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Preface

As part of the national monitoring programme for long-range transported air pollutants, administered by the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT), four groundwater aquifers in southern Norway were monitored for acidification trends during the period 1980-1995. Three of them, Birkenes, Åmli and Evje (from 1982) are located in Aust Agder county, whereas the fourth aquifer, Langvasslia, is located in Buskerud county. For economic reasons groundwater monitoring was officially terminated in 1995. The Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) and the Geological Survey of Norway (NGU) jointly sponsored the groundwater monitoring for 1996, hoping that the official monitoring could again be resumed by SFT. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Because the catchment of the groundwater aquifer in Langvasslia (LAG01) was clearcut in 1986, and that the effect on the water quality was still significant in 1996, sampling was continued by NIVA in order to follow the effects of clearcutting for some more years. The sampling was terminated at the end of 1999, thus giving a sampling period of 20 years. We present here trends and changes in water chemistry recorded for this particular groundwater aquifer with special emphasis on the effect of the clearcutting on groundwater chemistry. This report is based on a paper submitted to *Hydrol. Earth System Sci.*

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1. Introduction

Clear-cutting of forests in lake catchments have pronounced effects on stream and lake water chemistry. Likens *et al.* (1970) reported on effects of clear-cutting and herbicide treatment in the hardwood forested Hubbard Brook watershed in New Hampshire, U.S.A. Large increases in stream-water concentrations for most major ions, especially nitrate and potassium, were recorded. Also, water yield increased substantially. Similar results were found from clear-cutting hardwood forests in the White Mountains of New Hampshire (Martin *et al.* 1985). Hornbeck *et al.* (1987) have extensively reported on effects of clear-cutting practices on runoff water in the Hubbard Brook watershed. The effect was at maximum one year after block cut harvest, giving about 100 % higher sum of measured ions than before harvest. By year 5 after harvest the sum of ions had returned to levels found before harvest. The large increase in nitrate was largely balanced by increases in calcium, magnesium and potassium. Potassium was the only ion that continued to increase at year 5 after the harvest period. Neal *et al.* (1992a, 1992b) studied the effects of harvesting on stream water chemistry at an acidic and acid sensitive spruce forested area in mid-Wales. The effects of a 3-year conifer harvesting program showed that nitrate and potassium, initially almost quadrupled, remained high for 4 years. Concentrations of aluminum in soils and stream increased and stream pH and alkalinity declined for the first two years, after which the trends reversed to give conditions similar to those pertaining prior to felling. Rosén *et al* (1996) studied the runoff from 3 forested catchments during a 12-year period. Fifty percent and 95% of the surface of two of the areas were clear-cut, the third area was kept as a control. Average runoff increased by 85% and 110%, respectively, in the clear-cut areas. Stream chemistry changes were identified mainly on increased concentrations of potassium, ammonium, nitrate, organic- and total nitrogen. At the end of the 8-year study period the run-off and stream water successively returned to pre-cut conditions.

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The groundwater aquifer at Langvasslia is located about 3 km north-east of the calibrated catchment lake Langtjern (Henriksen and Wright 1977, Skjelkvåle and Henriksen 1995) (Figure 1) The catchment of the groundwater aquifer, covered completely by Norway spruce, was totally clear-cut without warning by the landowner in September 1986. The slash was not burned or removed. The catchment was treated further with glyphosate in summer 1991 to stop growth of deciduous trees. As a consequence of these manipulations, the water quality of the groundwater aquifer changed considerably. This offered the opportunity to study the effects of clear-cut on shallow groundwater aquifer with a small catchment. We present here trends and changes in water chemistry recorded for the groundwater aquifer at Langvasslia and with special emphasis on the effect of the clear-cutting on groundwater chemistry.

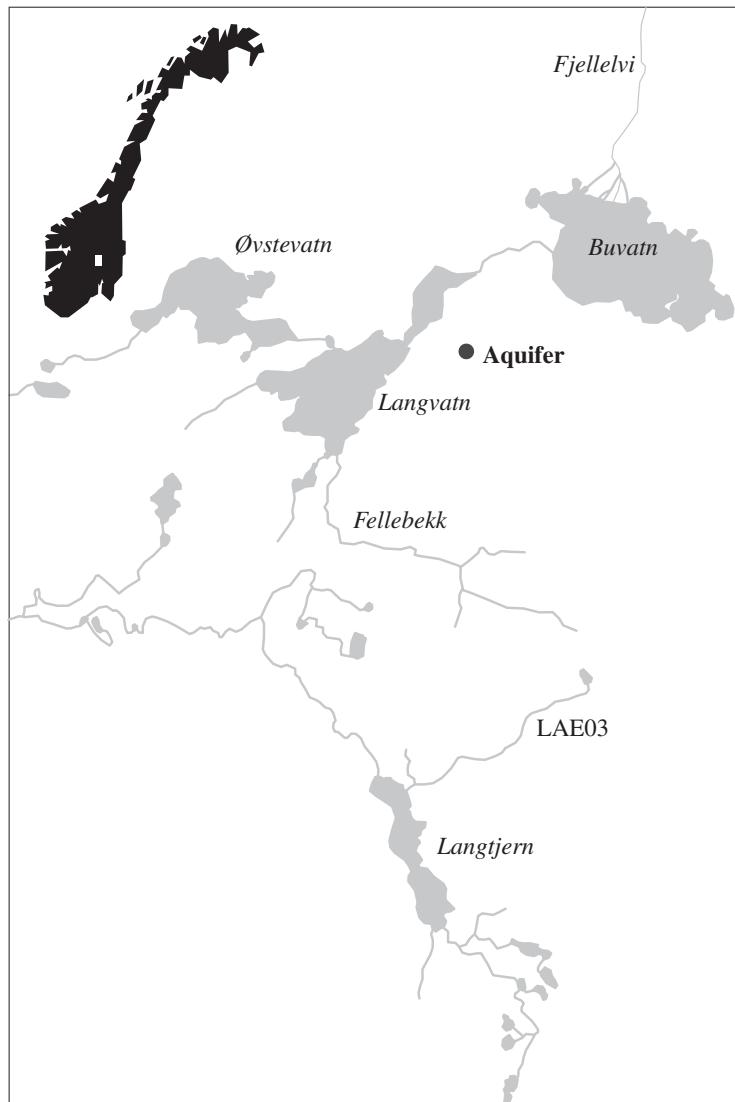


Figure 1. Location of the Langvasslia groundwater aquifer relative to the calibrated catchment Lake Langtjern.



Figure 2. A picture of the catchment of the groundwater aquifer in 1999. The new 13-year-old forest is seen in the foreground. The dense old forest in the background is similar to the forest before clear-cutting.

2. Site description

The bedrock in the area consists of banded granodioritic gneiss with layers of amphibolites of Precambrian age (Smithson 1963), overlain by till. The groundwater aquifer unconfined and located in till deposits on a hill slope. The monitoring screen well was placed in the discharge area of the aquifer, near the bottom of the hill slope at an altitude of 425 m.a.s. The monitoring screen well is located in a basal till overlying the bedrock. The thickness of the till is about 1 - 3 m, with many blocks. The till is probably affected by frost, and thus has become more permeable than a typical basal till.

3. Sampling and analysis.

The monitoring 5/4" screen well was placed just above a spring outlet, with the groundwater intake for chemical analysis from 0.75 – 1.75 m (1 m filter) below the surface. Groundwater samples were collected after 15 minutes pumping time. Groundwater level and groundwater temperature were measured weekly. Groundwater samples were collected monthly when possible and water yield was measured at the same time. Groundwater sampling was started in May 1980, all samples were analyzed at the Norwegian Institute for Water Research using standardized methods for the following variables: pH, Conductivity, Ca, Mg, Na, K, Cl, SO₄, NO₃, alkalinity, reactive Al, non-labile Al, SiO₂, turbidity and permanganate value.

4. Results and discussion

4.1 Precipitation chemistry and amounts

As part of the national monitoring programme for long-range transported air pollutants precipitation chemistry and precipitation amounts were determined by bulk sampling on a daily basis for the period 1974 to 1992 and on a weekly basis thereafter (Tørseth *et al.* 1999). (Figure 3). The precipitation station was located at Sønsteby farm at Gulsvik 7 km west of groundwater aquifer.

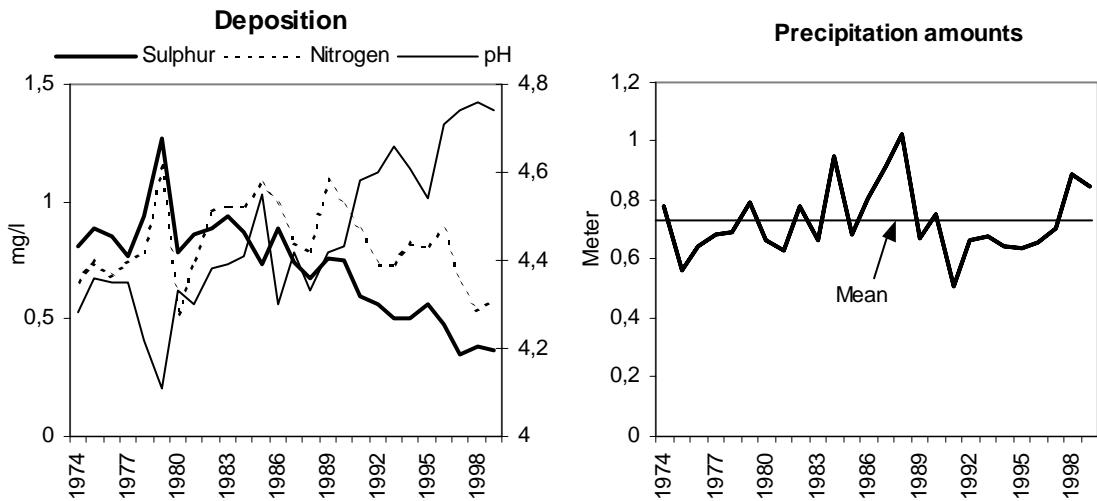


Figure 3. Yearly weighted average concentrations in wet deposition and yearly precipitation amounts at monitoring station Gulsvik in Buskerud county, Norway, located 7 km west of groundwater aquifer (Tørseth *et al.* 1999).

The trends in deposition at Gulsvik follow the general patterns for southern Norway: a significant downward trend in sulphur deposition from the early 1980's and, as a consequence, a marked increase in pH, but no significant changes in N-deposition until the last three years. (Tørseth *et al.* 1999). In 1979 the concentrations of S, N and H⁺ were the highest ever measured at Gulsvik. The precipitation amounts were significantly above the average for the measurement period during the later 1980's, thereafter precipitation amounts returned to near the average for the measurement period. During the last three years, however, the amount of precipitation has again increased.

4.2 Groundwater level, temperature and yield

The groundwater level generally varies with season (figure 4): lower levels in late winter and late summer and higher water levels in spring after snowmelt and in late fall due to increased precipitation amounts. The groundwater aquifer is shallow and therefore sensitive to variations in precipitation amounts. The records include several dry periods (Figure 4). These occur all during dry summers, such as in September 1981, July 1983, July 1986, and in August-September 1991 and 1995. Water temperature varies between nearly 0°C during winter and up to 10°C during the summers of 1988 and 1997. 89% of the temperature observations above 7°C were measured in summer months after clear-cutting. There is further a tendency to higher water levels for two years after clear-cutting (Figures 4

and 6a), but this can partly be caused by higher precipitation amounts for those two years (Figure 3). The clear-cut also resulted in higher summer temperatures in the groundwater (Figure 5).

The water yield of the groundwater aquifer was measured only when a water sample was taken, normally once a month. The water yield measurements were stopped in December 1998. During the sampling period 126 water yield measurements were taken compared with 895 water level measurements. As is expected there is a clear relationship between water level and water yield (Figure 6b).

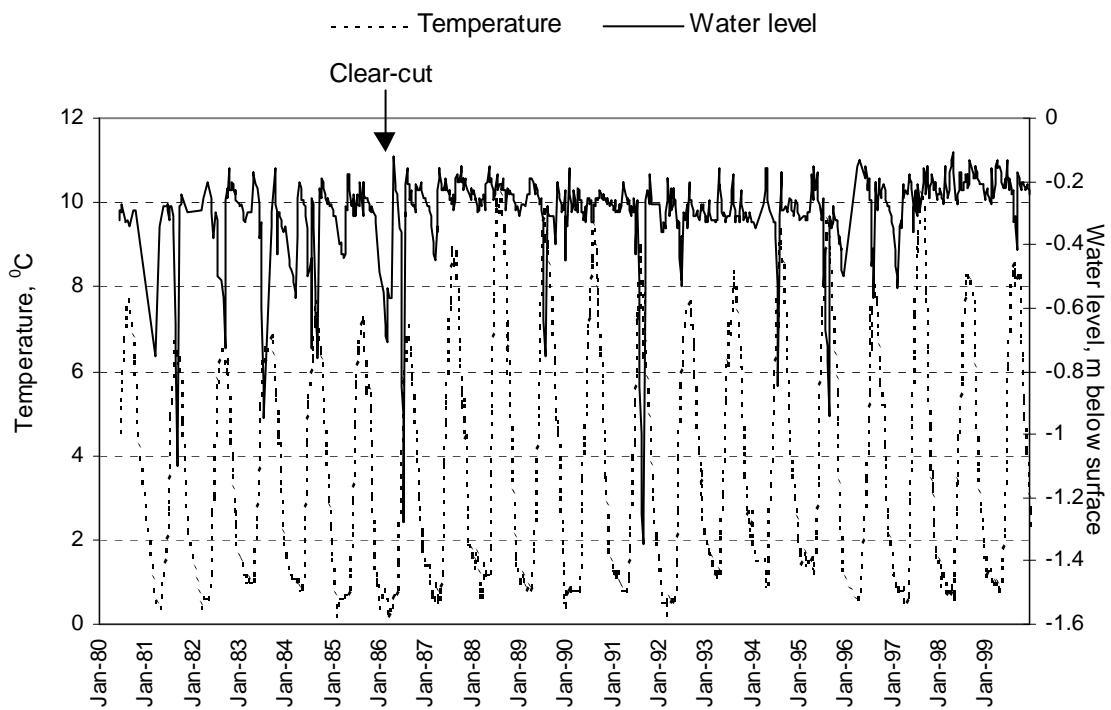


Figure 4. Water level below surface and water temperature in the groundwater aquifer measured weekly.

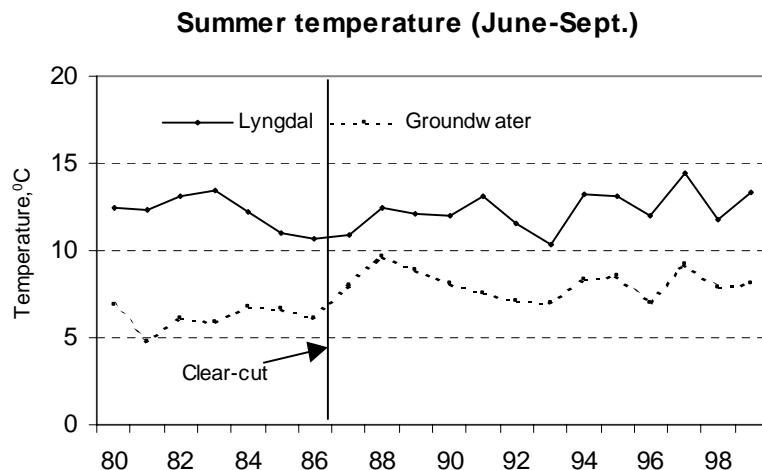


Figure 5. Summer temperature (July-Sept) in groundwater with air temperature at Lyngdal (Data from the Norwegian Meteorological Institute (DNMI)).

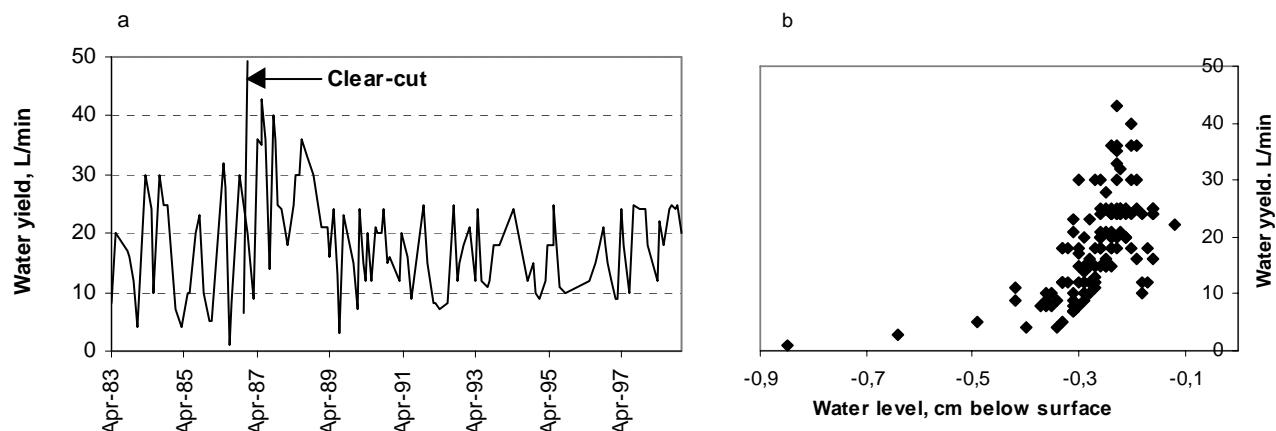


Figure 6. Variations in water yield during the measurement period (a), and relationship between water level and water yield (b).

5. Water chemistry

Water samples for chemical analyses were collected once a month whenever possible. Due to occasionally frozen well or very low groundwater level, the measurement frequency was for most years less than once a month. These irregularities are reflected in the number of samples collected per year (Table I). The yearly average values for the measured chemical variables of the groundwater aquifer for the measurement period 1980-1999 (Table I) show that the groundwater is acidic, has high concentrations of labile inorganic aluminum (L-Al) and has low base cation concentrations. The groundwater is highly influenced by soil water, as indicated by the high content of organic matter (TOC). Because of its location inland Norway the groundwater is little influenced by sea salt spray, as reflected in the low concentrations of chloride and sodium. The average ratio of Na/Cl is 1.44 as compared to the seawater ratio of 0.85, indicates the presence of some geologic sources of sodium in the catchment of the aquifer.

Table I. Yearly average values for analyzed variables in the groundwater aquifer Langvasslia in Buskerud county, Norway. Total organic carbon (TOC) have been estimated from measured permanganate values (PERM) by the empirical equation: $TOC = PERM/1.24$ based on 87 samples of surface waters in Norway (not published). R-Al = Reactive Al, Org-Al = non-labile Al, L-Al = Labile Al. N= Number of samples per year.

Year	N	pH	Ca	Mg	Na	K	Cl	SO ₄	NO ₃	Alk	ANC	R-Al	Org-Al	L-Al	SiO ₂	Turb	TOC
		mg l ⁻¹	μgN l ⁻¹	μeq l ⁻¹	μeq l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	mg l ⁻¹	FTU	mg l ⁻¹						
1980	10	5.18	1.09	0.21	1.10	0.07	0.7	4.4	10	15	9.6				8.9	1.7	8.2
1981	10	5.30	1.08	0.22	1.13	0.09	0.8	4.4	10	15	9.4				8.5	2.7	7.9
1982	11	5.25	1.24	0.26	1.24	0.07	0.8	5.1	10	12	9.6				8.2	1.7	7.0
1983	9	5.13	1.26	0.25	1.23	0.09	0.9	5.1	10	9	7.7	407	233	174	8.2	1.8	8.0
1984	9	5.07	1.20	0.24	1.22	0.07	0.6	5.0	2	6	11.7	452	219	233	8.2	1.3	8.2
1985	11	5.07	0.95	0.20	1.09	0.05	0.5	4.5	1	4	2.7	476	278	198	8.5	0.9	7.9
1986	11	5.08	0.94	0.21	1.19	0.16	0.7	4.0	8	4	17.7	461	260	202	8.7	2.9	8.2
1987	12	5.09	0.85	0.20	1.03	0.66	0.8	2.9	38	6	34.3	498	285	213	7.4	0.7	10.1
1988	12	5.13	0.86	0.19	1.00	0.77	0.9	2.7	169	10	27.1	621	276	345	7.4	1.0	11.4
1989	11	5.25	0.80	0.21	1.16	0.67	1.1	2.6	202	14	23.7	509	232	277	7.5	1.2	9.7
1990	12	5.24	0.92	0.22	1.11	0.54	0.8	2.8	227	10	28.5	465	214	252	7.1	0.9	9.5
1991	10	5.22	1.19	0.27	1.21	0.47	1.1	3.0	260	20	34.5	435	262	174	7.9	1.0	8.4
1992	11	5.26	1.28	0.29	1.29	0.80	1.3	3.1	378	17	34.5	434	289	145	8.3	2.3	7.7
1993	12	5.31	1.32	0.30	1.27	0.90	1.0	2.8	351	31	56.6	395	310	85	8.5	0.9	8.0
1994	10	5.37	1.44	0.33	1.28	0.76	0.8	2.9	394	43	64.4	386	286	100	8.4	1.0	8.0
1995	10	5.63	1.48	0.33	1.20	0.74	0.9	2.9	339	63	63.1	364	261	103	8.3	1.6	8.3
1996	9	5.39	1.51	0.32	1.13	0.57	0.8	3.1	398	42	50.7	397	288	109	7.7	1.2	10.2
1997	11	5.49	1.32	0.26	1.11	0.38	0.8	2.7	165	47	54.7	376	277	98	7.7	0.6	10.2
1998	12	5.49	1.21	0.21	1.05	0.38	0.7	2.3	80	39	60.8	401	328	73	7.5	0.9	10.3
1999	11	5.63	1.10	0.21	0.97	0.33	0.5	2.1	27	53	61.7	399	304	96	7.4	1.1	9.6
Mean	11	5.28	1.15	0.25	1.15	0.43	0.8	3.4	154	23	33.2	440	271	169	8.0	1.4	7.8

6. Comparison with surface water

The monitoring of the groundwater aquifer was designed for studying the long-term effects of acid rain on groundwater chemistry. Since the clear-cutting of its catchment came as a surprise, no reference groundwater aquifer was established. However, one of the inlets to lake Langtjern (station code LAE03, see Figure 1) is located in similar geologic settings as the groundwater aquifer and located only 3.5 km away. Here, weekly samples have been collected since 1973 (Skjelkvåle and Henriksen 1995). We have compared the yearly average values for the period 1980-1985 (prior to clear-cut) for both sites (Table II). The concentrations of major constituents are very similar. Marked differences in concentrations are found in H⁺(pH), TOC and aluminum species. Groundwater has normally significantly higher CO₂-pressure than surface water. Norton and Henriksen (1983) found for the particular aquifer studied here that the pCO₂ at the time of sampling was 10^{-2.08} at pH 5.14. After purging the sample with N₂ the pCO₂ rose to 10^{-3.33} and the pH rose to 5.49.

A major difference is found for labile inorganic aluminum, the species considered being toxic to fish. The concentration in groundwater is 7 times higher than in surface water (Table II). The groundwater has percolated through the unsaturated zone, and thus its water chemistry reflects the net integrated effects of the processes taking place in this zone. Norton and Henriksen (1983) suggest that aluminum may be transported by dissociation of H₂CO₃. Since the groundwater aquifer is highly over saturated with CO₂, the dissociation of H₂CO₃ produces concentrations of H⁺ capable of rendering particulate Al soluble, and the HCO₃⁻ formed may serve as a mobile anion and facilitate the transport of the Al.

Table II. Yearly average chemistry for an inlet creek to lake Langtjern (LAE03) and Langvasslia groundwater aquifer (LAG01) prior to clear-cut (1980-1985).

	pH	Ca	Mg	Na	K	Cl	SO ₄	NO ₃	ANC	TOC	R-Al	Org-Al	L-Al
	mg l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	μeq l ⁻¹	mg C l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹	μg l ⁻¹						
Groundwater	5.16	1.14	0.23	1.17	0.07	0.7	4.7	7	8	7.8	222	122	186
Surface water	4.68	1.11	0.24	0.61	0.09	0.8	3.6	16	5	13.7	92	76	26

Figure 7 shows variations in several chemical variables during the period 1980-1999 based on the individual observations for Langvasslia groundwater aquifer. In order to assess the effect of the clear-cut on water chemistry, we have also plotted the yearly average values for both the aquifer and the inlet stream to Langtjern (see Table II) for most of the variables (Figure 8). Below we discuss the effect of clear-cutting as superimposed on the general trends in the surface water.

6.1 Nitrate and potassium

The most marked effect of the clear-cutting is the sharp increase in the concentrations of nitrate (NO₃) and potassium (K) (Figure 7, upper panel) due to less nutrient uptake in the catchment and increased mineralization of organic matter such as dead roots. Before the clear-cutting nitrate and potassium concentrations were low, potassium about 0.08 mg/l and nitrate less than 10 μgN/l. After clear-cutting potassium increased almost immediately while nitrate started to increase a year later. Nitrate decreased during growing season every year and increased during the dormant season. The addition of glyphosate in 1991 led to increased leaching of both nitrate and potassium, especially high nitrate peaks were observed during the dormant season until 1995.

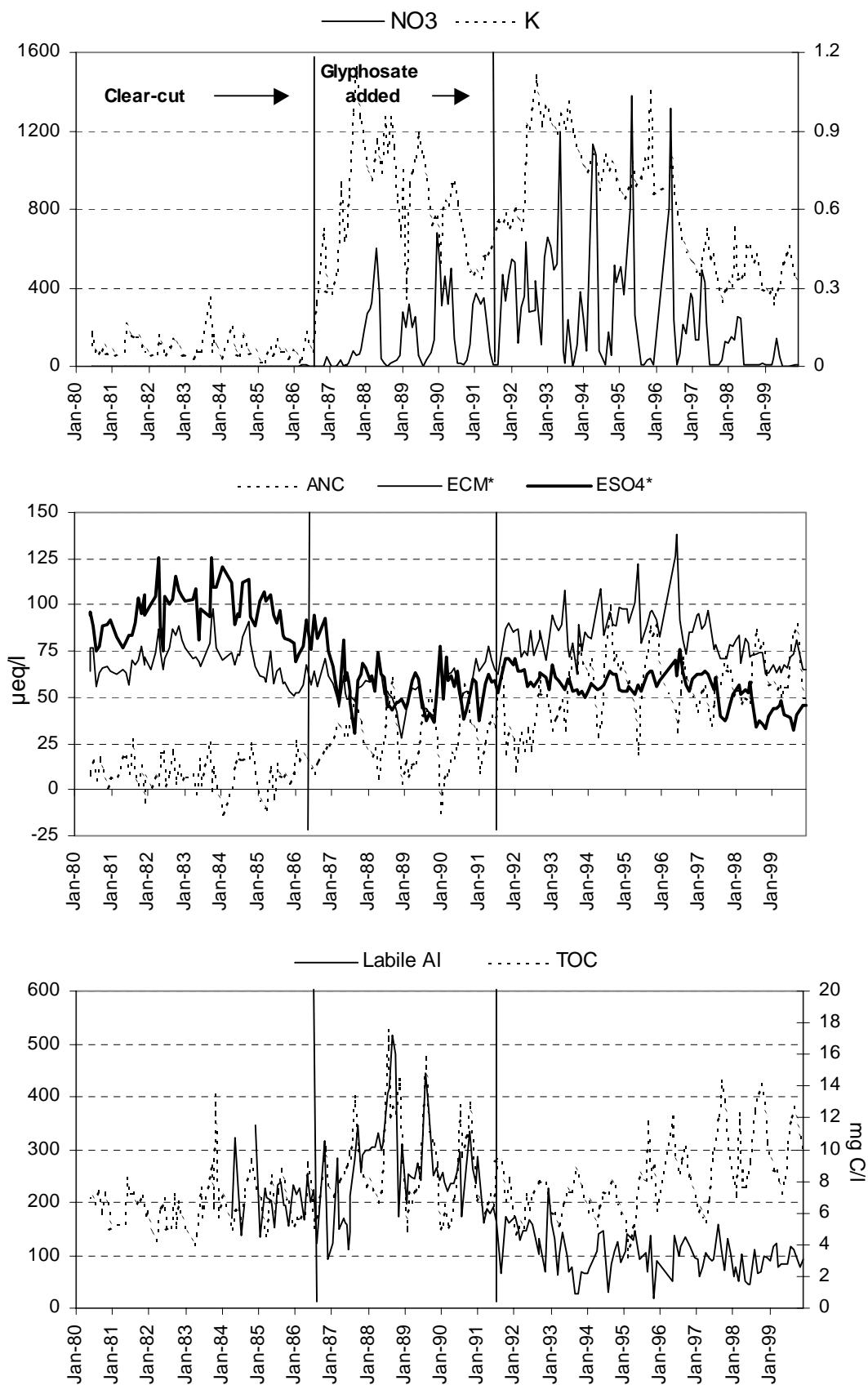


Figure 7. Langvasslia groundwater aquifer: Variations in several chemical variables during the period 1980-1999 based on individual observations.

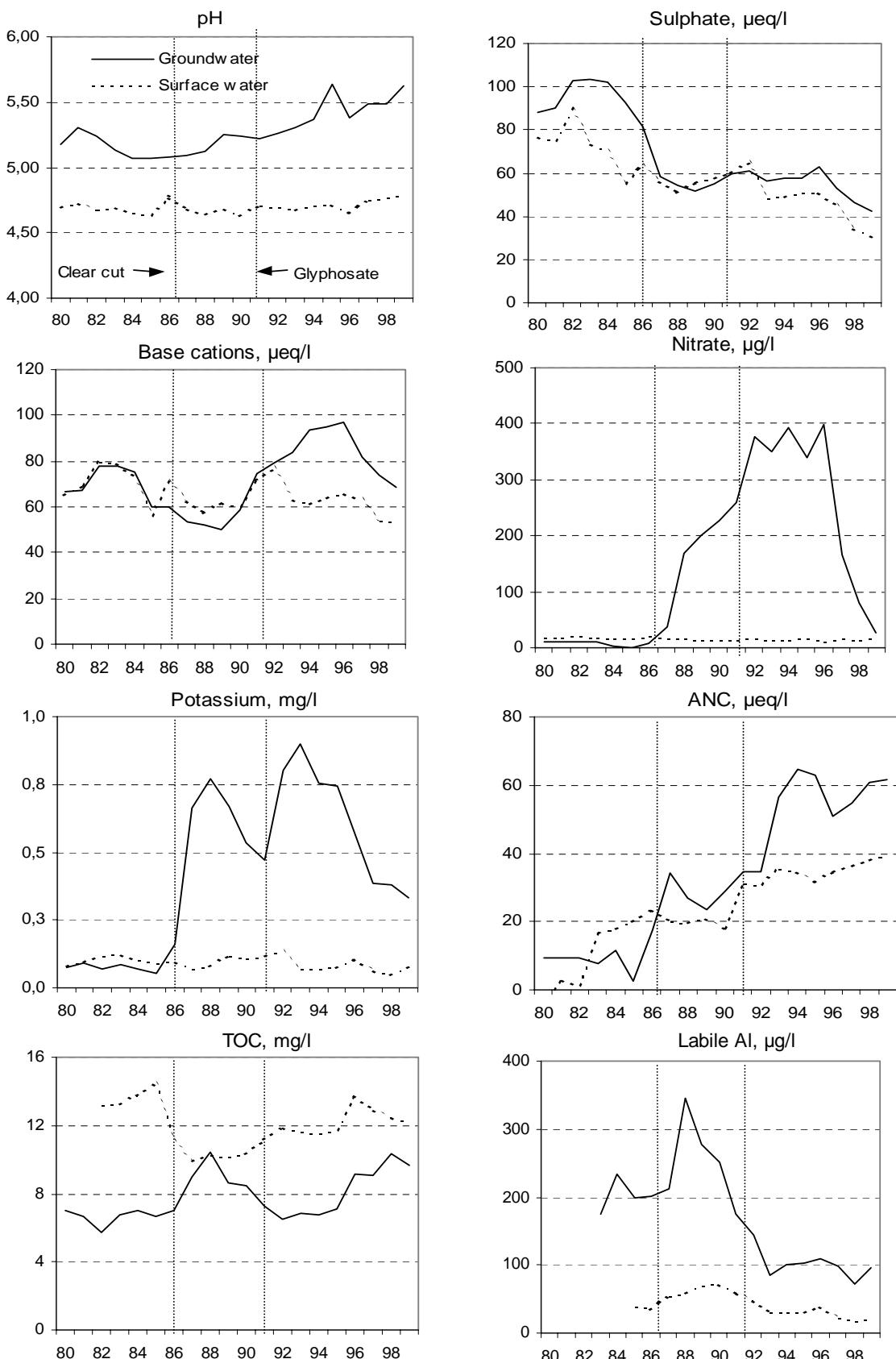


Figure 8. Yearly average values for several components in Langvasslia groundwater aquifer (groundwater) with corresponding values for the inlet stream to Langtjern (surface water) for the period 1980-1999. ANC = acid neutralizing capacity, ECM* = non-marine Ca+Mg. ESO4* = non-marine SO_4 .

In 1997 the concentration levels of nitrate and potassium were back to the levels before the glyphosate treatment, but still significantly higher than before the clear-cutting. During the last two years, however, the nitrate concentrations were also low during the dormant season and should reach the levels before clear-cut in the near future. Potassium concentrations are still high and appear to have stabilized at a higher level than before clear-cut.

These general trends in leaching of nitrate and potassium are in general agreement with the observations made in other clear-cut in the U.S, UK and Sweden (Likens *et al.* 1970, Neal *et al.* 1992a, 1992b, and Rosén *et al* 1996). At Langvasslia by 1999, 13 years after clear-cut, nitrate is almost back to the concentrations before the clear-cut. This time span is substantially longer than those reported from other clear-cut experiments. Both Hornbeck *et al.* (1987) and Neal *et al.* (1992b) reported about 5 years before nitrate returned to pre harvest conditions. Rosén *et al.* (1996) found that at the end of the 8 year study period the run-off and stream water successively returned to pre-cut conditions. The extended recovery time for the Langvasslia aquifer could be caused by the glyphosate treatment 5 years after the clear-cut, because the deciduous vegetation growth was stopped to allow the coniferous trees the possibility to dominate, as they do today.

6.2 Sulphate

Fuller *et al.* (1987) showed that whole-tree harvesting in Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest lead to increased mineralization and nitrification and consequently to substantial NO_3^- loss, acidification of soil solutions and increased soil adsorption of SO_4^{2-} . As a consequence, stream-water concentrations and effluxes of SO_4^{2-} declined and NO_3^- increased after tree harvesting. At the Langvasslia aquifer sulphate concentrations were substantially higher than in the surface water before clear-cut (Figure 8), but started as for the surface water to decline before the clear-cut. After the clear-cut, however, the groundwater concentrations of SO_4^{2-} declined at a faster rate than surface water. This reduction in concentration can largely be explained by reduced scavenging of gaseous and particulate sulphur species due to the removal of the trees. One year after clear-cut the concentrations both in groundwater and in surface water are similar, and the concentrations remained fairly constant until 1993 when the groundwater concentrations again were higher than the surface water concentrations. Apparently, the growing forest again scavenged significant amounts of sulphur from the atmosphere. Thus there is no need to invoke changes in soil acidity and SO_4^{2-} adsorption to explain the observed pattern in SO_4^{2-} concentrations in groundwater at Langvasslia.

6.3 ANC and base cations (Ca+Mg)

A characteristic aspect of surface water quality recovery from acidification in Norway is the decline in sulphate concentration and a stable base cation concentration (Skjelkvåle *et al.* 1998). Acid Neutralizing Capacity (ANC) (Reuss and Johnson 1986) has increased in the surface water, especially since 1990 (Figure 8), due to the reduced sulphur deposition in Norway (Skjelkvåle *et al.* 1998). ANC in the groundwater has also increased, and follows largely the same pattern as for the surface water (see Figure 7 lower panel and Figure 8), but ANC has increased substantially more than in the surface water since the early 1990's.

The ANC of the groundwater aquifer increased significantly after clear-cutting in spite of rather stable sulphate concentrations. This is because the concentrations of non-marine base cations increased during the same period in contrast to the surface water (Figures 7 and 8). After 5 years, however, base

cation concentrations started to decline approaching the levels of the surface water. The “episodic” base cation increase can indicate a short-lived change in weathering or mineralization of organic matter in the soil due to the clear-cut.

6.4 Total organic carbon and labile aluminum

Total organic carbon increased significantly after clear-cutting (Figure 7 center panel, Figure 8), but declined again after a few years. The high peaks of TOC all occur in the summer (Figure 8), and the peaks are highest the first years after clear-cut. The TOC peaks decreased in the first part of 1990's, but have increased significantly during the later years. This is in accordance with the general increase in TOC of surface water observed in southern Norway (SFT 1999) as also reflected in the TOC trend in the inlet stream to Langtjern (Figure 8).

The concentrations of labile Al also increased sharply during the summer months after clear-cut (Figure 7 center panel), especially 2-3 years after clear-cut. Labile Al started to decline around 1990, following the general trends in surface waters in Norway (Skjelkvåle *et al.* 1998), as also reflected in the inlet stream to Langtjern (Figure 8).

7. Concluding remarks

Likens *et al.* (1970) suggest, based on the experience from Hubbard Brook, that clear-cutting reduces shading and evaporation, thus increasing temperature and water content of the forest floor. Decomposition of organic matter proceeds more rapidly, and nitrification increases greatly, leading to higher NO₃-leaching. Also potassium leaching increases due to reduced nutrient uptake by vegetation. These conclusions are in accordance with findings by other researchers (Vitousek *et al.* 1979, Rosén 1984, Martin *et al.* 1985, Hornbeck *et al.* 1987, Rosen *et al.* 1996, Neal *et al.* 1992a, 1992b). Martin *et al.* (1985), however, found from studies in clear-cut areas in New England, US.A that NO₃-leaching into streams was insignificant in most cases. He explained these differences as to be due to the characteristics of the catchments. Although the increased nitrification may cause high NO₃-concentrations in the soil solution, the NO₃ may not reach the stream body because of de-nitrification in the saturated zone in the soil and uptake by re-growing vegetation. Thus, retention time of the water in the soil is important for the effect of clear-cutting on NO₃-content of soil water and thus also on groundwater. In the catchment of Langvasslia groundwater aquifer the soil cover is thin, and thus the retention time of the water in the soil profile is short. Consequently, de-nitrification reactions and uptake by vegetation are low, leading to high leaching of NO₃ into the groundwater.

The elevated leaching of NO₃ and K persisted for 11 years, and NO₃ is now almost back to the levels before the clear-cut. Other studies indicate shorter recovery time for nitrate. The extended recovery time for the Langvasslia aquifer could be caused by the glyphosate treatment 5 years after the clear-cut, because the deciduous vegetation growth was stopped to give the coniferous trees the possibility to dominate. The leaching of K, however, is still higher than before clear-cut. A similar observation was made by Hornbeck *et al.* (1987) in a study of 10 years of recovery from clear-cutting in Hubbard Brook, where the effects of the cutting remained evident through the 10 year of re-growth.

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Appendix A.

Chemistry data for the groundwater aquifer at Langvasslia (LAG01).

Yr	Date	pH	Cond	Ca	Mg	Na	K	Cl	SO ₄	NO ₃	Alk	Alk	ANC	R-AI	Org-AI	L-AI	SIO ₂	Turb	Perm
				mS/m	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	μg/l	mmol/l	μeq/l	μeq/l	μg/l	μg/l	μg/l	mg/l	FTU	MgO/l
1980	606	5.1	2.13	1.21	0.25	0.94	0.13	0.6	5.1	<10	13.1	9.6						8.6	
1980	709	5.14	1.97	1.23	0.23	0.94	0.06	0.6	4.7	<10	18.6	15						8.1	
1980	808	5.17	2.05	0.97	0.18	1.17	0.05	1.1	4.2	<10	18.6	4.9						9.1	
1980	908	5.27	1.98	1.06	0.2	1.21	0.06	0.9	4.2	<10	18.6	17						7.4	
1980	1003	5.33	2.08	1.12	0.19	1.24	0.08	0.9	4.8	<10	26.1	10.1					9.0	0.8	9.0
1980	1113	5.24	1.89	1.1	0.21	1.05	0.05	0.9	4.8	<10	18.6	0.8					8.7	3.5	8.1
1980	1219	5.28	1.91	1.04	0.2	1.17	0.06	0.7	4.8	<10	13.1	6.3					9.0	0.8	6.2
1981	219	5.76	2.01	0.99	0.22	1.09	0.04	0.8	4.4	<10		7.3						6.5	
1981	425	5.39	2.04	1.02	0.22	1.02	0.06	0.6	4.1	<10	21.8	18.3					7.9	4.7	6.7
1981	523	5.16	1.89	1.02	0.21	1.11	0.16	0.7	4.4	10	15.3	18.1					7.5	3.8	10.1
1981	625	5.14	2	0.99	0.14	1.09	0.12	0.6	4.5	<10	10.9	8.7					8.1	2.1	9.0
1981	722	5.21	1.96	1.13	0.21	1.15	0.12	0.5	4.5	<10	21.8	26.9						2.6	9.0
1981	821	5.76	2.27	1.08	0.22	0.98	0.11	0.7	4.8	<10	49.3	4.8					9.3	3.5	8.1
1981	924	5.25	2.31	1.1	0.26	1.3	0.11	0.9	5.5	<10	25	3.1					9.5	2.9	8.4
1981	1022	5.07	2.38	1.23	0.27	1.17	0.08	0.9	5.1	<10	0	12.6					8.6	1.6	8.7
1981	1123	5.17	2.19	1.08	0.24	1.2	0.06	0.9	5.5	<10	6.4	-6.3					8.3	1.5	7.2
1981	1204	5.1	2.18	1.14	0.25	1.17	0.06	0.9	5	<10	0	6.9					8.5	1.7	7.5
1982	122	5.32	2.19	1.03	0.22	1.24	0.04	0.7	5.2	<10	19.7	1.2					9.3	0.6	5.7
1982	321	5.37	2.2	1.17	0.26	1.36	0.05	0.9	5.4	<10		6.8					9.7	3.4	5.3
1982	411	5.15	2.41	1.36	0.29	1.36	0.12	0.8	6.5	10		2.8					9.4	1.3	7.8
1982	502	5.05	2.17	1.12	0.27	1.04	0.09	0.5	4.7	<10	0.037	6.4	20.5				7.2	0.4	7.9
1982	527	5.12	1.91	0.98	0.24	1.03	0.06	0.6	4.1	<10	0.041	10.9	20.1				6.0	1.2	8.5
1982	616	5.26	2.05	1.12	0.23	1.15	0.04	0.6	5.4	<10	0.048	18.6	1.7				6.7	0.7	6.2
1982	727	5.34	2.23	1.25	0.23	1.13	0.07	0.7	5.2	<10	0.058	29.3	9.5				7.6	0.5	6.2
1982	831	5.53	2.64	1.4	0.29	1.38	0.1	1	5.5	<10		21.4					9.1	6.4	8.9
1982	926	5.25	2.53	1.43	0.24	1.4	0.09	1.1	6	<10	0.05	20.7	3.7				9.4	1.4	6.3
1982	1028	5.17	2.44	1.43	0.29	1.28	0.07	1	5.7	<10	0.046	16.4	12.9				7.2	1.3	8.2
1982	1126	5.13	2.22	1.3	0.28	1.21	0.04	1	5.5	<10	0.041	10.9	4.9				8.5	2.0	7.0
1983	107	5.17	2.16	1.25	0.24	1.19	0.05	0.8	5.3	<10	0.042	12	7.2				8.7	0.8	5.9
1983	320	5.14	2.2	1.14	0.23	1.38	0.03	0.8	5.3	<10	0.034	2.9	7.6				8.9	0.5	4.9
1983	415	5.21	2.07	1.16	0.23	1.24	0.06	0.8	5.6	<10	0.033	1.6	-2				9.3	0.7	5.8
1983	523	5.08	1.86	1.08	0.23	0.9	0.06	0.5	4.4	<10	0.036	5.3	16.1				5.1	1.4	9.4
1983	614	5.06	1.98	1.06	0.22	1.09	0.06	0.6	5.1	<10	0.034	2.9	2.9				7.1	0.8	7.1
1983	913	5.23	2.64	1.33	0.27	1.57	0.26	1.4	5.2	<10	0.053	24	25.7				9.2	6.7	11.1
1983	925	5.21	2.56	1.48	0.3	1.3	0.06	1	6.5	<10	0.045	15.3	-0.6	362	255	107	9.0	1.1	7.9
1983	1016	4.92	2.76	1.62	0.31	1.22	0.12	1.3	6.2	<10	0.033	1.6	11.9				7.4	2.2	16.6
1983	1115	5.17	2.22	1.24	0.25	1.19	0.07	0.8	5.7	<10	0.041	10.9	0.9	452	211	241	9.0	1.9	7.1
1984	103	5.09	2.15	1.15	0.22	1.29	0.03	0.8	6.3	<5	0.044	14.2	-13.3				8.3	5.6	8.8
1984	413	5.07	2.38	1.18	0.25	1.29	0.15	0.8	5.8	10	0.04	9.8	1.3	348	178	170	9.4	0.8	6.2
1984	511	5.16	1.78	1.06	0.21	1.03	0.06	0.4	4.7	<1	0.035	4.1	14.6	530	209	321	6.8	0.9	7.6
1984	609	5.13	1.99	1.16	0.22	1.16	0.05	0.4	5	<1	0.034	2.9	19.7	440	212	228	8.0	0.3	7.8
1984	705	5.33	2	1.17	0.22	1.21	0.04	0.6	4.9	<1	0.045	15.3	17.3	348	210	138	8.5	0.9	6.5

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				mS/m	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	µg/l	mmol/l	µeq/l	µeq/l	µg/l	µg/l	µg/l	mg/l	FTU	MgO/l	
1998	1031	5.4	1.47	1.05	0.18	0.96	0.35	0.7	1.7	5	0.06	31.4	62.4	461	361	100	7.1	1.8	16.1
1998	1201	5.58	1.65	1.04	0.19	0.95	0.3	0.6	2	16	0.085	57.7	56.8	457	360	97	8.1	1.6	12.8
1999	105	5.61	1.79	1.1	0.21	1.01	0.29	0.7	2.2	6	0.09	62.9	57.5	385	295	90	7.8	0.5	11.6
1999	205	5.74	1.68	1.03	0.2	1.04	0.28	0.7	2.2	8	0.082	54.6	54.1	389	274	115	7.8	2.1	10.9
1999	309	5.63	1.79	1.1	0.2	1.03	0.3	0.7	2.3	6	0.092	65	55.8	443	322	121	7.6	3.0	10.7
1999	330	5.62	1.83	1.02	0.21	1.05	0.24	0.7	2.4	40	0.093	66	47.4	364	285	79	8.0	0.7	9.7
1999	427	5.58	1.56	1.08	0.2	0.95	0.29	0.4	2	143	0.073	45.1	56	343	258	85	6.3	0.6	9.0
1999	528	5.65	1.37	1.09	0.18	0.87	0.32	0.5	2	47	0.063	34.6	56.1	345	260	85	5.8	0.6	10.3
1999	626	5.63	1.45	1.12	0.21	0.91	0.39	0.2	1.9	3	0.072	44.1	77.3	414	331	83	6.9	1.0	13.0
1999	729	5.68	1.44	1.16	0.21	0.95	0.43	0.3	1.6	<1	0.082	54.6	85.6	436	321	115	7.5	0.3	14.9
1999	830	5.66	1.55	1.28	0.23	1.03	0.46	0.3	2	2	0.088	60.8	89.1	507	398	109	9.0	1.5	15.7
1999	1029	5.48	1.64	1.05	0.21	0.92	0.33	0.7	2.3	4	0.065	36.7	50.2	375	298	77	7.6	1.5	13.3
1999	1201	5.68	1.45	1.03	0.22	0.93	0.32	0.7	2.3	9	0.059	30.4	49.9	392	300	92	7.6	0.8	12.2
1999	1202	5.66	1.55	1.03	0.22	0.93	0.32	0.7	2.3	9	0.088	60.8	49.9	392	300	92	7.6	0.8	12.2

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