

the news media. In potentially fast or fast-developing incidents, the news media was generally augmented by telephone, public address, and door knocking (16,27). Each potential impact area should be studied to determine an optimum warning system. New innovations such as computer telephoning, planes with loudspeakers, etc., should be explored (22,33).

A correlation was made between population density and the time required to evacuate the affected area (figure 1) from information received on questionnaires. The data are for private vehicles which were the predominant mode for evacuation (more than 99 percent). Evacuations were selected which involved urban, suburban, or rural areas only, and not mixtures. Population density ranged from approximately 15 persons per square mile to 20,000 persons per square mile.

The evacuation time ranged from approximately two to eighteen hours. Regression analysis up to a fourth degree polynomial provided the best curve fit and is indicated by the line through the data points (34). The line is described by the following equation:  $\log(\text{hours}) = 1.30571 - 0.21243 \log(\text{persons/square miles})$  with a standard deviation of 1.5 hours and a correlation coefficient of -0.71.

The data indicates that more time is required for evacuation as population density decreases. Several reasons may be postulated for this:

1. The evacuation times reported in the questionnaire include the warning times as well as the time required to move the population out of the affected area. Warning times may lengthen as the population density decreases because of increasing distances between persons and more individual contacts may have to be made.
2. More time is required to prepare farms for a "shut down" than for residential dwellings.
3. Road networks generally decrease as the population density decreases; therefore, more time may be required for evacuation because of limited choice and direction of roads.

Some evacuation investigated occurred in high density urban and suburban areas approaching the population density of New York City and Los Angeles which have 26,000 and 6,000 persons per square mile, respectively (8). Two such cities,

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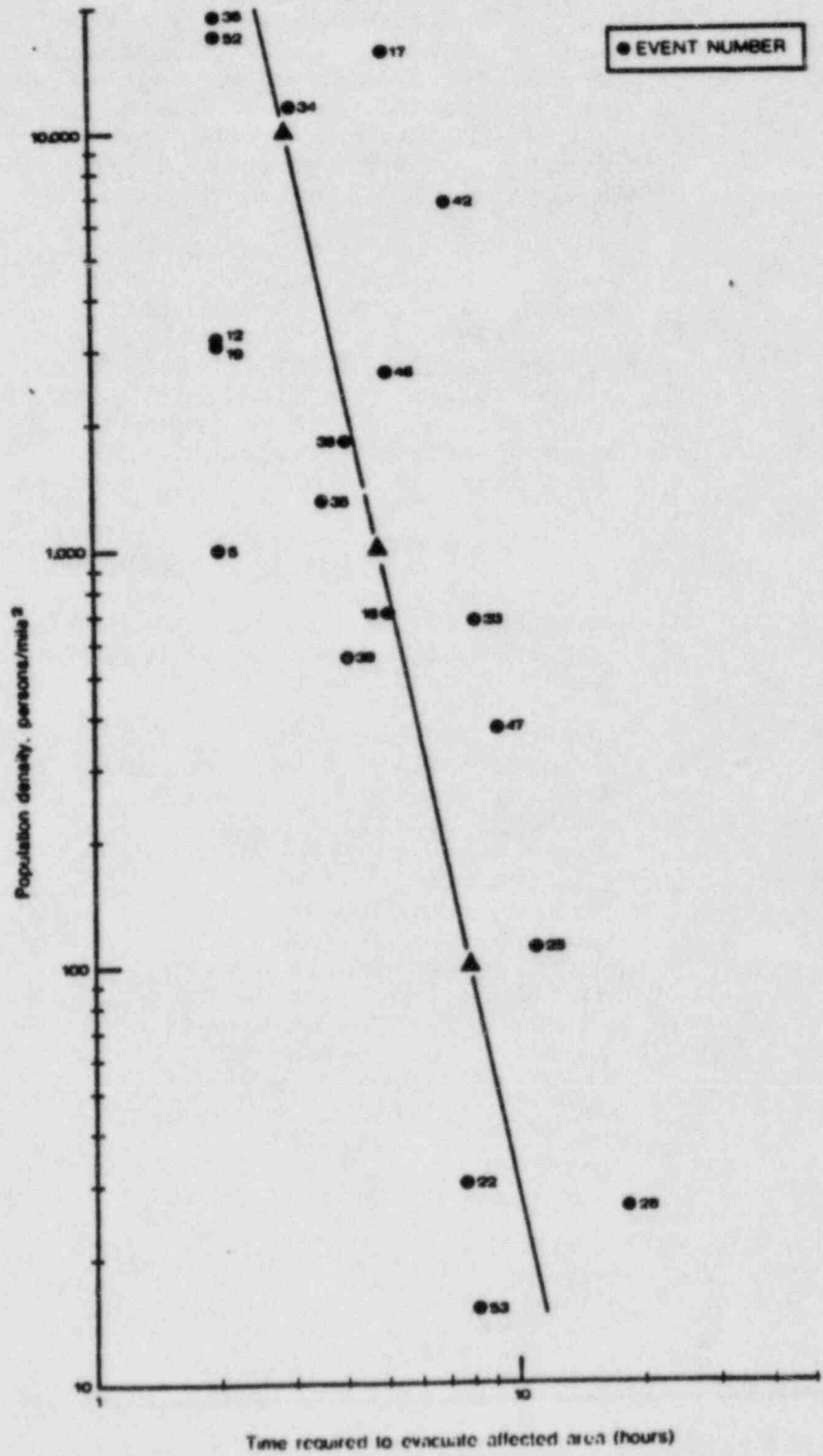
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Figure 1

Population Density vs. Evacuation Time



Baton Rouge, Louisiana (150,000 persons) and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (75,000 persons) were almost totally evacuated in two and five hours, respectively. The metropolitan business district of downtown Portland, Oregon, with a population of 101,000 persons and a population density of 25,200 persons per square mile, was evacuated in less than one hour during a Civil Defense test exercise (35). Although no correlation could be determined relating the total number of persons evacuated with evacuation time, two theoretical evacuation studies for large populations (more than 1,000,000 persons) show that such evacuations are possible within a reasonable time span. One study concluded that 4,300,000 persons could be evacuated from the Los Angeles Basin area in less than five hours (36). The other study, concerning the evacuation of approximately 2,200,000 children from the New York City metropolitan area, indicated that the evacuation could be accomplished in one to three days without disturbing normal weekday metropolitan activities (37). If the evacuation occurred on a Sunday, it could be accomplished during daylight hours.

A statistical comparison was made on the events used in figure 1 to determine if the use of a plan for an evacuation reduced the time required to evacuate the affected area. Based on the information collected, no significant difference between the evacuations utilizing a plan and those in which no plan was used could be determined.

An approximation can be made of the time required to evacuate affected areas based on the load capacity of roads. Several studies have been made on evacuation times related to road capacities (20, 33, 36, 38). Estimates indicated that 1,000 vehicles could be moved per lane per hour (36). In observations during evacuations, 1,100 to 4,080 cars per lane per hour were observed (20, 35, 38). The average of actual observations was approximately 2,600 cars per lane per hour. The average vehicle occupancy observed during a large evacuation was four persons (35). Assuming 2,600 cars per lane per hour with an occupancy of four persons each, about 10,000 persons can be evacuated per lane per hour. Vehicle speeds observed ranged from 25 to 45 mph (with an average of 35 mph) during the evacuation (20, 35, 38). In addition to the time calculated, based on flow rate and vehicle occupancy, more time must be allowed for the warning period and for the average time required to drive out of the impact area.

Based upon Dr. Dynes' response to the specific question of behavior to radiation versus other threats, corroborated by the research (40) that reveals the true behavior of people during a disaster as opposed to the panic conception, there is no reason to believe or assume that the risk of injury or death should be any higher due to an evacuation than the normal accident or injury rate.

" . . . one fact is borne out by various data of past disasters: the freedom to escape from threat of death or injury has a calming effect on the population." (37)

#### Motivation to evacuate

In many cases, even when presented with a grave threat, people refuse to evacuate (16,23,28,40). Many reasons have been given both by persons who have not evacuated (17,23), and persons conducting the evacuation as to this reluctance to leave. To some degree, it is the individual's impressions and interpretation of the seriousness of the situation based on the official or unofficial information he/she receives. An individual evaluation is made and a positive or negative action elicited. It cannot be taken for granted that an official order to evacuate will be followed, even if it is a mandatory rather than a voluntary order. Results of this study indicate that approximately six percent of the total population refused to evacuate. Other reports indicate this figure can run higher than 50 percent (23).

There is no reason to believe that because the disaster agent is radiation rather than some other agent, that is, in itself, will provide sufficient motivation to leave. Rather, the opposite viewpoint should be taken--people will be hesitant to leave. Cognizance should be given in the planning stage to this problem and appropriate thought given to its remedy.

Warning systems and communication systems between evacuee-evacuator, evacuator-evacuator, and evacuator-news media-population play a significant role in the emergency and/or evacuation process (17,42,43). It is not only important that pretested, workable systems be available, but that an understanding of peoples' response and behavior to warning systems be recognized and be advantageously used.

#### Emergency plans

There have been many documents published on emergency and disaster planning (44-48), some of which are listed in the bibliography. It was not the intent of this report to go into

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APPENDIX B

SUMMARY OF EVACUATION QUESTIONNAIRES

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1	Clatsop Co., OR; 1/11/72; Flood	Rural Farming	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	Met. M.B.	Rain	Day Night	P	Some moved to higher ground in neighbors
2	Clatsop Co., OR; 1/8/71; Flood	Suburban	0.02	10 of 300	M.B.	M.B.	0	0	M.B.	15,000	M.B.	M.B.	Met. USB	Rain	Day Night	PU	Private vehicles
3	Clatsop Co., OR; 2/22/74; Flood	Rural Farming	M.B.	2 of 120	M.B.	0.5	0	0	16	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	Met. M.B.	Rain	Day	PU	Private vehicles
4a	Okanogan Co., WA; 3/72; Flood	Rural Farming; Rural Residential; Urban	5.0	740	1.0	1.25	0	0	24.0	M.D.	740	M.B.	Met. R	Fair	Day Night	PU	Mixed areas; Private vehicles
4b	Okanogan Co., WA; 3/72; Flood	"	5.0	450	1.6	1.25	0	0	24.0	M.B.	450	M.B.	Met. R	Rain	Day Night	PU	Supplied vehicles
4c	Okanogan Co., WA; 3/72; Flood	"	M.B.	48	0.1	M.B.	0	0	24.0	M.D.	4.8	M.B.	M.A.	Rain	Day Night	PU	Boat evacuation
5	Douglas Co., WA; 9/6/72; Flash Flood	Suburban	2.0	50 of 3000	1.0	2.0	0	0	24	1000	50	0	Met. S	Rain	Day Night	M.B.	Private vehicles

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5a	Ferndale, WA; 1/8/71; Flood	Rural Farming; Fishing	30	60	10	4.0	0	1	288	6.7	600	72	Wet R	Day Dusk	PU	Private vehicles; Indian Reservation; Heart attack
5b	Ferndale, WA; 1/5/71; Flood	"	30	140	8.0	4.0	0	0	288	6.7	1,124	72	Wet R	Day Dusk	PU	Supplied vehicles
5c	Ferndale, WA; 1/8/71; Flood	"	30	25	1.0	4.0	0	0	288	6.7	35	72	M.A., Dusk	Day Dusk	PU	Boat evacuation
7	Chehalis Indian Reservation, WA; 12/22/72; Flood	Rural Farming	8.0	38	25	7	0	0	84	M.B.	950	3	Wet R	Night	PU	Private vehicles
8	Shoreline WA; 3/65; Tsunami	Recreation	35	900	20	1.0	0	0	6.0	69	18,000	1.25	Dry R	Night	PU	Private vehicles; Coast line evacuated; 1500 transient; Vacations present
9	Port Angeles, WA; 6/4/61; Flood	Suburban	1.0	100	0.5	2	0	0	M.B.	M.B.	50	40	Wet U	Night	P	Private vehicles
10	Port Angeles, WA; 10/1/71; Fire	Urban	0.01	50	1.0	M.B.	0	0	M.B.	M.B.	50	0	Dry U	Night	MP	Private vehicles
11	Prairie City, OR; 5/69; Flash Flood	Rural Residential	0.5	30	1.0	M.B.	0	0	720	60	M.B.	0	Wet R	Night	MP	Drive-out; Walk-out; Boat; No Breakdown
12	Duwinington, PA; 2/5/73; Transportation	Suburban	0.25	700 of 800	1.0	2.0	0	0	6.5	1200	700	1.0	Dry S	Night	PU	Private vehicles

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13	Crystal City, CA; 3/28/64; Tsunami	Urban	0.5	M.B.	0.5	M.B.	0	0	72	M.B.	M.B.	0.75	Dry U	Clear	Night	PU	Private vehicles, Jail & Hospital evacuated to higher floors
14	Cannon Beach and Seaside, OR; 3/28/64; Tidal wave	Urban	3.5	3,100 of 3,700	2.0	1.5	0	1	5.0	1,037	6,200	0	Met USA	Cloudy	Night	M.B.	Mostly walk-out; Part of town not alerted due to short warning
15	Logansport, LA; 5/16/69; Transportation	Suburban, Urban	13	1,800	2.0	M.B.	0	0	24	138	3,600	0.3	Dry S	Clear	Day	NP	Private vehicles
16	Creve Coeur, IL; 8/1/61; Transportation	Rural, Residential, Suburban, Urban	15	7,500	12	1.0	0	0	5.5	500	90,000	0	Dry S	Fog	Night	PU	Private vehicles
17	Wilkes Barre, PA; 3/23/72; Flood	Urban	5.0	75,000 of 78,000	1.0	5.0	0	0	120	15,600	71,000	5	Met U	Rain	Evening	PU	Hospitals and Jail evacuated
18	Chedbourne, NC; 1/13/68; Transportation	Suburban	0.5	350	1.0	5.0	0	0	48	700	350	0	Dry S	Cloudy	Dusk	NP	Private vehicles
19	Port Aransas, TX; 9/61; Hurricane	Urban	1.3	2,850 of 6,000	50	2.0	0	0	M.B.	3,100	160,000	48	Dry R	Cloudy	Day	PU	Private vehicles
20	Robestown, TX; 7/3/70; Hurricane	Urban	0.08	450	3.5	1.5	0	0	168	3,600	1,575	0	Met R	Rain	Dusk	PU	Supplied vehicles
21	Payson, AZ; 9/70; Flash Flood	Rural, Residential, Recreation	20	160	1.0	12	0	0	M.B.	8	160	3	Met R	Rain	Day	PU	Private vehicles

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22	Chambers Co., TX; 9/3/71; Hurricane	Rural Farming	336	10,000 of 10,700	50	5	0	0	72	30	500,000	48	Wet UR	Rain Gale	Day Night	PU Private vehicles
23	Greely, CO; 4/12/73; Dam Break	Rural Resident-tial	3.8	1,000	1.0	3.5	0	0	24	330	1,000	7.5	Dry S	Clear	Day	PU Private vehicles
24	Portland, OR; 12/7/55; CB Test Evacuation	Urban	4	101,000	1.5	0.5	0	0	N.B.	25,000	151,500	N.A.	Wet U	Rain	Day	PU Private vehicles
25	Isleton, CA; 6/21/72; Flood	Suburban	11	1,200	4.0	11	0	0	2,160	109	48,000	14	Dry EU	Clear	Day	NP Private vehicles
26	Humboldt Co., CA; 12/22/64; Flood	Rural Resident-tial	450	183	25	N.B.	7	0	N.B.	N.B.	4,600	N.B.	N.A	Rain	Day	P Helicopter evacuation
27a	Glenn Co., CA; 2/73; Flood	Rural Farming	20	30	6	4.0	0	0	N.B.	N.B.	180	N.B.	N.A.	Rain	Day Night Dawn Dusk	N.B. Helicopter evacuation
27b	Glenn Co., CA; 2/73; Flood	Rural Farming	20	20	6	N.B.	0	0	N.B.	N.B.	170	N.B.	Wet R	Rain	"	N.B. Supplied vehicles
28	King Co., WA; 3/35; Flood	Rural Farming	20	300 of 512	10	18	0	0	192	26	5,000	72	Wet R	Rain	Day Dusk Night	PU Private vehicles
29	Kelso, WA; 1/18/72; Flood	Rural Resident-tial	10	70	5	4.8	0	0	2,160	7	350	24	Wet R	Rain	night	PU Private & Supplied vehicles; No breakdown on use
30a	Port Arthur, TX; 9/3/61; Hurricane	Hospital	N.B.	80	20	4	0	0	72	N.B.	1,600	48	Dry R	Clear	Day	PU Hospital evacuation; ambulatory private vehicles

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30	Port Arthur, TX; 9/3/61; Hurricane	Hospital	M.B.	20	20	4	0	0	72	N.B.	400	48	Dry	Clear	Day	PU	Hospital; non-ambulatory; ambulance evacuation
31	Jefferson Co., TX; 9/3/61; Hurricanes	Suburban; Urban; Industrial	94.5	108,600 of 113,600	80	7.5	0	0	72	120	8,688,000	48	Dry	Clear	Day	PU	Private vehicles; predominantly large scale urban evacuation
32	Hagerstown, MD; 2/27/68; Transportation	Suburban	0.06	2,500	N.B.	N.B.	0	0	12	42,000	N.B.	0	Dry	Clear	Night	MP	Private vehicles
33	Metairie, LA; 2/6/69; Transportation	Rural Residential	3	2,000	25	8	0	0	27	667	50,000	0	Dry	Cloudy	Day	PU	Private vehicles
34	Louisville, KY; 3/19/72; Transportation	Urban	0.35	4,000	1	3	0	4	24	11,400	4,000	N.B.	Wet	Rain	Day	PU	Private vehicles; Chlorine surge; No chlorine release
35	Urbana, OH; 8/13/63; Transportation	Suburban	3.1	4,000	0.75	3.5	0	0	24	1,300	3,000	0	Dry	Clear	Down	N.B.	Private vehicles
36	Baton Rouge, LA; 8/65; Transportation	Urban	8	150,000	30	2.0	0	0	5.0	19,000	4,500,000	N.D.	Dry	Clear	Day	PU	Private vehicles; Chlorine surge; No chlorine release
37	St. Marys Parish, LA; 9/64; Hurricane	Rural Residential; Urban	1,036	40,500 of 45,000	150	8	0	0	72	43	6,075,000	12	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	PU	Private vehicles
38	Morgan City, LA; 1/19/73; Transportation	Urban	1.8	3,000 of 3,300	2	4	0	0	60	1,800	6,000	6	Ice	Snow	Day	PU	Private vehicles; Chlorine surge; No chlorine release
39	Texasone, TX; 8/27/67; Transportation	Suburban	9.0	5,000	3	4	0	0	4.0	550	15,000	1	Dry	Clear	Night	MP	Private vehicles

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40	Grand Valley, CO; 9/10/59; Nuclear Detonation (Ploverhere)	Rural Farming; Industrial	20	300 of 307	5	1.0	0	0	7.0	15	1,500	4	Dry	Day	PU Private vehicles; Monthly planned and supervised	
41	Grand Isle, LA, 9/3/61; Hurricane	Rural Residential; Industrial	1.8	2,700 of 2,300	70	3.5	0	0	M.B.	1,300	134,000	82	Wet	Day	MP Private vehicles	
42	Los Angeles, CA; 2/9/71; Earthquake	Suburban	12	80,000	M.B.	7	0	0	24.0	4,700	M.B.	3	Dry	Day	M.B. Private vehicles	
43	Seabrook IS, SC; 1/19/59; Hurricane	Suburban	4.5	208	0.6	4	0	0	12	15	125	10	N.A.	Day	PU Boat evacuation	
44	Glendora, MS; 9/1/69; Transportation	Rural Farming; Rural Residential; Suburban; Urban	1,200	35,000	20	4	0	0	9.0	29	700,000	5	Dry	Night	P Private vehicles	
45a	Anderson, SC; 7/9/58; Flash Flood	Suburban	0.09	60	0.06	2	0	0	24	1,700	3.6	6	N.A.	Night	MP Boat evacuation	
45b	Anderson, SC; 7/9/58; Flash Flood	Suburban	0.09	150	0.75	2	0	0	24	1,700	200	0	Wet	Night	MP Supplied vehicles	
45a	TX; 9/3/61; Hurricane	All types	M.B.	501,000	M.B.	M.B.	0	0	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B. Persons from events 9 22 & 31 subtracted from total

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46	Piquemine Parish, LA; 9/3/61; Hurricane	All types	M.B.	23,000	M.B.	M.B.	0	0	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B.	M.B. Private vehicles
47	Lafourche Parish, LA; 9/11/61; Hurricane	Rural Farm	100	23,000 of 37,000	"	9	0	0	168	370	1,025,000	13	Wet Rain	MP	Night	PU Private vehicles
48	Biloxi, MS; 9/11/61; Hurricane	Urban	7.7	15,000 of 20,000	5	5	0	0	12	2600	75,000	20	Dry Clear	MP	Evening	PU Private vehicles
49	Gulfport, MS; 8/69; Hurricane	Urban; Industrial	15	10,000 of 10,500	100-200 900-0.5	7.5	1	0	24	700	204,000	12	Wet Dry U TB	MP	Day	PU Private vehicles; Deaths resulted from boats attack during evacuation; died in shelter
50	Cana Run, KY; 7/20/71; Plus Flood	Urban; Rural; Farming	9	1,500 of 1,315	13	36	0	0	48	167	19,500	0	Wet Dry R	MP	Evening	MP Private vehicles; Slowsly developing incident; evacuation occurred in stages
51	Cumberland, KY; 12/4/72; Landslide	Urban; Suburban	0.5	150	5.5	1.0	0	0	M.B.	300	625	0	Wet Rain Snow	MP	Evening	PU Private vehicles
52	Los Angeles, CA; 12/16/73; Dan Brink	Urban	0.49	8,500	M.B.	2	2	0	M.B.	17,300	M.B.	4	Dry S	MP	Day	MP Private vehicles; Deaths due to driving wrong way into deep water
53a	Florence Co., SC; 2/3/73; Flood	Rural Residential	6	90	6	0	0	0	4.0	15	54	M.B.	Wet R	MP	Night	PU Private vehicles
53b	Florence Co., SC; 2/3/75; Flood	Rural Residential	6	9	6	M.B.	0	0	4.0	15	54	M.B.	M.A.	MP	Night	PU Boat evacuation

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EVENT NUMBER	LOCATION, DATE AND CAUSE FOR EVACUATION	TYPE OF AREA EVACUATED	AREA EVACUATED (SQ. MILES)	NUMBER OF PERSONS EVACUATED	DISTANCE (MILES) EVACUATED	EVACUATION TIME (HOURS)	DEATHS	INJURIES	TIME PERSONS IN EVACUATION STATUS (HOURS)	POPULATION DENSITY #/SQ. MILE	PERSON-MILES * 10 <sup>10</sup>	TIME BETWEEN ONSET OF INCIDENT (HOURS)	ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	WEATHER	TIME OF DAY	EVACUATION PLANS*	REMARKS	
54	Ninot, ND; 3/69; Flood	Urban	5.0	12,000	1	N.B.	0	0	N.B.	2,400	12,000	N.B.	Wet U	N.B.	Day	PJ Private and supplied transportation; No breakdown		
55a	Grand Forks, ND; 4/65; Flood	Rural Residential	0.25	190	2	N.B.	0	0	N.B.	760	380	N.B.	Wet R	Snow	Day	MP Private vehicles		
55b	Grand Forks, ND; 4/65; Flood	Rural Residential	0.25	20	1.0	N.B.	0	0	N.B.	760	20	N.B.	N.A.	Snow	Day	MP Boat evacuation		
54a	Jamestown, ND; 4/69; Flood	Urban	1.0	350 of 354	1.0	24	0	0	72	354	350	N.B.	Wet U	Clear	Day	MP Private and supplied transportation; No breakdown		
56b	Jamestown, ND; 4/69; Flood	Urban	1.0	12	0.5	N.B.	0	0	72	354	6	N.B.	N.A.	Clear	Day	MP Boat evacuation		
57	KY; 7/65 to 12/72; Floods; Tornados	N.B.	N.B.	3,400	N.B.	N.B.	0	0	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B. Summary sheet data; No breakdown on evacuation modes	
58	Aiken, SC; 4/15/69; Flood	Suburban	0.05	35	0.25	0.45	0	0	12	700	8.8	0.5	Wet S	Rain	Night	MP	Very small area evacuated; Private vehicles	
59	Milton, FL; 6/70; Flood	Suburban	N.B.	68	N.B.	7.0	0	0	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B.	N.B. Private vehicles	

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