May's Dry Day Flow is the average of all dry day flows for the period from 6/1/2010 to 5/31/2011. The Dry Day Flow for May is 281.3 MGD, well below the permit limit of 436 MGD. This is the third straight month with a Dry Day Flow less than 300 MGD. Prior to this period, the last time the Dry Day Flow fell below 300 MGD was back in August FY09. The Dry Day Flow last year at this time was much higher in comparison to this year because of the record-breaking plant flows caused by the historic storm events of March FY10 that kept the plant flow elevated even during dry weather. Dry Day Flow is calculated by averaging influent flows over the previous 365 days during dry weather.

In May, the majority of the pH measurements were fairly typical for the season and within permit limits. pH is a measure of the acidity or basicity of the effluent. Small fluctuations in pH do not have an adverse effect on marine environments. Because pure oxygen is used in the activated sludge reactors, the effluent pH tends to be at the lower range.

In May, both the weekly and monthly concentrations of TSS were below permit limits and within the expected ranges for the season.

TSS, or Total Suspended Solids in the effluent, is a measure of the amount of solids that remain suspended after treatment.

In May, both the maximum daily and monthly concentrations of TCR were below permit limits.

TCR, or Total Chlorine Residual in the effluent, is a measure of the amount of chlorine that remains after the disinfection/dechlorination process. If the chlorine residual in the effluent is too high, it may threaten

In May, all permit conditions for Fecal Coliform were met. Fecal Coliform is an indicator of the presence of pathogens. The levels of these bacteria after disinfection show how effectively the plant is inactivating many forms of disease-causing microorganisms.

There are four conditions in the permit that must be met: daily geomean; weekly geomean; 10% of all samples; and greater than