



Biological Assessment of  
**Howard F. Curran Advanced Wastewater  
Treatment Facility**

Hillsborough

NPDES #FL0020940

Sampled December 1997

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**Biology Section**  
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Comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan No. 870346G

## Department of Environmental Protection

### Results of Fifth Year Inspections

Discharger: Howard F. Curran Advanced WWTP  
County: Hillsborough  
NPDES Number: FL0020940  
EPA Permit Expiration Date: September 30, 1998

#### Toxics Sampling Inspection (XSI)

Date Sampled: 8 December 1997

Results: The herbicide atrazine was detected in the effluent below chronically toxic levels. No metals were found at levels exceeding Class III marine water quality standards.

#### Compliance Biomonitoring Inspection (CBI)

Date Sampled: 8 December 1997

Results: The effluent sample was not toxic to the invertebrate, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, or to the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*.

#### Impact Bioassessment Inspection (IBI)

Date Sampled: 8 December 1997

Results: Measures of macroinvertebrate community health at the test sites were similar to, or better than, the control site, indicating that the discharge was not adversely affecting the receiving water communities. Pollution-sensitive organisms were well represented throughout the study area. Quantitative measures of algal community health did not indicate any degradation at either test site. Chlorophyll *a* was undetected at all three sites.

#### Water Quality Inspection (WQI)

Date Sampled: 8 December 1997

Results: Nutrient levels at all three sites were higher than those found in approximately 85% of Florida's estuaries. Nutrient levels at the test sites were slightly higher than those detected at the control site, suggesting that the effluent was influencing the already enriched waters of Hillsborough Bay. Algal growth potential at all three sampling stations, exceeded the 10 mg dry wt/L "problem threshold" for marine waters.

These fifth year inspections provide the necessary information to evaluate the facility's impact on its receiving waters and to provide the basis for specific condition recommendations for permit renewal.

## Introduction

The Howard F. Curran (City of Tampa) Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility is located in Hillsborough County, Florida (see map in Appendix). The designed flow for this municipal facility is 96 MGD, with an annual average flow of 51 MGD. Treatment includes a two-stage, high-rate activated sludge process and denitrification, followed by chlorination and subsequent dechlorination prior to discharging into the Seddon shipping channel which flows into the Class III Hillsborough Bay. Flow during this survey was 76 MGD.

The state permit limits for the Howard F. Curran AWWTF are listed in Table 1. Although monthly operating report results reflect long-term compliance with the permit limits, the facility is currently under an enforcement action for a 1 MGD partially-treated spill into Hillsborough Bay.

## Methods

The focus of this investigation was to determine the discharger's effects on the receiving waters. A comparison of biological community health was made between a control site (located off Hookers Point in Hillsborough Bay) and two test sites bracketing the discharge (see map in Appendix). A habitat assessment was performed *in situ* to establish comparability between sites. Supplemental physical/chemical data were also collected on the effluent and study sites.

Acute toxicity bioassays, using the invertebrate, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, and the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*, as test organisms, were performed

on an effluent sample. Benthic macroinvertebrate communities were evaluated at control and test sites. Invertebrates were collected from three replicate petite Ponar grabs. Phytoplankton were sampled at both control and test sites via subsurface grabs. Chlorophyll *a* was also determined for phytoplankton communities. Algal Growth Potential (AGP) tests used *Selenastrum capricornutum* as the test organism for the freshwater effluent and *Dunaliella tertiolecta* for the marine receiving-water sites. Sediments from control and test sites were analyzed for grain size and percent organic matter. All field and laboratory biological methods were carried out following Biology Section Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). The latest version of the SOP's can be viewed on our web site at: [www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/sops.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/sops.htm).

The effluent was analyzed for nutrients, metals, and for organic constituents (base neutral and acid extractables, and pesticide extractables). Methods used for all chemical analyses are on file at the DEP Central Chemistry Laboratory in Tallahassee.

Several different measurements of macroinvertebrate and algal community health have been employed to determine the effects of the discharge. These measurements include: habitat assessment, taxa richness, Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index, the Florida Index, Ephemeroptera/Plecoptera/Trichoptera (EPT) Index, community composition, functional feeding groups, and algal biomass. For a discussion of each of these measures, see *Explanation of Measurements of Community Health* in Appendix.

For graphical purposes, the percent differences between the control and test sites involving the number of taxa, the diversity index, the number of polychaete taxa, and the % pelecypods are measured as the control site minus test site divided by the control site. The percent differences between sites involving the % tubificids, algal density, chlorophyll *a*, and algal growth potential are measured as the test site minus control site divided by the control site.

The following personnel were involved in this investigation: Andrea Grainger, Charles Kovach (DEP Southwest District) and Jennifer Eichelberger, Ken Espy, Marshall Faircloth, Russel Frydenborg, Joy Jackson, Scott Lashbrook, Elizabeth Miller, Urania Quintana, Johnny Richardson, Lisa Tamburillo, David Whiting, Vicki Whiting, and Steve Wolfe (DEP Central Biology Laboratory in Tallahassee). The report was reviewed by the Point Source Studies Review Committee, consisting of Wayne Magley, Jan Mandrup-Poulsen, and Michael Tanski, as well as District representatives.

## Results and Discussion

The Howard F. Curran AWWTF outfall is located in Seddon Channel at a depth of approximately 9 meters. Habitat quality was "fair" at all three sites (see Marine Habitat Assessment sheets in Appendix). Sediments at all three sites consisted mostly of sand, mud, muck, and silt. All physical and chemical parameters fell within limits normally associated with estuarine systems and did not violate marine water quality standards (Table 1). The water was slightly

turbid at all three sites, with a slight chlorine odor at both test sites.

The herbicide atrazine (0.18 µg/L) was detected in the effluent at a concentration below chronically toxic levels (ACQUIRE 1991) (Table 1). Aluminum, zinc, copper, and iron were detected in the effluent at concentrations that did not violate Class III marine water quality standards.

The sample of effluent was not acutely toxic to the invertebrate, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, or to the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*, during the 48-hour bioassays (Appendix).

Nutrient levels were elevated at the control site and both test sites, indicating other sources of nutrient enrichment in Hillsborough Bay and Seddon Channel (Table 1). Ortho-phosphate levels at the control site (0.32 mg/L), test site 1 (0.36 mg/L), and test site 2 (0.49 mg/L) exceeded those values typically found in 95% of Florida's estuaries. Total phosphorus was also elevated at all three sites (control site = 0.41 mg/L, test site 1 = 0.44 mg/L, and test site 2 = 0.66 mg/L). These values exceeded those found in 90% of Florida's estuaries. Ammonia levels at the control site (0.077 mg/L), test site 1 (0.08 mg/L), and test site 2 (0.077 mg/L) were higher than those in 60% of other estuaries in Florida. The control site nitrate+nitrite level (0.1 mg/L), exceeded 90% of other Florida's estuaries, while at test site 1 (0.32 mg/L) and test site 2 (0.53 mg/L), nitrate+nitrite levels exceeded those values found in 95% of the state's marine waters.

Algal growth potential at the control site (22.2 mg dry wt/L), test site 1 (24.5 mg dry wt/L), and test site 2 (32.2 mg dry wt/L), exceeded the 10 mg dry wt/L "problem

threshold" (EPA 1974) for marine waters, reflecting the elevated nutrient levels throughout the study area (Table 1). The effluent AGP was 31.9 mg dry wt/L.

Quantitative measures of algal community health did not indicate any degradation at either test site (Figure 1). The lower diversity and higher algal density at the control site were due to the larger number of the diatom *Skeletonema* sp. there. In all other respects, the three sites had similar community structure (Table 2). Chlorophyll *a* was undetected at all three sites.

Quantitative measures of benthic macroinvertebrate community health indicated that the discharge was not adversely affecting the receiving water communities. Figure 2 indicates the degree of difference between the invertebrate populations of the control and test site. Larger degrees of differences (that is, higher percentages) correspond with greater degrees of degradation. Negative values mean the test site is better than the control site.

Macroinvertebrate taxa richness increased from the control site (25 taxa), to test site 2 (with 37 taxa), and to test site 1 (with 44 taxa) (Table 2). Diversity was highest at test site 1 (4.2), decreasing at test site 2 (3.8), and at the control site (3.4). Similarly, the number of polychaeta taxa was highest at test site 1 (with 22 taxa), decreasing somewhat at test site 2 (18 taxa), and further decreasing at the control site (12 taxa). The pollution-sensitive (Farrell 1992) polychaete family, Cirratulidae, was well represented at all three sites. Gastropods were the next dominant taxa (Table 2). Pelecypods (normally considered pollution-sensitive) were present in low numbers at all

three sites. *Macra fragilis*, however, a very sensitive species, was present at all three study sites. Pollution-sensitive cumaceans were also collected at all three study sites; *Cyclaspis varians* was very abundant at test site 2 (20% contribution) while *Oxyurostylis* sp. (1%) was present in low numbers at test site 1. The control site had a marginal number of cumaceans (<1% contribution). Tubificids, normally pollution indicators, increased from 1% at the control site, to 3%, and 8% at test site 1 test site 2, respectively.

## Conclusions

The herbicide atrazine was detected in the effluent at a concentration below chronically toxic levels. Aluminum, zinc, copper, and iron were detected in the effluent sample, but did not exceed the Class III water quality standards for a marine system.

The sample was not acutely toxic to the invertebrate, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, or to the fish, *Cyprinella leedsi*.

Effluent nutrient levels were somewhat elevated, although not to unusual levels for municipal wastewater. Nutrient levels were high at all three study sites, with the test sites having slightly higher levels than the control site, indicating that the discharger may be having an adverse effect on the already enriched Hillsborough Bay.

Algal growth potential at all three sampling stations exceeded the 10 mg dry wt/L "problem threshold" for marine waters, reflecting the elevated nutrient levels throughout the study area. The effluent AGP was 31.9 mg dry wt/L.

Table 1. Effluent limits and summary of chemistry data.

Howard F. Curran AWWTP	Effluent Limits	Effluent Samples	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
<b>Organic Constituents (µg/L)</b>					
Atrazine	–	0.18 I	–	–	–
<b>Metals (µg/L)</b>					
Aluminum	≤ 1500 *	61 I	–	–	–
Arsenic	≤ 50 **	40 U	–	–	–
Cadmium	≤ 9.3 **c	0.02 I	–	–	–
Chromium	≤ 50 **	10 U	–	–	–
Copper	≤ 2.9 **	2.3	–	–	–
Iron	≤ 300 **	99	–	–	–
Lead	5.6 **c	0.2 U	–	–	–
Mercury	≤ 0.025 **	0.1 U	–	–	–
Nickel	≤ 8.3 **	7 U	–	–	–
Selenium	≤ 71 **	50 U	–	–	–
Zinc	≤ 86 **	17 I	–	–	–
<b>Nutrients (mg/L)</b>					
Ortho-phosphate	Report	2.0	0.32	0.36	0.49
Total phosphorus	Report	2.2	0.41	0.44 A	0.66
Ammonia	–	0.41 A	0.77	0.08	0.077
Nitrate+Nitrite	Report	1.7	0.1	0.32	0.53
TKN	–	1.2	0.56	0.63 A	0.61
Total Nitrogen	≤ 3 *a	2.9	0.66	0.95	1.14
<b>General Phys-Chem Parameters</b>					
Habitat Assessment	–	–	34	38	38
D.O. (mg/L) surface	≥ 5.0 *	–	7.8	8.3	7.4
D.O. (mg/L) mid-depth	–	–	7.1	7.3	6.6
D.O. (mg/L) bottom	–	–	7.2	6.9	6.9
pH (SU) surface	6.0 - 8.5 *	–	7.6	7.3	7.4
pH (SU) mid-depth	–	–	7.7	7.7	7.7
pH (SU) bottom	–	–	7.7	7.6	7.7
Conductivity (µmhos/cm) surface	–	–	30,400	31,600	29,600
Conductivity (µmhos/cm) mid-depth	–	–	34,400	35,000	35,700
Conductivity (µmhos/cm) bottom	–	–	35,000	36,000	36,900
Temperature (°C) surface	–	–	18.5	18.8	19.4
Temperature (°C) mid-depth	–	–	18.4	18.3	18.2
Temperature (°C) bottom	–	–	18.3	18.2	18.0
Salinity (ppt) surface	–	–	21.1	22.1	20.6
Salinity (ppt) mid-depth	–	–	24.2	24.8	25.3
Salinity (ppt) bottom	–	–	24.8	25.5	26.2
Flow (MGD)	≤ 96.0 *	76	–	–	–
AGP (mg dry wt/L)	–	31.9	22.2	24.5	32.2
<b>Toxicity</b>					
Bioassay - Fish	–	Not toxic	–	–	–
Bioassay - Invertebrate	–	Not toxic	–	–	–

\* Permit Limit

\*\* Class III water quality standard

a - Annual average

A - Value reported is the mean of two or more determinations

I - Value reported is less than the minimum quantitation limit, and ≥ the minimum detection limit

U - Material analyzed for but not detected; value reported is the minimum detection limit

Quantitative measures of algal community health did not indicate any degradation at either test site. Chlorophyll *a* was undetected at all three sites.

Both test sites showed good benthic macroinvertebrate diversity, high taxa richness, and the presence of pollution-sensitive species. Although all three study sites were dominated by pollution-tolerant taxa, pollution-sensitive taxa were also present at all three sites, suggesting that the discharger was having no adverse effect on the receiving waters.

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Table 2. Major characteristics of community structure of control and test sites

Howard F. Curran AWWTF	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
<b>Macroinvertebrate</b>			
Number of Taxa	25	44	37
Shannon-Weaver Diversity	3.4	4.2	3.8
No. Polychaete Taxa	12	22	18
<b>Community Composition</b>			
% Amphipoda	4	8	9
% Cirripedia	5	23	2
% Cumacea	0.7	1	20
% Decapoda	0	1	1
% Gastropoda	0.7	13	27
% Nemertea	6	3	0.2
% Pelecypoda	2	2	0.6
% Polychaeta	77	44	32
% Tubificidae	1	3	8
% Other	2	4	2
<b>Functional Feeding Groups</b>			
% Browsers-grazers	2	3	4
% Burrowing Deposit Feeders	2	6	18
% Predators/Carnivores	41	9	10
% Scavengers	3	5	4
% Scrapers	0	4	27
% Surface Deposit Feeders	23	28	8
% Suspension Feeders	28	45	29
% Unknown	0.7	1	0.1
<b>Phytoplankton Algae</b>			
Number of Taxa	13	14	14
Shannon-Weaver Diversity	1.7	2.2	2.6
Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (µg/L)	1.0 U	1.0 U	1.0 U
Algal Density (#/mL)	1,678	479	229
% Blue-green	0.6	0	1
% Cryptophytes	20	61	32
% Diatoms	73	23	60
% Dinoflagellates	0	13	5
% Green	6	1	1
<b>AGP (mg dry wt/L)</b>	22.2	24.5	32.2

U - Material analyzed for but not detected; value reported is the minimum detection limit

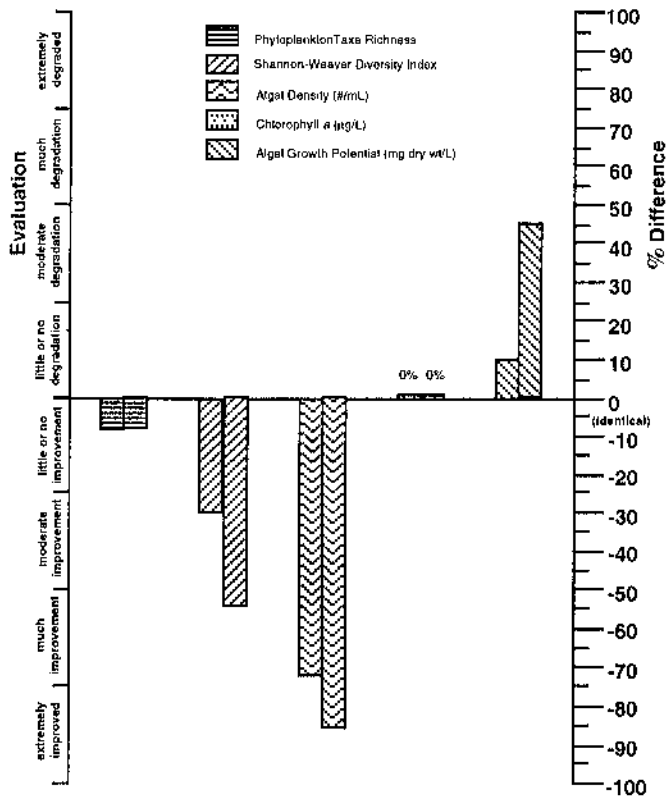


Figure 1. Effect of discharge on the algal community.

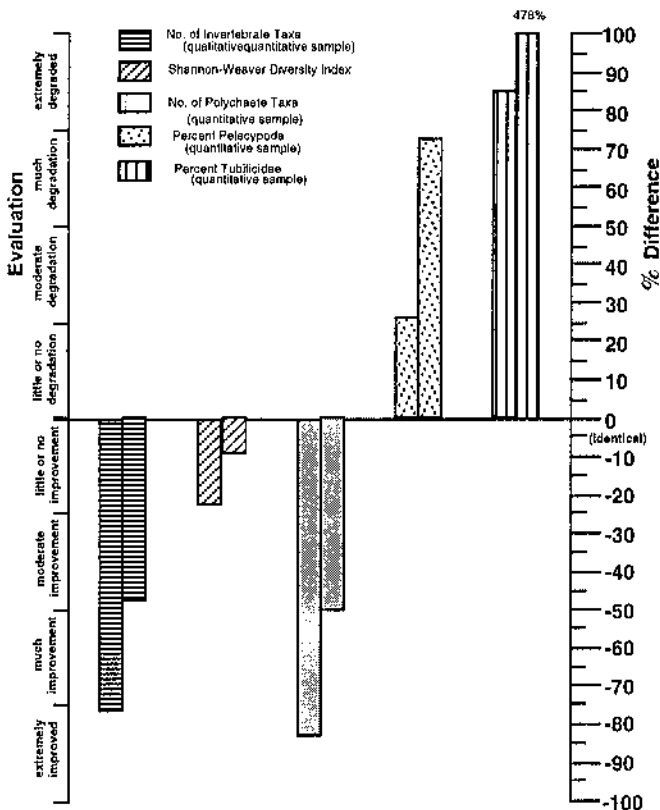


Figure 2. Effect of discharge on the benthic macroinvertebrate community.



## Explanation of Measurements of Community Health

Several different measurements of macroinvertebrate and algal community health have been employed to determine the effects of a discharge. These are briefly discussed here.

**Taxa richness:** Stress tends to reduce the number of different types of organisms present in a system, although moderate nutrient enrichment may sometimes be correlated with increased algal taxa richness.

**Shannon-Weaver diversity:** This index is specified in the Florida Administrative Code as a measure of biological integrity. Low diversity scores are undesirable. They represent conditions where only a few organisms are abundant, to the exclusion of other taxa. Excessive numerical dominance of a single type of organism (a high % contribution of the dominant taxon) is a related measure which is also associated with disturbance.

**Numbers of pollution sensitive taxa:** Some organisms become rare or absent as the intensity or duration of disturbance increases. Species sensitivity data from other sources, such as Chang *et al.* (1992), Farrell (1992), Hudson *et al.* (1990), Hulbert (1990), Lenat (1993), and Whitmore (1989), are used as appropriate.

**Community structure:** Substantial shifts in proportions of major groups of organisms, compared to control conditions, may indicate degradation. In marine systems, an increase in the % tubificid oligochaetes, a decrease in the % pelecypods, and a decrease in the number of polychaete taxa are all considered indicators of disturbance (Engel *et al.* 1994).

**Trophic composition/feeding guilds:** Disturbance can shift the feeding strategies of invertebrates. In Florida for example, pollution may be responsible for reducing the numbers of filter-feeders (FDEP 1994) and shredders (EA Engineering 1994).

**Algal biomass:** High algal biomass (algal density or chlorophyll *a*) implies nutrient stress.

# Typical Values for Selected Parameters in Florida Waters

Adapted from Joe Hand, FDER, personal communication, 1991

(data was collected between 1980 and 1989)

## Percentile Distribution

Parameter	5 %	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	95%
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### STREAMS

(1617 stations)

Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	0.22	0.52	0.94	1.60	3.02	4.63	6.72	9.87	14.68	27.35	48.70
Periphyton Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	0.31	0.43	0.77	1.04	2.16	2.94	6.45	10.51	17.00	39.51	60.85
H-D Diversity	0.84	2.12	2.48	2.74	2.88	3.09	3.25	3.40	3.52	3.76	3.90
Qualitative Taxa Richness	9.00	12.00	17.00	20.00	22.00	24.50	26.00	28.00	31.00	37.00	53.00
H-D Taxa Richness	6.00	6.50	9.00	11.50	13.00	15.00	17.00	21.50	26.00	29.00	32.00
TKN	0.30	0.39	0.56	0.73	0.87	1.00	1.11	1.26	1.49	1.93	2.80
Ammonia	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.20	0.34	0.60
NO <sub>2</sub> -NO <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.20	0.32	0.64	1.05
Total Phosphorus	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.18	0.25	0.39	0.74	1.51
Ortho Phosphorus	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.17	0.27	0.59	1.37
Turbidity	0.60	0.90	1.20	1.45	2.10	2.80	3.60	4.50	6.65	10.45	16.30

### LAKES

(477 stations)

Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	0.80	1.71	2.88	4.28	10.06	13.40	20.00	30.10	47.20	65.44	113.90
Dredge Diversity	0.71	0.97	1.43	1.74	1.98	2.12	2.21	2.59	2.85	3.15	3.17
Dredge Taxa Richness	3.00	5.00	6.50	7.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	21.00
TKN	0.36	0.49	0.67	0.83	1.03	1.26	1.40	1.51	1.68	2.11	3.46
NH <sub>3</sub> +NH <sub>4</sub>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.12	0.15	0.21	0.28
NO <sub>2</sub> -NO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.10	0.14	0.23
Total Phosphorus	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.23	0.42
Ortho-Phosphorus	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.21	0.32
Turbidity	1.00	1.25	1.55	2.05	2.75	4.50	6.45	9.60	14.10	26.00	40.00

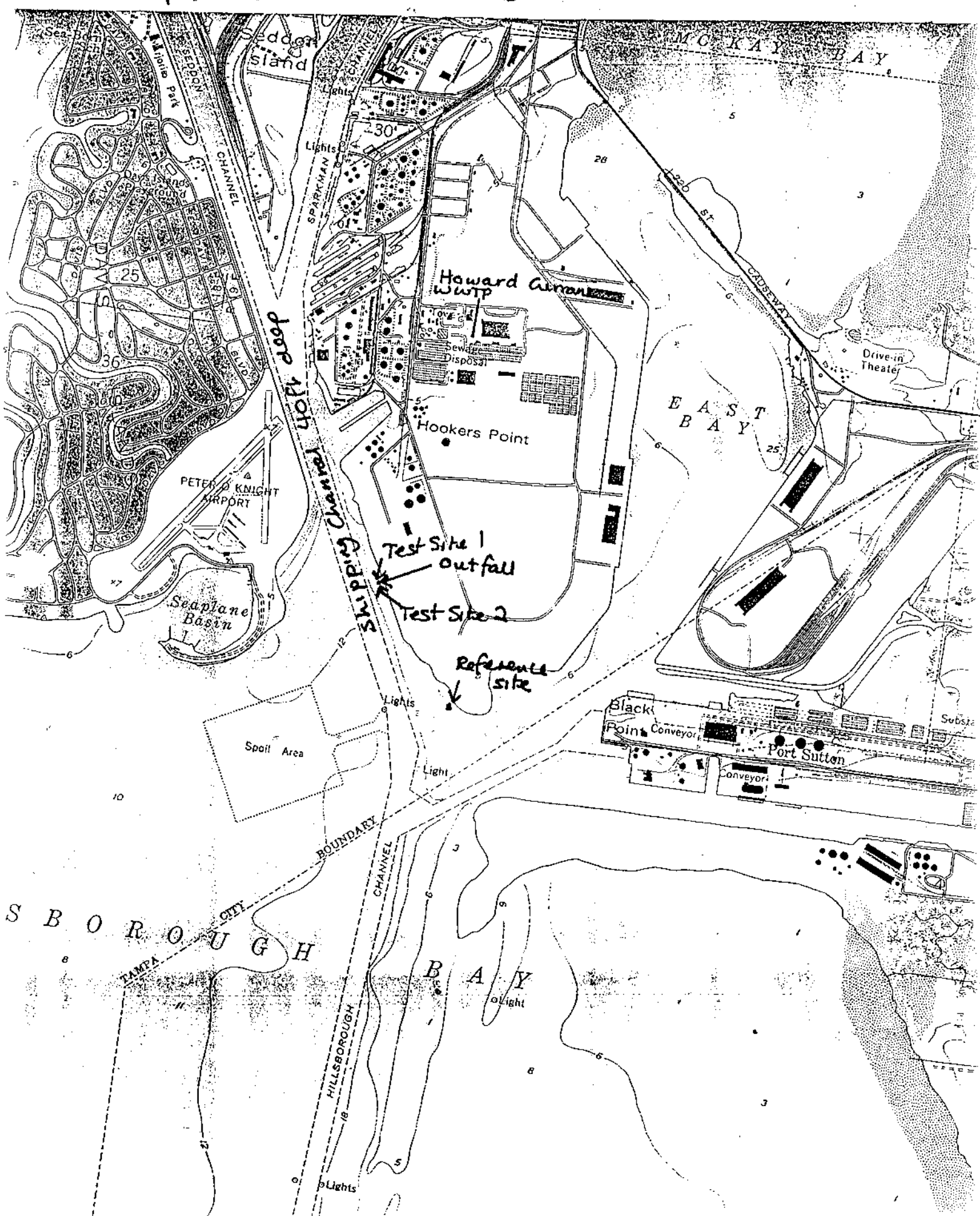
### ESTUARIES

(690 stations)

Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	2.14	3.28	4.49	5.13	6.00	6.93	7.94	9.60	12.40	17.60	22.20
Dredge Diversity	1.34	1.53	1.91	2.28	2.56	2.90	3.15	3.59	4.01	4.53	4.98
Dredge Taxa Richness	4.00	6.00	9.00	11.00	15.00	18.50	25.00	35.00	41.00	62.00	90.00
TKN	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.50	0.59	0.69	0.76	0.82	0.95	1.30	1.49
NH <sub>3</sub> +NH <sub>4</sub>	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.22	0.28
NO <sub>2</sub> -NO <sub>3</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.17	0.23
Total Phosphorus	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.23	0.43	0.59
Ortho-Phosphorus	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.21	0.44
Turbidity	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.05	5.40	5.60	6.30	6.80	8.00	11.40	11.75

Units:

Phytoplankton Chlorophyll *a* (ug/L), Periphyton Chlorophyll *a* (mg/m<sup>2</sup>), Nutrients (mg/L), Turbidity (NTU), Taxa richness and diversity values are for macroinvertebrates

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION  
FACILITY SUMMARY

Facility Name: <u>City of Tampa - Howard Curran WTP</u>		Date Summary Prepared: <u>12/5/97</u>	
Location (attach detailed map):	County: <u>Hillsborough</u>	District: <u>SW District</u>	
Federal Permit # and expiration date: <u>FL 0020940</u>	State GMS # and 4/10/96 State expiration date: <u>4029 MO 3950</u>	Facility Type: <u>Municipal</u> Industrial Federal Agricultural Other (list):	
Function of facility: <u>Treatment of domestic wastewaters from City of Tampa</u> <u>Service Area to Advanced Standards for discharge to Hillsborough Bay</u>			
Description of treatment process: <u>A 96.0 MGD TWO-STAGE, high-rate activated sludge process</u> <u>and denitrification filters followed by chlorine for disinfection</u> <u>and SO<sub>2</sub> for dechlorination prior to discharge.</u>			
Receiving waters: <u>Hillsborough Bay</u> <u>Tampa Bay</u>		Classification: <u>I II III</u>	
Design Flow: <u>96.0 MGD, Annual Average</u>	Mean Flow: <u>51.0 MGD - Annual Average</u>	Flow during survey: <u>76.0 MGD</u>	
Discharge is: <u>Continuous</u> Intermittent Seasonal Rainfall dependent Other (describe): therefore, the best time to sample is:			
If facility has a mixing zone, give details (size, parameters affected, etc.): <u>N/A - although they have requested a mixing zone</u> <u>Phosphorus limit was waived, under Bezzie-figg.</u>			

Parameter	Unit	Minimum	Maximum	Type Sample Frequency	Conditions
CBOD5 and Suspended Solids	mg/l	-	5 annual avg	**fpc Daily 7 days/wk	
Influent CBOD5 and Suspended Solids	mg/l	Report	-	**fpc Daily 7 days/wk	
Fecal Coliform	#100	*Non-detectable	25	grab Daily 7 days/wk	
Total Nitrogen	mg/l	-	3 annual avg	**fpc Daily 7days/wk	
Ortho Phosphorous	mg/l	Report	-	**fpc Daily 7days/wk	
Total Phosphorous	mg/l	Report	-	**fpc Daily 7days/wk	
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	-	0.01	grab Hourly/24 any sample hrs/day	
Flow	mgd	-	70.0 ADF	***rmft Continuous	
pH	STD UN	6.00	8.50	****meter Continuous	
DO	mg/l	5.00	-	****meter Continuous	

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FACILITY SUMMARY

(Facility)

Description of permitted outfall(s):

DOO1 - DISCHARGE TO SHIPPING channel IN Hillsborough Bay - 29.1 feet in depth  
DOO2 - INTERMITTENT DISCHARGE TO Hillsb. Bay, only DURING TIMES of high plant  
flow & high tides.  
DOO3

List permit violations (from MOR data or other source) and plant upsets that occurred within past year:

A minor number of chlorine residuals below 1.0 mg/L have been reported, typically very short duration.

Describe previous impact bioassessments, WQBEL's, and previous or current enforcement actions:

CURRENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION for a 1.0 mgd partially treated sewage spill to bay in July, 1995, due to an abnormal event. Tracking under OGC CASE # 96-3452.

Discuss comparability of MOR results to past DER results and whether there are trends (improving, declining) in the data set:

MOR results reflect long-term compliance with the permit limitations.

Additional information:

Staff contributing to this review (signature):

*Charles J. ...* (Biologist)

*Joe S. ...* (Inspector)

*...* (Engineer)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (5-10-96)

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (M/D/Y): 12/8/97	TIME: 1130	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____		COUNTY: Hillsboro'		LOCATION: Howard Auman WWTP aka Hookers Pt WWTP
REMARKS: _____		FIELD ID NAME: Reference Site		

**RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES**

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):

Forest/Natural <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">—</div>	Silviculture <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">—</div>	Field/Pasture <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">—</div>	Agricultural <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">—</div>	Residential <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">20</div>	Commercial <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">30</div>	Industrial <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">50</div>	Other (Specify) <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">—</div>
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Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate ☒ Heavy ☐

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate potential ☐ Obvious sources ☒

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: \_\_\_\_\_ List & map dominant vegetation on back

Artificially Channelized: ☐ no ☐ recent, severe some recovery ☐ mostly recovered ☐ more sinuous

Artificially Impounded: ☐ yes

High Water Mark: 

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(m above present water level) (present depth in m) (m above bed)

Typical Width (m)/Depth (m)/Velocity (m/sec) Transect

m/s	m/s	m/s
m wide	m wide	m wide
m deep	m deep	m deep

Canopy Cover %: Open: ☒ Lightly Shaded (11-45%): ☐ Moderately Shaded (46-80%): ☐ Heavily Shaded: ☐

**SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE**

Sediment Odors: Normal: ☒ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☐ Anaerobic: ☐ Other: ☐

Sediment Oils: Absent: ☒ Slight: ☐ Moderate: ☐ Profuse: ☐

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: ☐ Sand smothering: none slight ☐ moderate severe ☒ Silt smothering: none slight ☐ moderate severe ☒ Other: ☐

Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method	Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method
Woody Debris (Snags)				Sand			
Leaf Packs or Mats				Mud/Muck/Silt			
Aquatic Vegetation				Other:			
Rock or Shell Rubble				Other:			
Undercut banks/Roots				Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section			

WATER QUALITY	Depth (m):	Temp. (°C):	pH (SU):	D.O. (mg/l):	Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt):	Secchi (m):
Top	0.1	18.54	7.57	7.80	30,400	1.5
Mid-depth	1.5	18.39	7.68	7.10	34,400	
Bottom	3.0	18.34	7.66	7.22	35,000	

System Type: Stream: ☐ (1st - 2nd order 3rd - 4th order) ☐ (5th - 6th order 7th order or greater) Lake: ☐ Wetland: ☐ Estuary: ☐ Other: ☒ Bay

Water Odors (check box): Normal: ☒ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☐ Other: ☐

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: ☒ Sheen: ☐ Globbs: ☐ Slick: ☐

Clarity (check box): Clear: ☐ Slightly turbid: ☒ Turbid: ☐ Opaque: ☐

Color (check box): Tannic: ☒ Green (algae): ☐ Clear: ☐ Other: ☐

<p>Weather Conditions/Notes: sunny, few clouds, a gentle breeze</p>	<p>Abundance:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Periphyton</td> <td>Absent</td> <td>Rare</td> <td>Common</td> <td>Abundant</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fish</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aquatic Macrophytes</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iron/sulfur Bacteria</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Periphyton	Absent	Rare	Common	Abundant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Macrophytes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iron/sulfur Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SAMPLING TEAM: Grammer / Kovach	SIGNATURE: <i>Charles Grammer</i>	DATE: 12/18/97
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION  
MARINE BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (MM/DD/YY): 12/8/97	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____			

REMARKS: _____	LOCATION: Howard Curren <del>WTP</del> aka Hookers Point WTP	FIELD ID NAME: Reference Site
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Habitat Parameter <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">score</div>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Littoral Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">34</div>	None—Unaltered shoreline. 9-10 points	Mostly natural shoreline, but with occasional riprap. 6-8 points	Shoreline consisting mostly of riprap and vertical seawalls. 3-5 points <i>riprap + seawalls</i>	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points
Community Types Observed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">12</div>	At least four communities observed from the following list: mangrove swamp, marsh, oyster bar, grass bed, reef, saltern, natural beach, or tidal creek. 38-50 points	Two or three communities observed from those listed. 26-37 points	One community observed from those listed. 13-25 points	No communities observed from those listed. 0-12 points <i>bananias + oysters growing on seawalls rip-rap.</i>
Tidal Fluctuation <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</div>	>0.75 m. 4-5 points	0.5 - 0.75 m. 3 points	0.25 - 0.5 m. 2 points	<0.25 m. 0-1 point
Freshwater Discharges/Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3</div>	Only natural runoff. 9-10 points	Mostly natural runoff, but with a few, small stormwater sources. 6-8 points	Considerable stormwater discharge from local roads, parking lots, etc. 3-5 points	Extensive manmade discharges, especially from canals draining large tracts of land. 0-2 points
Flow and Wave Action <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</div>	Light to moderate wave action present except under the harshest weather conditions. Flow unrestricted by manmade structures. 9-10 points	—	—	Heavy wave action sometimes present even during average weather conditions, flow restricted by manmade structures so that velocities are very high. 0-2 points
Sediment Type <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">8</div>	Combination of sand, gravel, and shell. 12-15 points	Primarily sand, with small areas of mud. 8-11 points	Mixture of sand and mud, or well-aerated mud only. 4-7 points	Anaerobic mud. 0-3 points

TOTAL SCORE 

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COMMENTS: Tide going out. weather is fair		
ANALYSIS DATE: 12/8/97	ANALYST: Granger	SIGNATURE: Candrea Granger

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (5-10-96)

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (MO/Y): 12/8/97	TIME: 1000	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____		REMARKS: _____		FIELD ID NAME: Test Site 1
COUNTY: Hillsboro'	LOCATION: Howard Curran WWTP aka Hookers Pt WWTP			

**RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES**

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):

Forest/Natural	Silviculture	Field/Pasture	Agricultural	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Other (Specify)
—	—	—	—	20	30	50	—

Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate ☒ Heavy ☐

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate potential ☐ Obvious sources ☒

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: \_\_\_\_\_ List & map dominant vegetation on back

Artificially Channelized ☐ no ☐ recent, severe ☐ some recovery ☐ mostly recovered ☐ more sinuous

Artificially Impounded ☐ yes ☐ no

High Water Mark: 5 + 0.5 = 5.5  
(m above present water level) (present depth in m) (m above bed)

Canopy Cover %: Open: ☒ Lightly Shaded (11-45%): ☐ Moderately Shaded (46-80%): ☐ Heavily Shaded: ☐

**SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE**

Sediment Odors: Normal: ☒ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☐ Anaerobic: ☐ Other: ☐

Sediment Oils: Absent: ☒ Slight: ☐ Moderate: ☐ Profuse: ☐

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: ☐ Sand smothering: none slight ☐ moderate severe ☒ Silt smothering: none slight ☒ moderate severe ☐ Other: ☐

Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method	Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method
Woody Debris (Snags)				Sand			
Leaf Packs or Mats				Mud/Muck/Silt			
Aquatic Vegetation				Other:			
Rock or Shell Rubble				Other:			
Undercut banks/Roots				Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section			

WATER QUALITY	Depth (m):	Temp. (°C):	pH (SU):	D.O. (mg/l):	Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt):	Secchi (m):
Top	0.1	18.82	7.20	8.31	31,600	1.5
Mid-depth	2.5	18.27	7.65	7.26	35,000	
Bottom	5.0	18.17	7.60	6.87	36,000	

System Type: Stream: ☐ (1st - 2nd order 3rd - 4th order) 5th - 6th order 7th order or greater Lake: ☐ Wetland: ☐ Estuary: ☒ Other: ☒ Bay

Water Odors (check box): Normal: ☐ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☒ Other: ☐ chlorine

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: ☒ Sheen: ☐ Globbs: ☐ Slick: ☐

Clarity (check box): Clear: ☐ Slightly turbid: ☒ Turbid: ☐ Opaque: ☐

Color (check box): Tannic: ☒ Green (algae): ☐ Clear: ☐ Other: ☐

Weather Conditions/Notes: Sunny, few cloudy, a gentle breeze	Abundance:				
	Periphyton	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>	Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Common <input type="checkbox"/>	Abundant <input type="checkbox"/>
	Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Aquatic Macrophytes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Iron/sulfur Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLING TEAM: Grainger / Kovach	SIGNATURE: Candace Grainger	DATE: 12/13/97
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MARINE BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STOREY STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (MM/DD): 12/8/97	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____			

REMARKS: _____	LOCATION: Howard Curran WWTP aka Hookers Pt WWTP	FIELD ID NAME: Test Site 1
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Habitat Parameter <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">score</div>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Littoral Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">AG 3.5</div>	None—Unaltered shoreline. 9-10 points	Mostly natural shoreline, but with occasional riprap. 6-8 points	Shoreline consisting mostly of riprap and vertical seawalls. 3-5 points <i>all rip-rap</i>	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points
Community Types Observed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">12</div>	At least four communities observed from the following list: mangrove swamp, marsh, oyster bar, grass bed, reef, saltern, natural beach, or tidal creek. 38-50 points	Two or three communities observed from those listed. 26-37 points	One community observed from those listed. 13-25 points	No communities observed from those listed. 0-12 points <i>Oysters, barnacles growing on rip-rap.</i>
Tidal Fluctuation <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">5</div>	>0.75 m. 4-5 points	0.5 - 0.75 m. 3 points	0.25 - 0.5 m. 2 points	<0.25 m. 0-1 point
Freshwater Discharges/Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3</div>	Only natural runoff. 9-10 points	Mostly natural runoff, but with a few, small stormwater sources. 6-8 points	Considerable stormwater discharge from local roads, parking lots, etc. 3-5 points	Extensive manmade discharges, especially from canals draining large tracts of land. 0-2 points
Flow and Wave Action <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</div>	Light to moderate wave action present except under the harshest weather conditions. Flow unrestricted by manmade structures. 9-10 points	—	—	Heavy wave action sometimes present even during average weather conditions, flow restricted by manmade structures so that velocities are very high. 0-2 points
Sediment Type <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">AG 11 11.8</div>	Combination of sand, gravel, and shell. 12-15 points	Primarily sand, with small areas of mud. 8-11 points	Mixture of sand and mud, or well-aerated mud only. 4-7 points	Anaerobic mud. 0-3 points

TOTAL SCORE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">38</div>
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COMMENTS:

*Tide going out. Weather is fair*

ANALYSIS DATE: 12/8/97	ANALYST: Grainger	SIGNATURE: <i>Carolee Grainger</i>
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**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET** (5-10-96)

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (M/D/Y): <b>12/8/97</b>	TIME: <b>1045</b>	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <b>Hillsborough Bay/Tampa Bay</b>
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____				

REMARKS: _____	COUNTY: <b>Hillsboro'</b>	LOCATION: <b>Howard Cuman WWTP AKA Hookers Pt WWTP</b>	FIELD ID/NAME: <b>Test Site 2</b>
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**RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES**

Predominant Land-Use in Watershed (specify relative percent in each category):

Forest/Natural <input type="checkbox"/>	Silviculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Field/Pasture <input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Residential <b>20</b>	Commercial <b>30</b>	Industrial <b>50</b>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate ☒ Heavy ☐

Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence ☐ Slight ☐ Moderate potential ☐ Obvious sources ☒

Width of riparian vegetation (m) on least buffered side: \_\_\_\_\_ List & map dominant vegetation on back

Artificially Channelized ☐ no ☐ recent, severe some recovery mostly recovered more sinuous

Artificially Impounded ☐ yes

High Water Mark: **0.5** + **10** = **10.5**  
(m above present water level) (present depth in m) (m above bed)

Canopy Cover % : Open : ☒ Lightly Shaded (11-45%): ☐ Moderately Shaded (46-80%): ☐ Heavily Shaded: ☐

**SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE**

Sediment Odors: Normal: ☒ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☐ Anaerobic: ☐ Other: ☐

Sediment Oils: Absent: ☒ Slight: ☐ Moderate: ☐ Profuse: ☐

Sediment Deposition: Sludge: ☐ Sand smothering: none slight moderate severe ☒ Silt smothering: none slight moderate severe ☒ Other: ☐

Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method	Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method
Woody Debris (Snags)				Sand			
Leaf Packs or Mats				Mud/Muck/Silt			
Aquatic Vegetation				Other:			
Rock or Shell Rubble				Other:			
Undercut banks/Roots				Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m section			

WATER QUALITY	Depth (m):	Temp. (°C):	pH (SU):	D.O. (mg/l):	Cond. (µmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt):	Secchi (m):
Top	0.1	19.43	7.39	7.40	29,600	1.5
Mid-depth	5.0	18.24	7.70	6.60	35,700	
Bottom	10.0	18.00	7.69	6.87	36,900	

System Type : Stream: ☐ (1st - 2nd order 3rd - 4th order 5th - 6th order 7th order or greater) Lake: ☐ Wetland: ☐ Estuary: ☐ Other: ☒ **Bay**

Water Odors (check box): Normal: ☐ Sewage: ☐ Petroleum: ☐ Chemical: ☒ **chlorine** Other: ☐

Water Surface Oils (check box): None: ☒ Sheen: ☐ Globbs: ☐ Slick: ☐

Clarity (check box): Clear: ☐ Slightly turbid: ☒ Turbid: ☐ Opaque: ☐

Color (check box): Tannic: ☒ Green (algae): ☐ Clear: ☐ Other: ☐

Weather Conditions/Notes: <b>Sunny, some clouds. Tide was going out.</b>	<table> <tr> <th>Abundance:</th> <th>Absent</th> <th>Rare</th> <th>Common</th> <th>Abundant</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Periphyton</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fish</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aquatic Macrophytes</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iron/sulfur Bacteria</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Abundance:	Absent	Rare	Common	Abundant	Periphyton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aquatic Macrophytes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Iron/sulfur Bacteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SAMPLING TEAM: <b>Granger / Kovach</b>	SIGNATURE: <b>Charles Granger</b>	DATE: <b>12/13/97</b>
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SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (MM/YY): 12/8/97	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____			

REMARKS: _____	LOCATION: Howard Curran WWTP aka Hooker's Pt WWTP	FIELD ID NAME: Test Site 2
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Habitat Parameter Score	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Littoral Alterations 5	None—Unaltered shoreline. 9-10 points	Mostly natural shoreline, but with occasional riprap. 6-8 points	Shoreline consisting mostly of riprap and vertical seawalls. 3-5 points <i>all rip-rap.</i>	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points
Community Types Observed 12	At least four communities observed from the following list: mangrove swamp, marsh, oyster bar, grass bed, reef, saltern, natural beach, or tidal creek. 38-50 points	Two or three communities observed from those listed. 26-37 points	One community observed from those listed. 13-25 points	No communities observed from those listed. 0-12 points <i>Oysters, barnacles growing on rip-rap</i>
Tidal Fluctuation 5	>0.75 m. 4-5 points	0.5 - 0.75 m. 3 points	0.25 - 0.5 m. 2 points	<0.25 m. 0-1 point
Freshwater Discharges/ Alterations 3	Only natural runoff. 9-10 points	Mostly natural runoff, but with a few, small stormwater sources. 6-8 points	Considerable stormwater discharge from local roads, parking lots, etc. 3-5 points	Extensive manmade discharges, especially from canals draining large tracts of land. 0-2 points
Flow and Wave Action 2	Light to moderate wave action present except under the harshest weather conditions. Flow unrestricted by manmade structures. 9-10 points	_____	_____	Heavy wave action sometimes present even during average weather conditions, or flow restricted by manmade structures so that velocities are very high. 0-2 points
Sediment Type 11	Combination of sand, gravel, and shell. 12-15 points	Primarily sand, with small areas of mud. 8-11 points	Mixture of sand and mud, or well-aerated mud only. 4-7 points	Anaerobic mud. 0-3 points

TOTAL SCORE 38

COMMENTS:

*Tide going out. Weather is fair*

ANALYSIS DATE: 12/8/97	ANALYST: Granger	SIGNATURE: Candrea Granger
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION  
MARINE BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: _____ SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: _____	STORET STATION NUMBER: _____	DATE (MM/DD): <u>12/8/97</u>	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Hillsborough Bay / Tampa Bay</u>
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REMARKS: _____	LOCATION: <u>Howard Curran WWTP aka Hooker's Pt WWTP</u>	FIELD ID NAME: <u>Test Site 2</u>
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Habitat Parameter <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">score</div>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Littoral Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5</div>	None—Unaltered shoreline. 9-10 points	Mostly natural shoreline, but with occasional riprap. 6-8 points	Shoreline consisting mostly of riprap and vertical seawalls. 3-5 points <i>all rip-rap.</i>	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points
Community Types Observed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">12</div>	At least four communities observed from the following list: mangrove swamp, marsh, oyster bar, grass bed, reef, saltern, natural beach, or tidal creek. 38-50 points	Two or three communities observed from those listed. 26-37 points	One community observed from those listed. 13-25 points	No communities observed from those listed. 0-12 points <i>oysters, barnacles growing on rip-rap</i>
Tidal Fluctuation <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5</div>	>0.75 m. 4-5 points	0.5 - 0.75 m. 3 points	0.25 - 0.5 m. 2 points	<0.25 m. 0-1 point
Freshwater Discharges/ Alterations <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">3</div>	Only natural runoff. 9-10 points	Mostly natural runoff, but with a few, small stormwater sources. 6-8 points	Considerable stormwater discharge from local roads, parking lots, etc. 3-5 points	Extensive manmade discharges, especially from canals draining large tracts of land. 0-2 points
Flow and Wave Action <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2</div>	Light to moderate wave action present except under the harshest weather conditions. Flow unrestricted by manmade structures. 9-10 points	—	—	Heavy wave action sometimes present even during average weather conditions, or flow restricted by manmade structures so that velocities are very high. 0-2 points
Sediment Type <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">11</div>	Combination of sand, gravel, and shell. 12-15 points	Primarily sand, with small areas of mud. 8-11 points	Mixture of sand and mud, or well-aerated mud only. 4-7 points	Anaerobic mud. 0-3 points

TOTAL SCORE 

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COMMENTS:

*Tide going out. Weather is fair*

ANALYSIS DATE: <u>12/8/97</u>	ANALYST: <u>Granger</u>	SIGNATURE: <u>Candrea Granger</u>
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Sample Source: Howard Curren WWTP  
County: Hillsborough  
Contact / District: Andrea Grainger / Southwest  
NPDES Permit #: FL00  
LIMS Sample #: 202928 LIMS Job #: 97-DEC-09-23

Sample Collection: Date 12-8-97 Time 16:30  
 Test Beginning: Date 12-9-97 Time 15:20  
 Test Ending: Date 12-11-97 Time 15:30  
 Organism Batch #: 94 Diluent Batch #: Well  
 Organism Age: 12 days  
 Test Organism: Cyprinella leedsii

sample log: 12/22/17 QW  
**Test Type:** Screening | Definitive  
Static | Static Renewal | Flow-through  
 Temperature range: room 24.0-25.0°C  
 incubator 25.0-26.5°C  
**Test Number:** 2 of 2 26.5°C  
**Remarks:** D = dead, M = missing

Instrument	Calibrations: pH	Temperature °C	D.O. mg/l.	Conductivity μmhos/cm
meter #	7851	90H018262	90H018262	G9005749
0 hr	<u>7.0 @ 7.0</u> <u>9.0 @ 9.0</u>	<u>22.7 @ 22.3</u>	<u>8.3 @ 24.8 °C</u>	<u>101.3 @ 103.6</u> <u>977 @ 1005 @ 24.5 °C</u> <u>980 @ 1027</u>
24 hr	<u>7.0 @ 7.0</u> <u>9.0 @ 9.0</u>	<u>23.8 @ 23.8</u>	<u>8.2 @ 25.1 °C</u>	<u>103.0 @ 103.6</u> <u>989 @ 1005 @ 25.0 °C</u>
48 hr	<u>7.0 @ 7.0</u> <u>9.0 @ 9.0</u>	<u>22.8 @ 22.9</u>	<u>8.3 @ 24.8 °C</u>	<u>102.9 @ 103.6</u> <u>976 @ 1005 @ 24.2 °C</u>

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Investigators' Signatures

Water Quality Parameters verified by MF

Marshall Faircloth

Field Total Residual Cl<sub>2</sub> (mg/L):

Lab Total Residual Cl<sub>2</sub> (mg/L):

Alkalinity (mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) :

Hardness (mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) :

Total ammonia (mg/L as N) :

Ammonia      Ammonia

## Salt Water

~~Well Water~~

20% Min Water	Sample	Method	Measured by
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NO 1	2/10/54	2	
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	20103	20103	20103
	120	120	125

120	7/4/24	120
125	11/1	125

	195	174	125
	100	100	100

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Harmonia	Control	Sample
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ank: 20.017 Salinity: 0 ppt Salinity: 0

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Meter #98136 Meter Slope:

Sample Source: Howard Curran WWTP  
County: Hillsborough  
Contact / District: Andrea Oringer / Southwest  
NPDES Permit #: FL00  
LIMS Sample #: 202928 LIMS Job #: 97-DEC-09-23

Sample Collection: Date 12-8-97 Time 16:30  
 Test Beginning: Date 12-9-97 Time 15:30  
 Test Ending: Date 12-11-97 Time 15:30  
 Organism Batch #: 48 Diluent Batch #: 55  
 Organism Age: 224 hours

Test Organism: Ceriodaphnia dubia

sample log: 24-2-197 AM  
 Test Type: Screening | Definitive  
Static | Static Renewal | Flow-through n  
 Temperature range: room 24.0-25.0°C  
 incubator 25.0-25.5°C AM  
 Test Number: 1 of 2 24.4-25.5°C  
 Remarks: D = dead, M = missing

**Instrument**  
**Calibrations:** pH

Temperature °C	D.O. mg/L	Conductivity $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$
90H018262	90H018262	G9005749
<u>22.3 @ 22.3</u>	<u>8.3 @ 24.8 °C</u>	<u>101.3 @ 103.6</u>
		<u>977 @ 1005 @ 24.5 °C</u>
<u>23.8 @ 23.8</u>	<u>8.2 @ 25.1 °C</u>	<u>918.9 @ 1085.7</u>
		<u>903.0 @ 103.6</u>
		<u>989 @ 1005 @ 25.0 °C</u>
<u>22.8 @ 22.9</u>	<u>8.3 @ 24.8 °C</u>	<u>102.4 @ 103.6</u>
		<u>976 @ 1005 @ 24.2 °C</u>

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✓ Total ammonia (mg/L as N) :

Salt Water

Water Quality Parameters verified by m/f

Well Water

20% Min Water	Sample	Method	Measured by
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20.03	20.03	OR/100	RV
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65	120	Hach	MF
	105	Hach	MF

80	195	Hach	MF
			MF

20,017	20,017	0.000	0.000
Control	Control	Sample	Sample

Ammonia Ammonia

Ammonia Control Sample  
Blank: 20.017 Salinity: 0 ppt Salinity: 0 ppt

Control Salinity: 0 ppt      Sample Salinity: 0 ppt

Phytoplankton taxa list and densities (#/mL) for Howard Curran WWTP, collected via subsurface grabs in Hillsborough Bay on 8 December, 1997.

	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
<b>Bacillariophyceae</b>			
<i>Chaetoceros</i> sp.	—	—	9
<i>Coscinodiscus</i> sp.	—	9	9
<i>Cyclotella</i> sp.	58	19	6
<i>Cylindrotheca</i> sp.	—	13	6
<i>Melosira</i> sp.	—	—	6
<i>Navicula</i> sp.	—	3	—
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp.	—	3	—
<i>Rhizosolenia</i> sp.	10	—	—
<i>Skeletonema</i> sp.	1109	44	94
<i>Synedra</i> sp.	39	—	—
Undetermined pennate diatom	10	19	9
<b>Chlorophyceae</b>			
<i>Crucigenia</i> sp.	19	6	—
<i>Elakatothrix</i> sp.	—	—	3
<i>Scenedesmus</i> sp.	10	—	—
<i>Schroederia</i> sp.	10	—	—
<i>Tetraedron</i> sp.	10	—	—
<i>Tetraselmis</i> sp.	—	6	—
Undetermined chlorophyceae	48	—	—
<b>Cryptophyceae</b>			
<i>Chroomonas</i> sp.	338	291	68
<i>Cryptomonas</i> sp.	—	3	6
<b>Cyanophyceae</b>			
<i>Dactylococcopsis</i> sp.	10	—	—
<i>Oscillatoria</i> sp.	—	—	3
<b>Dinophyceae</b>			
<i>Ceratium</i> sp.	—	50	6
<i>Peridinium</i> sp.	—	9	3
<i>Prorocentrum</i> sp.	—	3	3
<b>Euglenophyceae</b>			
<i>Euglena</i> sp.	10	—	—

Benthic macroinvertebrate taxa list for Howard Curran Waste Water Treatment Plant, collected via Ponar grab samples in Hillsborough Bay, on 8, December 1998. Densities, in number/m<sup>2</sup>, represent the mean of three replicates.

	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
<b>Actiniaria</b>			
Undetermined Actiniaria	—	—	56
<b>Amphipoda</b>			
<i>Ampelisca</i> sp.	14	125	—
<i>Ampelisca abdita</i>	56	14	528
<i>Grandidierella bonnieroides</i>	—	14	14
<i>Listriella barnardi</i>	—	—	14
<i>Parametopella</i> sp.	14	28	42
Undetermined Amphilochoidea	—	14	—
Undetermined Haustoriidae	—	14	—
<b>Holothuroidia</b>			
<i>Leptosynapta</i> sp.	—	14	—
<b>Cumacea</b>			
<i>Cyclaspis</i> sp.	14	—	14
<i>Cyclaspis varians</i>	—	—	1361
<i>Oxyurostylis</i> sp.	—	28	14
<b>Decapoda</b>			
<i>Palaemonetes</i> sp.	—	14	—
<i>Pinnixa</i> sp.	—	—	69
Undetermined Decapoda	—	14	—
Undetermined Xanthidae	—	—	14
<b>Gastropoda</b>			
<i>Anachis obesa</i>	—	69	—
<i>Crepidula</i> sp.	—	236	—
<i>Cyclostremiscus</i> sp.	14	—	—
<i>Mitrella lunata</i>	—	14	—
<i>Oliva sayana</i>	—	14	28
<i>Physella</i> sp.	—	14	444
Undetermined Gastropoda	—	—	1403
<b>Nemertea</b>			
Undetermined Nemertea	125	69	14
<b>Oligochaeta</b>			
Undetermined Tubificidae	28	69	569
<b>Ophiurida</b>			
Undetermined Ophiuridae	28	—	—
<b>Pelecypoda</b>			
<i>Corbula contracta</i>	14	—	14
<i>Corbula swiftiana</i>	—	—	14
<i>Mactra fragilis</i>	14	28	14
<i>Tellina</i> sp.	14	14	—
<b>Polychaeta</b>			
Undetermined Amphinomidia	250	—	42
<i>Apoprionospio</i> sp.	—	28	—
<i>Capitella</i> sp.	—	14	—
<i>Capitella capitata</i>	14	—	97



<i>Glycera</i> sp.	—	—	56
<i>Glycinde</i> sp.	—	—	14
<i>Lumbrineris</i> sp.	—	14	—
<i>Mediomastus californiensis</i>	—	—	528
<i>Minuspio</i> sp.	694	236	764
<i>Mooreonuphis</i> sp.	—	14	—
<i>Nephtys</i> sp.	28	—	28
<i>Nereis succinea</i>	—	14	42
<i>Onuphis</i> sp.	—	28	—
<i>Paraprionospio pinnata</i>	—	14	—
<i>Phyllodoce mucosa</i>	—	—	42
<i>Poecilochaetus</i> sp.	—	28	—
<i>Prionospio</i> sp.	42	28	83
<i>Prionospio cristata</i>	—	14	—
<i>Prionospio heterobranchia</i>	28	—	—
<i>Prionospio pygmaea</i>	—	42	—
<i>Sigalion arenicola</i>	—	14	—
<i>Sigambra</i> sp.	181	42	83
<i>Sigambra tentaculata</i>	139	—	97
<i>Sthenelais</i> sp.	28	—	—
<i>Sthenelais limicola</i>	—	—	28
<i>Streblospio benedicti</i>	—	—	28
<i>Syllis</i> sp.	—	28	—
<i>Tharyx</i> sp.	—	83	—
Undetermined Capitellidae	—	—	56
Undetermined Chrysopetalidae	—	—	167
Undetermined Cirratulidae	56	375	83
Undetermined Goniadidae	14	—	—
Undetermined Nereidae	—	14	28
Undetermined Poecilochaetidae	—	14	—
Undetermined Sabellidae	—	14	—
Undetermined Spionidae	42	83	—
Undetermined Syllidae	—	14	—
<b>Polycladida</b>			
<i>Stylochus</i> sp.	14	—	—
<b>Sipuncula</b>			
Undetermined Sipuncula	—	56	—
<b>Cirripedia</b>			
<i>Balanus</i> sp.	97	611	167
<b>Turbellaria</b>			
<i>Dugesia</i> sp.	—	14	—

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