

Shellharbour Wastewater Treatment Plant

July Pollution Monitoring Summary



EPL 211

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Table 1: 3 Day Geometric Mean data

EPA Point 4 Site code SH0004		Point description: At the southern end of the secondary effluent channel			
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	3DGM limit	3DGM Actual	within limits
total suspended solids	mg/L	monthly	50	5	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 4 Site code SH0004		Point description: At the southern end of the secondary effluent channel				
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	number of samples	minimum result	mean result	maximum result
aluminium	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	26
biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	every 6 days	5	3	3	3
carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	every 6 days	5	2	2	2
copper	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	1.8
diazinon	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<0.1
faecal coliforms	CFU/100mL	every 6 days	5	1	22	60
hydrogen sulphide (unionised)	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<30
nitrogen (ammonia)	mg/L	monthly	1	-	-	0.6
nonylphenol ethoxylate	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<5
sea urchin fertilisation (EC50)	% Effluent/Vol	monthly	1	-	-	100
total suspended solids	mg/L	every 6 days	5	4	5	6

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

Effluent quality monitoring results obtained from EPA Point 4 are used to indicate the quality of water discharged at EPA Point 1 (discharge to waters).