

North Head Water Resource Recovery Facility

July Pollution Monitoring Summary



EPL 378

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Table 1: 3 Day Geometric Mean data

EPA Point 8 Site code NH0008		Point description: In effluent channel downstream of the dropshaft			
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	3DGM limit	3DGM Actual	within limits
oil and grease	mg/L	monthly	85	46	yes
total suspended solids	mg/L	monthly	290	173	yes

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

Table 2: Routine monitoring data

EPA Point 8 Site code NH0008		Point description: In effluent channel downstream of the dropshaft				
pollutant	unit of measure	sampling frequency	number of samples	minimum result	mean result	maximum result
aluminium	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	382
chlorpyrifos	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	<0.05
copper	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	85.8
hydrogen sulphide (unionised)	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	39
nonylphenol ethoxylate	ug/L	monthly	1	-	-	76
oil and grease	mg/L	every 6 days	5	32	42	50
sea urchin fertilisation (EC50)	% Effluent/Vol	monthly	1	-	-	8.1
total suspended solids	mg/L	every 6 days	5	160	182	200

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

As per clause M2.4 under EPL 378, collection of samples from EPA Point 9 is required when sewage or effluent is discharged from EPA Point 6. There was no discharge from EPA Point 6 during the July monitoring period. Effluent quality monitoring results obtained from EPA Point 8 are used to indicate the quality of water discharged at EPA Point 5 (deep water ocean outfall).