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2012-13 Marine Monitoring Annual Report

Enclosed is the Orange County Sanitation District's 2012-13 Marine Monitoring Annual Report. This report focuses on the findings and conclusions for the monitoring period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Overall, the results of the monitoring program document that the disposal of our treated and disinfected effluent into coastal marine waters continues to protect the environment and human health.

The results of the 2012-13 monitoring effort showed only minor impacts to the benthic infauna community within and adjacent to the zone of initial dilution (ZID). There had been a decline in benthic community health near the outfall that began in 2005 and peaked in 2010-11. As of January 2013, the invertebrate communities at all stations outside the ZID are classified as reference and within-ZID communities are near reference. Permit-regulated sediment contaminants remained at or near background levels. The low levels of contaminants in fish tissues and the low incidents of external abnormalities and diseases in fish populations demonstrated that the outfall was not an epicenter of disease.

There were limited and minimal changes in the receiving water conditions. Plume-related changes in temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, pH, and transmissivity beyond the ZID were well within the range of natural variability, and compliance with numeric receiving water criteria was achieved over 97% of the time. Consequently, our ocean monitoring program continues to demonstrate that the coastal receiving water environment outside the ZID has not been degraded by the District's wastewater discharge. Finally, the low concentrations of bacteria in water contact zones, together with the limited distributions of ammonia, suggest that the wastewater discharge has had no discernible impact on human health and recreational use.



Kurt V. Berchtold Page 2 March 13, 2014

Should you have questions regarding the information provided in this report, or wish to meet with District's staff to discuss any aspect of our ocean monitoring program, please feel free to contact me at (714) 593-7080. However, you may also contact Dr. Jeff Armstrong, the supervisor of our Ocean Monitoring section, who may be reached at (714) 593-7455 or at jarmstrong@ocsd.com.

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The following is a list of abbreviations and acronyms used in the Marine Monitoring Volume. A table of metric equivalents is included to allow conversions from metric to U.S. units.

acidity/alkalinity	pН
acoustic Doppler current profiler	ADCP
aluminum	Al
ammonium	NH_4^+
antimony	Sb
arsenic	As
accelerated solvent extractor	ASE
advisory tissue limit	ATL
	BRI
Benthic Response Index	Be
beryllium	-
biochemical oxygen demand	BOD Cd
cadmium California Danartmant of Health Samiles	
California Department of Health Services	CDHS
centimeter	cm
chlorophyll-a	Chl-a
chromium	Cr
Clean Water Act	CWA
conductivity/temperature/depth	CTD
copper	Cu
correlation coefficient	R
cubic centimeter	cm ³
cubic meter	m ³
degree Celsius	°C
differential Global Positioning System	dGPS
dissolved oxygen	DO
dry weight	dry wt
Effects Range-Low	EŔL
Effects Range-Median	ERM
Environmental Laboratory and Ocean Monitoring	ELOM
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
epibenthic macroinvertebrates	EMI
Effects Range-Low	ER-L
Effects Range-Medium	ER-M
foot	ft
Fish Response Index	FRI
Food and Drug Administration	FDA
frequency of occurrence	FO
gallon	gal
gallons per day	
gas chromatograph with dual electron capture detector	gpd GC/ECD/ECD
gas chromatograph with tandem mass spectrometer	GC/LCD/LCD GC/MS/MS
gas chromatography/mass spectrometry	GC/MS
gram greater than	g >
greater than or equal to	<u>></u>
Ground Water Replenishment System	GWRS
high-density polyethylene	HDPE
inductively coupled emission spectroscopy	ICPES
inductively coupled mass spectroscopy	ICPMS
inch	in
Infaunal Trophic Index	ITI
iron	Fe

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Joint Water Pollution Control Plant	JWPCP
kilogram	kg
kilometer	km
lead	Pb
less than	<
less than or equal to	<u><</u>
linear alkyl benzenes	≤ LAB
liter	L
liters/day	L/day
magnesium sulfate	$MgSO_4$
mass emission rate	MER
mean	$\overline{\times}$
mean abundance per haul	MAH
mean abundance per occurrence	MAO
mercury	Hg
meter	m
method detection limit	MDL
metric tons per day	MT/day
metric tons per year	MT/yr
microgram	μg
micrograms per kilogram	μg/kg
micrograms per liter mile	μg/L
milligram	mi ma
milligrams per kilogram	mg mg/kg
milligrams per liter	mg/L
milliliter	mL
millimeter	mm
million gallons per day	MGD
most probable number	MPN
multidimensional scaling	MDS
nanogram	ng
nanograms per gram	ng/g
National Marine Fisheries Service	NMFS
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	NPDES
National Research Council	NRC
National Status and Trends	NS&T
nickel	Ni
not analyzed	NA N/A
not applicable	N/A
not detected not significant	ND
number (of)	ns n
oil and grease	O&G
Office of Environmental Health Hazard and Assessment	OEHHA
Orange County Sanitation District	District or OCSD
Orange County Health Care Agency	OCHCA
Orange County Water District	OCWD
out-of-range occurrence	ORO
parts per billion	ppb
parts per million	ppm
parts per thousand	ppt
percent	%
plus or minus	±

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polychlorinated biphenyls	PCB
polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	PAH
pound	lb
practical salinity unit	psu
probability	p
publicly owned treatment works	POTW
quality assurance	QA
quality control	QC
Quality Assurance Project Plan	QAPP
quality assurance/quality control	QA/QC
Regional Water Quality Control Board	RWQCB R ²
regression coefficient	
relative percent difference	RPD SAIC
Science Applications International Corporation	SIO
Scripps Institution of Oceanography second	
sediment quality triad	sec or s SQT
selenium	Se
Shannon-Wiener Diversity Index	H'
silver	Ag
similarity percentages	SIMPER
similarity profile	SIMPROF
Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists	SCAMIT
Southern California Bight	SCB
Southern California Bight Pilot Project	SCBPP
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	SCCWRP
species (singular)	sp
species (plural)	spp
square centimeter	cm ²
square kilometer	km ²
square meter	m^2
standard operating procedure	SOP
standard reference material	SRM
station cluster	SC
Statistical Analysis System	SAS
Strategic Process Study	SPS
Swartz's 75% Dominance Index	SDI
three dimensional	3D
tons per year	tons/yr
total DDT	tDDT tLAB
total linear alkyl benzenes total organic carbon	TOC
total organic carbon total polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	tPAH
total polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons total polychlorinated biphenyls	tPCB
total suspended solids	TSS
total volatile solids	TVS
two dimensional	2D
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	USEPA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	USFWS
weight	wt
wet weight	wet wt
year	yr
zinc	Zn
zone of initial dilution	ZID

Metric System With U.S. Equivalents			
Metric Unit	U.S. Equivalent		
Length			
millimeter (mm) centimeter (cm) meter (m) kilometer (km) nautical mile (nm)	0.04 inches 0.39 inches 39.37 inches/3.28 ft 0.62 miles, 0.54 nm 1.151 miles		
Area			
square centimeter (cm²) square meter (m²) sq. kilometer (km²)	0.155 sq. inches 1.196 sq. yards 0.3861 sq. miles		
Weight			
milligram (mg) gram (g) kilogram (kg) metric ton (MT)	0.015 grains 0.035 ounces 2.2046 pounds 1.1 tons		
Volume			
cubic centimeter (cm ³) cubic meter (m ³) liter (L)	0.061 cubic inches 1.31 cubic yards 0.2642 gallons		
Capacity, Cubic			
milliliter (mL) liter (L) kiloliter (kL)	0.06 cubic inches 61.02 cubic inches 1.31 cubic yards		
Temperature °C (Centigrade)	$(9/5)(^{0}C) + 32 = {^{0}F}$ (Farenheit)		
Speed			
meters per second (m/s) nautical mile per hour (knot)	2.237 miles per hour (mph) 1.151 miles per hour (mph)		

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