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## SUMMARY

A detailed statistical analysis was conducted of data from bacterial-leach test work done on low-grade uranium ore by the research staff of Rio Algom Mines Limited. The effects of ammonia levels ( 0.05 and $0.1 \mathrm{~g} / 1$ ) and $\mathrm{pH}(2.2,3.0,4.0)$ of the leach solution and wash frequency (weekly, twice weekly, daily) on the extraction of $U_{3} O_{B}$ from the trays of heaped ore were tested during a 40-week period.

Due mainly to the experimental exror in this work being greater than many observations after test conditions had been varied, the results of the statistical analysis are of limited value in that they are useful only in indicating general trends and the relative importance of the variables examined. The most important trends and effects indicated by the relevant correlation coefficients are that uranium extraction: increases with in-

- creasing ammonium concentration and continues to increase with time, decreases with increasing solution pH and continues to decrease with time, increases with increasing wash frequency at the start of the leach period but steadily decreases with time. The interaction between ammonia concentration and solution pH is not significant. The interaction between ammonia concentration and wash frequency is highly significant and beneficial at the start of the leach period but steadily decreases with time. The interaction between solution pH and wash frequency is insignificant at the start of the leach period but becomes significantly detrimental to uranium extraction with time.

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## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Because of the problems introduced by the experimental error the only significant statistics obtainable from the test observations were the correlation coefficients. The conclusions that can be made on the basis of the correlation coefficients are 1isted below.

1. Cumulative $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction shows a significant positive correlation with increasing ammonia concentration in the leach solution in the range of 0.05 to $0.1 \mathrm{~g} / 1$.
2. Cumulative $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{B}}$ extraction shows an insignificant correlation with increasing pH of solution i.e. reduced acidity in the range of 2.2 to 4.0 , except during the last four weeks of the test when it becomes negatively significant.
3. Cumulative $U_{3} O_{8}$ extraction shows a significant positive correlation with increasing wash frequency in the range of weekly, twice weekly, daily, during the first four weeks of the leach period. The effect of this variable increases negatively with the length of the leach period.....With $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction based on successive four-week leach periods this variable shows significant negative correlation with extraction during the last 24 weeks of the test period.
4. Cumulative $U_{3} O_{B}$ extraction shows an insignificant correlation with the interaction between ammonia concentration and solution pH.
5. Cumulative $U_{3} O_{8}$ extraction shows a significant positive correlation with the interaction between ammonia concentration and wash frequency during the first 16 weeks of the test. The effect of this variable is to decrease extraction with the length of the leach period.
6. Cumulative $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction shows, an insignificant correlation with the interaction between solution pH and wash frequency over the first 12 weeks of the test period, a negative correlation over the next 16 weeks, and a significant negative correlation over the last 8 weeks. Based on the $U_{3} 0_{8}$ extraction of successive four-week leach periods this variable shows a highly significant negative correlation with extraction : during the last 24 weeks of the test period. The statistical analyses of these data indicate that bacterial leach process and/or future test work to extract uranium from heaped low-grade ore, under the same conditions as used in this test series, should maintain the concentration of ammonia in the leach solution in excess of $0.1 \mathrm{~g} / 1$ while keeping the solution pH below a value of 2.2 if possible. At the start of the leach period the ore should be washed: daily during the first four week period, then twice a week over the next four weeks, and only once a week for the remainder of the leach period.

## PROCEDURE

In July 1971, Mr. J.W. Fisher, Research Superintendent, Rio Algom Mines Limited, E11iot Lake, Ontario, requested that the Mines Branch conduct a statistical analysis on the results of a designed bacterial-leach experiment done by the company's R. \& D. staff.

The experiment was designed around three independent variables: ammonia concentration (A) of the leach solution at two levels 0.05 and $0.1 \mathrm{~g} / 1, \mathrm{pH}(\mathrm{P})$ of the leach solution at three levels 2.2, 3.0, 4.0, and wash frequency (W) at three leve1s 7, 2, and 1 times per week. The experiment was carried out during a 40 -week period. The data includes the results obtained from twenty-one samples. Each sample tray contained 10 kg of 1.5 to 1.0 -inch ore. Based on the calculated heads, the mean $U_{3} 0_{\mathrm{B}}$ content of the 21 trays was $0.082 \pm 0.010 \%$. The 1each solution was sampled every four weeks and analysed for $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{s}}$ content. During the test period the temperature was thermostatically controlled at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and the relative humidity was maintained at $100 \%$ saturation. One of the tests was replicated three times to provide an estimate of experimental error. The data are reproduced in the Appendix. Table 1, Appendix contains the cumulative $U_{3} 0_{8}$ extracted (weight in mg and \%) up to the end of each four-week period and Table 2 the amount extracted during each successive four-week period.

The correlations between the dependent variable ( $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction) and the independent variables (ammonia concentration, pH , and wash frequency) were tested by calculating the relevant correlation coefficients. Also, first-order linear regression equations relating the dependent and independent variables were calculated ${ }^{(1)}$. The regression analysis calculations produced approximately seventy-five empirical models for statistical assessment. The calculated correlation coefficients for the cumulative extraction of $U_{3} O_{8}$ are given in Table 1. Those based on the extraction of $U_{3} O_{8}$ over successive four-week periods are given in Table 2. Those values that are statistically significant at a confidence level of $95 \%$ are indicated by an asterisk( $*$ ). The calculated percentage of variation in the cumulative and non-cumulative extraction of $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ due to experimental error at the end of each successive four-week period as well as that based on the entire 40 -week period are given in Table 3.

A verbal explanation of the detailed findings, along with the computer listings with suitable notations of the results, were presented to Mr. J.W. Fisher of the company's research staff by the author at a meeting held at the Mines Branch, 28 October, 1971. The detailed results have been communicated to the company, so only a summary of the results is given in this report.

## RESULTS

The calculated correlation coefficients (Tables 1 and 2) range in values between minus 0.812 and p1us 0.757 . These values are not everywhere significant at a confidence level of $95 \%$ ( $\leq$ minus 0.45 and $\geq$ plus 0.45 ). However, the coefficient values do indicate the relative effect that each of the independent variables has on the dependent variable with respect to time. The effect is beneficial when all are positive (e.g., ammonia) and detrimental when all are negative (e.g. pH). When these values range from positive to negative the effect is beneficial down to the crossover point and from thereon is detrimental (e.g. wash frequency). The opposite is true when the range is from negative to positive.

- The only variable that shows a significant continuous positive effect is ammonia concentration (Tab1es 1, 2). The effect of the interaction between ammonia and pH (Tables 1, 2) is insignificant. The interaction between ammonia and wash frequency has a positive and significant effect on $U_{3} O_{8}$ extraction during the first 16 weeks of the test (Table 1). During the last 24 weeks the correlation coefficients show a steady decrease in value. However, when compared on a successive four-week leach period (Table 2) the effect is significantly positive for only the first 8 weeks and is significantly detrimental to $U_{3} O_{8}$ extraction during 12 of the last 16 weeks of the test.

The difference in the correlation coefficient values between Tables 1 and 2 for each of the independent variables is due to the masking effect caused by the accumulation of values for the dependent variable after each four-week test period (Table 1). This simply means that part of the variance in the dependent variable caused by the variation of the independent variables during the previous four-week test periods is carried over to the next four-week period. As a result rapid changes in the variance of the dependent variable are smoothed out over succeeding periods.

The effect of pH on $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction is insignificant during the first 36 weeks of the test but becomes significant and reduces extraction during the last 4 weeks (Tables 1, 2). The effect of the interaction between pH and wash frequency is not significant. Table 2 shows, however, that during the last 24 weeks of the test the effect is significantly detrimental to $U_{3} 0_{8}$ extraction. The effect of wash frequency is significantly beneficial during the first 4 weeks but significantly detrimental during the last 24 weeks of the test (Table 2).

The masking effect caused by the accumulation of $\mathrm{U}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ extraction values is clearly demonstrated in the cumulative experimental error calculation (Table 3). The error increases during the first 16 weeks and then becomes relatively constant during the last 26 weeks. The column of non-cumulative error values shows
that the largest error resulting from experimental techniques occurred during the 12 weeks after the first 4 weeks of the test. The pooled estimate of the experimental error for the 40 -week test period accounts for $7.7 \%$ of the variation for the non-cumulative data and $9.5 \%$ of the variation for the cumulative data.

Because of the experimental error the first-order regression equations developed from the data failed to produce significant fits to the data. They can not therefore be used to predict the effects of experimental conditions not actually tested. In essence; the regression equations do not provide any additional information to that supplied by the correlation coefficients. Because none of these equations are of any statistical value, they are not reproduced in this report.

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TABLE: 1 RIO ALGOM R\&D BACTERIAL LEACH DATA OF J.FISHER
CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS BETWEEN INDEPENDENT VARIABLES AND
CUMULATIVE EXTRACTION OF U308

TEST
PERIOD

INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

| $W$ | AP | AW | PW |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WASH | INTERACT | INTERACT | INTERACT | FREQUENCY


| 4 | $0.540 *$ | -0.334 | $0.489 *$ | 0.237 | $0.757 *$ | 0.276 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8 | $0.501 *$ | -0.363 | 0.443 | 0.170 | $0.698 *$ | 0.224 |
| 12 | $0.504 *$ | -0.393 | 0.358 | 0.154 | $0.622 *$ | 0.126 |
| 16 | $0.518 *$ | -0.383 | 0.292 | 0.171 | $0.563 *$ | 0.060 |
| 20 | $0.546 *$ | -0.388 | 0.152 | 0.198 | 0.443 | -0.075 |
| 24 | $0.605 *$ | -0.408 | -0.001 | 0.243 | 0.307 | -0.214 |
| 28 | $0.616 *$ | -0.417 | -0.107 | 0.255 | 0.211 | -0.312 |
| 32 | $0.626 *$ | -0.408 | -0.199 | 0.275 | 0.124 | -0.391 |
| 36 | $0.624 *$ | -0.426 | -0.285 | 0.270 | 0.042 | $-0.468 *$ |
| 40 | $0.621 *$ | $-0.463 *$ | -0.348 | 0.242 | -0.014 | $-0.526 *$ |

TABLE: 2 RIO ALGOM R\&D BACTERIAL LEACH DATA OF J.FISHER CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS BETWEEN INDEPENDENT VARIABLES AND EXTRACTION OF U308 OVER SUCCESSIVE FOUR WEEK LEACH PERIODS

TEST

| PERIOD | $A$ <br> NHAOH <br> $(G / L)$ | PH <br> PH | $W$ <br> FASH <br> FREQUENCY | AP <br> INTERACT | AW <br> INTERACT | PW <br> INTERACT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | $0.540 *$ | -0.334 | $0.489 *$ | 0.237 | $0.757 *$ | 0.276 |
| 2 | 0.413 | -0.372 | 0.352 | 0.073 | $0.570 *$ | 0.142 |
| 3 | $0.449 *$ | -0.420 | 0.100 | 0.093 | 0.354 | -0.139 |
| 4 | $0.510 *$ | -0.292 | -0.028 | 0.222 | 0.236 | -0.225 |
| 5 | 0.434 | -0.241 | $-0.523 *$ | 0.232 | -0.269 | $-0.631 *$ |
| 6 | $0.547 *$ | -0.303 | $-0.527 *$ | 0.291 | $-0.294 *$ | $-0.600 *$ |
| 7 | $0.450 *$ | -0.308 | $-0.733 *$ | 0.232 | $-0.471 *$ | $-0.809 *$ |
| 8 | $0.470 *$ | -0.214 | $-0.693 *$ | 0.307 | $-0.456 *$ | $-0.739 *$ |
| 9 | 0.439 | -0.413 | $-0.738 *$ | 0.161 | $-0.474 *$ | $-0.8!2 *$ |
| 10 | 0.342 | $-0.512 *$ | $-0.612 *$ | -0.043 | -0.373 | $-0.684 *$ |

* INDICATES STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE AT 95\% CONFIDENCE LEVELTABLE: 3 RIO ALGOM R\&D BACTERIAL LEACH DATA OF J.FISHERPERCENTAGE OF VARIATION IN U308 EXTRACTION DUE TO EXPERIMENTALERROR

| IEST PERIOD | CUMULATIVE ERROR | NON CUMULATIVE ERROR |
| :---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 4 | 2.366 | 2.366 |
| 8 | 6.713 | 13.767 |
| 12 | 8.781 | 13.713 |
| 16 | 10.325 | 16.120 |
| 20 | 11.548 | 7.924 |
| 24 | 10.886 | 2.393 |
| 28 | 11.340 | 6.952 |
| 32 | 11.623 | 6.373 |
| 36 | 11.065 | 5.034 |
| 40 |  | 10.568 |AUERAGE EXPERIMENTAL NON CUMULATIVE ERROR VARIATION $=\mathbf{7 . 7 4 2 \%}$AVERAGE EXPERIMENTAL CUMULATIVE ERROR VARIATION $=9.522 \%$

## APPENDIX

TABLE: 1 CONVERSION OF BACTERIAL LEACHING DATA TO PERCENT

TRAY CUMULATIVE URANIUM OXIDE (MG.. TO END OF WEEK)
VARIABLE LEVELS

|  | (4) | (8) | (12) | (16) | (20) | A | P | W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $i$ | 264.5 | 583.8 | 960.8 | 1307.3 | 1639.5 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 3.0745 | 6.7859 | 11.1681 | 15.1957 | 19.0571 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 200.5 | 517.3 | 908.6 | 1255.6 | 1667.6 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 2.0082 | 5.1813 | 9.1007 | 12.5762 | 16.7029 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 233.1 | 462.4 | 734.7 | 1013.1 | 1309.5 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| $\%=$ | 2.7126 | 5.3809 | 8.5497 | 11.7894 | 15.2386 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 201.1 | 389.5 | 598.3 | 821.5 | 1028.1 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 3.4175 | 6.6191 | 10.1674 | 13.9604 | 17.4713 |  |  |  |
| 5 | 132.7 | 329.1 | 567.6 | 802.8 | 1079.7 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 2.0601 | 5.1091 | 8.8116 | 12.4629 | 16.7616 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 152.1 | 380.8 | 684.2 | 1013.2 | 1340.9 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 1.6974 | 4.2498 | 7.6357 | 11.3074 | 14.9646 |  |  |  |
| 7 | 188.9 | 384.7 | 614.5 | 859.4 | 1098.7 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 2.0929 | 4.2622 | 6.8082 | 9.5215 | 12.1727 |  |  |  |
| 29 | 222.3 | 504.1 | 786.3 | 1064.3 | 1319.2 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 2.6899 | 6.0997 | 9.5143 | 12.8781 | 15.9624 |  |  |  |
| 30 | 241.4 | 555.2 | 876.9 | 1195.6 | 1494.9 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 2.9978 | 6.8948 | 10.8898 | 14.8476 | 18.5644 |  |  |  |
| 36 | 215.5 | 479.5 | 794.0 | 1111.4 | 1396.3 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 2.5401 | 5.6257 | 9.3155 | 13.0394 | 16.3820 |  |  |  |
| 8 | 109.2 | 283.6 | 536.1 | 776.5 | 1076.3 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 1.6760 | 4.3527 | 8.2281 | 11.9177 | 16.5191 |  |  |  |
| 9 | 166.0 | 428.1 | 73.9 .7 | 1082.0 | 1431.4 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 1.9861 | 5.1219 | 8.8500 | 12.9454 | 17.1257 |  |  |  |
| 10 | 464.2 | 934.6 | 1412.7 | 1850.0 | 2244.2 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 5.7902 | 11.6577 | 17.6213 | 23.0760 | 27.9930 |  |  |  |
| 11 | 285.4 | 626.2 | 1011.1 | 1371.5 | 1780.1 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| $\%$ = | 3.2328 | 7.0932 | 11.4531 | 15.5354 | 20.1638 |  |  |  |
| - 12 | 236.3 | 522.4 | 818.7 | 1135.1 | 1442.6 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 3.1552 | 6.9754 | 10.9317 | 15.1565 | 19.2624 |  |  |  |
| 13 | 369.4 | 680.4 | 1028.8 | 1355.7 | 1631.8 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 4.3134 | 7.9448 | 12.0129 | 15.8300 | 19.0540 |  |  |  |
| 14 | 281.6 | 613.9 | 1020.8 | 1389.9 | 1809.0 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 3.1449 | 6.8551 | 11.4004 | 15.5225 | 20.2030 |  |  |  |
| 15 | 196.3 | 430.7 | 754.5 | 1101.9 | 1456.9 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 2.1228 | 4.6575 | 8.1591. | 11.9158 | 15.7547 |  |  |  |
| 16 | 304.8 | 620.0 | 936.3 | 1258.1 | 1567.0 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 3.4451 | 7.0078 | 10.5829 | 14.2202 | 17.7116 |  |  |  |
| 17 | 215.9 | 462.3 | 778.7 | 1095.2 | 1484.7 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 2.5825 | 5.5299 | 9.3146 | 13.1005 | 17.7596 |  |  |  |
| 18 | 204.8 | 421.2 | 689.6 | 988.7 | 1297.9 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 3.0192 | 6.2095 | 10.1663 | 14.5757 | 19.1340 |  |  |  |

VARIABLES: $A=A M M O N I A \operatorname{CONC}(G / L) \quad P=P H \quad W=W A S H$ FREQUENCY(NO PER WEEK)

## TABLE: 1 (CONTINUED)

| TRAY | CUMULATI (24) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IE URANIUM } \\ & (28) \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{(32)}{\text { OXIDE }} \text { (MG:. }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TO END } \\ & (36) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { OF WEEK) } \\ (40) \end{gathered}$ | TAILS | HEADS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1985.7 | 2276.5 | 2580.1 | 2859.9 | 3128.1 | 5475.0 | 8603.1 |
| $2=$ | 23.0812 | 26.4614 | 29.9904 | 33.2427 | 36.3601 | 63.6399 |  |
| 2 | 2050.7 | 2409.1 | 2761.7 | 3105.3 | 3433.9 | 6550.0 | 9983.9 |
| \% = | 20.5401 | 24.1298 | 27.6615 | 31.1031 | 34.3944 | 65.6056 |  |
| 3 | 1597.4 | 1873.3 | 2153.9 | 2457.7 | 2768.3 | 5825.0 | 8593.3 |
| 7. | 18.5889 | 21.7995 | 25.0649 | 28.6002 | 32.2146 | 67.7854 |  |
| 4 | 1211.8 | 1386.0 | 1562.5 | 1720.4 | 1884.5 | 4000.0 | 5884. |
| 7 = | 20.5931 | 23.5534 | 26.5528 | 29.2361 | 32.0248 | 67.9752 |  |
| 5 | 1305.5 | 1508.9 | 1698.9 | 1899.1 | 2091.5 | 4350.0 | 6441.5 |
| 7. $=$ | 20.2670 | 23.4247 | 26.3743 | 29.4823 | 32.4691 | 67.5309 |  |
| 6 | 1686.4 | 2027.1 | 2393.2 | 2769.2 | 3140.5 | 5820.0 | 8960.5 |
| \% = | 18.8204 | 22.6226 | 26.7083 | 30.9045 | 35.0483 | 64.9517 |  |
| 7 | 1327.6 | 1518.4 | 1721.9 | 1910.3 | 2110.9 | 6915.0 | 9025.9 |
| \% $=$ | 14.7088 | 15.8227 | 19.0773 | 21.1546 | 23.3871 | 76.6129 |  |
| 29 | 1565.6 | 1770.1 | 1989.7 | 2159.1 | 2339.4 | 5925.0 | 8264.4 |
| \% $=$ | 18.9439 | 21.4184 | 24.0756 | 26.1253 | 28.3070 | 71.6930 |  |
| 30 | 1767.7 | 2006.2 | 2267.7 | 2499.9 | 2727.5 | 5325.0 | 8052.5 |
| \% = | 21.9522 | 24.9140 | 28.1614 | 31.0450 | 33.8715 | 66.1285 |  |
| 36 | 1657.4 | 1899.5 | 2138.9 | 2358.4 | 2583.4 | 5940.0 | 8523.4 |
| \% = | 19.4453 | 22.2857 | 25.0944 | 27.6697 | 30.3095 | 69.6905 |  |
| 8 | 1328.6 | 1546.5 | 1758.4 | 1950.1 | 2140.5 | 4375.0 | 6515.5 |
| 7. $=$ | 20.3914 | 23.7357 | 26.9880 | 29.9302 | 32.8524 | 67.1476 |  |
| 9 | 1767.6 | 2108.5 | 2468.6 | 2789.3 | 3143.2 | 5215.0 | 8358.2 |
| 7 = | 21.1481 | 25.2267 | 29.5351 | 33.3720 | 37.6062 | 62.3938 |  |
| 10 | 2608.2 | 2902.5 | 3198.6 | 3496.8 | 3792.0 | 4225.0 | 8017.0 |
| $\%=$ | 32.5334 | 36.2043 | 39.8977 | 43.6173 | 47.2995 | 52.7005 |  |
| 11 | 2132.0 | 2459.0 | 2783.3 | 3106.4 | 3453.2 | 5375.0 | 8828.2 |
| \% $=$ | 24.1499 | 27.8539 | 31.5274 | 35.1872 | 39.1156 | 60.8844 |  |
| 12 | 1929.0 | 22.39 .3 | 2575.5 | 2920.8 | 3289.2 | 4200.0 | 7489.2 |
| \% $=$ | 25.7571 | 29.9004 | 34.3895 | 39.0002 | 43.9192 | 56.0808 |  |
| 13 | 1914.3 | 2157.2 | 2403.0 | 2631.0 | 2864.1 | 5700.0 | 8564.1 |
| 7 = | 22.3526 | 25.1889 | 28.0590 | 30.7213 | 33.4431 | 66.5569 |  |
| 14 | 2183.3 | 2531.7 | 2879.1 | 3194.9 | 3529.1 | 5425.0 | 8954.1 |
| \% $=$ | 24.3832 | 28.2742 | 32.1540 | 35.6809 | 39.4132 | 60.5868 |  |
| 15 | 1822.1 | 2161.0 | 2532.6 | 2885.5 | 3272.4 | 5975.0 | 9247.4 |
| 7 = | 19.7039 | 23.3687 | 27.3872 | 31.2034 | 35.3872 | 64.6128 |  |
| 16 | 1873.5 | 2145.7 | 2430.7 | 2696.1 | 2972.3 | 5875.0 | 8847.3 |
| 7 \% | 21.1760 | 24.2526 | 27.4739 | 30.4737 | 33.5956 | 65.4044 |  |
| 17 | 1835.6 | 2136.8 | 2462.9 | 2746.6 | 3045.0 | 5315.0 | 8360.0 |
| 7 \% | 21.9569 | 25.5598 | 29.4605 | 32.8541 | 36.4234 | 63.5766 |  |
| 18 | 1676.6 | 1971.4 | 2287.8 | 2590.2 | 2748.2 | 4035.0 | 6783.2 |
| 7 \% | 24.7169 | 29.0630 | 33.7274 | 38.1855 | 40.5148 | 59.4852 |  |

TABLE: 2 CONVERSION OF BACTERIAL LEACHING DATA TO PERCENT

TRAY URANIUM OXIDE (MG. TO END OF WEEK)

|  | (4) | (8) | (12) | (16) | (20) | A | $P$ | W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 264.5 | 319.3 | 377.0 | 346.5 | 332.2 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| $z=$ | 3.0745 | 3.7115 | 4.3821 | 4.0276 | 3.8614 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 200.5 | 316.8 | 391.3 | 347.0 | 412.0 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 2.0082 | 3.1731 | 3.9193 | 3.4756 | 4.1266 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 233.1 | 229.3 | 272.3 | 278.4 | 296.4 | 0.05 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 2.7126 | 2.6684 | 3.1687 | 3.2397 | 3.4492 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 201.1 | 188.4 | 208.8 | 223.2 | 206.6 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 3.4175 | 3.2016 | 3.5483 | 3.7930 | 3.5109 |  |  |  |
| 5 | 132.7 | 196.4 | 238.5 | 235.2 | 276.9 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| 7. $=$ | 2.0601 | 3.0490 | 3.7026 | 3.6513 | 4.2987 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 152.1 | 228.7 | 303.4 | 329.0 | 327.7 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| 7 = | 1.6974 | 2.5523 | 3.3860 | 3.6717 | 3.6572 |  |  |  |
| 7 | 188.9 | 195.8 | 229.8 | 244.9 | 239.3 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| $2=$ | 2.0929 | 2.1693 | 2.5460 | 2.7133 | 2.6513 |  |  |  |
| 29 | 222.3 | 281.8 | 282.2 | 278.0 | 254.9 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| 7. | 2.6899 | 3.4098 | 3.4146 | 3.3638 | 3.0843 |  |  |  |
| 30 | 241.4 | 313.8 | 321.7 | 318.7 | 299.3 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| \% = | 2.9978 | 3.8969 | 3.9950 | 3.9578 | 3.7169 |  |  |  |
| 36 | 216.5 | 263.0 | 314.5 | 317.4 | 284.9 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| 7. | 2.5401 | 3.0856 | 3.6898 | 3.7239 | 3.3426 |  |  |  |
| 8 | 109.2 | 174.4 | 252.5 | 240.4 | 299.8 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| 7 = | 1.6760 | 2.6767 | 3.8754 | 3.6897 | 4.6013 |  |  |  |
| 9 | 166.0 | 262.1 | 311.6 | 342.3 | 349.4 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 1.9861 | 3.1358 | 3.7281 | 4.0954 | 4.1803 |  |  |  |
| 10 | 464.2 | 470.4 | 478.1 | 437.3 | 394.2 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| $7=$ | 5.7902 | 5.8675 | 5.9636 | 5.4547 | 4.9171 |  |  |  |
| 11 | 285.4 | 340.8 | 384.9 | 360.4 | 408.6 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| $7=$ | 3.2328 | 3.8604 | 4.3599 | 4.0824 | 4.6283 |  |  |  |
| . 12 | 236.3 | 286.1 | 296.3 | 316.4 | 307.5 | 0.10 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| 7 \% | 3.1552 | 3.8202 | 3.9564 | 4.2248 | 4.1059 |  |  |  |
| 13 | 369.4 | 311.0 | 348.4 | 326.9 | 276.1 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| $7 \cdot=$ | 4.3134 | 3.6314 | 4.0681 | 3.8171 | 3.2239 |  |  |  |
| 14 | 281.6 | 332.3 | 406.9 | 369.1 | 419.1 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| $7=$ | 3.1449 | 3.7111 | 4.5443 | 4.1221 | 4.6805 |  |  |  |
| 15 | 196.3 | 234.4 | 323.8 | 347.4 | 355.0 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| \% = | 2.1228 | 2.5348 | 3.5015 | 3.7567 | 3.8389 |  |  |  |
| 16 | 304.8 | 315.2 | 316.3 | 321.8 | 308.9 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| 7 = | 3.4451 | 3.5627 | 3.5751 | 3.6373 | 3.4915 |  |  |  |
| 17 | 215.9 | 246.4 | 316.4 | 316.5 | 389.5 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 2.0 |
| \% = | 2.5825 | 2.9474 | 3.7847 | 3.7859 | 4.6591 |  |  |  |
| 18 | 204.8 | . 216.4 | 268.4 | 299.1 | 309.2 | 0.10 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| 7 = | 3.0192 | 3.1902 | 3.9568 | 4.4094 | 4.5583 |  |  |  |

VARIABLES: $A=A M M O N I A \operatorname{CONC}(G / L) \quad P=P H \quad W=W A S H$ FREQUENCY(NO PER WEEK)

## TABLE: 2 (CONTINUED)

| TRAY | URANIUM OXIDE |  | (MG. T0 | OF WEEK) |  | TAILS | HEADS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (24) | (28) | (32) | (36) | (40) |  |  |
| 1 | 346.2 | 290.8 | 303.6 | 279.8 | 268.2 | 5475.0 | 8603.1 |
| $7=$ | 4.0241 | 3.3802 | 3.5290 | 3.2523 | 3.1175 | 63.6399 |  |
| 2 | 383.1 | 358.4 | 352.6 | 343.6 | 328.6 | 6550.0 | 9983.9 |
| \% = | 3.8372 | 3.5898 | 3.5317 | 3.4415 | 3.2913 | 65.6056 |  |
| 3 | 287.9 | 275.9 | 280.6 | 303.8 | 310.6 | 5825.0 | 8593.3 |
| \% = | 3.3503 | 3.2106 | 3.2653 | 3.5353 | 3.6144 | 67.7854 |  |
| 4 | 183.7 | 174.2 | 176.5 | 157.9 | 164.1 | 4000.0 | 5884.5 |
| \% = | 3.1218 | 2.9603 | 2.9994 | 2.6833 | 2.7887 | 67.9752 |  |
| 5 | 225.8 | 203.4 | 190.0 | 200.2 | 192.4 | 4350.0 | 6441.5 |
| \% = | 3.5054 | 3.1576 | 2.9496 | 3.1080 | 2.9869 | 67.5309 |  |
| 6 | 345.5 | 340.7 | 366.1 | 376.0 | 371.3 | 5820.0 | 8960.5 |
| \% = | 3.8558 | 3.8022 | 4.0857 | 4.1962 | 4.1437 | 64.9517 |  |
| 7 | 228.9 | 190.8 | 203.5 | 188.4 | 200.6 | 6915.0 | 9025.9 |
| $\%=$ | 2.5360 | 2.1139 | 2.2546 | 2.0873 | 2.2225 | 76.6129 |  |
| 29 | 246.4 | 204.5 | 219.6 | 169.4 | 180.3 | 5925.0 | 8264.4 |
| $7=$ | 2.9815 | 2.4745 | 2.6572 | 2.0498 | 2.1816 | 71.6930 |  |
| 30 | 272.8 | 238.5 | 261.5 | 232.2 | 227.6 | 5325.0 | 8052.5 |
| \% = | 3.3878 | 2.9618 | 3.2474 | 2.8836 | 2.8265 | 66.1285 |  |
| 36 | 261.1 | 242.1 | 239.4 | 219.5 | 225.0 | 5940.0 | 8523.4 |
| $\%=$ | 3.0633 | 2.8404 | 2.8087 | 2.5753 | 2.6398 | 69.6905 |  |
| 8 | 252.3 | 217.9 | 211.9 | 191.7 | 190.4 | 4375.0 | 6515.5 |
| \% = | 3.8723 | 3.3443 | 3.2522 | 2.9422 | 2.9223 | 67.1476 |  |
| 9 | 336.2 | 340.9 | 360.1 | 320.7 | 353.9 | 5215.0 | 8358.2 |
| 7. $=$ | 4.0224 | 4.0786 | 4.3083 | 3.8370 | 4.2342 | 62.3938 |  |
| 10 | 364.0 | 294.3 | 296.1 | 298.2 | 295.2 | 4225.0 | 8017.0 |
| $\%=$ | 4.5404 | 3.6709 | 3.6934 | 3.7196 | 3.6822 | 52.7005 |  |
| 11 | 351.9 | 327.0 | 324.3 | 323.1 | 346.8 | 5375.0 | 8828.2 |
| $7=$ | 3.9861 | 3.7040 | 3.6735 | 3.6599 | 3.9283 | 60.8844 |  |
| - 12 | 486.4 | 310.3 | 336.2 | 345.3 | 368.4 | 4200.0 | 7489.2 |
| 7 = | 6.4947 | 4.1433 | 4.4891 | 4.6106 | 4.9191 | 56.0808 |  |
| 13 | 282.5 | 242.9 | 245.8 | 228.0 | 233.1 | 5700.0 | 8564.1 |
| \% $=$ | 3.2987 | 2.8363 | 2.8701 | 2.6623 | 2.7218 | 66.5569 |  |
| 14 | 374.3 | 348.4 | 347.4 | 315.8 | 334.2 | 5425.0 | 8954.1 |
| \% = | 4.1802 | 3.8910 | 3.8798 | 3.5269 | 3.7324 | 60.5868 |  |
| 15 | 365.2 | 338.9 | 371.6 | 352.9 | 386.9 | 5975.0 | 9247.4 |
| \% = | 3.9492 | 3.6648 | 4.0184 | 3.8162 | 4.1339 | 64.6128 |  |
| 16 | 306.5 | 272.2 | 285.0 | 265.4 | 276.2 | 5875.0 | 8847.3 |
| \% = | 3.4643 | 3.0766 | 3.2213 | 2.9998 | 3.1219 | 66.4044 |  |
| 17 | 350.9 | 301.2 | 326.1 | 283.7 | 298.4 | 5315.0 | 8360.0 |
| \% = | 4.1974 | 3.6029 | 3.9007 | 3.3935 | 3.5694 | 63.5766 |  |
| 18 | 378.7 | 294.8 | 316.4 | 302.4 | 158.0 | 4035.0 | 6783.2 |
| 7 \% | 5.5829 | 4.3460 | 4.6645 | 4.4581 | 2.3293 | 59.4852 |  |


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