period of time; furthermore, applicant has not provided a method or mechanism for calculating the amounts, timing and disposition of such waters that could be reasonably expected to be returned to the same underground reservoir from which said waters originated; moreover, there is no data available to the State Engineer to indicate that water sold by applicant for distribution through waterworks under other ownerships remains a commodity over which the applicant retains jurisdiction for the purpose of claiming return flow credit.

Proof of completion of well shall be filed on or before N/A, 1990.  
Proof of application of water to beneficial use shall be filed on or before N/A, 1990.

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of June, A.D., 1993.

David L. Martinez, State Engineer

By:

INSTRUCTIONS

This form shall be executed, preferably typewritten, in triplicate and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50.00. Each of triplicate copies must be properly signed and witnessed. A separate application for permit must be filed for each well used.

Secs. 1-4—Fill out all blanks fully and accurately.

Sec. 5—Irrigation use shall be stated in acre feet of water per annum to be applied on the land. If for municipal or other purposes, state total quantity in acre feet to be used annually.

Sec. 6—Describe only the lands to be irrigated or where water will be used. If on unsurveyed lands describe by legal subdivision "as projected" from the nearest government survey corners, or describe by metes and bounds and tie survey to some permanent, easily located natural object.

Sec. 7—If lands are irrigated from any other source, explain in this section. Give any other data necessary to fully describe water right sought.

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Applicant hereinbelow summarizes its existing permits and applications including the present application. Applicant has a existing permit E-2298 through E-2298-5-29 issued by the New Mexico State Engineer for the consumption of 2,615.7 acre feet of water dated May 15, 1986. Applicant filed application E-2298-5 thru E-2298-S-44 for a permit to consume an additional 1,600 acre feet of water on December 30, 1988. The present application entitled E-2298 thru E-2298-S-44 Enlarged, filed October 30, 1990 is for a permit to appropriate and consume an additional 3,000 acre feet of water beyond that already permitted and applied for. The total amount of water to be consumed, both permitted and applied for, is 7,215.7 acre feet per annum. Applicant requests the State Engineer recognize a return flow credit of 80 percent which will result in a total diversion of 36,078.5 acre feet per annum.

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE  
DISTRICT 1  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.





STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Roy C. Horton, T. C. & Rita S Horton Owner's Well No. 1723-S-2  
Street or Post Office Address NSR Box 150  
City and State Edgewood, New Mex. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. Exploratory # E2936 and is located in the:

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 Township 10N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia Drilling License No. WD 539  
Address Star Route Pox 327, Tijeras, New Mex.

Drilling Began April 15, 1970 Completed May 22, 1970 Type tools Rotary Hammer Size of hole \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
Elevation of land surface or 6615 at well is 6615 ft. Total depth of well 448 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 206 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
333	448		Fissured limestones, sandstones & Conglomerates	500

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8"			0	415	415		305	415

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged 90 : 11 : 71  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

State Engineer Representative

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Date Received July 10, 1979 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2936-Explore Use Exploratory Location No. 10.7.4 NE SE NE

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Driller

Air Line @ 378'  
 Pump In-take supply pipe 3" to meter and valve  
 Inlet to pump 392'  
 Pump is of insufficient size to achieve a drawdown when pumping @ 97.77 gpm for 24 hrs.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	Depth in Feet	
		To	From
Tan	25	0	25
Tan	5	25	30
Tan	15	30	45
Tan	15	45	60
Tan	20	60	80
Tan	10	80	90
Tan	10	90	100
Tan	5	100	105
Tan	5	105	110
Tan	5	110	115
Tan	15	115	130
Tan	15	130	145
Hard Gts. Non-s.	3	145	148
Tan	7	148	155
Tan	20	155	175
Tan	5	175	180
Tan	5	180	185
Tan	10	185	195
Tan	10	195	205
Clay	10	205	215
Clay	8	215	223
Clay, Limestone, Gravel	8	223	231
Clay	2	231	233
Limestone	10	233	243
Clay & Large Sandstone Cuttings	10	243	253
Dark Brown	2	253	255
Solst (dyke?)	2	255	257
Clay & Large Brown Sands	3	257	260
Solst (dyke?)	3	260	263
Clay & Large Brown Sands	3	263	266
Dark Red	11	266	277
Clays with Large Sand Crystals	11	277	288
Clay	8	288	296
Shales & Yellow Sandstones	8	296	304
Red	2	304	306
Green Clay,	2	306	308
Clay, Grey & Yellow Sandstone Cuttings	2	308	310
Rusty Yellow	8	310	318
Sandstone cuttings	8	318	326
Black	5	326	331
Clay & Limestone	5	331	336
Black	20	336	356
Shale	20	356	376
Clay & Brown Sandstone Cuttings	5	376	381
Brown	5	381	386
Clay & Brown Sandstone Cuttings	5	386	391
Grey	5	391	396
Sandstone Cuttings	5	396	401
Black	3	401	404
Shale & Black Sandstone Cuttings	3	404	407
Grey	7	407	414
Clay & Black Sandstone Cuttings	7	414	421
Grey	5	421	426
Clay	5	426	431
Shale	8	431	439
Red	8	439	447
Clay	6	447	453
Tan	6	453	459
Clay	4	459	463
Red	4	463	467
Clay	2	467	469
Limestone--First Water	2	469	471
Grey	2	471	473
Plasure--Lost Circulation	2	473	475
Grey	2	475	477
Plasure--Lost Circulation	2	477	479
Grey	2	479	481
Plasure--Lost Circulation	2	481	483
Grey	2	483	485
Plasure--Lost Circulation	2	485	487
Tan	8	487	495
Conglomerates, Fractured Limestone (Good water)	8	495	503
Tan	5	503	508
Limestone	5	508	513
Tan	5	513	518
Sandstone	16	518	534
Green	16	534	550
Lost Circulation--no cuttings	16	550	566
Very Dense Formation	448	566	1014

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well ROY HOLTON Owner's Well No. 1  
Street or Post Office Address 845 S. W. 10th Ave  
City and State MIAMI, FLORIDA

Well was drilled under Permit No. E 1723 and is located in the:  
a. SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3 Township 10N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor SANDA WELL DRILLING License No. LD 641  
Address PO 593 CUTLER CREST  
Drilling Began \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Type tools REVERSE Size of hole 6 1/2 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 400 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 730 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>6</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>377</u>				
<u>4</u>			<u>730</u>	<u>400</u>				

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Drilling Contractor ALBINO MEXICO  
Address 30110 SW 11th Ave  
City and State MIAMI, FLORIDA  
Method    
Well Plugged    
approved by: 90:114 24 MAY 87  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

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Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Philip B. Horton Owner's Well No. E-2575 Expl 1  
Street or Post Office Address P.O. Box 145  
City and State Edgewood, NM 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-2575- Explor-1 and is located in the:  
a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W~~1~~ SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE of Section 29 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia Drilling License No. WD-539  
Address ST. RT. box 327 Tijeras, NM 87059

Drilling Began 4-8-82 Completed 4- Type tools R tary Size of hole 645 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 305 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
305	330	25	black shael	less than $\frac{1}{2}$ gal min

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
			NO CASING		NO CASING			

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 11-22-82

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2575-Explor-1 Use Exploratory Location No. 11N.7E.20.110 (T)

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*Raymond A. ...*  
Driller

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From	Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
16	60	54	Heavy Gray Limestone
60	80	20	Gray shale
80	105	25	purple clay
105	123	18	yellow clay
123	150	27	red clay
150	165	15	red shale
165	170	5	gray limestone
170	191	21	gray shale
191	194	3	black shale
194	205	11	gray shale
205	212	7	yellow sand
212	215	3	yellow clay
215	239	24	purple shale or purple sand stone
239	250	11	red shale
250	253	3	gray limestone
253	258	5	black shale
258	259	1	red shale
259	266	7	limestone
266	300	34	lenses of black gray sand stone
300	330	30	black shell water
330	332	2	red shale
332	340	8	limestone
340	350	10	black shell
350	355	5	limestone
355	390	40	limestone
390	420	30	black shale
420	445	25	black spotted limestone
445	447	2	black shale
447	451	4	gray limestone
451	459	8	light gray limestone
459	460	1	br wn shale
460	480	20	dark gray limestone
480	486	6	brwn sandy shale
486	500	14	gray limestone
500	515	15	black shale
515	530	15	limestone
530	550	20	black shale
550	553	3	limestone
553	559	4	black shale
559	588	29	light gray limestone
588	590	2	black shale
590	630	40	light gray limestone
630	640	10	black shale
640	645	5	light gray limestone

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Roy Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address 4825 Palmdale NE  
City and State Albuquerque, New Mexico

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-1723-S-3-Explor and is located in the:

a. NW ¼ NE ¼ NE ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section 4 Township 10N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
b. Estancia Underground Water Basin  
Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Lloyd Scott License No. WD 506  
Address 1205 California, NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Drilling Began 11/1/78 Completed 11/3/78 Type tools Rotary Rig Size of hole 5 3/4 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 130 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
310	320	10	lime stone	Unknown
320	330	10	white sand	"

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received November 14, 1978 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-1723-S-3-Explor Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. 10N.7E.4.122

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*[Signature]*  
Driller

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From	Depth in Feet		Color and Type of Material Encountered
	To	Thickness in Feet	
0	10	10	Brown sandy clay
10	135	125	Brown gravel & boulders
135	160	25	Red shale
160	195	35	Green shale
195	210	15	Red shale with sand streaks
210	215	5	Brown gravel
215	225	10	Red shale
225	245	20	Green hard sand
245	300	15	Gray shale
300	305	5	Gray lime stone
305	310	5	Red shale
310	320	10	Gray limestone
320	330	10	Gray white sand



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

E-22280-C  
1/1/1911

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T.C. Horton & Rita S. Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address 4512 Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, New Mex

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the:

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE of Section 28 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor W.H. Atkinson License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Began \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Type tools Rotary Size of hole \_\_\_\_\_ in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 420 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 275 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	3.2	3.2	Black shale
3.2	6.0	2.8	Black shale
6.0	7.1	1.1	Black shale
7.1	8.0	0.9	Black shale
8.0	9.0	1.0	Black shale
9.0	10.0	1.0	Black shale
10.0	11.0	1.0	Black shale
11.0	12.0	1.0	Black shale
12.0	13.0	1.0	Black shale
13.0	14.0	1.0	Black shale
14.0	15.0	1.0	Black shale
15.0	16.0	1.0	Black shale
16.0	17.0	1.0	Black shale
17.0	18.0	1.0	Black shale
18.0	19.0	1.0	Black shale
19.0	20.0	1.0	Black shale
20.0	21.0	1.0	Black shale
21.0	22.0	1.0	Black shale
22.0	23.0	1.0	Black shale
23.0	24.0	1.0	Black shale
24.0	25.0	1.0	Black shale
25.0	26.0	1.0	Black shale
26.0	27.0	1.0	Black shale
27.0	28.0	1.0	Black shale
28.0	29.0	1.0	Black shale
29.0	30.0	1.0	Black shale
30.0	31.0	1.0	Black shale
31.0	32.0	1.0	Black shale
32.0	33.0	1.0	Black shale
33.0	34.0	1.0	Black shale
34.0	35.0	1.0	Black shale
35.0	36.0	1.0	Black shale
36.0	37.0	1.0	Black shale
37.0	38.0	1.0	Black shale
38.0	39.0	1.0	Black shale
39.0	40.0	1.0	Black shale

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

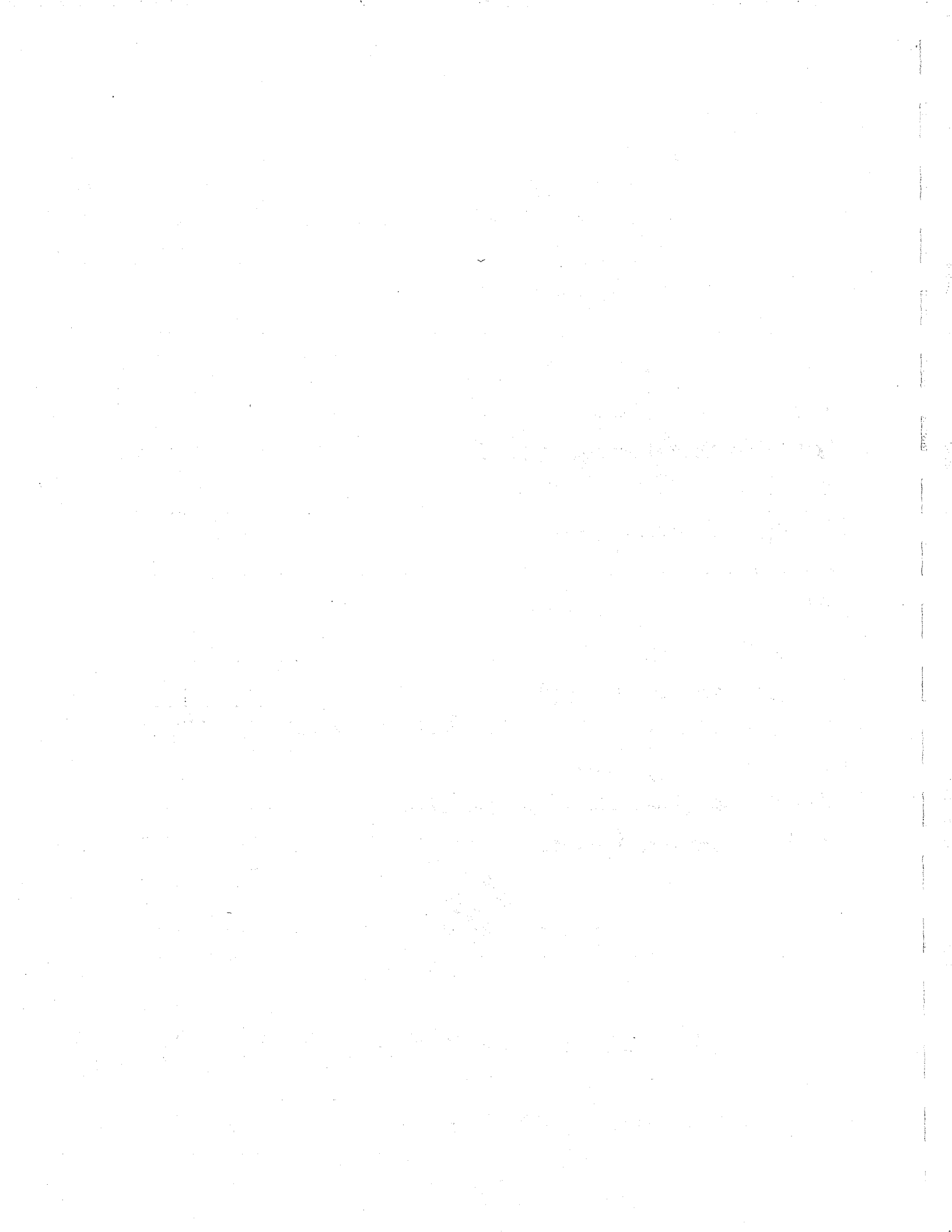
Driller

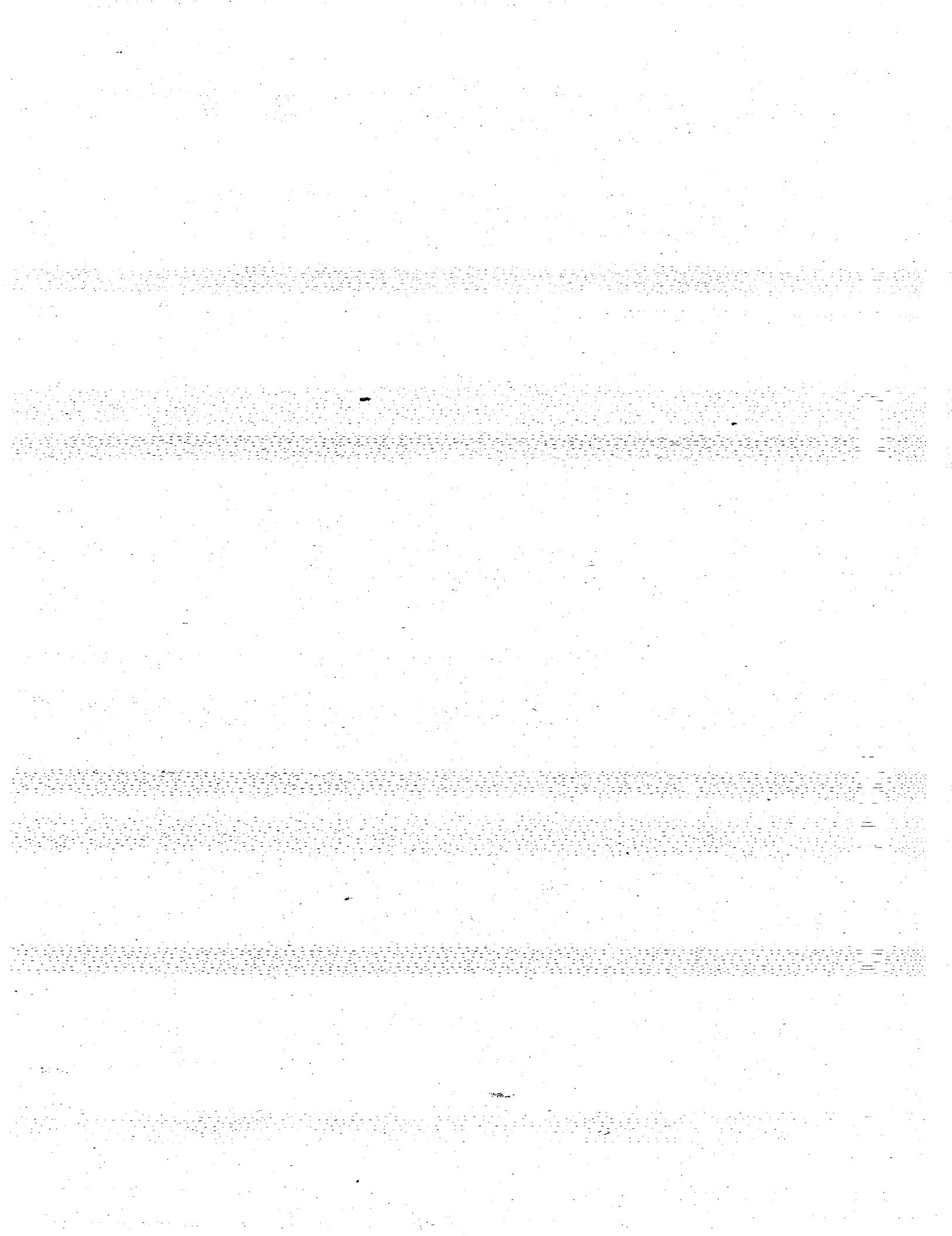
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- 0 32 Brown clay 275' to Water
- 32 - 67 Brown Gray lime 145' feet to Water
- 67 - 71 Blue lime 420" Total Depth of Well
- 71 89 Gray shale
- 89 101 yellow clay
- 101 119 Gray Brown lime
- 119 141 Gray shale
- 144 164 Red + Gray shale
- 164 220 Red shale
- 222-241 yellow shale
- 241-260 Gray shale
- 260-292 Gray shale
- 292-314 Gray lime
- 314 - 328 Gray shale
- 328-354 Gray shale + streaks lime
- 354-387 Gray lime
- 387-401 Fractured shale lime
- 401-420 Gray lime

water at 294  
 354  
 391

Mr. Scott called and said Do not  
 use muretic acid on plastic casing  
 it will build up to much heat.  
 Use Dry Acid





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Dennisson Contractors, Inc.

Driller

*Henry J. Dennisson*

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Depth in Feet	To	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
0	2	2	Thin sandy clay
2	3	1	Thin sandy clay
3	5	2	Thin sandy clay
5	11.5	6.5	Thin sandy clay
11.5	13.8	2.3	Thin sandy clay and boulders
13.8	14.7	0.9	Thin sandy clay
14.7	15.6	0.9	Thin sandy clay
15.6	18.9	3.3	Thin sandy clay
18.9	19.0	0.1	Thin sandy clay
19.0	20.2	1.2	Thin sandy clay
20.2	21.0	0.8	Thin sandy clay
21.0	22.0	1.0	Thin sandy clay
22.0	20.3	1.7	Thin sandy clay
20.3	33.5	13.2	Thin sandy clay
33.5	35.5	2.0	Thin sandy clay
35.5	37.8	2.3	Thin sandy clay
37.8	38.0	0.2	Thin sandy clay
38.0	39.5	1.5	Thin sandy clay
39.5	39.7	0.2	Thin sandy clay
39.7	40.5	0.8	Thin sandy clay
40.5	41.5	1.0	Thin sandy clay
41.5	50.1	8.6	Thin sandy clay
50.1	57.0	6.9	Thin sandy clay
57.0	57.9	0.9	Thin sandy clay
57.9	57.9	0	Thin sandy clay
57.9	57.9	0	Thin sandy clay
57.9	62.5	4.6	Thin sandy clay

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WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton & Rita Horton Owner's Well No. E-2298-S-3  
 Street or Post Office Address NSR Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, New Mexico 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. #2298-S-3-Explore and is located in the: Now used under Permit E-2298-S-3

a. NE $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Contractors, Inc. License No. WD 49

Address PO Box 91 Stanley, New Mexico 87056

Drilling Began Dec. 78 Completed Sept 79 Type tools Cable Size of hole 10 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6640 ft. Total depth of well 567 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 334 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
315	326	11	Limestone	17
420	435	15	Limestone with quartz	30
460	567	107	Limestone with quartz	100

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 5/8	-	-	0	465	466	none	310	330
							410	465

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				
					DISCREETIVE

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received December 19, 1979

Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2897 Use Explore Location No. 4422, T11N, R7E, Sec. 28

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet	
	To	Thickness in Feet
0	287	287
Remmed (drilled by Jewel Atkinson pre-basin and abandoned by atkinson)	315	28
Blue Shale	315	28
Limestone Gray	326	11
Blue Shale	420	94
Limestone with quartz	435	15
Blue-black shale	460	25
Limestone with quartz	567	107

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Originally drilled by J Atkins (287' @ 1972)  
 Formation seems to be laying flat. Hit water at 315'-water rose to 190' then caved in.  
 Ran in casing to shut off cavein. Second water @ 420 water level 360'  
 Picked up more water at 460' and had same type of material to 567'-mostly Limestone (water level rose to 345) Now 334'  
 Water at 315 sealed off

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Driller

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 State Engineer. All sections, except Section 5, shall be answered as completely and accurately as possible when any well is  
 reported or deepened. When this form is used as a planning record only, Section 11 and Section 5 need be completed.



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton & Rita Horton Owner's Well No. E-2298-S-3  
Street or Post Office Address NSR Box 150  
City and State Edgewood, New Mexico 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. #2298-S-3-Explore and is located in the:

a. NE 1/4 1/4 NE 1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 1/4 SE 1/4 1/4 of Section 28 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Contractors, Inc. License No. WD 49

Address PO Box 91 Stanley, New Mexico 87056

Drilling Began Dec. 78 Completed Sept 79 Type tools Cable Size of hole 10 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6640 ft. Total depth of well 567 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 334 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
315	326	11	Limestone	17
420	435	15	Limestone with quartz	30
460	567	107	Limestone with quartz	100

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 5/8	-	-	0	465	466	none	310	330
							410	465

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Section 6. LOGS OF HOLES

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet	
	To	From

Remmed (drilled by Jewel Atkinson pre-basin and abandoned by atkinson)	287	287
Blue Shale	28	315
Limestone Gray	11	326
Blue Shale	94	420
Limestone with quartz	15	435
Blue-black shale	25	460
Limestone with quartz	107	567

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Originally drilled by J Atkins (287) 1972  
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 Water at 315 sealed off

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Driller

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address E-2298-S-3-Explor.  
City and State Edgewood, New Mexico

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE of Section 28 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Contractors, Inc. License No. WD 49  
Address P.O. Box 91, Stanley, New Mexico, 87056  
Drilling Began Oct. 78 Completed Oct. 78 Type tools Cable Size of hole 15 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 85 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
			<u>NA</u>	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				
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Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2298-S-3- Use Explore Location No. 441, T11N, R7E, Sec. 28



**STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD**

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

*Drill well in 1/2 mile well*

(A) Owner of well I.C. Horton Or Rita S. X Horton Owner's Well No. S2583  
 Street or Post Office Address NSR Box 150  
 City and State Essexwood, N.H.

Well was drilled under Permit No. S-583 F-2533 and is located in the:  
600 South of San Pedro Grant Fence & 600' East of half-mile partition fence  
 a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Garcia Drilling License No. WD-539  
 Address ST. RT. Box 327 Tijeras, N.M.

Drilling Began 12-1-77 Completed EX 12-10-77 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 1 in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6990 ft. Total depth of well 310 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 250 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
300	353	53	Decomposing brecciated quartz monzonite, dark red mud stones, vari-colored sand stones	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>6 5/8</u>	<u>188w</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>370</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			<u>16</u>
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

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 File No. 1-2298-5 (1291000) Use related FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location No. 11N.7E.19.111 (Santa Fe)

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Driller

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From Depth in Feet	To Depth in Feet	Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered	Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
				9	374
1	15	15	Brown log soil		
15	25	10	Red clay with brecciated quartz monzonitic sandstone		
25	35	10	Yellow clay with very fine breccia		
35	45	10	Light grey clays & shales with light grey quartz monzonitic breccia		
45	75	30	tan sands with quartz monzonitic breccia		
75	85	10	reddish tan soft shale with fine breccia		
85	95	10	Brown-red shale--soft		
95	105	10	Brown shale--soft		
105	115	10	Tan sands with breccia of quartz monzonitic sandstone		
115	125	10	grey & green shale		
125	145	20	Soft brown shale with Abo breccia		
145	165	20	Red & grey shales		
165	185	20	Dark red shales with Abo breccia		
185	205	20	Brownish-red shales		
205	215	10	Brown-tan shales		
215	245	30	Brown clay with breccia (blk ss, ls, Abo and stone		
245	265	20	Brown sandy clay with quartz monzonitic sands, trace of water		
265	290	25	Red & grey shales		
290	292	2	More grey than red shales		
292	298	6	Green-grey competent shales		
298	300	2	red shale & large & large brecciated sand stones		
300	353	53	Swamp breccias of quartz monzonitic, decomposing quartz monzonitic brecciated sandstones (pink, tan, brown, white, red) brecciated		
353	365	12	Sampling--1st brownish red shale, 2nd rusty-red shale, 3rd brown shale, 4th brown sandy shale, 5th red & grey shale		
365	374	9	6th dark red shale		
			no samples		

**WELL RECORD**

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T. C. Horton & Rita S. Horton Owner's Well No. B2298-58  
 Street or Post Office Address Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, New Mex. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. Started pre-basih and is located in the:

- a. NW ¼ NW ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ of Section 20 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.  
 b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
 d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor W. H. Atkinson License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Edgewood, New Mex. 87015

Drilling Began \_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Type tools Rotary Size of hole \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
 Elevation of land surface or 7040 at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 360 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 290 ft.  
 Airline measurement 299.5

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
327	360	33	Brown Sandstone/Grey & Red Shale/Granites/Gravels	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 5/8"			0	360	360		340	360

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet		Thickn in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	10	10	Red Sandy Clay
10	43	33	Boulders & Red Clay
43	73	30	Yellow Sandstone & Clay
73	138	65	Red Clay & Red Shale
138	167	29	Brown Sandstone & Clay
167	180	13	Red Clay & Red Shale
180	230	50	Yellow Sandstone
230	270	40	Yellowsandstone & Red Clay
270	327	57	Red Clay with stringers of Brown Sandstone
327	350	23	Brown Sandstone with Red & Grey Shale, Granites, Gravels
			Water hit at 345
350	360	10	Brown Sandstone/Red & Grey S <sup>h</sup> ale/Granites/Gravels

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

  
Driller

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the appropriate district office of the State Engineer. All sections except Section 7 should be answered as completely as possible.



WELL RECORD

*Original*

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the nearest district office of the State Engineer. All sections, except Section 5, shall be answered as completely and accurately as possible when any well is drilled, repaired or deepened. When this form is used as a plugging record, only Section 1A and Section 5 need be completed.

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Section 1

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton


Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_

City Edgewood State New Mexico

Well was drilled under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is located in the

SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 28 Twp. 11 Rge. 1E

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Cont., Inc. License No. 49

Street and Number Box 91

City Stanley State New Mexico

Drilling was commenced \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling was completed 5/22/21 19 21

(Plat of 640 acres)

Elevation at top of casing in feet above sea level \_\_\_\_\_ Total depth of well 385

State whether well is shallow or artesian shallow Depth to water upon completion 261'

Section 2

PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

No.	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation
	From	To		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Section 3

RECORD OF CASING

Dia in.	Pounds ft.	Threads in	Depth		Feet	Type Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>5/8 DD</u>		<u>PE</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>365</u>

Section 4

RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Diameter Hole in in.	Tons Clay	No. Sacks of Cement	Methods Used
From	To				

Section 5

PLUGGING RECORD

Name of Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Tons of Clay used \_\_\_\_\_ Tons of Roughage used \_\_\_\_\_ Type of roughage \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging method used \_\_\_\_\_ Date Plugged \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cement Plugs were placed as follows:

No.	Depth of Plug		No. of Sacks Used
	From	To	

Basin Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T.G. Horton or Rita S. Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, New Mex. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. no basin and is located in the:

- a. SE SE SE SE of Section 28 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M. 1
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Contractors Inc. License No. 49  
 Address Box 91, Stanley, New Mex.

Drilling Began \_\_\_\_\_ Completed March, 1968 Type tools spudder Size of hole \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
 Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6645 ft. Total depth of well 385 ft.  
 Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 261 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>6 5/8</u>		<u>PE</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>365</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 File No. E-2298-S-3 Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	2	2	brown topsoil
2	25	23	reddish brn-sand & gravel
25	62	37	tan sand, gravel & boulders
62	96	34	yellow clay with boulders
96	106	10	black shale
106	109	3	red clay
109	143	34	tan limestone
143	152	9	blue shale
152	163	11	purple shale
163	167	4	red conglomerate
167	180	13	purple shale
180	190	10	blue shale
190	198	8	yellow sandy clay
198	210	12	red clay
210	320	110	blue shale
320	345	25	blue lime (hole-cave)
345	365	20	white sand
365	385	20	grey sandy shale

**Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Bennison Contractors Inc.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driller

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the appropriate district office of the State Engineer. All entries except Section 5 shall be made in ink.

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T. C. Horton or Rita S. Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, New Mex. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. Not in a water district at this time and located in the: E 27 S 4

a. 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 29 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Began spring of 1972 Completed spring 1972 Type tools spudder Size of hole \_\_\_\_\_ in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 6812 ft. Total depth of well 251 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 238'11" ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
238	251	13	Precambrian wash boulders	440

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 5/8							1	22

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-2298-S-4 Use \_\_\_\_\_ Location No. \_\_\_\_\_



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address Box 150  
City and State Edgewood, NM 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5044 (Exploratory) and is located in the:  
a. 1/4 1/4 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 19 Township \_\_\_\_\_ N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in XXX Santa Fe County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD-49  
Address P.O. Box 86 Stanley, NM 87056

Drilling Began 12/28/89 Completed 01/8/90 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 7 7/8 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 500 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 342 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)	
From	To				
			NO RETURNS		

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>6 5/8</u>	<u>188</u>							
<u>Steel</u>	<u>Wall</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>Weld On</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>373</u>
							<u>407</u>	<u>417</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Received 1-18-90 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-5044-Explor Use Explor Location No. 11N.07E.19

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 ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANGE \_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T. C. HORTON FAMILY Owner's Well No. E-2298-S-12  
 Street or Post Office Address HCR 84 BOX 10505  
 City and State EDGEWOOD, NEW MEX. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. EXPLORE 4989 and is located in the: SANTA FE COUNTY

a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.

b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor FRANK DENNISSON License No. WD 49

Address PO BOX 91, STANLEY, NM 87035

Drilling Began SEPT 1989 Completed JAN 1990 Type tools SPIRIDER Size of hole 8" in.

Elevation of land surface or 7000 at well is 7000 FT. ft. Total depth of well 590 FT ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 311 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
309	323	14	SHALE & SANDROCK	
440	449	9	BROKEN LIMESTONE	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
6 7/8			500	590	590		309	339
							409	490
							500	590

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 5-15-90  
 Quad NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 File No. E-4989-EXP Use EXPLORE Location No. 11N.07E.20

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Color and Type of Material Encountered
From	To		
0	4	4	BROWN TOP SOIL
4-	30	26	TAN BOULDERS
30	160	130	SHALE & CLAY RED & MIXED COLORS
160	173	13	SANDSTONE & STREAKS OF CLAY RED
<del>173</del>	<del>175</del>	<del>2</del>	HARD
175	193	18	CLAY & SHALE RED
193	209	16	SANDSTONE
209	222	13	CLAY & SHALE
222	228	6	SANDSTONE
228	245	17	CLAY & SHALE BLUE, RED, PURPLE
245	319	74	CLAY & SHALE MIXED COLORS
319	323	4	SAND ROCK RED WATER
323	332	9	CLAY & SHALE
332	337	5	RED SAND ROCK
337	412	8+	SHALE & CLAY
412	440	28	HARD & SHARP LIMESTONE/MIXED COLORS & QUARTZ
440	449	9	LIMESTONE MIXED COLORS MAY BE WATER
440	480	31	HARD & SHARP LIMESTONE, DARK GRAY & QUARTZ
480	497	17	DARK GRAY SHALE & CLAY
497	527	30	HARD & SHARP LIMESTONE, DARK GRAY & QUARTZ
527	550	23	SHALE BLUE & BLACK
550	563	13	HARD & SHARP DARK GRAY LIMESTONE & QUARTZ
563	578	15	SHALE BLUE & BLACK
578	597		HARD DARK GRAY LIMESTONE

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Driller

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T. C. HORTON FAMILY Owner's Well No. E2298-S-1111  
Street or Post Office Address HCR 84 BOX 10505  
City and State EDGEWOOD, NEW MEX. 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5084-EXPLORE <sup>E-2298-S-27</sup> and is located in the:

- a. 1/4 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 19 Township 11 N Range 7 E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor DENNISSON License No. WD 49  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Began 8/9/90 Completed 9/21/90 Type tools Cable Size of hole 6 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is 7064 ft. Total depth of well 495' ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 368 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
<u>383</u>	<u>387</u>	<u>4'</u>	<u>limestone Red s/stone</u>	<u>30</u>

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
<u>6 5/8</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>		<u>450</u>	<u>350</u>

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
<u>1</u>			
<u>2</u>			
<u>3</u>			
<u>4</u>			

Date Received 10-15-90 FOR USE OF STATE ENGINEER ONLY  
Quad N10°N14' FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
File No. E-5084-EXPL Explor 11N.07E.19

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*[Signature]*  
Driller

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
Back at 95 ft and 147 ft

From	To	In feet	Description
0	4	4	Top soil
4	70	66	Tan sandy clay
70	154	84	Red clay
154	175	21	Light Red clay
175	185	10	Light Brown clay
185	217	32	Red clay
217	262	45	Purple-grey clay
262	264	2	Red sand stone
264	290	26	Brown clay
290	327	37	Red clay
327	334	7	Tan clay
334	365	31	Red clay
365	390	25	Limestone Red sand stone
390	417	27	Grey shale
417	420	3	Red clay
420	427	7	Red grey clay
427	430	3	Grey shale
430	440	10	Red clay
440	447	7	Grey shale
447	472	25	Grey shale
472	480	8	Limestone
480	487	7	Grey shale
487	495	8	Limestone

WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Owner of well Tom Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address P.O. Box 150  
 City and State Edgewood, NM 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5041 (Exploratory) and is located in the:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD-49

Address P.O. BOX 86 Stanley, NM 87056

Drilling Began 12/11/89 Completed 12/27/89 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 11" in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 476 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 327 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
			NO RETURNS	

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 5/8"	188 Wall		0	447	447	Weld On	305	447

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 1-4-90

Quad NE<sup>4</sup>SE<sup>4</sup>SW<sup>4</sup> FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-5041-EXPLOR Use Exploratory Location No. 11N.07E.33



STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address P.O. Box 150  
City and State Edgewood, NM 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-5041 (Exploratory) and is located in the:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD-49  
Address P.O. BOX 86 Stanley, NM 87056

Drilling Began 12/11/89 Completed 12/27/89 Type tools Rotary Size of hole 11" in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 476 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 327 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)	
From	To				
			NO RETURNS		

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
8 5/8"	188 Wall		0	447	447	Weld On	305	447

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

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Date Received 1-4-90

Quad NESE<sup>4</sup> SW<sup>4</sup> FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_

File No. E-5041-EXPLOR Use Exploratory Location No. 11N.07E.33

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the appropriate district office of the State Engineer. All sections, except Section 5, shall be answered as completely and accurately as possible when any well is drilled, repaired or deepened. When this form is used as a planning record, only Section 1(a) and Section 5 need be completed.

*Robert G. Demore*  
 Engineer

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
 16' to 476' was drilled blind. (No Returns).

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Thickness in Feet	
	From	To
Top Soil	1	1
Tan Sandy Clay	21	20
Sand & Gravel	150	189
Yellow Clay	156	6
Yellow Sandstone	164	8
Gray Shale	221	57
Red Clay	245	24
Gray Shale	251	6
Green Shale	264	13
Gray Sandy Shale	274	10
Yellow Sandstone	284	10
Gray Shale	315	31
Green Limestone	316	1



WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well Tom Horton Owner's Well No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or Post Office Address 294 Broken Arrow Trail  
 City and State Edgewood, NM, 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. E-2298-S-17 and is located in the:

- a. SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 32 Township 11N Range 7E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD 49  
 Address POBox 91 Stanley, NM, 87056

Drilling Began 3-2-95 Completed 11-30-95 Type tools Cable Size of hole 18 in.

Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 602 ft.

Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 395 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
530	565	35	Sandstone	50 +

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12 3/4			0	498	500	Welded	425	495

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1			
2			
3			
4			

State Engineer Representative

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Date Received 12/1/95 Quad \_\_\_\_\_ FWL \_\_\_\_\_ FSL \_\_\_\_\_  
 File No. E-2298-S-17 Use Sub Location No. 11N.07E.32.2444

Section 6. LOG OF HOLE

Color and Type of Material Encountered	Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet
	From	To	
Brown top soil	0	3	3
Tan clay	3	35	32
Tan gravel	35	40	5
Tan clay	40	65	25
Tan gravel	65	80	15
Light tan clay	80	95	15
Tan sand	95	135	40
Tan boulders	135	136	1
Yellow clay	136	174	38
Yellow boulders	174	176	2
Red clay	176	183	7
Red boulders	183	185	2
Purple clay	185	195	10
Tan boulders	195	200	5
Grey boulders	200	205	5
Tan boulders	205	215	10
Grey shale	215	245	30
Tan boulders	245	258	13
No return - crack	258	260	2
Tan shale	260	270	10
Purple shale	270	280	10
Yellow shale	280	285	5
Tan shale	285	295	10
Tan boulders	295	310	15
Tan limestone	310	315	5
Black shale - streaks of tan limestone	315	335	20
Tan limestone	335	384	49
No return - crack	384	386	2
Tan limestone - water @ 404	386	404	18
Yellow clay and shale	404	410	6
Tan limestone - hard	410	415	5
Yellow clay and shale	415	442	27
Yellow limestone hard	442	450	8
Yellow shale	450	455	5
Grey limestone - hard	455	470	15
Blue shale	470	475	5
Purple - deep red shale	475	480	5
Grey limestone - hard	480	495	15
Blue shale	495	512	17
Grey shale	512	525	13
Brown limestone	525	530	5
Yellow sandstone - sharp and hard	530	565	35
Blue shale	565	575	10
Grey limestone - hard	575	602	27

Section 7. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing is a true and correct record of the above described hole.

*Richard J. Williams*  
 Driller

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be executed in triplicate, preferably typewritten, and submitted to the appropriate district office of the State Engineer. All sections, except Section 5, shall be answered as completely and accurately as possible when any well is drilled, repaired or deepened. When this form is used as a plugging record, only Section 1a and Section 5 need be completed.

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE  
WELL RECORD

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) Owner of well T. C. Hortor Family Owner's Well No. E-2298-S-25  
Street or Post Office Address 294 Broken Arrow Trail  
City and State Edgewood, NM, 87015

Well was drilled under Permit No. Ex-5571 & E-2298-S-25 and is located in the:

- a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 Township 10N Range 7E N.M.P.M.
- b. Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Map No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision, recorded in Santa Fe County.
- d. X= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, Y= \_\_\_\_\_ feet, N.M. Coordinate System \_\_\_\_\_ Zone in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grant.

(B) Drilling Contractor Dennisson Drilling License No. WD 49  
Address P.O. Box 91, Stanley, NM, 87056

Drilling Began 6-10-93 Completed 8-4-93 Type tools Cable Size of hole 15 in.  
Elevation of land surface or \_\_\_\_\_ at well is \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Total depth of well 510 ft.  
Completed well is  shallow  artesian. Depth to water upon completion of well 308 ft.

Section 2. PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING STRATA

Depth in Feet		Thickness in Feet	Description of Water-Bearing Formation	Estimated Yield (gallons per minute)
From	To			
309	328	19	318 water - red sand - light gravel	70
403	408	5	Brown fracture - sandstone	300
424	431	7	Limestone	200
435	463	28	Brown sand - small hard gravel	200

Section 3. RECORD OF CASING

Diameter (inches)	Pounds per foot	Threads per in.	Depth in Feet		Length (feet)	Type of Shoe	Perforations	
			Top	Bottom			From	To
12			0	490	490	Weld on	290	490

Section 4. RECORD OF MUDDING AND CEMENTING

Depth in Feet		Hole Diameter	Sacks of Mud	Cubic Feet of Cement	Method of Placement
From	To				

Section 5. PLUGGING RECORD

Plugging Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging Method \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Well Plugged \_\_\_\_\_  
Plugging approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Engineer Representative

No.	Depth in Feet		Cubic Feet of Cement
	Top	Bottom	
1	490	23	
2			
3			
4			

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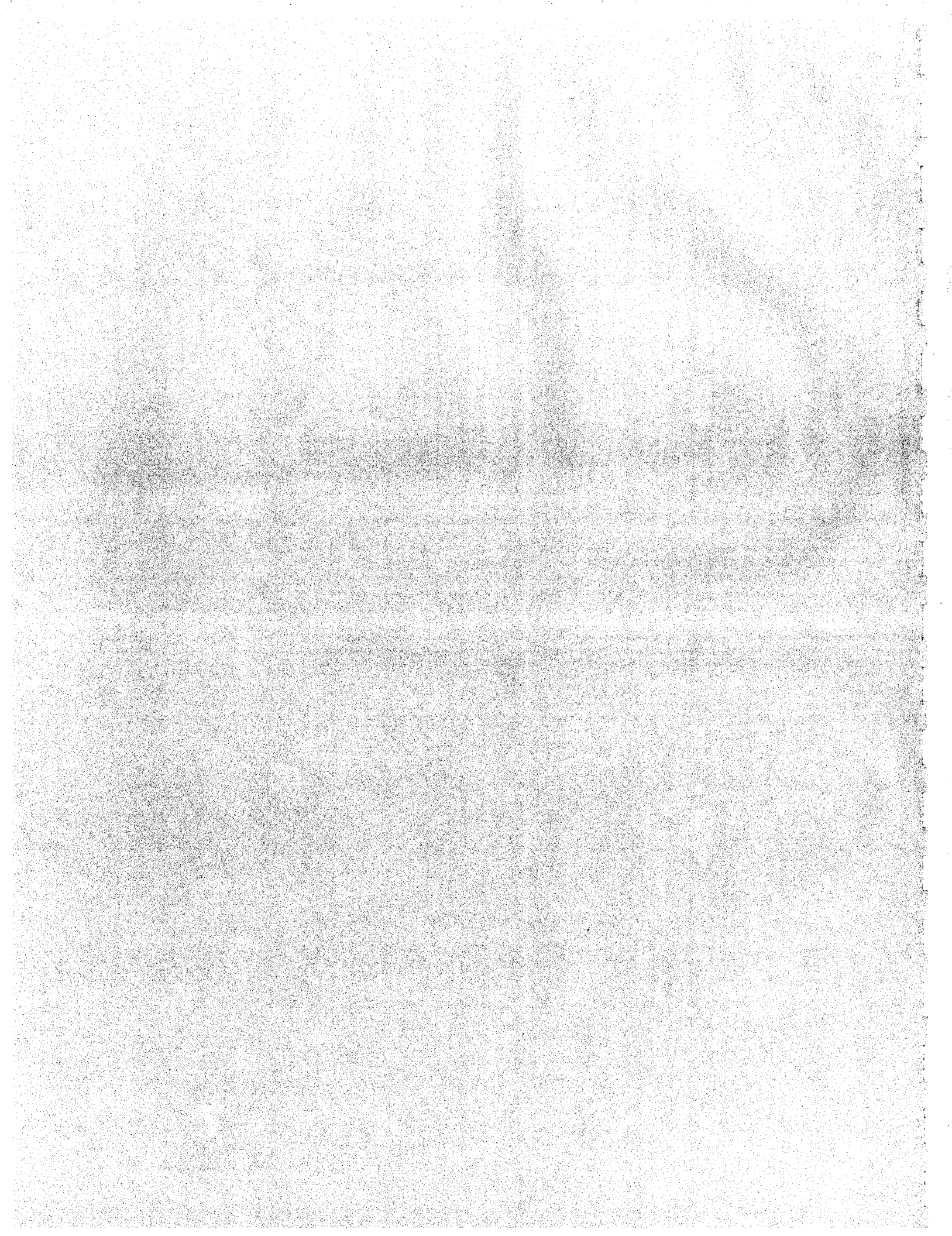
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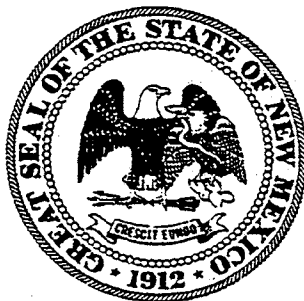


**Appendix 8.**

**Federal and New Mexico Water Quality Standards.**



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
GROUND AND SURFACE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION  
REGULATIONS  
(20 NMAC 6.2)  
AND  
UTILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION  
REGULATIONS  
(20 NMAC 7.4)



New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission  
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December 1, 1995

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contaminants specified with a definition of dissolved being that given in the publication "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Waste of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," with the exception that standards for mercury, organic compounds and non-aqueous phase liquids shall apply to the total unfiltered concentrations of the contaminants. [2-18-77, 11-17-83, 3-3-86, 12-1-95]

A. Human Health Standards-Ground water shall meet the standards of Subsection A and B unless otherwise provided. If more than one water contaminant affecting human health is present, the toxic pollutant criteria as set forth in the definition of toxic pollutant in Section 1101 for the combination of contaminants, or the Human Health Standard of Section 3103.A. for each contaminant shall apply, whichever is more stringent.

Non-aqueous phase liquid shall not be present floating atop of or immersed within ground water, as can be reasonably measured.

Arsenic (As)	0.1 mg/l
Barium (Ba)	1.0 mg/l
Cadmium (Cd)	0.01 mg/l
Chromium (Cr)	0.05 mg/l
Cyanide (CN)	0.2 mg/l
Fluoride (F)	1.6 mg/l
Lead (Pb)	0.05 mg/l
Total Mercury (Hg)	0.002 mg/l
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> as N)	10.0 mg/l
Selenium (Se)	0.05 mg/l
Silver (Ag)	0.05 mg/l
Uranium (U)	5.0 mg/l
Radioactivity: Combined	
Radium-226 & Radium-228	30.0 pCi/l
Benzene	0.01 mg/l
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's)	0.001 mg/l
Toluene	0.75 mg/l
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.01 mg/l
1,2-dichloroethane (EDC)	0.01 mg/l
1,1-dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)	0.005 mg/l
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	0.02 mg/l
1,1,2-trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.1 mg/l
ethylbenzene	0.75 mg/l
total xylenes	0.62 mg/l
methylene chloride	0.1 mg/l
chloroform	0.1 mg/l
1,1-dichloroethane	0.025 mg/l
ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.0001 mg/l
1,1,1-trichloroethane	0.06 mg/l
1,1,2-trichloroethane	0.01 mg/l
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	0.01 mg/l
vinyl chloride	0.001 mg/l



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PAHs: total naphthalene plus  
 monomethylnaphthalenes 0.03 mg/l  
 benzo-a-pyrene 0.0007 mg/l  
 [2-18-77, 1-29-82, 3-3-86, 12-1-95]

B. Other Standards for Domestic Water Supply

Chloride (Cl)	250.0 mg/l
Copper (Cu)	1.0 mg/l
Iron (Fe)	1.0 mg/l
Manganese (Mn)	0.2 mg/l
Phenols	0.005 mg/l
Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	600.0 mg/l
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	1000.0 mg/l
Zinc (Zn)	10.0 mg/l
pH	between 6 and 9

[2-18-77]

C. Standards for Irrigation Use - Ground water shall meet the standards of Subsection A, B, and C unless otherwise provided.

Aluminum (Al)	5.0 mg/l
Boron (B)	0.75 mg/l
Cobalt (Co)	0.05 mg/l
Molybdenum (Mo)	1.0 mg/l
Nickel (Ni)	0.2 mg/l

[2-18-77]

3104. DISCHARGE PLAN REQUIRED.

Unless otherwise provided by this Part, no person shall cause or allow effluent or leachate to discharge so that it may move directly or indirectly into ground water unless he is discharging pursuant to a discharge plan approved by the secretary. When a plan has been approved, discharges must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the plan. In the event of a transfer of the ownership, control, or possession of a facility for which an approved discharge plan is in effect, the transferee shall have authority to discharge under such plan, provided that the transferee has complied with Section 3111 of this Part, regarding transfers. [2-18-77, 12-24-87, 12-1-95]

3105. EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCHARGE PLAN REQUIREMENT.

Sections 3104 and 3106 of this Part do not apply to the following: [2-18-77]

A. Effluent or leachate which conforms to all the listed numerical standards of Section 3103 and has a total nitrogen concentration of 10 mg/l or less, and does not contain any toxic pollutant. To determine conformance, samples may be taken by the

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PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b>INORGANICS</b>					
Aluminum	5.0 (l)	0.05-0.2(a)			
Ammonia					30
Antimony		0.006		0.006	
Arsenic	0.1	0.05		Zero	
Asbestos-fibers/liter (longer than 10 um)		7 million		7 million	
Barium	1.0	2			
Beryllium		0.004		0.004	
Boron	0.75 (l)				0.06
Cadmium	0.01	0.005		0.005	
Chlorate					0.01
Chloride (a)	250	250			
Chlorine					1
Chlorine Dioxide					0.08
Chlorite					0.03
Chromium	0.05	0.1		0.1	
Cobalt (l)	0.05				
Copper		1.3 (AL)		1.3	
Copper (a)	1.0	1.0			
Fluoride	1.6	4.0			
Fluoride (a)		2			
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)*		15		Zero	
Gross Beta (mrem/yr)**		4		Zero	
Iron (a)	1.0	0.3			
Lead	0.05	0.015 (AL)		Zero	
Manganese (a)	0.2	0.05			
Mercury	0.002	0.002		0.002	
Molybdenum	1.0				0.05
Nickel	0.2 (l)	0.1		0.1	
Nitrate-N	10	10		10	
Nitrite-N		1		1	
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)		10		10	
pH (units) (a)	6-9	6.5-8.5			
Radium (226 & 228; pCi/L)	30	5	20	Zero	
Radon 222 (pCi/L)			300	Zero	
Selenium	0.05	0.05		0.05	
Silver	0.05	0.05			
Silver (a)		0.1			
Sodium					20
Strontium					17
Sulfate	600 (a)	250 (a)	400	400	
Thallium		0.002		0.0005	
Total Dissolved Solids (a)	1000	500			
Uranium	5.0		0.02	Zero	
Vanadium					0.02
Zinc (a)	10.0	5			

PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b><u>BENZENES</u></b>					
Benzene	0.01	0.005		Zero	
Alkyl Benzenes				1	
Toluene	0.75	1	0.04 (a)	0.7	
Ethylbenzene	0.75	0.7	0.03 (a)	10	
Xylenes	0.62	10	0.02 (a)	0.1	
Styrene		0.1			
Chlorinated Benzenes				0.1	
Chlorobenzene		0.1		0.6	
o-Dichlorobenzene		0.6		0.075	
p-Dichlorobenzene		0.075	0.005 (a)	0.07	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		0.07			0.04
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene					
Hexachlorobenzene		0.001		Zero	0.001
1,3-Dinitrobenzene					
Toluenes					0.1
o-Chlorotoluene					0.1
p-Chlorotoluene					0.002
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT)					
Phenols					4
Phenol					0.04
2-Chlorophenol					0.02
2,4-Dichlorophenol					
Pentachlorophenol		0.001		Zero	
Pentachlorophenol (a)			0.03		
Phenols (a)	0.005				
<b><u>METHANES</u></b>					
Chloromethane					0.003
Methylene Chloride	0.1	0.005		Zero	
Chloroform	0.1				
Trihalomethanes***		0.1			
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.01	0.005		Zero	
Bromomethane					0.01
Bromochloromethane					0.09
Chlorodibromomethane					0.1
Dichlorodifluoromethane					1
Fluorotrichloromethane					2
Formaldehyde					1

PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b><u>ETHANES</u></b>					
1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	0.0001	0.00005		Zero	
1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC)	0.01	0.005		Zero	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.06	0.2		0.2	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.01	0.005		0.003	
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane					0.07
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.01				
Ethylene Glycol					7
<b><u>ETHENES (ETHYLENES)</u></b>					
Vinyl Chloride	0.001	0.002		Zero	
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.005	0.007		0.007	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		0.07		0.07	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene		0.1		0.1	
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.1	0.005		Zero	
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	0.02	0.005		Zero	
<b><u>PROPANES</u></b>					
1,2-Dichloropropane (PDC)		0.005		Zero	
1,2,3-Trichloropropane					0.04
DBCP		0.0002		Zero	
Epichlorohydrin		TT		Zero	
MTBE	0.1 (a)				0.04
<b><u>POLYCYCLICS</u></b>					
Benz(a)anthracene			0.0001	Zero	
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0007	0.0002		Zero	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene			0.0002	Zero	
Benzo(k)fluoranthene			0.0002	Zero	
Chrysene			0.0002	Zero	
Dibenz(a)anthracene			0.0003	Zero	
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene			0.0004	Zero	
Naphthalene					0.3
Naphthalenes****	0.03				
PCBs	0.001				
PCBs as Decachlorobiphenyl		0.0005		Zero	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>					
Acrylamide		TT		Zero	
Acrylonitrile					0.004
Bis-2-Chloroisopropyl Ether					0.3
Chloral Hydrate					0.05
Chloramine					0.3

PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<u>MISC. CONTINUED</u>					
Cyanide	0.2	0.2		0.2	0.02
Dibromoacetonitrile					0.003
Dichloroacetic Acid					0.006
Dichloroacetonitrile					
Di(2-Ethylhexyl)Adipate		0.4		0.4	
Di(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate		0.006		Zero	
Diisopropyl Methylphosphonate					0.6
p-Dioxane					0.568 (10day)
Hexachlorobutadiene					0.001
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene		0.05		0.05	
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (a)			0.008		
n-Hexane					4.0 (7 year)
HMX					0.4
Isophorone					0.1
MEK					0.2
Nitroglycerin					0.005
Nitroguanidine					0.7
Petroleum					
Floating Product	NP				
Undesirable Odor	NP				
RDX					0.002
Trichloroacetic Acid					0.2
<u>OTHER PESTICIDES</u>					
Acifluorfen					0.1
Alachlor		0.002		Zero	
Aldicarb			0.003	0.001	
Aldicarb Sulfoxide			0.003	0.001	
Aldicarb Sulfone			0.003	0.002	
Aldrin					0.001
Ametryn					0.06
Ammonium Sulfamate					2
Atrazine		0.003		0.003	
Baygon					0.003
Bentazon					0.02
Bromacil					0.09
Butylate					0.35
Carbaryl					0.7
Carbofuran		0.04		0.04	
Carboxin					0.7
Chloramben					0.1
Chlordane		0.002		Zero	
Chlorothalonil					0.5
Chlorpyrifos					0.02
Cyanazine					0.01
2,4-D		0.07		0.07	
Dacthal					4
Dalapon		0.2		0.2	

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OTHER PESTICIDES CONTINUED

Diazinon					0.0006
Dicamba					0.2
1,3-Dichloropropene					0.01
Dieldrin					0.002
Dimethrin					2
Dinoseb		0.007		0.007	
Dioxin		0.00000005		Zero	
Diphenamid					0.2
Diquat		0.02		0.02	
Disulfoton					0.0003
Diuron					0.01
Endothall		0.1		0.1	
Endrin		0.002		0.002	
Ethylene Thiourea					0.001
Fenamiphos					0.002
Fluometuron					0.09
Fonofos					0.01
Glyphosate		0.7		0.7	
Heptachlor		0.0004		Zero	
Heptachlor Epoxide		0.0002		Zero	
Hexazinone					0.2
Lindane		0.0002		0.0002	
Malathion					0.2
Maleic Hydrazide					4
MCPA					0.011
Methomyl					0.2
Methoxychlor		0.04		0.04	
Methyl Parathion					0.002
Metolachlor					0.1
Metribuzin					0.2
Oxamyl (Vydate)		0.2		0.2	
Paraquat					0.03
Picloram		0.5		0.5	
Prometon					0.1
Pronamide					0.05
Propachlor					0.09
Propazine					0.01
Propham					0.1
Simazine		0.004		0.004	
2,4,5-T					0.07
Tebuthiuron					0.5
Terbacil					0.09
Terbufos					0.0009
Toxaphene		0.003		Zero	
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)		0.05		0.05	
Trifluralin					0.005

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PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b>INORGANICS</b>					
Aluminum	5.0 (l)	0.05-0.2(a)			30
Ammonia					
Antimony		0.006		0.006	
Arsenic	0.1	0.05		Zero	
Asbestos-fibers/liter (longer than 10 um)		7 million		7 million	
Barium	1.0	2			
Beryllium		0.004		0.004	
Boron	0.75 (l)				0.06
Cadmium	0.01	0.005		0.005	
Chlorate					0.01
Chloride (a)	250	250			
Chlorine					1
Chlorine Dioxide					0.08
Chlorite					0.03
Chromium	0.05	0.1		0.1	
Cobalt (l)	0.05				
Copper		1.3 (AL)		1.3	
Copper (a)	1.0	1.0			
Fluoride	1.6	4.0			
Fluoride (a)		2			
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)*		15		Zero	
Gross Beta (mrem/yr)**		4		Zero	
Iron (a)	1.0	0.3			
Lead	0.05	0.015 (AL)		Zero	
Manganese (a)	0.2	0.05			
Mercury	0.002	0.002		0.002	
Molybdenum	1.0				0.05
Nickel	0.2 (l)	0.1		0.1	
Nitrate-N	10	10		10	
Nitrite-N		1		1	
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)		10		10	
pH (units) (a)	6-9	6.5-8.5			
Radium (226 & 228; pCi/L)	30	5	20	Zero	
Radon 222 (pCi/L)			300	Zero	
Selenium	0.05	0.05		0.05	
Silver	0.05	0.05			
Silver (a)		0.1			
Sodium					20
Strontium					17
Sulfate	600 (a)	250 (a)	400	400	
Thallium		0.002		0.0005	
Total Dissolved Solids (a)	1000	500			
Uranium	5.0		0.02	Zero	
Vanadium					0.02
Zinc (a)	10.0	5			

PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b><u>BENZENES</u></b>					
Benzene	0.01	0.005		Zero	
Alkyl Benzenes					
Toluene	0.75	1	0.04 (a)	1	
Ethylbenzene	0.75	0.7	0.03 (a)	0.7	
Xylenes	0.62	10	0.02 (a)	10	
Styrene		0.1		0.1	
Chlorinated Benzenes					
Chlorobenzene		0.1		0.1	
o-Dichlorobenzene		0.6		0.6	
p-Dichlorobenzene		0.075	0.005 (a)	0.075	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		0.07		0.07	0.04
1,3,5-Trichlorobenzene					
Hexachlorobenzene		0.001		Zero	0.001
1,3-Dinitrobenzene					
Toluenes					0.1
o-Chlorotoluene					0.1
p-Chlorotoluene					0.002
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT)					
Phenols					4
Phenol					0.04
2-Chlorophenol					0.02
2,4-Dichlorophenol					
Pentachlorophenol		0.001		Zero	
Pentachlorophenol (a)			0.03		
Phenols (a)	0.005				
<b><u>METHANES</u></b>					
Chloromethane					0.003
Methylene Chloride	0.1	0.005		Zero	
Chloroform	0.1				
Trihalomethanes***		0.1			
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.01	0.005		Zero	0.01
Bromomethane					0.09
Bromochloromethane					0.1
Chlorodibromomethane					1
Dichlorodifluoromethane					2
Fluorotrichloromethane					1
Formaldehyde					



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OTHER PESTICIDES CONTINUED

Diazinon					0.0006
Dicamba					0.2
1,3-Dichloropropene					0.01
Dieldrin					0.002
Dimethrin					2
Dinoseb		0.007		0.007	
Dioxin		0.00000005		Zero	
Diphenamid					0.2
Diquat		0.02		0.02	
Disulfoton					0.0003
Diuron					0.01
Endothall		0.1		0.1	
Endrin		0.002		0.002	
Ethylene Thiourea					0.001
Fenamiphos					0.002
Fluometuron					0.09
Fonofos					0.01
Glyphosate		0.7		0.7	
Heptachlor		0.0004		Zero	
Heptachlor Epoxide		0.0002		Zero	
Hexazinone					0.2
Lindane		0.0002		0.0002	
Malathion					0.2
Maleic Hydrazide					4
MCPA					0.011
Methomyl					0.2
Methoxychlor		0.04		0.04	
Methyl Parathion					0.002
Metolachlor					0.1
Metribuzin					0.2
Oxamyl (Vydate)		0.2		0.2	
Paraquat					0.03
Picloram		0.5		0.5	
Prometon					0.1
Pronamide					0.05
Propachlor					0.09
Propazine					0.01
Propham					0.1
Simazine		0.004		0.004	
2,4,5-T					0.07
Tebuthiuron					0.5
Terbacil					0.09
Terbufos					0.0009
Toxaphene		0.003		Zero	
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)		0.05		0.05	
Trifluralin					0.005

## EXPLANATION FOR STANDARDS COMPARISON TABLE

### Footnotes

- The existing standard excludes radon and uranium activity. The proposed standard also will exclude Radium 226 activity.
- This standard includes photon activity and excludes Radium 228 activity.
- This standard applies to the sum of the four regulated trihalomethanes: chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform.
- This standard applies to the sum of naphthalene and monomethylnaphthalene isomers.

### Abbreviations

AL	action level that, if exceeded, requires water treatment
2,4-D	2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid
DBCP	1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane
Dioxin	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
EDB	ethylene dibromide, a synonym for 1,2-dibromoethane
EDC	ethylene dichloride, a synonym for 1,2-dichloroethane
HA	health advisory
HMX	octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
MEK	methyl ethyl ketone
mg/L	milligrams per liter
mrem/yr	millirem per year
MTBE	methyl tertiary butyl ether, a synonym for 2-methoxy-2-methyl propane (the standard includes other ether-based gasoline additives)
N	nitrogen
NP	not present
o	ortho
p	para
PCE	perchloroethylene, a synonym for tetrachloroethylene
pCi/L	picocuries per liter
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PDC	propylene dichloride, a synonym for 1,2-dichloropropane
PMCL	proposed maximum contaminant level
RDX	hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-s-triazine
TCE	trichloroethylene
TDS	total dissolved solids
2,4,5-T	2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid
2,4,5-TP	2,4,5-trichlorophenoxypropionic acid
TT	treatment technique that public water system operators must adhere to instead of a numerical standard
um	micrometer
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

## **Use and Applicability of Standards**

All New Mexico standards are enforceable, including aesthetic and irrigation standards. The aesthetic "secondary" standards of U.S. EPA are merely recommended limits.

All New Mexico standards are adopted by the N.M. Water Quality Control Commission except for the MTBE and petroleum (floating product and undesirable odor) standards which are adopted by the N.M. Environmental Improvement Board.

U.S.EPA's MCLGs are set at levels that would result in no known or anticipated adverse health effects with an adequate margin of safety. MGLGs do not take treatment costs into consideration and are not enforceable. Health-based PMCLs and final enforceable MCLs are set as close to MGLGs as feasible with use of best technology, treatment techniques and other means.

U.S. EPA's HAs serve as informal technical guidance to assist Federal, State and local officials responsible for protecting public health when emergency spills or contamination situations occur. They are not to be construed as legally enforceable Federal standards and are subject to change as new information becomes available. HAs are developed for one-day, ten-day, 7-year and lifetime exposures. All HAs listed above are for lifetime exposure unless otherwise indicated.

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

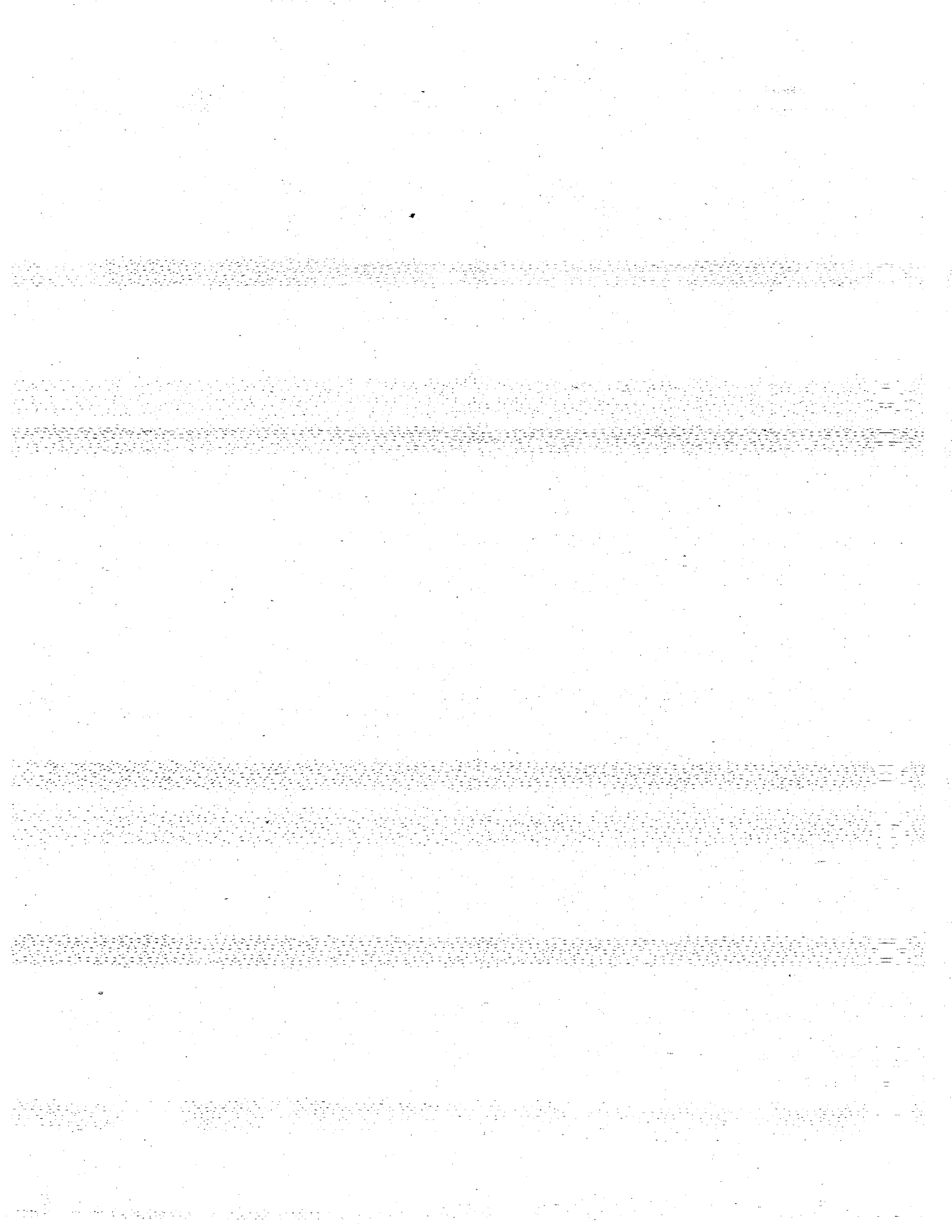
Furthermore, it highlights the need for regular audits and reviews to identify any discrepancies or areas for improvement. This process should be conducted in a systematic and thorough manner, involving all relevant departments and personnel.

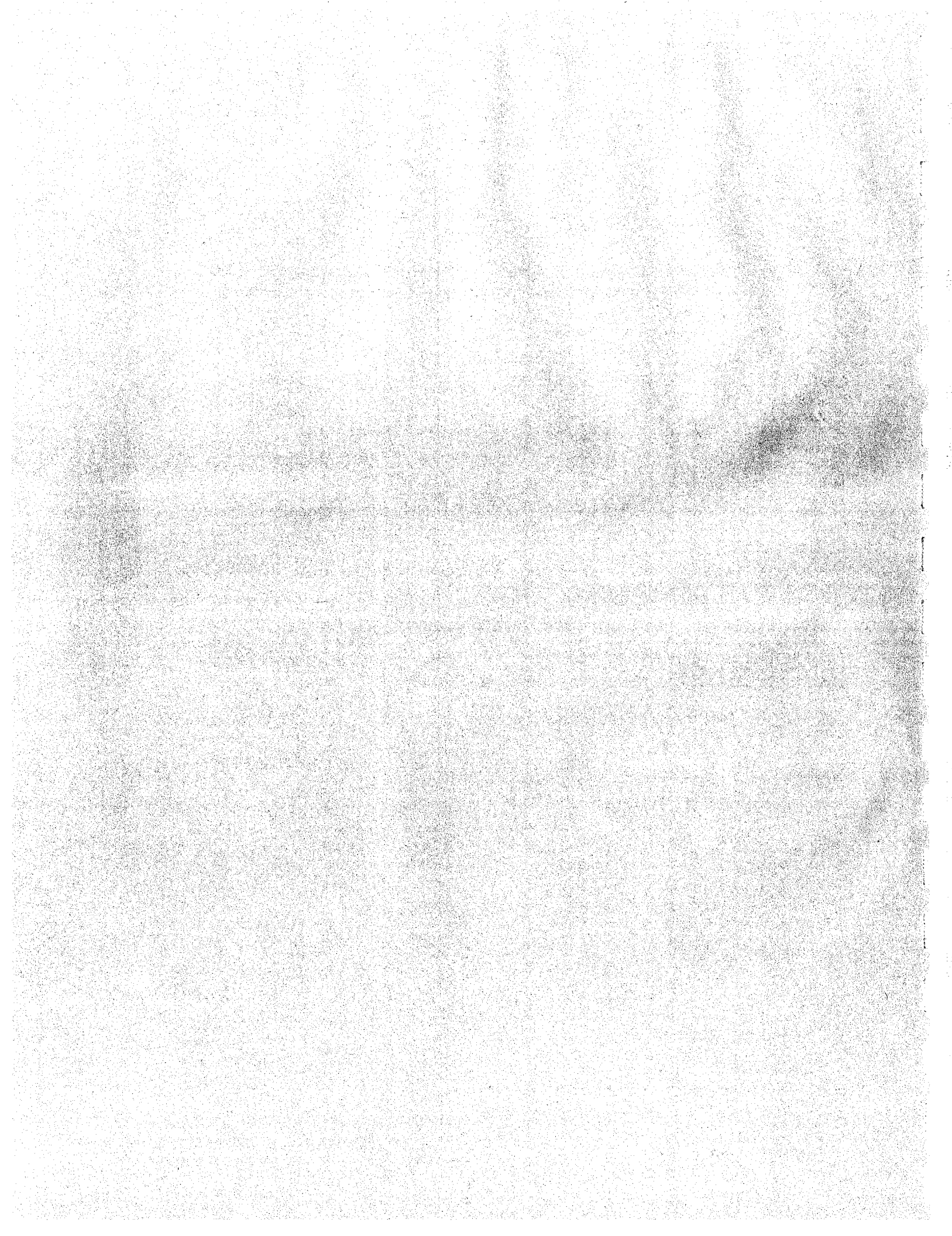
In addition, the document stresses the importance of clear communication and collaboration between all stakeholders. This includes providing regular updates and reports to the management and other interested parties, as well as being open to feedback and suggestions.

Overall, the document concludes that a strong commitment to transparency and accountability is crucial for the long-term success and sustainability of the organization.

The second part of the document provides a detailed overview of the organization's financial performance over the past year. It includes a comprehensive analysis of the income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement, along with a comparison to the previous year's results. The analysis shows that the organization has achieved a steady increase in revenue and a decrease in expenses, resulting in a significant improvement in profitability.

Key findings from the financial review include a 15% increase in total revenue, a 10% decrease in operating expenses, and a 25% increase in net income. These results are attributed to the organization's strategic focus on expanding its market reach and optimizing its operational efficiency. The document also identifies areas for future improvement, such as further streamlining the supply chain and investing in research and development to drive innovation.





**MICA MINE****Mica**

KMG Minerals, Div. of Franklin Industries, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 130, Velarde, NM 87582  
 (505) 852-2727  
 Type of Operation: Surface Mine  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900608  
 Location: Sec 24, 25 T23N R12E  
 USGS Quad: Taos  
 Mineral Estate: Private  
 Surface Estate: Same

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P.O. Box 37, Des Moines, NM 88418  
 (505) 278-2694  
 Type of Operation: Surface Mine  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900194  
 Location: SE4 Sec 19 T30N R29E  
 Directions: 5 mi N of Des Moines on Hwy 87  
 USGS Quad: Folsom  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Meridian Minerals Co.,  
 5613 DTC Parkway, Englewood, CO 80111

**MOLYCORP QUESTA MINE/MILL****Molybdenum**

Molycorp, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 469, Questa, NM 87556  
 (505) 586-0212  
 Type of Operation: Mill/Mine  
 Status: Standby  
 MSHA Number: 2901267  
 Location: T28,29N R13,14E  
 USGS Quad: Questa  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Molycorp, Inc.  
 Surface Estate: Same

□ 4

**LUCERO QUARRY****Travertine**

New Mexico Travertine  
 Box 439, Belen, NM 87002  
 (505) 864-6300  
 Type of Operation: Surface Mine  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 4,800 tons/yr  
 Location: Sec. 12,13 T5N R3W  
 Directions: 23 mi W of Belen  
 USGS Quad: Mesa Mojinas  
 Mineral Estate: Federal; BLM  
 Surface Estate: Same

○ 1

**NO AGUA MINE/MILL****Perlite**

Harborlite Corp.  
 P.O. Box 338, Antonito, Colorado 81120  
 (719) 376-5484; (719) 376-5666  
 Type of Operation: Surface Mine/Mill  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900248  
 Location: Sec 1,14,23 T29N R9E  
 USGS Quad: Questa  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Manville Sales Corporation  
 Surface Estate: Same

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**NEW MEXICO TRAVERTINE PLANT****Travertine**

New Mexico Travertine  
 Box 439, Belen, NM 87002  
 (505) 864-6300  
 Type of Operation: Mill  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 2,000 square feet/day  
 Location: Sec. 12,13 T5N R1E  
 Directions: 2 mi W of Belen  
 USGS Quad: Belen  
 NOTE: Township and Range are projected values

■ 2

**TORRANCE COUNTY****3 IN 1****Copper, Gold, Platinum, and Silver**

3 In 1 Mining Co.  
 Rt. 2, Box 76, Mountainair, NM 87036  
 Type of Operation: Surface Mine  
 Status: Under development  
 Capacity: Unknown  
 Location: Sec 35 T5N R5E  
 USGS Quad: Manzano Peak  
 Mineral Estate: Federal; Cibola National Forest  
 Surface Estate: Same

○ 1

**UNITED DESICCANTS PLANT****Clay (Calcium Smectite)**

United Desiccants-Gates  
 Box 105, Belen, NM 87002  
 (505) 864-6691  
 Type of Operation: Mill  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 16 tons/day  
 Location: T4N R2E (approx.)  
 Directions: S of Rio Communities on SR 47  
 USGS Quad: Tum  
 NOTE: Township and Range are projected.

■ 3

**UNION COUNTY****TWIN MOUNTAIN ROCK QUARRY****Scoria (Volcanic Cinders)**

Twin Mountain Rock Company

○ 1

**TAOS PIT****Gravel**

Robert Medina & Sons Concrete & Sand, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1685, Taos, NM 87571  
(505) 758-8661  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 500 tons/day  
MSHA Number: 2902050  
Location: Sec 20 T26N R11E  
Mineral Estate: Private; Robert Medina, P.O. Box  
1685, Taos, NM 87571  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 11

**LOYD'S PIT****Gravel, Rocks, Caliche, and Dirt**

Everett W. Loyd  
Loyd's Dirt and Gravel Company  
366 State Hwy 217, Tijeras, NM 87059  
(505) 281-3750  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 6,553 cu yds/yr  
MSHA Number: 2901536  
Location: Sec 7 T9N R7E  
USGS Quad: Edgewood  
Mineral Estate: Private; Everett W. Loyd  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 3

**TAOS PIT II****Sand and Gravel**

Robert Medina & Sons Concrete & Sand, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1685, Taos, NM 87571  
(505) 758-3217  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 300 tons/hr  
Location: Sec 26 T26N R12E  
Directions: Highway 64 West  
Mineral Estate: Private; Robert Medina, P.O. Box  
1685, Taos, NM 87571, (505) 758-3217  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 12

**PAUL DAVIS JR. PIT****Aggregate**

Mountain States Constructors, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6325, Albuquerque, NM 87197  
(505) 345-4401  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Intermittent; temporarily closed  
Capacity: 1,500 tons/hr  
MSHA Number: 2901823  
Location: Sec 27 T9N R9E  
Directions: 4 mi E of Moriarty on Martinez Rd., 2 mi  
S on Gutierrez  
USGS Quad: Lobo Hill  
Mineral Estate: Private; Paul Davis, Jr., P.O. Box  
366, Moriarty, NM 87035  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 4

**TORRANCE COUNTY****CANNON SAND & GRAVEL****Sand and Gravel**

Cannon Sand & Gravel  
Box 133 Moriarty, NM 87035  
(505) 832-4266  
Type of Operation: Quarry  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 2,744 cu yds/yr (1991)  
Location: E2 NW2 SE Sec 23 T8N R9E  
Mineral Estate: Federal; BLM, 435 Montano NE,  
Albuquerque, NM, (505) 761-8900  
Surface Estate: Private; Carl Cannon, Box 133,  
Moriarty, NM 87035, (505) 832-4266

◆ 1

**PEDERNAL QUARRY****Crushed Rock, Riprap**

Western Rock Products, Inc.  
P.O. Box 135, Encino, NM 88321  
(505) 888-3815  
Type of Operation: Quarry/Mill  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 700,000 tons/yr  
MSHA Number: 2901854  
Location: Sec 18 T5N R13E  
USGS Quad: Negra  
Mineral Estate: Private; Santa Fe Pacific Minerals  
Surface Estate: Same

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**DAVIS PIT****Crushed Aggregate**

Mountain States Constructors, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6325, Albuquerque, NM 87197  
(505) 345-4401  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Active  
Capacity: 3000-5000 tons/day  
Location: Sec 33 T9N R9E  
Directions: 4 mi SE of Moriarty  
Mineral Estate: Private; Shane Davis, P.O. Box  
1575, Moriarty, NM 87005, (505) 832-4293  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 2

**UNION COUNTY****AMISTAD CATTLE COMPANY****Rock and Dirt**

New Mexico State Highway and Transportation  
P.O. Box 30, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
(505) 425-7527  
Type of Operation: Pit  
Status: Temporarily closed  
Capacity: 320 tons/day  
Location: Sec 32 T30N R34E  
Mineral Estate: Private; Amistad Cattle Company  
Surface Estate: Same

◆ 1



# **MINES, MILLS AND QUARRIES IN NEW MEXICO**

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Socorro, New Mexico 87801  
(505) 835-5420

Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900047  
 Location: Sec 36 T12N R3E  
 Directions: I-25 and Tramway  
 USGS Quad: Alameda  
 Mineral Estate: Indian; Pueblo of Sandia,  
 P.O. Box 608, Bernalillo, NM 87004  
 Surface Estate: Same

**SAN FELIPE PUEBLO PIT** ◆ 9  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Corn Construction Co.  
 2701 Miles Rd, SE, Suite 175, Albuquerque, NM  
 87106  
 (505) 764-9791  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 Location: Sec 27,28,33 T14N R5E  
 USGS Quad: San Felipe Pueblo  
 Mineral Estate: Indian; San Felipe Pueblo,  
 P.O. Box A, San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87000;  
 (505) 867-3381

**SANTA ANA PIT** ◆ 10  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Western Mobile NM  
 P.O. Box 91570, Albuquerque, NM 87199  
 (505) 281-4541  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2901634  
 Location: Sec 24 T13N R4E  
 USGS Quad: Bernalillo, Placitas  
 Mineral Estate: Indian; Santa Ana Pueblo, 1000  
 Indian School, NW, P.O. Box 1667, Albuquerque,  
 NM 87103, (505) 766-3029  
 Surface Estate: Same

**SANTA FE RIVER PIT** ◆ 11  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Central Concrete Products, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 4115, Santa Fe, NM 87502  
 (505) 471-3553  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900822  
 Location: Sec 32 T16N R6E  
 Directions: In village of Peña Blanca, NM  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Nevarez C de Baca, 217  
 Mildred NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107;  
 (505) 344-6454  
 Surface Estate: Same

**WYLIE NO. 1 20/22N/1W** ◆ 12  
**Aggregate**  
 The Wylie Corporation  
 P.O. Box 3921, Albuquerque, NM 87190  
 (505) 821-3622  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Intermittent; temporarily closed  
 Location: Sec 20 T22N R1W

## SANTA FE COUNTY

**AIRPORT ROAD MINE** ◆ 1  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Associated Asphalt  
 Rt. 20 Box 29AM, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
 (505) 438-0390  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 10,000 tons/yr  
 MSHA Number: 2900821  
 Directions: Hwy 85 2.5 mi S of city limits of Santa  
 Fe west on Airport Rd  
 Mineral Estate: State; State of NM, Commission of  
 Public Lands  
 Surface Estate: Private; Española Mercantile Co.,  
 P.O. Box 38, Española, NM, (505) 753-2176

**BASSETT PIT** ◆ 2  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 High Valley Sand & Gravel  
 P.O. Box 1070, Edgewood, NM 87015  
 (505) 281-8096  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2901386  
 Location: E2 of SW4, W2 of SW4 Sec 32 T10N  
 R8E  
 Mineral Estate: Private  
 Surface Estate: Private; George Basset, Suite 500,  
 West Tower, 6400 Uptown Blvd., Albuquerque,  
 NM, (505) 881-5155

**BLOTTER CONSTRUCTION PIT** ◆ 3  
**Fill Dirt, Gravel, Base Course**  
 Blotter Construction Company  
 P.O. Box 4012, Santa Fe, NM 87502  
 (505) 989-9095  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2901961  
 Location: Sec 9 T16N R8E  
 Directions: Approximately 5 mi SW of Santa Fe at  
 the end of Airport Rd  
 USGS Quad: Agua Fria  
 Mineral Estate: Private

**CERRILLOS GRAVEL PIT** ◆ 4  
**Gravel**  
 Cerrillos Gravel Products, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 81, Cerrillos, NM 87010  
 (505) 473-4128  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 Location: Sec 8 T14N R8E  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Mr. Robert C. Aitken,  
 11321 Todd Street, Houston, TX 77055  
 Surface Estate: Same

- CERRILLOS SAND AND GRAVEL** ◆ 5  
**Riprap**  
 Becho, Inc.  
 1815 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
 (801) 973-2035  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 300 tons/day  
 MSHA Number: 2902100  
 Directions: Gravel pit road at Los Cerrillos, NM  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Cerrillos Gravel Products,  
 Inc, P.O. Box 55306, Houston, TX 77255,  
 (713) 473-7729  
 Surface Estate: Same
- EDGEWOOD PIT** ◆ 6  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Western Mobile New Mexico, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 91570, Albuquerque, NM 87199-1570  
 (505) 345-7800  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Intermittent  
 Capacity: 6000 tons/day  
 Location: SW4 NW4 Sec 35 T10N R7E  
 Directions: 1 mi E of intersection of 222 and 344 on  
 Hwy 333  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Donoovan and Josie  
 Bassett, P.O. Box 276, Wagon Mound, NM  
 87752; (505) 666-2440  
 Surface Estate: Same
- GALISTEO RIVER SAND AND GRAVEL** ◆ 7  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Galisteo River Sand and Gravel  
 HC 75 Box 34, Lamy, NM 87540  
 (505) 989-7032  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 100,000 tons/yr  
 Location: T15N R10E  
 Directions: US-285 and NM-41 SE corner  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Onderdonk Livestock Co.,  
 Philadelphia, PA  
 Surface Estate: Private; Joe and Alma Miller, HC 75  
 Box 34, Lamy, NM 87540
- LEEDER PIT** ◆ 8  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 R. L. Stacy Construction  
 P.O. Box 15147, Santa Fe, NM 87506-5147  
 (505) 473-1360  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 500 cu yds/day  
 MSHA Number: 29-01378  
 Location: Sec 1 T16N R8E  
 Directions: Lower Agua Fria at Dead Man's curve  
 Mineral Estate: State; State of new Mexico, P.O.  
 Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, (505) 827-5744  
 Surface Estate: Same
- M&R SAND AND GRAVEL** ◆ 9  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 M&R Construction  
 611 Valarde Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
 (505) 982-4174  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 2,000 tons/yr  
 Location: Sec 32 T17N R9E  
 Directions: Corner Aqua Fria  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Mike Roybal, 611 Valarde  
 St., Santa Fe, NM 87501; (505) 982-4174  
 Surface Estate: Same
- RODRIGUEZ BROTHERS INC.** ◆ 10  
**Adobe Dirt, Sand and Gravel**  
 Rodriguez Brothers Adobes  
 Rt. 6 Box 222, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
 (505) 471-3375  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Temporarily closed  
 Capacity: 500 tons/yr (combined)  
 MSHA Number: 2902085  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Rodriguez Brothers Inc., Rt.  
 6 Box 22, Santa Fe, NM 87501, (505) 471-3375  
 Surface Estate: Same
- SAN LAZARUS GULCH** ◆ 11  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Mansal Gravel Company  
 P.O. Box 12781, Jackson, MS 39236  
 (601) 981-9533  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Temporarily closed  
 Capacity: 100 yds/day  
 MSHA Number: 2902111  
 Directions: Off Old Quay Rd N of Hwy-344  
 USGS Quad: San Pedro  
 Mineral Estate: Federal  
 Surface Estate: Private
- SILICA QUEEN** ◆ 12  
**Silica from Sand**  
 Oro Mountain Mining Corp.  
 Box 421, Cedar Crest, NM 87008  
 (505) 281-2690  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Intermittent  
 MSHA Number: 29-01161  
 Location: SE4 Sec 23 T12N R7E  
 Mineral Estate: Federal; BLM, 435 Montano Rd.  
 NE, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 761-8700  
 Surface Estate: Same
- SUN AND SOIL PIT** ◆ 13  
**Base Course, Screened Sand, Top Soil**  
 Sun and Soil, Inc.  
 P.O. Box A, Edgewood, NM 87015  
 (505) 281-9006  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active

MSHA Number: 2901434  
 Location: W2 Sec 24 T10N R7E  
 USGS Quad: Edgewood  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Huston Family Trust,  
 P.O. Box A, Edgewood, NM 87015  
 Surface Estate: Same

**TOTAVI GRAVEL PIT** ♦ 14  
**Base Course, Crushed Rock, Riprap, Sand**  
 Paul Parker Construction  
 P.O. Box 459, Los Alamos, NM 87544  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2900824  
 Location: Sec 7 T19N R8E  
 USGS Quad: Puye  
 Mineral Estate: San Ildefonso Pueblo  
 Surface Estate: Same

## SIERRA COUNTY

**CUCHILLO PIT** ♦ 1  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Bartoo Sand & Gravel, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 769, T or C, NM 87901  
 (505) 894-7181  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 MSHA Number: 2901392  
 Location: Sec 21 T13S R4W  
 USGS Quad: Cuchillo  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Bartoo Sand & Gravel, Inc.  
 Surface Estate: Same

**CUCHILLO PIT** ♦ 2  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 James Hamilton Construction Co.  
 P.O. Box 1287, Silver City, NM 88062  
 (505) 388-1546  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Intermittent  
 Capacity: 500 tons/hr  
 MSHA Number: 29-02016  
 Location: SE4 SW4 Sec 17 T12S R4W  
 USGS Quad: Elephant Butte  
 Mineral Estate: Federal; BLM Las Cruces District  
 Office, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 88005  
 Surface Estate: Same

**DOOLITTLE** ♦ 3  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Sierra Valley Construction  
 P.O. Box 1089, Elephant Butte, NM 87935  
 (505) 744-5919  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Intermittent  
 Capacity: 250-300 tons/day  
 MSHA Number: 2902044  
 Location: SW4 SE4 Sec 4 T14S R4W

Mineral Estate: Private; Marshall Doolittle, T or C,  
 NM 87901; (505) 744-5919  
 Surface Estate: Same

**N.M. LAND OFFICE LEASE #20647 - SIERRA** ♦ 4  
**VALLEY CONSTRUCTION**  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 J. W. Jones Construction Co.  
 8800 Susan Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123  
 (505) 256-1561  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Closed  
 Location: Sec 16 T13S R4W  
 Mineral Estate: New Mexico State Land Office  
 Lease #20647, Sierra Valley Construction,  
 Elephant Butte, NM

**PERCHA-HILLSBORO PIT** ♦ 5  
**Sand and Gravel**  
 Johnson Construction  
 P.O. Box 848, Deming, NM 88031  
 (505) 546-3497  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Intermittent; temporarily closed  
 MSHA Number: 2901461  
 Location: Sec 17 T16S R7W  
 Directions: 1 mi W of Hillsboro  
 USGS Quad: Hillsboro  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Bason-Cox, Inc, Hillsboro,  
 NM  
 Surface Estate: Same

**STEVE BELL CONSTRUCTION CO.** ♦ 6  
**Gravel**  
 Steve Bell Construction Co.  
 P.O. Box 813, Elephant Butte, NM 87935  
 (505) 744-5576  
 Type of Operation: Quarry  
 Status: Intermittent  
 Location: Sec 15 T13S R4W

## SOCORRO COUNTY

**ARMIJO** ♦ 1  
**Aggregate**  
 Ribble Contracting, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 25423, Albuquerque, NM 87125  
 (505) 247-4313  
 Type of Operation: Pit  
 Status: Active  
 Capacity: 30,000 tons/yr  
 MSHA Number: 2901999  
 Location: Sec 33 T3S R1W  
 Mineral Estate: Private; Esequiel B. Armijo, Trustee,  
 P.O. Box 1311, Socorro, NM 87801, (505)  
 835-1476  
 Surface Estate: Same

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	Gold	Silver				
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92. Sabinoso	—	—	U (Cu, Ag)	L	Stratabound sedimentary-copper-uranium deposits in channel sandstones of the lower and middle members of the Triassic Chinle Formation.	McLemore and Menzie, 1983; McLemore and North, 1985
93. Tecolote	19	128	Cu, Pb (U)	L	Stratabound sedimentary-copper deposits in arkose and sandstone, probably of the Pennsylvanian-Permian Sangre de Cristo Formation.	Soulé, 1956; Harley, 1940; Anderson, 1957; McLemore and North, 1985
94. Willow Creek (Pecos)	172,562.16 (178,300)	5,296,499 (6,200,000)	Zn, Pb, Cu	N	Volcanogenic massive sulfide deposits in metamorphosed sequence of Precambrian subaqueous volcanic rocks and volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks. Also disseminated volcanogenic sulfide deposits.	Riesmeyer, 1978; Riesmeyer and Robertson, 1979; Harley, 1940; Krieger, 1932; Robertson et al. (in press)
<b>Santa Fe County</b>						
95. Cerillos	930.68	27,864	Cu, Pb, Zn, turquoise (U, Mo)	D(?)	Veins filling shear zones and faults in Oligocene hornblende monzonite, augite-biotite monzonite, and Espinosa Volcanics, and Cretaceous Mancos Shale.	Disbrow and Stoll, 1957; Elston, 1967; Akright, 1979
96. El Cuervo Butte (Crow) prospects	—	—	(Pb, Ba, Ag)	E	Barite-galena (=silver) veins along fault in Permian Yeso Formation and Glorieta Member of Permian San Andres Formation.	McLemore, 1984; McLemore and Barker, 1985; North and McLemore, 1985
97. Glorieta	—	—	(Cu, Ag, U)	L	Stratabound sedimentary-copper deposits in sandstones and arkoses of the Pennsylvanian-Permian Sangre de Cristo Formation.	Soulé, 1956; Elston, 1967; McLemore, 1983a
98. La Bajada	—	52	Cu, U (Zn)	C	Base-metal (with silver and uranium) vein filling a fault that cuts Oligocene Cieneguilla Limburgite and Espinosa Volcanics. Formed under low-temperature, near-surface conditions.	Lustig, 1957; Elston, 1967; McLemore, 1983a; Chenoweth, 1979; McLemore and North, 1984
99. New Placers	19,560 (117,000)	304,625 (305,000)	Cu, Pb, Zn (W)	D, A	Skarn deposits in limestone of the Pennsylvanian Madera Formation adjacent to Tertiary latite-monzonite-porphphy laccolith and rhyolite dikes. Also veins filling fissures in porphyry and Madera Formation and placers derived from the lode deposits.	Atkinson, 1961; Koschmann and Bergendahl, 1968; Elston, 1967
100. Old Placers	(200,000)	311	Ag, Cu, Pb (W)	D, A	Mineralization filling faults and fissures in Tertiary monzonite stock and adjacent Cretaceous Mesaverde Formation shales and sandstones. Disseminated mineralization in Ortiz mine breccia (Mesaverde Formation and latite porphyry clasts) associated with latite sills and dikes. Placers derived from lodes.	Elston, 1967; Wright, 1983; Bachman, 1975; Dale and McKinney, 1959
101. Santa Fe	—	—	(Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag, Au)	N	Disseminated volcanogenic sulfide deposits in Precambrian schist and phyllite.	Fulp, 1982; Robertson et al. (in press)
<b>Sierra County</b>						
102. Caballo Mountains	83.6	4,769	Cu, Pb, V, F, Mn (U, Th, Ba)	E, L	Veins filling fissures in Pennsylvanian Bar B Formation and Cambrian Bliss Formation. Stratabound sedimentary-copper deposits in Permian Abo Formation.	Kelley and Silver, 1952; Harley, 1934; McAnulty, 1978

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133. Rosedale	27,750	5,363 (10,000)	(F)	B	Veins in faults cutting Oligocene South Canyon Tuff.	North, 1983; Neubert, 1983; Koschmann and Bergendahl, 1968
134. San Jose	887.8	12,917	Cu, Pb, Zn	B	Veins in faults cutting Oligocene Spears Formation and Vicks Peak Tuff.	North, 1983; Neubert, 1983; Lasky, 1932
135. San Lorenzo	—	—	Cu, Ag (U)	B	Veins filling faults in middle Tertiary andesite.	North, 1983
136. Socorro Peak	—	(750,000)	Pb (Ba, F)	B	Veins filling faults in late Miocene Socorro Peak Rhyolite and underlying Popotosa Formation. Some veins also cut Pennsylvanian Sandia and Madera Formations.	Chamberlin, 1980; Lasky, 1932
137. Taylor (Ojo Caliente #2)	—	—	Cu, Pb, Ag	B	Veins filling fissures in Oligocene andesite-latitude flow in an intensely altered area.	Hillard, 1969; Lasky, 1932; North, 1983; Griffiths and Alminas, 1968
138. Water Canyon	196.32	2,064	Cu, Pb, Zn (Mn)	F	Vein, skarn, and replacement deposits in Mississippian Kelly Limestone, commonly localized by faults and veins filling faults between Precambrian and younger rocks.	Lasky, 1932; North, 1983; Hewitt and Radtke, 1967
<b>Taos County</b>						
139. La Virgen	—	—	(Cu, Ag, Pb, Zn)	N(?)	Volcanic-sulfide deposits(?) in Precambrian schists.	Robertson et al. (in press)
140. Picuris	14.75	1,351	Cu, W (U, Sb)	M	Mineralized quartz veins, disseminated mineralization, and oxidized-copper mineralization filling fractures in Precambrian Ortega Quartzite.	Williams, 1982; Montgomery, 1953; Lindgren et al., 1910; Schilling, 1960; USBM Minerals Yearbooks
141. Red River (Rio Hondo)	364.89	8,051	Cu, Pb, Zn, U (Mo)	D(?), M, A	Veins in Precambrian granitic rocks and Tertiary biotite granite, rhyolite, latite, and quartz veins. Mineralization is of Tertiary age. Placer deposits.	Clark and Read, 1972; Schilling, 1960; Park and McKinlay, 1948; Ludington et al., 1984
142. Rio Grande valley	(<1,000)	—	—	A	Placer-gold deposits in Recent gravels of the Rio Grande and Red River.	McLemore and North, 1984; Johnson, 1972
143. Twining	(80)	(1,000)	Cu	M	Veins and disseminated mineralization in Precambrian mafic gneiss. Mineralization is of Precambrian age.	Clark and Read, 1972; Restrepo, 1972; Park and McKinlay, 1948; Daggett, 1984; Robertson et al. (in press)
<b>Torrance County</b>						
144. Chupadera Iron prospects	—	—	Fe (Au)	D(?)	Iron deposits, either skarn or hydrothermal. Samples assay 0.02 oz/ton (0.7 ppm) Au.	McLemore, 1984, field notes 8/11/83
145. Edgewood	—	—	Ba (F, Pb, Ag)	E	Ba-F veins in Pennsylvanian Madera Formation.	McLemore and Barker, 1985
146. Manzano Mountains (Valencia County)	—	—	(Cu, Au, Ag, Pb)	M	Veins filling faults and shear zones in Precambrian argillaceous metasediments.	McLemore, field notes 1984; Maxwell and Light, 1984; Maxwell and Wobus, 1982; McLemore, 1984; Maxwell et al., 1984
147. Pederal Hills	—	—	(Cu, Ag, Au, U)	M	Veins filling fissures in Precambrian granite and greenstones.	McLemore, 1984; J. Setter, pers. comm. 1984; Robertson et al. (in press)
148. Scholle (Socorro and Valencia Counties)	9.96	8,147	Cu, Ra, Pb (U, V)	L	Stratabound sedimentary-copper deposits in sandstones, limestones, siltstones, and shales of the Permian Bursum, Abo, and Yeso Formations.	Soulé, 1956; McLemore, 1982b, 1984; LaPoint, 1979
<b>Union County</b>						
149. Black Mesa	—	10	Cu (U, V)	L	Mineralization in clastic plugs and sandstones in Triassic Sheep Pen Sandstone.	Fay, 1983; Soulé, 1956; Baldwin and Muehlberger, 1954; USBM Minerals Yearbooks

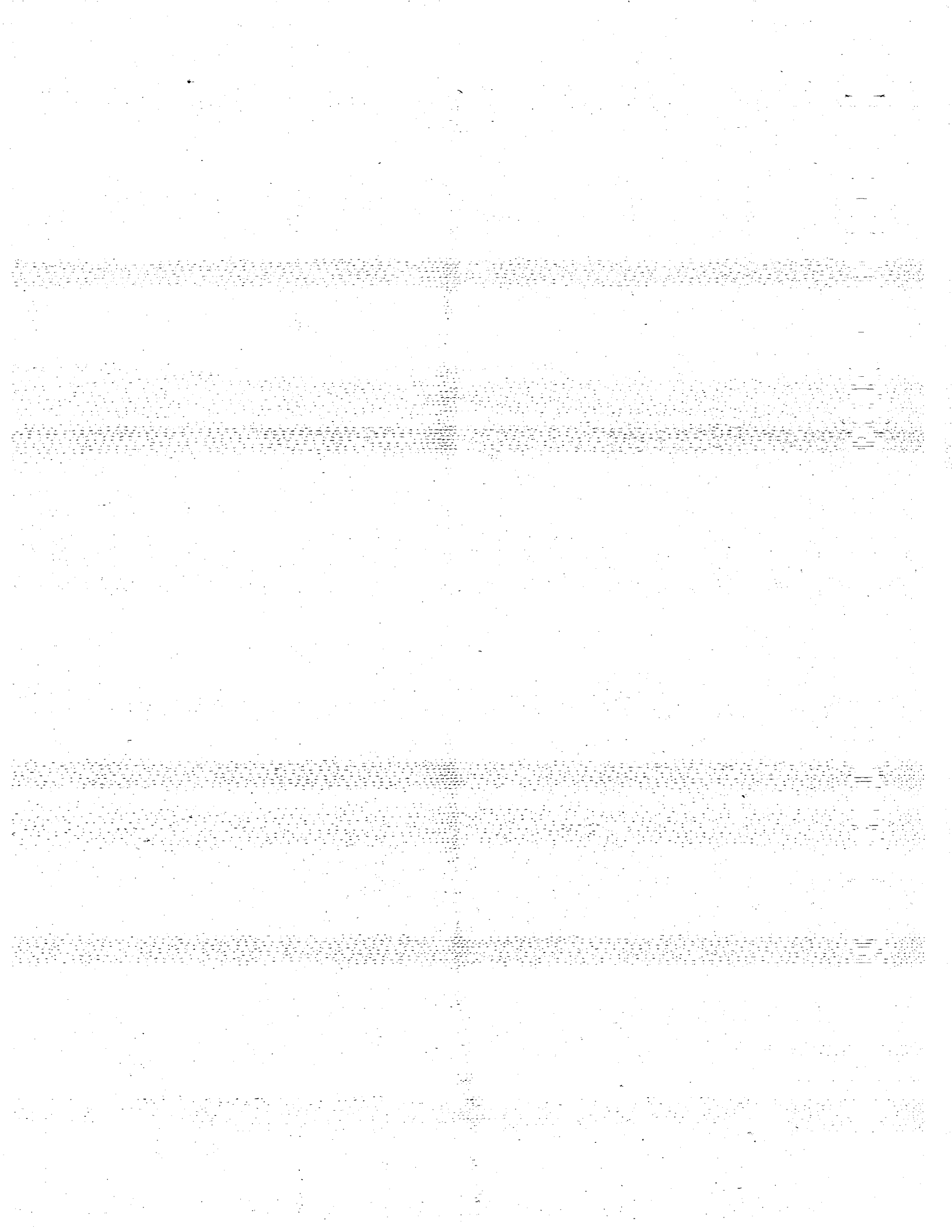


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**CERRILLOS SAND AND GRAVEL****Riprap**

Becho, Inc.

1815 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
(801) 973-2035

Type of Operation: Pit

Status: Active

Capacity: 300 tons/day

MSHA Number: 2902100

Directions: Gravel pit road at Los Cerrillos, NM  
Mineral Estate: Private; Cerrillos Gravel Products,  
Inc, P.O. Box 55306, Houston, TX 77255,  
(713) 473-7729

Surface Estate: Same

◆ 5

**M&R SAND AND GRAVEL****Sand and Gravel**

M&amp;R Construction

611 Valarde Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 982-4174

Type of Operation: Quarry

Status: Active

Capacity: 2,000 tons/yr

Location: Sec 32 T17N R9E

Directions: Corner Aqua Fria

Mineral Estate: Private; Mike Roybal, 611 Valarde  
St., Santa Fe, NM 87501; (505) 982-4174

Surface Estate: Same

◆ 9

**EDGEWOOD PIT****Sand and Gravel**

Western Mobile New Mexico, Inc.

P.O. Box 91570, Albuquerque, NM 87199-1570

(505) 345-7800

Type of Operation: Pit

Status: Intermittent

Capacity: 6000 tons/day

Location: SW4 NW4 Sec 35 T10N R7E

Directions: 1 mi E of intersection of 222 and 344 on  
Hwy 333Mineral Estate: Private; Donoovan and Josie  
Bassett, P.O. Box 276, Wagon Mound, NM  
87752; (505) 666-2440

Surface Estate: Same

◆ 6

**RODRIGUEZ BROTHERS INC.****Adobe Dirt, Sand and Gravel**

Rodriguez Brothers Adobes

Rt. 6 Box 222, Santa Fe, NM 87501

(505) 471-3375

Type of Operation: Quarry

Status: Temporarily closed

Capacity: 500 tons/yr (combined)

MSHA Number: 2902085

Mineral Estate: Private; Rodriguez Brothers Inc., Rt.  
6 Box 22, Santa Fe, NM 87501, (505) 471-3375

Surface Estate: Same

◆ 10

**GALISTEO RIVER SAND AND GRAVEL****Sand and Gravel**

Galisteo River Sand and Gravel

HC 75 Box 34, Lamy, NM 87540

(505) 989-7032

Type of Operation: Quarry

Status: Active

Capacity: 100,000 tons/yr

Location: T15N R10E

Directions: US-285 and NM-41 SE corner

Mineral Estate: Private; Onderdonk Livestock Co.,  
Philadelphia, PASurface Estate: Private; Joe and Alma Miller, HC 75  
Box 34, Lamy, NM 87540

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**SAN LAZARUS GULCH****Sand and Gravel**

Mansal Gravel Company

P.O. Box 12781, Jackson, MS 39236

(601) 981-9533

Type of Operation: Quarry

Status: Temporarily closed

Capacity: 100 yds/day

MSHA Number: 2902111

Directions: Off Old Quay Rd N of Hwy-344

USGS Quad: San Pedro

Mineral Estate: Federal

Surface Estate: Private

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**LEEDER PIT****Sand and Gravel**

R. L. Stacy Construction

P.O. Box 15147, Santa Fe, NM 87506-5147

(505) 473-1360

Type of Operation: Pit

Status: Active

Capacity: 500 cu yds/day

MSHA Number: 29-01378

Location: Sec 1 T16N R8E

Directions: Lower Agua Fria at Dead Man's curve

Mineral Estate: State; State of new Mexico, P.O.

Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, (505) 827-5744

Surface Estate: Same

◆ 8

**SILICA QUEEN****Silica from Sand**

Oro Mountain Mining Corp.

Box 421, Cedar Crest, NM 87008

(505) 281-2690

Type of Operation: Quarry

Status: Intermittent

MSHA Number: 29-01161

Location: SE4 Sec 23 T12N R7E

Mineral Estate: Federal; BLM, 435 Montano Rd.  
NE, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 761-8700

Surface Estate: Same

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**SUN AND SOIL PIT****Base Course, Screened Sand, Top Soil**

Sun and Soil, Inc.

P.O. Box A, Edgewood, NM 87015

(505) 281-9006

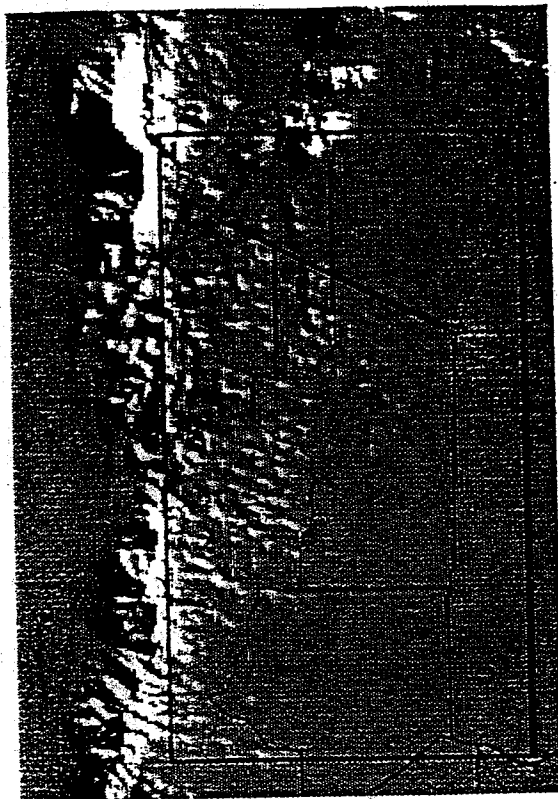
Type of Operation: Pit

Status: Active

◆ 13

# EAST MOUNTAINS WASTEWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

## FINAL REPORT



*Septic System  
DATA*

*Nitrate Conc.  
data*

DECEMBER 1995

PREPARED FOR:

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT

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AND  
SANTA FE COUNTY

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1001 UNIVERSITY BLVD, SE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87106

# EAST MOUNTAIN



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## ADOPTED

Bernalillo County: June 23, 1992

City of Albuquerque: August 17, 1992

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**Table 1.A**  
**GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION**

Location	Contami- nants	Source	Estimated Extent	Hydrologic Conditions
Cedar Crest, Bernalillo Co.	Gasoline	LUST	120 ft. (largest dimension)	Shallow alluvial aquifer
10N.5E.29.1 10N.5E.30.2 2.5M.SW of Tijeras, Bernalillo Co.	Leaded gasoline, explosives, solvents, other organ- ics, nitrate	Unknown- landfill, munitions, LUSTs, illegal injection well suspected	1200 ft. X 500 ft.; thickness not determined	Shallow alluvium over fractured granite aquifer at water table conditions
Monticello Subdivision, Tijeras Canyon	Nitrates	Septic Tanks	8 wells contaminated	Shallow alluvium over crystalline bedrock
Town of Carnue	Nitrates	Septic Tanks	32 wells contaminated	Shallow alluvium over crystalline bedrock
Town of Chilili	Nitrates	Septic Tanks	1 well contaminated	Shallow bedrock aquifer
Tijeras Canyon	Gasoline	LUST	Unknown	DTGW 60 to 70 ft. alluvium over fractured bedrock
Tijeras Canyon	Gasoline Diesel Explosives	Multiple; old gasoline station and unknown	1.5 ac. areally thickness not determined	DTG =40 ft. alluvium over fractured bedrock

Source: Ground-water Report, CH2M Hill, February 20, 1990



TORRANCE COUNTY

Alphabetical (14 occurrences)

Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414
Abo Mining Claims	3N.5E.23.111
Consolidated Gas and Mining	7N.12E.28,29
Copper Girl 1-6	4N.5E.28.110
Lobo Hill	9N.9E.27.434
McCandless Prospect	5N.5E.34
Old Abo Claims	3N.5E.27.200
Pioneer Mine	3N.5E.15.441
Rattlesnake #1-4	3N.5E.15.233
Scholle-1	3N.5E.10.312
Scholle	2N.5E.10
Thelma	3N.5E.15.423
Thomas and Melborne	4N.5E.15
Unknown	2N.5E.17
Unknown	3N.5E.10.314

<u>Alias</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>
Abel	Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414
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Laurita	Scholle #1	3N.5E.10.312
McTerry	Thelma	3N.5E.15.423
Miners Dream	Thelma	3N.5E.15.423
Pioneer Copper Mine	Pioneer Mine	3N.5E.15.441
Prospect #17	Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414
Sandstone Copper	Abo Mining Claims	3N.5E.23.111
Scholle	Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414
Thelma-Ann	Thelma	3N.5E.15.423
Tom Arnett prospect	Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414
Unknown	Pioneer Mine	3N.5E.15.441
Uranium prospect	Abo Mine	2N.5E.3.414

Numerical

2N.5E.3.414	Abo Mine
2N.5E.10	Scholle
2N.5E.17	Unknown
3N.5E.10.312	Scholle-1
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4N.5E.15	Thomas and Melborne
4N.5E.28.110	Copper Girl 1-6
5N.5E.34	McCandless Prospect
7N.12E.28,29	Consolidated Gas and Mining
9N.9E.27.434	Lobo Hill

TORRANCE COUNTY

- 1: 2N.5E.3.414
  - 2: Abo Mine (Prospect #17, Uranium prospect, Abel, Scholle, Tom Arnett Prospect)
  - 3: SE1/4 3 T2N R5E 34°25'29"N 106°24'30"W
  - 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 5,910 ft
  - 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
  - 6: Cu, Ag, Au, U, V
  - 7: 2 shafts (one 75-ft deep), dumps, open pit, 40-ft decline
  - 8: no uranium production
  - 9: bkgd 30 cps, high 200 cps
  - 10: Permian Abo Formation
  - 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper minerals and organic debris in red and gray (bleached) sandstone
  - 12: secondary uranium minerals reported, 0.014-0.107% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (Gibson, 1952)
  - 13: Sandstone-tabular
  - 14: site of mill and leaching operation
  - 15: FN 7/2/80; Pierson and others (1981, #59); Myers (1977); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 219); Hilpert (1969); Phillips (1960); Collins and Nye (1957b); Soule (1956); Hilpert and Corey (1955, #84, 86); Gibson (1952, #2); Gott and Erickson (1952; 1951, #17, 18); PRR D-245 (1951); RG-1-51 (1951); USAEC files (1953)
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- 1: 3N.5E.23.111
  - 2: Abo Mining Claims (Sandstone copper)
  - 3: NE1/4 22, NW1/4 23 T3N R5E 34°28'30"N 106°24'00"W
  - 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 6,240 ft
  - 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
  - 6: Cu, U, V
  - 7: 40-ft adit, open cut, dumps
  - 8: radium ore shipped in 1916 (USBM), copper production
  - 9: bkgd 30-50 cps, adit 50-100 cps, along face of outcrop 300-400 cps, along boulders in pit 700 cps
  - 10: Permian Abo Formation
  - 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper oxides and organic debris in red and bleached gray limey conglomerates
  - 12: 0.001%, 0.002% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; 6.36%, 11.11% Cu (NMBMMR chem lab, 11/30/81, #1527, 1528), 2-inch seam of 13% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> reported
  - 13: Sandstone-tabular
  - 14: claim post south of workings-SW corner Abo #5
  - 15: FN 6/24/81; Pierson and others (1981, #60, 62); Myers (1977); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 215); Hilpert (1969); Hilpert and Corey (1955, #84); PRR DEB-RRA-569 (1955); DEB-RRA-1401 (1954), 1 supplement; NMBMMR files (1954); USBM files (1949)
  - 16: figure 21

- 1: 7N.12E.28,29
- 2: Consolidated Gas and Mining
- 3: 28, 29 T7N R12E
- 4: Pedernal Mountain 7-1/2
- 5: Pedernal Hills
- 6: U
- 7: pits
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 50 cps, high 150-200 cps
- 10: Paleozoic syenite intruding Precambrian schists
- 11: radioactive fracture zone, N 78 W
- 13: Hydrothermal-vein
- 15: FN 9/21/83; Loring and Armstrong (1980); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 217)

- 1: 4N.5E.28.110
- 2: Copper Girl #1-6
- 3: NW1/4 28 T4N R5E 34°32'55"N 106°25'55"W
- 4: Torreon 15' Elevation 6,820 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: 2 open cuts (decline-adit), decline adit, 30- to 50-ft deep
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 20-30 cps, high 150-225 cps, average 50-100 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper oxides in fractured red and bleached bluff conglomerate and arkose, 1 to 2-ft thick
- 12: uraninite with chalcocite reported; 0.005% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 0.83% Cu (NMBMMR, chem lab, 11/30/81, #1526)
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 14: mine map fig. this report
- 15: FN 6/17/81, 6/26/81; Anderson, O.J. (1980); Pierson and others (1981, #65); Myers and McKay (1974); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 218); Phillips (1960); Collins and Nye (1957b); Lovering (1956); USAEC files (1955)
- 16: figure 21, 22

- 1: 9N.9E.27.434
- 2: Lobo Hill
- 3: 27, 34 T9N R9E
- 4: Lobo Hill 15
- 5: Estancia Basin
- 6: U, Th
- 7: pits
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 50 cps, high 1,000 cps
- 10: syenite intruding Precambrian schists
- 11: vein trending N40E
- 13: Hydrothermal-vein
- 15: FN 9/20/83; Loring and Armstrong, 1980



- 1: 5N.5E.34
- 2: McCandless Prospect
- 3: 34 T5N R5E
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2
- 5: Manzano district
- 6: Cu, U
- 7: no workings found, 3 ft x 4 ft x 3 ft pit reported
- 8: no production
- 9: no anomalous radioactivity on 7/2/80, twice background reported
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 12: malachite, azurite
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 14: could not locate on 7/2/80
- 15: FN 7/2/80; U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 214)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.27.200
- 2: Old Abo Claims (Abo Claims)
- 3: NE1/4 27 T3N R5E 34°27'30"N
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 6,180 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: several shallow prospect pits, open stope
- 8: no production
- 9: no anomalous radioactivity found on 6/24/81
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 12: 0.046 - 13% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> reported in PRR supplement
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 14: ore may occur at depth
- 15: FN 6/24/81; Myers (1977); U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1970, p. 195) plus supplement (DEB-RRA-1401(1954)); Collins and Nye (1957b)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.15.441
- 2: Pioneer Mine (Hannie, Pioneer Copper Mine, Unknown)
- 3: SE1/4 15 T5N R5E 34°29'10"N 106°24'00"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 6,200 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: 20-ft adit, pits
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 30-50 cps, high 150 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: uranium minerals associated with copper minerals and organic debris in bleached sandstones and conglomerates
- 12: carnotite or tyuyamunite reported, 0.002% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 4.18% Cu (NMBMMR chem lab, 11/30/81, #1525)
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 15: FN 6/24/81; Pierson and others (1981, #64); Myers (1977); Collins and Nye (1957b); PRR DEB-RRA-569 (1953); DEB-RR-464 (1953)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.15.233
- 2: Rattlesnake #1-4
- 3: SW1/4 NE1/4 15 T3N R5E 34°29'10"N 106°24'30"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 6,090 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: pit, trench, dumps
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 30-50 cps, high on dumps 130 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper oxides in arkosic conglomerate (bleached)
- 12: yellow-green uranium mineral reported
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 15: FN 6/24/81; Pierson and others (1981, #63); Myers (1977); Hilpert (1969); Hilpert and Corey (1955, #84); PRR DEB-RRA-1180 (1954)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.10.312
- 2: Scholle-1 (Laurita)
- 3: SW1/4 10 T3N R5E 34°30'00"N 106°24'55"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 5,900 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: pits, adits, tunnels (one reported to be 70-ft long)
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 30 cps, high 80 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper oxides and organic debris in bleached red-bed sandstones
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 14: north of claim post-SW corner Laurita
- 15: FN 7/2/80, 6/26/81; Pierson and others (1981, #56); Myers (1977); Phillips (1960); Soule (1956); Lovering (1956); Gibson (1952, p. 28, #6); PRR RG-6-51 (1951)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 2N.5E.10
- 2: Scholle
- 3: 10 T2N R5E 34°24'30"N 106°24'30"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 5,900 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: U, Cu
- 7: pits
- 8: no production
- 10: Permian Abo Formation (red beds)
- 12: 0.008% U reported
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 14: could not locate on 3/2/82
- 15: FN 3/2/82; Pierson and others (1981, #56); Bachman, Baltz, and O'Sullivan (1953)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.15.423
- 2: Thelma (Miners Dream, McTerry, Thelma-Ann, Abo)
- 3: SE1/4 15, NE1/2 22 T3N R5E 34°29'00"N 16°24'10"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2 Elevation 6,400 ft
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: 30-ft adit
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 30-50 cps, adit walls 100 cps, high in fracture 150 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: radioactive minerals associated with copper oxides in red and bleached gray arkose
- 13: Sandstone
- 14: north of claim post-SW corner Thelma
- 15: FN 6/24/81; Pierson and others (1981, #60, 61); Myers (1977); PRR DEB-RRA-569 (1953)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 4N.5E.15
- 2: Thomas and Melbourn
- 3: 15 T4N R5E 34°34'20"N 106°24'30"W
- 4: Torreon 15'
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: U, Cu, Au
- 7: no workings found
- 8: no production
- 9: no anomalous radioactivity
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 12: 2.15% U reported
- 13: Sandstone
- 14: could not be located on 6/17/81
- 15: FN 6/17/81; Pierson and others (1981, #66)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 2N.5E.17
- 2: Unknown
- 3: 17 T2N R5E
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2
- 5: Scholle district-Los Pinos Mountains
- 6: Cu, U
- 7: pits
- 8: no production
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 11: radioactive carbonized woody hydrocarbon
- 12: 0.014% U reported
- 13: Sandstone
- 14: could not be located on 3/2/82
- 15: FN 3/2/82; Lovering (1956)
- 16: figure 21

- 1: 3N.5E.10.314
- 2: Unknown
- 3: SW1/4 10 T3N R5E 34020'00"N 106024'55"W
- 4: Scholle 7-1/2
- 5: Scholle district-Manzano Mountains
- 6: Cu, U, V
- 7: pits
- 8: no uranium production
- 9: bkgd 30 cps, high 80 cps
- 10: Permian Abo Formation
- 13: Sandstone-tabular
- 15: FN 7/2/80, 6/26/81; Myers (1977); Phillips (1960); Soule (1956)
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PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b><u>ETHANES</u></b>					
1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	0.0001	0.00005		Zero	
1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC)	0.01	0.005		Zero	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.06	0.2		0.2	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.01	0.005		0.003	
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane					0.07
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.01				
Ethylene Glycol					7
<b><u>ETHENES (ETHYLENES)</u></b>					
Vinyl Chloride	0.001	0.002		Zero	
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.005	0.007		0.007	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		0.07		0.07	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene		0.1		0.1	
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.1	0.005		Zero	
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	0.02	0.005		Zero	
<b><u>PROPANES</u></b>					
1,2-Dichloropropane (PDC)		0.005		Zero	
1,2,3-Trichloropropane					0.04
DBCP		0.0002		Zero	
Epichlorohydrin		TT		Zero	
MTBE	0.1 (a)				0.04
<b><u>POLYCYCLICS</u></b>					
Benz(a)anthracene			0.0001	Zero	
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0007	0.0002		Zero	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene			0.0002	Zero	
Benzo(k)fluoranthene			0.0002	Zero	
Chrysene			0.0002	Zero	
Dibenz(a)anthracene			0.0003	Zero	
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene			0.0004	Zero	
Naphthalene					0.3
Naphthalenes****	0.03				
PCBs	0.001				
PCBs as Decachlorobiphenyl		0.0005		Zero	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>					
Acrylamide		TT		Zero	
Acrylonitrile					0.004
Bis-2-Chloroisopropyl Ether					0.3
Chloral Hydrate					0.05
Chloramine					0.3

PARAMETER	New Mexico	U.S. EPA Existing MCL	U.S. EPA PMCL	U.S. EPA MCLG	U.S. EPA Lifetime HA
<b>MISC. CONTINUED</b>					
Cyanide	0.2	0.2		0.2	0.02
Dibromoacetonitrile					0.003
Dichloroacetic Acid					0.006
Dichloroacetonitrile					
Di(2-Ethylhexyl)Adipate		0.4		0.4	
Di(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate		0.006		Zero	
Diisopropyl Methylphosphonate					0.6
p-Dioxane					0.568 (10day)
Hexachlorobutadiene					0.001
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene		0.05		0.05	
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (a)			0.008		
n-Hexane					4.0 (7 year)
HMX					0.4
Isophorone					0.1
MEK					0.2
Nitroglycerin					0.005
Nitroguanidine					0.7
Petroleum					
Floating Product	NP				
Undesirable Odor	NP				
RDX					0.002
Trichloroacetic Acid					0.2
<b>OTHER PESTICIDES</b>					
Acifluorfen					0.1
Alachlor		0.002		Zero	
Aldicarb			0.003	0.001	
Aldicarb Sulfoxide			0.003	0.001	
Aldicarb Sulfone			0.003	0.002	
Aldrin					0.001
Ametryn					0.06
Ammonium Sulfamate					2
Atrazine		0.003		0.003	
Baygon					0.003
Bentazon					0.02
Bromacil					0.09
Butylate					0.35
Carbaryl					0.7
Carbofuran		0.04		0.04	
Carboxin					0.7
Chloramben					0.1
Chlordane		0.002		Zero	
Chlorothalonil					0.5
Chlorpyrifos					0.02
Cyanazine					0.01
2,4-D		0.07		0.07	
Dacthal					4
Dalapon		0.2		0.2	

## EXPLANATION FOR STANDARDS COMPARISON TABLE

### Footnotes

- The existing standard excludes radon and uranium activity. The proposed standard also will exclude Radium 226 activity.
- This standard includes photon activity and excludes Radium 228 activity.
- This standard applies to the sum of the four regulated trihalomethanes: chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform.
- This standard applies to the sum of naphthalene and monomethylnaphthalene isomers.

### Abbreviations

AL	action level that, if exceeded, requires water treatment
2,4-D	2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid
DBCP	1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane
Dioxin	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
EDB	ethylene dibromide, a synonym for 1,2-dibromoethane
EDC	ethylene dichloride, a synonym for 1,2-dichloroethane
HA	health advisory
HMX	octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
MEK	methyl ethyl ketone
mg/L	milligrams per liter
mrem/yr	millirem per year
MTBE	methyl tertiary butyl ether, a synonym for 2-methoxy-2-methyl propane (the standard includes other ether-based gasoline additives)
N	nitrogen
NP	not present
o	ortho
p	para
PCE	perchloroethylene, a synonym for tetrachloroethylene
pCi/L	picocuries per liter
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PDC	propylene dichloride, a synonym for 1,2-dichloropropane
PMCL	proposed maximum contaminant level
RDX	hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-s-triazine
TCE	trichloroethylene
TDS	total dissolved solids
2,4,5-T	2,4,5,-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid
2,4,5-TP	2,4,5-trichlorophenoxypropionic acid
TT	treatment technique that public water system operators must adhere to instead of a numerical standard
um	micrometer
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

## **Use and Applicability of Standards**

All New Mexico standards are enforceable, including aesthetic and irrigation standards. The aesthetic "secondary" standards of U.S. EPA are merely recommended limits.

All New Mexico standards are adopted by the N.M. Water Quality Control Commission except for the MTBE and petroleum (floating product and undesirable odor) standards which are adopted by the N.M. Environmental Improvement Board.

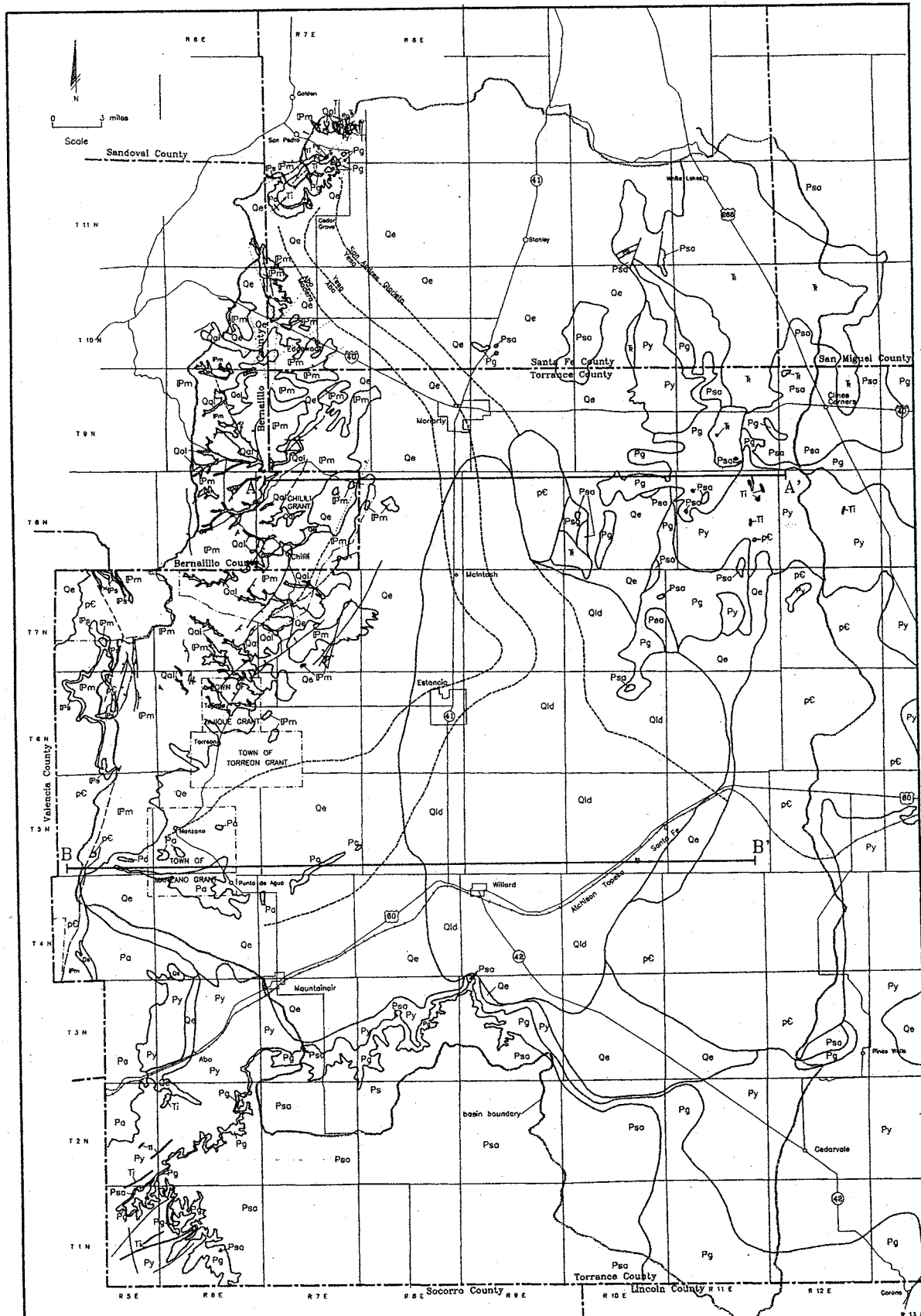
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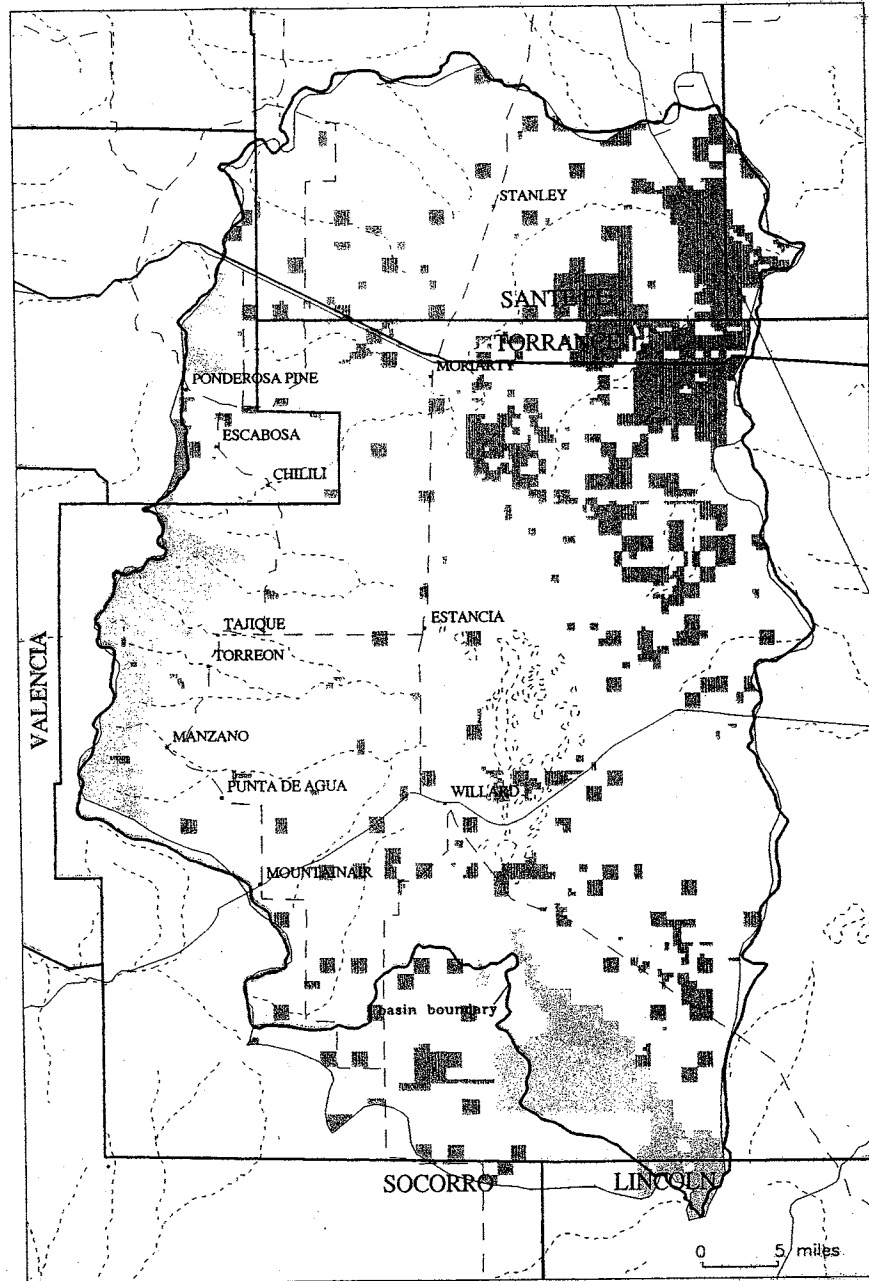


**Explanation**

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|--|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Qal</b> Alluvium: sand and gravel in channels and mountain valley slopes (Quaternary-age)</p> <p><b>Qe</b> Valley fill: silt, sand, and gravel (Quaternary-age)</p> <p><b>Qld</b> Lake and dune deposits (Quaternary-age)</p> <p><b>Ti</b> Intrusive rocks: dikes and sills (Tertiary-age)</p> | <p><b>Ch</b> Chinle Formation and Santa Rosa Sandstone: Chinle includes interbedded, brown to red, shale and lenticular sandstone. Santa Rosa Sandstone includes sandstone interbedded with shale (Triassic-age rocks, undivided)</p> <p><b>Psa</b> San Andres Limestone: limestone and buff to tan sandstone (Permian-age)</p> <p><b>Pg</b> Glorieta Sandstone: white to light gray, generally well cemented (Permian-age)</p> | <p><b>Py</b> Yeso Formation: red sandstone interbedded with limestone and shale. Local gypsum beds (Permian-age)</p> <p><b>Pa</b> Abo Formation: dark red lenticular sandstone, mudstone, and minor limestone. (Permian-age)</p> <p><b>Pm</b> Madera Group: gray to dark gray limestone, minor sandstone, and black shale. (Pennsylvanian-age)</p> <p><b>Ps</b> Sandia Formation: black to dark gray limestone and brownish sandstone, minor coal beds. (Pennsylvanian-age)</p> | <p><b>Pc</b> Precambrian-age rocks undivided: granite, gneiss, schist, greenstone, and quartzite.</p> <p><b>f</b> fault with downthrown side, dashed where uncertain, dotted where concealed</p> <p><b>A-A'</b> line of section</p> <p><b>—</b> subcrop of contact beneath Tertiary and Quaternary beds</p> <p><b>+</b> syncline, dashed where uncertain, arrow shows plunge</p> |
|--|---|---|--|

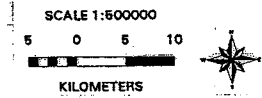
Figure 10. Map showing geology and lines of section, Estancia Underground Water Basin (modified from Smith, 1957 and Titus, 1969 and 1980).





Acreage by Land Ownership (as defined by ISAL watershed boundary).

Land Ownership	Acreage
P	1,148,979
S	179,658
V	13,298
F	104,385
I	80
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>1,446,400</b>



SOURCE: BLM, Land Ownership Cover Digital, Data from 1:100,000-Scale. Included (100K) OWNERSHIP coverages were created at the University of New Mexico's, Earth Data Analysis Center, Fall 1993 - Spring 1994. Data were provided by the Bureau of Land Management - New Mexico State Office, Mapping Sciences.

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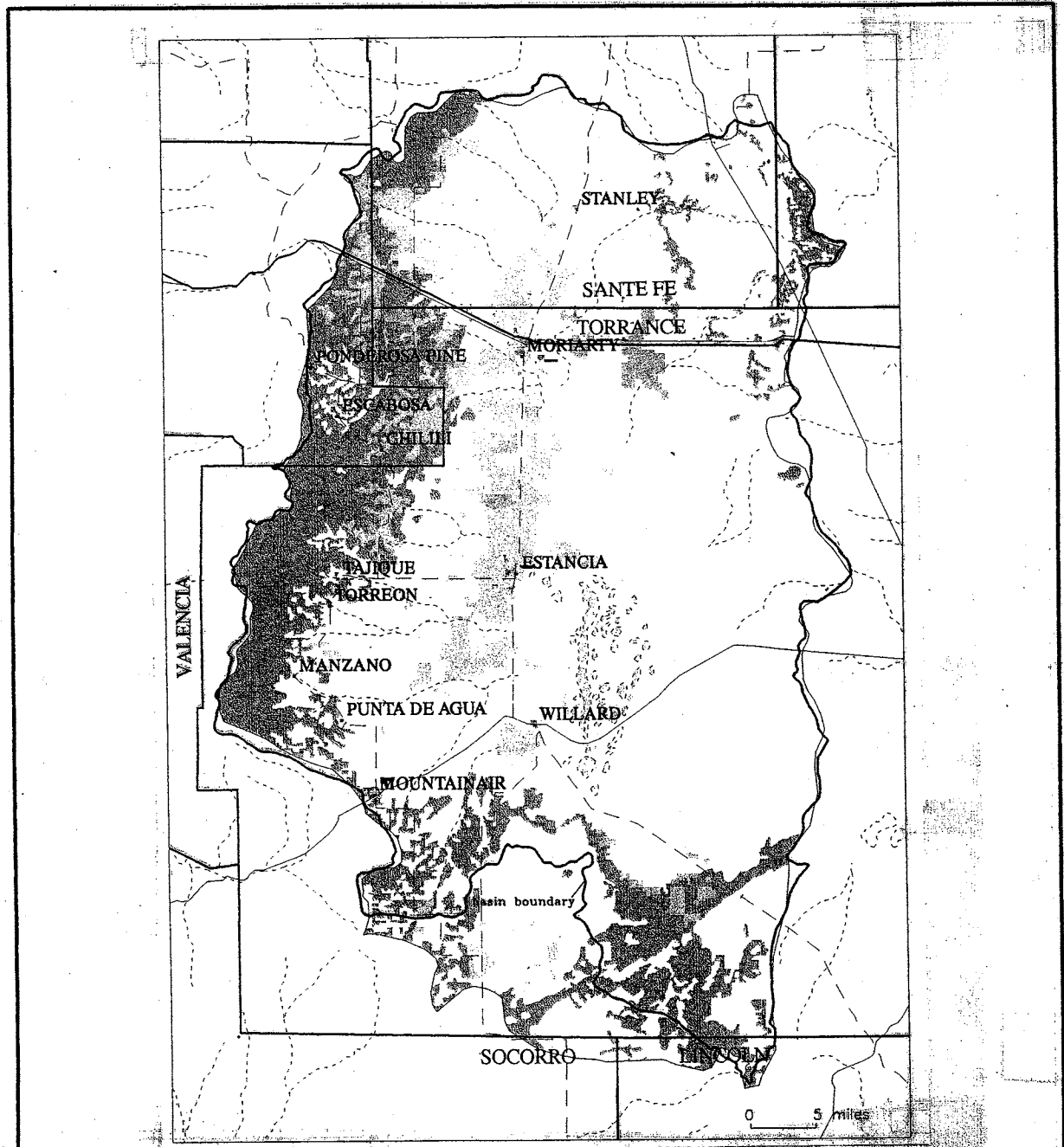
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Explanation

- Cities
- ~ Estancia Basin Boundary
- ~ Interstate
- ~ US Highway
- ~ State Highway
- ~ County Line
- ~ Perennial Stream
- ~ Intermittent Stream
- ~ Canal
- A - Acquired Land, BLM
- F - Forest Service Land
- FNG/LU - National Grassland/Bankhead Jones
- H - National Park Service
- I - Indian Land
- J - Fish & Wildlife Service
- LU - Bankhead Jones Acquired, BLM
- M - Military
- P - Private Land
- R - Bureau of Reclamation
- S - State Land
- V - Public Land
- W - Withdrawn

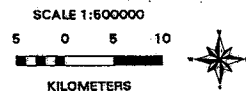
Figure 8. Map showing land ownership in the Estancia Basin area.





Acreage by Land Use

Land Use	Acreage	Land Use	Acreage
Herbaceous Rangeland	330,484	Reservoirs	40
Evergreen Forest Land	286,484	Other Urban or Built-up Land	71
Mixed Rangeland	658,469	Confined Feeding Operations	125
Strip Mines, Quarries, and Gravel Pits	654	Transportation, Communications, and Utilities	2,282
Other Agricultural Land	529	Transitional Areas	14,932
Nonforested Wetland	586	Industrial	10
Cropland and Pasture	130,959	Mixed Urban or Built-up Land	182
Residential	3,122	Dry Salt Flats	14,624
Commercial and Services	870	Shrub and Brush Tundra	60
Lakes	32	Deciduous Forest Land	30
Shrub-Brushland Rangeland	2,362		
		Total Acreage	1,446,400



LAND USE SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey, 1990, EPA Land Use and Land Cover Digital, Data from 1:250,000- and 1:100,000- Scale Maps—Data Users Guide 4, 1:250,000 QUAD LAND USE, 1982. Contact: Ed Partington at EPA, Phone (703) 235-5395.

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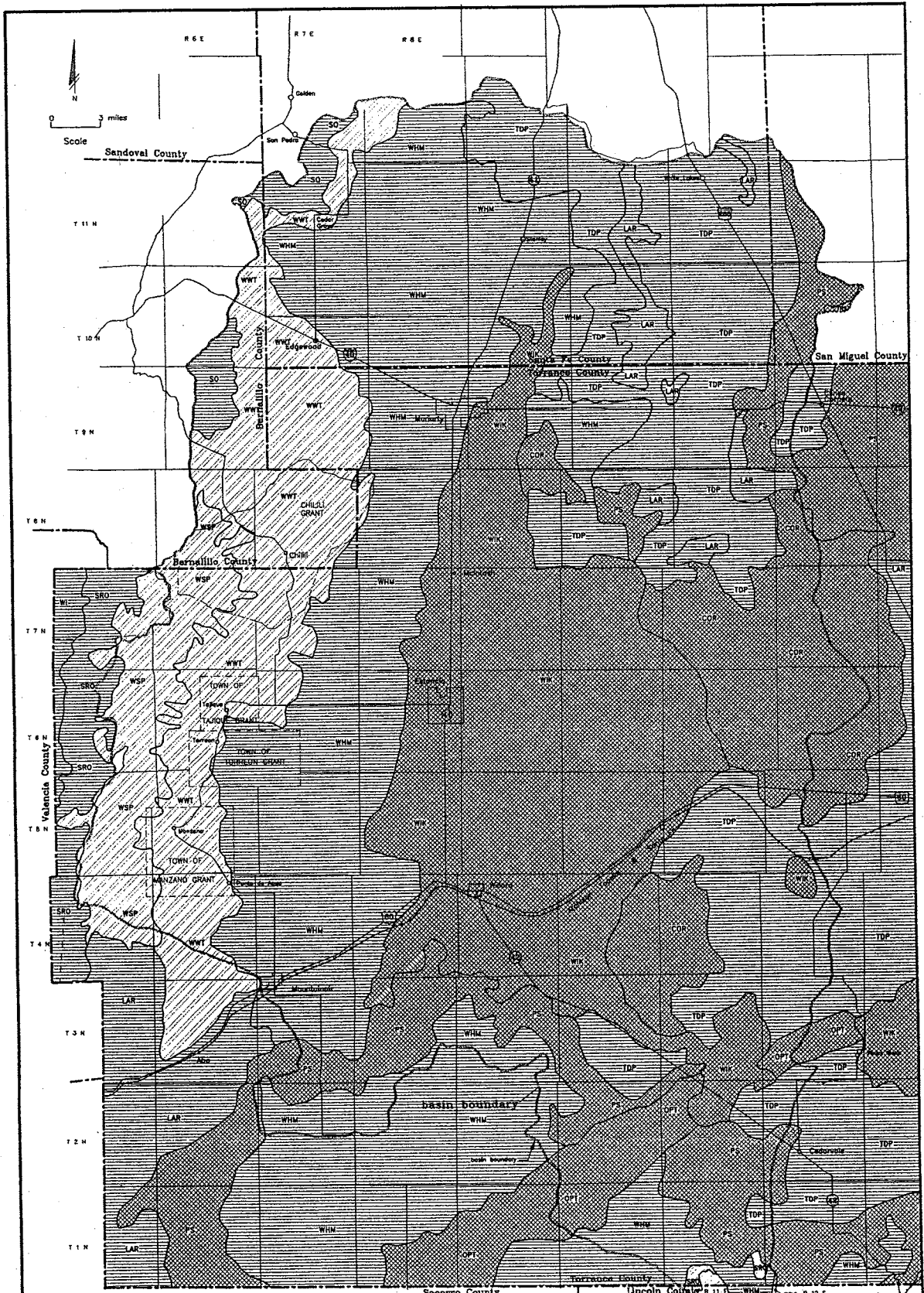
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Explanation

- Cities
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- ~ Perennial Stream
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- ~ Canal
- ▨ Herbaceous Rangeland
- ▨ Evergreen Forest Land
- ▨ Mixed Rangeland
- ▨ Strip Mines, Quarries, and Gravel Pits
- ▨ Other Agricultural Land
- ▨ Nonforested Wetland
- ▨ Cropland and Pasture
- ▨ Residential
- ▨ Commercial and Services
- ▨ Lakes
- ▨ Shrub-Brushland Rangeland
- ▨ Reservoirs
- ▨ Other Urban or Built-up Land
- ▨ Confined Feeding Operations
- ▨ Transportation, Communications and Utilities
- ▨ Transitional Areas
- ▨ Industrial
- ▨ Mixed Urban or Built-up Land
- ▨ Dry Salt Flats
- ▨ Shrub and Brush Tundra
- ▨ Deciduous Forest Land

Figure 6. Map showing land use in the Estancia Basin area.





**Explanation**

SRO, Solos-Rock outcrops and slides association: Steep or very steep, stony soils on mountains, and Rock land. Low permeability.

WSP, Wilcoxon-Superior-Fine association: Gently sloping to very steep soils formed over limestone, sandstone, schist, and felsite. Low permeability.

WWT, Witt-Wilcoxon-Turkey Springs association: Gently sloping to very steep soils formed over limestone, sandstone, and shale and in valley fill, on foothills. Low permeability.

WHM, Horvey-Monzone association: Nearly level to strong sloping soils formed in valley fill or mixed alluvium. Moderate permeability.

COR, Clavis-Otero-Rock land association: Gently sloping to very steep soils formed over acid igneous rocks and in valley fill. High permeability.

TDP, Tapia-Dean-Postura association: Nearly level to strongly sloping soils formed over caliche on uplands. Moderate permeability.

PS, Penitencia-Sleep rock land association: Nearly level to strongly sloping soils on hillsides, meso escarpments, and benches. High permeability.

LAR, La Fonda-Alicia-Rock outcrop association: Gently sloping to strongly sloping soils formed in alluvium from red beds; moderately sloping to very steep rock outcrops. Moderate permeability.

OPT, Otero-Palma-Trill association: Undulating to rolling soils formed in wind-reworked materials on upland alluvial fans. High permeability.

SD, Seis-Orinda association: Shallow or moderately drained, very cobbly, stony, and very stony loam. Moderate permeability.

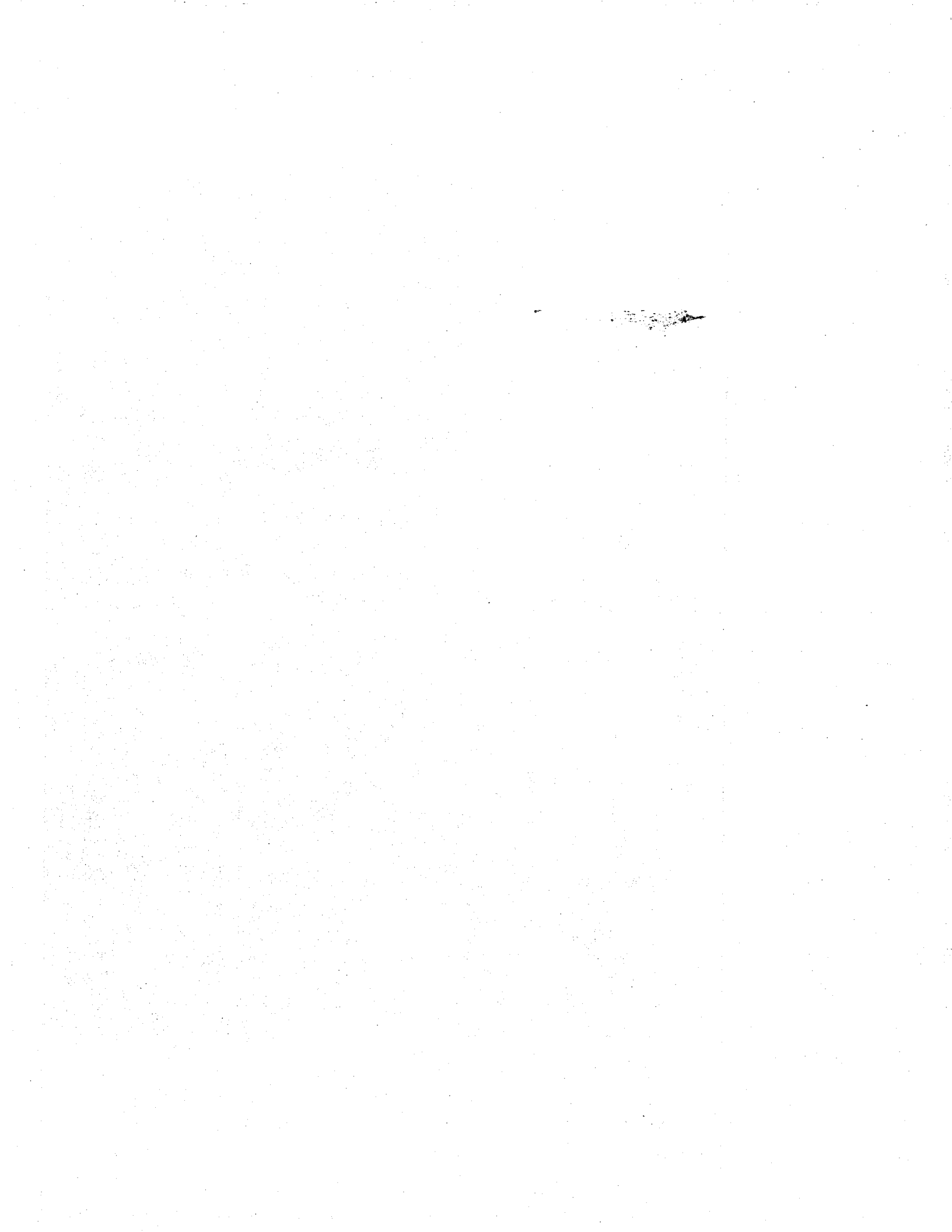
W, Washoe, Ideofano association: Strongly sloping to steep, silty soils formed in mixed alluvium. Moderate permeability.

TSP, Tuloso-Samborombi-Rock outcrop: Very shallow and stolon moderately rolling to steep, well drained soils that formed in material weathered from sandstone, and rock outcrops on mesas, ridges, and uplands. High permeability.

WIL, Wilford-Idefonso-Korde association: Level to strongly sloping soils formed in lake sediments on terraces; gently sloping to steep soils formed in wind-deposited material on hills. High permeability.

Permeability range inches/hour	Relative permeability map designation
0.05 to 0.2	low
0.2 to 0.63	moderate
0.63 to 6.3	high

Figure 4. Map showing soil associations and relative permeabilities of the associations in the Estancia Underground Water Basin.





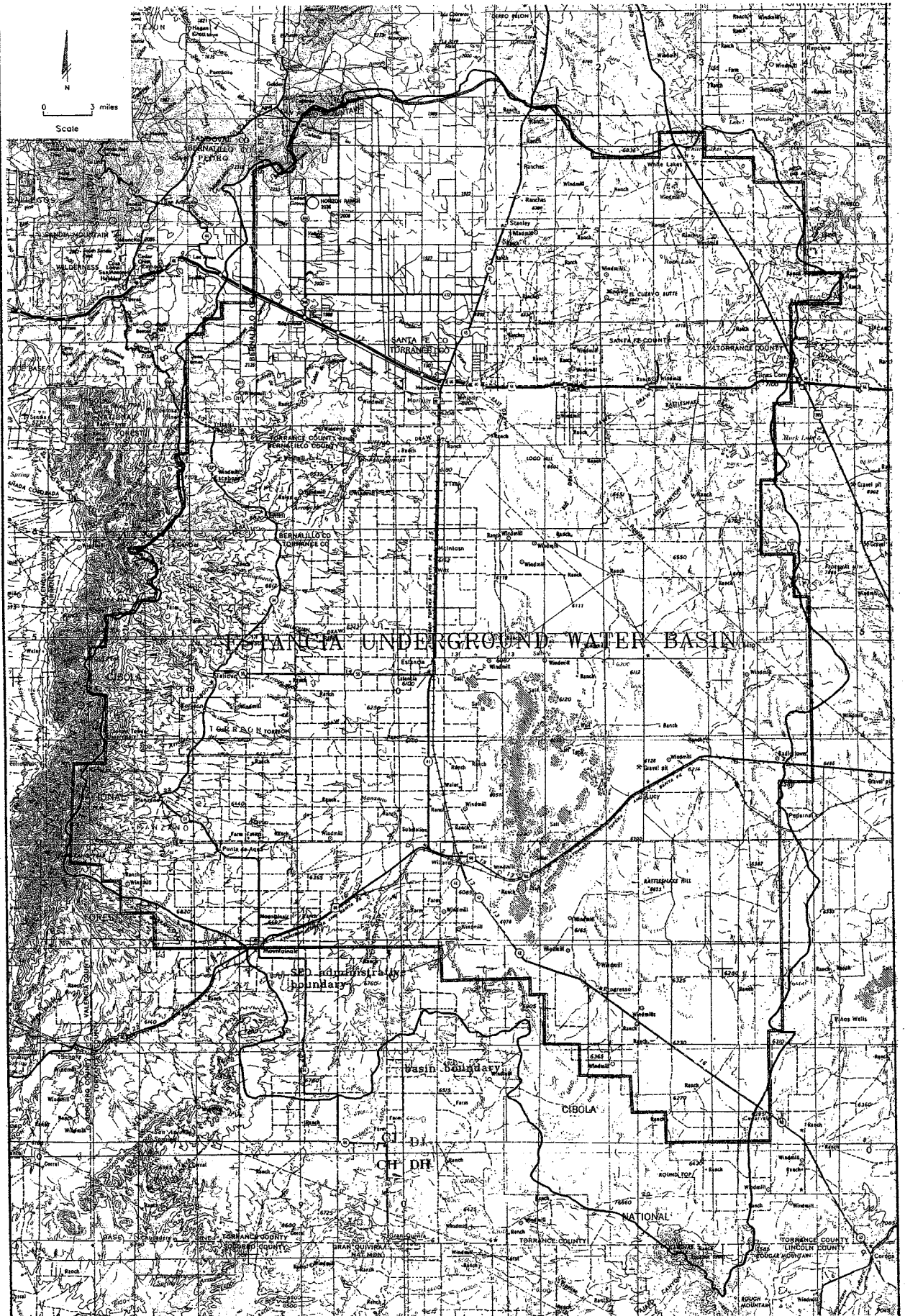
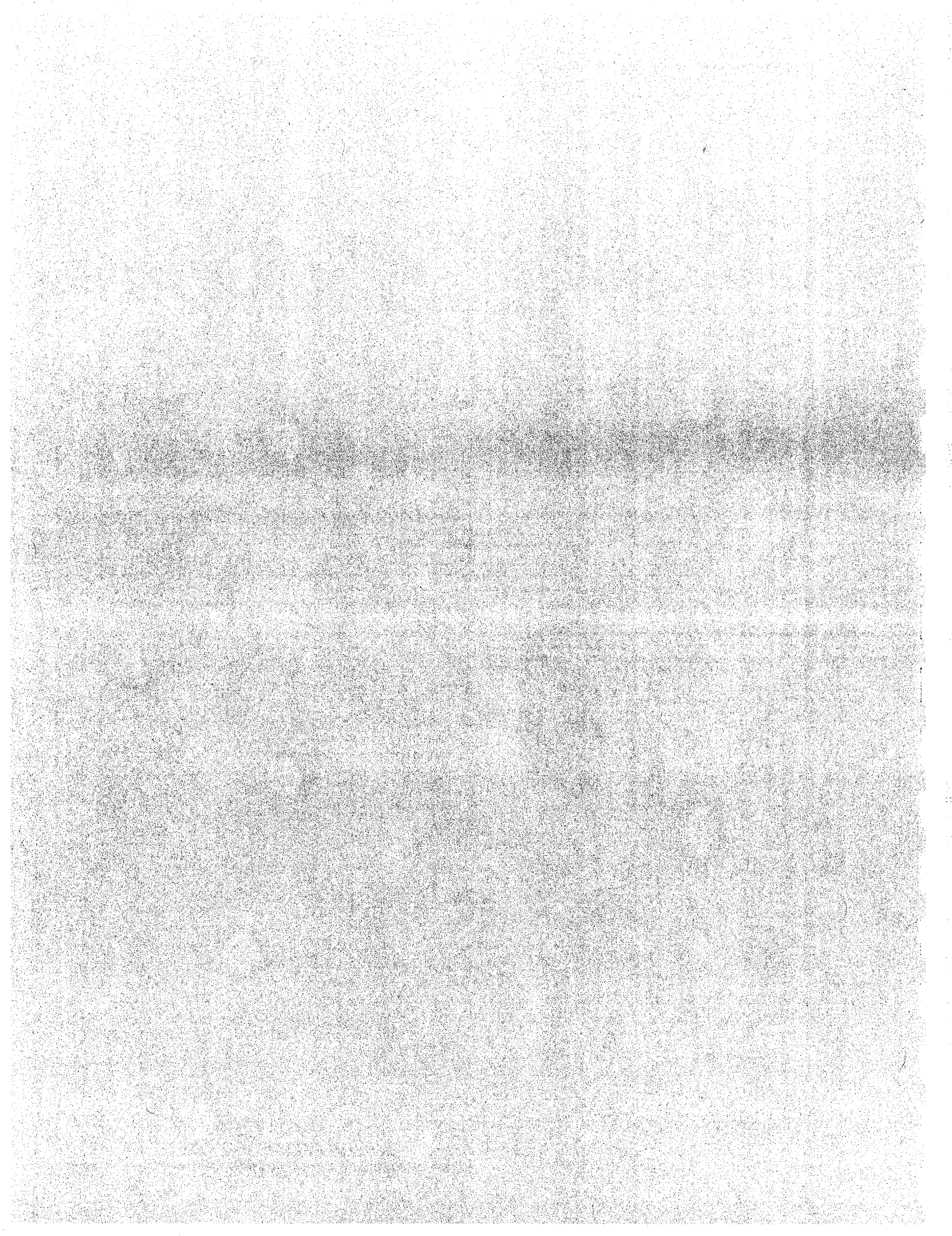


Figure 3. Topographic map of the Estancia Underground Water Basin, SEO administrative boundary, and watershed basin boundary.



**ILLUSTRATIONS**



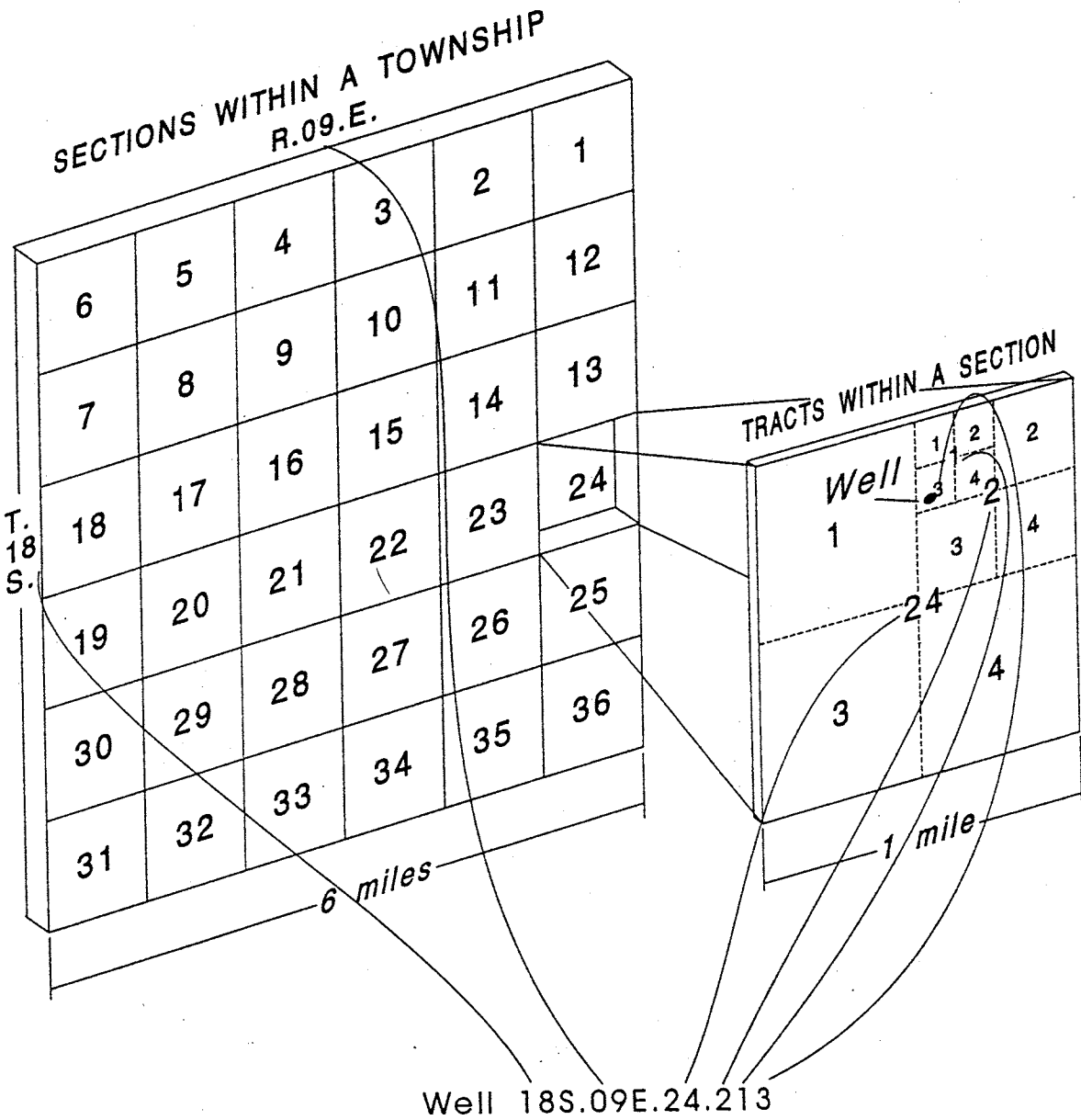


Figure 1. Well-numbering system used in New Mexico.



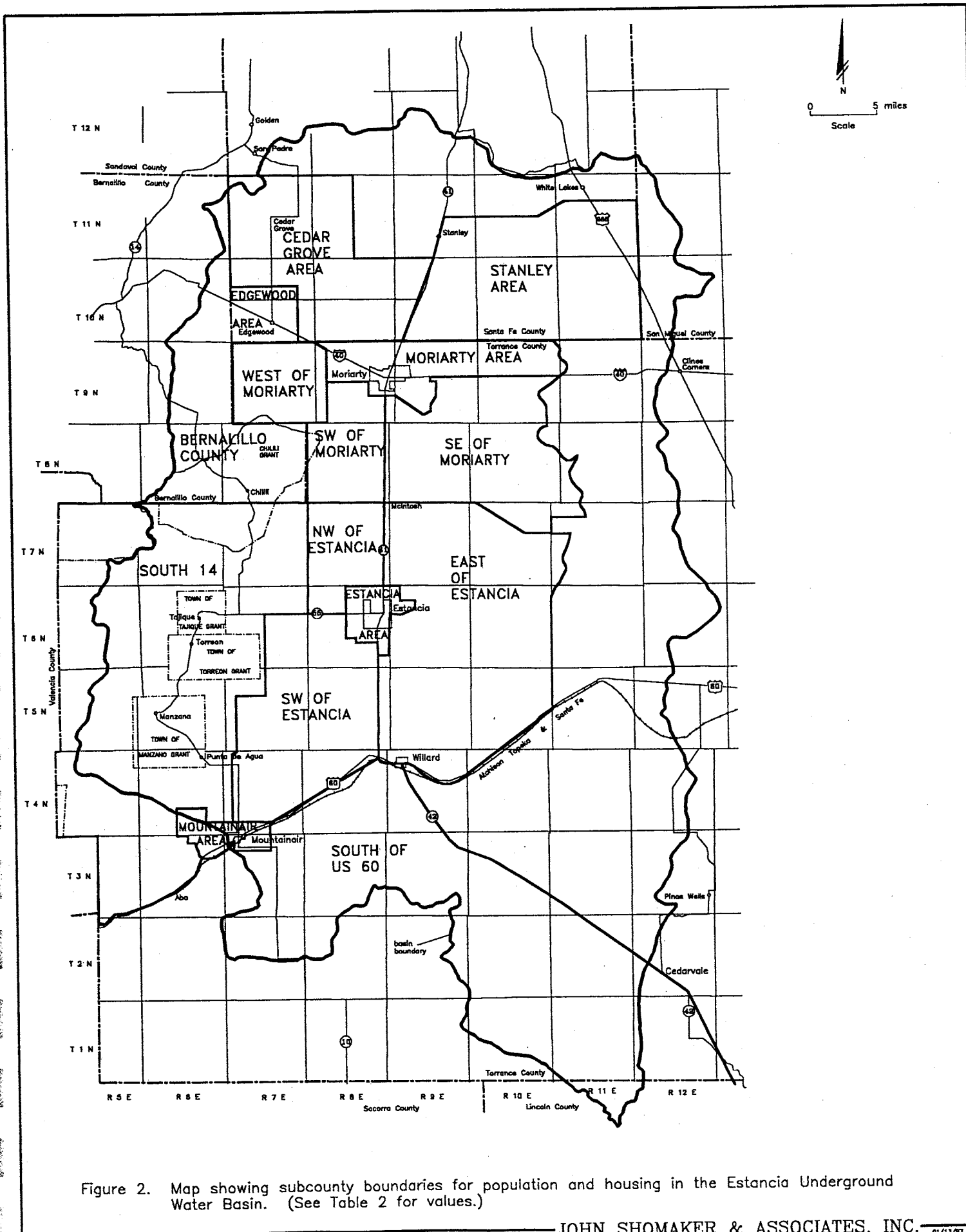
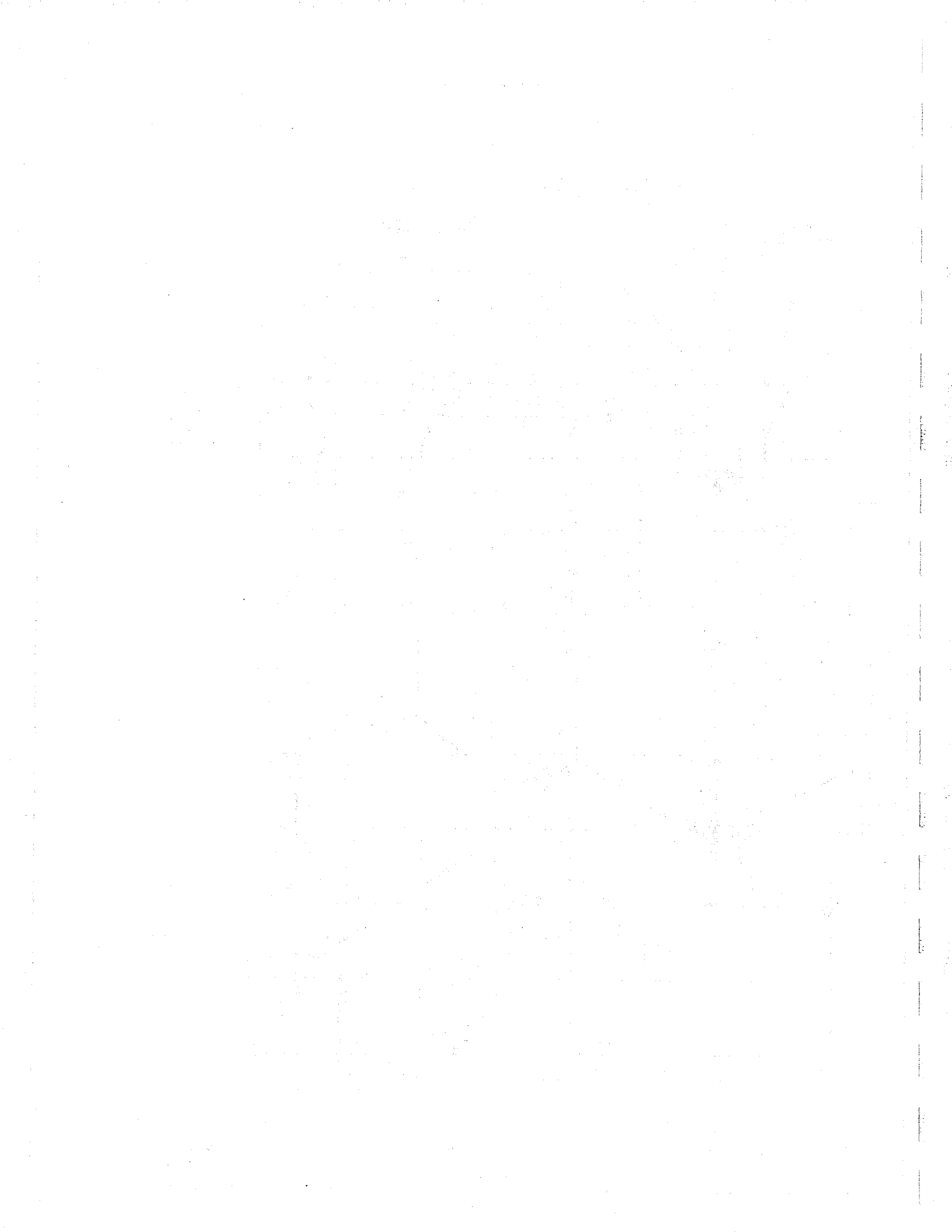


Figure 2. Map showing subcounty boundaries for population and housing in the Estancia Underground Water Basin. (See Table 2 for values.)





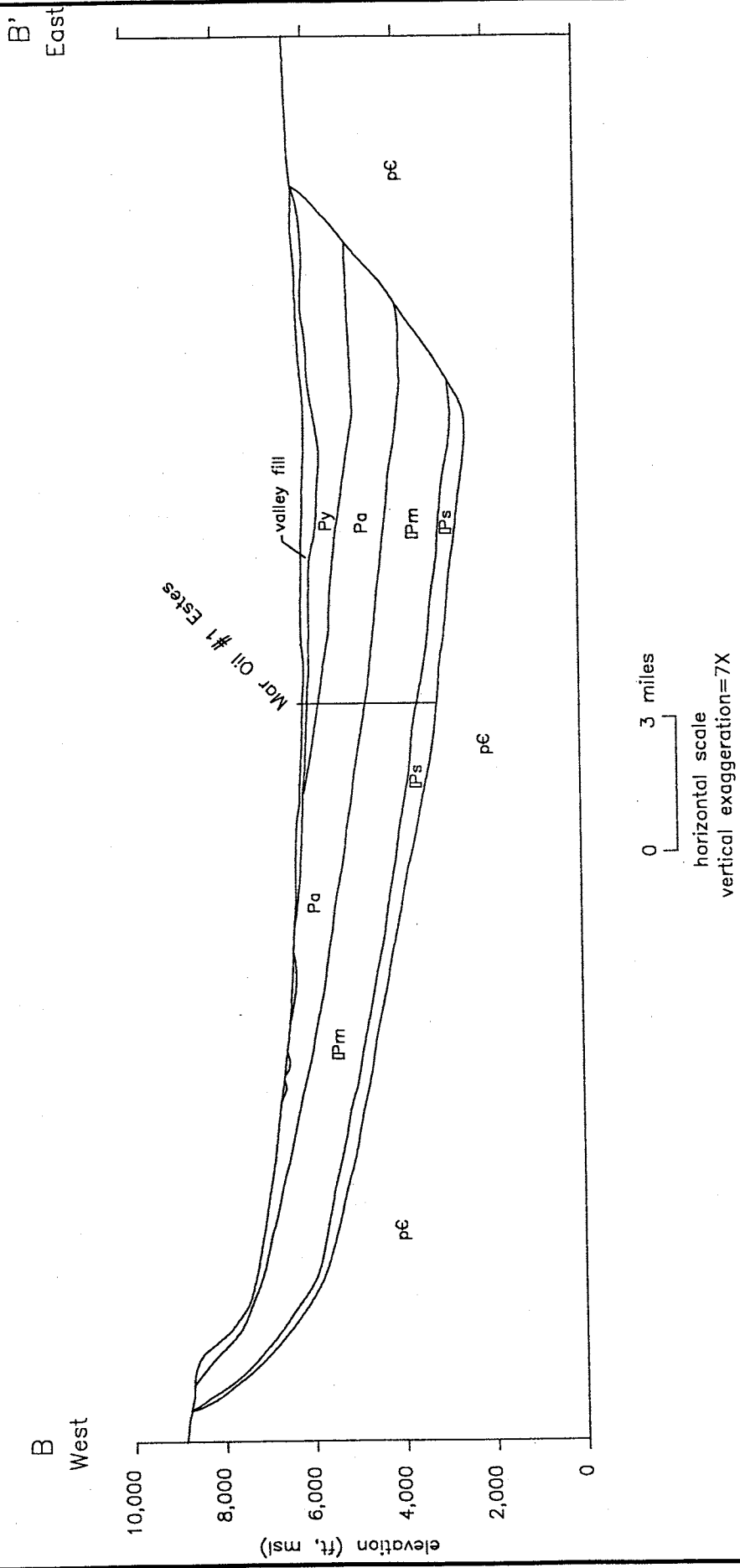
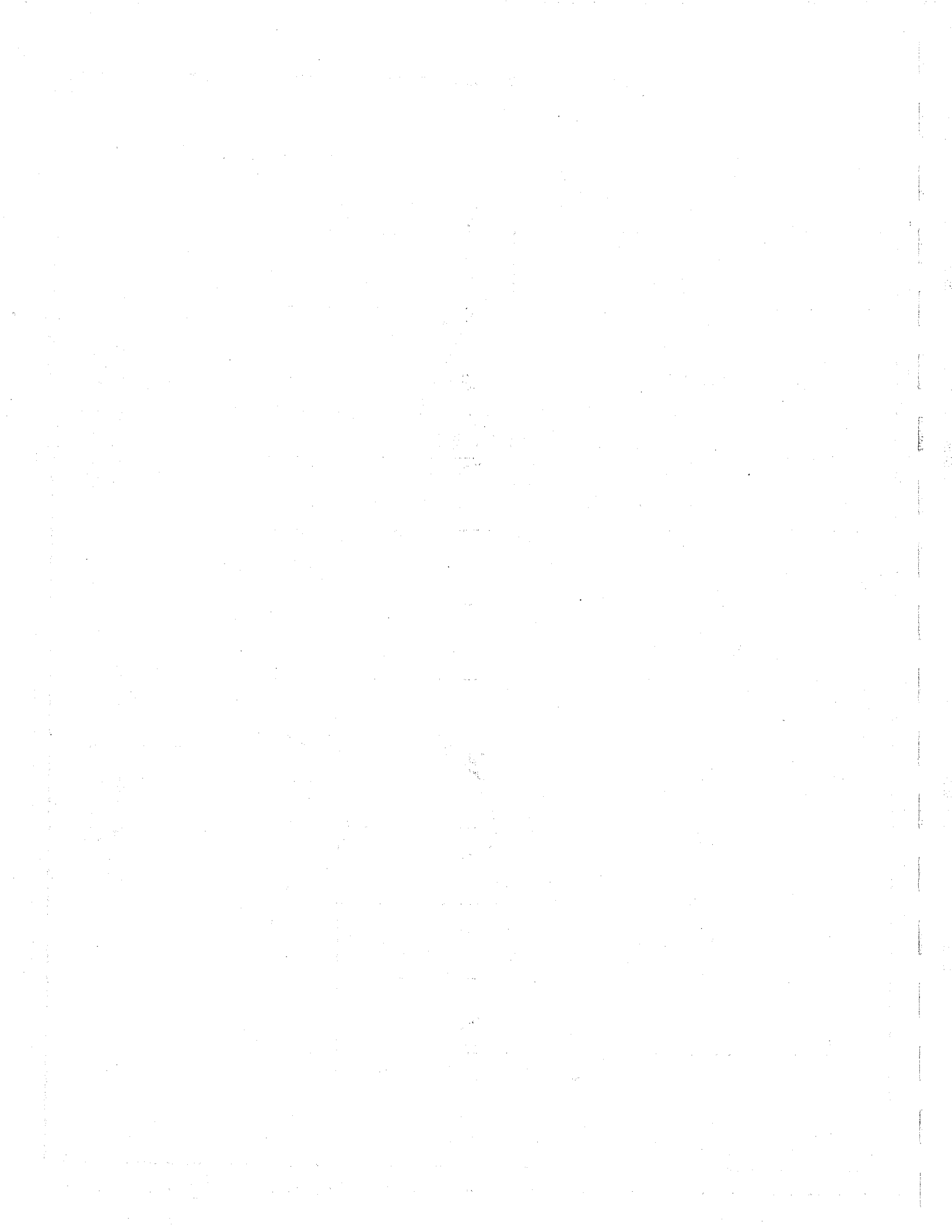


Figure 12. Geologic cross-section B-B', Estancia Underground Water Basin. (See Figure 9 for line-of-section and explanation of symbols).



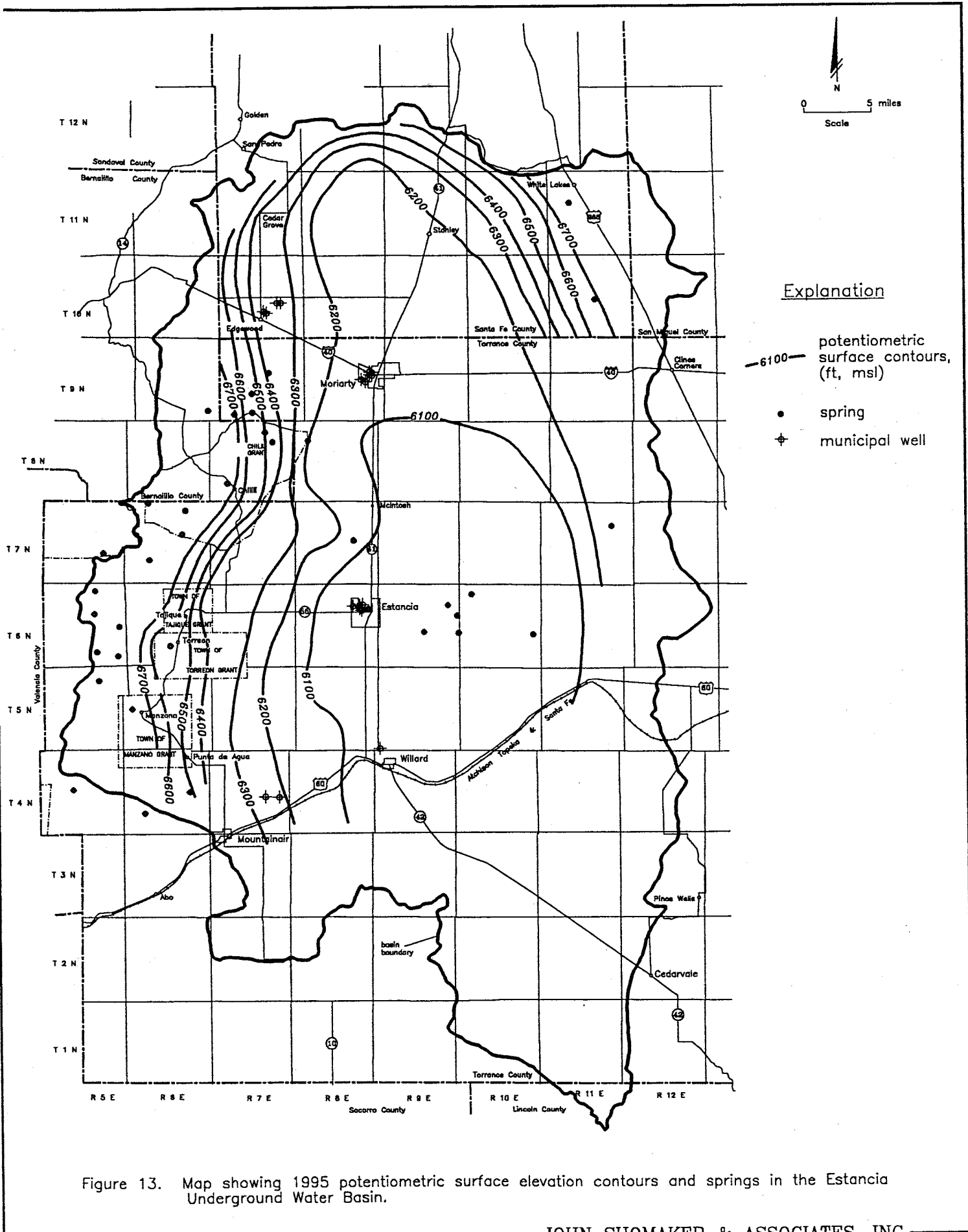
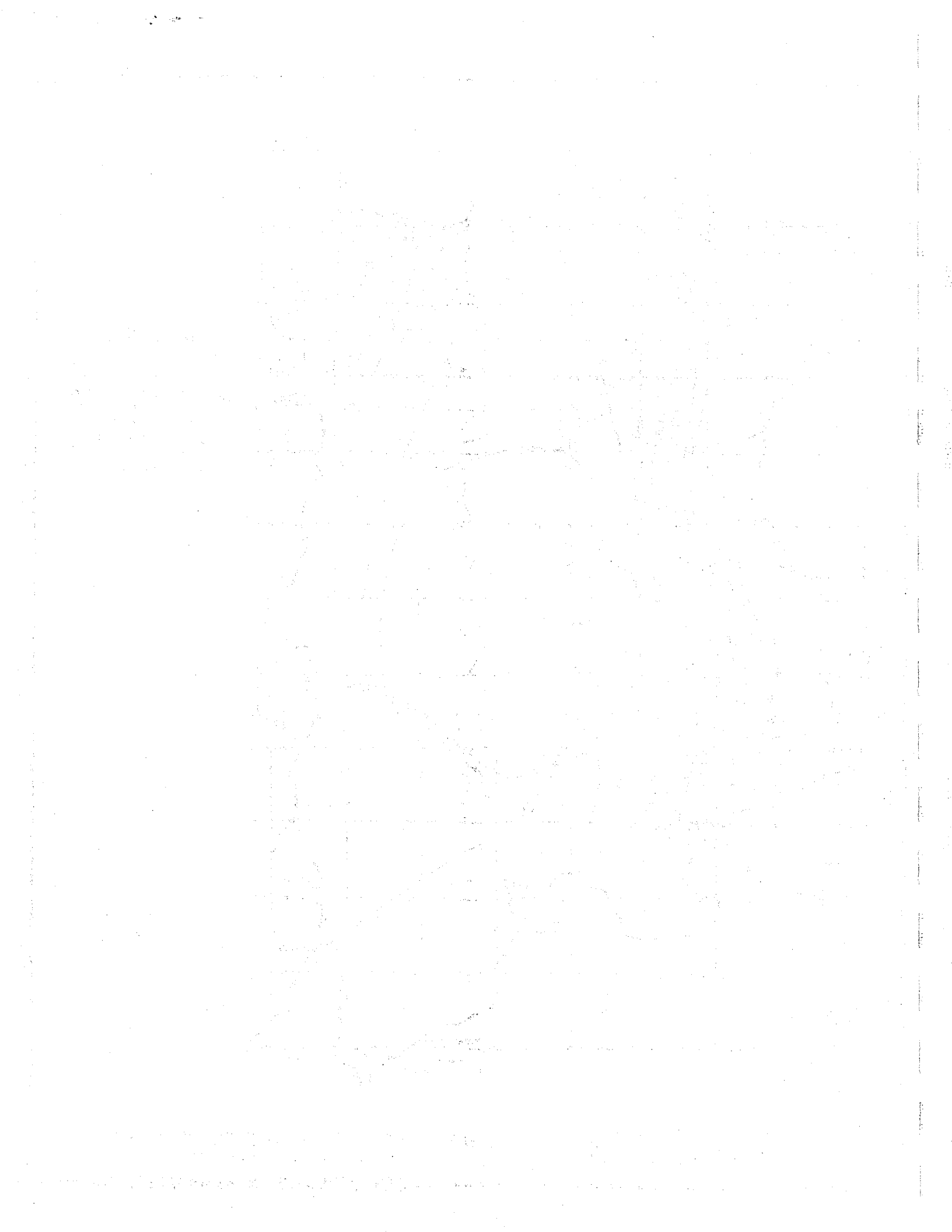


Figure 13. Map showing 1995 potentiometric surface elevation contours and springs in the Estancia Underground Water Basin.



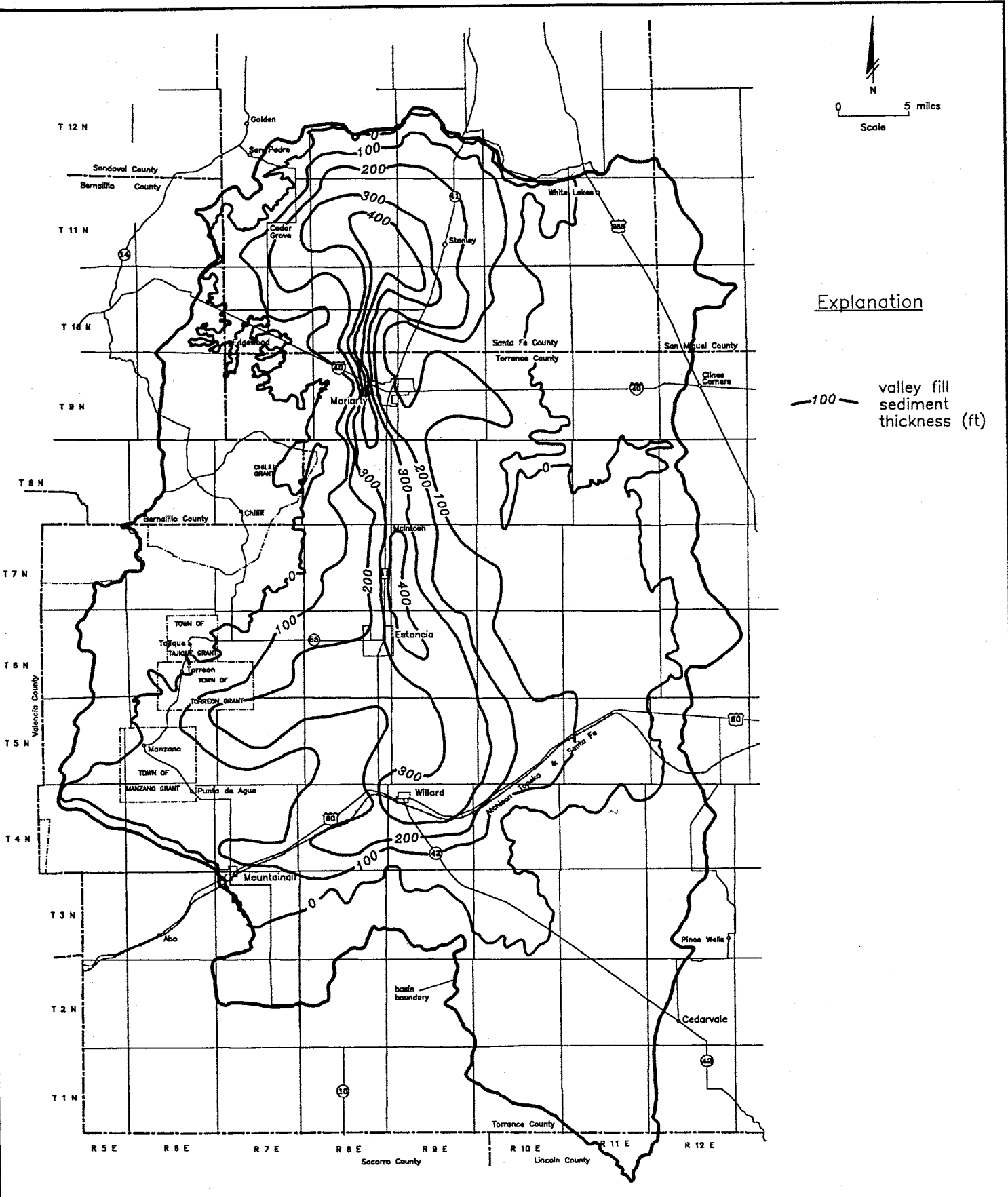
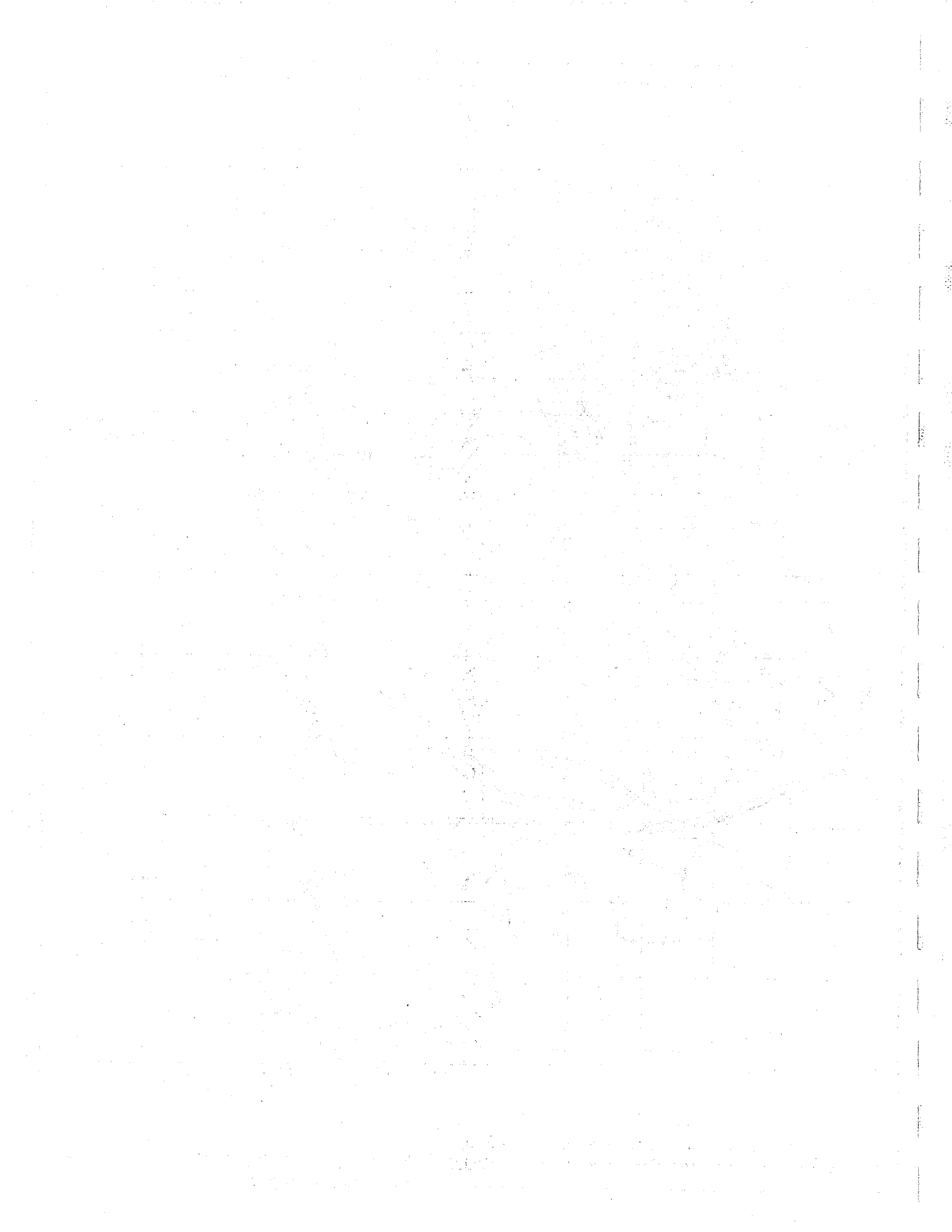
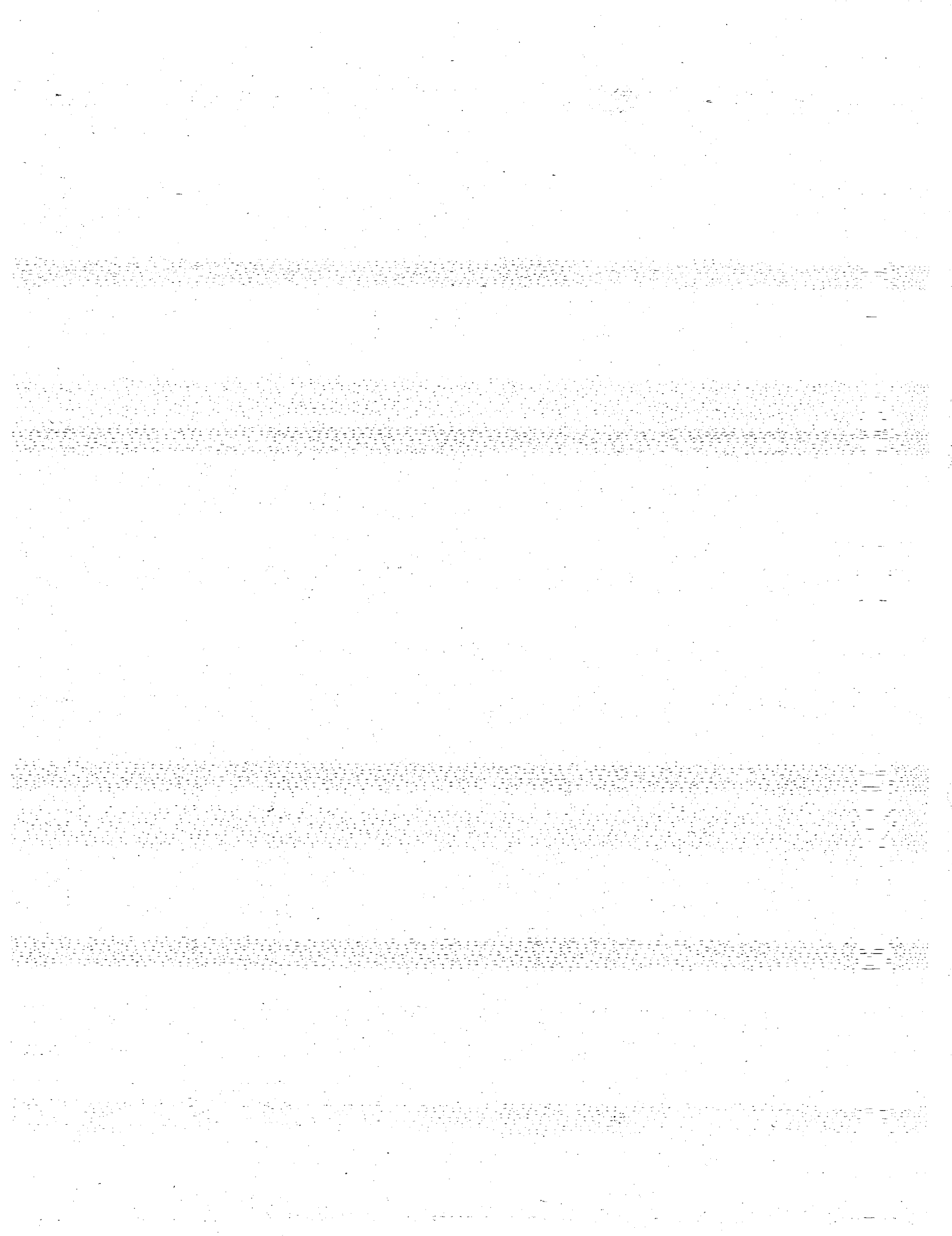
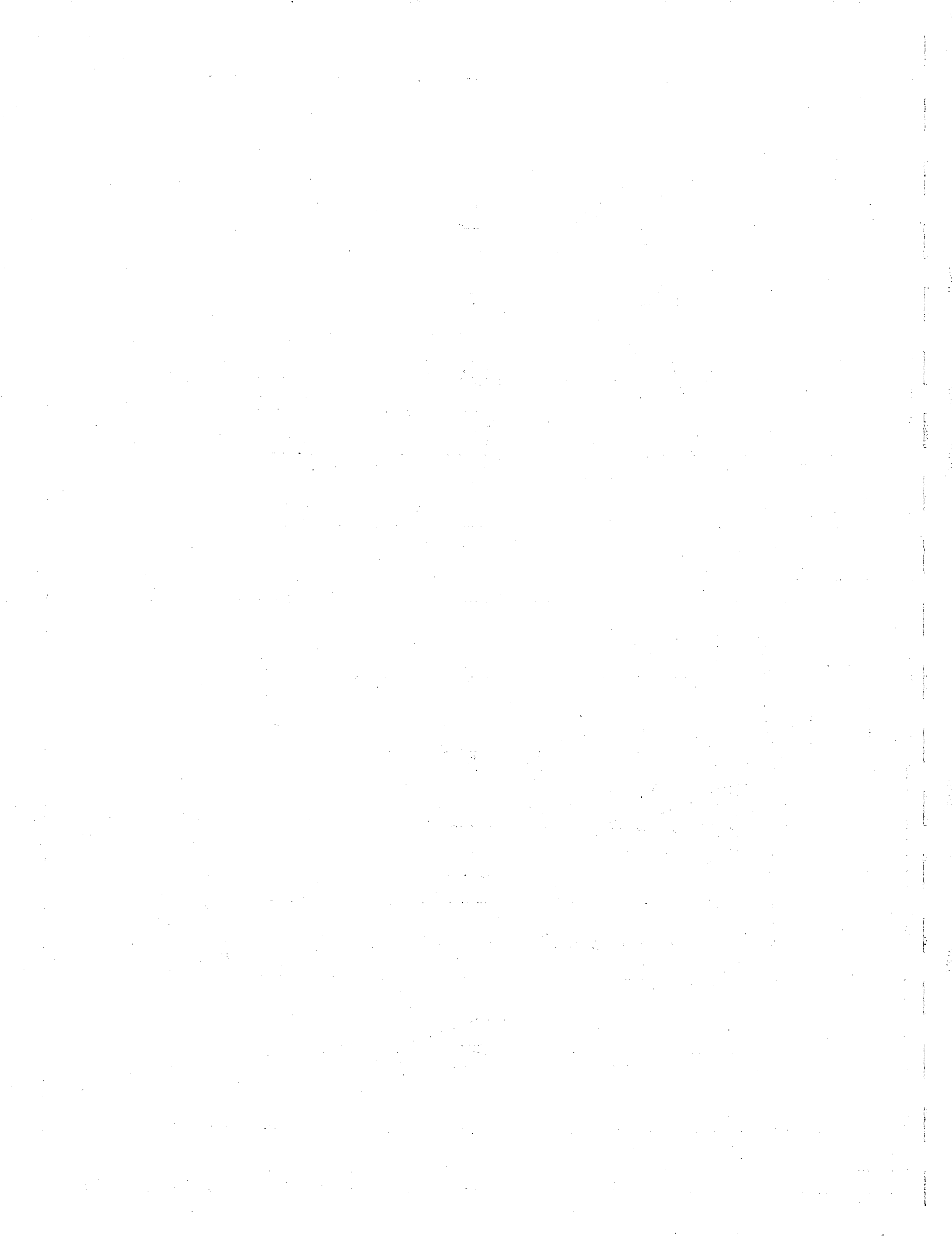


Figure 14. Map showing the extent and thickness of the valley fill sediments in the Estancia Underground Water Basin (modified from unpublished New Mexico State Engineer Office data).









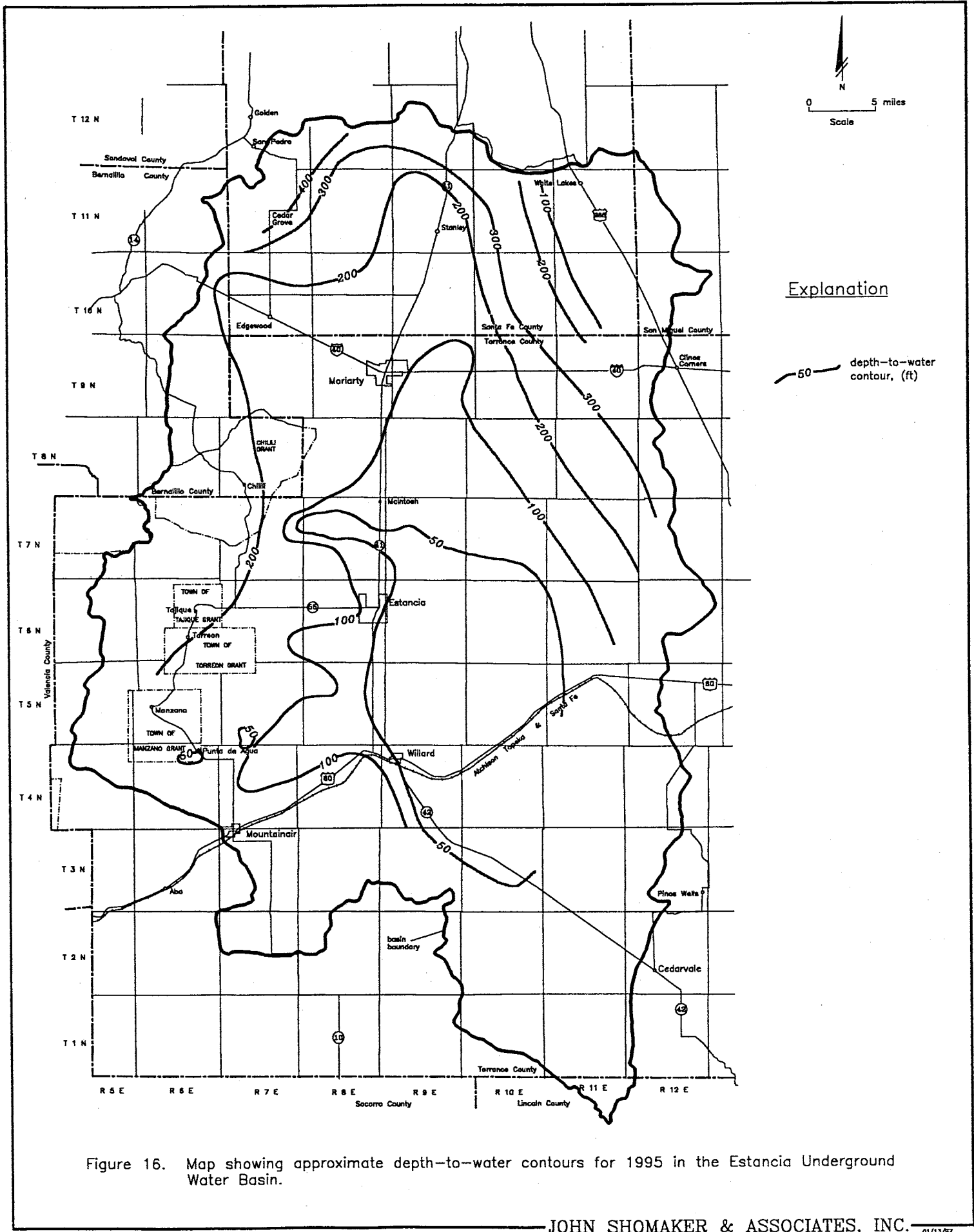


Figure 16. Map showing approximate depth-to-water contours for 1995 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin.

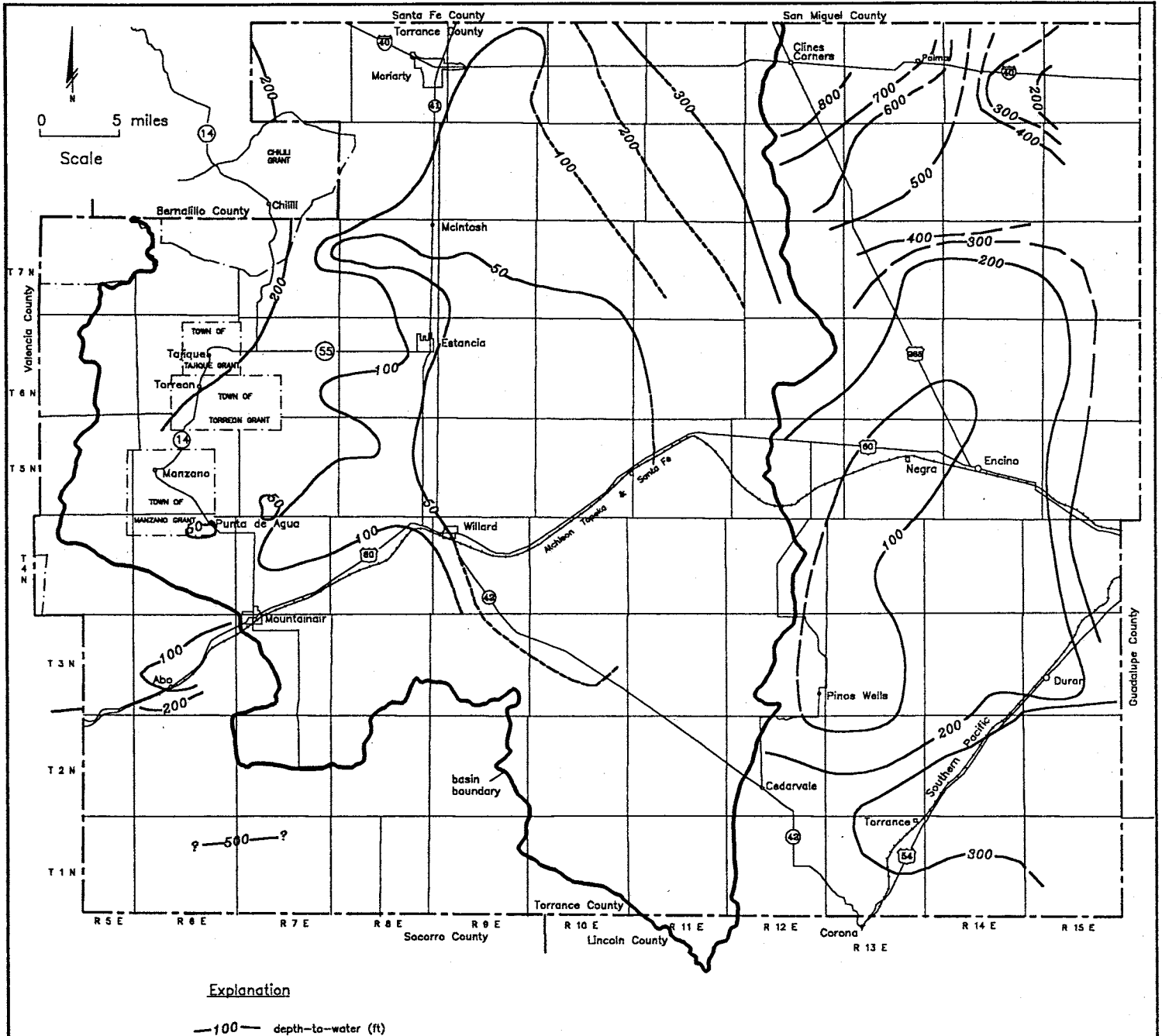
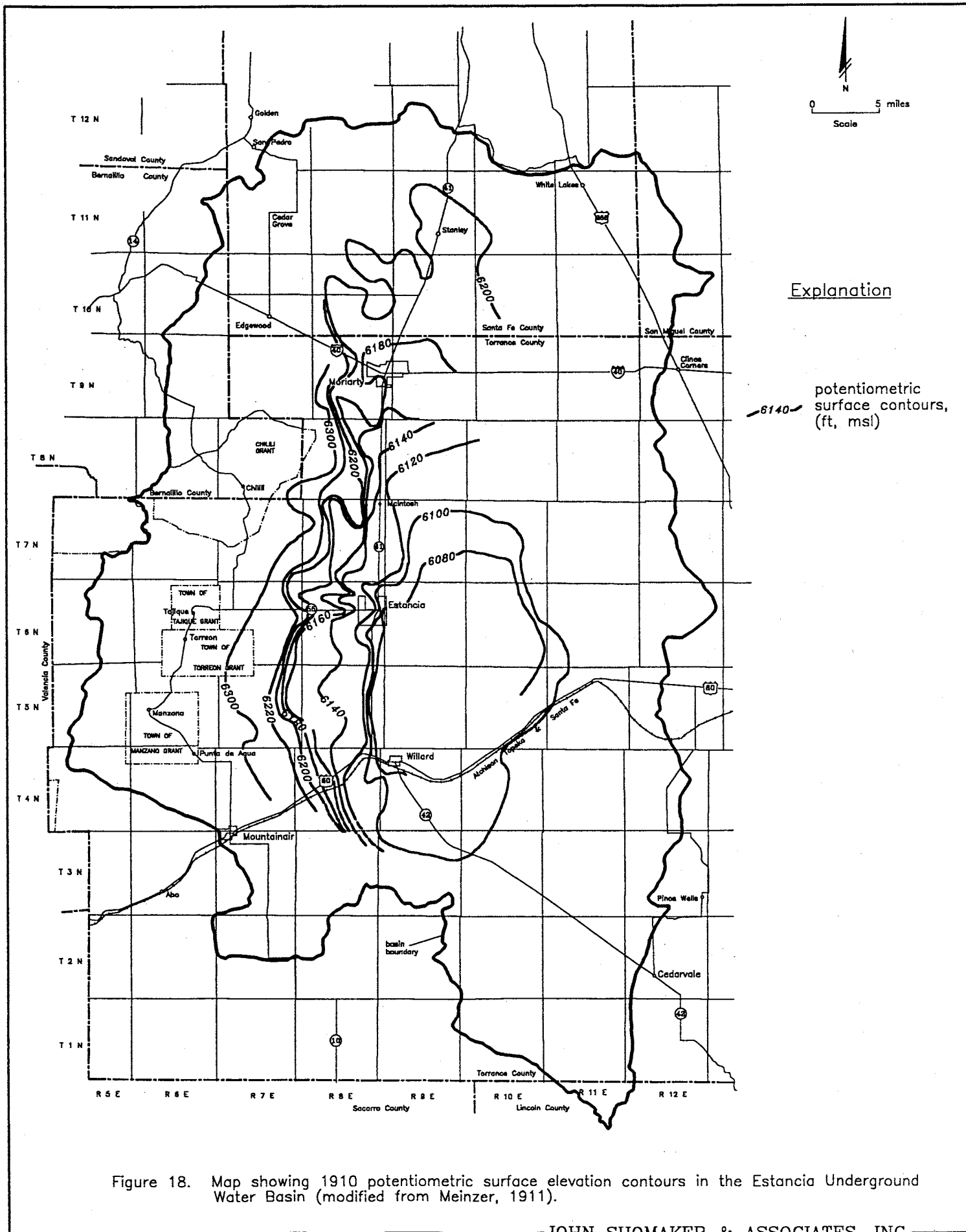


Figure 17. Map showing approximate 1995 depth-to-water for Torrance County.



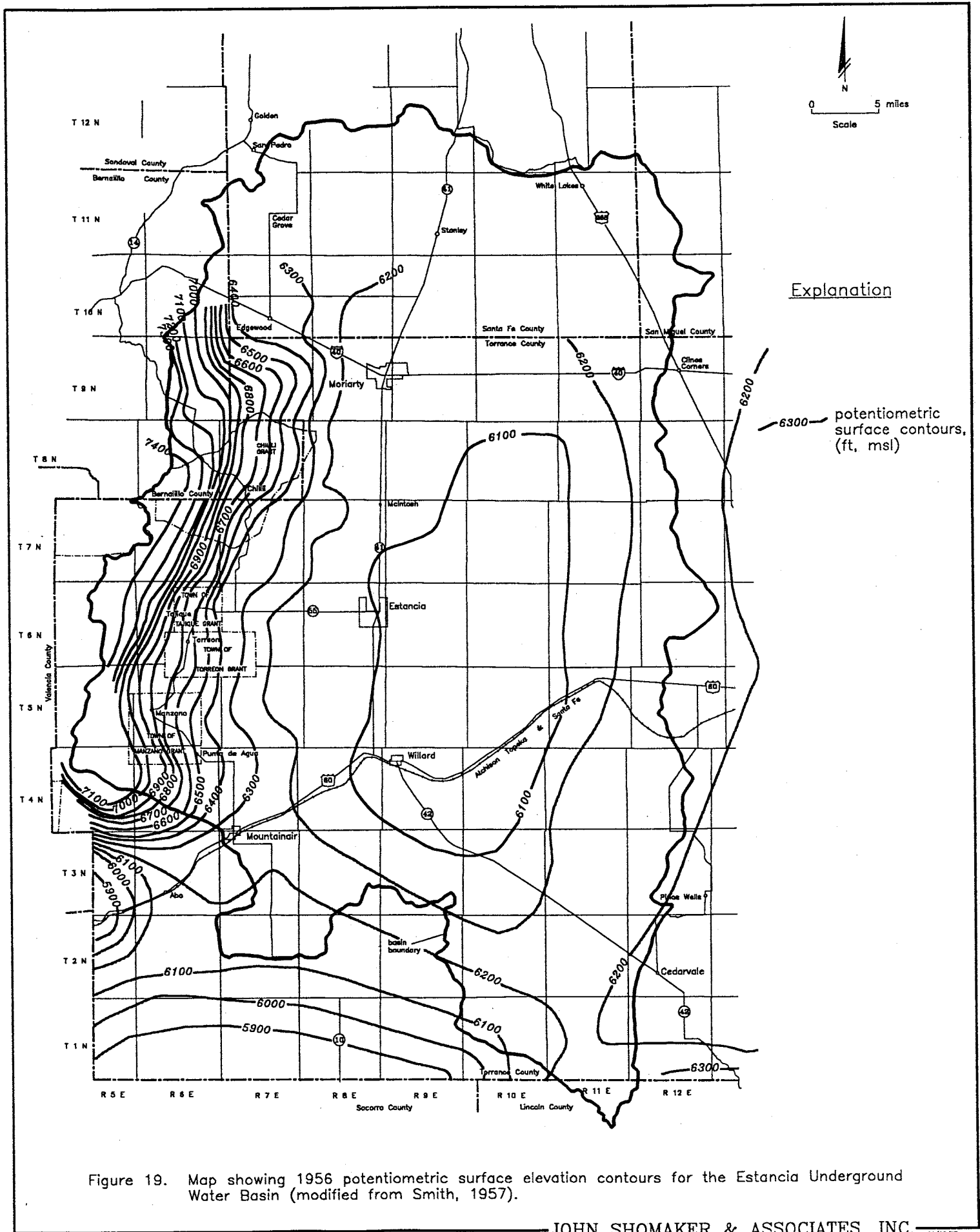
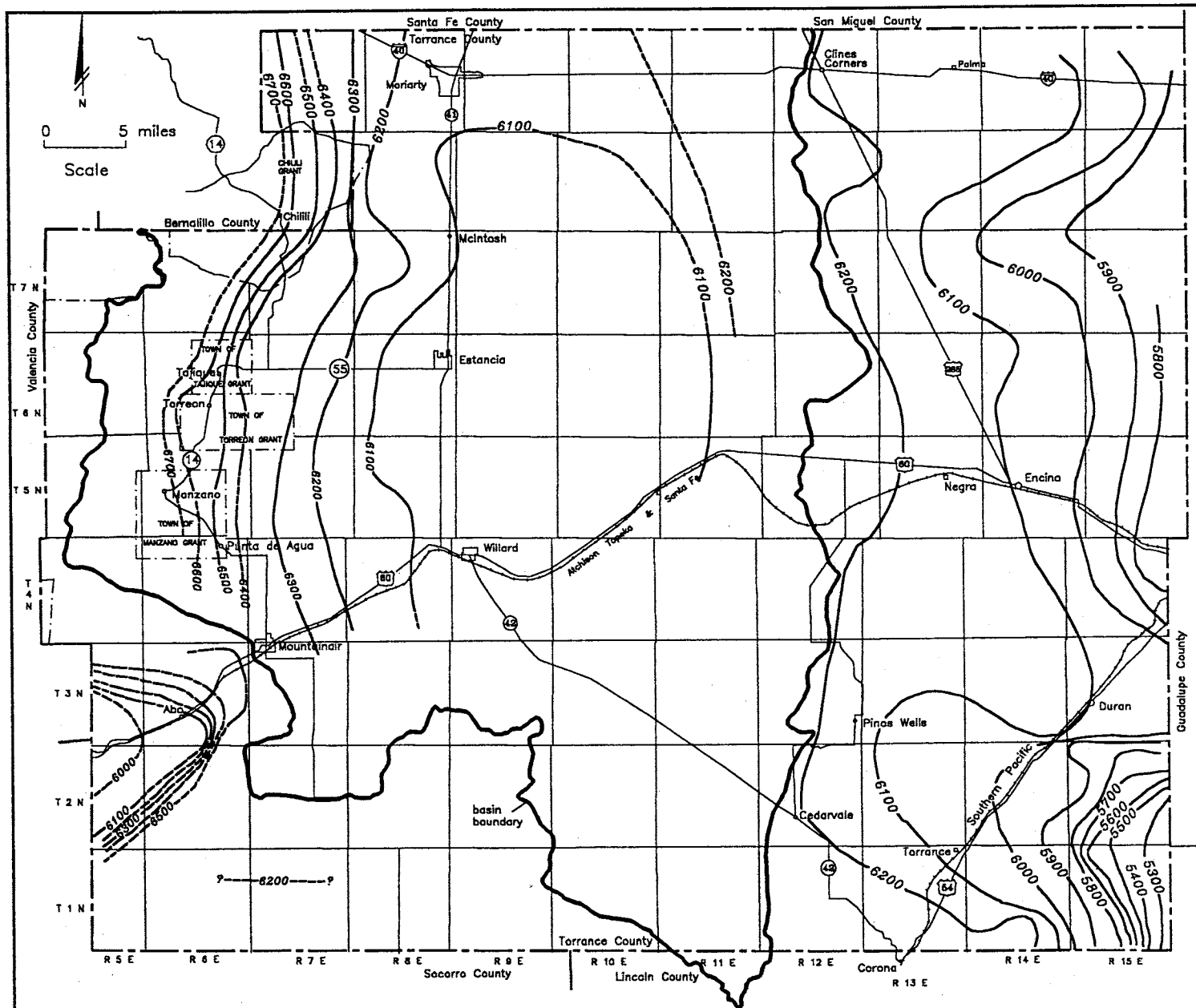


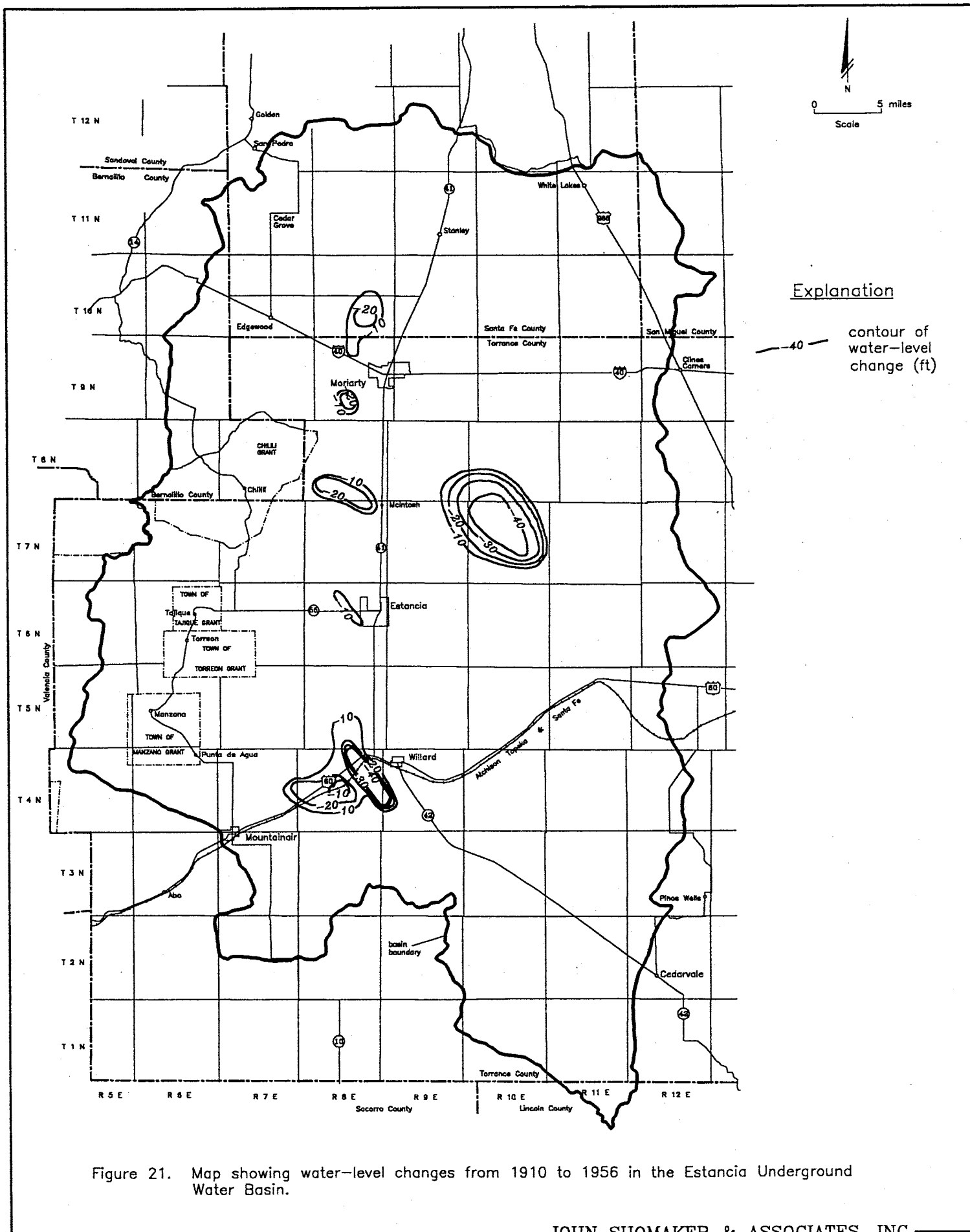
Figure 19. Map showing 1956 potentiometric surface elevation contours for the Estancia Underground Water Basin (modified from Smith, 1957).



Explanation

— 6100 — potentiometric surface elevation contours (ft, msl)

Figure 20. Map showing 1995 potentiometric surface elevation contours in Torrance County.



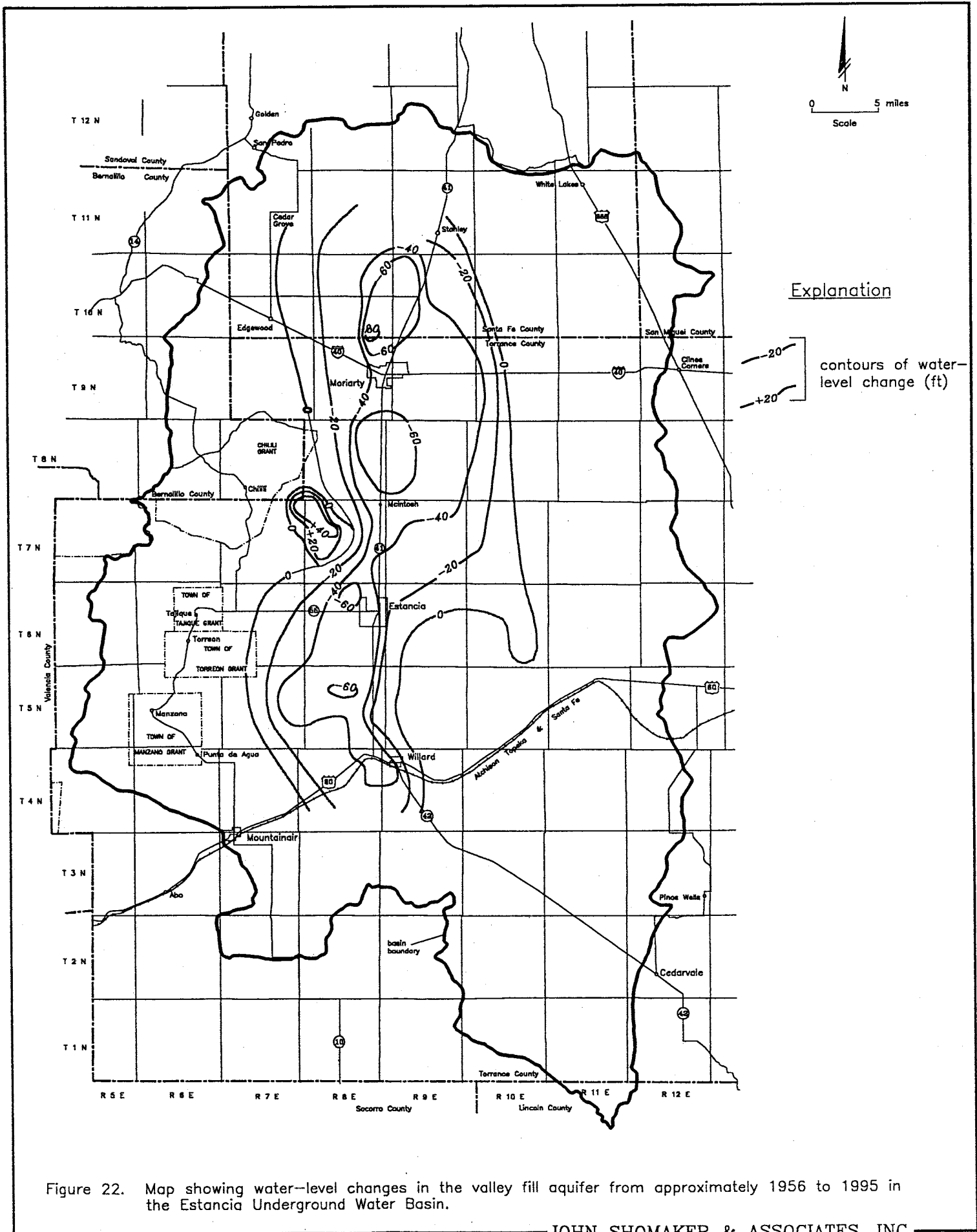


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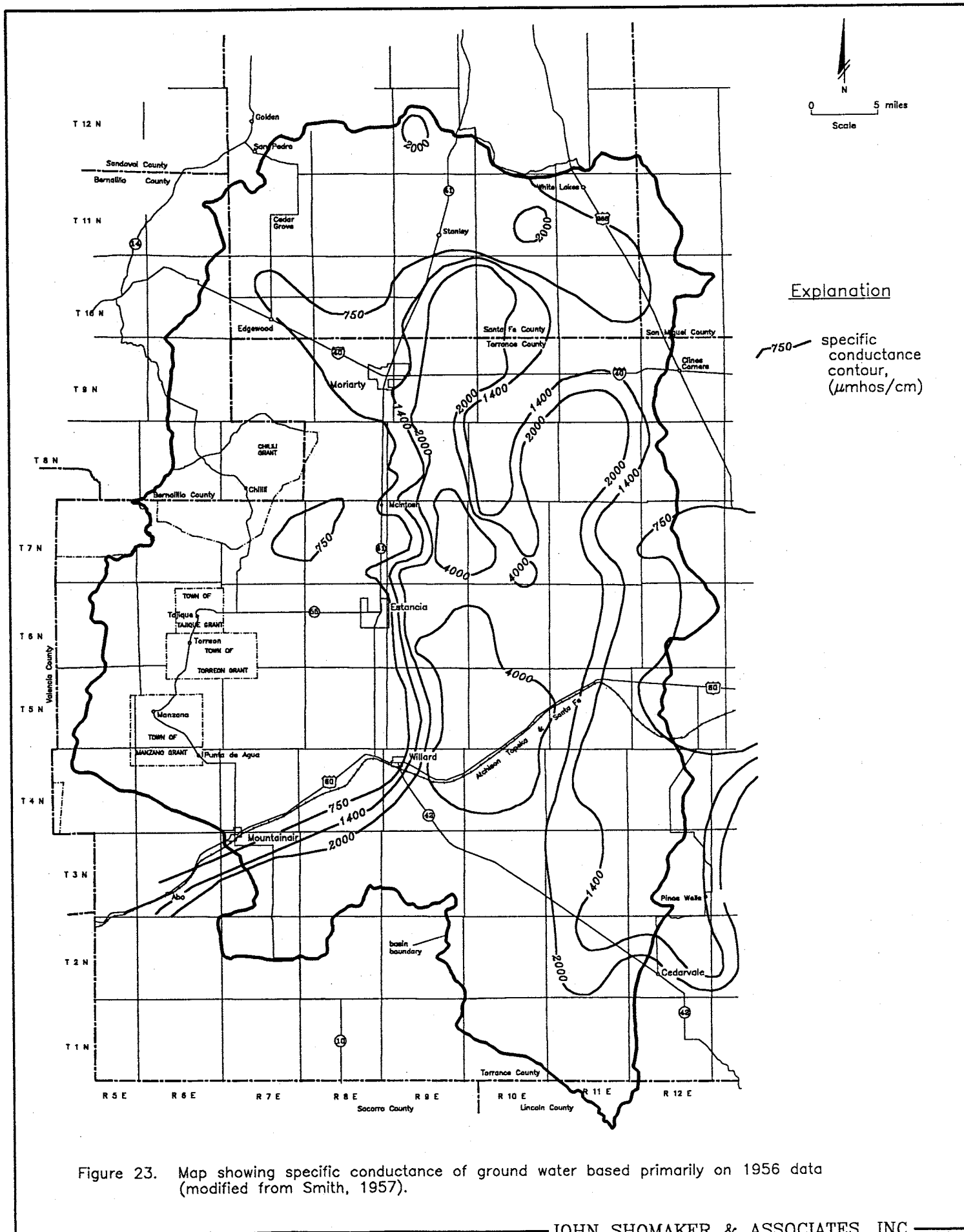


Figure 23. Map showing specific conductance of ground water based primarily on 1956 data (modified from Smith, 1957).



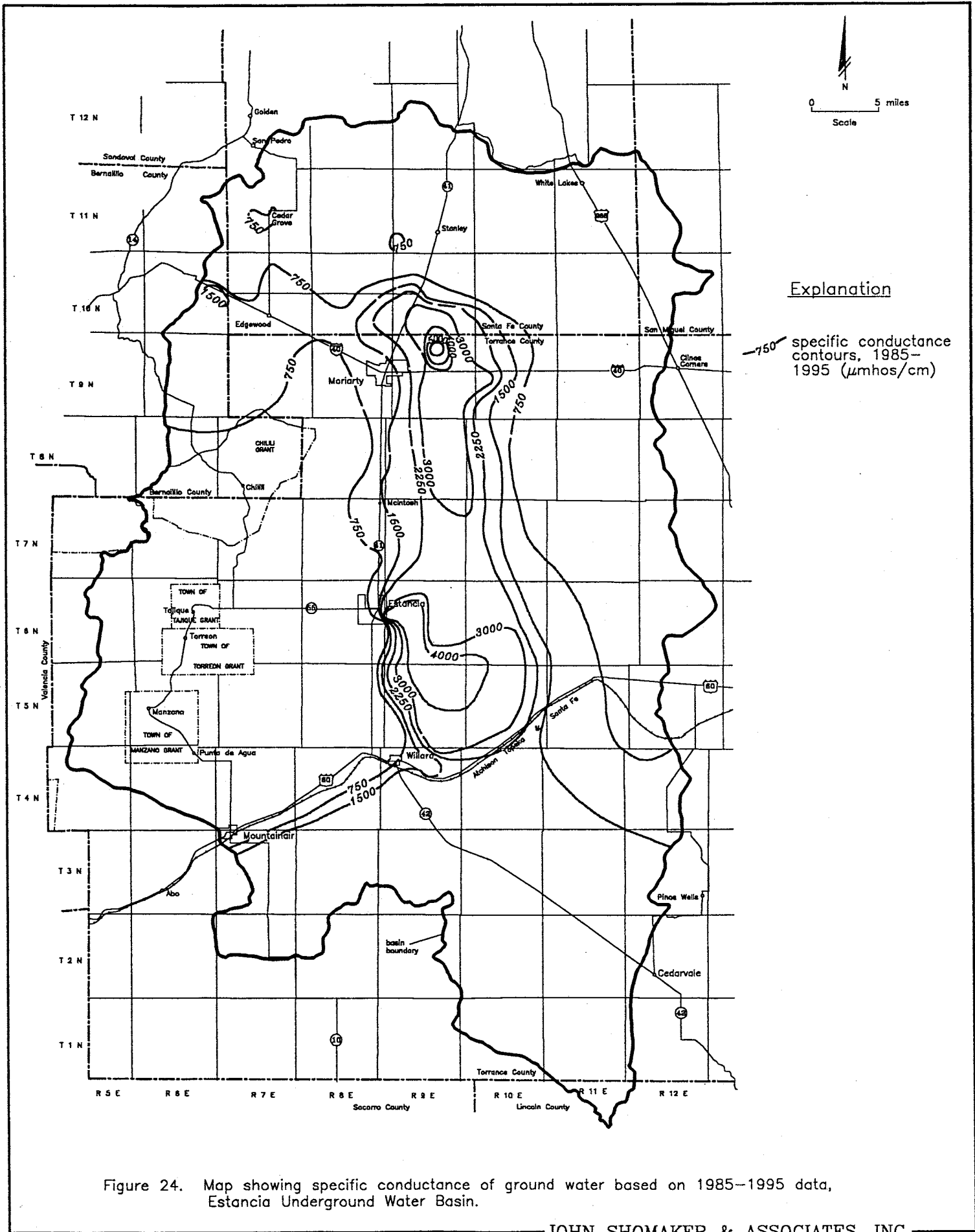


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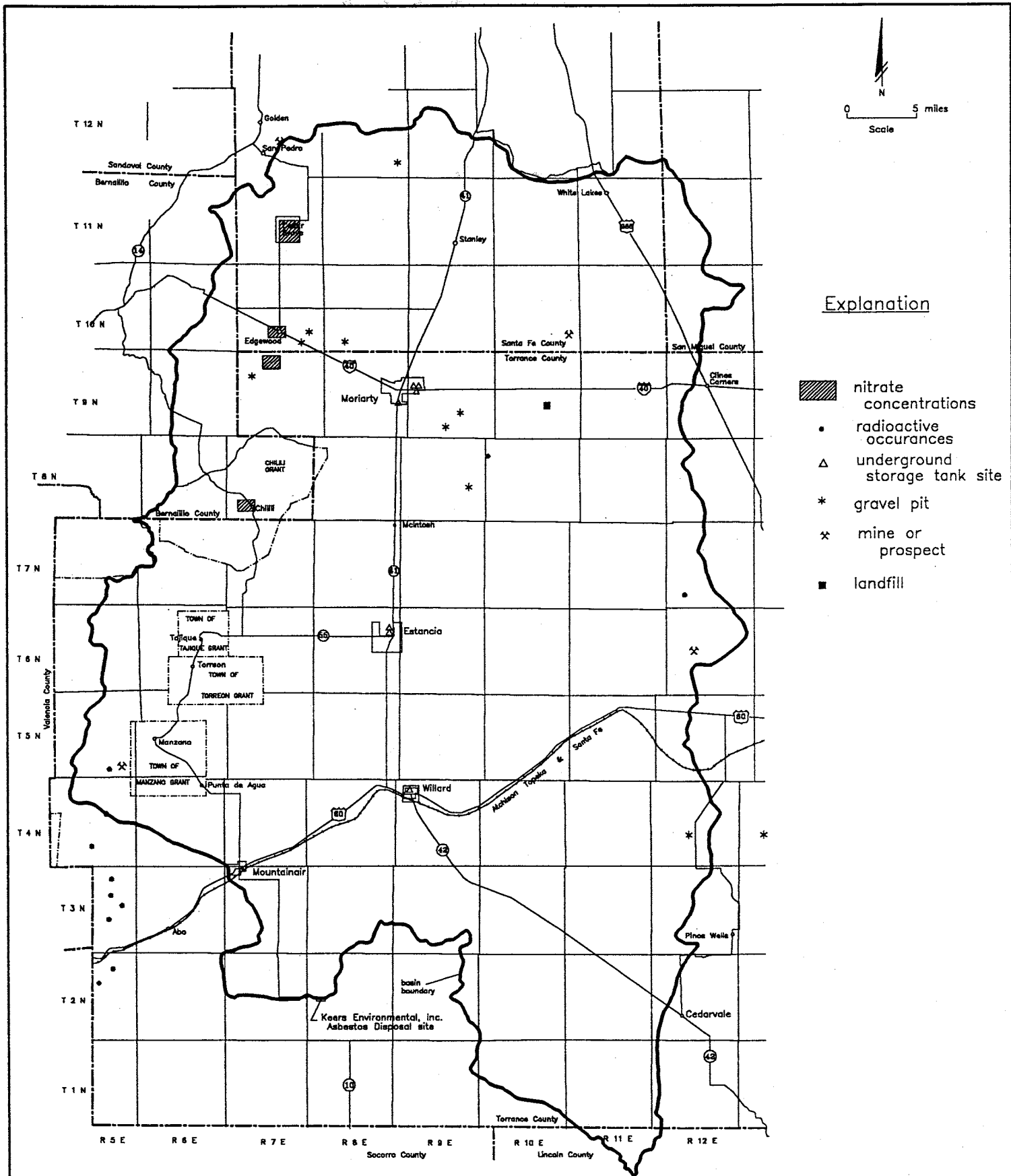


Figure 25. Map showing areas of potential ground-water contamination and possible contaminants present in 1996 in the Estancia Underground Water Basin.

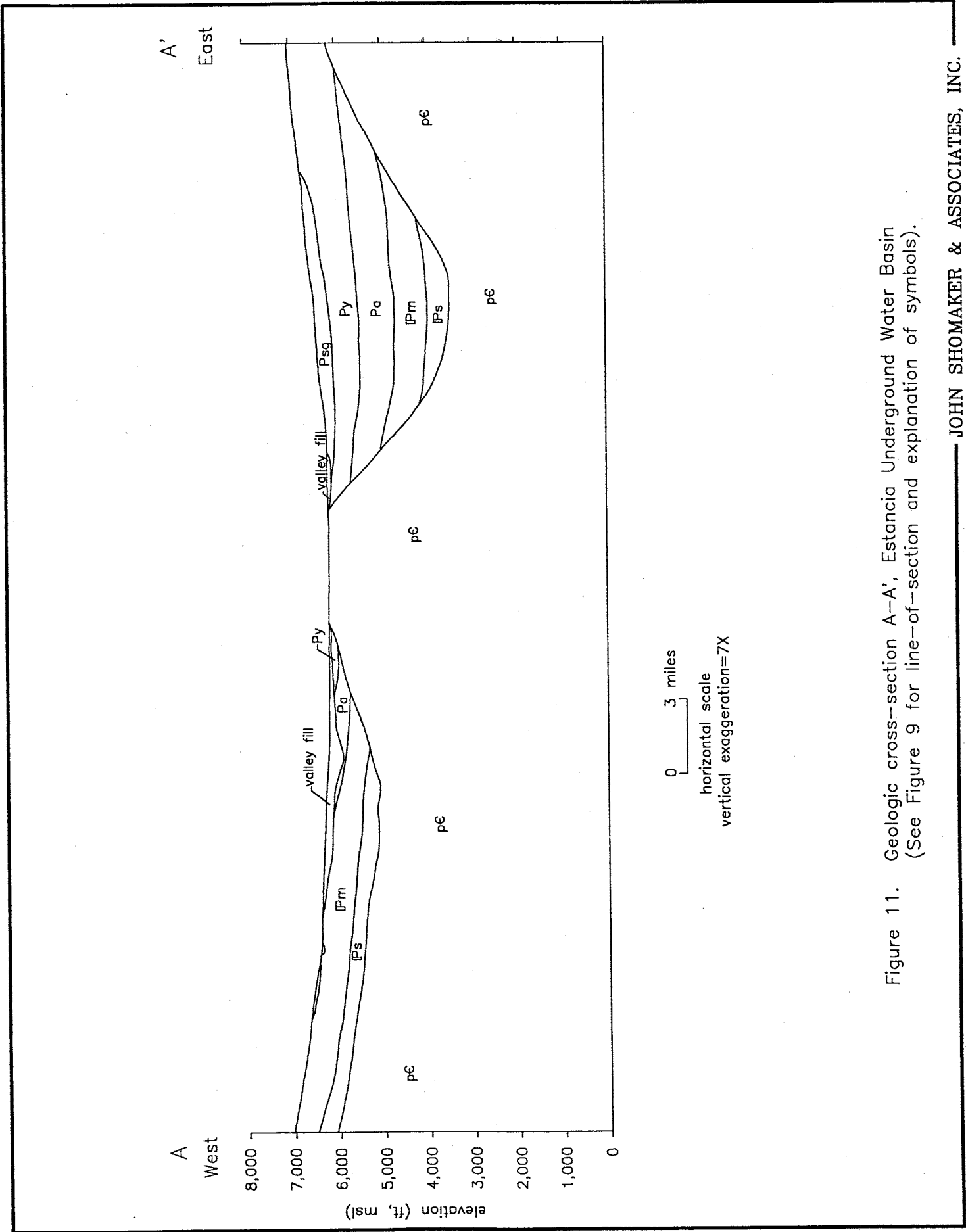
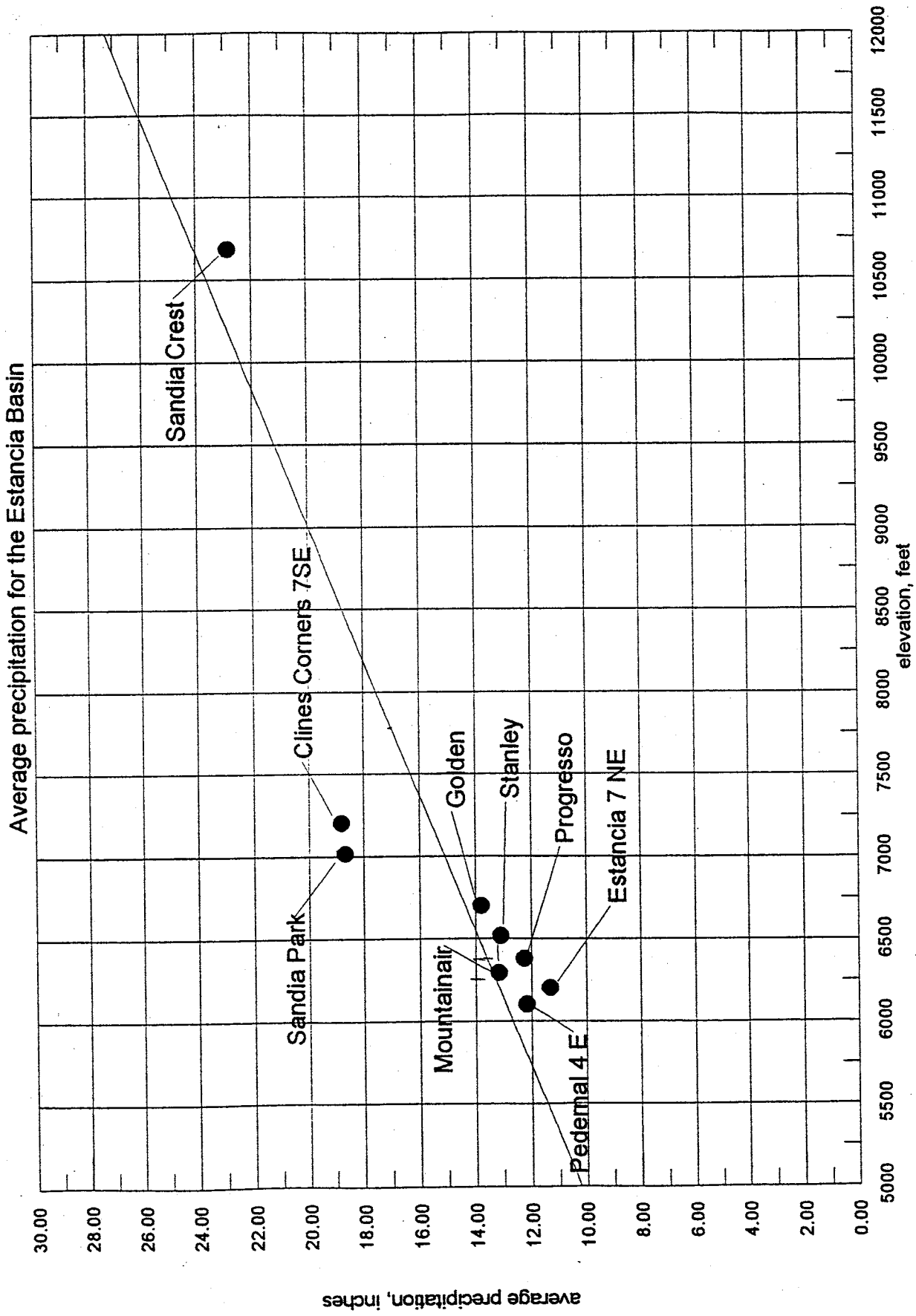


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Average precipitation for the period of record at varring elevation

Figure 9. Graph of total annual precipitation versus elevation for weather stations in and near the Estancia Underground Water Basin.

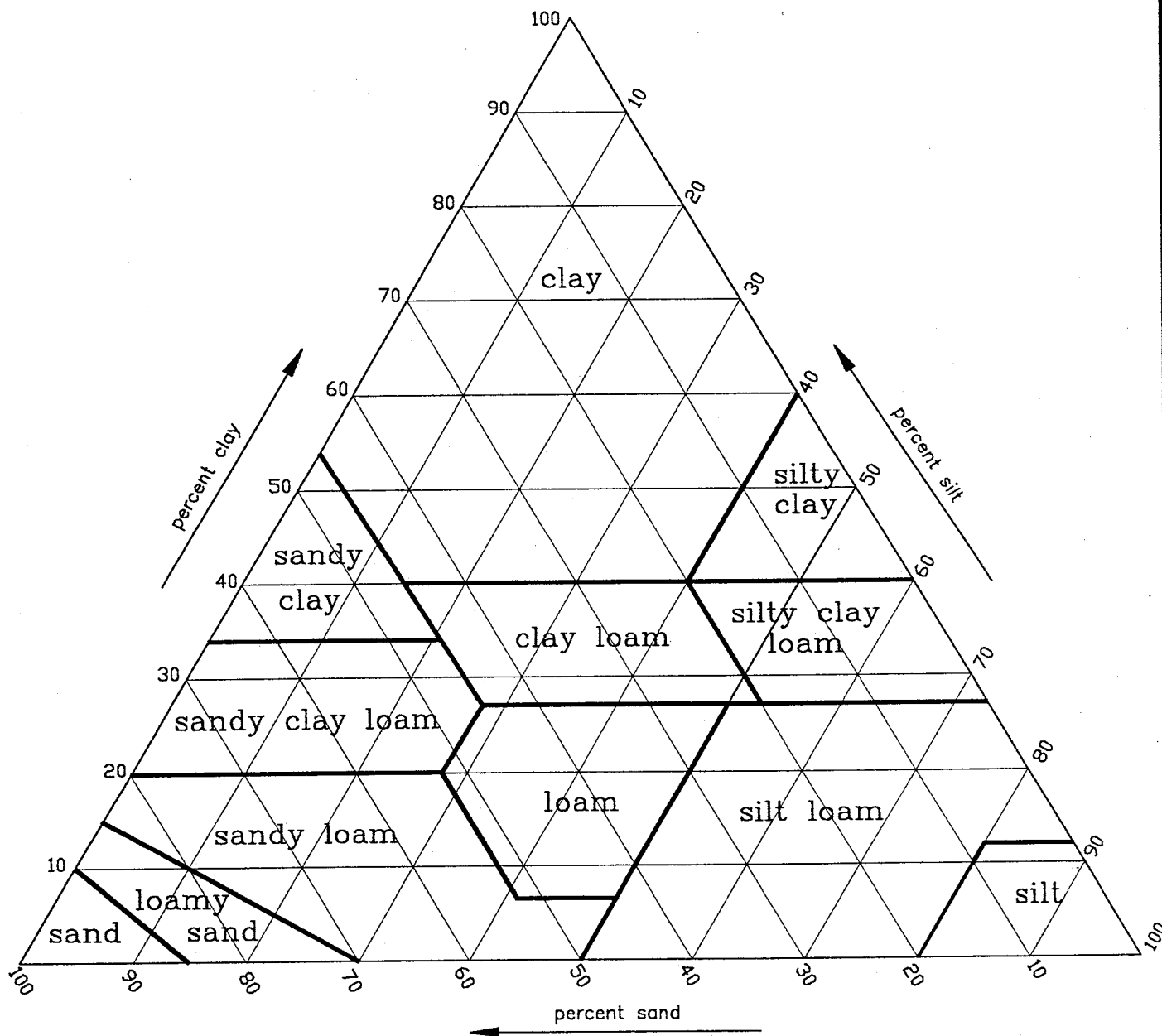


Figure 5. Guide for textural classification, U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service.

