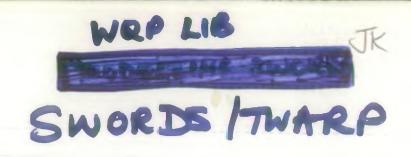
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Introduction

This report aims to present a picture of the current water quality of the Thames and is part of the NRA's response to the south western Oxfordshire reservoir proposal (SWORDS). The report sets a 'baseline' with which to compare the quality of the Thames when the reservoir is operational. The Thames was studied from Farmoor (upstream of the reservoir) and downstream as far as Egham.

The data used was of two types. For July 1989 to June 1992 spot sample data for 17 sites (figure 1) have been analysed; and for July 1991 to June 1992 the data from 4 automatic monitors (AQM's) has been used. The AQM's record hourly sample results and since the volume of data for 3 years would've been too large only one year was used. Three of the AQM's are permanent and a mobile monitor was installed for August 1991 to July 1992 at Sutton Courtenay in the vicinity of the new reservoir. The three permanent monitors are at Northmoor (just upstream of the Farmoor abstraction), Cleeve (25 km downstream of the proposed reservoir); and Romney (just upstream of the intakes for the West London reservoirs.

River Ouality

The water quality for the spot sample sites was analysed (Fig. 2-18) to give an idea of the present status. Only the 3 years to June 1992 were used since the purpose of this study was to present the present picture rather than analyse temporal trends in water quality.

There was seasonality observed at most of the sites studied. The nitrate (measured as total Oxidised nitrogen as mg/l of N) is higher in the Winter largely because of diffuse sources. Similarly at some sites the ammoniacal nitrogen also peaks in Winter possibly due to poor de-nitrification at the sewage treatment works (STW's) in cold weather (another possible cause of the seasonality may be increased ammonia decay in the sample bottles in the lab). The bio-chemical oxygen demand (BOD) was highest in spring/early summer at many of the sites and sometimes there was a corresponding peak in dissolved Oxygen (DO). The oxygen occasionally reached supersaturation levels suggesting that algae was influencing the BOD measurement.

The WRC's "Lapwing" computer program was used to analyse the spatial trends in water quality. This package detected differences in the mean water quality along the length of the Thames. The B.O.D. was found to be higher between Datchet and Egham than for the rest of the river (Fig. 19). Similarly the oxygen increases between Boveney and Egham (Fig. 20). This may be due to less pollutant load in the river or possibly due to algae.

The ammoniacal nitrogen and un-ionised ammonia decline in the upper reaches then remain constant, the variation being less clear than for BOD or oxygen (Figs.21 and 22). The concentrations are low and the variation is not significant as far as RQO standards are

concerned. There is a general increase in nitrate down the river (Fig.23) as the load from each catchment is added to the Thames.

Examination of the data from the AQM's showed the seasonality strongly for nitrate (and obviously temperature) and to a lesser extent for oxygen and ammoniacal nitrogen (Figs. 24-27). Temperature is clearly seasonal at all sites and nitrate similarly so with peaks in the winter and troughs in summer. Northmoor is not as strongly seasonal as the other AQM's as far as nitrate is concerned. The seasonality of oxygen is best seen at Romney, Cleeve and Sutton Courtenay with the spring peak clearly shown. The Romney AQM data (Fig. 27) suggests that a seasonal pattern exists for ammoniacal nitrogen. The winter readings are more variable and higher than those in the summer.

To consider the diel variation of water quality the hourly means of each determinand were examined (Figs 28-31). Temperature varies by about 1°C each day being lowest early in the morning and highest early evening. Of particular note was the diel pattern of nitrate at all stations. The permanent monitors seemed to drift by about 0.5mgl⁻¹ over a 24 hour period, probably due to their calibration mechanism. The Sutton Courtenay temporary monitor however exhibits a definite diel cycle varying by about 0.3mgl⁻¹ between midnight and midday. This pattern has been observed on the Wey and the Mole previously. Reasons for this variation are being explored. Ammoniacal nitrogen doesn't exhibit any diel variation at the sites in question probably because there are no influential STW effluents.

The relationship between flow and water quality was also investigated. At Sutton Courtenay the AQM data was compared with flow and at Days Weir the spot sample data was compared with flow (Fig. 32-33). The average flow and quality for each data set were also plotted. There was no clear relationship between flow and BOD, ammoniacal nitrogen and oxygen, but the high BOD's and ammonias occurred when the flow was low. Similarly the oxygen was most variable when flows were low. Nitrate was strongly positively correlated with flow at both sites and a flow - nitrate relationship was derived at each site using linear regression of logged data (Table 7).

River Quality Compliance

The quality of the Thames was assessed by analysing the spot sample results in three ways. Firstly using the "look-up" table method and then by calculating the 95th %-ile (5th %-ile in the case of oxygen) parametrically for all sites and non-parametrically using the Weibull method where there were more than 19 samples (Tables 1 and 2). For ammoniacal nitrogen and un-ionised ammonia the parametric method used was the method of moments which avoids bias sometimes introduced when using the usual parametric method because the figures involved are close to zero.

For the period July 1989 to June 1992 the Thames failed its RQO of 1B at four sites in its lower reaches (based on the "look-up" table method). There were nine further sites where the non-parametric %-iles failed to meet the standards (the method used in 1990 survey). In the 12 months ending June 1992 only one site failed its RQO, the Thames at Farmoor, using the "look-up" method and none using the parametric method. The non-parametric statistics could not be calculated for this time period since there were less than 20 samples.

For the five failures in the lower reaches of the Thames (1989-1992) B.O.D. was the

determinand failing its standard. The Thames supports a growth of algae especially in these lower reaches due to the high nutrient concentrations and slow velocity of the river. The B.O.D. test can be affected by this growth making the results artificially high thus leading to inaccurate river quality classification. B.O.D. results for these sites were in fact excluded in the 1990 survey. The nutrients that contribute to algae growth largely originate from sewage effluent though so these high values do indicate something about the water quality. Similarly the failure at Farmoor in 1991/92 was due to the failure of B.O.D.

The limited set of determinands recorded by the AQM's show that none of the sites failed their RQO's with respect to ammoniacal nitrogen and oxygen. This shows that for these sites the river quality in the so-called sampling window, i.e. 0930-1530, when the spot samples are taken, isn't different to all 24 hours of the day as far as RQO compliance is concerned. Since the monitors do not measure B.O.D. they don't give any further information about the RQO failures on the Thames.

The Thames is a designated E.C. cyprinid fishery from Eysey to Teddington i.e. for the whole of the study area. The river failed this directive for the rolling year ending June 1990 at Radley College Boathouse, due to high ammoniacal nitrogen. There were no other failures of this directive for the 12 months ending June 1991 and 1992. The "Dangerous Substances Directive" was passed in all of the three years ending June 1990,1991 and 1992. It is also worth noting that the Sutton Countenay monitor showed the nitrate concentrations to be failing the Surface Water Abstraction directive 95%-ile standard of 11.3 mgl⁻¹ overall, due to high concentrations in the winter 1991/92. The daily mean nitrate peaked at around 14mgl⁻¹ in January 1992 and remained mostly above the standard until March 1992. The monthly average flows recorded at Sutton Courtenay for this period are 28, 19 and 15 Cumecs for January, February and March respectively. These flows are just over half the average flows for these months, recorded at the Sutton Courtenay gauging station.

Conclusions -

- (1) The length of the Thames studied has an RQO of 1B apart from the 12.9km between the Cherwell and the Ock, which has an RQO of 2A. All of the length of the Thames studied meets its respective RQO. The length with an RQO of 2A generally meets a 1B, though with some methods of assessment it is class 2A suggesting that it does not meet class 1B reliably.
- (2) The E.C. "Dangerous Substances" directive was met in the years ending June 1990,1001 and 1992 and similarly the "Fisheries Directive" (cyprinid) was met in the years ending June 1991 and June 1992. The fisheries directive was not met in the year ending June 1990 due to high ammoniacal nitrogen values at Radley College Boathouse. The "Surface Water Abstraction Directive" has a nitrate standard of 11.3 mgl⁻¹ as N. It is of some concern that the Sutton Courtenay AQM showed the river not meeting this standard.
- (3) Nitrate and temperature are strongly seasonal on the Thames. BOD peaks in spring or early summer probably due to algae.
- (4) Diel variation was exhibited by temperature, nitrate and oxygen.

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TABLE 1 - ROO CLASSIFICATION OF THAMES USING SPOT SAMPLES

SITE NAME	RQO	7/1989 - 6	/1992	7/1991 -	6/1992
THAMES AT FARMOOR THAMES AT GODSTOW THAMES AT FOLLY BRIDGE THAMES AT DONNINGTON BR THAMES AT RADLEY COLLEGE THAMES AT SUTTON BR THAMES AT DAYS LOCK THAMES AT WALLINGFORD THAMES AT GORING THAMES AT CAVERSHAM THAMES AT SONNING THAMES AT HENLEY THAMES AT COCKHAM THAMES AT BOVENEY THAMES AT DATCHET (3) THAMES AT SUNNYMEADS THAMES AT EGHAM	1B 1B 2A 2A 1B 1B 1B 1B 1B 1B 1B 1B	1B/2A/1A 1A/1B/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/1B/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 1B/2A/1A 2A/2A/1A 2A/2A/1A 2A/2A/1A 2A/3/1B 2A/2A/1A	(32) (34) (32) (27) (34) (35) (43) (35) (33) (35) (34) (83) (41)	2A/1/1B 1A/-/1A 1B/-/1A 1B/-/1A 1A/-/1A 1A/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1A/-/1A 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B 1B/-/1B	(12) (14)

- (1) Quality classification by three methods:LOOK-UP TABLES/NON-PARAMETRIC ASSESSMENT/PARAMETRIC ASSESSMENT
- (2) Figures in parenthesis are number of samples used in assessment.
- (3) Not sampled July 1991 to June 1992

TABLE 2 - RIVER QUALITY FOR JULY 1989 - JUNE 1992

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	DISSOLVED OXYGEN (%SAT)	
	MEAN NP %-ILE PARAM %-ILE	Ξ
THAMES AT WATER INTAKE, FARMOO	94.1550 80.1000 90.8726	
THAMES AT TROUT INN, GODSTOW	94.0811 73.7000 90.3231	
	91.8529 72.2500 88.3013	
THAMES AT DONNINGTON BRIDGE, O	92.2571 75.8000 88.3426	
THAMES AT RADLEY COLLEGE BOATH	92.0938 66.6000 87.0871	
THAMES AT SUTTON BRIDGE, CULHA		
THAMES AT DAYS LOCK	92.4611 69.5000 87.8503	
THAMES AT WALLINGFORD BRIDGE	93.6722 76.5000 87.3051	
THAMES JUST ABOVE GORING WEIR		
	92.7244 67.6000 88.2960	
	90.7257 68.6000 86.4195	
THAMES AT HENLEY BRIDGE		
THAMES AT COOKHAM BRIDGE		
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THAMES AT MWD INTAKE, DATCHET		
THAMES AT THREE VALLEYS WATER		
THAMES ABOVE NSWC INTAKE, EGHA	97.6145 75.2000 94.4147	
	AMMONIACAL NITROGEN (mg/l)	
	MEAN NP %-ILE PARAM %-ILE	-
THAMES AT WATER INTAKE, FARMOO		•
THAMES AT TROUT INN, GODSTOW	0.0603 0.1410 0.0629	
	0.0682 0.1600 0.0710	
THAMES AT DONNINGTON BRIDGE, O		
THAMES AT RADLEY COLLEGE BOATH		
THAMES AT SUTTON BRIDGE, CULHA		
THAMES AT DAYS LOCK		
THAMES AT WALLINGFORD BRIDGE		
THAMES JUST ABOVE GORING WEIR		
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THAMES AT HENLEY BRIDGE	0.0963 0.2660 0.0947	
THAMES AT COOKHAM BRIDGE		
THAMES AT COOKHAM BRIDGE		
THAMES AT BOVENEY WEIR	0.0902 0.2180 0.0852	
THAMES AT MWD INTAKE, DATCHET	0.1076 0.2200 0.1096	
THAMES AT THREE VALLEYS WATER	0.1063 0.2925 0.1004	
THAMES ABOVE NSWC INTAKE, EGHA	0.1143 0.3280 0.1055	
*	B.O.D. (mg/1)	
	MEAN NP %-ILE PARAM %-ILE	
THAMES AT WATER INTAKE, FARMOO		•
THAMES AT TROUT INN CONSTOLL	2.5467 7.5000 2.5527	
THAMES AT FOLLY BRIDGE OVEDED	2.0568 3.5800 2.1516 2.2152 6.1700 2.2960	
THAMES AT DONNINCTON PRINCE O	2.2371 5.1800 2.3224	
THAMES AT DANIES COLLEGE BOATH	2.2788 6.3900 2.3670	
THAMES AT CUTTON DOINGS CHUIA	2.2788 6.3900 2.3670	
	2.5185 6.2600 2.7034 2.5088 7.3750 2.5477	
THAMES AT DAYS LOCK	2.5088 /.3/50 2.54// 2.2528 7.7950 2.2761	
THAMES AT WALLINGFORD BRIDGE	2.2528 7.7950 2.2761	
THAMES JUST ABOVE GORING WEIR	2.4973 6.5700 2.4951	
THAMES AT CAVERSHAM WEIR THAMES AT SONNING WEIR THAMES AT HENLEY BRIDGE	2.3205 6.2750 2.3393	
THAMES AT SONNING WEIR	2.3206 5.5500 2.4195 2.3686 5.4800 2.4365	
THAMES AT HENLEY BRIDGE	2.3686 5.4800 2.4365	
THAMES AT COOKHAM BRIDGE	2.7657 8.1000 2.7647	
THAMES AT BOVENEY WEIR	2.0607 6.6750 1.9550	
THAMES AT MWD INTAKE, DATCHET	2.7071 9.1700 2.5364	
THAMES AT THREE VALLEYS WATER	3.4229 9.7650 3.2487	
THAMES ABOVE NSWC INTAKE, EGHA	2.3686 5.4800 2.4365 2.7657 8.1000 2.7647 2.0607 6.6750 1.9550 2.7071 9.1700 2.5364 3.4229 9.7650 3.2487 2.8707 8.4400 2.7122	

TABLE 2 - (continued)

	UN-IONISED AM	MONIA (mg/	1)
			PARAM %-ILE
THAMES AT WATER INTAKE, FARMOO		0.0060	0.0015
	0.0012		
THAMES AT FOLLY BRIDGE, OXFORD	0.0014	0.0033	0.0014
THAMÉS AT DONNINGTON BRIDGE, O	0.0014	0.0042	0.0015 0.0035
THAMES AT RADLEY COLLEGE BOATH	3.		
THAMES AT SUTTON BRIDGE, CULHA	0.0027	0.0085 0.0088	0.0026
THAMES AT DAYS LOCK	0.0030	0.0088	0.0029
THAMES AT WALLINGFORD BRIDGE		0.0151	0.0021
THAMES JUST ABOVE GORING WEIR	0.0021	0.0071	0.0019
THAMES AT CAVERSHAM WEIR	0.0017 0.0016	0.0038	0.0017
THAMES AT SONNING WEIR	0.0016	0.0032	0.0016
THAMES AT HENLEY BRIDGE			
THAMES AT COOKHAM BRIDGE THAMES AT BOVENEY WEIR THAMES AT MWD INTAKE, DATCHET THAMES AT THREE VALLEYS WATER THAMES ABOVE NEWS INTAKE, EGHA	0.0021	0.0053	0.0022
THAMES AT BOVENEY WEIR	0.0016	0.0030	0.0015
THAMES AT MWD INTAKE, DATCHET	0.0022	0.0040	0.0023
THAMES AT THREE VALLEYS WATER	0.001/	0.0041	0.0018
THAMES ABOVE NSWC INTAKE, EGHA	0.0018	0.0045	0.0018
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		NTE (mg/1)	PARAM & ILE
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THAMES AT WATER INTAKE, FARMOO	ME AN 8.5405	NP %-ILE 11.9200	8.9627
THAMES AT TROUT INN, GODSTOW	ME AN 8.5405 8.0861	NP %-ILE 11.9200 12.0450	8.9627 8.5545
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TABLE 3

NORTHMOOR JULY 1991 - JUNE 1992

	AMM. NIT.			TEM	PERATU	JRE	NITRATE			OXYGEN				
	(mg/1)			('C)			(n	ig/1)		(%SAT)				
PERIOD	MEAN	95%	N	MEAN	1 95%	1/1	MEAN	95%	N	MEAN	5 %	N		
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OVERALL	0 - 2	0.2	7937	11.3	18.7	7937	7.4	9.9	7808	87.6	75.0	7594		
_ 7/91	0.2	0.2	693	17.6	19.2	693	5.7	6.3	693	84.2	71.1	662		
8/91	0.2	0.2	673	18.2	19.0	673	5.7	6.3	673	87.6	76.0	644		
9/91	0.2	0.2	573	15.7	18.0	573	5.4	6.4	573	85.Ũ	73.0	5 4 5		
10/91	0.2	0.2	502	9.7	12.2	502	5.6	7.0	409	818	71.0	480		
11/91	0.2	0.2	653	7.4	9.7	653	8.1	11.2	653	83.9	76.0	626		
12/91	0.2	0.2	734	5.5	8.4	734	8.4	9.3	734	85.8	0.08	703		
1/92	0.2	0.2	673	5.7	8.0	673	9.2	10.9	€73	88.9	85.0	544		
2/ 92	0.2	0.2	680	6.0	7.3	680	9.1	9.7	680	92.0	87.0	651		
2/92 3/92	0.2	0.2	686	8.2	9.8	686	8.1	8.7	686	87.1	75.0	656		
4/ 92	0.2	0.2	698	9.9	12.2	698	8.5	9.9	698	88.6	70.5	670		
5/92	0.2	0.2	711	15.2	18.8	711	7.2	8.3	675	95.2	76.0	680		
6/92	0.2	0.2	6 5 1	17.1	19.4	661	6.4	7.0	661	88.7	73.0	633		

TABLE 4

SUTTON COURTENAY AUGUST 1991 - JULY 1992

	AMM. NIT. (mg/l)			TEMPERATURE ('C)				RATE			GEN SAT)		
PERIOD		95%	N		95%	N		95%	N	MEAN	-	N	
340													
OVERALL	0.3	0.4	5724	11.0	19.7	5695	8.1	12.3	5343	93.4	79.8	5695	
7/91	* * * *	* * * *	0	* * * *	****	0	* * * *	****	0	****	* * * * *	0	
8/91	0.2	0.2	682	14.7	16.4	516	6.4	7.2	516	96.8	90.4	516	
9/91	0.2	0.3	613	12.4	15.1	613	5.9	7.4	613	91.8	83.7	613	
10/91	0.3	0.4	68Ŭ	7.8	9.8	680	6.4	7.9	536	81.3	71.6	680	
11/91	0.3	0.6	206	6.5	7.8	231	7.4	10.0	2 07	87.9	83.9	231	
12/91	* * * *	* * * *	0	4.5	4.7	66	* * * *	* * * *	0	102.1	101.2	66	
1/92	0.4	0.4	312	3.0	4.4	358	12.6	14.5	335	91.6	88.6	358	
2 /92	0.4	0.4	637	4.2	5.5	637	11.7	12.7	590	94.0	90.0	637	
3/92	0.3	0.4	682	6.0	7.5	682	10.0	11.4	636	92.6	88.1	682	
4/92	0.2	0.2	55	5.3	5.9	55	10.6	11.8	55	92.5	90.2	55	
_ 5/92	0.2	0.3	515	15.3	20.8	515	7.3	8.8	513	111.1	95.6	515	
6/92	0.2	0.3	660	17.9	21.7	660	7.4	8.0	660	99.5	90.1	660	
7/92	0.3	0.6	682	18.3	20.1	682	6.9	7.5	682	87.6	81.3	682	

TABLE 5

CLEEVE JULY 1991 - JUNE 1992

AMM. NII. (mg/l)			-	TEMPERATURE (10)				lTRAT£ (mq/l)		OX* (%:		
PERIOD	MEAN	• .	N	MEAN S	-	14		95%	N	MEAN	5%	N
OVERALL	0.2	0.2	7959	11.7 20	0.0	7959	8.6	12.9	7906	94.8	75.0	7550
7/91	0.2	0.2	694	19.3 21	. 0	694	5.2	5.9	694	79.2	64.0	596
8/91	0.2	0.2	714	19.6 20	1.6	714	5.1	6.1	714	90.1	77.0	684
9/91	0.2	0.2	534	17.0 19	. 5	534	6.2	7.2	488	88.5	75.0	510
10/91	0.2	0.2	458	10.8 13	. 4	458	6.9	7.9	455	80.4	71.0	438
11/91	0,2	0.2	692	7.8 10	9.9	692	8.9	13.9	692	86.1	83.0	663
12/91	0.2	0.2	734	5.5 8	8.8	734	10.0	11.5	734	87.1	78.0	703
1/92	0.2	0.2	719	5.2 7	1.8	719	11.5	14.9	719	95.9	80.0	688
2/92	0.2	0.2	656	5.6 7	. 1	656	11.7	13.4	656	91.1	72.4	628
3/92	0.2	0.2	724	7.9 9	1.7	724	10.7	12.2	724	100.3	93.0	693
4/92	0.3	0.2	691	9.6 12	0.1	691	10.2	13.2	691	101.6	85.0	661
5/92	0.2	0.2	704	15.7 19	9.9	704	8.4	10.2	704	133.8	84.7	673
6/92	0.2	0.5	639	17.6 20	1.1	639	6.8	7.9	635	95.0	76.0	613

TABLE 6

ROMNEY JULY 1991 - JUNE 1992

	AMM. NIT. (mg/l)			TEMPERATURE ('C)				TRATE					
PERIOD		95%	N	MEAN		N		95%	N	MEAN	•	N	
OVERALL	0.2	0.3	7273	12.1	20.4	7273	8.7	12.4	7254	92.6	81.0	6921	
7/91	0.2	0.2	692	19.3	20.9	692	6.7	7.2	692	85.2	79.0	663	
8/91	0.2	0.2	708	19.9	20.8	708	6.3	6.9	708	84.2	77.0	678	
9/91	0.2	0.2	489	17.7	20.0	489	7.0	7.7	489	86.3	80.0	466	
10/91	0.2	0.2	568	12.1	13.9	568	7.2	8.1	568	88.2	85.0	543	
11/91	0.2	0.2	399	7.1	8.4	399	10.4	13.7	380	90.7	85.0	382	
12/91	0.4	0.4	707	5.6	8.6	707	9.9	11.4	707	88.1	81.0	639	
1/92	0.2	0.4	690	5.2	7.8	690	11.7	15.3	690	93.4	91.0	659	
2/92	0.2	0,3	672	5.7	7.1	672	10.6	11.3	672	94.9	91.0	643	
3/92	0.2	0.2	712	8.5	10.0	712		11.2	712	103.4	95.0	681	
4/92	0.2	0.2	615	10.1	12.5	615	9.8		615	103.3	95.0	587	
5/92	0.2	0.4	373	17.9	20.5	373	6.9	8.6	373	109.1	74.0	357	
6/92	0.2	0.3	648	18.5	20.3	648	7.9	10.0	648	89.4	78.0	623	

TABLE 7 - REGRESSION OF NITRATE AS N ON FLOW

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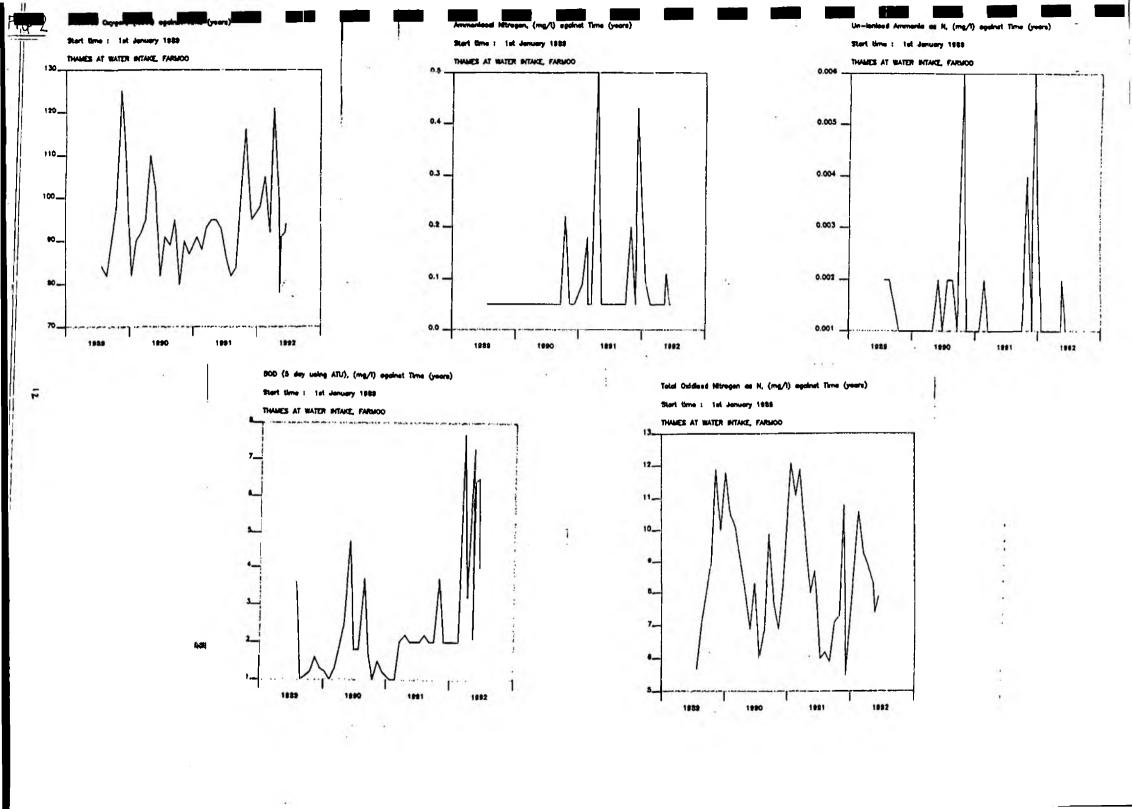
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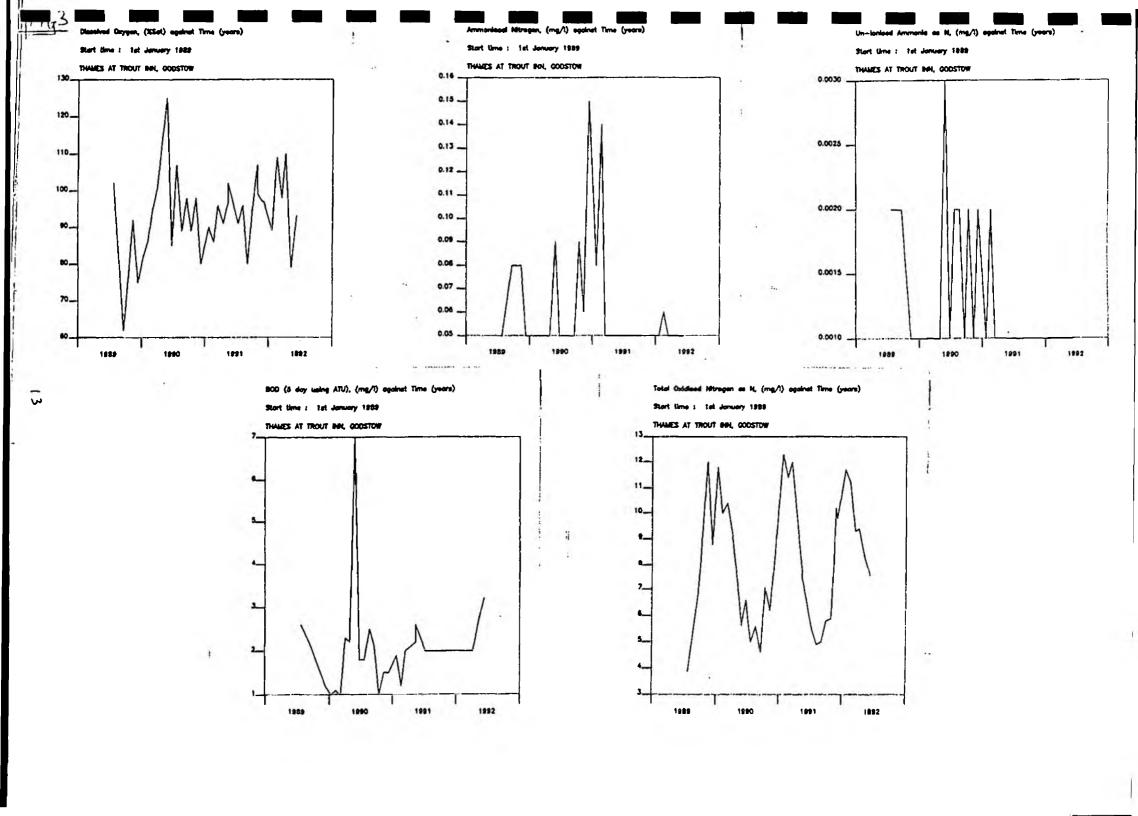
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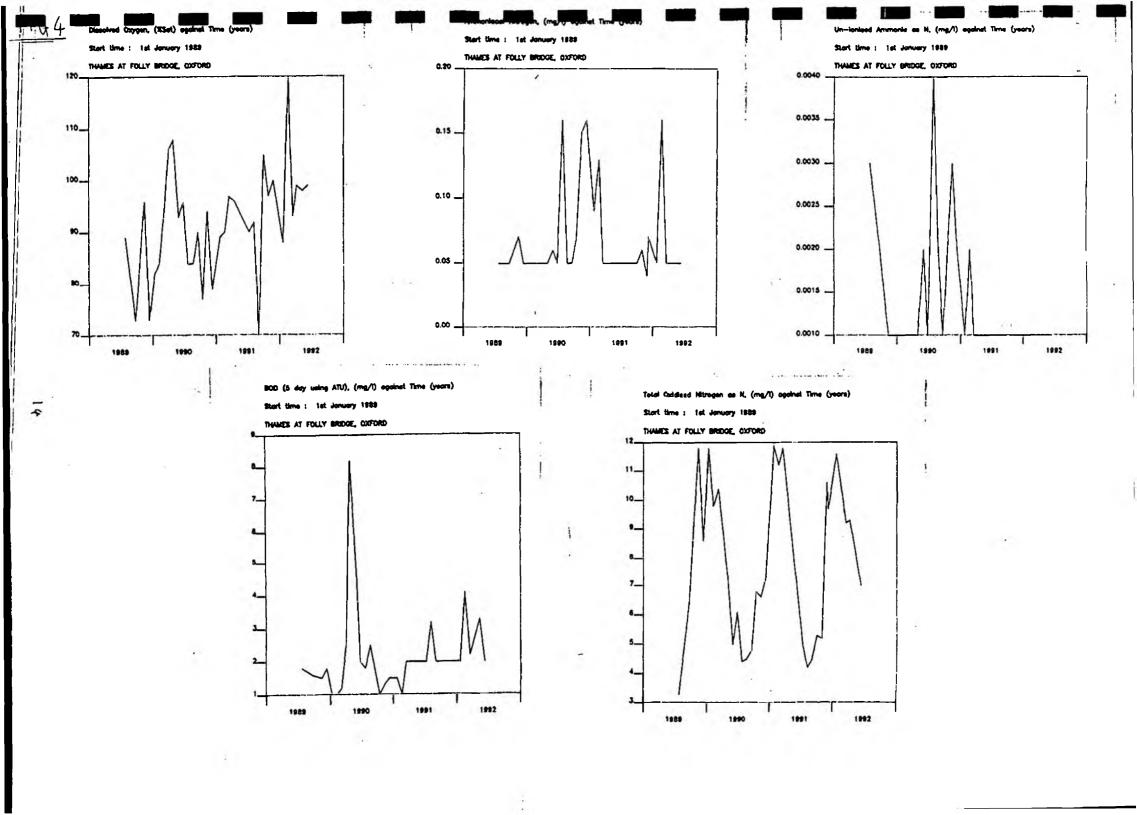
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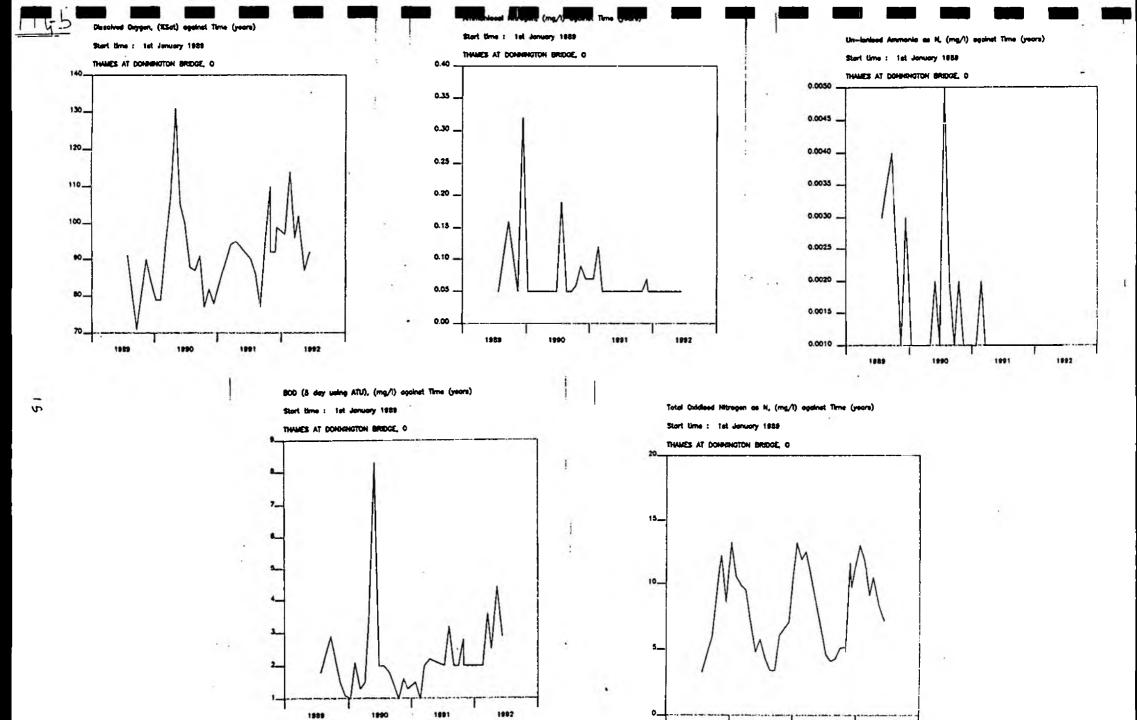
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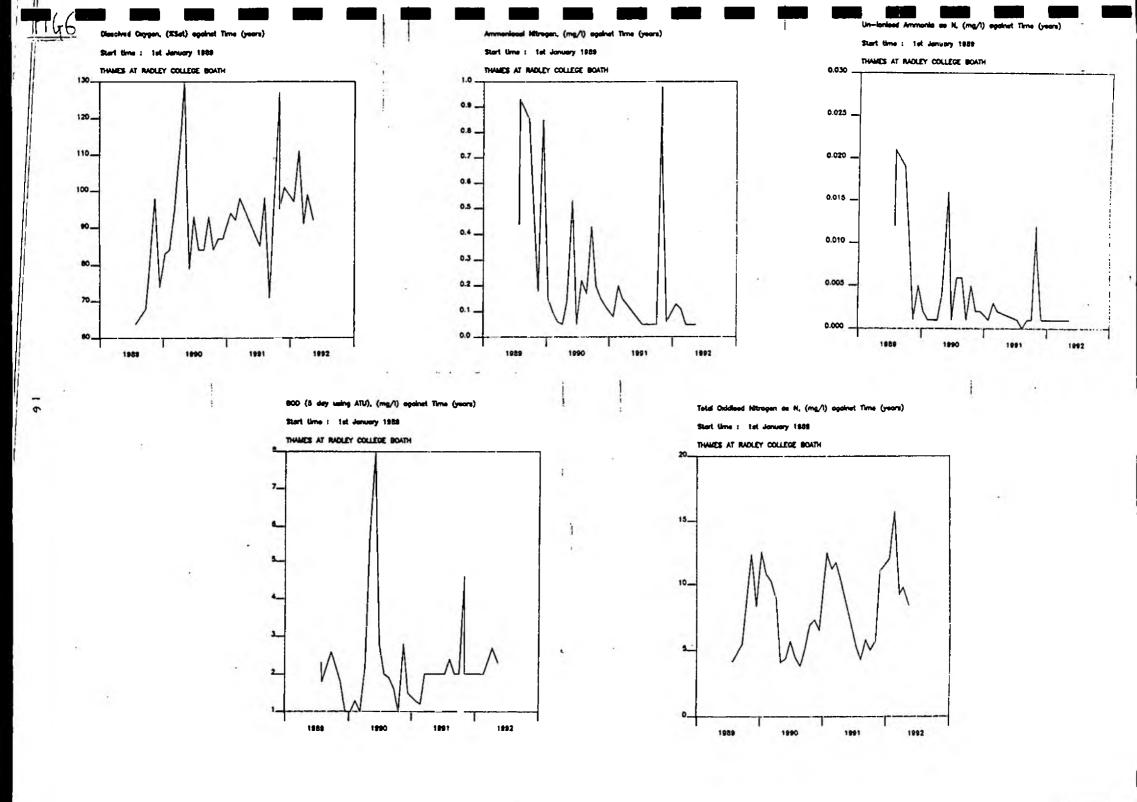
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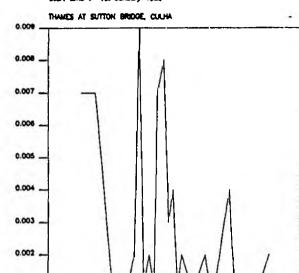




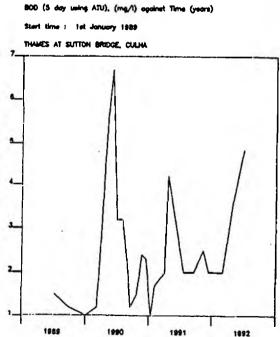


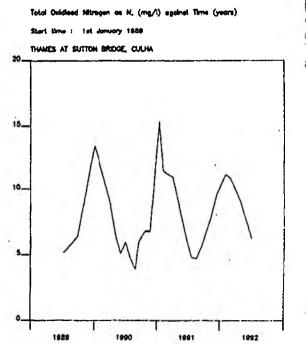


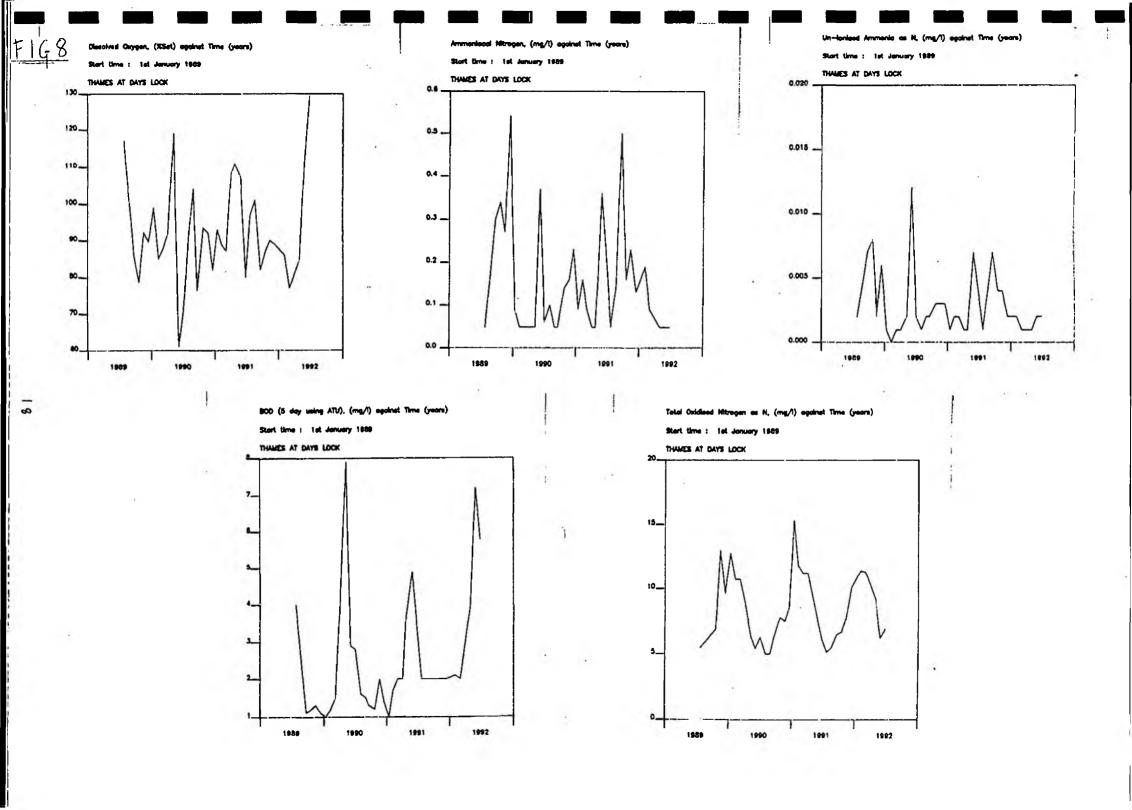


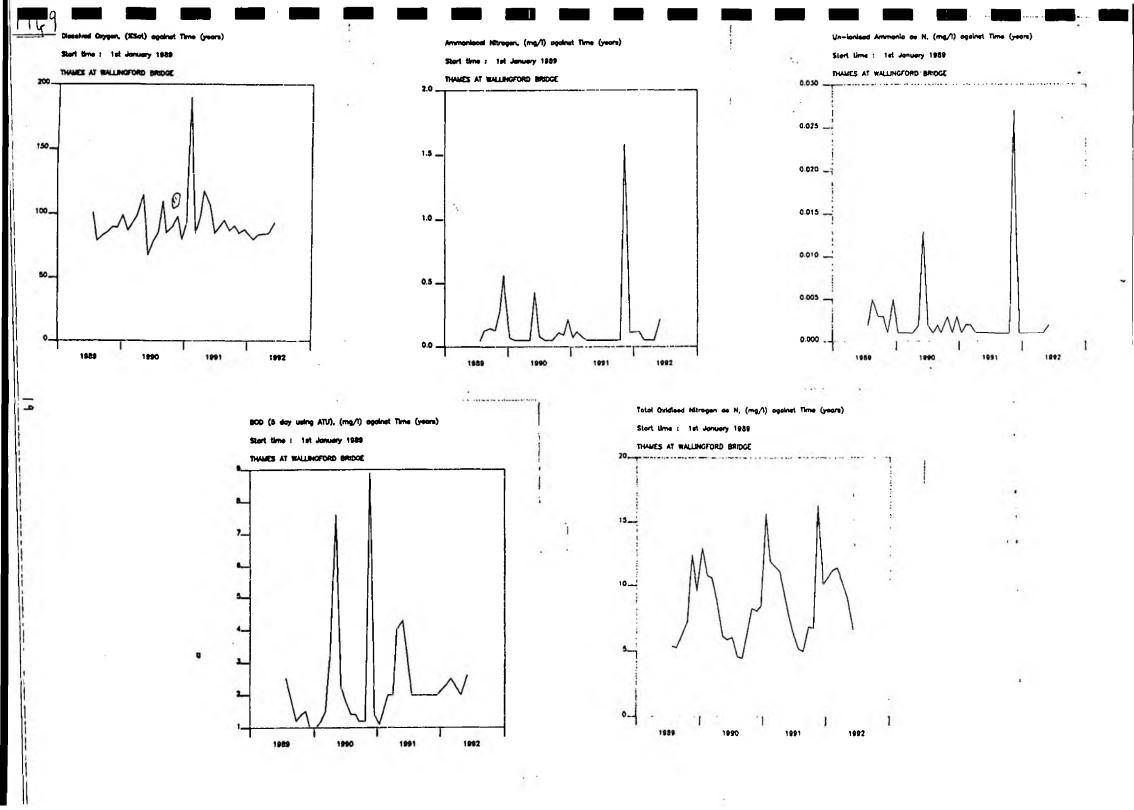


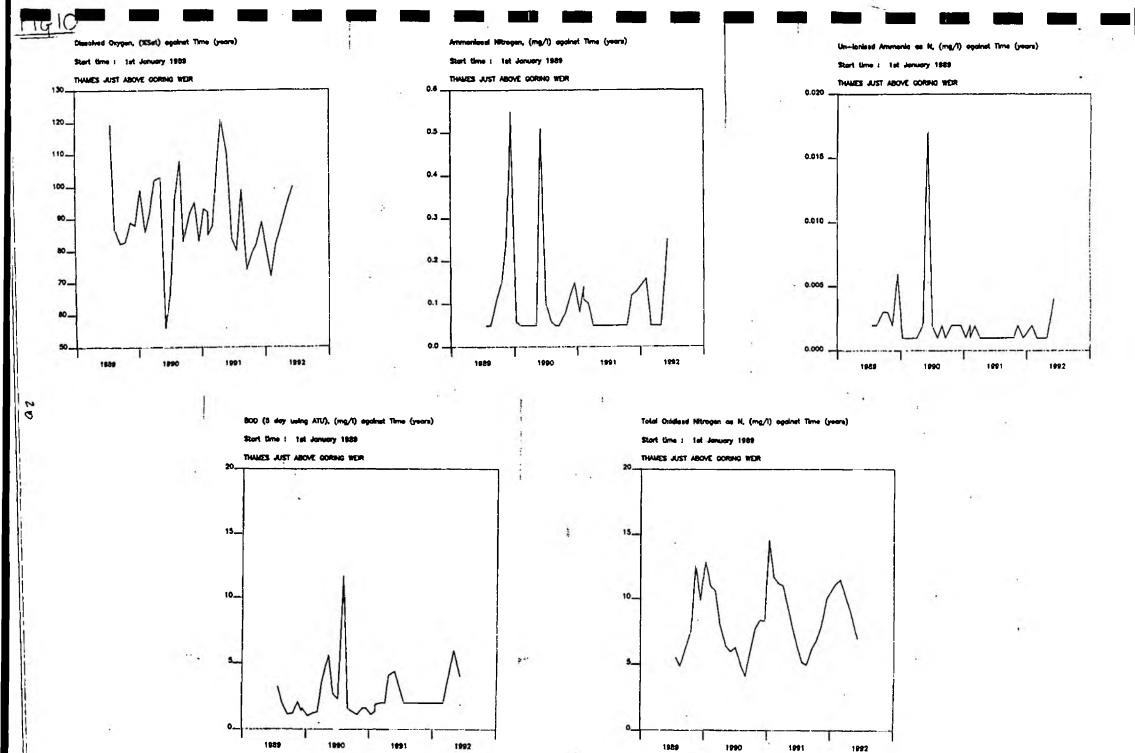
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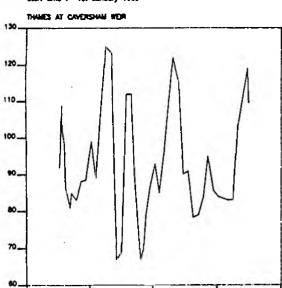






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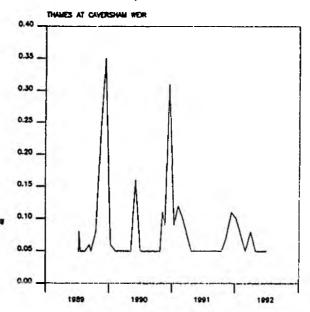


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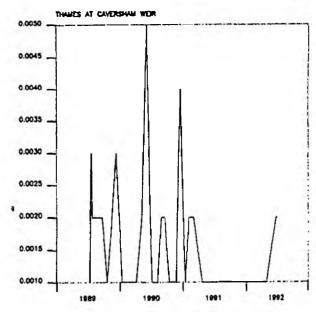
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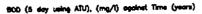
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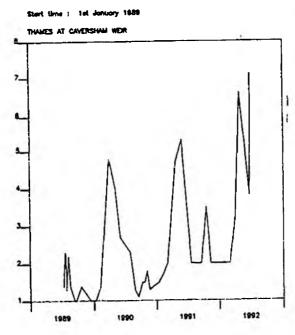


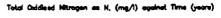
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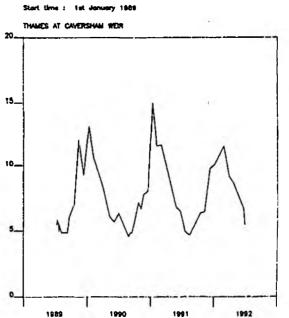
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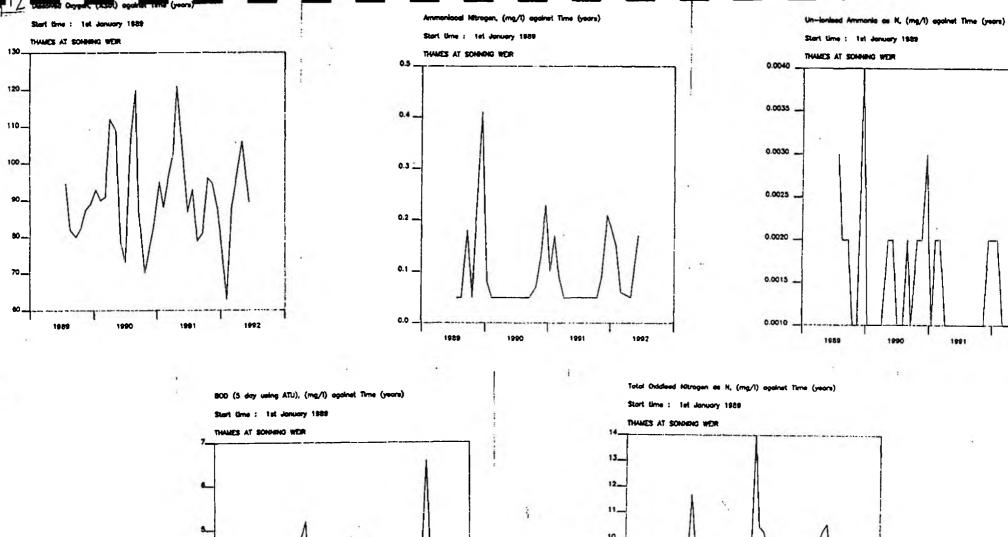


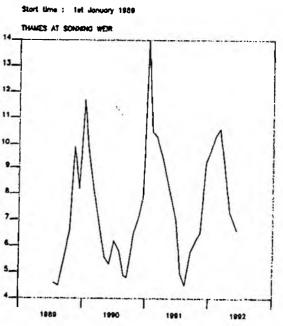


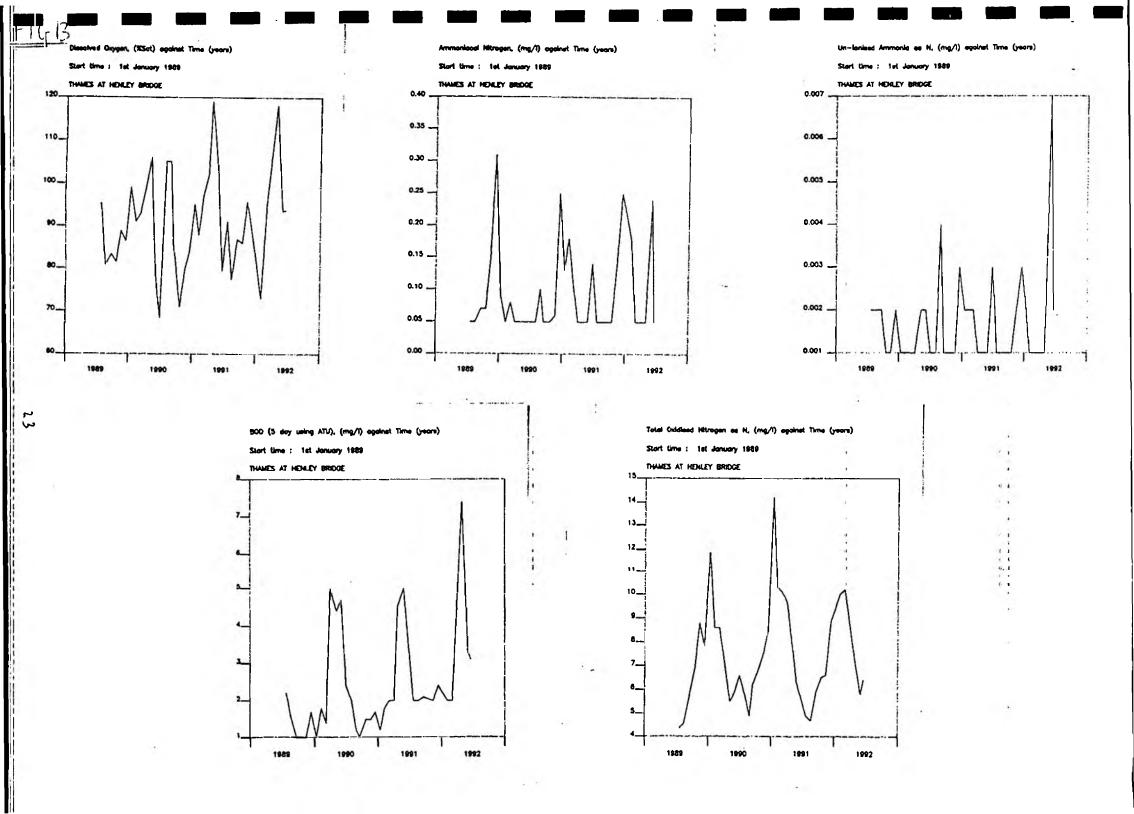


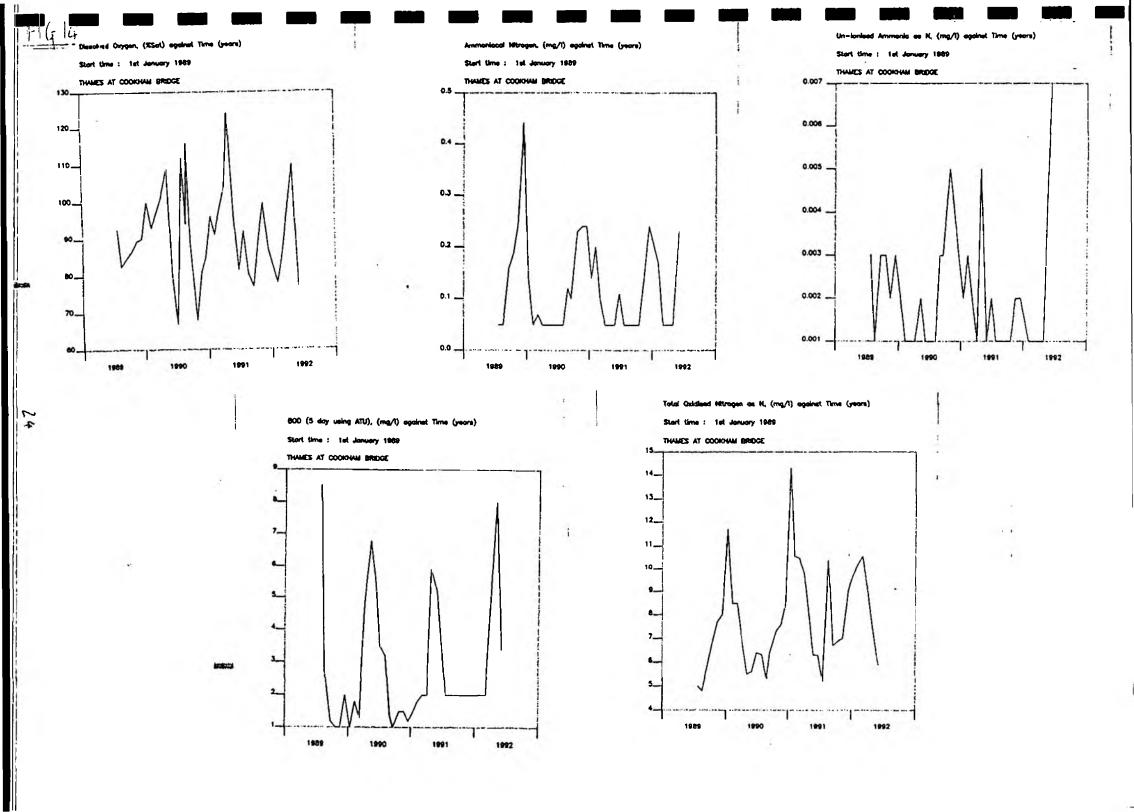


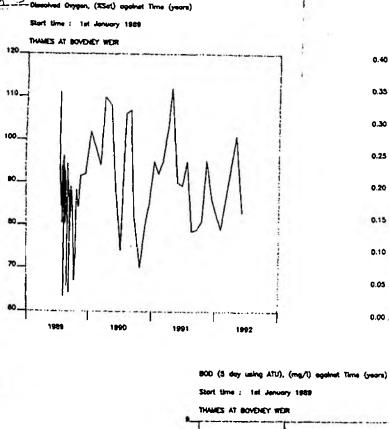


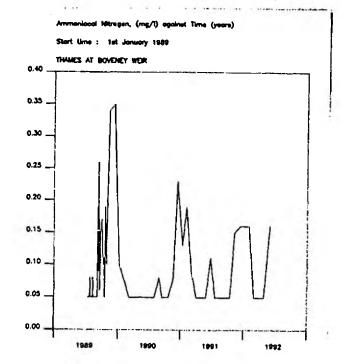


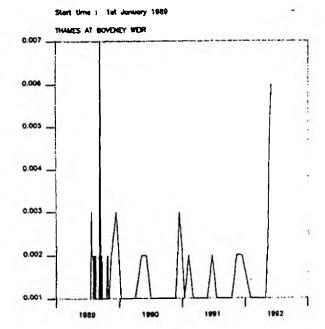




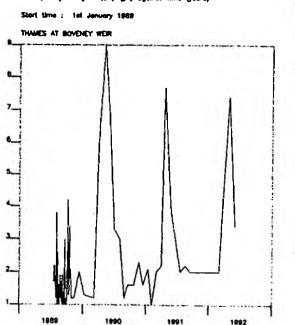


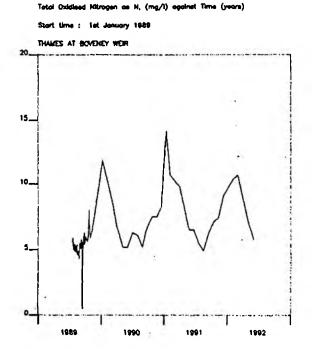


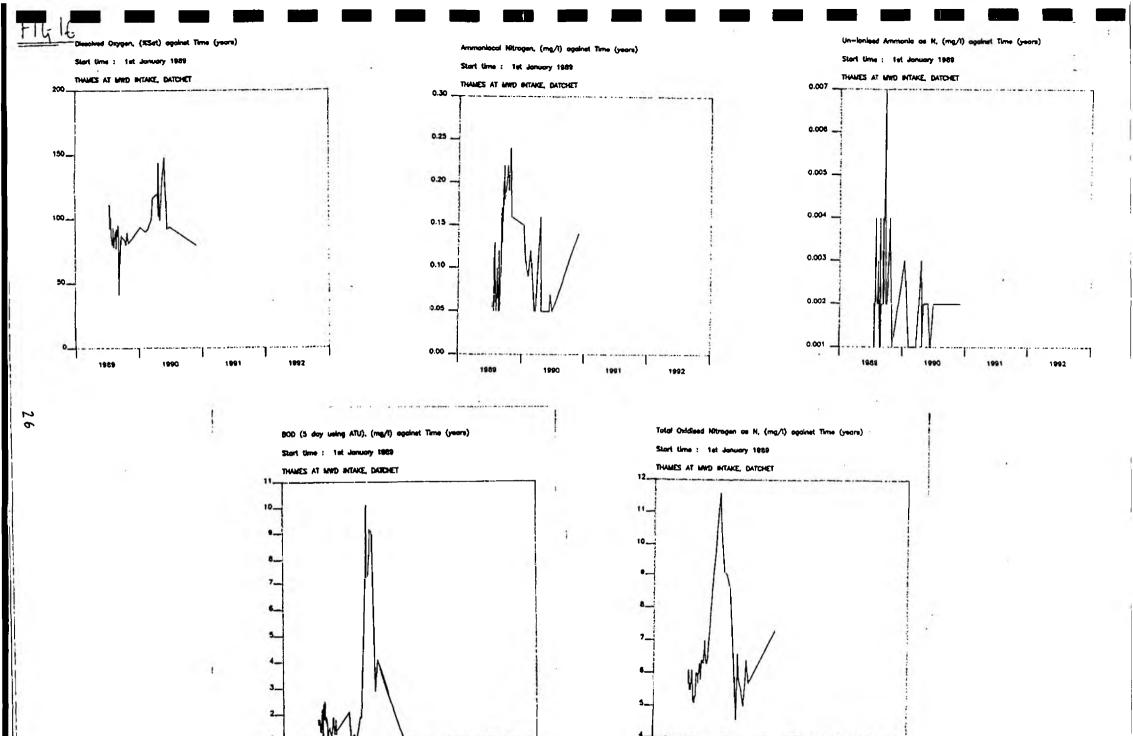


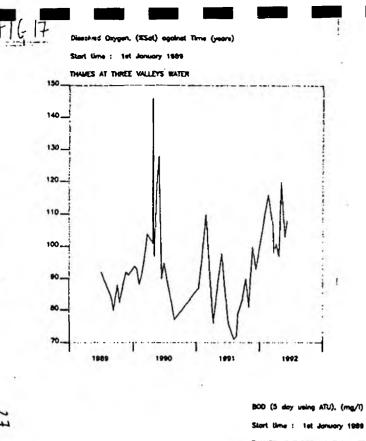


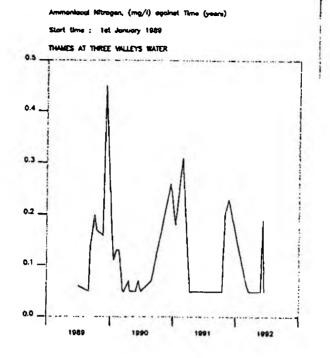
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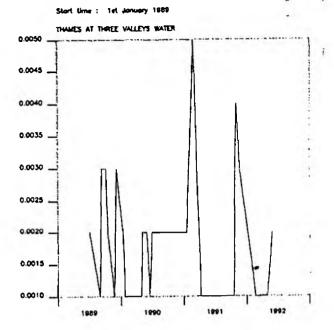




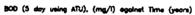


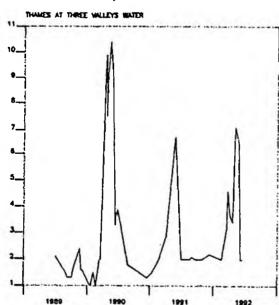


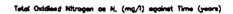




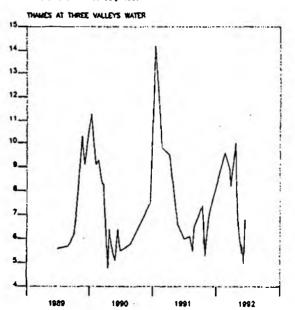
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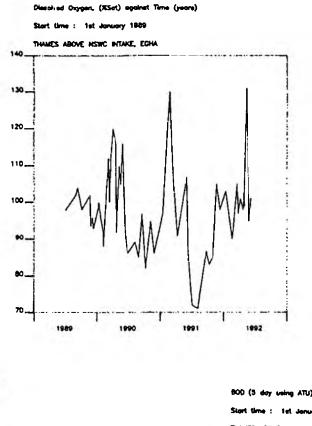


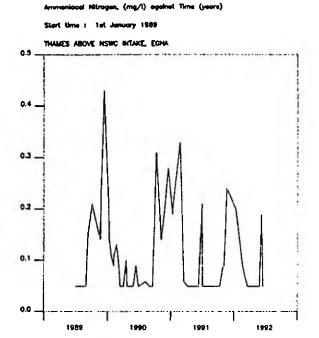


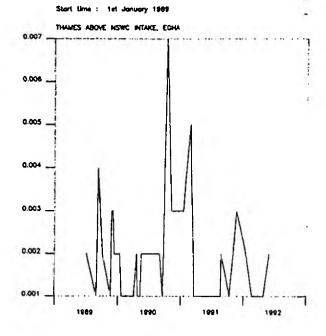


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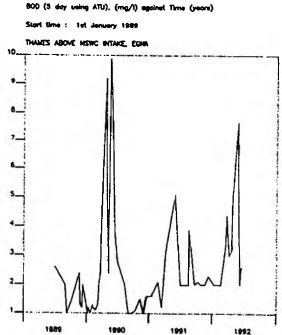


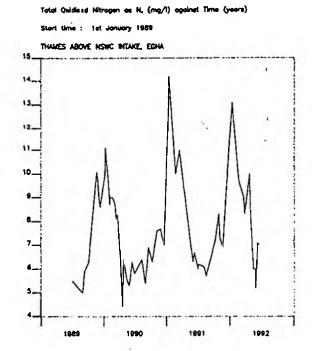






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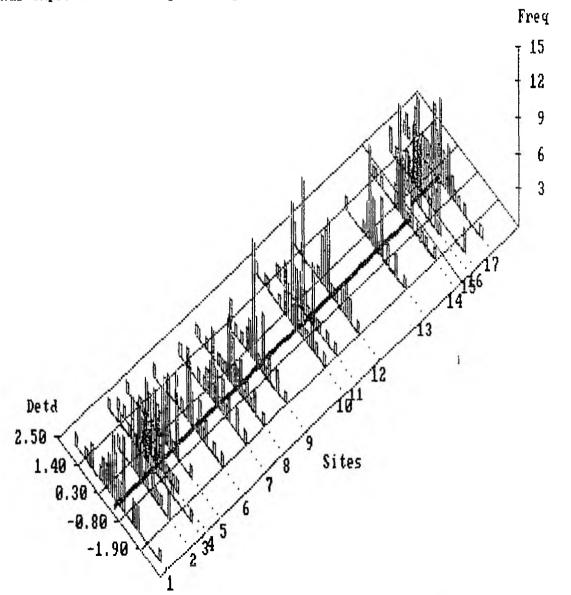
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MODEL

: Step(14); Step(3)

Proportion of between-site variation accounted for : 62.1%

Bonus improvement over preceding model



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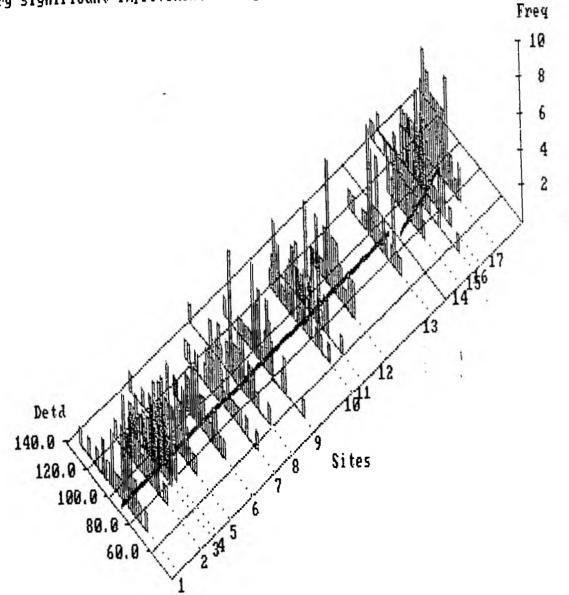
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MODEL

: Step(13); Lin(4)

Proportion of between-site variation accounted for: 71.4%

Very significant improvement over preceding model [P = 0.0027 (**)]



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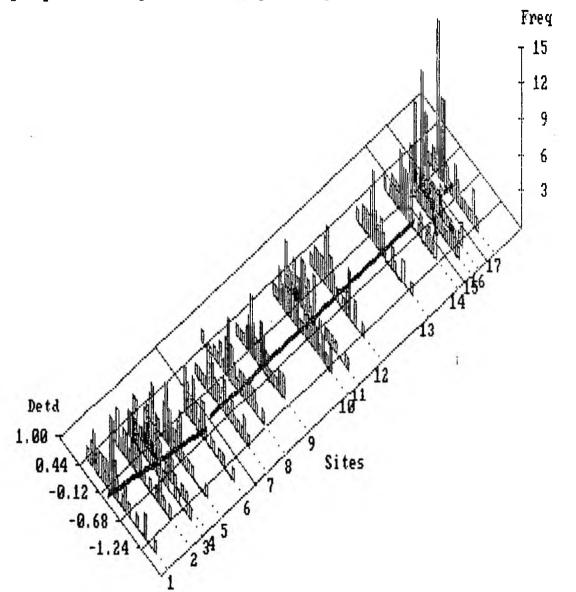
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DETERMINAND: log AMM. NIT.

MODEL : Lin(6); Step(8); Lin(2); Step(1)

Proportion of between-site variation accounted for : 92.5%

Very significant improvement over preceding model IP = 0.0015 (**)]



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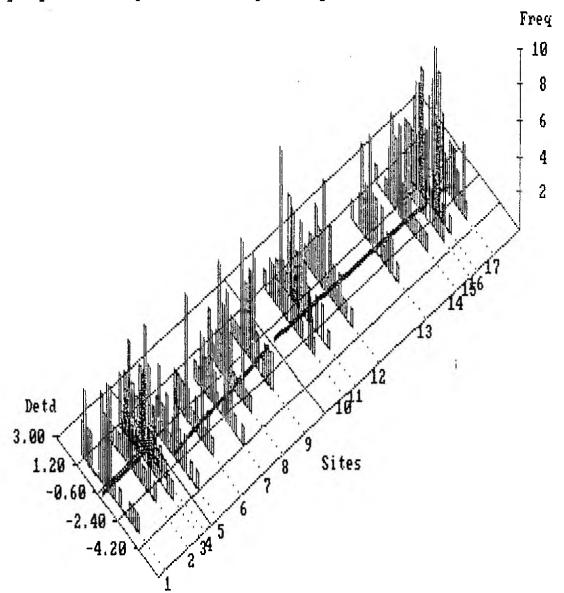
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MODEL

; Step(4); Lin(5); Lin(8)

Proportion of between-site variation accounted for : 83.7%

Very significant improvement over preceding model IP = 0.0025 (**)]



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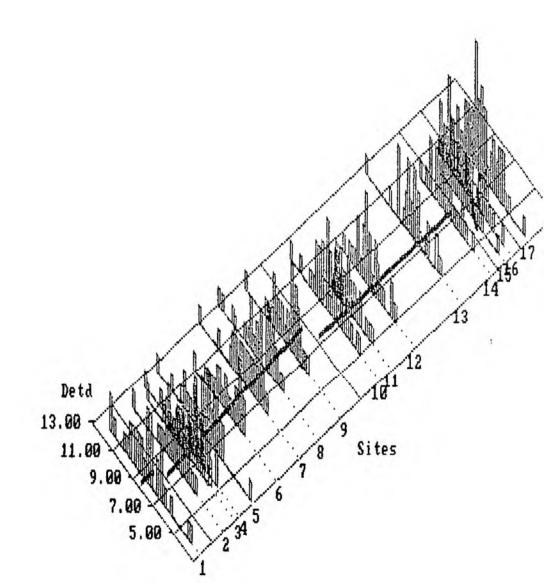
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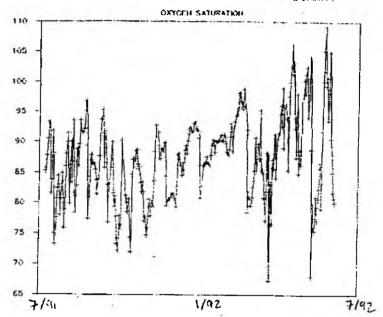
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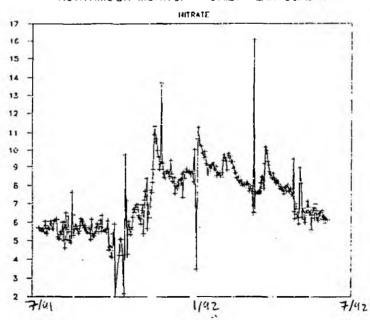
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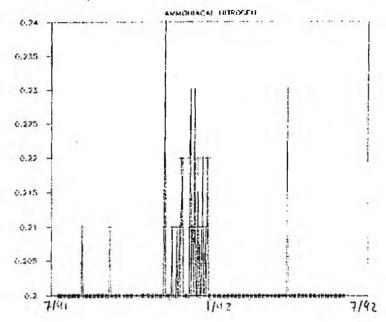


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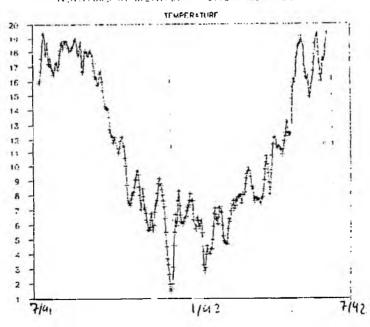






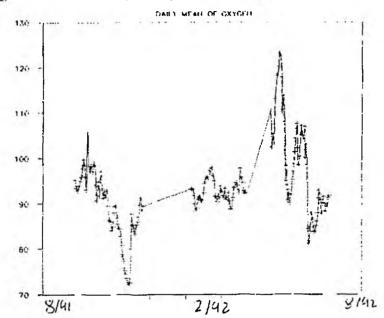
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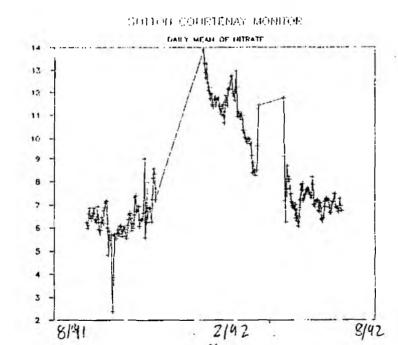
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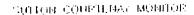


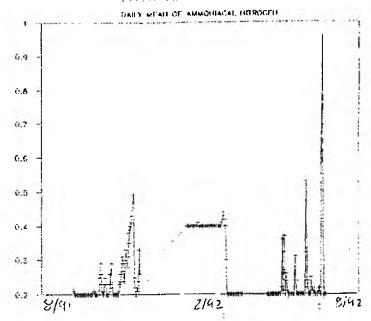


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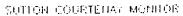


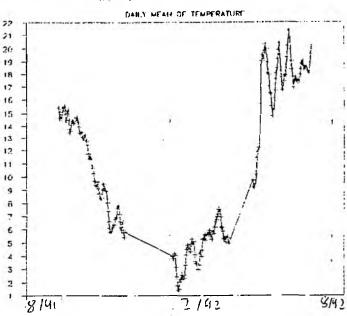


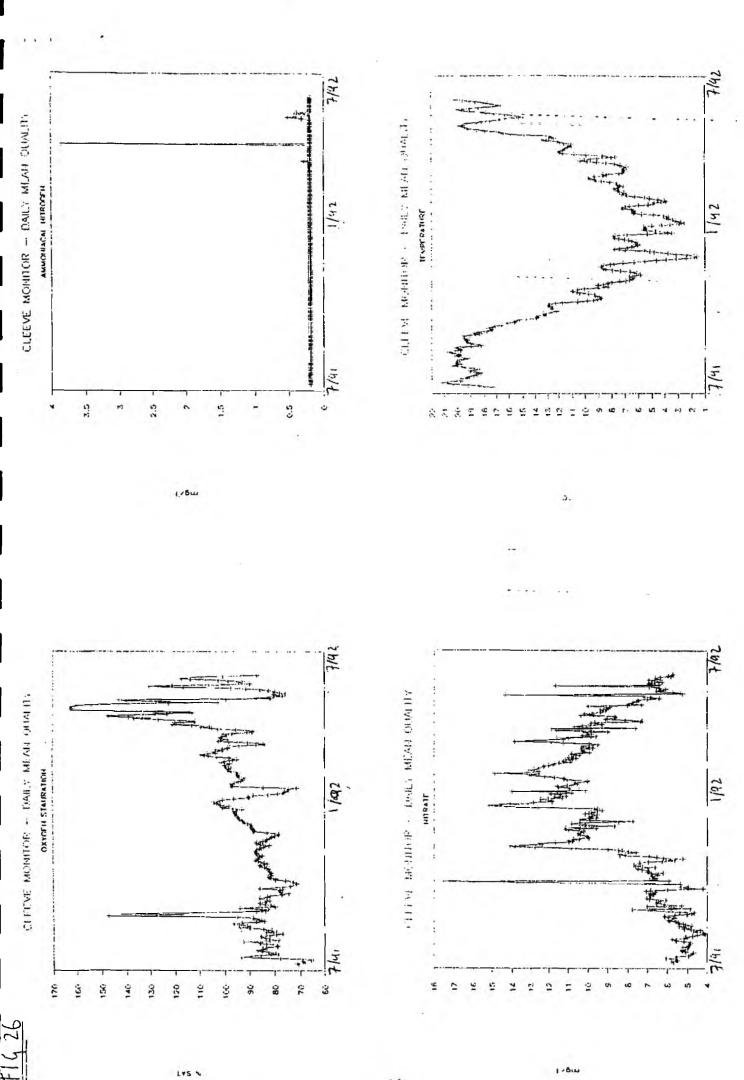




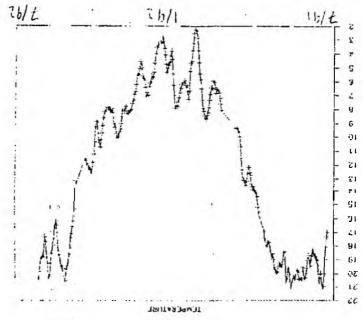
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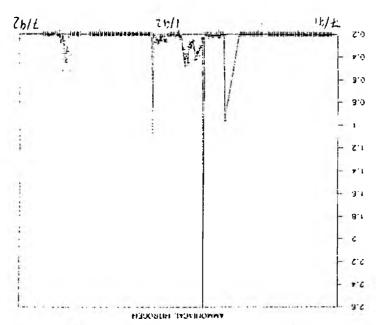






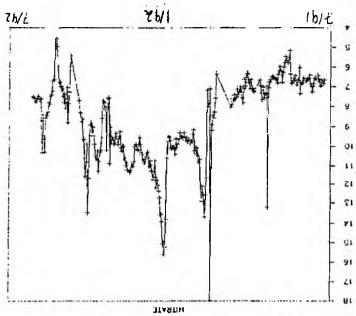


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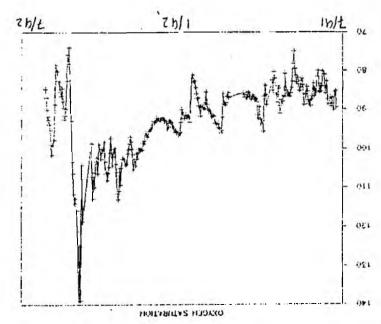


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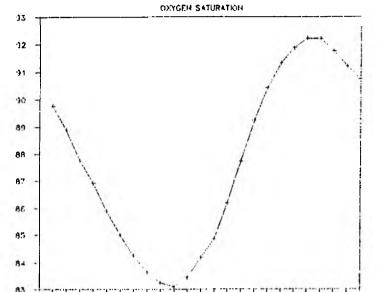


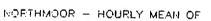
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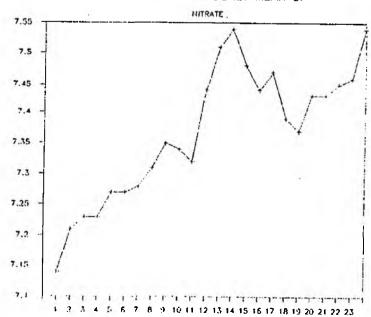


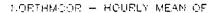
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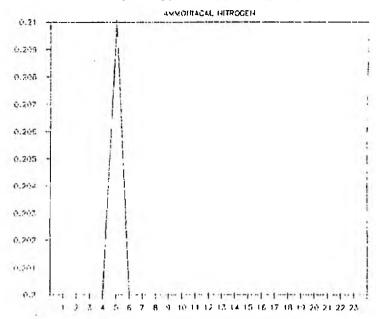
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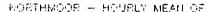


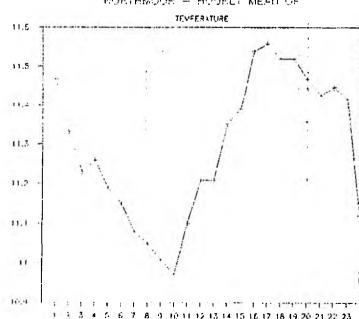




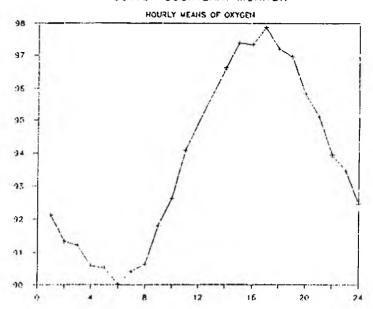






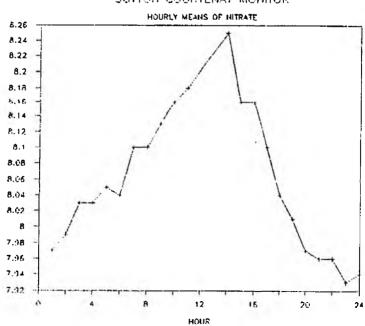


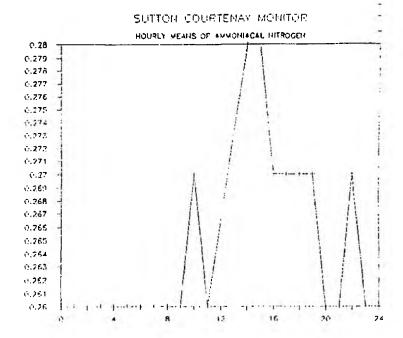
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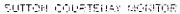


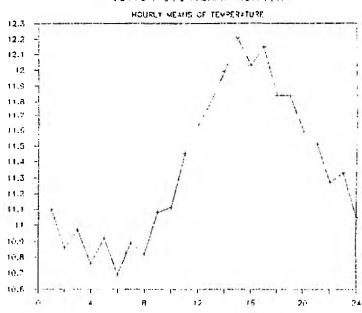
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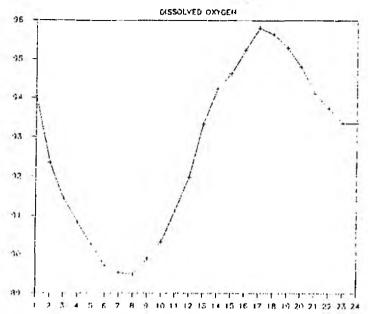
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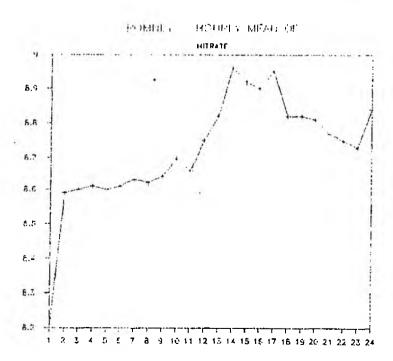
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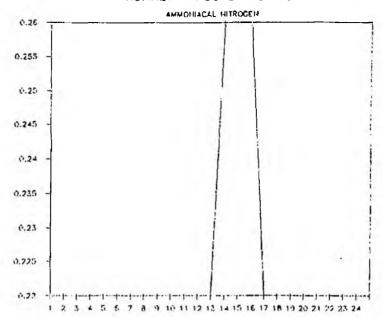
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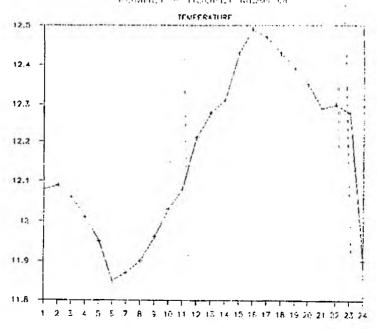
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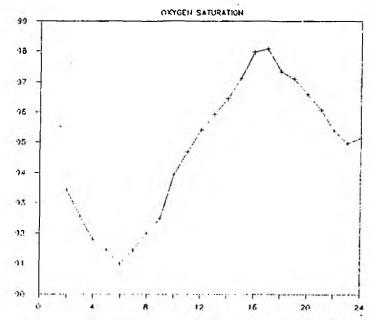


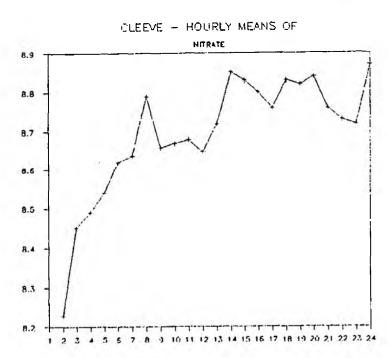
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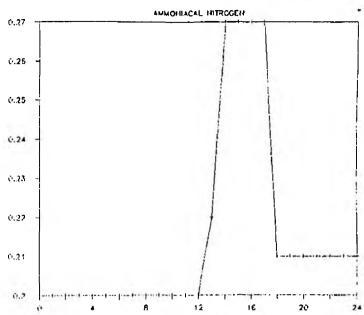
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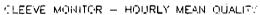
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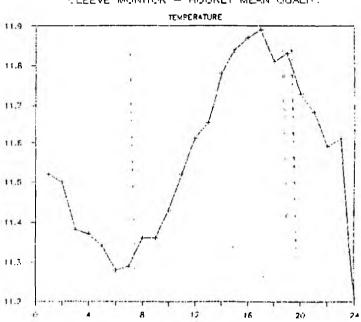










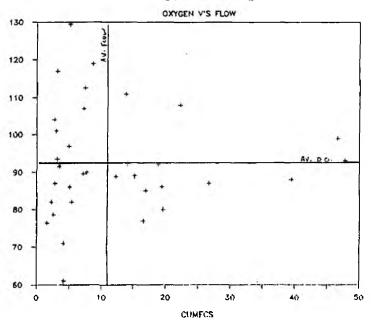


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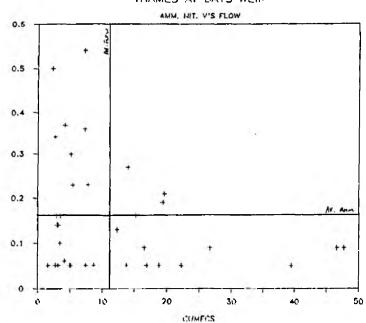
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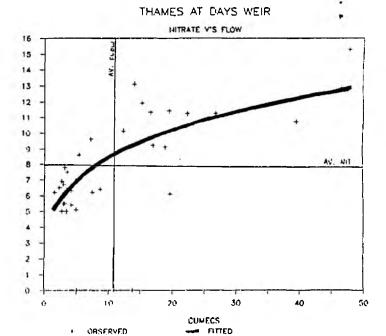
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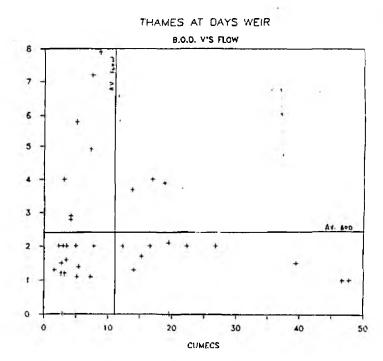




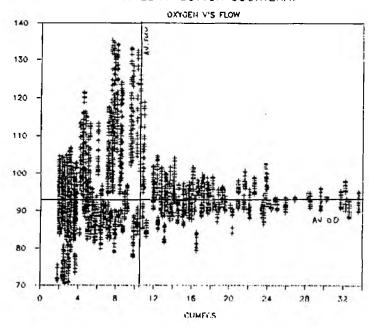
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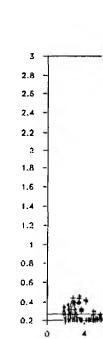




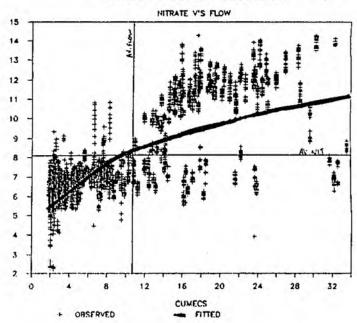
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