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1 Introduction

The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's (PREPA) Palo Seco Power Plant Complex (PSPPC) currently holds a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued December 27, 1991 and expired February 28, 1997. PSPPC is located on the west coast of peninsula Punta Palo Seco, which separates Boca Vieja Cove from San Juan Bay. The facility withdraws cooling water from the Atlantic Ocean (via the Ensenada de Boca Vieja) through two shoreline cooling water intake structures (CWIS) in Boca Vieja Cove and discharges to a canal (abandoned channel of the Bayamon River), which ultimately empties to San Juan Bay. As a result, the facility is subject to requirements under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 316(b). In November 1997, PSPPC submitted a section 316(b) Demonstration Study detailing impingement and entrainment (I&E) at the facility as part of its permit application (ENSR 1997). EPA requested that Tetra Tech review the section 316(b) study (and other documents) to determine if additional technologies or operational measures are needed at the facility to reduce I&E in accordance with statutory requirements.¹ The results of the review are presented in this report.²

1.1 Summary of Decision

As currently configured and operated, the existing intake technology cannot be considered as Best Technology Available (BTA) for impingement reduction. Specifically, the current traveling screen debris return system is not designed or operated in a manner that minimizes injury and promotes the survival of impinged fish consistent with applicable regulations. Recommended fish return system improvements necessary to increase survival of impinged fish are described later in this report. With respect to entrainment, the existing sampling data is insufficient to fully characterize the scope of entrainment and definitively conclude whether a measurable impact is occurring. Additional entrainment monitoring is recommended to inform such an analysis.

1.2 Section 316(b) Requirements

Under CWA section 316(b), NPDES permits must regulate cooling water intake structures at facilities that also have permitted discharges. Section 316(b) requires that "the location, design, construction, and capacity of cooling water intake structures reflect the best technology available (BTA) for minimizing adverse environmental impact" to protect aquatic organisms from being killed or injured by impingement (being pinned against screens or other parts of a cooling water intake structure) or entrainment (being drawn into cooling water systems and subjected to thermal, physical or chemical stresses).

USEPA promulgated national BTA requirements for all existing facilities on May 19, 2014. The Existing Facility Rule applies to existing power generating facilities and existing manufacturing and industrial facilities that are point sources and that use one or more CWISs to withdraw more than 2 million gallons per day (MGD) of water from waters of the U.S. and use at least twenty-five (25) percent of the water they withdraw exclusively for cooling purposes. As an existing electric generating facility with a DIF of close to 650 MGD, these requirements apply to PSPPC; see 40 CFR 125.91 for more information on the applicability criteria. The Existing Facility Rule establishes a framework for developing BTA requirements for both impingement mortality and entrainment, as described below. The Existing Facility

¹ CWA section 316(b) requires that a facility employ the "best technology available to minimize adverse environmental impact" at cooling water intake structures.

² This review supplements a review conducted by Tetra Tech in September 2006, where EPA requested technical support in reviewing materials submitted by Palo Seco up to that time. Subsequently, PSPPC provided additional information on April 2012 in a report entitled, *Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report* (PREPA 2012). This review incorporates the updated information.

Rule also establishes a process for facilities to collect and submit information to their permitting authority (in the case of PSPPC, USEPA Region II) to support development of appropriate NPDES permit requirements.

1.2.1 Impingement Mortality

The Existing Facility Rule provides seven compliance alternatives for reducing impingement mortality. These requirements are fully described at 40 CFR 125.94(c). In general, they are:

- Operate a closed-cycle recirculating cooling system, as defined at 40 CFR 125.92;
- Operate a cooling water intake structure with a design intake velocity of less than 0.5 feet per second through-screen velocity;
- Operate a cooling water intake structure with an actual intake velocity of less than 0.5 feet per second through-screen velocity;
- Operate an existing offshore velocity cap, as defined at 40 CFR 125.92;
- Operate modified traveling screens, as defined at 40 CFR 125.92;
- Operate a system of technologies, management practices and operational measures that optimizes impingement mortality; or
- Achieve an impingement mortality annual performance standard.

Each facility subject to the Existing Facility Rule must select one of the above compliance alternatives.

1.2.2 Entrainment

Under the Existing Facility Rule, a determination of BTA for entrainment is developed on a site-specific, best professional judgment (BPJ) basis by the permitting authority. The rule requires that facilities achieve the maximum reduction in entrainment warranted after consideration of several relevant factors specified in the rule. Facilities with an actual intake flow greater than 125 million gallons per day (MGD) must collect and submit certain information to the permitting authority to inform the BTA determination. These submittals are described in more detail below.

1.2.3 Application Requirements

Section 316(b) is implemented through NPDES permits. The Existing Facility Rule establishes requirements for a facility to submit materials as part of its NPDES permit renewal application. The permitting authority then reviews these materials and develops appropriate permit conditions for impingement mortality and entrainment. The specific permit application materials are described below.

All existing facilities are required to complete and submit the following application studies:

- Description of the source water body (§ 122.21(r)(2));
- Description of the cooling water intake structures (§ 122.21(r)(3));
- Characterization of the biological community in the vicinity of the cooling water intake structure (§ 122.21(r)(4));
- Description of the cooling water system (§ 122.21(r)(5));
- Identification of the facility's chosen compliance method for impingement mortality (§ 122.21(r)(6));
- Description of any previously conducted entrainment performance studies (§ 122.21(r)(7)); and
- Description of the facility's operational status (§ 122.21(r)(8)).

Facilities (such as PSPPC) that have an actual intake flow greater than 125 MGD must also submit the following studies:

- Entrainment characterization study (§ 122.21(r)(9));
- Comprehensive technical feasibility and cost evaluation study (§ 122.21(r)(10));
- Benefits valuation study (§ 122.21(r)(11));
- Non-water quality environmental and other impacts assessment (§ 122.21(r)(12)); and
- Description of the peer review process for studies submitted under § 122.21(r)(10)-(12) ((§ 122.21(r)(13)).

Given that the permit for PSPPC has already expired, the permitting authority must establish a schedule for the above submittals.

1.2.4 Threatened and Endangered Species

The Clean Water Act and any requirements established pursuant to section 316(b) and the Existing Facility Rule are intended to supplement efforts to protect threatened and endangered species. Nothing in the Existing Facility Rule authorizes the take of a species protected by the Endangered Species Act. The facility and permitting authority are required to coordinate with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or United States Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if any impact to threatened and endangered species may be occurring and, if so, how to address the operation of the cooling water intake structure. The permitting authority may develop additional requirements including (but not limited to) additional or more specific biological monitoring or additional technology requirements.

A discussion of BTA and Existing Facility Rule implementation issues for PSPPC are discussed later in this report.

2 Background

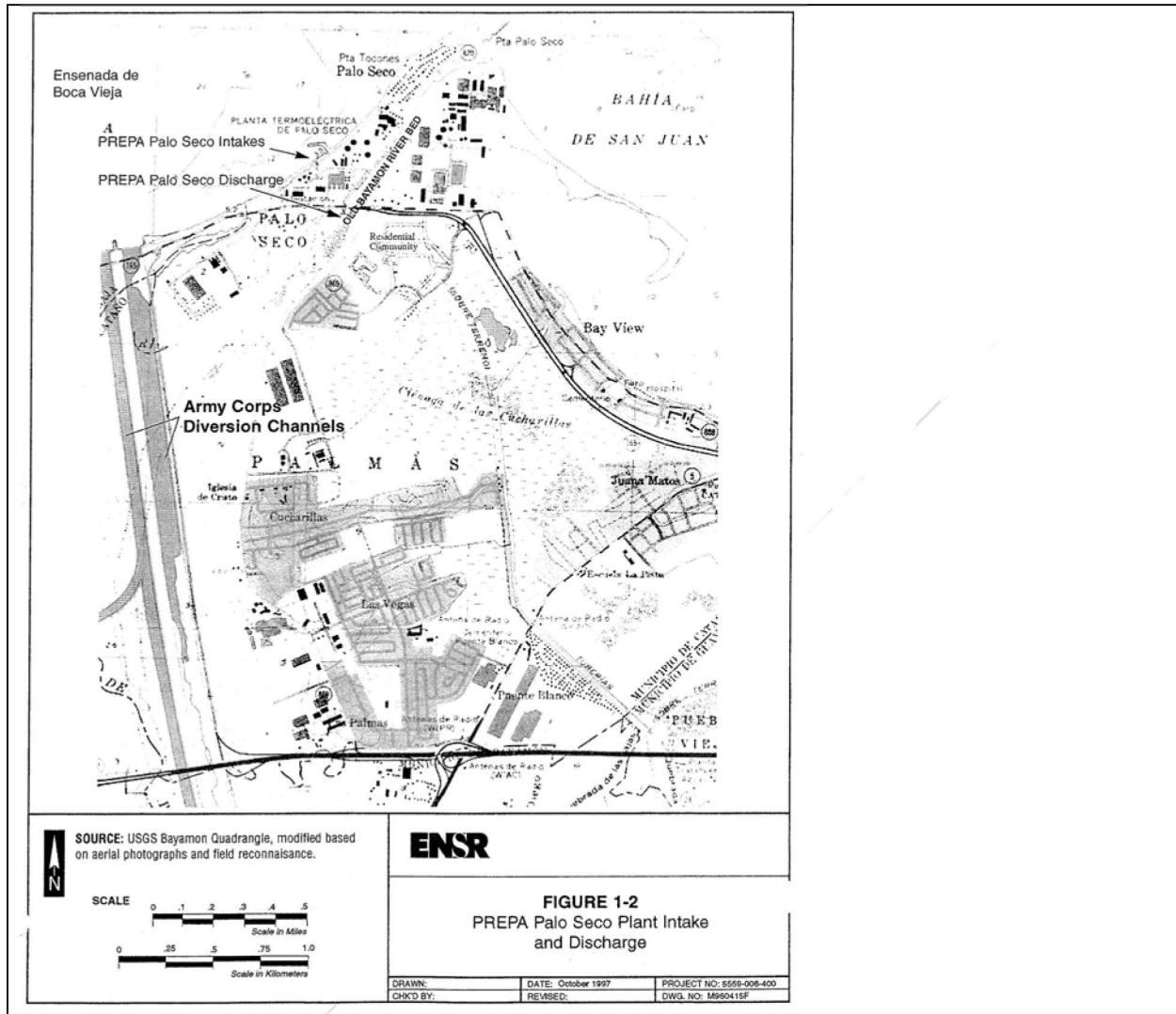
This section includes a description of the facility, intake and receiving water, and intake structures.

2.1 Facility Description

PSPPC consists of two oil-fired 85 MW steam-electric generating units (Units 1 & 2), two oil-fired 216 MW steam-electric generating units (Units 3 & 4), and six gas turbine generators with a combined output of 132 MW. The four steam-electric generating units employ a once-through cooling water system. PSPPC is a base load facility and is expected to continue to operate as a base load facility in the future.

2.2 Location/Waterbody Description

PSPPC is located at the western end of a peninsula that divides Boca Vieja Bay (Ensenada de Boca Vieja) to the north and west from San Juan Bay (Bahia de San Juan) to the east (Exhibit 1). Cooling water is withdrawn from the Atlantic Ocean via a shoreline structure located in the southeastern area of the Boca Vieja Bay and is discharged to the abandoned river bed of the Bayamon River which flows into the northwestern portion of San Juan Bay.

Exhibit 1. Palo Seco Power Plant intake and discharge locations. (ENSR 1977)

2.2.1 Description of Intake Waterbody

Boca Vieja Bay is a small semi-circular embayment on the Atlantic Ocean that lies immediately west of the entrance to San Juan Bay. The bay is bounded by the Isla de Bahia on the east and by Punta Silinas approximately 4 kilometers to the west. The peninsula separating the two waterbodies consists of the Isla de Cabras and a connecting causeway constructed in the 1950s. The peninsula, which extends nearly 3 kilometers into the ocean from the mouth of the old Bayamón River, effectively separates the intake waterbody from the discharge waterbody. Water depths in the Boca Vieja Bay range from approximately 10 to 16 ft in the vicinity of the intake and increase to depths over 20 ft towards the center of the bay (NOAA 2006).

2.2.2 Description of Receiving Waterbody

Historically, the Bayamón River discharged into Boca Vieja Bay, forming a large cusped delta. Over time, west to east long-shore currents formed an emergent bar that diverted the Bayamón River into San

Juan Bay. As a result, sediment from the Bayamon River threatened to fill the channel into San Juan Harbor. In the 1970s, the US Army Corps of Engineers channelized the Bayamon River and diverted it to empty into Boca Vieja Bay. Only a small portion of the original freshwater flow from the lowland areas cut off by the river channelization flows into the old river channel, which today serves as the discharge channel for PSPPC. The majority of the flow volume through the river is the facility's discharge. The length of the channel from the plant to the discharge into Bahia de San Juan is approximately 1320 yards. The discharge canal still possesses the natural irregular contours formed by the river and is lined by mangroves. Channel widths vary from 20 ft at the plant discharge point to a maximum of 300 ft; depths in the channel range from 2 to 9 ft. Tidal elevations vary approximately 2 ft. A shallow sediment sill located at the mouth of the channel prevents flow reversal in the river, which can be caused by tidal influence or wind-driven currents.

The San Juan Bay is located on the north coast of Puerto Rico and encompasses an area of approximately 5.79 square miles (15 square kilometers). The mouth of San Juan Bay is 0.5 miles across and up to 40 feet deep. The bay extends 3 miles landward from the mouth. The depth ranges from a few feet to 20 feet and reaches a maximum of 40 feet within the dredged channels. The mean tide range is 1.6 feet. Water depth in the vicinity of the discharge is generally in excess of 30 feet, such that the water is quite deep in relation to the normal tidal range of 1.6 feet. Waters of San Juan Bay are classified as "SC – coastal waters intended for uses where the human body may come in indirect contact with the water (e.g. fishing and boating) and for use in propagation and preservation of desirable species" by the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

The San Juan Bay is a highly disturbed environment due to heavy ship traffic (the bay is a major deep-water port), industrialized shoreline, domestic sewage discharges, and dredging activities. The natural shoreline has been greatly altered by filling, bulkheading, piers, and industrial development. Most of the natural bottom of the Bahia de Puerto Nuevo has been altered by dredging to create the Army terminal turning basin, Army terminal channel, and Puerto Nuevo channel. Water quality has degraded due to both point and non-point sources. Point sources are primarily industrial wastewater discharges. Non-point sources include chemical spills, urban runoff from agricultural, industrial and residential areas, and contamination associated with dredging. High turbidity and bacterial contamination are the two most serious water quality problems. Fecal coliform counts continue to exceed water quality standards, especially in canals and rivers surrounding the bay (numerous non-sewered residences are located in the area). Sediments of San Juan Bay contain heavy metals, pesticides, and petroleum constituents.

2.3 Cooling Water Intake Structure Description

The intake consists of two intake bays, one for Units 1 & 2, and one for Units 3 & 4. Each bay is bordered and separated by three rock jetties. For both intakes, the intake technology sequence starts with trash racks (7-inch spacing) at tunnel inlets, followed by multiple rectangular intake tunnels, trash racks (2-inch openings) located near the end of each tunnel, followed by multiple dual flow traveling screens each followed by single speed intake pumps. There are common plenums that allow for flow redistribution within each intake between the tunnels and the traveling screens and between the traveling screens and the pumps. Exhibit 2 provides a summary of the cooling system technology specification/performance data.

Exhibit 2. Cooling Water System Data

| Intake | Units 1 & 2 | Units 3 & 4 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Inlet Velocity—Low Tide | 1.1 ft/sec | 2.3 ft/sec |
| Inlet Velocity—High Tide | 0.86 ft/sec | 1.96 ft/sec |

Exhibit 2. Cooling Water System Data

| Intake | Units 1 & 2 | Units 3 & 4 |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Number of Tunnels/Traveling Screens | 3 | 7 |
| Reported Mean Through-screen Velocity for Traveling Screens | 0.5 ft/sec | 0.77 ft/sec |
| Number of Pumps (including one backup each) | 3 | 5 |
| Total Pumping Capacity (excluding backup) | 97,400 gal/min (gpm)(140 million gallons per day (MGD)) | 356,000 gpm (513 MGD) |
| Range of Monthly Average Total Condenser Flow (May 1996 through May 1997) | 362 – 645 MGD | |
| Screen Mesh Size | 0.1 in | 0.1 in |
| Calculated Temperature Increase at Full Load | 18.2 °F | 12.8 °F |
| Combined Temperature Increase at Full Load | 14.2 °F | |

The double-entry single-exit traveling screens are constructed of smooth wire mesh panels with 1/10-inch³ square openings and fish troughs. Debris is washed off the screens by a high pressure spray and is combined in a concrete trough which transports fish and debris to the condenser outlet tunnel which discharges through Outfall 001A. The screen debris wash water trough also receives other miscellaneous wastestreams including cooling tower blowdown (intermittent), boiler blowdown (intermittent), and miscellaneous wastewater. As a result, impinged organisms are subjected to the high pressure spray, then exposed to any pollutants from the other waste streams, and finally discharged into the condenser effluent with exposure to the heated condenser water occurring for an extended period until the effluent stream finally exits the old Bayamon River channel. Currently the traveling screens are operated continuously.

³ Recent documents indicate mesh has 1/10 inch openings but previous documents have indicated 1/8 inch openings.

3 Impacts of Existing Intake Structure

PSPPC's CWIS is located along the southeast shore of Ensenada de Boca Vieja. Ensenada de Boca Vieja is a relatively shallow bay on Puerto Rico's northern coast, with an aerial extent of approximately 3.8 square miles. It extends a maximum of 1.5 miles from its mouth to its southern shoreline and is approximately 2.5 miles wide. The bay is bounded by two peninsulas, Isla de Cabras to the east and Punta Salinas to the west. Depths vary from a few feet up to 30 feet in the bay, and increase steeply (e.g., to 150 feet) in the Atlantic Ocean outside the mouth of the bay. Ensenada de Boca Vieja receives freshwater inflow (from the diverted Bayamon River channel) that is typically low but varies dramatically with local precipitation. Water circulation in the bay is characterized by strong water currents and tidal exchange; therefore, residence times for waters of the bay are relatively short. The eastern portion of Ensenada de Boca Vieja has notable living habitat structures provided by macroalgae and seagrasses. Coral reefs are limited in the bay by strong wave action and high sediment loads. More extensive "rock reefs" are present in the deeper portions of the area near the intake (Raytheon 1994).

The fishes of San Juan Bay have been reported by PRWRA (1976), PREQB (1983), Stoner and Goenaga (1987), and ENSR (1997). An approximate total of 45 fish taxa are known to have been collected from south east San Juan Bay (United Engineers 1983). A small subsistence-type commercial fishery exists in the Palo Seco area; however, the primary local fishery grounds are located offshore of San Juan Bay and Ensenada de Boca Vieja. In Ensenada de Boca Vieja, a recreational fishery exists for snook (*Centropomus* spp.), mojarra (Gerreidae), yellow snapper (*Ocyurus chrysurus*), and tarpon (*Megalops atlanticus*) (United Engineers 1983). Contemporary studies of Ensenada de Boca Vieja fishes and invertebrates and the impingement/entrainment impacts associated with PSPPC's intake include reports prepared by Raytheon (1994), Raytheon (1997), and ENSR (1997). The following sections consider the sampling methodologies and results of these studies to assess potential impacts from PSPPC's intake.

3.1 Impingement

Evaluations of impingement mortality are limited to three studies from September 1976 through February 1977 (PRWRA 1977), December 1993 through October 1994 (ENSR 1997), and August 2010 through June 2011 (PREPA 2012). The following details the results of these studies.

3.1.1 Historic Data

The PRWRA (1977) survey conducted 24-hour sampling every two weeks, resulting in 10 samples. Fifty-seven (57) fish were collected during the surveys, with 47 specimens partially decayed (i.e., apparently dead before impingement). The majority of impinged fishes were sardines (Engraulidae) and cutlassfish (*Trichiurus lepturus*) (United Engineers 1983). The 1976/77 results are provided for historical perspective; however, their applicability and utility for current consideration is limited due to the fact that PSPPC traveling screens were fitted with 3/4-inch mesh at the time of the surveys (versus current 1/4-inch mesh).

The ENSR (1997) study consisted of six sampling events (December, February, April, June, August, and October). A frame and screen device, using 1/4-inch mesh to match the traveling screen, was constructed to fit into the screen wash trough to collect material washed from the traveling screens. The collection devices were inspected over a 24-hour period during each of the sampling events and impinged invertebrates were collected, sorted, identified, and enumerated. Over the period of study, 20 orders of invertebrates (Exhibit 3), and 9,514 fish representing 46 families (Exhibit 4) were collected.

Impinged invertebrates comprised three classes of mollusks (cephalopods, gastropods, and bivalves), polychaete annelids, arthropods, and decapods (Exhibits 5 and 6). Molluscs were the most common invertebrate group (mostly gastropods), followed by polychaetes (8 families of worms collected), and arthropods. Decapods were well-represented in samples, with up to 10 species of shrimp, 26 species of crab, and 1 species of lobster impinged. Crevice skulling crab (*Cronius timudulus*) was the most common crab, with an average of 266 individuals impinged per day (maximum: 914 per day in February, 1994). Other commonly impinged invertebrates include Coastal mud shrimp (*Upogebia affinis*; average 107 impinged per day) and Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*; maximum 133 impinged per day in February, 1994).

Fish impingement ranged from 476 per day in December 1993 to 3,392 per day in June 1994 (average: 1,586 fish per day). Individuals of the anchovy family (Engraulidae) were most frequently impinged, averaging 780 fish per day (total: 4,673) (Exhibits 7 and 8). Second in abundance were bonefish (Albulidae), averaging 210 individuals impinged per day. Other commonly impinged species include ladyfish (Elopidae) (92/day), mojarras (Gerreidae (89/day), puffers (Tetraodontidae) (65/day), and herrings (Clupeidae) (46/day).

Data for species with high daily impingement rates, were converted average to annual estimates. Results indicated that annual impingement losses for anchovies were slightly less than 5 percent of the Ensenada de Boca Vieja population. Atlantic thread herring and all Clupeidae, spotfin mojarras and all Gerreidae, and spiny lobster impingement rates were compared to local (annual) commercial catches, and losses were found to be equal to 2.5, 4 and 50 percent of the local commercial catch rate, respectively.

**Exhibit 3. Invertebrates Impinged at the Palo Seco CWIS during five sampling event
between February and October 1994. Figure scanned from ENSR (1977).**

Table 7-8
Taxonomy of Invertebrates Impinged at Palo Seco
February 1994 to October 1994

| Order | Suborder | Family | Taxa | Common Name | Number per day | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | | | | Feb-94 | Apr-94 | Jun-94 | Aug-94 | Oct-94 | Avg |
| Amphipoda | Gammaridea | Gammaridae | Gammarid amphipods | Gammarid amphipod | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Amphipoda | Gammaridea | Gammaridae | unid. gammarid amphipod | Gammarid amphipod | 0 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.8 |
| Amphipoda | Gammaridea | Gammaridae | unid. Gammaridea | Gammarid amphipod | 601 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120.1 |
| Anaspeidea | | Aplysiidae | Aplysia sp. | Seahare sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 28 | 8.7 |
| Anaspeidea | | Aplysiidae | Aplysia sp. A | Seahare sp | 25 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.4 |
| Anthozoa* | | | unid. anemone | | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Archaeogastopoda | | Phasianellidae | Tricola affinis | Checkered pheasant | 83 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16.5 |
| Archaeogastopoda | | Phasianellidae | Tricola tessellata | Pheasant sp | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| Ascidacea* | | Cho - Ascidia | unid. ascidian | Ascidian | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Cephalopoda* | | | unid octopus | Octopus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Cephalopoda* | | | unid squid | Squid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1.7 |
| Cubomedusae | | Carybdeidae | Carydea sp. A | Snapping shrimp | 8 | 115 | 34 | 267 | 103 | 105.3 |
| Cubomedusae | | | Cubomedusa sp. B | Jellyfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 57 | 13.0 |
| Cyclophoridae | | Epitoniidae | Nitidella dichroa | Dovesnail sp | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Callinassidae | Callinassa sp. A | Ghost shrimp sp | 15 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.4 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Paguridae | Paguridae sp. A | Right-handed hermit crab sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Paguridae | Paguridae Type A | Right-handed hermit crab sp | 148 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32.3 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Paguridae | Paguridae Type B | Right-handed hermit crab sp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Paguridae | Pagurus sp. A | Right-handed hermit crab sp | 108 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21.5 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Paguridae | Pagurus sp. | Juv. hermit crab sp | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.1 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Porcellanidae | Pachycheles sp. A | Porcelain crabs sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Decapoda | Anomura | Upogebiidae | Upogebia affinis | Coastal mud shrimp | 253 | 57 | 5 | 2 | 219 | 107.3 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Grapsidae | Pachygrapsus transversus | Mottled shore crab | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4.9 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Callinectes exasperatus | Rugose swimming crab | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20.0 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Callinectes larvatus | Masked swimming crab | 15 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 75 | 19.8 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Callinectes sapidus | Blue crab | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Callinectes sp. | Swimming crab sp | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 44 | 10.7 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Cronius tumidulus | Crevice Sculling Crab | 914 | 64 | 41 | 85 | 226 | 266.0 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Portunus floridanus | Redhair swimming crab | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.0 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Portunus sp. A | Swimming crab sp | 33 | 35 | 4 | 2 | 162 | 47.2 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Portunidae | Portunus sp. B | Swimming crab sp | 0 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 4.8 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Panopeus occidentalis | Furrowed mud crab | 25 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5.4 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Panopeus sp. (juv.) | Mud crab sp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Panopeus sp. A | Mud crab sp | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Pilumnus sp. A | Hairy crab sp | 25 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5.6 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Pilumnus sp. B | Hairy crab sp | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 11 | 6.2 |
| Decapoda | Brachyryncha | Xanthidae | Pilumnus sp. C | Hairy crab sp | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Brachyura | Portunidae | juv. Callinectes | Snapping shrimp | 88 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26.6 |
| Decapoda | Brachyura | Portunidae | juv. Portunidae | Swimming crab sp | 236 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47.1 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Alpheidae | Synalpheus sp. A | Snapping shrimp sp | 138 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 31.8 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Alpheidae | Synalpheus sp. B | Snapping shrimp sp | 75 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 16.6 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Palaemonidae | Periclimenes portoricensis | Bigclaw river shrim | 75 | 8 | 18 | 14 | 222 | 67.5 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Palaemonidae | Periclimenes sp. A | Shrimp sp | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Palaemonidae | Periclimenes sp. B | Shrimp sp | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Pasiphaeidae | Alpheus sp. A | Snapping shrimps sp | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 325 | 65.5 |
| Decapoda | Caridea | Pasiphaeidae | Leptochela sp. A | Glass shrimps sp | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Epialtus bituberculatus | Variegated spider crab | 25 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 16.0 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Microphrys bicornuta | Speck-claw decorator | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.2 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Mithrax sculptus | Green clinging crab | 115 | 30 | 4 | 0 | 86 | 47.1 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Mithrax sp. A | Spider crab sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Mithrax sp. B | Spider crab sp | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3.8 |

Exhibit 3. Invertebrates Impinged at the Palo Seco CWIS during five sampling event between February and October 1994. Figure scanned from ENSR (1977).

Table 7-8
Taxonomy of Invertebrates Impinged at Palo Seco
February 1994 to October 1994

| Order | Suborder | Family | Taxa | Common Name | Number per day | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Feb-94 | Apr-94 | Jun-94 | Aug-94 | Oct-94 | Avg |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Podochela sp. A | Spider crab sp | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Majidae | Stenorhynchus seticornis | Yellowline arrow crab | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Oxyrhyncha | Parthenopidae | Cryptopodia concava | Elbow crab sp | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Palinura | Palinuridae | Panulirus argus | Caribbean spiny lobster | 133 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 34.4 |
| Decapoda | Penaeoidea | Penaeidae | Penaeus duorarum | Northern pink shrimp | 573 | 36 | 10 | 50 | 143 | 162.4 |
| Decapoda | Penaeoidea | Sergestidae | Acetes americanus | Aviu shrimp | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| Decapoda | Penaeoidea | Sergestidae | Acetes americanus | Aviu shrimp | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 457 | 94.6 |
| Decapoda | Penaeoidea | Sicyoniidae | Sicyonia laevigata | Rock shrimp sp | 50 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 19.0 |
| Decapoda | Penaeoidea | Sicyoniidae | Sicyonia sp. A | Rock shrimp sp | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| Decapoda | Stenopodidea | Stenopodidae | Stenopodidea | Coral shrimp sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Decapoda | Stenopodidea | Stenopodidae | Stenopus hispidus | Banded coral shrimp | 25 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 11.2 |
| Echinoidea* | | | juv. urchin | Urchin sp | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.1 |
| Flabellifera (Isopoda) | | Cirrolanidae | Cirrolana sp. A | Isopod sp | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 |
| Flabellifera (Isopoda) | | Corallanidae | Excorallana sp. A | | 25 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.8 |
| Flabellifera (Isopoda) | | Sphaeromatidae | Paracereis sp. A | | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Flabellifera (Isopoda) | | Sphaeromatidae | Sphaeroma sp. A | | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Myiida | Myiina | Corbulidae | Corbula caribaea | Corbula sp. | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| Mytiloidea | | Mytilidae | Brachidontes exustus | Scorched mussel | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| Nudibranchia | | | unidentified nudibranch | | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 4.0 |
| Ostreoida | | Ostreidae | Crassostrea rhizophorae | Oyster sp. | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Polychaeta* | | Amphinomidae | Hermodice carunculata | | 65 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 19.5 |
| Polychaeta* | | Amphinomidae | Amphinomidae sp. C | Paddle footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Polychaeta* | | Amphinomidae | Amphinomidae sp. E | Paddle footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| Polychaeta* | | Amphinomidae | Amphinomidae Type A | Paddle footed annelid | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10.0 |
| Polychaeta* | | Aphroditidae | Aphroditidae sp. A | Paddle-footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2.9 |
| Polychaeta* | | Aphroditidae | Aphroditidae Type A | Paddle-footed annelid | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Polychaeta* | | Eunicidae | Eunicidae sp. A | Paddle-footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| Polychaeta* | | Eunicidae | Eunicidae Type A | Paddle-footed annelid | 323 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64.7 |
| Polychaeta* | | Glyceridae | Glyceridae sp. A | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.2 |
| Polychaeta* | | Nereidae | Nereidae sp. A | Polychaete sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 81 | 18.7 |
| Polychaeta* | | Nereidae | Nereidae sp. B | Polychaete sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.2 |
| Polychaeta* | | Nereidae | Nereidae sp. C | Polychaete sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Polychaeta* | | Nereidae | Nereidae Type A | Polychaete sp | 33 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.9 |
| Polychaeta* | | Sabellidae | Sabellidae sp. A | Paddle-footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 34 | 95 | 61 | 38.0 |
| Polychaeta* | | Sabellidae | Sabellidae Type A | Paddle-footed annelid | 50 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20.4 |
| Polychaeta* | | Terebellidae | Terebellidae sp. A | Paddle footed annelid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2.2 |
| Pterioidea | Pterina | Pteridae | Pinctada sp. | Clam sp. | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Pterioidea | | Pteridae | Pteria colymbus | Atlantic wing-oyster | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| Rhizostomeae | Kolpophorae | Mastigiidae | Phyllorhiza punctata | Jellyfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Semaeostomeae | | Ulmaridae | Aurelia aurita | Moon jelly | 0 | 16 | 97 | 272 | 0 | 77.0 |
| Stomatopoda | | Gonodactylidae | Gonodactylus sp. A | Mantis shrimp sp | 196 | 387 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 119.6 |
| Stomatopoda | | Squillae | Squilla sp. A | Mantis shrimp sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1.7 |
| Total | | | | | 5030 | 1176 | 343 | 917 | 2476 | 1989 |

Notes:
December 1993 data were not enumerated.
*Class

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Table 7-7
Taxonomy of Fish Impinged at Palo Seco
December 1993 to October 1994

| Order | SubOrder | Family | Genus species | Common Name | Number per Day | | | | | | Average | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| | | | | | Dec-93 | Feb-94 | Apr-94 | Jun-94 | Aug-94 | Oct-94 | | |
| Anguilliformes | Anguilloidei | Dysommidae | <i>Dysomma anguillare</i> | Shortbelly eel | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | |
| | | | <i>Dysomma sp.</i> | Eel sp | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | |
| | | Muraenidae | <i>Echidna catenata</i> | Chain moray | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 3.3 | |
| | | | <i>Gymnothorax sp. (lepto.)</i> | Moray sp | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.1 | |
| | | Muraenidae (lepto.) | <i>unif. leptocephalus</i> | Moray sp | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | |
| | | | <i>unif. leptocephalus</i> | Moray sp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 | |
| | | Ophichthidae | <i>Myrophis punctatus</i> | Speckled worm eel | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | |
| | | | <i>Myrophis punctatus (lepto.)</i> | Speckled worm eel | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.1 | |
| | | | <i>Ophichthidae (lepto.)</i> | Snake eel sp | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | |
| | | | <i>Ophichthidae sp. 1</i> | Snake eel sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | |
| | | | <i>Ophichthidae sp. 2</i> | Snake eel sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | |
| | | Xenocoagridae | <i>unif. leptocephalus</i> | Snake eel sp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | |
| | | | <i>Chlorhinus swensoni</i> | Seagrass eel | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | |
| Atheriniformes | Exocoetoidei | Hemiramphidae | <i>Hemiramphus brasiliensis</i> | Ballyhoo | 8 | 30 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9.1 | |
| Elopiformes | Elopoidei | Elopidae | <i>Elops saurus</i> | Ladyfish | 8 | 0 | 49 | 105 | 324 | 0 | 81.1 | |
| | | | <i>Elops saurus (lepto.)</i> | Ladyfish | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 | |
| | | | <i>Megalops atlanticus</i> | Tarpon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 10 | 0 | 7.7 | |
| Gadiformes | Ophidoidei | Ophidiidae | <i>Lepophidium profundorum</i> | Fawn cusk-eel | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 | |
| Gasterosteiformes | Aulostomoidi | Aulostomidae | <i>Aulostomus maculatus</i> | Trumpetfish | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | |
| | | | <i>Fistularia tabacaria</i> | Bluespotted cornetfish | 0 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3.8 | |
| | Syngnathoidi | Syngnathidae | <i>Hippocampus reidi</i> | Longsnout seahorse | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1.8 | |
| | | | <i>Ichthyocampus pawnee</i> | Lost pipefish | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | |
| | | | <i>Syngnathus dunckeri</i> | Pugnose pipefish | 4 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 | |
| | | | <i>Syngnathus floridae</i> | Dusky pipefish | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | |
| | | | <i>Syngnathus pelagicus</i> | Sargassum pipefish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1.8 | |
| <i>Syngnathus sp.</i> | Pipefish sp | 0 | 25 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5.0 | | | | |
| Gobiesociformes | | Gobiesocidae | <i>Arcos sp.</i> | Clingfish sp | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 | |
| Lophiiformes | Antennaroidi | Antennariidae | <i>Antennarius multicollellatus</i> | Longlure frogfish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.7 | |
| Myctophiformes | | Synodontidae | <i>Synodus sp.</i> | Lizard fish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1.8 | |
| Perciformes | Acanthuroidei | Acanthuridae | <i>Acanthurus coeruleus</i> | Blue tang | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | |
| | | | <i>Acanthurus sp.</i> | Doctorfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.7 | |
| | | | <i>Acanthurus sp. (juv.)</i> | Doctorfish sp | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 2.9 | |
| | Albuloidei | Albulidae | <i>Albula vulpes</i> | Bonfish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 265 | 55 | 63.7 | |
| | | | <i>Albula vulpes (lepto.)</i> | Bonfish | 37 | 247 | 614 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149.7 | |
| | Blennioidei | Blenniidae | <i>Blennius cristatus</i> | Molly miller | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | |
| | | | <i>Hypoleurochilus springeri</i> | Orangespotted blenny | 0 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | |
| | | Clinidae | <i>Labrisomus bucciferus</i> | Puffcheek blenny | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5.6 | |
| | | | <i>Labrisomus nuchipinnis</i> | Hairy blenny | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 | |
| | | | <i>Malacoctenus sp.</i> | Scaled blenny sp | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 | |
| | | | <i>Malacoctenus versicolor</i> | Arfin blenny | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.1 | |
| | | | <i>Paraclinus neorhegmis</i> | Surf blenny | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 | |
| | Cluipoidei | Clupeidae | <i>Chirocentron bleekeriianus</i> | Dogtooth herring | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 | |
| | | | <i>Clupeidae (post lar.)</i> | Herrings sp | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 | |
| | | | <i>Harengula clupeiola</i> | False pilchard | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 4.5 | |
| | | | <i>Harengula sp.</i> | Sardine sp | 0 | 0 | 7 | 126 | 8 | 0 | 23.5 | |
| | | | <i>Jenkinsia lamprotaenia</i> | Dwarf herring | 0 | 61 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11.8 | |
| | | | Engraulidae | <i>Anchoa hepsetus</i> | Striped anchovy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| | | | | <i>Anchoa parva</i> | Little anchovy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 4.7 |
| | | | | <i>Anchoa sp.</i> | Anchovy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,760 | 637 | 357 | 625.7 |
| | | | | <i>Anchoviella per fasciata</i> | Flat anchovy | 199 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33.1 |
| | | | | <i>Anchoviella sp.</i> | Anchovy | 0 | 432 | 224 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109.2 |
| | <i>Engraulidae</i> | Anchovy sp | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.4 | | | |

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December 1993 to October 1994

| Order | SubOrder | Family | Genus species | Common Name | Number per Day | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | Dec-93 | Feb-94 | Apr-94 | Jun-94 | Aug-94 | Oct-94 | Average |
| | Gobioidel | Gobiidae | Gobiidae | Goby sp | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| | | | <i>Microgobius microlepis</i> | Banner goby | 4 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 |
| | | | unid. goby | Goby sp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | | unid. post lar. | Goby sp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | Mugiloidel | Mugilidae | <i>Mugil curema</i> | White mullet | 32 | 23 | 42 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 16.7 |
| | Percoidel | Apogonidae | <i>Apogon maculatus</i> | Flamefish | 0 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.4 |
| | | | <i>Apogon sp.</i> | Cardinalfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.3 |
| | | | <i>Cheilodipterus affinis</i> | Cardinalfish sp | 20 | 0 | 28 | 51 | 98 | 0 | 32.9 |
| | | Carangidae | <i>Alectis ciliaris</i> | African pompano | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 2.2 |
| | | | <i>Carangoides crysos</i> | Crevalle sp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| | | | <i>Caranx latus</i> | Horse-eye jack | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| | | | <i>Chloroscombrus chrysurus</i> | Atlantic bumper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 3.3 |
| | | | <i>Oligoplites saurus</i> | Leather jack | 4 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 4.9 |
| | | | <i>Selene vomer</i> | Lookdown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | | <i>Trachinotus falcatus</i> | Permit | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| | | Chaetodontidae | <i>Chaetodon capistratus</i> | Four-eye butterflyfish | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.5 |
| | | | <i>Chaetodon striatus</i> | Banded butterflyfish | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| | | Ephippidae | <i>Chaetodipterus faber</i> | Atlantic spadefish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0.8 |
| | | Gerreidae | <i>Diapterus rhombeus</i> | Rhomboid mojarra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 4.5 |
| | | | <i>Diapterus sp.</i> | Mojarras sp. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | | <i>Eucinostomus argenteus</i> | Spotfin mojarra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 5.1 |
| | | | <i>Eucinostomus sp.</i> | Mojarra sp. | 0 | 129 | 175 | 120 | 51 | 0 | 79.2 |
| | | Haemulidae | <i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i> | Tomtate | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| | | Labridae | <i>Doratonotus megalepis</i> | Dwarf wrasse | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 3.0 |
| | | Lutjanidae | <i>Lutjanus analis</i> | Mutton snapper | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | | <i>Lutjanus griseus</i> | Gray snapper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| | | | <i>Lutjanus sp.</i> | Snapper sp | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 8 | - | 5.0 |
| | | | <i>Ocyurus chrysurus</i> | Yellowtail snapper | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| | | Pempheridae | <i>Pempheris schomburgki</i> | Glassy sweeper | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| | | Pomacentridae | <i>Abudefduf saxatilis</i> | Sergeant major | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2.8 |
| | | | <i>Stegastes dorsopunicans</i> | Damselfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1.8 |
| | | | <i>Stegastes sp.</i> | Damselfish sp | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| | | Scaridae | <i>Scarus sp.</i> | Parrotfish sp | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 |
| | | | <i>Sparisoma sp.</i> | Parrotfish sp | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 11.4 |
| | | | <i>Sparisoma sp. (juv.)</i> | Parrotfish sp | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12.5 |
| | | Sciaenidae | <i>Bairdiella ronchus</i> | Ground croaker | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4.0 |
| | | | <i>Larimus breviceps</i> | Shorthead drum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| | | | <i>Larimus breviceps (post lar.)</i> | Shorthead drum | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | | <i>Odontoscion dentex</i> | Reef croaker | 0 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 34.1 |
| | | Serranidae | <i>Serranidae</i> | Sea bass sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| | | Sparidae | <i>Calamus sp.</i> | Porgy sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| | | | <i>Sparidae sp.</i> | | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12.8 |
| | Polynemoidel | Polynemidae | <i>Polydactylus virginicus</i> | Barbu | 0 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| | Scombroidei | Trichiuridae | <i>Trichiurus lepturus</i> | Atlantic cutlassfish | 0 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 5.4 |
| | Sphyranoidei | Sphyrnidae | <i>Sphyrna barracuda</i> | Great barracuda | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1.7 |
| Pleuronectiformes | Pleuronectoidel | Bothidae | <i>Bothus ocellatus</i> | Eyed flounder | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| | | | <i>Bothus sp.</i> | Flounder sp | 0 | 15 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.2 |
| | | | <i>Bothus sp. (post lar.)</i> | Flounder sp | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| | | | <i>Citharichthys arenaceus</i> | Sand whiff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1.8 |
| | | | <i>Citharichthys sp.</i> | Sanddab | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.3 |
| | | | <i>Citharichthys spilopterus</i> | Bay whiff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.3 |
| | | | <i>Paralichthys sp. (post lar.)</i> | Summer flounder sp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | Soleoidel | Achiridae | <i>Achirus lineatus</i> | Lined sole | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | Cynoglossidae | <i>Symphurus sp.</i> | Tonguefish sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| Scorpaeniformes | Scorpaenoidei | Scorpaenidae | <i>Scorpaena sp.</i> | Scorpionfish sp | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| | | | <i>Scorpaena sp. (post lar.)</i> | Scorpionfish sp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |

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| Order | SubOrder | Family | Genus species | Common Name | Number per Day | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| | | | | | Dec-93 | Feb-94 | Apr-94 | Jun-94 | Aug-94 | Oct-94 | Average |
| Tetraodontiformes | Balistoidei | Balistidae | <i>Cantherhines pailus (post lar.)</i> | Tail-light filefish | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | | Ostraciidae | <i>Lactophrys triquetar</i> | Smooth trunkfish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontoidae | Diodontidae | <i>Diodon holacanthus</i> | Balloonfish | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| | | Tetraodontidae | <i>Canthigaster rostrata</i> | Sharpnose puffer | 20 | 98 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 112 | 45.2 |
| | | | <i>Chilomycterus</i> sp. | Burrfish sp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | | <i>Sphoeroides greeleyi</i> | Caribbean puffer | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.8 |
| | | | <i>Sphoeroides</i> sp. | Puffer sp | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 33 | 9.9 |
| | | | <i>Sphoeroides spengleri</i> | Bandtail puffer | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.4 |
| | | | <i>Sphoeroides testudineus</i> | Checkered puffer | 0 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 |
| Total | | | | | 476 | 1,790 | 1,551 | 3,392 | 1,562 | 743 | 1,587.1 |

Exhibit 5. Daily and annual impingement rates for invertebrates collected during 1994 surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS. Figure scanned from ENSR (1977)

| SIO Common Name | Average Daily Impingement Rate ¹ | Calculated Annual Impingement Rate ^{2,3} | Annual Adult Equivalent Loss Rate ⁴ |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Copepods | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slate-pencil urchin | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blue crab | 7 ¹ | 630 ³ | 63 |
| All swimming crabs | 458.6 | 167,000 | 16,700 |
| Pink shrimp | 162.4 | 59,000 | 5900 |
| All penaeid shrimps | 258.4 | 94,000 | 9400 |
| Spiny lobster | 34.4 | 12,500 | 1250 |
| Stomatopoda | 121.3 | 44,300 | - |
| Misc polychaete annelids | 197.5 | 72,000 | - |

¹ Impingement rates for species that show strong periodicity of occurrence are based on actual impingement data rather than on average impingement rates. Strong periodicity would occur if the species was collected in three or fewer collection events.

² Unless otherwise noted, annual impingement rates are the average daily impingement rate multiplied by 365 days per year.

³ Estimates of annual impingement for species showing strong periodicity are calculated assuming that the animals will be on site the month prior to, the month following, and the period during which they were collected at the power plant. For example, for a species with a single occurrence, the impingement datum would be multiplied by 90, i.e. 3 months times 30 days per month.

⁴ Calculated assuming a larvae/juvenile to adult survival rate of 10%.

Exhibit 6. Number of invertebrates impinged per day during 1994 surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS. Figure scanned from ENSR (1977).

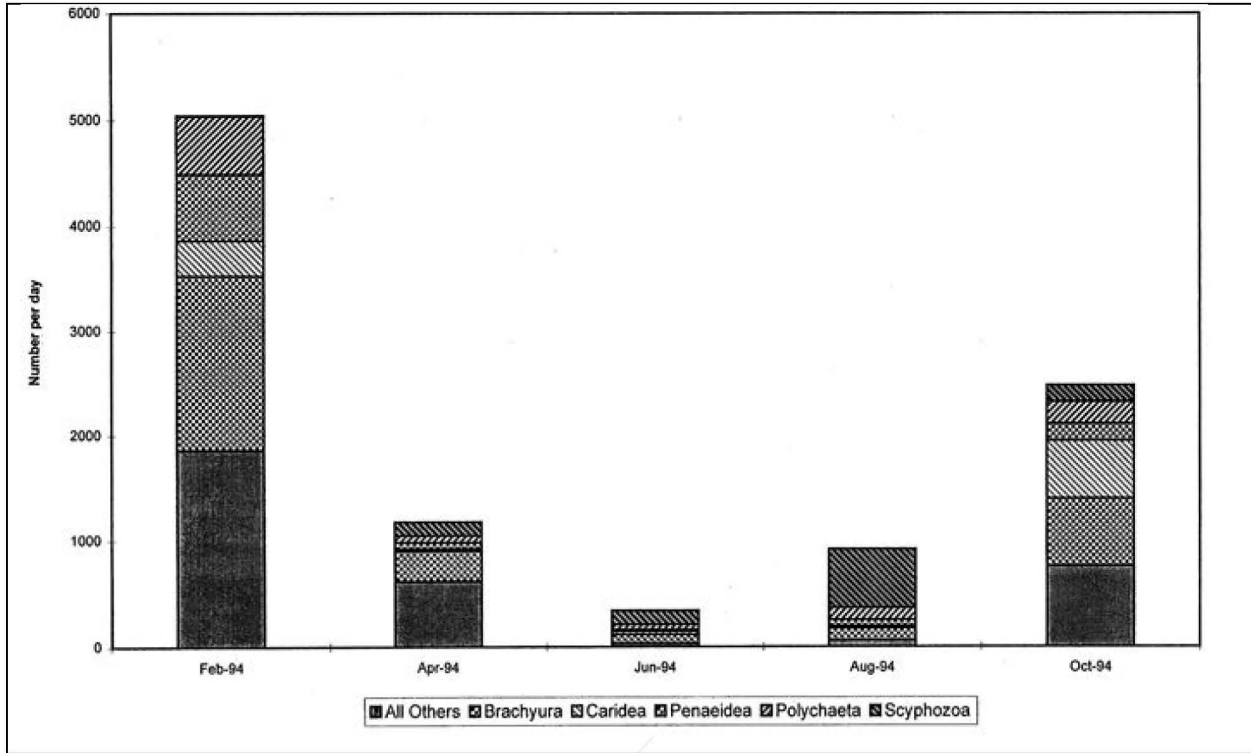


Exhibit 7. Daily and annual impingement rates for fishes collected during 1993-1994 surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS. Figure scanned from ENSR (1977).

| SIO Common Name | Average Daily Impingement Rate ¹ | Calculated Annual Impingement Rate ^{2,3} | Annual Adult Equivalent Loss Rate ⁷ |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Atlantic thread herring ⁴ | 15 ¹ | 1350 ³ | 147 |
| All Clupeidae | 46.5 | 17,000 | 1853 |
| Lane snapper ⁴ | 5 | 1,825 | 18 |
| All Lutjanidae | 7.4 | 2,700 | 27 |
| Dusky anchovy ⁴ | 625.7 ¹ | 265,000 | 28,885 |
| All Engraulidae | 778.8 | 284,000 | 30,956 |
| Spotfin mojarra ⁵ | 84.3 | 30,800 | 308 |
| All Gerreidae | 89.4 | 32,600 | 326 |
| Crevalle jack | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| All Carangidae | 16 | 5,800 | 58 |
| Ladyfish | 83.8 | 30,600 | 306 |
| All Elopidae | 91.5 | 33,400 | 334 |
| Stoplight parrotfish | 23.9 | 2,400 ³ | 24 |
| All Scaridae | 28.1 ¹ | 2,800 ³ | 28 |
| Foureye butterflyfish | 1.5 ¹ | 315 ³ | 4 |
| All Chaetodontidae | 2.8 ¹ | 588 ³ | 6 |
| Bone fish | 213.5 | 78,000 | 780 |
| Cardinal fish | 36.9 | 50,000 | 500 |

¹ Impingement rates for species that show strong periodicity of occurrence are based on actual impingement data rather than on average impingement rates. Strong periodicity would occur if the species was collected in three or fewer collection events.

² Unless otherwise noted, annual impingement rates are the average daily impingement rate multiplied by 365 days per year.

³ Estimates of annual impingement for species showing strong periodicity are calculated assuming that the animals will be on site the month prior to, the month following, and the period during which they were collected at the power plant. For example, for a species with a single occurrence, the impingement datum would be multiplied by 90, i.e. 3 months times 30 days per month.

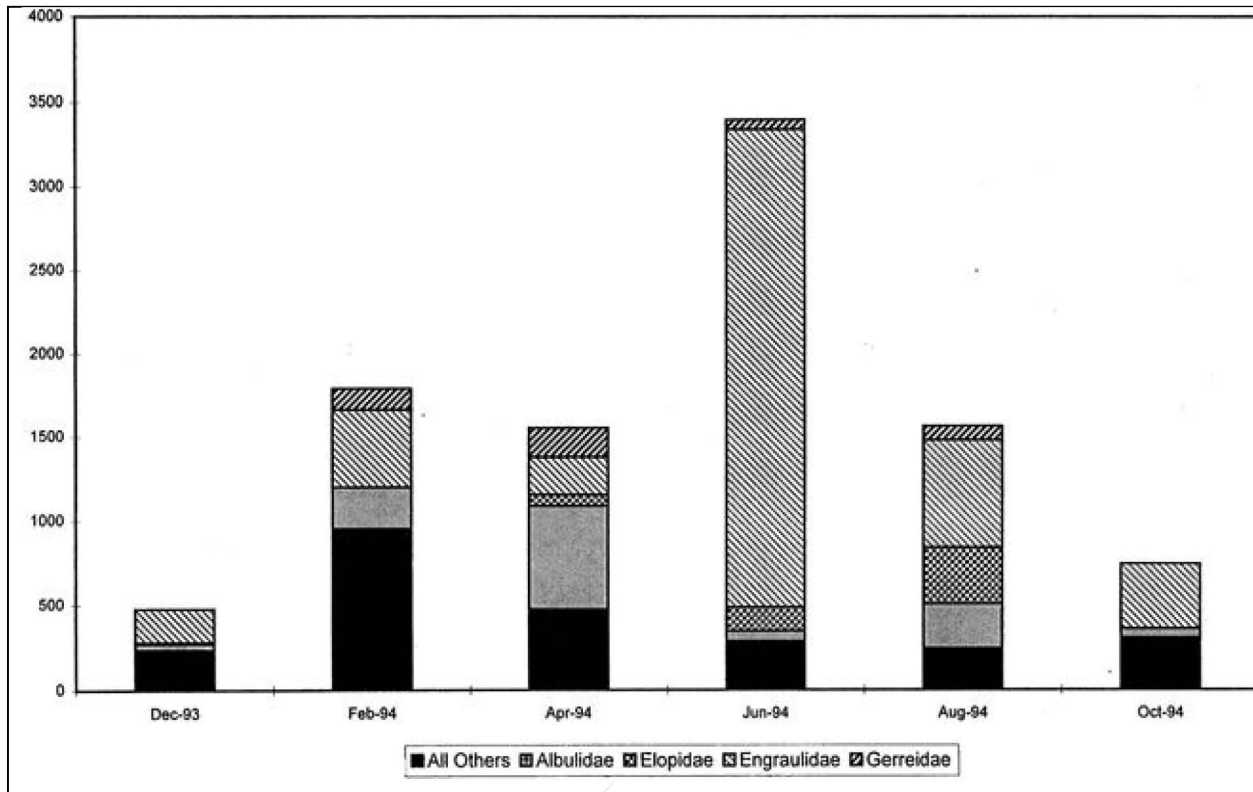
⁴ Atlantic thread herring, lane snapper, dusky anchovy did not occur, however, individuals of the same genus but not identified to species were included to be conservative.

⁵ *Eucinostomus argenteus* and *Eucinostomus* sp. were included in the estimate for spotfin mojarra to be conservative.

⁶ Since no *Sarissoma viride* were collected, *Sarissoma* sp. were included in the estimate for stoplight parrotfish to be conservative. Because individuals were collected at two times during the year, an annual average was used to calculate annual impingement rates.

⁷ Calculated assuming a survival rate from larvae/juvenile to adults of 1%. Clupeidae and engraulidae estimates assumed that 10% of impinged were adults.

**Exhibit 8. Number of fish impinged per day during 1994 surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS.
Figure scanned from ENSR (1977).**



Survival estimates were not available for fish or invertebrates impinged on PSPPC screens; however, considering screenwash conditions and the physical design of the fish conveyance/return system, survival is expected to be low. Impingement sampling was only conducted for one year and had a limited number of samples, suggesting that impingement impacts may not have been fully characterized.

3.1.2 Current Data

A contemporary impingement survey was conducted from August 2010 through June 2011 using a total of six bi-monthly sampling events during daytime (1300 to 1700) and nighttime (2000 to 2400) periods (PREPA 2012). Samples were collected from Units 3 and 4 using a 1/16-inch mesh bags attached to the fish return of each screen. Collections were made approximately every 20 minutes. All fish, brachyuran crabs, penaeid shrimp and spiny lobsters were sorted, identified, and assessed as live, dead, or injured. A subset of 30 individuals from each taxonomic group were weighed (grams) and measured (millimeters). With exception to larval fish, which were retained and preserved with formalin for laboratory identification, all specimens were returned to the fish return sluiceway.

A total of 3,119 fish and shellfish comprising 38 families were collected over the course of the study, ranging from 3 specimens collected in February to 1,397 specimens in June (mean = 260 specimens per sample period) (Exhibit 9). Engraulidae (anchovies) and Clupeidae (herrings, sardines, and shad) were most commonly encountered, representing 85 percent (2,657 individuals) of impinged specimens. Species of the families Tetraodontidae (puffers), Albulidae (bonefish), and Gerreidae (mojarra) were the next most commonly collected fishes, with 49, 46, and 41 specimens, respectively. The vast majority of

impinged specimens were juveniles, as approximately 93 percent of fish were less than 60mm in length (mean = 35.7mm) and 81 percent of shellfish were less than 30mm (mean = 21.2mm; carapace length) (Exhibit 10).

Survival of impinged specimens, excluding larval fish, was 28 percent. Survival of larval fish was reported as follows: "Virtually no larval fish collected during the impingement study survived the collection and sortation process." Thus, it is assumed larval survival is zero. The rate of impingement among species common to both the 1993/94 and 2010/11 studies was compared using a nonparametric Wilcoxin Signed Ranks Test. All comparisons (fish impingement, shellfish impingement, and total impingement) were not significant at $p = 0.05$ and, thus, indicate no change between current and historic sampling efforts.

| Family | Group | August | | October | | December | | February | | April | | June | | Grand Total |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | |
| Fish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acanthuridae | Surgeonfishes | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Achiridae | American soles | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Albulidae | Bonefishes, Ladyfishes | | 2 | | 13 | 1 | 4 | | | 7 | 14 | | 5 | 46 |
| Apogonidae | Cardinalfishes | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Belontiidae | Needlefish | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Blenniidae | Blennies | 1 | 3 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 5 |
| Bothidae | Lefteyed Flounders | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | 6 | | 3 | 13 |
| Carangidae | Jacks, Pompanos | | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 2 | 22 |
| Clupeidae | Herring, Sardines, Shad | 169 | 103 | 3 | 12 | 2 | | | | | 12 | | 165 | 734 |
| Elopidae | Ladyfish, Tarpon | 2 | 2 | | | | 6 | | | | | | | 10 |
| Engraulidae | Anchovies | | 219 | 20 | 84 | | 52 | | | | 17 | | 463 | 1,923 |
| Fistulariidae | Cornetfishes | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Gerreidae | Mojarras | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 30 | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 41 |
| Gobiidae | Gobies | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Haemulidae | Grunts | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | 7 |
| Hemiramphidae | Halfbeaks | | | | 3 | | 8 | | | | 4 | | | 16 |
| Lutjanidae | Snappers | | | | | | | | | 2 | 4 | | | 6 |
| Microdesmidae | Dartfishes, Wormfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Mugilidae | Mulletts | | 16 | | | | 6 | | | | | | 2 | 24 |
| Muraenidae | Eels | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Ostraciidae | Boxfishes, Trunkfishes | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Polynemidae | Threadfins | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 25 | 27 |
| Pomacentridae | Damselfishes, Sergeants | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Pristigasteridae | Longfin herrings | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Scaridae | Parrotfishes | | | | | | 2 | | | 3 | 1 | | | 6 |
| Sclaeinidae | Croakers, Drums | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Scorpaenidae | Rockfishes, Scorpionfishes | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| Sparidae | Porgies | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Sphyrnidae | Barracudas | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | 3 | | 1 | 10 |
| Syngnathidae | Seahorses, Pipefish | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Synodontidae | Lizardfishes | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | | 3 |
| Tetraodontidae | Puffers, Blowfishes | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | | 10 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 | | 6 | 49 |
| Unidentified | Unidentified | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | 6 |
| Cephalopods | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cephalopoda | Cuddiefish and Squid | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Shellfish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calappidae | Box Crabs | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Palinuridae | Spiny Lobsters | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 12 |
| Penaeidae | Penaeid Shrimps | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 10 | 12 |
| Portunidae | Swimming Crabs | 1 | 11 | 8 | 19 | | | 1 | 3 | 12 | 30 | | 19 | 104 |
| Xanthidae | Mud Crabs | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | | 180 | 379 | 44 | 150 | 8 | 136 | 3 | 9 | 31 | 111 | 671 | 1,397 | 3,119 |

Exhibit 9. Summary of the number of fish and shellfish Impinged per sampling period at the Palo Seco Power Plant (2010-2011). Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

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Exhibit 10. Length summary for impinged organisms at the Palo Seco Power Plant (2010-2011). Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

Exhibit 9. Summary of the number of fish and shellfish Impinged per sampling period at the Palo Seco Power Plant (2010-2011). Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

| | | Bin Minimum | 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 100 | 105 | 115 | 125 | 130 | 140 | 170 | 400 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Bin Maximum | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 105 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 135 | 145 | 175 | 500 |
| Fish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acanthuridae | Surgeonfishes | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Achiridae | American soles | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Albulidae | Bonefishes, Ladyfishes | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apogonidae | Cardinalfishes | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belontiidae | Needlefish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Blenniidae | Blennies | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Bothidae | Lefteyed Flounders | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carangidae | Jacks, Pompanos | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeidae | Herring, Sardines, Shad | | | 4 | 10 | 19 | 14 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | | | |
| Elopidae | Ladyfish, Tarpon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Engraulidae | Anchovies | | | 1 | 19 | 18 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fistulariidae | Cornetfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Gerreidae | Mojarras | | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gobiidae | Gobies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haemulidae | Grunts | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hemiramphidae | Halfbeaks | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Lutjanidae | Snappers | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Micropodidae | Dartfishes, Wormfishes | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mugilidae | Mulletts | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muraenidae | Eels | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Ostraciidae | Boxfishes, Trunkfishes | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Polynemidae | Threadfins | | 4 | 14 | | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pomacentridae | Damselfishes, Sergeant | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pristigasteridae | Longfin herrings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Scaridae | Parrotfishes | | | | | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sciaenidae | Croakers, Drums | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scorpaenidae | Rockfishes, Scorpionfishes | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Sparidae | Porgies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sphyraenidae | Barracudas | | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Syngnathidae | Seahorses, Pipefish | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Synodontidae | Lizardfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tetraodontidae | Puffers, Blowfishes | | 7 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified | Unidentified | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fish Subtotal | | | 14 | 31 | 44 | 67 | 54 | 32 | 26 | 20 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cephalopods | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cephalopoda | Cuttlefish and Squid | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shellfish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calappidae | Box Crabs | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palinuridae | Spiny Lobsters | | | 8 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Penaeidae | Penaeid Shrimps | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Portunidae | Swimming Crabs | | 2 | 13 | 25 | 21 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Xanthidae | Mud Crabs | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shellfish Subtotal | | | 2 | 22 | 30 | 22 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | 2 | 36 | 61 | 66 | 84 | 62 | 35 | 31 | 26 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

3.1.3 Impingement Overview

Fish community and impingement data presented in the aforementioned studies have limited applicability at PSPPC. Fisheries studies of Ensenada de Boca Vieja and San Juan Bay were last conducted between 1973 and 1994, thus providing composition and abundance information that is, at a minimum, nearly 20 years old. These data, while valuable for comparative purposes with more contemporary community surveys, are inappropriate in reference to quantifying the effect of impingement mortality. Similarly, the documentation of rare, threatened, and endangered species only relies on incidental catches during these early studies.

Impingement mortality, as reported in PREPA (2012), is 100 percent for larval fish and 78 percent for all organisms, excluding larval fish. The authors suggest initial survival is likely to be higher under normal operating conditions, but fail to provide evidence to support that assertion. Sampling or handling mortality is not quantified, nor is there any information on latent mortality of impinged organisms. Similarly, the fish return system, in which screen wash is collected in a trough and sluiced to a common discharge point through the cooling water discharge line, exposes fish to wide temperature fluctuations and displaces them (via the Bayamon River) from of Ensenada de Boca Vieja to San Juan Bay.

3.2 Entrainment

3.2.1 Historic Data

Historical entrainment data were available from October 1993 through November 1994, and were collected as part of PSPPC's 316(a) and (b) demonstration studies (ENSR 1997). Taxonomic composition, abundance, and temporal/spatial patterns were based on results from monthly (day and night) sampling events at the intake and outfall. Entrainment samples were collected by deploying a 0.5-meter diameter plankton net and allowing it to drift into the intake structure. Triplicate samples were collected using 202-micron mesh nets and a single sample was collected with a 50-micron mesh net during daylight and dark hours on each of the sampling event dates. Each deployment involved suspension of the net for 2-10 minutes near the center of the channel and below the water surface. All entrained organisms were identified to the lowest feasible taxon (e.g., ichthyoplankton were generally identified to family level) and were reported as densities per 100 cubic meters of water.

Results showed that fish egg and larval densities were highest at night in Ensenada de Boca Vieja source waters, with a maximum taxa richness value (for fish larvae in the bay) of 34 species. Over 50 larval fish taxa were collected in PSPPC entrainment nets (202- and 500- μm mesh) (Exhibit 11). Consistent with results from the source water, egg and larval densities were highest at night (Exhibit 12). Maximum entrainment densities ranged from 1,881 eggs per 100 cubic meters in day samples, to 9,890 eggs per 100 cubic meters during dark hours. Densities for pre-flexion larvae ranged from 17/100³ to 412/100³ in day samples, and from 26/100³ to 1,555/100³ in night samples. Post-flexion larval densities ranged from 0/100³ to 49/100³, and 10/100³ to 556/100³ in day and night samples, respectively. Both pre- and post-flexion larvae were dominated by gobies (Gobiidae), herrings and sardines (Clupeiformes), and anchovies (Engraulidae). ENSR (1997) constructed an entrainment model and calculated equivalent adult losses based on ichthyoplankton survey results. The equivalent adult model predicted losses of 1.01 million anchovies, 95,000 gobies, and 51 jacks due to entrainment through PSPPC's CWIS.⁴

⁴ The 316(b) Phase II rule used an adult equivalent model to calculate impingement and entrainment losses from the operation of CWISs. See 69 FR 41655.

Exhibit 11. List of larval fish taxa collected from the Palo Seco Power Plant intake, outfall, and source waters during 1993-1994 surveys. Figure scanned from ENSR (1997).

| Taxon | Zone A | Zone B | Zone C | Zone D | Zone E | Palo Seco Intake | Palo Seco Outfall |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| Acanthuridae | | | | | | | |
| Acanthurus bahianus | | | | | | | x |
| Achiridae | | x | x | | x | x | x |
| Achirus lineatus | | | | | | x | |
| Albulidae | | | | | | | |
| Albula vulpes | | | | | | x | |
| Atherinidae | | | | x | x | x | |
| Belonidae | | | | | x | x | |
| Blenniidae | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Blenniini sp. | | | | x | | | |
| Bothidae | | | | | x | | x |
| Bothus sp. | | | | | | | x |
| Citharichthys sp. | | | | x | | x | |
| Carangidae | | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Caranx sp. | | | | | x | | |
| Oligoplites saurus | | | | x | x | | |
| Oligoplites sp. | | | | x | | | |
| Centropomidae | | | x | | | | |
| Clinidae | | x | | | | | |
| Starksia sp. | | | | | x | | |
| Clupeiformes | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Clupeidae | | x | | | | x | x |
| Engraulidae | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Anchoviella sp. | | | | | | x | |
| Corphaenidae | | | | | | | |
| Coryphaena hippurus | | | | | x | | |
| Cynoglossidae | | | | | | x | |
| Elopidae | | | | x | x | | |
| Elops saurus | | | | | | | x |
| Megalops atlanticus | | x | | | | | |
| Ephippidae | | | | | | | |
| Chaetodipterus faber | | | | | x | x | |
| Gerreidae | x | x | x | | | x | x |
| Eucinostomus sp. | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Gobiidae | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Bathygobius soporator | | | x | x | x | | x |
| Gobiesocidae | | | | | | | x |
| Gobiidae Type 1 | | x | | x | x | x | x |
| Gobiidae Type 2 | | | | | | x | x |
| Gobiidae Type 3 | | x | | | | x | x |
| Gobionellus sp. | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Gobionellus sp. Type 1 | | | | | | | x |
| Gobiosoma sp. | | | | | | x | |
| Gobiosoma sp. Type 1 | | | | | | x | |
| Gobiosoma sp. Type 2 | | | | | | x | |
| Gobiosoma sp. Type 3 | | | | | | x | |
| Microgobius sp. | x | | | | | | |
| Gonostomatidae | | | | | x | | |
| Haemulidae | | | x | | | | x |

Exhibit 11. List of larval fish taxa collected from the Palo Seco Power Plant intake, outfall, and source waters during 1993-1994 surveys. Figure scanned from ENSR (1997).

| Taxon | Zone A | Zone B | Zone C | Zone D | Zone E | Palo Seco Intake | Palo Seco Outfall |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| Hemiramphidae | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Holocentridae | | x | | | x | | |
| Labridae | | | | | | x | |
| Lutjanidae | | | | | | | |
| Lutjanus synagris | | | | | | x | |
| Microdesmidae | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Monacanthidae | | | | x | | x | |
| Mugilidae | | | | | | | x |
| Ophichthidae | | | | | | x | |
| Opistognathidae | | | | | x | | x |
| Polynemidae | | | | | | | |
| Polydactylus virginicus | | | | | x | | |
| Scaridae | | | x | | | x | x |
| Sciaenidae | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Bairdiella ronchus | | | | | | x | |
| Scombridae | | x | x | | x | | |
| Sparidae | | | x | | | | |
| Calamus sp. | | | | | | x | |
| Syngnathidae | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Syngnathus sp. | | x | x | x | x | x | |
| Sphyraenidae | | | | | | | |
| Oostethus lineatus | | | | x | | | |
| Sphyraena barracuda | | | | x | | x | |
| Tetraodontidae | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Sphoeroides sp. | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Tripterygiidae | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Xenocongridae | | | | | | | x |
| Unidentified | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |

Exhibit 12. Entrainment densities (number per 100m³ for taxa collected during day and night sampling events at the Palo Seco CWIS October 1993 – November 1994 surveys. Figure scanned from ENSR (1997).

| Non-RIS Taxa | Average Daytime Intake Density (ind/100m ³) | Average Nighttime Intake Density (ind/100m ³) | Average Daily Intake Density (ind/100m ³) |
|--|---|---|---|
| Total Holoplankton | 265,130 | 354,010 | 309,570 |
| Total Meroplankton | 52,790 | 89,990 | 71,390 |
| Total Fish Eggs | 677.4 | 1,864.1 | 1,270.8 |
| Total Larvae | 112.7 | 453.4 | 283.1 |
| Gobies (Gobiidae) | 28.4 | 128.7 | 78.6 |
| SIO TAXA | | | |
| Calanoid Copepods | 179,500 | 240,110 | 209,810 |
| Spiny Lobster (<i>Panulirus argus</i>) | 0 | 0 | |
| Blue Crab (<i>Callinectes Sapidus</i>) | 19.3 | 30.4 | 24.9 |
| Shrimp (Panaeid and Caridean spp.) | 86.2 | 234.5 | 160.4 |
| Herrings (Clupeidae) | 11.1 | 39.6 | 25.4 |
| Snappers (Lutjanidae) | 0.1 | 00 | 0.05 |
| Anchovies (Engraulidae) | 15.3 | 35.9 | 25.6 |
| Mojarras (Gerreidae) | 0 | 2.6 | 1.3 |
| Jacks (Carangidae) | 0 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Tarpon (Elopidae) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parrotfish (Scaridae) | 0 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| Squirrelfish (Holocentridae) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Note 1: Includes Pre-flexion densities for unidentified Clupeiformes | | | |

The temporal distribution of fish egg abundance in entrainment samples indicates a nearly continuous pattern of fish reproduction/spawning in Ensenada de Boca Vieja (Exhibits 13 and 14). Monitoring results also demonstrated continuous temporal presence of fish larvae throughout the study period.

Exhibit 13. Abundance and temporal distribution of fish eggs and larvae collected (using 202µm mesh nets) during October 1993 – November 1994 entrainment surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS and outfall. Figure scanned from ENSR (1997).

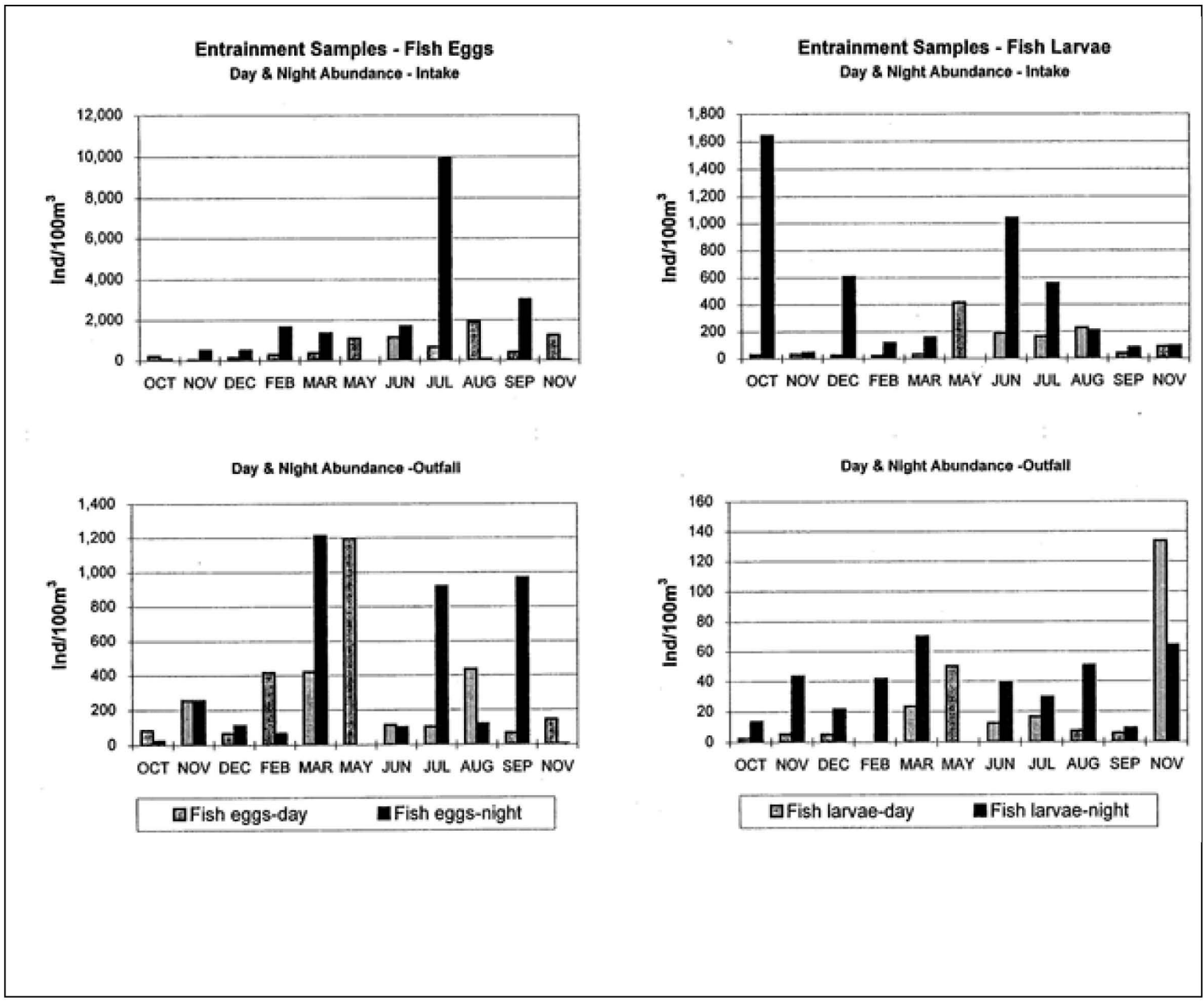
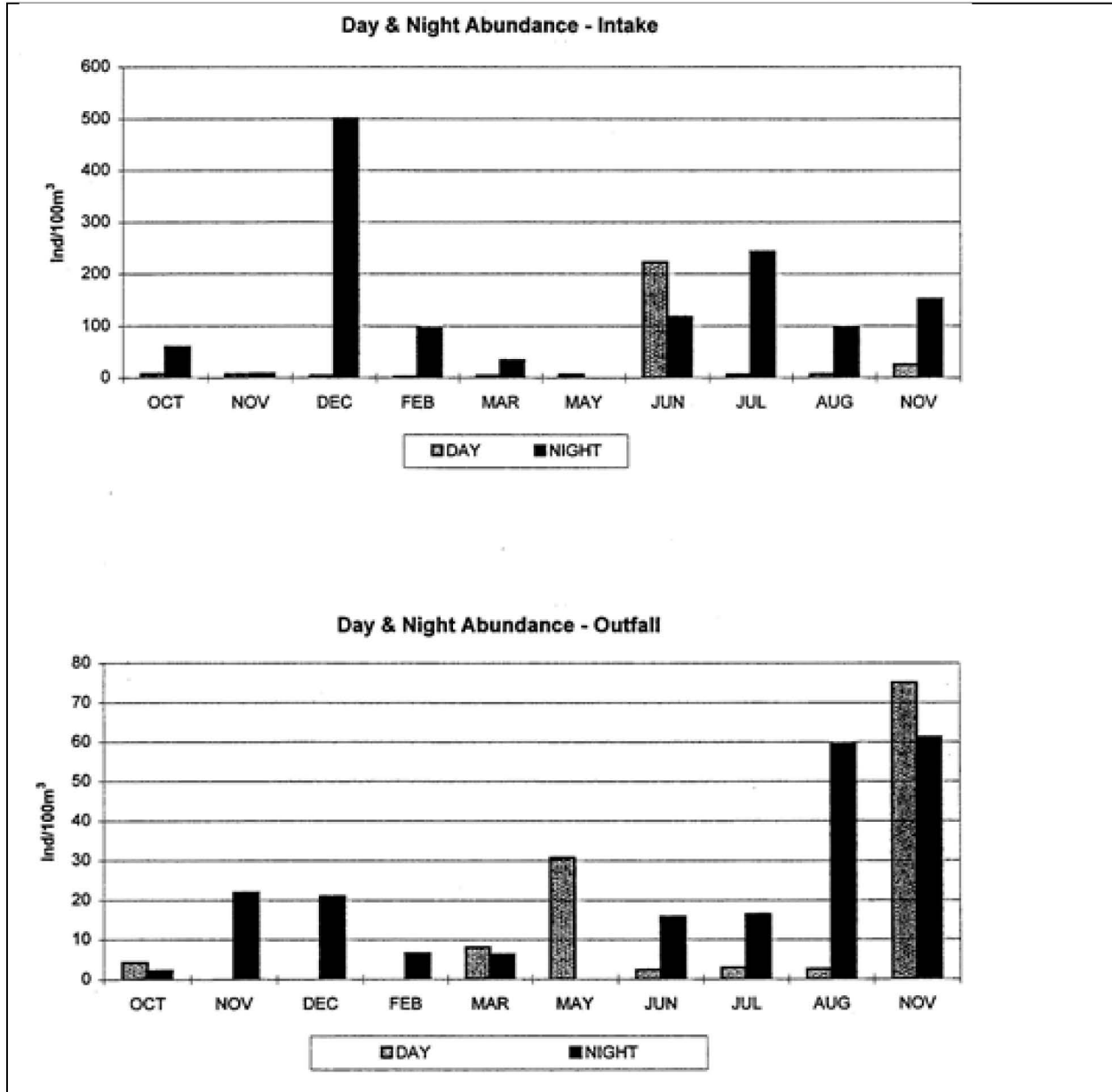


Exhibit 14. Abundance and temporal distribution of fish eggs and larvae collected (using 500µm mesh nets) during October 1993 – November 1994 entrainment surveys at the Palo Seco CWIS and outfall. Figure scanned from ENSR (1997).



3.2.2 Current Data

Paired entrainment samples (202µm and 500µm, 0.5-meter diameter plankton nets) were collected simultaneously in front of the travelling screens (intake location) and at Outfall 001 (discharge location) during daytime (1300 to 1700) and nighttime (2000 to 2400) periods from August 2010 through June 2011. Nets were deployed at each sampling location until the target filtered volume (100 m³) was

achieved. The entrained specimens were retained for laboratory identification to the lowest practicable taxonomic level and preserved using 10 percent buffered formalin. A total of 16 duplicate samples were collected and split evenly by mesh size and between the two sampling locations (i.e., 4 samples by mesh size and location).

A total of 14 larval fish taxa were identified during entrainment sampling, with larvae most often represented by Clupeaformes and Gobiidae at the intake and Engraulidae, Clupeaformes and Gobiidae at the discharge (see Exhibits 15 and 16). Density of entrained individuals was generally higher during nighttime sampling at both locations, regardless of mesh size. However, with exception of daytime samples collected with 500 μ m nets, intake densities were greater than those collected at the discharge. Conversely, those individuals collected at the intake averaged 7.0mm compared to those from the discharge at 7.9mm (see Exhibit 17).

Fourteen (14) duplicate samples were available for analysis due to the loss of two samples during processing. Results indicate high variability between primary and duplicate sample pairs, with densities varying from +274 percent to -100 percent. The mean difference among samples was 5 percent.

Entrainment data from the 2012 study were compared to 1993/94 data using a nonparametric Wilcoxin Signed Ranks Test. Analyses were limited to taxa common to both studies and to those samples collected during February, March, April, June, August, October, and December. Results indicate that 5 of 8 comparisons were significantly different; however, there were discrepancies regarding which study returned higher densities. Historic densities were higher for the 202 μ m collections for daytime samples at both sampling locations and during nighttime collections at the discharge. The current study densities were significantly higher for the 500 μ m collections at only the discharge location for both day and night sampling.

Exhibit 15. Entrainment at the intake (top table) and discharge (bottom table) locations using 202µm mesh nets (ind./100m³) at the Palo Seco Power Plant. Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

| Taxon | August | | October | | December | | February | | April | | June | | Average | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|---|--------------|
| | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | | |
| Fish Eggs | | | 16 | 494 | 98 | 3,419 | 61 | 43 | 100 | 131 | 170 | | 378 | |
| Aulostomus maculatus | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | 0.17 | |
| Bothidae | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0.08 | |
| Brachyura | | | 26 | 89 | 88 | 434 | 2,349 | 28 | 21 | 10 | 43 | | 257 | |
| Carangidae | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 21 | | 2.1 | |
| Clupeiformes | | 361 | | 5 | 2 | | 8 | 1 | 2 | | | | 32 | |
| Engraulidae | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 63 | 5.6 | |
| Gerreidae | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.42 | |
| Gobiidae | 36 | 748 | | 7 | | 12 | 36 | | | | | 18 | 71 | |
| Hemiramphidae | | | | | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | 0.50 | |
| Labridae | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0.08 | |
| Panulirus sp. | | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | 2.6 | |
| Scorpaenidae | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | 0.17 | |
| Unidentified larvae | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 15 | 1.6 | |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | 33 | | | | 4 | 2,129 | 2 | 3 | | | | 181 | |
| Total Sample Density | 36 | 1,178 | 42 | 601 | 190 | 3,873 | 0 | 4,587 | 74 | 126 | 149 | 330 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of All Samples | 932 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Day Samples | 82 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Night Samples | 1,783 |

| Taxon | August | | October | | December | | February | | April | | June | | Average | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---|------------|
| | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | | |
| Fish Eggs | | | | 97 | | 474 | | 178 | 49 | 42 | 141 | 173 | 96 | |
| Brachyura | 2 | | 3 | 29 | 62 | 44 | 19 | | 48 | 46 | 23 | 12 | 24 | |
| Carangidae | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 0.33 | |
| Clupeiformes | 38 | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 3.6 | |
| Engraulidae | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 24 | 2.3 | |
| Gerreidae | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 0.42 | |
| Gobiidae | 28 | 3 | | 4 | | | | | | | | 4 | 3.3 | |
| Labridae | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0.08 | |
| Scaridae | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 0.08 | |
| Unidentified larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 1.0 | |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | 6 | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 | | | 1.0 | |
| Total Sample Density | 74 | 7 | 3 | 131 | 64 | 521 | 19 | 178 | 97 | 92 | 172 | 229 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of All Samples | 132 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Day Samples | 72 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Night Samples | 193 |

Exhibit 16. Entrainment at the intake (top table) and discharge (bottom table) locations using 500µm mesh nets (ind./100m³) at the Palo Seco Power Plant. Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

| Taxon | August | | October | | December | | February | | April | | June | | Average |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---|
| | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | |
| Fish Eggs | | 108 | 223 | 102 | 18 | 1,541 | 37 | 13 | 44 | 27 | | 286 | 200 |
| Blenniidae | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 6.0 |
| Bothidae | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 5.0 |
| Brachyura | | 26 | 104 | 51 | 15 | 113 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 48 | 36 |
| Carangidae | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 58 | 31 |
| Clupeiformes | 21 | 507 | | 2 | | 4 | | 2 | | 1 | | | 90 |
| Engraulidae | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 129 | 75 |
| Gerreidae | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 4.5 |
| Gobiidae | 15 | 494 | 1 | 24 | | 1 | | 7 | | 1 | | 38 | 73 |
| Muraenidae | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 5.0 |
| Panulirus sp. | | 82 | | | | | | | | | | | 82 |
| Scaridae | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1.0 |
| Syngnathidae | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 2.0 |
| Unidentified larvae | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | 8 | 3.7 |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | 13 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 7.5 |
| Total Sample Density | 36 | 1,245 | 331 | 181 | 35 | 1,659 | 45 | 24 | 57 | 40 | 28 | 577 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of All Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 355 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Day Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 89 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Night Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 621 |

| Taxon | August | | October | | December | | February | | April | | June | | Average |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night | |
| Fish Eggs | | | 68 | | 73 | 343 | 19 | 20 | 53 | 98 | 495 | 214 | 115 |
| Brachyura | | | 55 | 47 | | 25 | 6 | | 5 | 24 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Carangidae | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 0.67 |
| Clupeidae | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 0.17 |
| Clupeiformes | 26 | 30 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 4.8 |
| Engraulidae | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 32 | 3.3 |
| Gerreidae | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 0.08 |
| Gobiidae | 5 | 27 | | 7 | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4.3 |
| Scaridae | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 0.08 |
| Unidentified larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 0.67 |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 0.17 |
| Blenniidae | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 0.08 |
| Total Sample Density | 31 | 57 | 125 | 54 | 73 | 371 | 26 | 20 | 62 | 125 | 513 | 271 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of All Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 144 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Day Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 138 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Average Density of Night Samples |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 150 |

Exhibit 17. Entrainment fish length summaries for total samples (top table), discharge only (middle table) and intake only (bottom table) locations at the Palo Seco Power Plant. Figure scanned from PREPA (2012).

| Total Entrainment | | Bin Minimum (mm) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 31 | 57 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | Bin Maximum (mm) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 32 | 58 |
| Taxon | Common Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aulostomus maculatus | Trumpetfish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blenniidae | Blennies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bothidae | Lefteye Flounders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carangidae | Jacks and Pompanos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeidae | Herrings, shads and sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeiformes | Anchovies and Sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elopidae | Ladyfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Engraulidae | Anchovies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerreidae | Mojarras | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gobiidae | Gobies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hemiramphidae | Halfbeaks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labridae | Parrotfish and Wrasses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muraenidae | Eels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scaridae | Parrotfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scorpaenidae | Scorpionfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syngnathidae | Seahorse and Pipefish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified larvae | Unidentified larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Totals | 54 | 43 | 53 | 61 | 37 | 44 | 95 | 72 | 57 | 40 | 43 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Abundance Weighted Average | | 7.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discharge Entrainment Samples | | Bin Minimum (mm) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 31 | 57 |
| | | Bin Maximum (mm) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 32 | 58 |
| Taxon | Common Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aulostomus maculatus | Trumpetfish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blenniidae | Blennies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bothidae | Lefteye Flounders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carangidae | Jacks and Pompanos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeidae | Herrings, shads and sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeiformes | Anchovies and Sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elopidae | Ladyfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Engraulidae | Anchovies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerreidae | Mojarras | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gobiidae | Gobies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hemiramphidae | Halfbeaks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labridae | Parrotfish and Wrasses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muraenidae | Eels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scaridae | Parrotfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scorpaenidae | Scorpionfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syngnathidae | Seahorse and Pipefish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified larvae | Unidentified larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Totals | 14 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 34 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Abundance Weighted Average | | 7.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intake Entrainment Samples | | Bin Minimum (mm) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 31 | 57 |
| | | Bin Maximum (mm) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 32 | 58 |
| Taxon | Common Name | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aulostomus maculatus | Trumpetfish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blenniidae | Blennies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bothidae | Lefteye Flounders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carangidae | Jacks and Pompanos | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeidae | Herrings, shads and sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clupeiformes | Anchovies and Sardines | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elopidae | Ladyfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Engraulidae | Anchovies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gerreidae | Mojarras | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gobiidae | Gobies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hemiramphidae | Halfbeaks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labridae | Parrotfish and Wrasses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Muraenidae | Eels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scaridae | Parrotfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scorpaenidae | Scorpionfishes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syngnathidae | Seahorse and Pipefish | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified larvae | Unidentified larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | Unidentified yolk-sac larvae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Totals | 40 | 32 | 37 | 47 | 20 | 27 | 61 | 52 | 37 | 24 | 29 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Abundance Weighted Average | | 7.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

3.2.3 Entrainment Overview

PSPPC's CWIS configuration results in translocation of entrained organisms into the San Juan Bay ecosystem. Organisms that survive entrainment are removed from Ensenada de Boca Vieja, discharged into Old Bayamon River Bed, and transported to the mouth of San Juan Bay. Once in the bay, they are subject to tidal flushing near the mouth into the bay or enter the near-coastal ecosystem. In their assessments, ENSR (1997) assumed fish egg entrainment mortality to be 100 percent; however, they assumed that larval fish entrainment mortalities were 50 percent, applying a zooplankton 72-hour survival study value from studies conducted at San Juan Power Plant (ENSR 1997).

The rates of entrainment reported were often low enough that population-level impacts might not be expected. However, the rates of entrainment are of concern due to the continuous nature and periodically reported high levels of entrainment at this facility. Also of concern is the fact that existing information on entrainment rates is based on only one year of sampling. Efforts should be made to more fully characterize entrainment rates.

Additionally, the assumptions regarding larval entrainment survival are questionable, considering that zooplankton survival values were applied to ichthyoplankton, and that the supporting studies were conducted at the San Juan Power Plant CWIS not PSPPC.

4 Technical Basis

To meet section 316(b) requirements, a facility must employ CWISs that "reflect the BTA for minimizing adverse environmental impact." As discussed above, PSPPC is subject to the Existing Facility Rule, which establishes BTA requirements that the facility must achieve. For impingement mortality, the current configuration does not meet BTA. For entrainment, the facility must submit several studies that will enable EPA Region II to make a BTA determination using BPJ. These requirements will be implemented through PSPPC's NPDES permit via a compliance schedule. Below is a discussion of the technical basis for these requirements.

4.1 Additional Data Collection Under the Compliance Schedule

Under the compliance schedule set forth in this permit, PSPPC will develop and submit the appropriate information related to compliance with impingement mortality and entrainment requirements. Included in these submittals is a document in which PSPPC will select its preferred approach for achieving compliance with the impingement mortality requirements. Once a BTA determination has been reached by EPA Region II, PSPPC will be required to implement this approach; these requirements could include the installation of new technologies, adjustments to existing technologies, or other activities. Consistent with the Existing Facility Rule, the compliance deadlines for impingement mortality and entrainment have been synchronized; requirements for both will go into effect once EPA Region II has reached a BTA determination for entrainment.⁵ EPA Region II expects that these requirements would likely be included in the facility's next permit renewal process in 2019, if not sooner.

See Section 5 below for a more detailed discussion of the specific elements of the compliance schedule.

⁵ This synchronization prevents a facility from implementing a given impingement mortality option, only to discover a few years later that entrainment requirements are also needed and an entirely different approach would have been more appropriate.

4.2 Impingement Mortality

The existing traveling screens include some but not all features of the modified traveling screen technology that is considered a candidate BTA technology for impingement mortality in the Existing Facility Rule. The existing screens include fish buckets to hold and protect impinged fish carried to the top of the screen and operate at a relatively low average through-screen velocity that should help minimize injury to fish. However, impinged aquatic organisms must endure a high pressure spray, and are then combined with other waste streams and discharged along with the condenser effluent.

To achieve 316(b) compliance with impingement mortality requirements, PSPPC must select and implement one of seven compliance alternatives. As noted above, PSPPC's current configuration does not meet any of these seven alternatives. As part of the permit application process, PSPPC is required to evaluate these options and select one for compliance.

4.2.1 Compliance Alternatives for Impingement Mortality in the Existing Facility Rule

Each intake at the facility, or both intakes combined, must comply with the impingement standard through one of seven alternative compliance methods.

- 1) *Operate a closed-cycle recirculating system as defined at § 125.92* – Closed-cycle recirculating cooling systems can reduce a facility's intake flow by over 90%, reducing both the impingement and entrainment at a facility by an equivalent amount.⁶ Closed-cycle systems have been identified by EPA as a best-performing technology for reducing impingement and entrainment. However, these cooling systems can also be challenging to install and may not be appropriate at all facilities.
- 2) *Operate a cooling water intake structure that has a maximum through-screen design intake velocity of 0.5 fps* – Reducing the intake velocity can be a highly effective method for reducing impingement, and by extension, impingement mortality.⁷
- 3) *Operate a cooling water intake structure that has a maximum through-screen intake velocity of 0.5 fps* – As noted above, reducing the intake velocity (here calculated using the actual intake flow as the basis) can provide significant reductions in impingement.
- 4) *Operate an offshore velocity cap as defined at § 125.92 that is installed before effective date of the rule* – The combination of using a control technology with an intake located far offshore can produce reductions in organisms densities (and therefore impingement mortality) that are approximately equivalent to the impingement mortality performance standard.
- 5) *Operate a modified traveling screen that the Director determines meets the definition at § 125.92 and that the Director determines is the best technology available for impingement reduction* – Numerous studies have shown that modified traveling screens can achieve high rates of impingement survival. This technology was the basis for the impingement mortality performance standard in the Existing Facility Rule.
- 6) *Operate any other combination of technologies, management practices and operational measures that the Director determines is the best technology available for impingement reduction* – This alternative may include any combination of technologies where the combined effect of estimated impingement mortality reductions from more than one component is determined to be equal to or greater than the impingement mortality performance standard. Technologies can include flow

⁶ EPA assumed a reduction of unit flow would lead to an equivalent reduction in organisms impinged or entrained.

⁷ EPA estimates the reduction to be well over 90%.

reduction, fish avoidance technologies, scheduling of maintenance downtime to coincide with increased biological activity, wedgewire screens, etc.

- 7) *Achieve the specified impingement mortality performance standard* – In the Existing Facility Rule, EPA calculated a numeric performance standard for impingement mortality and established a process for long-term compliance monitoring. A similar arrangement could be developed for PSPPC.

4.2.2 Upgraded Fish Return

To be most effective, a fish return should be designed to minimize injury to the fish, return fish to the source waterbody, and discharge at a location that minimizes predation and recirculation back into the intake. PSPPC's current fish return discharges to a condenser discharge tunnel and is combined with other wastestreams, exposing the fish to significantly increased temperatures and other pollutants for a prolonged period. At a minimum, EPA Region II expects that PSPPC's selected compliance alternative will address this concern.

4.2.3 Very Low Impingement

The Existing Facility Rule may include a provision for facilities that only impinge a very small number of fish.⁸ Sometimes referred to as “de minimis,” this provision would allow the permit writer to waive impingement mortality requirements in light of the costs associated with saving such a limited number of fish. At this time, it is not clear if this provision will be included in the final rule, how it will be implemented, or whether PSPPC's levels of impingement would be appropriate to consider under this provision. As a result, no further assessment of this provision is necessary.

4.3 Entrainment Reduction

Entrainment requirements will be developed on a BPJ basis, using information submitted by PSPPC under the terms of the compliance schedule. A variety of technologies and operational measures exist and should be examined for their feasibility to be implemented at PSPPC.

Currently, PSPPC's traveling screens employ 1/10 inch (2.5 mm) mesh. This smaller mesh size is capable of reducing entrainment of larger larvae and smaller juveniles but not most eggs and small larvae. In the Existing Facility Rule, entrainment is defined as organisms that would pass through a sieve with a maximum opening of 0.56 inches (same as 1/2 x 1/4 in mesh). Since the existing screens have a maximum opening of 0.14 inches, a portion of the organisms collected on the screens would have otherwise been entrained through a larger size screen mesh (sometimes referred to as “entrainable organisms”). PSPPC's analysis of entrainment options can include consideration of this issue, provided that adequate biological or technical data (e.g., impingement survival rates for small organisms) is presented.

4.4 Interim BTA Requirements

As deemed necessary, EPA Region II can also develop interim requirements during the period when a BTA determination is under development (i.e., while the studies required under the compliance schedule are being completed). At this time, no interim measures (above and beyond those established in the compliance schedule) have been identified as appropriate for PSPPC.

Structural changes (such as installing new screens) can be used as an interim measure; however, as described in the Existing Facility Rule, it is often preferred to synchronize the compliance activities for

⁸ EPA did not define a threshold value but the preamble implies that this value would be on the order of several fish per day. EPA did not adopt several industry suggestions for much higher numbers of individual organisms or biomass.

impingement mortality and entrainment, even if solutions for one (typically impingement mortality) may be implemented more quickly. This approach minimizes the risk that a solution for impingement mortality is decided upon and installed, only to be made partially or wholly obsolete by the subsequent solution for addressing entrainment. In cases such as PSPPC, the delay for submitting additional materials to assess entrainment requirements is relatively short.

Interim requirements involving operational changes or additional monitoring were also considered. Examples of these changes that are relatively easy to implement, do not result in significant increases in costs, and are not permanent changes or preclude future decision-making would be:

- Conduct a study to examine the feasibility and possible designs for relocating the fish return from the discharge canal to the source water. This could include a conceptual engineering design for crossing the road and selection of a discharge location that would minimize re-impingement and predation.
- Operate traveling screens on a continuous basis
- Align maintenance outages with higher E season
- Specific limit on daily, monthly, or annual intake flow
- Monitoring for unusually large impingement events
- Additional inter-related studies (e.g., examine thermal tolerances for fish in discharge canal)

None of these items was found to be appropriate for PSPPC. In some cases, the information will be collected by the studies in the compliance schedule. In other cases, the interim requirements may place unnecessary strain on the existing equipment that it was not designed to handle. In other cases, the costs for such interim requirements (including less quantifiable costs such as limitations on operations or electricity generation) are too high for such a brief period.

5 Recommendations

As described in this report, PSPPC is currently not compliant with section 316(b) requirements for either impingement mortality or entrainment. Under the recently promulgated Existing Facility Rule, PSPPC must submit several documents to 1) select a compliance path for impingement mortality and 2) provide information to allow the permitting authority to make an appropriate BTA determination for entrainment.

As a result, USEPA Region II should incorporate language into a renewed NPDES permit for PSPPC that establishes a compliance schedule for PSPPC to submit the materials required by the Existing Facility Rule.

5.1 Compliance Schedule

A suggested compliance schedule is provided below and considers the materials that have already been developed by PSPPC and how they might be used to fulfill the information submittal requirements. While the permitting authority has wide discretion in determining an appropriate compliance schedule, PSPPC has already completed much of the necessary work, suggesting that an extended schedule is unlikely to be necessary. Exhibit 18 below outlines the application requirements, with an assessment of whether materials that have already been developed will satisfy these requirements. If so, then there is little effort required of PSPPC to develop these materials and a short compliance schedule may be warranted. Consistent with the Existing Facility Rule, this compliance schedule also aligns the implementation schedules for complying with impingement mortality and entrainment requirements.

Exhibit 18. Comparison of Existing Documents to Application Requirements

| Regulatory Requirement | Existing | Notes |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Description of the source water body (§ 122.21(r)(2))</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) • Biological Evaluation for the Palo Seco Power Plant (2005) • Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) • Palo Seco Power Plant Draft Final 316 Plan of Study (1993) • Palo Seco Power Plant 316(a) Reopener Clause Plan of Study (1992) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document provides a recent description of the source water. • This document provides a brief description of the source water. • This document, while dated, provides information on the source water. • This document, while dated, provides information on the source water. • This document, while dated, provides information on the source water. |
| <p>Description of the cooling water intake structures (§ 122.21(r)(3))</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) • Biological Evaluation for the Palo Seco Power Plant (2005) • Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) • Palo Seco Power Plant Draft Final 316 Plan of Study (1993) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document provides a recent description of the intake structure. • This document provides a brief description of the intake structure. • This document, while dated, provides information on the intake structure. • This document, while dated, provides information on the intake structure. |
| <p>Characterization of the biological community in the vicinity of the cooling water intake structure (§ 122.21(r)(4))</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) • Biological Evaluation for the Palo Seco Power Plant (2005) • Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) • Palo Seco Power Plant 316(a) Reopener Clause Plan of Study (1992) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document provides a recent assessment of the local biological community. • This document provides a brief description of the local biological community. • This document, while dated, provides information on the local biological community. • This document, while dated, provides information on the local biological community. |
| <p>Description of the cooling water system (§ 122.21(r)(5))</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) • Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) • Palo Seco Power Plant Draft Final 316 Plan of Study (1993) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document provides a recent description of the cooling water system. • This document, while dated, provides information on the cooling water system. • This document, while dated, provides information on the cooling water system. |

Exhibit 18. Comparison of Existing Documents to Application Requirements

| Regulatory Requirement | Existing | Notes |
|---|--|---|
| Identification of the facility's chosen compliance method for impingement mortality (§ 122.21(r)(6)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document provides an argument that the existing configuration is BTA. However, given the requirements of the Existing Facility Rule, it is likely that the current configuration would not meet BTA requirements. As a result, the permittee would need to develop this submittal. |
| Description of any previously conducted entrainment performance studies (§ 122.21(r)(7)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted in this table, a number of relevant studies have been conducted and provided to USEPA Region II. If the permittee is aware of any other relevant studies, those would be provided in this submittal. |
| Description of the facility's operational status (§ 122.21(r)(8)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document provides a recent description of the facility's operations. This document, while dated, provides information on the facility's operations. |
| Entrainment characterization study (§ 122.21(r)(9)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) Section 316(a) and (b) Demonstration Palo Seco Power Plant (1997) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document provides a recent assessment of impingement mortality and entrainment. This document should provide a historical view of entrainment. |
| Comprehensive technical feasibility and cost evaluation study (§ 122.21(r)(10)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impingement Mortality & Entrainment Characterization Study and Current Status Report (2012) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document provides a very brief description of other potential technologies, but is not detailed enough to meet the requirements for this submittal. |
| Benefits valuation study (§ 122.21(r)(11)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It does not appear that the facility has conducted any studies that would meet the requirements for this submittal. |
| Non-water quality environmental and other impacts assessment (§ 122.21(r)(12)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It does not appear that the facility has conducted any studies that would meet the requirements for this submittal. |
| Description of the peer review process for studies submitted under (§ 122.21(r)(10)-(12)) (§ 122.21(r)(13)) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This submittal cannot be developed until the referenced studies have been completed. |

5.2 Time for Submittals

Given that the technical content of several of the required studies above has already been completed, an extended compliance schedule is not necessary. Materials that are substantially complete (using existing materials) can be due soon after permit reissuance. Remaining studies would then be due in subsequent submittals, as described in the suggested compliance schedule below (Exhibit 19). The times required to complete these studies are consistent with the time frames outlined in the Existing Facility Rule.

| Exhibit 19. Suggested Compliance Schedule | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Time Frame | Submittal |
| Within 6 months of permit issuance | § 122.21(r)(2)-(8) (or equivalent) |
| Within 2 years of permit issuance | § 122.21(r)(9) (or equivalent) |
| Within 3 years of permit issuance | § 122.21(r)(10)-(13) (or equivalent) |

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EXHIBIT E

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
AMENDED AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the "Act"), and IDEM's permitting authority under IC 13-15,

U.S. STEEL – GARY WORKS
UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

is authorized to discharge only via outfall locations designated in this permit, from an Integrated Steel Mill facility that is located at One North Broadway, Gary, IN, 46402, to receiving waters identified as the Grand Calumet River and Lake Michigan in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, and IV hereof. This permit may be revoked for the nonpayment of applicable fees in accordance with IC 13-18-20.

Effective Date: November 1, 2015

Expiration Date: October 31, 2020

In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the date of expiration, the permittee shall submit such information and forms as are required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management no later than 180 days prior to the date of expiration.

Signed October 2, 2015, for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.



Paul Higginbotham
Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Office of Water Quality

PART IV
COOLING WATER INTAKE STRUCTURES

A. Best Technology Available (BTA) Evaluation

In accordance with 40 CFR 401.14, the location, design, construction and capacity of cooling water intake structures of any point source for which a standard is established pursuant to section 301 or 306 of the Act shall reflect the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impact.

The EPA promulgated a Clean Water Act (CWA) section 316(b) regulation on August 15, 2014, that establishes standards for cooling water intake structures. 79 Fed. Reg. 48300-439 (August 15, 2014). The regulation establishes best technology available standards to reduce impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms at existing power generation and manufacturing facilities and it became effective on October 14, 2014.

For permits expiring prior to 45 months from the effective date (before July 2018), the permittee can (1) negotiate an alternative schedule for submitting required information with the Director (IDEM) after demonstrating need, or (2) request waiver(s) for submitting required information. An alternative schedule for submission of information required under the current CWA section 316(b), or waiver(s) of submittal requirements shall be reviewed by EPA Region 5 and approved by IDEM. Upon approval of such alternative schedules and /or waivers, or until the time the required information/reports are submitted and the permit is renewed or modified following public notice, the IDEM is required to make a BTA determination using Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) to comply with CWA Section 316(b) based on existing information. The BTA determination is subject to change after the required information is submitted in accordance with the federal regulations effective October 14, 2014.

In the permit renewal application, the permittee certified that there have been neither material changes to the existing CWIS nor any change in Gary Works operations that would result in the need for additional intake flow. U.S. Steel requested continued recognition that their existing cooling water intake structures represent BTA in accordance with Section 316(b) of the CWA.

IDEM has made an interim determination using best professional judgment (BPJ) that the existing cooling water intake structures at the U.S. Steel Corp. Gary Works facility represent Best Technology Available (BTA) to minimize adverse environmental impact in accordance with Section 316(b) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. section 1326) at this time. IDEM will reassess this BTA determination during the next permit cycle.

B. Permit Conditions

1. Permit application requirements per 40 CFR 122.21(r)(2-13), including all of the associated supporting documentation and/or studies, are due with the next permit renewal application.

2. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to IDEM for review and approval a study plan and proposed schedule for conducting the any biological studies required under 40 CFR 122.21(r)(2-13). The permittee shall inform IDEM of any proposed changes to the approved study plan.
3. In accordance with 40 CFR 125.98(b)(1), nothing in this permit authorizes take for the purposes of a facility's compliance with the Endangered Species Act.
4. At all times properly operate and maintain the intake equipment.
5. Provide advance notice to IDEM of any proposed changes to the CWIS or proposed changes to operations at the facility that affect the information taken into account in the current BTA evaluation.
6. There shall be no discharge of debris from intake screen washing which will settle to form objectionable deposits which are in amounts sufficient to be unsightly or deleterious, or which will produce colors or odors constituting a nuisance.
7. All required reports shall be submitted to the IDEM, Office of Water Quality, NPDES Permits Branch.

EXHIBIT F

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FACT SHEET AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRELIMINARY DECISION

For draft Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System TPDES Permit No. WQ0002105000, EPA ID No. TX0073121 to discharge to water in the state.

Issuing Office: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Applicant: Lower Colorado River Authority
P.O. Box 220
Austin, Texas 78767

Prepared By: Timothy Janke
Wastewater Permitting Section
Water Quality Division
(512) 239-4685

Date: January 12, 2015

Permit Action: Renewal; TPDES Permit No. WQ0002105000

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. It is proposed the permit be issued to expire on December 1, 2019, following the requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §305.71.

II. APPLICANT ACTIVITY

The applicant currently operates the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Plant, a steam electric generating station with a total generating capacity of 1,760 megawatts (MW). The facility has three units fired by western coal.

III. DISCHARGE LOCATION

The plant site is located at 6549 Power Plant Road, adjacent to the south shore of Cedar Creek Reservoir, approximately two miles north of State Highway 71, and seven miles east of the City of La Grange, Fayette County, Texas. Discharge via Outfall 001 is to Cedar Creek Reservoir; thence to Cedar Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below La Grange in Segment No. 1402 of the Colorado River Basin, and via Outfalls 002, 003, and 004 to unnamed tributaries; thence to Cedar Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below La Grange in Segment No. 1402 of the Colorado River Basin.

IV. RECEIVING STREAM USES

The unclassified receiving waters have no significant aquatic life use for the unnamed tributaries and high aquatic life use for both Cedar Creek Reservoir and Cedar Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1402 are high aquatic life use, primary contact recreation, and public water supply.

FACT SHEET AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRELIMINARY DECISION

Units 1 & 2 share a common CWIS and Unit 3 is adjacent to Unit 1 & 2. The CWIS consist of the following: 1) an intake embayment, which is an intake canal that is approximately 300 yards in length and maintains a depth of about 25 feet into the reservoir 2) bar screens, 3) three-cement lined water-withdrawal bays for each unit, 4) 3/8 inch square mesh traveling water screens, 5) sluiceways (wash-water return through), sumps and debris collection baskets, and 6) cooling water, circulating and wash water (firewater) pumps. Each unit is equipped with three cooling-water pumps and three circulating pumps. Each unit has three bays all the water withdrawn from a single bay passes through a single screen. Units 1 and 2 have three screen-wash pumps that withdraw water from the bays. Unit 3 has a firewater/service-water pump in each bay.

High-pressure wash water is used to periodically wash (backwash) debris and fish from each of the screens. The screen wash operation is automated, but operation can also triggered by the loss of head pressure due to debris accumulation. Manual operation of the screens is also possible.

Units 1 & 2 share a common wash-water sluice way, collection baskets, and sump. Upon entering the sump, the wash water is designed to flow to two separate collection baskets located in a single sump. Wash water for the screens that serve Unit 3 is carried through a different sluiceway to a separate collection basket and sump.

Interim BTA Determination and Application Requirements:

Based up on the revised Phase II rules, published in the Federal Register on August 15, 2014, the existing permit requirements to operate and maintain the cooling water intake structure are continued in the draft permit in accordance with 40 CFR § 125.98(g), *Ongoing permit proceedings*. The draft permit does not exempt the permittee from any application requirements in either 40 CFR § 122.21(r) or 40 CFR Part 125, Subpart J. A final BTA determination will be performed once all application requirements, as they apply to the facility, have been submitted to the TCEQ, and any additional CWIS requirements determined to be necessary will be included in a subsequent permit reissuance.

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Permit No. IL 0002259

Application No. IL 0002259

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq; the "Act:),

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

is authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region V,
to discharge from a facility located at Waukegan Generating Station
Greenwood A.e. and Lake Michigan
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

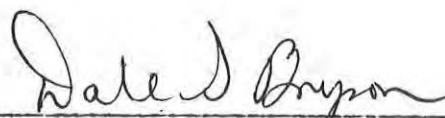
to receiving waters named Lake Michigan

in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, and III hereof.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, October 1, 1979 . Permittee shall not discharge after the above date of expiration. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the date of expiration, the permittee shall submit such information, forms, and fees as are required by the Agency authorized to issue NPDES permits no later than 180 days prior to the above date of expiration.

This permit, modified in accordance with 40 CFR 125, shall become effective upon this date of signature and supersedes NPDES Permit number IL 0002259 dated November 27, 1974 and modified on December 30, 1976.

Signed this ~~JAN 20 1978~~



Acting Director, Enforcement Division

PART I

AS MODIFIED JAN 20 1978

A. 1. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Beginning on the effective date of this modification and lasting until July 1, 1977 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(a)-Condenser Cooling Water Demineralizer Filter Backwash, Boiler Blowdown and House Service Water. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| <u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u> | <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u> | | | | <u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u> | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units (Specify) | | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) | - | - | - | - | Continuous | - |
| Temperature °C (°F) (2) | - | - | - | - | Continuous | - |
| Free Chlorine Residual (3) | - | - | 0.2 mg/l | 0.5 mg/l | Once/7 Days | Grab |
| Total Chlorine Residual (3) | - | - | - | - | Once /7 Days | Grab |
| Heat Rejection Rate (BTU/Hr) | - | - | - | - | Monthly Max. | Report |
| Plant Capacity Factor (%) | - | - | - | - | Monthly Avg. | Report |

(1) See Part I-C.4. for definition.

(2) Intake and Discharge temperatures.

(3) See Part III-A.7 for additional chlorine limitations and monitoring requirements. Chlorination period not to exceed a total of 2 hours per day per unit. The frequency and duration of chlorination on a per unit basis shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into Lake Michigan.

PART I

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Beginning on the effective date of this modification and lasting until July 1, 1977 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(b)-Deminerlizer Regenerant Waste

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| <u>FLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u> | <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u> | | | | <u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u> | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units | (Specify) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| ow-M ³ /Day (MGD) ssolved Solids | - | - | - | - | When Sampling 1 Discharge Period Per 7 days | - 24-Hr. Composite |

(1) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to mixing with other waters.

PART I

AS MODIFIED JAN 20 1978

1.3. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Beginning on the effective date of this modification and lasting until July 1, 1977 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 002 -Ash Pond Overflow

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC | DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS | | | | MONITORING REQUIREMENTS | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units | (Specify) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) | - | - | - | - | When Sampling | - |
| Suspended Solids | - | - | - | - | One Day/7 Days | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Dissolved Solids | - | - | - | - | One Day/7 Days | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Oil and Grease | - | - | - | - | Once/7 Days | Grab |
| Iron (Total) | - | - | - | 2.0 mg/l | One Day/Month | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Iron (Dissolved) | - | - | - | 0.5 mg/l | One Day/Month | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Copper (Total) | - | - | - | - | One Day/Month | 24 Hr. Composite |

(1) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by grab sample measured once per 7 days.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of combined discharge at the confluence of the two unnamed ditches in the south-east corner of the facility.

PART I

AS RECLASSIFIED JAN 20 1978

A.4. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(a)-Condenser Cooling Water and House Service Water

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| <u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u> | <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u> | | | | <u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u> | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units | (Specify) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Avg</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>Daily Max</u> ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) (2) | - | - | - | - | Continuous | - |
| Temperature °C(°F) (2) | - | - | - | - | Continuous | - |
| Free Chlorine Residual (3) | - | - | - | - | Once/7 Days | Grab |
| Total Chlorine Residual (3) | - | - | - | - | Once/7 Days | Grab |
| Heat Rejection Rate (BTU/Hr.) | - | - | - | - | Monthly Max. | Report |
| Plant Capacity Factor (%) | - | - | - | - | Monthly Avg. | Report |

- (1) See Part I-C.4 for definition
 - (2) Intake and Discharge temperatures.
 - (3) See Part III-A.7 for additional chlorine limitations and monitoring requirements.
- The frequency and duration of chlorination on a per unit basis shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report.

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by grab sample measured once per 7 days.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into Lake Michigan.

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1.5. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(b)-Demineralizer Regenerant Waste

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| <u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u> | <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u> | | | | <u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u> | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units | (Specify) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | <u>Daily Avg⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>Daily Max⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>Daily Avg⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>Daily Max⁽¹⁾</u> | | |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) | - | - | - | - | When Sampling | - |
| Suspended Solids | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | 1 Discharge Period Per 7 Days | Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Iron (Total) | - | - | - | 2.0 mg/l | One/7 Days | Grab |
| Copper (Total) | - | - | - | 1.0 mg/l | One/7 Days | Grab |

(1) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into the discharge flume.

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.7 EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(d) - Treated Floor Drain and Roof and Yard Effluents

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| <u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u> | <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u> | | | | <u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (2)</u> | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | kg/day <u>Daily Avg</u> (2) | (lbs/day) <u>Daily Max</u> (2) | Other Units <u>Daily Avg</u> (2) | (Specify) <u>Daily Max</u> (2) | <u>Measurement Frequency</u> | <u>Sample Type</u> |
| Low-pH Day (110) | - | - | - | - | When Sampling | - |
| Suspended Solids | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | One Day/7 Days | Composite |
| Oil and Grease | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | Once/7 Days | Grab |

- (1) During periods of discharge.
- (2) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by grab sample measured once per 7 days.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into the discharge flume.

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1.B. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 001(e) - Recirculating Combined Waste Treatment System Blowdown. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC | DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS | | | | MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (1) | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | kg/day (2) Daily Avg | (lbs/day) (2) Daily Max | Other Units (2) Daily Avg | (Specify) (2) Daily Max | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) | - | - | - | - | When Sampling | - |
| Suspended Solids | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | One Day / 7 Days | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Dissolved Solids | - | - | - | 3500 mg/l | One Day / 7 Days | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Oil and Grease | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | Once / 7 Days | Grab |
| Iron (Total) | - | - | - | 2.0 mg/l | Once/3 Months | Grab |
| Iron (Dissolved) | - | - | - | 0.5 mg/l | Once/3 Months | Grab |

(1) See Part III-A.6.a for special monitoring requirements in the event that metal cleaning wastes are discharged to the recirculating combined waste treatment system.

(2) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by grab sample measured once per 7 days.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): At a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into the discharge flume.

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9 EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) serial number(s) 002 - Coal Pile Runoff Collection Basin Discharge

post Arc Runoff

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

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| | DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS | | | | MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (1) | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | kg/day | (lbs/day) | Other Units | (Specify) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type |
| | (2) Daily Avg | (2) Daily Max | (2) Daily Avg | (2) Daily Max | | |
| Flow-M ³ /Day (MGD) | - | - | - | - | When Sampling | - |
| Suspended Solids | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | 1 Discharge Period per 7 Days | Composite |
| Oil and Grease | - | - | - | 15 mg/l | Once / 7 Days | Grab |

(1) During periods of discharge
 (2) See Part I-C.4 for definition

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by grab sample measured once per 7 days.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): ~~At~~ a point representative of the discharge but prior to entry into Lake Michigan.

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B. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

1. The permittee shall achieve compliance with the effluent limitations specified for discharges in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Neutralization, Recirculating Combined, Metal Cleaning, Combined Bilge and Drain, and Coal Pile Runoff Waste Treatment Systems
 - (1) Preliminary Plans Submitted by May 1, 1976 *
 - (2) Construction Progress Report by December 31, 1976
 - (3) Attainment of Operational Level by July 1, 1977
- b. Chlorine Application Point Relocation Project Operational by January 31, 1977

*Completed

2. No later than 14 calendar days following a date identified in the above schedule of compliance, the permittee shall submit either a report of progress or, in the case of specific actions being required by identified dates, a written notice of compliance or noncompliance. In the latter case, the notice shall include the cause of non-compliance, any remedial actions taken, and the probability of meeting the next scheduled requirements.

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C. MONITORING AND REPORTING

1. Representative Sampling - Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge.
2. Reporting - The permittee shall record monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report forms, using one such form for each discharge each month. The completed monthly forms shall be retained by permittee for a period of three months beginning with each calendar quarter, and the forms from those three months shall be mailed to USEPA no later than the 28th day of the following month; i.e. (a) January, February, March (submit April 28); (b) April, May, June (submit July 28); (c) July, August, September (submit October 28); October, November, December (submit January 28).

The permittee shall retain a copy of all reports submitted. All reports shall be submitted to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attention: Chief, Compliance Unit
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

The permittee shall submit these monitoring reports each month to the State Agency by the 15th day of the following month at the following address:

Manager
Illinois EPA-DWPC Region 2C
1701 First Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153

3. Noncompliance Notification - If, for any reason, the permittee does not comply with or will be unable to comply with any daily maximum effluent limitation specified in this permit, the permittee shall provide the Regional Administrator and the State with the

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following information, in writing within five (5) days of becoming aware of such condition: (a) a description of the discharge; (b) cause of noncompliance; (c) the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times; (d) if not corrected, the anticipated time the noncompliance is expected to continue, and (e) steps being taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the noncomplying discharge.

4. Definitions

a. "Daily Average" Discharge

1. Weight Basis - The "daily average" discharge means the total discharge by weight during a calendar month divided by the number of days in the month that the production or commercial facility was operating. Where less than daily sampling is required by this permit, the daily average discharge shall be determined by the summation of the measured daily discharge by weight divided by the number of days during the calendar month when the measurements were made.

2. Concentration Basis - The "daily average" concentration means the arithmetic average (weighted by flow value) of all the daily determinations of concentration made during a calendar month. Daily determinations of concentration made using a composite sample shall be the concentration of the composite sample. When grab samples are used, the daily determination of concentration shall be the arithmetic average (weighted by flow value) of all the samples collected during the calendar day.

b. "Daily Maximum" Discharge

1. Weight Basis - The "daily maximum" discharge means the total discharge by weight during any calendar day.

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2. Concentration Basis - The "daily maximum" concentration means the daily determination of concentration for any calendar day.
5. Test Procedures - Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to regulations published pursuant to Section 304(g) of the Act, under which such procedures may be required.
6. Recording of Results - For each measurement or sample pursuant to the requirements of this permit the permittee shall record the following information: (a) the exact place, date, and time of sampling; (b) the dates the analyses were performed; (c) the person(s) who performed the analyses; (d) the analytical techniques or methods used; and (e) the results of all required analyses.
7. Additional Monitoring by Permittee - If the permittee monitors any pollutant at the location(s) designated herein more frequently than required by this permit, using approved analytical methods as specified above, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values required in the Discharge Monitoring Report Form (EPA No. 3320-1). Such increased frequency shall also be indicated.
8. Records Retention - All records and information resulting from the monitoring activities required by this permit including all records of analyses performed and calibration and maintenance of instrumentation and recordings from continuous monitoring instrumentation shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years, or longer if requested by the Regional Administrator or the State Water Pollution Control Agency.

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A. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Change in Discharge - All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. The discharge of any pollutant identified in this permit more frequently than or at a level in excess of that authorized shall constitute a violation of the permit. Any anticipated facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which will result in new, different, or increased discharges of pollutants must be reported by submission of a new NPDES application or, if such changes will not violate the effluent limitations specified in this permit, by notice to the permit issuing authority of such changes. Following such notice, the permit may be modified to specify and limit any pollutants not previously limited.
2. Facilities Operation - The permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible all treatment or control facilities or systems installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
3. Adverse Impact - The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to navigable waters resulting from noncompliance with any effluent limitations specified in this permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncomplying discharge.
4. Bypassing - Any diversion from or bypass of facilities necessary to maintain compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit is prohibited, except (i) where unavoidable to prevent loss of life or severe property

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damage, or (ii) where excessive storm drainage or runoff would damage any facilities necessary for compliance with the effluent limitations and prohibitions of this permit. The permittee shall promptly notify the Regional Administrator and the State in writing of each such diversion or bypass.

5. Removed Substances - Solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed from or resulting from treatment or control of wastewaters shall be disposed of in a manner such as to prevent any pollutant from such materials from entering navigable waters.

6. Power Failures - In order to maintain compliance with the effluent limitations and prohibitions of this permit, the permittee shall either: (a) in accordance with the Schedule of Compliance contained in Part I, provide an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater control facilities; or, if no date implementation appears in Part I, (b) halt, reduce or otherwise control production and/or all discharges upon the reduction, loss, or failure of one or more of the primary sources of power to the wastewater control facilities.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Right of Entry - The permittee shall allow the head of the State Water Pollution Control Agency, the Regional Administrator, and/or their authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials: (a) to enter upon the permittee's premises where an effluent source is located or in which any records are required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit; and (b) at reasonable times to have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit; to inspect any monitoring equipment or monitoring method required in this permit; and to sample any discharge of pollutants.

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2. Transfer of Ownership or Control - In the event of any changes in control or ownership of facilities from which the authorized discharges emanate, the permittee shall notify the succeeding owner or controller of the existence of this permit by letter, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Regional Administrator and the State Water Pollution Control Agency.
3. Availability of Reports - Except for data determined to be confidential under Section 308 of the Act, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the State Water Pollution Control Agency and the Regional Administrator. As required by the Act, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 308 of the Act.
4. Permit Modification - After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following: (a) violation of any terms or conditions of this permit; (b) obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or (c) a change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
5. Toxic Pollutants - Notwithstanding Part II, B-4 above, if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in this permit, this permit shall be revised or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the permittee is notified.

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6. Civil and Criminal Liability - Except as provided in permit conditions on "Bypassing" (Part II, A-4) and "Power Failure" (Part II, A-6), nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.
7. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability - Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the Act.
8. State Law - Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Act.
9. Property Rights - The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.
10. Severability - The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.

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Part III

A. Other Requirements

1. Provisions for Change of Monitoring Frequency

If the permittee after monitoring for at least six (6) months determines that he is consistently meeting the effluent limits contained herein, the permittee may request the Regional Administrator and the Director that the monitoring requirements be reduced to twice monthly, monthly or be eliminated. Upon written notification by the Regional Administrator and the Director, the Permittee will monitor as directed.

2. Additional State Requirements

This permit incorporates all applicable provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and of the Rules and Regulations of Illinois Pollution Control Board, as if they were set forth herein. All such provisions shall become conditions of this Federal NPDES permit as provided by Section 401(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

3. Prohibited Discharges

- a. This permit is specifically for the listed pollutants to be discharged from the designated outfalls only. Discharge of pollutants from an undesignated outfall is not permitted.
- b. There shall be no discharge of debris from intake screen washing operations.
- c. There shall be no discharge of polychlorinated biphenyl compounds.
- d. There shall be no discharge of water side boiler cleaning wastes.

4. Intake Monitoring Requirements

The final report of the intake monitoring program submitted by the permittee on July 9, 1976 is being evaluated with regard to Section

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316(b) of the Act. The Regional Administrator and the Director, after evaluation of the report, may modify the permit in accordance with Part II-3.4 to establish an implementation schedule to insure compliance with Section 316(b).

5. Thermal Discharge Limitations

During the period beginning July 1, 1977 and lasting until October 1, 1979 the permittee is authorized to discharge heated effluent from outfall serial number 001.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

1. The discharge of heat shall be restricted to that associated with generation of 1016 MWe of electric power with the generating equipment on-site as of July 1, 1977.

2. The company shall perform studies pursuant to the conditions specified in NPDES Permit No. IL 0002763 for the Zion Generating Station as a condition of alternative effluent limitations pursuant to Section 316(a) of the Act.

6. Miscellaneous Wastes

a. After July 1, 1977, discharge of metal cleaning wastes shall be directed to the recirculating combined waste treatment system. Recirculating combined waste treatment system blowdown sampling will be performed for one day prior to discharge of these wastes into the treatment system and for three days thereafter as follows:

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| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Daily Max (1)</u> | <u>Measurement Frequency</u> | <u>Sample Type</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Flow | - | Continuous | - |
| Suspended Solids | 15 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Dissolved Solids | 3500 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Oil and Grease | 15 mg/l | Daily | Grab |
| Copper (Total) | 1.0 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Iron (Total) | 2.0 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Zinc (Total) | 1.0 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Chromium Hexavalent (Total) | 0.3 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |
| Alkalinity (Total) | - | Daily | Grab |
| Chromium Trivalent (Total) | 1.0 mg/l | Daily | 24-Hr. Composite @ Half-Hour Intervals |

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 9.0 and shall be monitored by daily grab samples.

The results of this sampling shall be reported together with the volume of the metal cleaning wastes pursuant to the reporting requirements of Part I-C.2 of this permit.

- b. After July 1, 1977 liquid discharges from miscellaneous waste collection sumps, yard drains, and excess run-off from coal storage areas shall be diverted to existing ash settling basins or comparable settling facilities for treatment prior to discharge.

(1) See Part I-C.4 for definition.

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7. Chlorine Limitations And Monitoring

- a. From the effective date of this permit until July 1, 1977 the permittee is limited to a free chlorine residual of 0.2 mg/l daily average and 0.5 mg/l daily maximum with the discharge of chlorine not to exceed two hours per day per unit.
- b. Daily average shall be defined as the arithmetic average of the chlorine concentrations obtained using the procedure set forth in Exhibit A of the Chlorine Stipulation executed by Commonwealth Edison Company and Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 2, 1976.
- c. The daily maximum for total residual chlorine shall be defined as the average of two highest instantaneous chlorine concentrations obtained using the procedures set forth in Exhibit A of the Chlorine Stipulation executed by Commonwealth Edison Company and Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 2, 1976 for each chlorination period. This definition shall also apply to daily maximum free residual chlorine until July 1, 1977. After July 1, 1977 the daily maximum for free residual chlorine shall be the single highest chlorine concentration obtained using the procedures set forth in Exhibit A of the Chlorine Stipulation executed by Commonwealth Edison Company and Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 2, 1976 for each chlorination period.
- d. The monitoring location for chlorine residual shall be as referenced in Exhibit C-2 of the Chlorine Stipulation executed by Commonwealth Edison Company and Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 2, 1976.
- e. The Chlorine Stipulation executed by Commonwealth Edison Company and Region V, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, on April 2, 1976 is incorporated by reference into this permit as though fully set forth herein.

B. Modification Provision

NPDES Permit No. IL 0002259, as modified on JAN 20 1978 containing herein all modifications supersedes, for all purposes on and after the date of modification, the original permit issued and dated November 29, 1974, and modified December 30, 1976. However, this modification is not in derogation of any action heretofore taken under the original permit issued and dated November 27, 1974, and modified December 30, 1976, nor does this modification relieve the permittee of any liability for violation of any provision of the original permit issued and dated November 27, 1974, and modified December 30, 1976, committed prior to the effective date of this modification.