

Appendix A: Measurement Performance Specifications (Table A7.1a thru Table A7.1h)

Measurement performance specifications define the data quality needed to satisfy project objectives. To this end, measurement performance specifications are qualitative and quantitative statements that:

- clarify the intended use of the data
- define the type of data needed to support the end use
- identify the conditions under which the data should be collected

Appendix A of the QAPP addresses measurement performance specifications, including:

- analytical methodologies
- AWRLs
- limits of quantitation
- bias limits for LCSs
- precision limits for LCSDs
- completeness goals
- qualitative statements regarding representativeness and comparability

The items identified above need to be considered for each type of monitoring activity. The CRP emphasizes that data should be collected to address multiple objectives, if possible, thereby maximizing the expenditure of resources. Caution should be applied when attempting to collect data for multiple purposes because measurement performance specifications may vary according to the purpose. For example, limits of quantitation may differ for data used to assess standards attainment and for trend analysis. When planning projects, first priority should be given to the main use of the project data and the data quality needed to support that use, then secondary goals should be considered.

Table A7.1 should be modified to reflect actual parameters, methods, etc. employed by the Basin Planning Agency and its participants. Alternative methods than those listed in the following table may be used. Procedures for laboratory analysis must be in accordance with the most recently published edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 40 CFR 136, or otherwise approved independently. Only data collected that have a valid TCEQ parameter code assigned in Table A7.1 are stored in SWQMIS. Any parameters listed in Table A7.1 that do not have a valid TCEQ parameter code assigned will not be stored in SWQMIS.

TABLE A7.1a Measurement Performance Specifications for Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SALINITY - PARTS PER THOUSAND | PPT | water | SM 2520 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00480 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE(1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TIDE STAGE (1=LOW,2=FALLING,3=SLACK,4=RISING,5=HI) | NU | water | NA | 89972 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER CLARITY (1=EXCELLENT, 2=GOOD, 3=FAIR, 4=POOR) | NU | water | NA | 20424 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRUBIDITY, OBSERVED (1=LOW, 2=MEDIUM, 3=HIGH) | NU | water | NA | 88842 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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| Flow Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC) | cfs | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00061 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry | NU | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 01351 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS) | cfs | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 74069 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER | NU | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89835 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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| 24 Hour Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE), 24HR AVG | DEG C | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00209 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| WATER TEMPERATURE, DEGREES CENTIGRADE, 24HR MAX | DEG C | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00210 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) 24HR MIN | DEG C | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00211 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR AVG | uS/cm | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00212 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR MAX | uS/cm | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00213 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR MIN | uS/cm | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00214 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| PH, S.U., 24HR MAXIMUM VALUE | std. units | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00215 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| PH, S.U., 24HR, MINIMUM VALUE | std. units | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00216 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SALINITY, 24-HR, MAXIMUM, PPT | ppt | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00217 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SALINITY, 24-HR, AVERAGE, PPT | ppt | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00218 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SALINITY, 24-HR, MINIMUM, PPT | ppt | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00219 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SALINITY, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS | NU | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00220 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| WATER TEMPERATURE, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS | NU | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00221 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS | NU | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00222 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| pH, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS | NU | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00223 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR MIN. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA | mg/l | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89855 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR MAX. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA | mg/l | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89856 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR AVG. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA | mg/l | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89857 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| DISSOLVED OXYGEN, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS | NU | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89858 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | field |
| References: | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 NH3 - G | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRITE PLUS NITRATE, TOTAL ONE LAB DETERMINED VALUE (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-NO3 - F | 00630 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| ORTHO PHOSPHATE PHOSPHORUS, DISS, MG/L, FLDFILT<15MIN | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 00671 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| ORTHO PHOSPHATE PHOSPHORUS, DISS, MG/L, FILTER >15MIN | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 70507 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| HARDNESS, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3)* | mg/L | water | SM 2340 C | 00900 | 5 | 5 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 Cl- C | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | ASTM D516 | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| TURBIDITY, LAB NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNITS, NTU | NTU | water | SM 2130B | 82079 | 0.5 | 0.5 | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |

*Hardness is not used for regulatory purposes but is used to assess metals in water at inland sites (estuarine sites do not require hardness analysis).

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| Bacteriological Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Colilert-18 ** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | Enterolert | 31701 | 10*** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| E.COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

** E.coli samples analyzed by IDEXX Colilert-18 should always be processed as soon as possible and within 8 hours. When transport conditions necessitate delays in delivery longer than 6 hours, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 48 hours.

***Enterococcus Samples should be diluted 1:10 for all waters.

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TABLE A7.1b Measurement Performance Specifications for Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SALINITY - PARTS PER THOUSAND | PPT | water | SM 2520 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00480 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM, 2=SLIGHT, 3=MOD., 4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR, 2=PTCLDY, 3=CLDY, 4=RAIN, 5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE (1=CALM, 2=RIPPLE, 3=WAVE, 4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TIDE STAGE (1=LOW, 2=FALLING, 3=SLACK, 4=RISING, 5=HI) | NU | water | NA | 89972 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRUBIDITY, OBSERVED (1=LOW, 2=MEDIUM, 3=HIGH) | NU | water | NA | 88842 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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|--|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 4 | NA | NA | NA | Harris County |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 NH3-D | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Harris County |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRITE PLUS NITRATE, TOTAL ONE LAB DETERMINED VALUE (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-NO3 E | 00630 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Harris County |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Harris County |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |

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Bacteriological Parameters in Water

| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
|---|------------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | ASTM D-6503 | 31701 | 10** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Harris County |

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|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
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| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SALINITY - PARTS PER THOUSAND | PPT | water | SM 2520 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00480 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE(1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TIDE STAGE (1=LOW,2=FALLING,3=SLACK,4=RISING,5=HI) | NU | water | NA | 89972 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

* Reporting to be consistent with SWQM guidance and based on measurement capability.
 *** To be routinely reported when collecting data from perennial pools.

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TABLE A7.1c Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Health & Human Services (HHS)

| Flow Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC) | cfs | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00061 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry | NU | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 01351 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS) | cfs | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 74069 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER | NU | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89835 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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TABLE A7.1c Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Health & Human Services (HHS)

| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 4 | NA | NA | NA | Holcombe |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 NH3-H | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Holcombe |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500 NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRATE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00620 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Holcombe |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | EPA 365.1 | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Holcombe |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Holcombe |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Holcombe |

*Hardness is not used for regulatory purposes but is used to assess metals in water at inland sites (estuarine sites do not require hardness analysis).

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TABLE A7.1c Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Health & Human Services (HHS)

| Bacteriological Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Colilert-18 ** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Holcombe |
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | Enterolert | 31701 | 10*** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Holcombe |
| E.COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Holcombe |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

** E.coli samples analyzed by IDEXX Colilert-18 should always be processed as soon as possible and within 8 hours. When transport conditions necessitate delays in delivery longer than 6 hours, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 48 hours.

***Enterococcus Samples should be diluted 1:10 for all waters.

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TABLE A7.1d Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Water Quality Control (WQC)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-D G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR STAGE (FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL)† | FT ABOVE MSL | water | TWDB | 00052 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR PERCENT FULL† | % RESERVOIR CAPACITY | water | TWDB | 00053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR ACCESS NOT POSSIBLE LEVEL TOO LOW ENTER 1 IF REPORTING | NS | other | TCEQ Drought Guidance | 00051 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE(1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRUBIDITY, OBSERVED (1=LOW, 2=MEDIUM, 3=HIGH) | NU | water | NA | 88842 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

* Reporting to be consistent with SWQM guidance and based on measurement capability.

*** To be routinely reported when collecting data from perennial pools.

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TABLE A7.1d Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Water Quality Control (WQC)

| Flow Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC) | cfs | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00061 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry | NU | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 01351 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS) | cfs | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 74069 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER | NU | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89835 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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TABLE A7.1d Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Water Quality Control (WQC)

| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 4 | NA | NA | NA | WQC |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | EPA 350.3 | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRATE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 | 00620 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | EPA 365.3 | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| ALKALINITY, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3) | mg/L | water | SM 2320B | 00410 | 20 | 20 | NA | 20 | NA | WQC |

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TABLE A7.1d Measurement Performance Specifications for City of Houston, Water Quality Control (WQC)

| Bacteriological Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Colilert-18** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | WQC |
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | Enterolert | 31701 | 10*** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | WQC |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | WQC |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

** E. coli samples analyzed by IDEXX Colilert-18 should always be processed as soon as possible and within 8 hours. When transport conditions necessitate delays in delivery longer than 6 hours, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 48 hours.

***Enterococcus Samples should be diluted 1:10 for all waters.

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TABLE A7.1e Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - Lake Conroe samples (SIRA-LC)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR STAGE (FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL)† | FT ABOVE MSL | water | TWDB | 00052 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR PERCENT FULL† | % RESERVOIR CAPACITY | water | TWDB | 00053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR ACCESS NOT POSSIBLE LEVEL TOO LOW ENTER 1 IF REPORTING | NS | other | TCEQ Drought Guidance | 00051 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE(1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

* Reporting to be consistent with SWQM guidance and based on measurement capability.
 *** To be routinely reported when collecting data from perennial pools.

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TABLE A7.1e Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - Lake Conroe samples (SJRA-LC)

| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 4 | NA | NA | NA | WQC |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | EPA 350.3 | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRATE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00620 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | EPA 365.3 | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993) | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | WQC |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| ALKALINITY, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3) | mg/L | water | SM 2320B | 00410 | 20 | 20 | NA | 20 | NA | WQC |

*Hardness is not used for regulatory purposes but is used to assess metals in water at inland sites (estuarine sites do not require hardness analysis).

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TABLE A7.1e Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - Lake Conroe samples (SJRA-LC)

| Bacteriological Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Colilert-18** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | WQC |
| E.COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | WQC |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

** E.coli samples analyzed by IDEXX Colilert-18 should always be processed as soon as possible and within 8 hours. When transport conditions necessitate delays in delivery longer than 6 hours, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 48 hours.

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TABLE A7.1f Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - samples from The Woodlands (SJRA-W)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR STAGE (FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL)† | FT ABOVE MSL | water | TWDB | 00052 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR PERCENT FULL‡ | % RESERVOIR CAPACITY | water | TWDB | 00053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| RESERVOIR ACCESS NOT POSSIBLE LEVEL TOO LOW ENTER 1 IF REPORTING | NS | other | TCEQ Drought Guidance | 00051 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

* Reporting to be consistent with SWQM guidance and based on measurement capability.

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TABLE A7.1f Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - samples from The Woodlands (SJ)

| Flow Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC) | cfs | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00061 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry | NU | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 01351 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS) | cfs | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 74069 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER | NU | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89835 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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TABLE A7.1f Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - samples from The Woodlands (SJRA-W)

| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab | |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | Eastex | |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 NH3 - G | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| NITRATE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-NO3 - F | 00620 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| NITRITE PLUS NITRATE, TOTAL ONE LAB DETERMINED VALUE (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-NO3 - F | 00630 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 Cl- C | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | ASTM D516 | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex | |

*Hardness is not used for regulatory purposes but is used to assess metals in water at inland sites (estuarine sites do not require hardness analysis).

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TABLE A7.1f Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - samples from The Woodlands (SJRA-W)

| Bacteriological Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Collert-18 ** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | Enterolert | 31701 | 10*** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| E.COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

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***Enterococcus Samples should be diluted 1:10 for all waters.

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TABLE A7.1f Measurement Performance Specifications for San Jacinto River Authority - samples from The Woodlands (SJRA-W)

| Metals in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| HARDNESS, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3)* | mg/L | water | SM 2340 C | 00900 | 5 | 5 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| COPPER, TOTAL (UG/L AS CU) | µg/L | water | EPA 200.7 | 01042 | NA | 10 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| SELENIUM, TOTAL (UG/L AS SE) | ug/L | water | EPA 200.7 | 01147 | 2 | 2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |

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TABLE A7.1g Measurement Performance Specifications for Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)

| Field Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) | DEG C | water | SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00010 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS) | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00078 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C) | us/cm | water | EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP, V1 | 00094 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00300 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PH (STANDARD UNITS) | s.u | water | EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00400 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| SALINITY - PARTS PER THOUSAND | PPT | water | SM 2520 and TCEQ SOP V1 | 00480 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS) | days | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 72053 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE | meters | water | TCEQ SOP V2 | 82903 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89864 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH AT TIME OF STUDY(METERS)*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89865 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| POOL LENGTH, METERS*** | meters | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89869 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| % POOL COVERAGE IN 500 METER REACH*** | % | other | TCEQ SOP V2 | 89870 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG) | NU | other | NA | 89965 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER) | NU | other | NA | 89966 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER SURFACE(1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHIT ECAP) | NU | water | NA | 89968 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| TIDE STAGE (1=LOW,2=FALLING,3=SLACK,4=RISING,5=HI) | NU | water | NA | 89972 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER COLOR (1=BROWNISH, 2=REDDISH, 3=GREENISH, 4=BLACKISH, 5=CLEAR, 6=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89969 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGG, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER) | NU | water | NA | 89971 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED) | # of people observed | other | NA | 89978 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED) | NU | other | NA | 89979 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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TABLE A7.1g Measurement Performance Specifications for Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH)

| Flow Parameters | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC) | cfs | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 00061 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry | NU | water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 01351 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS) | cfs | Water | TCEQ SOP V1 | 74069 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |
| FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER | NU | other | TCEQ SOP V1 | 89835 | NA* | NA | NA | NA | NA | Field |

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| Conventional Parameters in Water | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|--|----------------|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
| RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L) | mg/L | water | SM 2540 D | 00530 | 5 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |
| NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 NH3 - G | 00610 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-N _{org} C and SM 4500-NH3 B | 00625 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| NITRITE PLUS NITRATE, TOTAL 1 DET. (MG/L AS N) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-NO3 - F | 00630 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P) | mg/L | water | SM 4500-P E | 00665 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| HARDNESS, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3)* | mg/L | water | SM 2340 C | 00900 | 5 | 5 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL) | mg/L | water | SM 4500 Cl- C | 00940 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4) | mg/L | water | ASTM D516 | 00945 | 5 | 5 | 70-130 | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| CHLOROPHYLL-A UG/L SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ACID. METH | ug/L | water | EPA 446.0 | 32211 | 3 | 3 | NA | 20 | 80-120 | Eastex |
| TURBIDITY, LAB NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNITS, NTU | NTU | water | SM 2130B | 82079 | 0.5 | 0.5 | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |

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Bacteriological Parameters in Water

| Parameter | Units | Matrix | Method | Parameter Code | AWRL | LOQ | LOQ Check Sample %Rec | Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD) | Bias %Rec. of LCS | Lab |
|--|------------|--------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML | MPN/100 mL | water | Colilert-18 ** | 31699 | 1 | 1 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| ENTEROCOCCI, ENTEROLERT, IDEXX, (MPN/100 ML) | MPN/100 mL | water | Enterolert | 31701 | 10*** | 10 | NA | 0.50* | NA | Eastex |
| E.COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME | hours | water | NA | 31704 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | Eastex |

* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

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