

Ammonia Toxicity Analysis for Waste Load Allocation Development (Updated 2013)

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Facility: Hahira WPCP

NPDES Permit Number: GA0037974

Receiving Stream: Unnamed Trib to Frank Creek, Suwannee River Basin

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Comments: Reissuance

November - April

Stream and Facility Data:

Background Stream pH (standard units): 6.7

RV_09_16324

Effluent pH (standard units): 8.5

Final Stream pH (standard units): 7.92

Stream Temperature (Celsius): 18

30Q3 Streamflow (cfs): 0.02

Stream background concentration (Total NH₃-N, mg/L): 0.03

Facility Discharge (MGD/cfs): 0.275 0.43

Total Combined Flow (cfs): 0.45

Effluent concentration (Total NH₃-N, mg/L) = 1.0

Current limits 10 mg/L

If 1.0 is greater than 17.4 mg/L, use 17.4 mg/L in WLA modeling.

Chronic Criterion based on Villosa iris (Rainbow mussel):

Instream CCC = criterion continuous concentration (chronic criterion):

$$CCC = 0.8876 \times (0.0278 / (1 + 10^{(7.688 - pH)})) + 1.1994 / (1 + 10^{(pH - 7.688)}) \times (2.126 \times 10^{0.028 \times (20 - \text{MAX}(T, 7))})$$

Allowable instream concentration CCC (Total NH₃-N, mg/l) = 0.99

Based on National Criterion For Ammonia In Fresh Water As Revised In Year 2013

Source: Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia - Freshwater 2013, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, EPA-822-R-13-001. April 2013. Washington, D.C.

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