

ATMOSPHERIC TRANSPORT OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE
FROM PROPOSED GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANTS
(UNITS 13, 14, 16 AND 18) FOR THE
WEST WIND DIRECTION

Predictions by Physical Modeling
in a Wind Tunnel

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ABSTRACT

Tests were conducted in the Colorado State University environmental wind tunnel facility of the transport and dispersion of the H₂S plume emanating from cooling towers positioned at four locations in the Geysers area.

The wind tunnel tests were conducted with the cooling towers and terrain modeled to a scale of 1:1920. Ground-level concentrations were measured in the vicinity of Anderson Springs for selected wind speeds and one wind direction. Ground-level concentration patterns were established for each test condition studied. Data obtained include photographs and motion pictures of smoke plume trajectories as well as ground-level tracer gas concentrations downwind of the cooling towers.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Definition</u> | <u>Dimensions</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| D | Stack diameter | (L) |
| E | Gas chromatograph response | (mvs) |
| Fr | Froude number $\frac{v^2}{g \left(\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_a}\right) D}$ | (-) |
| g | Gravitational constant | (L/T ²) |
| h | Cooling tower height | (L) |
| H | Height of terrain above cooling tower elevation | |
| k | von Karman constant | (-) |
| K | Concentration isopleth | (-) |
| L _o | Distance from beginning of wind tunnel | (L) |
| Q _s | Source strength | (M/T) |
| R | Exhaust velocity ratio V_s/V_a | (-) |
| Re _{L_o} | Reynolds number $\frac{VL_o}{\nu}$ | (-) |
| U _* | Friction velocity | (L/T) |
| V | Mean velocity | (L/T) |
| x,y | General coordinates--downwind, lateral | (L) |
| z _o | Surface roughness parameter | (L) |

LIST OF SYMBOLS (continued)

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Definition</u> | <u>Dimensions</u> |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| (Greek Symbols) | | |
| χ | Local concentration | $(M/L^3 \text{ or ppm})$ |
| τ | Sampling time | (T) |
| θ | Azimuth angle of upwind direction measured from plant north | (-) |
| σ | Standard deviation of either plume dispersion or wind angle fluctuations | (L) (-) |
| ν | Kinematic viscosity | (L^2/T) |
| δ | Boundary layer thickness | (L) |
| γ | Specific weight | $(M/T^2 L^2)$ |
| ρ | Density | (M/L^3) |
| Ω | Angular velocity | (1/L) |
| μ | Dynamic viscosity | M/(TL) |
| Λ | Volume flow rate | (L^3/T) |
| (Subscripts) | | |
| a | Meteorological tower | |
| s | Stack | |
| m | Model | |
| p | Prototype | |
| max | Maximum | |
| g | Geostrophic or gradient wind | |
| rms | Root mean square | |
| ∞ | Reference value | |
| FS | Free stream | |

CONVERSION TABLE
(English to Metric Units)

| <u>Multiply Units</u> | <u>by</u> | <u>To Obtain</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| inches | 2.540 | centimeters |
| square inches | 6.452 | square centimeters |
| cubic inches | 16.39 | cubic centimeters |
| feet | 0.3048 | meters |
| square feet | 0.0929 | square meters |
| cubic feet | 0.02832 | cubic meters |
| feet/second | 0.3048 | meters/second |
| miles/hour | 0.4470 | meters/second |
| cubic feet/minute | 0.02832 | cubic meters/minute |
| cubic feet/minute | 0.00047 | cubic meters/second |

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study was to determine the transport characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) released in plumes emanating from four cooling towers (Units 13, 14, 16 and 18) in the Geysers Geothermal Area. The location of these cooling towers is shown in Figure 1.1 in relation to Anderson Springs and Whispering Pines. Using 1:1920 scale models of the cooling towers and surrounding topography in a wind tunnel the dispersion characteristics were studied for the west wind direction. For this wind direction the units are approximately in a line which could result in the highest combined H_2S impact in the populated area of Anderson Springs.

Downwind ground-level H_2S concentrations were determined by sampling tracer gases (propane, ethane, methane and butane) released from the model cooling towers. Overall plume geometry was obtained by photographing the plumes made visible by releasing smoke (titanium tetrachloride) from the model cooling towers.

The primary focus of this study was on the H_2S concentrations in the vicinity of Anderson Springs for neutral thermal stratification. Studies of the ridgeline and free air winds were confined to the 270° azimuth. Figures 1.2a and b show the wind roses which were obtained from meteorological towers at Units 7 and 8, Station 6 and in the vicinity of Anderson Ridge, Station 2. Information from the ridge line meteorological station (Station 2) indicated that winds in the sector 270° occur approximately 9 percent of the time. Wind speeds of 2.5, 4.1, 7.8 and 10.9 m/s at meteorological station #2 were modeled to obtain representative concentrations under beneficial and adverse plume rise conditions.

Included in this report are a brief description of the similarity requirements for atmospheric motion, an explanation of test methodology

and procedures, results of plume visualization and concentration measurements, and results of wind flow measurements.

This report is supplemented by a motion picture (in color) which shows plume behavior for the various wind speeds studied. Black and white photographs as well as slides of each plume visualization further illustrate the material presented.

2.0 SIMULATION OF ATMOSPHERIC MOTION

The use of wind tunnels for model tests of gas diffusion by the atmosphere is based upon the concept that nondimensional concentration coefficients will be the same at corresponding points in the model and the prototype and will not be a function of the length scale ratio. Concentration coefficients will only be independent of scale if the wind tunnel boundary layer is made similar to the atmospheric boundary layer by satisfying certain similarity criteria. These criteria are obtained by inspectional analysis of physical statements for conservation of mass, momentum, and energy. Detailed discussions have been given by Halitsky (1963), Martin (1965), and Cermak et al. (1966). Basically, the model laws may be divided into requirements for geometric, dynamic, thermic, and kinematic similarity. In addition, similarity of upwind flow characteristics and ground boundary conditions must be achieved. A detailed discussion of the similarity requirements for this study is found in Cermak and Petersen (1977) and will not be repeated here.

To summarize, the following scaling criteria were applied for the neutral boundary layer situation:

1. $Fr = \frac{\rho_a V_a^2}{\Delta\gamma D}$; $(Fr)_m = (Fr)_p$,
2. $R = \frac{V_s}{V_a}$; $R_m = R_p$,
3. $L_o/K_s > 300$ (implies Reynolds number independence),
4. $(z_o)_m = (z_o)_p$,
5. Similar geometric dimensions, and
6. Similar velocity and turbulence profiles upwind.

3.0 TEST APPARATUS

3.1 Wind Tunnels

The environmental wind tunnel (EWT) shown in Figure 3.1 was used for this neutral flow study. This wind tunnel, especially designed to study atmospheric flow phenomena, incorporates special features such as adjustable ceiling, rotating turntables, transparent boundary walls, and a long test section to permit adequate reproduction of micro-meteorological behavior. Mean wind speeds of 0.06 to 37 m/s (0.14 to 80 miles/hour) in the EWT can be obtained. In the EWT, boundary layers four feet thick over the downstream 12.2 meters can be obtained with the use of vortex generators at the test section entrance. The flexible test section roof on the EWT is adjustable in height to permit the longitudinal pressure gradient to be set at zero.

3.2 Model

The cooling towers were modeled at a scale of 1:1920. The relevant building dimensions are given in Table 2.1 and a photograph of one of the four identical models is shown in Figure 3.2-1.

Topography was modeled to the same scale by cutting Styrofoam sheets of 9.6 cm and 1.27 cm thicknesses to match contour lines of a topographic map enlarged to the 1:1920 scale. The scale model of the topography is shown mounted in the wind tunnel in Figure 3.2-2. The model terrain was not smoothed so as to increase the surface roughness and thereby prevent the formation of a laminar sublayer. This increased roughness also contributed toward achieving Reynolds number independence of flow over the test section.

An array of sampling tubes was inserted into the model terrain to give a minimum of 33 representative sampling locations. The sampling locations are shown in Figure 5.1 and enumerated in Table 5.1.

Metered quantities of gas were allowed to flow from the cooling tower to simulate the exit velocity. Helium, compressed air, and propane (the tracer) were mixed to give the highest practical specific weight. Fischer-Porter flow meter settings were adjusted for pressure, temperature, and molecular weight effects as necessary. When a visible plume was required, the gas was bubbled through titanium tetrachloride before emission.

3.3 Flow Visualization Techniques

Smoke was used to define plume behavior from the four geothermal power plants. The smoke was produced by passing the air mixture through a container of titanium tetrachloride located outside the wind tunnel and transported through the tunnel wall by means of a tygon tube terminating at the cooling tower inlet. A schematic of the process is shown in Figure 3.3-1.

The plume was illuminated with arc-lamp beams and a visible record was obtained by means of pictures taken with a Speed Graphic camera. Additional still pictures were obtained with a Hasselblad camera. Stills were taken with a camera speed of one second to identify mean plume boundaries. A series of 16 mm color motion pictures was also taken with a Bolex motion picture camera.

3.4 Gas Tracer Technique

After the desired tunnel speed was obtained, a mixture of propane, helium, and air of predetermined concentration was released from the cooling tower at the required rate to simulate prototype plume rise. Samples of gas were withdrawn from the sample points and analyzed. The flow rate of propane mixture was controlled by a pressure regulator at

the supply cylinder outlet and monitored by a Fischer-Porter precision flow meter. The sampling system is shown in Figure 3.4-1.

A more complete discussion of the gas sampling and analysis techniques is given in Cermak and Petersen (1977). All concentration data presented herein are in dimensionless form. Appendix A enumerates the procedures for converting the data to prototype concentrations.

3.5 Wind Profile Measurements

The following instruments were used during the course of this study to measure velocity:

1. Pitot tube--used for freestream velocity and velocity profile measurements.
2. Thermo System (TSI model 1050) constant temperature hot-film anemometer--used for low speed measurements close to surface of model.

The use of a pitot tube for velocity measurements* entails measuring the difference between total and static pressure. The velocity is calculated by the relationship

$$V = K' \sqrt{\frac{T}{P_{AT}} \Delta P}$$

V - velocity

K' - proportionality coefficient

T - absolute air temperature

P_{AT} - atmospheric pressure

ΔP - the difference between total and static pressure

The pressure difference was measured with a MKS Baratron Type 77.

*Detailed discussion on pitot tube and hot-wire anemometry can be found in textbooks. Only those concepts that are essential to our measurements are presented here.

Calibration of the TSI hot-film anemometer was carried out with a TSI calibrator. The calibration measurements were correlated to King's law and put in the following form:

$$E^2 = A + BV^n$$

where

E = the output signal of the wire (mv)

V = the velocity sensed (m/s)

n, A and B = the constants of King's law

The coefficients A, B, and n for the velocity range from .25 to 25 m/s were found to be

$$A = 4.40$$

$$B = 2.082$$

$$n = 0.50$$

King's law fit to the calibration of the hot film is shown in Figure 3.5-1.

To obtain the velocity profiles a calibrated carriage was used together with a digital voltmeter. In this manner, the location of the anemometer or pitot tube over the terrain could be adjusted from outside the tunnel.

To set the wind tunnel conditions the velocity at meteorological Station 2 (.52 cm above the modeled terrain) was correlated to the upwind freestream velocity. The velocity at the meteorological station was measured with the TSI hot-film anemometer while the freestream velocity was measured with a pitot tube. The curve relating the two (the meteorological station versus freestream) is shown in Figure 3.5-2. Thus the desired speed at meteorological Station 2 was obtained by varying the freestream velocity.

4.0 TEST PROGRAM RESULTS - VISUALIZATION

The visualization test results consist of photographs and movies showing the plume behavior for Units 13, 14, 16 and 18 for the west wind direction and four wind speeds. The photographs and movies were taken while smoke was released simultaneously from all four units.

The sequence of photographs in Figure 4.1 shows the combined plume behavior for the 270° wind direction and wind speeds at meteorological tower height (10 m, AGL) of 2.5, 4.1, 7.8 and 10.9 m/s. For the light wind speed cases (2.5 m/s) the plumes remain elevated over Anderson Springs. However, as the wind speed increases, the plume altitude decreases, and for the high wind speed cases, the plume tends to follow along the terrain confluences. For wind speeds of 4.1 m/s or greater the plumes emanating from the cooling towers appear to flow along the terrain at a relatively low effective plume altitude.

Complete sets of still photographs supplement this report. Color motion pictures have been arranged into titled sequences and the sets available are given by run number in Table 4.1-1.

5.0 TEST PROGRAM RESULTS - CONCENTRATION MEASUREMENTS

The diffusion of gaseous effluent from the four model cooling towers was studied for one wind direction (270° azimuth) and four wind speeds. A different tracer material was released from each model cooling tower (propane from Unit 13, ethane from Unit 14, methane from Unit 18 and n-butane from Unit 16) and concentrations of the tracer were measured at 33 locations in the vicinity of Anderson Springs. The sampling array is shown in Figure 5.1 and prototype locations for all sampling points are summarized in Table 5.1. The zero coordinate is represented by the base of the wind direction arrow in all figures.

All concentration data have been reported in dimensionless form as explained in Cermak and Petersen (1977). To convert from a dimensionless concentration coefficient, K , to a prototype H_2S concentration, refer to the procedures outlines in Appendix A.

The concentration results are summarized for Units 13, 14, 16 and 18 in Tables 5.2 through 5.5. Sample locations in the tables are defined in Table 5.1 and Figure 5.1.

In order to visually and quantitatively assess the effect of wind speed on ground level concentration patterns for this wind direction, Figures 5.2 through 5.5 were prepared. These figures show isopleths of the dimensionless concentration coefficient, K , for each unit and wind speed studied. The maximum nondimensional concentration occurs with either a 7.8 or 10.9 m/s wind speed depending upon the unit location.

The highest K -values near Anderson Springs for each unit are approximately

- Unit 13 - 10 (10.9 m/s)
- Unit 14 - 4 (10.9 m/s)
- Unit 16 - 5 (7.8 m/s)
- Unit 18 - 5 (10.9 m/s)

6.0 TEST RESULTS - VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS

This section discusses the results of the velocity measurements. Techniques for data collection are described in Section 3.5. Velocity measurements were obtained to meet the following objectives.

- Provide a relation between the freestream velocity and the velocity at the ridgeline meteorological tower (Station 2).
- Present velocity profiles above Meteorological Station 2, Unit 14, Unit 18 and over Anderson Springs.

Figure 6.1 shows the velocity profiles at the four sites mentioned above. Further information on the velocity measurements is given in Cermak and Petersen (1977). The relation between freestream velocity and the velocity at the meteorological tower is discussed in Section 3.5.

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APPENDIX A

Method for Calculating Prototype Concentrations
From Nondimensional Concentration Coefficient K

● Basic Equation:

$$K = \frac{\chi V_a D^2}{\Lambda Q_s} \text{ Prototype}$$

where

K \equiv nondimensional concentration coefficient from wind tunnel study

χ \equiv H₂S concentration (ppm)

V_a \equiv wind speed at the meteorological station (m/s)

D \equiv cell diameter (equal to 8.5 m)

Λ \equiv total volume flow (use 4313 m³/s)

Q_s \equiv equivalent H₂S concentration in the incoming stack gas [(ppm) (1 - fraction removed)]

● Now solving for $\chi_{\text{prototype}}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\text{prototype}} &= K \frac{\Lambda Q_s}{V_a D^2} \\ &= 59.7 \frac{K Q_s}{V_a} \end{aligned}$$

● Example:

let K = 20 x 10⁻⁵

Q_s = 10 ppm

V_a = 9.8 m/s

then $\chi_{\text{prototype}} = \frac{(59.7) (20 \times 10^{-5}) (10)}{9.8} = 0.012 \text{ ppm}$

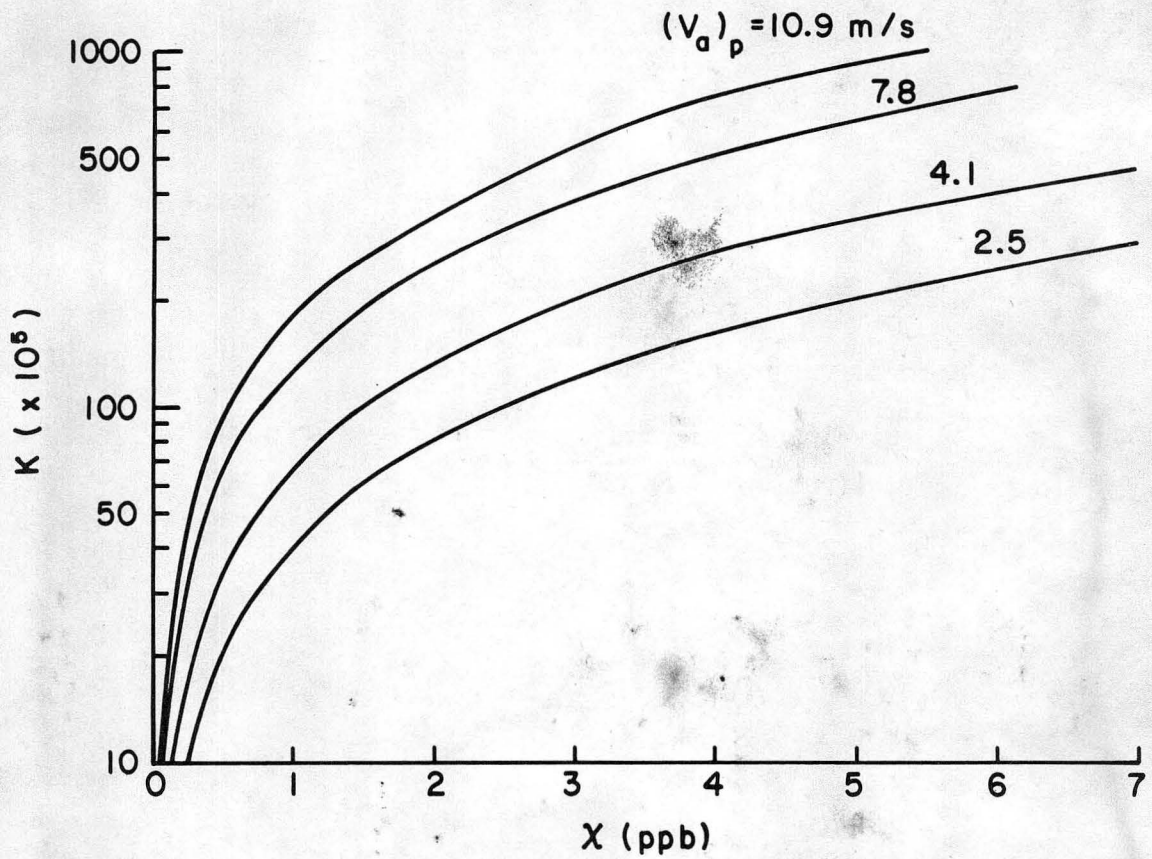


Figure A-1. Concentration, χ (ppb) versus nondimensional concentration coefficient K for an input steam concentration equivalent to 1 ppb H_2S .

TABLES

Table 2.1 Model and Prototype Dimensional Parameters
Units 13, 14, 16, and 18

| Parameter | Prototype | Model |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Building | | |
| a. length (ℓ) | 98 m | 5.1 cm |
| b. width (w) | 21.5 m | 1.1 cm |
| c. height (h) | 20 m | 1.0 cm |
| 2. Exit Temperature (T_s) | 319 ^o K | 293 ^o K |
| 3. Cell Diameter (D) | 8.5 | 0.44 cm |
| 4. Number of Cells | 10 | 10 |
| 5. Exit Velocity (V_s) | 7.6 m/s | 0.49 m/s |
| 6. Volumetric Emission Rate (Λ) | 4312.6 m ³ /s | 74.51 cc/s |
| 7. Gas Density (ρ_a) | 0.97 kg/m ³ | 0.21 kg/m ³ |
| 8. Ambient Density (ρ_a) | 1.08 | 1.02 |
| 9. Wind Speed at Meteorological Tower (V_a) | 2.5, 4.1, 7.8, 10.9 m/s | 0.16, 0.26, 0.50, 0.70 m/s |
| 10. Wind Direction | West | West |
| 11. Surface Roughness (z_o) | 0.5 m | 0.02 cm |
| 12. Ambient Pressure | 900 mb | 850 mb |
| 13. Ambient Temperature | 293 ^o K | 293 ^o K |
| 14. Virtual Temperature Increment | 2.92 ^o C | N/A |

Table 2.2 Model and Prototype Dimensionless Parameters
Units 13, 14, 16, and 18

| Parameter | Prototype | Model |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| $\frac{\delta_a}{H}$ | 1.84 | 2.15 |
| $\frac{z_o}{H}$ | 2.0×10^{-3} | 1.5×10^{-3} |
| $\frac{D}{H}$ | 3.5×10^{-2} | 3.5×10^{-2} |
| $\frac{h}{H}$ | 1.6×10^{-2} | 1.6×10^{-2} |
| $R = \frac{V_s}{V_a}$ | 3.0, 1.9, 0.97, 0.70 | 3.1, 1.9, 0.98, 0.70 |
| $Fr = \frac{\rho_a V_a^2}{g(\rho_a - \rho_s)D}$ | 0.75, 2.02, 7.30, 14.26 | 0.75, 1.98, 7.34, 14.38 |
| $DR = \frac{\rho_a - \rho_s}{\rho_a}$ | 0.10 | 0.79 |

Table 4.1 Summary of Photographs Taken for Units 13, 14, 16 and 18

| Photo or Run No. | Wind Direction | Wind Speed (m/s) |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | 270° | 2.5 |
| 2 | 270° | 4.1 |
| 3 | 270° | 7.8 |
| 4 | 270° | 10.9 |

Table 5.1 Prototype Sampling Location Key and Site Location Key

| | x-Coordinate (m) | y-Coordinate (m) | Elevation (m, MSL) (m) | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | 2268 | 2463 | 546 | | | | |
| 2 | 2268 | 1890 | 442 | | | | |
| 3 | 2262 | 1232 | 418 | | | | |
| 4 | 2274 | 927 | 430 | | | | |
| 5 | 2256 | 616 | 451 | | | | |
| 6 | 2256 | -55 | 537 | | | | |
| 7 | 2268 | -610 | 671 | | | | |
| 8 | 2091 | 2457 | 557 | | | | |
| 9 | 2085 | 1835 | 439 | | | | |
| 10 | 2098 | 1232 | 433 | | | | |
| 11 | 2091 | 927 | 410 | | | | |
| 12 | 2104 | 610 | 439 | | | | |
| 13 | 2085 | -31 | 463 | | | | |
| 14 | 2110 | -610 | 671 | | | | |
| 15 | 1770 | 2463 | 518 | | | | |
| 16 | 1770 | 1896 | 482 | | | | |
| 17 | 1777 | 1232 | 439 | | | | |
| 18 | 1787 | 915 | 418 | | | | |
| 19 | 1793 | 619 | 418 | | | | |
| 20 | 1791 | -58 | 476 | | | | |
| 21 | 1791 | -652 | 628 | | | | |
| 22 | 1505 | 2470 | 522 | | | | |
| 23 | 1505 | 1896 | 515 | | | | |
| 24 | 1524 | 1262 | 470 | | | | |
| 25 | 1543 | 915 | 424 | | | | |
| 26 | 1562 | 610 | 512 | | | | |
| 27 | 1543 | -61 | 445 | <u>Sites</u> | <u>x</u> | <u>y</u> | <u>Elevation</u> |
| 28 | 1562 | -671 | 573 | 13 | -1482 | 726 | 982 |
| 29 | 1195 | 2500 | 604 | 14 | -6037 | 2220 | 573 |
| 30 | 1220 | 1970 | 532 | | | | |
| 31 | 1220 | 1256 | 488 | 16 | 409 | -49 | 720 |
| 32 | 1244 | 884 | 425 | | | | |
| 33 | 1244 | 585 | 517 | 18 | -2488 | 213 | 830 |
| 34 | 1238 | -61 | 500 | | | | |
| 35 | 1268 | -671 | 561 | | | | |
| 36 | 823 | 2506 | 634 | | | | |
| 37 | 811 | 1939 | 559 | | | | |
| 38 | 823 | 1274 | 500 | | | | |
| 39 | 829 | 915 | 439 | | | | |
| 40 | 854 | 567 | 535 | | | | |
| 41 | 848 | -55 | 622 | | | | |
| 56 | 848 | -671 | 628 | | | | |
| 42 | 488 | 2470 | 668 | | | | |
| 43 | 500 | 1921 | 598 | | | | |
| 44 | 470 | 1207 | 488 | | | | |
| 45 | 470 | 927 | 473 | | | | |
| 46 | 457 | 592 | 512 | | | | |
| 47 | 518 | -24 | 723 | | | | |
| 48 | 457 | -671 | 689 | | | | |
| 49 | 0 | 2470 | 681 | | | | |
| 50 | 0 | 1896 | 601 | | | | |
| 51 | 0 | 1220 | 616 | | | | |
| 52 | 0 | 915 | 555 | | | | |
| 53 | 0 | 598 | 561 | | | | |
| 55 | 0 | -695 | 738 | | | | |

Table 5.2 Nondimensional Concentration Coefficients
($\times 10^5$) for Unit 13

| Location Number | Wind Speed (m/s) | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 10.9 |
| 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 0.34 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | 1.68 | 1.57 | 2.81 | 3.14 |
| 5 | 1.23 | 2.68 | 6.77 | 7.48 |
| 6 | 0.33 | 3.45 | 0.00 | 4.93 |
| 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 0.15 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 1.95 | 1.84 | 1.65 | 1.74 |
| 12 | 1.30 | 2.72 | 6.84 | 7.44 |
| 13 | 0.10 | 3.91 | 4.50 | 3.52 |
| 16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.51 | 0.00 |
| 17 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18 | 2.19 | 2.14 | 2.09 | 2.83 |
| 19 | 1.59 | 3.57 | 6.07 | 7.90 |
| 20 | 0.04 | 3.31 | 3.28 | 2.78 |
| 23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 25 | 1.58 | 2.06 | 3.35 | 3.45 |
| 26 | 1.54 | 1.01 | 3.23 | 3.82 |
| 27 | 0.00 | 2.84 | 1.36 | 2.12 |
| 31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.14 |
| 32 | 0.82 | 0.84 | 1.19 | 2.22 |
| 33 | 2.89 | 3.37 | 7.87 | 10.73 |
| 34 | 0.13 | 2.16 | 3.67 | 5.95 |
| 37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 39 | 0.57 | 1.35 | 3.25 | 6.54 |
| 40 | 3.04 | 5.55 | 9.99 | 12.98 |
| 41 | 0.17 | 2.90 | 4.43 | 5.49 |
| 44 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| 45 | 1.22 | 3.05 | 4.19 | 0.00 |
| 46 | 2.65 | 7.08 | 13.90 | 3.20 |
| 51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table 5.3 Nondimensional Concentration Coefficients
($\times 10^5$) for Unit 14

| Location Number | Wind Speed (m/s) | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------|
| | 2.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 10.9 |
| 2 | 0.48 | 0.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 1.71 | 1.71 | 1.30 | 1.36 |
| 4 | 1.51 | 2.21 | 2.65 | 2.98 |
| 5 | 4.19 | 2.27 | 2.94 | 3.56 |
| 6 | 0.00 | 1.52 | 0.00 | 2.09 |
| 9 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.15 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 1.90 | 2.22 | 1.09 | 1.34 |
| 11 | 1.59 | 2.56 | 2.30 | 2.53 |
| 12 | 0.46 | 2.46 | 2.77 | 3.42 |
| 13 | 0.00 | 1.82 | 1.72 | 1.61 |
| 16 | 1.17 | 0.78 | 0.31 | 0.03 |
| 17 | 1.73 | 1.87 | 0.75 | 1.29 |
| 18 | 1.73 | 2.54 | 2.19 | 3.15 |
| 19 | 0.48 | 2.19 | 2.73 | 3.34 |
| 20 | 0.00 | 1.57 | 1.48 | 1.40 |
| 23 | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.31 | 0.24 |
| 25 | 1.81 | 2.44 | 2.60 | 2.81 |
| 26 | 1.71 | 0.85 | 2.49 | 1.98 |
| 27 | 0.00 | 1.39 | 0.52 | 0.98 |
| 31 | 1.98 | 1.95 | 0.98 | 0.16 |
| 32 | 1.92 | 2.07 | 2.20 | 2.62 |
| 33 | 0.90 | 2.28 | 2.95 | 4.56 |
| 34 | 0.00 | 1.07 | 1.35 | 2.05 |
| 37 | 1.30 | 0.65 | 0.11 | 0.00 |
| 38 | 1.85 | 0.00 | 0.74 | 0.87 |
| 39 | 1.87 | 2.04 | 2.48 | 3.70 |
| 40 | 1.43 | 2.22 | 3.59 | 4.14 |
| 41 | 0.01 | 0.99 | 1.53 | 1.81 |
| 44 | 0.05 | 1.05 | 0.48 | 0.36 |
| 45 | 1.57 | 2.26 | 3.15 | 0.00 |
| 46 | 1.39 | 2.43 | 3.99 | 3.25 |
| 51 | 0.72 | 1.25 | 0.32 | 0.10 |
| 52 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.13 |

Table 5.4 Nondimensional Concentration Coefficients
($\times 10^5$) for Unit 16

| Location Number | Wind Speed (m/s) | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 10.9 |
| 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | 1.70 | 0.23 | 8.11 | 9.72 |
| 6 | 7.42 | 3.33 | 0.00 | 32.21 |
| 9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 12 | 1.92 | 0.04 | 8.12 | 13.17 |
| 13 | 6.60 | 2.51 | 27.55 | 41.17 |
| 16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.49 |
| 17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 19 | 2.60 | 0.55 | 12.88 | 17.87 |
| 20 | 6.83 | 3.53 | 33.50 | 54.94 |
| 23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.26 | 0.04 |
| 25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 26 | 0.60 | 0.00 | 0.77 | 0.62 |
| 27 | 2.50 | 4.10 | 40.23 | 53.91 |
| 31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -- |
| 32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -- |
| 33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 34 | 4.64 | 3.57 | 45.11 | 71.33 |
| 37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.40 | -- |
| 38 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.26 |
| 39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.08 |
| 40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 |
| 41 | 0.00 | 6.61 | 50.09 | 78.30 |
| 44 | -- | 0.37 | 0.73 | 0.23 |
| 45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.38 |
| 46 | 0.00 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.18 |
| 51 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.53 |
| 52 | 0.00 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.03 |

Table 5.5 Nondimensional Concentration Coefficients
($\times 10^5$) for Unit 18

| Location Number | Wind Speed (m/s) | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 10.9 |
| 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 0.07 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 1.31 | 1.37 |
| 5 | 2.15 | 1.61 | 7.50 | 8.72 |
| 6 | 1.44 | 4.25 | 0.00 | 15.09 |
| 9 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 0.05 | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 1.20 | 1.12 | 0.71 | 0.74 |
| 12 | 1.60 | 1.49 | 6.61 | 8.98 |
| 13 | 0.74 | 0.00 | 11.20 | 11.43 |
| 16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 17 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18 | 1.17 | 1.20 | 0.84 | 1.32 |
| 19 | 2.08 | 2.66 | 8.52 | 9.60 |
| 20 | 0.37 | 4.60 | 10.01 | 10.64 |
| 23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.00 |
| 25 | 0.52 | 0.85 | 1.48 | 1.33 |
| 26 | 0.48 | 0.66 | 1.46 | 2.64 |
| 27 | 0.19 | 4.53 | 5.04 | 9.14 |
| 31 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.02 |
| 32 | 0.25 | 0.41 | 0.49 | 0.97 |
| 33 | 2.26 | 1.67 | 4.06 | 5.23 |
| 34 | 1.20 | 5.92 | 10.43 | 16.67 |
| 37 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| 38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 39 | 0.29 | 0.45 | 1.61 | 2.31 |
| 40 | 2.39 | 2.08 | 4.88 | 6.09 |
| 41 | 1.68 | 6.29 | 12.62 | 15.95 |
| 44 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| 45 | 0.31 | 1.05 | 2.03 | 0.00 |
| 46 | 2.53 | 4.38 | 6.79 | 1.15 |
| 51 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| 52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.11 |

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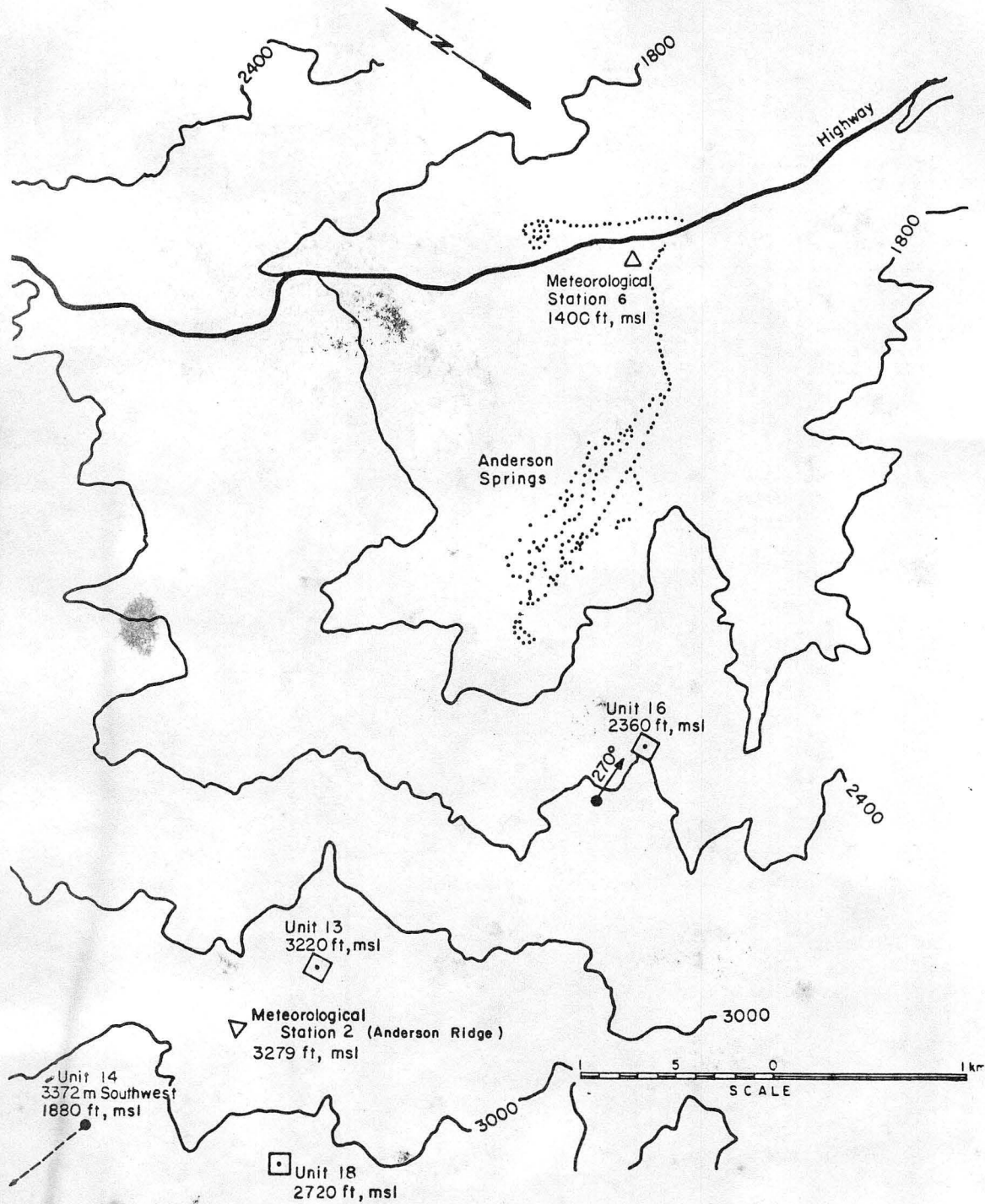


Figure 1.1. Map showing Geyser Geothermal Area and location of Units 13, 14, 16 and 18.

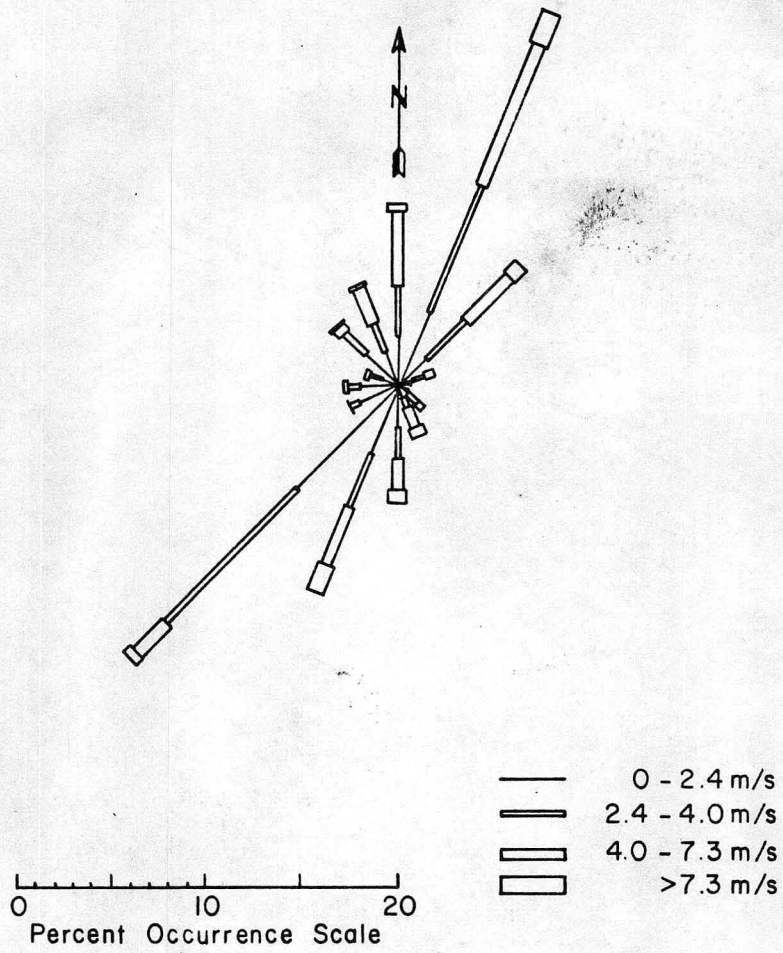


Figure 1.2a. Wind rose from meteorological Station 6, units 7 and 8.

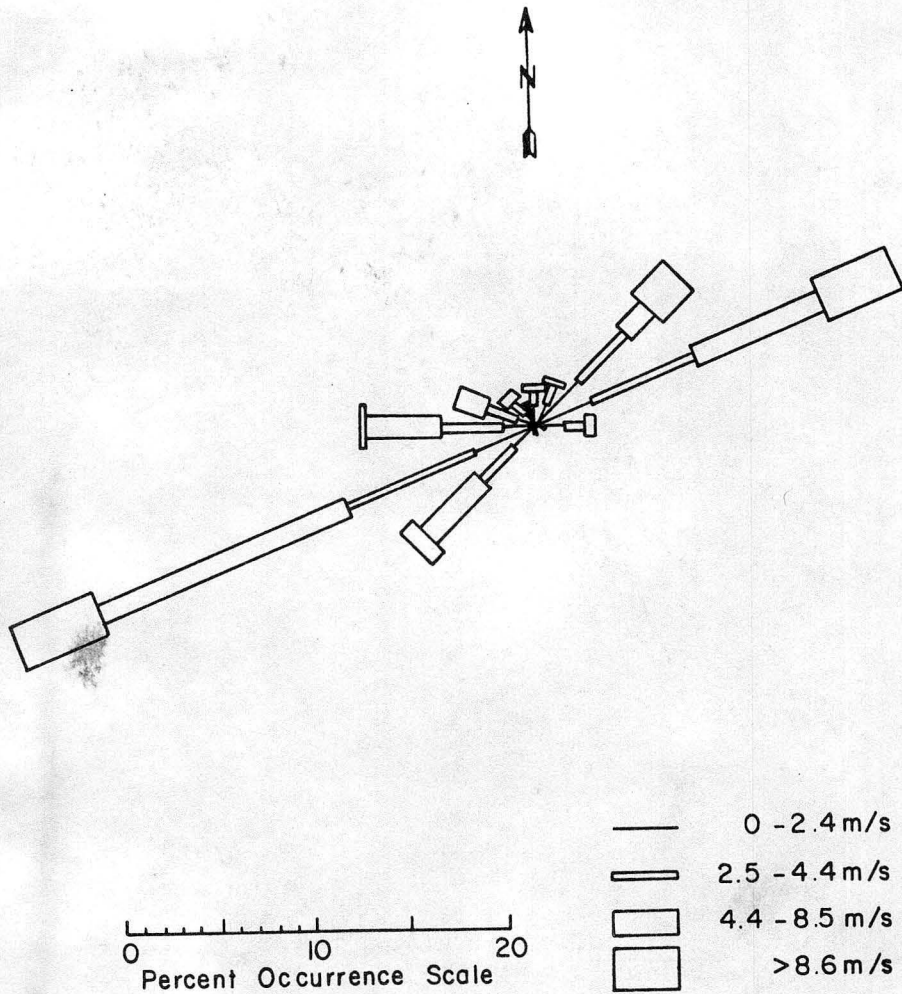


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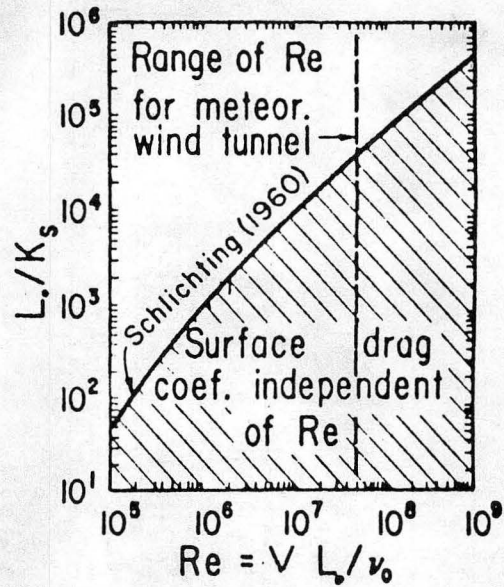


Figure 2.1. Reynolds number at which flow becomes independent of Reynolds number for prescribed relative roughness.

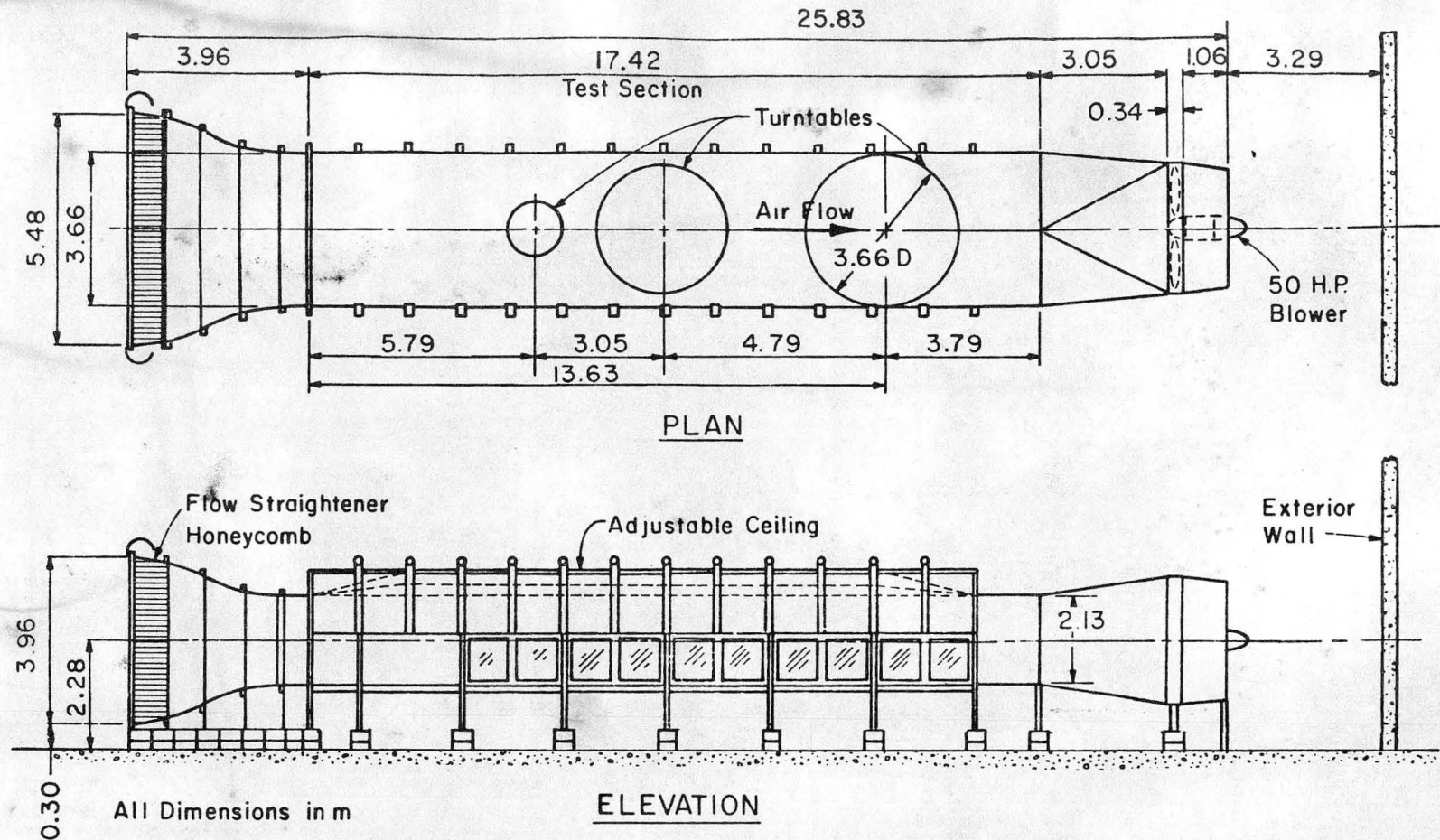


Figure 3.1. Environmental Wind Tunnel.

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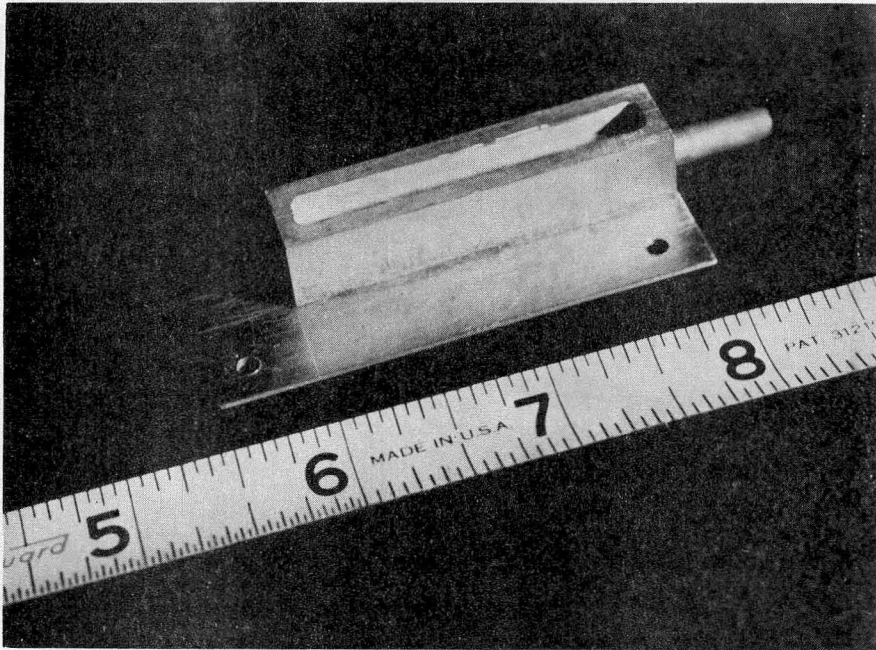


Figure 3.2-1. Photograph of cooling tower model (Scale 1:1920).

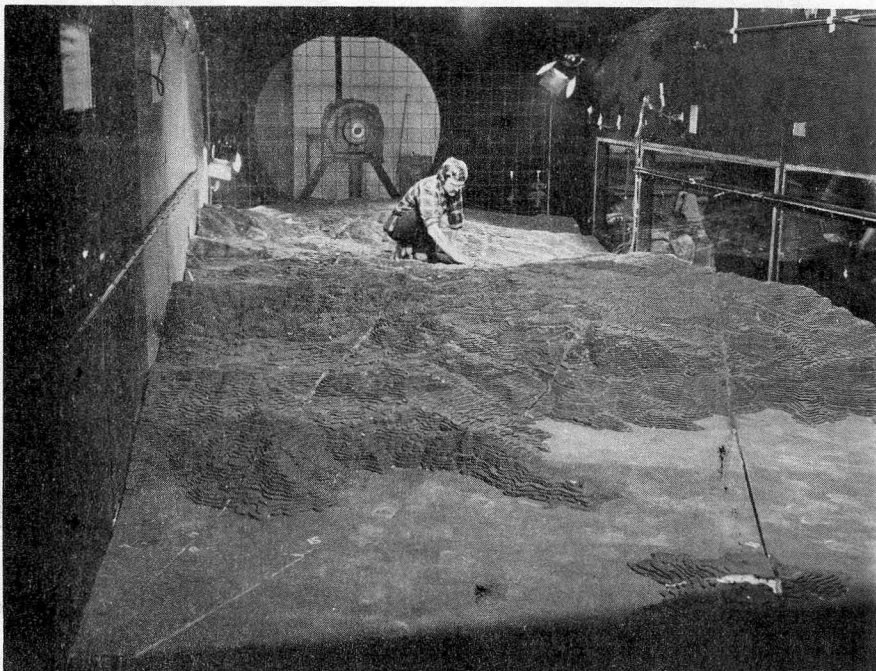


Figure 3.2-2. Photograph of terrain model in the Environmental Wind Tunnel.

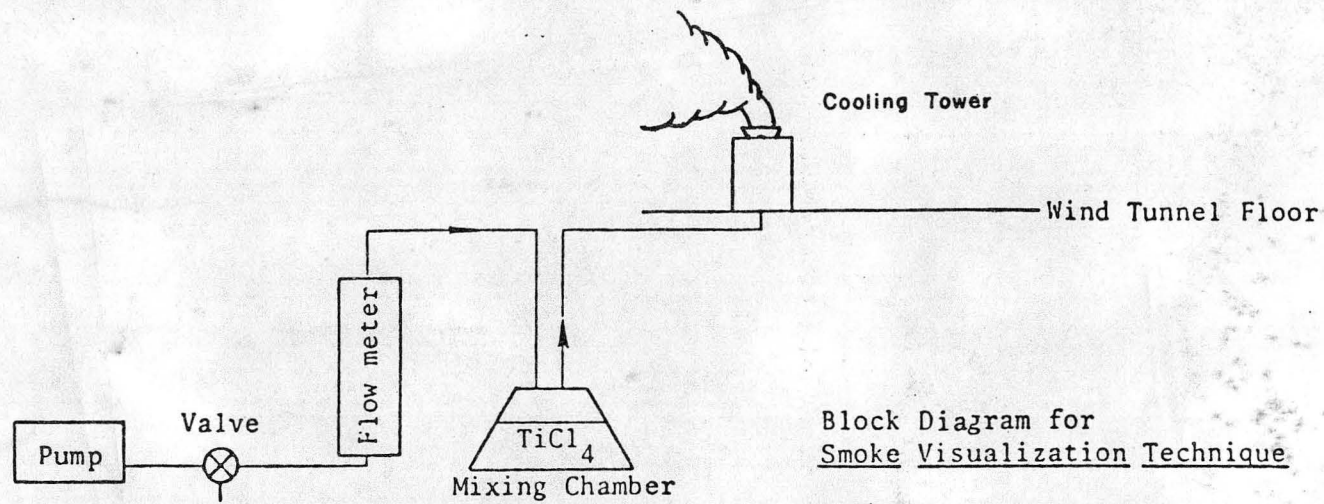


Figure 3.3-1. Schematic of plume visualization equipment.

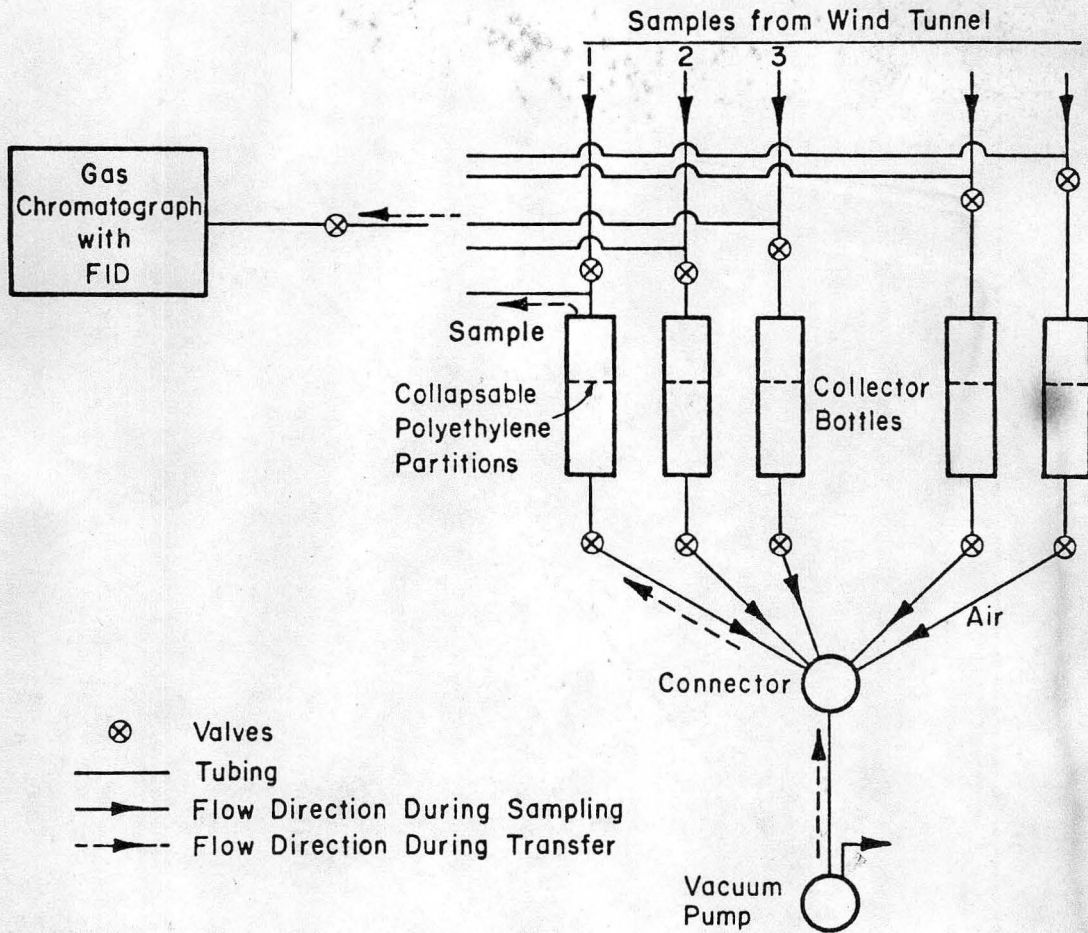


Figure 3.4-1. Schematic of tracer gas sampling system.

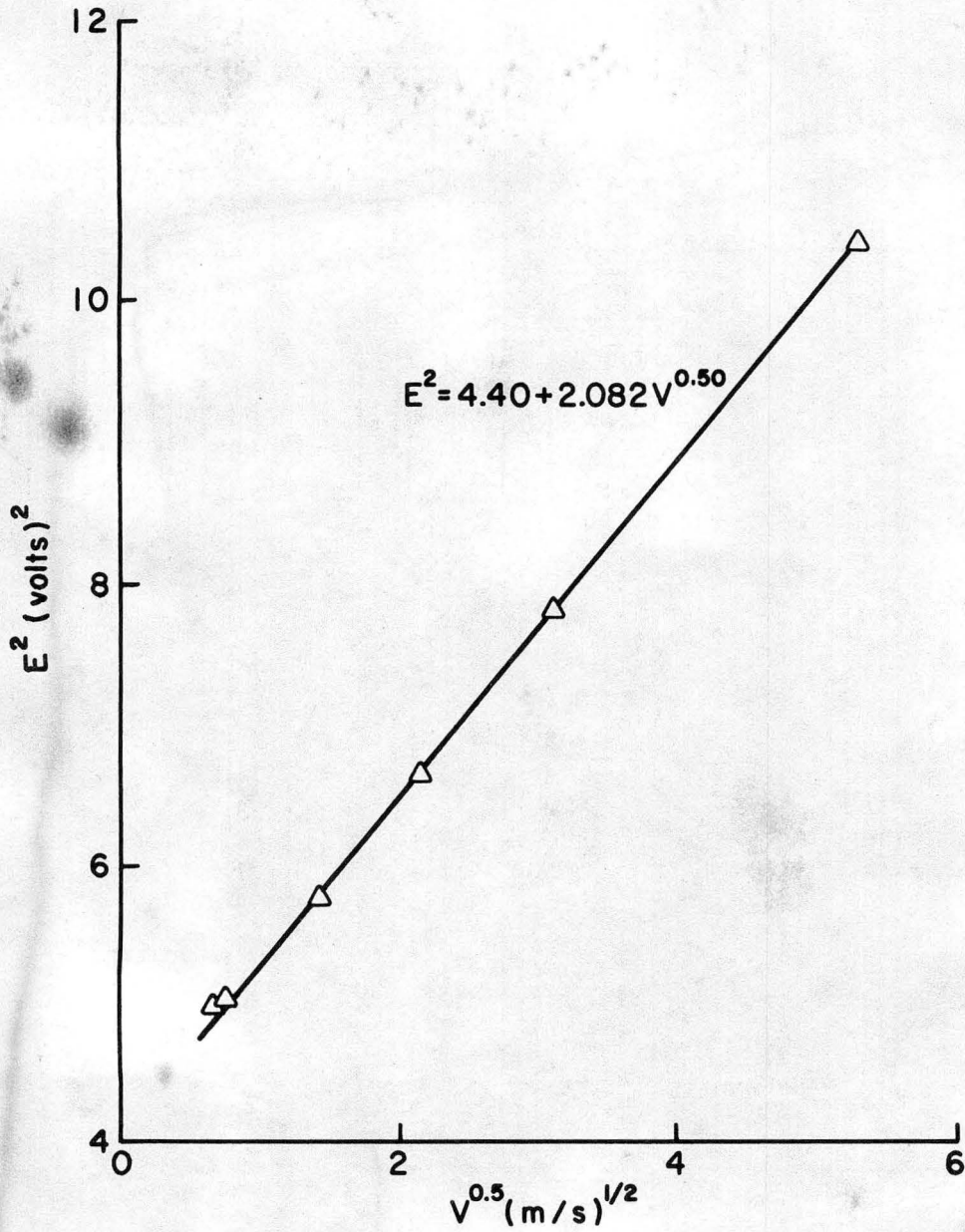


Figure 3.5-1. Calibration curve for the TSI hot-wire anemometer.

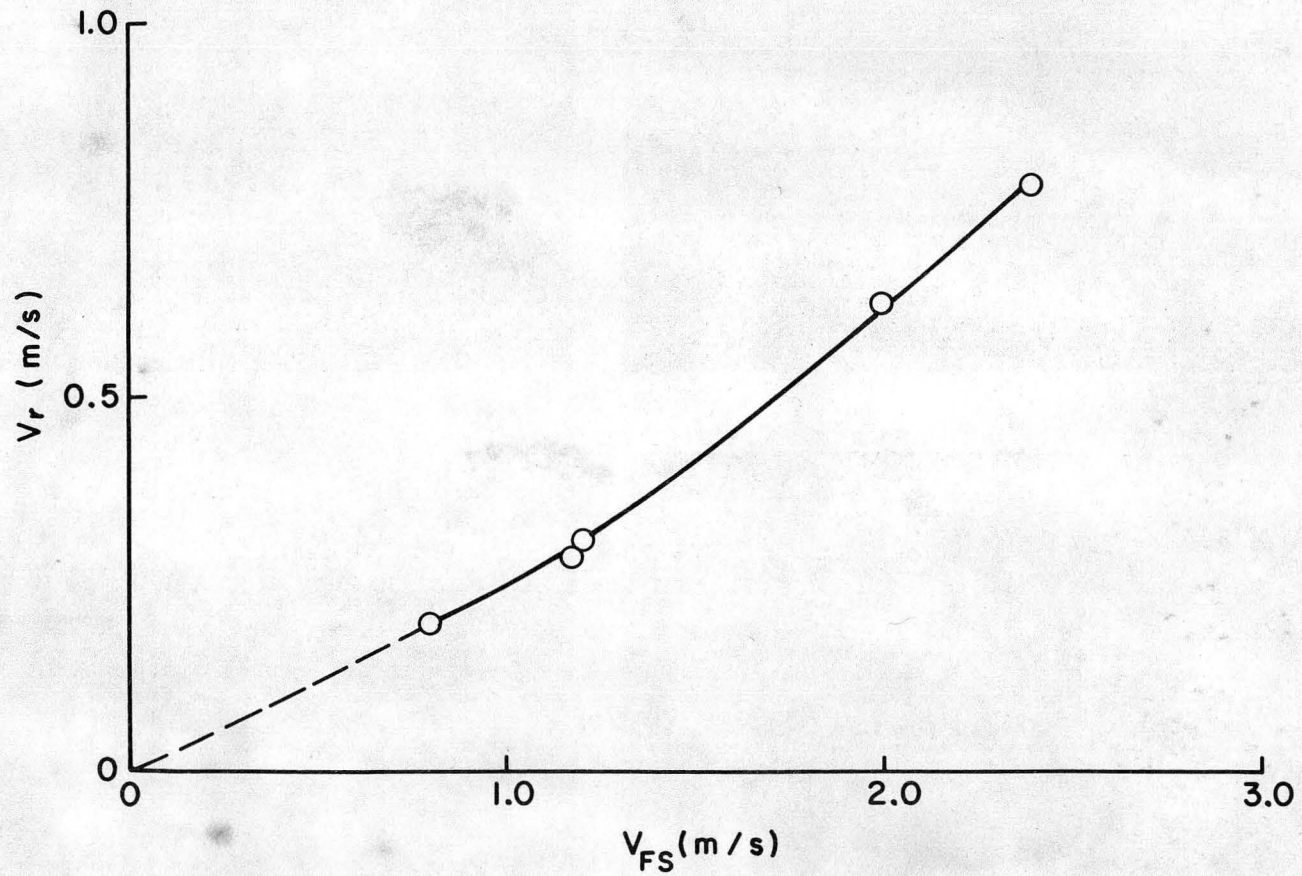


Figure 3.5-2. Freestream velocity versus velocity at the top of the meteorological tower in the Environmental Wind Tunnel for the 270° wind direction.

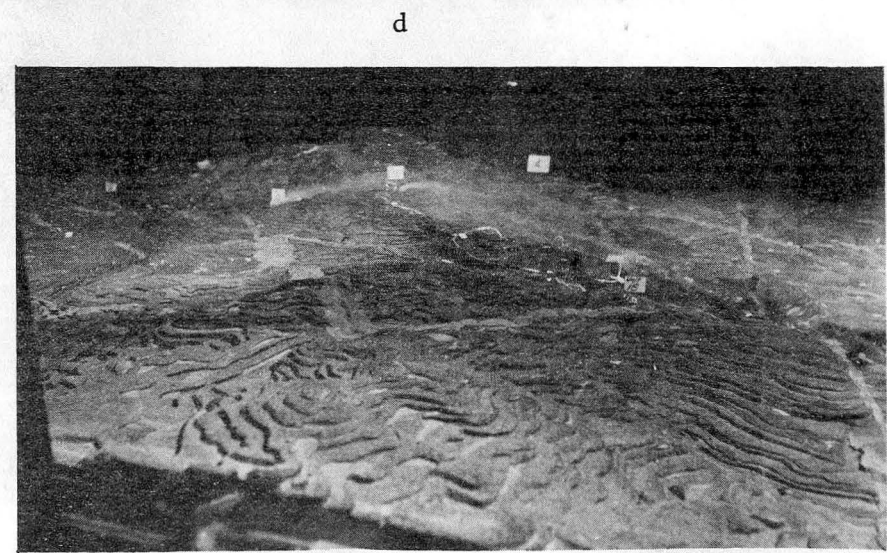
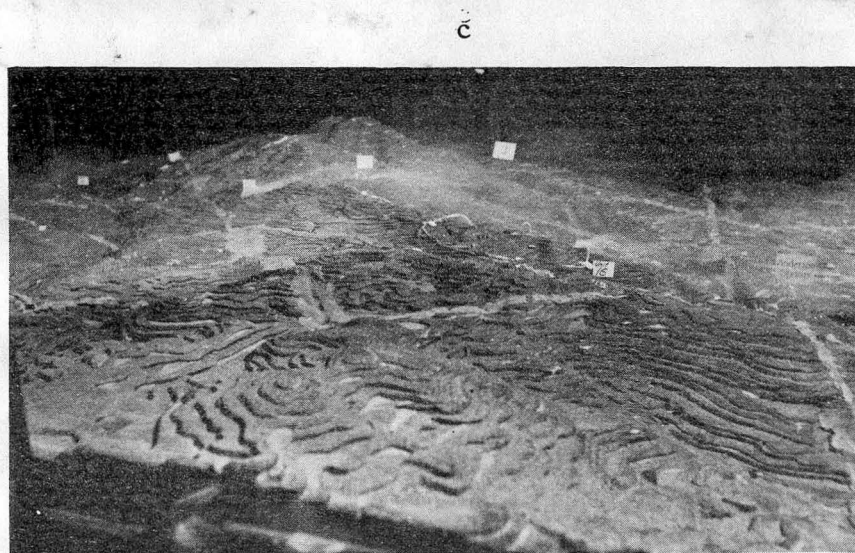
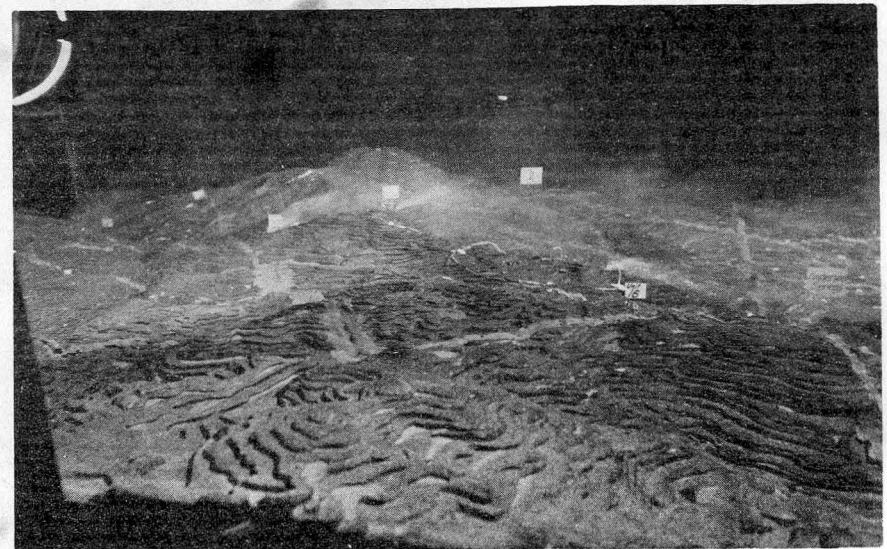
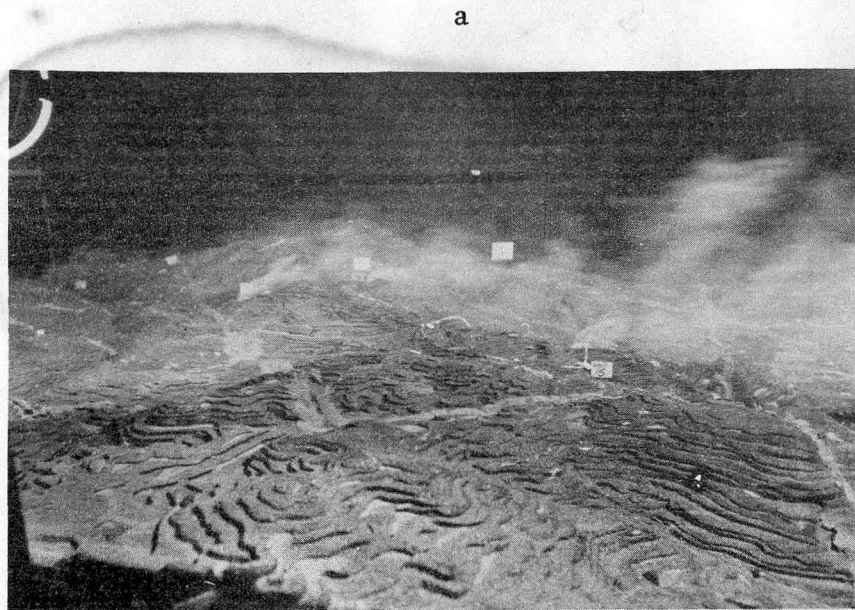


Figure 4.1. Plume visualization for units 13, 14, 16 and 18 for wind speeds of a) 2.5, b) 4.1, c) 7.8 and d) 10.9 m/s.

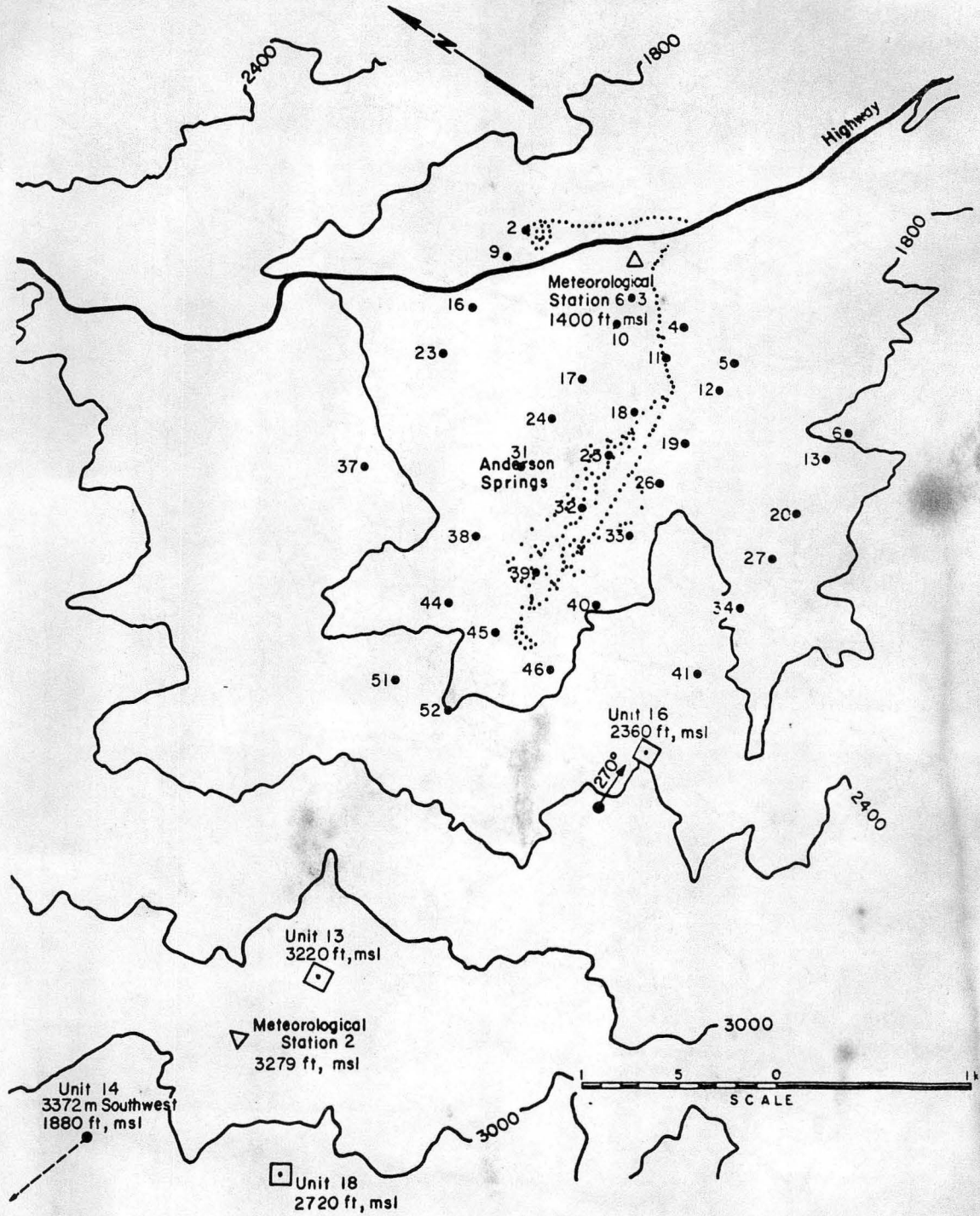


Figure 5.1. Sampling location key.

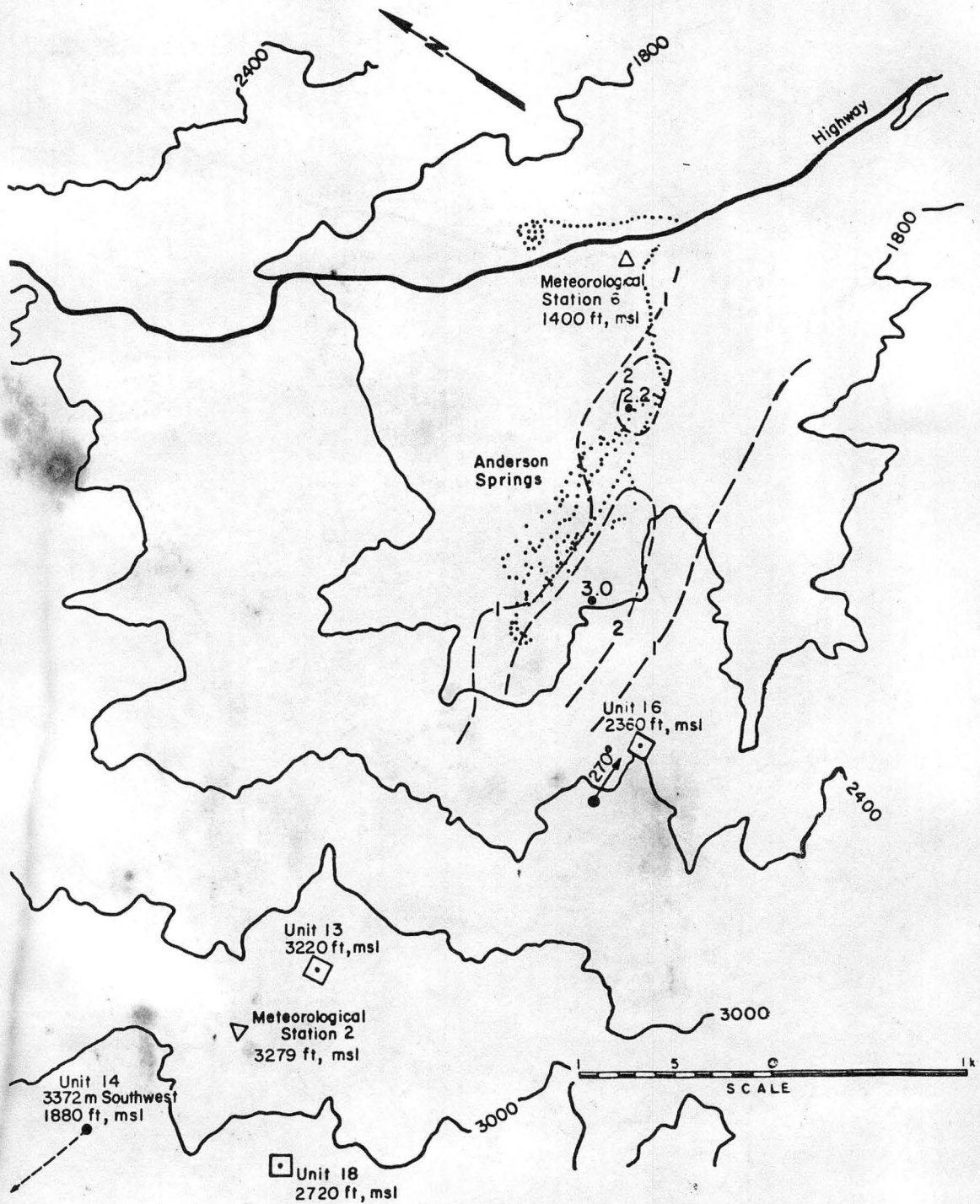


Figure 5.2a. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 13 and a wind speed of 2.5 m/s.

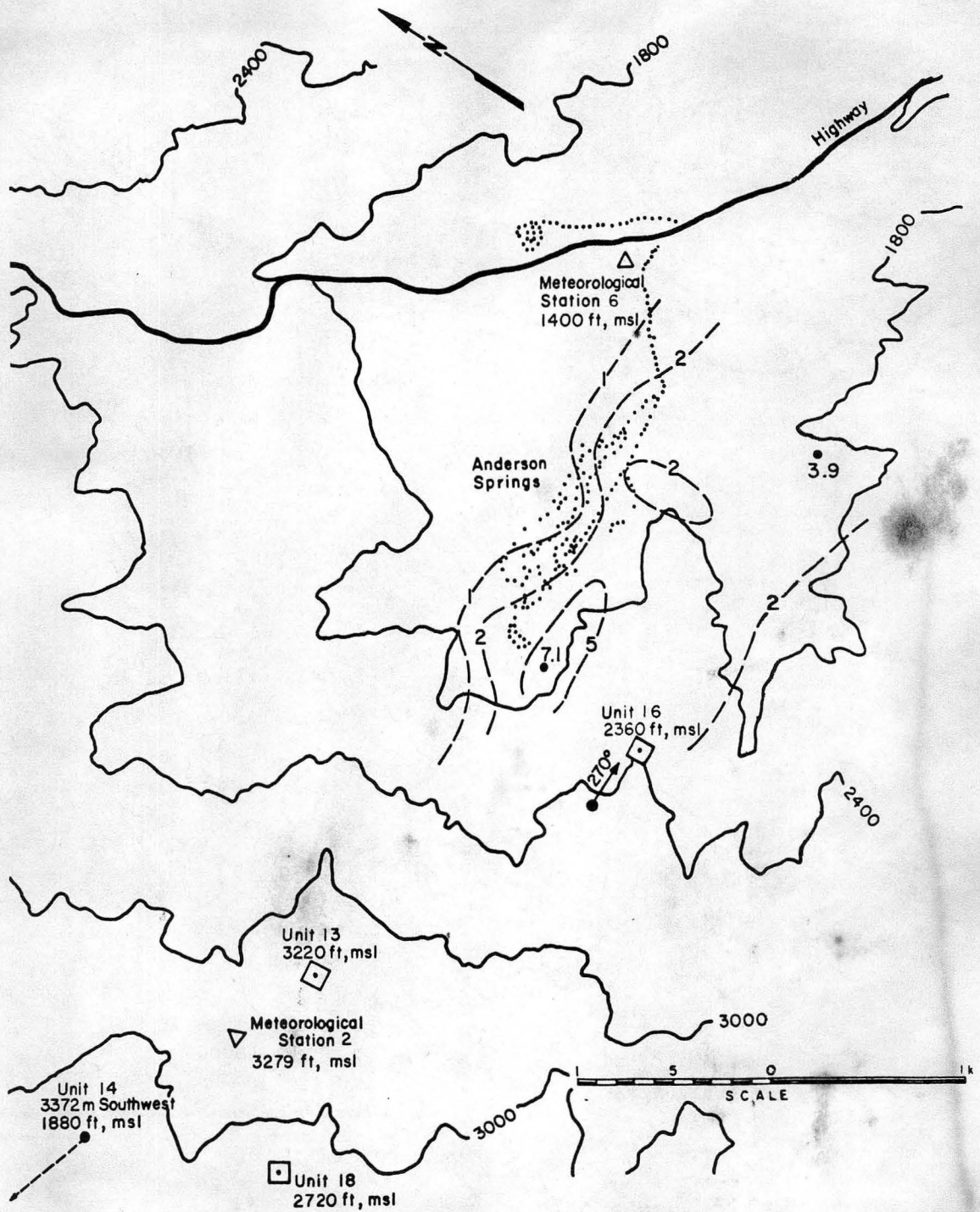


Figure 5.2b. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 13 and a wind speed of 4.1 m/s.

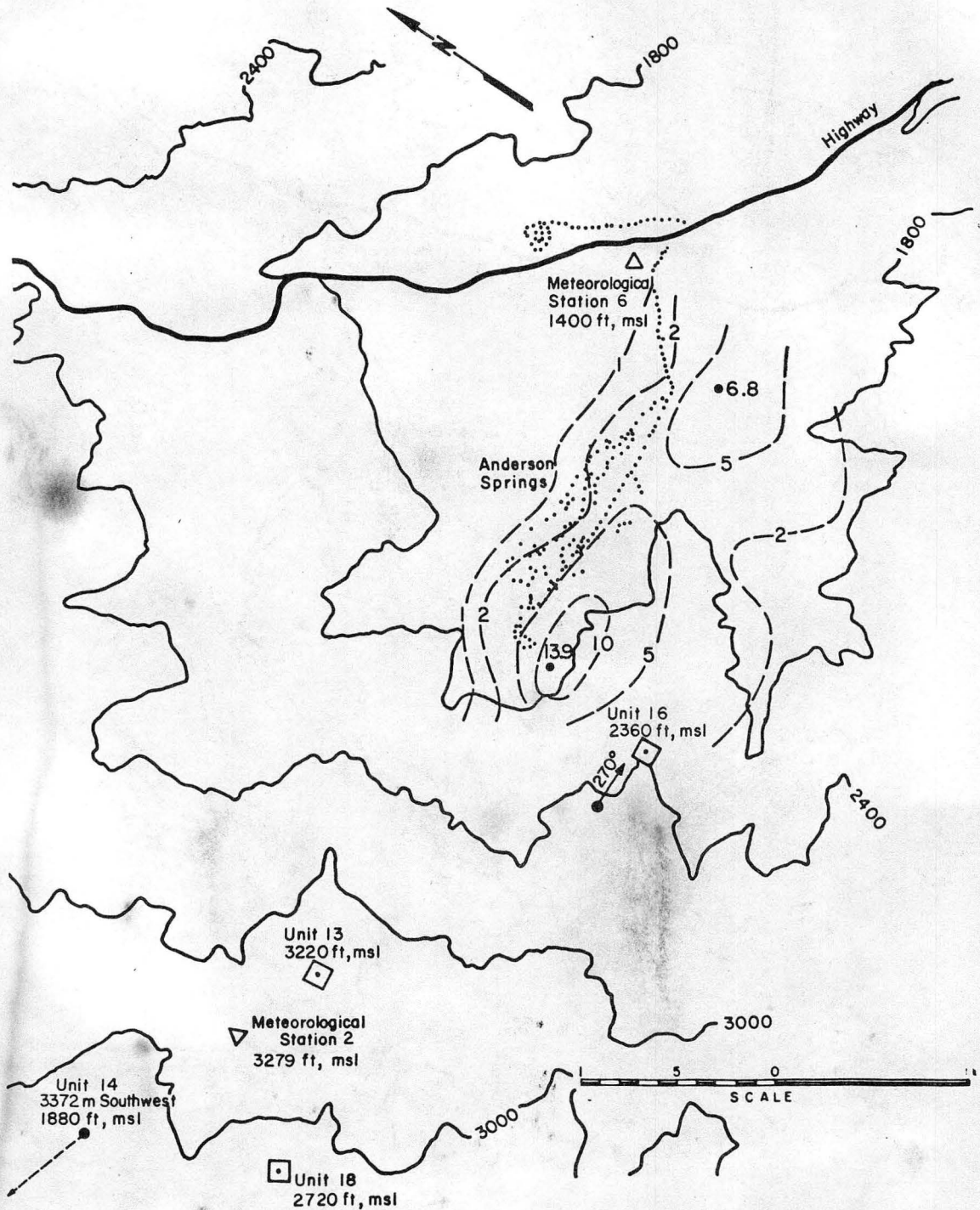


Figure 5.2c. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 13 and a wind speed of 7.8 m/s.

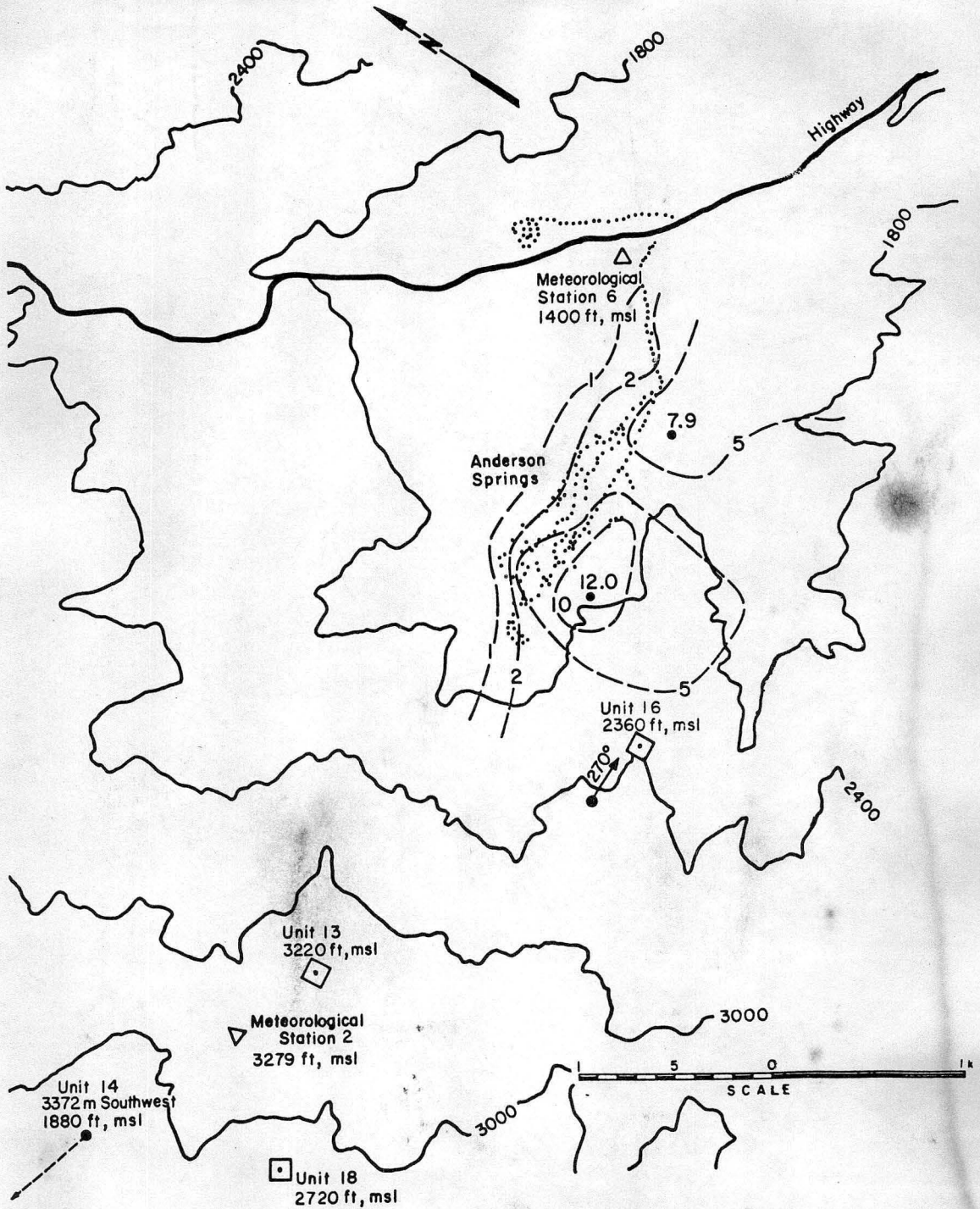


Figure 5.2d. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 13 and a wind speed of 10.9 m/s.

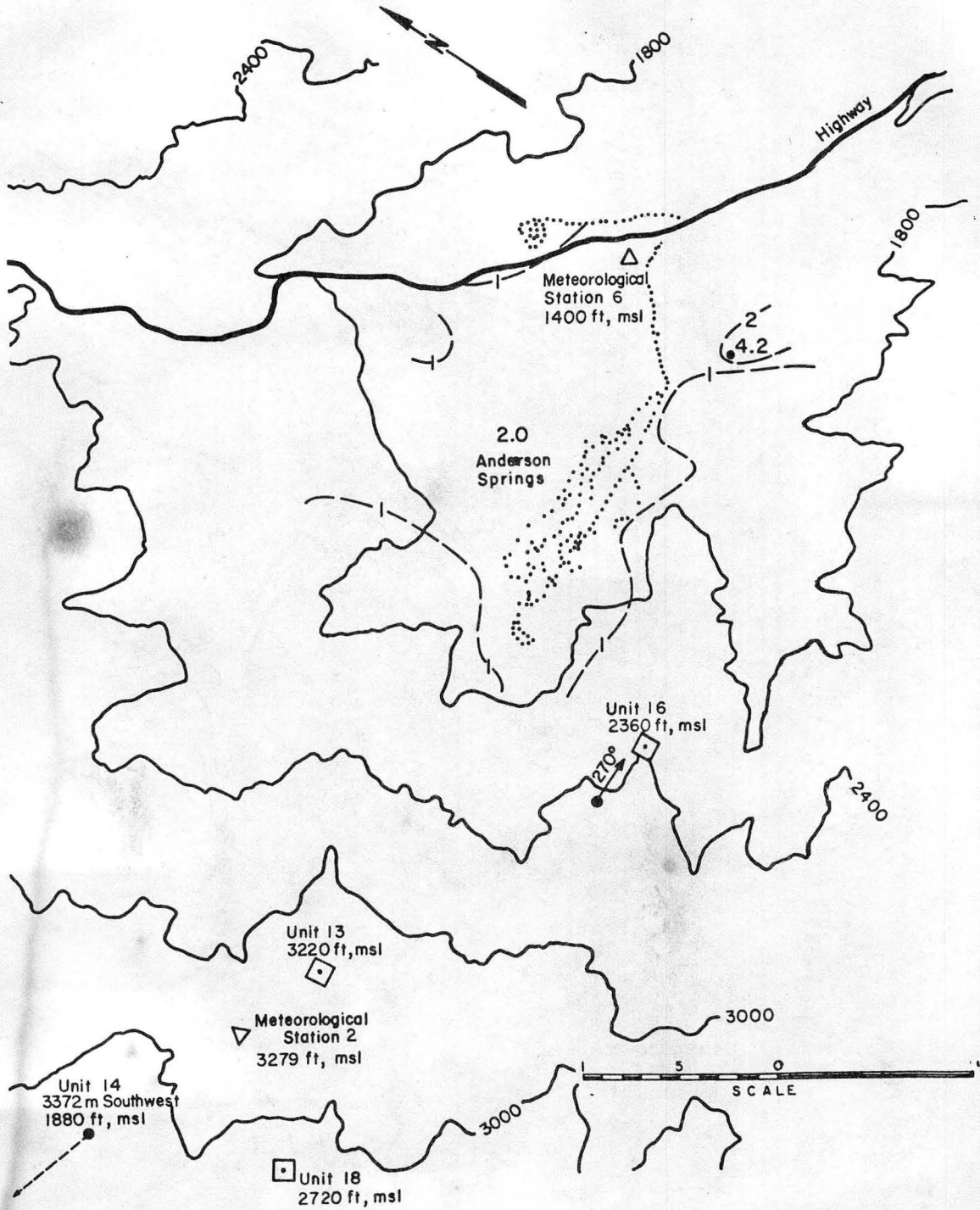


Figure 5.3a. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 14 and a wind speed of 2.5 m/s.

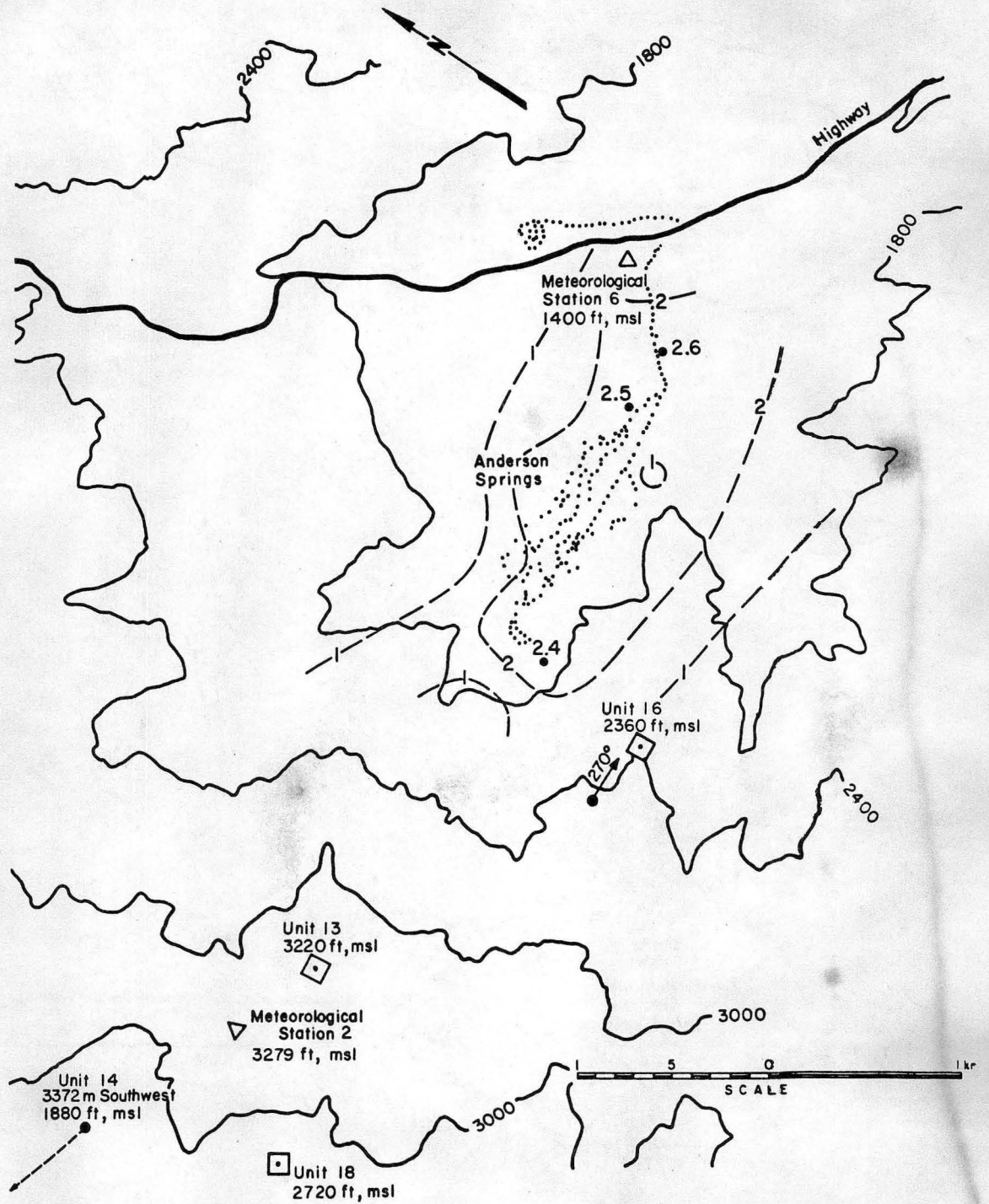


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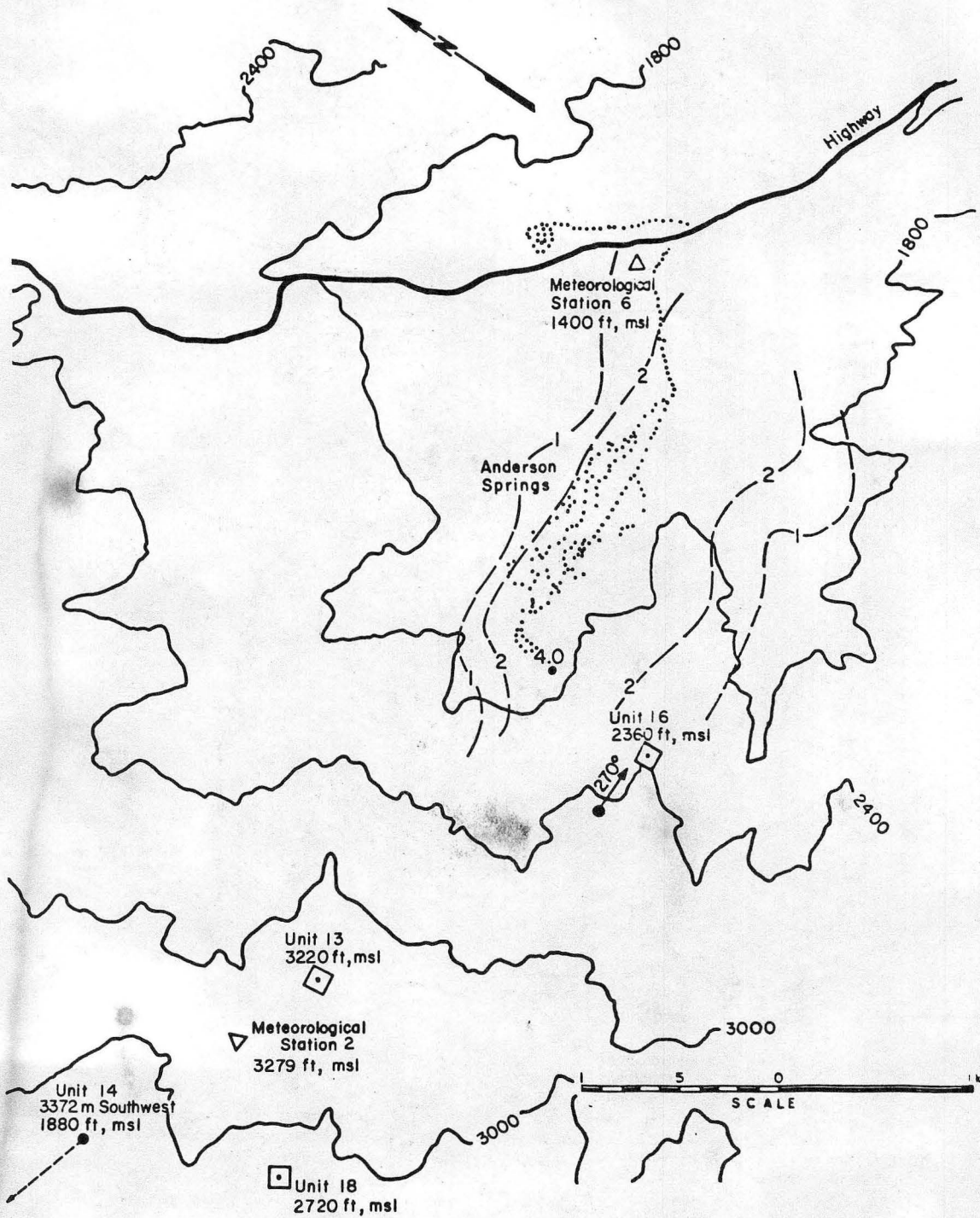


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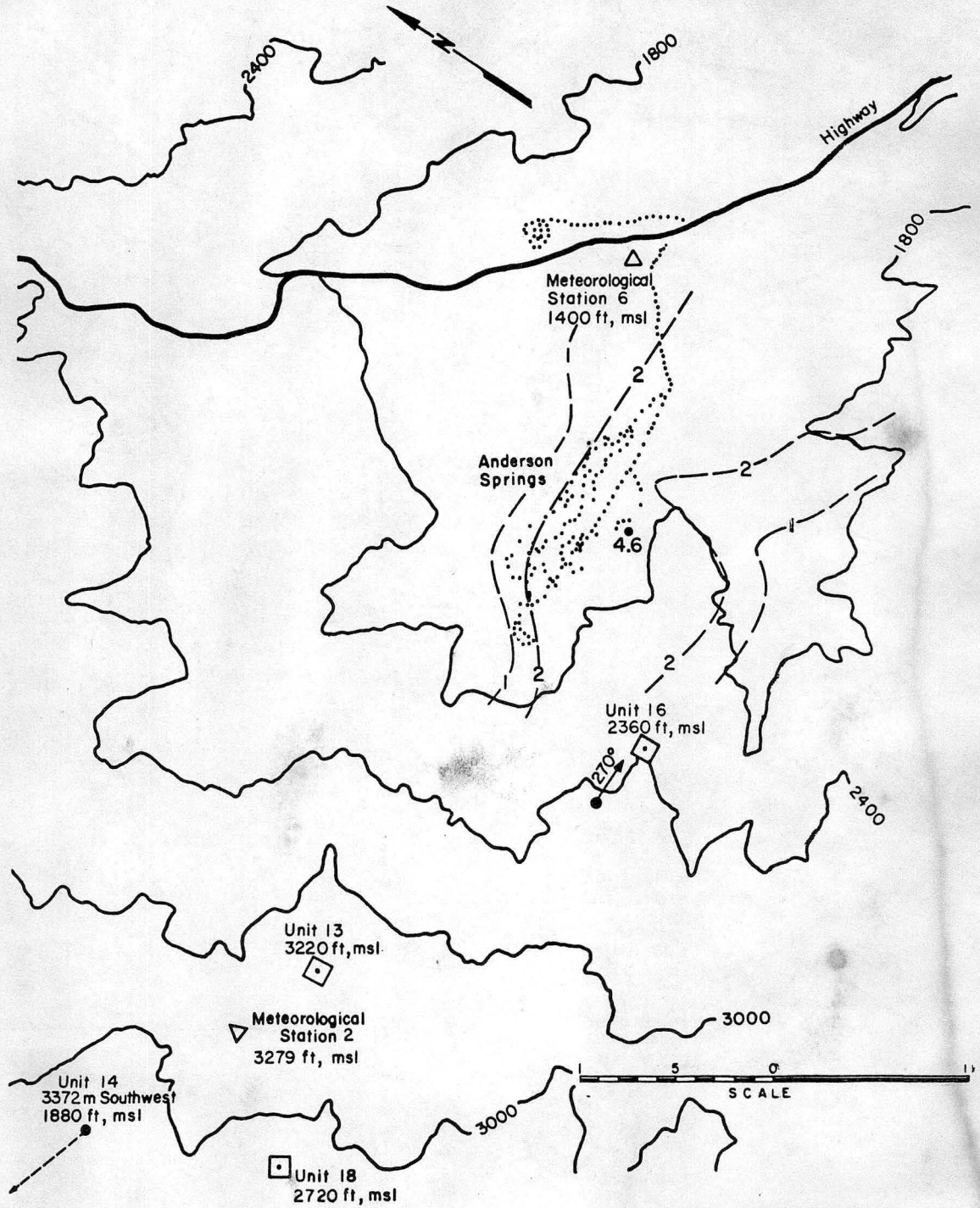


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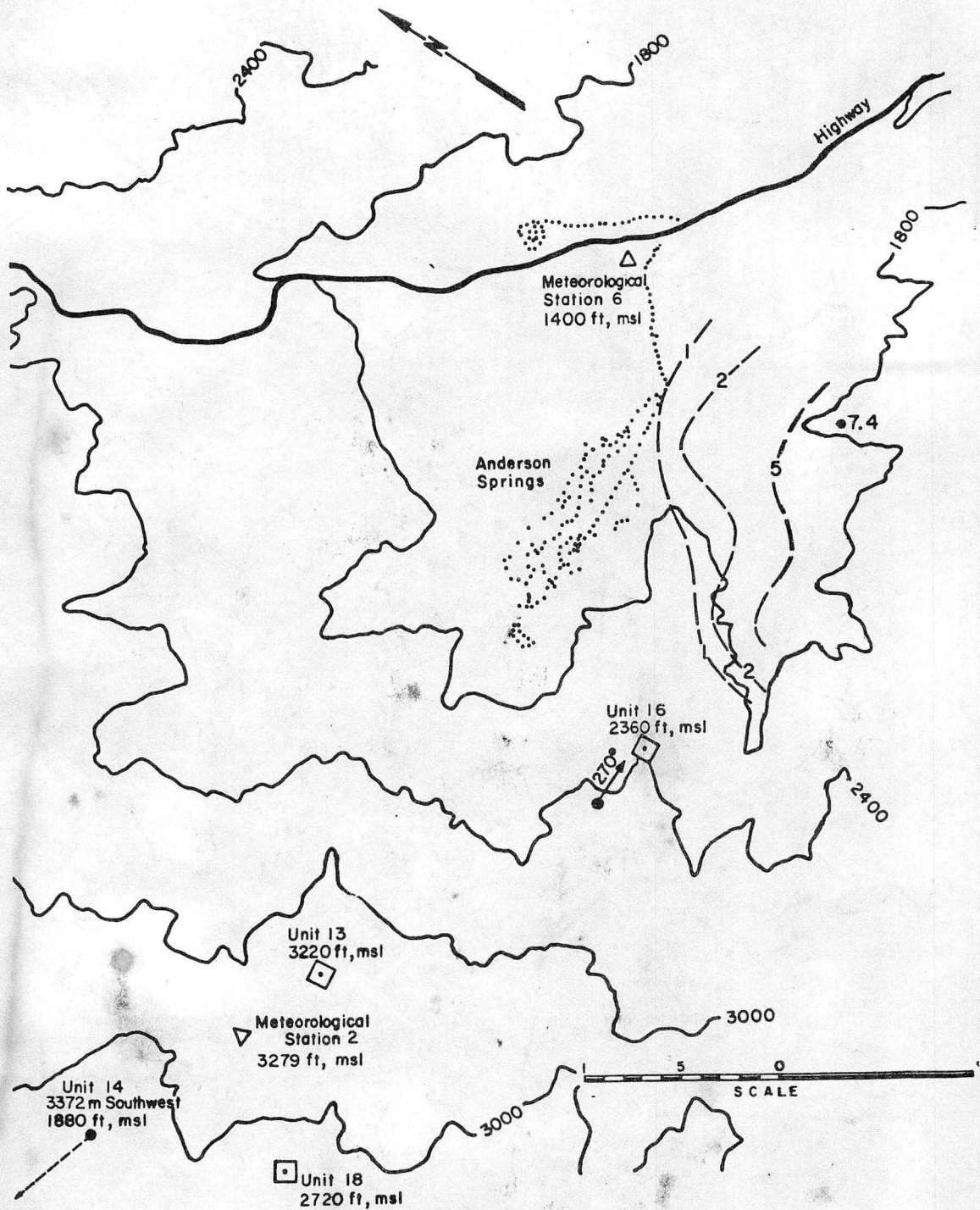


Figure 5-4a. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 16 and a wind speed of 2.5 m/s.

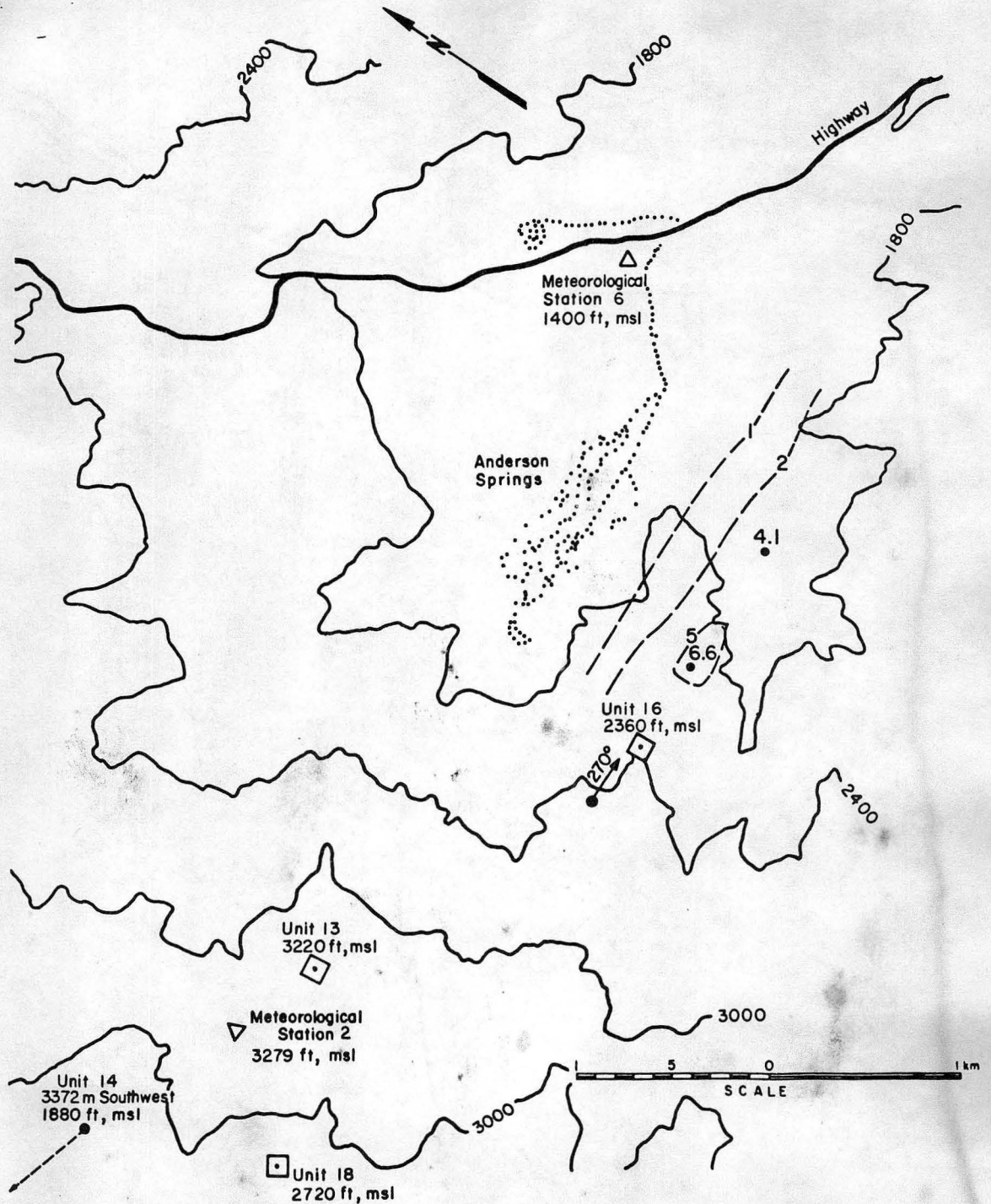


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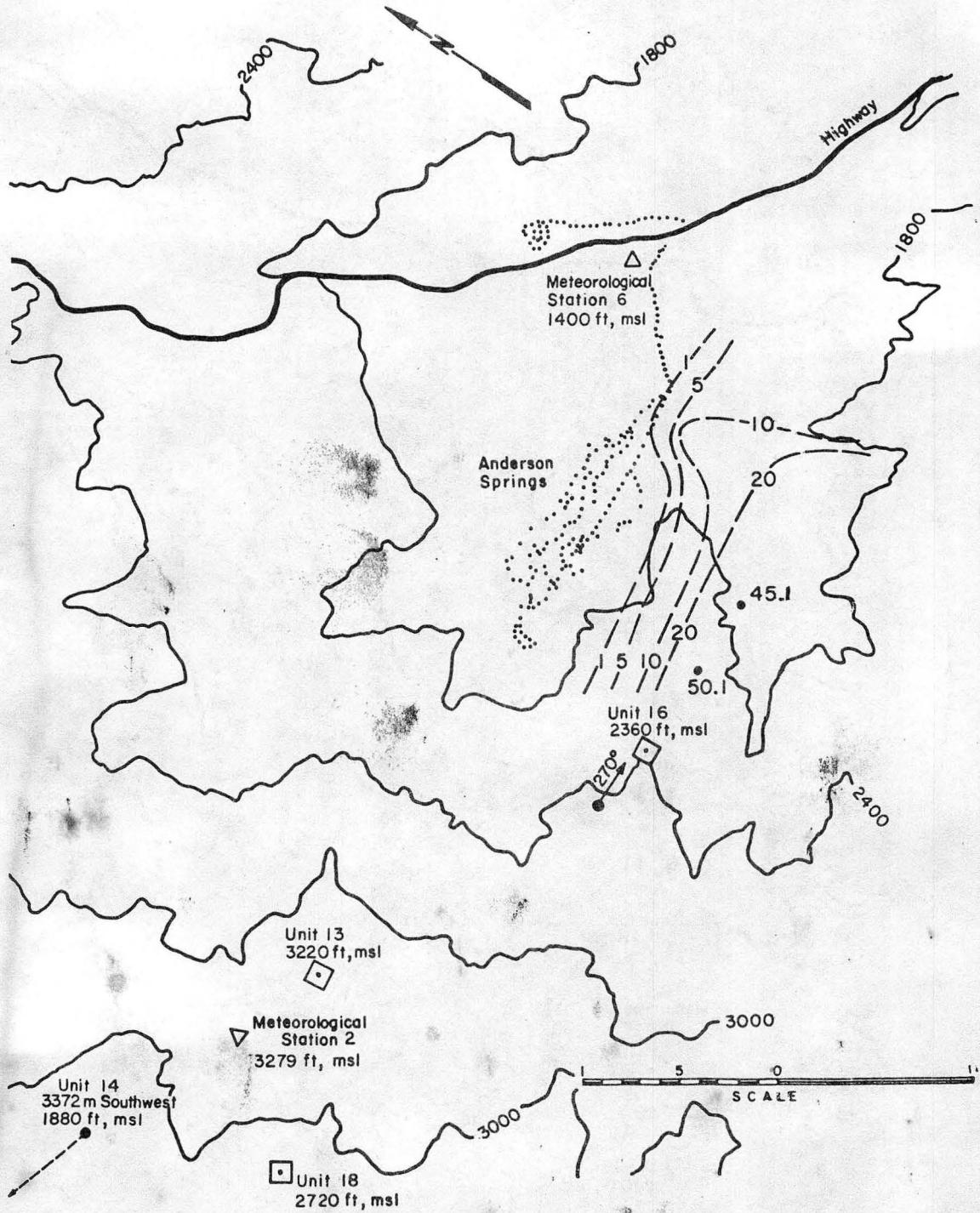


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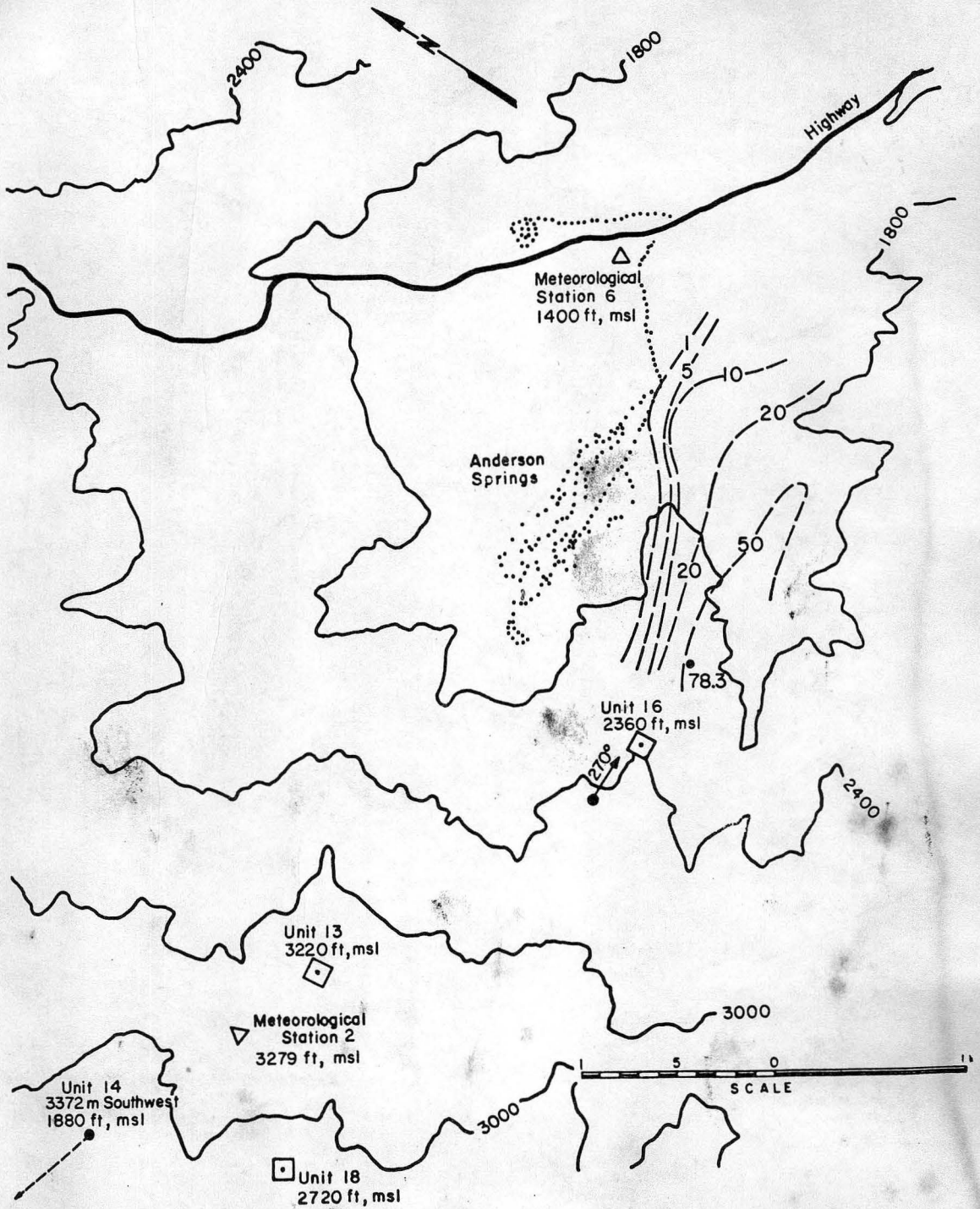


Figure 54.d. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 16 and a wind speed of 10.9 m/s.

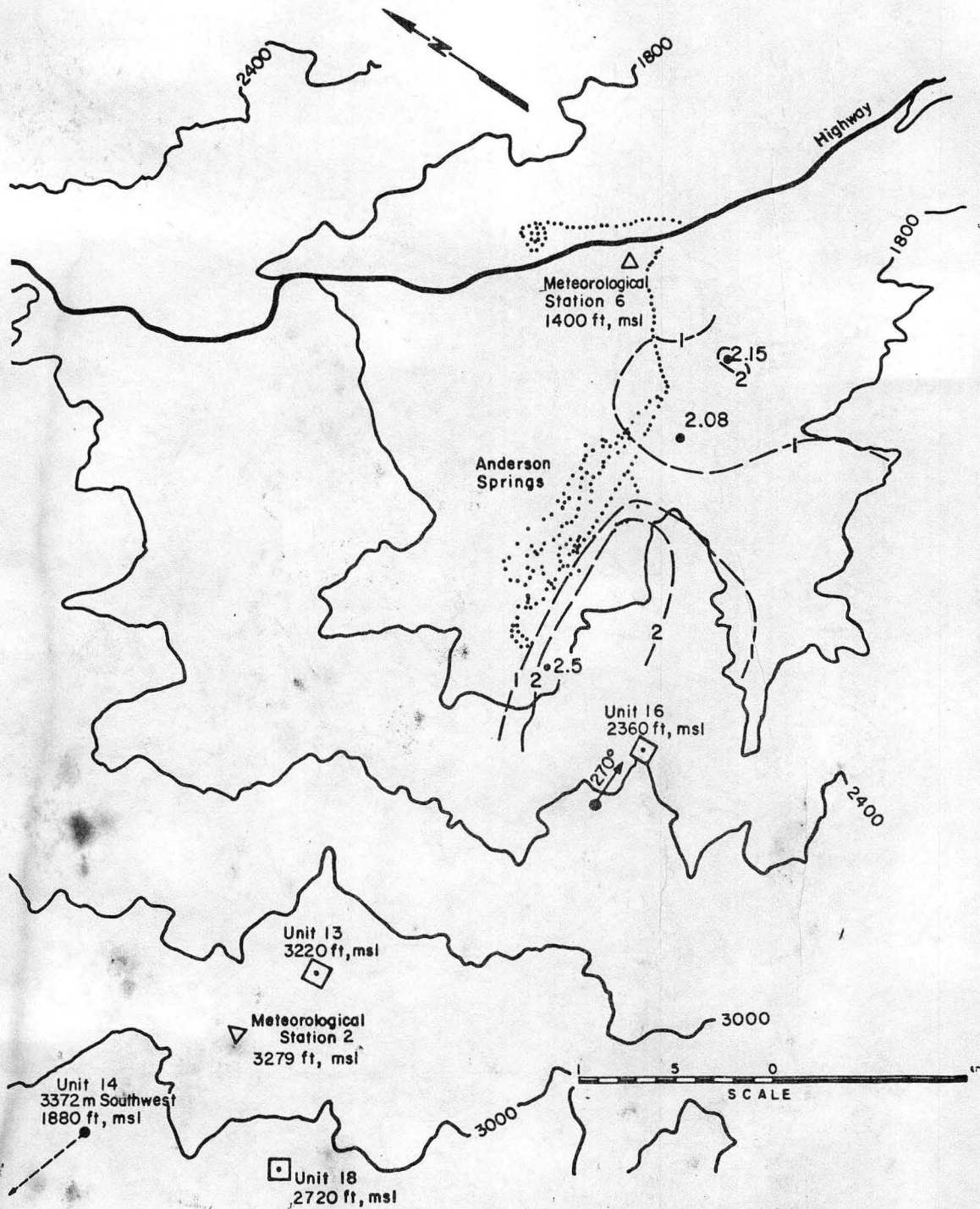


Figure 5.5a. Isopleths ($\times 10^5$) of nondimensional concentration coefficient K for unit 18 and a wind speed of 2.5 m/s.

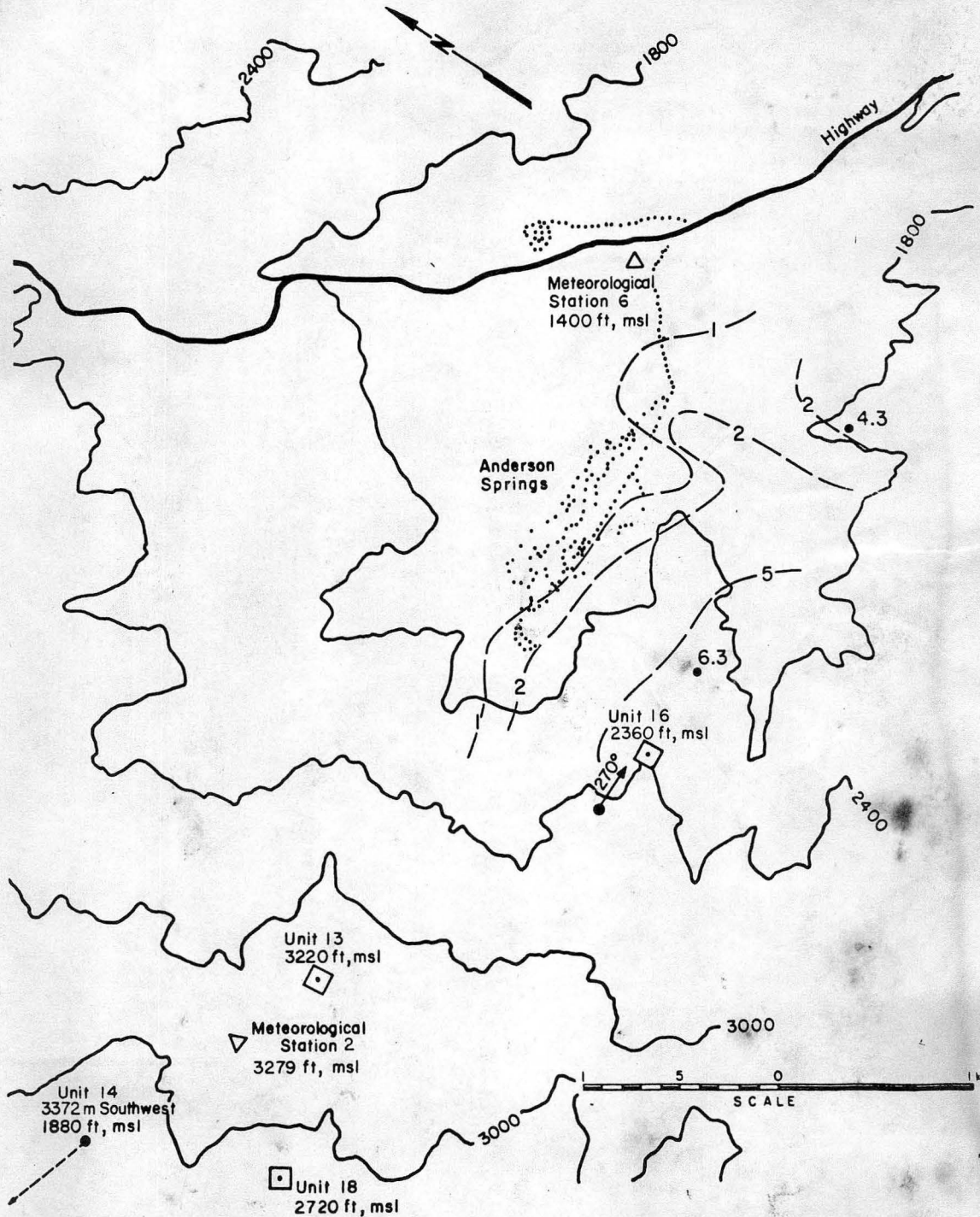


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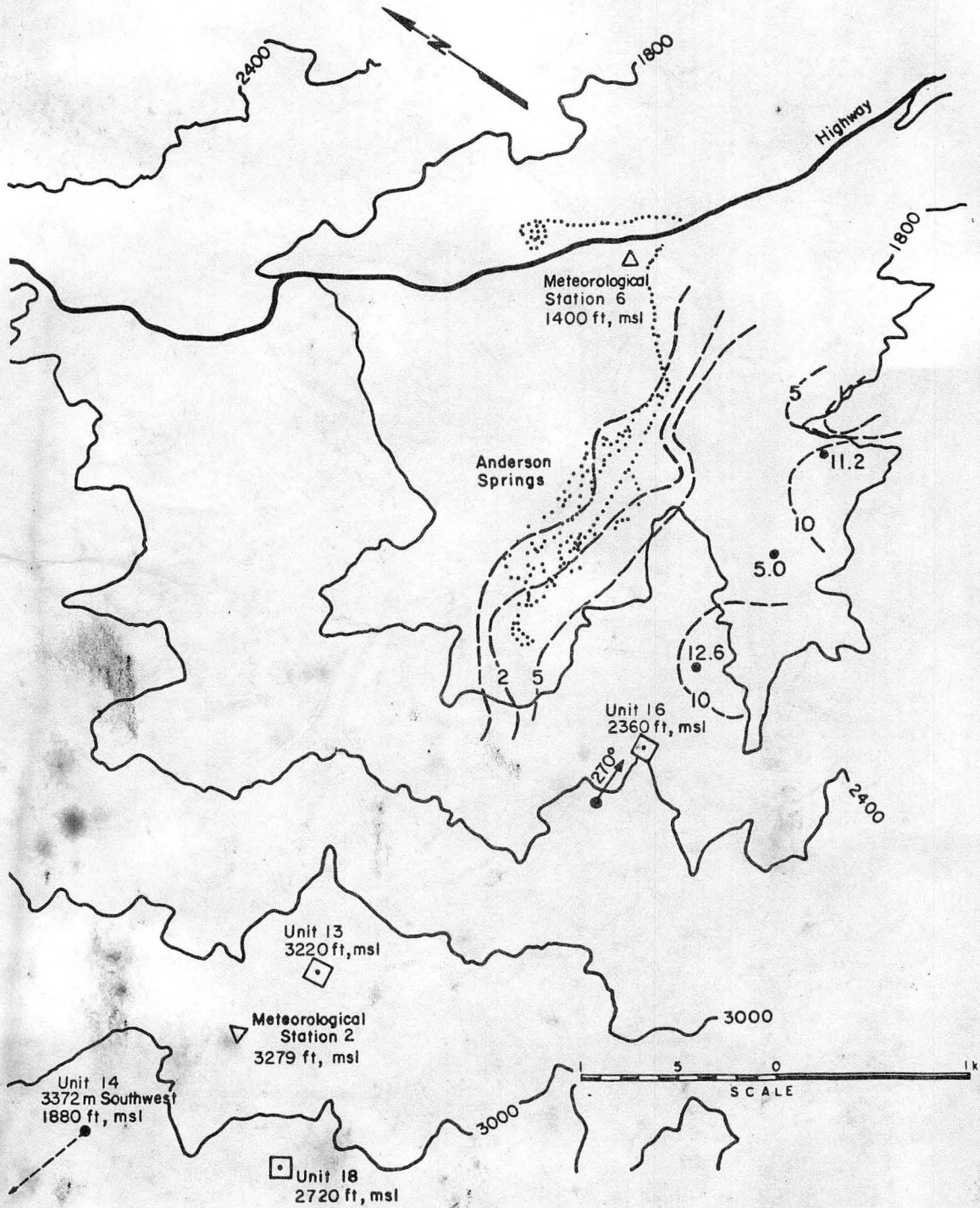


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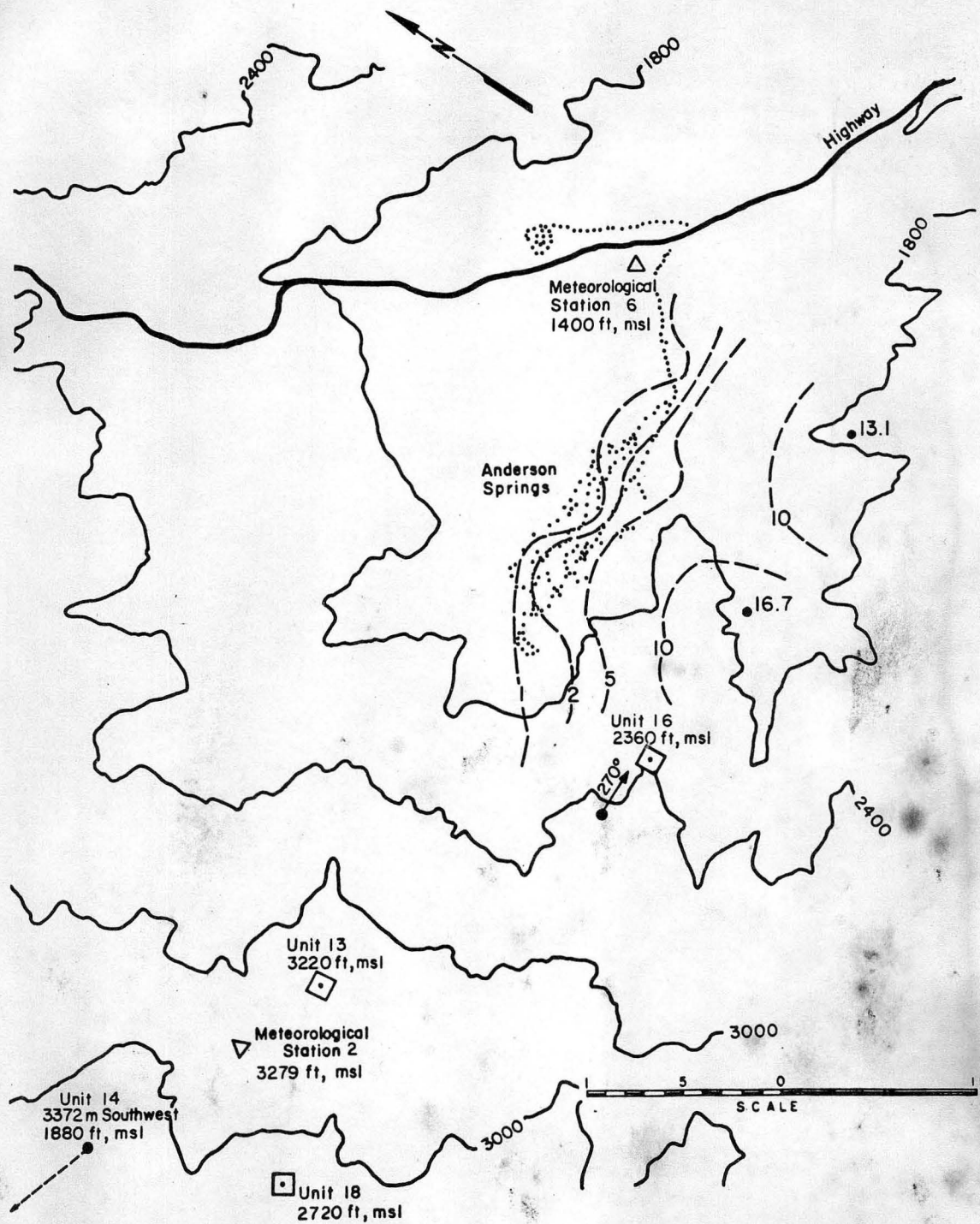


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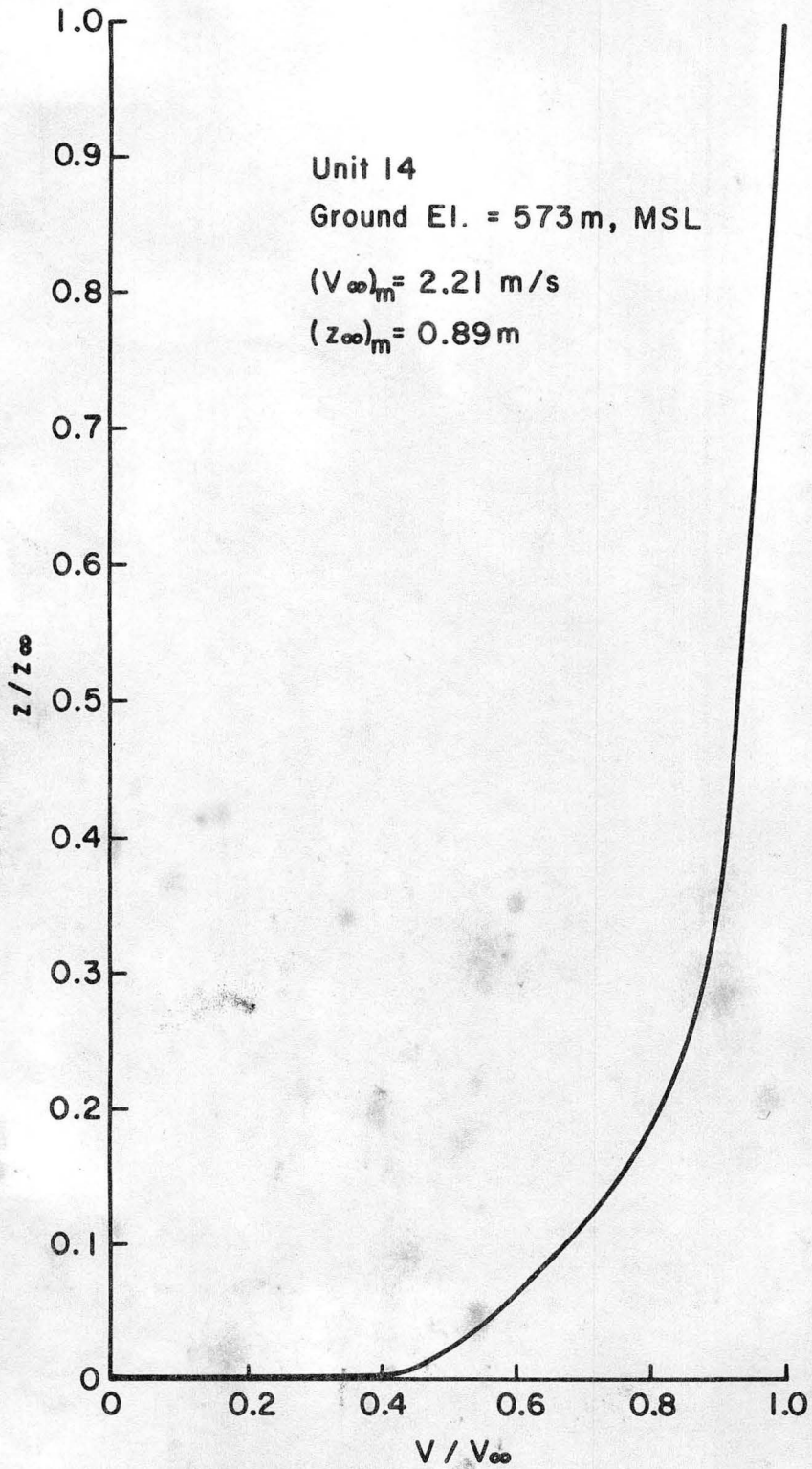


Figure 6.1b. Velocity profile above unit 14.

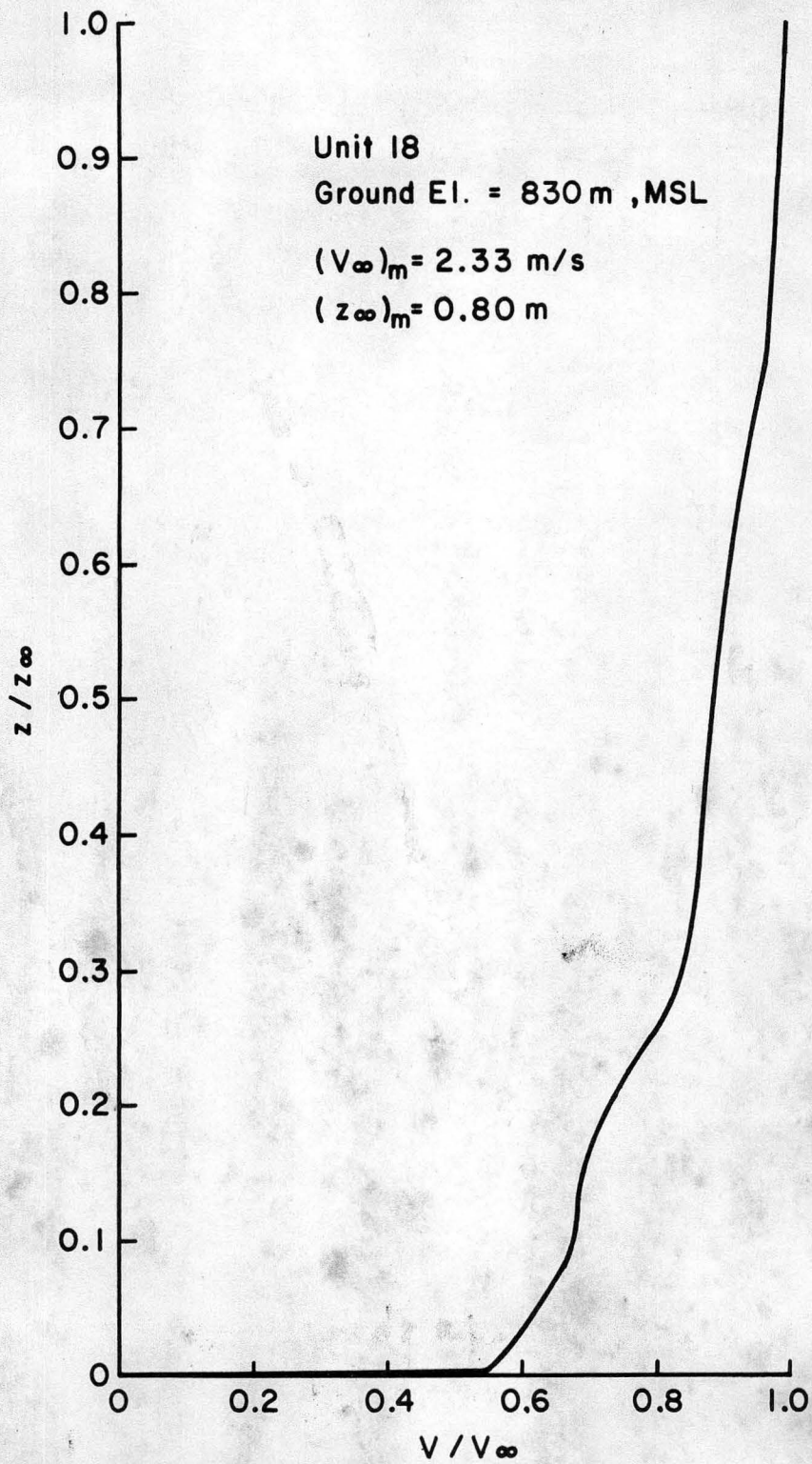


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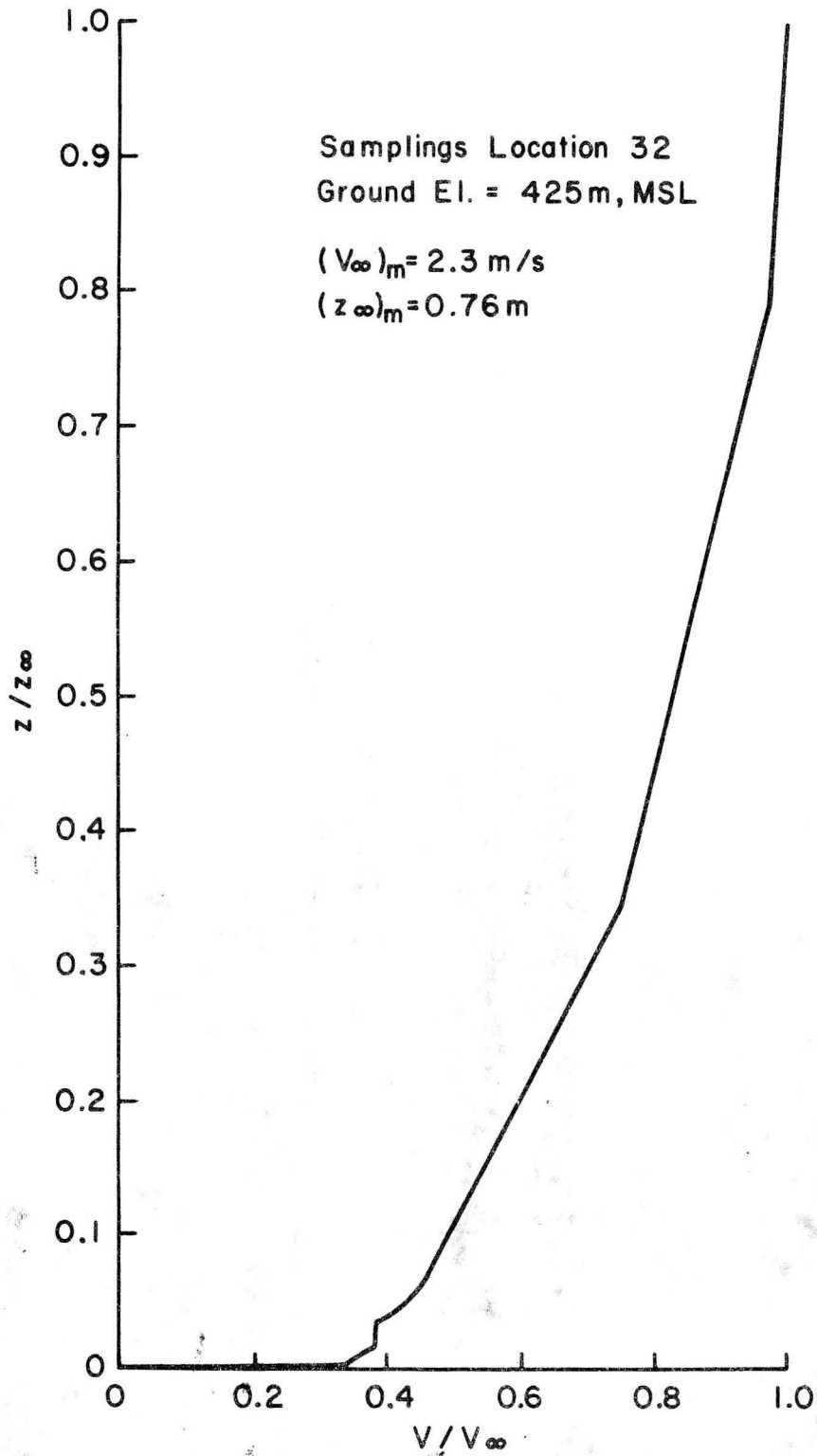


Figure 6.1d. Velocity profile above Anderson Springs (sampling grid location 32).

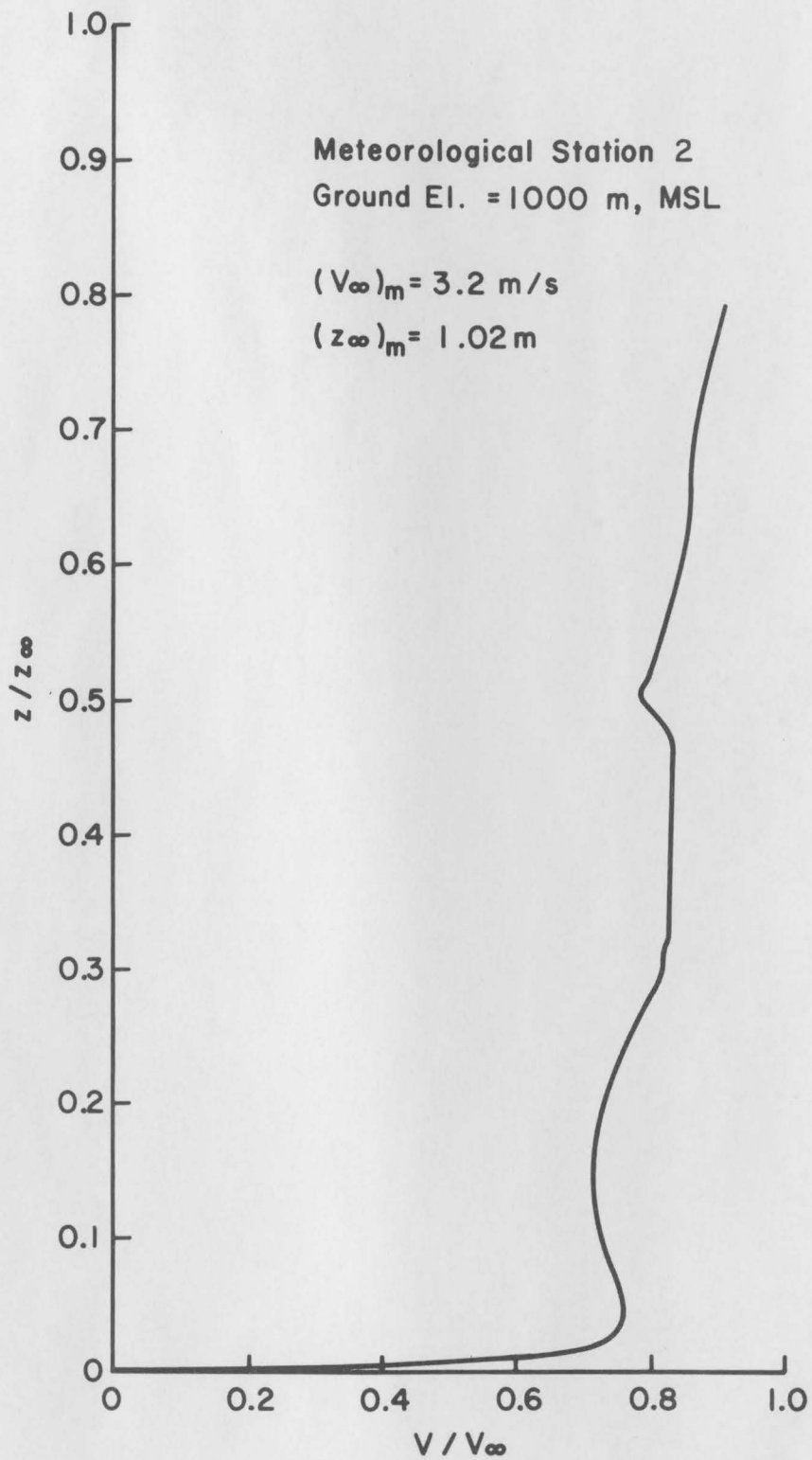


Figure 6.1a. Velocity profile above the meteorological tower, Station 2 (Anderson Ridge).