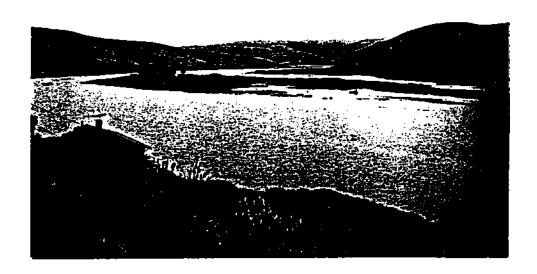
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APPENDIX I

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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Actual Tidal Prism as potential tidal prism, but based on tide levels in the lagoon or estuary (i.e. accounts

for the damping effects of the tidal inlet channel)

Barrier Beach the sand bar which is formed at the entrance of an estuary, preventing tidal exchange

Diurnal Tidal Prism the volume of water stored in a lagoon or estuary between MHHW and MLLW

Estuary a semienclosed coastal body of water which has a free connection with the open ocean

and within which ocean water is measurably diluted with fresh water derived from land

drainage (Pritchard, 1967)

Inlet Channel the channel which crosses the barrier beach and connects the ocean to the Russian

River Estuary

Lagoon an enclosed coastal body of water with no or periodic connection to the open ocean

which is recharged by fresh water from land drainage

Mean Tidal Prism the volume of water stored in a lagoon or estuary between MHW and MLW

MHHW Mean Higher High Water

MHW Mean High Water

MLLW Mean Lower Low Water

MLW Mean Low Water

NGVD National Geodetic Vertical Datum

Potential Tidal Prism the volume of water stored in a lagoon (estuary) between MHW and MLW (Mean

potential tidal prism) or MHHW and MLLW (potential diurnal tidal prism) based on tide

elevations in the ocean.

APPENDIX II

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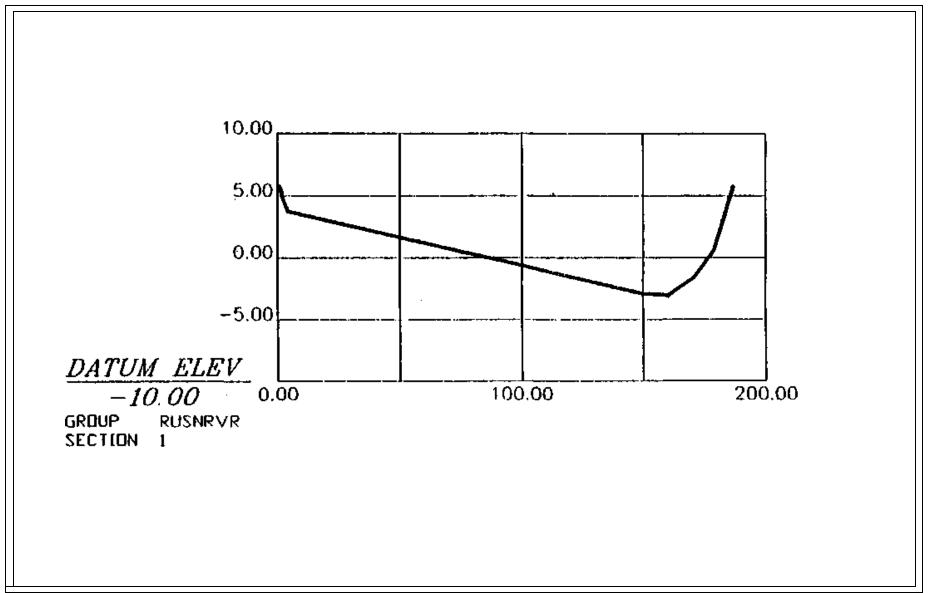
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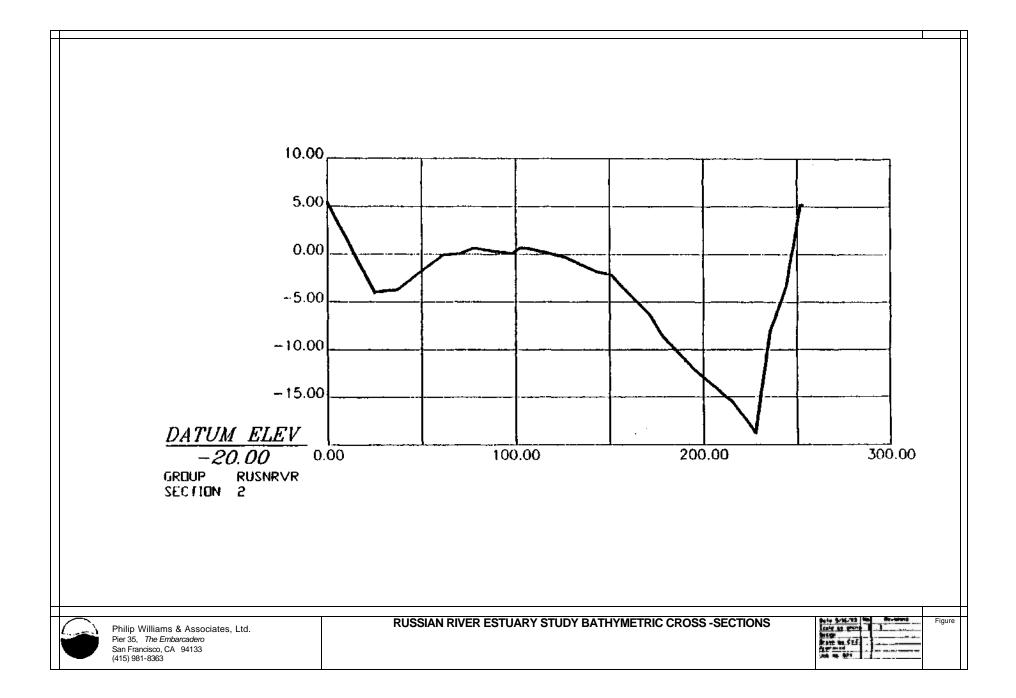
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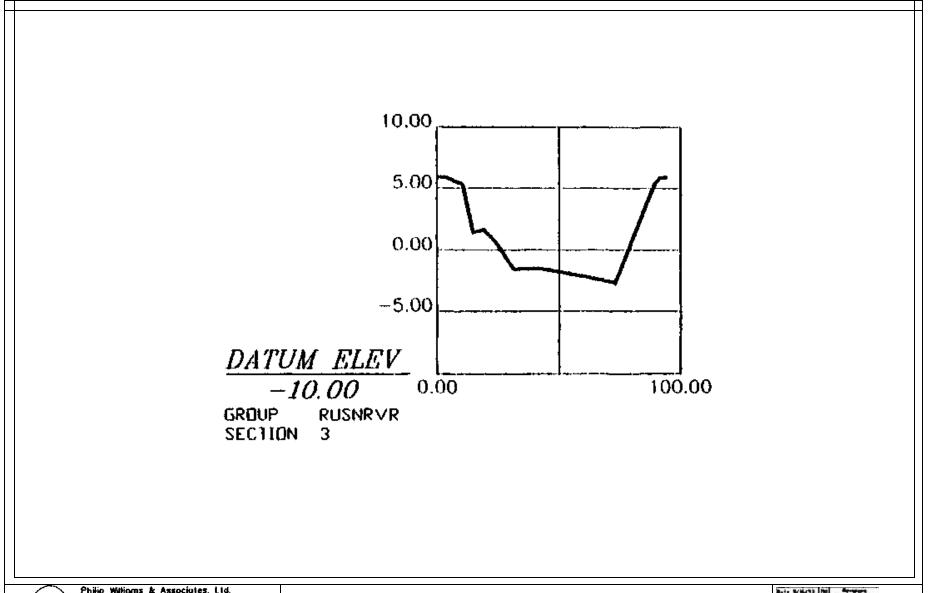
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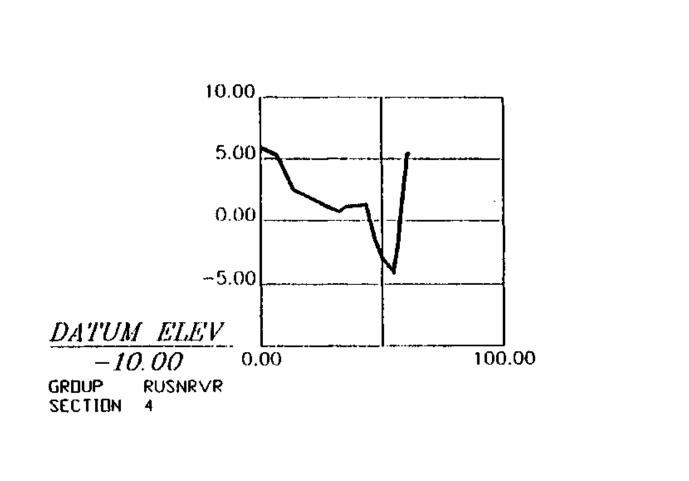




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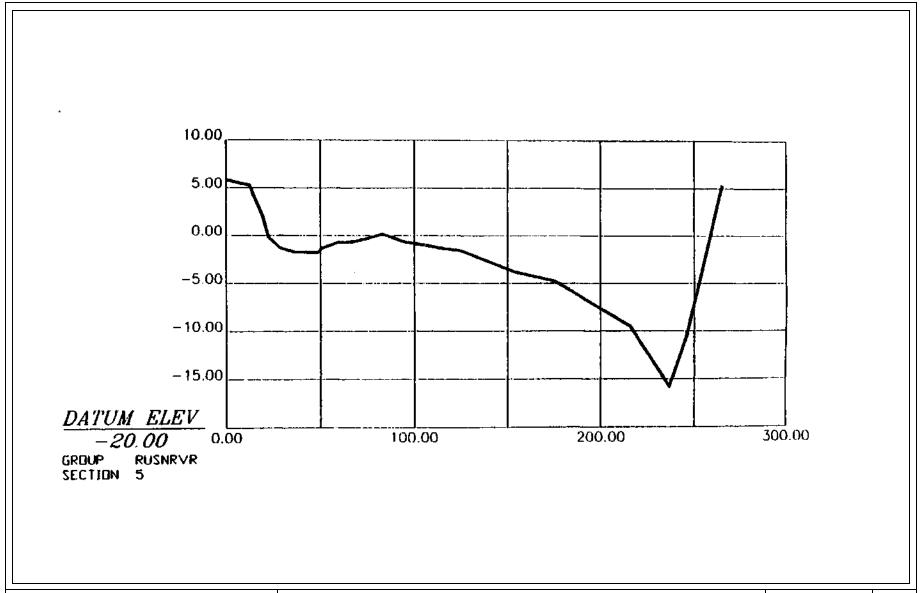
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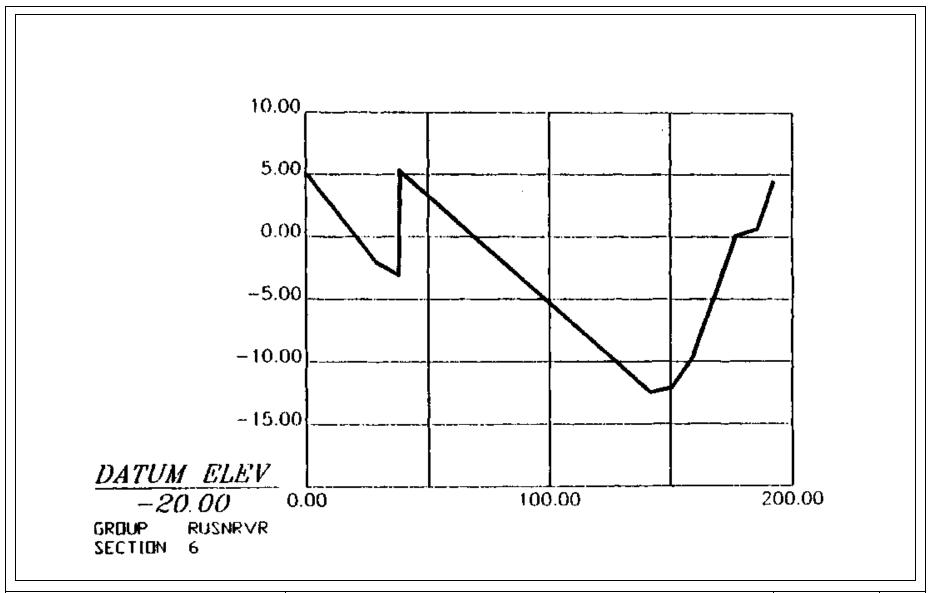
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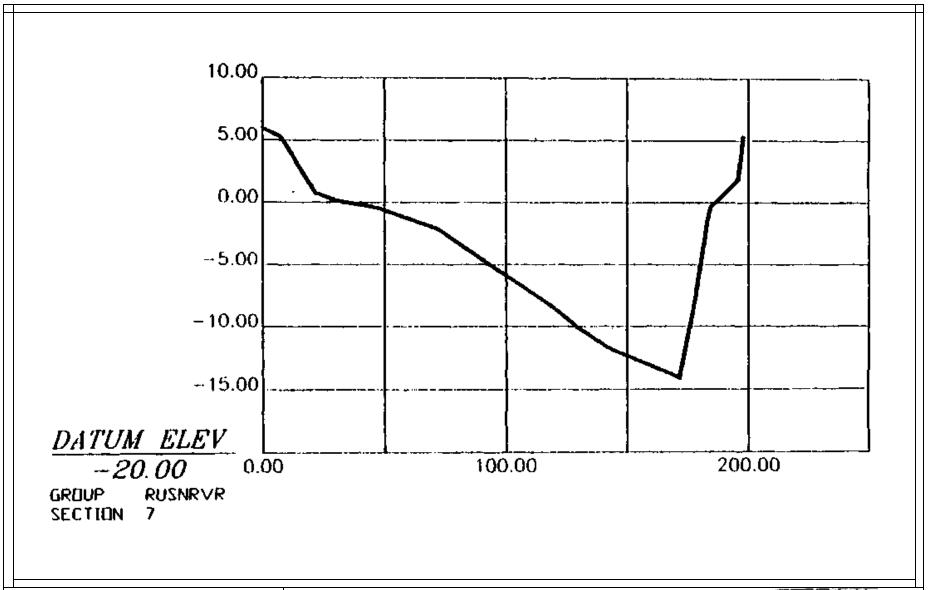


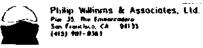
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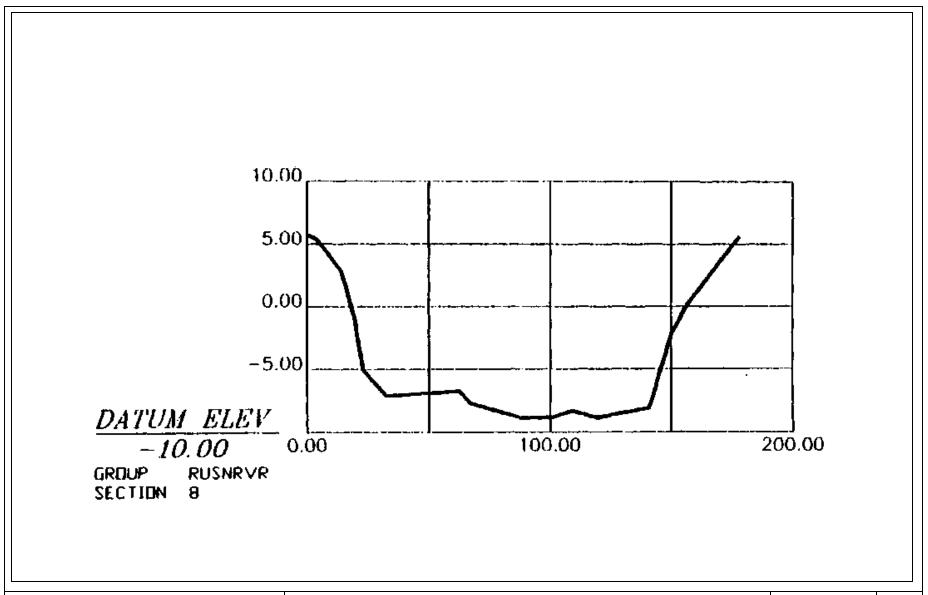
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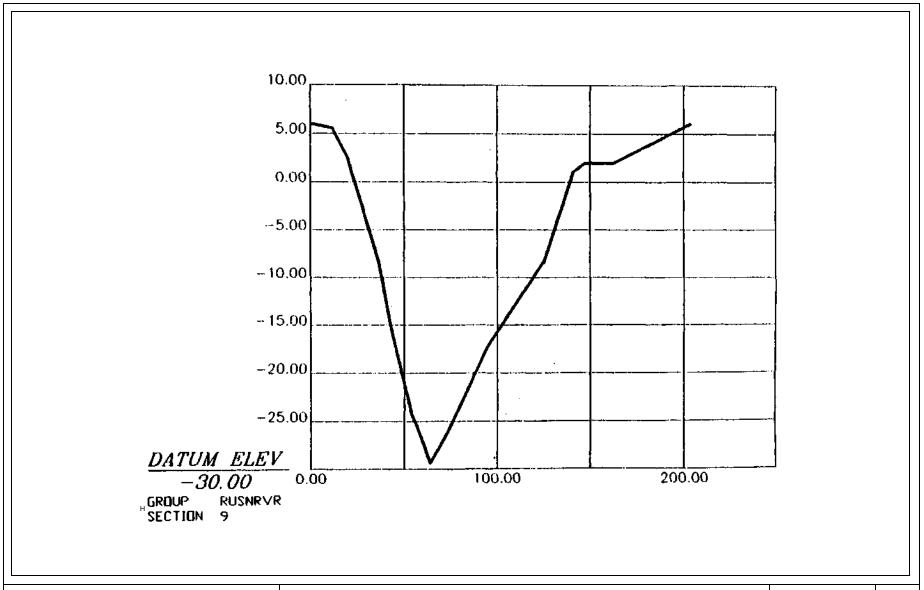


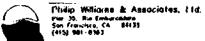


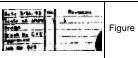


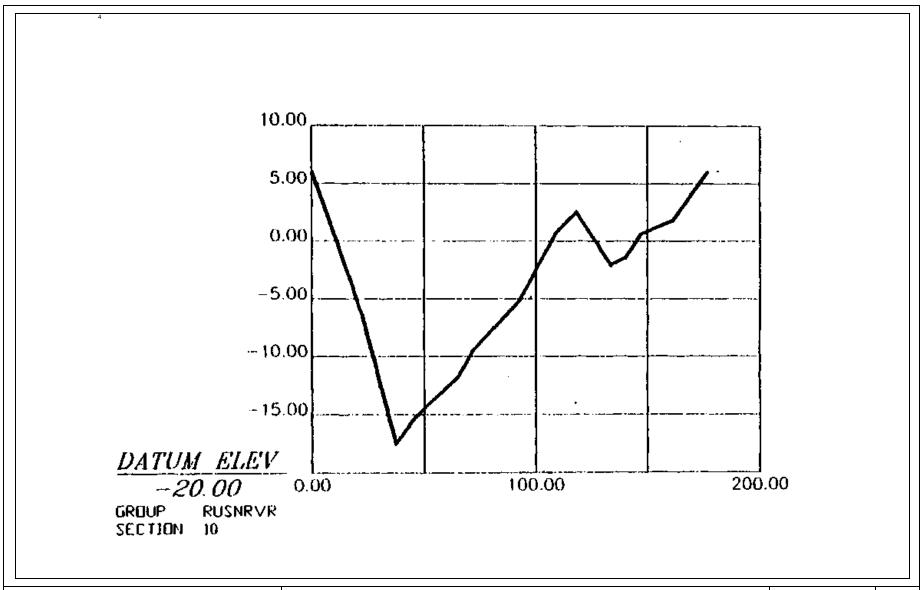
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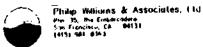
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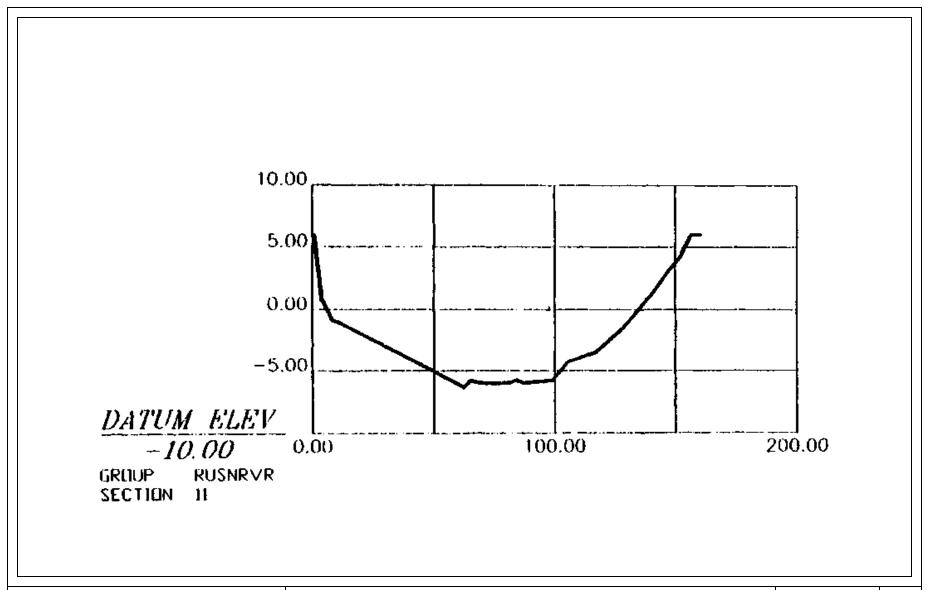


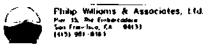


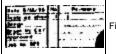


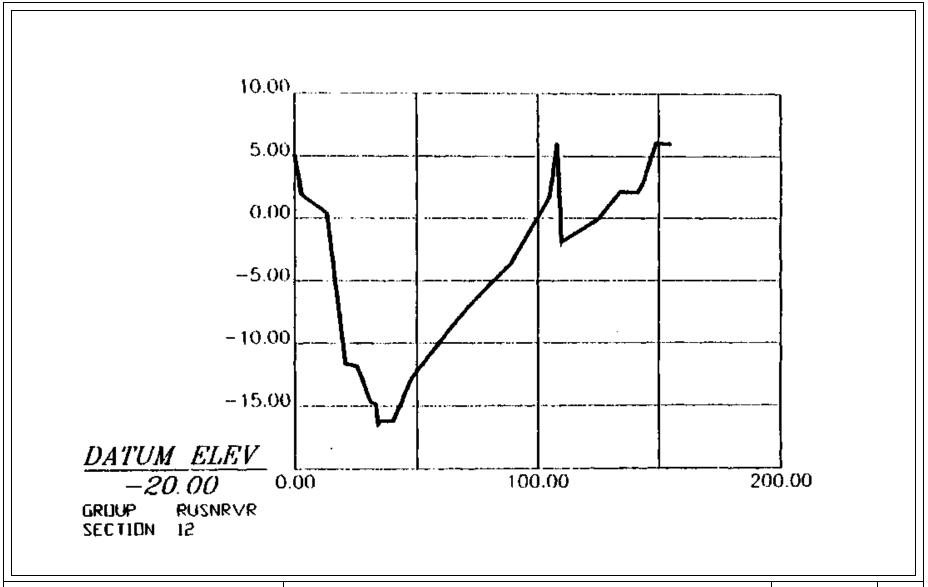


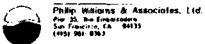




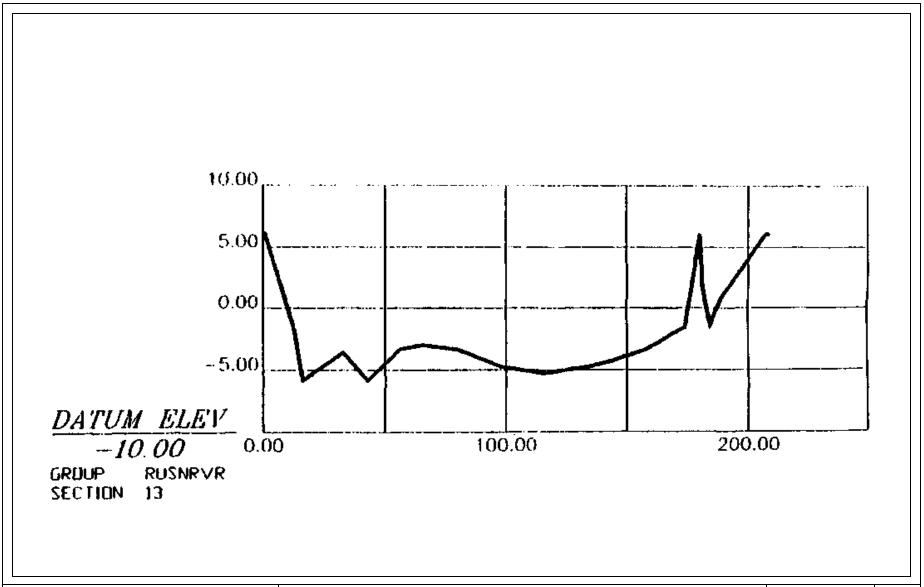


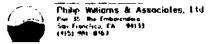




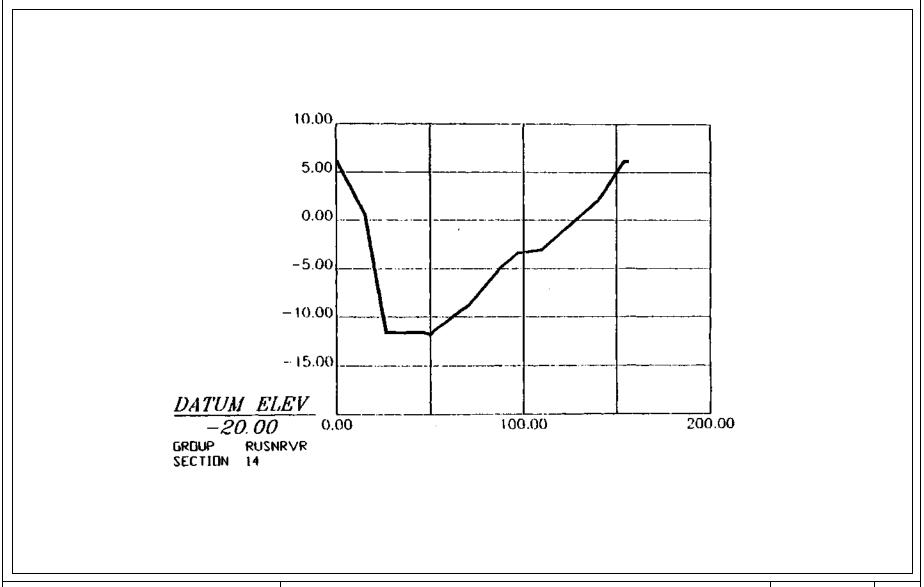






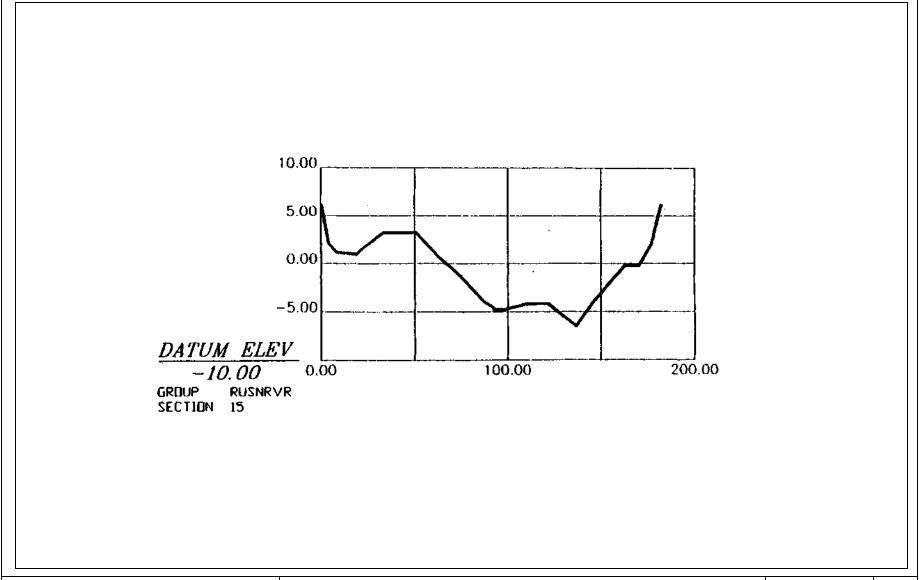


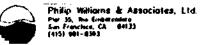


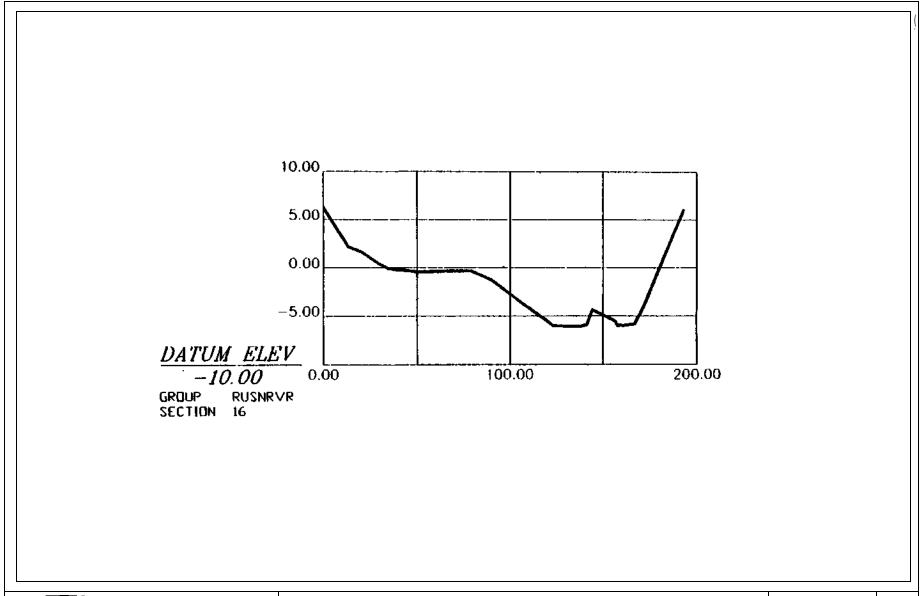




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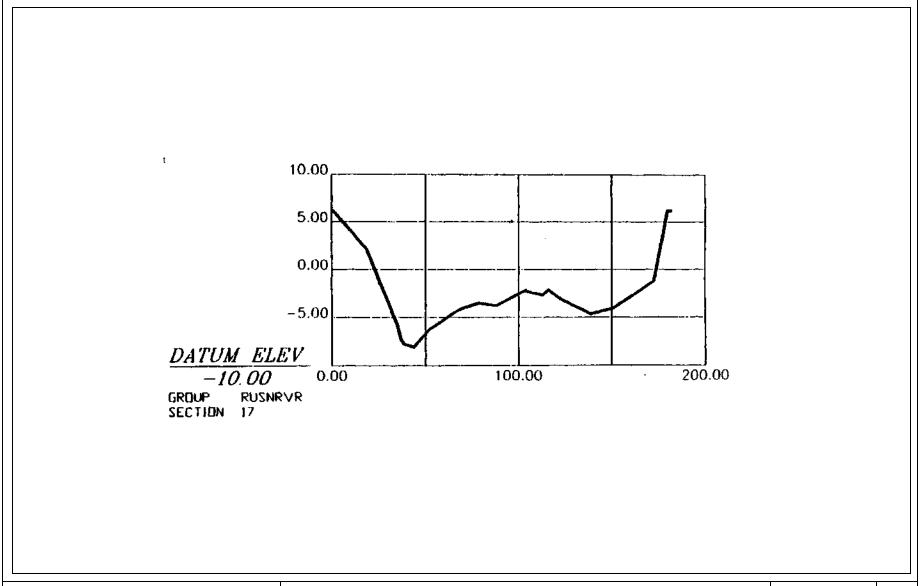


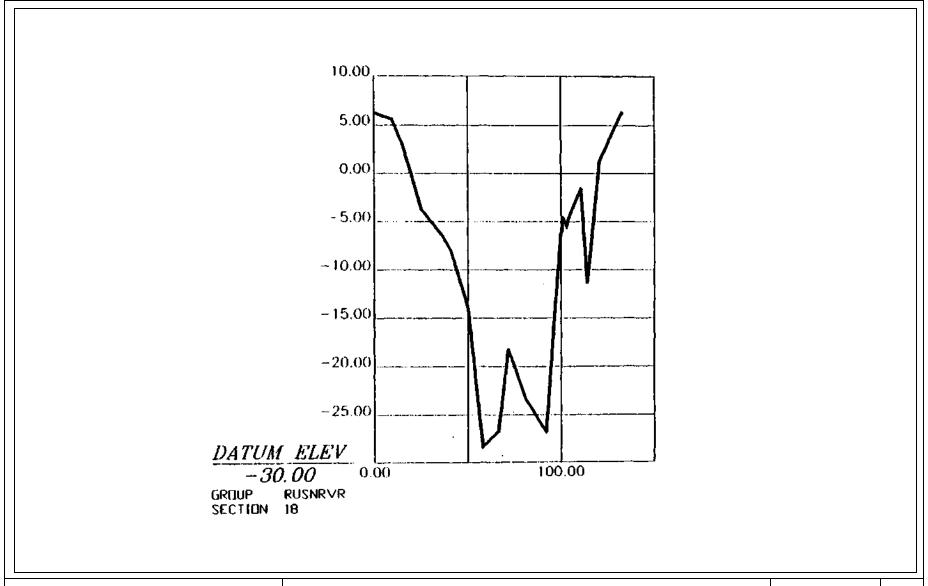


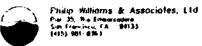


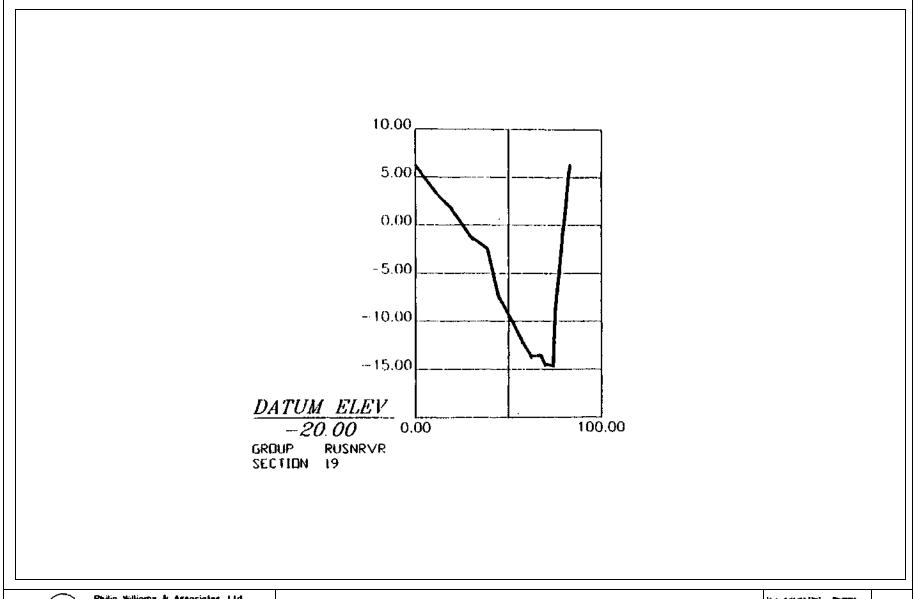
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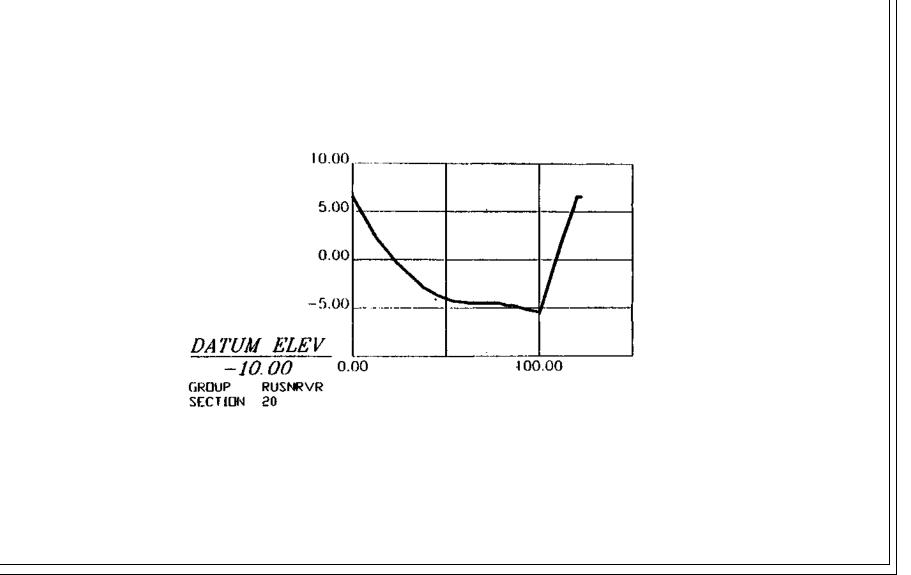






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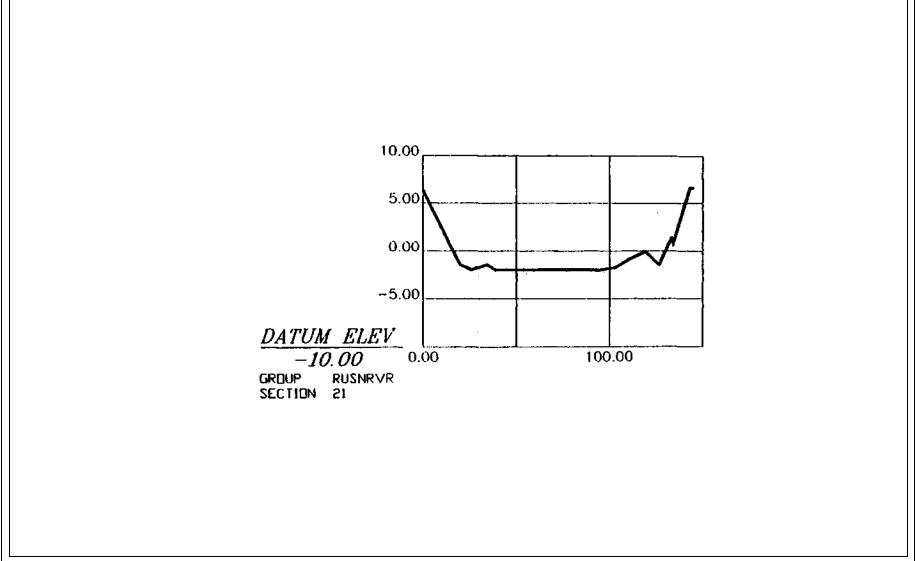


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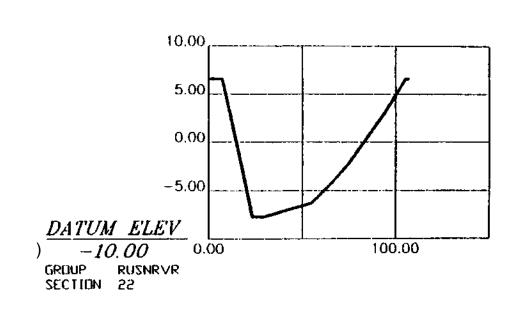
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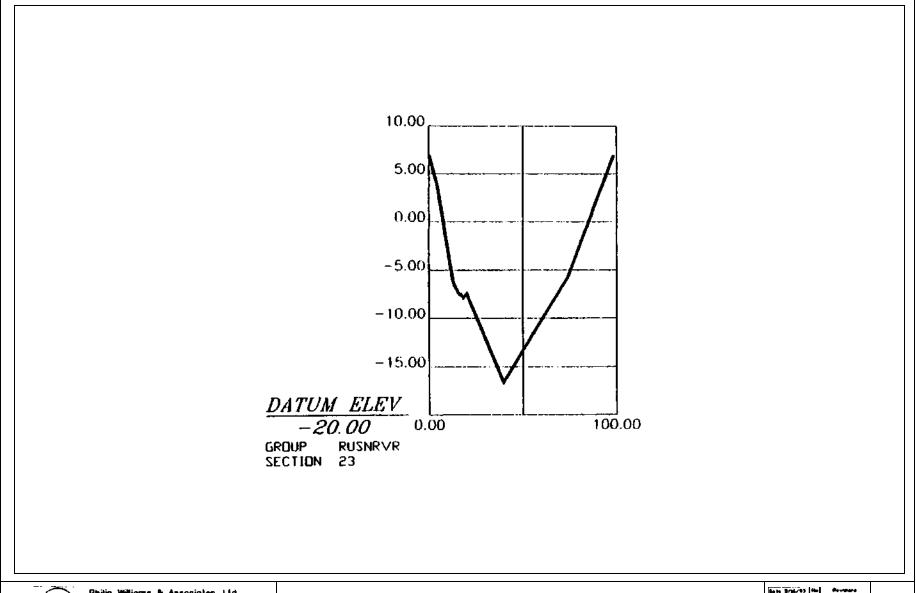


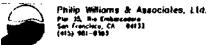
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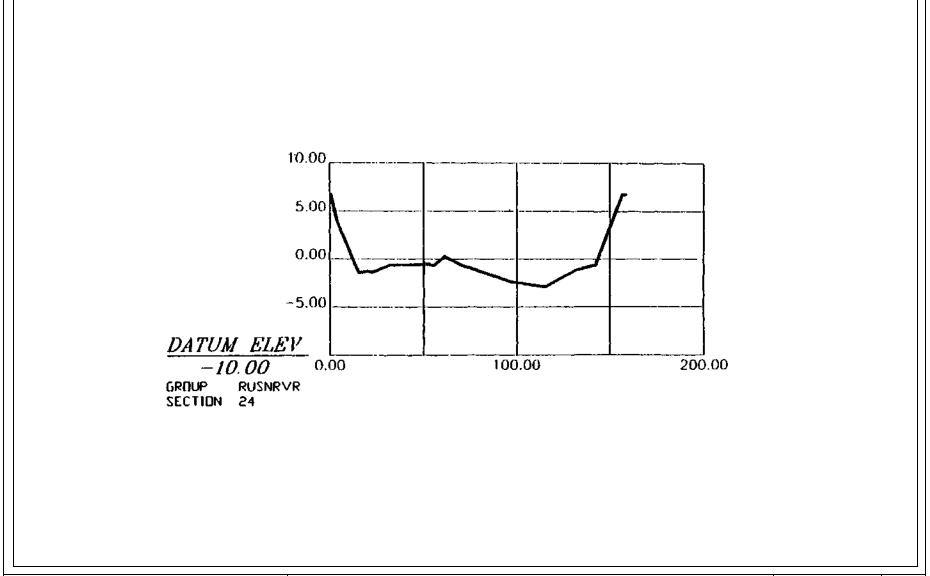
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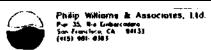
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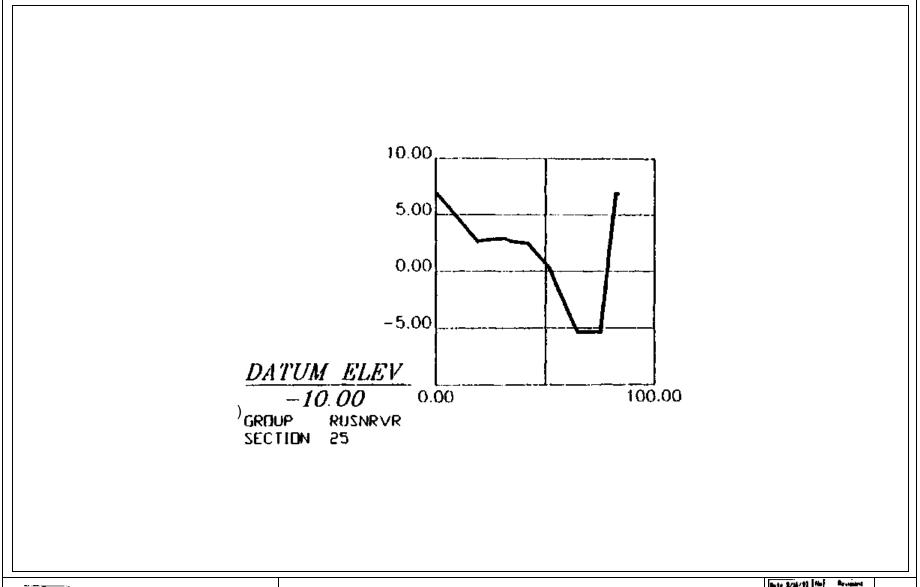


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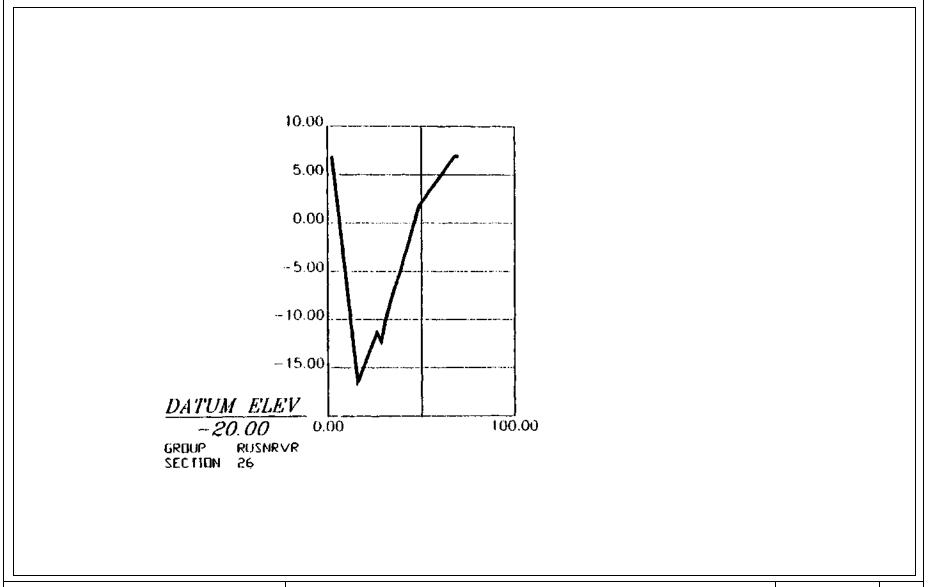


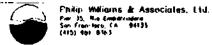
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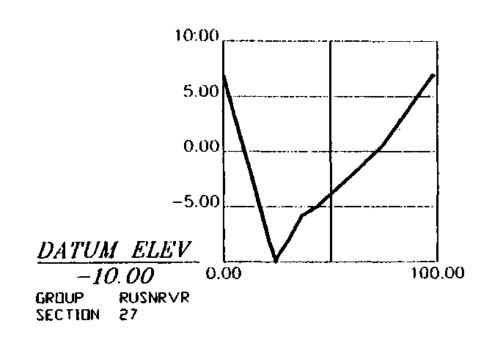
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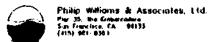
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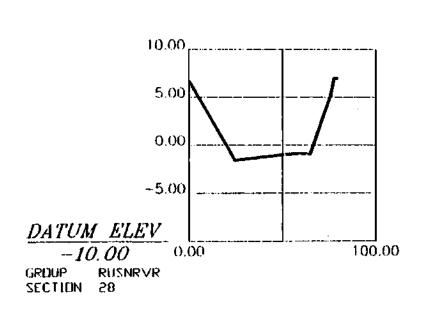


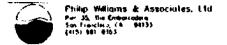




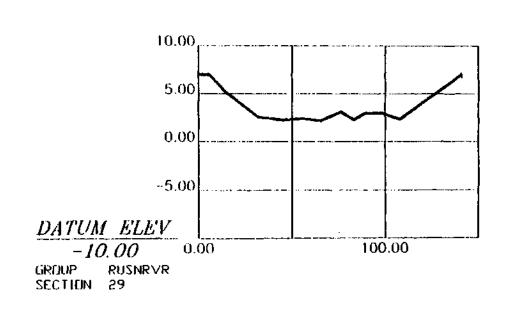


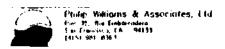




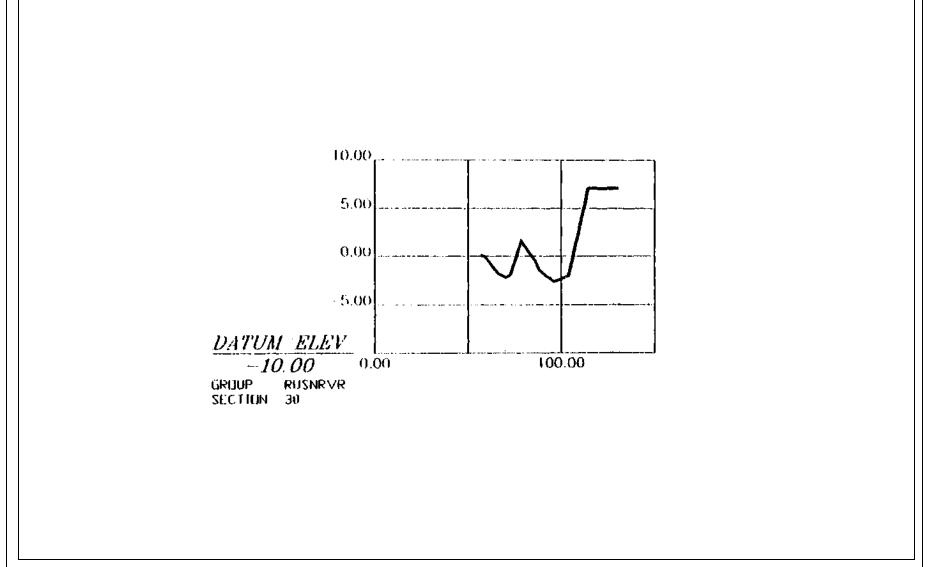






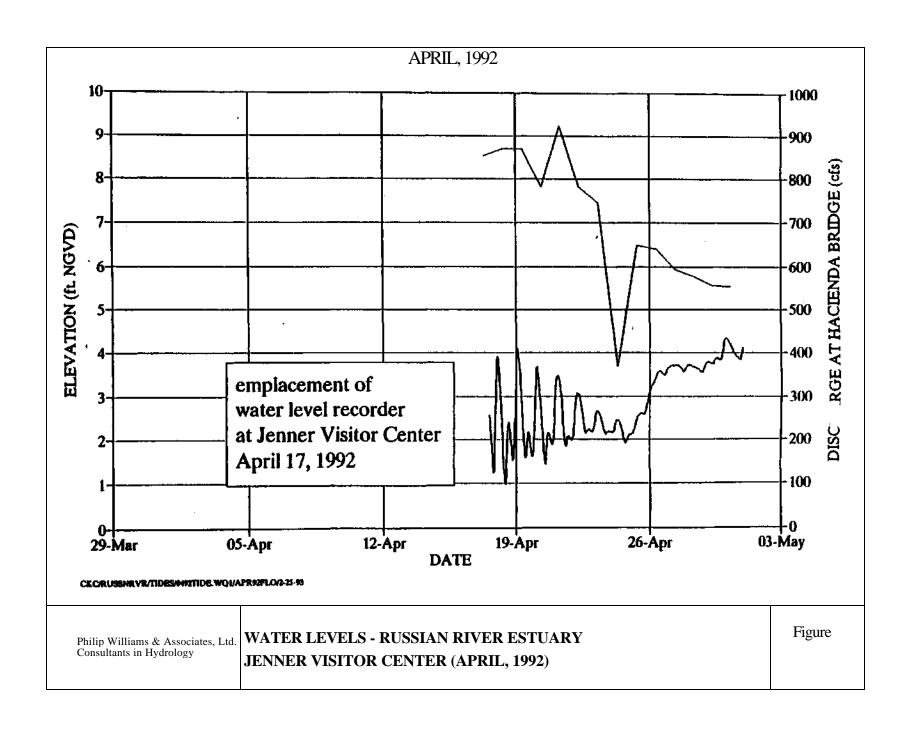


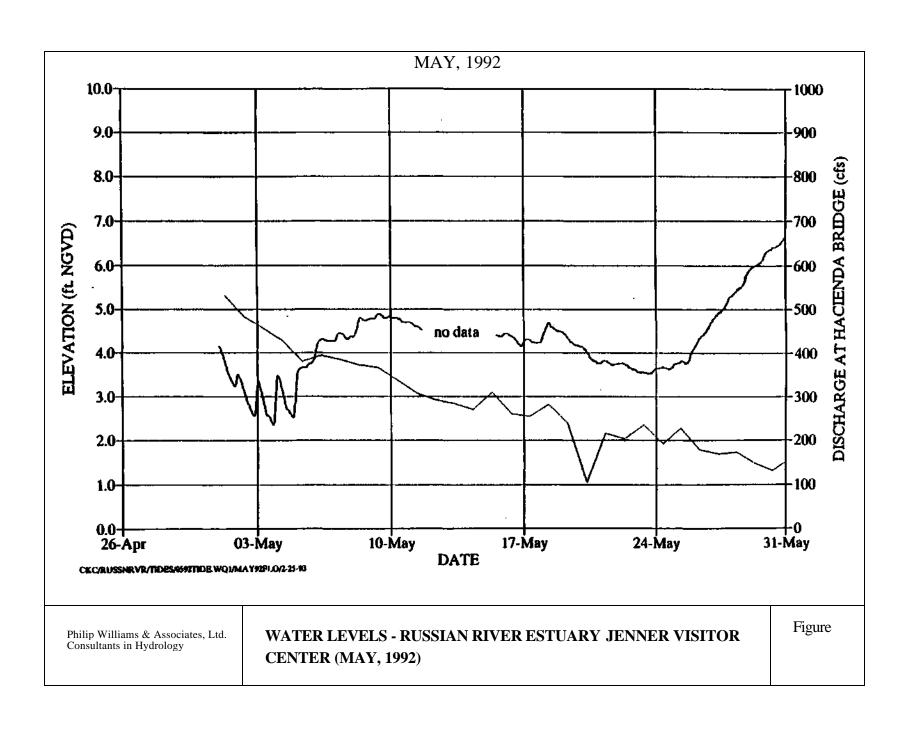


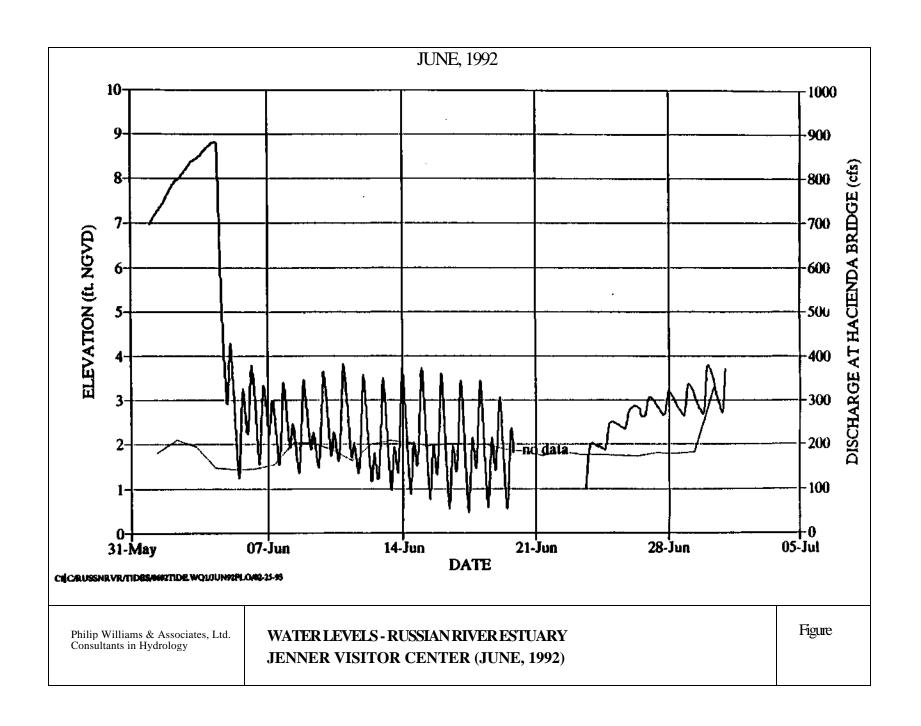


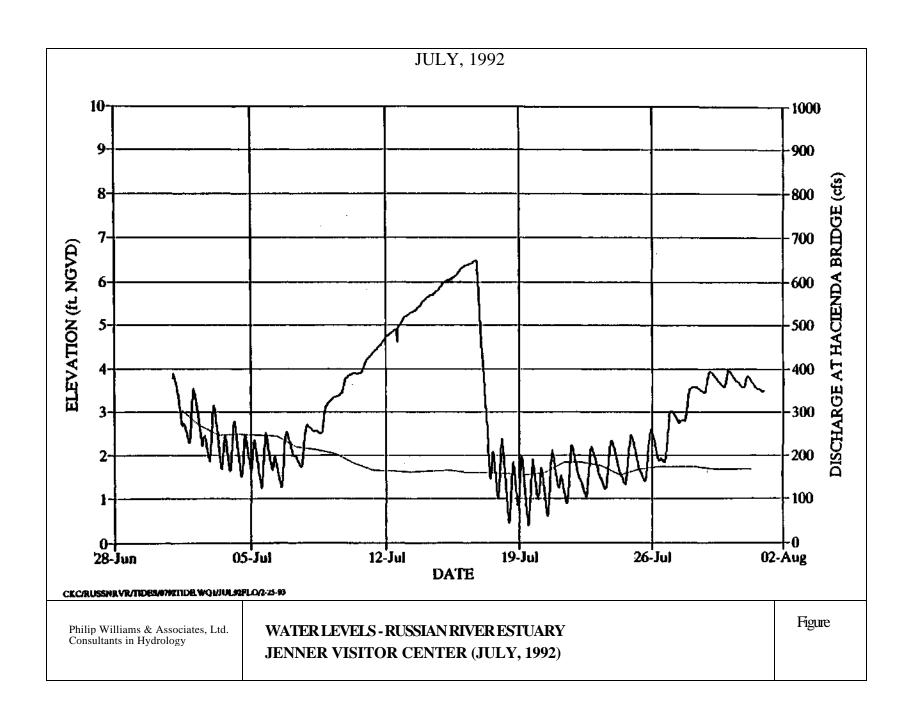
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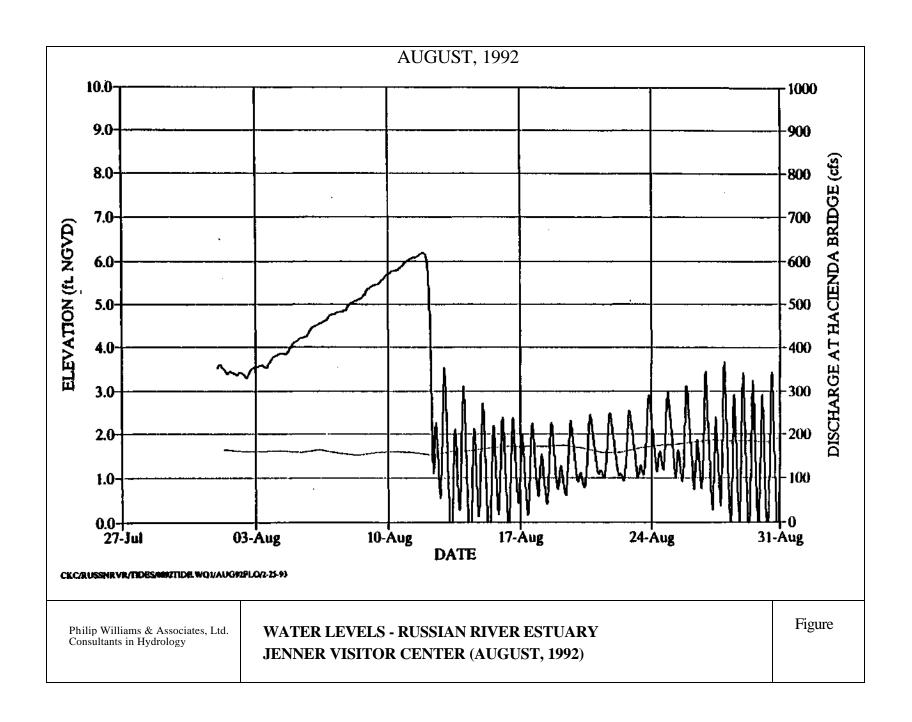
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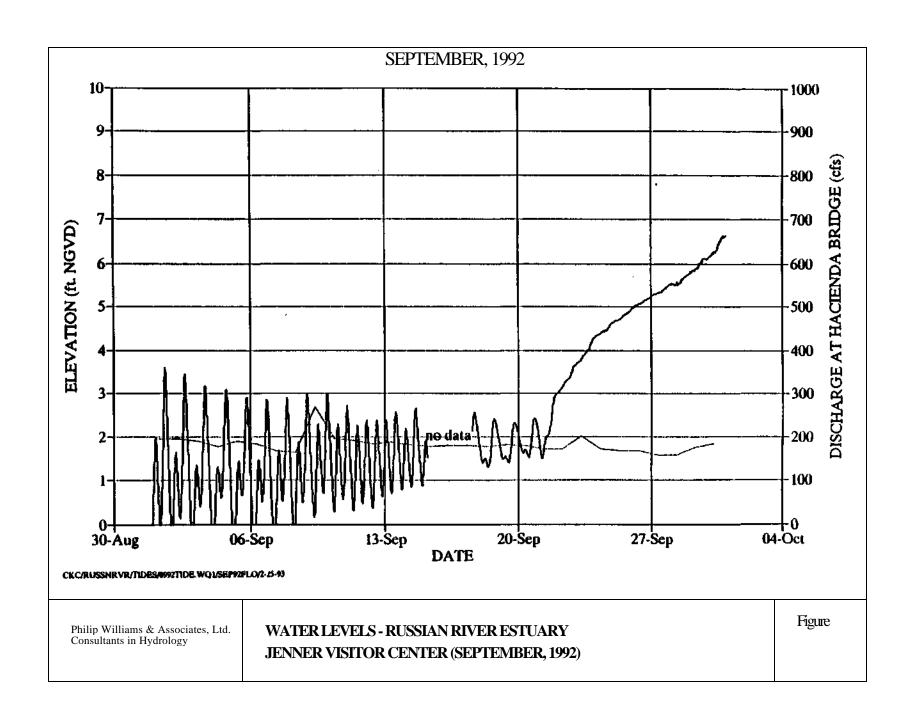


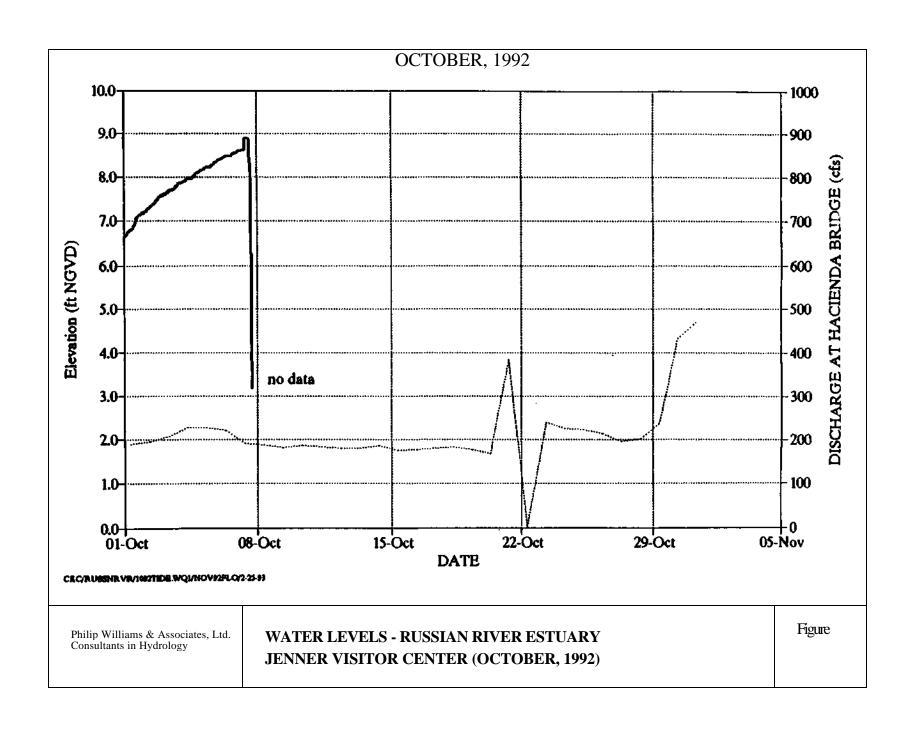


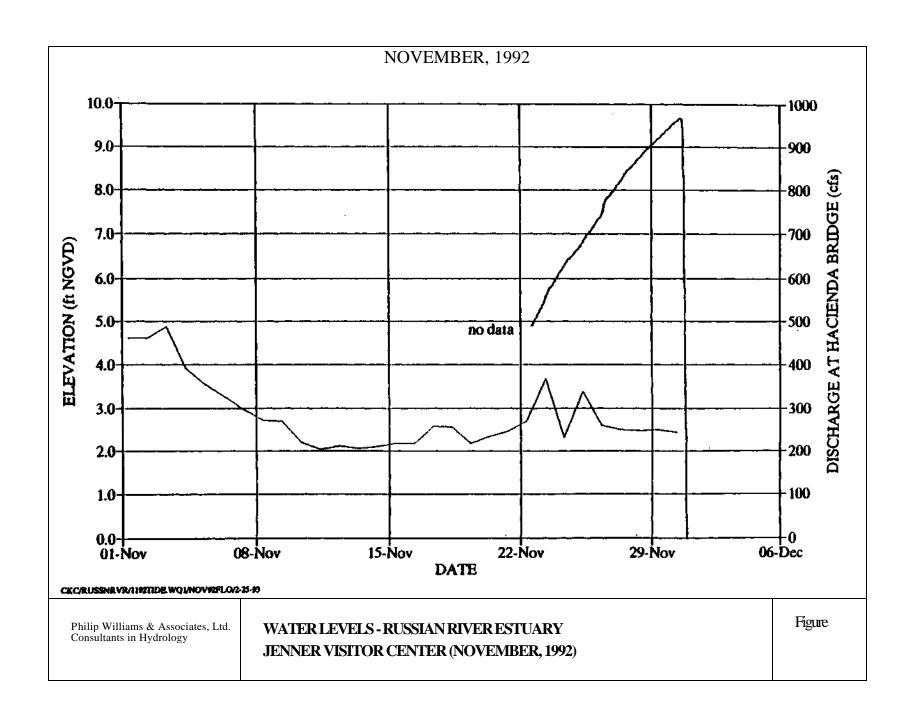


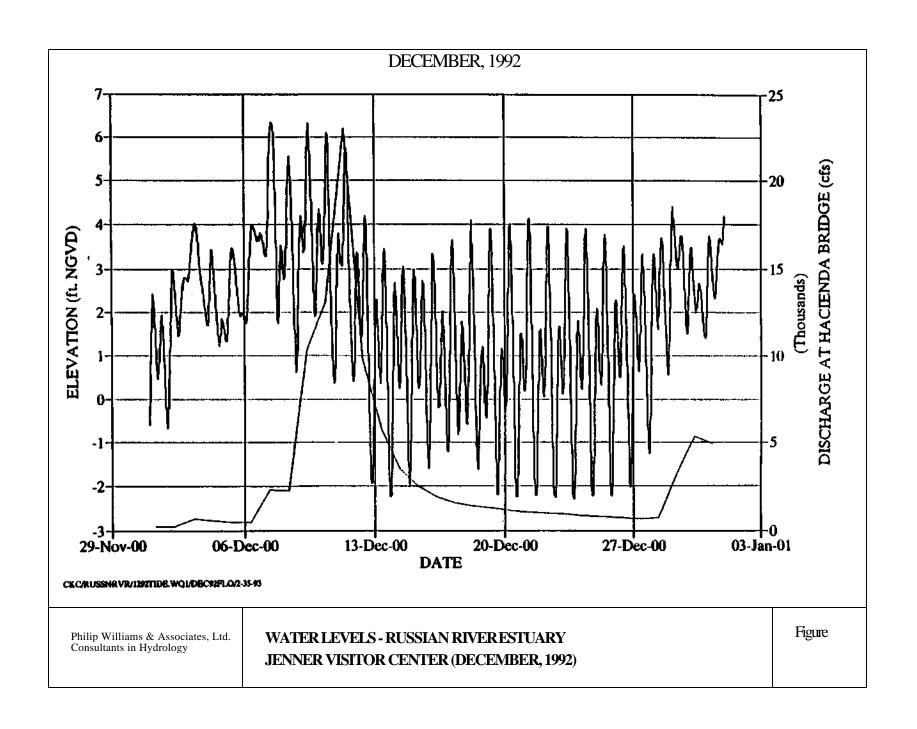


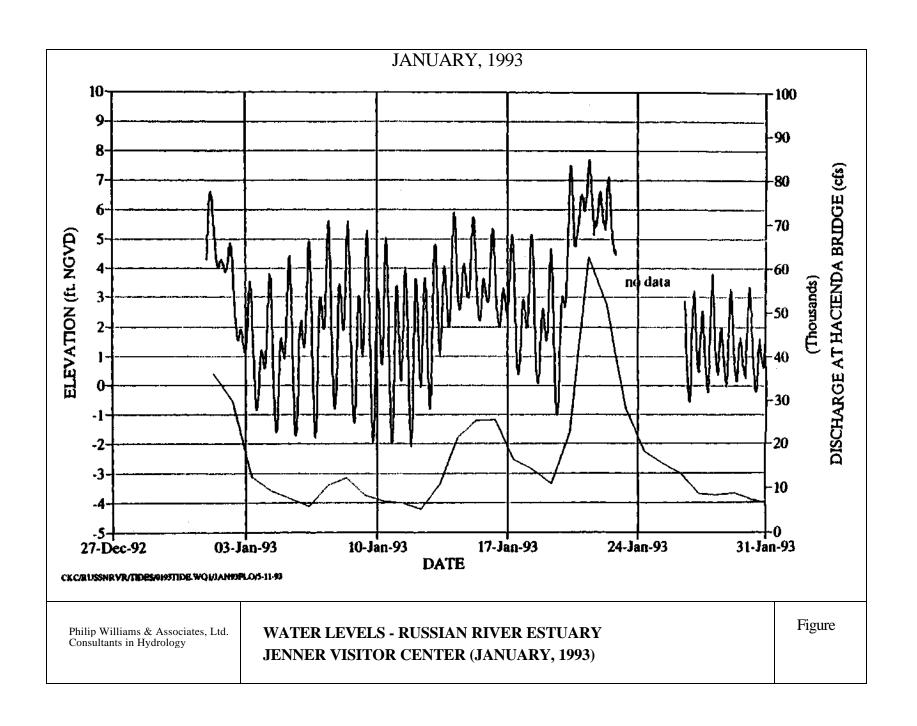


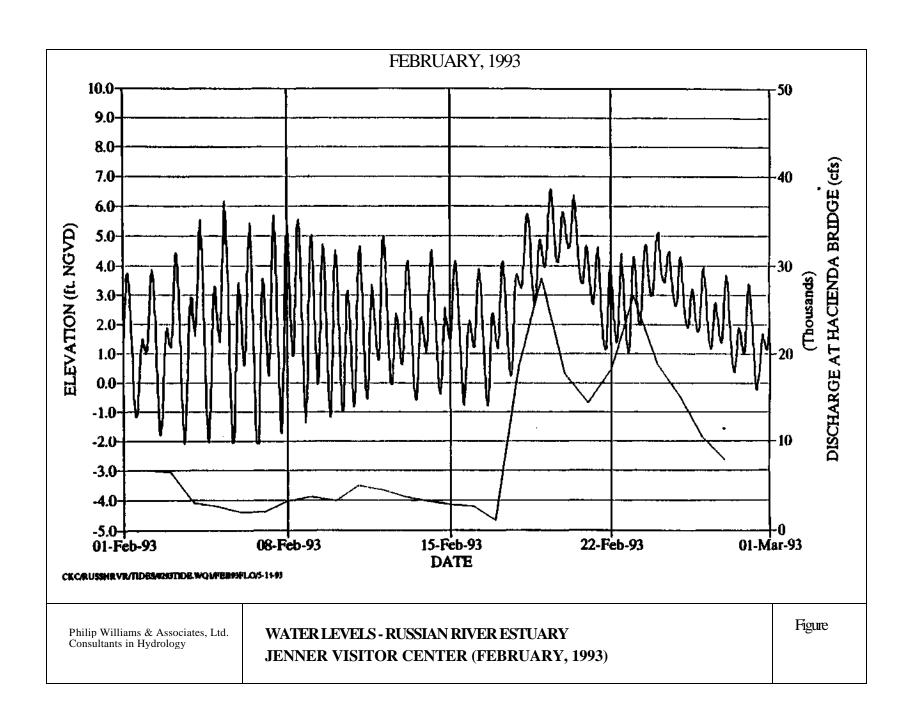


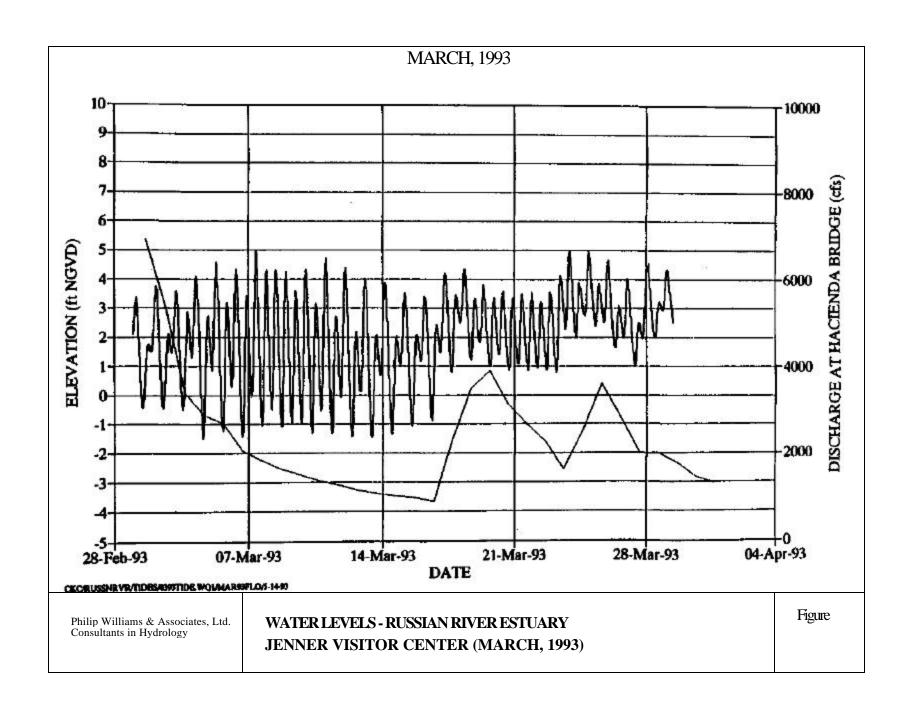








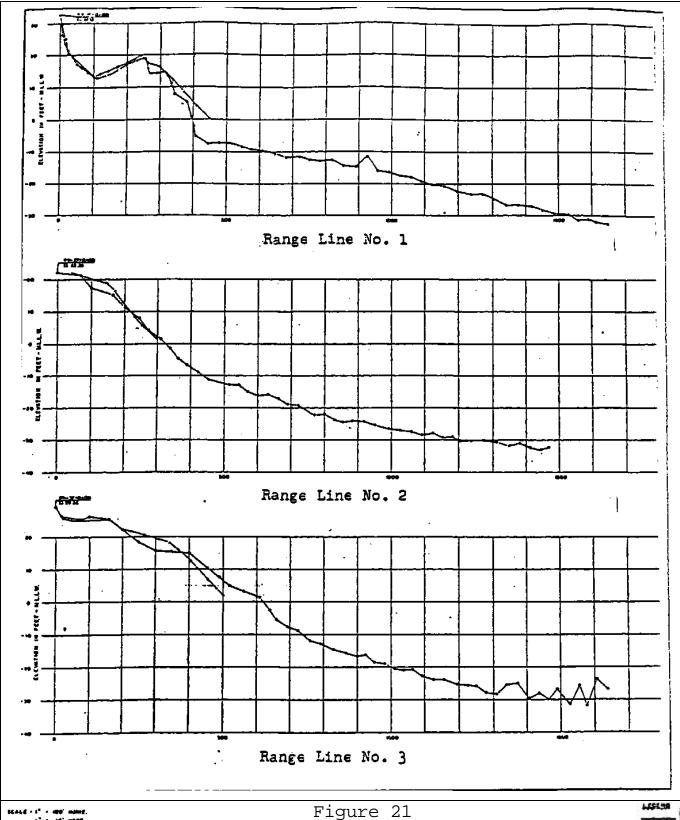




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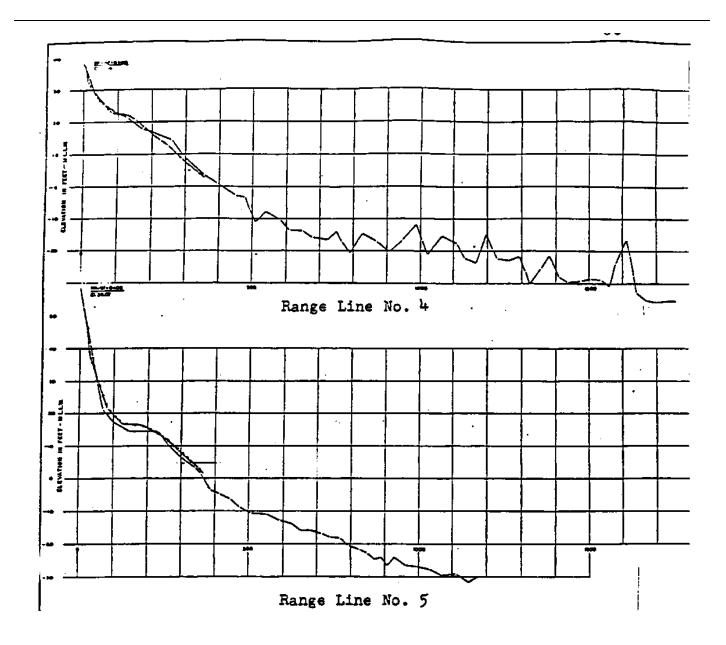
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Range Lines Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of Beach Profiles Near the Mouth of the Russian River $(34\,,\ \text{Fig. A-23}\,)$



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Range Lines Nos. 4 and 5 of Beach Profiles Near the Mouth of the Russian River

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APPENDIX VI

HISTORY OF ESTUARY OPENINGS RUSSIAN RIVER

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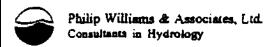
ESTUARY OPENINGS MARCH 1988 to FEBRUARY 1992

Source: Schrad, 1992

Note: Elevations shown in Appendix VI-A are relative to the County Gage mounted near the Visitor's Center. 0.0 feet on this County Gage is approximately +0.16 feet NGVD.

. 1988 RIVER MOUTH OPENINGS

DATE	DEPTH	TIME	EMPLOYEES INVOLVED	AUTHORITY	NOTIFICATION
03/24/88	7'+/-	?	ALBRITTON, DON-F001 T JOHNSON, JIM-J013/G227	RD. MAINT. RD. MAINT.	NO
03/25/88	7'+/-	?	ALBRITTON, GARY-E254	RD. MAINT.	NO
04/06/88	7'+/-	?	ALBRITTON. DON-F001 T PETERS, DAVE-J001/G226	RD. MAINT.	NO
04/15/88	7'+/-	?	,	RD. MAINT. RD. MAINT. RD. MAINT.	NO
04/17/88	7'+/-	?	JOHNSON, JIM-E402	RD. MAINT. RD. MAINT. RD. MAINT.	NO
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12/13/88	7'+"	8:30 A.M	ALBRITTON, DON-F001 T PETERS, DAVE-J001/G226 JOHNSON, JIM-E402	DON HEAD	CALLS MADE BY TIM MAYER 12/12/88



1989 RIVER MOUTH OPENINGS

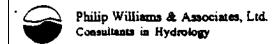
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06/06/89	8'	8:00	A.M	ALBRITTON, DON-F020 T JOHNSON, JIM-E402 PETERS. DAVE-J001	RD.	MAINT.	LIST CALLED BY VELLUTINI
10/19/89	7'	9:30	A.M	ALBRITTON, DON-F001 T PETERS. DAVE-J001/G226 OSBORNE, MIKE - PHOTOS		MAINT.	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
11/09/89	9 '	2:00	P.M	ALBRITTON, DON-F001 T JOHNSON, JIM-E402/J001		MAINT.	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
12/12/89	9 '	1:30	P.M	ALBRITTON, DON-F001 T JOHNSON, JIM-E402 PETERS, DAVE G226/J001		MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD

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DATE	DEPTH	TIME	EMPLOYEES INVOLVED	AUTHORITY	NOTIFICATION
04/14/90	8.5'	9:00 AM	DON ALBBITTON-F001 T DAVE PETERS- J001/E323 JIM JOHNSON-E402 JAY ELDRIDGE- E395		LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
05/04/90	7.5'	1:00 PM	DON ALBRITTON-F001 T DAVE PETERS-J001/E332 JIM JOHNSON-E402	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
05/25/90	9.2'	8:00 AM	DON ALBRITTON-F001 T DAVE PETERS-J001/E322 JIM JOHNSON-E402	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
10/11/90	7 '		DON ALBRITTON-F001 T JIM JOHNSON-J001/E402	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
11/02/90	8 '	11:00 AM	DON ALBRITTON ERIC BOSS-F001 T JIM JOHNSON-J001/E402	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY RUSSELL

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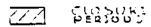
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		11:30 AM TO	JOHNSON, JIM-J001/E402 ESPOSTI, JOHN-F020 ELDRIDGE, JAY	RD. MAINT	
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01/23/91	7'2"	11:30 AM	JOHNSON, JIM-J001/E402 ESPOSTI, JOHN-F020 ELDRIDGE. JAY	RD. MAINT.	RE-CALLED COASTAL COMM. ONLY
02/15/91	7'2"	1:30 PM	JOHNSON, JIM-E402 ESPOSTI, JOHN-F020 ELDRIDGE, JAY-J001	ED WALKER	LIST CALLED BY ESPOSTI
03/01/91	8 '	2:30 PM	JOHNSON, JIM-E402/J001 ESPOSTI, JOHN-F020	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED
06/07/91	7'	4:00 PM	JOHNSON, JIM-E402/J001 ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
07/03/91	6'	10:30 AM	JOHNSON, JIM-E402/J013 ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001/L086		LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
09/30/91	7.2'	12:20 PM	JOHNSON, JIM-J001 ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001/L086		
10/29/91	8.5'	9:00 AM	JOHNSON, JIM-J013 ELDRIDGE, JAY-F020/L147		LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
11/18/91	8.8'	2:30 PM	JOHNSON, JIM-E402 ELDRIDGE, JAY- J001 ESPOSTI, JOHN-F020/L147	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
12/12/91		*****	ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL****	*****	*****
12/13/91		*****	ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL****	*****	*****
12/16/91	8.5'	10:00 AM	JOHNSON. JIM-J013 ELDRIDGE. JAY-E402 ESPOSTI. JOHN-F020/L147	RD. MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD

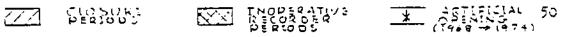


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01	/19/92	10'	1:00 PM	ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001/J001 JOHNSON, JIM-E402	ROAD MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
01	/31/92	9.5'	1:00 PM	ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001/J001 JOHNSON, JIM-E402	ROAD MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD
02	/10/92	10.6'	12 NOON	ELDRIDGE, JAY-F001/J001 JOHNSON, JIM-E402	ROAD MAINT	LIST CALLED BY SCHRAD

APPENDIX VI-B

ESTUARY OPENINGS: 1930 - 1974 Source: Rice, 1974

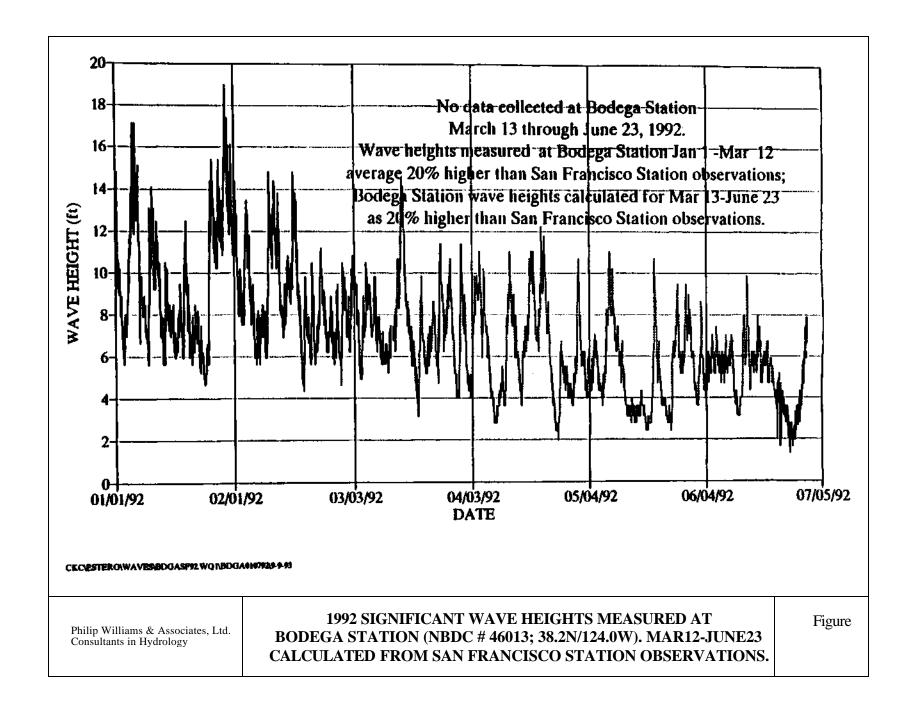


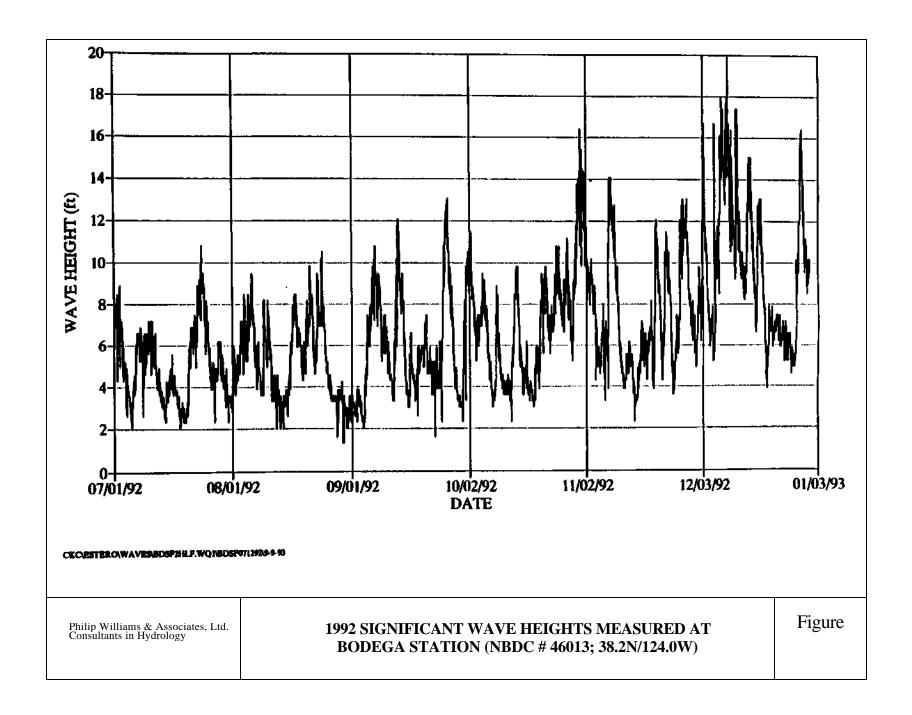


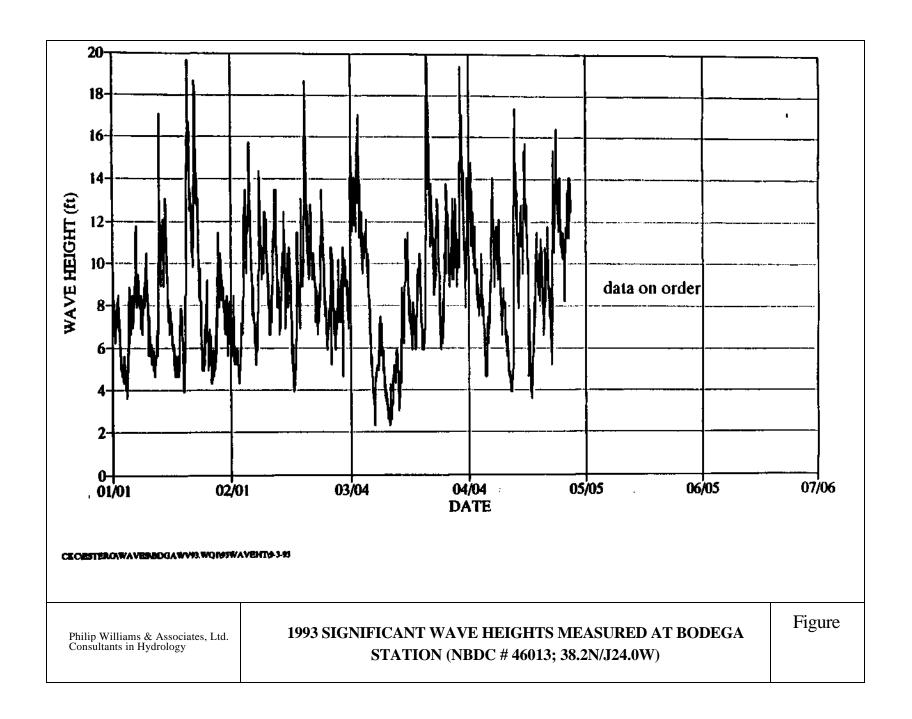
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APPENDIX VII

SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHTS AT BODEGA STATION JANUARY 1992 - MAY 1993







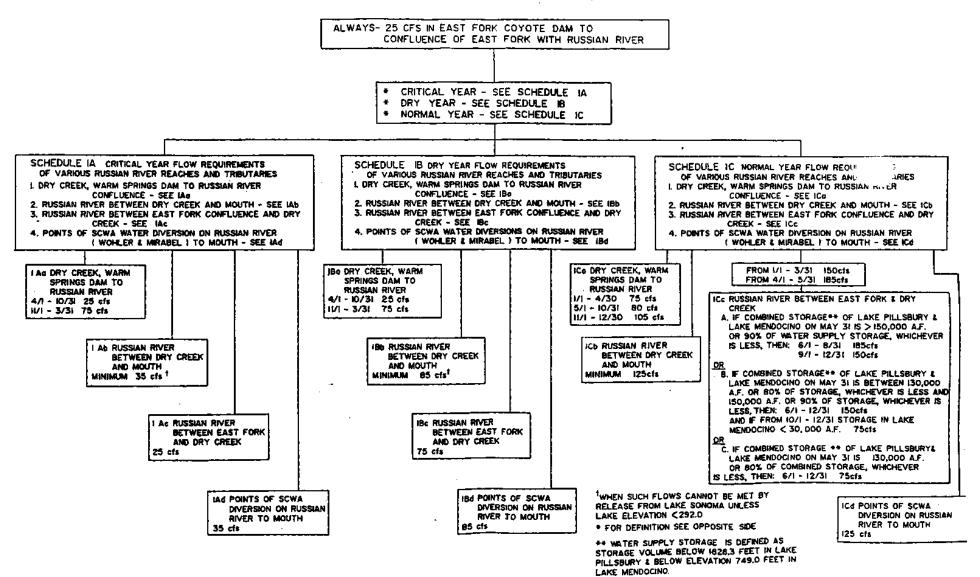
APPENDIX VIII

MINIMUM STREAMFLOW REQUIREMENTS IN THE RUSSIAN RIVER

Source: State Water Resources Control Board Decision 1610, April 1986

STREAMFLOW REQUIREMENTS

PER STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD DECISION 1810, APRIL 1986



APPENDIX IX

SURVEY FORM SENT TO POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS

NAME		Return to: Sonoma County Planning Department									
ADDR	ESS	Melanie Perry									
<u>.</u>		575 Administration Drive, Room 105A									
AP #:		Santa Rosa CA 95403									
Re: Open	ning (of the Mouth of the Russian River									
1.	ls y	our property affected by flooding when the River mouth is closed? Yes No									
2. _	Wha	at type of property is affected? Residential									
. <u>-</u>		Agricultural									
. <u>-</u>		Commercial									
3.	RES	SIDENTIAL									
	а	Is your yard flooded? Yes No									
		What is the use of this land and percentage of parcel affected?									
	•										
	•										
	C.	Do you have a boat dock that would be damaged by flooding? Yes No									
	d.	Are any accessory buildings flooded? Yes No If so, what is the accessory building square footage affected?									
	e.	Would your residence flood if the River mouth is closed? Yes No Do you know at what									
		height of the River (measured at the Jenner gauge) that your residence floods?									
		8 feet									
	•	9 feet									
	•	10 feet									
	•	Other									
	f.	What is the use of the area of your residence that would be flooded?									
	•	Foundation / sq. ft.									
		Basement / sq. ft.									
		Living Area / sq. ft.									
	g.	What is the use of the living area affected and square footage?									
4.	AGE	RICULTURAL									
		How much land in terms of acreage is affected by flooding when the mouth is closed?									
	b.	What is the use of the land affected?									
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C.	At what height of the river is your agricultural land substantially affected? (measured at the Jenner gauge.)
	7½ teet
	8 feet
	9 feet
	10 feet
	Other
	
d.	How does the flooding affect your agricultural operation?
СО	MMERCIAL
а	What is the commercial use of your property?
b.	What is the use of any outdoor area affected?
	Parking Lot
	Landscaping
	Other, describe:
C.	At what River height (measured at the Jenner gauge), is your property substantially affected by flooding?
	8 feet
	9 feet
	10 feet
	Other
d.	What is the use of the structure that would be affected?
	Foundation / sq. ft.
	Basement / sq. ft
	Storage / sq. ft.
	Office/sq. ft.
	Pubic Area / sq. ft.
	Other / sq. ft.
e.	Describe how your commercial operation would be affected if the River mouth remained closed and flooding occurred?
Oth	er Comments: