

Water Quality

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Wastewater generated from operations at Brookhaven National Laboratory is discharged to surface waters via the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and to groundwater via recharge basins. Some wastewater may contain very low levels of radiological, organic, or inorganic contaminants. Monitoring, pollution prevention, and vigilant operation of treatment facilities ensure that these discharges comply with all applicable requirements and that the public, employees, and the environment are protected.

Analytical data for 2012 show that the average gross alpha and beta activity levels in the STP discharge were within the typical range of historical levels and were well below New York State Drinking Water Standards (NYS DWS). During 2012, tritium was detected in the STP effluent only once at a concentration just above the minimum detectable activity (630 ± 350 pCi/L), which is 3 percent of the drinking water standard. Analysis of the STP effluent continued to show no detection of cesium-137, strontium-90, or other gamma-emitting nuclides attributable to Laboratory operations. Similarly, there were no radionuclides detected along the Peconic River in 2012 that were attributable to BNL operations.

Nonradiological monitoring of the STP effluent showed that, except for isolated incidents of noncompliance, organic and inorganic parameters were within State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) effluent limitations or other applicable standards.

Examination of radiological analytical data for discharges to recharge basins showed that the average concentrations of gross alpha and beta activity were within typical ranges and no gamma-emitting radionuclides were detected in 2012. Tritium was detected in a single sample collected at Basin HT-W at a very low level, (550 ± 290 pCi/L). This basin receives discharges from the Collider-Accelerator complex. Review of organic data shows that disinfection byproducts are detected at very low concentrations, just above the contract analytical laboratory's method detection limit, in discharges to recharge basins due to the use of chlorine and bromine for the control of algae and bacteria in potable and cooling water systems. Inorganics (i.e., metals) were detected; however, their presence is due primarily to sediment run-off in stormwater discharges.

Radiological data from Peconic River surface water sampling in 2012 show that the average concentrations of gross alpha and gross beta activity from off-site locations and control locations were indistinguishable from BNL on-site levels, and all detected levels were below the applicable NYS DWS. Tritium was not detected above contract laboratory method detection limits at any of the Peconic River sampling stations in 2012. Inorganic data from Peconic River samples collected upstream, downstream, and at control locations demonstrated that elevated amounts of aluminum and iron detected in the river are associated with natural sources. Concentrations of copper, lead, and zinc detected were consistent with concentrations found in the STP discharge and were within BNL SPDES permit limits.

5.1 SURFACE WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Treated wastewater from the Laboratory's STP is discharged into the headwaters of the Peconic River. This discharge is permitted under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) SPDES Program. Effluent limits are based on water quality standards established by NYSDEC, as well as historic operational data. To assess the impact of wastewater discharge on the quality of the river, surface water is monitored at several locations upstream and downstream of the discharge point. Monitoring Station HY (see Figure 5-7), on site but upstream of all Laboratory operations, provides information on the background water quality of the Peconic River. The Carmans River is monitored as a geographic control location for comparative purposes, as it is not affected by operations at BNL or within the Peconic River watershed.

On the Laboratory site, the Peconic River is an intermittent stream. Off-site flow occurs only during periods of sustained precipitation,

typically in the spring. Similar to 2011, there was very little off-site flow in 2012. The only measurable flow was due to heavy precipitation that occurred in August 2012. When flow ceased, standing water was continuous throughout the year in several of the deeper sections of the river. The following sections describe BNL's surface water monitoring and surveillance program.

5.2 SANITARY SYSTEM EFFLUENTS

The STP effluent (Outfall 001) is a discharge point authorized under BNL's SPDES permit. Figure 5-1 shows a schematic of the STP and its sampling locations. The Laboratory's STP treatment process includes four principal steps: 1) aerobic oxidation for secondary removal of biological matter and nitrification of ammonia, 2) secondary clarification, 3) sand filtration for final solids removal, and 4) ultraviolet disinfection for bacterial control prior to discharge to the Peconic River. Tertiary treatment for nitrogen removal is also provided by controlling the

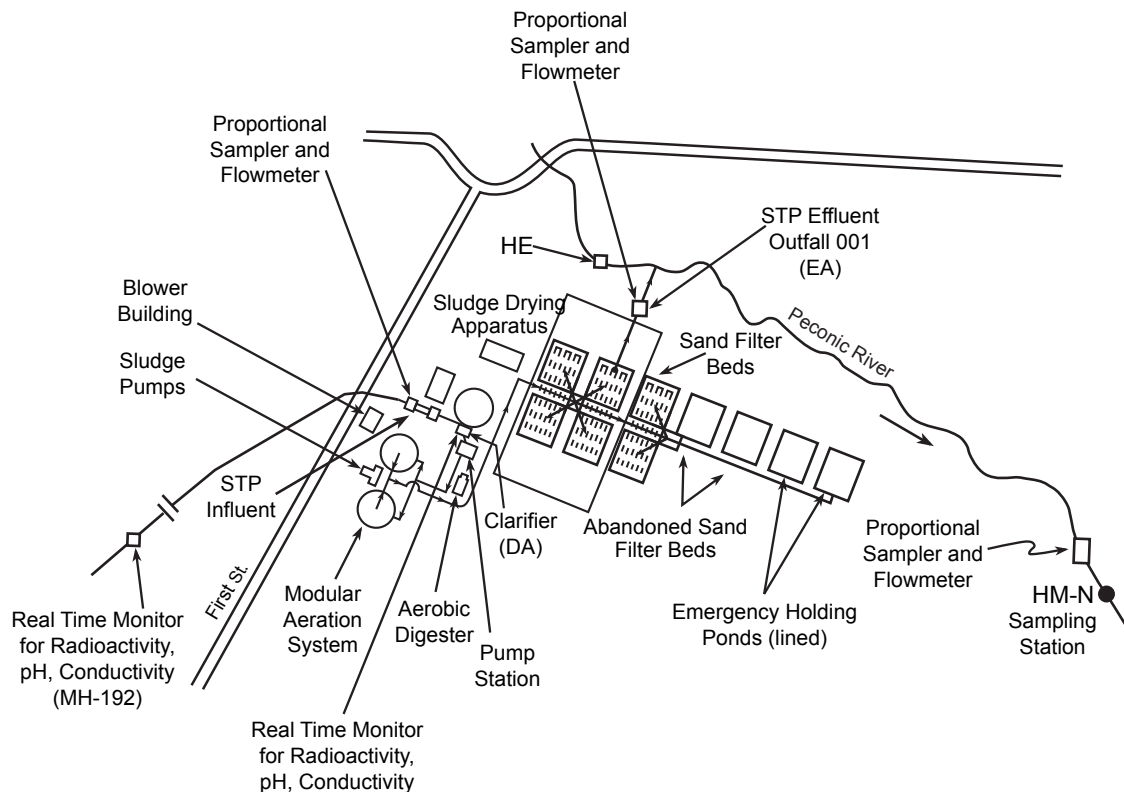


Figure 5-1. Schematic of BNL's Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

oxygen levels in the aeration tanks. During the aeration process, the oxygen levels are allowed to drop to the point where microorganisms use nitrate-bound oxygen for respiration; this liberates nitrogen gas and consequently reduces the concentration of nitrogen in the STP discharge.

Nitrogen is an essential nutrient in biological systems that, in high concentrations, can cause excessive aquatic vegetation growth. During the night (when photosynthesis does not occur), aquatic plants use oxygen in the water. Too much oxygen uptake by aquatic vegetation deprives a water system of oxygen needed by fish and other aquatic organisms for survival. Limiting the concentration of nitrogen in the STP discharge helps keep plant growth in the Peconic River in balance with the nutrients provided by natural sources.

Real-time monitoring of the sanitary waste stream for radioactivity, pH, and conductivity occurs at two locations. The first site, MH-192 (see Figure 5-1), is approximately 1.1 miles upstream of the STP, providing a minimum of 30 minutes' warning to the STP operators if wastewater is en route that may exceed SPDES limits or BNL effluent release criteria. The second site is at the point where the STP influent enters the treatment process.

Based on the data collected by the real-time monitoring systems, any influent to the STP that may not meet SPDES limits and BNL effluent release criteria is diverted to two double-lined holding ponds. The total combined capacity of the two holding ponds exceeds 6 million gallons, or approximately 18 days of flow. Diversion continues until the effluent's water quality meets the permit limits and release criteria. If wastewater is diverted to the holding ponds, it is tested and evaluated against the requirements for release. If necessary, the wastewater is treated and then reintroduced into the STP at a rate that ensures compliance with SPDES permit limits for nonradiological parameters or BNL effluent release criteria for radiological parameters.

In 2012, there was one instance that resulted in diversion of wastewater to the hold-up ponds. Between October 18 and October 24, BNL wastewater was diverted to one of the

holdup ponds due to elevated concentrations of the radionuclide iodine-131 (I-131: half-life, 8.02 days). An environmental sampling technician performing daily checks of the sewage line monitoring system observed an elevated radiation baseline (~100 counts/min) at a manhole upstream of the STP. A sample was collected and In Situ Object Counting System (ISOCs) was utilized to identify I-131 as the cause of the increased radiation levels. Levels continued to increase to >1000 counts/min, as measured at the STP. A second sample was collected and I-131 was confirmed, but at levels 4-6 times higher than the previous sample. As designed, the STP went into automatic diversion, and the wastewater was directed to a holding pond. Environmental Protection personnel conferred with Radiological Control management and confirmed that no I-131 was in use at the Laboratory. The suspected source was identified as patient excreta from someone undergoing thyroid treatment. On October 19, the source was confirmed as an on-site resident that had undergone ablation therapy. The STP remained in diversion operating mode until October 24, at which time the concentration of I-131 dropped to near drinking water limits, and the plant was placed back into normal operations on October 24.

Although there are no regulatory statutes which would require the Laboratory to divert this wastewater for holdup, BNL decided to maintain diversion and hold the wastewater for decay prior to release as an environmental best-management practice.

Solids separated in the clarifier are pumped to aerobic digesters for continued biological solids reduction and sludge thickening. Once the sludge in the aerobic digester reaches a solids content of 6 percent, the sludge is sampled to ensure it meets the waste acceptance criteria for disposal at the Suffolk County Department of Public Works Sewage Treatment Facility at Bergen Point, in West Babylon, New York.

5.2.1 Sanitary System Effluent–Radiological Analyses

Wastewater at the STP is sampled at the inlet to the treatment process, Station DA (see Figure

5-1) and at the Peconic River Outfall (Station EA). At each location, samples are collected on a flow-proportional basis; that is, for every 1,000 gallons of water treated, approximately 4 fluid ounces of sample are collected and composited into a 5-gallon collection container. These samples are analyzed for gross alpha and gross beta activity and for tritium concentrations. In 2012, samples were collected three times weekly. Samples collected from these locations are also composited and analyzed monthly for gamma-emitting radionuclides and strontium-90 (Sr-90: half-life, 29 years).

Although the Peconic River is not used as a direct source of potable water, the Laboratory applies the stringent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) standards for comparison purposes when monitoring the effluent, in lieu of DOE wastewater criteria. Under the SDWA, water standards are based on a 4 mrem (40 μ Sv) dose limit. The SDWA specifies that no individual may receive an annual dose greater than 4 mrem from radionuclides that are beta or photon emitters, which includes up to 168 individual radioisotopes. BNL performs radionuclide-specific gamma analysis to ensure compliance with this standard. The SDWA annual average gross alpha activity limit is 15 pCi/L, including radium-226 (Ra-226: half-life, 1,600 years), but excluding radon and uranium. Other SDWA-specified drinking water limits are 20,000 pCi/L for tritium (H-3: half-life, 12.3 years), 8 pCi/L for Sr-90, 5 pCi/L for Ra-226 and radium-228 (Ra-228: half-life, 5.75 years), and 30 μ g/L for uranium. Gross activity (alpha and beta) measurements are used as a screening tool for detecting the presence of radioactivity. Table 5-1 shows the monthly gross alpha and beta activity data and tritium concentrations for the STP influent and effluent during 2012. Annual average gross alpha and beta activity levels in the STP effluent were 0.5 ± 0.1 pCi/L and 4.6 ± 0.2 pCi/L, respectively. These concentrations remain essentially unchanged from year to year. The one elevated gross beta concentration (346 ± 35 pCi/L) detected at the STP influent in October is directly related to the employee off-site medical isotope treatment discussed in Section 5.2. Control location data from the Carmans

River Station HH (see Figure 5-7) show average gross alpha and beta levels of 0.78 ± 0.27 pCi/L and 1.05 ± 0.37 pCi/L, respectively (see Table 5-6). The average concentrations of gross alpha and beta activity in Peconic River water samples collected upstream of the STP outfall were 0.67 ± 0.48 pCi/L and 1.55 ± 0.33 pCi/L, respectively.

A plot of the 2012 tritium concentrations recorded in STP effluent is presented in Figure 5-2. A 15-year trend plot of annual average tritium concentrations measured in the STP discharge is shown in Figure 5-3. The annual average concentration trend has been consistently less than 1 percent of the NYS DWS since 2000.

In 2012, with the exception of a single low-level reported value, tritium was not detected in the discharge of the STP (EA, Outfall 001) for the entire year. A concentration measured in the single sample of the STP discharge in December (see Figure 5-2) was 630 ± 350 pCi/L. Due to the low level of detection and the high uncertainty (~50 percent), this concentration is indistinguishable from the typical minimum detection limit. The annual average tritium concentration, as measured in the STP effluent, was 43 ± 16 pCi/L, which is only 17 percent of the average minimum detection level (MDL), 246 pCi/L, and well below the NYS DWS of 20,000 pCi/L. Using the annual average concentration and the flow recorded for the year, a total of 0.0149 Ci (14.9 mCi) of tritium was released during the year, which is consistent with total releases of tritium over the past 5 years (see Figure 5-4). In 2012, there were no gamma-emitting nuclides detected in the STP effluent, which is consistent with data reported since 2003. Sr-90 was detected in two effluent samples collected in July and August (0.32 pCi/L and 0.64 pCi/L, respectively); however, these values are consistent with historical levels both upstream and downstream of the STP and most likely attributable to worldwide fallout and not BNL-derived.

5.2.2 Sanitary System Effluent – Nonradiological Analyses

In addition to the compliance monitoring

Table 5-1. Tritium and Gross Activity in Water at the BNL Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

		Flow (a) (Liters)	Tritium (pCi/L)		Gross Alpha (pCi/L)		Gross Beta (pCi/L)	
			max.	avg.	max.	avg.	max.	avg.
January	influent	3.03E+07	< 240	<MDL	2.3 ± 1.6	0.8 ± 0.5	7.1 ± 1.4	4.9 ± 0.8
	effluent	2.25E+07	< 270	<MDL	< 2.3	0.4 ± 0.3	6.0 ± 1.2	4.1 ± 0.6
February	influent	2.41E+07	< 150	<MDL	< 2.2	0.3 ± 0.3	8.0 ± 1.4	5.5 ± 0.9
	effluent	1.89E+07	< 160	<MDL	< 2.0	0.7 ± 0.3	6.4 ± 1.2	4.9 ± 0.5
March	influent	2.86E+07	< 140	<MDL	< 2.2	0.6 ± 0.3	8.1 ± 1.4	5.7 ± 0.8
	effluent	2.18E+07	< 110	<MDL	< 1.8	0.4 ± 0.4	6.5 ± 1.2	5.3 ± 0.4
April	influent	3.72E+07	< 180	<MDL	< 2.3	0.4 ± 0.2	7.7 ± 1.3	6.2 ± 0.6
	effluent	2.53E+07	< 140	<MDL	2.2 ± 1.4	0.7 ± 0.4	6.3 ± 1.2	5.2 ± 0.4
May	influent	4.28E+07	< 130	<MDL	< 2.2	0.6 ± 0.3	6.8 ± 1.3	4.7 ± 0.8
	effluent	2.81E+07	< 170	<MDL	< 1.6	0.3 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 1.1	4.6 ± 0.4
June	influent	4.07E+07	< 130	<MDL	2.4 ± 1.4	0.6 ± 0.4	8.1 ± 1.6	5.9 ± 0.7
	effluent	4.21E+07	< 130	<MDL	< 2.3	0.7 ± 0.3	6.4 ± 1.3	4.7 ± 0.5
July	influent	5.44E+07	< 170	<MDL	3.4 ± 1.7	0.5 ± 0.6	7.9 ± 1.5	4.5 ± 1.4
	effluent	4.65E+07	< 220	<MDL	< 1.9	0.3 ± 0.3	5.6 ± 1.2	4.7 ± 0.4
August	influent	6.24E+07	< 150	<MDL	< 2.6	0.2 ± 0.3	7.4 ± 1.5	4.8 ± 0.8
	effluent	5.08E+07	< 150	<MDL	< 1.9	0.5 ± 0.3	7.3 ± 1.3	4.3 ± 0.6
September	influent	3.83E+07	< 460	<MDL	< 2.8	0.8 ± 0.3	7.3 ± 1.5	5.2 ± 0.8
	effluent	3.07E+07	< 390	<MDL	1.8 ± 1.3	0.7 ± 0.4	6.6 ± 1.3	5.1 ± 0.4
October	influent	3.95E+07	< 420	<MDL	4.0 ± 1.7	0.7 ± 0.6	346.0 ± 35.0	36.4 ± 51.0
	effluent	2.86E+07	< 320	<MDL	1.5 ± 1.3	0.6 ± 0.3	6.8 ± 1.0	5.0 ± 0.6
November	influent	2.78E+07	< 370	<MDL	2.2 ± 1.3	0.3 ± 0.5	7.2 ± 1.1	5.1 ± 0.8
	effluent	2.38E+07	< 450	<MDL	2.7 ± 1.4	0.5 ± 0.4	5.3 ± 1.1	3.9 ± 0.4
December	influent	3.60E+07	< 340	<MDL	< 1.4	0.2 ± 0.3	6.5 ± 1.1	4.1 ± 0.9
	effluent	3.63E+07	630 ± 350	<MDL	< 1.6	0.1 ± 0.3	5.1 ± 1.1	3.3 ± 0.4
Annual Avg.	influent			<MDL		0.5 ± 0.1		7.8 ± 4.4
	effluent			<MDL		0.5 ± 0.1		4.6 ± 0.2
Total Release		3.76E+08		14.9 mCi		0.2 mCi		1.6 mCi
Average MDL (pCi/L)				246.3		1.7		1
SDWA Limit (pCi/L)				20000		15		(b)

Notes:

All values are reported with a 95% confidence interval.

Negative numbers occur when the measured value is lower than background (see Appendix B for description).

To convert values from pCi to Bq, divide by 27.03.

MDL = Minimum Detection Limit

SDWA = Safe Drinking Water Act

(a) Effluent values greater than influent values occur when water that had been diverted to the holding ponds is tested, treated (if necessary), and released.

(b) The drinking water standards were changed from 50 pCi/L (concentration based) to 4 mrem/yr (dose based) in 2003. As gross beta activity does not identify specific radionuclides, a dose equivalent cannot be calculated for the values in the table.

discussed in Chapter 3, effluent from the STP is also monitored for nonradiological contaminants under the BNL Environmental Surveillance Program. Data are collected for

field-measured parameters such as temperature, specific conductivity, pH, and dissolved oxygen. Composite samples of the STP effluent are collected using a flow-proportional refrigerated

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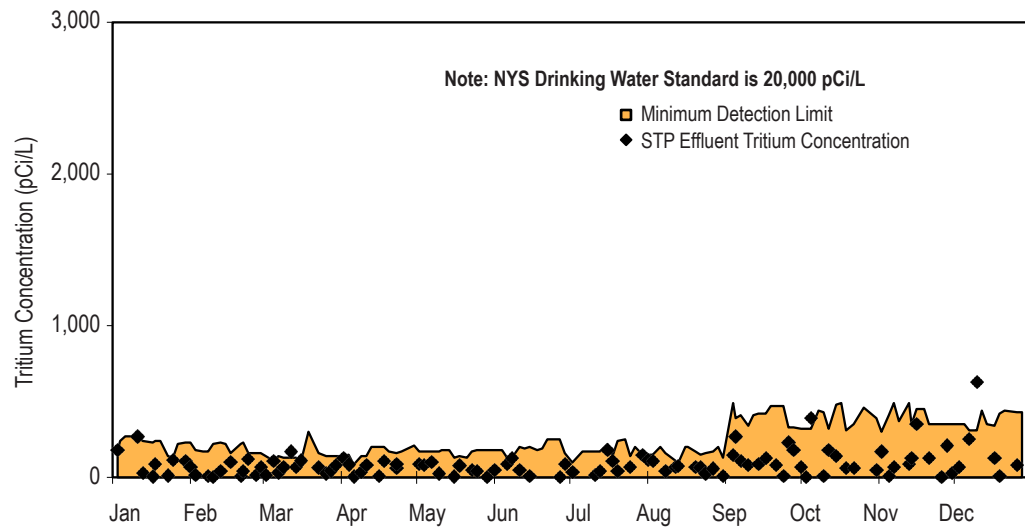


Figure 5-2. Tritium Concentrations in Effluent from the BNL Sewage Treatment Plant (2012).

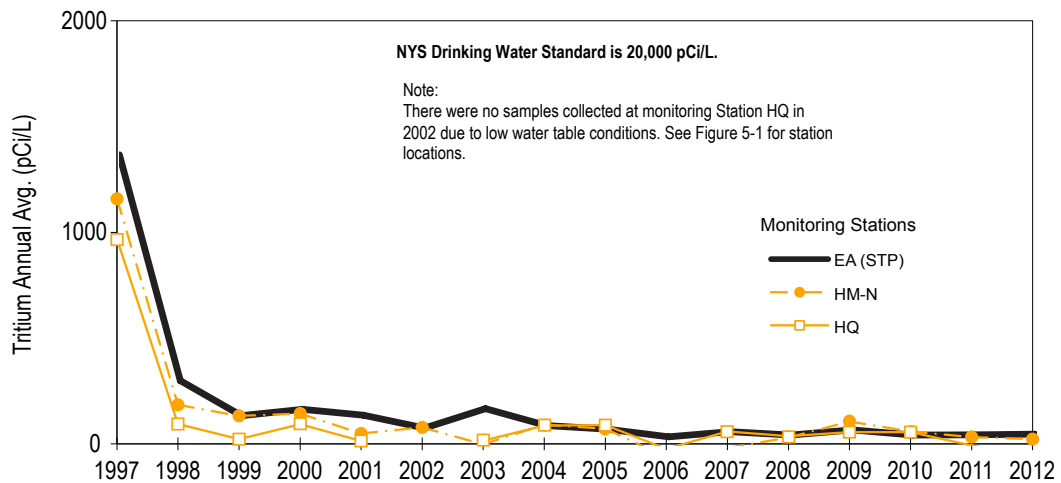


Figure 5-3. Sewage Treatment Plant/Peconic River Annual Average Tritium Concentrations (1997–2012).

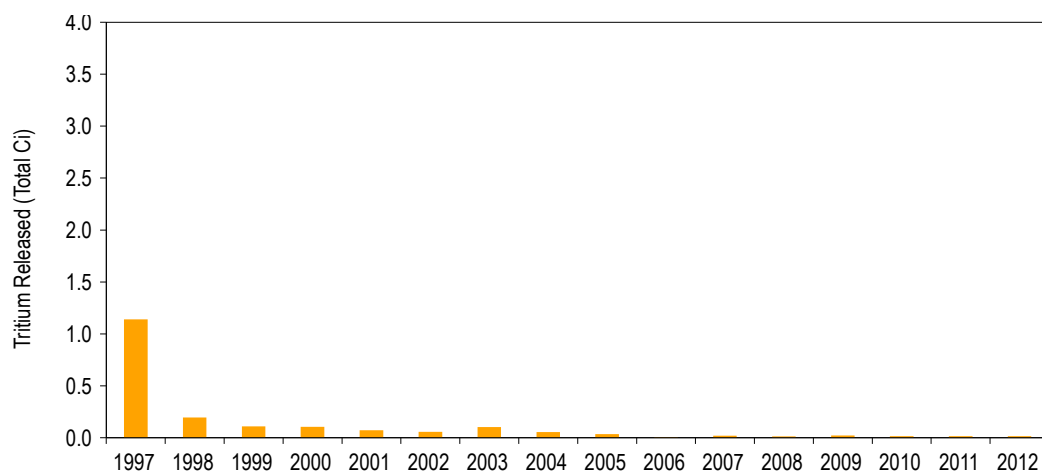


Figure 5-4. Tritium Released to the Peconic River, 15-Year Trend (1997–2012).

sampling device (ISCO Model 3700RF) and are analyzed by contract analytical laboratories. Samples are analyzed for 23 inorganic elements, anions, semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides, and herbicides. In addition, grab samples are collected monthly from the STP effluent and analyzed for 38 different volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Daily influent and effluent logs are maintained by the STP operators for flow, pH, temperature, and settleable solids, as part of routine monitoring of STP operations.

Table 5-2 summarizes the water quality and inorganic analytical results for the STP samples in 2012. Comparing the effluent data to the SPDES effluent limits (or New York State Ambient Water Quality Standards [NYS AWQS]), as appropriate, shows that most of the analytical parameters were within effluent permit limits (see also the compliance data in Chapter 3). Aluminum and iron were detected in the effluent at concentrations exceeding the SPDES permit limits or ambient water quality standards. All data reported in Table 5-2 are for “total recoverable” concentrations of the analyte, which includes suspended and dissolved fractions. Consequently, the data are conservative (err on the side of caution) for many of the analytes. Aluminum was detected in samples collected in June and December at a concentration of 173 µg/L and 117 µg/L, respectively, which is just above the NYS AWQS standard of 100 µg/L. Aluminum is regulated in the ionic (i.e., dissolved) form. Iron was detected in a sample collected in February at concentrations of 0.40mg/L, which is consistent with the data reported in Chapter 3. In 2012, acetone was the only VOC detected in the STP effluent above method detection limits. Acetone was detected at concentrations ranging from 1.2 µg/L to a maximum of 11 µg/L. Acetone is a common solvent used in the contract analytical laboratory and is routinely detected due to cross-contamination within the laboratory.

5.3 PROCESS-SPECIFIC WASTEWATER

Wastewater that may contain constituents above SPDES permit limits or ambient water quality discharge standards must be held by the

generating facility and characterized to determine the appropriate means of disposal. The analytical results are compared with the appropriate discharge limit, and the wastewater is released to the sanitary system if the volume and concentration of contaminants in the discharge would not jeopardize the quality of the STP effluent and, subsequently, the Peconic River.

The Laboratory’s SPDES permit includes requirements for quarterly sampling and analysis of process-specific wastewater discharged from printed-circuit-board fabrication operations conducted in Building 535B, metal cleaning operations in Building 498, and cooling tower discharges from Building 902. These operations are monitored for contaminants such as metals, cyanide, VOCs, and SVOCs. In 2012, analyses of these waste streams showed that, although several operations contributed contaminants (principally metals) to the STP influent in concentrations exceeding SPDES-permitted levels, these discharges did not affect the quality of the STP effluent.

Process wastewaters that were not expected to be of consistent quality because they were not routinely generated were held for characterization before release to the site sewer system. The process wastewaters typically included purge water from groundwater sampling, wastewater from cleaning of heat exchangers, wastewater generated as a result of restoration activities, and other industrial wastewaters. To determine the appropriate disposal method, samples were analyzed for contaminants specific to the process. The analyses were then reviewed and the concentrations were compared to the SPDES effluent limits and BNL’s effluent release criteria. If the concentrations were within limits, authorization for sewer system discharge was granted; if not, alternate means of disposal were used. Any waste that contained elevated levels of hazardous or radiological contaminants in concentrations that exceeded Laboratory effluent release criteria was sent to the BNL Waste Management Facility for proper management and off-site disposal.

5.4 RECHARGE BASINS

Recharge basins are used for the discharge

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Table 5-2. BNL Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Water Quality and Metals Analytical Results.

ANALYTE	Units	STP Influent				STP Effluent				SPDES Limit or AWQS (1)	Comment or Qualifier
		N	Min.	Max.	Avg.	N	Min.	Max.	Avg.		
pH	SU	CM	7.2	7.5	NA	CM	6.6	7.8	NA	5.8 - 9.0	
Conductivity	µS/cm	CM	NR	NR	NR	164 (a)	240	526	407	SNS	
Temperature	°C	CM	NR	NR	NR	164 (a)	5.8	29.7	16.8	SNS	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	NM	NM	NM	NM	164 (a)	6.5	13.8	9.4	SNS	
Chlorides	mg/L	12	52.2	102.0	78.5	12.0	53.2	99.9	75.7	SNS	
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	12	1.2	8.5	4.3	12.0	1.0	9.0	5.1	10	Total N
Sulfates	mg/L	12	13.5	18.9	16.8	12.0	11.8	20.3	16.5	250	GA
Aluminum	µg/L	12	120.0	1080.0	327.2	12.0	16.0	173.0	52.7	100	Ionic
Antimony	µg/L	12	2.0	6.6	< 5	12.0	2.2	< 5	< 5	3	GA
Arsenic	µg/L	12	1.1	13.0	< 5	12.0	1.0	< 5	< 5	150	Dissolved
Barium	µg/L	12	45.8	103.0	70.6	12.0	16.4	27.9	21.5	1000	GA
Beryllium	µg/L	12	0.4	< 2	< 2	12.0	< 0.5	< 2	< 2	11	Acid Soluble
Cadmium	µg/L	12	0.1	< 2	< 2	12.0	0.1	< 2	< 2	1.1	Dissolved
Calcium	mg/L	12	13.5	21.2	17.2	12.0	11.1	18.4	15.0	SNS	
Chromium	µg/L	12	4.0	< 10	< 10	12.0	3.5	< 10	< 10	34.4	Dissolved
Cobalt	µg/L	12	0.5	1.8	0.8	12.0	0.2	< 5	< 5	5	Acid Soluble
Copper	µg/L	12	79.3	402.0	141.5	12.0	12.0	66.3	27.9	150	SPDES
Iron	mg/L	12	0.7	2.9	1.3	12.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.37	SPDES
Lead	µg/L	12	4.6	27.2	10.9	12.0	0.5	5.2	1.9	19	SPDES
Magnesium	mg/L	12	3.0	5.2	4.2	12.0	2.8	4.9	3.7	SNS	
Manganese	µg/L	11	30.9	92.6	49.8	11.0	0.9	10.2	3.2	300	GA
Mercury	µg/L	12	0.2	2.2	0.5	12.0	0.1	< 0.2	< 0.2	0.2	SPDES
Nickle	µg/L	12	2.3	14.3	6.0	12.0	2.1	4.1	3.2	110	SPDES
Potassium	mg/L	12	4.8	9.0	7.1	12.0	3.3	7.5	5.3	SNS	
Selenium	µg/L	12	1.9	< 5	< 5	12.0	< 5	< 5	< 5	4.6	Dissolved
Silver	µg/L	12	0.3	2.7	1.3	12.0	0.7	6.9	2.1	15	SPDES
Sodium	mg/L	12	37.1	70.3	51.6	12.0	36.5	68.3	49.4	SNS	
Thallium	µg/L	12	1.1	< 5	< 5	12.0	0.6	< 5	< 5	8	Acid Soluble
Vanadium	µg/L	12	3.4	< 10	< 10	12.0	3.4	< 10	< 10	14	Acid Soluble
Zinc	µg/L	12	60.0	326.0	127.5	12.0	22.5	78.2	38.8	100	SPDES

Notes:

See Figure 5-1 for locations of the STP influent and effluent monitoring locations.

All analytical results were generated using total recoverable analytical techniques.

For Class C Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQS), the solubility state for the metal is provided.

(1) Unless otherwise provided, the reference standard is NYSDEC Class C Surface Water Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQS).

(a) The conductivity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen values reported are based on analyses of daily grab samples collected every three days.

AWQS = Ambient Water Quality Standards

CM = Continuously monitored

GA = Class GA (groundwater) AWQS

N = Number of samples

NA = Not Applicable

NM = Not Monitored

NR = Not Recorded

NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

SNS = Standard Not Specified

SPDES = State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

SU = Standard Units

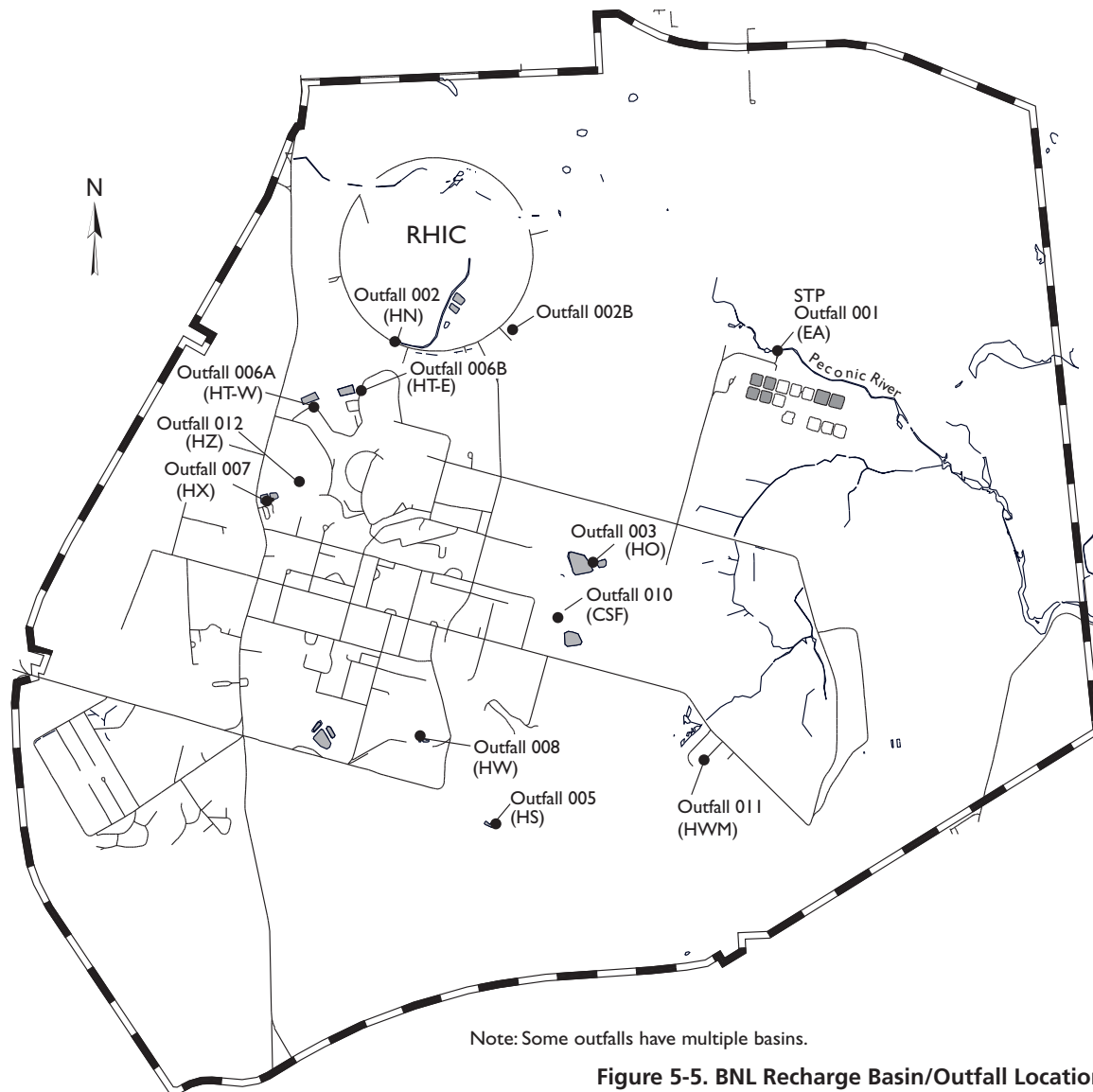


Figure 5-5. BNL Recharge Basin/Outfall Locations.

of “clean” wastewater streams, including once-through cooling water, stormwater runoff, and cooling tower blowdown. With the exception of elevated temperature and increased natural sediment content, these wastewaters are suitable for direct replenishment of the groundwater aquifer. Figure 5-5 shows the locations of the Laboratory’s discharges to recharge basins (also called “outfalls” under BNL’s SPDES permit). Figure 5-6 presents an overall schematic of potable water use at the Laboratory. Eleven recharge basins are used for managing once-through cooling water, cooling tower blowdown, and stormwater runoff:

- Basins HN, HT-W, and HT-E receive once-through cooling water discharges generated at the Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS) and Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC), as well as cooling tower blowdown and stormwater runoff.
- Basin HS receives predominantly stormwater runoff, once-through cooling water from Building 555 (Chemistry Department) and minimal cooling tower blowdown from the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS).
- Basin HX receives Water Treatment Plant filter backwash water.

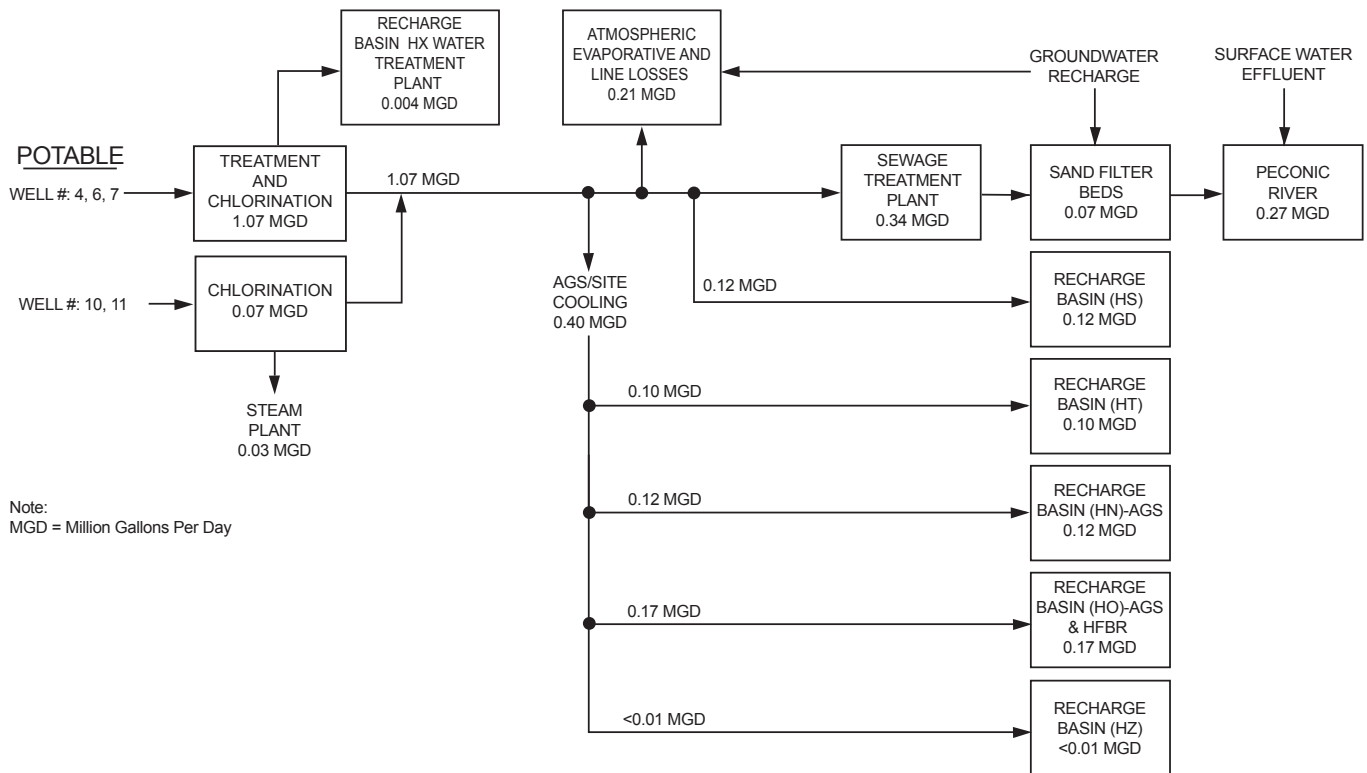


Figure 5-6. Schematic of Potable Water Use and Flow at BNL.

- Basin HO receives cooling water discharges from the AGS and stormwater runoff from the area surrounding the High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR).
- Several other recharge areas are used exclusively for discharging stormwater runoff. These areas include Basin HW near the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II) construction site, Basin CSF at the Central Steam Facility (CSF), Basin HW-M at the former Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF), and Basin HZ near Building 902.

Each of the recharge basins is a permitted point-source discharge under the Laboratory's SPDES permit. Where required by the permit, the discharge to the basin is equipped with a flow monitoring station; weekly recordings of flow are collected, along with measurements of pH. The specifics of the SPDES compliance monitoring program are provided in Chapter 3. To supplement the monitoring program, samples are also routinely collected and analyzed under BNL's Environmental Surveillance Program for

radioactivity, VOCs, metals, and anions. During 2012, water samples were collected from all basins listed above except recharge basin HX at the Water Treatment Plant (exempted by NYS-DEC from sampling due to documented non-impact to groundwater) and the recharge basin at the former HWMF, as there are no longer any operations that could lead to the contamination of runoff.

5.4.1 Recharge Basins – Radiological Analyses

Discharges to the recharge basins were sampled throughout the year for subsequent analyses for gross alpha and beta activity, gamma-emitting radionuclides, and tritium. The results are presented in Table 5-3 and show that low levels of alpha and beta activity were detected in most of the basins. Activities ranged from non-detectable to 3.5 ± 1.2 pCi/L for gross alpha activity, and from non-detectable to 6.9 ± 1.5 pCi/L for gross beta activity. Typically, low-level detections of gross alpha and beta activity are attributable to very low levels of naturally occurring radionuclides, such as potassium-40

(K-40: half-life, $1.3\text{E}+09$ years).

The contract analytical laboratory reported no gamma-emitting nuclides attributable to BNL operations in any discharges to recharge basins in 2012. Tritium was detected in a single sample collected at Basin HT-W at a very low level (550 ± 290 pCi/L). This basin receives discharges from the Collider-Accelerator complex.

5.4.2 Recharge Basins – Nonradiological Analyses

To determine the overall impact on the environment of discharges to the recharge basins, the nonradiological analytical results were compared to groundwater discharge standards promulgated under Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (NYCRR), Part 703.6. Samples were collected quarterly for water quality parameters, metals, and VOCs, and were analyzed by a contract analytical laboratory. Field-measured parameters (pH, conductivity, and temperature) were routinely monitored and recorded. The water quality and metals analytical results are summarized in Tables 5-4 and 5-5.

Low concentrations of disinfection byproducts were periodically detected above method detection limits in discharges to several of the basins throughout the year. Sodium hypochlorite and bromine, used to control bacteria in the drinking water and algae in cooling towers, lead to the formation of VOCs, including bromoform, chloroform, dibromochloromethane, and dichlorobromomethane. All concentrations were less than $5 \mu\text{g/L}$. No other VOCs were detected above method detection limits in any of the recharge basins in 2012.

The analytical data in Table 5-4 show that for 2012, the concentrations of all analytes were within effluent standards, except for a high detection of chlorides in Basin HT-E and an elevated pH in Basin HW. Chlorides are found to be higher in samples collected during the winter and are attributed to road salt used to control snow and ice buildup. A sample from Basin HT-E, collected in November 2012, showed high concentrations of sodium; it was confirmed that road salt was the source of the chlorides, as the Long Island area had recently experienced an early winter snow storm. It was also determined

Table 5-3. Radiological Analysis of Samples from On-Site Recharge Basins at BNL.

Basin		Gross Alpha	Gross Beta	Tritium
		(pCi/L)		
No. of samples		4	4	4
HN	max.	2.1 ± 1.1	2.5 ± 0.84	<140
	avg.	0.87 ± 0.84	1.66 ± 0.61	<MDL
HO	max.	1.61 ± 0.86	2.42 ± 0.89	< 350
	avg.	0.38 ± 0.87	1.02 ± 1.06	<MDL
HS	max.	3 ± 1.3	4.4 ± 1	<470
	avg.	0.9 ± 1.38	2.53 ± 1.29	<MDL
HT-E	max.	2.8 ± 1.9	6.9 ± 1.5	<78
	avg.	1.19 ± 1.52	3.58 ± 3.33	<MDL
HT-W	max.	< 1.3	1.42 ± 0.72	< 78
	avg.	0.24 ± 0.4	1.02 ± 0.37	<MDL
HW	max.	3.5 ± 1.2	4.9 ± 1.1	< 360
	avg.	2.12 ± 1.4	4.23 ± 0.76	<MDL
HZ	max.	< 0.93	1.58 ± 0.69	550 ± 290
	avg.	0.61 ± 0.23	1.15 ± 0.58	<MDL
SDWA Limit		15	(a)	20,000

Notes:

See Figure 5-5 for the locations of recharge basins/outfalls.

All values reported with a 95% confidence interval.

Negative numbers occur when the measured value is lower than background (see Appendix B for description).

To convert values from pCi to Bq, divide by 27.03.

(a) The drinking water standard was changed from 50 pCi/L (concentration based) to 4 mrem/yr (dose based) in 2003. As gross beta activity does not identify specific radionuclides, a dose equivalent of this value cannot be calculated.

MDL = Minimum Detection Limit

SDWA = Safe Drinking Water Act

that the elevated pH observed in Basin HW was most likely due to construction activities associated with the NSLS-II (concrete forming/washout activities and construction of road/parking lot base using recycled concrete aggregate). This outfall only receives flow during heavy rain events, and the only source of stormwater to this outfall is from the NSLS-II construction site.

The data in Table 5-5 show that all parameters, except for aluminum and iron complied

Table 5-4. Water Quality Data for BNL On-Site Recharge Basin Samples.

ANALYTE		Recharge Basin								NYSDEC Effluent Standard	Typical MDL
		HN (RHIC)	HO (AGS)	HS (s)	HT-W (Linac)	HT-E (AGS)	HW (s)	CSF (s)	HZ (s)		
No. of samples		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6.5 - 9.0	NA
pH (SU)	min.	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.4	7.2	7.9	7.6	7.7		
	max.	7.6	8.4	8.2	8.8	8.8	9.2	8.4	8.2		
Conductivity (µS/cm)	min.	214	104	79	123	90	64	74	107	SNS	NA
	max.	336	212	604	268	510	246	252	226		
	avg.	258	162	269	209	328	155	155	146		
Temperature (°C)	min.	9.0	14.0	6.8	4.8	4.2	5.8	6.3	7.7	SNS	NA
	max.	23.5	19.2	19.3	23.1	25.4	23.8	24.3	18.8		
	avg.	13.5	17.0	11.2	10.7	11.5	12.5	13.6	13.7		
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	min.	6.7	8.4	7.3	6.7	6.9	9.0	9.3	9.0	SNS	NA
	max.	10.8	10.6	12.4	11.7	11.7	10.6	11.0	10.9		
	avg.	9.3	9.3	10.2	9.8	10.2	9.8	10.4	10.1		
Chlorides (mg/L)	min.	33.6	16.1	19.4	46.9	4.9	1.1	4.0	18.7	500	4
	max.	85.7	54.0	157.0	56.3	788.0	16.5	64.6	52.5		
	avg.	51.6	42.5	95.8	50.9	243.8	6.4	20.4	42.4		
Sulfates (mg/L)	min.	6.1	3.5	5.9	8.7	2.5	5.3	3.1	4.2	500	4
	max.	15.7	9.7	19.9	9.9	27.5	12.2	11.9	9.8		
	avg.	9.6	7.8	14.4	9.2	16.6	7.3	5.9	8.0		
Nitrate as nitrogen (mg/L)	min.	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	10	1
	max.	0.7	0.3	1.8	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.3		
	avg.	0.5	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3		

Notes:

See Figure 5-5 for the locations of recharge basins/outfalls.

(s) = stormwater

AGS = Alternating Gradient Synchrotron Beam Reactor

CSF = Central Steam Facility

Linac = Linear Accelerator

MDL = Minimum Detection Limit

NA = Not Applicable

NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

RHIC = Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

SNS = Effluent Standard Not Specified

with the respective water quality or groundwater discharge standards. Due to the natural prevalence of these metals in soils, the presence of these elements is likely due to suspended soil in the samples at the time of collection. Acidification of the samples results in the dissolution of the element and its detection during analysis. This is supported by the observation that the concentrations in all filtered samples were significantly less and well below the discharge standard or AWQS. As these metals are in particulate form, they pose no threat to groundwater quality, because the recharge basin acts as a

natural filter, trapping the particles before they reach groundwater.

5.4.3 Stormwater Assessment

All recharge basins receive stormwater runoff. Stormwater at BNL is managed by collecting runoff from paved surfaces, roofs, and other impermeable surfaces and directing it to recharge basins via underground piping and above-grade vegetated swales. Recharge basin HS receives most of the stormwater runoff from the central, developed portion of the Laboratory site. Basins HN, HZ, HT-W, and HT-E receive runoff from

Table 5-5. Metals Analysis of Water Samples from BNL On-Site Recharge Basins.

METAL		Recharge Basin																		NYSDEC Effluent Limit or AWQS	Typical MDL						
		HN (RHIC)			HO (AGS)			HS (stormwater)			HT-E (AGS)			HT-W (Linac)			HW (stormwater)					CSF (stormwater)			HZ (stormwater)		
		T	F		T	F		T	F		T	F		T	F		T	F				T	F		T	F	
Total (T) or Filtered (F) No. of samples		4	2		4	2		4	3		4	2		4	2		4	2		4	4		4	4		2	
	min.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	max.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
Ag Silver (µg/L)	avg.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	min.	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0		
	max.	67.2	<50.0	126.0	<50.0	<50.0	4300.0	151.0	<50.0	<50.0	123.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0		
Al Aluminum (µg/L)	avg.	<50.0	<50.0	54.5	<50.0	<50.0	1142.8	82.0	<50.0	<50.0	73.5	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0	<50.0		
	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0			
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0			
As Arsenic (µg/L)	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
	min.	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	29.1	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	35.8	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0		
	max.	40.6	36.0	44.8	41.1	48.4	64.7	48.4	45.4	36.0	41.6	40.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0		
Ba Barium (µg/L)	avg.	27.7	24.1	25.2	24.8	28.4	47.2	28.4	33.1	35.9	22.7	27.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0	<20.0		
	min.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	max.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
Be Beryllium (µg/L)	avg.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	min.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	max.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
Cd Cadmium (µg/L)	avg.	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0		
	min.	<5.0	0.4	<5.0	0.9	1.4	0.5	<5.0	0.5	<5.0	0.9	<5.0	0.5	<5.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.3	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
	max.	<5.0	2.0	<5.0	1.8	<5.0	3.8	<5.0	3.8	<5.0	2.4	<5.0	2.5	<5.0	2.5	1.0	<5.0	1.7	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
Co Cobalt (µg/L)	avg.	<5.0	1.2	<5.0	1.4	<5.0	2.2	<5.0	2.2	<5.0	1.6	<5.0	1.5	<5.0	1.5	0.8	<5.0	1.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
	min.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	max.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
Cr Chromium (µg/L)	avg.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	min.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	11.2	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	max.	48.3	23.3	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	10.8	<10.0	<10.0	41.1	15.7	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
Cu Copper (µg/L)	avg.	18.7	15.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	24.2	15.2	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	min.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	14.6	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	max.	48.3	23.3	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	41.1	15.7	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
avg.	18.7	15.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	24.2	15.2	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		

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Table 5-5. Metals Analysis of Water Samples from BNL On-Site Recharge Basins (continued).

METAL		Recharge Basin																		NYSDEC Effluent Limit or AWQS	Typical MDL		
		HN (RHIC)			HO (AGS)			HS (stormwater)			HT-E (AGS)		HT-W (Linac)		HW (stormwater)		CSF (stormwater)		HZ (stormwater)				
Total (T) or Filtered (F)		T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
No. of samples		4	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	
Fe	min.	0.09	<0.05	0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.10	0.18	0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.99	<0.05	1.01	<0.05	0.07	<0.05				
	max.	0.32	<0.05	0.28	<0.05	3.78	0.11	0.92	0.26	0.10	<0.05	<0.05	0.12	2.34	0.12	3.41	0.05	0.37	0.07				
	avg.	0.17	<0.05	0.18	<0.05	1.01	0.05	0.55	0.22	0.07	<0.05	<0.05	0.07	1.79	0.07	1.72	0.04	0.18	0.05				
Hg	min.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2				
	max.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2				
	avg.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2				
Mn	min.	<5.0	5.4	5.2	<5.0	5.1	27.3	6.2	23.3	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	23.6	<5.0	22.6	<5.0	<5.0	7.2					
	max.	17.0	10.6	44.5	6.7	142.0	29.6	44.7	25.2	57.8	23.5	23.5	40.0	12.0	58.6	15.9	11.3	8.9					
	avg.	9.3	8.0	16.3	5.2	63.8	28.5	25.3	24.3	17.9	12.6	12.6	31.1	8.2	38.3	8.0	7.8	8.1					
Na	min.	18.6	18.7	10.2	10.4	11.1	10.8	4.7	62.0	26.6	26.6	26.3	1.2	1.1	3.2	3.2	13.5	13.3					
	max.	47.4	30.3	31.0	29.5	72.3	70.8	575.0	569.0	31.8	28.6	28.6	9.4	9.3	30.9	29.2	29.7	29.4					
	avg.	29.8	24.5	25.5	20.0	49.5	40.8	181.4	315.5	29.3	27.5	27.5	4.6	4.5	12.3	11.6	25.5	21.4					
Ni	min.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0				
	max.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0				
	avg.	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0				
Pb	min.	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	7.1	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0				
	max.	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	5.4	<3.0	31.3	<3.0	17.9	<3.0	<3.0				
	avg.	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	4.4	<3.0	17.5	<3.0	6.3	<3.0	<3.0				
Sb	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
Se	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
Thallium	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0				

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Table 5-5. Metals Analysis of Water Samples from BNL On-Site Recharge Basins (concluded).

METAL		Recharge Basin																NYSDEC Effluent Limit or AWQS	Typical MDL
		HN (RHIC)		HO (AGS)		HS (stormwater)		HT-E (AGS)		HT-W (Linac)		HW (stormwater)		CSF (stormwater)		HZ (stormwater)			
	Total (T) or Filtered (F)	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F		
	No. of samples	4	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	2		
V	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	5.3	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	10.3	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	7.4	<5.0	14.6	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	6.1	<5.0	8.8	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0		
Zn	min.	27.5	29.5	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0	18.6	21.3	<10.0	<10.0	32.7	<10.0	32.6	<10.0	<10.0	<10.0		
	max.	144.0	115.0	33.5	23.6	40.5	<10.0	40.0	30.8	16.8	12.7	47.5	13.3	55.4	21.9	47.6	34.7		
	avg.	70.5	72.3	10.5	11.8	16.7	<10.0	33.9	26.1	<10.0	<10.0	38.5	10.1	44.5	11.2	21.1	17.4		

Notes:

See Figure 5-5 for the locations of recharge basins/outfalls.

AGS = Alternating Gradient Synchrotron

AWQS = Ambient Water Quality Standards

CSF = Central Steam Facility

Linac = Linear Accelerator

MDL = Minimum Detection Limit

NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

RHIC = Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

SNS = Effluent Standard Not Specified

the Collider–Accelerator complex. Basin HO receives runoff from the Brookhaven Graphite Research Reactor (BGRR) and HFBR areas. Basin CSF receives runoff from the CSF area and along Cornell Avenue east of Renaissance Road. Basin HW receives runoff from the NSLS-II construction site, and HW-M receives runoff from the fenced area at the former HWMF.

Stormwater runoff at the Laboratory typically has elevated levels of inorganics and has low pH. The inorganics are attributable to high sediment content in stormwater (inorganics occur naturally in native soil). In an effort to further improve the quality of stormwater runoff, BNL has finalized formal procedures for managing and maintaining outdoor work and storage areas. The requirements include covering areas to prevent contact with stormwater, conducting an aggressive maintenance and inspection program, implementing erosion control measures during soil disturbance activities, and restoring these areas when operations cease. Basin sediment sampling is conducted on a 5-year testing cycle to ensure these discharges are not compromising the quality of the basins. Samples were collected in 2012 and results are presented in Chapter 6. The next sampling event will occur in 2017.

5.5 PECONIC RIVER SURVEILLANCE

Several locations are monitored along the Peconic River to assess the overall water quality of the river and to assess any impact from BNL discharges. Sampling points along the Peconic River are identified in Figure 5-7. In total, 10 stations (three upstream and seven downstream of the STP) were regularly sampled in 2012. A sampling station along the Carmans River (HH) was also monitored as a geographic control location, not affected by Laboratory operations or within the Peconic River watershed. All locations were routinely monitored for radiological and nonradiological parameters. The sampling stations are located as follows:

Upstream sampling stations

- HY, on site, immediately east of the William Floyd Parkway
- HV, on site, just east of the 10:00 o'clock Experimental Hall in the RHIC Ring

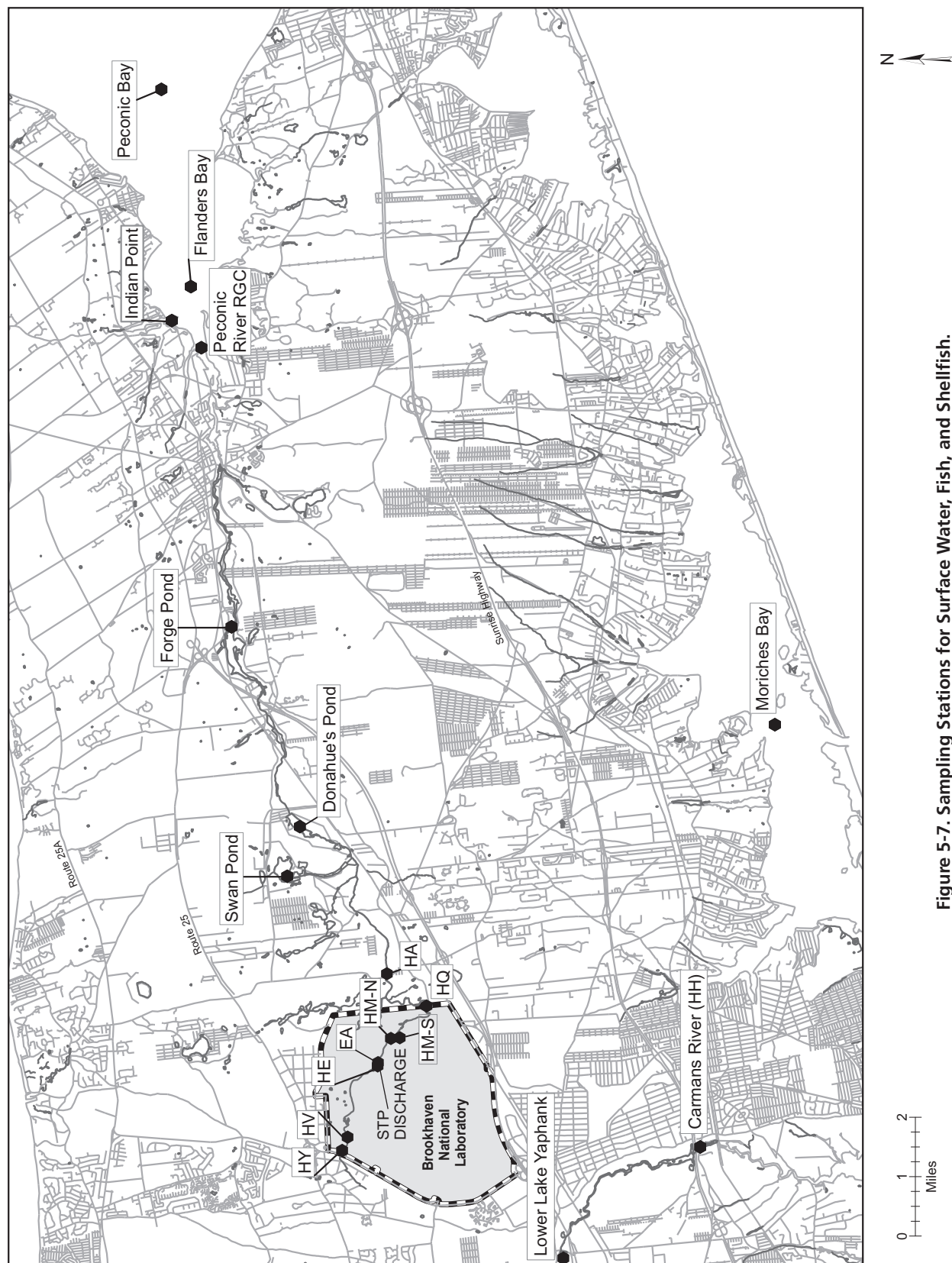


Figure 5-7. Sampling Stations for Surface Water, Fish, and Shellfish.

- HE, on site, approximately 20 feet upstream of the STP outfall (EA)

Downstream sampling stations

- HM-N, on site, 0.5 mile downstream of the STP outfall
- HM-S, on site, on a typically dry tributary of the Peconic River
- HQ, on site, 1.2 miles downstream of the STP outfall at the site boundary
- HA, first station downstream of the BNL boundary, 3.1 miles from the STP outfall
- Donahue's Pond, off site, 4.3 miles downstream of the STP outfall
- Forge Pond, off site
- Swan Pond, off site, not within the influence of BNL discharges

Control location

- HH, Carmans River

5.5.1 Peconic River – Radiological Analyses

Radionuclide measurements were performed on surface water samples collected from the Peconic River at all 10 sampling locations, plus the control location. Routine samples at stations HM-N and HQ were collected once per month, as flow allowed. All other stations were sampled quarterly unless conditions (such as no water flow) prevented collection. Stations HE, HM-N, and HQ have been equipped with Parshall flumes that allow automated flow-proportional sampling and volume measurements. All other sites were sampled by collecting instantaneous grab samples, as flow allowed.

The radiological data from Peconic River surface water sampling in 2012 are summarized in Table 5-6. Radiological analysis of water samples collected both upstream and downstream of the STP discharge and from background locations had very low concentrations of gross alpha and gross beta activity. The maximum concentration of gross alpha and beta activity was found at station HM-N, located

Table 5-6. Radiological Results for Surface Water Samples from the Peconic and Carmans Rivers.

Sampling Station		Gross Alpha	Gross Beta	Tritium	Sr-90
		(pCi/L)			
Peconic River					
HY (headwaters) on site, west of the RHIC ring	N	3	3	3	3
	max	1.97 ± 0.87	4.28 ± 0.98	< 360	< 0.27
	avg	1.33 ± 0.67	2.87 ± 1.62	<MDL	0.09 ± 0.18
HV (headwaters) on site, inside the RHIC ring	N	3	3	3	NS
	max	2.7 ± 1.1	3.6 ± 1	< 360	
	avg	2.02 ± 0.67	2.62 ± 0.99	<MDL	
HE upstream of STP outfall	N	4	4	4	4
	max	< 1.3	1.99 ± 0.7	<140	0.54 ± 0.2
	avg	0.67 ± 0.48	1.55 ± 0.33	<MDL	0.38 ± 0.19
HM-N downstream of STP, on site	N	12	12	12	3
	max	4.6 ± 2	10.7 ± 1.7	< 250	< 0.71
	avg	0.94 ± 0.72	5.24 ± 1.2	<MDL	0.26 ± 0.28
HM-S tributary, on site	N	(b)	(b)	(b)	NS
	max				
	avg				
HQ downstream of STP, at BNL site boundary	N	1	1	1	NS
	max	< 1.3	< 1.1	< 250	
	avg	NA	NA	NA	
HA off site	N	4	4	4	4
	max	1.18 ± 0.68	1.61 ± 0.75	< 140	0.41 ± 0.16
	avg	0.65 ± 0.48	1.03 ± 0.57	<MDL	0.17 ± 0.18
Donahue's Pond off site	N	4	4	4	4
	max	< 1.1	1.73 ± 0.75	<140	< 0.25
	avg	0.39 ± 0.15	1.38 ± 0.43	<MDL	0.09 ± 0.11
Forge Pond off site	N	4	4	4	4
	max	< 1.1	1.75 ± 0.72	<140	< 0.33
	avg	0.72 ± 0.13	0.96 ± 0.57	<MDL	0.15 ± 0.07
Carmans River HH control location, off site	N	4	4	4	4
	max	< 1.3	1.61 ± 0.68	< 78	< 0.29
	avg	0.78 ± 0.27	1.05 ± 0.37	<MDL	0.12 ± 0.01
Swan Pond control location, off site	N	4	4	4	4
	max	1.39 ± 0.9	5.4 ± 1.1	<140	0.37 ± 0.24
	avg	0.72 ± 0.49	2.78 ± 1.85	<MDL	0.21 ± 0.14
SDWA Limit (pCi/L)		15	(a)	20,000	8

Notes:

See Figure 5-7 for the locations of sampling stations.

All values reported with a 95% confidence interval. Negative numbers occur when the measured values are lower than background (see Appendix B). To convert values from pCi to Bq, divide by 27.03.

(a) The drinking water standard was changed from 50 pCi/L (concentration based) to 4 mrem/yr (dose based) in 2003. Because gross beta activity does not identify specific radionuclides, a dose equivalent cannot be calculated for the values in the table.

(b) No samples were collected from Station HM-S in 2012 due to no water flow conditions.

MDL = Method Detection Limit

N = Number of samples analyzed

NA = Not Applicable

NS = Not Sampled for this analyte

RHIC = Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

SDWA = Safe Drinking Water Act

STP = Sewage Treatment Plant

downstream of the STP Outfall on site. The average concentrations from off-site and control locations were indistinguishable from BNL on-site levels. The beta activity for all locations is therefore attributed to natural sources. All detected levels were below the applicable NYS DWS. No gamma-emitting radionuclides attributable to Laboratory operations were detected either upstream or downstream of the STP. Tritium was not detected above contract laboratory method detection limits at any of the Peconic River sampling stations in 2012.

Monitoring for Sr-90 was performed at most Peconic River and both control location stations in 2012. Samples from Stations HV, HM-S, and HQ were not collected due to no water flow conditions. Low-level detections were found at Stations HE, HA, and Swan Pond at very consistent levels of 0.54 ± 0.2 , 0.41 ± 0.16 , and 0.37 ± 0.24 pCi/L, respectively. All concentrations detected were much less than the NYS DWS of 8 pCi/L, are consistent with historical levels, and can be attributed to world-wide fallout.

5.5.2 Peconic River – Nonradiological Analyses

River water samples collected in 2012 were analyzed for water quality parameters (pH, temperature, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen), anions (chlorides, sulfates, and nitrates), metals, and VOCs. The analytical data for the Peconic River and Carmans River samples are

summarized in Tables 5-7 (water quality) and 5-8 (metals). There were no VOCs detected above the contract analytical laboratory's method detection limits from any of the Peconic River sampling stations in 2012.

Peconic River water quality data collected upstream and downstream showed that water quality was consistent throughout the river system. The data were also consistent with water samples collected from the Carmans River control location (HH). Sulfates and nitrates tend to be slightly higher in samples collected immediately downstream of the STP discharge (Stations HM-N and HQ) and were consistent with the concentrations in the STP discharge. Chlorides and sulfates were highest at Station HM-N, which is immediately downstream of the STP outfall and likely a result of road salting operations at the Laboratory. There are no NYS AWQS imposed for chloride or sulfates in discharges to surface water; however, since the Peconic River recharges to groundwater, the AWQS for groundwater (250 mg/L) for these substances is used for comparison purposes.

Ambient water quality standards for metallic elements are based on their solubility state. Certain metals are only biologically available to aquatic organisms if they are in a dissolved or ionic state, whereas other metals are toxic in any form (i.e., dissolved and particulate combined). In 2012, the BNL monitoring program continued to assess water samples for both the

Table 5-7. Water Quality Data for Surface Water Samples Collected along the Peconic and Carmans Rivers.

	Peconic River Station Locations										NYSDEC Effluent Standard	Typical MDL	
Analyte	HY	HE	HM-N	HM-S	HQ	HA	Donahue's Pond	Forge Pond	Swan Pond	(Control) HH			
No. of samples	3	4	12	(b)	1	4	4	4	4	4	6.5-8.5	NA	
pH (SU)	min.	6.6	6.5	7.1	—	NA	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.2			6.5
	max.	6.9	7.3	8.1	—	7.6	7.7	7.2	7.0	6.9			7.6
Conductivity (µS/cm)	min.	52	110	154	—	NA	25	37	64	46	88	SNS	NA
	max.	135	168	495	—	59	220	67	121	91	230		
	avg.	82	130	332	—	NA	85	58	103	70	173		

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Table 5-7. Water Quality Data for Surface Water Samples Collected along the Peconic and Carmans Rivers (concluded).

Temperature (°C)	<i>min.</i>	11.4	5.8	4.9	—	NA	6.7	5.9	6.4	5.4	5.3	SNS	NA
	<i>max.</i>	13.7	20.0	26.1	—	5.4	21.0	23.3	24.6	21.4	19.4		
	<i>avg.</i>	12.5	13.6	14.7	—	NA	13.1	13.6	14.2	12.8	11.7		
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	<i>min.</i>	7.9	4.6	6.2	—	NA	5.8	7.1	8.1	7.2	9.7	>4.0	NA
	<i>max.</i>	9.2	10.1	12.7	—	12.5	10.4	11.1	11.1	10.3	11.0		
	<i>avg.</i>	8.7	8.4	10.3	—	NA	8.4	9.1	9.1	8.7	10.2		
Chlorides (mg/L)	<i>min.</i>	5.8	15.3	33.3	—	NA	4.3	7.6	15.8	8.5	25.4	250(a)	4.0
	<i>max.</i>	26.5	26.5	89.6	—	43.4	10.5	16.1	26.0	16.9	37.1		
	<i>avg.</i>	12.9	19.8	69.5	—	NA	6.7	10.4	19.1	11.5	31.6		
Sulfates (mg/L)	<i>min.</i>	2.3	3.4	8.9	—	NA	1.2	1.6	7.2	2.8	11.1	250(a)	4.0
	<i>max.</i>	4.9	6.2	17.8	—	12.7	5.3	7.6	16.7	7.9	12.8		
	<i>avg.</i>	3.2	5.3	15.0	—	NA	3.3	4.8	10.9	5.8	12.0		
Nitrate as nitrogen (mg/L)	<i>min.</i>	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	—	NA	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	1.5	10(a)	1.0
	<i>max.</i>	< 1.0	< 1.0	9.6	—	2.3	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 0.02	2.5		
	<i>avg.</i>	< 1.0	< 1.0	4.8	—	NA	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 0.02	1.9		

Notes:

See Figure 5-7 for the locations of recharge basins/outfalls.

(a) Since there are no NYSDEC Class C surface Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQS) for these compounds, the AWQS for groundwater is provided, if specified.

(b) There was no flow at Outfall HM-S during 2012.

Donahue's Pond = Peconic River, off site

Forge Pond = Peconic River, off site

HA = Peconic River, off site

HE = Peconic River, upstream of STP Outfall

HH = Carmans River control location, off site

HM-N = Peconic River on site, downstream of STP

HM-S = Peconic River tributary, on site

HQ = Peconic River, downstream of STP at BNL site boundary

HY = Peconic River headwaters, on site, east of Wm Floyd Pkwy.

MDL = Minimum Detection Limit

NA = Not Applicable

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SNS = Effluent Standard Not Specified

dissolved and particulate form. Dissolved concentrations were determined by filtering the samples prior to acid preservation and analysis. Examination of the total (i.e., particulate form) metals data showed that aluminum, cobalt, copper, iron, lead, and zinc were present in concentrations at some locations that exceeded NYS AWQS. The highest concentrations of aluminum and iron were found at upstream and off-site locations, indicating a natural source of these elements. Aluminum and iron are detected throughout the Peconic and Carmans Rivers at concentrations that exceed the NYS AWQS in both the filtered and unfiltered fractions. Iron and aluminum are found in high concentrations in native Long Island soil and, for iron, at high levels in groundwater. The highest levels for copper,

lead, and zinc were found in samples collected immediately downstream of the STP discharge (Station HM-N) at concentrations greater than the NYS AWQS. The concentrations detected were consistent with the concentrations found in the STP discharge and were within the BNL SPDES permit limits. The NYS AWQS limits for copper, lead, and zinc are very restrictive; consequently, the NYS-granted SPDES permit allows higher limits, provided toxicity testing shows no impact to aquatic organisms. Cobalt was detected in a single filtered sample collected from Donahue's Pond and is likely due to contamination by the filter media itself. Filtration of the samples reduced concentrations of most metals to below the NYS AWQS, indicating that most detections were due to sediment carryover.

Table 5-8. Metals Analysis in Surface Water Samples Collected along the Peconic and Carmans Rivers.

METAL	Peconic River Locations																		Forge Pond	Control HH		NYSDEC AWQS	Typical MDL
	HY		HE		HM-N		HM-S		HQ		HA		DP		Swan Pond		Forge Pond						
Total or Dissolved	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D			
No. of samples	3	2	4	3	14	4	1	1	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	2		
Ag (I) Silver (µg/L)	min.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	max.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	25.2	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	avg.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	3.7	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
Al (I) Aluminum (µg/L)	min.	157.0	< 50.0	103.0	61.9	< 50.0	218.0	70.0	57.9	50.8	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	
	max.	661.0	57.3	286.0	125.0	4060.0	34.5	218.0	70.0	148.0	79.6	69.9	< 50.0	< 50.0	75.5	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	53.6	< 50.0	149.0	< 50.0	
	avg.	369.3	< 50.0	177.0	95.4	493.4	< 50.0	218.0	70.0	95.4	65.2	54.3	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	< 50.0	62.8	< 50.0	
As (D) Arsenic (µg/L)	min.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	max.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	avg.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
Ba Barium (µg/L)	min.	10.9	6.1	15.3	14.7	12.9	12.6	10.6	8.6	7.2	6.1	6.2	8.0	5.5	4.6	11.2	10.2	30.7	31.3	31.8	33.0	33.0	
	max.	23.7	11.9	18.6	17.1	86.2	23.8	10.6	8.6	13.3	11.5	17.4	14.2	9.0	5.8	28.0	24.7	47.8	44.6	50.4	43.6	43.6	
	avg.	15.8	9.0	17.2	16.0	26.7	17.6	10.6	8.6	9.5	8.8	11.4	11.1	7.1	5.2	19.2	17.5	37.5	38.0	39.2	38.3	38.3	
Be (AS) Beryllium (µg/L)	min.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 0.5	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	max.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	avg.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
Cd (D) Cadmium (µg/L)	min.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	max.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
	avg.	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	< 2.0	
Co (AS) Cobalt (µg/L)	min.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	max.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	avg.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
Cr (I) Chromium (µg/L)	min.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	max.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	12.8	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	avg.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
Cu (D) Copper (µg/L)	min.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	10.6	22.8	20.3	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	max.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	238.0	52.3	22.8	20.3	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	avg.	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	40.0	25.4	22.8	20.3	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	

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Table 5-8. Metals Analysis in Surface Water Samples Collected along the Peconic and Carmans Rivers (continued).

METAL	Peconic River Locations																				Control HH	NYSDEC AWQS	Typical MDL	
	HY		HE		HM-N		HM-S		HQ		HA		DP		Swan Pond		Forge Pond							
	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D		
Total or Dissolved No. of samples	3	2	4	3	14	4	1	1	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2		
Fe (AS) Iron (mg/L)	min.	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.075
	max.	0.3	0.1	2.0	0.8	3.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.2	2.6	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.5	1.1	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	
	avg.	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	
Hg (D) Mercury (µg/L)	min.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.2
	max.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	1.7	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
	avg.	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
Mn Manganese (µg/L)	min.	16.2	11.6	53.1	27.3	5.2	5.7	9.0	9.4	11.5	16.8	27.9	29.5	6.3	31.6	29.5	56.7	27.2	24.4	33.6	32.0		2	
	max.	83.4	31.2	152.0	78.7	64.2	7.6	9.0	9.4	47.2	47.0	177.0	164.0	82.7	32.1	197.0	121.0	69.5	58.8	158.0	108.0			
	avg.	43.9	21.4	92.8	49.8	11.9	6.7	9.0	9.4	35.9	31.9	77.8	96.8	51.7	31.9	117.4	88.9	53.5	41.6	90.4	70.0			
Na Sodium (mg/L)	min.	4.4	6.9	10.7	11.0	22.5	31.6	31.2	30.7	3.7	3.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	4.9	10.7	10.8	16.9	19.5	18.0	18.2		1	
	max.	13.1	13.6	13.4	11.6	61.9	55.6	31.2	30.7	5.9	5.0	8.7	6.4	10.4	6.6	14.5	11.4	20.9	21.3	20.0	19.6			
	avg.	8.1	10.2	11.7	11.2	44.8	43.8	31.2	30.7	4.6	4.4	6.7	6.0	7.3	5.8	11.9	11.1	19.4	20.4	19.1	18.9			
Ni (D) Nickel (µg/L)	min.	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.2	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	<1.1	1.1
	max.	1.6	<1.1	1.2	1.4	12.3	3.7	2.9	3.2	<10.0	1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	
	avg.	1.1	<1.1	<1.1	1.1	3.6	3.0	2.9	3.2	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	<10.0	<1.1	
Pb (D) Lead (µg/L)	min.	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	3.1	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	3
	max.	3.3	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	22.3	3.1	3.1	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	
	avg.	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	3.3	<3.0	3.1	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	<3.0	
Sb Antimony (µg/L)	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	5
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
Se (D) Selenium (µg/L)	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	5
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
Tl (AS) Thallium (µg/L)	min.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	5
	max.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
	avg.	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	

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Table 5-8. Metals Analysis in Surface Water Samples Collected along the Peconic and Carmans Rivers (concluded).

METAL	Peconic River Locations																Control HH	Forge Pond	Swan Pond	NYSDEC AWQS	Typical MDL
	HY		HE		HM-N		HM-S		HQ		HA		DP								
Total or Dissolved	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	T	D	
No. of samples	3	2	4	3	14	4	1	1	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	
V (AS) Vanadium (µg/L)	min.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	max.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 10.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
	avg.	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 10.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
Zn (D) Zinc (µg/L)	min.	22.6	18.0	< 10.0	10.0	14.2	22.3	50.5	50.4	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	max.	53.9	37.7	< 10.0	10.0	180.0	56.1	50.5	50.4	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	
	avg.	34.1	27.9	< 10.0	< 10.0	41.1	33.5	50.5	50.4	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	< 10.0	

Notes:

See Figure 5-7 for the locations of sampling stations.

D = Dissolved

DP = Donahue's Pond

AWQS = Ambient Water Quality Standards

NA = Not Applicable

SNS = Effluent Standard Not Specified for these elements
in Class C Surface Waters

T = Total

Notes:

See Figure 5-7 for the locations of sampling stations.

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AS = Acid Soluble

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NA = Not Applicable

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