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## ABSTRACT

Computer simulations of the hydrography of Barataria Basin indicate significant hydrologic changes due to navigation and transportation canals. The simulations compared hydrologic parameters in the Basin before and after the construction of the Barataria and Intracoastal waterways, and the canals associated with eight oil and gas fields. The waterways accounted for about 90 percent of the simulated changes; the remaining 10 percent was due to the canals of the eight oil and gas fields. The effects of oil and gas canals are individually small, but they are cumulative and, overall, probably are just as significant as those due to waterways, since there are approximately 90 fields in the Basin.

The following hydrologic parameters were measured: area flooded versus nonflooded, water heights over a tidal cycle, and total water flow at several locations over a tidal cycle. Canals increased the area of wetland, especially in the northern half of the Basin; for example, flooded areas increased between 11 and 13 percent. Water heights increased on the average by about 2 inches, or more than 9 percent above normal conditions; this effect was evident only north of Little Lake. Total water flow over a 25-hour tidal cycle increased between 7 and 16 percent in the intermediate marshes. Water flow at individual exchange points in the freshwater marshes was reduced between 20 and 70 percent of normal. Water flow through tidal passes was not changed.

Systematic studies of these effects, how to mitigate them, and how they are related to biological production are badly needed. Large-scale development projects, which require waterways or canals, should be carefully evaluated and monitored to determine their full environmental effects. Although the hydrologic effects of individual canals of oil and

gas fields are probably small (especially when evaluated at the basin level) their effects are cumulative, and so we recommend that additional canals be added only if absolutely necessary; and, when they are no longer useful, they should be refilled and refurbished. We also recommend that a series of workshops be hold with public agencies and private interests to discuss these results and their management implications.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- 1) Computer simulations can be used to assess the hydrologic effects of canals, especially for the evaluation of their cumulative effects on a hydrologic basin.
- 2) Computer simulations indicate that canals, such as those used for large ship traffic and those used for access to oil and gas fields, have created significant and cumulative hydrologic changes within Barataria Basin.
- 3) Navigational canals, namely the Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways, accounted for approximately 90 percent of the hydrologic changes, and canals of eight oil and gas fields (out of a total of 90 in Barataria Basin) accounted for about 10 percent of the changes.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) We recommend that a systematic study on the cumulative hydrologic effects of canals be undertaken via computer simulation studies. This effort should also be related to the other studies on cumulative impacts (namely, land loss and eutrophication), and if possible, correlated with a field study so that some

empirical relationship can be derived for the effects on biological production and species habitat requirements.

- 2) We suggest that guidelines developed for canaling include such hydrologic parameters as: flooding; water heights; water flow over a complete tidal cycle, namely ebb and flood conditions.
- 3) The hydrologic effects of large-scale development projects should be evaluated by means of this computer stimulation technique. On completion of each project, the environment should be refurbished to its prior or original condition.
- 4) The effects of small projects, such as access canals to oil and gas fields, should also be evaluated by means of the computer simulation technique but at two levels; one being the macro-scale level, as done in this study, for evaluation of their cumulative effects and the other being the micro-scale level for evaluation of immediate hydrologic effects.
- 5) We recommend that a series of technical workshops be held with public agencies (such as the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the U.S. Army Engineers) and with private companies (such as oil companies) in order to present our data and discuss possible management implications and mitigative procedures.
- 6) We also recommend that research efforts on computer simulation models be vigorously supported. A hydrography model should be developed for each coastal basin, along with a series of models that are sensitive to various geographic

scales so that impacts and mitigations may be more accurately determined.

## INTRODUCTION

Canal and dredging activities have a long history--from at least the 1920s--in coastal Louisiana. Detailing the environmental effects of these activities is of recent origin--namely, the 1970s (e.g., see Gagliano 1973; Day and Craig 1977; and Stone et al. 1977). The primary purpose of these environmental studies has been to place the impacts of these activities on an objective basis and to provide some data for the design of possible mitigative procedures.

The extent of canals in Barataria Basin is given in Adams et al. 1976. They estimate that there are about 60 square miles (about 2 percent of the total Basin) of various type canals in the basin. Some 34 percent of this total consists of rig access canals, pipeline canals, and oil field navigation canals. These oil and gas pipeline canals are widely distributed throughout the basin among 90 fields (Stanfeld 1973).

Canaling and dredging is not a problem of the past. For example, during 1974 more than 100 dredging permits were issued in the Basin. The remainder of the canals in Barataria Basin is made up of navigation canals, agricultural, and urban drainage canals, and impoundments.

It is very apparent that canals and their associated activities are significant in their extent in Barataria Basin, and a complete environmental evaluation of their effects is badly needed.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this study were:



- 1) To investigate the feasibility of using hydrologic modeling to assess cumulative effects of channelization in the lower Barataria Basin.
- 2) To suggest hydrologic parameters which are important for canaling guidelines.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Solution Technique of the Circulation Model

The three-dimensional hydrodynamic equations of motion were averaged from bottom to top of the water column and solved by the Alternating Directions Implicit-Explicit technique of numerical analysis (McHugh 1976). The driving force of the model is tidal elevation. No wind was considered in this study and freshwater inputs were neglected. Outputs of the model and water elevations and currents.

### Geographical Configuration of the Circulation Model

The circulation model encloses a region of coastal Louisiana bounded on the west by the levee of Bayou Lafourche and on the east by the levee of the Mississippi River (Fig. 1); this constitutes a hydrological unit that can be treated, for modeling purposes, in isolation from the surrounding territory, except where man-made canals conduct water into the unit from either of these two rivers. The northern boundary of the unit is strictly the Mississippi River at its junction with Bayou Lafourche, but it was convenient to take as the northern boundary of the estuarine model an artificial obstruction to water flow, namely, Highway 90. This boundary can be considered closed except

through Bayou des Allemands. The latter conducts fresh water into the Basin from Lac des Allemands.

Certain canals breach the western model boundary, and, for the strictest analysis, their flow contributions into the estuary must be considered. There are only two canals that breach the eastern boundary; these are the Harvey Canal No. 1, and the Algiers Alternate Route. However, these latter features are controlled by locks at their junction with the Mississippi, and they are considered as contained solely within the model area; hence the eastern boundary is entirely closed. The most important canals in the western are the Harvey Canal No. 2 (Intracoastal Waterway), and Company Canal, and the South West Louisiana Canal. All these features were modeled, with the option of being open or closed. A similar option was extended to Bayou des Allemands.

The southern boundary of the model area is defined by three physically distinct sectors: In the west, from La. Highway 1 to the bridge across Caminada Pass; in the center, the barrier islands of Barataria Bay; and in the east, the Freeport Sulphur Company Canal, considered here as a hydrologically constraining feature.

The southern boundary has four breaks that allow gulf water to flow into the model area; they are Caminada Pass, Barataria Pass, Pass Abel, and Quatre Bayoux Pass. Computation with the model shows that Barataria Pass accounts for some two thirds of the volume flow into and out of the bay; Pass Abel is the least significant.

#### Grid Selection and Topography

The basic mesh size of the grid is 5,741 feet; it was chosen because it corresponded with 1 cm on the National Ocean Survey chart,

and because it was the approximate width of Barataria Pass. This square mesh grid was oriented so that the southern boundary coincided approximately with the barrier islands and the four tidal passes. The rest of the boundary followed the levees and obstructions mentioned above. In particular, much of the western boundary of the model was chosen to follow the 5-foot elevation above mean sea level.

Next, additional lines were drawn on the regular grid in such a manner that the greatest number of water bodies and contours of importance could be represented with the fewest number of additional lines (see Appendix Fig. A1). The total number of north-south lines (in the frame of the model) was restricted to 58, and the total number of east-west lines to 75. This created 4,218 interior points at which topographical elevations had to be specified--one per grid "square."

From the dependence of numerical stability on grid mesh size and integrating time step, it was found desirable to place grid lines not closer than 574.1 feet apart, corresponding to 1 mm on the chart. This enabled a time step as large as 40 seconds to be employed. Canals with represented widths of less than this figure had to be expanded in width to approximately 574 ft. The depths of such expanded canals, or natural channels, were reduced in such a way as to maintain the model flow cross-section equal to the actual cross section.

Topographical elevations and depths were defined relative to mean sea level (MSL), which in turn was assumed to be 0.5 feet above the mean low water datum of the chart used. Marsh areas were set at 0.5 ft above MSL; areas enclosed by dashed lines on the chart were set either 1-5 ft above MSL ( if they occurred in the western half of the model area), or 2.5 ft above MSL. Land 5 ft and more above MSL was assumed to be outside the model area.

### Variable Wet-Dry Boundary Feature

The internal boundary between water and "dry" land is a function of time in tidal wetlands. In the model, this boundary was allowed to adjust itself automatically, following a technique described in McHugh (1977).

Tidal Input to the Model. Hourly tidal elevations measured at the Bayou Rigaud station (Grand Isle) on 9 and 10 January 1971 were used to construct tidal histories at each of the three passes, Caminada, Barataria, and Quatre Bayou. On these days the wind was insignificant. The tide at Pass Abel was assumed to be the mean of those at Barataria Pass and Quatre Bayoux Pass. On the assumption that tidal relationships in the Gulf of Mexico have not changed significantly since 1971, the tidal corrections for the times and heights of high and low water, based on Pensacola, Fla., were taken from the publication, Tide Tables (1977). With these corrections, and assuming sinusoidal variation of water level between adjacent turning points of the tidal curve, the necessary input tidal functions were estimated. It is important to note that the tidal curve off the Louisiana coast is noticeably asymmetric, with very commonly a drift in mean tide level from one cycle to the next. Consequently, a pure sinusoid is unrealistic to assume for accurate work.

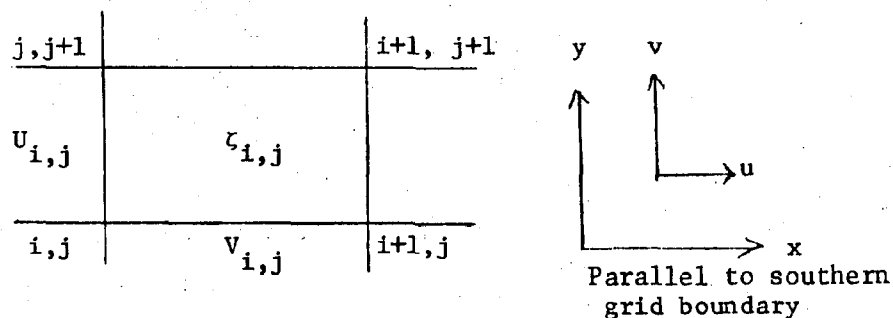
The constructed tides at the passes showed clearly a periodicity of approximately 25 hours in the fundamental harmonic, starting at 0 hours on 9 January. In order that the model might achieve cyclic steady state, it was necessary to assume strict periodicity of 25 hours for all cycles, and therefore that the tidal level at time 25 hours after time zero, equalled the value at time zero. The adjustment to the value at 25 hours was less than 8 percent in each case.

Since the model requires water levels in the passes at every time step, these levels were computed by interpolation between the constructed hourly values.

#### Output of the Circulation Model

The fundamental output consists of three variables for each grid square: water elevation (relative to MSL), and two perpendicular components of velocity.

These quantities are shown in the diagram for square  $i, j$ :



Locations of Water Level  $\zeta$  and Components of Velocity  $U, v$  for a Grid Square.

In addition, certain integrated volume flows were also computed pertinent to the aims of the present study. These are described herewith.

The model area was divided up into four vegetation zones and eight "exchange points" or short segments of the grid between zones. Around each zone boundary the instantaneous volume flow in cu ft/sec was computed every 12 minutes in the tidal cycle. Thus for zone  $z$  at time  $t$ , the net volume flow out of the zone is

$$F_z(t) = \int_{\text{Zone Boundary}} \underline{V} \cdot \underline{n} H dl$$

where  $\underline{V}$  is the velocity vector,  $dl$  is an element of the zone boundary with outward unit normal  $\underline{n}$ , and  $H$  is the depth along  $dl$ . The integral is of course obtained numerically from the grid discretization.

A similar integration was performed every 12 minutes for the exchange segments.

At the completion of a tidal cycle, the time summation of the instantaneous flows was computed using the trapezoidal method to yield the net flow per zone (exchange segment) per tidal cycle. Thus for zone  $z$ , if  $T$  is the tidal period, the algebraic net flow is given by

$$Q_z = \int_0^T F_z(t) dt$$

Also of interest are the summed positive flows and the summed negative flows, which may be denoted for zone  $z$ :  $Q_z^+$  and  $Q_z^-$ .

$$Q_z = Q_z^+ - Q_z^-$$

Ideally, the sum of  $Q_z$  over all the zones, or equivalently, the net algebraic flow through all tidal passes per tidal cycle (since the model boundary is assumed closed elsewhere) should equal zero. But computational errors prevent this.

The total volume of water crossing a zone or zone segment per tidal cycle, regardless of direction is calculated as

$$Q = |Q^+| + |Q^-|$$

#### Difficulties Encountered in Obtaining Solutions

Following the "zero start" of the model, when artificial (zero) values of the field variables were specified; and thereafter following any shock to the system consequent on making changes in topography, the model had to be allowed to achieve cyclic equilibrium in the field variables, or to approach fairly near to such a state. This means that running the model for an additional cycle will not then significantly change the results.

Unfortunately, considerations of time necessitated that the iterative process be terminated in every case before cyclic equilibrium could be achieved. Only 11 cycles were run for each case: (1) no canals; (2) canals added. The great time needed to execute one tidal cycle (about 3 1/2 hours), conditions of the service, and an approaching deadline, made such an arbitrary cut-off necessary. In order to check the closeness of solution convergence, water levels were output at five selected points in the grid (Manilla, Airplane Lake, Little Lake, Lafitte, Barataria) at every hour. The changes in values between the 10th and 11th cycles at corresponding times were generally less than 2 percent; but there were still some larger fluctuations (up to 8 percent) at Airplane Lake. The larger fluctuations probably arise from the disturbing effect of the variable wet-dry boundary feature of the model.

It appears, however, from graphical display, that the small increase in water level registered at Little Lake, Lafitte, and Barataria, consequent on adding the Intracoastal and Barataria Waterways, is significant.

The net flows out of the various vegetative zones also provide a check on solution convergence. Ideally, these should be zero per tidal cycle. Actually, residuals were present in the four zones, being smallest in the south and increasing northward. The trend is well illustrated by figures for case (1). Looking at the 11th cycle, the most southerly zone flow per cycle has a residual error of 0.2 percent (expressed relative to  $|Q^+| + |Q^-|$ ), the next has an error of 4 percent, the next of 11 percent, and the last, or freshwater zone, of 100 percent. In this region the currents were simply too far from the cyclic steady state to give meaningful results.

Still considering the 11th cycle, the percentage errors for the flow through all passes per cycle, were, for cases (1) and (2), 2.6 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively. These errors remained nearly constant from cycle to cycle, and hence must again be attributed to the noise-generating effect of the variable wet-dry boundary.

#### Test Conditions

Sections of the Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways were deleted from the model in order to obtain "pristine" or baseline conditions; this run was considered #1. Data on the canals of eight oil and gas fields (Figure 1) were extracted from standard quad maps; these data are given in table A14 in the appendix.

#### RESULTS

Three computer simulations were made. The first simulated the "pristine" condition of Barataria Basin without the Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways and without the canals of the eight oil and gas fields; this run (#1) is considered as our baseline condition against which the other runs (#2 and #3) are compared. The second run simulated the hydrologic system after the Barataria and Intracoastal waterways were constructed. For the third run the canals of eight oil and gas fields and the two waterways were inserted. Data were computed on three hydrologic parameters; they are flooded versus nonflooded area, water height over a 25-hour tidal cycle, and total water flow over a 25-hour tidal cycle; the latter parameter was estimated at several locations in Barataria Basin. The raw data on each of these parameters are given in the Appendix, along with a figure that shows the exact grid system of the computer model.



The addition of Barataria and Intracoastal waterways to baseline conditions resulted in the flooding of dry areas in the northern part of the Barataria Basin, namely, mostly north of Lake Salvador (Fig. 1). Flooding is defined as water heights greater than or equal to 0.2 ft in each grid (see Appendix, tables A1 through A3). The exact area of the flooding cannot be calculated because of the variable grid system used. However, this represents an 11 percent increase over baseline conditions (Namely, run #1, table 1).

The addition of the canals of eight oil and gas fields resulted in the flooding of additional dry areas, particularly in the northern part of the Barataria Basin, namely, mostly north of Lake Salvador (Fig. 1). This represents a 3 percent increase in flooding over and above the effects of the two waterways (table 1).

Water heights were increased as a result of canals. The increase over baseline conditions was significant from Little Lake north (Table 2). The median increase of water height at Little Lake, as a result of Barataria and Intracoastal waterways, was 0.09 ft; at Lafitte it was 0.16 ft; and at Barataria it was 0.22 ft. The addition of the canals of the eight oil and gas fields increased these values to 0.10, 0.18, and 0.24 ft, respectively.

Total water flow over a 25-hour tidal cycle was significantly changed in the northern part of Barataria Basin as a result of the canals (Tables 3, 4, and 5). Total water flow per tidal cycle in intermediate marshes was increased by about 7 percent above normal as a result of the two waterways (Barataria and Intracoastal) and by about 9 percent above normal as a result of the addition of the canals of the eight oil and gas fields. Total water flow per tidal cycle in

the fresh marshes was reduced by about 22 percent as a result of the two waterways and by an additional 2 percent as a result of the addition of the canals of the eight oil and gas fields (Table 3).

Total water flow per tidal cycle at some of the eight exchange points (Fig. 1) was also significantly altered as a result of the canals (Table 4). For example, total water flow per tidal cycle at exchange point 2 (Fig. 1) was reduced by about 67 percent of normal as a result of the addition of the two waterways, while the addition of the oil and gas canals did not alter flow volume at this point. Water flow at exchange point 3 showed the same pattern, namely, a reduction of about 62 percent of normal as a result of the two waterways, and oil and gas canals had no effect. At exchange point 4 the total water flow per tidal cycle was reduced by about 22 percent of normal or baseline conditions; the canals of the eight oil and gas fields decreased water flow by 2.5 percent of normal.

It should be emphasized that exchange points 2, 3, and 4 are located in the north part of Barataria Basin (Fig. 1).

Total water flow per 25-hour tidal cycle at the four tidal passes of Barataria Basin--namely, Caminada Pass, Barataria Pass, Pass Abel, and Quatre Bayou Pass--did not show any change by the addition of any canals. The total water flow for each tidal pass was in all cases almost exactly equivalent to normal or baseline conditions.

#### DISCUSSION

The basic question of these studies is: Do the results describe reasonably well what exists in nature? There are two ways to resolve this question. One, compare the output of the model with empirical or

known hydrographic data from Barataria Basin. This has been done in a preliminary way and the results are comparable; additional data on hydrography of the basin are now being collected so that this verification will be done more completely and the model adjusted appropriately. Second, compare the output of the model with hydrography data gathered before and after a large-scale project. This will be done in association with the pipeline being developed for the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, Inc. (LOOP).

The next most important questions about our results are: Are the results significant? Do they indicate cumulative effects?

Significance usually connotes a statistical definition; such as, the results are significant and real if their probability is less than or equal to a 5 percent of being due to chance. We have no way at present of establishing such a rigorous definition to our data; however, we have considered all results significant if they differ by 5 percent or more from baseline conditions. Thus we believe that the flooding, the water heights, and water movement at the northern locations are significantly different from baseline conditions and that these are the result of the canals.

Cumulative effects can be defined as environmental impacts that are small individually but are additive in nature. Our preliminary data suggest that the hydrologic effects of canals of oil and gas fields are small--at least when analyzed at the basin level--and that they are cumulative. The basis for this conclusion is first that the effects of the canals of eight oil and gas fields were small in comparison to effects of major waterways, and, secondly, that in almost all cases these canals caused an increase (or added to) the effects of the waterways.

Computer simulation models have limitations and assumptions that the user should be fully aware of. The basin-level model (used in this study) is presently limited because of the following: (1) it does not as yet include the effects of wind; (2) the grid size is approximately 1-mile, which is quite large; (3) the canal data must be averaged into one canal per number of grids covered by the particular oil and gas field--this is an extreme simplification; (4) the calculations assume a variety of simplifying features--as described in the materials and methods section; (5) certain geographic features are not yet realistic, for example the intracoastal waterway has no levee that blocks waterflow on either side; and (6) the computer model needs to be run through several (at least 12) tidal cycles so that the final results stabilize. For example, Run #3 was calculated through only 4 cycles because of the time limitations of the contract. Therefore, the hydrologic values derived for the freshwater marsh are to be viewed only as an indication of the effect; they are not absolute values.

This preliminary study indicates where there is a lack of data or information. For example, we do not know how yet to correlate these results with a change in biological production or with a change in species habitats. In addition, we do not know how to couple these data with the results of other cumulative impact studies such as eutrophication, land loss, and salinity intrusion.

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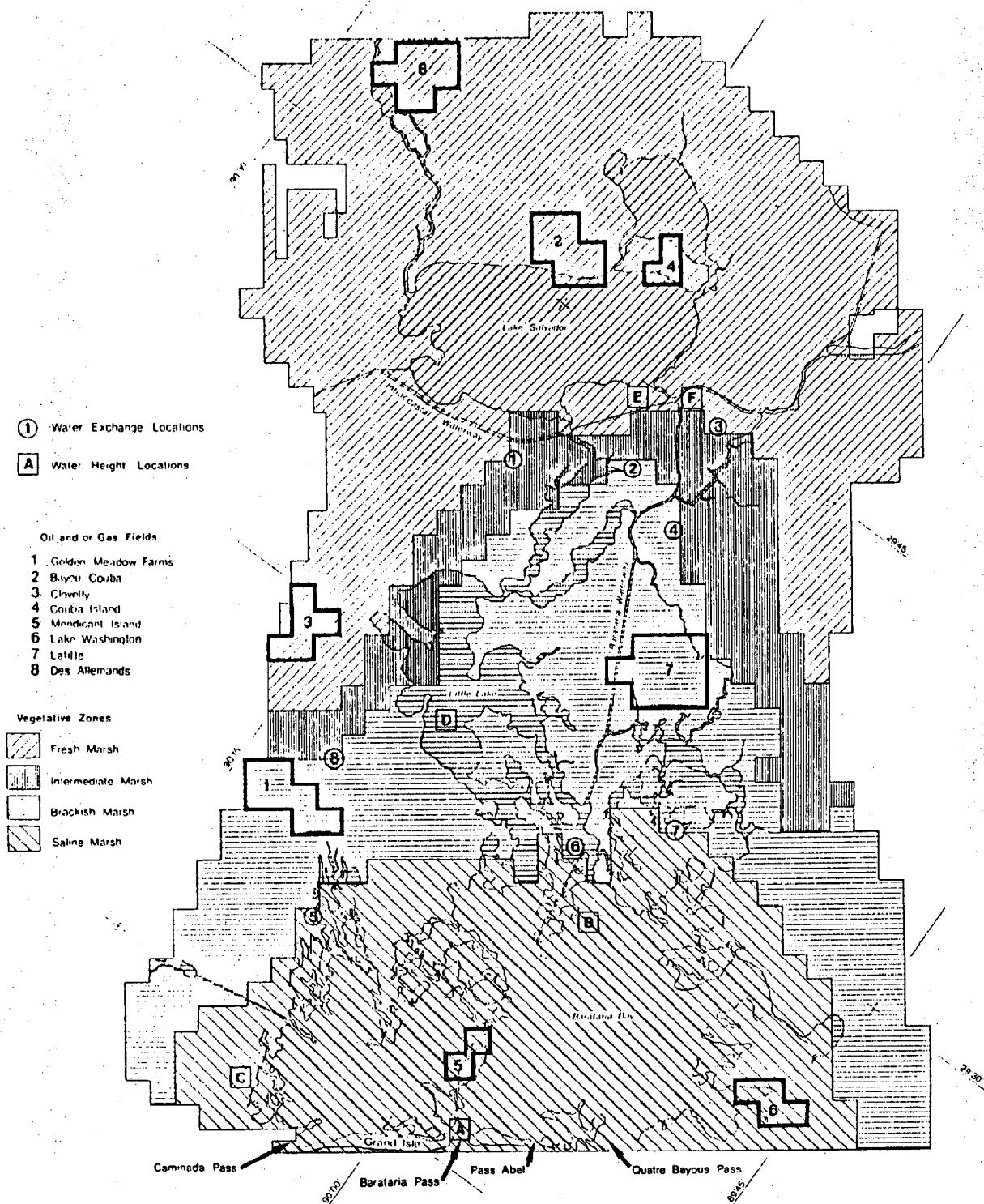


Fig. 1. Location Map.

Table 1. Simulation estimates of the flooded area in Barataria Basin created as a result of Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways (Run #2) and the canals of eight oil and gas fields (Run #3). Both runs were compared to Run #1. Extracted from Tables A1 through A3 in Appendix.

Area	Computer Simulation	
	Run #2	Run #3
Percent Change	10.8+	13.4+



Table 2. Median increases of water heights due to canals at selected locations in Barataria Basin, La. Values are in feet. Computer simulation Run #2 was done with Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways and simulation Run #3 was done with the waterways and canals of oil and gas fields. Both runs were compared to Run #1 which was done without any canals or waterways.

<u>location</u>	legend on Fig. 1	<u>Computer Simulation</u>	
		<u>Run #2</u>	<u>Run #3</u>
Barataria Pass	a	0.00	0.00
Manilla	b	0.02	0.01
Airplane Lake	c	0.01	0.01
Little Lake	d	0.09	0.10
LaFitte	e	0.16	0.18
Barataria	f	0.22	0.24

Table 3. Total water flow per 25 hr tidal cycle in each of four marsh types in Barataria Basin, La., in cubic feet and in percent change (common log base used; see table in appendix). Computer simulation Run #1 was done with no canals; simulation Run #2 was done with the Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways; and simulation Run #3 was done with both waterways and canals of eight oil and gas fields.

<u>Marsh Type</u>	<u># cubic feet X 10<sup>x</sup></u>			<u>Percent change</u>	
	<u>Run #1</u>	<u>Run #2</u>	<u>Run #3</u>	<u>#2/#1 X 100%</u>	<u>#3/#1 X 100%</u>
Saline	1.5424	1.5511	1.5618	100.6	101.2
Brackish	0.3615	0.3658	0.3685	101.2	101.9
Intermediate	0.4105	0.4390	0.4764	106.9	116.0
Fresh	0.7151	0.4844	0.5001	67.7	69.9

Table 4. Total water flow per 25 hr tidal cycle at selected exchange points in Barataria Basin, La., in cubic feet and percent change (common log base used; see Appendix, tables A8-A10). Computer simulation Run #1 was done with no canals; Simulation Run #2 was done with the Barataria and Intracoastal Waterways; Simulation Run #3 was done with both waterways and the canals of eight oil and gas fields.

<u>Exchange Point</u>	<u>Computer Simulation</u> (cubic feet X 10 <sup>x</sup> )			<u>Percent change</u>	
	<u>Run #1</u>	<u>Run #2</u>	<u>Run #3</u>	<u>#2/#1 X 100%</u>	<u>#3/#1 X 100%</u>
1	0.0	0.5195	0.3238	—	—
2	0.1949	0.0639	0.0613	32.8	31.4
3	0.9302	0.3571	0.3581	38.4	38.5
4	0.6327	0.4901	0.4998	77.5	79.0
5	0.2880	0.2877	0.2848	99.9	98.9
6	2.3375	2.3590	2.3480	100.9	100.4
7	0.9077	0.8789	0.8719	96.8	96.0
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—

Table 5. Total water flow in cubic feet and percent change per 25 hr tidal cycle through tidal passes of Barataria Basin, La. (common log base used; see table \_\_\_ in appendix). Computer simulation Run #1 was done with no canals; Simulation Run #2 was done with the Barataria and Intracoastal waterways; Simulation Run #3 was done with both waterways and the canals of eight oil and gas fields.

<u>Pass</u>	<u>Computer Simulation</u> <u>(cubic feet X 10<sup>X</sup>)</u>			<u>Percent change</u>	
	<u>Run #1</u>	<u>Run #2</u>	<u>Run #3</u>	<u>#2/#1 X 100%</u>	<u>#3/#1 X 100%</u>
Caminada	1.5088	1.5180	1.5299	100.6	101.4
Barataria	0.9210	0.9221	0.9256	100.1	100.5
Abel	0.8725	0.8674	0.8768	99.4	100.5
Quatre Bayou	2.8560	2.8448	2.8927	99.6	101.3
All	1.3597	1.3597	1.3708	100.0	100.8

## **DATA APPENDIX**

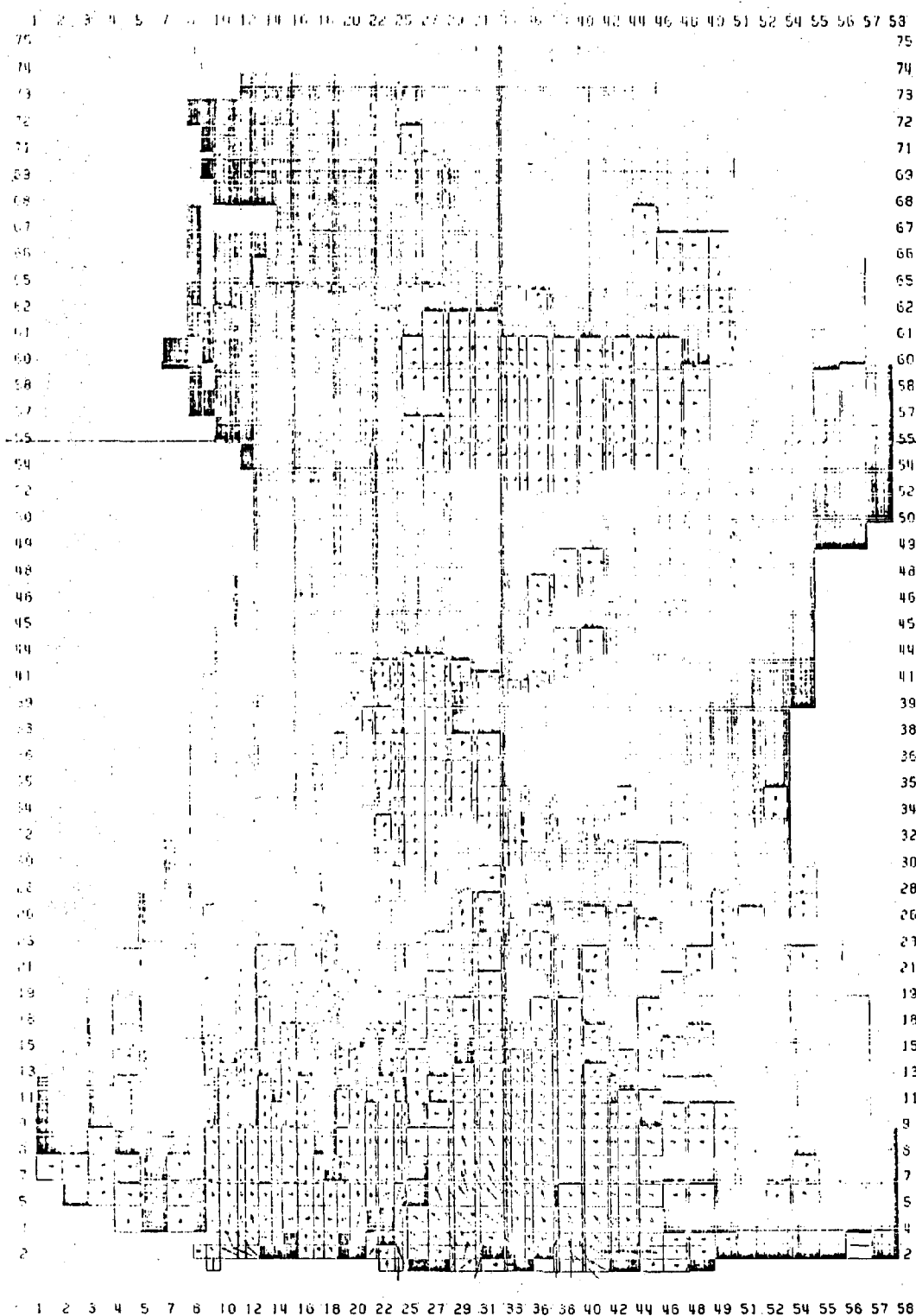


Fig. A1. Grid numbering system and water areas used by the hydrographic model of lower Barataria Basin.







Table A3. Flooded areas indicated by 1 and nonflooded areas indicated by 0 for Run #3. Grid corresponds to Fig. A1 (for 10 cycles).

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Table A4. Water heights over a tidal cycle at selected locations in Barataria Basin in feet for Run #1 (11 cycles), #2 (11 cycles), and #3 (4 cycles).

Run #1

HOUR	B. PASS (24,1)	MANILLA (36,14)	A. LAKE (7,7)	L. LAKE (27,35)	LAFITTE (46,46)	BARATAR (47,51)
0	0.99	1.41	1.05	0.99	0.77	0.71
2	0.45	1.12	1.00	1.05	0.73	0.71
4	0.03	0.86	0.91	1.05	0.91	0.72
6	-0.14	0.58	0.82	0.98	0.82	0.73
8	-0.06	0.38	0.73	0.90	0.82	0.72
10	0.18	0.28	0.59	0.84	0.81	0.72
12	0.53	0.34	0.55	0.79	0.78	0.74
14	0.93	0.64	0.55	0.75	0.76	0.72
16	1.30	0.91	0.51	0.74	0.73	0.69
18	1.57	1.12	0.72	0.78	0.72	0.70
20	1.70	1.33	0.89	0.83	0.74	0.58
22	1.62	1.48	0.97	0.90	0.75	0.53
24	1.29	1.49	1.04	0.96	0.77	0.69
25	0.99	1.41	1.05	1.00	0.78	0.70

Run #2

HOUR	B. PASS (24,1)	MANILLA (36,14)	A. LAKE (7,7)	L. LAKE (27,35)	LAFITTE (46,46)	BARATAR (47,51)
0	0.99	1.42	1.05	1.08	0.94	0.92
2	0.45	1.13	1.00	1.13	0.95	0.93
4	0.03	0.88	0.90	1.11	0.97	0.93
6	-0.14	0.61	0.82	1.03	0.98	0.94
8	-0.06	0.42	0.73	0.97	0.98	0.95
10	0.18	0.35	0.56	0.92	0.96	0.95
12	0.53	0.35	0.57	0.88	0.94	0.94
14	0.93	0.63	0.55	0.84	0.92	0.93
16	1.30	0.93	0.54	0.83	0.91	0.93
18	1.57	1.14	0.71	0.87	0.90	0.92
20	1.70	1.35	0.90	0.94	0.90	0.92
22	1.62	1.50	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.92
24	1.29	1.50	1.03	1.06	0.94	0.92
25	0.99	1.42	1.05	1.09	0.95	0.93

Run #3

HOUR	B. PASS (24,1)	MANILLA (36,14)	A. LAKE (7,7)	L. LAKE (27,35)	LAFITTE (46,46)	BARATAR (47,51)
0	0.99	1.42	1.05	1.09	0.96	0.94
2	0.45	1.14	1.01	1.13	0.97	0.95
4	0.03	0.88	0.91	1.11	0.99	0.95
6	-0.14	0.63	0.83	1.04	1.00	0.96
8	-0.06	0.40	0.74	0.97	0.99	0.97
10	0.18	0.31	0.59	0.92	0.97	0.97
12	0.53	0.35	0.58	0.89	0.95	0.96
14	0.93	0.65	0.55	0.85	0.94	0.95
16	1.30	0.93	0.53	0.84	0.93	0.95
18	1.57	1.14	0.70	0.88	0.92	0.94
20	1.70	1.34	0.90	0.94	0.92	0.93
22	1.62	1.40	0.98	1.00	0.94	0.94
24	1.29	1.50	1.03	1.06	0.96	0.94
25	0.99	1.42	1.05	1.09	0.96	0.95

Table A5. Water flow per vegetative zone over a tidal cycle. A6 is saline, A5 is brackish, A4 is intermediate, and A3 is fresh. See Figure 1. Values were calculated through 11 cycles for Run #1.

HOJr	A6	A5	A4	A3
0	0.1980E 06	-0.6004E 05	-0.7459E 04	-0.7425E 04
1	0.2791E 06	-0.4545E 05	-0.6753E 04	-0.8954E 04
2	0.2936E 06	-0.1920E 05	-0.7431E 04	-0.8553E 04
3	0.2673E 06	-0.8251E 04	-0.7031E 04	-0.7319E 04
4	0.2413E 06	0.3087E 05	-0.2465E 04	-0.1059E 05
5	0.2135E 06	0.4235E 05	-0.1575E 04	-0.1031E 05
6	0.1939E 06	0.4919E 05	-0.7229E 03	-0.9305E 04
7	0.1572E 06	0.5012E 05	0.2028E 04	-0.1091E 05
8	0.1257E 06	0.5052E 05	0.4133E 04	-0.9945E 04
9	0.8902E 05	0.4849E 05	0.4133E 04	-0.1013E 05
10	0.4344E 05	0.4800E 05	0.5019E 04	-0.1034E 05
11	-0.1817E 05	0.4300E 05	0.5004E 04	-0.1025E 05
12	-0.1041E 06	0.3861E 05	0.4172E 04	-0.6499E 04
13	-0.1528E 06	0.3486E 05	0.5159E 04	-0.5957E 04
14	-0.1869E 06	0.2762E 05	0.6751E 04	-0.7225E 04
15	-0.2284E 06	0.2451E 05	0.5117E 04	-0.5733E 04
16	-0.2313E 06	-0.4878E 04	0.7594E 04	-0.5453E 04
17	-0.2282E 06	-0.3008E 05	0.5328E 04	-0.5454E 04
18	-0.2362E 06	-0.3330E 05	0.2487E 04	-0.4550E 04
19	-0.2289E 06	-0.3890E 05	-0.2745E 02	-0.5174E 04
20	-0.2086E 06	-0.4954E 05	-0.3951E 03	-0.5707E 04
21	-0.1731E 06	-0.5748E 05	-0.1205E 04	-0.5115E 04
22	-0.1191E 06	-0.6175E 05	-0.2894E 04	-0.5725E 04
23	-0.4020E 05	-0.6322E 05	-0.5750E 04	-0.5734E 04
24	0.6218E 05	-0.6367E 05	-0.3988E 04	-0.9285E 04
25	0.2004E 06	-0.6265E 05	-0.6795E 04	-0.7552E 04
A-GEHRAIC SJM	0.3608E 08	-0.1427E 09	0.4413E 08	-0.7151E 09
SJM OF + FLDWS	0.7730E 10	0.1735E 10	0.2273E 09	0.0
SJM OF - F-DWS	-0.7694E 10	-0.1879E 10	-0.1832E 09	-0.7151E 09

Table A6. Water flow per vegetative zone over a tidal cycle. A6 is saline, A5 is brackish, A4 is intermediate, and A3 is fresh. See Figure 1. Values were calculated through 11 cycles for Run #2.

HOURL	A6	A5	A4	A3
0	19844E	55461E	8139E	68809E
1	0:2798E	0:4246E	0:8438E	0:68809E
2	0:2634E	0:4158E	0:8117E	0:68809E
3	0:2358E	0:3577E	0:6517E	0:68809E
4	0:2127E	0:3561E	0:6223E	0:68809E
5	0:1927E	0:3188E	0:5133E	0:68809E
6	0:1567E	0:2644E	0:4228E	0:68809E
7	0:1257E	0:2086E	0:3137E	0:68809E
8	0:8731E	0:1487E	0:2137E	0:68809E
9	0:4421E	0:6622E	0:5641E	0:68809E
10	0:1692E	0:4154E	0:1631E	0:68809E
11	0:1545E	0:3877E	0:6288E	0:68809E
12	0:1953E	0:2033E	0:8227E	0:68809E
13	0:2237E	0:1135E	0:5324E	0:68809E
14	0:2399E	0:5347E	0:3924E	0:68809E
15	0:2378E	0:3547E	0:3608E	0:68809E
16	0:2284E	0:3580E	0:8708E	0:68809E
17	0:2269E	0:4586E	0:4967E	0:68809E
18	0:2237E	0:5586E	0:2272E	0:68809E
19	0:1725E	0:6157E	0:4604E	0:68809E
20	0:1194E	0:6457E	0:6292E	0:68809E
21	0:3673E	0:6259E	0:7759E	0:68809E
22	0:1986E	0:5546E	0:8182E	0:68809E
23	0:1986E	0:5546E	0:8182E	0:68809E
24	0:1986E	0:5546E	0:8182E	0:68809E
25	0:1986E	0:5546E	0:8182E	0:68809E
ALGEBRAIC SUM	-0.4114E 08	-0.1273E 09	-0.2606E 08	-0.1949E 09
SUM OF + FLOWS	0.7735E 10	0.1765E 10	0.2065E 09	0.1448E 09
SUM OF - FLOWS	-0.7776E 10	-0.1893E 10	-0.2325E 09	-0.3396E 09

Table A7. Water flow per vegetative zone over a tidal cycle. A6 is saline, A5 is brackish, A4 is intermediate, and A3 is fresh. See Figure 1. Values were calculated through 4 cycles for Run #3.

Hour	A6	A5	A4	A3	
0	1986E	586E	5591E	5801E	44
1	0.2730E	5387E	8803E	5910E	44
2	0.2633E	5322E	8494E	5785E	44
3	0.2359E	5160E	8058E	5685E	44
4	0.2214E	5371E	8408E	5792E	44
5	0.1608E	5685E	8153E	5825E	44
6	0.1270E	5401E	7992E	5271E	44
7	0.9457E	5247E	5935E	5165E	44
8	0.5256E	4676E	5073E	5483E	44
9	0.9707E	4115E	6773E	5483E	44
10	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
11	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
12	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
13	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
14	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
15	0.1556E	3669E	6596E	5557E	44
16	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
17	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
18	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
19	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
20	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
21	0.2376E	3227E	6055E	5147E	44
22	0.1747E	5519E	9516E	5891E	44
23	0.1200E	5682E	9339E	5344E	44
24	0.3316E	6643E	8237E	5110E	44
25	0.1972E	6655E	8680E	5356E	44
ALGEBRAIC SUM					-0.1714E 09
SUM OF + FLOWS					0.1643E 09
SUM OF - FLOWS					-0.3358E 09









Table All. Water flow at tidal passes of Barataria Basin per 25-hour cycle (see Fig. 1). Values were calculated through 11 cycles for Run #1.

Hour	Caminada	Barataria	Abel	O. Bayou	All Passes
0	-0.2678E 05	-0.1337E 06	0.2814E 04	0.1519E 05	-0.1425E 06
1	-0.2970E 05	-0.1554E 06	-0.6217E 04	-0.1437E 05	-0.2037E 06
2	-0.3141E 05	-0.1523E 06	-0.9354E 04	-0.3215E 05	-0.2252E 06
3	-0.3180E 05	-0.1521E 06	-0.1002E 05	-0.3082E 05	-0.2247E 06
4	-0.3076E 05	-0.1458E 06	-0.1053E 05	-0.3271E 05	-0.2199E 06
5	-0.3008E 05	-0.1349E 06	-0.1072E 05	-0.3171E 05	-0.2074E 06
6	-0.2849E 05	-0.1232E 06	-0.1014E 05	-0.2973E 05	-0.1916E 06
7	-0.2595E 05	-0.1058E 06	-0.8708E 04	-0.2543E 05	-0.1539E 06
8	-0.2343E 05	-0.8818E 05	-0.7332E 04	-0.2113E 05	-0.1401E 06
9	-0.2065E 05	-0.6635E 05	-0.5475E 04	-0.1507E 05	-0.1046E 06
10	-0.1827E 05	-0.4113E 05	-0.3334E 04	-0.9783E 04	-0.7252E 05
11	-0.1495E 05	-0.5075E 05	0.3941E 03	0.1341E 04	-0.1839E 05
12	-0.1224E 05	0.4494E 04	0.5569E 04	0.1430E 05	0.5256E 05
13	-0.9406E 04	0.8280E 05	0.7509E 04	0.1377E 05	0.9937E 05
14	-0.6302E 04	0.1021E 06	0.8947E 04	0.2754E 05	0.1324E 06
15	-0.2302E 03	0.1269E 06	0.1110E 05	0.3565E 05	0.1735E 06
16	0.5834E 04	0.1319E 06	0.1227E 05	0.4070E 05	0.1937E 06
17	0.8311E 04	0.1383E 06	0.1401E 05	0.4721E 05	0.2079E 06
18	0.9259E 04	0.1396E 05	0.1512E 05	0.5155E 05	0.2157E 06
19	0.8030E 04	0.1344E 06	0.1569E 05	0.5451E 05	0.2127E 06
20	0.6768E 04	0.1224E 06	0.1578E 05	0.5584E 05	0.2008E 06
21	0.2135E 04	0.1021E 05	0.1539E 05	0.5523E 05	0.1749E 06
22	-0.5754E 04	0.6747E 05	0.1451E 05	0.5314E 05	0.1294E 06
23	-0.1423E 05	0.1417E 05	0.1298E 05	0.4723E 05	0.6011E 05
24	-0.2080E 05	-0.5780E 05	0.1047E 05	0.3577E 05	-0.3137E 05
25	-0.2682E 05	-0.1337E 06	0.2800E 04	0.1515E 05	-0.1426E 06
A_GEBRAIC SUM	-0.1227E 10	-0.5361E 09	0.2928E 09	0.1115E 10	-0.3551E 09
SJM OF + FLOWS	0.1404E 09	0.4337E 10	0.5826E 09	0.1985E 10	0.6621E 10
SJM OF - FLOWS	-0.1368E 10	-0.4873E 10	-0.2839E 09	-0.8710E 09	-0.5975E 10

Table A12. Water flow at tidal passes of Barataria Basin per 25-hour cycle (see Fig. 1). Values were calculated through 11 cycles for Run #2.

HOUR	CAMINADA	BARATARIA	ABEL	Q. BAYOU	ALL PASSES
0	0.2693E	0.1358E	0.3077E	0.1417E	0.0000E
1	0.2981E	0.1562E	0.3309E	0.1566E	0.0000E
2	0.3150E	0.1570E	0.3399E	0.1623E	0.0000E
3	0.3099E	0.1437E	0.3263E	0.1598E	0.0000E
4	0.3020E	0.1360E	0.3126E	0.1520E	0.0000E
5	0.2856E	0.1279E	0.2923E	0.1413E	0.0000E
6	0.2617E	0.1098E	0.2685E	0.1287E	0.0000E
7	0.2343E	0.0881E	0.2424E	0.1086E	0.0000E
8	0.2072E	0.0681E	0.2124E	0.0872E	0.0000E
9	0.1810E	0.0496E	0.1796E	0.0633E	0.0000E
10	0.1541E	0.0316E	0.1496E	0.0383E	0.0000E
11	0.1271E	0.0140E	0.1177E	0.0130E	0.0000E
12	0.9645E	0.0970E	0.9820E	0.2350E	0.0000E
13	0.5678E	0.1257E	0.1216E	0.4641E	0.0000E
14	0.8565E	0.1372E	0.1387E	0.5081E	0.0000E
15	0.5829E	0.1377E	0.1487E	0.3819E	0.0000E
16	0.7439E	0.1325E	0.1555E	0.5545E	0.0000E
17	0.3377E	0.1000E	0.1519E	0.5545E	0.0000E
18	0.6687E	0.1081E	0.1432E	0.4661E	0.0000E
19	0.1646E	0.0681E	0.1279E	0.3614E	0.0000E
20	0.6249E	0.1081E	0.1222E	0.3141E	0.0000E
21	0.1402E	0.0617E	0.0928E	0.1413E	0.0000E
22	0.2102E	0.1081E	0.1222E	0.3141E	0.0000E
23	0.2694E	0.1358E	0.3077E	0.1417E	0.0000E
24	0.2981E	0.1562E	0.3309E	0.1566E	0.0000E
25	0.3150E	0.1570E	0.3399E	0.1623E	0.0000E
ALGEBRAIC SUM	-0.1244E 10	-0.7388E 09	0.2728E 09	0.1045E 10	-0.6649E 09
SUM OF + FLOWS	0.1370E 09	0.4241E 10	0.5701E 09	0.1945E 10	0.6466E 10
SUM OF - FLOWS	-0.1381E 10	-0.4580E 10	-0.2973E 09	-0.8998E 09	-0.7131E 10

Table A13. Water flow at tidal passes of Barataria Basin per 25-hour cycle (see Fig. 1). Values were calculated through 4 cycles for Run #3.

HOUR	CAMINADA	BAFATARIA	ABEL	Q. BAYOU	ALL PASSES
0	2690E	55	44	55	66
1	22982E	00	2375E	52	66
2	3155E	33	561E	1452E	66
3	31197E	00	959E	3357E	66
4	3110E	00	1083E	3162E	66
5	3030E	00	1092E	3275E	66
6	2857E	00	1041E	3092E	66
7	2636E	00	9157E	2688E	66
8	2105E	00	7803E	2282E	66
9	1874E	00	5895E	1804E	66
10	1543E	00	3898E	1123E	55
11	1264E	00	2562E	0735E	55
12	9972E	00	1558E	0223E	66
13	6575E	00	880E	0042E	66
14	315E	00	1280E	0044E	66
15	9465E	00	1291E	0042E	66
16	6815E	00	1494E	0046E	66
17	7680E	00	1533E	0043E	66
18	9321E	00	1530E	0055E	66
19	8879E	00	1530E	0055E	66
20	6846E	00	1232E	0055E	66
21	5974E	00	1038E	0055E	66
22	4998E	00	1236E	0055E	66
23	2692E	00	2368E	0055E	66
24		00		0055E	66
25		00		0055E	66
ALGEBRAIC SUM	-0.1244E 10	-0.7635E 09	0.2668E C9	C. 1037E 10	-0.7038E C9
SUM OF + FLOWS	0.1429E 09	C. 4246E 10	0.5718E C9	0.1965E 1C	C. 6502E 10
SUM OF - FLOWS	-0.1387E 10	-0.5010E 1C	-0.3050E C9	-0.9277E C9	-0.7206E 1C

Table A14. Canal data per oil and gas field used for computer simulations.\*

<u>Field</u>	<u>Golden Meadow 1</u>	<u>Bayou Couba 2</u>	<u>Clovelly 3</u>	<u>Couba Island 4</u>
Volume (cu ft)	0.1557E+09	0.1147E+09	0.7370E+08	0.1230E+08
Area (sq ft)	0.2241E+09	0.2274E+09	0.1648E+09	0.6592E+08
Mean Depth (ft)	0.69	0.50	0.45	0.19
<u>Field</u>	<u>Mendicant Island 5</u>	<u>Lake Washington 6</u>	<u>Lafitte 7</u>	<u>Des Allemands 8</u>
Volume (cu ft)	0.1640E+08	0.2008E+09	0.2294E+09	0.6550E+08
Area (sq ft)	0.6921E+08	0.1252E+09	0.3296E+09	0.2472E+09
Mean Depth (ft)	0.24	1.60	0.70	0.26

\*See Figure 1 for locations.

NOTE: Depths of Fields to be taken relative to MSL. Depth = Volume/Area.

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