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FROM: Mike Thompson,  
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SUBJECT: Swisher Coal Company (G.E.X.)  
Huntington Canyon #4 Coal Mine  
Sediment Pond Design  
ACT/015/004

DATE: July 31, 1979

Enclosed with this memo is a copy of the hydrology I feel should be required for the design of the Swisher #4 sediment pond. The design requirements I propose vary somewhat from the Office of Surface Mining's. The difference being only that emergency overflow spillway structures should be designed for the 25 year - 6 hour event, not the 25 year - 24 hour event. I feel the 6 hour storm design criteria is more applicable to the mountainous area. Twenty-four hour storms occur in the area in the winter as snowfall. The six hour storm is more applicable to summer rainfall events.

The following data is a summary of my findings:

- 1. Required sediment pond volume
  - 10 year - 24 hour storm runoff = 0.58 acre-feet
  - Sediment storage = 0.09 acre-feet
  - Direct precipitation = 0.04 acre-feet
  - Total required volume = 0.71 acre-feet

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2. Required peakflow capacity for emergency spillway

Assuming diversions are constructed to pass the peak flow resulting from the 10 year - 24 hour storm (8.4 cfs), the peak flow from within the diversion system and the diversion system overflow resulting from the 25 year - 6 hour storm is 4 cfs. Therefore the spillway should be capable of passing 4 cfs.

In regards to the Office of Surface Mining's stipulations concerning the sediment pond I offer the following comments. 1. The sediment pond design as proposed in Exhibit 19 is approved in item 1 of the July 6, 1979 list of stipulations. 2. A map of the scale of 1" = 400' is in the application; a copy is in the enclosed hydrologic study. 3. Of most importance, I would like to point out that the State has determined that diversion structures should be designed and constructed between the highwall, composed of bedrock, and the surface facility pad. Construction of diversions above the highwall is dangerous to workers and existing facilities, will create more disturbance and will probably function no better than the diversion proposed. I also feel that we can obtain written concurrence from the U.S. Forest Service, the land management agency.

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HYDROLOGIC REQUIREMENTS

Swisher #4 Mine  
Sediment Pond  
ACT/015/004

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## REQUIRED POND CAPACITY

### Assumptions

1. Diversions above mine site will pass the peak flow from the 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event.

10 year - 24 hour precipitation                      \*2.1 inches  
Curve Number    \*from NOAA Atlas

#### Undisturbed Watershed

\*cn = 75    14.08 acres  
\*based on U.S. Forest Service estimate

#### Disturbed Area

cn = 90    0.92 acres

#### Weighted Curve Number

$$\frac{14.08}{15}(75) + \frac{0.92}{15}(90) = 75.92 = 76$$

#### Area Runoff

$$Q(\text{in}) = (P - 0.2S)^2 / (P + 0.8S) \text{ where } S = (1,000/cn) - 10 \quad P \geq 0.2S$$

$$Q = 0.47 \text{ in} = 0.039 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Volume} = 15 \text{ acres} (0.039 \text{ ft}) = 0.58 \text{ acre-feet} \quad \text{direct runoff}$$

#### Sediment Storage Volume

$$0.92 \text{ acres disturbed area} * 0.1 \text{ acre-feet/acre} \\ = 0.09 \text{ acre-feet}$$

#### Direct Precipitation into Pond

$$\text{Area of ponds} = 0.217 \text{ acres}$$

$$0.217 \text{ acres} * 2.1 \text{ inches} * 1/12 \text{ ft/in} = 0.04 \text{ acre-feet}$$

#### Total Required Pond Volume

$$\text{Direct runoff} + \text{additional sediment storage} + \text{direct precipitation} \\ 0.58 \text{ acre-feet} + 0.09 \text{ acre-feet} + 0.04 \text{ acre-feet} = \underline{0.71 \text{ acre-feet}}$$

Pond Overflow Discharge Capacity

1. CASE 1 - Diversions sized to pass 25 year - 6 hour storm peak

Assumptions:

1. Diversions above mine site will pass peak flow resulting from design storm, (25 yr. - 6 hr.), thereby limiting watershed draining into pond to approximately 15 acres.
2. Assume pond at full capacity.

Design:

1. Pass peak flow from 25 year - 6 hour storm.
2. Emergency Spillway Hydrograph as developed by the Soil Conservation Service (N.E.H. - 4, pages 21.49 to 21.53).

Given:

Area = 15 acres  
Fall of watershed = (7820 - 7410 feet) = 410 feet  
Length of longest watercourse = 0.229 mile = 1200 feet  
25 Year - 6 hour storm = 1.8 inches  
Weighted watershed curve number = 76  
SCS design storm

Find:

Area Runoff

$$Q(\text{in}) = (P - 0.2S)^2 / (P + 0.8S) \quad \text{where } S = (1,000/cn) - 10$$
$$Q = 0.32\text{in} = 0.026 \text{ ft} \quad P \geq 0.2S$$

Hydrograph Family:

No. 5 - See Figure 21-3

Duration of Excess Rainfall (To)

To = Storm duration - period of time required to satisfy Ia  
= 6 hours - period of time required to accumulate 0.63 inches (2.2 hours)  
= 3.8 hours  
See figures 21.2 and 21.4

Time of Concentration (Tc)

Reference: Kent, K.M. 1973. A method of Estimating Volume and Rate of Runoff in Small Watersheds. U.S.D.A., SCS-TP-149 (Revised April, 1973) ca. 80 pp.

$$T_c = l/0.6$$

L = Watershed lag in hours

$$L = \frac{l^{0.8} (5 + l)^{0.7}}{1900 y^{0.5}}$$

where:

l = length of longest stream channel, ft.

S = (1,000/cn)-10, inches

y = average watershed slope in percent

$$T_c = \left[ \frac{(1200^{0.8})((3.1579 + l)^{0.7})}{(1900)(34.17^{0.5})} \right] \div 0.6 = 0.118 \text{ hours} \\ = 7.1 \text{ minute}$$

Check Velocity:

$$1200 \text{ feet of stream channel} / (7.1 \text{ min} \times 60 \text{ sec/min}) = 2.8 \text{ feet/second}$$

Time to peak:

$$T_p = 0.7(T_c) \\ = 0.7(0.1182577153) = 0.083 \text{ hours} = 4.97 \text{ minutes}$$

To/Tp ratio

$$3.8 \text{ hours} / 0.083 \text{ hours} = 45.78$$

$$\text{Revised } T_o/T_p = 50.0$$

Revised Tp:

$$3.8/T_p = 50$$

$$T_p = 3.8/50$$

$$T_p = 0.076 \text{ (revised)}$$

### HYDROGRAPH COMPUTATION FORM

**STREAM AND STATION** Drainage into Sediment Pond - Swisher #4

**REMARKS** CASE -1, Assumes Diversions can pass 25 year - 6 hour peak

**DR. AREA** 15 Ac., 0.023 SQ. MI. **T<sub>c</sub>** 0.118 **HR.** **RUNOFF CONDITION NO.** II

**RUNOFF CURVE NO.** 76 **STORM DISTRIB CURVE** SCS **HYDRO. FAM. NO.** 5

**STORM DURATION** 6 **HR.** **RAINFALL:** **POINT** 1.8 **IN.** **AREAL** 1.8 **IN.**

**Q** 0.32 **IN.** **COMPUTED T<sub>p</sub>** 0.083 **HR.** **T<sub>o</sub>** 3.8 **HR.**

**(T<sub>o</sub>/T<sub>p</sub>):** **COMPUTED** 45.78 **:** **USED** 50.0 **.** **REVISED T<sub>p</sub>** 0.076

$$q_p = \frac{484 A}{\text{REV. } T_p} = \frac{149.26}{\text{REV. } T_p} \text{ CFS.}$$

$$Qq_p = 47.10 \text{ CFS.}$$

$$t(\text{COLUMN}) = (t/T_p) \text{ REV. } T_p$$

$$q(\text{COLUMN}) = (q_c/q_p) Qq_p$$

LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS	LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS	LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS
1	0	0	21	3.04	1.71	41		
2	0.15	0.79	22	3.09	1.84	42		
3	0.30	0.96	23	3.34	1.94	43		
4	0.46	1.01	24	3.50	1.99	44		
5	0.61	1.02	25	3.65	2.03	45		
6	0.76	1.02	26	3.80	2.04	46		
7	0.91	1.02	27	3.95	2.07	47		
8	1.06	1.02	28	4.10	2.01	48		
9	1.22	1.02	29	4.26	2.01	49		
10	1.37	1.02	30			50		
11	1.52	1.02	31			51		
12	1.67	1.02	32			52		
13	1.82	1.02	33			53		
14	1.98	1.02	34			54		
15	2.13	1.02	35			55		
16	2.28	1.02	36			56		
17	2.43	1.02	37			57		
18	2.58	1.14	38			58		
19	2.74	1.35	39			59		
20	2.89	1.55	40			60		

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$$q_p = (484 A / \text{rev. Tp}) \quad , \text{ where } A = \text{mi}^2 \\ (484 (15 \text{ acre} * 1/640 \text{ mi}^2/\text{acre})) / 0.076 = 149.26$$

$$Q_{qp} = 0.316 \text{ inches } (149.26) = 47.10 \text{ cfs}$$

**Peak Flow = 2 cfs**

2. CASE 2 - Diversions above mine-site designed to pass 10 year - 24 hour peak flow.

Assumptions:

1. Diversions will pass peak flow from 10 year - 24 hour storm. Therefore, Diversions will overflow when flow resulting from design storm (25 year - 6 hour) is greater than design flow.
2. Assume pond at full capacity.

Design:

1. Calculate flow from area between diversions and pond, construct runoff hydrograph (see previous case). Calculate flow from undisturbed watershed and construct runoff hydrographs for the 10 year - 24 hour storm for the diversion design and 25 year - 6 hour storms. Subtract peak flow resulting from 10 year - 24 hour storm from that resulting from 25 year - 6 hour storm from the undisturbed watershed and combine with 25 year - 6 hour runoff hydrograph from the area between the diversions and the pond. This results in flow from area normally draining into pond plus overflow from diversions.
2. Utilize ESH as in Case 1.

Find:

1. Peak flow from 10 year - 24 hour storm for watershed above diversions. This is the required diversion flow capacity.

Given:

Area = 81.5 acre  
Fall of watershed = 9175 - 7800 = 1375 feet  
Length of watershed = 2200 feet  
Slope = 62.5%  
10 year - 24 hour storm = 2.1 inches  
Watershed curve number = 75  
SCS design storm



### HYDROGRAPH COMPUTATION FORM

STREAM AND STATION Watershed above diversions - CASE II

REMARKS 25 year - 6 hour storm

DR. AREA 81.5 acre      SQ. MI.  $T_c$  0.146 HR. RUNOFF CONDITION NO. II

RUNOFF CURVE NO. 75 STORM DISTRIB CURVE SCS . HYDRO. FAM. NO. 5

STORM DURATION 6 HR. RAINFALL: POINT 1.8 IN. AREAL 1.8 IN.

$Q$  0.29 IN. COMPUTED  $T_p$  0.102 HR.  $T_o$  3.8 HR.

$(T_o/T_p)$ : COMPUTED 37.25 : USED 36 . REVISED  $T_p$  0.106

$$q_p = \frac{484 A}{REV. T_p} = \frac{581.46}{0.106} \text{ CFS.}$$

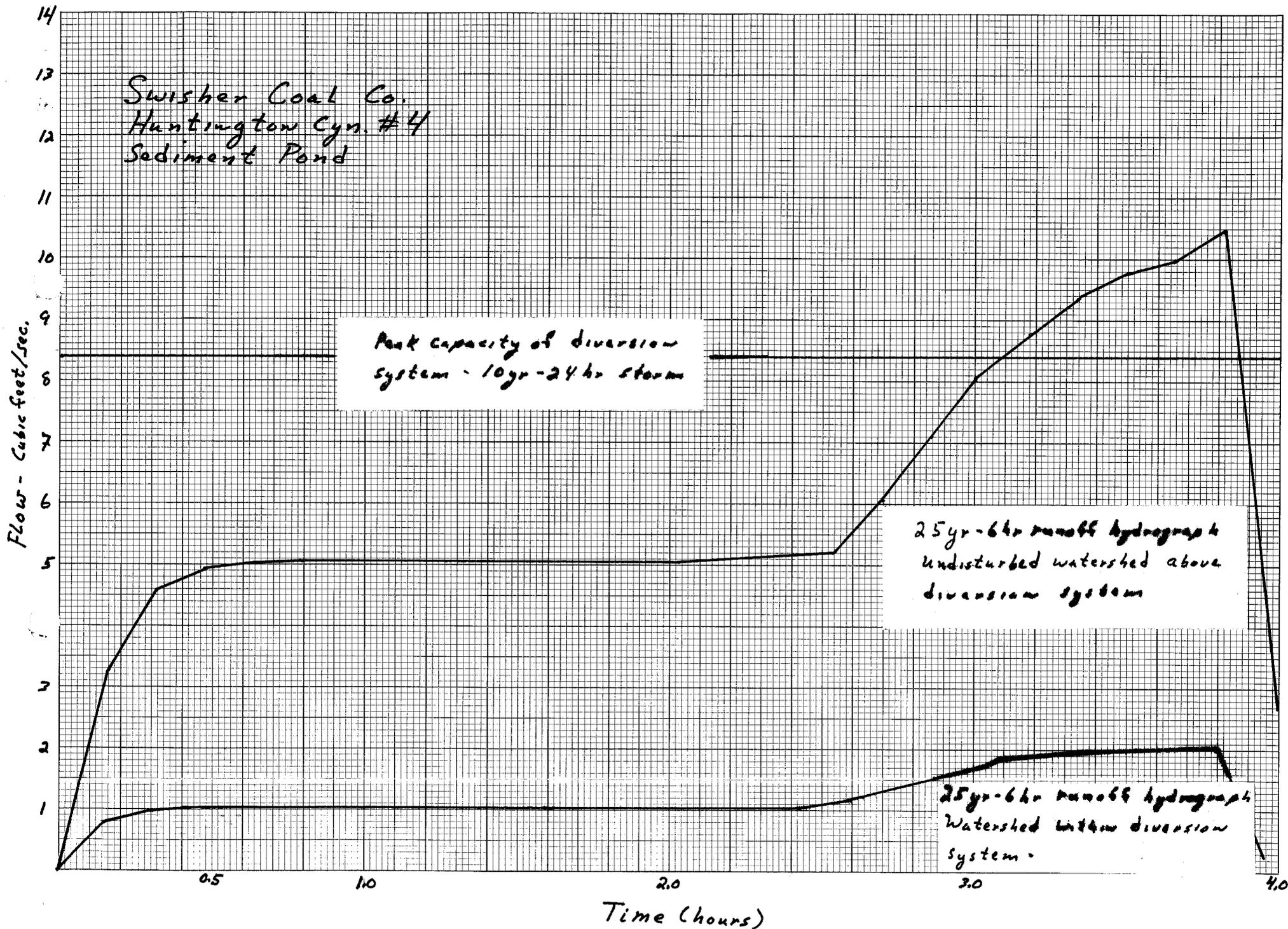
$$Qq_p = \frac{167}{0.106} \text{ CFS.}$$

$$t(\text{COLUMN}) = (t/T_p) REV. T_p$$

$$q(\text{COLUMN}) = (q_c/q_p) Qq_p$$

LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS	LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS	LINE NO.	t HOURS	q CFS
1	0	0	21	3.18	8.77	41		
2	0.16	3.26	22	3.34	9.37	42		
3	0.32	4.59	23	3.50	9.76	43		
4	0.48	4.91	24	3.66	9.99	44		
5	0.64	5.01	25	3.82	10.44	45		
6	0.80	5.03	26	3.98	2.79	46		
7	0.95	5.03	27	4.13	0.30	47		
8	1.11	5.03	28	4.29	0	48		
9	1.27	5.03	29			49		
10	1.43	5.03	30			50		
11	1.59	5.03	31			51		
12	1.75	5.03	32			52		
13	1.91	5.03	33			53		
14	2.07	5.03	34			54		
15	2.23	5.03	35			55		
16	2.39	5.03	36			56		
17	2.54	5.20	37			57		
18	2.70	6.08	38			58		
19	2.86	7.10	39			59		
20	3.02	8.02	40			60		

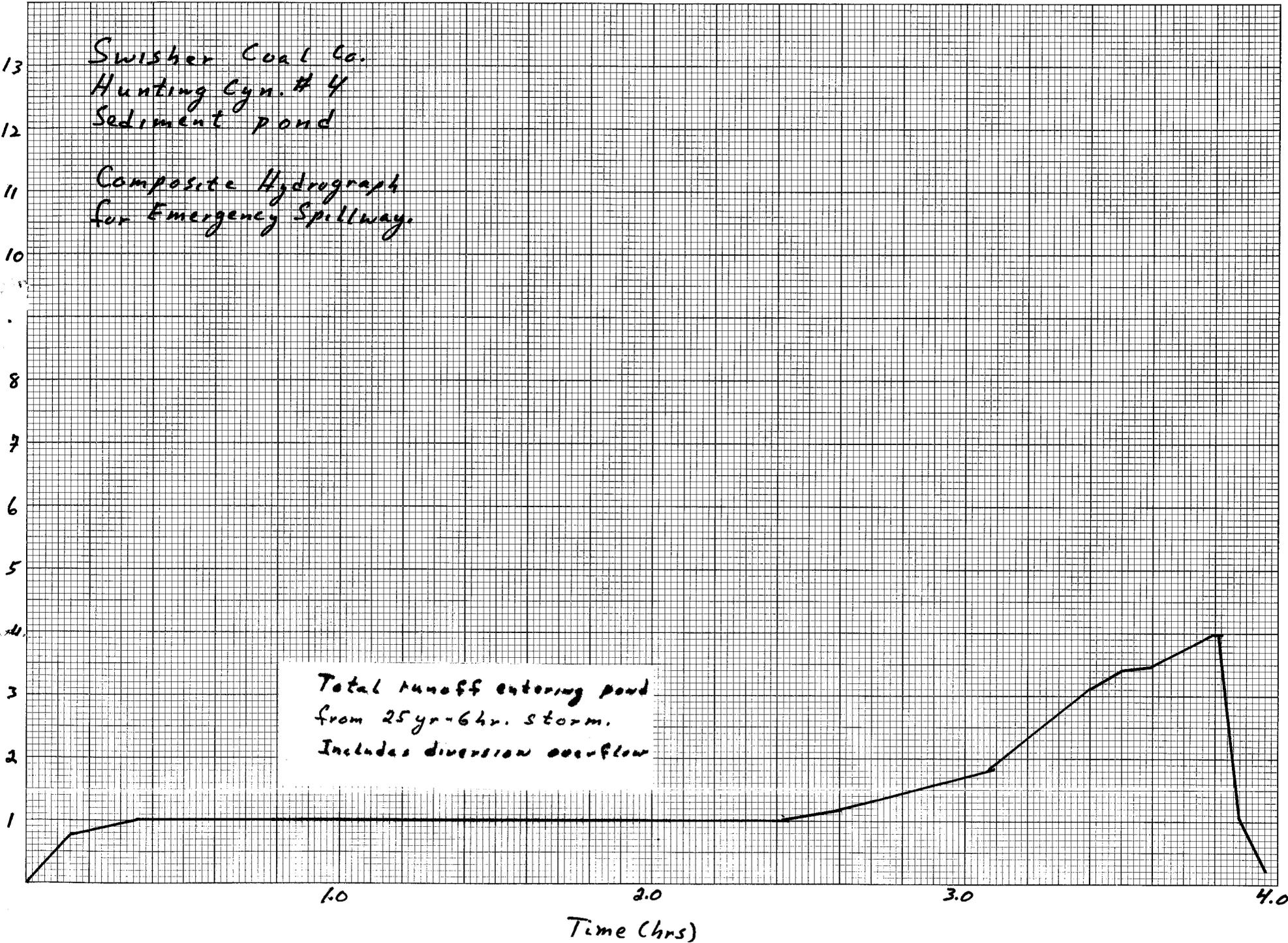
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Huntington Cyn. #4  
Sediment Pond



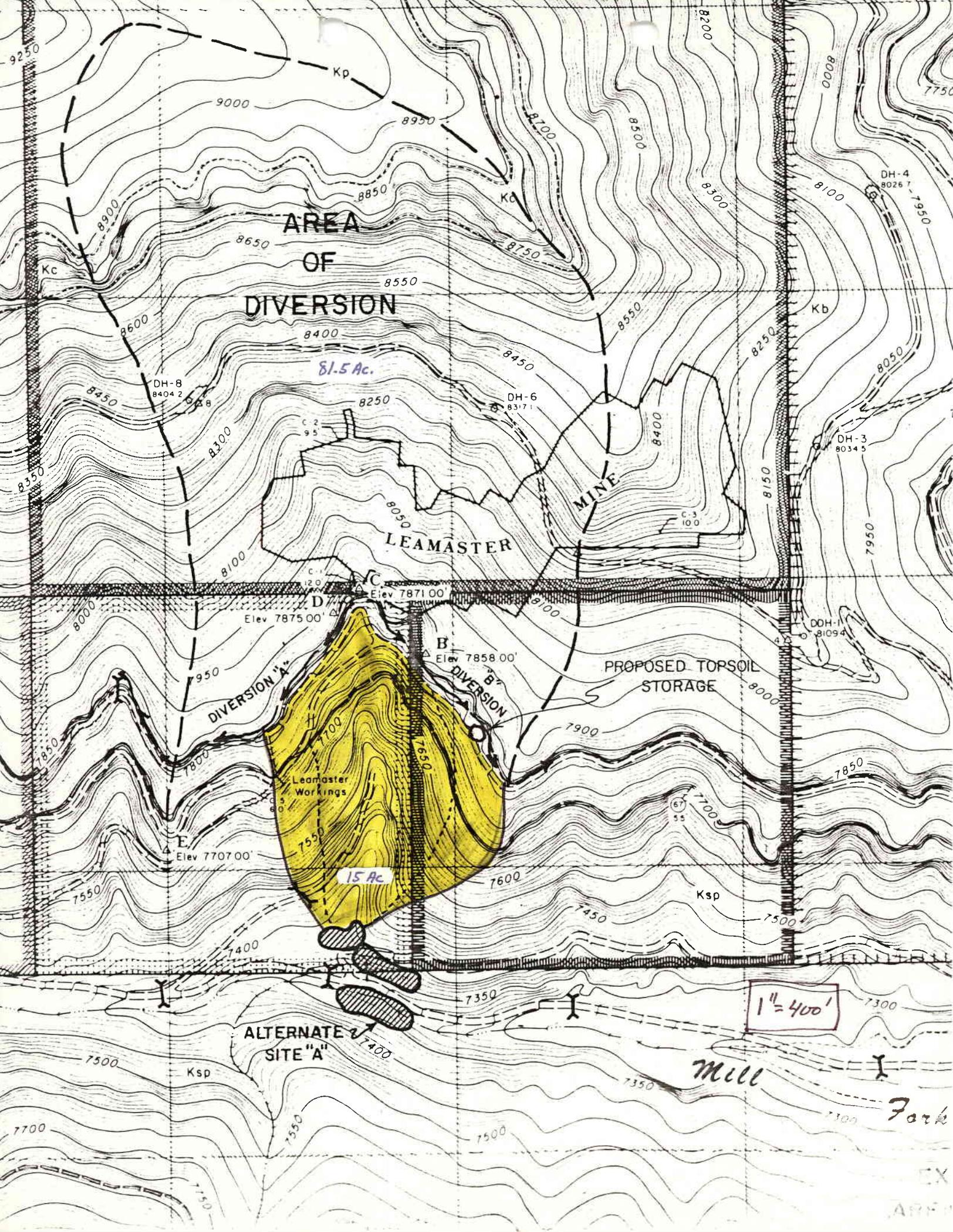
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Sediment pond

Composite Hydrograph  
for Emergency Spillway.

Flow - cfs



Total runoff entering pond  
from 25 yr - 6 hr. storm.  
Includes diversion overflow



AREA  
OF  
DIVERSION

81.5 Ac.

LEAMASTER  
MINE

PROPOSED TOPSOIL  
STORAGE

DIVERSION 'A'

DIVERSION 'B'

ALTERNATE  
SITE 'A'

1" = 400'

Mill

Fork

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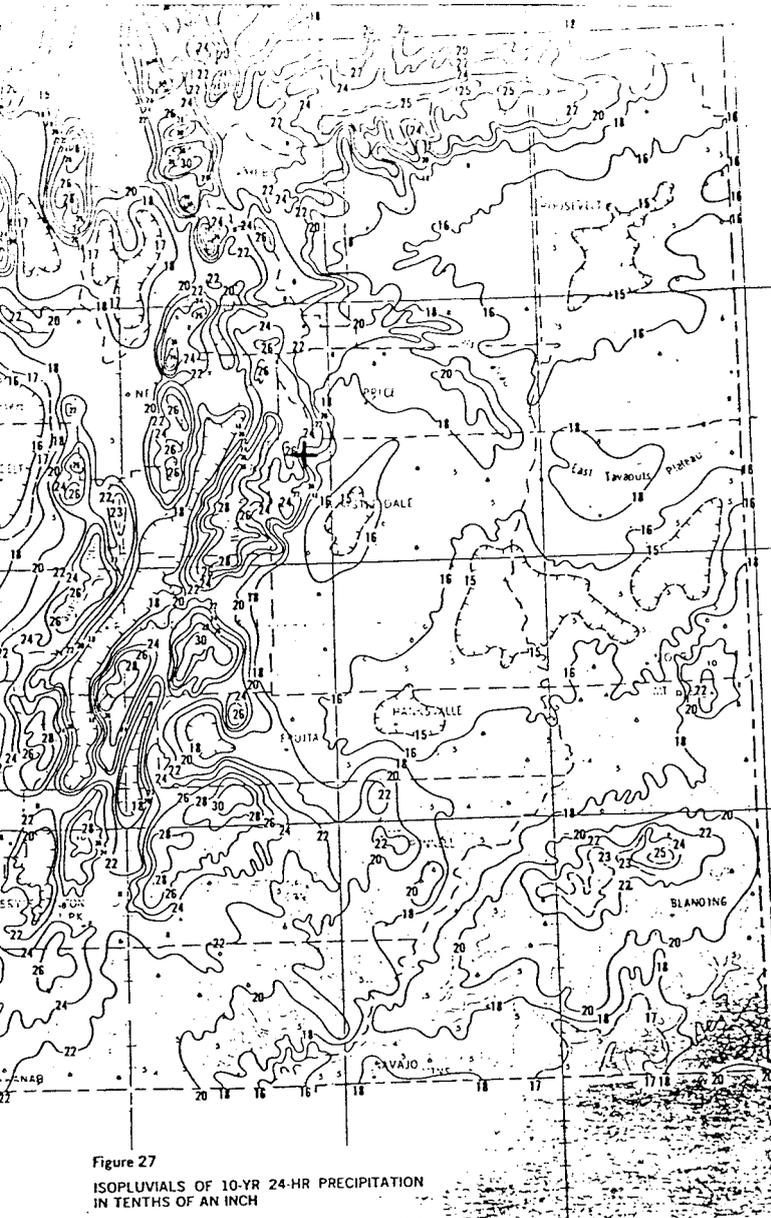


Figure 27  
ISOPLUVIALS OF 10-YR 24-HR PRECIPITATION  
IN TENTHS OF AN INCH

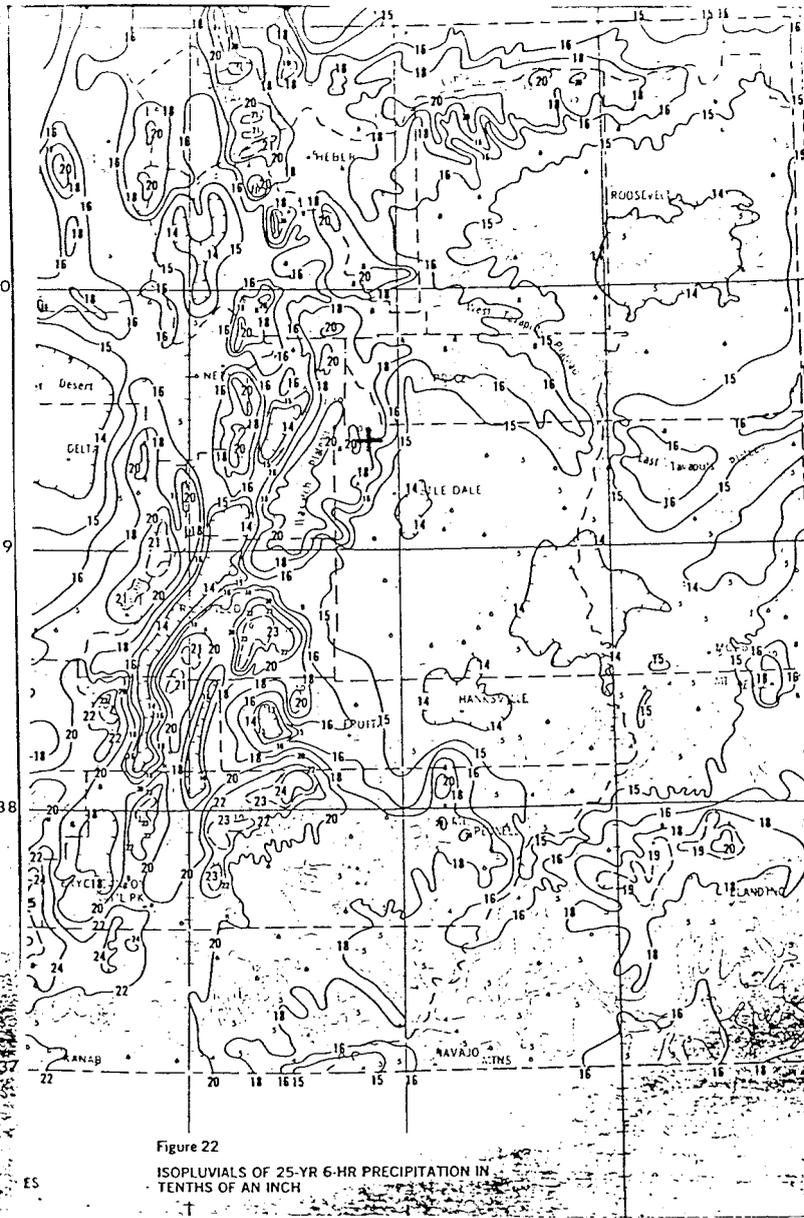
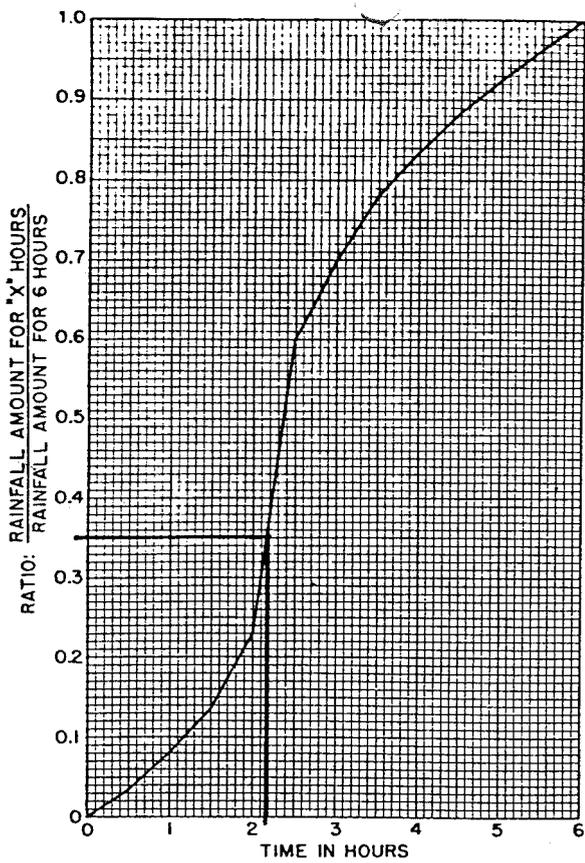


Figure 22  
ISOPLUVIALS OF 25-YR 6-HR PRECIPITATION IN  
TENTHS OF AN INCH



(b) SIX HOUR DESIGN STORM DISTRIBUTION

Hydrograph Family 5

$$T_o/T_p = 50$$

$t/T_p$   $Q_c/q_p$   $Q_t/q$

0	0	0
2.00	.0167	.012
4.00	.0204	.040
6.00	.0214	.071
8.00	.0216	.102
10.00	.0216	.134
12.00	.0216	.166
14.00	.0216	.198
16.00	.0216	.230
18.00	.0216	.262
20.00	.0216	.294
22.00	.0216	.326
24.00	.0216	.358
26.00	.0216	.390
28.00	.0216	.422
30.00	.0216	.454
32.00	.0217	.486
34.00	.0243	.520
36.00	.0287	.559
38.00	.0329	.604
40.00	.0363	.656
42.00	.0391	.711
44.00	.0411	.771
46.00	.0423	.832
48.00	.0430	.895
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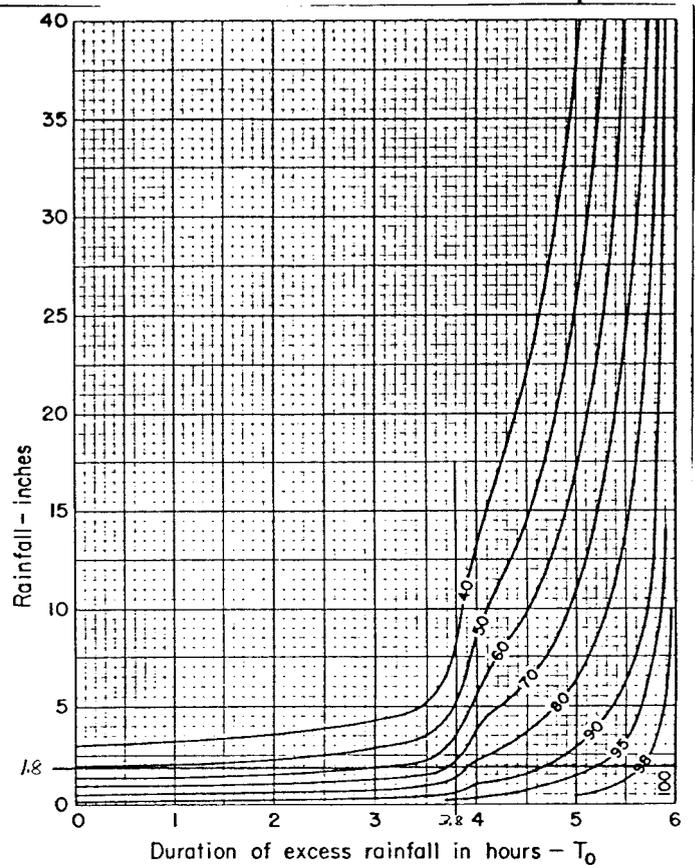
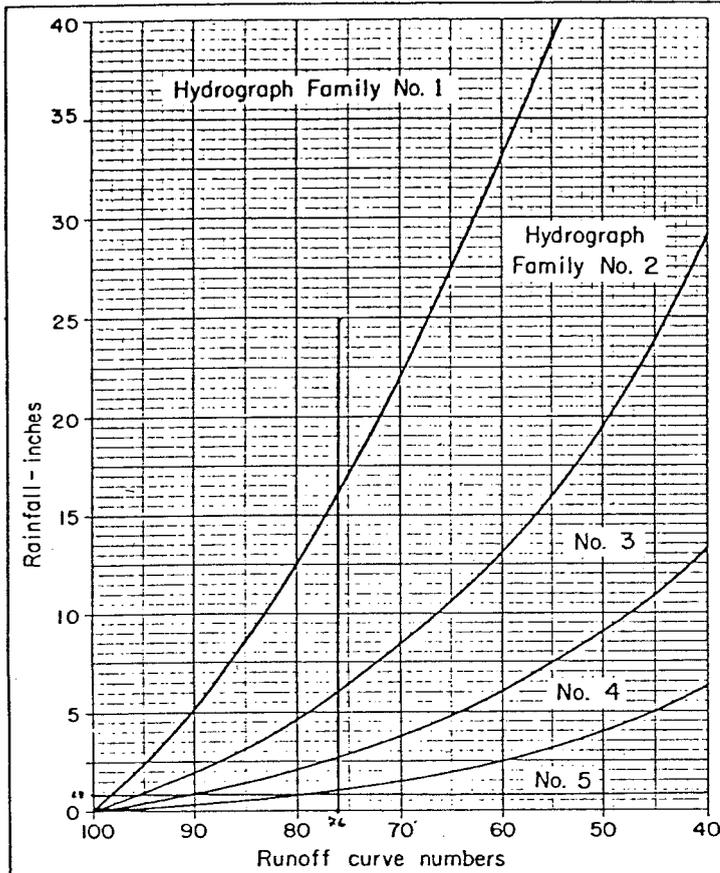


Figure 21-3. Chart for selecting a hydrograph family for a given rainfall and runoff curve number.

Figure 21-4. Duration of excess rainfall for a 6-hour rainfall and for runoff curve numbers 40 to 100.