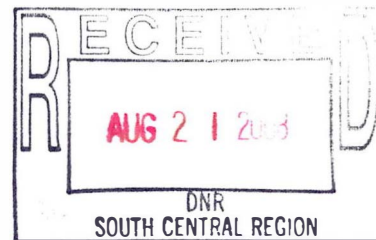




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August 19, 2008

Mr. Hank Kuehling
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RE: **Annual Operation and Maintenance Report (July 2007 – June 2008)**
Refuse Hideaway Landfill, Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin
BRRTS #02-13-000849

Dear Mr. Kuehling:

The purpose of this letter report is to summarize operation and maintenance (O&M) activities performed by Liesch Environmental Services, Inc. (Liesch) at the Refuse Hideaway Landfill (RHL) from July 2007 through June 2008. As monthly O&M reports were previously submitted, this Annual Report provides ranges for operating parameters and highlights changing trends or operating conditions.

SUMMARY

Highlights of O&M activities completed by Liesch during the 2007 – 2008 O&M year included:

- The Blower/Flare System ran approximately 100% of the operating year.
- The Leachate Collection System ran for approximately 96% of the operating year.

BACKGROUND

Liesch began routine monitoring of RHL systems on July 1, 2003. Prior to Liesch, SCS Field Services and Environmental Sampling Corporation monitored the landfill from July 1, 1997.

LFG Recovery System

The LFG Recovery System at RHL became operational in 1991. The LFG Recovery System consists of:

- Blower/Flare Station
- Collection System
- Monitoring Locations

The Blower/Flare Station includes one centrifugal LFG blower, an enclosed flare, a candlestick

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flare (previously used as a backup combustion unit but now out of service), and associated controls and appurtenances. The Collection System consists of 13 extraction wells, four drip legs, and associated gas and pneumatic header piping. The Monitoring Locations include 11 wells located throughout the site and ambient air monitoring within nearby Speedway buildings. Proper operation of the Collection System is verified through testing of the extraction wells. LFG withdrawal rates at individual well are adjusted based on test results. Testing for subsurface gas migration is done at the monitoring locations. Operation of the Blower/Flare Station provides vacuum necessary to withdraw the gas from the landfill, which helps control surface emissions and subsurface migration. Odors and emissions are controlled by combustion of the gas at the flare.

Leachate Collection System

The current leachate collection system was installed in 1996 and is comprised of pneumatic pumps installed in nine of the existing LFG extraction wells (eight wells until GW-10 was added in 2006). A compressor located at the Blower/Flare Station supplies compressed air for the pneumatic pumps. The collected leachate is stored onsite in a 25,000-gallon underground storage tank. Leachate is removed from the tank by a subcontractor and transported to the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for treatment and ultimate discharge.

TESTING EQUIPMENT

A Landfill Monitoring Systems (LMS) Multi-gas analyzer Model LMS 40 is utilized at the site to measure methane, carbon dioxide, and oxygen as percent by volume.

Pressure testing is measured in inches of water using Dwyer magnehelic gauges. LFG flow and temperature are measured with an Extech Model 407123 Hot Wire Thermo-Anemometer. Combustion temperatures were obtained from flare control panel instrumentation.

Leachate level was measured in one of two ways:

- For the gas extraction wells that have a leachate extraction pump, leachate levels were obtained indirectly using a bubbler tube.
- For the gas extraction wells that do not contain a leachate extraction pump, leachate levels were measured using an electric water level meter.

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

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Site/system activities generally consisted of inspecting, monitoring, maintaining, and/or recording data at or from various valves, meters, or sampling ports.

Weekly activities were performed at the following locations:

- Blower/Flare Control Panel
- Blower/Flare Station
- Leachate Tank
- Branch Monitoring Stations
- Flare Inlet Pipe
- Blower Inlet Pipe

Monthly activities were performed at the following locations:

- Extraction Wells
- Gas Probes
- Well Pumps/Controls
- Branch Monitoring Stations
- Flare Inlet Pipe
- Buried Control Valves
- Compressor (oil change)
- Pneumatic System (check for leaks)
- Blower Drive Belts (inspect/tighten)
- Landfill Surface (inspect)
- Monthly Report (including summary tables of system operation)

Quarterly activities were performed at the following locations:

- CV1, CV2, Branch Valves
- Well Valves, Compressor Valves
- Manual Valve (ground flare)
- Compressed Air Filter (inspect)
- Air Dryer Desiccant (inspect)
- Blower

Annual activities were performed at the following locations:

- Well pumps
- Leachate Lines, Driplegs
- Cleanouts
- Tank Loadout Station
- Padlocks

System statistics for the operating year are summarized in **Table 1** and further detailed in **Table**

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2 through Table 5:

- The average methane level at the blower was 39.7%.
- The average oxygen level at the blower was 2.7%.
- 226,606 gallons of leachate were removed from the landfill using the Leachate Collection System.
 - Laboratory analysis of leachate samples indicated that all analyzed metal compounds were below permitted discharge levels (see **Table 6**).
 - Laboratory reports were submitted to Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District per permit requirements.

With respect to scheduled repairs and improvements, implementation of recommendations were made and completed during this O&M contract. Included in this scope was the following:

- 1) Liesch personnel changed the belts on the blower and checked the belts on the compressor. The belts on the compressor were in good condition and Liesch replaced the air filter.
- 2) Energetics performed a pump up test on the compressor and the compressor functioned properly during the test. Liesch had suspected that the compressor may not be maintaining pressure in the tank or supply enough air to the leachate pumps and this would explain the low number of cycles for the leachate pumps. However, from Energetics pump up test it was determined the compressor is functioning properly.
- 3) The leachate lines were jetted and cleaned out on October 23, 2007 and there were no issues.
- 4) On June 4, 2008 the leachate lines were replaced in well GW8. The well was not pumping before the leachate lines were replaced, but immediately upon replacing the pump into the well, the pump began operating. However, the pump was not operating during the monthly O&M activities on June 25. The pump cycles before replacing the leachate lines were 91,086 and the pump cycles after replacing the leachate lines on June 25 were 96,031. This results in a difference of 4,945 pump cycles. In May 2008 the pump operated for 7,129 pump cycles, April 2008 the pump operated for 3 pump cycles, and March 2008 the pump operated for 3 pump cycles.

The following non-scheduled repairs were made during the O&M year:

- 1) Davis Electric performed a service call for the compressor to repair a loose connection in the electrical panel.

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2) A broken air line for GW13 was patched.

The following items were also noted throughout the operating year:

- 1) Inconsistent flows and/or gas concentrations can fool the flame signal eye resulting in false flame failure alarms. With low gas concentrations (especially those below 20%), the auto-dialer alarm is activated up to four times a day even though the flare typically does not go out.
- 2) The flare re-start sequence is complicated by a continuously alarming high pilot gas pressure transducer. To restart the flare system, the transducer has to be jumped/bypassed to allow the start-up sequence to proceed.
- 3) The air compressor is slightly undersized for the environment and workload. However, a technician from Energetics has said that regular oil changes should allow the compressor to operate as needed for the foreseeable future.
- 4) Visual inspections of the landfill surface did not reveal significant erosion concerns or stressed vegetation, other than the persistent low growth zone along the ridge in the southern portion of the landfill in the vicinity of GW-1, GW-2, and GW-3.
- 5) Methane detected in the G-1, G-2, and G-11 well nests depended heavily on the time of year. The highest readings were during the summer months with little to no methane detected during the winter months.
- 6) The leachate pump cycles experienced low numbers during 2007 and 2008. Liesch personnel pulled the pump from well GW7, which was experiencing low pump cycles, and found sediment was blocking the pumping lines. Liesch personnel removed the blockage and then the pump operated properly. It is suspected this problem may be similar throughout all the wells within the system and this could account for the low number of pump cycles for each well.

CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

An evaluation of repairs and improvements needed for effectively operating the Blower/Flare System and Leachate Collection System was completed in June 2007 and was successfully implemented during the past operating year. In addition, non-scheduled repairs were made in order to maintain the remedial systems at the landfill. After addressing two remaining issues, the

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remedial systems should be poised for many additional years of useful life.

First, a permanent solution is needed to restore flow to all south branch wells. This will involve excavating and re-grading gas header piping from GW-4 to GW-1 at a minimum (in order to pull gas via the central branch). Restoring flow via the south branch as originally designed would also involve repairing the line from GW-1 to DL-1.

Second, the south branch should be jetted at GW-5 to attempt to restore some flow through the south branch. To my knowledge the south branch has never been jetted because of the lack of a cleanout. The 3"x6" reducer between the above-grade piping (3") and the header piping (6") is located at grade for GW-5 instead of the normal below grade elsewhere. This should act as a cleanout and allow normal line jetting equipment to be used.

The system needs to be evaluated to determine the reason for the low pump cycles. The monthly O&M activities have determined that the leachate quantity within the landfill is adequate enough to cause the pumps to operate. However, further analysis is required to define alternate reasons why the pump cycles have decreased.

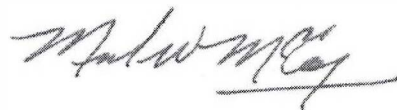
Feel free to call me at (608) 223-1532, extension 22, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LIESCH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.



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Environmental Engineer



Mike McCoy, PE
Senior Engineer

Attachments: Table 1 (System Summary)
Table 2 (Methane at Wells)
Table 3 (Velocity at Wells)
Table 4 (System Hours)
Table 5 (Problematic System Components)
Table 6 (Leachate Tank Laboratory Analytical Results)

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TABLE 1
REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL
OPERATING PARAMETERS SUMMARY
July 2007 - June 2008
System Summary

	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Average	Min.	Max.
% Methane at Blower (average during month)	42.0	40.8	45.5	40.9	39.4	37.4	33.9	37.0	35.5	37.7	44.9	41.5	39.7	33.9	45.5
% Oxygen at Blower (average during month)	1.8	0.9	0.6	2.3	2.0	2.1	4.5	3.3	5.2	5.0	2.5	2.1	2.7	0.6	5.2
Leachate Collected (gallons)	9,608	19,898	15,166	15,077	9,840	9,845	9,634	9,689	19,605	34,383	39,831	34,030	18,884	9,608	39,831
	TOTAL Leachate												226,606		

		Average	Min.	Max.			Average	Min.	Max.			Average	Min.	Max.
% Methane at Extraction Wells	GW1	52.6	44.0	58.9	Velocity (fpm) at Extraction Wells	GW1	106	29	339	Flow (cfm)	GW1	3.6	1.0	11.6
	GW2	32.3	7.6	59.4		GW2	86	43	186		GW2	2.9	1.4	6.3
	GW3	50.4	2.2	66.0		GW3	156	54	500		GW3	5.1	1.8	17.6
	GW4(1)	37.6	17.0	61.0		GW4(1)	164	56	629		GW4(1)	5.6	1.9	22.1
	GW5(1)	36.0	11.0	57.8		GW5(1)	447	123	920		GW5(1)	15.7	4.1	33.1
	GW6	53.8	39.5	61.9		GW6	1450	273	2750		GW6	52.5	9.3	100.2
	GW7(1)	41.1	24.0	56.0		GW7(1)	444	190	1050		GW7(1)	15.5	6.4	37.8
	GW8(1)	51.4	9.1	69.0		GW8(1)	312	140	826		GW8(1)	10.8	4.7	29.7
	GW9(1)	38.4	14.5	55.6		GW9(1)	361	138	800		GW9(1)	12.5	4.6	28.8
	GW10(1)	33.9	24.4	47.2		GW10(1)	262	150	807		GW10(1)	9.0	5.0	29.1
	GW11(1)	52.1	11.0	71.6		GW11(1)	691	366	1370		GW11(1)	24.6	12.7	49.3
	GW12(1)	22.9	16.0	27.0		GW12(1)	877	651	1200		GW12(1)	31.5	23.0	43.2
	GW13(1)	51.8	44.7	58.0		GW13(1)	401	0	1161		GW13(1)	14.0	0.0	41.8
						TOTAL	5756				TOTAL	203.4		

	Average	Min.	Max.
LFG Blower (%)	100	99	100
LFG Hours per month	704.7	531.9	855.9
Leachate Compressor (%)	95.8	50	100

* 9 wells with operational pumps now (previous months only 2 wells)

(1) wells with pneumatic leachate pumps installed.

**TABLE 2
REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL**

**OPERATING PARAMETERS SUMMARY
July 2007 - June 2008
Methane (%) at Wells**

	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Average	Min	Max
GW1	51.0	50.0	56.7	50.0	50.0	50.0	52.0	44.0	58.9	56.4	55.9	56.0	52.6	44.0	58.9
GW2	10.0	53.0	57.2	8.6	7.6	19.5	39.5	19.0	59.4	57.4	30.1	26.5	32.3	7.6	59.4
GW3	52.0	60.0	58.8	2.2	51.0	8.8	60.0	61.0	66.0	61.0	61.5	62.0	50.4	2.2	66.0
GW4 (1)	61.0	60.0	53.1	42.0	41.0	29.5	25.0	20.0	39.0	39.7	24.4	17.0	37.6	17.0	61.0
GW5 (1)	38.5	42.0	57.8	48.0	42.0	52.0	13.0	22.0	11.0	29.7	39.8	36.5	36.0	11.0	57.8
GW6	55.0	51.0	57.6	50.0	55.0	49.0	39.5	54.0	61.9	58.4	58.1	56.0	53.8	39.5	61.9
GW7 (1)	55.0	56.0	52.5	46.0	47.0	42.5	31.0	^	24.0	30.0	31.2	37.0	41.1	24.0	56.0
GW8 (1)	48.0	58.0	50.5	40.0	59.0	48.5	50.0	9.1	69.0	67.1	52.8	65.0	51.4	9.1	69.0
GW9 (1)	44.0	40.0	39.1	28.5	42.0	45.0	14.5	26.0	52.5	55.6	34.7	39.0	38.4	14.5	55.6
GW10 (1)	43.0	40.0	47.2	33.5	34.0	26.0	31.5	25.5	24.4	36.5	31.9	33.5	33.9	24.4	47.2
GW11 (1)	41.5	53.0	53.2	59.0	56.0	48.0	11.0	^	68.9	71.6	61.1	49.5	52.1	11.0	71.6
GW12 (1)	20.0	24.0	25.2	24.5	23.5	17.5	16.0	21.5	23.7	26.7	24.6	27.0	22.9	16.0	27.0
GW13 (1)	56.0	46.0	44.7	58.0	56.0	55.0	48.5	54.0	55.5	47.2	53.3	47.0	51.8	44.7	58.0

(1) wells with pneumatic leachate pumps installed.

**TABLE 3
REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL**

**OPERATING PARAMETERS SUMMARY
July 2007 - June 2008
Velocity (fpm) and Flow (cfm) at Wells**

VELOCITY	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Average	Min	Max
	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**			
GW1	50	51	44	29	44	259	339	120	108	78	90	65	106	29	339
GW2	43	68	44	49	44	157	186	96	90	98	76	82	86	43	186
GW3	61	67	113	54	64	148	208	213	145	165	135	500	156	54	500
GW4 (1)	110	73	86	60	63	115	262	180	629	56	218	114	164	56	629
GW5 (1)	141	164	316	332	295	331	500	550	840	123	920	850	447	123	920
GW6	985	1150	1002	1073	1184	2750	2415	1264	1420	273	2200	1680	1450	273	2750
GW7 (1)	300	190	305	270	471	452	763	330	1050	285	377	533	444	190	1050
GW8 (1)	200	256	386	140	826	166	417	148	500	168	278	257	312	140	826
GW9 (1)	138	245	142	260	601	325	300	509	415	144	800	450	361	138	800
GW10 (1)	150	170	169	222	204	239	267	255	807	174	212	277	262	150	807
GW11 (1)	463	655	366	700	926	400	720	1370	900	400	470	918	691	366	1370
GW12 (1)	748	902	652	740	1055	960	1115	940	1200	743	651	822	877	651	1200
GW13 (1)	165	309	461	500	482	0	322	277	300	1161	660	174	401	0	1161
TOTAL	3,554	4,300	4,086	4,429	6,259	6,302	7,814	6,252	8,404	3,868	7,087	6,722			
FLOW (Calculated)															
GW1	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.5	8.8	11.6	4.0	3.6	2.6	3.0	2.2	3.6	1.0	11.6
GW2	1.4	2.3	1.5	1.6	1.5	5.3	6.3	3.2	3.0	3.3	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.4	6.3
GW3	2.0	2.2	3.8	1.8	2.1	5.0	7.0	7.2	2.9	5.5	4.5	17.6	5.1	1.8	17.6
GW4 (1)	3.7	2.4	2.9	2.0	2.1	3.8	8.9	6.1	22.1	1.9	7.4	3.8	5.6	1.9	22.1
GW5 (1)	4.7	5.5	10.8	11.4	10.1	11.3	17.6	19.3	30.2	4.1	33.1	30.6	15.7	4.1	33.1
GW6	35.5	41.4	36.1	38.6	42.6	100.2	88.0	45.5	51.1	9.3	80.2	61.2	52.5	9.3	100.2
GW7 (1)	10.3	6.4	10.4	9.2	16.4	15.8	27.3	11.3	37.8	9.8	13.1	18.7	15.5	6.4	37.8
GW8 (1)	6.8	8.7	13.4	4.7	29.7	5.6	14.4	5.0	17.6	5.6	9.5	8.7	10.8	4.7	29.7
GW9 (1)	4.6	8.3	4.8	8.8	21.1	11.1	10.3	17.9	14.4	4.8	28.8	15.7	12.5	4.6	28.8
GW10 (1)	5.0	5.7	5.7	7.5	6.9	8.1	9.1	8.7	29.1	5.9	7.2	9.5	9.0	5.0	29.1
GW11 (1)	16.1	23.1	12.7	24.9	33.3	13.9	25.6	49.3	32.4	13.9	16.5	33.0	24.6	12.7	49.3
GW12 (1)	26.8	32.5	23.0	26.5	38.0	34.6	40.1	33.8	43.2	26.6	23.0	29.6	31.5	23.0	43.2
GW13 (1)	5.5	10.6	16.1	17.6	16.9	0.0	11.0	9.5	10.3	41.8	23.3	5.9	14.0	0.0	41.8
TOTAL	124	151	142	156	222	223	277	221	298	135	252	239	203		

(1) wells with pneumatic leachate pumps installed

*Average velocity (manually with meter)

**Centerpoint velocity

Boxed value indicates minimum (capacity of meter)

**TABLE 4
REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL**

**OPERATING PARAMETERS SUMMARY
July 2007 - June 2008
System Hours**

	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Average	Min	Max
LFG Blower (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	99	100	99.8	99	100
Blower Counter end	19109.6	19944.9	20476.8	21332.7	22005.8	22730.4	23517.1	24166.1	24839.5	25516.0	26281.1	26971.2			
Blower Hours	594.8	835.3	531.9	855.9	673.1	724.6	786.7	649.0	673.4	676.5	765.1	690.1	704.7	531.9	855.9
Leachate Compressor (%)	50	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95.8	50	100
Compressor Counter end	260.5	76.3	229.5	440.0	507.8	595.4	668.9	745.7	849.2	966.7	1092.3	1208.2			
Compressor Hours	33.5	148.8	153.2	210.5	67.8	87.6	73.5	76.8	103.5	117.5	125.6	115.9	109.5	33.5	210.5

**TABLE 5
REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL**

**OPERATING PARAMETERS SUMMARY
July 2007 - June 2008
Problematic System Components**

	Problematic air flow control valve	Problematic counter
GW1		
GW2		
GW3		
GW4 (1)		
GW5 (1)		
GW6		
GW7 (1)		
GW8 (1)		
GW9 (1)		
GW10 (1)		
GW11 (1)		
GW12 (1)		
GW13 (1)		
South Branch		
Central Branch	Yes	
North Branch	Yes	
Compressor Meter		Yes
CV1 and CV2		

Table 6
Leachate Tank Laboratory Analytical Results
Refuse Hideaway Landfill
Town of Middleton, Wisconsin

DATE	PARAMETER										
	Cadmium (ug/L)	Total Chromium (ug/L)	Hexavalent Chromium (ug/L)	Copper (ug/L)	Lead (ug/L)	Mercury (ug/L)	Nickel (ug/L)	Selenium (ug/L)	Silver (ug/L)	Zinc (ug/L)	Cyanide (ug/L)
Permitted Levels	250	10000	500	1500	5000	20	2000	300	3000	8000	100
9/30/2003	<0.88	54		8	<2.2	<0.030	150	<8.0	<1.8	54	
10/9/2003			<260,000								5.8
2/23/2004	<0.53	30	<270	24	<1.3	<0.030	93	<4.8	6.5	40	16
8/5/2004	<0.17	21	<27	4.1	1.9	<0.028	54	6.5	0.21	19	15
11/4/2004	<1.7	33	<2.7		2.8	<0.30		13	<0.49		5.4
12/21/2004	<1.7	52	<2.7	8.6	5.4	<0.028	180	21	<0.49	36	9.1
3/31/2005	0.68	15	<2.7	6.9*	12	<0.028					5.5*
6/30/2005	<1.00	12.8	<40	6.20	1.70	<0.07	40.5	16.7	<1.00	458	7
9/21/2005	<1.00	17.8	<40	13.5	8.30	<0.07	46.5	20.1	4.20	95.1	<5
11/16/2005	<1.00	14.2	<40	3.04	<1.50	<0.07	44.6	31.6	5.20	<10.0	10*
2/9/2006	<1.00	16.3	<40	<3.00	<1.50	<0.07	59.3	28.8	<1.00	17.9	17
5/18/2006	<1.00	24.4*	<40	3.40*	<1.50	<0.07	38.3	21.1	1.32*	8.0*	9*
8/28/2006	<1.00	19.2*	<40	5.10*	2.96*	<0.07	32.7	28.0	<1.00	36.6	6*
11/8/2006	<1.00	11.6*	<20	<3.00	<1.50	<0.07	55.2	28.0	5.81*	10.9*	15*
2/21/2007	<1.00	19.1*	<40	20.8	1.59*	<0.07	50.4	51.8	6.30*	<10	12*
6/6/2007	<1.00	10.6*	<40	<3.00	2.92*	<0.07	41.3	10.2	6.77*	17.2*	7*

Table 6
Leachate Tank Laboratory Analytical Results
Refuse Hideaway Landfill
Town of Middleton, Wisconsin

9/4/2007	<1.00	<8.00	<40	3.07*	2.53*	<0.07	49.9	4.96*	7.42*	19.3*	<5
1/16/2008	<1.00	17.7*	<40	8.80*	4.83*	<0.07	62.2	4.73*	7.30*	42.7	11*
3/31/2008	<1.00	13.4*	<40	<3.00	<1.50	<0.07	38.1	<3.00	<1.00	<10.0	6*
7/1/2008	<1.00	30.6	<40	<3.00	<1.50	<0.07	64.8	<3.00	1.13*	10.1*	19

Notes

Results in **bold** indicate levels above permit limitations.

Blank cell indicates parameter not analyzed.

ug/l = micrograms per liter

* = Analyte detected between limit of detection and limit of quantitation.