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INTRODUCTION

Knowledge of the natural distribution of trace constituents (arsenic, lead, cadmium, and so forth) in Wisconsin groundwater is currently poor, yet information on the "background" concentrations of such constituents is frequently needed for many different types of groundwater investigations. A large data set (the National Uranium Resources Evaluation - NURE data) exists, containing thousands of geochemical analyses for groundwater in Wisconsin, but these data were not in useable form prior to this project. This project was undertaken to convert the data into a usable format and to evaluate the suitability of the data in defining the natural distribution of the approximately 50 constituents analyzed.

From 1974 to 1980, the United States Department of Energy and its predecessors systematically evaluated the uranium resources of the conterminous United States and Alaska. The earth-science research in the National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) program sampled groundwater, lake water, and stream water on a 3-mile grid (one sample per 10 square miles) north of 44⁰ latitude (figure 1 and figure 2) Sampling was undertaken on contract by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The data set contains analyses of groundwater samples from approximately 4000 sites

Summary reports were prepared for the uranium-related variables (see reference list). Each report contains microfiche of the all the data. Geochemical parameters measured include: uranium by three methods, arsenic, selenium, silver, aluminum, boron, barium, beryllium, calcium, cerium, chloride, cobalt, chromium, copper, iron, lithium, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, potassium, sodium, niobium, nickel, phosphorus, scandium, strontium, thorium, titanium, vanadium, yttrium, zinc, zirconium, sulfate, conductivity in lab, conductivity in field, dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, total alkalinity, M alkalinity, P alkalinity, location in latitude and longitude, topographic quadrangle, surface geologic unit, type of well, casing, depth, use of well, frequency of pumping, owner of well, among several other variables. Map quadrangles at 1:250,000-scale include Green Bay, Eau Claire, Rice Lake, Iron Mountain, Ashland, Iron River, Escanaba (figure 1). Not all of these parameters were reported for each map area.

Subsequent studies by the Department of Energy included airborne radiometric and magnetic surveys, detailed uranium-based geochemical sampling, and detailed uranium endowment estimation.

PROJECT GOALS

The objectives of this project were to evaluate the utility of the NURE hydrogeochemical data set for use in groundwater studies in Wisconsin, and to demonstrate how this data set could be incorporated into a statewide groundwater data base.

Because Department of Energy policy did not permit refined analysis, Oak Ridge Laboratory was not permitted to prepare maps and statistical evaluations of the non-uranium related variables. At the time of data collection, Mudrey acted as liaison to Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the responsible organization for the collection and analysis of the data, and was able to request analysis of a few selected constituents. Areal differences in concentrations of some of the constituents were evident, suggesting that analysis of the data may not only

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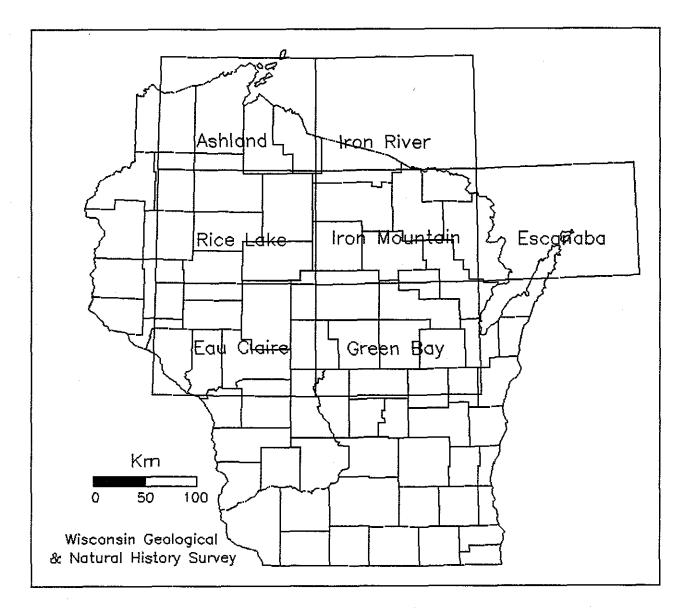


Figure 1 Index of quadrangle maps in NURE project

define ambient trace constituent water quality, but also define hydrogeologic provinces having significantly different ambient quality

There is no other collection of ground-water quality data for Wisconsin that contains trace element data that are geographically well distributed over a large area (30,000 square miles) for which the data were collected and analyzed over a relatively short period of time using consistent sampling and analytical protocols. Samples were analyzed within a week of sampling, and all data in a map quadrangle were sampled within two months. This report will help to guide groundwater monitoring programs by assisting in the definition of ambient water quality, and defining the extent of naturally elevated values. More sophisticated evaluation of the data will permit the determination of whether or not these data should be incorporated into a larger Wisconsin groundwater quality data set.

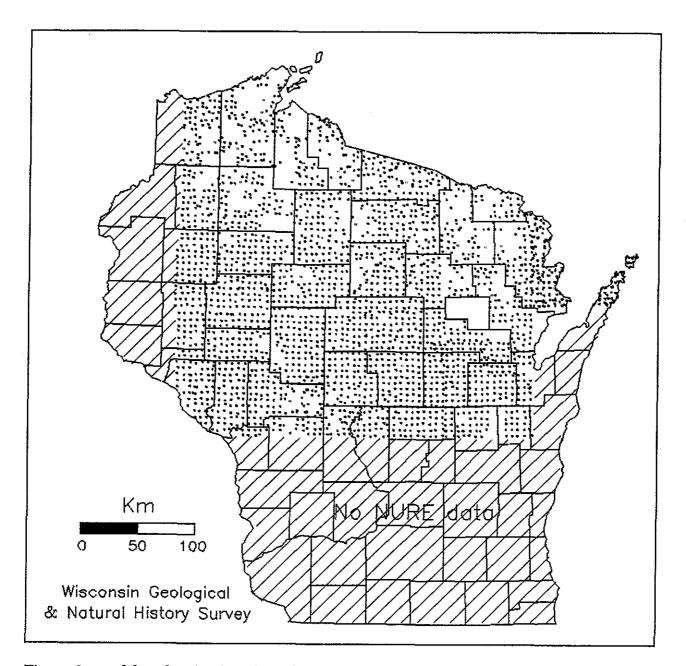


Figure 2 Map showing location of groundwater samples in Wisconsin in the NURE project.

METHODOLOGY

Seven magnetic data tapes were acquired from the U.S. Geological Survey or the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. A combination of U.S. Geological Survey and University of Wisconsin-Madison Computer Center equipment was used to convert the original data tapes to ASCII files. These files were loaded onto IBM-compatible microcomputers, and by a combination of software routines and database manipulations, converted into a microcomputer database. The files were cleaned where possible, and compared to the microfilm copy of the original dataset.

PRIMARY STATISTICS AND DATA MAPPING

Field samples were not generally acidified nor filtered, and as a result there may be differences with other survey data. As a consequence, each constituent must be evaluated separately, and consideration given to individual geochemical mobility, and details of the well from which the sample was taken With these basic caveats in mind, basic statistical parameters for the ungrouped data were calculated and include mean (average), 95 percent confidence limit, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, maximum value (100th percentile), 90th percentile, median (50th percentile), 25th percentile, 10th percentile and minimum (0th percentile) and reported by the NCSS statistical package. NCSS (Number Cruncher Statistical System) is a copyrighted package of integrated statistical programs from NCSS, Kaysville, Utah. A refined analysis of data will require grouping the original data into sets with commonality, such as all wells producing from a particular horizon.

The mean is the arithmetic sum of all values for a constituent divided by the number of determinations. Samples at detection limit are assumed to have a value equal to the detection limit. The 95 percent confidence limit indicates that 95 percent of the data were within those values. Standard deviation is the square root of the variance which is the sum of the squares of the differences between each individual measurement and the mean divided by one less than the number of measurements. Kurtosis describes the degree to which the measured data distribution resemble a normal distribution. A normal distribution has a kurtosis value of zero; distributions with short tails have negative distributions; distributions with a lot of extreme values have a positive kurtosis. Skewness describes the symmetry of the natural distribution around the mean; positive values indicate an abundance high values compared to low values, and a negative skewness an abundance of low values compared to high values The percentile values indicates what percent of the measurement s are less than the reported number The 100th percentile is the maximum, and the 0th percentile is the minimum. The 50th percent is the value about which there is an equal number of measurements greater than and lesser than:

EVALUATION OF DATA

Usefulness of data varies considerably. For some constituents, the detection limit was sufficiently low that an acceptable data range was realized, and a geographic plot of the data has hydrogeologic meaning. For example, the arsenic geochemical map illustrates the geographic distribution of arsenic. Clearly, a naturally occurring arsenic province occurs in northern Outagamie County. The significance of that province is not known. For other data, detection limits were too high, for example scandium where only 49 measurements were above detection.

Values below detection in the original NURE dataset were designated by a negative value at the detection limit. For example, -40 represented that 40 ppb (parts per billion) was the detection limit, and that constituent for that sample was below detection. In our dataset, a flag column was created such that (in two columns) a value below a detection limit of 40 is coded as "<",40. In the original NURE dataset, missing data were coded as exceedingly large numbers (99999). In our dataset, such information is coded as null or missing.

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CONSTITUENTS - DATA SUMMARY

The chemical constituents, analytical methods, detection limits, and first order statistical parameters are given below.

Constituents, analytical methods, detection limits

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Constituent	Method	Detection	Above	Below	Total
		Limit	Detection	Detection	
Ag	PSES	2 ррЪ	106	2629	2735
AĪ	PSES	10 ррЪ	528	2202	2730
As	AA	0.5 ppb	742	1996	2738
В	PSES	8 ppb	2630	105	2735
Ba	PSES	2 ppb	2620	115	2735
Be	PSES	1 ppb	108	2623	2731
Ca	PSES	0.1 ppm	2733	2	2735
Ce	PSES	30 ррЪ	32	123	155
C1	SPEC	10 ppm	56	212	268
Co	PSES	2 ppb	442	2293	2735
Cr	PSES	4 ppb	122	2613	2735
Cu	PSES	2 ррb	1523	1212	2735
Fe	PSES	10 ppb	225	2509	2734
K	PSES	0.1 ppm	666	6	672
Li	PSES	4 ppb	1717	1018	2735
Mg	PSES	0.1 ppm	2728	7	2735
Mn	PSES	2 ppb	1810	925	2735
Mo	PSES	4 ррЪ	613	2122	2735
Na	PSES	0 1 ppm	2735	0	2735
Nb	PSES	4 ppb	456	2279	2735
Ni	PSES	4 ppb	353	2382	2735
Р	PSES	40 ррb	345	2390	2735
Sc	PSËS	l ppb	49	2686	2735
Se	AA	0.2 ppb	1013	1725	2738
Si	PSES	0.1 ppb	667	0	667
SO ₄	SPEC	5 ppm	1364	1366	2730
Sr	PSES	2 ррЪ	667	0	667
Th	PSES	2 ppb	472	2263	2735
Ti	PSES	2 ррЪ	55	2680	2735
U	FL	0.2 ppb	2007	727	2734
V	PSES	4 ppb	246	2489	2735
Y	PSES	1 ppb	764	1971	2735
Zn	PSES	4 ppb	2594	141	2735
Zr	PSES	2 ppb	98	2637	2735

Explanation

AA Atomic absorption

FL Fluorometry

PSES Plasma source emission spectrometry

SPEC Spectrophotometry

- ppm Parts per million
- ppb Parts per billion

		Mean (Average)		e Interval Upper 95%	Standard Deviation	Skewness	Kurtosis
Ag Al As Ba Be	ppb ppb ppb ppb ppb ppb	2.03 15.93 0.90 41.32 27.04 1.02	2.02 10.91 0.83 35.57 24.87 1.00	2.04 20.94 0.97 47.07 29.21 1.03	0.25 133.72 1.89 153.38 57.88 0.31	10 . 16 47 . 63 17 . 75 14 . 27 14 . 94 35 . 59	110 75 2384 68 465 68 287 45 380 04 1510 95
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Cr Cu Fe K Li	bbp bbp bbp bbp	27.45 55.45 2.18 4.35	21.63 38.18 1.84 3.81	4 . 14 33 . 28 72 . 71 2 . 53 4 . 90	155 49 460,50 4.57 14.48	22.34 16.75 17.82 8.23 29.45	363.58 415.67 93.10 1143.26
Mg Mn Mo Na	ppm ppb ppm	16 14 50 53 7 46 8 77	15,60 41.33 3.92 7.93	16 68 59 73 11 00 9 62	14 48 245 46 94 53 22 55	1 86 20 34 36 89 15 24	5 86 632 67 1361 47 365 50
Nb Ni P Sc	ppb ppb ppb	4 . 52 5 . 26 62 . 49 1 . 01	4.38 4.49 56.86 1.00	4.67 6.02 68.11 1.01	3.95 20.32 149.98 0.16	40 62 41 49 27 01 36 17	1932.08 1935.17 1055.37 1486.61
Sr	ppb ppb ppb	0 29 6 56 14 15 152 81	0.27 6.35 11.73 118.78	0.30 6.78 16.57 186.84	0.40 2.82 64.42 450.10	9.11	211 22 0 42 1182 95 115 48
Th Ti U V Y Zn	ppb ppb ppb ppb ppb	9 92 7 97 0 76 4 30 1 09	9 73 1 02 0 65 4 22 1 05 254 71	10.11 14.92 0.87 4.39 1.13 308.68	5.03 185.57 3.06 2.27 1.00 720.03	6.51 42.91 13.98 21.23 26.50 9.97	71.55 2018.95 266.76 611.52 834.89 172.60
Zn Zr	ррр ррр	281.69 2.58	254.71 1.75	308.68 3.41	22.11	9.97 50.00	173.60 2566.34

Mean, confidence intervals, deviation, skewness kurtosis

Percentile distributions

)0-%tile Maximum)	90-%tile	75-%tile	50-%tile	25-%tile	10-%tile 0-%tile
۸	•	5	2	2	(Median) 2	2	(Minimum) 2 2
Ag	ppb	6768	15	10	10		
Al	ppb				10	10	
As	ppb	59.2	1.4	0.5		1	1 0.5
B	ppb	4229	63 5 C	24	12	8	6 4
Ba	ppb	1826	56	28	14	6	3 2
Be	ррЪ	15	1	1	1	1	1 1
Ca	ppm	413 2	62.2	474	30.0	16.5	8.0 0.1
Ce	ЪЪр	40	30	30	30	30	30 30
Cl	ppm	720	22	10	10	10	10 10
Co	ppb	708	2	2	2	2	2 2
Cr	ppb	40	4	4	4	4	4 4
Cu	ppp	4295	35	9	2	2	2 2
Fe	ppb	14140	10	10	10	10	10 0.729
ĸ	ppm	69.5	3.8	1.8	1.0	07	0.5 0.1
Li	ррр	610	7	4	2	2	2 2
Mg	ppm	147.1	347	23 1	11.5	5.7	2.7 0.1
Mn	ppb	8841	92	18	3	2	2 2
Mo	ppb	3499	7	4	4	4	4 4
Na	ppm	694.9	16.7	8	4	2	2 0.2
NЪ	ppb	194	5	4	4	4	4 4
Ni	ppb	978	4	4	4	4	4 4
Ρ	ppb	6234	58	40	40	40	40 40
Sc	ppb	8	1	1	1	1	1 1
Se	ppb	10	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2 0.1
Si	ppb	17.4	10.4	8.2	6.4	47	3.0 0.6
SO₄	ppm	2705	20	10	5	5	55
Sr	ppb	7387	269	98	49	28	20 2
Th	ppb	98	11	10	10	10	5 2
Τi	ppb	8983	2	2	2	2	2 2
U	ppb	7453					
v	ppb	82	4	4	4	4	4 4
Y	ppb	35	1	1	1	1	1 1
Zn		18182	663	242	80	24	8 4
Zr	ppb	1140	2	2	2	2	2 2
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CONCLUSIONS

Hydrogeochemical parameters within the NURE groundwater dataset have mixed utility because in many cases the detection limit was too large to show much variation. Elements that appear to have broad utility with the NURE detection limit include: arsenic, barium, boron, calcium, copper, lithium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, selenium, sulfate, strontium, uranium, yttrium, zinc. Constituents whose detection limit is clearly inadequate include: silver, aluminum, beryllium, cobalt, chromium, iron, molybdenum, niobium,nickel, phosphorus, scandium, thorium, titanium, vanadium, and zirconium. In some areas of Wisconsin evaluation of these constituents may prove use full as that region may have elevated concentrations well above detection limit.

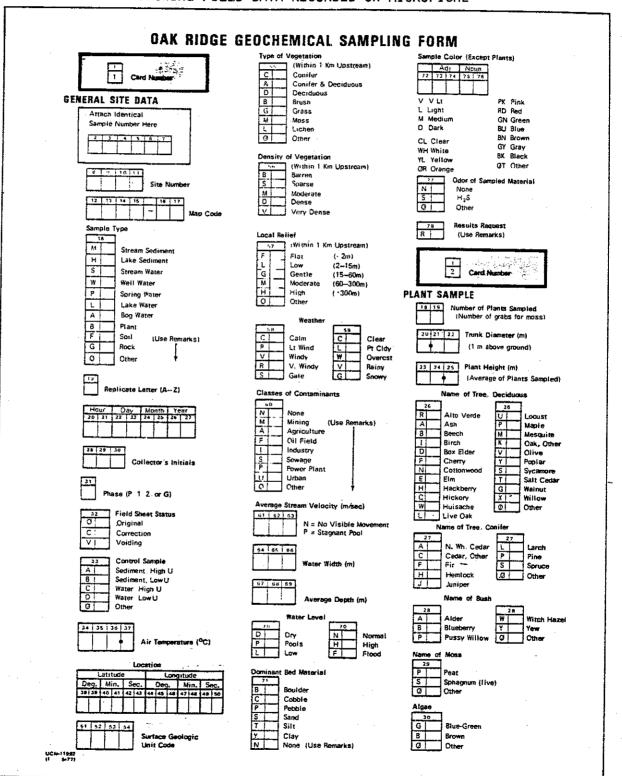
At the time the NURE program was cancelled, the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey had developed a field protocol to continue the 3-mile sample grid into southern Wisconsin. Consideration should be given to extending the regional geochemical sampling concept of the NURE program. The present survey covers about the northern one-half of Wisconsin; similar data are lacking for southern Wisconsin.

Hydrogeochemical analysis should continue in order to understand and explain the regional variation of the chemical parameters.

During interrogation of the NURE data tapes, the stream and sediment data were also converted; however evaluation and analyses was not undertaken A report similar to this, but using the surface water and stream sediment data could be undertaken at minimal cost.

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APPENDIX 2 - AVAILABILITY OF DATA

FORMAT

The data are available on a single 5 1/4-inch double density computer disk. The information has been compressed, and a batch file on the disk expands the compressed data set into a comma-delimited file.

The procedure on the disk expands and recreates the ASCII data for the NURE hydrogeological groundwater data. It creates the following files:

ANALDAT	DEL	593938	06-23-93	14:13a				
COUMAP	DEL	62566	06-23-93	14:12a				
WELLPARM	DEL	376367	06-23-93	14:13a				
COMMENT	DEL	467017	06-23-93	14:12a				
NURDATA	EXE	277086	06-23-93	14:22a	(compressed	file	for	disk)
README		16282	06-28-93	14:43a				

Table ANALDAT DEL consists of the chemical analytical data in comma-delimited form as follows:

SAMPLENO, AGFLAG, AG, ALFLAG, AL, ASFLAG, AS, BFLAG, B, BAFLAG, BA, BEFLAG, BE, CAFLAG, CA, CEFLAG, CE, CLFLAG, CL, COFLAG, CO, CRFLAG, CR, CUFLAG, CU, FEFLAG, FE, KFLAG, K, LIFLAG, LI, MGFLAG, MG, MNFLAG, MN, MOFLAG, MO, NAFLAG, NA, NBFLAG, NB, NIFLAG, NI, PFLAG, P, SCFLAG, SC, SEFLAG, SE, SO4FLAG, SO4, SRFLAG, SR, SIFLAG, SI, THFLAG, TH, TIFLAG, TI, U_METHOD, UFLAG, U, VFLAG, V, YFLAG, Y, ZNFLAG, ZN, ZRFLAG, ZR

Table WELLPARM DEL consists of the general well parameters in comma-delimited form as follows:

SAMPLENO, TYPE, UNIT, CONTAM, DATE, LATITUDE, LNGITUDE, LABCOND, H2OTEMP, PHMETER, FIELDCND, TOTALALK, PALK, MALK, HUNIT, CONFUNIT, SRCEUNIT, DO, WELLTYPE, WELLPOWR, CASING, PIPECOMP, SAMPLOC, WELLUSE, DEPTWPH, CFDEPWPH, SRCEDWPH, CONFWLDP, SRCEWLDP, WELLDEPT

Table COMMENTS DEL consists of the comments in comma-delimited form as follows:

SAMPLENO, COMMENTS

COMMENTS include information on the specific sample location (feet from a reference features), name and address of well owner, place within the plumbing system from which the sample was taken, and so forth. In addition, we determined the two-degree map sheet and county in which the measurements were made.

Table COUMAP.DEL consists of the comments in comma-delimited form as follows:

SAMPLENO, QUADNAME, COUNTY

FIELDS

The variables and the acronyms used in the original NURE dataset and our database are presented below.

Column description Column name AG Concentration of silver in ppb If set indicates that silver was below detection of 2 ppb AGFLAG Concentration of aluminum in ppb АL If set indicates that aluminum was below detection of 10 ppb ALFLAG Concentration of arsenic in ppb AS If set indicates that arsenic as below detection of 0.5 ppb ASFLAG Concentration of boron in ppb R Concentration of barium in ppb BA If set indicates that barium was below detection of 2 ppb BAFLAG Concentration of beryllium in ppb BE If set indicates that beryllium was below detection of 1 pbb BEFLAG If set indicates that boron was below detection of 8 ppb BFLAG CA Concentration of calcium in ppm If set indicates that calcium was below detection of 0.1 ppm CAFLAG CASING Primary material of the well casing: N, none; S, steel; G, galvanized; P, plastic; U, unknown; O, other Concentration of cerium in ppb CE CEFLAG If set indicates that cerium was below detection of 30 ppb Confidence which the field personnel had in the recorded depth from CFDEPWPH which the well was producing: (H) high, (R) probable, (S) possible CL Elemental concentration of chlorine in ppm CLFLAG If set indicates that chlorine was below detection of 10 ppm Concentration of cobalt in ppb CO If set indicates that cobalt was below detection of 2 ppb COFLAG Any comments on sample, may include name and address of owner, COMMENTS topographic quadrangle, additional notes on sample location COUNTY Name of county in which sample was taken Confidence in the identification of the hydrogeology unit as the site: CONFUNIT H, high; R, probable; S, possible Confidence that field personnel has in the recorded depth of the well: CONFWLDP H, high; R, probable, S, possible CONTAM Classes of contaminants in the vicinity of the sample site: (N) none; (M) mining; (A) agriculture; (I) industry; (U) urban; (O) other CR Concentration of chromium in ppb CRFLAG If set indicates that chromium was below detection of 4 ppb CU Concentration of copper in ppb CUFLAG If set indicates that copper was below detection of 2 ppb Date on which the sample was taken: YYMMDD DATE Depth to the top of the producing horizon DEPTWPH Concentration of dissolved oxygen in ppm DO FE Concentration of iron in ppb If set indicates that iron was below detection of 10 ppb FEFLAG Conductivity of the sample, measured in the field in micromhos per FIELDCND centimeter H2OTEMP Temperature in degrees celsius of the water sample at the time of sampling HUNIT Identification of the hydrogeologic unit from the sample well: CS, Cambrian St Croixan sandstone; OG, Sinnipee Group; OP, Ordovician

Prairie du Chien Group; ORS, Ordovician Bay de Noc Dolomite, Ogontz Dolomite, Bill Hill Dolomite, Bills Creek Dolomite; OS Ordovician Ancell Group; OSP, Ordovician St. Peter Formation; PCA, Proterozoic Amberg gray quartz monzonite; PCAN, Proterozoic anothosite; PCAP, Proterozoic aplite; PCAT, Proterozoic Athelstane pink quartz monzonite; PCBG, Proterozoic Belongia granite; PCBV, Proterozoic Beecher felsic metavolcanic rock; PCCV, Middle Proterozoic Chengwatana Volcanic Group; PCDG, Proterozoic Dunbar gneiss; PCDI, Proterozoic mafic intrusive, diorite and quartz diorite; PCET, Archean granite gneiss; PCFD, Middle Proterozoic Fond du Lac Formation; PCFV, Proterozoic felsic metavolcanic and metavolcaniclastic rock; PCGA, Archean magmatic gneiss and amphibolite; PCGB, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic mafic rock; PCGH, Proterozoic Granite Heights granite; PCGN, Early Proterozoic gneiss; PCGR, Archean granite; PCGU, Proterozoic granitic to dioritic gneiss; PCHG, Proterozoic Hogarty hornblende granite; PCHL, Proterozoic Hoskins Lake granite; PCHR, Proterozoic Hager rhyolite; PCHY, Proterozoic Hager syenite; PCIB, Proterozoic intrusive breccia complex; PCIM, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic felsic rock; PCKA, Middle Proterozoic rock; PCKM, Proterozoic Kalinke guartz monzonite; PCLG, Protrozoic leucogranite; PCMC, Middle Proterozoic Mellen Intrusive Complex; PCMD, Proterozoic Marinette guartz diorite; PCMM, undifferentiated Proterozoic mafic metavolcanic rock; PCMS, Proterozoic Michigamme Slate; PCMV, Proterozoic mafic metavolcanic rock; PCMY, Proterozoic mylonite; PCND, Proterozoic Newingham granodiorite; PCNG, Proterozoic Ninemile Granite; PCPL, Middle Proterozoic Portage Lake Volcanic Group; PCPR, Proterozoic Riverton Iron-formation; PCPU, Proterozoic Paint River Group; PCQM, Archean Quinnesec mafic metavolcanic rock; PCQS, Proterozoic quartz syenite; PCQT, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic sedimentary rock; PCRF, Proterozoic metavolcanic rock; PCRK, undifferentiated Precambrian granite and undifferentiated igneous and metamorphic rock; PCRL, Precambrian red lithic sandstone; PCRM, Proterozoic Red River porphyritic guartz monzonite; PCSC, undifferentiated Proterozoic metasedimentary rock and schist: PCSG, Archean Stevens Point gray granite; PCSL, Early Proterozoic slate; PCSV, Precambrian metamorphosed sedimentary and metavolcanic rock; PCSY, Proterozoic syenite and nepheline syenite; PCTF, Proterozoic Twelve Foot Falls quartz diorite: PCTY, Proterozoic Tyler Formation; PCWM, Proterozoic Waupaca quartz monzonite; PCWR, Proterozoic Wolf River hornblende granite and quartz monzonite; QAL, Quaternary alluvium; QGO, Quaternary glacial outwash, gravel and sand; QGT, Quaternary till, stratified moraine deposits; QPG, undifferentiated glacial deposits; SND, Silurian dolomite Alphanumeric identifier (equals M + sample number) Concentration of potassium in ppm If set indicates that potassium was below detection of 0.1 ppm Conductivity of the sample measured in the laboratory in micromhos per centimeter Latitude of the specific sample site Concentration of lithium in ppb If set indicates that lithium was below detection of 4 ppb Longitude of the specific sample site Amount of reagent B required to neutralize the acid in a water sample that has first been treated with phenolphthalein and titrated with reagent B (PALK). It should be approximately equal to the total

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U-METHOD Describes the method used to analyze for uranium: 0, not analyzed (4 samples); 1, fluorometry (2536 samples); 2, mass spectrometry (195 samples); 5, fluorometry (3 samples) - note samples originally described as sediment are actually spring samples

Hydrogeologic bedrock unit at the sample site: CS, Cambrian St Croixan sandstone; OG, Sinnipee Group; OP, Ordovician Prairie du Chien Group; ORS, Ordovician Bay de Noc Dolomite, Ogontz Dolomite, Bill Hill Dolomite, Bills Creek Dolomite; OS Ordovician Ancell Group; PCA, Proterozoic Amberg gray quartz monzonite; PCAN, Proterozoic anothosite; PCAP, Proterozoic aplite; PCAT, Proterozoic Athelstane pink quartz monzonite; PCBG, Proterozoic Belongia granite; PCBM, Proterozoic Michigamme Slate; PCBV, Proterozoic Beecher felsic metavolcanic rock; PCBX, Proterozoic Baraga Group; PCCV, Middle Proterozoic Chengwatana Volcanic Group; PCDG, Proterozoic Dunbar gneiss; PCDI, Proterozoic mafic intrusive, diorite and quartz diorite; PCFD, Middle Proterozoic Fond du Lac Formation; PCFV, Proterozoic felsic metavolcani and metavolcaniclastic rock; PCGA, Archean magmatic gneiss and amphibolite: PCGB, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic mafic rock; PCGH, Proterozoic Granite Heights granite; PCGN, Early Proterozoic gneiss; PCGR, Archean granite; PCGU, Proterozoic granitic to dioritic gneiss; PCHG, Proterozoic Hogarty hornblende granite; PCHL, Proterozoic Hoskins Lake granite; PCHR, Proterozoic Hager rhyolite; PCHY, Protrozoic Hager syenite; PCIB, Proterozoic intrusive breccia complex; PCIM, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic felsic rock; PCKA, Middle Proterozoic rock; PCKM, Proterozoic Kalinke quartz monzonite; PCLG, Protrozoic leucogranite; PCMC, Middle Proterozoic Mellen Intrusive Complex; PCMD, Proterozoic Marinette guartz diorite; PCME, Proterozoic metagabbro; PCMM, undifferentiated Proterozoic mafic metavolcanic rock; PCMQ, McCaslin Quartzite; PCMS, Proterozoic Michigamme Slate; PCMT, Proterozoic mafic tuff; PCMV, Proterozoic mafic metavolcanic rock; PCMY, Proterozoic mylonite; PCND, Proterozoic Newingham granodiorite; PCNG, Proterozoic Ninemile Granite; PCPL, Middle Proterozoic Portage Lake Volcanic Group; PCPM, Proterozoic Peshtigo Monzonite; PCPU, Proterozoic Paint River Group; PCQM, Archean Quinnesec mafic metavolcanic rock; PCQS, Proterozoic quartz syenite; PCQT, undifferentiated Early Proterozoic sedimentary rock; PCRF, Proterozoic metavolcanic rock; PCRK, undifferentiated Precambrian granite and undifferentiated igneous and metamorphic rock; PCRL, Precambrian red lithic sandstone; PCRM, Proterozoic Red River porphyritic quartz monzonite; PCSC, undifferentiated Proterozoic metasedimentary rock and schist; PCSG, Archean Stevens Point gray granite; PCSL, Early Proterozoic slate; PCSV, Precambrian metamorphosed sedimentary and metavolcanic rock; PCSY, Proterozoic syenite and nepheline syenite; PCTF, Proterozoic Twelve Foot Falls guartz diorite; PCTY, Proterozoic Tyler Formation; PCWM, Proterozoic Waupaca quartz monzonite; PCWR, Proterozoic Wolf River hornblende granite and quartz monzonite; PCWV, Proterozoic Waupee metavolcanic and volcaniclastic rock; OAL, Quaternary alluvium; QGO, Quaternary glacial outwash, gravel and sand; QGT, Quaternary till, stratified moraine deposits; QPG, undifferentiated glacial deposits; SND, Silurian dolomite Concentration of vanadium in ppb If set indicates than vanadium was below detection of 4 ppb Depth of the well

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Source of energy used at the well: A, artesian flow; E, electricity; G, gasoline; W, wind; H, hand pump; O, other

Type of well: D, driller; P, driven point; G, dug; U, unknown; O, other
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Concentration of zinc in ppb
If set indicates that zinc was below detection of 4 ppb
Concentration of zirconium in ppb
If set indicates that zirconium was below detection of 2 ppb

AVAILABILITY

The diskette is available as Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey Open-file Report WOFR 93-2 from the Map and Publications Section, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, 3817 Mineral Point Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53705

APPENDIX 3 - MAPS OF CONSTITUENTS

To assist in the preliminary interpretation of the information, maps of selected constituents are presented. In general, the lower 50 percent of measurements are not plotted, and increasing sized symbols are used to depict the 50th to 70th percentile, 70th to 85th percentile, 85th to 95th percentile, and the 95th to 100th percentile divisions. For some constitutes, 98 percent of the data were below detection (beryllium), whereas for others all data where above detection (pH).

Histograms were prepared for each of the geochemical parameters. In all cases, 20 bins or intervals were chosen, generally each with the size of the detection limit. The number of samples below the detection limit was not plotted, and if bins great than 20 times the detection limit were occupied, they were not plotted. Instead the number of measurements in those bins were tabulated in the histogram. The user is invited to replot the data from the database for more precise histograms.

Aluminum

Only 20 percent of the data were above detection limit of 10 ppb, and do not appear at this level of analysis to define any significant geochemical provinces

Arsenic

A little more than 27 percent of data were above detection limit of 0.5 ppb, and clearly define a naturally occurring arsenic province along the Cambrian-Ordovician boundary in eastern Wisconsin. Areas of significantly elevated values occupy northwestern Outagamie County and adjacent areas. Data suggest that these anomalies originate in the lower part of the Ordovician section.

Barium

Most barium samples were above detection of 2 ppb and define two areas of elevated values, west of Lake Winnebago and in Taylor and Clark Counties

Beryllium

About 4 percent of the beryllium samples were above detection limit of 1 ppb, and do not appear to define any large beryllium-rich geochemical provinces.

Boron

Most samples for boron were above detection limit of 8 ppb, and appear to define a boron-rich province east of Lake Winnebago. Boron is commonly associated with saline water, and helps to define the saline water province in Calumet and Brown Counties. The hydrochemical position of this anomaly coincides with project distribution of Saline Formation units between the Ordovician and Silurian rock units.

Calcium

Only 2 samples were below the detection limit of 0.1 ppm for calcium. Calcium-rich water is defined by dolomite bedrock aquifers in eastern Wisconsin and along with Mississippi River in western Wisconsin. The elevated band of calcium determinations in western Wisconsin through Taylor and adjacent counties is explained by well documented calcareous till and other glacial material. Calcium-rich till from the Green Bay lobe in northeastern Wisconsin does not appear to have significant calcium-geochemical anomalies, in part because of the greater degree of leaching of that till unit.

Cerium

Cerium was only determined in the Escanaba map area, and does not appear to define a cerium province

Chromium

About 4 percent of the samples were above the detection limit of 4 ppb for chromium. No significant geochemical trends were defined.

Chloride

Chloride analyses were reports only for the Ashland, Iron River, and Escanaba map area. No clear trends were defined.

Cobalt

About 16 percent of the samples were above the cobalt detection limit of 2 ppb, and no clear geochemical trends were defined.

Copper

A little over half of the copper determinations were above the detection limit of 2 ppb Because composition of the plumbing was not used as a data filter in this analysis, trends are not interpreted to have hydrogeochemical significance.

Iron

About 8 percent of the samples were above detection of 10 ppb for iron. There appears to be a clustering of elevated values in southeastern Shawano County and adjacent area.

There is a gross discrepancy between the NURE iron data and the summary prepared by Kammerer in which he reports 90 percent of samples exceeded 10 micrograms per liter (10 ppb). The NURE sample were not acidified, and precipitation and flocculation of hydrous iron oxides may well have occurred prior to filtration in the laboratory. The effect of possible sequestering of other heavy metals by the iron flocculant must be evaluated on a metal by metal basis.

Lithium

About 63 percent of the samples were above detection of 4 ppb for lithium. Lithium is geochemically similar to boron is distribution, and reflect the saline province east of Lake Winnebago

Magnesium

Almost all samples where above detection limit of 0.1 ppm for magnesium Most elevated magnesium data are probably related to dissolution of dolomite in bedrock or dolomite clasts in glacial material. Comparison of magnesium molality with calcium molality would help to define a magnesium versus a magnesium-calcium (dolomite) province.

Manganese

About 66 percent of samples were above detection limit of 2 ppb. There are no clearly defined manganese provinces at this level of data analysis.

Molybdenum

About 22 percent of the samples were above detection limit of 4 ppb for

molybdenum A molybdenum province that coincides with the arsenic province in Outagamie and adjacent counties is clearly defined.

Nickel

About 13 percent of the samples were above detection limit of 4 ppb for nickel A clearly defined nickel province that spatially corresponds to the Outagamie arsenic province suggest that a polymetallic (As, Mo, Ni, Th, V) hydrogeochemical province exists in eastern Wisconsin and may relate to documented faults.

Niobium

About 17 percent of the samples were above detection limit of 4 ppb for niobium. There is no clearly defined geochemical trend in the data at this level of analysis.

Phosphorus

About 13 percent of the samples were above detection limit of 40 ppb for phosphorus, and almost all of those samples clearly define a natural phosphorus province in western Wisconsin. The producing horizon for these samples appears to be the Tunnel City Group, a well known phosphorus-bearing body of rock. This information suggests that elevated phosphorus may well occur in southern Wisconsin were Tunnel City units are the producing aquifer.

Potassium

Potassium was analyzed for only in the Ashland, Iron River, and Escanaba map areas, and almost all samples were above detection limit of 0.1 ppm. No trends appear evident.

Scandium

Only 49 of 2735 samples reported scandium above detection of 1 ppb.

Selenium

About 37 percent of samples were above detection of 0.2 ppb for selenium. There appears to be no clearly defined selenium province at this level of data analysis.

Silicon

Silicon was analyzed by plasma source emission spectrometry. Multiply Si by 2.1 to convert silicon (Si) to silica (SiO₂). Silicon was only determined in the Ashland, Iron River and Escanaba map area. There are no clearly defined trends.

Silver

About 4 percent of the samples were above detection of 2 ppb for silver. There appears to be no geochemical trends.

Sodium

All sodium determinations were above detection limit of 0.1 ppm. The largest sodium geochemical province corresponds with the saline province in eastern Wisconsin.

Strontium

Strontium was determined only for the Ashland, Iron River and Escanaba map area. There are no clearly defined geochemical trends.

Sulfate

Half of the sulfate determinations were above detection limit of 5 ppm. A large sulfate province is clearly defined around Lake Winnebago, and corresponds in part with the saline water province in Calumet County, but also is define west of Lake Winnebago in Winnebago and Outagamie Counties.

Thorium

About 17 percent of the samples were above detection limit of 2 ppb. A weak anomaly is defined in southeastern Shawano County.

Titanium

Only 55 samples where above the detection limit of 2 ppb for titanium No clearly define hydrogeochemical provinces are evident.

Uranium

About 73 percent of the data were above detection limit of 0.2 ppb for uranium. A large, clearly defined uranium hydrogeochemical province is evident in the Shawano-Waupaca County area centers about Split Rock in Shawano County. This area has been of uranium exploration interest since the late 1940s and numerous bedrock occurrences of uranium are known. A weak uranium hydrogeochemical band is seen trending northwest to southeast from Rusk to Marathon County, and corresponds with the calcareous till of the most recent glaciation.

Vanadium

About 9 percent of the samples are above the detection limit of 4 ppb for vanadium. The clearly defined vanadium hydrogeochemical province in Shawano County is slightly north of the arsenic province in Outagamie County.

Yttrium

About 28 percent of the samples are above the detection limit of 1 ppb for yttrium. A weak hydrogeochemical province that corresponds with the vanadium and arsenic provinces in Shawano and Outagamie County is defined.

Zinc

Almost all samples were above detection limit of 4 ppb for zinc. Because composition of the plumbing was not used as a data filter in this analysis, trends are not interpreted to have hydrogeochemical significance.

Zirconium

Only 98 samples were above the detection limit of 2 ppb for zirconium. There is no clearly defined hydrogeochemical trends defined.

Dissolved Oxygen

Most groundwater dissolved oxygen is below 6 ppm with no clearly defined trends at this level of data analysis.

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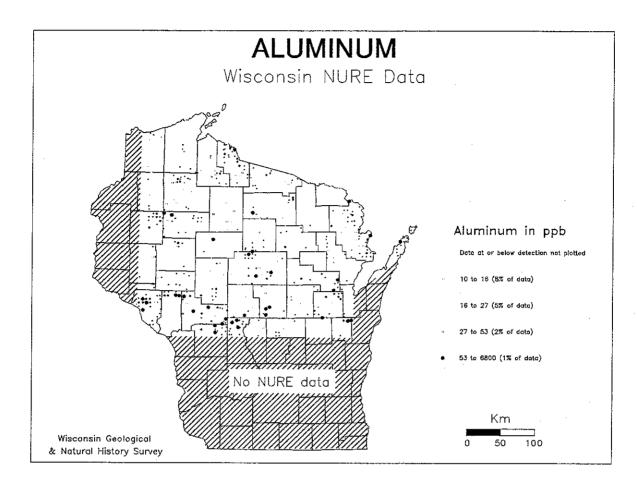
Very acidic groundwater (less than 5.7 pH units, CO_2 saturation) is preponderant in northern and western Wisconsin. Low pHs appear to correspond with non-reactive aquifer material of quartz sandstone (southern part of the survey area) and with quartzose surficial material (northern Wisconsin). Slightly basic to basic ph (greater than 8.4 pH units, calcite saturation) is preponderant in eastern Wisconsin in area of dolomite or calcareous till.

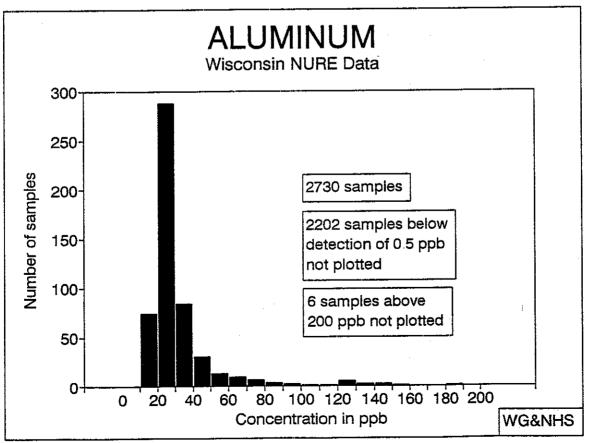
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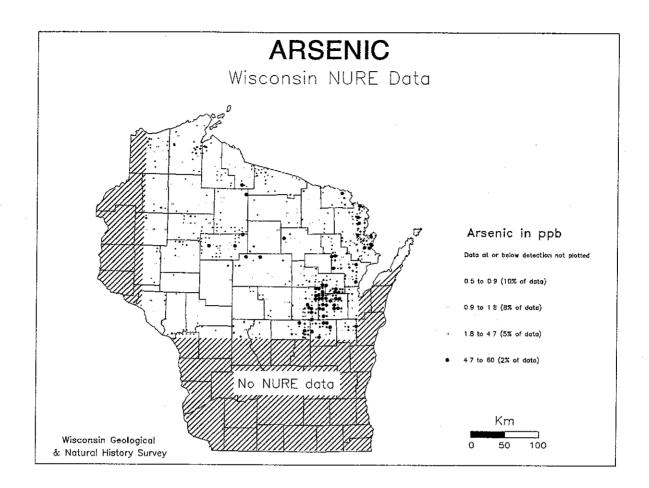
Low conductivity (below 130 micromhos per cm) are preponderant in western and northern Wisconsin, and correspond with non-reactive aquifer material of quartz sandstone and quartzose till. High conductivity (greater than 500 micromhos per cm) dominate the southeastern part of the survey area and correspond with calcareous parent material or saline water.

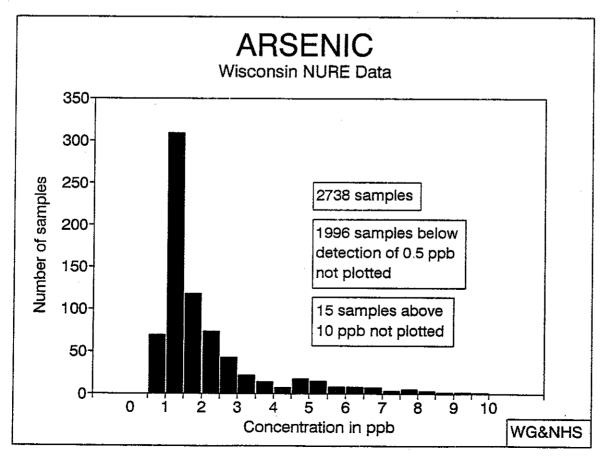
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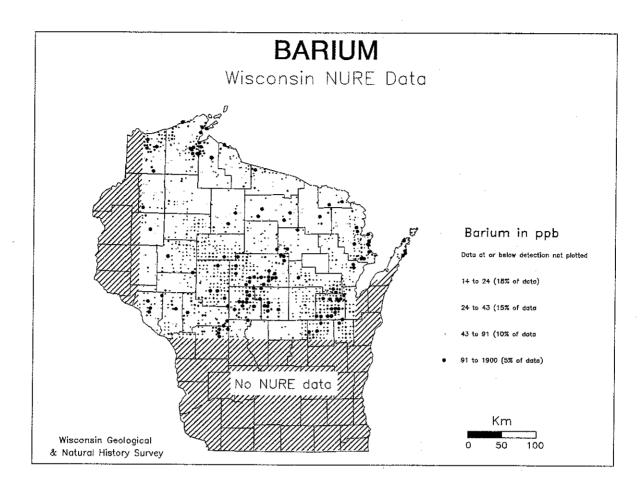
Very low alkalinity water (below 20 ppm) is evident in the southwestern part of the survey area and generally corresponds to phosphorus-rich water. High alkalinity water (greater than 325 ppm) is evident in the southeastern part of the survey area and corresponds to calcareous aquifer material.

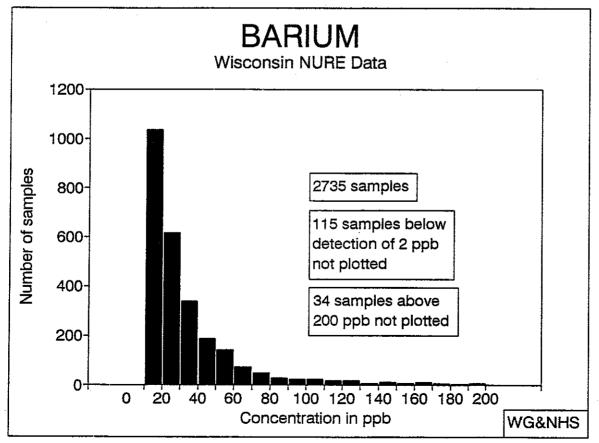


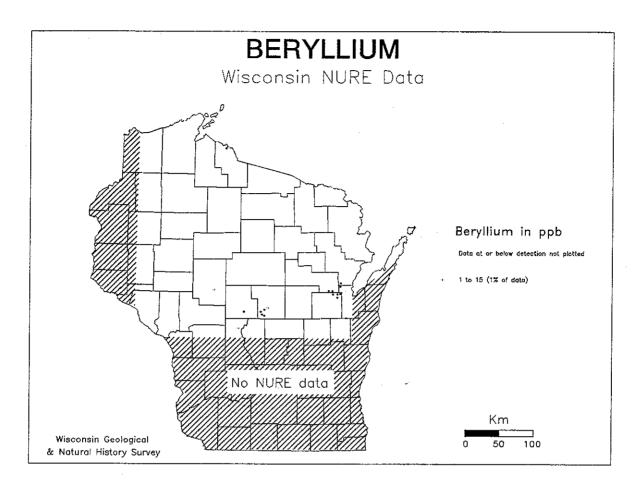


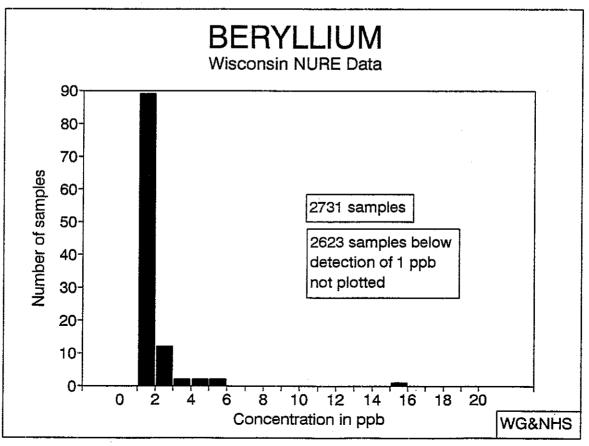


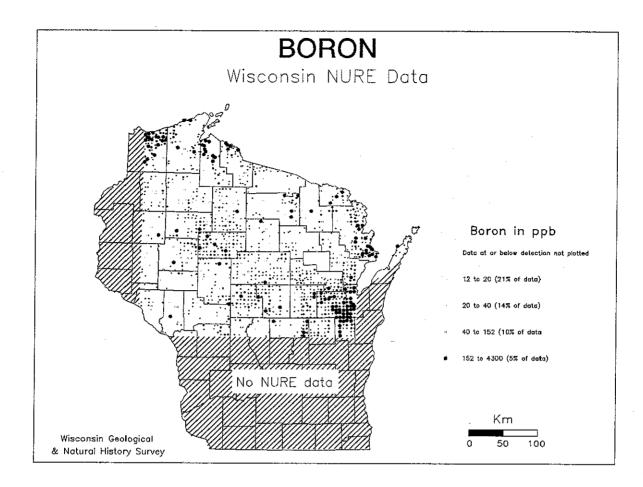


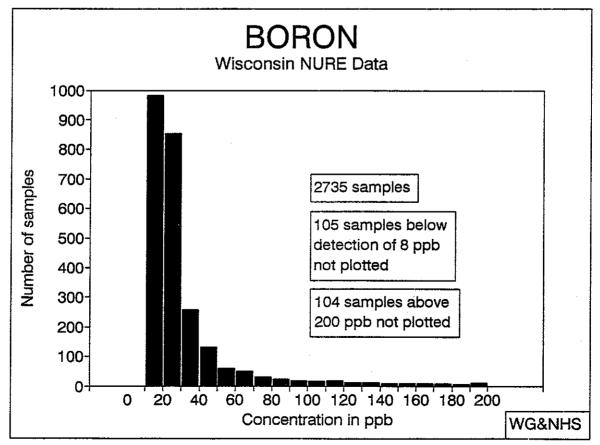


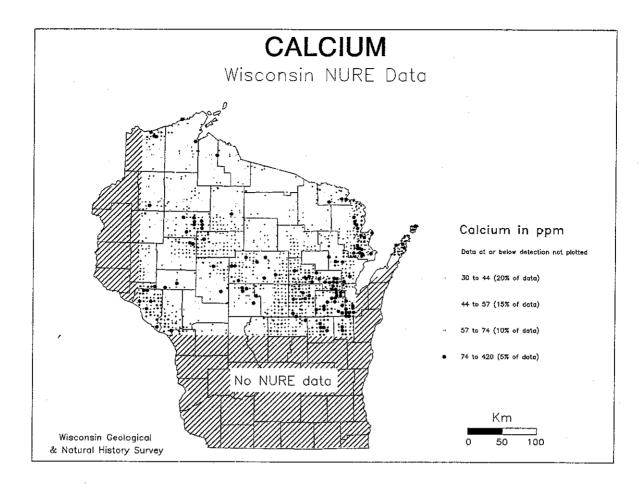


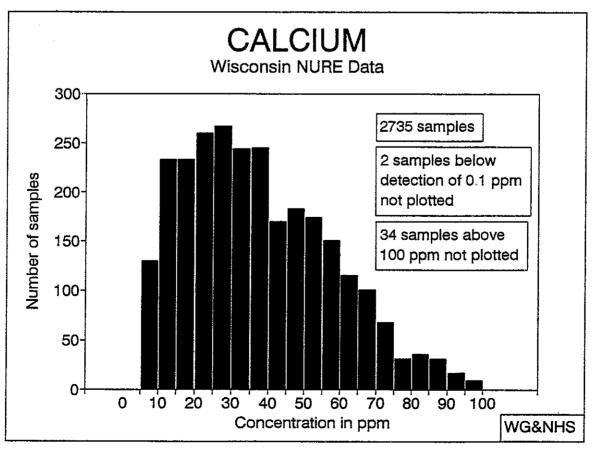


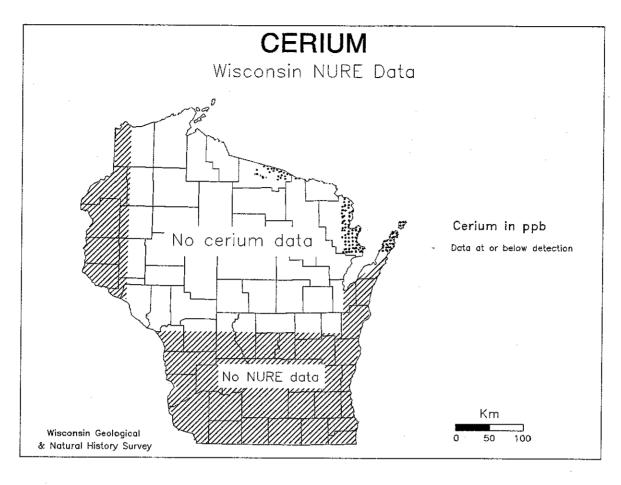


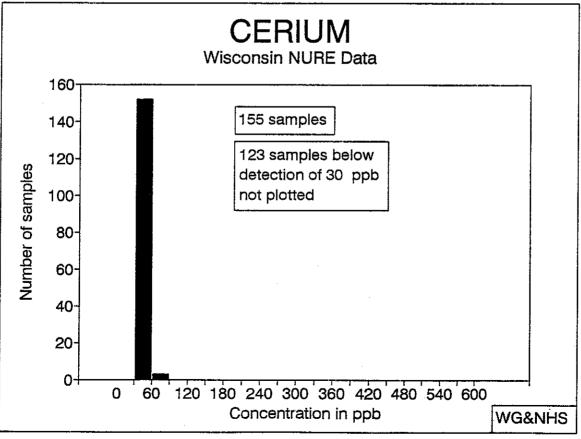


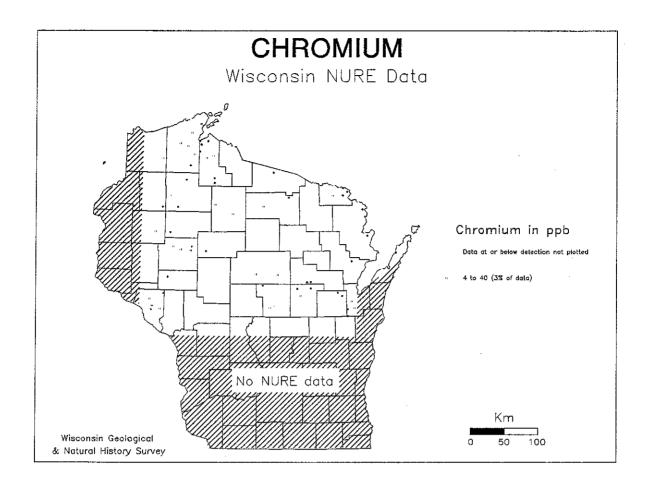


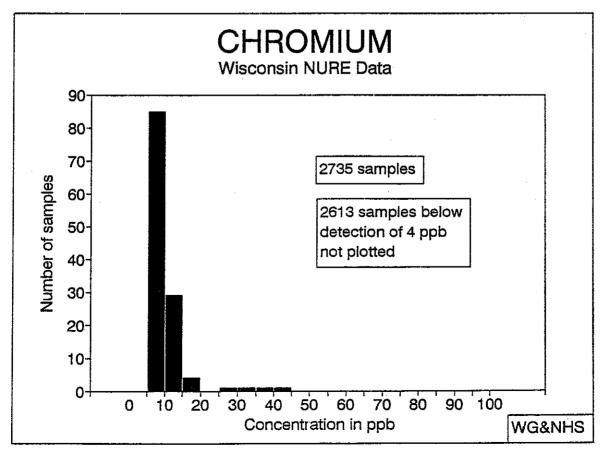


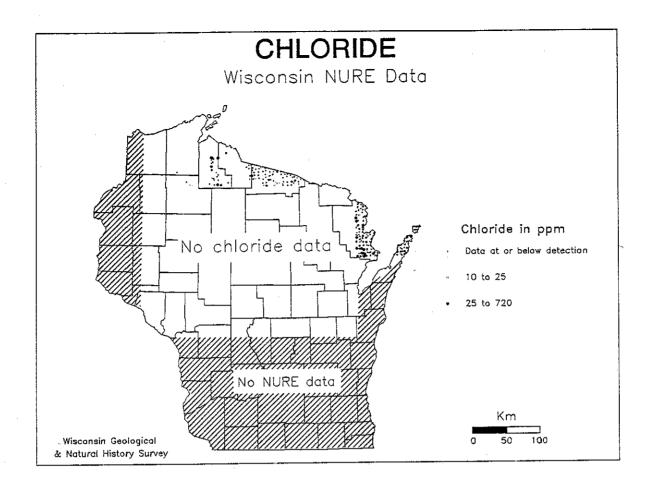


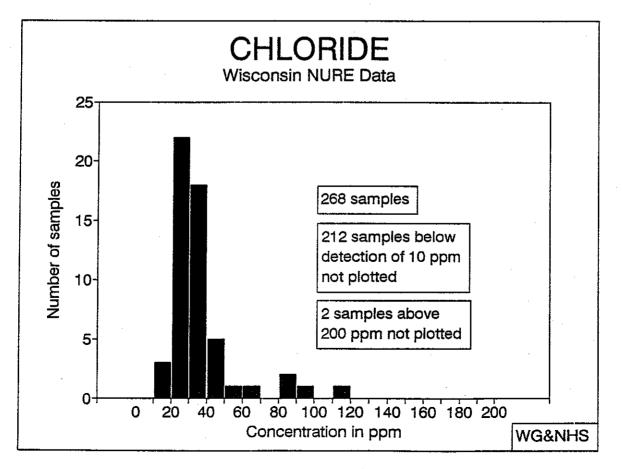


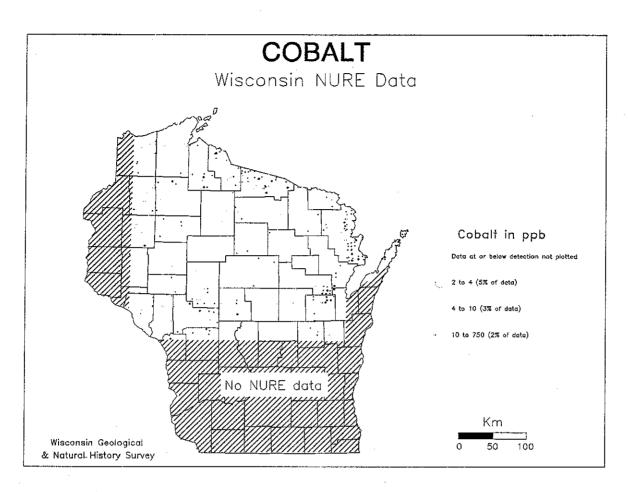


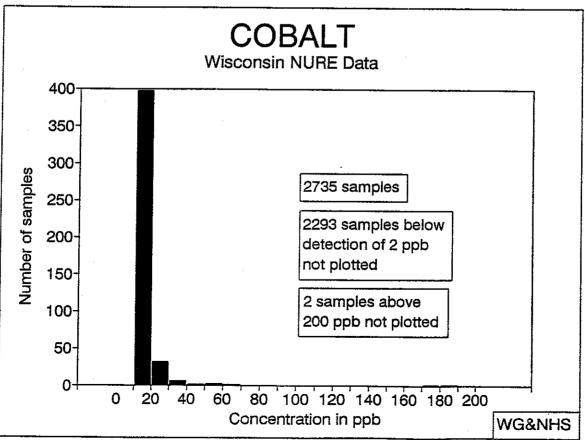


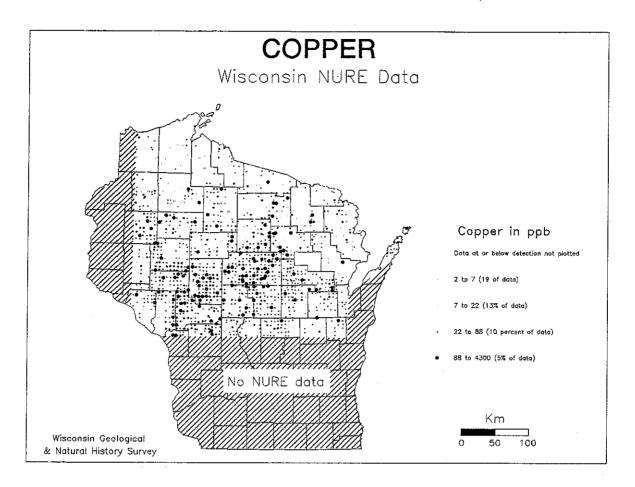


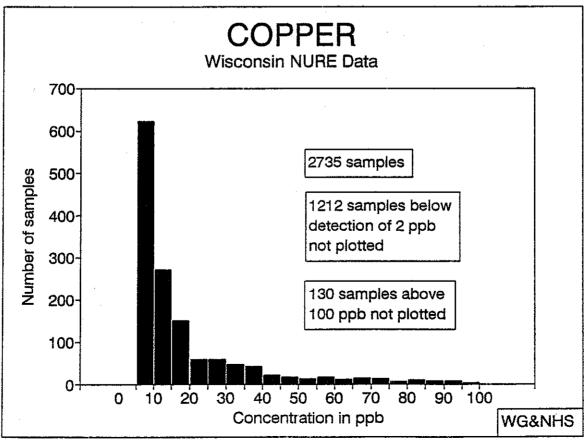


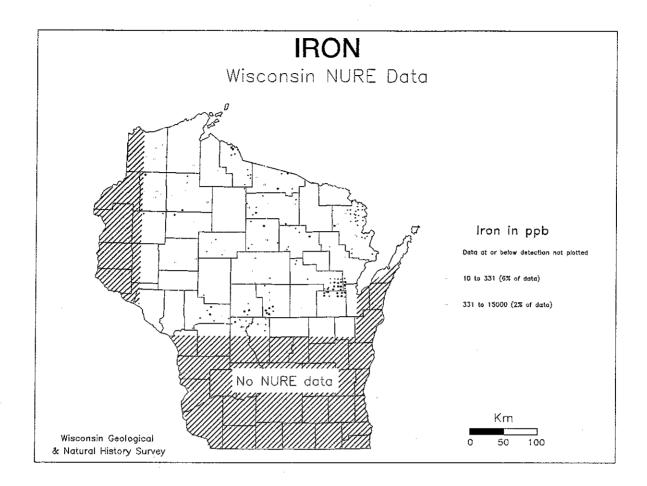


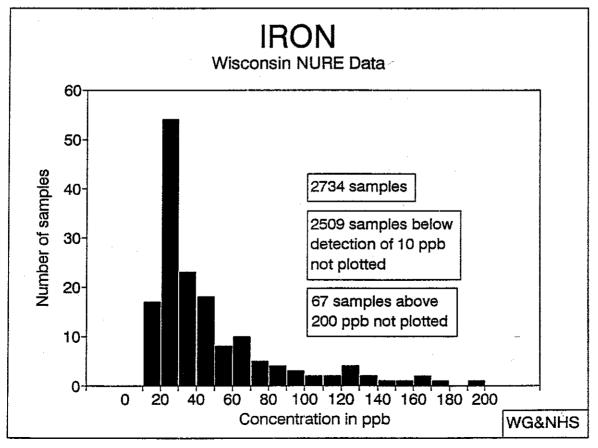


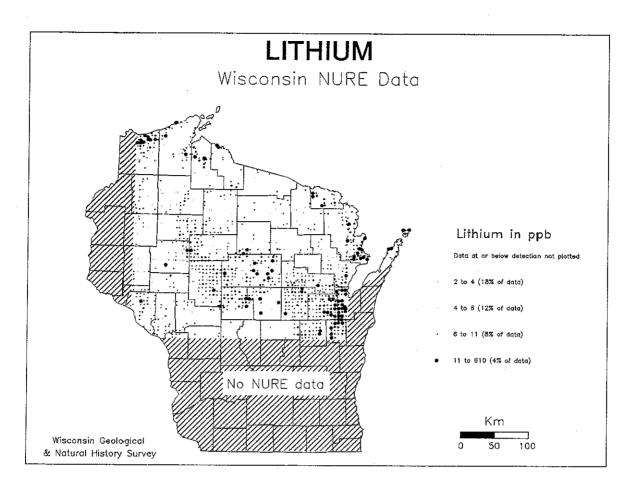


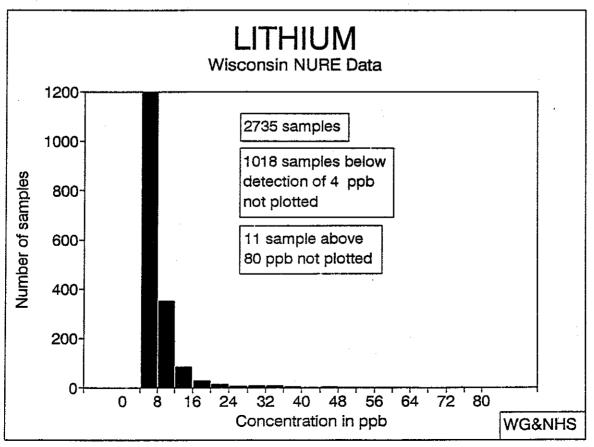


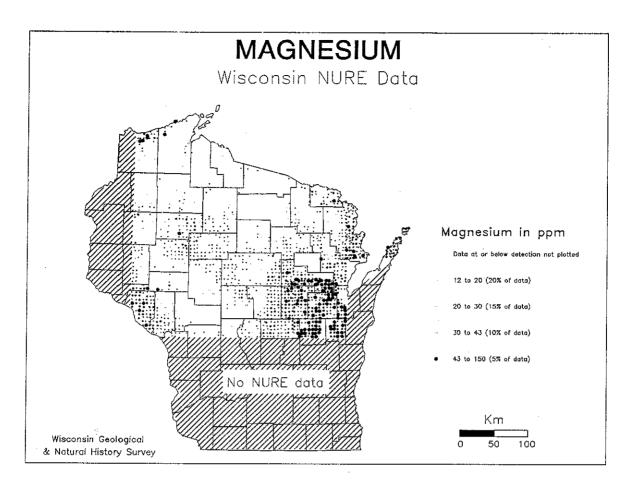


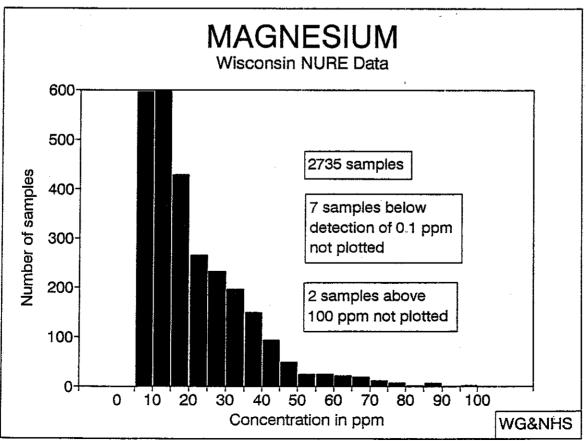


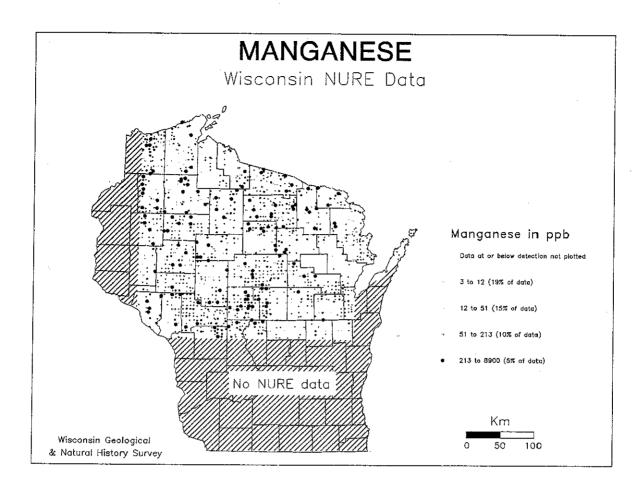


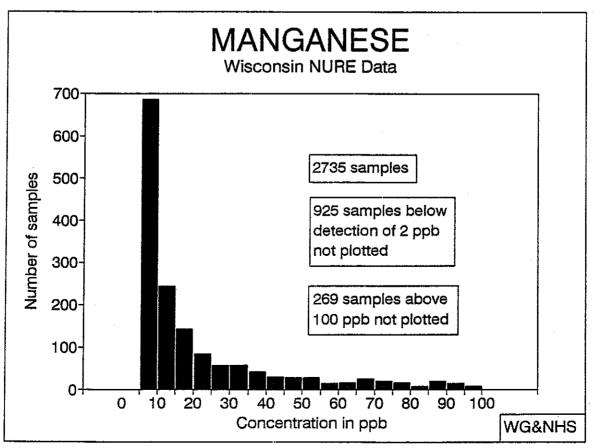


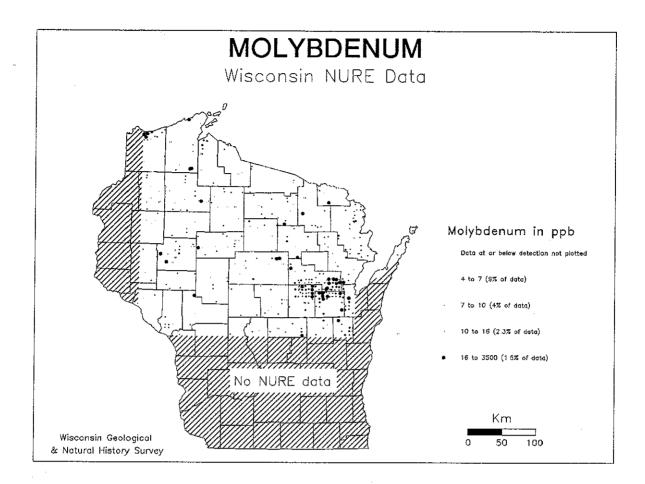


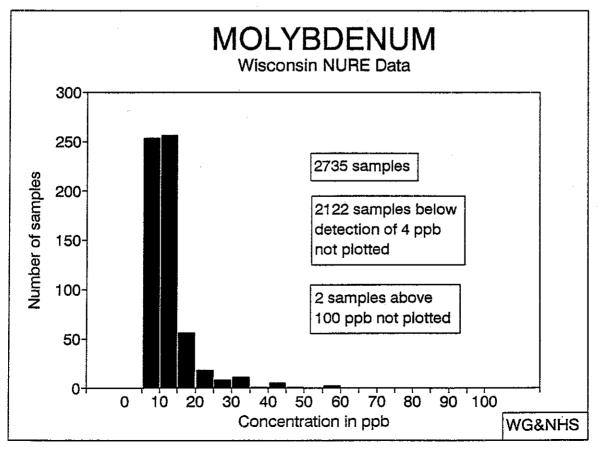


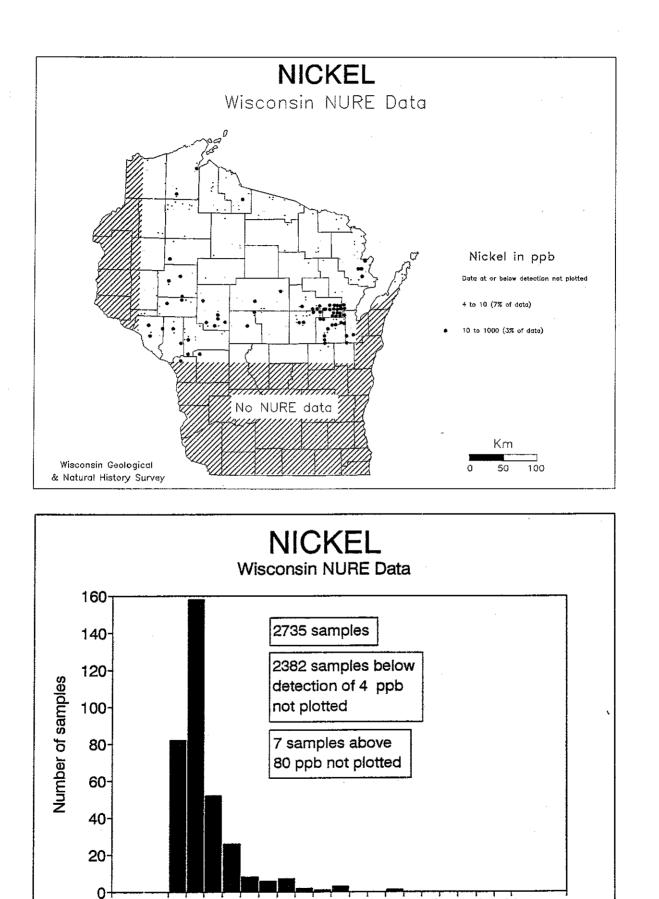












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