

Penrith Wastewater Treatment Plant

July Pollution Monitoring Summary



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Table 1: 3 Day Geometric Mean data

EPA Point 5 Site code PR0005		Point description: At the outlet of the chlorine contact tank			
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	3DGM limit	3DGM Actual	within limits
biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	monthly	30	<2	yes
carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	monthly	30	<2	yes
total suspended solids	mg/L	monthly	10	<2	yes

3 Day Geometric Mean (3DGM) is a way to average a set of values and is commonly used with water quality assessments which show a great deal of variability. 3DGM is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on three consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount.

Table 2: Routine monitoring data

EPA Point 5 Site code PR0005		Point description: At the outlet of the chlorine contact tank				
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	number of samples	minimum result	mean result	maximum result
aluminium	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	227
biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	every 6 days	5	<2	<2	<2
cadmium	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<0.1
carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	every 6 days	5	<2	<2	<2
copper	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	4.7
faecal coliforms	CFU/100mL	every 6 days	6	<1	7	27
hydrogen sulphide (unionised)	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<30
iron	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	151
nitrogen (ammonia)	mg/L	every 6 days	5	0.02	0.04	0.05
nitrogen (total)	mg/L	every 6 days	5	3.42	3.8	4.01
phosphorus (total)	mg/L	every 6 days	5	0.06	0.07	0.08
total suspended solids	mg/L	every 6 days	5	<2	<2	<2
zinc	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	39

EPA Point 21 Site code PR0021		Point description: Downstream of the St Marys Advanced Water Treatment Plant return stream				
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	number of samples	minimum result	mean result	maximum result
chlorine (total residual)	mg/L	every 6 days	6	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04

EPA Point 22 Site code PR0022		Point description: Upstream of the St Marys Advanced Water Treatment Plant return stream				
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	number of samples	minimum result	mean result	maximum result
Ceriodaphnia dubia immobilisation (EC50)	% Effluent/Vol	monthly	1	-	-	100

Average and percentile limits are only applied annually for routine monitoring data in Table 2.

Effluent quality monitoring results obtained from EPA Points 5, 21 and 22 are used to indicate the quality of water discharged at EPA Point 1 (discharge to waters).