

Characteristics of effluents from large municipal wastewater treatment facilities in 1997

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ABSTRACT

The marine environment of the Southern California Bight (SCB) is used for a variety of recreational, commercial, municipal, and industrial purposes, each of which contributes varying amounts of contaminants to the ocean. This study summarizes constituent concentrations of effluents and constituent mass emissions from the large municipal wastewater facilities in 1997 and describes trends that have occurred in constituent emissions from these facilities over the past 26 years. Sixty-one percent of the constituents discharged to the SCB have declined more than 70% since 1971. However, several constituents at the individual wastewater treatment facilities have significantly increased from 1996 to 1997.

INTRODUCTION

The southern California coastal region is one of the most densely populated coastal areas in the U.S. and is a resource for a variety of recreational, commercial, municipal, and industrial uses. These uses produce a variety of impacts including inputs of pollutants that can ultimately degrade the environment.

Because pollutants are discharged into the ocean from a variety of sources, pollutant inputs are measured to identify the most important sources of contaminants. Measurements of pollutant inputs also provide a basis for developing emission control strategies, and, when measured over time, for assessing the effectiveness of these control strategies.

Historically, municipal wastewater has been one of the major sources of contaminants discharged to the marine environment of the SCB (SCCWRP 1973). In 1995, effluents from the following four facilities comprised 89% of the municipal wastewater discharged directly to the SCB: Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP) operated by the City of Los Angeles; the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant

(JWPCP) operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC); Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 operated by the Orange County Sanitation Districts (OCSD); and Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP) operated by the City of San Diego (Figure 1) (Raco-Rands 1997). For at least two decades, these agencies have routinely measured the characteristics of their effluents.

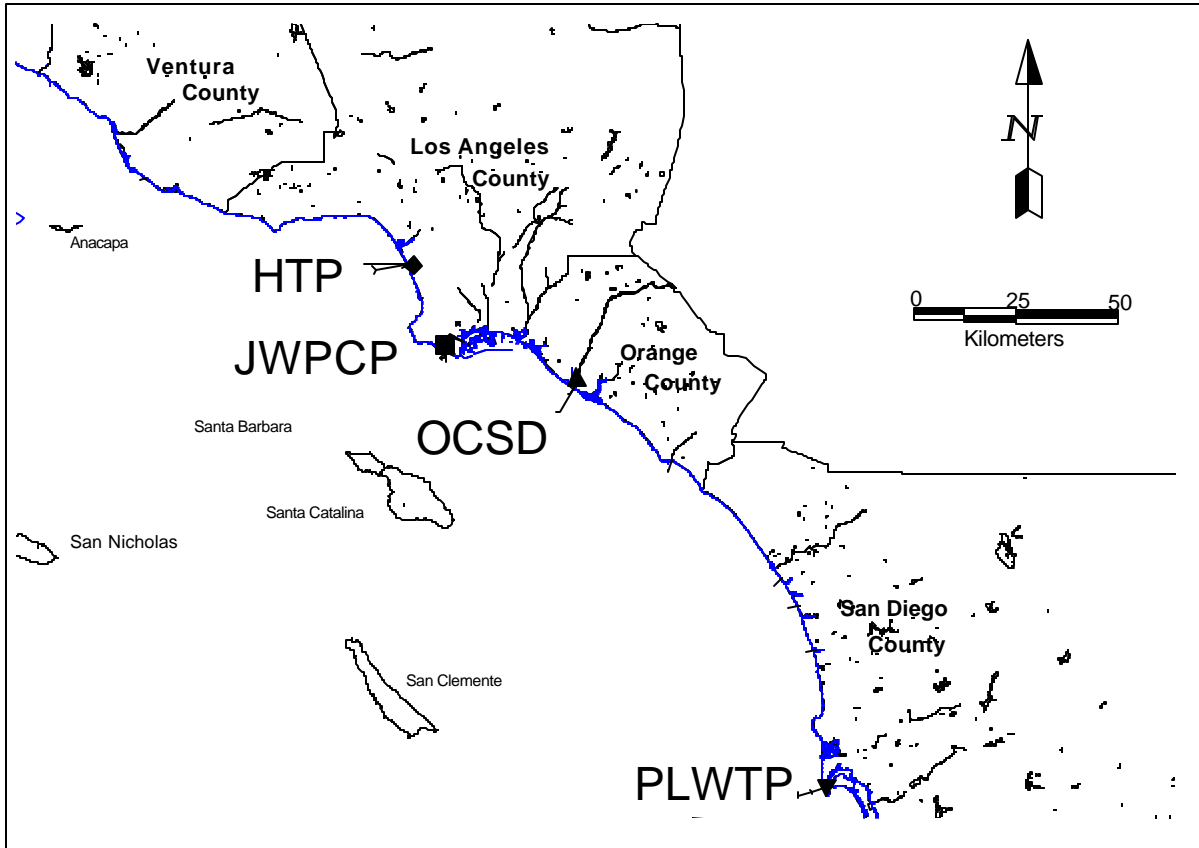
Although constituent concentrations are summarized in the monitoring reports produced by these agencies, not all of the agencies estimate mass loadings. Among those that do, differences exist in the estimation methods used. Since 1973, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) has regularly summarized and compared effluent constituent concentrations and mass emissions among these facilities (Raco-Rands 1999; SCCWRP 1973, 1990, 1995). In this report, we continue our analysis from previous years by summarizing the concentrations of effluent constituents and estimating mass emissions for these four wastewater treatment facilities in 1997. Trends in mass emissions of constituents from 1971 to 1997 are also described and discussed.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Effluent data were obtained from each discharging agency. Effluent constituent monitoring is mandated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego regions of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB). Population data were obtained from the State of California (1998).

The large municipal wastewater treatment plants measured constituents at the following frequencies: (1) general constituents (e.g., suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand [BOD], oil and grease, ammonia-N, etc.) — once per month to six times per day; (2) toxicity — one to

FIGURE 1. Locations of the four largest municipal wastewater facilities that discharge to the Southern California Bight: Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP, City of Los Angeles); Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County); Orange County Sanitation Districts (OCSD); and Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP, City of San Diego).



three times per year to once per month; (3) metals — once per month to seven times per month; and (4) organics — once per quarter to seven times per month (Table 1).

Seventy-two percent of the constituents were analyzed by all of the facilities. Of those, 41% were analyzed using different methods (Table 2); 22% were analyzed using the same method or similar methods (but different reference sources); and 9% were analyzed using the same method, but different reagents or procedures within the method. Reporting limits varied by as much as 490 times (e.g., Benzo[A]Anthracene) among the agencies (Table 3).

Two types of assessments were performed. First, annual mean concentrations were calculated by averaging monthly concentrations recorded throughout the year. For calculating the annual mean, zeros were assigned for monthly concentration values when the results were below reporting limits. Annual mean concentrations were reported even if they were below reporting limits. (This method may differ from methods used by the agencies for compliance reporting to the CRWQCB and the U.S. EPA). Second, annual contaminant mass emissions (ME) were estimated

from the product of the mean daily flow, constituent concentration, and the number of days in each month. These emissions were summed over all months to obtain the annual estimate:

$$ME = \sum_{i=1}^{12} (F_i C_i D_i)$$

where

F_i = Mean daily flow in month i

C_i = Constituent concentration in month i , or annual mean concentration (for months not measured)

D_i = Number of days in month i

When calculating mass emissions, single constituent concentration measurements below the reporting limit were considered to have zero mass emissions; however, if multiple measurements were performed for a month and the constituent concentration was above the reporting limit in one or more measurements, the average concentration for the month was used for mass calculations even if the

monthly and yearly average concentrations were below the reporting limit. Similarly, if a constituent that was measured only once a month had measurements above the reporting limit in one or more months, the mass emissions for the year were calculated whether or not the yearly mean concentration was below the detection limit. If a constituent concentration was not analyzed for a certain month or the results were unreliable (as determined by the discharging agency), the annual mean concentration was used to calculate mass emissions for that month.

In previous reports, for data prior to 1990, effluent data mass emission estimates were based upon annual mean values and thereafter they were based upon monthly flow and constituent concentration values. For this study, monthly historical data from the four dischargers were reviewed and entered into one database for the first time, for all years (1971-1997). Therefore, all effluent mass emission estimates were based upon monthly data.

In creating the historical database, the dischargers' analyses of their wastewater were used whenever possible. However, SCCWRP analyses of PLWTP's DDTs and PCBs for 1976 and 1977 were used because PLWTP only reported total identifiable chlorinated hydrocarbons (TICH). Also, some DDT and PCB analyses by other laboratories from a series of intercalibration studies were used instead of discharger analyses because they were deemed more reliable. This was the case for 1971 to 1975 data for all four dischargers with the exception of DDT analyses by JWPCP of their own effluent which was deemed to be reliable. In 1971 and 1972, the laboratories participating in the intercalibration study were CSDLAC and the Bodega Marine Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley. In 1973, participating laboratories were CSDLAC, Bodega Bay Laboratory, SCCWRP, and the University of Washington (Young *et al.* 1980). Over the years, various results were reported to be most representative of the 1971 to 1975 DDT and PCB values for the four facilities. To determine which values to use, the chronology of SCCWRP reports was used as the deciding factor, i.e. values reported in later publications took precedence over earlier reports. For example, for the 1971 results, concentrations reported in SCCWRP (1974) were used rather than those reported in SCCWRP (1973). Because only the mass emissions for the 1971 data were reported in SCCWRP 1974, the mass emissions were back-calculated to determine concentrations. Also, regarding the 1971 data for DDTs and PCBs: (1) Hyperion's and JWPCP's analyses of

DDTs and PCBs were used; (2) the 1972 results of OCSD effluent by Bodega Bay Laboratory and JWPCP were used for OCSD (reliable results were not available for 1971); and mass emission estimates were not made for PLWTP because these analyses were deemed unreliable. For the 1972-1975 data, we decided to use the conclusions in Young *et al.* (1980), on which laboratory analyses of DDTs and PCBs were most reliable; therefore, we incorporated the numbers from the Young *et al.* (1980) summary tables (Tables B-1, B-3, and B-4) into our mass emission estimates. It is believed that although these numbers were not incorporated into SCCWRP's annual reports, they were meant to be changed to these values because the footnotes in the historical constituent mass emission tables (Table 4,

TABLE 1. Frequency of constituent measurements in effluents from the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSD	PLWTP
Suspended Solids	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day
Settleable Solids	6/Day	3/Day	1/Day	1/Day
BOD	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day
Oil and Grease	1/Week	1/Day	7/Month	1/Day
Nitrate-N	1/Month	1/Month	NA	1/Week
Nitrite-N	1/Month	1/Month	NA	NA
Ammonia-N	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Organic-N	1/Month	1/Month	NA	NA
Phosphate	NA	1/Month	NA	1/Week
Total Phosphorus	1/Month	NA	NA	NA
Cyanide	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Turbidity	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day	1/Day
Acute Toxicity				
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month
Chronic Toxicity				
<i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	1/Month	NA	NA	1/Month
<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>	1-3/Year	1/Month	NA	1/Month
Arsenic	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Cadmium	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Chromium	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Copper	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Lead	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Mercury	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Nickel	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Selenium	1/Month	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Silver	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Zinc	1/Month	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
Phenols	NA	1/Month	1/Month	NA
Chlorinated Phenols	Quarterly	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Nonchlorinated Phenols	Quarterly	5/Year	1/Month	1/Week
Total DDT	Quarterly	1/Month	1/Month	1/Week
Total PCB	Quarterly	1/Month	7/Month	1/Week
PAHs	Quarterly	Quarterly	1/Month	1/Month

HTP = Hyperion Treatment Plant, City of Los Angeles.
 JWPCP = Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.
 OCSD = Orange County Sanitation Districts.
 PLWTP = Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of San Diego.
 BOD = Biochemical oxygen demand.
 NA = Not analyzed.
 NR = Not reported.

TABLE 2. Analytical methods used for measuring constituent levels in effluents of the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSD	PLWTP
Suspended Solids	2540D(a ^a)	2540D(b)	160.2(c)	2540D(b)
Settleable Solids	2540F(a)	2540F(b)	2540F(b)	2540F(b)
BOD	5210B(a)	5210B(b)	5210B(b)	5210B(b)
Oil and Grease	5520B(a)	5520B(b)	413.1(c)	5520B(b)
Nitrate-N	4500-NO ₃ E(a)	4500-NO ₃ E(b)	NA	4110B(b)
Nitrite-N	4500-NO ₂ B(a)	4500-NO ₂ B(b)	NA	NA
Ammonia-N	4500-NH ₃ B, & E(a)	4500-NH ₃ B, & E(b)	350.1(c)	4500-NH ₃ F(b)
Organic N	4500-N-orgB(a)	4500-N-orgB(b)& NH ₃ E(b)	NA	NA
Phosphate	NA	4500-P B.5 & E(b)	NA	4110B(b)
Total Phosphorus	4500-P B & E(a)	NA	NA	NA
Cyanide	335.2(c)	4500-CN C & E(b)	335.2(c)	4500-CN E(b)
Turbidity	2130B(a)	2130B(b)	180.1(c)	2130B(b)
Acute Toxicity				
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	(d)	(e)	(e)	(d)
Chronic Toxicity				
<i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	(f)	NA	NA	(f)
<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>				
Germ Tube Length	(f)	(f)	NA	(f)
Germination	(f)	(f)	NA	(f)
Trace Metals				
Digestion				
Arsenic, selenium	3114B(a)	3030G(b)	200(c)	3114B(b)
Cadmium, chromium, nickel, silver	3030E(a)	3030H(b)	200(c)	200.7(c)
Copper, zinc	3030E(a)	3030H(b)	200.7(c)	200.7(c)
Lead	3030E(a)	3030H(b)	200(c)	3030F(b)
Mercury	3112B(a)	3112B(b)	245.1(c)	3112B(b)
Analysis				
Arsenic	3114B(a)	3114B(b)	204.2(c)	3114B(b)
Cadmium	3120(a)	3111B(b)	213.2(c)	200.7(c)
Chromium	3120(a)	218.1(c)	218.2(c)	200.7(c)
Copper, zinc	3120(a)	3111B(b)	200.7(c)	200.7(c)
Lead	3113(a)	3111B(b)	239.2(c)	3111B(b)
Mercury	3112B(a)	3112B(b)	245.1(c)	3112B(b)
Nickel	3120(a)	3111B(b)	249.2(c)	200.7(c)
Selenium	3114B(a)	3114B(b)	270.2(c)	3114B(b)
Silver	3113B(a)	3111B(b)	272.2(c)	200.7(c)
Phenols	NA	420.1(c)	420.2(c)	NA
Chlorinated phenols	625(g)	625(h)	625(h)	625(g)
Nonchlorinated phenols	625(g)	625(h)	625(h)	625(g)
Total DDT	608(g)	608(g)	608(h)	608(g)
Total PCB	608(g)	608(g)	608(h)	608(g)
PAHs	625(g)	625 & 610(h)	625(h)	625(g)

^aLetter in parentheses refers to reference list at the end of the table.

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Effluent flow, mass emissions, and toxicity differences between 1996 and 1997 were tested for significance using the t-test or the Mann-Whitney test. T-tests were performed when all monthly concentrations were detectable and the data were normally distributed. Mann-Whitney tests were performed when the data were not normally distributed or one or more of the monthly concentrations were non-detectable.

RESULTS

1997 Effluents

In 1997, mean daily flow rates varied by a factor of two among the four largest dischargers. The level of secondary treated effluent ranged from zero (PLWTP) to 55% (JWPCP) of the average daily flow rate (Table 4).

General constituents were detectable in an average of 94% of the monthly measurements among all of the facilities (Table 5). Trace metals were detectable in an average of 61% of the monthly measurements among all of the facilities. Mercury had the lowest frequency of detection for any metal at 10%. Chlorinated phenolic compounds were detectable in an average of 7% of the monthly measurements. Non-chlorinated phenolic compounds were detectable in an average of 11% of the monthly measurements. The DDTs were detectable in an average of 2% of the monthly measurements among all of the facilities. The PCBs were non-detectable for all four facilities. The PAH compounds were detectable in an average of 0.4% of the monthly measurements among all of the facilities.

The majority of concentrations (58%) of effluent constituents varied by a factor of two or less among the four municipal wastewater treatment plants (Table 6). Non-chlorinated phenols demonstrated the widest range of concentration, varying by a factor of 46. Differences in effluent concentrations were attributed to the types of wastes (domestic and industrial), the source control, the volume of water removed for reclamation and inland discharge, and the efficiency and degree of treatment methods and processes (advanced

TABLE 3. Reporting limits of constituents in effluent from the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCS D	PLWTP
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	2	4	6	0.6
Settleable Solids (ml/L)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
BOD (mg/L)	3	2.4	30	2
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	3	0.7	5	ND
Nitrate-N (mg/L)	0.01	0.05	NA	0.007- 0.09
Nitrite-N (mg/L)		0.005	NA	NA
Ammonia-N (mg/L)	0.1	1	1	1.6
Organic N (mg/L)	0.1	1	NA	NA
Phosphate (mg/L)	NA	0.16	NA	0.05, 0.4
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.1	NA	NA	NA
Cyanide (ug/L)	4	5	5	2
Turbidity (NTU)	0.1	1	0.05	ND
Chronic toxicity (TUc)				
<i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	NR	NA	NA	64
<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>				
Germ tube length	NR	16.7	NA	64
Germination	NR	16.7	NA	64
Arsenic (ug/L)	1	1	1, 2	0.18
Cadmium (ug/L)	2	1	0.1, 0.2	1
Chromium (ug/L)	4	10, 13	1, 2	5
Copper (ug/L)	10	6	1	4
Lead (ug/L)	3	8, 10	1, 2	18
Mercury (ug/L)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.27
Nickel (ug/L)	5	25	2	14
Selenium (ug/L)	1	1	1, 2	0.4
Silver (ug/L)	0.4	5	1, 2	6.6
Zinc (ug/L)	10	25	2	4
Phenols (ug/L)	NA	10	5	NA
Chlorinated Phenols (ug/L)				
2-Chlorophenol	1	1, 4	5	3.6
2,4-Dichlorophenol	1	1, 3	6.9	6.1
4-Chloro-3-methylphenol	1	1, 3	5.1	3.6
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	1	1, 4	6.5	3.4
Pentachlorophenol	7	1, 16	3.3	1.6
Nonchlorinated Phenols (ug/L)				
Phenol	1	1	2.6	1.8
2-Nitrophenol	1	1, 5	3.5	4.5
2,4-Dimethylphenol	1	1	3.9	4.6
2,4-Dinitrophenol	34	6, 30	4.1	3.3
4-Nitrophenol	6	1, 18	11	6.1
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol	8	1, 5	6.1	3
Total DDT (ug/L)				
o,p'-DDD	0.006	0.01, 0.02	0.02	0.02
p,p'-DDD	0.003	0.01, 0.02	0.04	0.03
o,p'-DDE	0.004	0.02, 0.03	0.02	0.04
p,p'-DDE	0.003	0.01	0.01	0.02
o,p'-DDT	0.004	0.01, 0.02	0.01	0.02
p,p'-DDT	0.013	0.01, 0.02	0.04	0.02
Total PCB (ug/L)				
PCB-1016	0.046	0.3, 0.5	0.3	0.6
PCB-1221	0.034	0.4, 0.8	0.3	ND
PCB-1232	0.033	0.3, 0.5	0.3	ND
PCB-1242	0.04	0.5, 0.9	0.3	0.07
PCB-1248	0.057	0.04, 0.08	0.3	ND
PCB-1254	0.025	0.2, 0.4	0.3	ND
PCB-1260	0.065	0.1	0.3	0.3
PAHs (ug/L)				
Acenaphthene	1	1, 5	8.4	1.2
Acenaphthylene	1	1, 5	7.4	0.9
Anthracene	1	0.02, 5	5.7	1.2
Benzo(A)Anthracene	1	0.02, 5	9.8	1.2
Benzo(A)Pyrene	1	0.02, 1	2.6	7.4

TABLE 3 (continued)

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSD	PLWTP
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	1	0.01, 5	2.8	0.8
Benzo(G,H, I)Perylene	1	0.01, 5	10	7
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	1	0.01, 5	1.7	1
Chrysene	1	0.1, 5	2.9	1.4
Dibenzo(A,H)Anthracene	1	0.02, 5	10	7.8
Fluoranthene	1	1, 5	5.7	1.3
Fluorene	1	0.1, 5	8	1.1
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	1	0.01, 5	10	7.4
Naphthalene	1	1, 5	4.6	1.6
Phenanthrene	1	0.17, 5	6.7	0.9
Pyrene	1	0.07, 5	5.1	1.5

NA = Not analyzed.
 ND = Not determined.
 NR = Not reported.
 NTU = Nephelometric turbidity units.
 TUc (toxic units chronic) = 100/No observed effect level (NOEL)

primary or secondary).

The coefficients of variation (CVs) for 60% of the monthly constituent concentrations were less than 50% (Table 6). The majority (71%) of the mass emissions of constituents across the four facilities varied by a factor of less than 10 (Table 7).

Comparison of 1996 and 1997 Effluents

The daily flow rate from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California increased significantly (using the t-test or the Mann-Whitney test) at PLWTP (6%), JWPCP (5%), and OCSD (3%), but increased only slightly at HTP (0.3%) (Table 8). The 10 mgd flow increase at PLWTP is mainly attributable to a 9 mgd increase in flow from 1996 to 1997 by the Tijuana Interceptor (City of San Diego 1998), which accepts sewage flow from the City of Tijuana. The daily flow rate of combined effluent from all four treatment

plants receiving secondary treatment did not significantly decrease from 1996 to 1997 (46 to 44%, respectively) (Table 4).

Twenty-five percent of constituent mass emissions at individual facilities changed significantly from 1996 to 1997 (Table 8). Of the constituent mass emissions that showed significant changes, the majority of constituents (67%) increased. The constituents that significantly increased were suspended solids (10%), BOD (13%), and oil and grease (19%) at Hyperion; suspended solids (9%), BOD (14%), oil and grease (14%), and PAHs (100%, from non-detectable to 290 kg) at JWPCP; suspended solids (9%), BOD (7%), oil and grease (20%), ammonia-N (6%), chromium (7%), silver (11%), and non-chlorinated phenols (50%) at OCSD; and copper (73%) and selenium (29%) at PLWTP.

Only suspended solids at OCSD significantly increased in 1997 as well as in 1996 (15%).

DISCUSSION

Effluent Trends, 1971-1997

Because mass emission calculation methods in this study used monthly values in place of annual values for data prior to 1990, mass emission estimates may be different from those reported in our previous annual reports. The historical estimates may differ for the following reasons: (1) preliminary data were previously used and later changed in the facilities' monthly or annual reports, which were published too late to be included in our annual reports; or (2) different data sources for the same constituent analyses had different values, so we may have used a different source with a different value than was used previously. Overall, the changes in mass emissions over time were small. The largest discrepancy may be in the

TABLE 4. Flow rate of municipal wastewater discharged into the ocean by the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1996 and 1997.

Treatment Plant	Length of Outfall from Shore (m)	Depth of Discharge (m)	1996			1997		
			Advanced Primary (mgd)	Secondary (mgd)	Total Flow (mgd)	Advanced Primary (mgd)	Secondary (mgd)	Total Flow (mgd)
HTP	8,300	57	161	196	357	165	193	358
JWPCP	2,800/3,600	60	137	194	331	154	192	346
OCSD	7,250	60	120	116	236 ^a	125	119	244 ^a
PLWTP	7,285	93	179	0	179	189	0	189
Total			597	506	1,103	633	504	1,137

^aIncludes 0.11 mgd for 1996 and 1997 from construction groundwater dewatering sites at Plant 1 and Plant 2.
 mgd = Million gallons per day (1 mgd = 3,785,000 L/day).

early years (1971-1975) of DDT and PCB analyses.

The combined flow from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities increased 22% from 1971 (SCCWRP 1973) to 1997 (Table 9, Figure 2), for a mean annual increase of 0.8%. During this time, the volume of wastewater discharged by PLWTP, OCSD, and HTP increased 105, 88, and 6%, respectively, while the volume discharged by JWPCP decreased 7%. Population growth patterns, regional industry types and numbers, and the presence or absence of water reclamation programs and inland discharge sources accounted for the differences found among these agencies. Specifically, since 1970, Los Angeles County has grown by approximately 2.6 million people and Orange and San Diego counties have grown by approximately 1.3 and 1.4 million people, respectively (SCCWRP 1973, State of California 1998). Although the population of Los Angeles County has grown by 37%, flow has increased only 7% at HTP and has decreased by 7% at JWPCP, due, in part, to the CSDLAC and the City of Los Angeles expanding their upstream treatment and reclamation facilities. The CSDLAC reclaimed 189 million gallons per day (mgd) of water in 1997, almost twice the amount reclaimed 15 years ago (95 mgd). The City of Los Angeles has increased the volume of effluent discharged into the Los Angeles River by the Los Angeles-Glendale and Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plants from 25 mgd in 1985 to 70 mgd in 1997 (City of Los Angeles 1998 a, b).

Despite increases in population and increases in the volume of wastewater discharged during the past 26 years, the mass emissions of most effluent constituents have decreased (Table 9). These reductions in contaminant mass emissions are the result of increased source control, land disposal of biosolids, improved sludge dewatering and primary treatment methods, and increased secondary treatment processes. The combined mass emissions of suspended solids, oil and grease, and BOD have decreased 75, 68, and 51%, respectively (Figures 3-5). The decline in JWPCP solids emissions between 1971 and 1997 accounted for 61% of this reduction. Termination of sludge discharge

TABLE 5. Percent of months with detectable constituent or toxicity measurements in effluents from the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSD	PLWTP	Percent Average
Suspended solids	100	100	100	100	100
Settleable solids	33	100	100	100	83
BOD	100	100	100	100	100
Oil and grease	100	100	100	100	100
Nitrate-N	83	92	NA	67	81
Nitrite-N	NR	100	NA	NA	100
Ammonia-N	100	100	100	100	100
Organic-N	100	100	NA	NA	100
Phosphate	NA	100	NA	75	88
Total phosphorus	100	NA	NA	NA	100
Cyanide	75	100	25	100	75
Turbidity	100	100	100	100	100
Acute toxicity					
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	58	67	100	100	81
Chronic toxicity					
<i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	100	NA	NA	58	79
<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>					
Germ tube length	NR	25	NA	92	59
Germination	NR	0	NA	83	42
Arsenic	92	100	58	100	88
Cadmium	0	42	83	33	40
Chromium	25	33	100	17	44
Copper	100	100	100	100	100
Lead	8	8	33	0	12
Mercury	0	0	17	25	10
Nickel	83	100	100	42	81
Selenium	0	100	67	100	67
Silver	100	75	83	8	67
Zinc	100	100	100	100	100
Phenols (Colorimetric method)	NA	100	100	NA	100
Chlorinated phenols (GC/MS method)					
2-Chlorophenol	0	67	0	0	17
2,4-Dichlorophenol	0	0	0	0	0
4-Chloro-3-methylphenol	0	0	0	0	0
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	0	58	0	0	15
Pentachlorophenol	0	0	17	0	4
Nonchlorinated phenols (GC/MS method)					
Phenol	17	33	92	100	60
2-Nitrophenol	0	0	0	0	0
2,4-Dimethylphenol	0	33	0	0	8
2,4-Dinitrophenol	0	0	0	0	0
4-Nitrophenol	0	0	0	0	0
4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol	0	0	0	0	0
Total DDT	0	7	0	0	2
o,p'-DDD	0	0	0	0	0
p,p'-DDD	0	8	0	0	2
o,p'-DDE	0	0	0	0	0
p,p'-DDE	0	17	0	0	4
o,p'-DDT	0	0	0	0	0
p,p'-DDT	0	17	0	0	4
Total PCB	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1016	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1221	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1232	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1242	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1248	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1254	0	0	0	0	0
PCB-1260	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE 5 (continued)

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSD	PLWTP	Percent Average
PAHs	0	1	0.5	0	0.4
Acenaphthene	0	0	0	0	0
Acenaphthylene	0	0	0	0	0
Anthracene	0	0	0	0	0
Benzo(A)Anthracene	0	0	0	0	0
Benzo(A)Pyrene	0	0	0	0	0
Benzo(B)Fluoranthene	0	0	8	0	2
Benzo(G,H, I)Perylene	0	0	0	0	0
Benzo(K)Fluoranthene	0	0	0	0	0
Chrysene	0	0	0	0	0
Dibenzo(A,H)Anthracene	0	0	0	0	0
Fluoranthene	0	0	0	0	0
Fluorene	0	0	0	0	0
Indeno(1,2,3-C,D)Pyrene	0	0	0	0	0
Naphthalene	0	17	0	0	4
Phenanthrene	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrene	0	0	0	0	0

GC/MS = Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry.

from the HTP 7-mile outfall in November 1987 accounted for a 69% reduction in combined solids emissions from 1987 to 1988. Reductions by JWPCP from 1971 to 1997 accounted for approximately 74% of the decline in combined oil and grease emissions.

The combined mass emissions of trace metals decreased 95% from 1971 to 1997 (Table 9, Figure 6). Reductions of individual metals averaged 86% (arsenic was excluded since it was only analyzed for a complete year by HTP and JWPCP in 1971). The largest reductions were: cadmium, chromium, lead, and mercury (≥ 99%), followed by zinc (96%), copper (89%), nickel (89%), silver (63%), and selenium (36%). From 1972 to 1997, arsenic levels decreased 83%.

Several factors affected the combined mass emissions of trace metals during this 26-year period. One factor was the termination of sludge discharge from the HTP 7-mile outfall in 1987. From 1987 to 1988, the combined mass emissions of trace metals declined 36%; the termination of the 7-mile outfall accounted for 61% of this reduction. Another factor was the change in the analytical method used by HTP and OCSD to evaluate trace metals emissions. From 1989 to 1991, both agencies replaced the flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer (AAS) with the graphite furnace AAS, which has less sample matrix interference. Matrix interference causes some of the matrix to appear as lead, resulting in an overestimation of lead concentration. During this period combined metals emissions decreased 31%, while lead emissions decreased 91%.

The combined mass emissions of chlorinated hydrocarbons among all of the facilities decreased more than 99% from 1971 to 1997 (Table 9, Figure 7). Historically, Montrose Chemical Corporation was the largest source of chlorinated hydrocarbons in the SCB, discharging DDT

wastes into the JWPCP sewer system from 1947 to 1971 (Chartrand 1988). Residual sediment in the sewer system was the principal source of DDTs in the JWPCP effluent after that time (Schafer 1989). Annual mean concentrations of DDTs at JWPCP were below reporting limits in 1997, although measurable amounts of DDTs were detected in its effluents for three months.

Toxicity has increased an average of 5% across all facilities from 1990 to 1997 (Figure 8). Toxicity has decreased at JWPCP (44%) and Hyperion (20%), but has increased at OCSD (42%), and at PLWTP (0.8%).

Effect of Non-detectable Concentrations

One goal of this study was to calculate annual mean concentrations and mass emissions using monthly concentrations and flows reported by each agency and to compare the resulting data among the facilities. Conducting an accurate comparison requires that the reporting agencies use compatible methodologies with similar standards for accuracy and reporting limits. The agencies met these requirements for most of the constituents (77%); however, 23% of the constituents had reporting limits that varied by a factor of two or more, accompanied by a two-fold or more difference in the percent of detectable concentrations reported. For these constituents, it is impossible to differentiate whether the non-detectable measurements result from cleaner effluents or from higher reporting limits.

To evaluate the effect of non-detectable results and bias introduced by different reporting limits, we exchanged the 1997 non-detectable results with the reporting limit when calculating the mass emission estimates and then compared these values with our usual method of estimating mass emissions, using zeros for non-detectable concentrations (Table 10). None of the general constituents increased by more than 18% across all of the facilities. Mass estimates for many of the metals and organics increased by a factor of 10 or more, but most of these increases were for chemicals that were at very low levels relative to their historical levels.

The effect of using reporting limits for non-detectable concentrations had little effect on historical trends for most constituents (Table 11, Figure 9-12). The largest difference in the percent reduction over time was for total PCBs (Figure 12). Some of the increase in PCB mass emissions using the “reporting limit” method starting in 1986 is due to an increase in the number of PCB aroclors measured. The additional aroclors were never measured in detectable concentrations.

TABLE 6. Means and coefficients of variation (CVs) of annual constituent concentrations in effluents from the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP		JWPCP		OCSD		PLWTP	
	Mean ^a	CV (%)	Mean ^a	CV (%)	Mean ^a	CV (%)	Mean ^a	CV (%)
Flow (mgd)	358	3	346	4	244	2	189	2
Flow (million L/day)	1,355	3	1,310	4	924	2	715	2
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	30	7	69	8	51	5	39	9
Settleable Solids (mL/L)	0.01	183	0.1	36	0.4	20	0.3	45
BOD (mg/L)	69	8	102	5	78	5	105	7
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	11	19	13	6	17.0	7	9.9	17
Nitrate-N (mg/L)	0.198	151	0.07	45	NA	- ^b	0.08 ^c	121
Nitrite-N (mg/L)	NR	-	0.14	41	NA	-	NA	-
Ammonia-N (mg/L)	26.0	14	30.0	3	24	5	26.4	10
Organic-N (mg/L)	5.0	14	6.34	10	NA	-	NA	-
Phosphate (mg/L)	NA	-	3.35	10	NA	-	0.5 ^c	69
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	3.94	12	NA	-	NA	-	NA	-
Cyanide (µg/L)	7	70	8	18	2	183	8.0	80
Turbidity (NTU)	22	7	51	7	39	2	37	10
Acute Toxicity (TUa)								
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	0.71	97	0.79	80	0.81	22	1.3	11
Chronic Toxicity (TUc)								
<i>Haliotis rufescens</i>	34	30	NA	-	NA	-	50	57
<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>								
Germ tube length	NR	-	9	190	NA	-	95	64
Germination	NR	-	<16.7	-	NA	-	76	46
Arsenic (µg/L)	3	58	2	21	1	92	1.50	23
Cadmium (µg/L)	<2	-	0.5	135	0.4	51	0.2	203
Chromium (µg/L)	1	195	4	154	5	18	0.3	234
Copper (µg/L)	34	27	23	16	35	10	74	49
Lead (µg/L)	0.5	346	0.7	346	0.5	160	<18	-
Mercury (µg/L)	<0.3	-	<0.5	-	0.06	236	0.037	204
Nickel (µg/L)	8	70	49	17	22	20	3	142
Selenium (µg/L)	<1	-	16	13	2	78	1.37	18
Silver (µg/L)	5.1	54	5	63	2	49	0.15	346
Zinc (µg/L)	40	23	66	54	41	9	64	68
Phenols (µg/L) ^d	NA	-	254	38	38	34	NA	-
Chlorinated ^e	<7 ^f	-	7	86	0.83	249	<6.1	-
Nonchlorinated ^e	1.9	116	88	74	5.4	43	12.9	23
Total DDT (µg/L)	<0.013 ^f	-	0.004	216	<0.04 ^f	-	<0.04 ^f	-
Total PCB (µg/L)	<0.065 ^f	-	<0.9 ^f	-	<0.3	-	<0.6 ^f	-
PAHs (µg/L)	<1	-	0.6	149	0.31	346	<7.8 ^f	-

^aThe number of significant figures are those reported by the agencies.
^bDash = Not applicable.
^cOnly soluble forms of phosphate and nitrate were analyzed.
^dColorimetric method.
^eGas chromatography/mass spectrometry method.
^fMaximum reporting limit.

NA = Not analyzed.
NR = Not reported.

TABLE 7. Estimated constituent mass emissions from the largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California in 1997.

Constituent	HTP	JWPCP	OCSO	PLWTP	Total
Flow ^a (L x 10 ⁹)	495	478	338	261	1,572
Suspended Solids (mt)	14,628	32,898	17,306	10,273	75,105
BOD (mt)	34,257	48,597	26,228	27,429	136,511
Oil and Grease (mt)	5,310	6,170	5,731	2,582	19,793
Nitrate-N (mt)	98	35	NA	21	154
Nitrite-N (mt)	NR	68	NA	NA	68
Ammonia-N (mt)	12,848	14,308	7,985	6,875	42,016
Organic-N (mt)	2,456	3,028	NA	NA	5,484
Phosphate (mt)	NA	1,607	NA	126	1,733
Total Phosphorus (mt)	1,950	NA	NA	NA	1,950
Cyanide (mt)	3.2	3.9	0.58	2.1	9.8
Arsenic (mt)	1.2	1.1	0.45	0.39	3.1
Cadmium (mt)	nd	0.24	0.12	0.05	0.4
Chromium (mt)	0.65	2	1.5	0.09	4.2
Copper (mt)	17	11	12	19	59
Lead (mt)	0.26	0.33	0.17	nd	0.8
Mercury (mt)	nd	nd	0.02	0.01	0.03
Nickel (mt)	4.1	23	7.3	0.72	35
Selenium (mt)	nd	7.5	0.51	0.36	8.4
Silver (mt)	2.5	2.3	0.79	0.04	5.6
Zinc (mt)	20	31	14	17	82
Phenols ^b (mt)	NA	121	13	NA	134
Chlorinated ^c	nd	3.1	0.28	nd	3.4
Nonchlorinated ^c	0.9	41.2	1.8	3.4	47
Total DDT (kg)	nd	2.1	nd	nd	2.1
Total PCB (kg)	nd	nd	nd	nd	0.0
PAHs (kg)	nd	290	104	nd	394

^aAnnual flow volumes were the sum of mean daily flow per month times the number of days in each month.

^bColorimetric method.

^cGas chromatography/mass spectrometry method.

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TABLE 8. Results of significance tests for comparisons of effluent flow, toxicity, and constituent mass emission values between 1996^a and 1997.

Constituent	Test Used	P value	1996 Mass Emissions	1997 Mass Emissions	Difference Between 1996-1997	Percent Change	Significantly Higher Year
HTP							
Flow (mgd)	t-test	0.775	357	358	1.0	0.3	-
Acute toxicity (TUa)	Mann-Whitney	0.603	1.0	0.71	-0.3	-29	-
Suspended Solids (mt)	t-test	0.012	13,308	14,628	1,320.0	10	1997
BOD (mt)	t-test	0.002	30,299	34,257	3,958.0	13	1997
Oil and Grease (mt)	t-test	0.029	4,446	5,310	864.0	19	1997
Nitrate-N (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.665	81	98	17.0	21	-
Ammonia-N (mt)	t-test	0.706	13,063	12,848	-215.0	-2	-
Organic-N (mt)	t-test	0.412	2,355	2,456	101.0	4	-
Total Phosphorus (mt)	t-test	0.190	1,832	1,950	118.0	6	-
Cyanide (mt)	t-test	0.671	3.7	3.2	-0.5	-14	-
Arsenic (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.004	2.2	1.2	-1.0	-45	1996
Cadmium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.976	nd	nd	-	-	-
Chromium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	1.000	0.71	0.65	-0.1	-8	-
Copper (mt)	t-test	0.718	16	17	1.0	6	-
Lead (mt)	Mann-Whitney	1.000	0.09	0.26	0.2	189	-
Mercury (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.746	0.01	0	-0.01	-100	-
Nickel (mt)	t-test	0.480	4.8	4.1	-0.7	-15	-
Selenium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.976	nd	nd	-	-	-
Silver (mt)	t-test	0.089	1.8	2.5	0.7	39	-
Zinc (mt)	t-test	0.155	22	20	-2.0	-9	-
Chlorinated Phenols (mt)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
Nonchlorinated Phenols (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.017	1.4	0.9	-0.5	-36	1996
DDTs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.976	nd	nd	-	-	-
PCBs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
PAHs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
JWPCP							
Flow (mgd)	t-test	0.003	331	346	15.0	5	1997
Acute Toxicity (TUa)	t-test	0.933	0.81	0.79	0.0	-2	-
Suspended Solids (mt)	t-test	0.027	30,052	32,898	2,846.0	9	1997
BOD (mt)	t-test	<0.001	42,452	48,597	6,145.0	14	1997
Oil and Grease (mt)	t-test	0.001	5,432	6,170	738.0	14	1997
Nitrate-N (mt)	Mann-Whitney	<0.001	167	35	-132.0	-79	1996
Nitrite-N (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.371	104	68	-36.0	-35	-
Ammonia-N (mt)	t-test	0.060	13,753	14,308	555.0	4	-
Organic-N (mt)	t-test	0.217	2,862	3,028	166.0	6	-
Total Phosphate (mt)	t-test	0.518	1,544	1,607	63.0	4	-
Cyanide (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.312	5.2	3.9	-1.3	-25	-
Arsenic (mt)	t-test	0.553	1.2	1.1	-0.1	-8	-
Cadmium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.353	0.11	0.24	0.1	118	-
Chromium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.156	4.3	2	-2.3	-53	-
Copper (mt)	t-test	0.799	11	11	0.0	0	-
Lead (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.746	0	0.33	0.33	100	-
Mercury (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.976	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
Nickel (mt)	t-test	0.323	22	23	1.0	5	-
Selenium (mt)	t-test	0.053	6.6	7.5	0.9	14	-
Silver (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.386	2.4	2.3	-0.1	-4	-
Zinc (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.371	36	31	-5.0	-14	-
Phenols (mt)	t-test	0.710	126	121	-5.0	-4	-
Chlorinated Phenols (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.977	3.0	3.1	0.1	3	-
Nonchlorinated Phenols (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.017	53	41.2	-11.8	-22	1996
DDTs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.816	1.1	2.1	1.0	91	-
PCBs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
PAHs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.002	0	290	290.0	100	1997
OCSD							
Flow (mgd)	t-test	0.002	236	244	8.0	3	1997
Acute toxicity (TUa)	Mann-Whitney	0.166	0.87	0.81	-0.1	-7	-
Suspended solids (mt)	t-test	0.011	15,867	17,306	1,439.0	9	1997
BOD (mt)	t-test	0.023	24,486	26,228	1,742.0	7	1997
Oil and grease (mt)	t-test	<0.001	4,788	5,731	943.0	20	1997
Ammonia-N (mt)	t-test	0.006	7,531	7,985	454.0	6	1997

TABLE 8 (continued)

Constituent	Test Used	P value	1996 Mass Emissions	1997 Mass Emissions	Difference Between 1996-1997	Percent Change	Significantly Higher Year
Cyanide (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.448	0.17	0.58	0.4	241	-
Arsenic (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.977	0.55	0.45	-0.1	-18	-
Cadmium (mt)	t-test	0.862	0.11	0.12	0.0	9	-
Chromium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.040	1.4	1.5	0.1	7	1997
Copper (mt)	t-test	0.204	11	12	1.0	9	-
Lead (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.030	0.52	0.17	-0.4	-67	1996
Mercury (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.792	0.02	0.02	0.0	0	-
Nickel (mt)	t-test	0.143	6.6	7.3	0.7	11	-
Selenium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.623	0.47	0.51	0.0	9	-
Silver (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.017	0.71	0.79	0.1	11	1997
Zinc (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.260	14	14	0.0	0	-
Phenols (mt)	t-test	0.664	13	13	0.0	0	-
Chlorinated Phenols (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.500	0	0.28	0.3	100	-
Nonchlorinated Phenols (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.035	1.2	1.8	0.6	50	1997
DDTs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
PCBs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
PAHs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.746	0	104	104.0	100	-
PLWTP							
Flow (mgd)	t-test	<0.001	179	189	10.0	6	1997
Acute Toxicity (TUa)	Mann-Whitney	0.285	1.2	1.3	0.1	5	-
Suspended Solids (mt)	t-test	0.198	10,713	10,273	-440.0	-4	-
BOD (mt)	t-test	0.003	29,412	27,429	-1,983.0	-7	1996
Oil and Grease (mt)	t-test	0.119	2,926	2,582	-344.0	-12	-
Nitrate-N (mt)	t-test	0.036	50	21	-29.0	-58	1996
Ammonia-N (mt)	t-test	0.242	6,632	6,875	243.0	4	-
Phosphate (mt)	t-test	0.605	110	126	16.0	15	-
Cyanide (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.078	1.2	2.1	0.9	75	-
Arsenic (mt)	t-test	0.101	0.33	0.39	0.1	18	-
Cadmium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.193	0.19	0.05	-0.1	-74	-
Chromium (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.977	0.10	0.09	0.0	-10	-
Copper (mt)	t-test	0.008	11	19	8.0	73	1997
Lead (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.500	0.62	0.00	-0.62	-100	-
Mercury (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.306	0	0.01	0.01	100	-
Nickel (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.486	0.42	0.72	0.3	71	-
Selenium (mt)	t-test	0.006	0.28	0.36	0.1	29	1997
Silver (mt)	Mann-Whitney	0.746	0	0.04	0.0	100	-
Zinc (mt)	t-test	0.747	19	17	-2.0	-11	-
Chlorinated Phenols (mt)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
Nonchlorinated Phenols (mt)	t-test	<0.001	4.5	3.4	-1.1	-24	1996
DDTs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.746	0.25	0	-0.3	-100	-
PCBs (kg)	-	-	nd	nd	-	-	All nds
PAHs (kg)	Mann-Whitney	0.500	161	0	-161.0	-100	-

^a Raco-Rands (1999).
All nds = All nondetectable quantities.

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TABLE 9. Estimated combined constituent mass emissions for HTP, JWPCP, OCSD, and PLWTP from 1971 through 1997.

Constituent	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Flow (L x 10 ⁹)	1,289	1,278	1,319	1,334	1,343	1,402	1,310	1,381	1,431	1,489	1,491	1,509
Flow (mgd)	932	922	955	965	972	1,013	948	1,000	1,036	1,075	1,079	1,092
Suspended Solids ^a (mt x 10 ³)	295	286	292	271	284	285	240	254	246	231	224	227
BOD ^b (mt x 10 ³)	282	252	227	222	231	255	239	234	236	254	261	264
Oil and Grease (mt x 10 ³)	63	61	61	55	56	57	48	48	46	38	36	37
NO ₃ ⁻ -N (mt x 10 ³)	0.31	0.13	0.17	0.20	0.07	0.14	0.16	0.28	0.14	0.24	0.21	0.14
NO ₂ ⁻ -N (mt x 10 ³)	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.04
NH ₃ -N (mt x 10 ³)	54	41	46	37	36	37	38	39	39	41	41	40
Organic N (mt x 10 ³)	17	10	11	3.0	44	13	12	12	13	13	12	12
Total P ^c (mt x 10 ³)	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.2	10.9	9.7	10.0	10.1	9.9	10.0	9.5	9.2
MBAS (mt x 10 ³)	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.8	6.1	6.1	5.3	5.8	6.3	6.5	5.6	5.6
Cyanide (mt)	194	242	266	322	252	244	203	173	139	131	91	72
Arsenic (mt)	7.9	15	16	20	12	11	11	13	15	12	11	7.6
Cadmium (mt)	53	34	49	58	49	42	42	44	42	37	32	22
Chromium (mt)	666	678	691	691	571	591	361	283	237	272	187	197
Copper (mt)	535	488	508	572	510	504	404	416	358	333	336	283
Lead (mt)	240	254	178	197	196	173	146	218	217	173	130	123
Mercury (mt)	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.5	3.9	1.9	2.7	2.0	1.3	1.1
Nickel (mt)	327	262	316	310	271	313	258	320	252	229	183	170
Selenium (mt)	13	12	14	18	17	20	23	21	6.6	6.0	5.8	6.4
Silver (mt)	15	21	25	22	26	20	33	31	42	29	27	25
Zinc (mt)	1,834	1,201	1,355	1,323	1,130	1,055	834	896	705	727	538	550
DDT ^e (kg)	21,580	6,700	3,825	1,565	1,163	1,640	866	1,144	808	620	498	297
PCB ^e (kg)	8946	19,102	3,390	5,418	3,044	4,672	2,166	3,020	1,094	1,082	1,247	782

^aSolids from HTP's 7-mile outfall are total solids.

^bHyperion's 7-mile outfall is not included.

^cSum of total phosphorus (HTP), phosphate-P (JWPCP), and soluble phosphate-P (PLWTP).

^dAnalyses discontinued.

FIGURE 2. Combined effluent flow and individual effluent flows from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California (mgd = millions of gallons per day, L = liters).

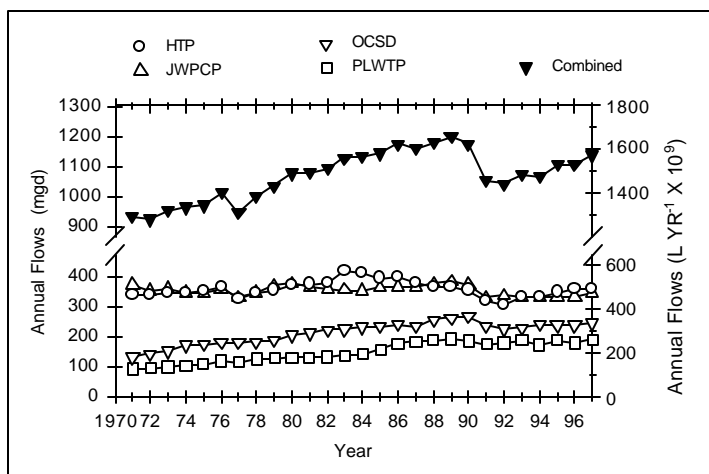
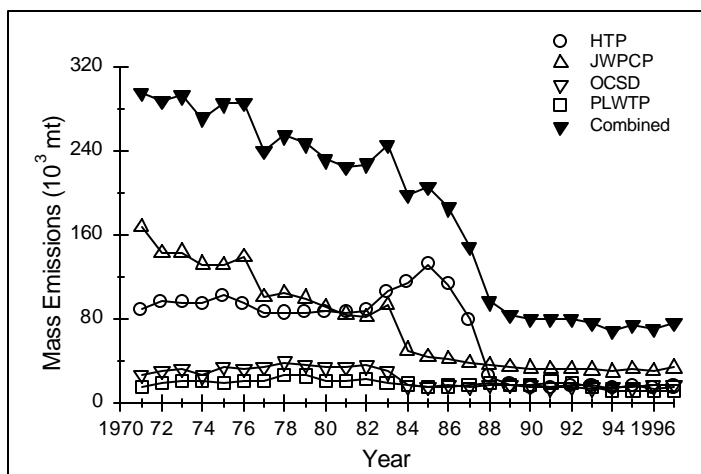


FIGURE 3. Individual and combined suspended solids emissions from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California (mt = metric tons).



1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1,561	1,566	1,580	1,624	1,604	1,632	1,658	1,625	1,455	1,440	1,484	1,474	1,528	1,528	1,571
1,130	1,130	1,144	1,176	1,161	1,179	1,200	1,177	1,054	1,039	1,075	1,067	1,106	1,103	1,137
245	197	205	185	148	96	83	80	79	79	75	68	73	70	75
251	230	254	182	164	168	162	159	139	135	136	132	138	127	137
36	30	34	29	25	25	22	21	19	19	18	19	19	18	20
0.03	0.07	0.33	0.41	0.50	0.48	0.34	0.21	0.24	0.21	0.24	0.21	0.27	0.30	0.15
0.03	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.08	0.29	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.02	0.13	0.10	0.07
40	41	42	45	44	44	45	46	44	42	41	41	41	41	42
12	13	13	11	9.2	7.0	7.2	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.5
9.0	9.2	8.6	9.2	7.8	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.0	5.2	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6
5.2	4.6	5.2	4.8	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.2	- ^d	- ^d	- ^d	- ^d	- ^d
47	43	30	27	29	26	12	13	16	18	15	12	6.5	10	9.8
9.7	18	15	12	11	9.1	7.4	8.2	5.4	5.5	5.2	4.0	4.9	4.2	3.2
23	16	16	14	9.1	3.9	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.56	0.67	0.61	1.0	0.42	0.41
165	137	112	86	59	29	22	14	10	11	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.5	4.3
277	234	237	203	123	79	67	59	47	47	44	49	52	49	59
97	93	120	104	62	47	27	8.1	2.4	3.4	1.8	1.3	2.4	1.2	0.76
1.1	0.95	0.92	0.71	0.38	0.41	0.39	0.25	0.23	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
157	131	120	130	75	64	54	40	33	31	31	28	30	33	35
7.3	6.3	6.1	8.1	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.3	6.6	7.4	7.8	7.4	8.3
25	22	27	22	15	11	10	9.5	8.0	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.4	4.9	5.6
497	368	361	341	240	151	145	115	125	99	82	72	86	90	81
227	293	51	50	56	26	22	17	6.4	13	9.2	8.0	1.9	1.4	2.1
633	1,236	705	35	5.7	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f	- ^f

^eEstimates for OCSD for 1971, and all POTWs for 1972 through 1975 were based upon Bodega Bay Marine Laboratories, and University of Washington analyses, except DDT estimates for JWPCP were based on JWPCP's own analyses. Estimates for PLWTP for 1976 and 1977 were based upon SCCWRP analyses. Estimates for remaining years are based upon discharger data.

No analyses were used for PLWTP for 1971.

^fConcentrations were below method detection limits.

MBAS = Methylene blue active substances.

FIGURE 4. Individual and combined oil and grease emissions from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California.

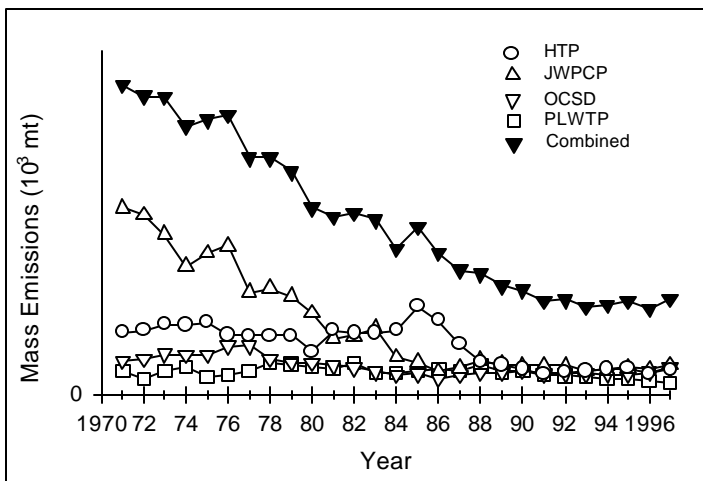


FIGURE 5. Combined and individual mass emissions of biochemical oxygen demand from the four largest municipal wastewater treatment facilities in southern California.

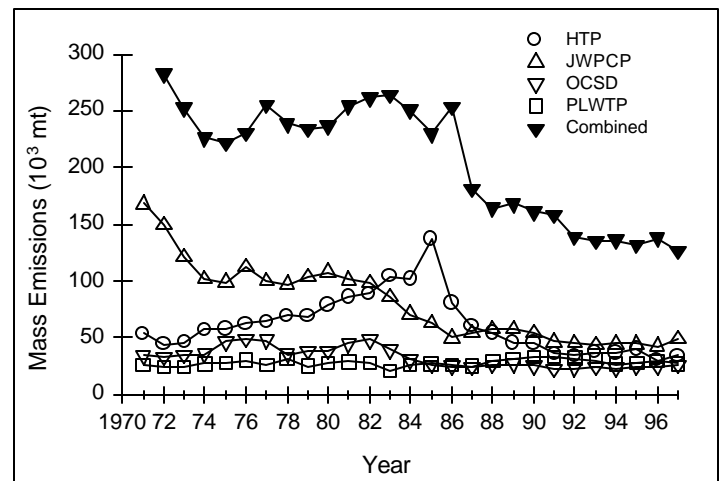


FIGURE 6. Combined mass emissions of trace metals from the four largest wastewater treatment facilities in southern California.

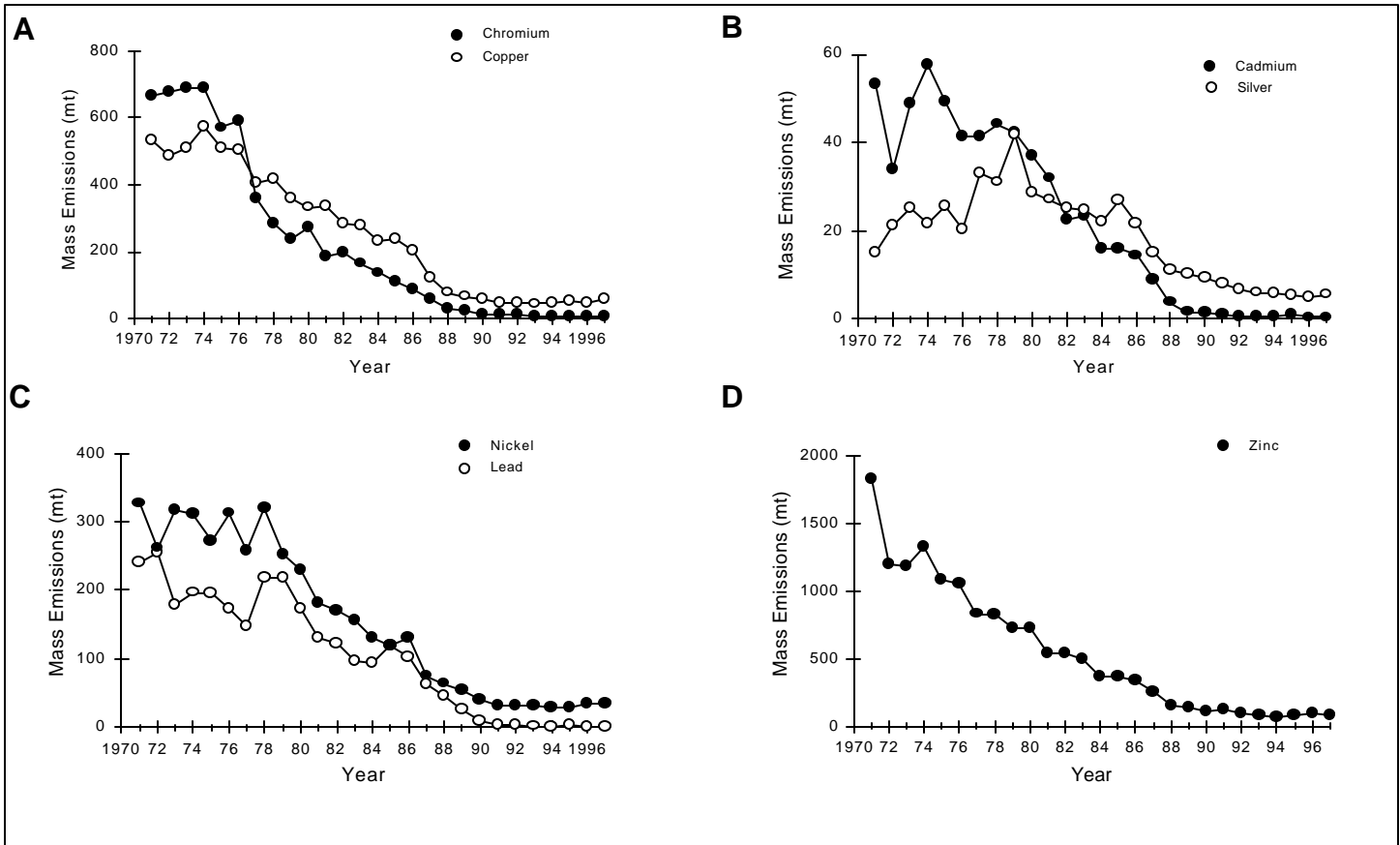


FIGURE 7. Combined mass emissions of DDTs and PCBs from the four largest wastewater treatment facilities in southern California (BRL = below reporting limits).

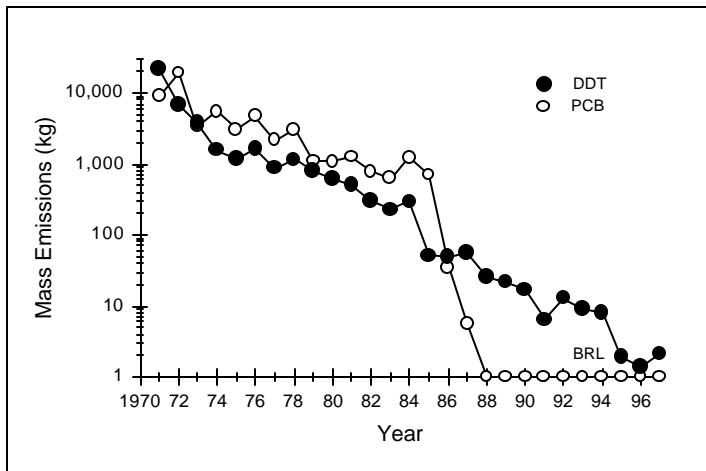


FIGURE 8. Effluent acute toxicity to fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*) at the four largest wastewater treatment facilities in southern California.

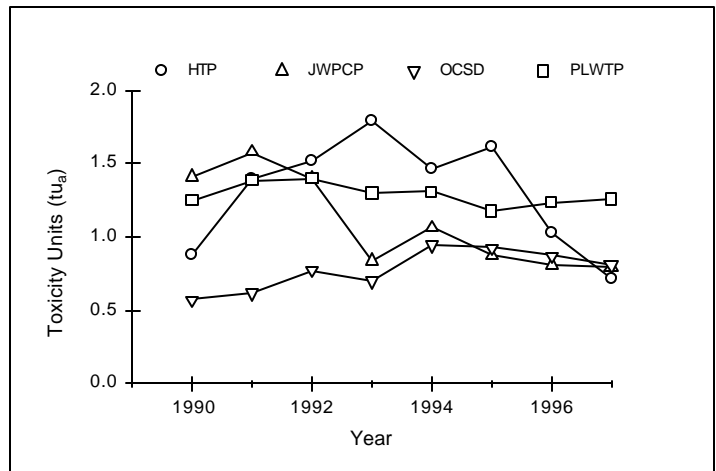


TABLE 10. Increase in mass estimates for 1997 replacing ND=0 with ND=reporting limit. Current estimate uses ND=0.

Constituent	HTP		JWPCP		OCSD		PLWTP		TOTAL	
	Increase in Mass	Increase % Over Current Estimate	Increase in Mass	Increase % Over Current Estimate	Increase in Mass	Increase % Over Current Estimate	Increase in Mass	Increase % Over Current Estimate	Increase in Mass	Increase % Over Current Estimate
	Suspended Solids (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOD (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oil and Grease (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nitrate-N (mt)	8.0	8	2.0	6	NA	NA	5.0	24	15	10
Nitrite-N (mt)	NR	NR	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Ammonia-N (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organic-N (mt)	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Total Phosphorus (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.7	9	3.7	0.10
MBAS (mt)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cyanide (mt)	0.49	15	0	0	1.3	218	0	0	2	18
Arsenic (mt)	0.04	3	0	0	0.28	62	0	0	0.3	10
Cadmium (mt)	0.99	NC	0.28	118	0.01	10	0.17	332	1	358
Chromium (mt)	1.5	230	3.7	187	0	0	1.1	1205	6	148
Copper (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lead (mt)	1.4	524	3.6	1077	0.45	258	4.7	NC	10	1320
Mercury (mt)	0.15	NC	0.24	NC	0.06	281	0.05	564	0.5	1687
Nickel (mt)	0.42	10	0	0	0	0	2.1	298	3	7
Selenium (mt)	0.49	NC	0	0	0.22	43	0	0	0.7	9
Silver (mt)	0	0	0.62	27	0.11	14	1.6	3728	2	41
Zinc (mt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total DDT (kg)	16	NC	52	2450	47	NC	39	NC	155	7289
Total PCB (kg)	148	NC	1512	NC	709	NC	254	NC	2623	NC

NA=Not analyzed.
 NC=Not calculable, original mass emission estimate equals zero.
 ND=Non-detectable results.

TABLE 11. Comparison of mass emission trends using reporting limits for non-detectable concentrations against estimates using zero for NDs.

Constituent	1971	0 for NDs		RL for NDs	
		1997 Mass (mt)	1971 vs. 1997 Percent Reduction	1997 Mass (mt)	1971 vs. 1997 Percent Reduction
BOD (mt)	282,412	136,512	52	136,512	52
Nitrate-N (mt)	308	154	50	169	45
Nitrite-N (mt)	159	68	57	68	57
Oil and Grease (mt)	63,189	19,793	69	19,793	69
Ammonia-N (mt)	53,551	42,015	22	42,015	22
Organic N (mt)	17,234	5,485.0	68	5,485	68
Total Phosphorus (mt)	11,719	3,598	69	3,602	69
MBAS (mt)	6,684	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cyanide (mt)	194	10	95	12	94
Arsenic (mt)	7.9	3.2	59	3.5	56
Cadmium (mt)	53	0.4	99	1.9	96
Chromium (mt)	666	4.3	99	11	98
Copper (mt)	535	59	89	59	89
Lead (mt)	240	0.76	100	11	95
Mercury (mt)	2.9	0.03	99	0.53	82
Nickel (mt)	327	35	89	38	88
Selenium (mt)	13	8.3	36	9.1	30
Silver (mt)	15	5.6	63	7.9	47
Zinc (mt)	1,834	81	96	81	96
Total DDT (kg)	22	0.002	100	0.2	99
Total PCB (kg)	8.9	0	100	2.6	71

NA=Not analyzed.

FIGURE 9. Comparison of lead mass emissions estimates if using RLs for NDs versus using zeros for NDs.

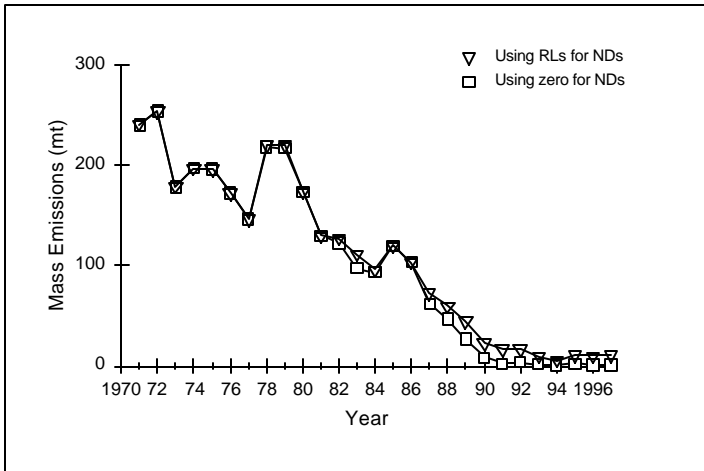


FIGURE 10. Comparison of zinc mass emissions estimates if using RLs for NDs versus using zeros for NDs.

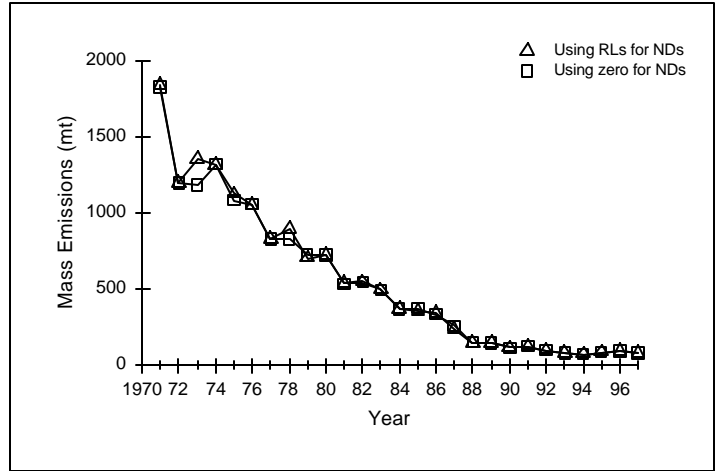


FIGURE 11. Comparison of total DDT mass emissions estimates if using RLs for NDs versus using zeros for NDs.

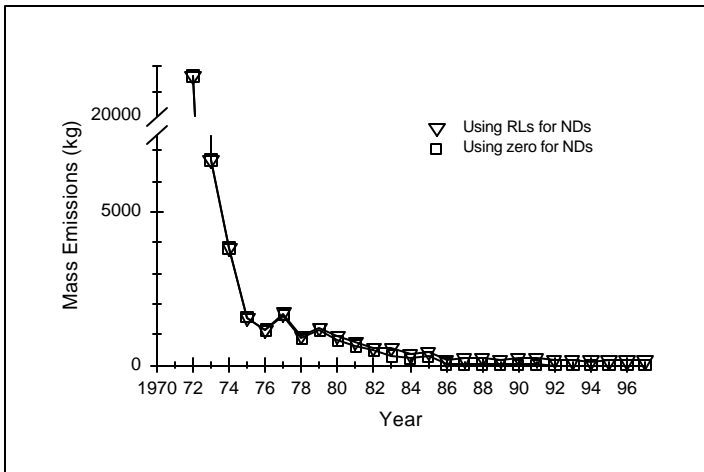
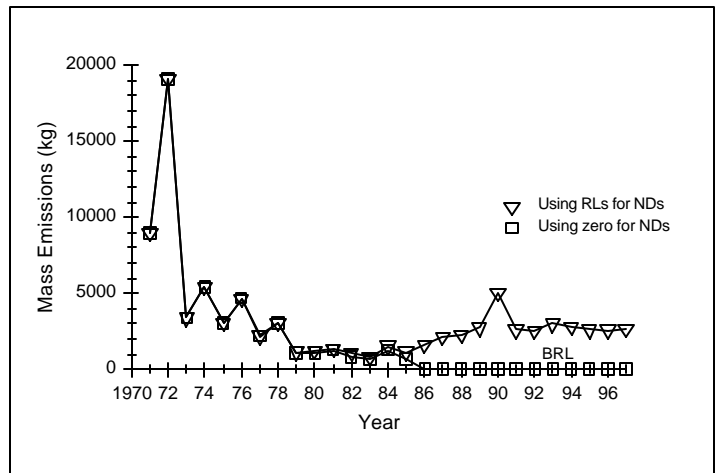


FIGURE 12. Comparison of total PCB mass emissions estimates if using RLs for NDs versus using zeros for NDs.



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