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## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This report, covering the calendar year 2014, is the twenty-eighth of the Circular 12 series. The first 19 reports, Circulars 12A through 12S, summarized the chemical quality of ground water statewide across Georgia and utilized a static array of sampling stations that were sampled periodically, typically on a semiannual, annual, or biennial basis. The next five reports, Circulars 12T through 12X, dealt with specialized chemical ground-water quality issues: water quality in the Coastal region, water quality available to small public water systems, water quality in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge physiographic province, ground-water uranium in Georgia, and ground-water arsenic in Georgia. With this report and its predecessors, Circular 12Y, 12Z and 12AA, monitoring the chemical quality of ground water continues using a static array of periodically sampled stations.

These summaries are among the tools used by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to assess trends in the quality of the State's ground-water resources. EPD is the State organization with regulatory responsibility for maintaining and where possible, improving ground-water quality and availability. EPD has implemented a comprehensive statewide ground-water management policy of anti-degradation (EPD, 1991; 1998). Four components comprise EPD's current ground-water quality assessment program:

1. The Georgia Ground-Water Monitoring Network. EPD's Watershed Protection Branch, Source Water Assessment Program, took over the Georgia Ground-Water Monitoring Network from the Regulatory Support Program when that program disbanded in 2012. The Monitoring Network is designed to evaluate the ambient ground-water quality of eight aquifer systems present in the State of Georgia. The data collected from sampling of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network form the basis for this report.
2. Water Withdrawal Program (Watershed Protection Branch, Water Supply Section). This program provides data on the quality of ground water that the residents of Georgia are using.
3. Ground-water sampling at environmental facilities such as municipal solid waste landfills, Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) facilities, and sludge disposal facilities. The primary agencies responsible for monitoring these facilities are EPD's Land Protection and Watershed Protection Branches.

4. The Wellhead Protection Program (WHP), which is designed to protect areas surrounding municipal drinking water wells from contaminants. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved Georgia's WHP Plan on September 30, 1992. The WHP Plan became a part of the 1-1 Georgia Safe Drinking Water Rules, effective July 1, 1993. The protection of public supply wells from contaminants is important not only for maintaining ground-water quality, but also for ensuring that public water supplies meet health standards.

Analyses of water samples collected for the Georgia Ground-Water Monitoring Network during the period January 2014 through December 2014 and from previous years form the database for this summary. The Georgia Ground-Water Monitoring Network is presently comprised of 83 stations, both wells and springs. Twenty-one of the stations are scheduled for quarterly sampling; the remainder are scheduled to be sampled yearly. Each sample receives laboratory analyses for chloride, sulfate, nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, 26 metals, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Samples from the mineral spring and main well at Indian Springs State Park (stations P12A and P23) also receive analysis for fluoride. Field measurements of pH, conductivity, and temperature are performed on the sample water from each station. Field dissolved oxygen measurements are made on sample water from wells.

During the January 2014 through December 2014 period, Ground-Water Monitoring staff collected 146 samples from 77 wells and 6 springs. A review of the data from this period and comparison of these data with those for samples collected for preceding monitoring efforts indicated that ground-water quality at most of the 83 stations has remained good.

## **1.2 FACTORS AFFECTING CHEMICAL GROUND-WATER QUALITY**

The chemical quality of ground water is the result of complex physical, chemical, and biological processes. Among the more significant controls are the chemical quality of the water entering the ground-water flow system, the reactions of the infiltrating water with the soils and rocks that are encountered, and the effects of the well-and-pump system.

Most water enters the ground-water system in upland recharge areas and in areas of leakage from adjacent geologic units. Water seeps through interconnected pore spaces and fractures in the soils and rocks until discharged to a surface water body (e.g., stream, lake, or ocean). The initial water chemistry, the amount of recharge, and the attenuation capacity of soils have a strong influence on the quality of ground water in recharge areas. Chemical interactions between the water and the aquifer host rocks have an increasing significance with longer residence times. As a result, ground water from discharge areas tends to be more highly mineralized than ground water in recharge areas.

The well-and-pump system can also have a strong influence on the quality of the well water. Well casings, through compositional breakdown, can contribute metals (e.g., iron from steel casings) and organic compounds (e.g., tetrahydrofurans from PVC pipe cement) to the water. Pumps can aerate the water being drawn up and discharged. An improperly constructed or failing well can offer a conduit that allows local pollutants to enter the ground-water flow system

### **1.3 HYDROGEOLOGIC PROVINCES OF GEORGIA**

This report defines three hydrogeologic provinces by their general geologic and hydrologic characteristics (Figure 1-1). These provinces consist of:

1. The Coastal Plain Province of south Georgia;
2. The Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province, which includes all but the northwestern corner of north Georgia;
3. The combined Valley and Ridge and Appalachian Plateau Provinces of northwest Georgia.

#### **1.3.1 Coastal Plain Province**

Georgia's Coastal Plain Province generally comprises a wedge of loosely consolidated sediments that gently dip and thicken to the south and southeast. Ground water in the Coastal Plain flows through interconnected pore space between grains and through solution-enlarged voids in rock.

The oldest outcropping sedimentary formations (Cretaceous) are exposed along the Fall Line (Figure 1-1), which is the northern limit of the Coastal Plain Province. Successively younger formations occur at the surface to the south and southeast.

The Coastal Plain of Georgia contains a number of confined and unconfined aquifers. Confined aquifers are those in which the readily permeable layer of aquifer medium is interposed between two layers of poorly permeable material (e.g. clay or shale). If the water pressure in such an aquifer exceeds atmospheric pressure, the aquifer is artesian. Water from precipitation and runoff enters the aquifers and aquifer systems in their updip outcrop areas, where permeable sediments hosting the aquifer are exposed. Water may also enter the aquifers downdip from the recharge areas through leakage from overlying or underlying aquifers. Most



Figure 1-1. The Hydrogeologic Provinces of Georgia

Coastal Plain aquifers are unconfined in their updip outcrop areas, but become confined in downdip areas to the south and southeast, where they are overlain by successively younger rock formations. Ground-water flow through confined Coastal Plain aquifers is generally to the south and southeast, in the direction of dip of the sedimentary layers.

The sediments forming the major aquifer systems in the Coastal Plain range in age from Cretaceous to Holocene. Horizontal and vertical changes in the sediment layers that form these aquifer systems determine the thickness and extent of the aquifer systems. Several aquifer systems may be present in a single geographic area forming a vertical "stack".

The Cretaceous and Jacksonian aquifer systems (primarily sands) are a common source of drinking water within a 35-mile wide band that lies adjacent to and south of the Fall Line. However, the aquifer systems do extend downdip of the band. A well has been planned to test the Cretaceous aquifer along the Atlantic Coast for water supply development. Southwestern Georgia relies on three vertically stacked aquifer systems plus the upper part of the Cretaceous aquifer system for drinking water supplies: the Clayton, the Claiborne, and the Floridan aquifer systems. The Miocene/Surfacial aquifer system (primarily sands) is the principal shallow aquifer system occupying much of the same broad area occupied by the Floridan aquifer system in central and eastern Georgia. The system is unconfined over most of its inland extent, but becomes in part confined both in the coastal area and in Grady, Thomas, Brooks, and Lowndes County area of South Georgia.

### **1.3.2 Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province**

Though the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Physiographic Provinces differ geologically and geomorphologically, the two physiographic provinces share common hydrogeological characteristics and thus can be treated as a single hydrogeologic province. A two-part aquifer system characterizes the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province (Daniel and Harned, 1997). The upper part of the system is the regolith aquifer, composed of saprolite and overlying soils and alluvium. The regolith aquifer is unconfined, and the water resides primarily in intergranular pore spaces (primary porosity). The lower aquifer in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system is the bedrock aquifer. This aquifer is developed in metamorphic and igneous bedrock (mostly Paleozoic and Precambrian in age); the water resides in fractures and, in the case of specialized rocks such as marbles, solution-enlarged voids (secondary porosity). In contrast to the regolith aquifer, no intergranular (primary) porosity exists in the bedrock aquifer. The bedrock aquifer is semi-confined, with the overlying regolith aquifer media offering local confinement. The regolith aquifer also serves as the reservoir that recharges the bedrock aquifer.

### **1.3.3 Valley and Ridge Province**

Faulted and folded consolidated Paleozoic sedimentary formations characterize the Valley and Ridge Province. The principal porosity present in aquifer media consists of fractures and solution-enlarged voids in the carbonate rocks; intergranular porosity

may be important in some places. Locally, ground-water and surface-water systems closely interconnect. Dolostones and limestones of the Knox Group are the principal aquifers where they occur in fold axes at the centers of broad valleys. The greater hydraulic conductivities of the thick carbonate sections in this province permit higher yielding wells than in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province.

#### **1.3.4 Appalachian Plateau Province**

Rocks in this province consist of consolidated Paleozoic sediments inclusive of the Mississippian and Pennsylvanian. Faulting and folding are less intense than in the Valley and Ridge province, and sediments tend to be flatter lying and more continuous areally. As in the Valley and Ridge Province, secondary porosity is the most important type of porosity. The highly fractured Fort Payne Chert and the Knox Group are major water-bearing units in this province.

Only a small part of this province extends into Georgia, at the State's far northwest corner (Dade County and parts of Chattooga and Walker Counties). Due to its small extent in Georgia and its lack of monitoring stations for the current project, the Appalachian Plateau Province is combined with the Valley and Ridge Province for the purposes of this report.

### **1.4 REGIONAL GROUND-WATER PROBLEMS**

Data from ground-water investigations in Georgia, including those from the Ground-Water Monitoring Network, indicate that virtually all of Georgia has shallow ground water sufficient for domestic supply. Iron, aluminum, and manganese are the only constituents that occur routinely in concentrations exceeding drinking water standards. These metals are mostly naturally occurring and do not pose a health risk. Iron and manganese can cause reddish or yellowish-brown to dark brown or black stains on objects and can give water a bitter metallic taste. Aluminum can cause water to appear cloudy.

In the karstic carbonate terranes of the combined Valley and Ridge/ Appalachian Plateau Province, interconnection between the surface water systems and the ground-water systems can be extensive enough such that waters supplying some wells and springs (e.g., Crawfish Spring and Cedartown Spring) have been deemed under direct surface influence, requiring surface water type treatment if used for public supplies.

In the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province, water available to wells drilled into bedrock consisting of granitic intrusive rocks, granitic gneisses, or hornblende gneiss/ amphibolite assemblages occasionally may contain excessive naturally occurring uranium.

Aquifers in the outcrop areas of Cretaceous sediments south of the Fall Line typically yield acidic water that may require treatment. The acidity occurs naturally and results from the inability of the sandy aquifer sediments to neutralize acidic rainwater and from biologically influenced reactions between infiltrating water and soils. Ground water from the Cretaceous along the coast is typically brackish.

Nitrate/nitrite concentrations in shallow ground water from the farm belt in southern Georgia are usually within drinking water standards, but are somewhat higher than levels found in other areas of the State.

Three areas of naturally reduced ground-water quality occur in the Floridan aquifer system. The first is the karstic Dougherty Plain of southwestern Georgia. The second is the Gulf Trough area. The third is in the coastal area of east Georgia.

In the Dougherty Plain, as with the carbonate terranes of northwestern Georgia, surface waters and the contaminants they entrain can directly access the aquifer through sink holes.

The Gulf Trough is a linear geologic feature extending from southwestern Decatur County through northern Effingham County and may represent a filled-in marine current channel way (Huddleston, 1993). Floridan ground water in and near the trough may be high in total dissolved solids and may contain elevated levels of sulfate, barium, radionuclides, and arsenic (Kellam and Gorday, 1990; Donahue et al., 2013).

In the Coastal area of east Georgia, the influx of water with high dissolved solids contents can dramatically raise levels of sodium, calcium, magnesium, sulfate, and chloride. In the Brunswick part of the Coastal area, ground-water withdrawal from the upper permeable zone of the Floridan aquifer system results in the upwelling of ground water with high dissolved solids content from the deeper parts of the aquifer system (Krause and Clarke, 2001). In the Savannah portion of the Coastal area, heavy pumping in and around Savannah and Hilton Head, South Carolina has caused a cone of depression which has induced seawater to enter the Floridan aquifer system in South Carolina and to flow down-gradient toward Savannah. The seawater has not yet reached Savannah and may not reach Savannah for many years. The seawater enters the aquifer system via breaches in the Miocene confining unit along the bottoms of waterways and sand-filled paleochannels offshore of the Beaufort/Hilton Head area of South Carolina in what is referred to as the Beaufort Arch; where the top of the Floridan aquifer system is closer to the ocean water (Foyle et al., 2001; Krause and Clarke, 2001).

## **CHAPTER 2 GEORGIA GROUND-WATER MONITORING NETWORK**

### **2.1 MONITORING STATIONS**

For the period January 2014 through December 2014, attempts were made to place sampling stations in the Coastal Plain Province's six major aquifer systems, in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province, and in the Valley and Ridge/ Appalachian Plateau Province (Table 2-1). Stations are restricted to wells or springs tapping a single aquifer or aquifer system. Attempts were made to have some monitoring stations located in the following critical settings:

1. areas of recharge;
2. areas of possible pollution or contamination related to hydrogeologic settings (e.g., granitic intrusions, the Dougherty Plain, and the Gulf Trough);
3. areas of significant ground-water use.

Most of the monitoring stations are municipal, industrial, and domestic wells that have well construction data.

### **2.2 USES AND LIMITATIONS**

Regular sampling of wells and springs of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network permits analysis of ground-water quality with respect to location (spatial trends) and time of sample collection (temporal trends). Spatial trends are useful for assessing the effects of the geologic framework of the aquifer and regional land-use activities on ground-water quality. Temporal trends permit an assessment of the effects of rainfall and drought periods on ground-water quality and quantity. Both trends are useful for the detection of non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution arises from broad-scale phenomena such as acid rain deposition and application of agricultural chemicals on crop lands.

It should be noted that the data of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network represent water quality in only limited areas of Georgia. Monitoring water quality at the 83 sites located throughout Georgia provides an indication of ground-water quality at the locality sampled and at the horizon corresponding to the open interval in the well or to the head of the spring at each station in the Monitoring Network. Caution should be exercised in drawing unqualified conclusions and applying any results reported in this study to ground waters that are not being monitored.



**Table 2-1. Georgia Ground-Water Monitoring Network, Calendar Year 2014.**

<b>Aquifer or Aquifer System</b>	<b>Number of Stations Visited (Samples Taken)</b>	<b>Primary Stratigraphic Equivalents</b>	<b>Age of Aquifer Host Rocks</b>
Cretaceous	13 stations (13 samples)	Ripley Formation, Cusseta Sand, Blufftown Formation, Eutaw Formation, Tuscaloosa Formation, Providence Sand, Steel Creek Formation, Gaillard Formation, Pio Nono Formation	Late Cretaceous
Clayton	1 station (1 sample)	Clayton Formation	Paleocene
Claiborne	3 stations (3 samples)	Claiborne Group	Middle Eocene
Jacksonian	5 stations (5 samples)	Barnwell Group	Late Eocene
Floridan	27 stations (56 samples)	Ocala Group, Suwanee Limestone	Middle Eocene to Early Oligocene
Miocene/Surficial	6 stations (6 samples)	Hawthorne Group, Miccosukee Formation, Cypresshead Formation	Miocene to Recent
Piedmont/Blue Ridge	21 stations (51 samples)	Various igneous and metamorphic complexes	Precambrian and Paleozoic
Valley and Ridge/ Appalachian Plateau	6 stations (9 samples)	Shady Dolomite, Knox Group, Conasauga Group	Paleozoic, mainly Cambrian, Ordovician

Stations of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network are intentionally located away from known point sources of pollution. The stations provide baseline data on ambient water quality in Georgia. EPD requires other forms of ground-water monitoring for activities that may result in point source pollution (e.g., landfills, hazardous waste facilities, and land application sites) through its environmental facilities permit programs.

Ground-water quality changes gradually and predictably in the areally extensive aquifer systems of the Coastal Plain Province. The Monitoring Network allows for some definition of the chemical processes occurring in large confined aquifers. Unconfined aquifers in northern Georgia and in the surface recharge areas of southern Georgia are of comparatively small extent and more open to interactions with land use activities. The wide spacing of most monitoring stations does not permit equal characterization of water-quality processes in these settings. The quality of water from monitoring stations drawing from unconfined aquifers represents only the general nature of ground water in the vicinity of the stations. Ground water in the recharge areas of the Coastal Plain aquifer systems is one of the future drinking-water resources for down-flow areas. Monitoring stations in these recharge areas, in effect, constitute an early warning system of potential future water quality problems in confined portions of the Coastal Plain aquifer systems.

## **2.3 ANALYSES AND DATA RETENTION**

Analyses are available for 144 water samples collected from 82 stations (76 wells and 6 springs) during the period January 2014 through December 2014. In 1984, the first year of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network, EPD staff sampled from 39 wells in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge and Coastal Plain Provinces. Between 1984 and 2004, the network had expanded to include 128 stations situated in all three hydrogeologic provinces, with most of the stations being in the Coastal Plain Province.

Ground water from all monitoring stations is tested for chloride, sulfate, nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, a variety of metals, and VOCs. Water from stations P12A and P23 also receive testing for fluoride. Appendix Table A-9 lists the EPA methods used to test for these analytes along with a reporting limit for each analyte. The results of the chemical tests are reported in this Circular. Before collecting a sample, EPD personnel also observe certain field measurements – pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and temperature. This Circular also reports these measurements.

Testing for aluminum, beryllium, calcium, cobalt, iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, titanium, and vanadium was undertaken using the inductively-coupled plasma (ICP) method (EPA method 200.7 in Table A-9). This method works well for the mostly major metals listed above. This method was also used to test for arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, nickel, lead, antimony, selenium, thallium, and zinc. The inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICPMS) method (EPA method 200.8 in Table A-9) was also used to test for the metals mentioned

in the previous sentence as well as for molybdenum, silver, tin, and uranium. The ICPMS method generally gives better results for trace metals.

Pursuant to the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977, EPD has established Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for certain analytes and other parameters, certain of which are included in analyses performed on Ground-Water Monitoring samples (EPD, 2009). Primary MCLs pertain to analytes that can adversely affect human health if the maximum concentration for an analyte is exceeded for drinking water. Secondary MCLs pertain to parameters that may give drinking water objectionable, though not health-threatening, properties that may cause persons served by a public water system to cease using the water. Unpleasant taste and the ability to cause stains are examples of such properties. MCLs apply only to treated water offered for public consumption; nevertheless, they constitute useful guide lines for evaluating the quality of untreated (raw) water. Table A-10 in the Appendix lists the Primary and Secondary MCLs for Ground-Water Monitoring Network analytes.

Most wells currently on the Monitoring Network have in-place pumps. Using such pumps to purge wells and collect samples reduces the potential for cross-contamination that would attend the use of portable pumps. Two wells, the Miller Ball Park North East Well (PA9C) and the Springfield Egypt Road Test Well (MI17), are flowing, which dispenses altogether with pumps and lessens the effects of the pump-well system on sample water. The pump on the Murphy Garden Well (MI9A), a shallow bored well formerly used for garden watering, is now out of operation and a bailer is used for sampling.

Sampling procedures are adapted from techniques used by United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and EPA. For wells except PA9C, MI9A, and MI17, EPD personnel purge the wells (EPA recommends removing three to five times the volume of the water column in the well) before collecting a sample to reduce the influence of the well, pump, and plumbing system on water quality. A purge of 15 to 20 minutes is usually sufficient to allow readings of pH, conductivity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen to stabilize and to allow corrosion films on the plumbing to be flushed away.

The apparatus used for monitoring field measurements and collecting samples consists of a garden hose with two branches at its end and a container. One branch conveys water to a container; the other branch allows the water to flow freely. On the container branch, water enters the bottom of the container, flows past the probe of the instrument taking field measurements, and discharges over the top of the container. Such an apparatus minimizes the exposure of the sample water to atmosphere. Once the field measurements have stabilized, sample containers are then filled with water discharging from the end of the free-flowing branch. Sample waters do not pass through a filter before collection. As a rule, trends for field measurements with increasing purge time include a lowering of pH, conductivity and dissolved oxygen. For shallower wells, the temperature tends to approach the mean atmospheric temperature for the area. For deeper wells geothermal heating may become apparent.

Once the sample bottles are filled, they are promptly placed on ice to preserve water quality. EPD personnel transport samples to the laboratory on or before the Friday of the week during which the samples were collected, well before holding time for the samples lapse. Field measurements and analytical results are provided in Table A-1 in the Appendix.

Files at EPD contain records of the field measurements and chemical analyses. Owners of wells or springs receive copies of the laboratory analysis sheets as well as cover letters and laboratory sheet summaries. The cover letters state whether or not any MCLs were exceeded. The Drinking Water Program's Compliance and Enforcement Unit receives notification of Primary MCL exceedances involving public water supplies.

Station numbering assigns each station a two-part alphanumeric designation, the first part consisting of an alphabetic abbreviation for the aquifer being sampled and the second part consisting of a serial numeral, sometimes with an alphabetic suffix, the two parts separated by a dash. In order for the ground-water database to be compatible with a Watershed Protection Branch-wide water database, the stations were also assigned a three-part alphanumeric designation, the first part being an alphabetic abbreviation "GW" (for ground water), the second part representing the local river basin and the third part being numeric.

## **CHAPTER 3 CHEMICAL GROUND-WATER QUALITY IN GEORGIA**

### **3.1 OVERVIEW**

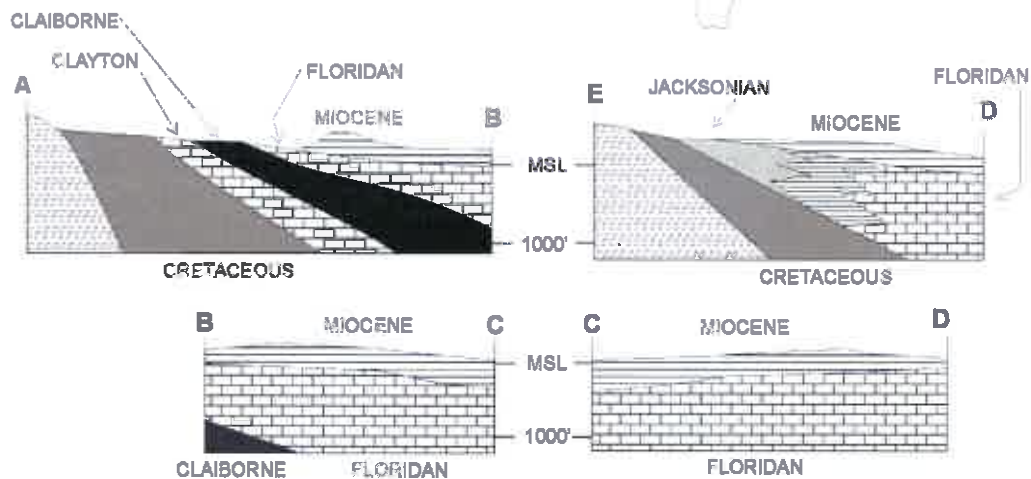
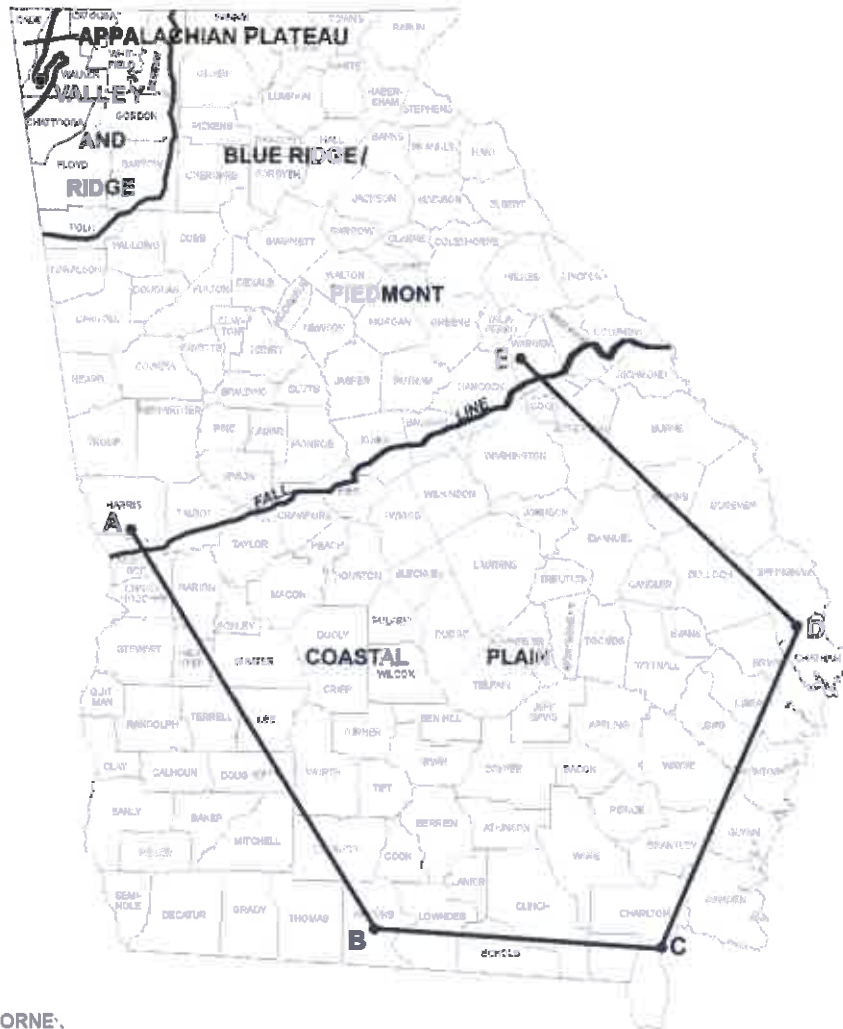
Georgia's major aquifer systems are grouped into three hydrogeologic provinces for the purposes of this report: the Coastal Plain Province, the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province, and the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Province.

The Coastal Plain Province comprises six major aquifer systems that are restricted to specific regions and depths within the Province (Figure 3-1). These major aquifer systems commonly incorporate smaller aquifers that can be locally confined. Ground-Water Monitoring Network wells in the Coastal Plain aquifer systems are generally located in three settings:

1. Recharge (or outcrop) areas that are located in regions that are geologically updip and generally north of confined portions of these aquifer systems;
2. Updip, confined areas that are located in regions that are proximal to the recharge areas, yet are confined by overlying geologic formations. These are generally south to southeast from the recharge areas;
3. DOWNDIP, confined areas, located to the south or southeast in the deeper, confined portions of the aquifer systems, distal to the recharge areas.

The Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province comprises two regional aquifers, the regolith aquifer and the bedrock aquifer (Daniel and Harned, 1997). The regolith aquifer is composed of saprolite – bedrock that has undergone intense chemical weathering – plus soil and alluvium. The regolith aquifer, highly porous and appreciably permeable, serves as the reservoir that recharges the bedrock. The igneous and metamorphic bedrock exhibits low porosity – nearly all of the porosity is secondary and consists of discontinuous fractures, but can be very permeable as fractures can locally transmit water rapidly. Despite the regional scale of these two aquifers, flow systems are small-scale and localized, in contrast to those of the Coastal Plain.

Paleozoic sedimentary formations characterize the combined Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Province, although unlike in the Coastal Plain, these sedimentary formations are consolidated and have been subjected to faulting and folding. Also in contrast to the Coastal Plain Province, the faulting and folding has resulted in the creation of numerous, small-scale localized flow systems in the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Province. The major water-bearing units in the province are carbonate rocks. Faulting and fracturing of the carbonates has led to the widespread development of karst features, which significantly enhance porosity and permeability and exert a strong influence on local flow patterns.



**Figure 3-1. The Major Aquifers and Aquifer Systems of the Coastal Plain Province (after Davis, 1990).**

## **3.2 CRETACEOUS AQUIFER SYSTEM**

### ***3.2.1 Aquifer System Description***

The Cretaceous aquifer system is a complexly interconnected group of aquifer subsystems developed in the late Cretaceous sands of the Coastal Plain Province. These sands crop out in an extensive recharge area immediately south of the Fall Line in west and central Georgia (Fig. 3-2). In east Georgia, overlying Tertiary sediments restrict Cretaceous outcrops to valley bottoms. Five distinct subsystems of the Cretaceous aquifer system, including the Providence aquifer, are recognized west of the Ocmulgee River (Pollard and Vorhis, 1980). These merge into three subsystems to the east (Clarke et al, 1985; Huddleston and Summerour, 1996). The aquifer thickens southward from the Fall line, where the clays and sands pinch out against crystalline Piedmont rocks, to a column approximately 2,000 feet thick at the southern limits of the main aquifer use area (limit of utilization, Figure 3-2).

The Providence aquifer, a prominent subsystem of the Cretaceous aquifer system in the western Coastal Plain, is developed in sands and coquina limestones at the top of the Cretaceous column. The permeable Providence Formation-Clayton Formation interval forms a single aquifer in the updip areas (Long, 1989) and to the east of the Flint River (Clarke et al., 1983). East of the Ocmulgee River, this joint permeable interval is termed the Dublin aquifer (Clarke et al., 1985). This report treats the Providence aquifer as a part of the Cretaceous aquifer system.

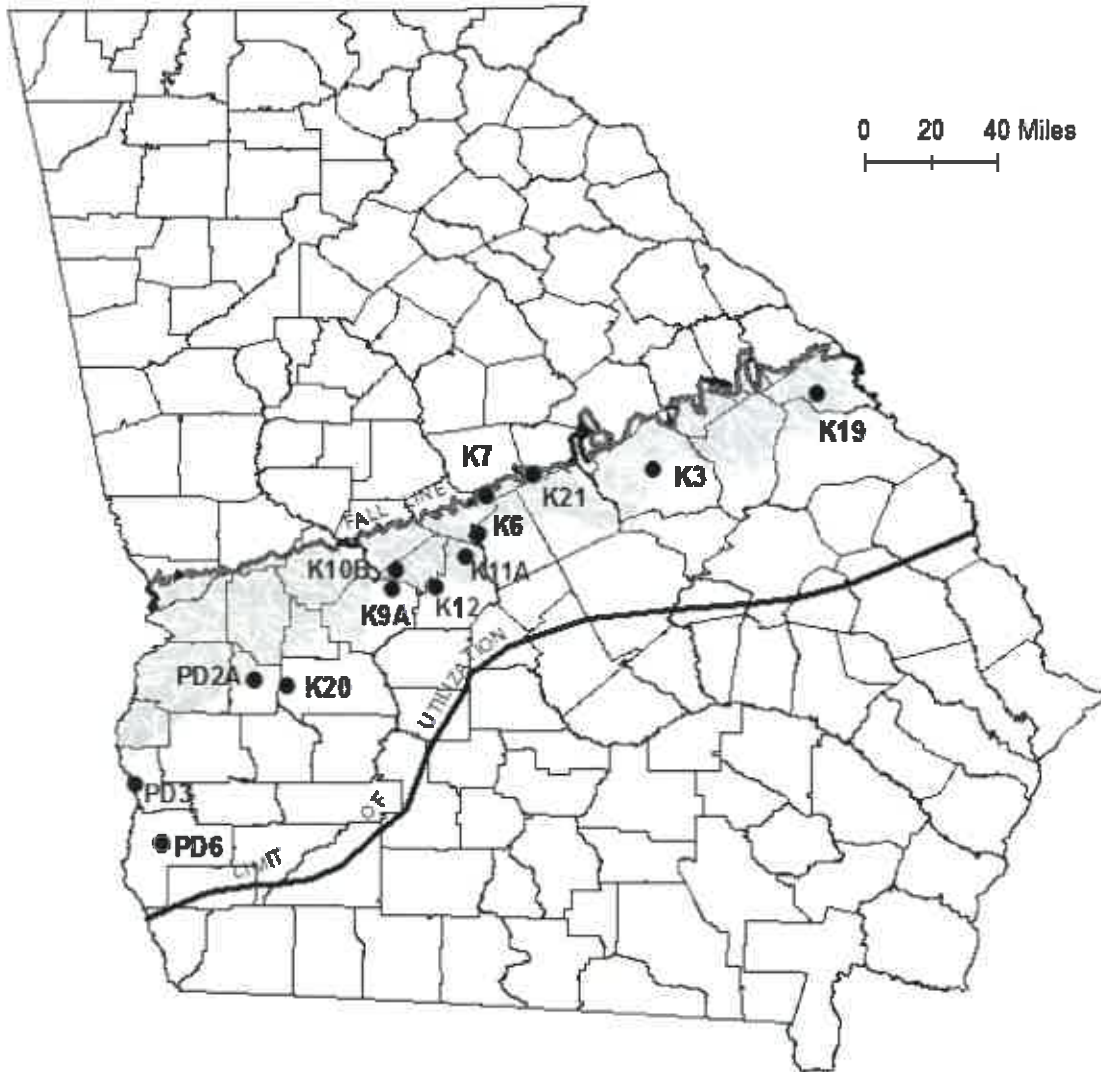
EPD used 13 wells to monitor the Cretaceous aquifer system. Reported depths ranged from 128 feet (K7) to 1025 feet (PD6). All except well K6 and K21 are local government owned public supply wells. Well K6 produces process water for a kaolin mill and well K21 is a private residence well. All wells are sampled yearly.

### ***3.2.2 Field Parameters***

The pHs of sample waters from all 13 wells ranged from 4.16 (K19) to 7.90 (PD3), with a median of 4.96. As a rule, pHs of waters from the deeper wells are basic, while those from shallower wells are acidic. Well PD3 seems to be the exception. Its sampling pH of 7.90 would be expected for a well about twice its reported depth of 456 feet. Conductivities are available for all 13 wells and ranged from 17 uS/cm (K19) to 358 uS/cm (PD3), with a median of 45 uS/cm. As a rule, the deeper wells gave water with the higher conductivities. The temperatures measured should be viewed as approximations of the temperature of the water in the aquifer. Temperatures over all 13 well samples ranged from 17.91 degrees C (K7) to 27.70 degrees C (K20). Comparing well depths with sample water temperatures shows that the deeper wells generally tend to yield water with higher temperatures. The water temperature can also depend somewhat on the time of



0 20 40 Miles



● Sampling station

■ Cretaceous Sand recharge area (from Davis et al., 1989)

Figure 3-2. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Cretaceous Aquifer System.



year measured, since sample water must traverse a zone influenced by surface temperature on its way from the aquifer to the measurement point. Dissolved oxygen measurements are available for 10 of the 13 wells. Concentrations ranged from 0.83 mg/L (K21) up to 9.04 mg/L (K19). Generally, the dissolved oxygen content of ground water decreases with depth. Dissolved oxygen measurements can suffer from various interferences, processes that can expose the ground water to air. An inadequately purged well may deliver water that has been in contact with air in the well bore. Pumping a well's water level down near the pump intake can entrain air in the pumped water. Also, pumping the water level in the well below a recharging horizon allows water to "cascade" or fall freely down the well bore and splash, thereby becoming aerated.

### *3.2.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds*

Testing for chloride, sulfate, combined nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) was done for samples from all 13 wells. None of the 13 samples contained detectable chloride. Sulfate was detected in samples from three wells, with concentrations all at or below 13 mg/L. Nitrate/nitrite was detected in nine samples and ranged up to 0.94 mg/L (PD2A). Samples from six wells contained detectable phosphorus, with concentrations ranging up to 0.16 mg/L (K3 and K20). No VOCs were detected.

### *3.2.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)*

All 13 samples contained detectable sodium, which ranged from 1,100 ug/L (K9A) to 80,000 ug/L (PD3). The current high reporting limit for analyzing potassium accounts for the lack of potassium detections. Two wells gave samples with detectable aluminum, with well K12 registering at 260 ug/L and well K9A 300 ug/L. Nine wells yielded samples containing detectable calcium, and six wells gave samples containing detectable iron. Calcium levels ranged from undetected to 17,000 ug/L (K3). Iron levels ranged up to 720 ug/L (K21), with samples from three wells exceeding the Secondary MCL of 300 ug/L. Three samples contained detectable magnesium, with a maximum value of 4,100 ug/L (PD6). Two wells gave samples with detectable manganese. None exceeded the Secondary MCL of 50 ug/L. Beryllium, cobalt, potassium, vanadium, and titanium remained undetected.

### *3.2.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)*

ICPMS analysis found detectable levels only of copper, zinc, lead, barium and uranium. Barium was detected in samples from 12 of the total 13 wells, with a maximum concentration of 41 ug/L (K21). Copper was detected in samples from seven wells with the maximum level at 13 ug/L (K11A and K21); zinc was detected in samples from three wells, with the maximum level at 24 ug/L (K21); lead was detected in samples from seven wells, with the maximum level at 4.0 ug/L (K21). The copper and lead levels fell below their respective action levels of 1,300 ug/L and 15 ug/L and zinc below its secondary MCL of 5,000 ug/L. The highest concentrations for these three metals occurred in the sample from well K21, which

was also one of the wells with the lowest pHs. These three metals commonly leach into sample water from plumbing and are not necessarily present naturally. Uranium was detected in one sample (K6) at a level of 1.1 ug/L.

### **3.3 CLAYTON AQUIFER**

The Clayton aquifer system of southwestern Georgia is developed mainly in the middle limestone unit of the Paleocene Clayton Formation. Limestones and calcareous sands of the Clayton aquifer system crop out in a narrow belt extending from northeastern Clay County to southwestern Schley County (Figure 3-3). Aquifer thickness varies, ranging from about 50 feet in the outcrop area to 265 feet in southeastern Mitchell County (Clarke et al., 1984). Both the Flint River to the east and the Chattahoochee River, to the west are the areas of discharge for the aquifer in its updip extent. Leakage from the underlying Providence aquifer system and from overlying permeable units in the Wilcox Formation confining zone provides significant recharge in downdip areas (Clarke et al., 1984). As mentioned previously, permeable portions of the Clayton and Providence Formations merge to form a single aquifer in the updip area and east of the Ocmulgee River. East of that river these combined permeable zones are called the Dublin aquifer.

Only one well (CT8), an 80-foot deep domestic well, was available to monitor the Clayton aquifer system. The well is sampled yearly. The sample water had a pH of 3.97, an electrical conductivity of 40 uS/cm, and a temperature of 18.21 degrees C. Dissolved oxygen was 7.88 mg/L and nitrate/nitrite registered at 1.3 mg/L as nitrogen. The water contained sodium at a level of 2,900 ug/L, aluminum at a level of 64 ug/L, and manganese at a level of 20 ug/L. Copper at a concentration of 19 ug/L, lead at a concentration of 2.4 ug/L and barium at a concentration of 18 ug/L were the trace metals detected. Copper and lead were probably leached from plumbing. Any calcium present was below detection.

### **3.4 CLAIBORNE AQUIFER**

#### *3.4.1 Aquifer Description*

The Claiborne aquifer is developed primarily in the sandy units in the middle and lower portion of the Middle Eocene Claiborne Group of southwestern Georgia. Claiborne Group sands crop out in a belt extending from northern Early County through western Dooly County. Recharge to the aquifer occurs both as direct infiltration of precipitation in the recharge area and as leakage from the overlying Floridan aquifer system (Hicks et al., 1981; Gorday et al., 1997). The discharge boundaries for the updip portion of the aquifer are the Ocmulgee River to the east and the Chattahoochee River to the west. The aquifer generally thickens to the southeast and is more than 350 feet thick near its downdip limit of utilization (Figure 3-4) (Tuohy, 1984).

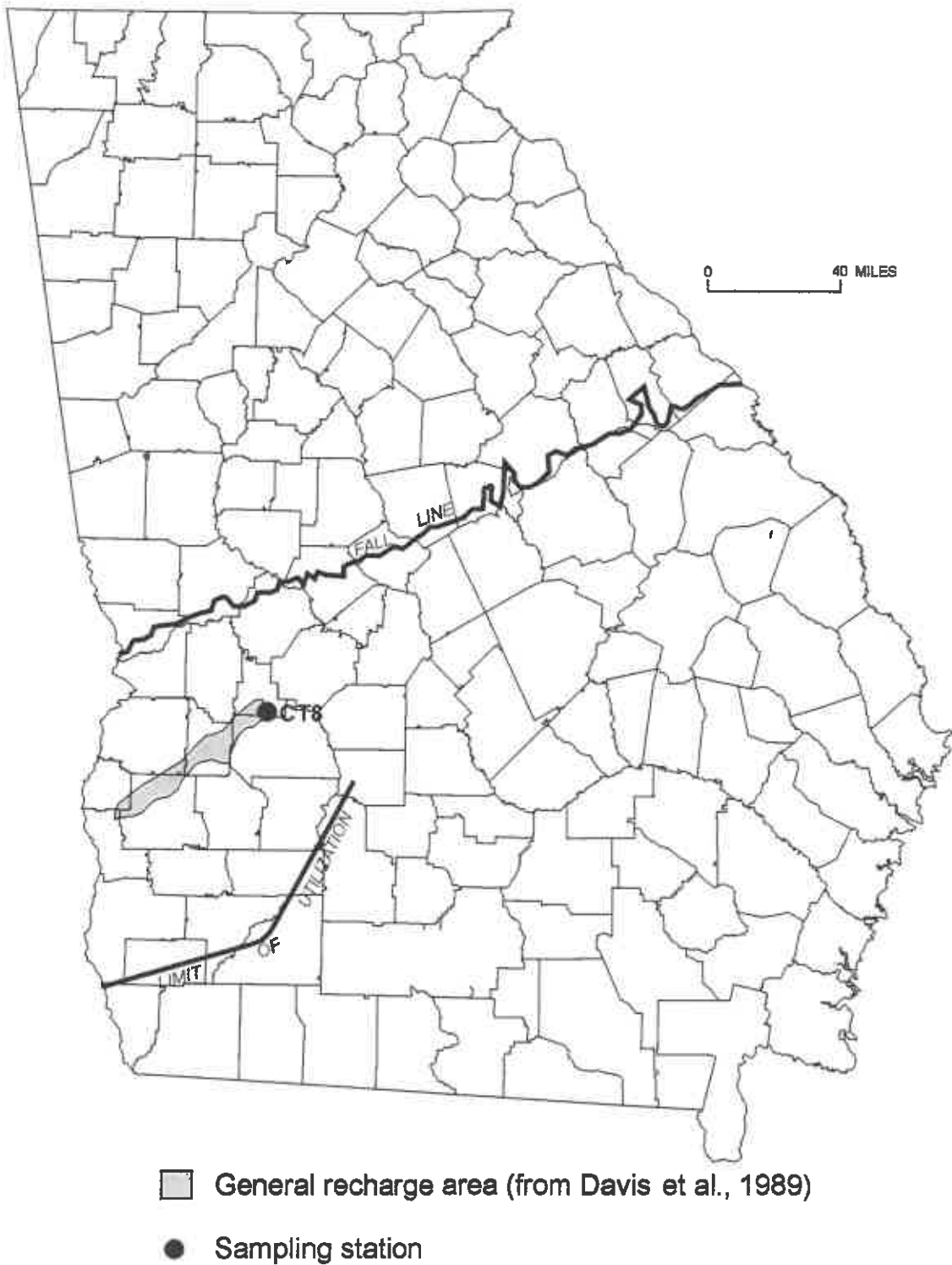


Figure 3-3. Location of the Station Monitoring the Clayton Aquifer.

The clay-rich upper unit of the Claiborne Group, the Lisbon Formation, acts as a confining layer and separates the Claiborne aquifer from the overlying Floridan aquifer system (McFadden and Perriello, 1983; Long, 1989; Huddleston and Summerour, 1996). The lower, water-bearing parts of the group had been correlated with the Tallahatta Formation (e.g., McFadden and Perriello, 1983; Long, 1989; Clarke et al., 1996) or more recently, have been divided into two formations, the upper one termed the Still Branch Sand and the lower one correlated to the Congaree Formation (Huddleston and Summerour, 1996). East of the Ocmulgee River, permeable Congaree-equivalent sands are included in the Gordon aquifer (Brooks et al., 1985).

Three stations, all in or near the recharge area, were available to monitor the Claiborne aquifer. Wells CL2 and CL4A are municipal public supply wells, and well CL8 supplies water for drinking and other purposes for a State forestry nursery. Well CL2 is 315 feet deep, CL4A is 230 feet deep, and CL8 is not known precisely, but is about 90 feet deep.

#### *3.4.2 Field Parameters*

The pHs of sample waters from two wells was mildly acidic (CL8 at 6.22 and CL4A at 6.54), while the third was mildly basic (CL2 at 7.32). Conductivities registered at 86 uS/cm (CL8), 160 uS/cm (CL4A), and 207 uS/cm (CL2); and temperatures registered at 18.63 degrees C (CL4A), 20.46 degrees C (CL2), and 19.95 degrees C (CL8). Dissolved oxygen contents measured at 0.66 mg/L (CL8) and 3.81 mg/L (CL2). Since well CL4A exposes water to air, there was no measurement for dissolved oxygen for the water at this well.

#### *3.4.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds*

Well CL2 was the only station to give a sample with detectable nitrate/nitrite (0.46 mg/L as nitrogen). A sample from well CL4A contained detectable sulfate at 12 mg/L. Samples from two wells contained detectable phosphorus (CL4A at 0.35 mg/L and CL8 at 0.51 mg/L). None of the samples contained detectable chloride or VOCs.

#### *3.4.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)*

Calcium and sodium were detected in samples from all three wells. The maximum and minimum calcium concentrations were 41,000 ug/L (CL2) and 12,000 ug/L (CL8). The maximum and minimum sodium concentrations were 2,000 ug/L (CL2) and 1,800 ug/L (CL4A). Detectable magnesium occurred only in the samples from well CL8 (1,200 ug/L) and CL4A (3,100 ug/L). Wells CL4A and CL8 gave samples with detectable iron at 2,000 ug/L and 650 ug/L respectively and manganese at 58 ug/L and 52 ug/L respectively. Both samples exceeded the iron and manganese Secondary MCLs of 300 ug/L and 50 ug/L respectively.

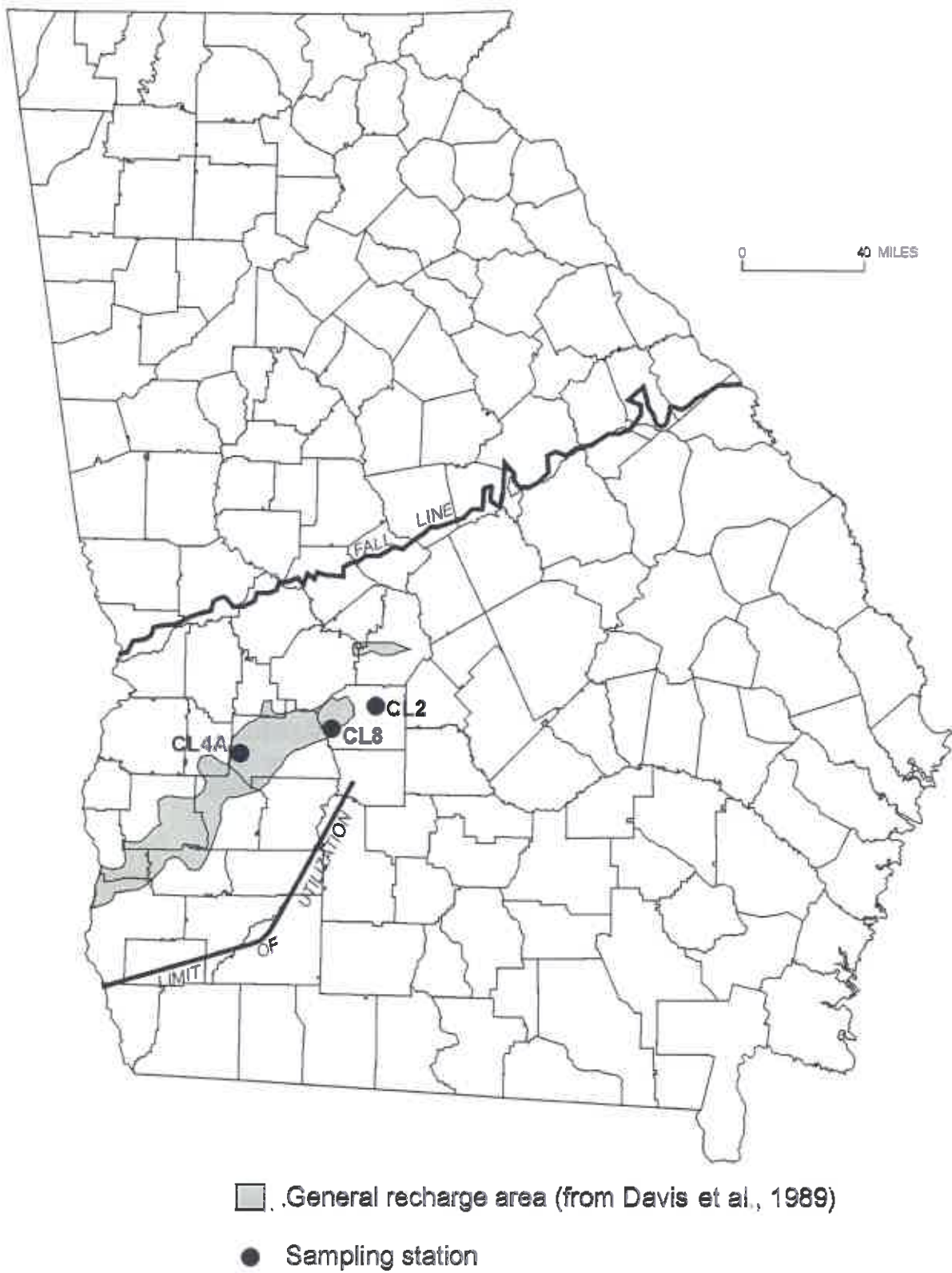


Figure 3-4. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Claiborne Aquifer.

### ***3.4.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)***

ICPMS analyses found barium in all three samples. The maximum and minimum barium concentrations were 39 ug/L (CL8) and 12 ug/L (CL2). Well CL2 contained copper at 6.8 ug/L and well CL4A contained zinc at 11 ug/L. The sample from well CL8 contained copper at 26 ug/L and zinc at 44 ug/L, all below any applicable MCLs or action levels. Well CL8 also registered the lowest pH.

## **3.5 JACKSONIAN AQUIFER**

### ***3.5.1 Aquifer Description***

The Jacksonian aquifer system (Vincent, 1982) of central and east-central Georgia is developed primarily in sands of the Eocene Barnwell Group, though isolated limestone bodies are locally important. Barnwell Group outcrops extend from Macon and Crawford Counties (Hetrick, 1990) eastward to Burke and Richmond Counties (Hetrick, 1992). Figure 3-5 shows the extent and most significant Jacksonian recharge areas. Aquifer sands form a northern clastic facies of the Barnwell Group; the sands grade southward into less permeable silts and clays of a transition facies (Vincent, 1982). The water-bearing sands are relatively thin, ranging from 10 to 50 feet in thickness. Limestones equivalent to the Barnwell Group form a southern carbonate facies and are included in the Floridan aquifer system. The Savannah River and the Flint River are the eastern and western discharge boundaries for the updip parts of the Jacksonian aquifer system. The Jacksonian aquifer system is equivalent to the Upper Three Runs aquifer, as discussed by Summerour et al. (1994), page 2, and Williams (2007), "General Hydrogeology" table.

Five wells were available to monitor the Jacksonian aquifer system. Wells J1B and J8A are domestic wells, while wells J4, J5 and J6 are public supply wells. All are drilled wells, and each is scheduled for yearly sampling. Well J8A serves as a substitute, replacing a nearby well while it is down for maintenance.

### ***3.5.2 Field Parameters***

The pHs for wells J1B, J4 and J5 were basic and wells J6 and J8A were acidic. The pHs range from 5.53 (J8A) to 7.41 (J5). Conductivities ranged from 77 uS/cm (J8A) to 365 uS/cm (J5). Temperatures ranged from 19.53 degrees C for well J1B to 21.26 degrees C for well J4, with water from the deeper wells registering higher temperatures. Dissolved oxygen concentrations ranged from 1.04 mg/L for well J6 to 8.58 mg/L for well J8A and were lowest in the deeper wells.

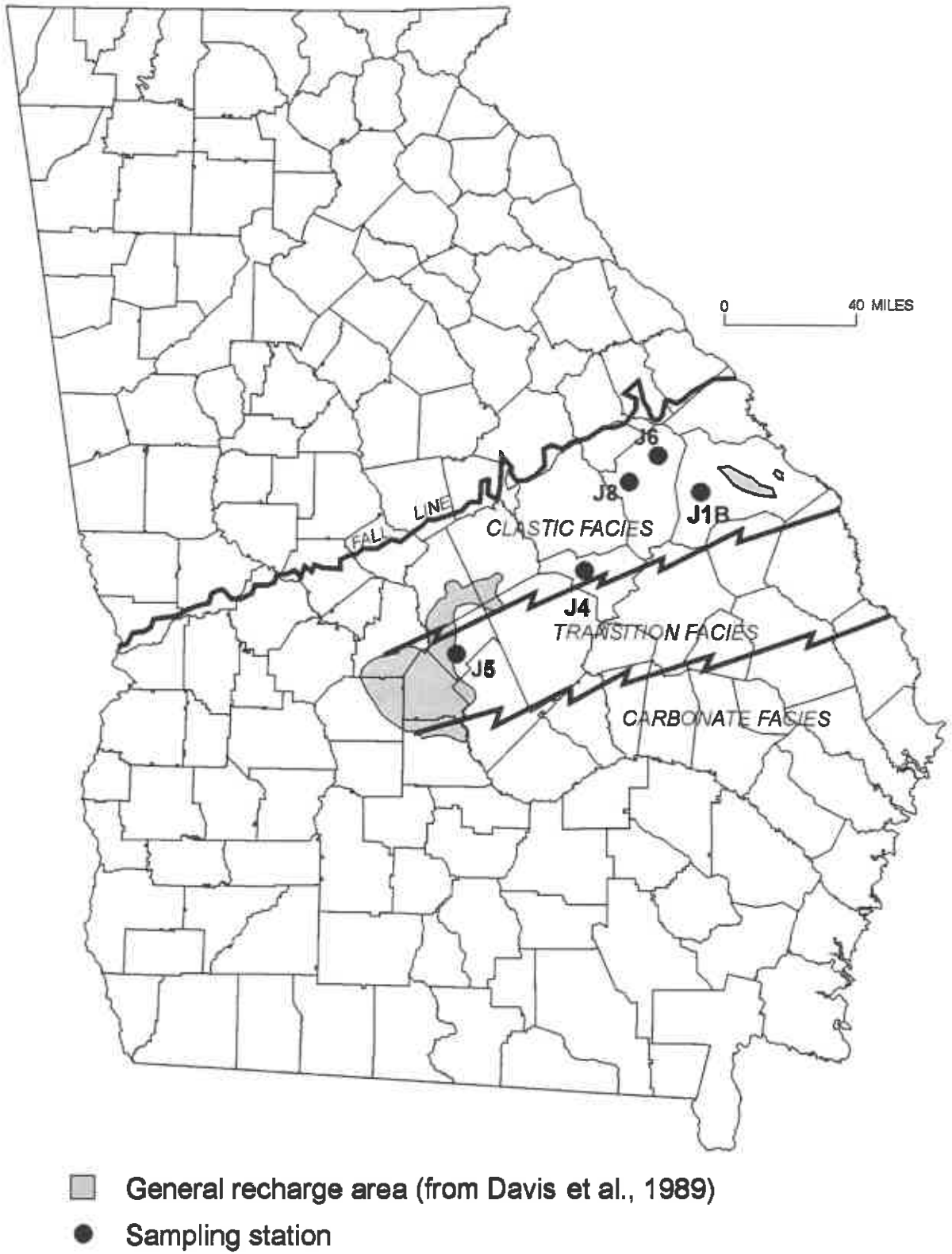


Figure 3-5. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Jacksonian Aquifer.

### ***3.5.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds***

Sample waters from wells J5 and J6 contained detectable sulfate (both 13 mg/L). Nitrate/nitrite was detected in samples from wells J1B at 2.6 mg/L as nitrogen, J4 at 0.47 mg/L as nitrogen, and J8A at 3.80 mg/L as nitrogen lying in the range of likely human influence ( $\geq 3.1$  mg/L as nitrogen) (Madison and Brunett, 1984). All measurements below the Primary MCL of 10 mg/L as nitrogen. Phosphorus was detected in water from four of the five wells and ranged from 0.03 mg/L (J4 and J5) to 0.15 mg/L (J6). No sample waters contained detectable chloride or volatile organic compounds.

### ***3.5.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)***

All five wells gave waters with detectable calcium from 65,000 ug/L (J5) to 6,400 ug/L (J8A). Magnesium was detected in four of the five wells and ranged from undetected (J1B) to 2,500 ug/L (J5). Detectable sodium occurred in each well sample and ranged from 2,000 ug/L (J6) to 4,500 ug/L (J1B). Iron was detected in three of the five wells and ranged from undetected (J4 and J5) to 150 ug/L (J6). Well J5 and J8A gave a sample containing 36 ug/L and 37 ug/L manganese respectively. Well J8A also gave a sample containing 73 ug/L aluminum. According to Kellam and Gorday (1990), the high calcium /magnesium ratios for these wells signifies that they derive most of their recharge from local surface water.

### ***3.5.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)***

All five wells yielded waters containing detectable barium, with a range from 7.6 ug/L (J6) to 27 ug/L (J8A). Well J8A also gave a sample containing 20 ug/L Zinc and .87 mg/L cadmium. Analysis found no other trace metals.

## **3.6 FLORIDAN AQUIFER SYSTEM**

### ***3.6.1 Aquifer System Characteristics***

The Floridan aquifer system is developed predominantly in Eocene and Oligocene limestones and dolostones that underlie most of the Coastal Plain Province (Figure 3-6). The aquifer is a major source of ground water for much of its outcrop area and throughout its downdip extent to the south and east.

The upper water-bearing units of the Floridan are the Eocene Ocala Group and the Oligocene Suwanee Limestone (Crews and Huddleston, 1984). These limestones and dolostones crop out in the Dougherty Plain (a karstic area in southwestern Georgia) and in adjacent areas along strike to the northeast. In parts of Camden and Wayne Counties, the Oligocene unit is absent and the upper portions of the Floridan are restricted to units of Eocene age (Clarke et al., 1990). The lower parts of the Floridan consist mainly of dolomitic limestone of middle and early Eocene age and pelletal, vuggy, dolomitic limestone of Paleocene age, but



extend into the late Cretaceous in Glynn County. The lower portions of the Floridan are hydrologically connected with the upper parts but are deeply buried and not widely used except for some municipal and industrial wells in the Savannah area. From its updip limit, defined by clays of the Barnwell Group, the aquifer system thickens to well over 700 feet in coastal Georgia.

A dense limestone facies occupying the Gulf Trough locally limits ground-water quality and availability (Kellam and Gorday, 1990; Applied Coastal Research Laboratory, 2001). The Gulf Trough may be a filled marine-current channel extending across Georgia from southwestern Decatur County through northern Effingham County. The trough, active beginning in the early Eocene, had ceased operating and filled with sediment in the Miocene.

A ground-water divide separates a smaller southwestward flow regime in the Floridan aquifer system in the Dougherty Plain in southwestern Georgia from the larger southeastward flow regime characteristic for the aquifer system under the remaining part of Georgia's Coastal Plain. Rainfall infiltration in outcrop areas and downward leakage from extensive surficial residuum recharge the Dougherty Plain flow system (Hayes et al., 1983). The main body of the Floridan aquifer system, lying to the east, is recharged by leakage from Jacksonian aquifer and by rainfall infiltration in outcrop areas and in areas where overlying strata are thin. Significant recharge also occurs in the area of Brooks, Echols, Lowndes, Cook and Lanier counties where the Withlacoochee River and numerous sinkholes breach the upper confining units (Krause, 1979).

Monitoring water quality in the Floridan aquifer system made use of 27 wells, with 17 scheduled for sampling on a yearly basis and 10 on a quarterly basis. The total number of samples collected from the wells was 56. All 27 wells are drilled wells. Twenty five wells are local-government-owned public supply wells. One well supplies industrial process water. One remaining well is a former USGS test well. Depths range from 174 feet (PA25 municipal well) to 1,211 feet (PA9C test well).

### *3.6.2 Field Parameters*

Measurements of pH are available for 54 of the 56 samples from all 27 wells and ranged from 6.48 (PA36) to 8.11 (PA36). The median pH is 7.64 and the mean is 7.58. Conductivities are also available for 54 of the 56 samples from all 27 wells and ranged from 157 uS/cm (PA41A) to 1770 uS/cm (PA9C), with a median of 311 uS/cm and a mean of 354 uS/cm. Temperatures are available for all sampling events and ranged from 17.32 degrees C for well PA17 to 25.64 degrees C for well PA9C. Well PA9C is the deepest of the Floridan wells at 1211 feet, so the high temperature reflects the geothermal effect. Forty-eight dissolved oxygen measurements are available from 24 wells. The available measurements range from 0.62 mg/L (PA29) to 9.29 mg/L (PA27). No measurements were taken at well PA4, PA5 and PA14A because the raw water outlet will not permit the attachment of the usual sampling apparatus and exposes sample water to air.

### ***3.6.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds***

Six Floridan wells yielded 11 samples containing detectable chloride. Chloride concentrations ranged from undetected to 790 mg/L (PA9C). The measurement for well PA9C is more than 17 times the next highest concentration of 45 mg/L for well PA4. Well PA9C derives water from the lower part of the Floridan aquifer. Twenty three samples from 14 wells gave samples containing detectable sulfate. Levels ranged from undetected to 270 mg/L (PA9C). Nineteen water samples from 10 wells contained detectable nitrate/nitrite. Concentrations ranged from undetected to 2.0 mg/L as nitrogen (PA25). There is a general tendency for shallower wells to give samples with higher levels of nitrate/nitrite. Nitrate/nitrite levels in the samples from each quarterly sampled well tend, as a rule, to be similar to one another. Phosphorus was detected in 28 samples from 20 wells. Phosphorus levels ranged up to 3.0 mg/L (PA36) as total phosphorus. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), consisting entirely of trihalomethane compounds, were detected in six samples from three wells (PA17, PA23 and PA28). The compounds typically arise as byproducts from disinfection and their presence can indicate the reflux of treated water back down a well or result from sterilizing well plumbing following maintenance. For well PA23, samples regularly register detectable trihalomethanes, suggestive of leaky valves allowing treated water back down the well. For the remaining wells, the occasional nature of trihalomethane detections suggests a maintenance related origin.

### ***3.6.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)***

ICP analyses found detectable levels of potassium, manganese, iron, calcium, magnesium, aluminum and sodium. Detectable potassium occurred in only two samples from two wells (PA4 and PA9C). Failure to find detectable potassium in other samples results from the insensitivity of the testing procedure, as indicated by the high reporting limit (5,000 ug/L) for the metal. Detectable manganese occurred in 15 samples from six wells. The maximum concentration of 99 ug/L occurred in a sample from well PA34A. All four samples from quarterly-sampled well PA34A and samples from annually sampled wells PA16 and PA18 exceeded the Secondary MCL of 50 ug/L. The manganese levels in the samples from each of the quarterly sampled wells vary within a restricted range. Wells giving samples with manganese detections seem clustered in two areas: one in the Cook-Irwin-Lanier County area and the other in the Candler-Emanuel-Jenkins-Telfair-Toombs County area. Iron was detected in 20 samples from 10 wells. Of these, only the sample from annual well PA9C, with an iron level of 910 ug/L, exceeded the Secondary MCL (300 ug/L). The iron contents of samples from three quarterly wells (PA29, PA34A and PA36) seemed to vary within restricted ranges. Detectable magnesium was found in all samples from all wells except for those from quarterly well PA25. Magnesium concentrations ranged up to 83,000 ug/L (well PA9C), with a mean of 13,656 ug/L and a median of 12,000 ug/L. Non-detections were not included. Well PA25 is a Floridan recharge area well. Kellam and Gorday (1990) have noted that Ca/Mg ratios are higher in ground waters from Floridan recharge areas, as is the case with this well. Magnesium levels in samples from each

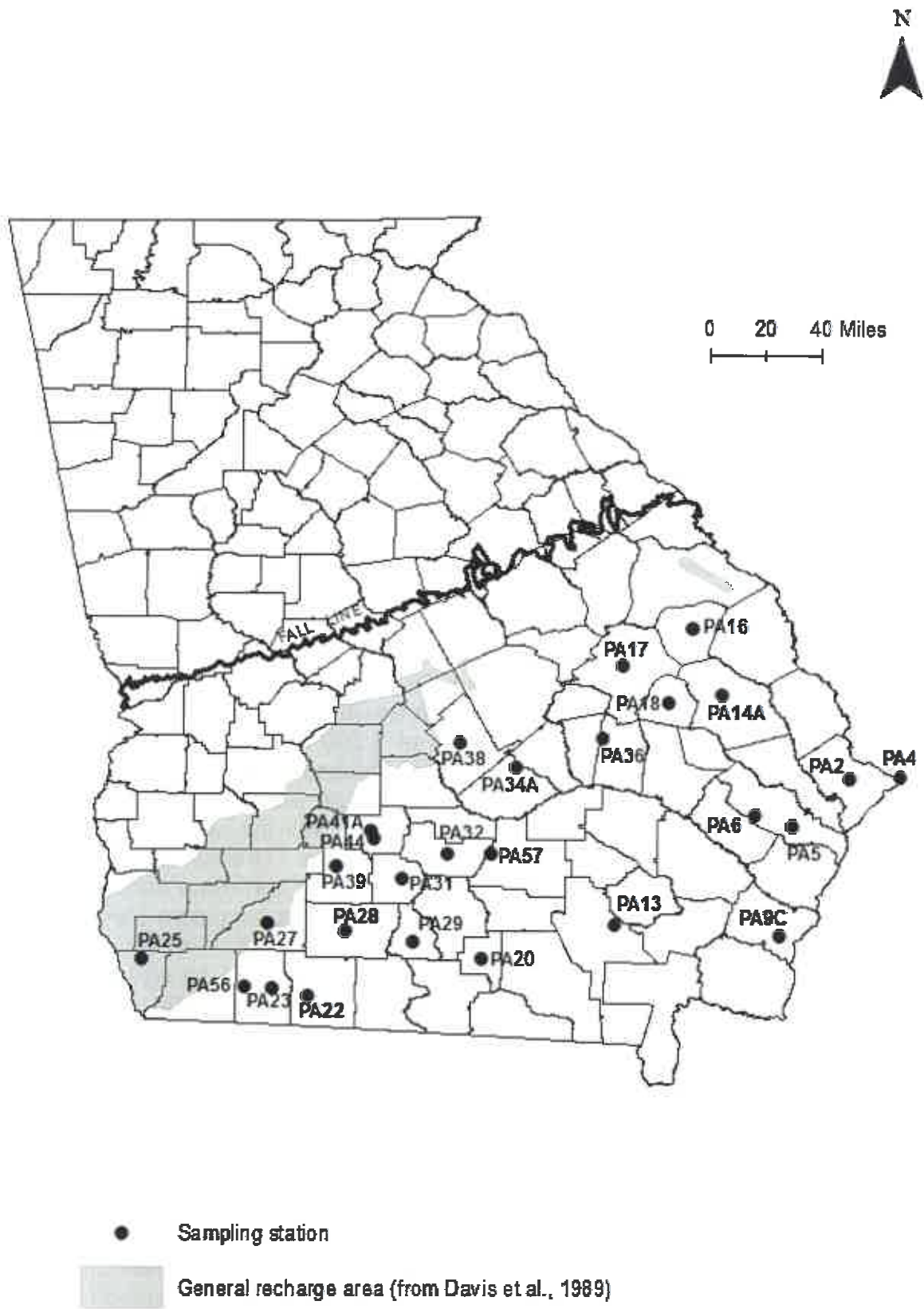


Figure 3-6. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Floridan Aquifer System.

quarterly well seem to vary within relatively narrow ranges. Calcium was detected in all samples from the 27 Floridan wells. Concentrations ranged from 20,000 ug/L (PA41A) to 110,000 ug/L (PA9C), with a mean of 39,071 ug/L and a median of 36,000 ug/L. For samples from quarterly wells, calcium concentrations seem to fall within a narrow range for each well. Ca/Mg ratios in Floridan well waters have already been mentioned. Aluminum was detected above the Secondary MCL of 50-200 ug/L in two samples from two quarterly wells, PA36 and PA56, at a concentration of 130 ug/L and 150 ug/L respectively. Sodium was also found in all sample waters from all 27 wells and ranged in concentration from 1,700 ug/L (PA41A) to 430,000 ug/L (PA9C), with a mean of 17,880 ug/L and a median of 7,250 ug/L. Sodium concentrations generally increase with depth.

### ***3.6.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)***

ICPMS analysis found the following detectable metals in the Floridan samples: copper, zinc, lead, arsenic, selenium, molybdenum, barium and uranium. Four samples from quarterly well PA23 registered arsenic detection below the Primary MCL (10 ug/L). The well has given intermittent samples with detectable arsenic before. Annual well PA9C gave a sample showing detectable selenium below the Primary MCL (50 ug/L). Seven samples contained detectable copper, one from annual well PA17, one from quarterly well PA23, two from quarterly well PA14A and three from quarterly well PA36. Unlike most other wells, quarterly well PA14A furnishes sample water through a small diameter copper tube. Annual well PA9C and quarterly wells PA23 and PA36 gave samples with detectable zinc. Quarterly wells PA23 and PA36 contained detectable lead. Copper and lead detections were below the action levels of 1,300 ug/L for copper and 15 ug/L for lead. The zinc concentration fell below the Secondary MCL of 5,000 ug/L. Twelve samples drawn from quarterly wells PA23, PA28 and PA56 contained detectable molybdenum. Well PA28 produced the sample with the highest concentration, 72 ug/L. All three wells are in the Gulf Trough area. Uranium was detected in 11 samples from two quarterly wells (PA44 and PA56) and three annual wells (PA39, PA31 and PA22), also in the Gulf Trough area. The maximum concentration was 3.3 ug/L for well PA56, below the Primary MCL of 30 ug/L. Barium was detected in all samples from all wells and ranged in concentration from 3.8 ug/L (PA14A) to 200 ug/L (PA34A and PA39), all below the Primary MCL of 2,000 ug/L. The mean concentration was 89.0 ug/L and the median was 96.5 ug/L. Barium seems to be more abundant in samples from wells of 400 foot to 700 foot depth range.

## **3.7 MIOCENE/SURFICIAL AQUIFER SYSTEM**

### ***3.7.1 Aquifer System Characteristics***

The Miocene/Surficial aquifer system is developed in sands of the Miocene Hawthorne Group and of the Pliocene Miccosukee and Cypresshead Formations of the Georgia Coastal Plain (Figure 3-7).

The Hawthorne Group covers most of the Coastal Plain and consists predominantly of sand and clay (Huddlestun, 1988), although carbonate rocks and phosphorites may locally be significant (Huddlestun, 1988; Clarke et al., 1990). Clarke et al., 1990, note that three sequences consisting of a basal dense phosphatic limestone layer, a middle clay layer, and an upper sand layer typify the Miocene section in the coastal area. The sand layers in the two lowermost of the sequences host the lower and upper Brunswick aquifers, which are included in the Miocene/Surficial aquifer system of this report.

The Cypresshead Formation overlies the Hawthorne Group in the Coastal area (from the Atlantic coast to about 45 miles inland) and consists, in updip areas, predominantly of fine to coarse-grained quartz sand and, in downdip areas, interbedded fine sand and clay (Huddlestun, 1988). In the Coastal Plain of far south central and southwestern Georgia, the Miccosukee Formation overlies the Hawthorne Group (Huddlestun, 1988).

The Miccosukee Formation consists predominantly of sand but contains some clay. The characteristic lithology consists of thin-bedded to laminated fine to medium sand with scattered layers or laminae of clay. Also included in the aquifer system are Pleistocene arkosic sands and gravels interbedded with clays and Holocene sands and gravels interbedded with muds. The upper part of the aquifer system is unconfined, whereas, the deeper parts of the system may be locally confined and under artesian conditions.

Six annually sampled wells were used to monitor the Miocene/Surficial aquifer system. Wells MI1, MI2A, MI9A and MI10B are private domestic wells, with MI9A and MI10B no longer being used as drinking water sources. Well MI16 is used for general purposes at a fire station. Well MI17 originated as a geologic bore hole -- a hole drilled for investigating bedrock -- that became a flowing well. It is currently used both as a domestic water source and as an augmentation well for maintaining a pond. Wells MI2A and MI9A are bored wells. The remainder are drilled wells. Depths, actual or approximate, have been determined for all six wells.

### *3.7.2 Field Parameters*

The pHs of the sample waters from the six wells used to monitor the Miocene/Surficial aquifer system ranged from 3.88 (well MI2A) to 7.92 (well MI16). Three of the six wells sampled (MI2A, MI10B and MI9A) produced acidic water. The remaining three gave basic water. The acidic water-yielding wells included the two shallowest, while the basic water-producing wells included the two deepest. Conductivities ranged from 106  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (MI2A) to 510  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (MI9A). Water temperatures ranged from 19.03 degrees C (MI17) to 23.74 degrees C (MI9A). Dissolved oxygen data are available for four of the six wells and range from 2.08 mg/L (MI1) to 8.98 mg/L (MI2A). Valid dissolved oxygen measurements cannot be made on well MI9A and MI17 since one must be sampled with a bailer and the other is exposed to air before sampling.

### ***3.7.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds***

Chloride registered at 12 mg/L and 18 mg/L in samples from the two bored wells MI2A and MI9A respectively. The sample from the deepest Miocene well (MI16) provided the only sulfate detection at 35 mg/L. Nitrate/nitrite was detected in sample waters from the bored wells MI2A and MI9A, lying in the range of likely human influence ( $\geq 3.1$  mg/L as nitrogen) (Madison and Brunett, 1984). The former well registered 5.9 mg/L as nitrogen and the latter 44 mg/L, the maximum found. The nitrate/nitrite level for well MI9A also exceeded the Primary MCL of 10 mg/L as nitrogen. Detectable phosphorus was found in samples from all wells. The concentrations ranged from 0.02 mg/L (MI16) to 0.34 mg/L (MI10B). None of the samples contained detectable VOCs.

### ***3.7.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)***

Samples from all six wells contained calcium, magnesium, and sodium. Calcium levels ranged from 3,500 ug/L (well MI2A) to 45,000 ug/L (well MI17). Magnesium levels ranged from 1,900 ug/L (well MI17) to 19,000 ug/L (well MI9A). Sodium levels ranged from 2,800 ug/L (well MI9A) to 16,000 ug/L (well MI16). Potassium was detected in well MI2A (5,400 ug/L) and well MI9A (14,000 ug/L). Iron was detected in the sample from well MI10B at 1,600 ug/L. This last value far exceeds the Secondary MCL for iron of 300 ug/L. Manganese was found in samples from four wells: MI1 (10 ug/L), MI9A (60 ug/L), MI10B (73 ug/L) and MI17 (12 ug/L). The 60 ug/L and 73 ug/L levels exceed the Secondary MCL for manganese of 50 ug/L. The high iron and manganese levels in water from drilled well MI10B are the reason the residents ceased using the water for household purposes, i.e., cooking, drinking, and laundering. Aluminum was detected above the Secondary MCL of 50-200 ug/L in two wells: MI2A (120 ug/L) and MI9A (250 ug/L).

### ***3.7.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)***

ICPMS analyses found detectable copper, zinc, selenium, barium, and lead in the Miocene aquifer samples. All six samples contained detectable barium, which ranged in concentration from 19 ug/L (well MI1) to 310 ug/L (well MI9A). The sample from drilled well MI10B contained selenium at a level of 13 ug/L. Selenium at detectable levels is rare in Georgia's ground water. Zinc was detected in samples from well MI1 (31 ug/L) and MI10B (26 ug/L). Detectable lead occurred in the sample from bored well MI2A at a concentration of 5.7 ug/L. The sample from bored well MI2A also contained copper at a level of 8.0 ug/L. The copper, lead, and zinc in the water samples were likely derived from plumbing. None of the metals exceeded applicable action levels (1,300 ug/L for copper, 15 ug/L for lead) or MCLs (5,000 ug/L Secondary for zinc).

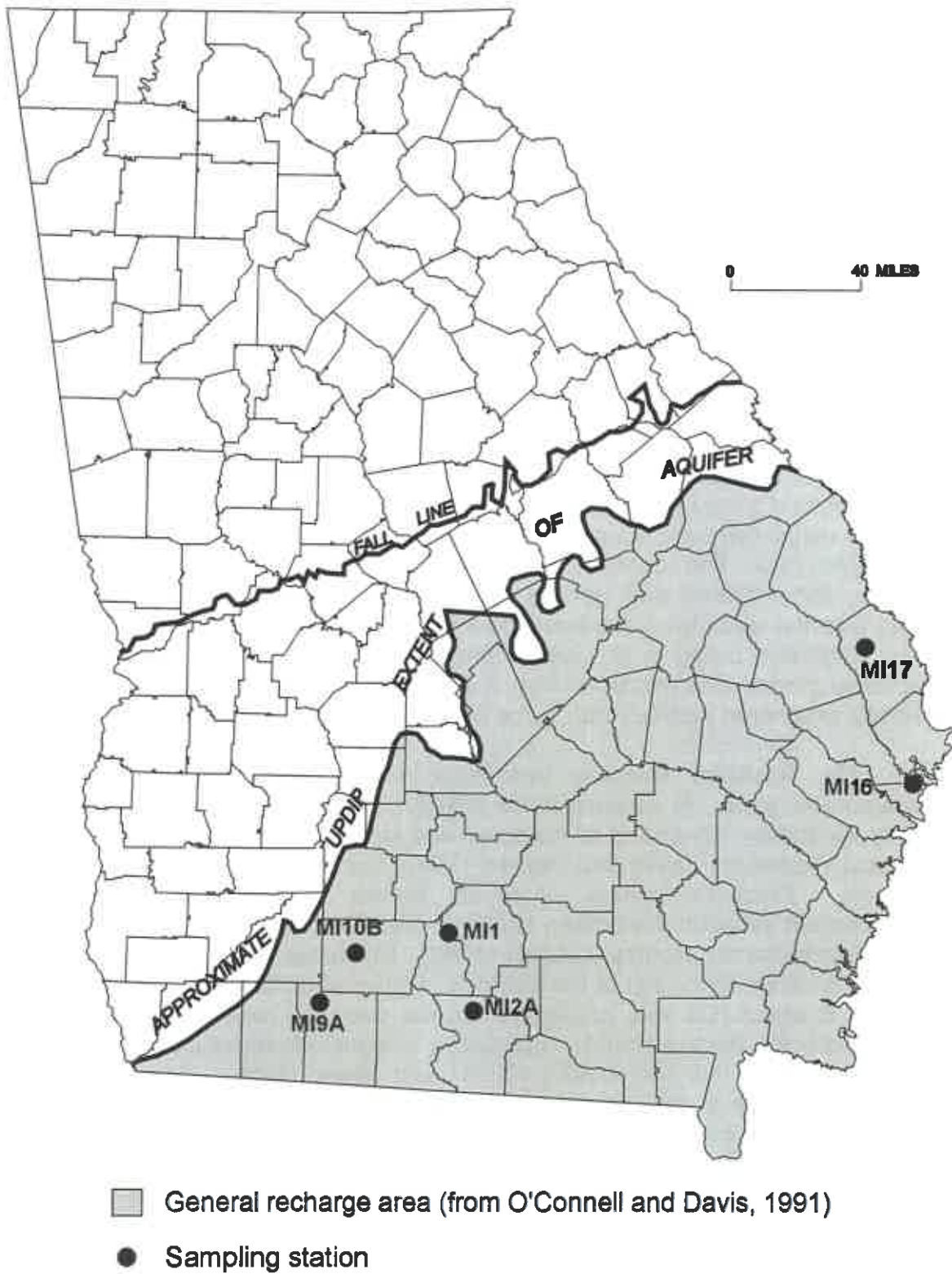


Figure 3-7. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Miocene/Surficial Aquifer System.

## **3.8 PIEDMONT/BLUE RIDGE AQUIFER SYSTEM**

### ***3.8.1 Aquifer System Characteristics***

The Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system in Georgia is part of the Piedmont and mountain aquifer system that extends from New Jersey into Alabama (Daniel and Harned, 1997). The system is unconfined or semiconfined and is composed of two major hydrogeologic units: a) regolith and b) fractured igneous and metamorphic bedrock (Heath, 1980; Daniel and Harned, 1997). Figure 3-8 shows the extent of the system in Georgia.

The regolith hydrologic unit is comprised of a mantle of soil, alluvium in and near stream bottoms and underlying saprolite. Saprolite is bedrock that has undergone extensive chemical weathering in place. Downward percolating, typically acidic, ground water leaches alkali, alkaline earth and certain other divalent metals from micas, feldspars, and other minerals composing the original rock, leaving behind a clay-rich residual material. Textures and structures of the original rock are usually well-preserved, with the saprolite appearing as a "rotten" version of the original rock. The regolith unit is characterized by high, mostly primary porosity (35% to 55%) (Daniel and Harned, 1998) and serves as the reservoir that feeds water into the underlying fractured bedrock. Though it can store a great deal of water, saprolite, owing to its clay content, does not give up its water very rapidly. Saprolite grades downward through a transition zone consisting of saprolite and partially weathered bedrock with some fresh bedrock into fresh bedrock.

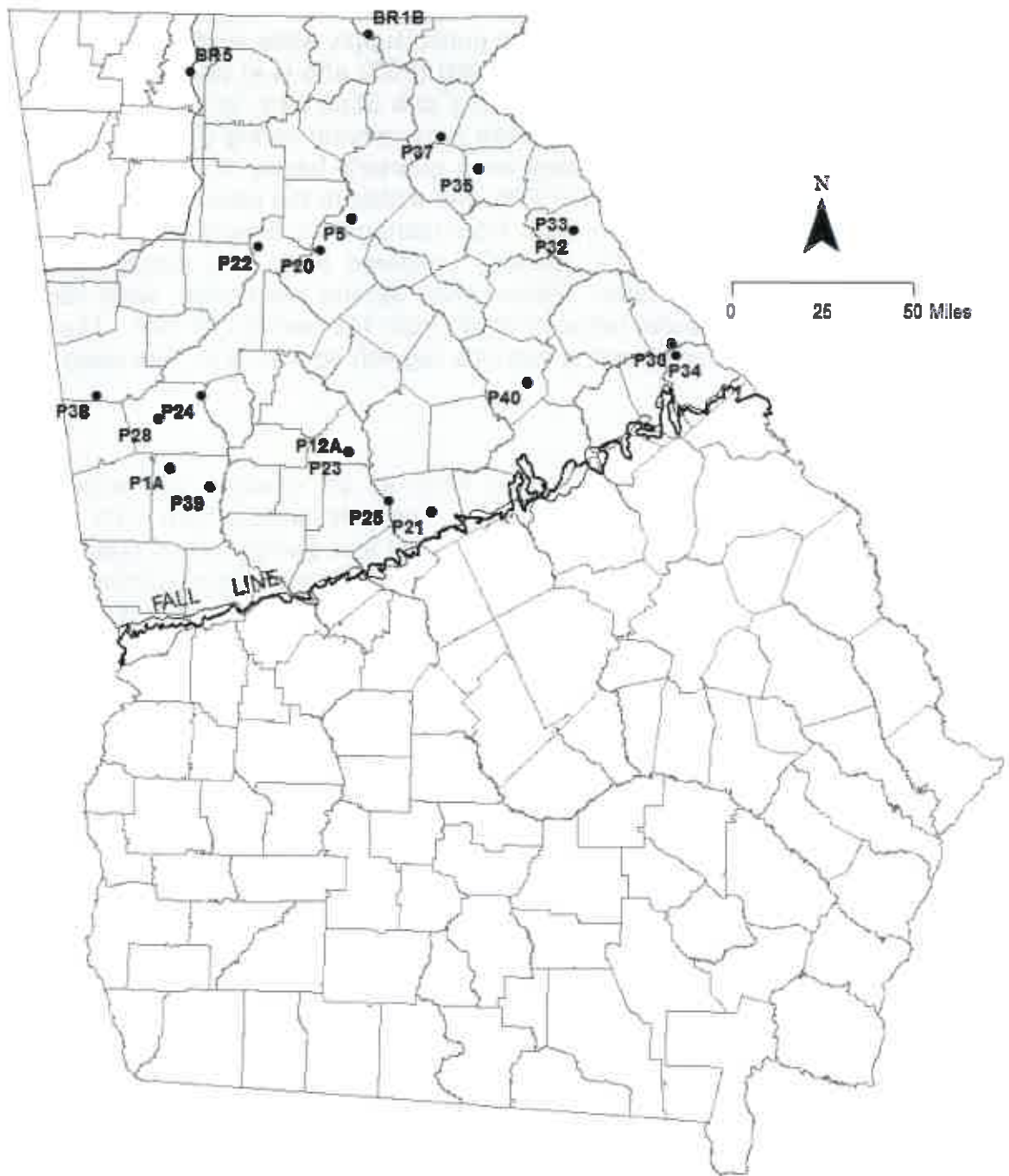
The fractured bedrock hydrologic unit is developed in igneous and metamorphic rocks. In contrast to the regolith, the porosity in such rocks is almost totally secondary, consisting of fractures and solution-enlarged voids. In the North Carolina Piedmont, Daniel and Harned (1997) found 1% to 3% porosity typical for bedrock. Fractures consist of faults, breaks in the rock with differential displacement between the broken sections, and joints, breaks in the rock with little or no differential displacement Heath (1980). Fractures tend to be wider and more numerous closer to the top of the bedrock. Daniel and Harned (1997) noted that at a depth of about 600 feet, pressure from the overlying rock column becomes too great and holds fractures shut. Fracturing in schistose rocks consists mainly of a network of fine, hair-line cracks which yield water slowly. Fractures in more massive rocks (e.g. granitic rocks, diabases, gneisses, marbles, quartzites) are mostly open and are subject to conduit flow. Thus wells intersecting massive-rock fractures are able to yield far larger amounts of water than wells in schistose rocks or even wells in regolith. Fractures can be concentrated along fault zones, shear zones, late-generation fold axes, foliation planes, lithologic contacts, compositional layers, or intrusion boundaries.



Fifty-one samples from 19 wells and two springs were used to monitor water quality in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system. Eighteen of these wells are drilled. Fourteen of the 19 wells are public supply wells, and the remaining five are domestic. One of the 19 wells is bored (P33) and is in domestic use. Of the two springs, one (P12A) is a mineral spring at a State park, and the other spring (BR5) is a public supply source. The State park mineral spring (P12A) and the following wells are scheduled for sampling on a quarterly basis: P21, P23, P25, P32, P33, P34, P35, P37 and BR1B. Well P25 was added to the network on a quarterly basis, and per agreement with the State Park manager an annual filtered sample is to be collected in addition to the quarterly unfiltered ones. The remaining stations are sampled on a yearly basis. Where their depths are known, wells deriving water from the bedrock aquifer range in depth from 150 feet to 705 feet. Domestic bored well P33, the only well drawing from the regolith aquifer, is 47 feet deep.

### *3.8.2 Field Parameters*

Fifty-one pH measurements from all 21 stations are available for the Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system. The pHs ranged from 4.93 (P38) to 7.70 (P32). Twelve total samples were basic; all four samples from quarterly well P32, three samples from quarterly spring P12A, two samples from quarterly well P35, two samples from quarterly well BR1B and the sample from annual well P20. The remaining samples were acidic, including all samples from quarterly regolith well P33. The mean pH was 6.36 and the median 6.26. Conductivity measurements are available for all 51 samples. Conductivities range from 33 uS/cm (well P22) to 980 uS/cm (well P32). Samples with the higher pHs generally tended to have higher conductivities and vice versa. Temperatures were available for all sampled waters and range from 13.50 degrees C (spring BR5) to 22.34 degrees C (well P25). Geothermally elevated temperatures are not readily apparent for the Piedmont/Blue Ridge. Latitude, ground elevation, and season appear to have more influence on the sampling temperature. Dissolved oxygen measurements are available for 46 of the 51 samples from 19 of 21 stations. The samples from quarterly spring P12A and annual spring BR5 received no dissolved oxygen measurements since exposure of the sample water to air can render the measurement inaccurate. Dissolved oxygen levels ranged from 0.64 mg/L for quarterly well P32 to 10.52 mg/L for quarterly well P33. The 10.52 mg/L reading lies above the oxygen saturation level for the temperature at sampling (18.05 degrees C). This reading suggests free-falling (cascading) water in the well or entrainment of air at the pump intake due to a low pumping water level and does not reflect the actual oxygen level in the ground water.



- Sampling Stations
- General Recharge Area (from O'Connell and Davis, 1991)

Figure 3-8. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Aquifer System.

### *3.8.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds*

All samples received testing for chloride, sulfate, nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, and VOCs. Four samples each from spring P12A and well P23, both located at Indian Springs State Park, received testing for fluoride. Four stations yielded ten samples with detectable chloride: quarterly well P37 with all four samples; quarterly spring P12A with all four samples; annual well P30 with one sample and quarterly well P21 with one sample. Well P37 gave the sample with the highest level at 110 mg/L. Detectable fluoride occurred in all four samples from well P23 at levels of 1.1 mg/L to 1.2 mg/L. Detectable fluoride also occurred in all four samples from quarterly spring P12A at levels ranging from 4.4 mg/L to 5.0 mg/L. This last range of levels exceeds the Primary MCL of 4 mg/L for fluoride; the spring water from this station has consistently done so in the past. Historical fluoride levels have ranged from slightly above 4 mg/L to slightly above 5 mg/L. Sulfate was detected in 25 samples from six quarterly and three annual stations, with the highest concentration (450 mg/L) occurring in a sample from quarterly well P32. Lab apparatus difficulties prevented sulfate analysis of a fourth sample from that well (P32). Spring P12A and quarterly wells P32, P37, P34, P21 and BR1B each have sulfate values that vary within narrow ranges. All samples from quarterly spring P12A and from quarterly well P35 lacked detectable nitrate/nitrite. All other stations contained some or all samples with some nitrate/nitrite, with a high concentration of 3.1 mg/L as nitrogen for annual well P30 lying in the range of likely human influence ( $\geq 3.1$  mg/L as nitrogen) (Madison and Brunett, 1984). This level is well below the Primary MCL of 10 mg/L as nitrogen. Detectable phosphorus occurred in 36 samples from 15 wells and 2 springs, with the highest concentration of 0.17 mg/L being found for quarterly well P34. Phosphorus concentrations vary within narrow ranges within the quartets of samples from quarterly spring P12A and from quarterly wells P21, P23, P25, P33 and P34. No detectable VOCs occurred in any Piedmont/Blue Ridge samples.

### *3.8.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)*

ICP analysis found detectable aluminum, calcium, iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese, and sodium. No beryllium, cobalt, titanium, or vanadium was detected. Calcium was found in all samples. A sample from quarterly well P35 also contained no detectable calcium, however this lack of calcium arose because sample water was inadvertently directed through a water softener prior to sampling. The highest calcium levels (250,000 ug/L, 190,000 ug/L, 170,000 ug/L, 99,000 ug/L) occurred in the quarterly samples from well P32. Omitting the spurious sample from well P35 of below-detection level, the mean calcium concentration was 31,784 ug/L and the median concentration 16,500 ug/L. As a rule, calcium levels of samples from each quarterly station tend to cluster closely. Magnesium was detected in 44 samples from 18 stations. Magnesium contents of sample waters ranged from not detected up to 34,000 ug/L (well P30). As with calcium, magnesium levels in samples from each quarterly well generally tend to cluster. All samples from the quarterly regolith well P33 and samples from annual

bedrock well P38 and annual spring BR5 contained no detectable magnesium. A sample from quarterly well P35 registered no magnesium due to a water softener that was mistakenly left engaged. Sodium was present in all samples and ranged from 2,200 ug/L in the sample from well P22 to 40,000 ug/L in a sample from spring P12A. The sodium level of 46,000 ug/L detected in quarterly well P35 will be disregarded since it is due to the water softener depositing excess sodium. Sodium levels for each quarterly well have a general tendency to cluster. The mean sodium concentration is 13,602 ug/L and the median is 11,000 ug/L. Detectable potassium was found in three samples from one station (well P35). Potassium was not detected in one sample from P35 due to interference from a water softener. The low sensitivity of the current laboratory testing procedure for potassium probably accounts for the apparent scarcity of this metal. Aluminum was detected in four samples from wells P33 and BR1B. Well P33 registered the highest level at 240 ug/L. Two samples from that well equaled or exceeded the high limit of 200 ug/L for the Secondary MCL range for aluminum. Aluminum levels in the remaining samples exceeded the low limit of 50 ug/L for the Secondary MCL range but not the upper limit. Iron was detected in 24 samples from 11 wells, with a range from not detected up to 1,100 ug/L (well P39). This concentration exceeds the Secondary MCL for iron of 300 ug/L. Three other wells produced samples with an iron level equal to or greater than the Secondary MCL; well P25 (390 ug/L), well P33 (300 ug/L and 370 ug/L) and well P37 (700 ug/L). Manganese was detected in 30 samples from nine wells and one spring, with a maximum concentration of 130 ug/L (well P35). All samples from quarterly wells P21 and P37 as well as three samples from quarterly well P35 equaled or exceeded the Secondary MCL of 50 ug/L. The fourth sample from well P35 lacked detectable manganese due to inadvertent passage through a water softener.

### *3.8.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)*

ICPMS analysis of water samples detected the following metals: chromium, copper, zinc, barium, lead and uranium. None of the following metals were found in detectable amounts: nickel, arsenic, selenium, molybdenum, silver, cadmium, tin, antimony, and thallium. Chromium was detected in only one sample from well P28. Copper occurred in 14 samples from 5 wells, with a maximum level of 30 ug/L in the sample from well P22. This sample also had the lowest pH. All copper detections occurred in acidic waters, with the highest pH for a sample containing detectable copper registering at 6.85. No detectable copper occurred in neutral or basic waters. Zinc was detected in 21 samples from ten wells, with the maximum level at 40 ug/L from well P24. All zinc detections except for two, wells P32 (pH 7.13) and P20 (pH 7.31), occurred in acidic waters. Lead was detected in 9 samples from six wells. All lead detections occurred in acidic water. Only one lead detection (P38) occurred without zinc or copper detections. Barium, as elsewhere in the State's ground water, was a nearly ubiquitous trace metal, being detected in 44 samples from 18 wells and one spring. All four samples from quarterly spring P12A, one sample from quarterly well P32, one sample from annual well P30 and one sample from quarterly well P35 contained no detectable barium. The sample from well P35 lacking detectable barium had inadvertently been passed through a water softener.

The maximum concentration was 170 ug/L from a sample from annual well P20. No samples exceeded the Primary MCL of 2,000 ug/L. Uranium was detected in 31 samples from 11 wells. Uranium concentrations ranged from not detected up to 22 ug/L, found in a sample from well P25. Granitic bedrock is present where four of the wells are drilled and is the most common bedrock type to host uraniumiferous water.

### **3.9 VALLEY AND RIDGE/APPALACHIAN PLATEAU AQUIFER SYSTEM**

#### ***3.9.1 Aquifer System Characteristics***

Since Georgia's portion of the Appalachian Plateau Province extends over such a small area of the State, i.e., its northwestern corner, this report includes that province with the Valley and Ridge Province for purposes of discussion. Bedrock in the combined province is sedimentary, comprising limestones, dolostones, shales, siltstones, mudstones, conglomerates and sandstones (Figure 3-9).

Primary porosity in the province's bedrock is low, leaving fractures and solution-enlarged voids as the main water-bearing structures. The bedrock in the province is extensively faulted and folded, conditions that have served to proliferate fracturing and to segment water-bearing strata into numerous local flow systems, in contrast to the expansive regional flow regimes characteristic of the Coastal Plain sediments. Fractures in limestones and dolostones can become much enlarged by solution, greatly increasing their ability to store water.

Zones of intense fracturing commonly occur in carbonate bedrock along such structures as fold axes and fault planes and are especially prone to weathering. Such zones of intense fracturing give rise to broad valleys with gently sloping sides and bottoms covered with thick regolith. The carbonate bedrock beneath such valleys presents a voluminous source of typically hard ground water.

As in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province, the regolithic mantle of soil and residuum derived from weathered bedrock blankets much of the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Province. The water table lying within the regolithic mantle yields soft water ("freestone" water) sufficient for domestic and light agricultural use (Cressler et al., 1976; 1979). The regolithic mantle also acts as a reservoir, furnishing water to the underlying bedrock, which supplies most of the useful ground water in the province.

Monitoring water quality in the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau aquifers made use of four springs and two drilled wells (Figure 3-9). Springs VR2A, VR8 and VR10 are public supply springs. Spring VR3 is a former public supply spring now serving ornamental purposes in a public park. Well VR1 is a public supply well, and well VR6A is an industrial process water source. Spring VR8 is scheduled for quarterly sampling, while all the other stations are sampled on an annual basis. All stations tap carbonate bedrock aquifers.

### **3.9.2 Field Parameters**

Sample water pHs ranged from 6.35 for spring VR2A to 7.52 for well VR6A. Conductivities ranged from 254 uS/cm (well VR1) to 291 uS/cm (well VR6A). Dissolved oxygen measurements are available for well VR1 (10.02 mg/L). Dissolved oxygen measurements were made on spring waters at or downstream of spring heads; however, due to atmospheric exposure at the spring heads, these measurements may not validly represent oxygen levels in the water prior to discharge. The temperature of sample waters from well VR1 was 16.21 degrees C and from well VR6A was 17.64 degrees C. For spring waters, contact with the surface environment may have altered actual water temperatures present at the spring heads, since water temperatures were measured downstream from the springheads.

### **3.9.3 Major Anions, Non-Metals, and Volatile Organic Compounds**

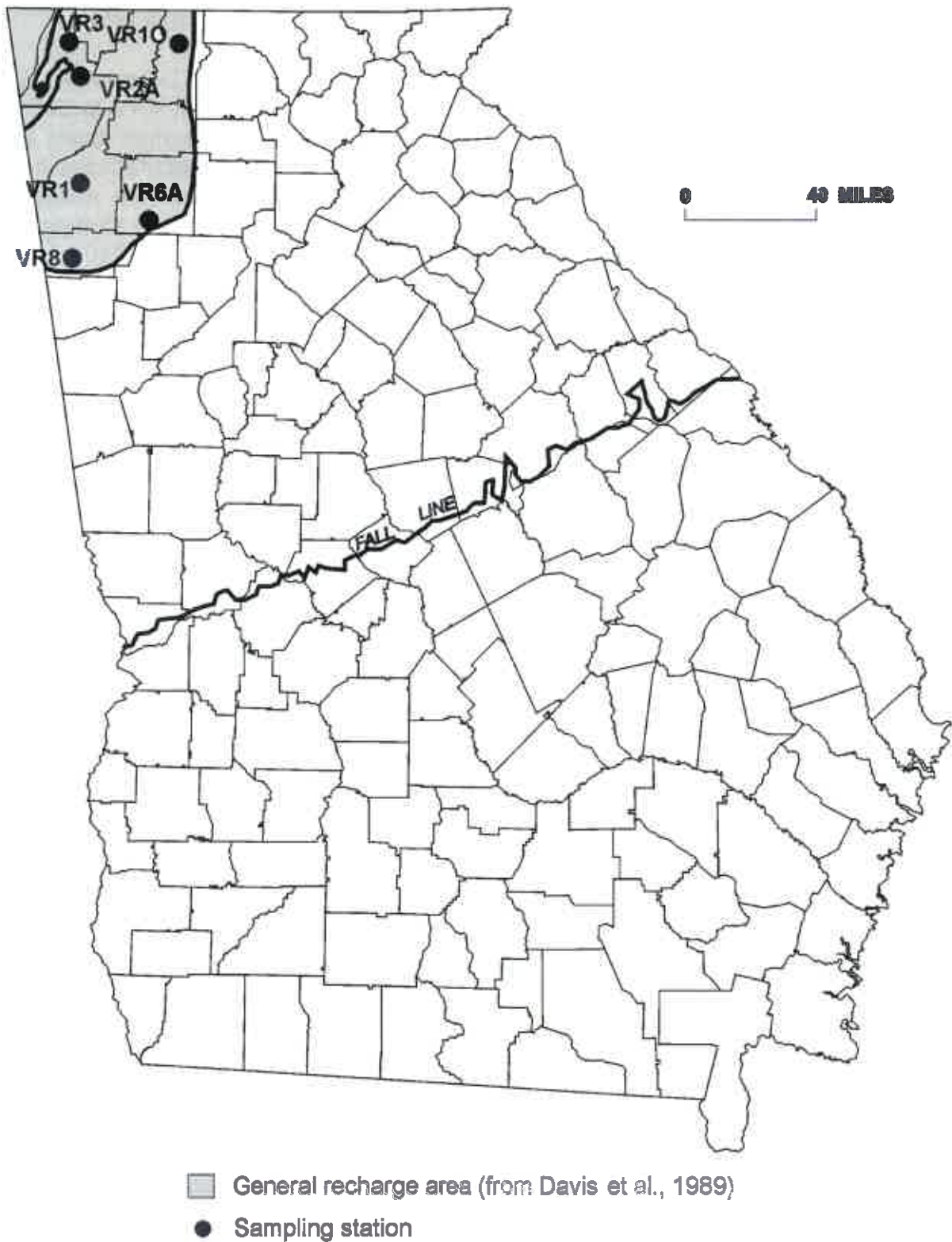
Neither chloride nor sulfate was detected in any of the sample waters. Phosphorus (0.02 mg/L) was detected in the sample from well VR6A. Detectable nitrate/nitrite was present in all of the sample waters and ranged from 0.70 mg/L as nitrogen in well VR1 to 1.80 mg/L as nitrogen in spring VR10. The sample from well VR6A was the only one to contain detectable VOCs. The compounds consisted of: 1,1-dichloroethylene at 1.7 ug/L (Primary MCL = 7 ug/L), tetrachloroethylene at 2.1 ug/L (Primary MCL = 5 ug/L), m-dichlorobenzene at 0.54 ug/L (no Primary MCL), o-dichlorobenzene at 1.7 ug/L (Primary MCL = 600 ug/L) and chlorobenzene at 0.51 ug/L (Primary MCL = 100 ug/L). The compounds, particularly the chlorinated ethylenes are used primarily as solvents. O-dichlorobenzene is additionally used as a starting material for some agricultural chemicals. The owner/user of well VR6A manufactures barium and strontium compounds and anthraquinone.

### **3.9.4 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Spectrometry (ICP)**

ICP analysis found calcium, iron, magnesium, and sodium in all samples. Detectable iron was present in one of the four samples from spring VR8 at 34 ug/L and in the sample from spring VR10 at 110 ug/L, all at levels below the Secondary MCL of 300 ug/L. Neither manganese nor aluminum was detected in any of the samples. Calcium levels ranged from 28,000 ug/L from well VR1 to 37,000 ug/L from spring VR2A. Magnesium levels ranged from 13,000 ug/L from spring VR2A to 18,000 ug/L from well VR6A. Sodium levels ranged from 1,300 ug/L from spring VR3 to 5,900 ug/L from well VR6A.

### ***3.9.5 Metals by Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICPMS)***

ICPMS analysis found barium, copper, lead and zinc. Detectable barium was present in all samples and ranged from 8.8 ug/L from well VR1 to 530 ug/L from well VR6A. All samples save the one from VR6A have barium levels below 100 ug/L. Well VR6A furnishes process water to a firm that manufactures barium and strontium compounds and is situated in an area that sees the mining and processing of barite. Copper at a level of 6.0 ug/L, lead at a level of 11.0 ug/L and zinc at a level of 22.0 ug/L were all found in the sample from spring VR10. A spigot in the treatment house near the spring head or related plumbing may have contributed these three metals. This spigot is the only source of untreated water from the spring.



**Figure 3-9. Locations of Stations Monitoring the Valley-and-Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Aquifer System.**



## **CHAPTER 4 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

EPD personnel collected 144 water samples from 76 wells and six springs on the Ground-Water Monitoring Network during the calendar year 2014. The samples were analyzed for VOCs, chloride, sulfate, nitrate/nitrite, total phosphorus, 15 trace metals by ICPMS analysis, and 11 major metals by ICP analysis. Waters from two neighboring stations in the central Piedmont received analyses for fluoride because one of the stations was known to produce water with excessive levels of that ion. These wells and springs monitor the water quality of eight major aquifers and aquifer systems as considered for this report in Georgia:

Cretaceous/Providence aquifer system,

Clayton aquifer,

Claiborne aquifer,

Jacksonian aquifer

Floridan aquifer system,

Miocene/Recent aquifer system,

Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system,

Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau aquifer system.

### **4.1 PHYSICAL PARAMETERS AND pH**

#### **4.1.1 pH**

The Cretaceous/Providence aquifer system, developed in Coastal Plain sands, furnished waters with the overall lowest pHs. This aquifer system featured only three wells yielding waters with basic pHs.

Not many stations were available to sample wells tapping the Clayton, Claiborne, or Jacksonian aquifers. However, the results are these: 1) Clayton – acidic – as expected for updip portions of the aquifer, downdip portions should be basic; 2) Claiborne – one basic, two acidic – one acidic-yielding well is shallow and updip in sands; basic-yielding well is deeper and probably penetrates some limey sand or limestone; 3) Jacksonian – two basic, two acidic and one neutral – basic and neutral waters should be expected from limey sands.

The Floridan aquifer system, as might be expected for carbonate-rock aquifers, gave waters with mildly basic pHs. Waters from the Floridan are the most basic in pH of any in the study.

The Miocene aquifer system is developed in sands. However, these may include shelly detritus in some places (evident at surface excavations near well MI17 and at coastal well MI16). Dissolution of such detritus is capable of raising the pHs of ground waters in such areas, giving water from this well a mildly basic pH. In places where such shelly matter is not available, waters emerge with low pHs, as at well MI2A.

Sample-water pHs in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge are general mildly acidic, with 12 out of 51 sample measurements exceeding a pH of 7.00.

The Valley-and-Ridge/Appalachian Plateau sampling stations are all located in the Valley-and-Ridge sector. With carbonate rocks being the major aquifer media, samples from the sector would be expected to be mildly basic. Of the nine samples taken in the sector, four were acidic, but three of the four were close to neutral: two from two of the three annually sampled springs and two from a quarterly sampled spring. Three of six stations, thus, gave acidic water, in contrast to the Floridan aquifer, where all 27 stations yielded basic samples. The seeming unusual high incidence of acidic water may be due to a larger amount of typically acidic precipitation entering the springs' flow systems than the carbonate bedrock can neutralize.

The very acidic pHs of the sample waters in the updip portions of the Jacksonian, Clayton, Claiborne, and, particularly, the Cretaceous/Providence can face metal plumbing with leaching and corrosion problems. Such waters may contain elevated or excessive, but not naturally occurring, levels of lead, copper, and zinc.

#### *4.1.2 Conductivity*

Conductivity in ground waters from the sandy Cretaceous/ Providence aquifer system seems to be highest for the deeper wells near the Chattahoochee River. Overall, conductivities are relatively low, in the range of lower tens of microsiemens.

Similar conductivities can be found in waters from the updip portions of the Clayton and Claiborne aquifers, where the media consist mostly of sand. For the Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer system, low conductivities could be associated with ground waters hosted by quartzites or quartz veins. High conductivities may arise in waters in deep flow regimes where waters are long in contact with granitic and other reactive host rocks.

Conductivities of ground waters in the Floridan and other carbonate rock aquifers are generally higher than those in siliceous rocks. This condition results from the dissolution of carbonate minerals, in cases augmented by dissolution of intergranular sulfate, where dissolved sulfate will also be present in the water.

### **4.1.3 Temperature**

Ground-water temperatures measured under the current sampling procedure are only approximations of the actual ground-water temperature, as some heating can result from the action of pumping and heating or cooling can result from exposure to ambient surface conditions. Nevertheless, ground waters from shallower wells in the northern part of the State are overall somewhat cooler than those from the southern part; and those from wells much deeper than about 400 to 500 feet show effects from geothermal warming.

## **4.2 ANIONS, NON-METALS AND VOCS**

### **4.2.1 Chloride and Fluoride**

Water samples receive testing for fluoride only at Piedmont/Blue Ridge stations P12A, a mineral spring and well P23, a nearby well. All four samples from spring P12A exceeded the Primary MCL for fluoride. Testing more stations for fluoride could provide a better base level assessment of fluoride contents in the State's ambient ground waters.

Chloride at currently detectable levels is not too common in ambient ground waters. Abundance seems to be largest in the Miocene/Surficial, with two of six stations of less than 100 feet depth giving water with detectable chloride. Chloride is also relatively abundant in Piedmont/Blue Ridge waters, detected at four out of 21 stations, and in deeper Floridan waters, detected at six out of 27 stations. The Floridan occurrences seem restricted to the Gulf Trough and Coastal areas, with the Coastal area sample from well PA9C giving the study's only Secondary MCL exceedance for chloride.

### **4.2.2 Sulfate**

Sulfate is more widespread than chloride. Sulfate is more abundant in deeper waters, with the shallowest occurrence, aside from Piedmont/Blue Ridge mineral spring P12A, being 200 feet-deep well J6. The substance seems more abundant in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge, occurring in detectable amounts in waters from nine of 21 stations. Sulfate also has considerable presence in Floridan sample waters (detectable at 11 out of 27 stations), and in Jacksonian sample waters (2 out of 5 stations). The sample from Piedmont well P32 yielded the study's highest overall sulfate content and a Secondary MCL exceedance. The lowest incidences of detectable sulfate were in the Miocene/Surficial at one of six stations.

### **4.2.3 Nitrate/Nitrite**

Eighty-four samples from 50 of the 82 stations sampled for this project contained detectable nitrate/nitrite. At least one sampling station drawing from each of the aquifers and aquifer systems discussed in this report gave a sample with detectable nitrate/nitrite. The combined substances are most widespread among the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau samples, where all stations gave samples containing detectable amounts. The combined substances are also widespread in Piedmont/Blue Ridge and Floridan waters. The three highest concentrations of nitrate/nitrite (44 mg/L at well MI9A, 5.9 mg/L at well MI2A and 3.8 mg/L at well J8A) occurred at Miocene/Surficial and Jacksonian stations. The first sample exceeded Primary MCL of 10 mg/L as nitrogen, and, the next two exceeded the 3 mg/L (as nitrogen) level generally considered to indicate human influence (Madison and Brunett, 1984; Gaskin et al., 2003).

Since nitrate/nitrite, an oxidant, becomes depleted the farther water travels away from oxidizing, near-surface environments and into reducing ones, a rude inverse relation exists between the concentration of the combined substances and well depths. The nitrate/nitrite concentrations in Floridan samples illustrate this: the combined substances are undetected in wells deeper than about 650 feet and reach a maximum concentration of 1.6 mg/L to 2.0 mg/L in four of four samples from well PA25, 174 feet deep. The situation in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge is less straightforward, as mineral spring P12A lacks detectable nitrate/nitrite and well P24 at 700 feet gives water with a concentration of 0.25 mg/L.

### **4.2.4 Phosphorus**

Analyses determine only total phosphorus; the method used (EPA Method 365.1) for testing cannot determine how the element is bound. There were three samples from three stations collected for the Claiborne, however this aquifer registered the highest mean phosphorus content of 0.29 mg/L. Of the more extensively sampled Piedmont/Blue Ridge and Floridan aquifer systems, the former registered a mean phosphorus content of 0.04 mg/L and the latter a content of 0.07 mg/L. The high phosphorus value for the Piedmont/Blue Ridge was 0.17 mg/L and the high for the Floridan was 3.0 mg/L, which was the highest value for all the aquifers. The apparent low phosphorus content occurred for the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau aquifer system with only one detection at .02 mg/L.

### **4.2.5 Dissolved Oxygen**

The measurement of dissolved oxygen contents is beset with some difficulties that can cause spurious values: instrument malfunction; aeration of well water due to cascading or to a pump's entraining air at low pumping water levels; measuring at spring pools or at sampling points that cannot be isolated from atmosphere. Nevertheless, measured dissolved oxygen generally decreases with well depth.

#### **4.2.6 Volatile Organic Compounds**

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found in eight samples from five wells (see Table 4-2). None exceeded their respective Primary MCLs. The trihalomethanes - chloroform, bromodichloromethane, chlorodibromomethane, and bromoform -- were the most widely occurring of the VOCs. These compounds result from halogen-bearing disinfectants reacting with organic matter naturally present in the water. Two scenarios accompany the occurrence of the compounds. The first involves disinfection of the well and plumbing components incident to maintenance or repairs, as took place in 2012 with well PA44. The second scenario involves leaking check valves or foot valves that allow disinfectant-treated water to flow back down the well when pumps are off, as apparently happened with well PA23.

Well VR6A yielded water containing chlorinated ethylene compounds. Sample water from VR6A also contained detectable chlorinated benzene compounds. The former are used as solvents; in addition to solvent uses, the latter can be used as disinfectants, fumigants, pesticides, and starters for manufacturing other compounds. The owner of well VR6A, Chemical Products Corporation, manufactures barium and strontium compounds.

### **4.3 ICP METALS**

Analysis using inductively coupled plasma spectrometry (ICP) works well for metals that occur in larger concentrations in ground water samples. Samples in this study were not filtered, so the method measured analytes that occurred in fine suspended matter as well as those occurring as solutes. The laboratory used the technique to test for aluminum, beryllium, calcium, cobalt, iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, titanium, and vanadium. No beryllium, cobalt, titanium, or vanadium occurred in any samples at detectable levels.

#### **4.3.1 Aluminum**

Aluminum, a common naturally occurring metal in the State's ground water may be present in particulate form or as a solute. Current sampling procedures do not allow separate analyses of particulates and solutes. For its Secondary MCL, aluminum is subject to a range of concentrations from 50 ug/L to 200 ug/L, depending on the ability of a water system to remove the metal from water undergoing treatment. The EPD laboratory's reporting level for the metal, 60 ug/L lies within the Secondary MCL range, placing any sample with detectable aluminum within the MCL range.

The metal appears to be most abundant in water samples with acidic pHs and, as a rule, is more concentrated the higher the acidity. The Miocene/Recent aquifer system, updip portions of the Cretaceous/Providence aquifer system, and updip

terrigenous clastic-rich portions of the Clayton aquifer are examples. Aquifers giving mildly basic samples such as the carbonate-hosted Floridan aquifer and carbonate portions of the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau aquifers produce few sample waters containing any detectable aluminum. The metal's abundance in bedrock waters from the Piedmont Blue Ridge aquifer system seems also low. Samples from deeper wells with more strongly basic pHs (approaching 8.00) may contain some detectable aluminum.

#### *4.3.2 Iron and Manganese*

Iron and manganese are also two more naturally occurring metals in Georgia's ground water. Both, like aluminum, may occur as fine particulates or as solutes. Both seem more abundant in acidic waters. Manganese also seems more abundant in waters with low dissolved oxygen contents. Sand units (e.g., the Cretaceous and updip Clayton) and shallower igneous /metamorphic bedrock give waters with the highest iron or manganese concentrations. Waters with the lowest concentrations are drawn from carbonate units (e.g., the Floridan and the carbonates in the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau province), which also usually have the higher pH waters.

#### *4.3.3 Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, and Potassium*

Calcium is most abundant in sample waters from the Jacksonian aquifer. Sample waters from the Floridan and the Piedmont/Blue Ridge aquifer systems also contain high calcium levels. The metal could be considered least abundant in samples from the Cretaceous/ Providence aquifer system. Only a single, updip sample is available from the Clayton aquifer, making this lowest average calcium content hardly representative.

Magnesium appears most abundant in the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau aquifer system and least abundant in the Cretaceous/Providence system. Again, the average magnesium value for the Clayton aquifer depends on a single sample and is not representative for the aquifer.

Detectable sodium is nearly ubiquitous. The metal is most abundant in waters from the Floridan and the Piedmont/Blue Ridge and least so in waters from the more updip Cretaceous.

The testing method used by the EPD laboratory to analyze for potassium is not very sensitive (reporting limit 5,000 ug/L), therefore detectable potassium was found in only seven samples from five stations – two samples from two stations each in the Floridan and Miocene and three samples from one station in the Piedmont/Blue Ridge.

Kellam and Gorday (1990) observed that Ca/Mg ratios are highest in the Floridan where recharge areas are closest. Their observation also applies to the Floridan in this

study, and a wide range of Ca/Mg ratios from indefinitely large (division by zero or a very small number) to 1.24 exists. However, for carbonate or carbonate-bearing aquifer media in the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau, the Jacksonian, the Claiborne, the Miocene/Surficial aquifers and aquifer systems the rule does not seem to apply. The ratios seem to cluster around 2.00 for the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau samples, and to range from 5.8 up to indefinitely large for the Jacksonian. The low number of sampling stations situated in these other aquifers or aquifer systems might cause the differences between Floridan Ca/Mg ratios and ratios for the other aquifers and aquifer systems to be apparent.

#### **4.4 ICPMS METALS**

The ICPMS method works well for most trace metals. Sample waters undergoing testing by this method, as with the samples subject to ICP testing, were unfiltered. The EPD laboratory tested for the following trace metals: chromium, nickel, copper, zinc, arsenic, selenium, molybdenum, silver, cadmium, tin, antimony, barium, thallium, lead and uranium. Silver, cadmium, tin, antimony, and thallium remained below detection in all samples. Of the remaining metals, only lead registered any levels above the action level.

##### *4.4.1 Chromium and Nickel*

Detectable chromium occurred in one sample from one Piedmont station. The station was well P28, a well at a 220-foot depth. This metal does occur naturally occasionally in the hard metamorphic igneous rocks of the Piedmont Providence.

##### *4.4.2 Arsenic, Selenium, Uranium, and Molybdenum*

Arsenic was detected in a sample from the Floridan (quarterly well PA23). The Floridan sample came from the Gulf Trough area of Grady County, the scene of other ground-water arsenic detections, some above the Primary MCL (10 ug/L) (Donahue et al., 2012). Selenium was found in a sample from the Miocene/Surficial (Well MI10B) and the Floridan aquifer system (PA9C). The element may accompany uranium in deposits formed from the reduction of oxic ground waters. Twelve samples from three Floridan stations are the only samples containing detectable molybdenum. The stations – PA23, PA28, and PA56 – are all Gulf Trough area wells. Like selenium, molybdenum can be associated with uranium in deposits formed through the reduction of oxic ground waters (Turner-Peterson and Hodges, 1986). Uranium appears to be most abundant in Piedmont/Blue Ridge, with 11 of 21 stations giving 31 of 51 samples containing detectable uranium. The remaining uranium detections were divided between the Floridan, with eleven samples from five stations containing detectable uranium, and the Cretaceous/Providence, with one station. Uranium minerals, sometimes accompanied by molybdenum and selenium minerals, can precipitate from oxic ground waters subjected to strong reduction.

#### **4.4.3 Copper, Lead, and Zinc**

Copper, lead, and zinc detections are more numerous in acidic samples. Copper did not exceed its action level nor zinc its Secondary MCL in any samples. Out of a total of 144 samples taken for the study, 42 samples with pHs below 7.00 contained detectable amounts of at least one of these metals. In contrast, only ten samples with basic pHs contained detectable amounts of any of these metals. Past experiences where two samples, each drawn from a different spigot, had different copper, zinc, and lead values, suggest that these metals are, at least in part, derived from plumbing. Therefore, the copper, lead, and zinc levels in the samples are not necessarily representative of those in the ambient ground water.

#### **4.4.4 Barium**

A possible effect of the sensitivity of the testing method, barium detections occur in almost every sample. Because, perhaps, nearby barite deposits and associated mining and processing activities greatly increased the barium level in ground water at station VR6A, a sample from that station has caused the Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau samples to have one of the highest average barium levels along with samples from the Floridan and Miocene/Surfacial aquifer systems. Ground water containing excessive barium (Primary MCL of 2,000 ug/L) has not been a problem since the in-town public well field, drawing from the Floridan at Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, closed in 1995.

### **4.5 CONTAMINATION OCCURENCES**

According to the Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 93-523, section 1401, Dec. 16, 1974) a "contaminant" is any "physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance in water" – almost anything except water itself. Some contaminants can be innocuous or even beneficial; others can be undesirable or harmful.

Modeled after limits USEPA has established concerning the quality of water offered for public consumption, the State established limits on certain contaminants in water for public use (Table 4-1). Some contaminants may endanger health, if present in sufficient concentrations. Two types of limits apply to such contaminants. The first, the Primary MCL, imposes mandatory limits applying to treated water at the point of its production. The second, the action level, sets forth mandatory limits that regulate copper and lead contents and apply to water at the point where the consumer can partake of it.

Secondary MCLs (Table 4-1) are suggested limits established for substances imparting only unpleasant qualities to water. The unpleasant qualities include bad taste and staining ability -- such as with iron and manganese -- and cosmetic effects – such as with silver.



#### *4.5.1 Primary MCL and Action Level Exceedances*

One well and one spring produced samples with substances that exceeded Primary MCLs or action levels (Table 4-1). Mineral spring P12A gave four samples that exceeded the Primary MCL for fluoride (4 mg/L). The spring has, in the past, regularly given samples that fall in a range from 4 mg/L to a little above 5 ug/L fluoride. The fluoride is almost certainly natural.

Nitrate/nitrite exceeded its Primary MCL of 10 mg/L as nitrogen in well MI9A. The well, a former garden well, 22 feet deep and located adjacent to a row-crop field, has yielded water with excessive nitrate/nitrite before.

#### *4.5.2 Secondary MCL Exceedances*

Substances occurring in excess of Secondary MCLs (Table 4-1) consisted of manganese, iron, aluminum, sulfate, and chloride. Manganese, aluminum, and iron are common naturally occurring metals in Georgia's ground water.

Manganese exceeded its MCL in 21 samples from 10 wells. Four of the wells were quarterly (P21, P35, P37, PA34A) and three gave four samples and one gave three of four samples with excessive manganese.

The Secondary MCL for aluminum is established as a range, varying from 50 ug/L to 200 ug/L. The range is designed to accommodate varying ability of water treatment facilities at removing aluminum from treated water. This is a consequence of a tradeoff between introducing into treated water coagulants, which contain soluble aluminum, versus impaired removal of suspended aluminum-bearing contaminants. The aluminum present in waters covered by this study is naturally occurring rather than introduced. Of additional note, water in shallow wells may experience an increase in suspended matter (turbidity) during prolonged rain events, which may result in an increased aluminum value because of suspended material. Aluminum excesses, those which exceeded the 50 ug/L level (most ground water used for public consumption lacks measureable suspended matter), were found in 12 samples from ten wells. Aluminum excesses were the most consistent in the domestic bored Piedmont regolith well P33.

Iron equaled or exceeded its Secondary MCL in twelve samples from eleven wells. Iron is another common naturally occurring contaminant in Georgia's ground water. Three of the wells are quarterly (P25, P33 and P37) and each had detectable iron in every quarterly sample. However, two of the quarterly wells (P25 and P37) only had one sample that exceeded the iron Secondary MCL and the other (P33) had two quarterly samples that exceeded the iron Secondary MCL.

Well P32 gave two samples with excessive sulfate and well PA9C gave a sample with excessive sulfate and excessive chloride.

**Table 4-1. Contaminant Exceedances, Calendar Year 2014.**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Type Source</b>	<b>Date Sampled</b>
<b><i>Primary MCL and Copper/Lead Action Level Exceedances</i></b>				
MI9A	Nitrate/nitrite = 44 mg/L as N	10 mg/L	domestic well	07/22/14
P12A	Fluoride = 5.0 mg/L	4 mg/L	mineral spring	01/13/14
P12A	Fluoride = 4.8 mg/L	4 mg/L	mineral spring	04/09/14
P12A	Fluoride = 4.4 mg/L	4 mg/L	mineral spring	07/09/14
P12A	Fluoride = 4.7 mg/L	4 mg/L	mineral spring	10/08/14
<b><i>Secondary MCL Exceedances</i></b>				
P35	Manganese = 130 ug/L	50 ug/L	domestic well	07/08/14
P35	Manganese = 120 ug/L	50 ug/L	domestic well	01/14/14
P35	Manganese = 120 ug/L	50 ug/L	domestic well	10/07/14
P37	Manganese = 99 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	10/07/14
PA34A	Manganese = 99 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	11/05/14
PA34A	Manganese = 97 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	09/16/14
PA34A	Manganese = 96 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	02/25/14
PA34A	Manganese = 92 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	05/14/14
P37	Manganese = 79 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	01/14/14
P37	Manganese = 78 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	07/08/14
P37	Manganese = 73 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	04/09/14
MI10B	Manganese = 73 ug/L	50 ug/L	domestic well	09/03/14
P21	Manganese = 70 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	02/25/14
MI9A	Manganese = 60 ug/L	50 ug/L	domestic well	07/22/14
PA18	Manganese = 59 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	04/08/14
CL4A	Manganese = 58 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
P21	Manganese = 55 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	11/05/14

**Table 4-1 Continued. Contaminant Exceedances, Calendar Year 2014**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Type Source</b>	<b>Date Sampled</b>
<b><i>Secondary MCL Exceedances Continued</i></b>				
CL8	Manganese = 52 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
P21	Manganese = 52 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	08/07/14
PA16	Manganese = 52 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	04/08/14
P21	Manganese = 50 ug/L	50 ug/L	public well	04/23/14
K9A	Aluminum = 300 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
K12	Aluminum = 260 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	public well	05/29/14
MI9A	Aluminum = 250 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	07/22/14
P33	Aluminum = 240 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	01/14/14
P33	Aluminum = 200 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	04/09/14
PA56	Aluminum = 150 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	public well	06/10/14
PA36	Aluminum = 130 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	public well	08/07/14
MI2A	Aluminum = 120 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	09/03/14
BR1B	Aluminum = 90 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	public well	05/13/14
J8A	Aluminum = 73 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	02/26/14
CT8	Aluminum = 64 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	05/29/14
P33	Aluminum = 62 ug/L	50-200 ug/L	domestic well	10/07/14
CL4A	Iron = 2,000 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
MI10B	Iron = 1,600 ug/L	300 ug/L	domestic well	09/03/14
P39	Iron = 1,100 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	12/23/14
PA9C	Iron = 910 ug/L	300 ug/L	former test	08/07/14
K21	Iron = 720 ug/L	300 ug/L	domestic well	10/09/14
P37	Iron = 700 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	10/07/14
CL8	Iron = 650 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
P25	Iron = 390 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	10/08/14

<b>Table 4-1 Continued. Contaminant Exceedances, Calendar Year 2014</b>				
<b>Station</b>	<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Type Source</b>	<b>Date Sampled</b>
<b>Secondary MCL Exceedances Continued</b>				
P33	Iron = 370 ug/L	300 ug/L	domestic well	04/09/14
K9A	Iron = 310 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	01/22/14
K3	Iron = 310 ug/L	300 ug/L	public well	05/14/14
P33	Iron = 300 ug/L	300 ug/L	domestic well	10/07/14
P32	Sulfate = 450 mg/L	250 mg/L	domestic well	04/09/14
P32	Sulfate = 440 mg/L	250 mg/L	domestic well	10/07/14
PA9C	Sulfate = 270 mg/L	250 mg/L	former test	08/07/14
PA9C	Chloride = 790 mg/L	250 mg/L	former test	08/07/14

**(The alphabetic prefix in a station number indicates the aquifer/aquifer system tapped: CL=Claiborne, J=Jacksonian, K=Cretaceous, P=Piedmont/Blue Ridge, PA=Floridan, CT=Clayton, VR=Valley and Ridge, M=Miocene)**

#### **4.5.3 Volatile Organic Compounds**

Trihalomethanes are the most common of the VOCs detected (Table 4-2). Bromodichloromethane, the most commonly detected of the VOCs, was present in seven samples from four stations. Chloroform and dibromochloromethane are next, with six detections apiece in three stations. Detectable bromoform occurred in one sample from one station. In ground water, these compounds originate as by-products when halogenous disinfectants react with naturally-occurring organic matter present in the water. The disinfectants are introduced to the water through cleaning processes incident to well maintenance or through leaky check valves or foot valves allowing treated water down a well during normal operation.

One station (VR6A) gave a sample containing detectable tetrachloroethylene, 1,1-dichloroethylene, m-dichlorobenzene, o-dichlorobenzene and chlorobenzene. Well VR6A, an industrial process water well, is in an industrial area and is within about two miles of former and current landfills. The former landfills utilized unlined exhausted barite pits. Cressler et al. (1979) had warned of the danger of using these sorts of pits for waste disposal in the Cartersville area because of the karstic bedrock. However, the source of the VOCs at station VR6A is uncertain.

**Table 4-2. VOC Detection Incidents, Calendar Year 2014.**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Constituents</b>	<b>Primary MCL</b>	<b>Type Source</b>	<b>Date Sampled</b>
GWN-J4	bromodichloromethane = 0.50 ug/L	See note	public	05/14/14
GWN-PA17	chloroform = 2.50 ug/L	See note	public	04/08/14
	bromodichloromethane = 1.80 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 1.30 ug/L			
GWN-PA23	chloroform = 1.10 ug/L	See note	public	01/15/14
	bromodichloromethane = 0.63 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 0.82 ug/L			
GWN-PA23	chloroform = 1.90 ug/L	See note	public	04/23/14
	bromodichloromethane = 1.40 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 1.50 ug/L			
	bromoform = 0.60 ug/L			
GWN-PA23	chloroform = 2.00 ug/L	See note	public	07/22/14
	bromodichloromethane = 1.60 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 1.50 ug/L			
GWN-PA23	chloroform = 3.70 ug/L	See note	public	10/21/14
	bromodichloromethane = 1.70 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 1.30 ug/L			
GWN-PA28	chloroform = 0.70 ug/L	See note	public	01/15/14
	bromodichloromethane = 0.59 ug/L			
	dibromochloromethane = 0.73 ug/L			
GWN-VR6A	1,1 dichloroethylene = 1.70 ug/L	7 ug/L	public	06/25/14
	tetrachloroethylene = 2.10 ug/L	5 ug/L		
	chlorobenzene = 0.51	100 ug/L		
	o - dichlorobenzene = 1.70 ug/L	600 ug/L		
	m - dichlorobenzene = 0.54 ug/L	No MCL		

## **4.6 GENERAL QUALITY**

A review of the analyses of the water samples collected during calendar year 2014 indicates that the chemical quality of ground water sampled for most of the Ground-Water Monitoring Network stations is quite good.

However, as mentioned in Chapter 1, areas of elevated risk for low-quality ground water exist:

- 1) Valley and Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Province – surface influence;
- 2) Piedmont/Blue Ridge Province – in areas excluding the eastern metavolcanic terranes - uranium;
- 3) Coastal Plain agricultural areas – high nitrate/nitrite;
- 4) Coastal Plain, Dougherty Plain – surface influence;
- 5) Coastal Plain, Gulf Trough – high total dissolved solids, especially sulfate – high radionuclides, high barium, high arsenic;
- 6) Coastal Plain, Atlantic coast area – saline water influx.

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## LABORATORY AND STATION DATA

Tables A-1 through A-8 list the values for both laboratory parameters and field parameters for each well or spring. The following abbreviations are used on these tables:

### Parameters and Units of Measure

Cl	= chloride	ND	= not detected
cond.	= conductivity	NG	= not given
diss O2	= dissolved oxygen	NOx	= nitrate/nitrite
F	= fluoride	P	= total phosphorus
ICP	= inductively coupled plasma (emission) spectroscopy	SO4	= sulfate
ICPMS	= inductively coupled plasma/mass spectrometry	Temp.	= temperature
mg/L	= milligrams per liter	ug/L	= micrograms per liter
mgN/L	= milligrams per liter as nitrogen	uS/cm	= microSiemenses per centimeter
NA	= not available; not analyzed	VOC	= volatile organic compound

### Volatile Organic Compounds

1,1dce	= 1,1-dichloroethylene	mdcb	= m-dichlorobenzene
bdcn	= bromodichloromethane	odcb	= o-dichlorobenzene
dbcm	= dibromochloromethane	pdcb	= p-dichlorobenzene
pce	= tetrachloroethylene	tbn	= bromoform
cb	= chlorobenzene	tcm	= chloroform

Table A-9 gives the reporting limits for the various analytes. The abbreviations used for Tables A-1 through A-8 also apply to Table A-9.

**Table A-1. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Cretaceous/Providence Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-K3 Washington	Sandersville Well #7B	687	NG	NG	05/14/14	5.29	111	4.94	20.95	ND	ND	10	0.02	0.16
GWN-K8 Twiggs	Kalkin Well #6	400	NG	NG	08/24/14	4.73	43	5.65	20.22	ND	ND	ND	0.03	ND
GWN-K7 Jones	Jones County #4	128	NG	NG	08/24/14	4.31	33	7.03	17.81	ND	ND	ND	0.46	ND
GWN-K8A Macon	Marshallville Well #2	550	NG	NG	01/22/14	4.22	49	NA	18.94	ND	ND	ND	0.04	ND
GWN-K10B Peach	Fort Valley Well #6	600	NG	NG	01/22/14	4.98	20	7.87	18.35	ND	ND	ND	0.69	ND
GWN-K11A Houston	Warner Robins Well #2	540	NG	NG	01/22/14	4.47	22	7.67	18.65	ND	ND	ND	0.8	ND
GWN-K12 Houston	Perry/Holiday Inn Well	550	NG	NG	05/29/14	4.95	45	5.72	21.86	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.11
GWN-K19 Richmond	Heptzabath/Murphy Street Well	484	NG	NG	04/22/14	4.16	17	9.04	19.85	ND	ND	ND	0.12	ND
GWN-K20 Sumter	Plains Well #7	1000	NG	NG	01/22/14	7.52	128	NA	27.70	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.16
GWN-K21 Baldwin	Chambers House Well	NG	NG	NG	10/09/14	4.86	40	0.83	19.31	ND	ND	11	ND	ND
GWN-PD2A Webster	Praeton Well #4	205	NG	NG	01/22/14	5.32	49	6.02	19.55	ND	ND	ND	0.84	0.03
GWN-PD3 Clay	Fort Gaines Well #2	456	NG	NG	06/10/14	7.80	358	1.02	21.71	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.02
GWN-PD6 Early	Blakely Well #4	1025	NG	NG	06/10/14	7.86	340	NA	25.85	ND	ND	13	0.33	0.02

**Table A-1. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Cretaceous Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No. County	Chro- mium ug/L	Nick- el ug/L	Cop- per ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arse- nic ug/L	Selen- ium ug/L	Molyb- denum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cad- mium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Anti- mony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thal- ium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Ura- nium ug/L	Alumi- num ug/L	Beryl- ium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Co- balt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potas- sium ug/L	Magne- sium ug/L	Mange- nese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Tita- nium ug/L	Vane- dium ug/L
GWN-K3 Washington	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	21	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	17,000	ND	310	ND	1,500	33	2,400	ND	ND
GWN-K6 Twiggs	ND	ND	6.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	1.1	ND	ND	4,100	ND	25	ND	ND	ND	2,900	ND	ND
GWN-K7 Jones	ND	ND	7.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22	ND	1.7	ND	ND	ND	2,900	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,900	ND	ND
GWN-K9A Macon	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3.2	ND	1.5	ND	300	ND	ND	ND	310	ND	ND	ND	1,100	ND	ND
GWN-K10B Peach	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,200	ND	ND
GWN-K11A Houston	ND	ND	13	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	6.3	ND	2.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	1,500	ND	ND
GWN-K12 Houston	ND	ND	11	18	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.7	ND	3.1	ND	260	ND	5,700	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	1,400	ND	ND
GWN-K19 Richmond	ND	ND	6.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.7	ND	1.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,200	ND	ND
GWN-K20 Sumter	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,700	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23,000	ND	ND
GWN-K21 Baldwin	ND	ND	13	24	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	41	ND	4.0	ND	ND	ND	1,500	ND	720	ND	ND	41	1,300	ND	ND
GWN-PD2A Webster	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	19	ND	2.8	ND	ND	ND	5,600	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1,400	ND	ND
GWN-PD3 Clay	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	6,100	ND	ND	ND	1,100	ND	80,000	ND	ND
GWN-PD6 Early	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8,300	ND	ND	ND	4,100	ND	68,000	ND	ND

**Table A-2. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Clayton Station.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	dis O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs µg/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg NL	P mg/L
GWN-CTB Schley	Weatherby House Well	80	NG	NG	05/29/14	3.97	40	7.88	18.21	ND	ND	ND	1.3	ND

**Table A-2. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Clayton Station.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium	Nickel	Copper	Zinc	Arsenic	Selenium	Molybdenum	Silver	Cadmium	Tin	Antimony	Barium	Thallium	Lead	Uranium	Aluminum	Barium	Calcium	Cobalt	Iron	Potassium	Magnesium	Manganese	Sodium	Titanium	Vanadium
County	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L
GWN-CT8 Schley	ND	ND	19	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	18	ND	2.4	ND	64	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20	2,900	ND	ND

**Table A-3. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Claiborne Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	dis O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NO3 mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-CL2 Deeely	Unadilla Well #3	315	315	24	01/22/14	7.32	207	3.81	20.46	ND	ND	ND	0.46	ND
GWN-CL4A Sumner	Plains Well #6	230	NG	NG	01/22/14	6.54	160	NA	18.63	ND	ND	12	ND	0.35
GWN-CL6 Deeely	Flint River Nursery Office Well	90	NG	NG	01/22/14	6.22	86	0.66	19.95	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.51



**Table A-3. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Claiborne Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium	Nickel	Copper	Zinc	Arsenic	Selenium	Molybdenum	Silver	Cadmium	Tin	Antimony	Boron	Thallium	Lead	Uranium	Aluminum	Beryllium	Calcium	Cobalt	Iron	Potassium	Magnesium	Manganese	Sodium	Vanadium
GWN-CL2 Dooly	ND	ND	6.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	41,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,000	ND
GWN-CL4A Sumter	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	14.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22,000	ND	2,000	ND	3,100	58	1,800	ND
GWN-CL8 Dooly	ND	ND	26	44	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	36	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12,000	ND	650	ND	1,200	52	1,800	ND

**Table A-4. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Jacksonian Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg NL	P mg/L
GWN-11B Jefferson	McNair House Well	-80	NG	NG	02/28/14	7.36	291	4.86	19.53	ND	ND	ND	2.6	0.05
GWN-14 Johnson	Wrightsville #4	520	NG	8	05/14/14	7.00	278	3.03	21.26	bdcm=0.60	ND	ND	0.47	0.03
GWN-15 Blacley	Cochran #3	307	NG	NG	02/27/14	7.41	365	1.19	21.10	ND	ND	13	ND	0.03
GWN-16 Jefferson	Wrans #4	200	NG	NG	02/28/14	6.84	278	1.04	19.93	ND	ND	13	ND	0.15
GWN-16A Jefferson	Karrn House Well II	100	NG	NG	02/28/14	5.53	77	8.56	20.48	ND	ND	ND	3.80	ND

**Table A-4. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Jacksonian Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-J1B Jefferson	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	ND	52,000	ND	52	ND	ND	ND	4,600	ND	ND
GWN-J4 Johnson	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	49,000	ND	ND	ND	2,300	ND	3,100	ND	ND
GWN-J5 Bleckley	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	65,000	ND	ND	ND	2,500	36	3,400	ND	ND
GWN-J6 Jefferson	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	51,000	ND	150	ND	1,500	ND	2,000	ND	ND
GWN-J8A Jefferson	ND	ND	20	ND	ND	ND	0.87	27	ND	ND	ND	73	6,400	ND	36	ND	1,100	37	4,100	ND	ND

**Table A-5. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification , Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs µg/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-PA2 Chatham	Savannah Well #13	1004	NG	NG	08/19/14	7.58	298	8.85	24.08	ND	11	ND	ND	0.04
GWN-PA4 Chatham	Tybee Island Well #1	402	NG	NG	08/19/14	7.85	698	NA	23.10	ND	45	150	ND	0.04
GWN-PA5 Liberty	Interstate Paper Well #1	810	NG	NG	11/19/14	7.96	430	NA	23.83	ND	ND	34	ND	0.02
GWN-PA6 Liberty	Hinesville Well #5	806	NG	NG	11/19/14	7.93	378	1.38	24.45	ND	ND	23	ND	0.02
GWN-PA9C Glynn	Miller Ball Park North East Well	1211	NG	NG	08/07/14	7.88	1,770	1.23	25.64	ND	790	270	ND	0.02
GWN-PA13 Ware	Waycross Well #3	775	NG	NG	03/28/14	7.42	460	7.49	25.07	ND	14	53	ND	0.02
GWN-PA14A Blancoh	Statesboro Well #4	413	NG	NG	04/09/14 06/24/14 09/18/14 11/05/14	7.71 7.71 7.65 7.82	253 250 248 280	NA NA NA NA	23.16 23.89 23.77 23.29	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	0.03 0.03 0.03 0.02
GWN-PA16 Jenkins	Millen Well #1	500	NG	NG	04/09/14	7.41	291	0.87	21.21	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA17 Emanuel	Swainsboro Well #7	280	NG	NG	04/09/14	7.23	282	6.59	17.32	form=2.5 bocam=1.8 dbcam=1.3	ND	ND	0.03	ND
GWN-PA18 Candler	Metter Well #2	540	NG	NG	04/09/14	7.84	217	2.47	21.64	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA20 Lanier	Lakeland Well #2	340	NG	NG	03/28/14	7.42	413	0.84	21.51	ND	ND	63	ND	0.07
GWN-PA22 Thomas	Thomasville Well #6	400	NG	NG	09/03/14	7.15	404	4.61	22.69	ND	ND	67	0.17	ND

**Table A-5. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No. County	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Beryllium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Thorium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-PA2 Chatham	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23,000	ND	ND	ND	9,700	ND	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA4 Chatham	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	38,000	ND	ND	5,000	29,000	ND	57,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA5 Liberty	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	28	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	27,000	ND	ND	ND	18,000	ND	17,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA6 Liberty	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24,000	ND	ND	ND	13,000	ND	15,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA9C Glynn	ND	ND	ND	120	ND	7.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	62	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	110,000	ND	910	9,000	63,000	ND	430,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA13 Ware	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	71	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	41,000	ND	ND	ND	18,000	ND	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA14A Bulloch	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	34,000	ND	ND	ND	6,500	ND	7,300	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	35,000	ND	ND	ND	6,700	ND	7,200	ND	ND
	ND	ND	6.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	6,500	ND	7,300	ND	ND
	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.9	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	36,000	ND	ND	ND	7,000	ND	7,600	ND	ND
GWN-PA16 Jenkins	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	46,000	ND	ND	ND	3,300	52	5,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA17 Emanuel	ND	ND	6.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	48,000	ND	ND	ND	2,500	ND	3,500	ND	ND
GWN-PA18 Candler	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	29,000	ND	ND	ND	3,300	59	9,900	ND	ND
GWN-PA20 Lanier	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	28	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	42,000	ND	36	ND	16,000	ND	4,600	ND	ND
GWN-PA22 Thomas	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	25	ND	ND	1.3	ND	ND	43,000	ND	ND	ND	21,000	ND	6,900	ND	ND

**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification , Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg NL	P mg/L
GWN-PA23 Grady	Cairo #8	465	NG	NG	01/15/14	7.81	387	2.32	23.25	tan=1.1 bdcm=0.63 dbcm=0.82	ND	48	0.02	ND
					04/23/14	7.85	369	2.49	23.62	tan=1.9 bdcm=1.4 dbcm=1.5 tcm=0.6	ND	48	ND	ND
					07/22/14	7.44	398	5.84	23.14	tan=2.0 bdcm=1.6 dbcm=1.5	ND	46	0.02	ND
GWN-PA25 Seminole	Donalsonville / 7th Street Well	174	NG	NG	03/26/14	7.53	296	5.28	21.56	ND	ND	ND	1.7	ND
					08/10/14	6.88	294	5.97	21.20	ND	ND	2.0	ND	
					08/03/14	6.77	294	5.69	21.19	ND	ND	1.8	0.08	
					12/09/14	7.56	NA	NA	21.03	ND	ND	1.7	ND	
GWN-PA27 Mitchell	Camilla Industrial Park Well	360	NG	NG	07/22/14	7.30	241	8.28	20.48	ND	ND	ND	0.31	ND
					01/15/14	8.00	493	1.02	23.98	tan=0.7 bdcm=0.59 dbcm=0.73	11	120	ND	0.02
GWN-PA28 Colquitt	Moultrie Well #1	750	NG	NG	04/23/14	8.06	448	0.67	24.61	ND	ND	84	ND	ND
					07/22/14	7.63	509	7.06	23.74	ND	11	110	ND	ND
					10/21/14	7.59	477	1.5	23.63	ND	12	120	ND	ND
GWN-PA29 Cook	Adel Well #6	405	NG	NG	01/15/14	7.90	374	0.62	22.83	ND	ND	69	ND	0.08
					04/23/14	7.86	383	0.64	23.11	ND	ND	75	ND	0.04
					07/23/14	NA	405	NA	22.01	ND	ND	76	ND	0.04
					10/21/14	7.24	406	1.09	22.24	ND	ND	86	ND	0.04

**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Beryllium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-PA23 Grady	ND	ND	ND	8.0	ND	37	140	ND	ND	ND	ND	140	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	17,000	ND	13,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	9.1	ND	37	120	ND	ND	ND	ND	120	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	36,000	ND	40	ND	18,000	ND	14,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	85	28	6.3	28	120	ND	ND	ND	ND	120	ND	8.9	ND	ND	ND	38,000	ND	85	ND	18,000	ND	14,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	7.8	ND	41	130	ND	ND	ND	ND	130	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	35,000	ND	44	ND	16,000	ND	14,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA25 Seminole	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	60,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,600	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	56,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,500	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	57,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,500	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	59,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	3,700	ND	ND
GWN-PA27 Mitchell	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	46,000	ND	ND	ND	1,400	ND	1,800	ND	ND
GWN-PA28 Cokquitt	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	37	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	38,000	ND	ND	ND	23,000	ND	28,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	42	83	ND	ND	ND	ND	83	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	35,000	ND	ND	ND	21,000	ND	27,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	72	98	ND	ND	ND	ND	98	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	38,000	ND	ND	ND	23,000	ND	27,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	38	95	ND	ND	ND	ND	95	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	37,000	ND	ND	ND	23,000	ND	28,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA29 Cook	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	47,000	ND	35	ND	18,000	16	3,400	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	49,000	ND	38	ND	18,000	15	3,500	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	50,000	ND	37	ND	18,000	16	3,600	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	49,000	ND	40	ND	18,000	15	3,700	ND	ND

**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification , Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date asampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	dis O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-PA31 Tift	Tifton Well #6	652	NG	NG	01/15/14	7.80	281	1.86	22.40	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.04
GWN-PA32 Irwin	Ocala Well #3	637	NG	NG	03/26/14	7.50	241	0.80	21.00	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.02
GWN-PA34A Telfair	McRae Well #3	600	NG	NG	02/25/14 05/14/14 09/18/14 11/05/14	7.70 7.17 7.32 7.66	331 328 332 375	8.44 4.63 1.97 1.35	22.35 22.36 22.36 22.29	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND 0.03 ND ND
GWN-PA36 Toombs	Vidalia Well #1	808	NG	NG	02/25/14 05/14/14 08/07/14 11/05/14	8.05 6.48 7.76 8.11	228 236 222 260	8.03 7.26 8.56 1.56	23.37 23.45 23.46 23.11	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	0.02 3.0 ND ND
GWN-PA38 Dodge	Eastman Well #4	410	NG	NG	02/27/14	7.64	244	4.89	21.30	ND	ND	ND	0.29	0.02
GWN-PA39 Worth	Sylvester Well #1	198	NG	NG	03/26/14	7.13	326	1.75	21.68	ND	ND	ND	0.03	0.03
GWN-PA41A Turner	Ashburn #4	600	NG	NG	05/29/14	7.80	157	6.04	22.20	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA44 Turner	Sycamore Well #2	501	NG	NG	01/16/14 05/29/14 07/23/14 10/21/14	7.76 7.53 7.25 7.41	203 195 203 194	3.46 3.90 8.98 5.09	21.87 21.35 21.51 21.40	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	0.25 0.25 0.24 0.24	0.02 ND ND ND



**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Barium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L	
GWN-PA31 Tift	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	79	ND	ND	1.7	ND	ND	45,000	ND	ND	ND	8,900	ND	2,500	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA32 Irwin	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	76	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	32,000	ND	120	ND	5,600	27	2,300	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA34A Telfair	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	48,000	ND	240	ND	11,000	96	4,500	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	46,000	ND	220	ND	10,000	92	4,400	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	48,000	ND	240	ND	11,000	97	4,500	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	50,000	ND	250	ND	11,000	99	4,500	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA36 Toombs	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	130	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	28,000	ND	26	ND	5,900	39	12,000	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	30	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	140	ND	3.5	ND	ND	ND	27,000	ND	27	ND	5,500	32	13,000	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	9.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	130	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	29,000	ND	26	ND	5,800	38	12,000	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	27	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	140	ND	1.7	ND	ND	ND	28,000	ND	43	ND	5,700	37	11,000	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA38 Dodge	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	110	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	41,000	ND	ND	ND	1,300	ND	2,100	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA39 Worth	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	200	ND	ND	2.3	ND	ND	46,000	ND	ND	ND	7,500	ND	3,500	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA41A Turner	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	72	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20,000	ND	ND	ND	6,300	ND	1,700	ND	ND	ND
GWN-PA44 Turner	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	160	ND	ND	1.5	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	4,800	ND	2,300	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	1.4	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	4,700	ND	2,400	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	140	ND	ND	1.4	ND	ND	32,000	ND	ND	ND	4,700	ND	2,300	ND	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	1.4	ND	ND	31,000	ND	ND	ND	4,500	ND	2,400	ND	ND	ND

**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridan Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification , Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-PA56 Greedy	Whigham / Davis Avenue Well	604	NG	NG	03/28/14	7.87	401	1.49	23.76	ND	34	20	0.08	0.02
					06/10/14	7.38	409	2.11	23.44	ND	34	20	0.10	0.02
					09/03/14	7.58	405	6.36	25.34	ND	33	18	0.04	ND
					12/09/14	7.85	NA	NA	22.73	ND	38	20	0.08	ND
GWN-PA57 Coffee	Ambrose Well #2	600	465	10	01/16/14	7.78	268	1.05	22.94	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.02
					07/23/14	NA	262	NA	22.65	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
					10/21/14	7.61	253	3.93	22.65	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

**Table A-5, Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Floridian Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Beryllium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Thiurium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-PA56 Grady	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7.9	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	2.7	ND	ND	31,000	ND	ND	ND	19,000	ND	21,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.7	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	3.0	150	ND	31,000	ND	ND	ND	19,000	ND	22,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	2.4	ND	ND	29,000	ND	57	ND	18,000	ND	21,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	140	ND	ND	3.3	ND	ND	33,000	ND	39	ND	20,000	ND	22,000	ND	ND
GWN-PA57 coffee	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	25,000	ND	ND	ND	15,000	ND	7,600	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	180	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	25,000	ND	ND	ND	15,000	ND	6,800	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	160	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24,000	ND	ND	ND	14,000	ND	7,900	ND	ND

**Table A-6. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Miocene Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification , Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg NL	P mg/L
GWR-MI1 Cook	Adel/McMillan	220	NG	NG	09/03/14	7.58	224	2.08	22.76	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.08
GWR-MI2A Lowndes	Boutwell House Well	70	NG	NG	09/03/14	3.88	108	8.88	21.61	ND	12	ND	5.9	0.07
GWR-MI8A Thomas	Murphy Garden Well	22	NG	NG	07/22/14	5.85	510	NA	23.74	ND	18	ND	44	0.08
GWR-MI10B Colquitt	Calhoun House Well	150	NG	NG	09/03/14	5.86	110	2.38	22.95	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.34
GWR-MI16 Liberty	Liberty County East District Fire Station Deep Well	400	NG	NG	11/18/14	7.92	405	4.21	20.87	ND	ND	35	ND	0.02
GWR-MI17 Ettingham	Springfield Egypt Road Test Well	120	NG	NG	08/19/14	7.27	260	NA	19.03	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.03

**Table A-6. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Miocene Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No. County	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Berilium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Beryllium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-M11 Cook	ND	ND	ND	31	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	19	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22,000	ND	ND	ND	14,000	10	6,700	ND	ND
GWN-M12A Lowndes	ND	ND	8.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20	ND	5.7	ND	120	ND	3,500	ND	ND	5,400	2,500	ND	5,800	ND	ND
GWN-M18A Thomas	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	310	ND	ND	ND	250	ND	42,000	ND	ND	14,000	19,000	60	2,800	ND	ND
GWN-M110B Cokquitt	ND	ND	ND	26	ND	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	150	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	7,400	ND	1,600	ND	5,300	73	6,500	ND	ND
GWN-M116 Liberty	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	28,000	ND	ND	ND	15,000	ND	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-M117 Effingham	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	21	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	45,000	ND	ND	ND	1,900	12	8,000	ND	ND

**Table A-7. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	F mg/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg/L	P mg/L
GWN-P1A Meriwether	Lutheraville Well #3	185	NG	NG	11/05/14	5.72	91	7.53	18.30	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.98	0.07
GWN-P5 Hall	Flowery Branch Well #1	240	NG	NG	03/25/14	6.38	172	7.74	18.35	ND	NA	ND	ND	1.00	0.03
GWN-P12A Bartow	Indian Spring	0	NG	NG	01/13/14	6.90	284	NA	18.58	ND	5.0	10	28	ND	0.02
					04/09/14	7.25	282	NA	16.92	ND	4.8	10	28	ND	0.02
					07/08/14	7.11	259	NA	18.87	ND	4.4	11	25	ND	0.02
					10/08/14	7.88	270	NA	19.78	ND	4.7	11	25	ND	0.02
GWN-P20 Gwinnett	Suwanee #1	600	NG	NG	03/25/14	7.31	324	1.02	17.46	ND	NA	ND	12	0.30	ND
GWN-P21 Jones	Gray/Bragg Well	405	NG	NG	02/25/14	6.85	342	2.45	18.97	ND	NA	ND	45	0.09	0.03
					04/23/14	6.55	305	5.28	19.03	ND	NA	ND	31	0.09	0.03
					08/07/14	8.44	318	2.88	19.24	ND	NA	10	33	0.15	0.03
					11/05/14	6.80	371	4.73	19.18	ND	NA	ND	40	0.12	0.02
GWN-P22 Fulton	Ratbar Well	200	NG	NG	03/27/14	5.16	33	7.22	16.92	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.89	ND
GWN-P23 Bartow	Indian Springs State Park New Main Well	NG	NG	NG	01/13/14	5.91	158	2.22	18.21	ND	1.2	ND	ND	0.23	0.07
					04/09/14	6.31	143	8.76	18.10	ND	1.1	ND	ND	0.27	0.06
					07/09/14	6.16	145	7.97	18.29	ND	1.1	ND	ND	0.22	0.07
					10/09/14	6.45	155	2.19	19.14	ND	1.2	ND	ND	0.21	0.07
GWN-P24 Coweta	The Galles Well #1	705	NG	NG	05/28/14	6.99	230	4.98	19.08	ND	NA	ND	13	0.25	0.04
GWN-P25 Jones	Jennell Plantation Staff House Well	NG	NG	NG	02/25/14	6.28	165	4.28	18.12	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.34	0.13
					04/23/14	5.91	185	9.76	14.79	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.24	0.11
					07/09/14	6.00	178	9.34	22.34	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.23	0.10
					10/08/14	5.92	175	3.83	19.38	ND	NA	ND	ND	0.27	0.16
GWN-P28 Coweta	Willow Court Well	NG	NG	NG	05/28/14	5.80	132	7.88	17.28	ND	NA	ND	ND	1.7	0.08
GWN-P30 Lincoln	Fizer House Well	220	NG	NG	04/22/14	6.81	458	8.83	19.16	ND	NA	27	24	3.1	0.04

**Table A-7. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Mercury ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Thiurium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-P1A Meriwether	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	52	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9,800	ND	ND	ND	2,200	ND	4,400	ND	ND
GWN-P6 Hall	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	36	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24,000	ND	ND	ND	4,700	ND	2,500	ND	ND
GWN-P12A Burke	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	16,000	ND	ND	ND	2,600	20	36,000	ND	ND
GWN-P20 Gwinnett	ND	ND	ND	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	170	ND	ND	3.5	ND	ND	40,000	ND	ND	ND	7,400	35	11,000	ND	ND
GWN-P21 Jones	ND	ND	16	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	15	ND	1.4	8.3	ND	ND	40,000	ND	ND	ND	9,100	70	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-P22 Fulton	ND	ND	9.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	15	ND	2.5	7.6	ND	ND	37,000	ND	26	ND	7,800	50	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-P23 Burke	ND	ND	5.6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	15	ND	ND	10.0	ND	ND	40,000	ND	ND	ND	9,400	52	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-P24 Coweta	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	16	ND	ND	8.4	ND	ND	41,000	ND	ND	ND	9,300	55	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-P25 Jones	ND	ND	30	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	18	ND	1.2	ND	ND	ND	1,000	ND	29	ND	1,100	ND	2,200	ND	ND
GWN-P28 Coweta	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.1	ND	ND	1.9	ND	ND	11,000	ND	ND	ND	3,600	ND	13,000	ND	ND
GWN-P30 Lincoln	ND	ND	ND	23	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	6.0	ND	ND	2.0	ND	ND	12,000	ND	ND	ND	3,700	ND	14,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	15	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.5	ND	ND	2.0	ND	ND	12,000	ND	35	ND	3,700	ND	14,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	10	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.1	ND	ND	2.2	ND	ND	12,000	ND	22	ND	3,800	ND	14,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	40	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	4.9	ND	ND	1.8	ND	ND	31,000	ND	ND	ND	4,800	ND	11,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	5.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	ND	ND	8.9	ND	ND	10,000	ND	87	ND	4,300	31	15,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	14	24	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	20	ND	ND	22	ND	ND	13,000	ND	160	ND	5,400	39	16,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	12	31	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	22	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	11,000	ND	59	ND	5,300	21	17,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	6.9	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	11,000	ND	360	ND	4,600	45	18,000	ND	ND
	5.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11,000	ND	32	ND	3,700	ND	9,600	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	29,000	ND	ND	ND	34,000	ND	18,000	ND	ND

**Table A-7 Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-P32 Elbert	Cecchini Deep Well	400	NG	NG	01/14/14	7.69	838	8.98	17.84	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.03
					04/09/14	7.70	882	0.64	17.98	ND	ND	480	ND	ND
					07/08/14	7.13	850	1.90	20.64	ND	ND	200	0.10	ND
					10/07/14	7.49	980	0.85	18.85	ND	ND	440	ND	ND
GWN-P33 Elbert	Cecchini Bored Well	47	NG	NG	01/14/14	5.99	86	6.37	17.32	ND	ND	ND	0.89	0.03
					04/09/14	6.27	87	8.08	18.16	ND	ND	ND	0.04	0.04
					07/08/14	5.83	110	10.52	18.05	ND	ND	ND	0.78	0.02
					10/07/14	5.93	117	3.68	18.05	ND	ND	ND	0.84	0.02
GWN-P34 Columbia	Mistice State Park Cottage Area Well	NG	NG	NG	02/27/14	5.98	143	7.39	18.13	ND	ND	19	0.42	0.17
					04/22/14	5.40	116	8.38	18.55	ND	ND	14	0.42	0.14
					08/20/14	5.56	131	10.47	18.93	ND	ND	11	0.52	0.16
					11/04/14	5.88	131	8.33	18.54	ND	ND	ND	0.58	0.16
GWN-P35 Franklin	O'Connor Well	150	NG	NG	01/14/14	7.12	211	1.07	16.76	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.02
					04/09/14	7.14	189	0.88	17.78	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
					07/08/14	6.71	188	2.60	17.13	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.02
					10/07/14	6.88	197	1.65	17.02	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
GWN-P37 Habersham	Mt. Airy/City Hall Well	500	NG	NG	01/14/14	5.86	518	7.91	16.46	ND	110	22	1.7	ND
					04/09/14	5.81	448	7.45	17.85	ND	97	20	1.5	ND
					07/08/14	5.94	388	5.52	16.88	ND	58	28	0.79	ND
					10/07/14	5.55	375	5.87	16.89	ND	43	27	0.36	ND
GWN-P38 Carroll	Roopville Well #1	230	NG	NG	09/18/14	4.83	79	5.66	19.02	ND	ND	1.6	ND	ND
GWN-P38 Meriwether	Gay Well #1	600	NG	NG	12/23/14	5.56	76	8.14	18.24	ND	ND	1.2	0.07	0.07
GWN-P40 Greens	Silboam Well #2	300	NG	NG	04/22/14	5.46	102	6.37	18.32	ND	ND	1.7	0.09	0.09



**Table A-7 Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No. County	Cinco- mium ug/L	Nick- el ug/L	Cop- per ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selen- ium ug/L	Molyb- denum ug/L	Cad- mium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Anti- mony ug/L	Bismuth ug/L	Ther- ium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Ure- num ug/L	Alumi- num ug/L	Beryll- ium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Co- balt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potas- sium ug/L	Magne- sium ug/L	Manga- nese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Tita- nium ug/L	Vana- dium ug/L
GWN-P32 Elbert	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	250,000	ND	110	ND	1,200	31	32,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	16	ND	ND	170,000	ND	20	ND	2,000	20	25,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	35	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.6	ND	13	ND	ND	99,000	ND	ND	ND	2,000	11	16,000	ND	ND
GWN-P33 Elbert	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	16	ND	ND	190,000	ND	ND	ND	1,900	19	27,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	13	25	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	28	ND	1.6	ND	240	ND	8,900	ND	220	ND	ND	ND	3,100	ND	ND
	ND	ND	10	17	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	25	ND	2.2	ND	200	ND	12,000	ND	370	ND	ND	ND	3,300	ND	ND
GWN-P34 Columbia	ND	ND	11	18	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	ND	1.2	ND	62	ND	17,000	ND	110	ND	ND	15	4,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	19	ND	1.1	16	ND	11,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	5,700	ND	12,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	6.8	18	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	ND	ND	11	ND	8,600	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,500	ND	9,500	ND	ND
GWN-P35 Franklin	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	16	ND	ND	13	ND	8,600	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,400	ND	9,700	ND	ND
	ND	ND	7.5	15	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	19	ND	ND	11	ND	8,200	ND	ND	ND	ND	4,200	ND	9,600	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	29	ND	ND	2.8	ND	19,000	ND	22	6,000	5,900	120	6,600	ND	ND	
GWN-P37 Habersham	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	34	ND	ND	2.8	ND	20,000	ND	26	6,700	6,300	130	7,500	ND	ND	
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	32	ND	ND	3.3	ND	20,000	ND	58	6,300	6,200	120	7,100	ND	ND	
	ND	ND	25	25	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	93	ND	1.1	ND	ND	37,000	ND	220	ND	13,000	79	20,000	ND	ND	
GWN-P38 Carroll	ND	ND	ND	21	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	82	ND	ND	ND	ND	39,000	ND	82	ND	13,000	73	22,000	ND	ND	
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	47	ND	ND	ND	ND	44,000	ND	180	ND	11,000	78	11,000	ND	ND	
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	25	ND	ND	1.0	ND	46,000	ND	700	ND	9,700	99	9,000	ND	ND	
GWN-P39 Methuener	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	26	ND	1.1	ND	ND	1,100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	24	4,700	ND	ND
	ND	ND	13	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	39	ND	ND	ND	ND	5,200	ND	1,100	ND	1,300	ND	6,800	ND	ND	
	ND	ND	22	22	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	21	ND	7.8	ND	ND	8,000	ND	ND	ND	1,700	ND	8,900	ND	ND	

**Table A-7 Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCS ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg/NL	P mg/L
GWN-BR1B Townes	Young Harris/ Swanson Road Well	265	NG	NG	02/28/14	7.01	178	1.31	15.38	ND	ND	22	0.05	ND
					05/13/14	6.17	168	1.40	15.75	ND	20	0.06	0.02	
					09/05/14	6.23	163	5.83	15.59	ND	21	0.04	ND	
					11/20/14	7.10	176	1.80	16.40	ND	22	0.04	ND	
GWN-BR5 Murray	Chatsworth/ Nix Spring	0	NG	NG	06/11/14	5.72	37	NA	13.50	ND	ND	0.38	0.05	

**Table A-7 Continued. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Piedmont-Blue Ridge Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Tin ug/L	Antimony ug/L	Barium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Boron ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-BR1B Towne	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	80	ND	ND	8.2	ND	ND	22,000	ND	ND	ND	4,800	18	4,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	77	ND	ND	7.3	80	ND	21,000	ND	ND	ND	4,800	13	4,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	78	ND	ND	8.1	ND	ND	21,000	ND	ND	ND	4,800	14	4,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	80	ND	ND	8.3	ND	ND	21,000	ND	23	ND	5,000	15	4,100	ND	ND
GWN-BR5 Murray	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,800	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2,800	ND	ND	

**Table A-8. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Valley-and-Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Stations.  
Part A: Station Identification, Date of Sampling, Field Parameters, VOCs, Anions, and Non-Metals.**

Station No. County	Well Name	Well Depth feet	Casing Depth feet	Well Size Inches	Date sampled	pH	cond. uS/cm	diss O2 mg/L	Temp °C	VOCs ug/L	Cl mg/L	SO4 mg/L	NOx mg N/L	P mg/L
GWN-VR1 Floyd	Floyd County Kingston Road Well	280	NG	NG	08/25/14	7.23	254	10.02	16.21	ND	ND	ND	0.70	ND
GWN-VR2A Walker p	Lafayette Lower Big Spring	0	NG	NG	04/10/14	6.35	275	13.11	16.82	ND	ND	ND	1.60	ND
GWN-VR3 Walker	Chickamauga Crawfish Spring	0	NG	NG	04/10/14	7.05	258	11.20	15.75	ND	ND	ND	0.89	ND
GWN-VR8A Barrow	Chemical Products Corp. South Well	300	NG	NG	08/25/14	7.52	281	NA	17.64	1,1dce=1.7 pce=2.1 dce=0.51 oetcb=1.7 mtcb=0.54	ND	ND	0.94	0.02
GWN-VR8 Polk	Cedartown Spring	0	NG	NG	02/26/14 05/13/14 08/05/14 11/19/14	7.05 6.97 6.86 7.33	280 270 268 272	8.23 7.89 16.58 8.98	16.21 18.97 18.58 17.28	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	ND ND ND ND	0.88 0.862 0.72 0.66	ND ND ND ND
GWN-VR10 Murray	Eton Spring	0	NG	NG	06/11/14	6.72	285	5.77	18.35	ND	ND	ND	1.8	ND

**Table A-8. Ground-Water Quality Analyses for Valley-and-Ridge/Appalachian Plateau Stations.  
Part B: Metals.**

Station No.	Chromium ug/L	Nickel ug/L	Copper ug/L	Zinc ug/L	Arsenic ug/L	Selenium ug/L	Molybdenum ug/L	Silver ug/L	Cadmium ug/L	Thallium ug/L	Lead ug/L	Uranium ug/L	Aluminum ug/L	Beryllium ug/L	Calcium ug/L	Cobalt ug/L	Iron ug/L	Potassium ug/L	Magnesium ug/L	Manganese ug/L	Sodium ug/L	Titanium ug/L	Vanadium ug/L
GWN-VR1 Floyd	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	8.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	28,000	ND	ND	ND	16,000	ND	1,600	ND	ND
GWN-VR2A Walker	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	85	ND	ND	ND	ND	37,000	ND	ND	ND	13,000	ND	1,800	ND	ND
GWN-VR3 Walker	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	71	ND	ND	ND	ND	32,000	ND	ND	ND	14,000	ND	1,300	ND	ND
GWN-VR6A Bartow	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	530	ND	ND	ND	ND	29,000	ND	ND	ND	18,000	ND	5,900	ND	ND
GWN-VR8 Polk	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	14	ND	ND	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	15,000	ND	2,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	32,000	ND	ND	ND	15,000	ND	2,000	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	12	ND	ND	ND	ND	33,000	ND	ND	ND	16,000	ND	1,700	ND	ND
	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	13	ND	ND	ND	ND	34,000	ND	34	ND	16,000	ND	1,700	ND	ND
GWN-VR10 Murray	ND	ND	6.0	22	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	45	ND	11.0	ND	ND	32,000	ND	110	ND	14,000	ND	2,800	ND	ND

**Table A-9. Analytes, EPA Analytical Methods, and Reporting Limits.**

Analyte	Reporting Limit/ EPA Method	Analyte	Reporting Limit/ EPA Method
Vinyl Chloride	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Dichlorodifluoromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Chloromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Dichloromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Bromomethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Chloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Fluorotrichloromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,1-Dichloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	2,2-Dichloropropane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Benzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Bromochloromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Chloroform	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Trichloroethylene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,1-Dichloropropene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Dibromomethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Toluene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Bromodichloromethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Tetrachloroethylene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Chlorobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,3-Dichloropropane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Ethylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Chlorodibromomethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Total Xylenes	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,2-Dibromoethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
Styrene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
p-Dichlorobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Bromoform	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Isopropylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2

**Table A-9, Continued. Analytes, EPA Analytical Methods, and Reporting Limits.**

Analyte	Reporting Limit/ EPA Method	Analyte	Reporting Limit/ EPA Method
Bromobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Total Phosphorus	0.02 mg/L / 365.1
1,2,3-Trichloro- propane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Fluoride	0.20 mg/L / 300.0
n-Propylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Silver	10 ug/L / 200.7 (ICP)
o-Chlorotoluene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Aluminum	60 ug/L / 200.7
1,3,5-Trimethyl- benzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Arsenic	80 ug/L / 200.7
p-Chlorotoluene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Barium	10 ug/L / 200.7
Tert-Butylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Beryllium	10 ug/L / 200.7
1,2,4-Trimethyl- benzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Calcium	1000 ug/L / 200.7
Sec-Butylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Cobalt	10 ug/L / 200.7
p-Isopropyltoluene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Chromium	20 ug/L / 200.7
m-Dichlorobenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Copper	20 ug/L / 200.7
n-Butylbenzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Iron	20 ug/L / 200.7
1,2-Dibromo-3- chloropropane	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Potassium	5000 ug/L / 200.7
Hexachlorobutadi- ene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Magnesium	1000 ug/L / 200.7
Naphthalene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Manganese	10 ug/L / 200.7
1,2,3-Trichloro- benzene	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Sodium	1000 ug/L / 200.7
Methyl-tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	0.5 ug/L / 524.2	Nickel	20 ug/L / 200.7
Chloride	10 mg/L / 300.0	Lead	90 ug/L / 200.7
Sulfate*	10 mg/L / 300.0	Antimony	120 ug/L / 200.7
Nitrate/nitrite*	0.02 mg/L as Nitrogen / 353.2	Selenium	190 ug/L / 200.7

**Table A-9, Continued. Analytes, EPA Analytical Methods, and Reporting Limits.**

<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Reporting Limit/ EPA Method</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Reporting Limit/ EPA Method</b>
Titanium	10 ug/L / 200.7	Molybdenum	5 ug/L / 200.8
Thallium	200 ug/L / 200.7	Silver	5 ug/L / 200.8
Vanadium	10 ug/L / 200.7	Cadmium	0.7 ug/L / 200.8
Zinc	20 ug/L / 200.7	Tin	30 ug/L / 200.8
Chromium	5 ug/L / 200.8 (ICPMS)	Antimony	5 ug/L / 200.8
Nickel	10 ug/L / 200.8	Barium	2 ug/L / 200.8
Copper	5 ug/L / 200.8	Thallium	1 ug/L / 200.8
Zinc	10 ug/L / 200.8	Lead	1 ug/L / 200.8
Arsenic	5 ug/L / 200.8	Uranium	1 ug/L / 200.8
Selenium	5 ug/L / 200.8		

**\* Note:** Reporting limits for sulfate and nitrate/nitrite are subject to change. A sample with a concentration of either analyte greater than certain ranges may need to be diluted to bring the concentration within the analytical ranges of the testing instruments. This dilution results in a proportional increase in the reporting limit.



**Table A-10. Analytes, Primary MCLs (A), and Secondary MCLs (B).**

Analyte	Primary MCL	Secondary MCL	Analyte	Primary MCL	Secondary MCL
Vinyl Chloride	2 ug/L	None	p-Dichlorobenzene	75 ug/L	None
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7 ug/L	None	o-Dichlorobenzene	600 ug/L	None
Dichloromethane	5 ug/L	None	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70 ug/L	None
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100 ug/L	None	Chloroform (1)	Total 1,2,3,4 = 80 ug/L	None
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70 ug/L	None	Bromodichloromethane (2)	Total 1,2,3,4 = 80 ug/L	None
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200 ug/L	None	Chlorodibromomethane (3)	Total 1,2,3,4 = 80 ug/L	None
Carbon Tetrachloride	5 ug/L	None	Bromoform (4)	Total 1,2,3,4 = 80 ug/L	None
Benzene	5 ug/L	None	Chloride	None	250 mg/L
1,2-Dichloroethane	5 ug/L	None	Sulfate	None	250 mg/L
Trichloroethylene	5 ug/L	None	Nitrate/nitrite	10 mg/L as Nitrogen	None
1,2-Dichloro-propane	5 ug/L	None	Fluoride	4 mg/L	2 mg/L
Toluene	1,000 ug/L	None	Aluminum	None	50 -200 ug/L
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5 ug/L	None	Antimony	6 ug/L	None
Tetrachloroethylene	5 ug/L	None	Arsenic	10 ug/L	None
Chlorobenzene	100 ug/L	None	Barium	2000 ug/L	None
Ethylbenzene	700 ug/L	None	Beryllium	4 ug/L	None
Total Xylenes	10,000 ug/L	None	Cadmium	5 ug/L	None
Styrene	100 ug/L	None	Chromium	100 ug/L	None

**Table A-10, Continued. Analytes, Primary MCLs (A), and Secondary MCLs (B).**

Analyte	Primary MCL	Secondary MCL	Analyte	Primary MCL	Secondary MCL
Copper	Action level = 1,300 ug/L <sup>(C)</sup>	1000 ug/L	Selenium	50 ug/L	None
Iron	None	300 ug/L	Silver	None	100 ug/L
Lead	Action level = 15 ug/L <sup>(C)</sup>	None	Thallium	2 ug/L	None
Manganese	None	50 ug/L	Zinc	None	5,000 ug/L
Nickel	100 ug/L	None			

**Notes:**

(A) Primary MCL = Primary Maximum Contaminant Level, a maximum concentration of a substance (other than lead or copper) allowed in public drinking water due to adverse health effects.

(B) Secondary MCL = Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level, a maximum concentration of a substance suggested for public drinking water due solely to unpleasant characteristics such as bad flavor or stain-causing ability.

(C) Action Level = the maximum concentrations of lead or copper permitted for public drinking water as measured at the user's end of the system. Water issuing from at least ninety percent of a representative sample of user's end outlets must contain copper or lead concentrations at or below their respective action levels.

mg/L = milligrams per liter.

ug/L = micrograms per liter.

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