

TRACKING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILLS TO INLAND STREAMS

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ABSTRACT

Dangers to the biosphere occur from the consumption of waters that have become polluted by accidental discharges of hazardous substances into an aquatic environment. Prompt mitigation of spills and expeditious notification of downstream users is necessary to avoid excessive adverse environmental impacts. Arrival time of the leading edge of a pollutant plume at a sensitive area must be determined rapidly.

It is imperative that every aspect of the plume's progress downstream be known and to determine rates of travel and dispersion. Downstream observers and authorities responsible for water intakes and sensitive environments must be identified and notified. Speed is necessary in order to lessen the impact of an environmental insult.

River miles to the mouth of a stream have proven to be the most useful data for tracking contaminant plumes. Distances to the nearest habitation and community, receiving and tributary streams, flow measurement and water intakes, and potential observers can then be determined from the relationship of river miles to these sensitive environments.

Aids have been developed and incorporated into a handbook to facilitate manipulation of the data base for the Illinois River, which include tables, charts, maps, and diagrams.

1. INTRODUCTION

Studies leading to this paper have revealed various aspects of Man's involvement in our current state of environmental degradation and hazardous substance spills in Illinois. The reports of environmental insults to the waters of the state have continually increased due to the fruitfulness of the environment and the people living therein. As productivity increases with population growth and increasing consumer demands, so does the generation of waste and the opportunity for spills during processing and transportation.

The degradation of our biosphere continues due to acute and long-term chronic exposure of its organisms to toxic materials. What we leave to our descendants, in the way of a fruitful environment, depends on how well we protect what is left. We must pursue extending brotherhood to future

generations, for we are only borrowing resources and productivity from their supply that we leave to them. Are we going to limit their options in determining their future? Today we are building upon that which was left to us. We can only build our bridge to the future from that which was left to us from the past. Soon we will become the past. What kind of building materials will we be leaving for our grandchildren's grandchildren to build their bridge to the future?

Let us guide thoughtful progress into the future.

2. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILLS

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An incident control sheet for use by the IEPA Emergency Response Unit (ERU) provides an itemization of data to be provided to the Duty Officer (DO) during the initial notification of a spill. From this information a hazard assessment is made and an appropriate response planned.

The locational aspects of the spill that are normally provided to the DO are the nearest community, adjacent county, and the best available description of the site which may include distances from intersections, roads, bridges, railroads, or streams. Distances to the nearest habitation and community, receiving and tributary streams, flow measurement and water intakes, and potential observers must then be determined from the relationships of river miles (RM) to these sensitive environments. RM to the mouth of a stream have proven to provide the most useful data for tracking contaminant plumes.

Usually the temporal information given to the DO includes only the time of the incident and the time of reporting, but meteorological information is also required. Weather and stream flow data are to be provided by the on-site reporting personnel when possible; which would include direction and speed of the wind and the waters of the receiving waterway. An estimation of the river stage should be made to aid in estimating the stream velocity and flow rate.

It is necessary to assemble all of the above data and information in such a format that it is easily accessible and manipulated in order to accomplish the main purpose of the responsibilities of the DO; namely, to protect the citizenry, biota, and environment of the State of Illinois by predicting arrival time of the pollutant plume at sensitive sites and notification of responsible authorities.

3. MANUAL

Aids have been developed and incorporated into a manual to facilitate manipulation of the data base for the Illinois River, which include tables, charts, maps, and diagrams.

The actual sequence of determinations that must be made by the DO following completion of the Incident Control Sheet (Fig. 1) is as follows:

3.1 Consult Maps for Locational Information:

1. State of Illinois Basin and County Map (Map 1) to determine county and river basin.
2. Maps of Illinois River Hydrologic Units (Map 2) and Illinois Waterway and its Tributaries (Map 3) and Bed Profile -- Illinois River (Fig. 3) to determine approximate RM.
3. River segment map by RM and lock and dam pools as follows, for more detailed information.
 - 0.0 - 80.2: Alton Dam Pool (Maps 4 & 5)
 - 80.2 - 157.8: LaGrange Dam Pool (Maps 6 & 7)
 - 157.8 - 231.0: Peoria Dam Pool (Maps 8 & 9)
 - 231.0 - 247.0: Starved Rock Dam Pool (Map 9)
 - 247.0 - 271.5: Marseilles Dam Pool (Map 10)
 - 271.5 - 286.0: Dresden Island Dam Pool (Map 10)
 - 286.0 - 291.1: Brandon Road Dam Pool (Map 11)
 - 291.1 - Over: Lockport Dam Pool (Map 11)

3.2 Consult Maps 4-11 and Illinois River Waterway River Miles RM table (Table 1) to Locate and Aid in Determination of Arrival Time of Pollutant Plume at:

1. Communities nearby and downstream,
2. Water intakes nearby and downstream,
3. Sensitive environments nearby and downstream,
4. Receiving and tributary streams,
5. Potential observers at river crossings of transportation facilities.

3.3 Consult Illinois River Time-of-Travel (Fig. 2), Pollutant Plume In-Stream Velocity (Table 2), and River Segment Maps (Maps 4-11) for Surface Velocities at Low (.9), Medium (.5), and High (.1) Stream Flow:

1. At point of spill by chart, table, measure, or estimate,
2. Through entire navigation pool,
3. Downstream to critical points.

3.4 Determine Weather Conditions at Present and Forecast:

3.5 Determine Estimated Time of Arrival of Aquatic Pollutant Plume:

3.6 Consult List of Telephone Numbers and Notify Individuals Responsible for Water Intakes (Table 3) and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Table 4); and for Observation Contacts (Table 5) along the Illinois River.

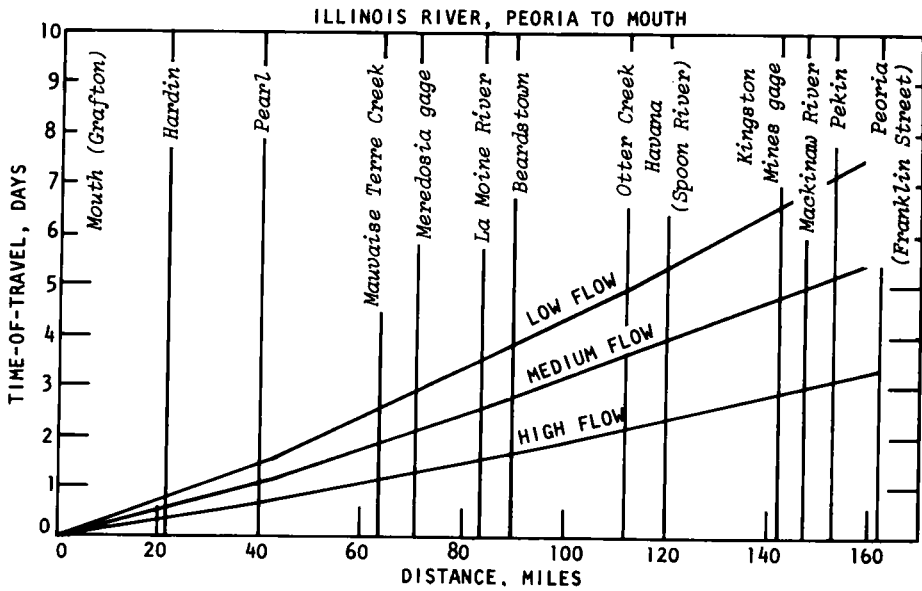
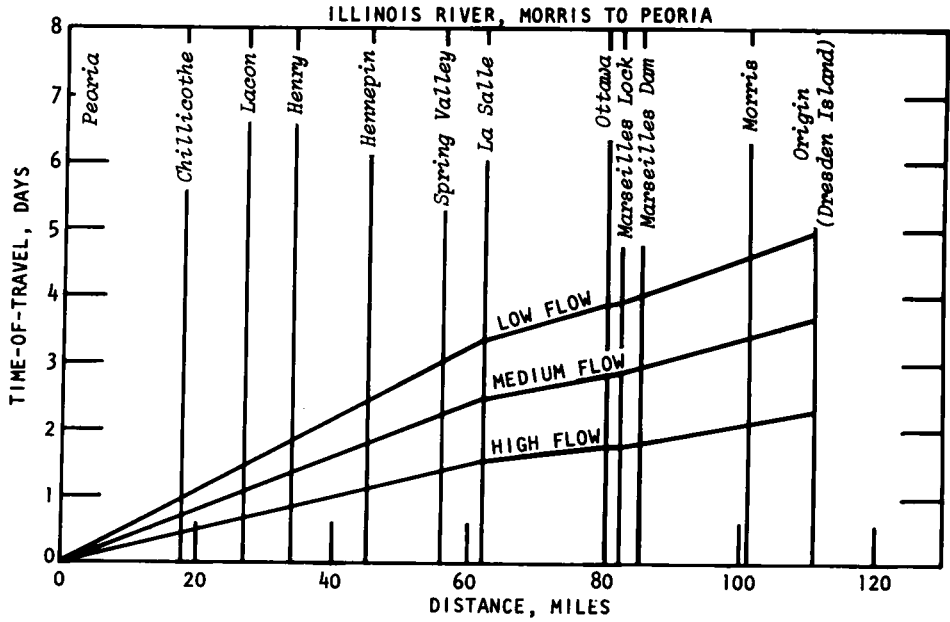


Fig. 2. Illinois River — River Miles & Time of Travel (Stall, 1969)

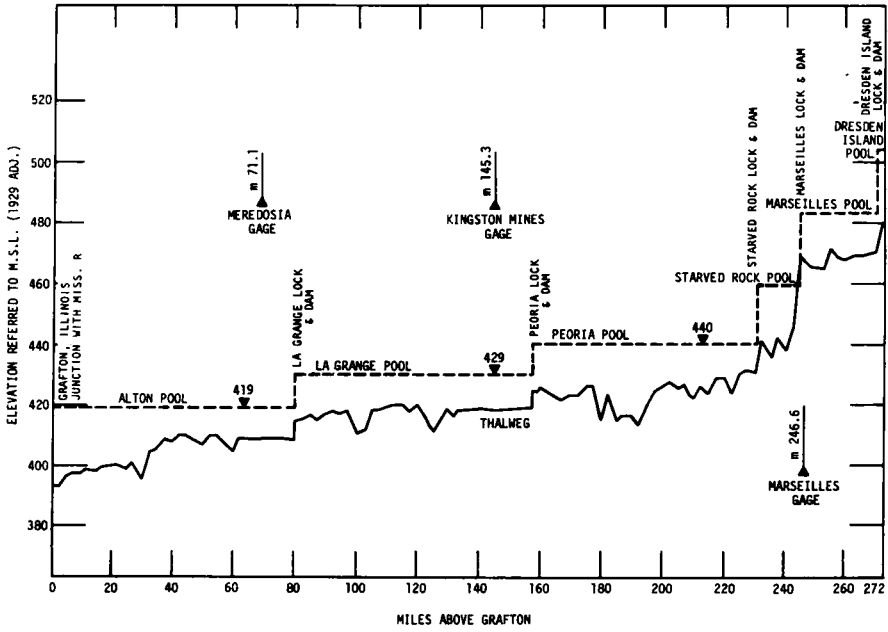
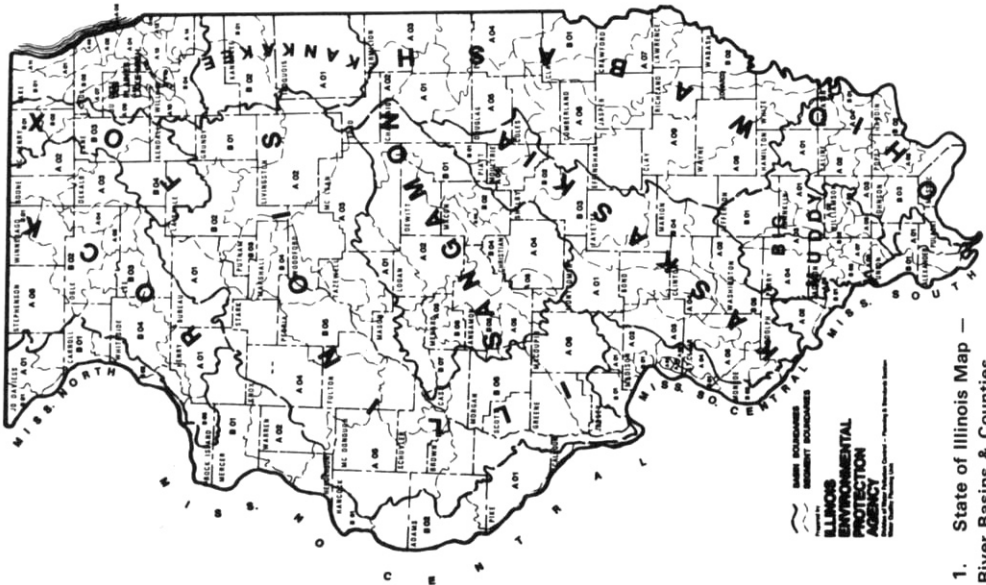
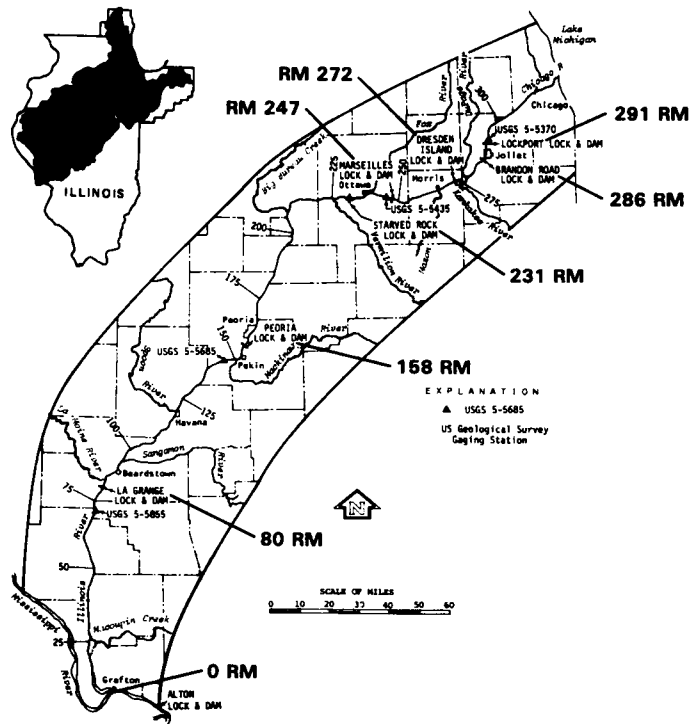


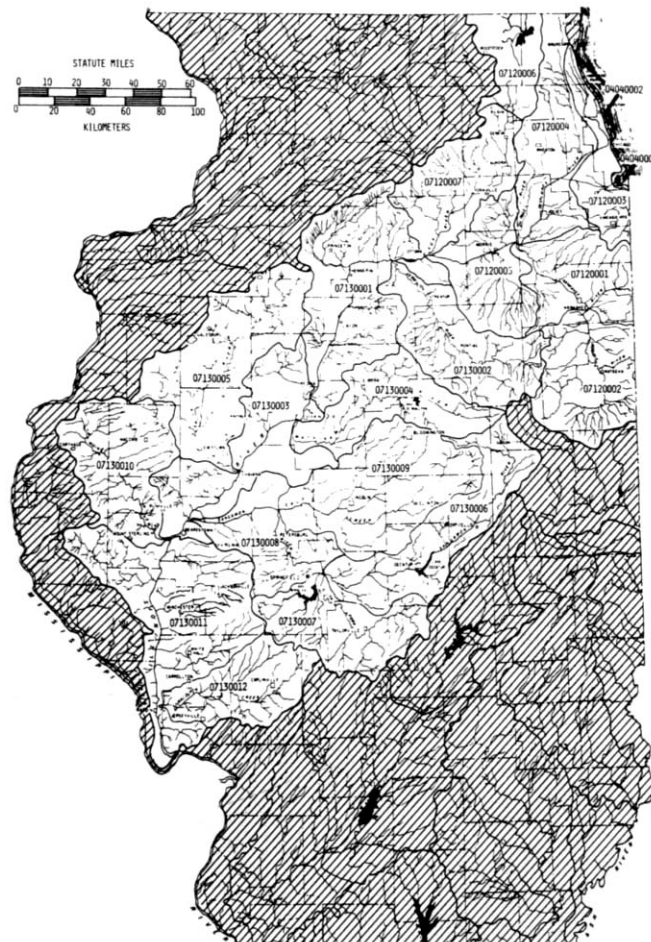
Fig. 3. Illinois Waterway and River Bed Profile — River Miles (Singh, 1973)



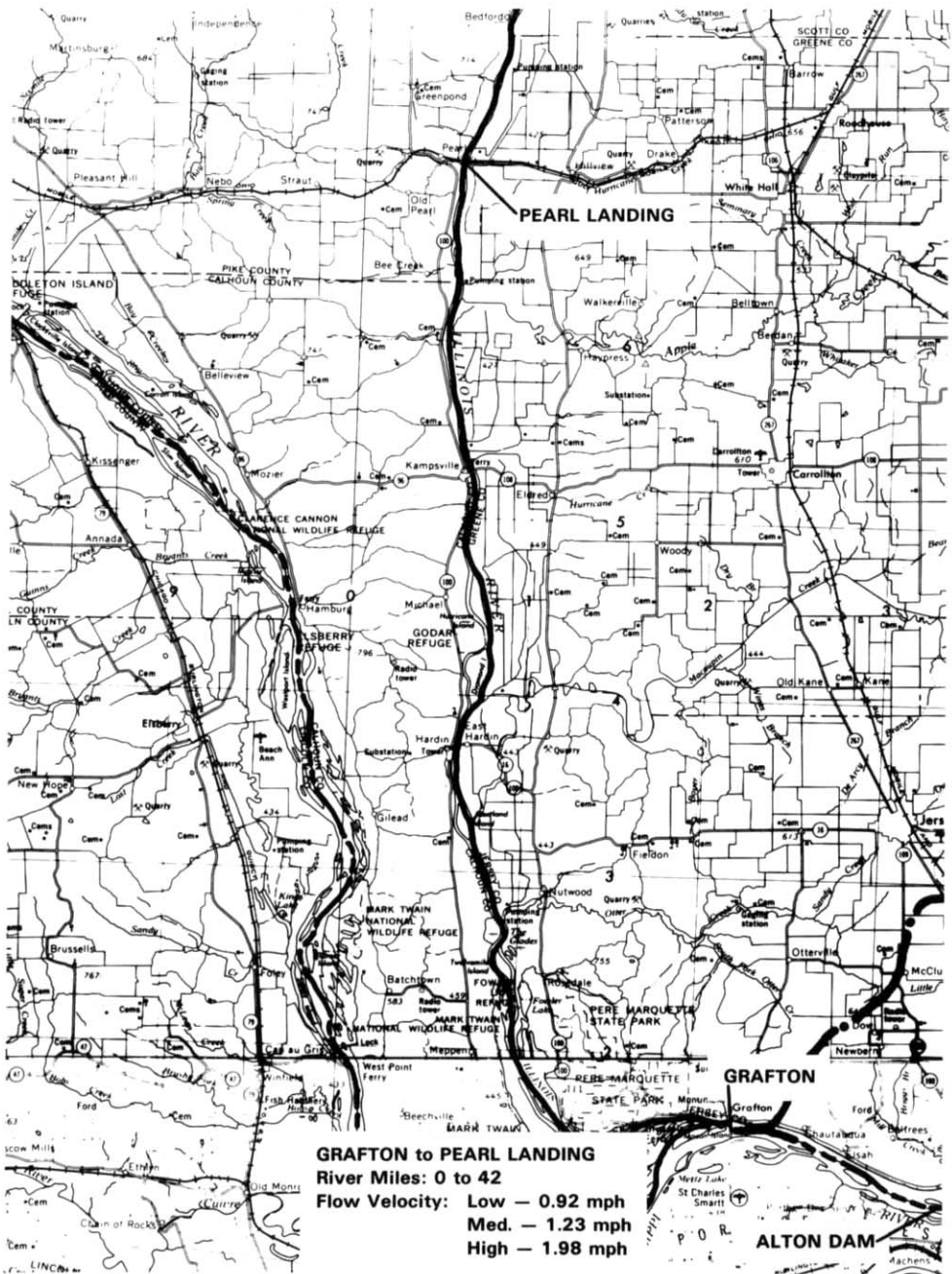
Map 1. State of Illinois Map — River Basins & Counties



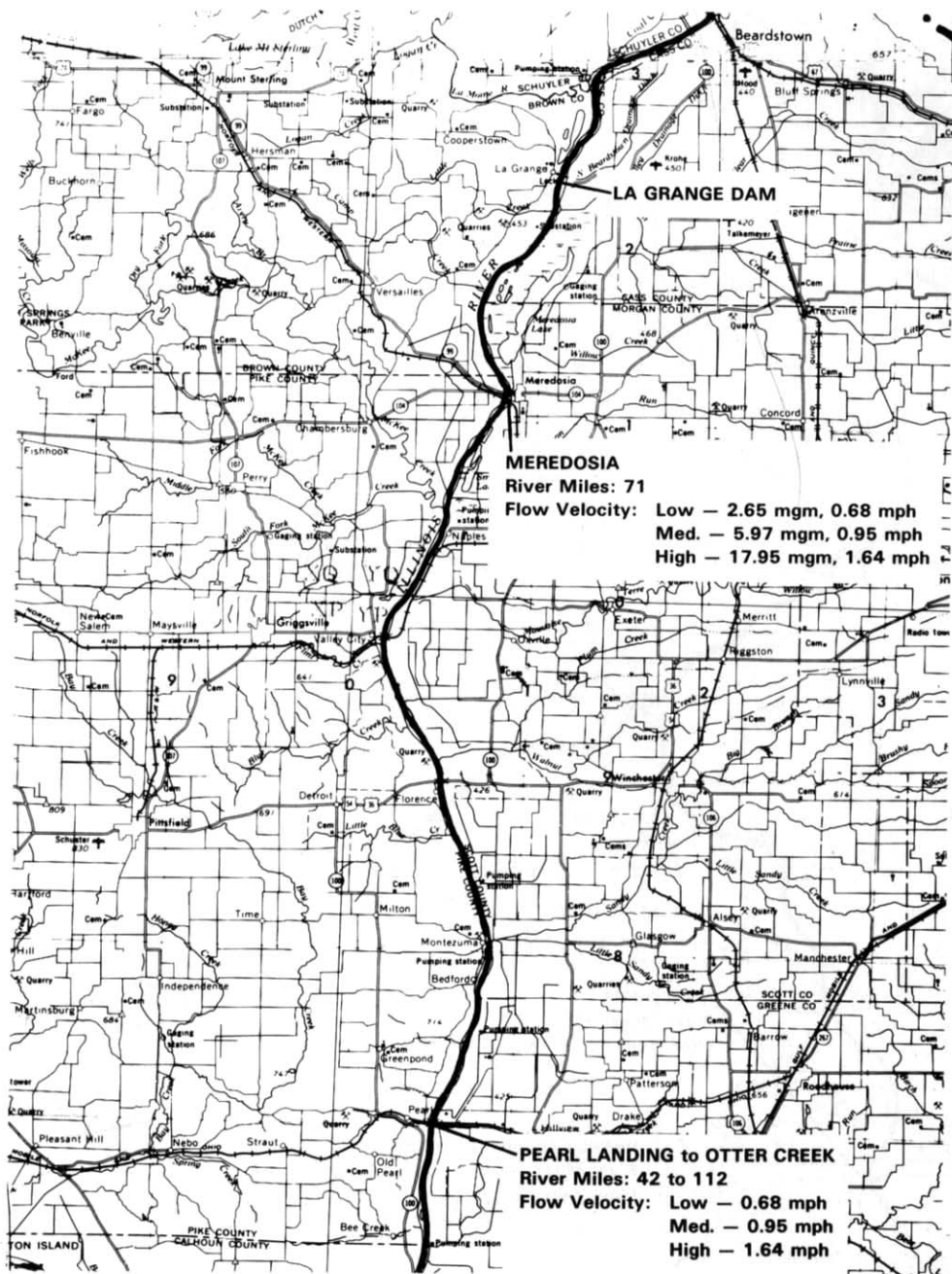
Map 3. Illinois Waterway – Tributaries, Dam Pools, & River Miles (Kothandaraman, 1971)



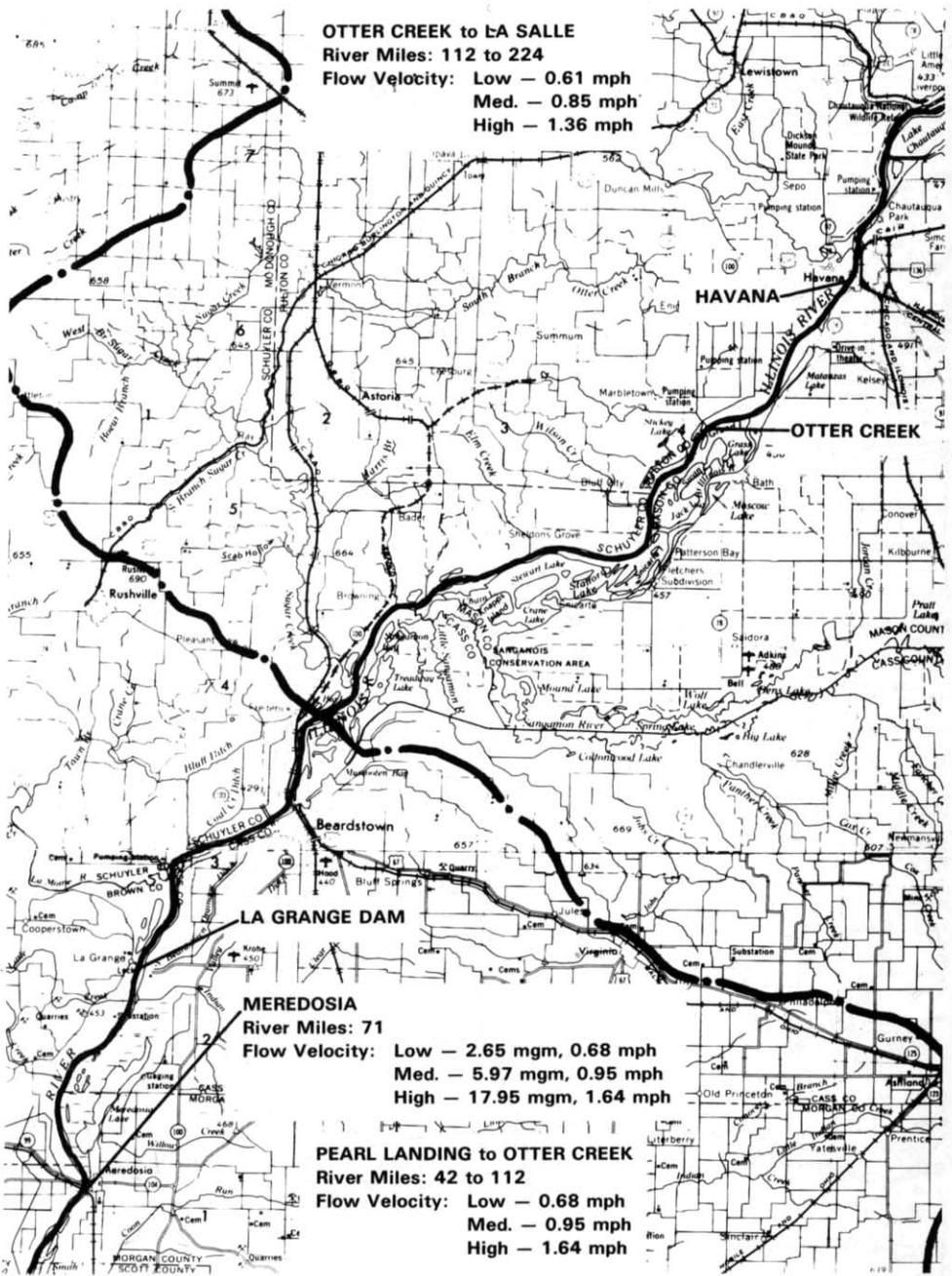
Map 2. Illinois River Map – Hydrologic Units (USGS, 1979)



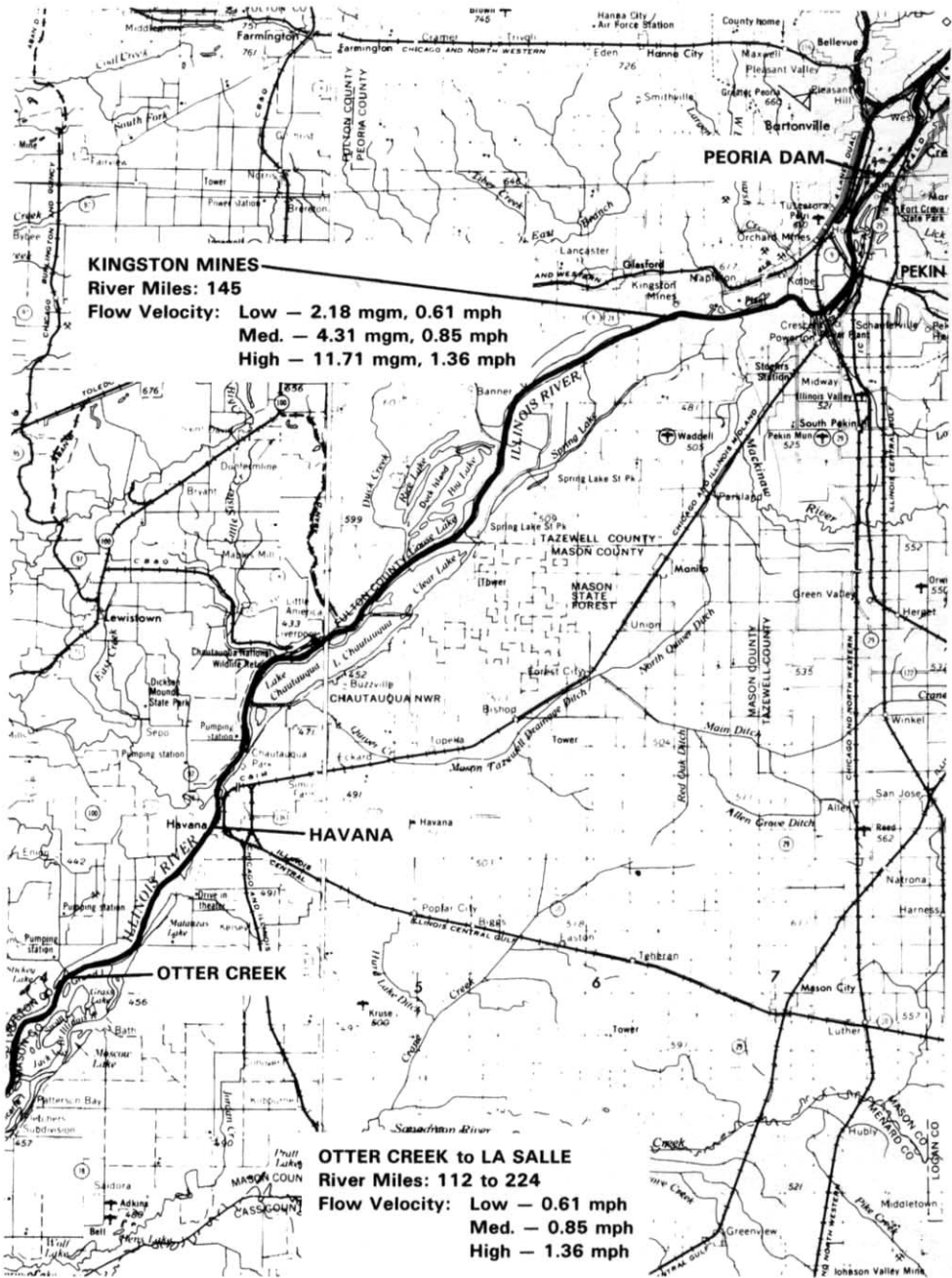
Map 4. River Miles 0-43.2: Alton Dam Pool: Grafton-Pearl (Maps, 4-11)



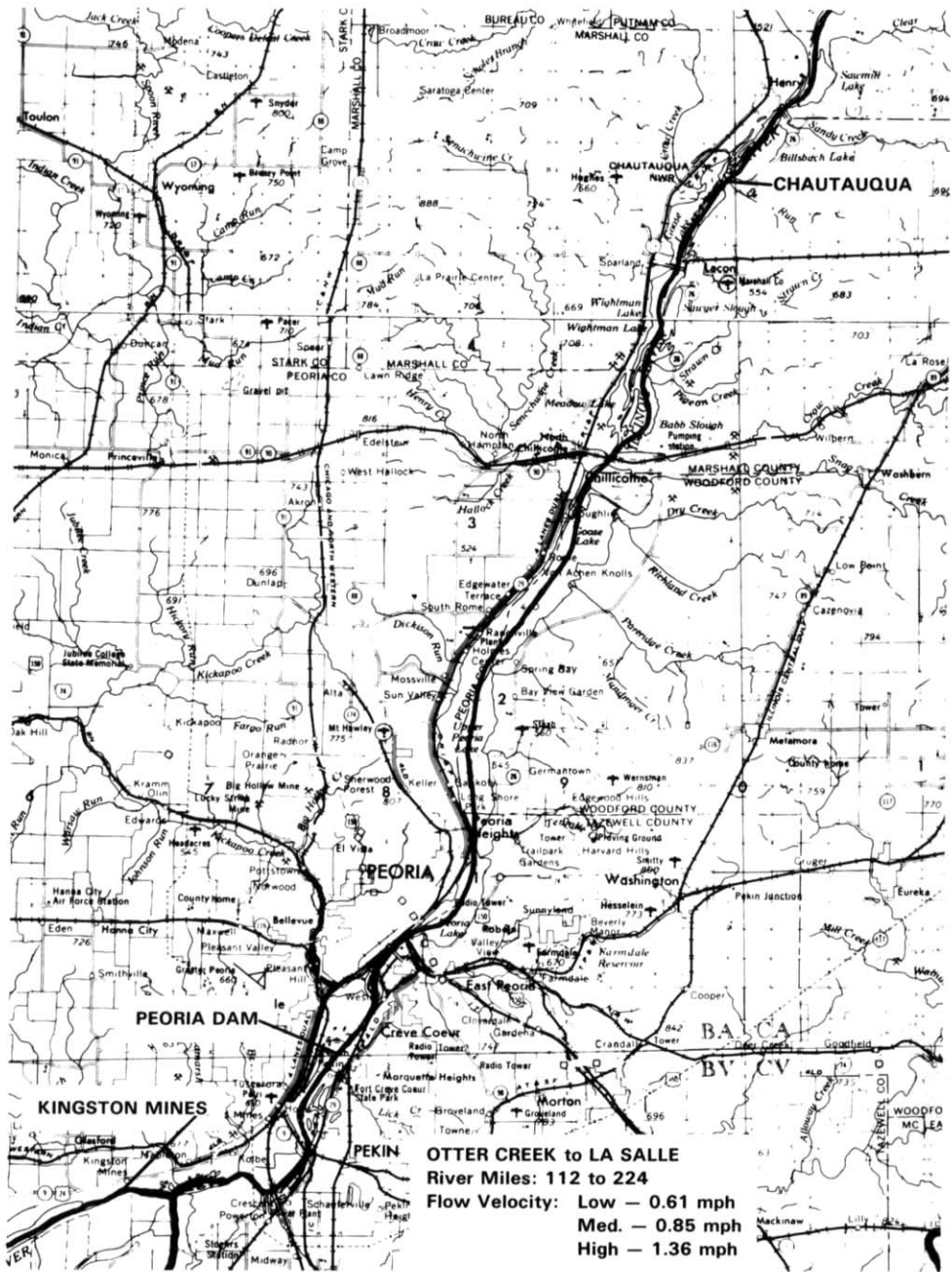
Map 5. River Miles 43.2-80.2: Alton Dam Pool (Cont'd): Pearl-LaGrange (Maps, 4-11)



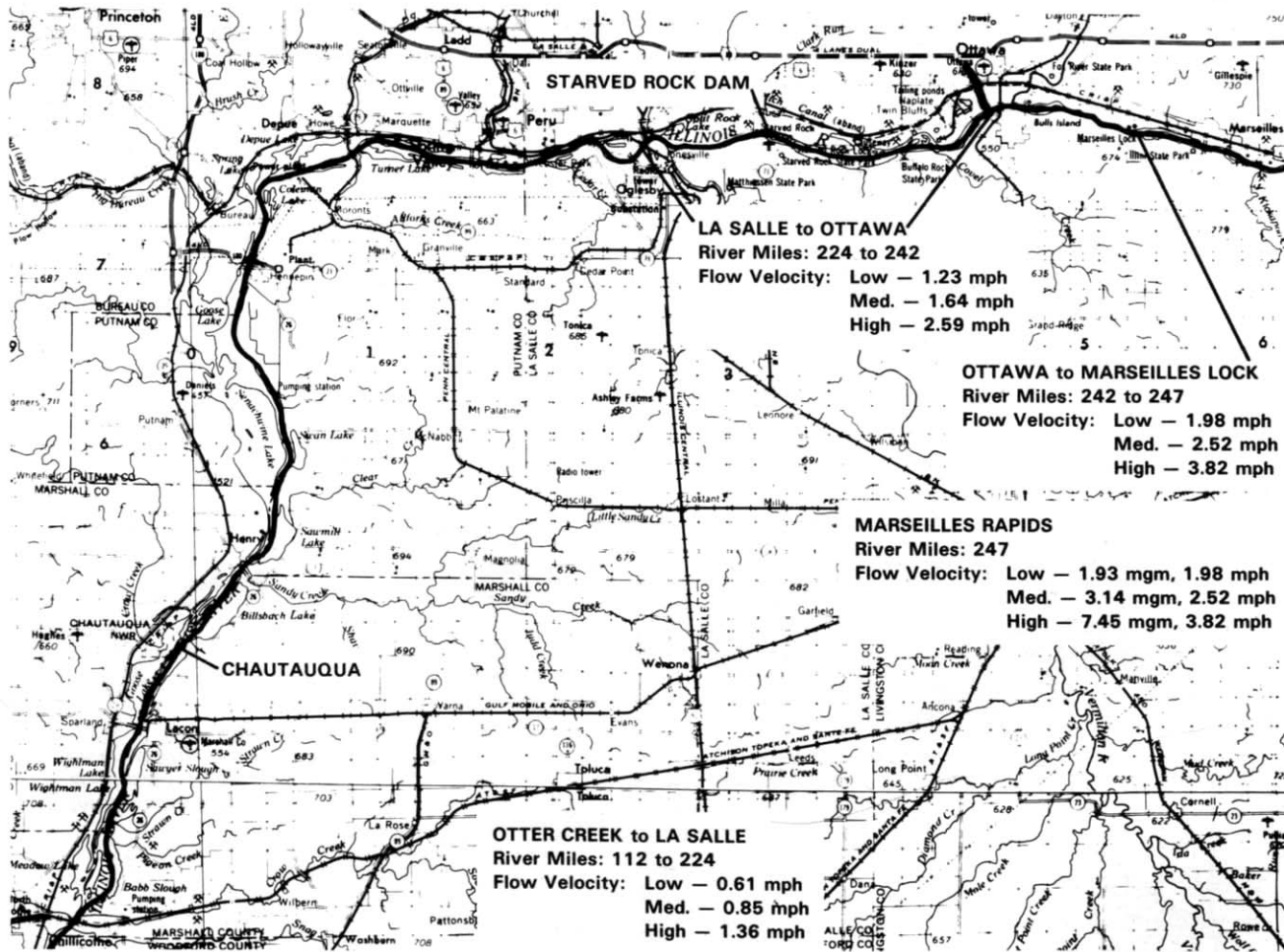
Map 6. River Miles 80.2-120.0: LaGrange Dam Pool: LaGrange-Havana (Maps, 4-11)



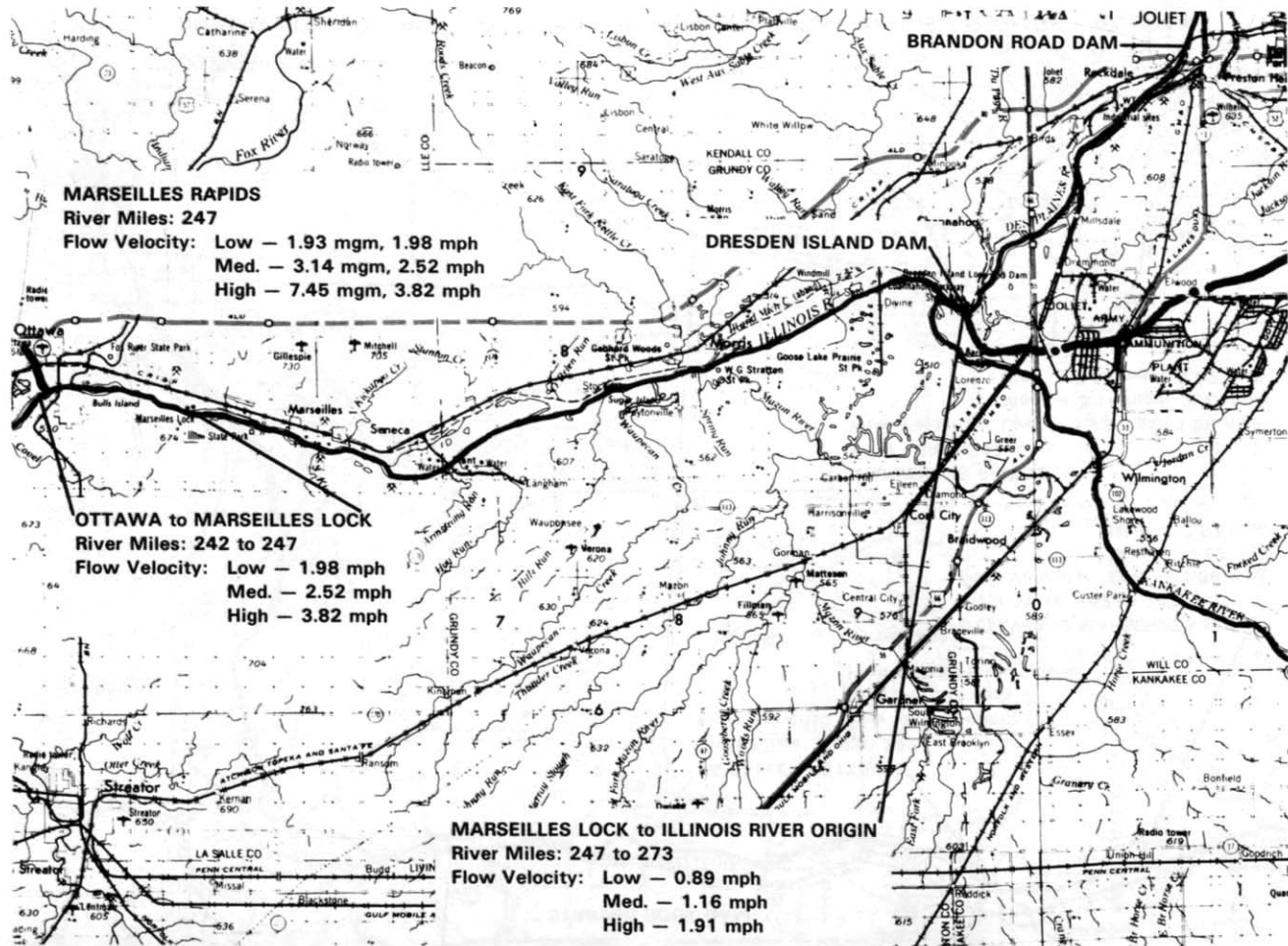
Map 7. River Miles 120.0-157.8: LaGrange Dam Pool (Cont'd): Havana-North Pekin (Maps, 4-11)



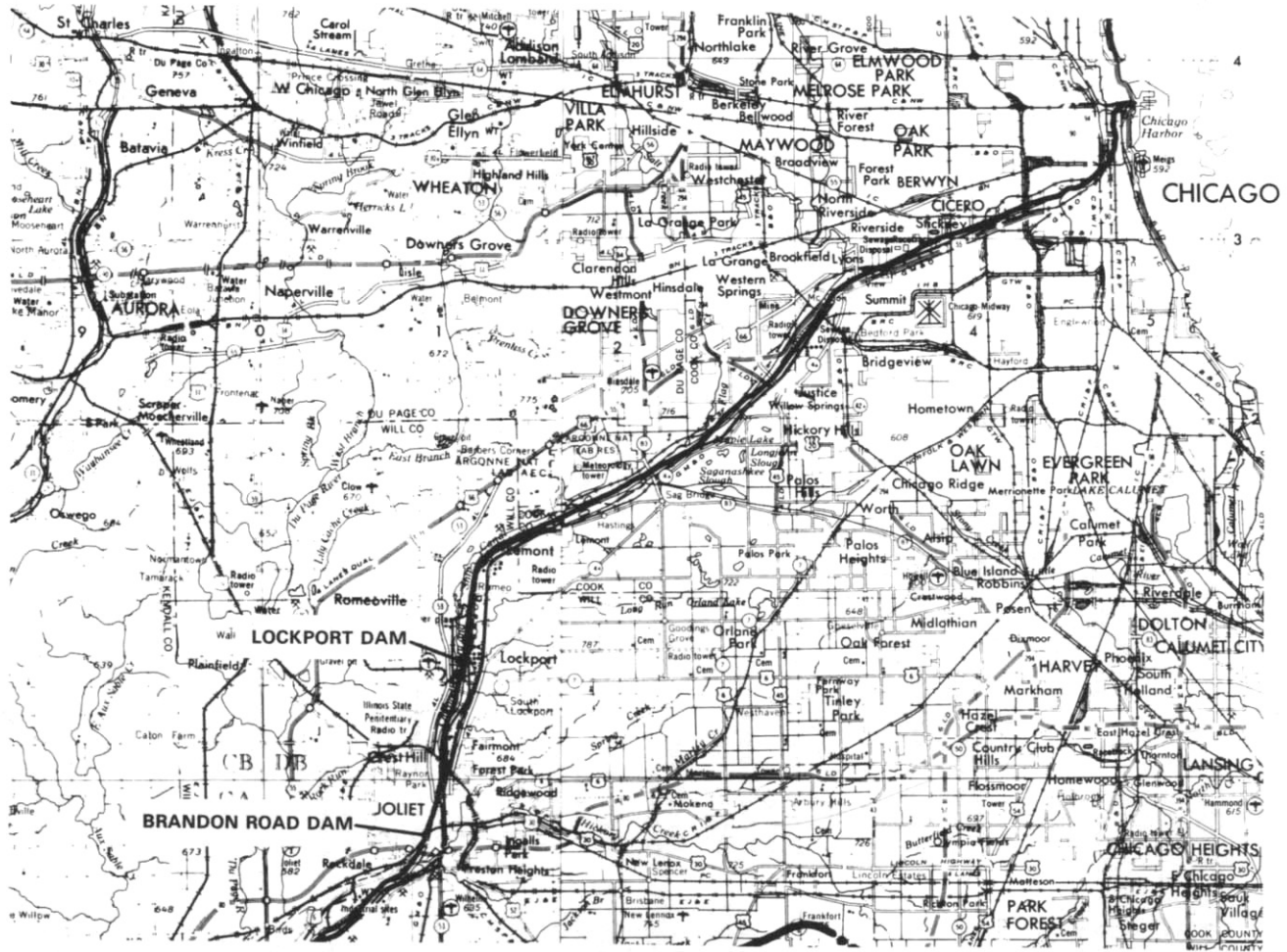
Map 8. River Miles 157.8-193.0: Peoria Dam Pool: North Pekin-Chautauque (Maps, 4-11)



Map 9. River Miles 193.0-247.0: Peoria Dam (Cont'd) & Starved Rock Dam Pools: Chautauqua-Marseilles (Maps, 4-11)



Map 10. River Miles 247.0-286.0: Marseilles Dam & Dresden Island Dam Pools: Marseilles-Joliet (Maps, 4-11)



Map 11. River Miles 286.0-Over: Brandon Road Dam & Lockport Dam Pools: Joliet-Lake Michigan (Maps, 4-11)

Table 1. Illinois River Waterway River Miles (Note 1)

<u>RM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>Observer</u>
298.6	Above Lockport	Multiple Intakes	
297.7	Above Lockport	Multiple Intakes	
291.1	San & Ship Canal/MSD		Lock & Dam
290.0	DesPlaines R/S&S Canal	Multiple Intakes	Railroad
288.8	Joliet	Joliet	Bridges
287.6	DesPlaines/I&M Jct		Railroad
286.0	Joliet		Lock & Dam
285.0	Below Joliet	Multiple Intakes	
278.0	Above I-55	Mobil Oil	
276.8	DuPage R/DesPlaines Jct		
273.7		Commonwealth Edison	
273.0	Kankakee R+DesPlai=IL R		
271.5			Lock & Dam
270.6	Above Morris		Railroad
269.9	Above Morris	Jon T Chemicals	
268.1	Aux Sable River		
263.5	Mazon River, Morris		
254.1	Seneca		Drawbridge
248.8	Above Marseilles	Illinois Nitrogen	
247.0	Marseilles		
246.7		Illinois Power	
244.6	Marseilles		Lock & Dam
240.0	Ottawa		
239.7			RR Drawbrg
239.6	Fox River		
237.6	Naplate	L-0-F Glass	
231.0	Starved Rock State Park		Lock & Dam
226.3	Vermillion River		
225.4	LaSalle		Drawbridge
224.7			Highway
223.0	I&M Canal	Foster Grant	
222.5	Peru		
213.9	Above Hennepin		Railroad
212.0	Coleman Lake F& W Area	Illinois Power	
210.2	I&M Canal		
209.0	Hennepin	Jones&Laughlin Steel	
207.5	Hennepin		
198.5	Senachwine Lake		
196.0	Henry		
193.0	Chautauqua Refuge		
189.2	Lacon		
188.5	Marshall County Conser		
180.6	Chillicothe	Chillicothe Power	
179.0	Woodford County Refuge		
174.0	Spring Bay		
171.0	Peoria Lake Refuge		
167.0	Peoria Heights		
166.1	Ten Mile Creek	Peoria Water	
162.6	US Coast Guard Base	CILCO	Hwy & RR
162.0	E. Peoria, Farm Creek		
161.4	Peoria	Archer Daniels Midland	
160.7	Peoria		Railroad
159.7	Kickapoo Creek		
157.8	Peoria		Peoria Lock

Table 1. Illinois River Waterway River Miles (Continued)

<u>RM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>Observer</u>
156.0	Pekin Lake, Lick Creek		
154.4	Tuscarora	CILCO	
152.9	Pekin		Railroad
152.8	Pekin		Highway
151.7		Corn Products	
151.3	Pekin		Railroad
151.0	Lost Creek		
147.7	Mackinaw River		
147.4	Mapleton	Caterpillar	
122.6	Quiver Creek		
120.4	Spoon River		
120.0	Havana		
118.5	Havana	Illinois Power	
111.8	Otter Creek		
110.0	Anderson Lake Conservation		
100.7	Sanganois Conservation		
98.0	Sangamon River		
97.0	Browning		
94.2	Sugar Creek		
88.9			Railroad
88.8	Beardstown		
83.5	LaMoine River		
80.2	LaGrange		Lock & Dam
78.7	Indian Creek		
70.8	Meredosia	CIPS	
67.0	McKee Creek		
65.5	Naples		
63.2	Mauvaise Terre Creek		
61.3	Valley City		Railroad
58.2	Pike County Conservation		
56.0	Florence		Highway
55.5	Florence		
50.0	Montezuma, Sandy Creek		
48.5	Bedford		
43.2	Pearl		Railroad
38.3	Apple Creek		
32.1	Kampsville		Ferry & Hwy
31.7	Godar Refuge		
23.2	Macoupin Creek		
21.5	Hardin		
21.4	Hardin		Hwy & RR
21.3	East Hardin		
19.5	Fowler Lake Refuge		
14.7	Otter Creek		
8.8	Mark Twain Refuge		
7.0	Pere Marquette State Prk		
3.6	Brussels		Ferry
1.3	Grafton	Grafton	
0.0	Mississippi River		

Note 1: Compiled from Waterways 1969 & 1971, USCG 1979 & 1981, and PWS 1983

Table 2. Pollutant Plume In-Stream Velocity (Graf, 1982)

Marseilles to Starved Rock	246.5 231.0 RM	Leading = .80 mph Peak = .60 Trailing = .50	9,320 CFS
Marseilles to Starved Rock	246.5 231.0 RM	Leading = .45 mph Peak = .38 Trailing = .25	6,070 CFS
Starved Rock to Hennepin	231.0 207.6 RM	Leading = .54 mph Peak = .47 Trailing = .36	5,180 CFS
Hennepin to Chillicothe	207.6 180.5 RM	Leading = .57 mph Peak = .50 Trailing = .40	6,200 CFS
Chillicothe to Peoria Water Co.	180.5 166.1 RM	Leading = .68 mph Peak = .52 Trailing = .34	
Peoria Water Co. to Peoria Lock & Dam	166.1 157.8 RM	Leading = .34 mph Peak = .31 Trailing = .28	

Table 3. Illinois River Water Intakes (USCG 1981 & PWS, 1983)

<u>Mile</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>User</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1.3	Grafton	Grafton	618/786-3344
70.8	Meredosia	CIPS Co.	217/523-3600
118.5	Havana	IL. Power Co.	309/543-2227
147.4	Mapleton	Caterpillar Tractor	309/675-1000
151.7	Pekin	Corn Products International	309/346-1121
154.4	Tuscarora	CILCO	309/672-5151
161.4	Peoria	Archer Daniels Midland	309/673-7828
162.6	E. Peoria	CILCO	309/672-5151
166.1	Peoria	Peoria Water Co.	309/671-3758 676-2024
180.6	Chillicothe	Chillicothe Power Plant-	309/274-8060
209.0	Hennepin	Jones & Laughlin Steel	815/925-2521
212.0	Hennepin	IL. Power Co.	815/223-1775
223.0	Peru-Below I & M	Foster Grant Co.	815/224-1525
237.6	Naplate	Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	815/433-0932 (H3221)
246.7	Marseilles	IL. Power Co.	815/223-1775
248.8	Above Marseilles	Illinois Nitrogen Co.	815/795-4151
269.9	Above Morris	Jon T. Chemicals	815/942-1222 (H0112)
273.7	0.5 Kankakee R.	Commonwealth Edison-Dresden Nuclear	815/726-6111
278.0	Above I-55	Mobil Oil	815/423-5571
285.0	Below Joliet	Commonwealth Edison - Joliet	815/726-6111
285.0	Below Joliet	Public Service Co. of Northern IL	815/727-5561
288.8	Joliet	Joliet	815/740-2370
289.9	Above Joliet	Water Intake Cribs	815/726/5494
297.7	Above Lockport	Water Intake Cribs	815/726-5494
298.6	Above Lockport	Water Intake Cribs	815/726-5494

TABLE 4. Illinois River Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Note 1)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: Dr. David Kenhey - 217/782-6302

LAND & HISTORIC SITES: Charles Tamminga 217/782-6752 (H498-8432)

PUBLIC LANDS: Raymond Norbut - 217/782-1395

NATURAL RESOURCES: Glenn Harper - 217/785-8285

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES: Mike Conlin - 217/782-6424 (H438-3556)

2 FIELD OFFICES

Region IV (0.0-133.3 RM): Mike Cochran - 618/462-1181 (H664-4587)
 Pere Marquette State Park (7.0): Dick Brown - 618/786-3323 (H786-2104)
 Mark Twain National Wildlife Game Refuge (4.9-8.8) - 618/462-1181
 Fowler Lake Refuge (8.8-19.5) - 618/462-1181
 Godar Refuge (22.9 - 31.7) - 618/462-1181
 Pike County Conservation Area (58.2): Rick Messinger - 618/376-3303
³Sanganois Conservation Area (92.0 - 100.7): Gary Senn - 309/546-2628
 (H217/322-6595)
³Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (125.0 - 193.0) - 309/822-8861

Region I (94.2-253.8RM): Herman Hier - 815/625-2968
 189-247 (Lacon-Marseilles): Lt. Jim Liston - 815/625-2968 (H857-2121)
³Anderson Lake Conservation Area (110.0): Roger Cox - 309/759-4484
 Pekin Lake (156): Charles Oest - 309/968-7135 (H7412)
 Fort Creve Coeur State Park (159.0) - 309/694-3193
³Peoria Lake Refuge (171.0) - 309/822-8861
³Woodford County Refuge (179.0): Richard Brooks - 309/566-8861
 Marshall County Conservation Area (188.5): Lawrence Rice - 309/246-8351
 Coleman Lake Fish & Wildlife Area (210.5): Mike Resetich - 815/447-2082
 Starved Rock State Park (231): Jon Blume - 815/667-4726, 4389 (H4270)
 Buffalo Rock State Park (235.5): 815/942-0796, 3848 (H433-2220)
 Illini State Park (247.5): William Carlson - 815/795/2448

Region II (> 253.8 RM): Jim Langbein - 815/675-2385 (H695-5546)
 (> 247 Marseilles): Lt. Ken Young - 815/935-8940 (H937-1538)
 DesPlaines Conservation Area (275): Dennis Doyle - 815/423-5326 (H6192)
 Illinois-Michigan Canal: Dave Carr - 815/942-0796 (H3848)

Notes:

1 -- Compiled from DOC 1983, Waterways 1969 & 1971, USCG 1979 & 1981, Telephone Books and Calls.

2 -- Regional Field Offices are to be contacted following spills and fish kills.

3 -- Migratory bird routes must be considered in the event of an oil or hazardous substance discharge or spill on the Illinois River. Immediate action to protect wildlife (primarily ducks and geese) must be taken during the months of September through April for these locations.

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Table 5. Illinois River Observation Contacts (Note 1)

<u>Mile</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation Point</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
3.6	Brussels	Dyer Plain Ferry	618/786-3636
21.5	Hardin	Hwy 100 GM & O RR	618/576-2316
27.5	Below Kampsville	COE Boat Landing	
32.1	Kampsville	Hwy 108 & 96, Ferry	217/653-4578
43.2	Pearl	ICG RR	217/829-4222
56.0	Florence	US36 Bridge	217/742-5286
61.3	Valley City	N&W RR	217/833-2696
80.2	LaGrange	LaGrange L & D (COE)	217/225-3317
88.9	Beardstown	BN RR	217/323-4214
139.7	Banner	COE	309/647/6463
151.3	S. of Pekin	C & NW RR	309/347-4965
152.8	Pekin	Hwy 9, CRI & P RR	309/346-0402
157.8	Peoria	Peoria Lock (COE)	309/699-6111
160.7	Peoria	P & PU RR	309/694-8612
162.4	Peoria	Franklin St., P & W RR	309/699-1814
164.5	Peoria	COE Moorings, Boat Yard	309/676-4601
213.9	Above Hennepin	Penn NY Central Conrail (Peoria YD)	309/694-1471
224.7	LaSalle	Hwy 351, Shippingsport	815/223-1208
231.0	Starved Rock	Starved Rock L & D (COE)	815/667-4114
239.7	Ottawa	BN RR	815/434-0018
247.0	Marseilles	Marseilles Dam (COE)	815/795-2593, 2728
254.1	Seneca	CRI & P RR (Peoria Yd)	309/674-0511
270.6	Above Morris	EJ & E RR	815/942-1869
271.5	Illinois R. Head	Dresden Is. L&D (COE, Chicago)	312/353-6400
273.0	Illinois R.	DesPlaines & Kankakee Confluence	----
286.0	Des Plaines R.	Brandon Road Lock (COE)	815/744-1714
286.8	Joliet	COE	
287.5	Joliet	CRI&P RR (Chicago Switchboard)	312/435-7300
288.4	Joliet	State of Illinois Div. of Waterways	815/726-5494
	Joliet Bridges	Brandon Road	815/744-1987
		Jackson	815/727-9352
		Jefferson	815/727-9484
		McDonough	815/727-9507
		Romeo Road Lockport	815/838-1641
		Ruby Road	815/722-3120
		W. Cass	815/722-4031
290.0	Above Joliet	EJ & E RR (Morris)	815/942-1869
291.1	Lockport	Lockport Lock (COE)	815/838-0536
10.3	Kankakee R.	Wilmington Dam (ESDA)	815/476-2334

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