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GROUND-WATER STUDY FOR THE CITY OF MILBANK

At the request of the City of Milbank, the South Dakota Geological Survey conducted a ground water study in and around the City of Milbank. The field work was conducted during the summers of 1974 and 1975.

The purpose of this study was to assist the city in locating a future water supply. The results of this study indicate that there are two potential water sources for the City.

1. Twin Brooks Area. This area is located approximately seven miles west of Milbank. The City is pumping water from 3 wells and springs in this area. Table 1 shows the results of analysis of water samples collected in the Milbank area. Samples W-11, W-12, W-13 were collected from City wells No. 1, 2, and 3 respectively. These samples have an average of 1372 parts per million total solids, 537 ppm sulfate, and 569 ppm hardness. The iron content of these waters are over the limits recommended by the South Dakota Department of Health. Sample W-14 was collected from a spring used by the City. This water has 532 ppm total solids, 164 ppm sulfate, and 442 ppm hardness. There is very limited data on the water levels and pumping rates of the City wells. Wells No. 1 and No. 2 do not have operational water level gauges and the accuracy of the lengths of air line in Well No. 3 is questionable. Because of a flowing water zone in this area, the Geological Survey did not drill any test holes. Based on the available data from the City files,

J. T. Banner and Associates, Inc., and the well drillers, it is concluded that the area probably could sustain additional well(s).

If the City should decide to test this area and develop additional wells, it is recommended that a pump test be conducted in the area and more accurate water level and pumping rate records should be kept for future reference.

2. Northeast of Milbank. The results of the test hole drilling in this area indicate there is an outwash deposit in and around Section 20, Township 121 North, Range 47 West (approximately one mile east and three miles north of the city which may contain enough water for a city supply). For location of test holes see figure 1 and for logs see Appendix A, B. and C. Water samples W-1 and W-2 in table 1 were collected from North Fork Whetstone River. For the location of water samples see figure 2. These samples have approximately 1100 ppm total solids, 500 ppm sulfates, and 690 ppm hardness.

Samples W-4, W-5 were collected from ground water in Section 10 and W-8, W-9 were collected from Section 29 south of Section 20. These 4 samples have an average of 573 ppm hardness, 288 ppm sulfate, and 791 ppm total solids. From all the samples collected in the area, samples W-4 and W-6 have higher nitrate than the recommended limits set by the State of South Dakota. The most promising locations for development of a new

water source is northeast of Milbank in the vicinity of test holes A-15, B-8, and B-18 in Section 20.

If the City should decide to test this area, it is recommended that a pump test be conducted and water samples collected and analyzed. This pump test and water analysis will help to determine the quantity and quality of water.

Before a permanent well is drilled, the City officials should contact the Division of Water Rights, Department of Natural Resource Development, Pierre, South Dakota, to obtain water rights and a permit to drill a municipal well. The Department of Environmental Protection should also be contacted for assistance in determining the biological and chemical suitability of the water.

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Table 1. CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF WATER SAMPLES FROM THE MILBANK AREA

Sample	Source	Parts Per Million										
		Calcium	Sodium	Magnesium	Chlorides	Sulfate	Iron	Manganese	Nitrate	Flouride	Hardness CaCO ₃	Total Solids
A		--	--	--	250	500 ¹	0.3	0.05	10.0	0.9-1.7 ²	--	1000
W-1	R	130	50	90	20	600	0.7	0.6	5		690	1208
W-2	R	130	80	90	14	500	0.7	0.2	2.6		690	1004
W-3	G	160	20	60	10	265	0.1	0.2	0.5		650	820
W-4	G	96	15	62	14	146			17	0.25	490	682
W-5	G	255	150	50	25	500	2.0	0.15	0.5		850	1190
W-6	G	170	20	95	94	430	0.5	0.1	>14		813	1324
W-7	G	160	40	84	3	659		0.0	2	0.4	735	1202
W-8	G	53	15	46	18	168			6.0	0.2	312	468
W-9	G	130	20	76	16	340	1.5	0.2	1.0		640	824
W-10	G	128	10	26		142	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.25	422	672
W-11	G	124	240	58	49	667	1.4		4.	0.25	542	1452
W-12	G	126	230		29	365	1.2		3.		532	1374
W-13	G	256	144		13	580	1.9		3.	0.25	635	1290
W-14	S	11	10	104		164			1.		442	532

A - Drinking water standards, U.S. Public Health Service (1962)

1 - Modified for South Dakota by the Department of Health
(written communication, Water Sanitation Section, September 24, 1968)

2- 1.2 is optimum for South Dakota

Source - R - river; G - ground water; S - spring.

Samples W-1, W-2, W-3, W-5, W-6 and W-9 were analyzed by the South Dakota Geological Survey. The remaining samples were analyzed by the State Chemical Laboratory.

Location of Water Samples
(for map location see Figure 2)

- W-1 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 18 T121N R47W, North Fork Whetstone River.
- W-2 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 20 T121N R47W, North Fork Whetstone River.
- W-3 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 19 T121N R47W, W. Grove, 60 feet deep, water level 40? feet.
- W-4 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 20 T121N R47W D. E. Trapp, 34 feet deep.
- W-5 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 20 T121N R47W, Test hole A16.
- W-6 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 21 T121N R47W, L. Fryer, 50 feet deep, water level 32 feet.
- W-7 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 25 T121N R48W, H. Peters, 28 feet deep.
- W-8 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 29, T121N R47W, T. Dinter, tenant, 30 feet deep.
- W-9 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 29 T121N R47W, P. Tuchscherer, 86 feet deep, water level, 51 feet.
- W-10 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 4 T120N R48W, D. Schultz, 160 feet deep, water level, 100? feet.
- W-11 Milbank City Well No. 1, in the Twin Brooks area, 260 feet deep, water level 70? feet
- W-12 Milbank City Well No. 2, in the Twin Brooks area, 260 feet deep, water level 70? feet.
- W-13 Milbank City Well No. 3, in the Twin Brooks area, 260 feet deep, water level 60? feet.
- W-14 Spring water, used by the City of Milbank, in the Twin Brooks area.

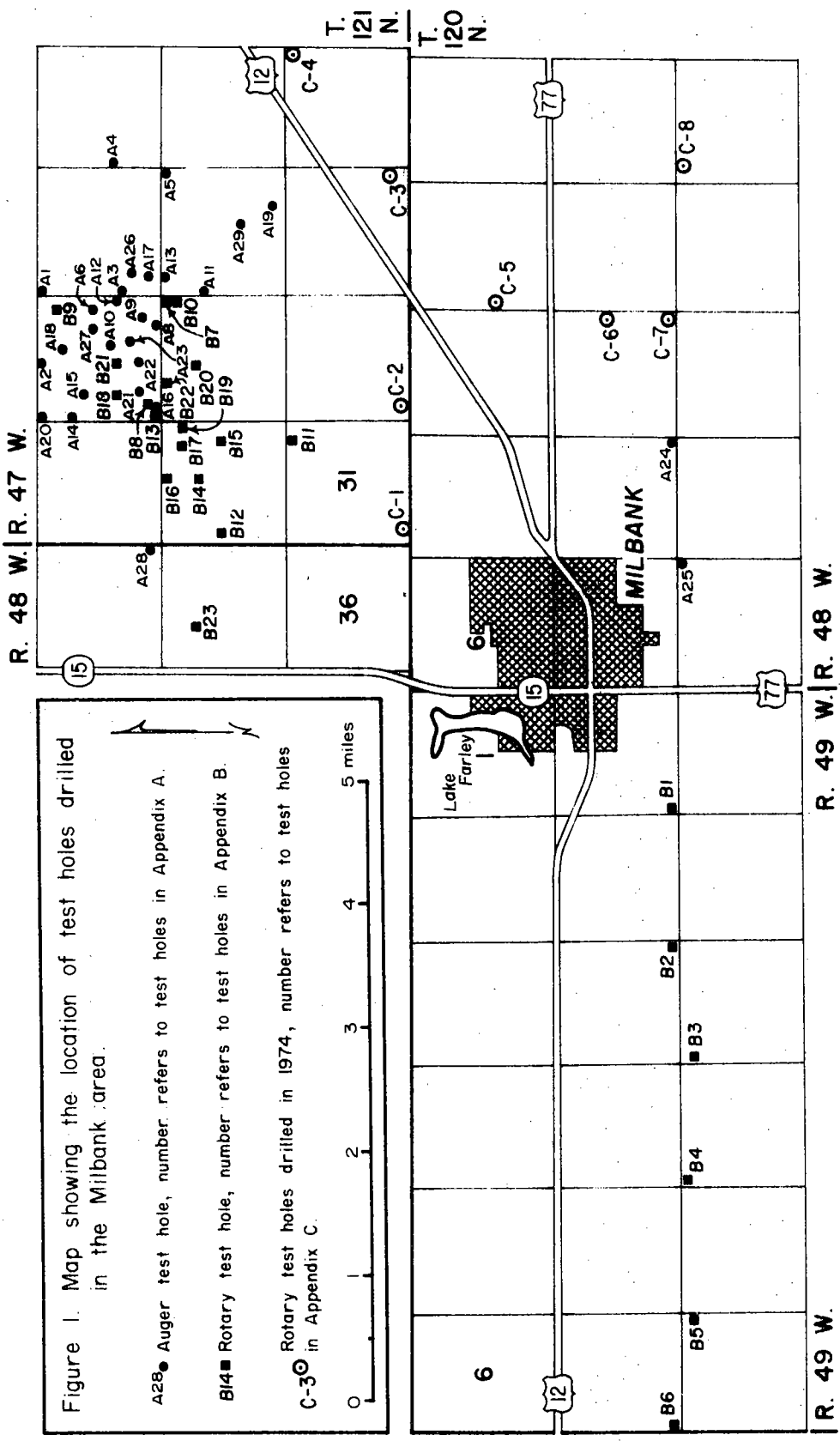
Figure 1. Map showing the location of test holes drilled in the Milbank area.

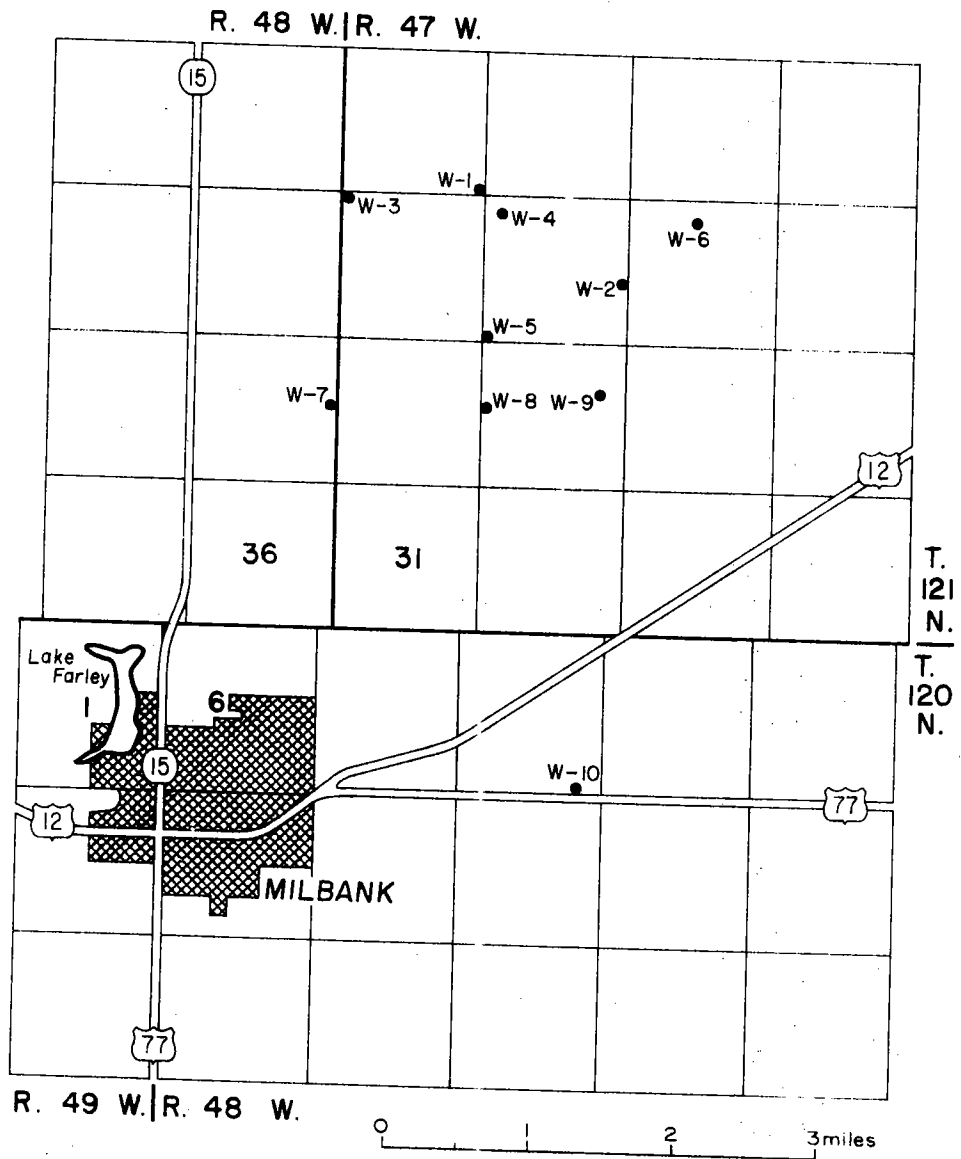
A28 ● Auger test hole, number refers to test holes in Appendix A.

B14 ■ Rotary test hole, number refers to test holes in Appendix B.

C-3 ○ Rotary test holes drilled in 1974, number refers to test holes in Appendix C.

0 1 2 3 4 5 miles





W-7. Water sample No. 7, (samples W-11 through W-14 are in the Twin Brooks area and are not included on this map).

Figure 2. Map showing the location of water samples collected in the Milbank area.

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location NW¹/₄ NW²/₄ NW³/₄ NW⁴/₄ Section: 21 T. 121 N. S. R. 47 ~~W.~~ W.Well: no Test Hole: A-1 Land Owner: Duane TrappCounty: Grant Date 7-8-75 Elevation: 1060 ~~(X)(X)(T)~~E-Log: no Samples: yes Drilling Company: Sdgs AugerSource of Data: Dave LaFrance

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	3	Silt, black, clayey, moist	0-3
	2	Clay, dark gray, silty, partly, sandy, moist	3-5
	1	Clay, gray, sandy, moist	5-6
	2	Sand, gray, slightly clayey; some coarse gravel,	
		saturated	6-8
	8	Sand, brown, medium-coarse, slightly clayey,	
		some coarse gravel	8-16
	8	Gravel, coarse	16-24
	7	Gravel, with brown clay, sandy	24-31
	3	Clay, black, silty, with some coarse gravel	31-34
	4	Clay, black, silty	34-38
	9	Sand, gray, medium, clayey	38-47
	12	Clay, gray, sandy	47-59
		Pulled out because clay was too sticky	
		T.D. - 59 feet	
		W.T. - 5 feet	

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location NE~~1~~NE~~2~~NE~~3~~NE~~4~~ Section: 28 T. 121 N. S. R. 47 E. W.

Well: no Test Hole: A-5 Land Owner: _____

County: Grant Date 7-10-75 Elevation: 1058 (X,T)

E-Log: no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGS

Source of Data: Dave LaFrance

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	3	Silt, brown, dry	0-3
	2	Silt, brown, moist	3-5
	1	Gravel, coarse, with orange brown clay	5-6
	4	Gravel, medium to coarse, with medium sand and coarse orange brown silt, moist	6-10
	5	Sand, fine; with coarse orange brown silt	10-15
	4	Sand, fine; with coarse orange brown silt and some medium gravel, moist	15-19
	2	Sand, brown, coarse; with fine gravel, moist	19-21
	9	Sand, orange brown, coarse, with fine gravel and slightly clayey	21-30
	29	Clay, gray; with coarse sand and fine gravel (till)	30-59
		T.D. - 59 feet	
		W.T. - 21 feet	

Appendix A

A-6

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section: 20 T. 121 N. ~~XX~~ R. 47 ~~XX~~ W.Well: no Test Hole: A6 Land Owner: _____County: Grant Date 7-11-75 Elevation: 1045 (SS,T)E-Log: no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGSSource of Data: Dave LaFrance

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	5	Silt, brown, clayey, moist	0-5
	2	Clay, brown, with medium sand and some fine gravel, moist	5-7
	2	Sand, brown, medium to coarse, some fine gravel clayey, saturated	7-9
	5	Sand, brown, medium to coarse, some fine gravel, slightly clayey	9-14
	6	Sand, gray brown, medium to coarse, some fine gravel, clayey	14-20
	5	Clay, gray, silty, with fine sand, soft	20-25
	21	Sand, brown, medium to coarse, clayey	25-46
	5	Gravel, coarse	46-51
	18	Sand, brown, medium to coarse, clean, with some medium gravel	51-69
	5	Clay, gray with coarse sand and fine gravel (till)	69-74
		T.D. - 74 feet	
		W.T. - 7 feet	

Appendix A

A-10

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section: 20 T. 121 N. ~~S~~ R. 47 E. W.Well: no Test Hole: A10 Land Owner: _____County: Grant Date 7-12-75 Elevation: 1080 (A, L, T)E-Log: no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGSSource of Data: LaFrance

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	5	Topsoil, clay, black	0-5
	2	Sand, dark brown-gray, coarse, clayey, saturated	5-7
	3	Sand, dark brown, coarse, clayey	7-10
	5	Sand, gray brown, coarse, clayey; with some	
		fine gravel	10-15
	9	Sand, gray brown, coarse, with some fine	
		gravel; clean	15-24
	21	Sand, brown, coarse, slightly clayey; with	
		some fine gravel	24-45
	9	Sand, gray, coarse, clayey, with some fine	
		gravel	45-54
	9	Silt, gray, some coarse sand, very clayey	54-63
	7	Gravel, coarse	63-70
	28	Clay, gray, pebbly; hard (till)	70-98
		T.D. - 98 feet	
		W.T. - 7 feet	

Appendix A

A-24

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section: 8 T. 120 N. ~~XX~~ R. 48 ~~XX~~ W.Well: no Test Hole: A24 Land Owner: _____County: Grant Date 8-4-75 Elevation: 1196 (~~XX~~,T)E-Log: no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGsSource of Data: Dave LaFrance

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	4	Silt, dark brown, clayey, dry	0-4
	6	Clay, brown, silty, with some medium to coarse sand, moist	4-10
	8	Clay, dark brown, silty, with some medium to coarse sand, moist	10-18
	2	Clay, dark brown, silty, with some medium to coarse sand, saturated	18-20
	4	Clay, brown, silty	20-24
	4	Clay, gray, some sand (till)	24-28
	2	Clay, brown, very sandy	28-30
	9	Clay, gray, some sand (till)	30-39
	3	Clay, brown, very sandy	39-42
	19	Clay, gray, some sand (till)	42-61
		T.D. - 61 feet	
		W.T. - 18 feet	

Appendix B

B18

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location ~~NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4~~ Section: 20 T. 121 N. 8 R. 47 E. W.Well: no Test Hole: B18 Land Owner: _____County Grant Date 8-25-75 Elevation: 1083 (XXXX T)E-Log no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGSSource of Data: Ralph Danzl

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	1	Topsoil	0-1
	1	Silt, black, soft	1-2
	6	Gravel, fine to medium, angular to subangular	2-8
	19	Gravel, medium to very coarse, subangular to subrounded	8-27
	12	Gravel, fine to medium, subrounded	27-39
	2	Till, black, silty, sandy	39-41
	2	Gravel, medium to coarse, rounded	41-43
	3	Till, black, silty, sandy	43-46
	20	Gravel, medium to coarse, rounded, clean	46-66
	7	Till, black, silty, sandy	66-73
	94	Sand, medium to very coarse, subrounded	73-167
	4	Gravel, medium to very coarse, rounded	167-171
	24	Clay, black, with very fine silt	171-195
	2	Milbank Granodiorite	195-197
		TD 197 feet	

Appendix B

B19

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location NW~~1~~SE~~1~~NE~~1~~NE~~1~~ Section: 30 T. 121 N. 8 R. 47 E W.Well: no Test Hole: B19 Land Owner: _____County Grant Date 8-26-75 Elevation: 1090 (XXX T)E-Log no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGSSource of Data: Greg Wallace

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	2	Topsoil, brown	0-2
	2	Sand, very coarse, subangular 1	2-4
	27	Gravel, coarse, subrounded, clean	4-31
	47	Sand, medium to coarse, subangular, clean	31-78
	3	Till, gray, sandy, clayey	78-81
	5	Sand, medium to coarse, subangular, clean	81-86
	7	Sand, gray, coarse, subrounded to subangular, clean	86-90
	13	Gravel, gray, medium to coarse, subangular to subrounded, clean	90-103
	5	Gravel, coarse, subangular to subrounded, with some gray till	103-108
	26	Till, gray, gravelly, sandy, clayey	108-134
	3	Boulder, dolomite, white to light gray	134-137
	38	Till, both gray and brick red, sandy, clayey	137-175
	15	Shale, gray, greasy	175-190
		TD 190 feet	

Appendix B

B20

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location ~~NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4~~ Section: 29 T. 121 N. X R. 47 E. W.Well: no Test Hole: B20 Land Owner: _____County Grant Date 8-26-75 Elevation: 1074 (XXX, T)E-Log no Samples: yes Drilling Company: SDGSSource of Data: Greg Wallace

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	8	Silt, black to brown, fine	0-8
	7	Sand, coarse, subrounded, clean	8-15
	3	Gravel, medium, subrounded, clean	15-18
	7	Sand, gray, fine to very fine, subrounded, silty	18-25
	3	Silt, gray, very fine, some coal	25-28
	6	Sand, gray, very fine to medium interbedded	
		with gray silts and clays	28-34
	61	Sand, very fine to fine, subrounded	34-95
	80	Silt, gray, sandy, very clayey	95-175
	7	Silt, gray to black	175-182
	4	Clbbles and dolomite chips	182-186
	8	Till, gray and Red brown	186-194
	6	Milbank weathering surface, bluish white,	
		weathered granite	194-200
		TD 200 feet	

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section: 31 T. 121 N. 8 R. 47 E. W.
 Well: no Test Hole: C1 Land Owner: _____
 County: Grant Date _____ Elevation: 1126.02 (A,I,T)
 E-Log: no Samples: _____ Drilling Company: SDGS-Combination
 Source of Data: _____

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	3	Topsoil	0-3
	20	Till, yellow-brown, very sandy, clayey, pebbly	3-23
	7	Till, gray, sandy, clayey, pebbly	23-30
	8	Sand, coarse to fine gravel	30-38
	3	Sand, coarse to gravel, with gray clay	38-41
	27	Till, gray, clayey, pebbly, slightly sandy	41-68
	4	Sand, coarse to fine gravel, clayey	68-72
	7	Clay, gray, very sandy and gravelly	72-79
	5	Gravel, slightly clayey	79-84
	24	Till, gray, extremely sandy, also clayey	
		and pebbly	34-108
	21	Clay, gray, sandy, pebbly	108-129
	9	Clay, gray, pebbly	129-138
	22	Clay, gray, pebbly, shaley	138-160
		T.D. - 160 feet	

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 Section: 34 T. 121 ~~NXX~~ R. 47 E. XW.Well: no Test Hole: C4 Land Owner: _____County: Grant Date _____ Elevation: 1072 (~~AXX~~)E-Log: no Samples: _____ Drilling Company: SDGS-Combination

Source of Data: _____

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	8	Clay, brown, silty, sandy, some pebbles	0-8
	19	Clay, brown, slightly silty and sandy, some	
		large pebbles	8-27
	20	Clay, gray, sandy, silty, slightly pebbly	27-47
	13	Clay, gray, very sandy and silty	47-60
	6	Sand, very coarse to fine gravel	60-66
	9	Clay, gray	66-75
	10	Sand, very coarse to fine gravel, clayey	75-85
	3	Clay, sandy, silty	85-88
	3	Sand	88-91
	1	Clay	91-92
	1	Sand, very fine	92-93
	21	Gravel $\frac{1}{2}$ fine to medium, some coarse, with	
		clay	93-114
	6	Sand, medium, clayey	114-120

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Location SW₄NW₄NW₄SW₄ Section: 3 T. 120 N. 8 R. 48 E. W.Well: _____ Test Hole: T5 Land Owner: _____County: _____ Date 8-12-74 Elevation: _____ (A,I,T)E-Log: _____ Samples: _____ Drilling Company: SDGS

Source of Data: _____

Geologic Unit	Thickness	Lithologic Description	From - to Feet
	2	Soil, black	0-2
	12	Clay, yellow-brown, pebbly (till), large rocks	2-14
	4	Clay, gray, pebbly, lot of rocks (till)	14-18
	81	Clay, gray, sandy, gravelly, gravel stringers	
		(till)	18-99
	5	Gravel	99-104
	19	Clay, gray, gravelly gravel stringers (till)	104-123
	14	Gravel	123-137
	73	Shale cuttings	137-210
	30	Shale & chalk, chalk effervesces, shale	210-240?
		is brown & slightly silty, some chatter	
	50	Sand, white, clayey, all quartz grains, takes	
		10-15 GMP while drilling, pink feldspar grains	
		from 281-290	240?-290
		Granite, white-pink-blk- rock flakes coming up	290
		T.D. - 290 feet	

