TABLE 2. CONVERSION FACTORS FOR WATER ANALYSES

TO CONVERT	INTO	MULTIPLY BY
Grains per U. S. gallon	ppm	17
Grains per Imperial gallon	ppm	14¼
Grams per liter	ppm	1000
Mg per liter	ppm	1

waters, which include those derived from wells or swamps in marshy ground, may have pH values well below 5.

Biological Characteristics. The slime-forming organisms are mostly lower plants, grouped by botanists into the Phylum Thallophyta. This group is distinguished by the absence of leaves, roots, or stems from the mosses, ferns, and seed plants which comprise the three other phyla of the plant kingdom.

The Thallophyta (see Table 3) are divided into algae, which can synthesize chlorophyll for the production of sugar, and the fungi which lack chlorophyll and must therefore secure already synthesized carbohydrates.

All Thallophyta are of universal distribution and many of them are slime forming. Of the five divisions of algae, only three (the green, the blue-green, and the diatoms) are found in fresh water. Of the five divisions of fungi, all may occur in fresh water, the principal slime formers being indicated in Table 3.

The methods of analysis commonly used in the sanitary examination of a water have, as their principal object, to identify and count pathogens.

Most slime-forming organisms are not pathogens. When a water is subjected to a biochemical analysis for the purpose of evaluating its slime producing characteristics, tests, widely different from sanitary bacteriological tests, must be made. Tests upon the water itself are seldom satisfactory, and true indications of the sliming characteristics of a water can only be determined for the analysis of deposits on surfaces having the temperature close to the temperature of the final design equipment. The results of such a test are commonly reported in the manner illustrated in Table 4.

Condensates

All condensates result from the chilling of water vapor. Such chilling may result from natural causes, thus producing *dews, sweats, rain, and*

TABLE 3. PRINCIPAL SLIME FORMERS

PHYLA	ROUGH DIVISION OF PHYLA
Algae	Single celled, sometimes forming slimy sheets. Many celled in either sheets or fronds.
Fungi	*Bacteria* (Schizomycetes) frequently forming slimy surface coatings. *Slime Molds* (Myxomycetes) forming slimy sheets as one stage of their life history. *Sac fungi* (Ascomycetes) of which one division, the yeasts, occasionally form slimy aggregates. The alga-like fungi (*Phycomycetes*) and the stalked fungi (Basidomycetes) rarely form slimes but their filaments may hold together the slimes of other organisms.

TABLE 4. PLANT WATER SUPPLY EXAMINATION

WATER SUPPLY—	200 ft deep well—average water temperature 53 F—water is producing a brown stain in plumbing fixtures.
SAMPLE—	The sample was scraped from the surface of the shell and tube condenser of #2 Freon Compressor on the meat chilling room. The sterite sample bottle was filled one-half with deposit and the balance with circulating water. No preservative was added—pH at time of collection was 7.4.

ANALYSIS REQUIRED—

MACROSCOPIC	[√]	MICROSCOPIC	[√]
BACTERIOLOGICAL	[√]	ORGANIC CONTENT	[√]

PROBLEM—	A 25-ton Freon—12 Compressor has head pressure about 10# higher than during initial operation, without change in water temperature. Deposits have been observed on heat exchanger surfaces. It is desired to know the nature of these deposits and if they are the cause of this increased head pressure.
MACROSCOPIC EXAMINATION—	Heavy brown flocculent material settles rapidly in clear water. pH—7.3 Odor—woody, mouldy.
MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION—	INORGANIC MATERIAL—small amount white crystals. AMORPHOUS MATERIAL—small amount—brown. IRON BACTERIA—profuse growth of crenothrix—(Photo usually included).
CULTURAL EXAMINATION—	SABOURAUD'S AGAR 1. Aerobic gram positive spore-forming rod with mucoid sheaths (Photo usually included). 2. Short gram negative coccibacilli (Photo usually included).
TOTAL COUNT	100,000 organism/cc.

ORGANIC CONTENT (by WEIGHT, DRY BASIS)—60%

DISCUSSION—	The presence of common slime-forming organisms in the deposit combined with high organic content indicates that the deposit is bacterial in origin. Heat transfer reductions would be caused by such a deposit. These deposits, combined with crenothrix, can cause corrosion of both ferrous and non-ferrous metals.
RECOMMENDATIONS—	It is recommended that the water be treated at the suction side of the deep well pump with chlorine in quantities sufficient to maintain a free chlorine residual of 1.0 ppm at the discharge of the shell and tube cooler. This treatment can be scheduled on an intermittent basis.

snow, or from artificial causes, as in steam condensing equipment, producing condensate or return water.

In the heating and ventilating field, the biological characteristics of condensates are likely to be of concern *only* where the condensate is used as cooling water in recirculating systems. The deleterious gas contents of condensates, however, very often create serious corrosion troubles.

The data in Table 5 typify the chemical composition of the atmosphere in rural and metroplitan areas, and of stack gases when various types of common fuels are used. The curves in Fig. 1 disclose the solubility of the major deleterious gases present in such atmospheres in otherwise pure water, when the partial pressure of the gas is one pound per square inch absolute.

The most common deleterious gases entrained by steam are oxygen and