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#### ABSTRACT

A wastewater toxicity study of the Mission Pollution Control Centre was conducted by personnel of the Environmental Protection Service, Pacific Region.

The objectives of the survey, carried out from July 5 to 9, 1976 were as follows:

- 1. to determine the extent of toxicity removal achieved by the sewage treatment plant,
- 2. to determine the effect of chlorination on the toxicity of the effluent,
- to relate the toxicity of the influent, effluent and final chlorinated effluent to the concentrations of certain known toxic substances and
- 4. to determine the incidence and the extent of removal of polychlorinated biphenyls.

The studies also included the collection of information concerning such factors as plant design and actual loading, chlorine dosage and residual, and the extent of sewer line infiltration. This information was collected to assist in interpreting data gathered for the objectives listed above.

This report contains the results of bioassay determinations and chemical analyses of samples collected during the survey at different treatment plant locations.

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

 $\mathsf{BOD}_{\mathsf{S}}$  5 day biochemical oxygen demand

CaCO<sub>3</sub> Calcium Carbonate

Cl<sub>2</sub> Chlorine Cu. ft. Cubic feet

FC Fecal coliforms

GLC Gas liquid chromatography

g/l Grams per Liter

hr Hour(s)

Imp MGD Million Imperial Gallons per Day

liter(s)

LAS Linear Alkylate Sulfonate

1b  $\mathrm{BOD}_5/\mathrm{day}/\mathrm{1b}$  MLSS Pounds of  $\mathrm{BOD}_5$  per day per pound of MLSS

LC<sub>50</sub> 50th percentile lethal concentration
MF Membrane Filtration - Bacterial count

mg/l Milligrams per Liter

MLSS Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids

mm Millimeter(s)

NFR Non Filterable Residue

PCB Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PCC Pollution Control Centre

ppb Parts per Billion ppm Parts per Million

Tc Toxicity Concentration
TRC Total Residual Chlorine

TU Toxic Units

μg/l Micrograms per Liter

#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on data collected at the Mission Pollution Control Centre from July 5 to July 9, 1976 the following conclusions can be made:

- The treatment plant (activated sludge) was responsible for complete removal of the toxicity associated with the raw sewage samples. This was mainly attributable to the reduction of the anionic surfactant concentration by biological treatment.
- 2. Chlorination of the effluent did not result in an increase in toxicity. However as discussed in sections 4.1.3 and 4.2 the chlorine residuals maintained in the effluent would be insufficient to result in any increase in toxicity.
- The average raw sewage PCB concentration was .052 ppb.

  The treatment system reduced PCB levels an average of 43.5%.

  All PCB concentrations encountered were significantly low.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The District of Mission, located in the Fraser Valley, had an estimated population of 14,683 in 1976(1). The Mission Pollution Control Center serves a population of approximately 9,000. Some areas in the district are presently in the process of connecting to the sewer system. The sanitary and storm sewer systems are completely separate. There are no major industries discharging wastewater to the sewer system. Economic activity is mainly associated with service to the agricultural resources in the area plus some activity in lumber and food processing.

The objectives of the survey, carried out from July 5 to 9, 1976 were as follows;

- to determine the extent of toxicity removal achieved by the sewage treatment plant,
- 2) to determine the effect of chlorination on the toxicity of the effluent
- 3) to relate the toxicity of the influent, effluent and final chlorinated effluent to the concentrations of certain known toxic substances and
- 4) to determine the incidence and the extent of removal of polychlorinated biphenyls.

The survey consisted of the following programs;

- 1) a 4 day composite sampling program,
- 2) a 12 hr grab sampling program,
- 3) a 24 hour chlorine residual monitoring program and,
- 4) general plant operation data collection.

Additional municipal wastewater toxicity studies were conducted at other locations in the Pacific Region during 1976. These surveys were conducted to collect information regarding the ability of various types of sewage treatment systems to remove or reduce wastewater toxicity and to establish the toxicity concentrations involved in each case.

#### 1.1 Mission Pollution Control Centre, Plant Description

The Mission PCC is a high rate activated sludge plant with a design dry weather flow of 0.9 Imp MGD. The treatment components include an aerated degritter, barminutor, 2 aeration tanks, 2 secondary clarifiers and a chlorine contact tank. A flow diagram showing sample point locations is presented in Figure 1. At the design dry weather flow of 0.9 Imp MGD the treatment plant has a total hydraulic retention time of 9.7 hr. The general operation characteristics of the Mission PCC are outlined in Table 1. The waste activated sludge is digested in a primary and a secondary aerobic digester as shown in Figure 1. The final digested sludge is transfered to sludge drying beds.

The waste activated sludge transfer line from one secondary clarifier and the return sludge lines to the aeration tanks have not been included in the flow diagram. In addition, the aerobic digesters contain decanting chambers for supernatant return.

#### 1.2 Plant Operation

Treatment Plant performance data for Mission PCC as provided by the plant operator: is given in Table 2. This data represents the monthly averages of two - 4 hour composites over a one year period. The treatment plant accomplished overall BOD<sub>5</sub> and NFR (formerly SS) removal efficiencies of 83% and 74% respectively. Average daily flow and precipitation data have also been included. It should be noted that the number of sewer line connections steadily increased during the period covered in Table 2.

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Secondary Effluent Sampling Point (2)

SECONDARY CLARIFIER

MOITAREA

NQITARBA

Sludge Waste

PRIMARY AEROBIC DIGESTER

SECONDARY AEROBIC DIGESTER

SECONDARY

TANK

TANK

CLARIFIER

AND DIAGRAM FLOW POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE POINT LOCATIONS MISSION FIGURE

#### TABLE 1

#### OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MISSION PCC

Design Average Dry Weather Flow	0.9	Imp	MGD
Design Peak Wet Weather Flow	3.0	Imp	MGD

#### Treatment Components

- a) Aerated Degritter
- b) Barminutor
- c) Aeration Tanks 2 Parallel
- d) Secondary Clarifier 2 Parallel
- e) Chlorine Contact Tank

Point of Discharge

Average Flow (June 1, 1975 - May 30, 1976) = 0.68 Imp MGD June , 1976 = 0.61 Imp MGD

#### RETENTION TIMES

Chlorinator - Flow Porportional Control - checked daily

Fraser River

	Average DWF	Average Flow (June, 1976)
Degritter Tank	5 min	7.4 min
Aeration Tanks	3 hours	4.4 (excluding recycle)
Secondary Clarifiers	5.8	8.5 (excluding recycle)
Chlorine Contact Tank	0.8	1.2
	9.7 hours	14.2 hours
Raw Sewage Average BOD5	(June 1975-May	1976) = 144 mg/l
Average Mixed Liquor Sus	pended Solids	(MLSS) = 2240 (June, 1976)
Aeration Tank Volume		= 17850 cu ft
Food to Microorganisms	Ratio	= 0.35 1b BOD <sub>5</sub> /day.1b MLSS
Sludge Digestion Compone	ents 1) 2) 3)	Primary Aerobic Digester 23,000 cu ft Secondary Aerobic Digester 23,000 cu ft Sludge Drying Beds

Average Daily Precip. mm 8.23 6.23 4.38 4.38 4.43 12.14 8.75 11.32 4.80 0.34 1.41 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE DATA JUNE 1975 TO MAY 1976\* Average Daily MF/100ml Flow Imp MGD 0.68 0.95 0.62 0.39 0.39 0.38 0.39 0.52 0.82 1.05 1.13 0.77 0.77 79,200 205 12,500 450,000 475,000 7550 535 2700 590 160 825 210 135 FC Effluent mg/1 33 NFR 38 22 25 33 19 38 40 16 39 45 46  $800_{5}$ mg/1 25 23 43 23 24 26 12 19 22 26 22 13 40 mg/1 126 NFR 223 58 78 58 230 126 169 194 85 121 85 83 Influent  $BOD_{5}$ January, 1976 122 mg/l 225 132 144 236 132 183 150 157 92 20 141 81 June, 1975 September November December February Average TABLE 2 October August March Month April July May

\* Monthly average based on two - 4hr composite samples

#### 2. PROCEDURES AND METHODS

#### 2.1 <u>Sampling Program</u>

The time proportional 24 hr composite samples were collected at three treatment plant locations as follows:

- 1. The raw sewage sample was taken from the inlet channel just past the barminutor, prior to the aeration tanks.
- 2. The secondary effluent sample was taken from the clarifier overflow channel prior to the chlorine addition point.
- 3. The chlorinated effluent sample was taken from the chlorine contact tank adjacent to the point of discharge to the outfall.

All composite samples consisted of  $1.1\,\mathrm{\&aliquots}$  taken every 10 minutes using an Eagle Signal timer assembly and a submersible pump.

The composite sample aliquots were collected in 45 gallon polyethylene barrels. The 24 hr composite sampling program commenced at 0800 hr July 5 and ended at 0800 hr July 9, 1976.

The raw sewage and chlorinated effluent grab samples were taken from the same locations as the composites and were collected every 2 hrs. on July 8, 1976 from 0800 to 2000 hr.

#### 2.2 Analyses

Table 3 lists the analytical parameters for the 24 hour composite sampling program. Table 4 lists the analytical parameters for the grab sampling program.

The contents of each composite sample barrel were well mixed prior to sample division. The samples for chemical analysis, including metals, were divided into sample bottles and preserved as outlined in the Environment Canada Pollution Sampling Handbook. Samples for bioassay analysis were placed in four - five gallon plastic jerry cans. All samples were delivered within 3 hours to the Environment Canada laboratory facilities. Sample analysis for all parameters except metals and PCB's commenced within 5 hours of

TABLE 3 ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS - 24 HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLING PROGRAM

Parameter	Abbreviation	Units
Total Phosphate Ammonia Nitrate Nitrite Total Alkalinity Chemical Oxygen Demand Total Organic Carbon pH Non Filterable Residue Anionic Surfactants Total Residue Cyanide Phenol Oil & Grease Polychlorinated Biphenyls Bioassay	TP04 NH3 N03 N02 - COD TOC - NFR - TR CN - PCB LC50	mg/l P mg/l N mg/l N mg/l N mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub> mg/l mg/l C O-14 pH un mg/l mg/l LAS mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l ppb %
Metals		
Total Mercury Copper, Total & Dissolved Iron, Total & Dissolved Nickel, Total & Dissolved Lead, Total & Dissolved Zinc, Total & Dissolved Aluminum, Total & Dissolved Cadmium, Total & Dissolved Manganese, Total & Dissolved Chromium, Total & Dissolved	Hg Cu Fe Ni Pb Zn Al Cd Mn Cr	ug/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l mg/l m

TABLE 4 ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS - GRAB SAMPLING PROGRAM

Parameter	Abbreviation	Units	
Total Phosphate	TP04	mg/l	Р
Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	mg/1	N
Nitrate	N03	mg/l	N
Nitrite	NO <sub>2</sub>	mg/l	N
Non Filterable Residue	NFR	mg/l	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	COD	mg/l	
Anionic Surfactants	-	mg/l	LAS
Total Resiude	TR	mg/l	
Total Organic Carbon	TOC	mg/l	С

completion of each sampling day. Grab samples collected on July 8 were separated into the proper container, preserved as required and stored at  $4^{\circ}$ C before being delivered on July 9 at 1100 hr with the 24 hour composite samples.

- 2.2.1 <u>Chemical Analyses.</u> The chemical parameters including metals as listed in Tables 3 and 4 were analyzed as described in the Environment Canada Pacific Region Laboratory Manual.
- 2.2.2 <u>Polychlorinated Biphenyls Analysis PCB</u>. Samples for PCB were collected in one gallon amber glass bottles containing 50 ml hexane as a preservative. Basically the analysis involves acetone: hexane extraction, filtration, purification and electron capture GLC analysis. The detection limit for a one galdon sample is approximately 0.005 ppb.
- 2.2.3 <u>Bioassay Determination (96 hr  $LC_{50}$ )</u>. The static fish bioassay test gives an approximate numerical value to the biological toxicity of wastewater. It is defined as the concentration of a measureable lethal agent (in this case wastewater) required to kill the 50th percentile in a group of test organisms over a period of 96 hours.

The static bioassay test consists of a series of 30 l glass vessels containing different sample dilutions with 6-9 Rainbow Trout (Salmo gairdneri) per test vessel. The test vessels were placed in a controlled environment room with the temperature maintained at  $14.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ}$ C and a photo period limited to 16 hours per 24 hours. The bioassay test procedures calls for samples with pH values below 6.0 or above 8.0 to be neutralized to a pH of 7; however pH adjustment was not required for any of the samples collected. All samples were aerated prior to the test, and continuously for the 96 hour period. Pre-test aeration times are listed with the test results in Table 5. The fish loading density in each vessel was 0.5 g/l. The percent mortality and percent dilution were plotted on semi log paper to establish an  $LC_{50}$  value.

#### 2.3 Chlorine Residual Monitoring

The chlorine residual monitoring program consisted of grab sampling the chlorinated effluent (sample point no. 3) every hour for

24 hours from 1900 hr July 5 to 1800 hr July 6 and determining the total residual chlorine concentration.

The determination of TRC was done using a Wallace & Tiernan Amperometric Titrator series A-790013. The fundamental procedure used is a Back Titration method involving the neutralization of an oxidizing agent (free Iodine) with a reducing agent (phenylarsine oxide solution) of known strength, in the presence of potassium iodide.

Total residual chlorine as determined by the amperometric Back Titration method determines the concentration of compounds in the wastewater containing active chlorine which consist of monchloramines, dichloramines and hypochlorous acid.

#### 3 RESULTS

#### 3.1 Bioassay Results

The static fish bioassay results obtained from the 24 hr composite samples are included in Table 5 (page 19). The results are expressed as both a 96 hr  $LC_{50}$  as defined earlier and a toxicity concentration Tc. The toxicity concentration (expressed in toxic units, TU) can be calculated for effluent discharges as follows:

$$Tc = \frac{100\%}{96 \text{ hr} \quad LC_{50} (\%)}$$

Therefore a Tc of unity is equivalent to an  $LC_{50}$  of 100%. The toxicity concentration concept becomes useful when comparing effluents that produce less than 50 percent mortality at the 100% concentration in the bioassay test. A Tc value in this case can be determined by plotting the percent mortality of test fish versus the Tc values for the various test dilutions.

#### 3.2 <u>Chemical Analyses Non Metals - Results</u>

The chemical analysis non-metals results obtained from the 24 hour composite samples are listed in Appendix I. A comparison of these results and the treatment level involved with each sample is illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. The values plotted in this comparison represent the mean value from the 4-24 hour composite samples. The chemical analysis non-metal results obtained from the grab sampling program are outlined in Appendix II.

#### 3.3 <u>Chemical Analyses metals - Results</u>

The results of the metal analyses including total and dissolved for the 24 hour composite sampling program are presented in Appendix I.

#### 3.4 Chlorine Residual Monitoring Results

The results of the 24 hour chlorine residual monitoring program are illustrated in Figure 4. The flow proportional control device maintained the TRC within a range of non-detectable to 1.80 mg/l, and with a mean of 0.38 mg/l. The TRC was non-detectable for 10 hours from 2100 hr July 5 to 0700 hr July 6.

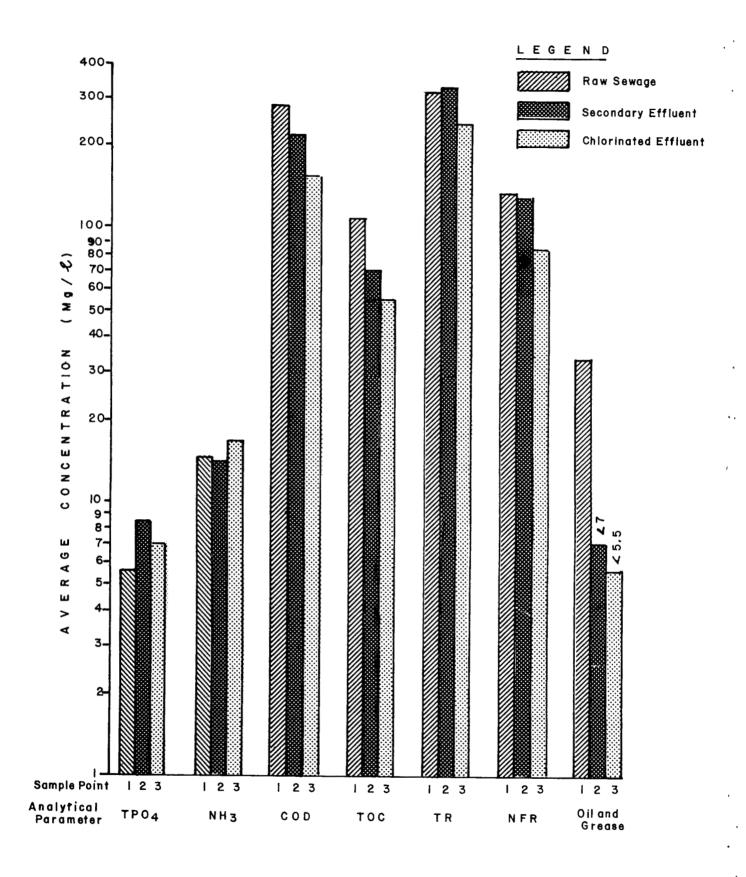


FIGURE 2 COMPARISON OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS AND TREATMENT LEVEL

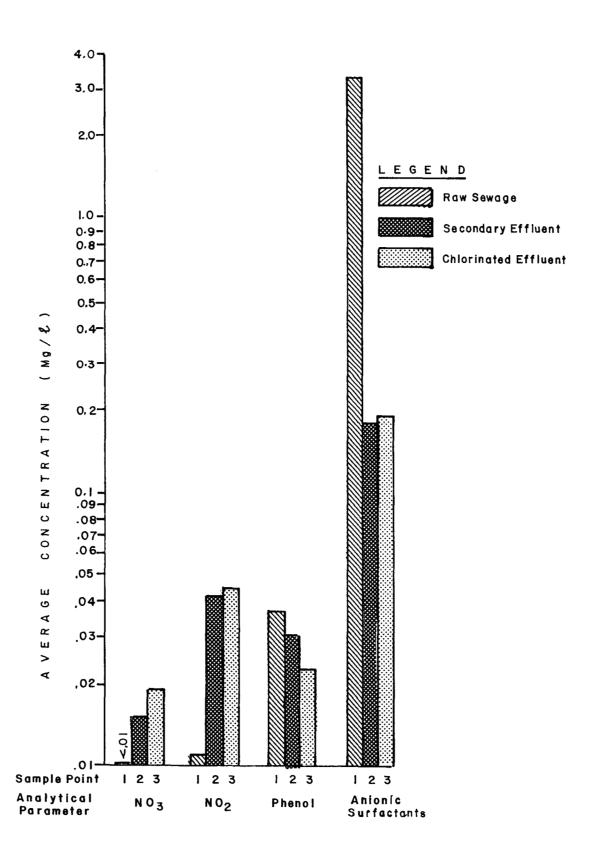
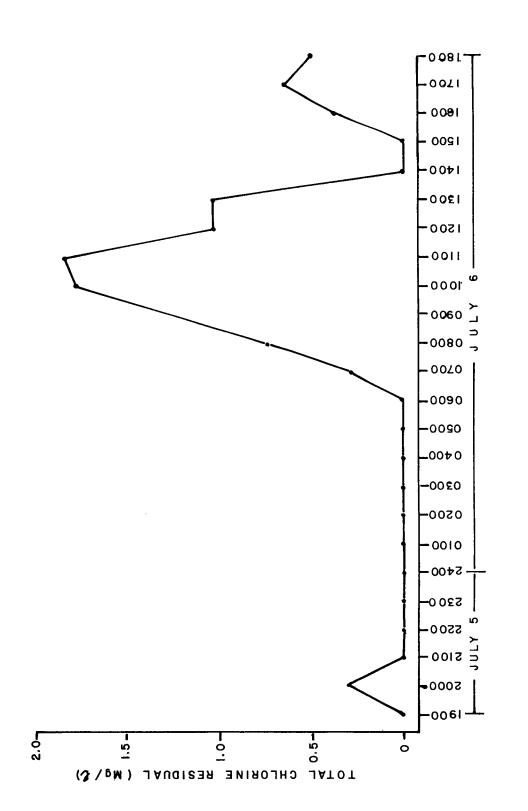


FIGURE 3 COMPARISON OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS AND TREATMENT LEVEL



PROGRAM RESIDUAL MONITORING CHLORINE 24-HOUR

FIGURE

#### 3.5 <u>Polychlorinated Biphenyls Results</u>

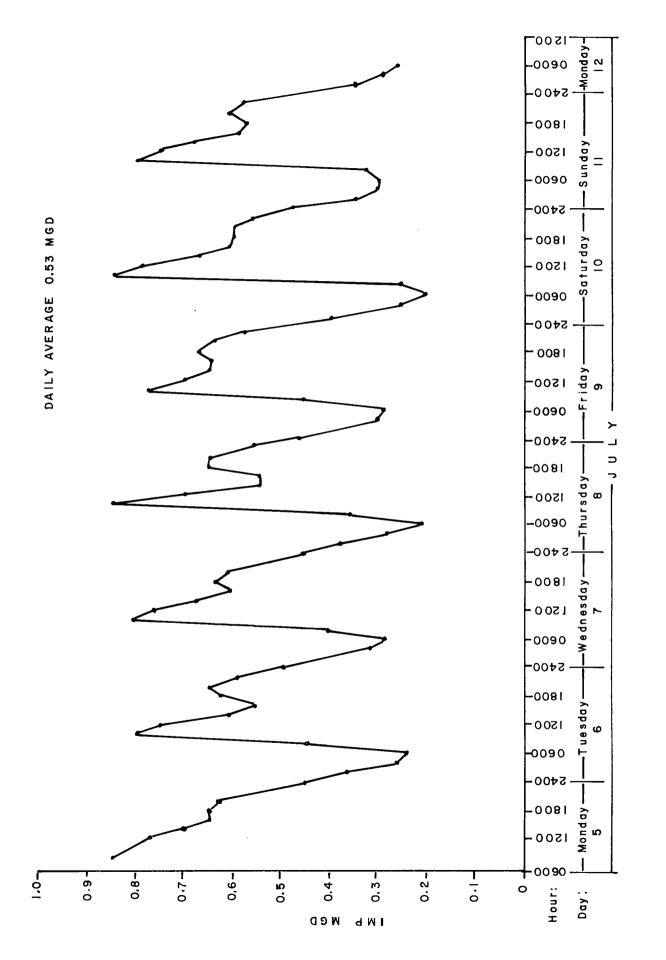
The results of the PCB analysis for the 24 hr composite sampling program are listed in Appendix I. All levels encountered were significantly low. The treatment plant was responsible for a 43.5% reduction in PCB levels from influent to effluent.

3.6 <u>Daily Flowrates, Chlorine Dosages and Precipitation</u>
Daily flowrates, chlorine dosages and precipitation from
July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976 have been plotted in Appendix III.

This plot illustrates that a direct correlation exists between precipitation and daily flowrate, indicating an excessive amount of inflow and/or infiltration into the sewer system.

As pointed out earlier, the number of sewer line connections gradually increased over the period covered in the plot, this would tend to increase the domestic sewage contribution to the total daily flow.

Figure 5 illustrated the instantaneous flow readings for the Mission PCC from 0800 hr July5 to 0600 hr July 12. During this period, peak flows of approximatedly 0.85 Imp MGD occured at 1100 - 1200 hr and low flows of 0.2 - 0.3 Imp MGD occured at 0600 hr.



, July 5-12, 1976 RATES FLOW 1 ပ ٩ DISTRICT OF MISSION ß FIGURE

#### 4 DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 <u>Bioassay Evaluation</u>

Municipal was tewaters in general contain a wide variety of chemical constituents readily known to be toxic to fish. The most common constituents exerting toxicity include ammonia, cyanide, sulfides, chlorine and chloramine, phenols, surfactants and several heavy metals which include copper, zinc, chromium and nickel.

Other factors such as temperature, pH, hardness, alkalinity and dissolved oxygen tend to modify the toxicity produced by various chemical constituents. However as outlined earlier the bioassay test conditions are controlled so that pH,temperature, and dissolved oxygen do not themselves effect toxicity. The chemical analyses results for the individual composite samples were examined with reference to the literature to determine those factors responsible for toxicity. Following is a discussion of those factors deemed responsible for the bioassay results encountered in the survey.

### 4.1.1 <u>Ammonia Toxicity.</u> The common sources of ammonia in wastewater are:

- 1. urine, which contains urea (H<sub>2</sub>NCOH<sub>2</sub>N) which in turn readily hydrolyzes to ammonia;
- organic matter containing protein and amino acids which decomposes under bacterial action yielding ammonia;
- 3. chemical plants and cleaning establishments which release ammonia to the sewer system; and,
- 4. household cleaning agents.

The toxicity of ammonia and ammonium salts to fish is directly related to the amount of un-ionized ammonia in solution. Ammonia establishes a pH dependent equilibrium in solutions as follows:

$$NH_3 + nH_2O \rightleftharpoons NH_3 \cdot nH_2O \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+ + OH^- + (n-1)H_2O$$

Emerson, et al (2) have outlined a set of equilibrium calculations for determining the un-ionized ammonia in solution under varying conditions of pH and temperature. The un-ionized ammonia concentrations for the 24 hour composite samples have been calculated

according to this set of equations and are reported in Table 5. In addition, this table lists the bioassay results and the major toxic constituents involved for each composite sample.

Mayo et al (3) state that 0.006 mg/l N un-ionized ammonia may be considered to be the desirable upper level for extended fish exposure. A level of 0.025 mg/l un-ionized ammonia has been stated as the maximum that fish can tolerate (4). Lloyd and Orr (5) reported that 0.44 mg/l un-ionized ammonia caused 100% mortality in <u>Salmo</u> gairdneri in 96 hours.

The un-ionized ammonia levels reported in Table 8 fall within the 0.025-0.44 mg/l range and therefore would be expected to contribute significantly to wastewater toxicity. However, as pointed out by Esvelt, Kaufman & Selleck (6) factors in addition to un-ionized ammonia may be associated with the toxicity of ammonia. A full discussion of these factors is beyond the scope of this report.

4.1.2 <u>Surfactant Toxicity</u>. Detergents are common components of sewage and industrial effluents, derived in largest amounts from household cleaning agents. Surfactants can be divided as being either anionic, cationic or non-ionic. In current detergent formulas, the primary toxic active agent is LAS (linear alkylate sulfonates) an anionic surfactant. The surfactant analysis conducted during this survey was carried out specifically for LAS.

The toxicity of LAS tends to increase in hard water, and increase as the carbon chain length increases (6).

Thatcher and Santer (7) found 96 hr  $LC_{50}$  values for LAS of 3.3-6.4 mg/l for five species of fish. Dolan and Hendricks determined an  $LC_{50}$  of 5.9 mg/l LAS for bluegill sunfish (8). The anionic surfactant concentrations for the raw sewage samples as outlined in Table 5 would be expected to contribute to wastewater toxicity.

Pretest Aeration 17.5 17.5 ٦ 19 24 25 0 0 25 0 0 24  $mg/1 caco_3$ Alkalinity 119 125 118 130 120 110 110 130 112 110 111 107 6.9 7.0 7.2 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.0 7.0 7.1 7.1 7.1 7.1 Hd COMPARISON OF ANALYTICAL AND BIOASSAY RESULTS Surfactants mg/1 LAS Anionic 0.14 0.25 0.13 0.13 0.29 0.22 0.22 0.11 3.9 2.9 3.5 3.2 Un-Ionized NH<sub>3</sub> Z .048 mg/1 N mg/1 .028 .045 .038 .025 .060 .045 .110 090. .057 .030 .057  $^{\mathrm{NH}_3}$ 14 14 15 15 10 15 14 18 12 22 15 138 1.15 1.0 ည 2 NT<sup>2</sup>  $L_{c_{50}}$ 100 87 % F F F F F F Ä  $\vdash$ Da te July 9  $\infty$ σ 9  $\infty$ σ 9  $\infty$ σ Sample Points Chlorinated Effluent Raw Sewage Secondary Effluent TABLE 5

1 According to Emmerson et al (2) + LC not established 33% mortality at 100% concentration 2 NT Non toxic at 100% concentration

4.1.3 <u>Chlorine Toxicity</u>. The toxicity of chlorine and other chlorinated compounds such as chloramines and chlorinated hydrocarbons has been thoroughly documented in the literature. Martens and Servizi (10) observed that the toxicity of primary treated sewage to sockeye salmon was increased several fold whenever chlorine residuals were detected in the effluent. In field studies, residual chlorine levels above 0.02 mg/l were found likely to be toxic to rainbow trout and sockeye salmon using in-stream bioassay techniques (9).

The toxicity of chlorinated wastewater does not depend directly on the amount of chlorine added but on the concentration of residual chlorine remaining (10). Residual chlorine is commonly understood to mean the total concentration of compounds containing active chlorine which remain after free chlorine addition. These compounds consist of monochloramines, dichloramines and hypochlorous acid. In additon chlorine may combine with a variety of compounds in wastewater including cyanide, phenols and alkyl sulfonate, which are not detectable by the amperometric technique.

During the 24 hr chlorine residual monitoring program the TRC averaged 0.38 mg/l and had a range of non-detectable to 1.80 mg/l. Chlorine residual concentrations in the 24 hr composite samples were all at non-detectable levels. Chlorination of the effluent did not result in an increase in toxicity during this survey. However an increase in toxicity would be expected if the chlorine dosage had been higher.

The chlorine dosage averaged 2.52 mg/l over the one week period prior to the survey. The plant operator checked the chlorine residual daily (in the morning) and was maintaining a residual in the effluent of 0.2 mg/l as determined by the ortho-tolidine method.

#### 4.2 Bioassay Summary

The raw sewage bioassay results are such that a mean  $LC_{50}$  cannot be calculated. July 6 and 7 samples exhibited  $LC_{50}$ 's of 87 and 100% respectively. The sample collected on July 8 had 33% mortality in the 100% concentration test vessel. The Tc for this particular sample would be less than 1.0. The raw sewage sample

on July 9 was non toxic at the 100% concentration. The toxicity associated with the raw sewage samples would be attributable mainly to the un-ionized ammonia and anionic surfactant concentrations.

The secondary effluent and chlorinated effluent composite samples were all non toxic at the 100% concentration, indicating that treatment is responsible for complete removal of the toxicity associated with the raw sewage. The removal of toxicity could be attributable to the reduction in the anionic surfactant concentrations (3.4 - 0.19 mg/l LAS). In reference to the chlorinated effluent samples, as pointed out in section 4.1.3, the TRC of the chlorinated effluent during the chlorine residual monitoring program was at a non-detectable level for 13 of the 25 samples. In addition the TRC's of all chlorinated effluent composite samples were non-detectable. Coupled with the high chlorine demand of the effluent (mean NFR=123 mg/l), chlorination in this case would not be expected to result in increased toxicity.

#### 4.3 Plant Performance

As mentioned in section 1.2, the Mission PCC accomplished an overall  $BOD_5$  reduction from June 1975 to May 1976 of 83%. Activated sludge plants are generally capable of reducing  $BOD_5$  levels by 88-93% (11). During the survey period the plant was operating at 60% of design hydraulic capacity. The average NFR level in chlorinated effluent during the survey was 82 mg/l which is in excess of the Pollution Control Branch AA permit requirement of 60 mg/l.

Some operational problems were identified during the survey which resulted in the high NFR levels in the effluent. Most of the problems were associated with the high MLSS being maintained in the aeration tank. Sludge age was too long resulting in an over oxidized sludge which in turn caused deflocculation, pin floc and poor settleability. In addition rising sludge blankets in the clarifiers were observed during the survey resulting from the denitrification of accumulated sludge. The high solids levels in the effluent did not however result in any measureable increase in toxicity.

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#### APPENDIX I

COMPOSITE SAMPLING ANALYTICAL RESULTS

- a. Non Metals
- b. Metals

APPENDIX I MISSION PCC COMPOSITE SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS a. NON METALS

Sampling Point Raw Sewage Secondary Effluent Chlorinated Efflue					
Analytical Parameter	Sampling Point	July 6	July 7	Date July 8	July 9
TPO <sub>4</sub> mg/1 P	1 2 3	5.0 5.0 5.8	7.6 3.9 3.9	6.1 21 14	3.5 3.5 3.8
NH <sub>3</sub> -N mg/1 N	1 2 3	14 10 12	14 15 22	15 14 15	15 18 18
NO <sub>3</sub> -N mg/1 N	1 2 3	<.01 .019 .013	<.01 .019 .033	<.01 .01 .02	<.01 <.01 <.01
NO <sub>2</sub> -N mg/l N	1 2 3	.009 .041 .027	.011 .071 .067	.013 .030 .050	.010 .026 .035
Alkalinity mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>	1 2 3	130 110 110	120 130 125	119 112 118	110 111 107
рН	1 2 3	6.9 7.0 7.0	7.1 7.2 7.3	7.1 7.1 7.2	7.0 7.1 7.1
NFR mg/l	1 2 3	150 87 93	180 52 74	110 260 60	110 90 100
COD mg/l	1 2 3	280 160 170	330 110 130	280 430 130	260 180 180
Anionic Surfactants mg/l LAS	1 2 3	3.9 0.22 0.13	2.9 .11 .13	3.2 0.14 0.22	3.5 .25 .29
TR mg/l	1 2 3	180 290 280	770 250 200	310 470 250	300 290 250
TOC mg/l C	1 2 3	104 50 58	142 40 44	97 137 50	90 47 65

APPENDIX I MISSION PCC COMPOSITE SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS a. NON METALS (cont'd)

Sampling Point	Number					
Raw Sewage Secondary Efflu Chlorinated Eff						
Analytical	Sampling		. · [	Date !		
Parameter	Point	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	
CN mg/l	1 2 3	< 03 < .03 < .03	<.03 <.03 <.03	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3	
Phenol mg/l	1 2 3	* *	.03 <.02 <.02	.03 .04 <.02	0.05 0.03 0.03	
Oil & Grease mg/l	1 2 3	43 <5 5	16 <5 <b>&lt;</b> 5	48 13 <5	23 <5 7	
PCB ppb	1 2 3	.031 .092 .027	.060 .018 .018	.078 .024 .030	.040 .013 .043	

<sup>\*</sup> Not Available

APPENDIX I MISSION PCC COMPOSITE SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS B. METALS

Sampling Po	int Nu	mber				
Raw Sewage Secondary E Chlorinated			- Total - Dissolv	ed		
Analytical	Parameter	Sampling		Date		
		Point	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9
Hg <b>µg</b> /1	Т	1 2 3	0.27 0.27 0.40	0.28 0.28 0.23	0.28 0.60 0.28	0.37 0.37 0.37
Cu mg/l	Т	1 2 3	0.08 0.06 0.05	0.08 0.06 0.05	0.07 0.15 0.05	0.06 0.06 0.06
Cu mg/l	D	1 2 3	0.03 0.02 0.01	0.03 0.02 0.01	0.01 0.01 0.02	0.03 0.02 0.01
Fe mg/l	T	1 2 3	1.3 0.96 0.95	2.0 0.54 0.74	1.9 3.0 0.97	1.2 1.3 1.2
Fe mg/l	D	1 2 3	0.46 0.33 0.37	0.83 0.19 0.11	0.66 0.24 0.29	0.37 0.27 0.26
Ni mg/l	Т	1 2 3	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05
Ni mg/l	D	1 2 3	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05	<0.05 <0.05 <0.05
Pb mg/l	T	1 2 3	<0.02 0.02 <0.02	0.03 0.02 <0.02	0.02 0.04 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02
Pb mg/l	D	1 2 3	<0.02 0.05 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02
Zn mg/l	Т	1 2 3	0.23 0.25 1.0	0.21 0.13 0.12	0.11 0.24 0.13	0.34 0.13 0.11
Zn mg/l	D	1 2 3	0.40 0.40 0.29	0.48 0.41 0.26	0.15 0.10 0.29	0.04 0.04 0.06

APPENDIX I MISSION PCC COMPOSITE SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS b. METALS (cont'd)

Sampling Point	<u>Number</u>	
Raw Sewage Secondary Effluent Chlorinated Effluent	1 2 3	T - Total D - Dissolved

Analytical	Parameter	Sampling		Date		
			July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9
Al mg/l	Т	1 2 3	0.8 0.5 0.6	0.9 <0.3 0.4	1.1 1.9 0.4	0.6 0.6 0.6
Al mg/l	D	1 2 3	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3	<0.3 <0.3 <0.3
Cd mg/l	Т	1 2 3	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01
Cd mg/l	D	1 2 3	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01	<0.01 <0.01 <0.01
Mn mg/l	Т	1 2 3	0.07 0.07 0.06	0.08 0.04 0.05	0.09 0.14 0.08	0.07 0.07 0.08
Mn mg/l	D	1 2 3	0.05 0.05 0.05	0.08 0.04 <0.03	0.07 0.07 0.04	0.06 0.04 0.06
Cr mg/l	T	1 2 3	<0.02 0.02 <0.02	<0.02 0.02 <0.02	<0.02 0.03 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02
Cr mg/l	D	1 2 3	0.02 0.03 0.04	<0.02 0.02 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02	<0.02 <0.02 <0.02

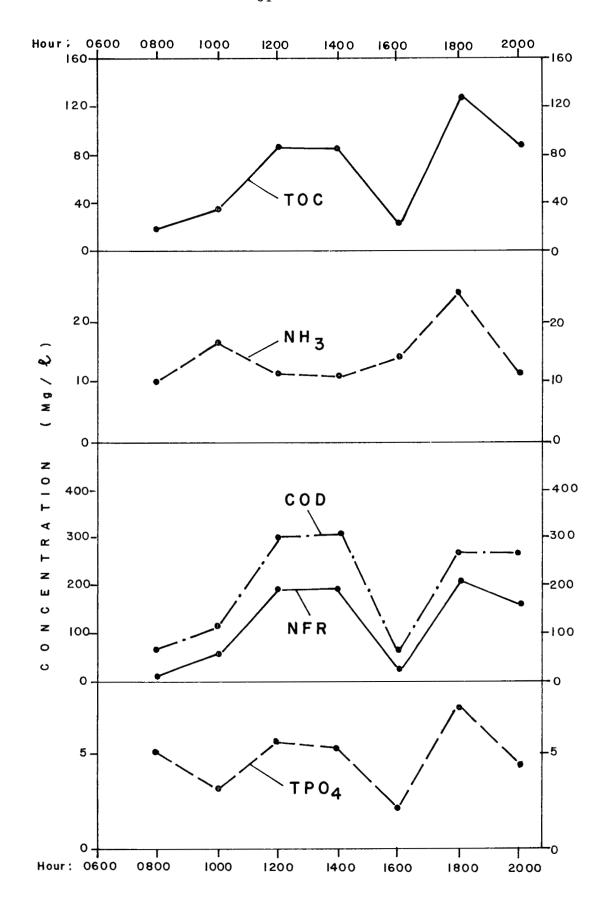
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GRAB SAMPLING

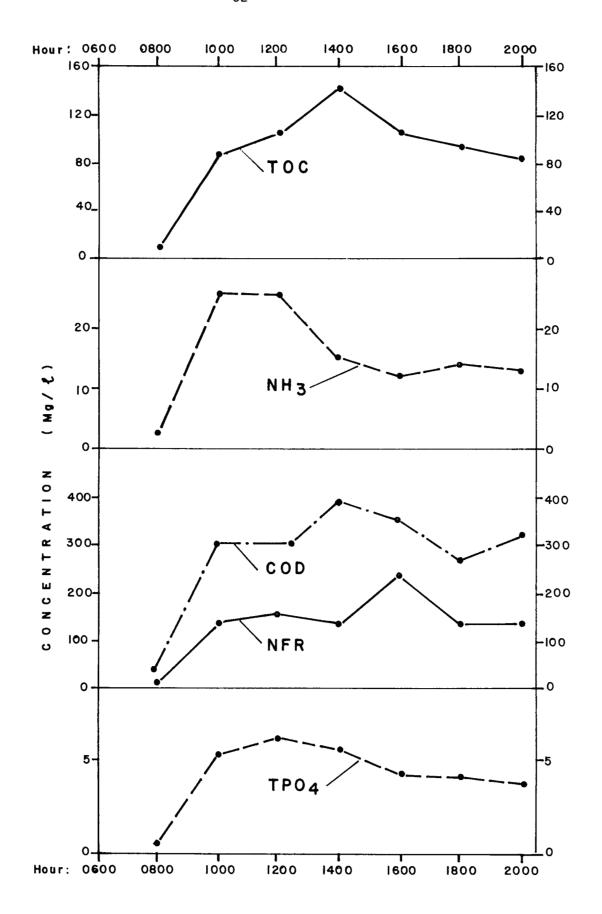
ANALYTICAL RESULTS

APPENDIX II MISSION PCC GRAB SAMPLE ANALYTICAL RESULTS
JULY 7, 1976

Sampling Point Raw Sewage Chlorinated Effluent		<u>Number</u> 1						
		3						
Analytical Parameter	Sampling Point	0800	1000	1200	Time (hr 1400	1600	11800 2	2000
TPO <sub>4</sub>	1	0.55	5.2	6.1	5.3	4.1	4.1	3.7
mg/l P	3	5.0	3.2	5.4	5.2	2.2	7.5	4.5
NH <sub>3</sub> - N	1.	3.3	25	25	16	12	14	12
mg/1 N	3	10	17	12	11	14	25	12
NO <sub>3</sub> - N	1	0.63	<.01	۷.01	<.01	۷.01	4.01	<.01
mg/1 N	3	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01
NO <sub>2</sub> - N .	1	.065	.01	.013	.013	.013	.013	.013
mg/l N	3	.008	<.005	<.005	< 005	.008	.005	<.005
NFR	1	9	130	150	130	230	130	130
mg/l	3	16	63	190	190	23	220	170
COD	1	31	300	300	380	350	270	310
mg/l	3	66	120	300	320	69	270	270
TR	1	90	300	400	360	340	470	330
mg/l	3	160	190	340	360	160	570	370
Anionic	1	.19	.50	.26	.34	.43	.44	.51
Surfactants mg/l LAS	3 .	.21	.29	.21	.28	.47	.25	.27
TOC	1	8.0	86	106	142	108	94	82
mg/l	3	19.0	36	86	86	24	128	88



MISSION PCC - GRAB SAMPLING PROGRAM - CHLORINATED EFFLUENT - July 7, 1976



MISSION PCC - GRAB SAMPLING PROGRAM-RAW SEWAGE - July 7, 1976

#### APPENDIX III

MISSION PCC DAILY FLOWS, CHLORINE

DOSAGES AND PRECIPITATION

JULY 1, 1975 TO JUNE 30, 1976

