

Biological Assessment of

City of Sarasota WWTP

Sarasota County NPDES #FL0040771 Sampled December 1998

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Comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan No. 870346G

Department of Environmental Protection

Results of Fifth Year Inspections

Discharger:

City of Sarasota WWTP

County: NPDES Number:

Sarasota FL0040771 1/31/2004

Permit Expiration Date:

Toxics Sampling Inspection (XSI)

Date Sampled:

1 December 1998

Results:

Aluminum, copper, iron, lead, silver, and zinc were detected in the effluent sample at levels that complied with Class III marine water quality standards. Atrazine was detected at the control site at levels below the practical quantitation limit.

Compliance Biomonitoring Inspection (CBI)

Date Sampled:

1 December 1998

Results:

The effluent sample was not toxic to the invertebrate,

Ceriodaphnia dubia, or to the fish, Cyprinella leedsi.

Impact Bioassessment Inspection (IBI)

Date Sampled:

1 December 1998

Results: The macroinvertebrate community health was extremely degraded at all three study sites. Taxa richness and Shannon-Weaver diversity were 80%-95% lower than other typical Florida estuaries at all three study areas. Test site 2 contained three polychaete taxa, one of which was the somewhat sensitive polychaete. Prionospio heterobranchia. Test site 1 and the control site had only one pollution-tolerant polychaete taxon. Pelecypods, normally "good water quality" indicators, were absent from both the control site and test site 2, and a single species, Crassostrea virginica, made up 8% of the community at test site 1. In general, phytoplankton community health was better at the test sites compared to the control site. The one exception was chlorophyll a, for which levels at test site 1 and 2 were greater than 95% and 70% of other Florida estuaries, respectively.

Water Quality Inspection (WQI)

Date Sampled: 1 December 1998

Results: The effluent nutrients complied with the facility's permit limits. Several of the nutrients at the test sites far exceeded levels found in other Florida estuaries. For example, nitrate+nitrite at the test sites was higher than 95% of levels normally found in other estuaries in Florida. The algal growth potential was below the 10 mg/L "problem threshold" at the control site, yet exceeded this level at both test sites. Effluent AGP was 24.6 mg dry wt/L.

This biological assessment was prepared by DEP staff to provide information to be used in reviewing an NPDES permit renewal application for the subject facility. This assessment will be used in conjunction with other information concerning the facility and its receiving water body to determine appropriate final permit conditions.

Introduction

The City of Sarasota Wastewater Treatment Plant is located in Sarasota County, Florida (see maps in the Appendix). This domestic waste facility provides advanced treatment by a "modified" Bardenpho process. Reclaimed water is used for irrigation of golf courses and agricultural lands. The facility has a submerged outfall located in the southwest corner of Whitaker Bayou under the Tamiami Trail Bridge. The design flow of the wastewater system is 10.2 MGD, while the mean flow was 8.0 MGD.

State permit limits for the City of Sarasota Wastewater Treatment Plant are listed in Table 1. According to the facility's monthly operating reports, the plant had a raw sewage spill in March, 1998, which was due to a break in the pipe system caused by corrosive gas entrapped in the line. As a result, 20 million gallons of raw sewage were discharged across plant grounds and ultimately into Sarasota Bay (see Facility Summary Sheet in Appendix). This Fifth Year Inspection report is part of a basin-wide study of Sarasota Bay and is available upon request.

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 within Bowlees Creek) and two test sites bracketing the discharge (both located within Whitaker Bayou) (see map in the Appendix). A habitat assess-

ment was performed in situ to establish comparability between sites, and supplemental physical/chemical data were collected on the effluent and study sites on December 1, 1998, during an outgoing tide. The effluent and study sites were 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.

Acute screening toxicity bioassays, using the invertebrate, Ceriodaphnia dubia, and the fish, Cyprinella leedsi, as test organisms, were performed on an effluent sample. Sediments from control and test sites were analyzed for grain size and percent organic matter.

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 were performed using Selenastrum capricornutum as the test organism for the freshwater effluent and Dunaliella tertiolecta for the marine receiving-water sites.

Benthic macroinvertebrate communities were evaluated at control and test sites using three replicate petite Ponar grabs. Several different measures of macroinvertebrate and algal community health have been employed to determine the effects of the discharge. These measurements include: taxa richness, Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index, community composition, functional feeding groups, and algal biomass. For discussion of each of these measures see the Explanation of Measurements of Community Health in the Appendix. All field and laboratory biological methods

followed Biology Section Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). The SOP's can be viewed on the website < www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/sops.htm>.

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Results

The test sites were situated within Whitaker Bayou, a heavily urbanized and channelized tidal creek, with shorelines that consisted mostly of vertical seawalls and some rip rap. At the control site in Bowlees Creek, the shoreline was mostly vertical seawalls. A marina and boatyard are present on the north side of Bowlees Creek (see Habitat Assessment Field Data Sheets in Appendix). Commercial, residential, and industrial landuses dominated at all three sites. Only one productive community type was observed at the three study sites; mangroves made up the southern edge of test site 1, and were patchy at the control site and test site 2. Habitat scores were in the "fair" category at all three study sites, ranging from 42 points at test site 1, to 31 and 35 points at the

Table 1. Effluent limits and summary of chemistry data.

City of Sarasota WWTP	Effluent	Effluent	Control	Test Site	Test Site
City of Sarasota WWTP	Limits	Samples	Site	1	2
Organic Constituents (µg	/L)			<u> </u>	
Atrazine	T -	0.06 1			
Metals (μg/L)	- 44 to 1	• ·	·	<u> </u>	
Aliuminum	1500 **	166 I	500 U	500 U	500 U
Arsenic	50 **	20 U	50 K	30 K	20 U
Cadmium	9.3 **	0.05 U	0.5 U	0.5 U	0.5 U
Chromium	50 **	10 U	20 U	20 U	20 U
Copper	2.9 **	2.6 A	1.9 1	2.5	2.34
Iron	300 **	39 1	150 U	150 U	150 U
Lead	5.6 **	0.31	1 U	1 U	1 D
Mercury	0.025 **	0.1 U	0.1 U	0.1 ป	0.1 U
Nickel	8.3 **	6 U	20 K	20 K	6.0
Selenium	71 **	40 U	400 U	400 U	400 U
Silver	2.3 **	0.11	0.4 U	0.4 U	0.4 U
Zinc	86 **	21 1	60 U	60 U	60 U
Nutrients (mg/L)					
Ortho-phosphate	- "	0.02	0.04 I	0.03 I	0.021 I
Total phosphorus	1.0 *	0.07 A	0.13 A	0.19	0.021 1
Ammonia		0.04	0.01 U	0.02 I	0.04
Nitrate+Nitrite		0.13	0.02 U	0.021	0.5
TKN	 	0.62 [0.76 A	1,2	0.75
Örganic Nitrogen		0.58	0.75	1.18	0.71
Total Nitrogen	3.0 a	0.75	0.78	1.47	1.25
General Phys-Chem Parar	neters		•		•
Habitat Assessment			31	42	35
D.O. (mg/L) surface		7.2	6.1	7.3	7.1
D.O. (mg/L) mid-depth	6.0 *		5.9	7.3	7.3
D.O. (mg/L) bottom			5.9	7.8	6.8
pH (SU) surface		7.8	7.8	7.6	7.7
pH (SU) mid-depth	6,0-8,5 *	-	7.7	7.8	7.8
pH (SU) bottom	-	_	7,5	7.7	7.7
Conductivity (umhos/cm)surface	-	165	36,015	27,221	30,547
Conductivity (µmhos/cm) mid			46,137	34,909	37,382
Conductivity (µmhos/cm) bottom	-	-	47,907	47,377	46,209
Salinity (ppt) surface	-	≤ 1	23	17	19
Salinity (ppt) mid-depth		-	31	22	24
Satinity (ppt) bottom	- 1	-	33	32	31
Temperature (°C) surface	-	24.1	23.9	25	25.2
l'emperature (°C) mid-depth			23.1	24.4	24.8
Temperature (°C) bottom	- 1	-	23.2	23.8	24,1
FRC (mg/L) after dechlorination	0.01 *	≤ 0.03			-
AGP (mg dry wt/L)		24.6	1.9	15.1	13.0
Toxicity (48-hour static, so	reening bi	oassay)	1,830,53	: Ki	
Bioassay - Fish		Not Toxic			
Bioassay - Invertebrate	- 1	Not Toxic	-	-	-
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ecal Coliforms	25 *				

- $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ 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
- K Actual value is known to be less than the value given
- U Material analyzed for but not detected; value reported is the minimum detection limit

control site and test site 2, respectively. The substrate at the study sites consisted mainly of anaerobic mud and fine sand. Approximately 85% of all the sediment particles at the study sites were between 0.125 - 2.0 mm in diameter. The results of the sediment chemistry analysis are in Table 3.

The remaining chemical and biological results are in Tables 1 and 2.

Discussion

Physical/chemical parameters varied between the receiving water

stations. The surface layer dissolved oxygen ranged from 6.1 mg/L at the control site to 7.3 mg/L at test site 1. The bottom layer dissolved oxygen ranged between 5.9 mg/L at the control site and 7.8 mg/L at test site 1. The surface salinity ranged from 23 ppt at the control site to 17 ppt at test site 1. The bottom salinities were higher at all three study sites — around 32 ppt at all three sites (Table 1). The pH was slightly above neutral at all sites and all depths.

Aluminum, copper, iron, lead, silver, and zinc were detected in the effluent sample at levels that complied with Class III marine water quality standards (Table 1). Due to matrix interference, the values reported for arsenic and nickel at the control site and test site 1 are known to be less than the values given (Table 1). Atrazine was detected in the control sample at a level below the practical quantitation limit (Table 1).

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

Several of the nutrients at the test sites were greater than the control site and the elevation appears to be due to the effluent (Table 1). For example, TKN at test site 1 was 85% higher and test site 2 was 60% higher than other Florida estuaries (see Typical Values for Selected Parameters in Florida Waters in the Appendix). Exceptionally high levels of nitrate+nitrite were found at test sites 1 and 2. These levels were 95% higher than other typical Florida estuaries. Total phosphorus values at test sites 1 and 2 were greater than 70% and 50% of other Florida estuaries, respectively.

Table 2. Community structure of control and test sites.

City of Sarasota	Control	Test Site	Test Site					
WWTP	Site	1	2					
Macroinvertebrate Qua	ıntitative							
Number of Taxa	3	. 3	5					
Shannon-Weaver diversity	1.4	1	2					
No. Polychaete Taxa	1	1	3					
Community Composition								
% Cirripedia	0	77	14					
% Gastropoda	56	0	0					
% Pelecypoda	0	8	0					
% Polychaeta	11	15	72					
% Tubificidae	33	0	14					
Functional Feeding Groups								
% Burrowing Deposit Feeders	33	15	60					
% Predators/Carnivores	11	0	0					
% Scrapers	56	0	0					
% Surface Deposit Feeders	0	0	13					
% Suspension Feeders	0	85	27					
Phytoplankton Algae								
Number of Taxa	9	• 17	12					
Shannon-Weaver diversity	1.3	3	2.4					
Chlorophyll a (µg/L)	8.7	27.4	10.3 A					
Algal Density (#/mL)	9,327	1,196	1,561					
% Blue-green	0	0	1					
% Cryptophytes	1	8	5					
% Diatoms	93	46	46					
% Dinoflagellates	4	41	47					
% Green	1	1	2					
AGP (mg dry wt/L)	1.9	15	13					

U - Analyzed for but not detected; value is the minimum detection limit

Many of the indicators of phytoplankton community health were better at the test sites compared to the control site (Figure 1). For example, although the algal density at the study sites was relatively low, the control site level was significantly higher than either test site (Table 2). Diversity was 130% higher at test site 1 and 85% higher at test site 2 compared to the control site. Likewise, taxa richness was 89% and 33% higher at test site 1 and 2 compared to the control site. Exceptions to this trend were the

chlorophyll a and AGP values. At test site 1 and 2, the chlorophyll a values were 215% and 18% higher than the control site, respectively (Figure 1). Likewise, the AGP values were much higher at the test sites than the control site. The AGP was below the 10 mg dry wt/L "problem threshold" at control site but exceeded this level at both test sites (Ron Raschke, U.S. EPA, pers. comm.).

Although the macroinvertebrate communities were improved over the last Fifth Year In-

spection of Sarasota WWTP (FDEP 1997) when no organisms were recovered from the Ponar grabs, the community health is still considered very poor at all three study areas. Taxa richness at all three sites was less than nearly 95% of all other estuaries in Florida. Similarly, Shannon-Weaver diversity was low at all three study sites (Table 2). The diversity was highest at test site 2, however, 70% of typical Florida estuaries have higher values. Nearly 95% of all estuaries in Florida have higher diversity values than the control site and test site 1. Test site 2 contained only 3 polychaete taxa; one of which was the somewhat pollution-sensitive polychaete, Prionospio heterobranchia. Test site 1 and the control site had only one polychaete taxon, a pollution-tolerant species (see Macroinvertebrate Taxa Lists in the Appendix). Pelecypods, normally indicators of "good water quality", were absent from both the control site and test site 2. Although pelecypods made up 8% of test site 1, there was only one species, Crassostrea virginica. Few pollutionsensitive organisms were found at the three study sites.

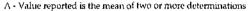
These results suggest that although the study area has recovered since the last Fifth Year Inspection, there is still severe degradation of the biological communities in the study area.

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Table 3. Summary of sediment chemistry data.

City of Sarasota WWTP	Control Site	Test Site	Test Site	
Organic Constituents (µg/kg)				
Total Organic Carbon (mg/kg)	33,000	27,000	34,000	
TRPH (mg/kg)	70	100	150	
Benzo(b)anthracene	540 U	500 U	1100 1	
Benzo(b)pyrene	540 U	500 U	1300 I	
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1100 [500 U	2700 I	
Chrysene	540 U	500 U	1500 I	
Fluoranthene	1 088	500 U	3100 I	
Phenanthrene	540 U	500 U	1100 I	
Pyrene	750 I	500 U	2500 I	
Metals (mg/kg)	1, 4, 4	: .		
Ahminum_308	2240 J	6490]	2240 J	
Arsenic	3.15 A	4.36	2.2	
Cidmium	0.271	0.392	0.32	
Chromium	12	17	13	
Copper	21.4 A	8.28	32.6	
fron_271	2480 A	5980	3110	
l.ead	15.4 A	13.3	233	
Mercury	0.050	0.037	0.060	
Nickel	2.4 I	4.2 1	5.1	
Selenium	0.5 U	0.5D	0.8 1	
Silver	0.07 A	0.279	0.239	
Zinc	58.7	32.7	86.8	
Percent Organic Matter (%)	6.99	6.6	6.47	



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- J Estimated value
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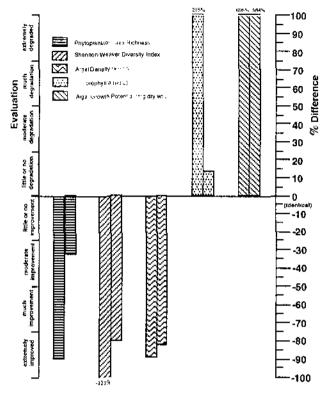


Figure 1. Effect of discharge on the phytoplankton community.

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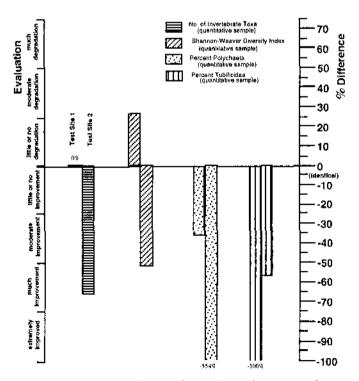


Figure 2. Effect of discharge on the macroinvertebrate community.

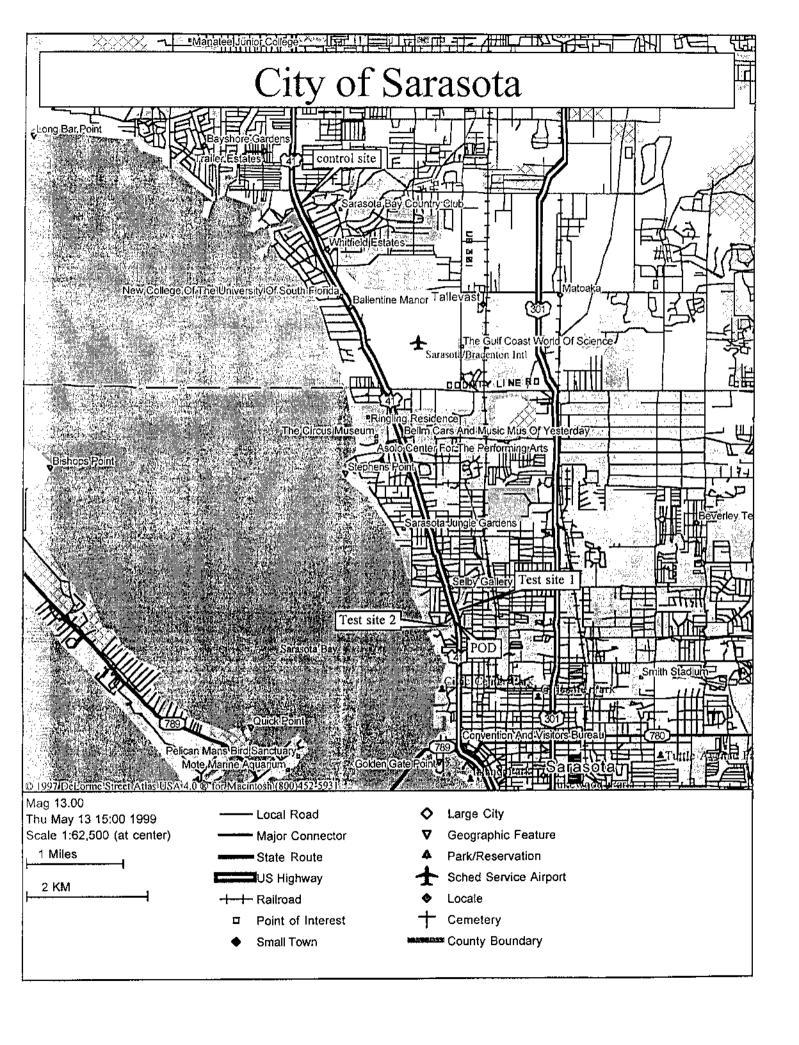
Typical Values for Selected Parameters in Florida Waters Adapted from Joe Hand, FDER, personal communication, 1991 (data was collected between 1980 and 1989)

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Percentile Distribution											
Parameter	5 %	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70 %	80%	90%	95%
STREAMS								•••			
(1617 stations)											
Phytoplankton	i						F				
Chlorophyll a	0.22	0.52	0.94	1.60	3.02	4.63	6.72	9.87	14.68	27.35	48.70
Periphyton				•							
Chlorophyll a	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											· l
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
NO2-NO3	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 Phosphate	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.05	80.0	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
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(477 stations)											
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Chlorophyll a	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
NH3+NH4	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.12	0.15	0.21	0.28
NO2-NO3	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-Phosphate	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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(690 stations)											
Phytoplankton	····]		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	i	Ī						
Chlorophyll a	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
NH3+NH4	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.22	0.28
NO2-NO3	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-Phosphate	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



FACILITY SHEET FOR FYI-5

Facility Name: City of Sarasota WWTP Date Summary Prepared: 12/3/98

Location: 1750 12th Street North Sarasota County; Sarasota District; SW District

Function of Facility: Treatment of Domestic Wastewater

Description of Treatment Process: Advanced waste treatment by "modified" Bardenpho process with the reuse of reclaimed water for irrigation of urban access areas including golf courses and agricultural land used for pasture or joitrus crops.

Receiving Waters: Whitaker Bayou Water Classification: Class III Marine

Design Flow: 10.2 MGD (Annual Average) and 13.0 MGD (Max. Monthly) Mean Flow: approx. 8.0 MGD

The Discharge is Continuous

If facility has a mixing zone, please give details (size, parameters, etc.): No mixing zone

List Effluent Limits:

Parameter Limits

Flow 10.2 MGD AA* 13.0 MMax

CBOD5 5.0 mg/L AA 3.0 mg/L (\ge 3.0 cfs)**

2.0 mg/L (< 3.0 cfs)**

TSS 5.0 mg/L AA 6.25 mg/L MA 7.25 mg/L WA 10.0 mg/L Max
Total Nitrogen 3.0 mg/L AA 3.75 mg/L MA 4.5 mg/L WA 6.0 mg/L

 Total Nitrogen
 3.0 mg/L AA
 3.75 mg/L MA 4.5 mg/L WA
 6.0 mg/L Max

 Total Phosphorus
 1.0 mg/L AA
 1,25 mg/L MA 1.5 mg/L WA
 2.0 mg/L Max

Dissolved Oxygen 6.0 mg/L Min

pH 6.0 - 8.5 Range
TRC (for disinfection) 1.0 mg/L Min
TRC (after dechlorination) 0.01 mg/L Max

Fecal Coliform 25 cfu/100 mL Max 75% nondetectable

* AA=Annual Average MMax= Maximum Monthly MA=Monthly Average WA=Weekly Average Max=Maximum single sample Min=Minimum single sample

** Flow stream rate of Whitaker Bayou at time of sampling

Description of permitted outfall: Outfall 001 discharges to Whitaker Bayou, in the southwest corner under the Tamiami Trail bridge (Hwy 41). The outfall is submerged.

List permit violations and plant upsets that occurred within past 3 years: On March 20, 1998, the facility experienced a spill of raw sewage due to a break in the 36 inch line between the headworks and the equalization tank. Approximately 20 million gallons of raw sewage was discharged across plant grounds and ultimately into Sarasota Bay. The spill was due to a catastrophic failure of the piping material of the 36 inch line, caused by corrosive gas entrapment within the line.

Describe previous impact bioassessments, WQBELs, and previous and current enforcement actions: A FYI-5 was conducted at this facility on October 28, 1998, which indicated that the macroinvertebrate and algal communities in Whitaker Bayou and Bowlees Creek were disturbed. It was due to those results that this study was conducted.

Staff contributing to this review:

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RQ-11-30-04 City of Sarasola STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Control Site

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

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SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE SUBMITTING AGENCY NAME		24010046	1 7 4		Bowlee	~ .	
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Substrate Types	% coverage	# times sampled				# times sampled	method
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Leaf Packs or Mats	s		M	ud/Muck/Silt			
Aquatic Vegetation	1		·	her:			
Rock or Shell Rubb				her:			1
Undercut banks/Ro	ots,		Dr.	aw aerial view s	ketch of habita	its found in 100	m section
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SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE:	STORET STATION NUM	IBER: OATE (M/OM): REC	EIVING DODY OF WATER:	·	
SUBMITTING AGENCY NAMES	2401004	'	Sowless Che	& - ·	
Tide is going	LOCATION: SW-4	/ amof Sa	FIELD IDNAME:	USITÉ .	
Habitat Parameter	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
Littoral Alterations	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	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points	
Community Types Observed	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 mangrat part	No communities observed from those listed. 0-12 points	
Tidal Fluctuation	>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	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	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, of flow restricted by manmade structures so that velocities are very high. 0-2 points	
Sediment Type	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. O-3 points	
	TOTAL	SCORE 31			
comments: ther was	warm, sun	aux.			
ANALYSIS DATE:	analyst: Grainger	SIGNATURE:	veatra	~	

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET 15-10-961

SUBMITTING AGENCY (•		STORET STATION NUMB	1	07): TIME 1330	RECEIVING BODY		ou
REMARKS: TI de goi		COUNTY: Savasale	LOPATION: SW-5	/ Cety of	Savasola	l l	ame: SIPQ BU 37 -7 24	
RIPARIAN ZONE/I								
			(specify relative	·····				
Forest/Natural	Silviculture	Field/F	Pasture Agricu			mmercial i	Industrial Oth	ner (Specify)
Local Watershed	Erosion (c	heck box):	None	Slight	N	loderate	- Heavy	
Local Watershed	NPS Pollu	tion (check	box): No evider	ice Si	ight Mod	erate potential	Obvious	sources [
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SEDIMENT/SUBS	TRATE	····		•				
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Sediment Oils:	Abse	ent: 🔂	Slight: Mod	erate: 🔲	Profuse:			
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Substrate Type		coverage #	times sampled		Substrate Type	s % coverage	# times sample	d method
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Bottom	1.5	23.8	0 7.67	7.82	47, 377			
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SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE:	240 1005	1.20	CEIVING BODY OF WATER:	in	
REMARKS: Located east of Hwy 41	SW-5	/ City of Sas	asola FIELD IDNAME:	SITE!	
Habitat Parameter	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
Littoral Alterations	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	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points	
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		SCORE 42			
COMMENTS: This site the	few docts.	marine/boar	repor backy	. 0 244	
ANALYSIS DAYE: 12/14/18	ANALYST: Gran gu	SIGNATURE:	nestra	~	

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PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION FIELD DATA SHEET 15-10-961

SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE: STORET STATION NUMBER: DATE (MDN): TIME RECEIVING BODY OF WATER: 24010052 12/1/98 1430 Whitaker Bayon
REMARKS: LOCATION: LOCATION: SW-G / Cuty of Savasota 24870-7 24892
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 (Spe
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) List & map dominant on least buffered side: C vegetation on back
Artificially Channelized no mo m/s m/s to m/s
Artificially Impounded yes more shuous
High Water Mark: O:3 + 1:0 = 1:3 -m deep m d
Canopy Cover %: Open: L Lightly Shaded (11-45%): Moderately Shaded (46-80%): Heavily Shaded
SEDIMENT/SUBSTRATE vey
Sediment Odors: Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Anaerobic: Other:
Sediment Oils: Absent: Slight: Moderate: Profuse:
Sediment Deposition: Sludge: Sand smothering: none slight swothering: none slight severe Other:
Substrate Types % coverage # times sampled method Substrate Types % coverage # times sampled met
Woody Debris (Snags) Sand Leaf Packs or Mats Mud/Muck/Silt
Aquatic Vegetation Other: Other:
Undefout banks/Roots Draw aerial view sketch of habitats found in 100 m sect
WATER QUALITY Depth (m): Temp. (°C): pH (SU): D.O. (mg/l): Cond. (μmho/cm) or Salinity (ppt): Secch
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Mid-depth 0.5 24.78 7.75 7.30 37,387 0.5 Bottom 1.0 24.14 7.66 6.83 46.209
Suctom Type: Stream: 11st - 2nd order 5th - 6th order 1 ake: Wetland: Estuary: 11th Other:
Water Odors (check box): Normal: Sewage: Petroleum: Chemical: Other:
Water Surface Oils (check box): None: Sheen: Globs: Slick:
Clarity (check box): Clear: Slightly turbid: Turbid: Opaque:
Color (check box): Tannic: Green (algae): Clear: Other:
Weather Conditions/Notes: At the time of sampling this site Abundance: Absent Rare Common Abundance Was down & ream of outfall, There Fish
facility on south side + residences welf-tron/sulfur Bacteria
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SUBMITTING AGENCY CODE:	STORET STATION NUM	MUEN: DATE (M/DAT): REC	EIVING DODY OF WATER:		
SUDMITTING AGENCY NAMES	2401005	1100	Intate Baro	ч`~·	
REMARKS:	LOCATION: SW-6	city of	FIELD IDWAME:	SITE Z	
Habitat Parameter	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
Littoral Alterations	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	Shoreline consisting almost entirely of vertical seawalls. 0-2 points	
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Phytoplankton taxa list and densities (#/mL) for City of Sarasota WWTP, collected via subsurface grabs in Whitaker Bayou on 1 December, 1998.

	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
Bacillariophyceae			
Amphora sp.		5	-
Asterionella sp.	_	5	
Centrales sp.	_	_	21
Chaetoceros sp.	206	112	14
Cyclotella sp.	7317	63	14
Cylindrotheca sp.	206	-	-
Cymbella sp.	-	5 5	7
Entomoneis sp.		5	21
Leptocylindrus sp.	-	15	_
Navicula sp.	-	24	21
Nitzschia sp.	206	127	207
Pennales sp.	_	59	100
Rhizosolenia sp.	52	29	93
Skeletonema sp.	721	103	221
Chlorophyceae			
Pyramimonas sp.	_	29	_
Tetraselmis sp.	_	10	_
Cryptophyceae			
Chroomonas sp.	_	73	78
Cryptomonas sp.	103	24	
Cyanophyceae			
Oscillatoria sp.	-	_	7
Dinophyceae			
Prorocentrum sp.	309		7
Undetermined dinophyceae	103	493	720
Euglenophyceae			
Euglena sp.	103	_	29
Eutreptia sp.	****	15	_

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	Control Site	Test Site 1	Test Site 2
Gastropoda			
Pyrogophorus platyrachis	69		
Maxillopoda			
Balanus sp.	-	139	125
Oligochaeta			
Tubificidae	42	_	125
Pelecypoda			
Crassostrea virginica	_	14	_
Polychaeta			
Prionospio heterobranchia			69
Streblospio benedicti	- -	_	153
Arabellidae	14		_
Capitellidae	_	28	403

