

Studying the effects of Industrial Wastes on Tigris water in Al- Grea't City-Baghdad-Iraq

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ABSTRACT

Tigris River is one of the main important surface water resources in Iraq. This necessitates continuous study of its quality . The present study is concerned with the characteristics and quality of Tigris water passing through in Baghdad city. (eight) samples were collected from the river in the area Grea't City. The study periods were carried over four season, which has been sampled once represent the every season. First sampling 12-11-2012 represent the autumn season The second sampling 20-1-2013 to represent the winter season. The third in 25-3-2013 to represent the Springer season. The fourth during 29-5-2013 to represent the summer spring season.

In order to specify the water quality, a group of physical and chemical analyses have been conducted. The physical measurements included the temperature, and the Specific electrical Conductance while the chemical analyses included measuring the pH , hardness , Salinity, alkalinity, Total Dissolved Solids(TDS) , and total suspended solids (TSS),Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and measuring the quantity of greases and oils via the gravimetric methods. The chemical analyses also included measuring the anions such as the (Sulphate (SO_4^{-2}), phosphate (pO_4^{-3}) and Nitrate (NO_3^-) by using the techniques of the UV – VIS Spectrophotometer. In order to identify the main cations in the water , the concentration of K^{+2} , Ca^{+2} and Mg^{+2} were measured . The above mentioned analyses varied from using the classical chemical analyses such as titration as in measuring the $[\text{Cl}^- , (\text{HCO}_3^- , \text{Ca}^{+2} , \text{Mg}^{+2})]$ ions. Owing to the importance of assessing the trace and heavy metals in water due to their direct effect on human health and reliability, metals were measured; Flame Atomic Absorption spectrophotometer was used to measure the metals . Also, The correlation coefficients between the quality parameter pairs of the river water samples were calculated in order to indicate the nature and the sources of the polluting substances. All results are not matched with the values of national (Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control) and international except (pH & E.C.) but (HCO_3^- & Mg^{+2} , Ca^{+2}) and heavy metals were matched in some station and not in others.

Keywords: Tigris river ,Industrial Wastes, water pollution, Al- Grea't City-Baghdad-Iraq physicochemical characteristics.

INTRODUCTION

Tigris River is one of the main important surface water resources in Iraq. This necessitates continuous study of its quality. Water pollution is merely pollutants present in water which are harmful for human health as well as for plants and living organism. [1].

Although, water is an absolute necessity for life, there is an inherent health implication in the consumption of contaminated or polluted water. It can lead to many diseases and even death when contaminated with organic and/or chemical pollutants[2].

Natural water contains different concentrations of metals. Some of the different states are soluble in water while others exist in the solid phase. The total concentration of metals in any natural water is the summation of soluble metals and insoluble metals or metals bound to colloids [3]. Toxic metals, including "heavy metals" are individual metals and

metal compounds that negatively affect people's health. However, some metals are necessary in small amount to support life, although in larger amounts, they become toxic.

Environmentally, heavy metals are of great concern. They are toxic to the all-living beings.

They are often discharged through the industrial and urban wastes into the water. Once present in water or soil, it is difficult to get rid of them [4].

Nitrates and nitrites have also been linked to cancer as possible etiological factors, but the evidence thus far is inconclusive (4). Nitrates are not just a problem for human health; domestic animals may also be adversely affected by high NO_3 concentrations in drinking water. Many plants and feeds are naturally high in NO_3 . If well water contaminated with NO_3 is also given to animals, NO_3 poisoning is possible, particularly in ruminants such as cows or sheep[5].

The aim of this study is to examine the water quality analyses were carried out according to Standard of River and the correlations between different tested parameters were also discussed. The results of the study will also serve as baseline data for water quality study in the Local Government Area and Baileys State in the future.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Area:

Eight sites were chosen, shown in Fig. 1. and Fig. 2 water passing through in Baghdad city. (eight) samples were collected from the river in the area Grea't City fixed stations as shown in Fig. 1. The study periods were carried over four season, which has been sampled once every season. The first sampling 12-11-2012 represent the autumn season. The second during 20-1-2013 to represent the winter season. The third in 25-3-2013 to represent the summer season. The fourth during 29-5-2013 to represent the summer spring season. The water samples were collected from the subsurface layer in stopper polyethylene plastic bottles.

Physico-Chemical Analyses: [6].

Field parameters (temperature, pH, electric conductivity (EC), total dissolved solids ,and were measured in-situ using multi-probe system HACH and rechecked in laboratory, Turbidity was measured by Nephelometric turbidity meter, Chemical Oxygen Demand(COD) and measuring the quantity of greases and oils via the gravimetric methods. The chemical analyses also included measuring the anions such as the (Sulphate (SO_4^{-2}), phosphate (pO_4^{-3}) and Nitrate (NO_3^-) by using the techniques of the UV – VIS Spectrophotometer type (Shimadzu UV- 160A). In order to identify the main cations in the water , the concentration of K^{+2} , Ca^{+2} and Mg^{+2} were measured. The above mentioned analyses varied from using the classical chemical analyses such as titration as in measuring the (Cl^- , (HCO_3^- , Ca^{+2} , Mg^{+2}) Ions

Owing to the importance of assessing the trace and heavy metals in water due to their direct effect on human health and reliability, metals were measured; Flame Atomic Absorption spectrophotometer type (Shimadzu A.A-160A) Atomic Absorption/Flame Emission Spectrophotometer. was used to measure the metals .

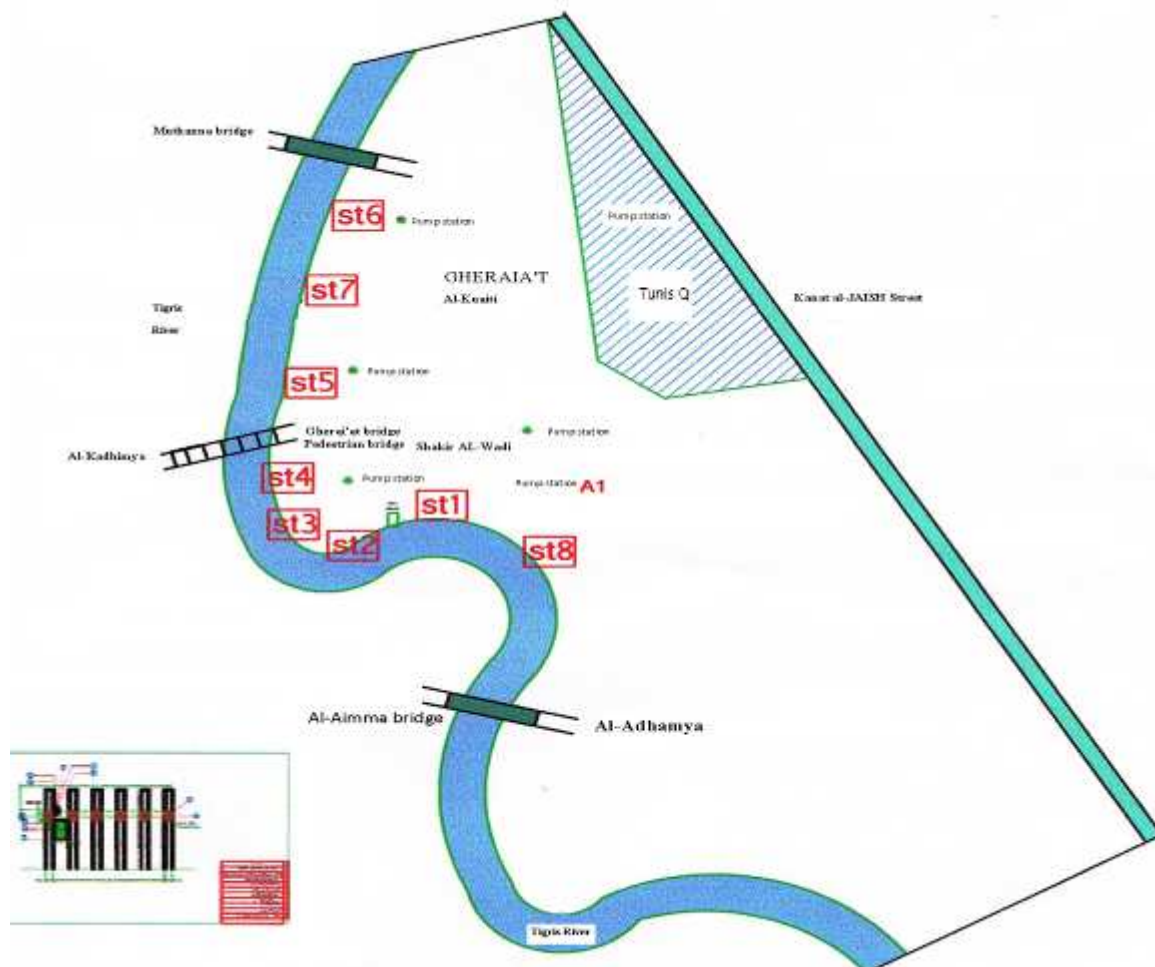


Figure 1. Map of the study area. of Tigris water in Al- Grea't City-Baghdad-Iraq



Figure 2. photo showing the sampling locations.

ESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the physico-chemical analysis of the water samples are presented in Tables 1,2,3 and 4. Four months average was taken. the temperature Air(16-40) degree Celsius ° C, Water temperature showed a noticeable seasonal trends with a lowest value (15.1 ° C) recorded in winter and a highest (34°C) in summer. Water temperature showed a positive one with air temperature during most seasons (Tables 1-4). This indicates that air temperature plays an important role for the heat budget of the Tigris water., (pH) range were (7.3-7.5) in the alkaline side Small local differences were observed with no clear seasonal variations. pH showed a negative [7-8].correlation with most studied parameter, Freshly distilled water has a conductivity of 0.5–2 μS/cm, and this value increases up to about 4μS/cm due to absorption of carbon dioxide and, to a lesser extent, ammonia from the atmosphere. For surface water, the conductivity is typically within the range 50–1000 μS/cm [9].Electrical Conductivity (EC) range were (710.00- 1972.00) μs., 0.05<P with significant difference in relation to sites. This

is higher than that value of WHO guidelines(ie) 1000 μs . EC is an indicator of water quality and soil salinity, hence the relatively high values observed in some water samples show high salinity; thus the water may not be very suitable for domestic and agricultural use. [10] The mean value of total dissolved solids(TDS) was 760.87-892.50 mg/l. The values obtained for TDS is where more than WHO standard of 1000mg/l for the discharge of wastewater into surface water.

Chemical Oxygen Demand is the measure of amount of oxygen required to breakdown both organic and inorganic matters. The COD value of the sample was recorded as 8.00-490.00/l. Std. Deviation(54.82-166.6). This samples values was less than that of WHO guidelines value of 1000 mg/l. [11] It showed positive correlation with many parameters like, for instance, Cl^- , SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^{1-} , Na, K, Ca and Mg ,during most seasons (Tables 1-4 & 5),

which constitute the major anions and cations present in the Tigris water and mean SAR & Class water as (Us salinity) in the water samples (Table 6).Trace amounts of minerals such as Na, Ca, and Mg were presented above than WHO recommended level in(Table 5).The presence of Na, Ca and Mg in excess makes water unfit for irrigation since its application increase problems of soils salinity and its permeability determination to crop plants[12-13]. The World Health Organization (WHO)International Standard for Drinking Water (1998) [14]. <50 mg/L as soft water, 50 to 150 mg/L as moderately hard water and water hardness above 150 mg/L as hard CaCO_3 . As sifted water with a total hardness of CaCO_3 Based on this classifications, all the water samples analysis are moderately hard water, thus the waters are suitable for domestic use in terms of hardness. Chloride concentrations varied between 16.07 to 29.54 mg/l^{-1} . The chloride concentrations possessed a good positive relationship with most anions and cations. Sulphate showed a behavior similar to that of Cl^- . [7-8]Lead is a metal that has been used for a long period of time, for example in batteries, ammunition and alloying elements. The metal can cause toxic effects in humans and animals and is also an inhibitory substance for microbiological degradation processes. Chromium is a transition element located in group VI the periodic table and the most toxic form, the hexavalent Cr(VI),is usually associated with oxygen to form the chromate (CrO_4^{2-})or dichromate ($\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$; [15-17].Removal of Cr (VI) can be done by adsorption on a non-toxic natural substance [18].

[6] **Table (1)** Physico chemical characters were analyzed by using standard methods

	Location		1	2	3	4	5	Methods
	Date		autumn 2012/11/12					
NO.	Physico-chemical parameters	UNIT TEST						
1	Temperatur	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	30	30	30	30	30-36	Thermo-meter
2	PH		6.63	6.97	6.72	6.92	6.91	PH-meter
3	Conductivity	$\mu\text{s}/\text{cm}$	1130	885	1100	1340	1460	Conductivity-meter
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	230	92	8500	704	284	Colourmetric
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	204	57	205	208	210	Gravimetric
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	688	592	690	776	785	Gravimetric
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	121	92	105	112	125	Titration
8	Nitrate as NO_3	mg/l	7.9	23.9	22.6	7.08	7.9	Turbidimetric
9	Phosphate as PO_4	mg/l	3.85	5.04	4.40	4.70	5.46	Colourmetric
10	Sulfate as SO_4	mg/l	245	183	209	276	290	Colourmetric
11	Lead pb	mg/l	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Atomic-absorption
12	Cr	mg/l	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Atomic-absorption
13	Cu	mg/l	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Atomic-absorption
14	Ni	mg/l	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	Atomic-apsorption
15	Fe	mg/l	0.0	0.02	0.02	0.0	0.02	Atomic-absorption
16	Cd	mg/l	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.0	Atomic-absorption
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	72	-	-	-	24	Gravimetric

	Location		6Station	7Station	8Station	mean	Standard Deviation for 8-stations	
	Date		autumn 2012/11/12					
NO.	Physico-chemical parameters	UNIT TEST						
1	Temperatur	°C	32	32	32	32		
2	PH		7.43	7.11	7.45	7.2	0.29	
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	807	02.0	994	1102	235.00	
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	32	86	48	1102	235	
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	58	315	60	168.00	91.42	
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	448	1810	658	804.62	420.36	
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	71	145	79	106.25	24.76	
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	4.8	13.8	4.25	11.52	7.79	
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	BDL	4.33	BDL	4.63	0.56	
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	176	304	183	233.25	52.24	
11	Lead pb	mg/l	0.0	ND	ND			
12	Cr	mg/l	0.0	ND	ND			
13	Cu	mg/l	0.0	ND	ND			
14	Ni	mg/l	0.0	ND	0.01			
15	Fe	mg/l	0.2	0.10	0.04			
16	Cd	mg/l	0.0	0.01	0.0			
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	-	40	-	45.33	24.44	

Table (2) Physico chemical characters were analyzed by using standard methods[6]

	Location		Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Statio 4n	Station 5	Methods
	Date		winter season 2013/1/20					
NO.	parameter	UNIT TEST						
1	Temperatur	°C	19	19	19	19	19	Thermo-meter
2	PH		7.81	7.03	7.24	7.04	7.20	PH-meter
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	1650	927	1360	1149	970	Conductivity-meter
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	553	242	316	512	430	Colourmetric
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	262	189	336	214	185	Gravimetric
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	950	830	702	662	588	Gravimetric
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	159	99	158	145	112	Titration
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	4.98	4.49	4.96	4.68	2.39	Turbiditimetric
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	8.27	1.2	4.55	4.89	3.67	Colourmetic
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	588	243	553	311	255	Colourmetic
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Atomic-absorption
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	0.03	ND	ND	Atomic-absorption
13	Cu	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Atomic-absorption
14	Ni	mg/l	0.01	ND	ND	ND	0.02	Atomic-apsorption
15	Fe	mg/l	ND	0.011	0.02	0.010	ND	Atomic-absorption
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Atomic-absorption
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	49.6	72	80	342	57.6	Gravimetric

	Location		6Station	7Station	8Station	mean	Standard Deviation for 8-stations	
	Date		winter 2013 /1/20					
NO.	parameter	UNIT TEST						
1	Temperatur	°C	19	19	19	19	19.5	
2	PH		7.40	6.92	7.50	7.34	0.25	
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	907	1530	1972	1308.12	388.28	
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	138	304	382	395.62	0.427	
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	151	490	354	272.62	113.95	
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	586	862	1330	1308	388.28	
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	145	118	184	140.00	28.33	
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	6.34	7.38	5.2	5.09	1.48	
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	0.83	5.86	5.69	106.71	291.04	
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	181	255	540	365.75	165.42	
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND			
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	0.01			
13	Cu	mg/l	ND	ND	ND			
14	Ni	mg/l	ND	ND	ND			
15	Fe	mg/l	ND	ND	ND			
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND			
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	91	115	66	109.15	96.27	

Table (3) Physico chemical characters were analyzed by using standard methods[6]

Location		1Station	Station 2	3Station	4Station	Station 5	Methods
	Date		Springer 2013/3/25				
NO.	Physico-chemical parameters	UNIT TEST					
1	Temperatur	°C	21	21	21	20	21
2	PH		6.65	7.05	7.11	7.68	6.77
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	1378	1005	1855	1150	1518
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	168	266	898	370	740
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	65	157	45	31	112
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	986	726	988	826	1006
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	145	80	132	79	107
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	18.5	16.4	8.3	3.22	5.23
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	3.55	1.77	8.56	3.7	5.9
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	218	221	230	281	249
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	0.03	ND	ND
13	Cu	mg/l	0.01	ND	ND	ND	ND
14	Ni	mg/l	0.01	1.46	0.11	0.54	ND
15	Fe	mg/l	0.52	0.011	0.02	0.010	ND
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	8	2.9	-	-	20

	Location		Station6	7 Station	8Station	mean	Standard Deviation for 8-stations
	Date		Springer 2013/3/25				
NO.	parameter	UNIT TEST					
1	Temperature	°C	21	21	21		
2	PH		7.09	6.84	7.42	7.03	0.40,
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	2000	967	801	1334.25	432.87
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	846	100	358		
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	35	16	10	60.85	54.82
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	1382	674	552	892.50	258.06
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	126	72	77	102.25	29.00
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	13.0	18	20	12.83	6.47
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	4.7	2.9	3.6	4.33	2.09
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	400	198	183	247.50	68.52
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
13	Cu	mg/l	ND	ND	0.01		
14	Ni	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
15	Fe	mg/l	0.18	ND	0.16		
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	28	13.6	-	12.70	20.14

Table (4) Physico chemical characters were analyzed by using standard methods[6]

			1Station	2Station	Station 3	4Station	5Station
	Date		summer 2013/ 5 / 29				
NO.	parameter	UNIT TEST					
1	Temperatur	°C	29	30	30	28	28
2	PH		6.47	6.67	6.47	6.69	6.68
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	1329	1170	1052	1150	1116
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	112	1844	13230	292	1948
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	129	480	315	193	408
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	772	640	660	760	918
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	139	119	112	139	208
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	2.29	4.43	4.43	3.95	4.74
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	3.79	4.896	6.12	4.75	12.7
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	218	221	230	281	249
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	0.02	ND	ND
13	Cu	mg/l	0.01	ND	ND	ND	ND
14	Ni	mg/l	ND	0.03	ND	0.024	ND
15	Fe	mg/l	0.047	0.010	0.02	0.010	ND
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	2.8	2.0	30.4	0	56

	Location		6Station	Station 7	Station 8	mean	Standard Deviation for 8-stations
	Date		summer 2013/5/29				
NO.		UNIT TEST					
1	Temperatur	°C	30	27	29		
2	PH		7.09	7.42	6.69	6.77	0.32
3	Conductivity	µs/cm	710	9.5	1815	1155	324.86
4	Total suspended solids (T.S.S)	mg/l	162	174	208	1155.87	324.86
5	Chemical oxygen deamaned (COD)	mg/l	80	78	129	217.50	166.61
6	Total dissolve solids (T.D.S)	mg/l	470	644	1223	760	370.5
7	Chloride as Cl	mg/l	60	109	159	130.62	42.87
8	Nitrate as NO ₃	mg/l	5.90	5.90	11.97	5.4513	2.871
9	Phosphate as PO ₄	mg/l	4.65	5.66	6.0	6.07	2.78
10	Sulfate as SO ₄	mg/l	196	2.1	400	246.12	70.27
11	Lead pb	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
12	Cr	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
13	Cu	mg/l	ND	ND	0.02		
14	Ni	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
15	Fe	mg/l	0.12	0.02	0.20		
16	Cd	mg/l	ND	ND	ND		
17	Oil and Grease	mg/l	0	3.6	6.8	12.70	20.14

Table (5) Hardness , (HCO₃⁻¹) , % Na, SAR, Turbidity(NTU)
 (cat ions (Na, k, Mg, Ca), in winter and summer

NO.	%Na	SAR	Na	k	Mg	Ca	(HCO ₃ ⁻¹)	Hardness mg.l ⁻¹ CaCO ₃	NTU
	$\%Na = \frac{Na \times 100}{Na + K + Mg + Ca}$								
	winter								
1	31.34	5.70	34.8	1.7	53.808	20.7	233	273	16.1
2	31.94	6.39	42.5	2.3	63.536	24.7	363	323	20.3
3	33.18	6.16	37.2	2.2	51.011	21.7	224	264	11.8
4	33.04	6.03	36	1.8	50.950	20.2	222	260	25.9
5	37.72	9.06	59.5	12	61.712	24.5	375	315	64.6
6	32.88	5.96	35.2	2.1	48.153	21.6	212	252	31.6
7	45.81	12.83	85.6	12.3	62.441	26.5	423	323	12.8
8	32.53	6.049	37	1.9	53.321	21.5	333	273	18.3
	summer								
1	54.45	16.19	101.4	6.4	52.713	25.7	551	281	19.0
2	47.157	13.71	92.6	12.6	63.96	27.2	431	331	70.3
3	38.24	8.20	49.6	6.9	52.77	20.4	368	268	21.6
4	27.41	6.57	53.8	8.5	99.34	34.6	495	495	18.6
5	38.00	9.16	61.5	10.2	65.60	24.5	531	331	45.5
6	31.93	5.87	36	1.6	55.32	19.8	377	277	39.9
7	43.61	11.89	81.6	11.4	69.98	24.1	398	348	21.6
8	46.91	15.27	120.5	11.9	93.57	30.9	662	462	163

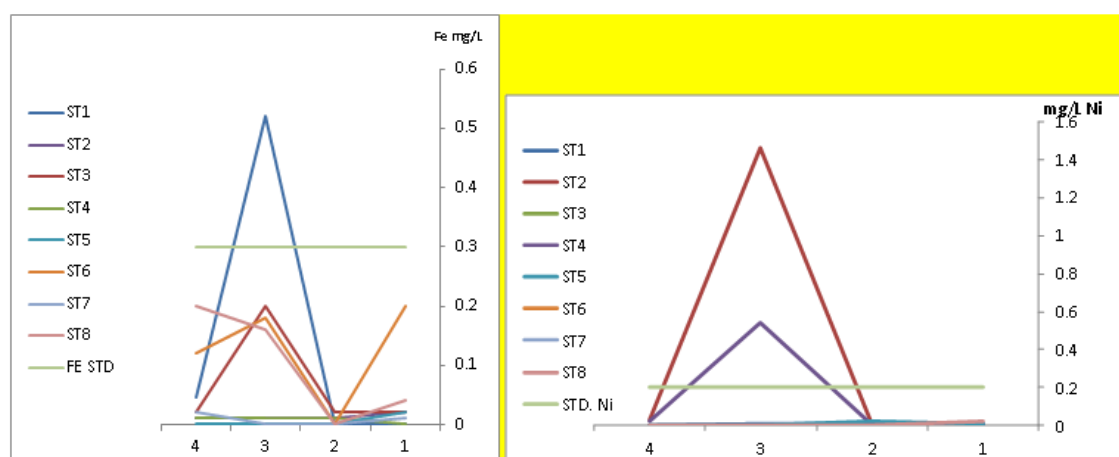


Figure 3. Distribution of (Ni & Fe) mg/L in the water samples.

Table (6) Mean SAR& Class water (Us salinity) in the water samples

Station No:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mean SAR	15.06	12.69	7.57	5.36	8.56	5.52	11.16	14.11
Class water's Us salinity	S2	S2	S1	S1	S1	S1	S2	S2

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