



Biological Assessment of
River Oaks WWTP and Northwest Regional WWTP
Hillsborough County
NPDES #FL0027821 (RO) and #FL0041670 (NW)
Sampled April 1993

October 1993

Biology Section
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Department of Environmental Protection
Results of Fifth Year Inspections

Discharger: River Oaks and Northwest Regional WWTPs
County: Hillsborough
NPDES Number: FL0027821 (RO) and FL0041670 (NW)
State Permit Expiration Date: 2-1-94 (RO) and 9-30-96 (NW)

Toxics Sampling Inspection (XSI)

Date Sampled: 19 April 1993

Results: Diazinon and atrazine were detected in the River Oaks effluent (at 0.22 µg/L and 0.38 µg/L, respectively) and also in the Northwest Regional effluent (at 0.23 µg/L and 0.38 µg/L, respectively). These concentrations of diazinon are cause for concern, since levels of 0.35 µg/L may be acutely toxic to invertebrates. The few metals detected in both effluents were within Class III water quality standards.

Compliance Biomonitoring Inspection (CBI)

Date Sampled: 19 April 1993

Results: Chlorinated effluents from the River Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Northwest Regional WWTP were both acutely toxic to the invertebrate, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, and to the fish, *Notropis leedsii*. (Appendix). All test organisms were dead within 24 hours. This is a violation of Rules 17-302.510(5)(p) FAC, 17-302.500(1)(d) FAC, and 17-4.244(3)(a) FAC. Conversely, neither de-chlorinated effluent was toxic to the test organisms.

Impact Bioassessment Inspection (IBI)

Date Sampled: 19 April 1993

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Water Quality Inspection (WQI)

Date Sampled: 19 April 1993

Results: Nutrients were relatively low in the effluent samples, and were within the permit requirements at both facilities. Nutrient concentrations of the receiving waters were fairly average for Florida stream systems, except for nitrate-nitrite, which was higher than 70% and 78%, respectively, of typical Florida streams. Algal growth potential (AGP) results indicated nutrient enrichment in Rocky Creek, but not necessarily due to the WWTP discharges. The reference site and test site AGP's were both well above the "problem threshold". However, effluent AGP's were lower than those observed in both receiving water stations, suggesting that the increase in AGP seen at the test site may be related more to the nearby agricultural activities (dairy farming) than to the WWTP discharges.

Introduction

The River Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Northwest Regional WWTP are both located in Hillsborough County, Florida, near Old Tampa Bay (see maps in Appendix). The outfalls for the two facilities are located within a mile of one another in Channel A, a waterway which may reverse flow depending on

hydrologic conditions. Both facilities were sampled during this study to determine their relative influences on receiving water conditions. Channel A is connected with Rocky Creek, and both channelized streams discharge over salinity barriers to Old Tampa Bay (see maps in Appendix).

The River Oaks WWTP has a design capacity of 10 MGD, while the Northwest Regional WWTP's design capacity is 5 MGD. Permit limits for both advanced wastewater treatment

facilities (as annual averages) are identical: BOD (5 mg/L), TSS (5 mg/L), total nitrogen (3 mg/L), total phosphorus (1 mg/L), and fecal coliform bacteria (non-detectable) (see Facility Summary in Appendix for details). The River Oaks WWTP is currently under enforcement actions due to chronic, unacceptable odor problems. Other minor operational deficiencies have been noted for this facility, as well as a violation of the fecal coliform permit limit. The Northwest Regional WWTP has been in violation of the TKN limit, but the cause has since been corrected.

Major characteristics of community structure of control and test sites.

Control Site Test Site

Macroinvertebrate Hester-Dendy		
Number of Taxa	47	64
Florida Index	8	20
Shannon-Weaver Diversity	3.59	4.21
% Diptera	53.2	60.2
% Ephemeroptera	2.6	17.9
% Gastropoda	20.5	6.7
% Malacostraca	17.7	8.7
% Odonata	0.4	1.2
% Oligochaeta	5.0	0.8
% Other	0.6	4.6
% Predators/ Carnivores	3.1	6.5
% Deposit feeders (above surface)/ Collector-Gatherers	31.5	46.1
% Deposit feeders (below surface)	5.5	0.7
% Suspension feeders/ Collector-Filterers	22.3	20.7
% Scavengers	6.5	3.0
% Plant piercers	0	1.5
% Scrapers	23.9	15.7
% Shredders	7.2	5.7
% Parasites	0	0.1
Phytoplankton Algae		
Number of Taxa	11	12
% Contribution of Dominant Taxon	45.8	72.1
Chlorophyll a (mg/sq. m)	.88	2.34
Diatom/Diatom + B-G Abundance Ratio	0.88	0.99
% Blue-green	8.3	1.2
% Green	20.8	3.5
% Diatoms	62.5	93.0
% Other	8.3	2.4
Algal Growth Potential (mg dry wt/L)	16.8	25.8

Methods

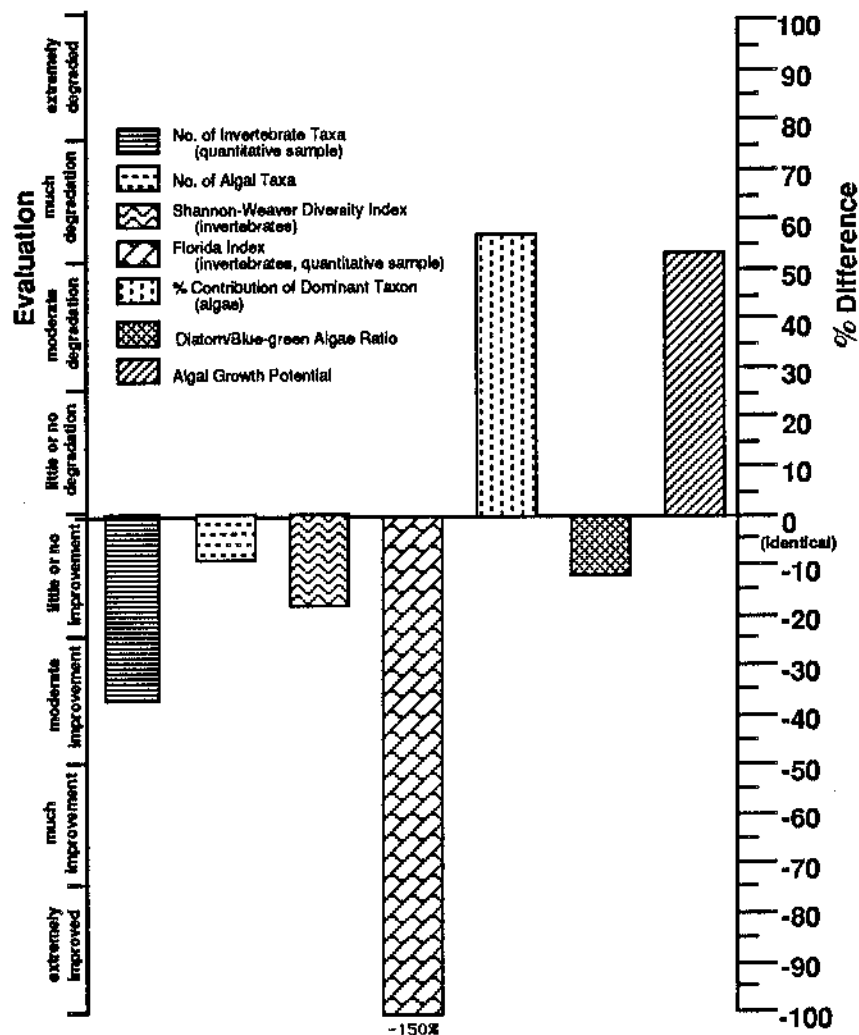
The focus of this investigation was to determine the dischargers' effects on the receiving waters. A comparison of biological community health was made between a reference site (located in Rocky Creek about 0.25 miles upstream of its confluence with Channel A) and a test site (located in Rocky Creek about 0.25 miles downstream of its confluence with Channel A). The test site may be considered downstream of both dischargers, since Channel A usually (90% of the time) flows into Rocky Creek (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 screening toxicity bioassays, using *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and *Notropis leedsii* as test organisms, were performed on effluent samples from both facilities (Weber 1991). The effluents were analyzed for metals and for or-

ganic constituents (base neutral and acid extractables, and pesticide extractables). Additionally, nutrient analyses were performed on both effluent samples, as well as water from the reference and test sites. Methods used for all chemical analyses are on file at the Tallahassee DER Chemistry Laboratory.

Benthic macroinvertebrate communities were evaluated at reference and test sites. Invertebrates were collected using Hester-Dendy multi-plate samplers which were incubated for 28 days (Ross 1990). Phytoplankton was sampled at both reference and test sites via sub-surface grab samples. Chlorophyll *a* was also determined for phytoplankton communities (Ross 1990). Periphyton racks were not successfully recovered. Algal Growth Potential tests, using *Selenastrum capricornutum* as the test organism, followed Miller *et al.* (1978).

Explanation of Measurements of Community Health

Several different measurements of macroinvertebrate and algal community health have been employed. Many of these, such as the number of taxa, Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index, and chlorophyll *a* are well known. Others are briefly explained here. The Florida Index assigns points to stream-dwelling macroinvertebrates based on their sensitivity to pollution (see Ross 1990). A site with a high Florida Index score is considered healthy (*i.e.*, many clean-water organisms are present). Excessive numerical dominance of a single type of organism (a high % contribution of dominant taxon) is usually associated with disturbance. A



Effect of discharge on receiving stream
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decreased diatom to blue-green algae ratio (calculated by dividing the number of individuals in the Bacillariophyta by the number of individuals in the Bacillariophyta + Cyanophyta) is often indicative of nutrient enriched conditions. The determination of the Quantitative Stability Index (for taxonomic % composition) is a two step process. First, the relative proportions of major taxonomic groups are calculated for each site. Then, the lesser of the two percentages for each discrete taxonomic group is totaled. A QSI (% composition) of 100% means that the two sites

being compared are identical. This same type of procedure is used for calculating the QSI (functional feeding groups).

For graphical purposes, the percent differences between the reference and test sites involving the number of taxa, the diversity index, Florida Index and the diatom to blue-green algae ratio are measured as the reference site minus test site divided by the reference site. The percent differences between sites involving the percent contribution of dominant taxon, chlorophyll *a*, and algal growth potential are measured as the

test site minus reference site divided by the reference site.

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Results and Discussion

Habitat quality was similar at both sites (habitat scores were 48 and 44 for reference and test sites, respectively, Appendix). The reference site had more available substrate and somewhat better water velocity than did the test site. The latter scored higher with respect to riparian zone vegetation, bank stability, and artificial channel alterations. The fastest observed water velocity at the upstream site was 0.12 m/sec, while water velocity at the test site was only slightly less (0.1 m/s). Both areas of Rocky Creek were channelized, but the test site exhibited signs of recovery. The pH at the study sites was near neutral (6.8 at the reference; 7.4 at the test site), and conductivity was higher at the downstream station (267 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ and 556 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ at reference and test sites, respectively). Dissolved oxygen was only 0.2 mg/L at the reference site. It is likely that respiration from

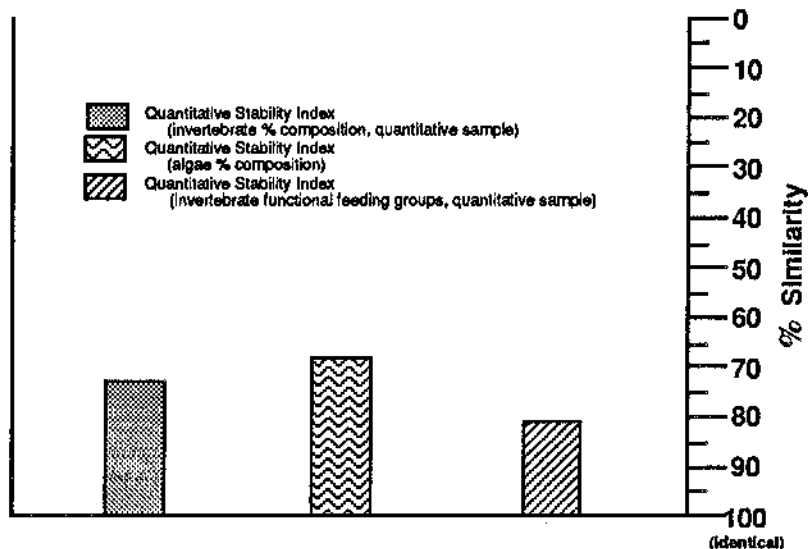
the abundant macrophytes present at the reference site contributed to this condition. Downstream of the two dischargers, dissolved oxygen was 5.1 mg/L. The water quality standard for dissolved oxygen was violated only at the reference site.

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cern, since levels of 0.35 $\mu\text{g/L}$ may be acutely toxic to invertebrates. In the River Oaks effluent sample, the metals aluminum (110 $\mu\text{g/L}$), iron (15 $\mu\text{g/L}$), and zinc (15 $\mu\text{g/L}$) were found. Similarly, in the Northwest Regional effluent sample, the metals aluminum (122 $\mu\text{g/L}$), iron (26 $\mu\text{g/L}$), and zinc (38 $\mu\text{g/L}$) were detected. All metals values were within Class III water quality standards.

Nutrients were relatively low in the effluent samples, and were well within the permit requirements at both facilities (see Chemistry Summary Table in Appendix). With the exception of nitrate-nitrite, nutrient concentrations of the receiving water stations were fairly average for Florida stream systems (see table of Typical Water Quality Parameters in Appendix). Nitrate-nitrite concentrations, which were 0.21 mg/L at the reference site and 0.29 mg/L downstream, were higher than 70% and 78%, respectively, of typical Florida streams. Although part of this nitrate-nitrite load is coming from upstream sources, the Northwest Regional facility, with 1.1 mg/L of ni-



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trate-nitrite, may have contributed to the slightly higher levels seen at the test site. Other nearby agricultural activities observed during sampling (dairy farming, etc.) may have also contributed nutrients to the system.

Algal growth potential (AGP) results demonstrated that there was nutrient enrichment present in Rocky Creek, but not necessarily due to the WWTP discharges. Reference site AGP was 16.8 mg dry wt/L, and test site AGP was 25.9 mg dry wt/L. According to Raschke and Schultz (1987), at AGP levels above 5 mg dry wt/L, enrichment problems such as excessive algal growth and D.O. sags are likely to occur. Interestingly, effluent AGP's were lower than those observed in both receiving water stations, 14.4 mg dry wt/L at the River Oaks WWTP and 6.3 mg dry wt/L at the Northwest Regional WWTP. The low discharge AGP's may have been related to inhibitory substances in the effluents. Or possibly, the increase in AGP seen at the test site was caused by the nearby agricultural activities (dairy farming) rather than by the WWTP discharges.

Quantitative measures of benthic macroinvertebrate community health indicated improved conditions at the test site. The figure on p. 2 indicates the degree of difference between the reference and test sites. Larger differences (that is, higher percentages) correspond with greater degrees of degradation. Negative values mean that the test site is better than the reference. The figure on p. 3 summarizes similarities between the sites. Smaller similarities (lower percentages) generally correspond with greater degradation. A complete taxa list is in the Appendix.

Species richness was improved at the test site, increasing from 47 taxa upstream to 64 taxa below the combined discharge. The Florida Index

was lower than expected at the reference site (8), increasing to a normal, healthy value of 20 at the test site. The low Florida Index score at the reference site is probably related to the low dissolved oxygen concentrations observed there. Shannon-Weaver diversity also increased at the test site, from 3.6 to 4.2. The Quantitative Stability Index for percent composition showed only moderate differences between the two sites. This was related to increases in ephemeropterans, with corresponding decreases in oligochaetes and gastropods, at the test site. These changes may also be regarded as improvements at the test site. The Quantitative Stability Index for functional feeding groups showed no major differences between sites.

Phytoplankton communities did not appear to be much affected by the combined discharge of the two facilities. While 11 taxa were collected at the reference site, 12 were represented in the test site sample (see taxa list in Appendix). There were no major differences in phytoplankton biomass (chlorophyll *a*) at the test site (2.3 µg/L), compared to the upstream control (0.9 µg/L). Both values were below the practical quantitation limit. The percent contribution of the dominant taxon was higher at the test site (usually regarded as degradation). However, the dominant species at the test site, *Skeletonema* sp., is a ubiquitous, euryhaline diatom, whose presence at the test site may be more related to the slightly elevated conductivity there, as well as its closer proximity to Old Tampa Bay. While diatoms were most numerous at both stations (93.0% at the test site, 62.5% at the reference site), the reference site population had a higher abundance of chlorophytes and blue-greens. The QSI for percent composition indicated only a moderate similarity between the

sites, mostly due to the dominance of *Skeletonema* sp. at the test site. The diatom to blue-green ratio was slightly better at the test site.

Conclusions

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**Chemistry summary table for
River Oaks WWTP and
Northwest Regional WWTP.**

	River Oaks Effluent	Northwest Regional Effluent	Control Site	Test Site
Organic Constituents (ug/L)				
Diazinon	0.22 T	0.23 T		
Atrazine	0.38	0.38		
Metals (ug/L)				
Aluminum	110 T	122 T		
Antimony	15 U	15 U		
Arsenic	20 U	20 U		
Cadmium	.08U	.08U		
Calcium	57.7	67.0A		
Chromium	10 U	10 U		
Copper	15 U	15 U		
Iron	15	26A		
Lead	15 U	15 U		
Magnesium	5.9	3.9A		
Mercury	0.1U	0.1U		
Selenium	30 U	30 U		
Silver	.08U	.08U		
Zinc	15	38A		
Nutrients (mg/L)				
Ortho-phosphate	0.17	0.027T	0.056A	0.089
Total phosphorus	0.17	0.069	0.084	0.12
Ammonia	0.044	0.046	0.059	0.072
Nitrate+Nitrite	0.36	1.1	0.21	0.29
TKN	0.55	0.70	0.59	0.69
Other Parameters				
Habitat Assessment			48	44
D.O. (mg/L)			0.2	5.1
pH (SU's)	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.4
Conductivity (umhos/cm)	775	740	267	556
Temperature (°C)			19.7	21.7
TSS (mg/l)		2U		
Bioassay Fish-Chlorinated	toxic	toxic		
Bioassay Invertebrate-Chlorinated	toxic	toxic		
Bioassay Fish-Dechlorinated	non-toxic	non-toxic		
Bioassay Invertebrate-Dechlorinated	non-toxic	non-toxic		
Algal growth potential (mg dry wt/L)	14.39	6.31	16.84	25.85

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

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

T- Value reported is less than the practical quantitation limit

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 ₂ -NO ₃	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	1.08	1.26	1.40	1.51	1.68	2.11	3.46
NH ₃ +NH ₄	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.12	0.15	0.21	0.28
NO ₂ -NO ₃	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

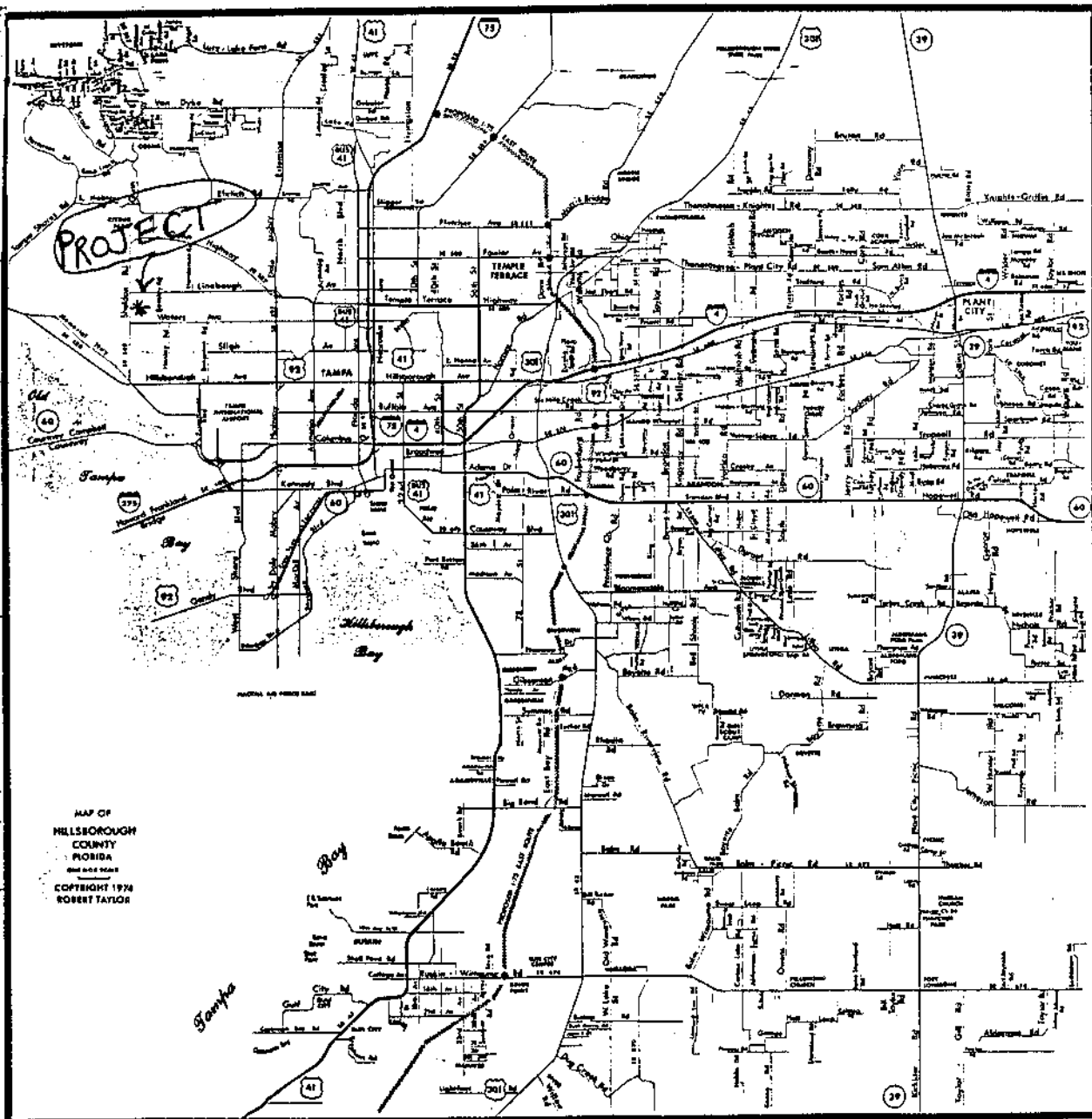
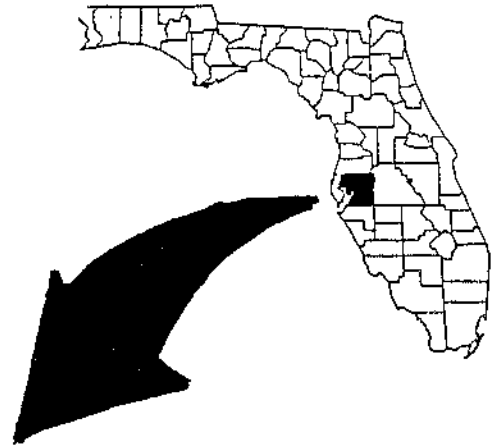
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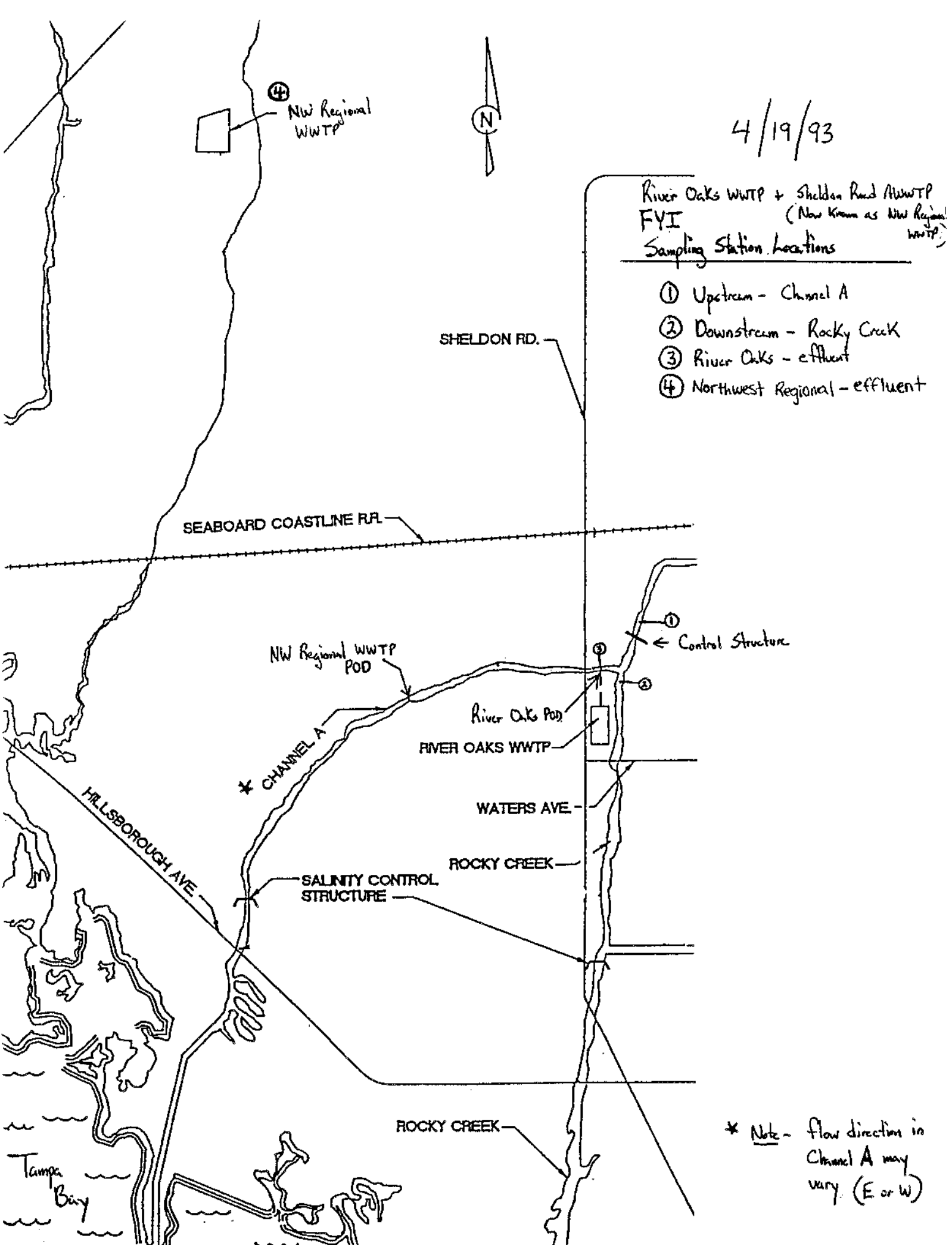
Phytoplankton Chlorophyll <i>a</i>	2.14	3.28	4.49	5.13	6.00	6.93	7.94	9.60	12.40	17.60	22.20
Dredge Diversity	1.34	1.53	1.91	2.28	2.56	2.90	3.15	3.59	4.01	4.53	4.98
Dredge Taxa Richness	4.00	6.00	9.00	11.00	15.00	18.50	25.00	35.00	41.00	62.00	90.00
TKN	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.50	0.59	0.69	0.76	0.82	0.95	1.30	1.49
NH ₃ +NH ₄	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.22	0.28
NO ₂ -NO ₃	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/m²), Nutrients (mg/L), Turbidity (NTU), Taxa richness and diversity values are for macroinvertebrates



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River Oaks WWT & Sheldon Road AWWTP
FYI
Sampling Station Locations

- ① Upstream - Channel A
- ② Downstream - Rocky Creek
- ③ River Oaks - effluent
- ④ Northwest Regional - effluent

* Note - flow direction in Channel A may vary (E or W)

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FACILITY SUMMARY

Facility Name: <u>River Oaks AWT</u>		Date Summary Prepared	
Location (attach detailed map): <u>Northwest corner of Waters Av. and Shelton Rd</u>	County: <u>Hillsborough</u>	District: <u>SW</u>	
Federal Permit # <u>FL0027821</u> and expiration date: <u>10-31-93</u>	State GMS # and <u>40290 2963</u> State expiration date: <u>2-1-94</u>	Facility Type: Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Municipal</u> Federal Agricultural Other (list):	
Function of facility: <u>Domestic wastewater treatment</u>			
Description of treatment process: <u>The facility employs automatic bar screens, primary clarifiers and degritters at the headworks. After secondary treatment (aeration and clarification) methanol is added at the head of the denitrification process. Tertiary clarification is followed by deep bed filtration, post aeration if necessary, disinfection with chlorine and dechlorination prior to discharge. The facility has an odor control scrubber at the headworks that is so far not adequately remove odors.</u>			
Receiving waters: <u>Channel A to Rocky Creek to Old Tampa Bay</u>		Classification: I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II III	
Design Flow: <u>10 MGD</u>	Mean Flow: <u>7.75 MGD</u>	Flow during survey:	
Discharge is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous Intermittent Seasonal Rainfall dependent Other (describe): <u>therefore, the best time to sample is: 24 hour composite</u>			
If facility has a mixing zone, give details (size, parameters affected, etc.): <u>N/A</u>			
List effluent limits (if necessary, attach relevant paperwork):		Describe special permit conditions and permit modifications:	
Parameter	Limit (units)	The permit was issued with flow restriction at 8 MGD. Specific condition 9 allowed for an increase to 10 MGD upon construction and CEC on flow	
C BOD ₅ 5 mg/l			
TSS 5 mg/l			
Total Nitrogen 3 mg/l			
Total Phosphorus 1 mg/l			
Above parameters are based on annual average			
Fecal coliform - Non-detectable			

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FACILITY SUMMARY**

(Facility)

Description of permitted outfall(s): There is one permitted outfall to channel "A". It is located on the north side of the site near the northwest corner. Channel "A"'s downstream end is blocked by a salinity barrier that is opened by SWFWMD, only under extremely high storm water flows. Normal conditions force flows from Channel "A" to Rocky Creek to Old Tampa Bay.

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

October 28, 1992 - Fecal Coliform value = 42

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

ERC of HC has an open Administrative enforcement case due to chronic unacceptable odor production. As of this date no consent order or other binding document has been signed. An odor containment system has been installed but is not performing adequately to control odors. Additional sources of odors may be the primary clarifiers.

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

There do not appear to be any trends, with the exception of the fecal coliform excursion noted above, the data is consistently well within permit limits.

Additional Information:

Staff contributing to this review (signature):

(Biologist)

(Inspector)

(Engineer)

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FACILITY SUMMARY

Facility Name: <i>Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility</i>		Date Summary Prepared: <i>5-25-93</i>	
Location (attach detailed map): <i>10888 S. Mobley RD</i>	County: <i>Hillsborough</i>	District: <i>SW</i>	
Federal Permit # <i>FL0041670</i> and expiration date: <i>Sept 30, 1994</i>	State GMS # and <i>4029C 10857</i> State expiration date: <i>Sept 30, 1996</i>	Facility Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Municipal</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Other (list):	
Function of facility: <i>Domestic Wastewater Treatment</i>			
Description of treatment process: <i>Facility is a 5.0 MGD plant providing advanced treatment employing the Bardenpho process. Filtration is followed by chlorination at the plant site. An effluent pump station pumps to channel A 5 miles south. Prior to discharge effluent is dechlorinated and reaerated. A salinity barrier prevents discharge directly to Old Tampa Bay. Normal discharge is to Channel A, then Rocky Creek then to Channel A.</i>			
Receiving waters: <i>Old Tampa Bay</i>		Classification: I <input checked="" type="radio"/> II <input type="radio"/> III <input type="radio"/>	
Design Flow: <i>5.0 MGD</i>	Mean Flow: <i>3.802 MGD</i>	Flow during survey: <i>Not Measured</i>	
Discharge is: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Continuous <input type="radio"/> Intermittent <input type="radio"/> Seasonal <input type="radio"/> Rainfall dependent Other (describe):			
therefore, the best time to sample is: <i>Time or flow proportional composite</i>			
If facility has a mixing zone, give details (size, parameters affected, etc.): <i>N/A</i>			
List effluent limits (if necessary, attach relevant paperwork):		Describe special permit conditions and permit modifications:	
Parameter	Limit (units)	<i>on November 13, 1992 the permit was modified by increasing the permitted flow from 3.76 MGD to 5.0 MGD. Specific condition 3D allowed the increase upon demonstration of adequate capacity to process and stabilize sludge. Surface water monitoring summary is due August 31, 1993.</i>	
<i>COD5</i>	<i>5.0 mg/l Annual avg</i>		
<i>TSS</i>	<i>5.0 mg/l " "</i>		
<i>Total Nitrogen</i>	<i>3.0 mg/l " "</i>		
<i>Total Phosphorus</i>	<i>1.0 mg/l " "</i>		
<i>Fecal coliform</i>	<i>Non-detectable</i>		

Northwest Regroad
(Facility)

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FACILITY SUMMARY

Description of permitted outfall(s): The only permitted outfall is at a structure on channel A, between the channel and waters Ave extension. Dechlorination and re-aeration both occur at this location some 5 miles from the plant.

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

An inspection with EPA on January 13, 1993 found Influent samples included several side streams. This has since been corrected.

The January MOR revealed violations of the TN limit. Values of 7.29 mg/l, 6.77, 5.64, 5.68, and 5.46 mg/l constitute violations of the 3 mg/l annual average pursuant to rule 17-600.740(1)(b) 2.6.

The problem was addressed by EPC in a letter to HCPWD. HCPWD responded saying supernatant from the sludge facility was the cause. It has been corrected.

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

No current enforcement action is underway.

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

Data is fairly consistent for all parameters. There are no obvious trends indicating an increase or decrease in the level of treatment provided.

Additional Information:

Staff contributing to this review (signature):

(Biologist)

Byron W. Barthett EPC (Inspector)

(Engineer)

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (Version 4)

REMARKS: <i>Gambusia</i> , <i>Salvinia</i> , <i>Hydrilla</i> , <i>Myriophyllum</i> , <i>Cabomba</i> , <i>Potamogeton</i> . (width of stream is decreasing)	LOCATION: River Oaks WWTP Upstream	FIELD ID/NAME:
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Predominant Surrounding Land-Use (specify relative percent in each category):						
Forest <input type="checkbox"/>	Field/Pasture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10%	Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20%	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> <i>more than</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heavy <input type="checkbox"/>						
Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Some potential sources <input type="checkbox"/> Obvious sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Point-Source Pollution (list location and describe): Dairy Farm (also has pigs and chickens); discharging into Channel A Upstream of this Station.						
Estimated System Width (range, m): <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15		Estimated System Depth (range, m): <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2		yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
High Water Mark (m above bed): <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2		Velocity (range, m/s): <input type="checkbox"/> 0.5-1.0		Impounded <input type="checkbox"/> Channelized <input type="checkbox"/>		
Canopy Cover % : Open : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lightly Shaded (11-45%): <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Shaded (46-80%): <input type="checkbox"/> Heavily Shaded: <input type="checkbox"/>						

Sediment Odors:	Normal:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewage:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petroleum:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anaerobic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Woody Debris (Snags)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Riffles	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					
Leaf Packs	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Sand	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					
Aquatic Vegetation	75%	10	<input type="text"/>	Mud/Muck/Silt	15%	2	<input type="text"/>					
Rock or Shell Rubble	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Benthic leaf mats	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					
Undercut Banks/Roots	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Other:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET (Version 4)

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: <u>DW-FAM-WTP</u>	STORET STATION NUMBER:	DATE (M/D/Y): <u>4-22-93</u>	TIME: <u>7:45</u>	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Rocky Creek</u>
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REMARKS: <u>Eleonora, Tringa, Limp, Icthyophaga, Sagittaria, Echinochloa, Paspalum, Alternanthera, Ptilinopus or Sora</u>	LOCATION: <u>Rivercaks WTP Downstream</u>	FIELD ID/NAME: <u>101</u>
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RIPARIAN ZONE/INSTREAM FEATURES

Predominant Surrounding Land-Use (specify relative percent in each category):						
Forest <input type="checkbox"/>	Field/Pasture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20%	Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10%	Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15%	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5%	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Local Watershed Erosion (check box): None <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy <input type="checkbox"/>						
Local Watershed NPS Pollution (check box): No evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Some potential sources <input type="checkbox"/> Obvious sources <input type="checkbox"/>						
Point-Source Pollution (list location and describe): <u>Dairy Farm (includes pigs and chickens etc.) is about one mile upstream. It discharges during rainstorms to channel 4.</u>						
Estimated System Width (range, m): <u>5-10m</u>		Estimated System Depth (range, m): <u>1-2m</u>		yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
High Water Mark (m above bed): <u>1.0 m</u>		Velocity (range, m/s): <u>0.25-0.5 m/s</u>		Impounded <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Channelized <input type="checkbox"/>		
Canopy Cover % : Open : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lightly Shaded (11-45%) <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Shaded (46-80%) <input type="checkbox"/> Heavily Shaded: <input type="checkbox"/>						

SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE

Sediment Odors: Normal: <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage: <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum: <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical: <input type="checkbox"/> Anaerobic: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>							
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Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method	Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled	method
Woody Debris (Snags)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 7		Riffles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Leaf Packs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25%	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aquatic Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 7		Mud/Muck/Silt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rock or Shell Rubble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Benthic leaf mats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Undercut Banks/Roots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WATER QUALITY

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SAMPLING TEAM: <u>Jim Snitgen</u> <u>Kathryn Hicks</u>	SIGNATURE: <u>Kathryn A. Hicks</u>	DATE: <u>4-22-93</u>
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FRESHWATER BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: <u>SW-FAM-WTP</u>	STORET STATION NUMBER:	DATE (M/D/Y): <u>4-22-93</u>	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Channel at Rock Creek</u>
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REMARKS: <u>Thalassia, Cymodocea, Lumnitzera, Salicornia, Spartina, Alternanthera, Caobanica, Myriophyllum, Hydrocotyle</u>	LOCATION: <u>River Oaks WWTP Upstream</u>	FIELD ID/NAME: <u>101</u>
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Habitat Parameter score	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Bottom Substrate/ Available Cover <div>23</div>	Greater than 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, undercut banks, rubble, or other stable habitat. 23-30 points	20% to 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Adequate habitat. 16-22 points	5% to 20% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Less than desirable habitat. 8-15 points	Less than 5% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Lack of habitat is obvious. 0-7 points
Water Velocity <div>15</div>	Max. observed: >0.3 m/sec. but < 1 m/sec 23-30 points	Max. observed; 0.1 to 0.3 m/sec 16-22 points	Max. observed; 0.05 to 0.1 m/sec 8-15 points	Max. observed; <0.05 m/sec, or spate occurring; > 2 m/sec 0-7 points
Artificial Channel/ Flow Alteration <div>0</div>	No artificial channelization. Little activity (impervious surface) in watershed which would cause scouring during spates. 12-15 points	—	—	Artificially channelized, or scouring present during spates because of excess impervious surface in watershed. 0-3 points
Bank Stability <div>2</div>	Stable. No evidence of erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problems. 9-10 points	Moderately stable. Infrequent or small areas of erosion, mostly healed over. 6-8 points	Moderately unstable. Moderate areas of erosion, high erosion potential during floods. 3-5 points	Unstable. Many raw, eroded areas. Obvious bank sloughing. 0-2 points
Riparian Zone Vegetation Quality <div>2</div>	Over 80% of streambank surfaces consist of native plants, classified as: bottomland hardwoods, understory shrubs, or non-woody macrophytes. 9-10 points	50% to 80% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one class of plants is not represented. 6-8 points	25% to 50% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one or two classes of plants are not represented. 3-5 points	Less than 25% of streambank surfaces are vegetated. Poor plant community (e.g. grass monoculture) present. 0-2 points

Adjustments <div>5</div>	Add 5 points if cross-sectional area of flow is estimated to be greater than one square meter during periods of normal flow.	TOTAL SCORE <div>43</div>
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COMMENTS: <u>Channel is completely covered with filamentous green algae.</u>
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ANALYSIS DATE: <u>4-22-93</u>	ANALYST: <u>Kathryn Hicks Jim Snitgen</u>	SIGNATURE: <u>Kathryn A. Hicks</u>
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FRESHWATER BENTHIC HABITAT ASSESSMENT FIELD DATA SHEET

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME: <u>SW-ITM-ORF</u>	STORET STATION NUMBER:	DATE (M/D/Y): <u>4-22-93</u>	RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: <u>Rocky Creek</u>
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REMARKS: <u>Campylopus, Filopia, Ludwigia, Sagittaria, Lemna, Salvinia, Eichornia, Alternanthera, Peltandra or Sparganium</u>	LOCATION: <u>River Oaks Downstream</u>	FIELD ID/NAME: <u>LC...</u>
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Habitat Parameter score	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Bottom Substrate/ Available Cover <div>10</div>	Greater than 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, undercut banks, rubble, or other stable habitat. 23-30 points	20% to 40% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Adequate habitat. 16-22 points	5% to 20% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Less than desirable habitat. 8-15 points	Less than 5% snags, logs, tree roots, emergent vegetation, leaf packs, etc. Lack of habitat is obvious. 0-7 points
Water Velocity <div>12</div>	Max. observed: >0.3 m/sec. but < 1 m/sec 23-30 points	Max. observed; 0.1 to 0.3 m/sec 16-22 points	Max. observed; 0.05 to 0.1 m/sec 8-15 points	Max. observed; <0.05 m/sec, or spate occurring; > 2 m/sec 0-7 points
Artificial Channel/ Flow Alteration <div>7</div>	No artificial channelization. Little activity (impervious surface) in watershed which would cause scouring during spates. 12-15 points	—	—	Artificially channelized, or scouring present during spates because of excess impervious surface in watershed. 0-3 points
Bank Stability <div>4</div>	Stable. No evidence of erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problems. 9-10 points	Moderately stable. Infrequent or small areas of erosion, mostly healed over. 6-8 points	Moderately unstable. Moderate areas of erosion, high erosion potential during floods. 3-5 points	Unstable. Many raw, eroded areas. Obvious bank sloughing. 0-2 points
Riparian Zone Vegetation Quality <div>10</div>	Over 80% of streambank surfaces consist of native plants, classified as: bottomland hardwoods, understory shrubs, or non-woody macrophytes. 9-10 points	50% to 80% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one class of plants is not represented. 6-8 points	25% to 50% of riparian zone is vegetated, but one or two classes of plants are not represented. 3-5 points	Less than 25% of streambank surfaces are vegetated. Poor plant community (e.g. grass monoculture) present. 0-2 points

Adjustments <div>5</div>	Add 5 points if cross-sectional area of flow is estimated to be greater than one square meter during periods of normal flow.	TOTAL SCORE <div>49</div>
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COMMENTS:

ANALYSIS DATE: <u>4-22-93</u>	ANALYST: <u>Kathryn Hicks Jim Smitgen</u>	SIGNATURE: <u>Kathryn Hicks</u>
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form updated 10/20/92

Sample Collection: Date 4-19-93 Time 10:00
 Test Beginning: Date 4/20/93 Time 14:30
 Test Ending: Date 4/22/93 Time 15:15
 Organism Batch #: 17 Diluent Batch #: well
 Organism Age: 11 days
 Test Organism: Notropis leedsii

Instrument Calibrations: pH Temperature °C D.O. mg/L Conductivity $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$

0 hr 7.0 @ 7.0 23.6 @ 23.7 8.4 @ 23.5 980 @ 1,000 23.6
9.0 @ 9.0 9870 @ 10,000

24 hr 7.0 @ 7.0 23.2 @ 23.3 8.4 @ 23.6 980 @ 1,000 23.6
9.0 @ 9.0 21.7 21.8 8.7 22.0 9890 @ 10,000

48 hr 7.0 @ 7.0 22.4 @ 22.6 8.6 @ 23.0 980 @ 1,000 23.7
9.0 @ 9.0 9870 @ 10,000

Remarks:

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Investigators' Signatures

Salt Water/

Water Quality Parameters

Well Water

20% Min Water	Sample	Method	Measured by
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Field Total Residual Cl2:

Lab Total Residual Cl2:

Alkalinity:

Hardness:

Total Ammonia:

Ammonia

Ammonia

Sample

Reviewer

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Sample Source: Northwest Regional
Location: Northwest Regional WWTP Office.
County: Hillsborough
Contact/District: Pat Fricano / SW
NPDES Permit #: FL00 Outfall #: _____

Sample Collection: Date 4-15-93 Time 12:20
 Test Beginning: Date 4/20/93 Time 14:30
 Test Ending: Date 4/21/93 Time 14:00
 Organism Batch #: 17 Diluent Batch #: well
 Organism Age: 11 days

Test Organism: Notropis Leedsii

Test Type Screening | Definitive
Static | Static Renewal | Flow-through

Instrument Calibrations: pH Temperature °C D.O. mg/L Conductivity $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$

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9.0 @ 9.0 9870 @ 10,000

Test Number: 4 of 4

Remarks:

Test Terminated @ 24 hrs

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Investigators' Signatures

Tina Mikulski
Tobin Rader
Marshall Fandath

Reviewer _____

Salt Water/

Water Quality Parameters

~~Well Water~~

20% Min Water

Sample

Method

Measured by

Field Total Residual Cl2:

Lab Total Residual Cf2:

Alkalinity:

Hardness:

Total Ammonia:

Ammonia

Meter Slope:

 ≤ 0.03

70

0.017

Ammonia

Ammonia

Blank: 0.017

Sample

Salinity: 0 ppt

form updated 10/20/92

Sample Source: Northwest Regional
Location: Northwest Regional WWTP Effluent
County: Hillsborough
Contact/District: Pat Fricano (SW)
NPDES Permit #: FL00 Outfall #: _____

Sample Collection: Date 4-16-93 Time 12:20
 Test Beginning: Date 4-20-93 Time 14:30
 Test Ending: Date 4-22-93 Time 15:15
 Organism Batch #: 17 Diluent Batch #: WCL
 Organism Age: 11 days

Test Organism: Notropis leucostictus

Test Type: Screening Definitive
Static Static Renewal Flow-through

Instrument Calibrations: pH Temperature °C D.O. mg/L Conductivity $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$

Test Number: 2 of 4

Remarks:

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9.0 @ 9.0 9870 @ 10,000

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Investigators' Signatures

Tina Mikulic
Tobin Kader
Marshall Faircloth

Reviewer

Salt Water/

Water Quality Parameters

~~Well Water~~

20% Min Water

Sample

Method

| Measured by

Field Total Residual C12:

Lab Total Residual Cl2:

Alkalinity:

Hardness:

Total Ammonia:

Ammonia

Meter Slope: ~54.8

Ammonia

Blank: ~~5~~ 497

Sample

Salinity: 0 ppt

Benthic macroinvertebrate taxa list for River Oaks WWTP, collected via Hester-Dendy artificial substrates in Rocky Creek, on 22 April, 1993. Densities are in number/m².

	Reference Site	Test Site
Acarina		
<i>Sperchon</i> sp.	—	1.0
Diptera		
<i>Ablabesmyia mallochii</i>	3.0	2.0
<i>A. rhamphe</i> grp.	10.1	58.6
<i>Asheum beckae</i>	—	30.3
<i>Chironomus</i> sp.	2.0	—
<i>Cladotanytarsus</i> sp.	—	17.2
<i>Cricotopus bicinctus</i>	—	14.1
<i>Cryptochironomus</i> sp.	—	3.0
<i>Cryptotendipes</i> sp.	—	6.1
<i>Dicrotendipes modestus</i>	1.0	—
<i>D. neomodestus</i>	1.0	339.4
<i>D. simpsoni</i>	7.1	141.4
<i>Endochironomus nigricans</i>	—	3.0
<i>E. subtendens</i>	—	52.5
<i>Glyptotendipes</i> sp.	—	48.5
<i>Labrundinia neopilosella</i>	—	3
<i>L. pilosella</i>	1.0	3
<i>Nanocladius</i> sp.	—	3
<i>Nilothauma</i> sp.	7.1	—
<i>Palpomyia</i> grp. sp.	1.0	3
<i>Parachironomus directus</i>	—	3
<i>Parametriocnemus</i> sp.	1.0	—
<i>Polypedilum convictum</i> grp.	1.0	—
<i>P. halterale</i> grp.	—	11.1
<i>P. illinoense</i>	2.0	—
<i>P. scalaenum</i> grp.	1.0	—
<i>Polypedilum tritum</i>	6.1	—
<i>Pseudochironomus</i> sp.	3.0	187.9
<i>Rheotanytarsus distinctissimus</i> grp.	6.1	—
<i>R. exiguus</i> grp.	1.0	—
<i>Tanytarsus</i> sp. A Epler	5.1	3.0
<i>T. sp. C</i> Epler	1.0	31.3
<i>T. sp. E</i> Epler	3.0	—
<i>T. sp. F</i> Epler	3.0	—
<i>T. sp. G</i> Epler	1.0	9.1
<i>T. sp. K</i> Epler	—	21.2
<i>T. sp. L</i> Epler	239.4	31.3
<i>T. sp. T</i> Epler	19.2	13.1

<i>Xenochironomus xenolabis</i>	—	2.0
Undetermined dipteran pupa	68.7	37.4
Ephemeroptera		
<i>Caenis</i> sp.	16.2	292.9
<i>Callibaetis floridanus</i>	—	25.3
<i>C. pretiosus</i>	3.0	—
<i>Stenonema exiguum</i>	—	1.0
<i>Stenacron</i> sp.	—	1.0
<i>S. interpunctatum</i>	—	1.0
Gastropoda		
<i>Amnicola dalli johnsoni</i>	52.5	2.0
<i>Hebetancylus excentricus</i>	25.3	38.4
<i>Micromenetus dilatus</i>	7.1	5.1
<i>M. floridensis</i>	30.3	8.1
<i>Physella</i> sp.	2.0	39.4
<i>Planorbella duryi</i>	1.0	25.3
<i>Pseudosuccinea columella</i>	—	1.0
<i>Pyrogophorus platyrachis</i>	30.0	—
Undetermined hydrobiid	4.0	—
Hirudinea		
<i>Helobdella elongata</i>	1.0	—
<i>H. triserialis</i>	1.0	1.0
Malacostraca		
<i>Hyaella azteca</i>	131.3	155.6
Odonata		
<i>Enallagma cardenium</i>	—	2.0
<i>E. pollutum</i>	—	12.1
<i>Epithea princeps</i>	—	1.0
<i>Ischnura hastata</i>	2.0	3.0
<i>I. posita</i>	—	1.0
<i>I. ramburii</i>	—	2.0
<i>Pachydiplax longipennis</i>	1.0	1.0
Oligochaeta		
<i>Aulodrilus pigueti</i>	—	5.1
<i>Chaetogaster limnaei</i>	—	1.0
<i>Dero nivea</i>	12.1	—
<i>D. pectinata</i>	—	1.0
<i>Nais communis</i>	1.0	1.0
<i>N. pardalis</i>	—	5.1
<i>N. pseudobtusa</i>	3.0	—
<i>Slavina appendiculata</i>	1.0	—
<i>Stylaria lacustris</i>	20.2	1.0
Pelecypoda		
<i>Musculium</i> sp.	1.0	—
<i>Sphaerium</i> or <i>Musculium</i> sp.	1.0	15.2
Platyhelminthes		
<i>Dugesia</i> sp.	—	7.1
Rhynchocoela		
<i>Prostoma rubra</i>	—	1.0

Trichoptera

<i>Cynellus</i> sp.	—	5.1
<i>C. fraternus</i>	—	5.1
<i>Hydropsyche</i> sp.	—	17.2
<i>Oecetis</i> sp.	—	5.1
<i>Orthotrichia</i> sp.	—	17.2
<i>Oxyethira</i> sp.	—	5.1
Total	741.9	1791.0

Phytoplankton taxa list and densities (#/mL) for River Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant, collected via subsurface grabs in Channel A (reference site) and Rocky Creek (test site), on 19 April, 1993.

	Reference Site	Test Site
Diatoms		
<i>Achnanthes</i> sp.	25	51
<i>Amphora</i> sp.	—	25
<i>Cocconeis</i> sp.	280	—
<i>Melosira</i> sp.	—	25
<i>Navicula</i> sp.	25	25
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp.	51	25
<i>Skeletonema</i> sp.	—	1567
Unidentified pennate diatom	—	303
Chlorophyta		
<i>Ankistrodesmus</i> sp.	25	—
<i>Chlamydomonas</i> sp.	—	25
<i>Gloeocystis</i> sp.	25	—
<i>Scenedesmus</i> sp.	51	—
Unknown chlorophyte flagellate	25	51
Chrysophyta		
<i>Synura</i> sp.	—	25
Cryptophyta		
<i>Cryptomonas</i> sp.	51	—
Cyanophyta		
<i>Microcystis</i> sp.	25	—
<i>Oscillatoria</i> sp.	25	25
Euglenophyta		
<i>Phacus</i> sp.	—	25
Total density	608	2172

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