




Plant McDonough-Atkinson

Monthly Dewatering Results¹

September 2025

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Parameter	Units	Effluent Concentration			Permit Limits		
		Daily Min ²	Daily Avg ²	Daily Max ²	Daily Min	Daily Avg	Daily Max
Flow	MGD	0.00	0.07	0.13	***	***	***
pH	SU	6.8	***	7.9	6.0	***	9.0
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	ND ³	ND	ND	***	30.0	100.0
Oil and Grease	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	***	15.0	20.0

Parameter	Units	Effluent Concentration					Daily Average
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	
		9/3/2025	9/9/2025	9/16/2025	9/23/2025	9/30/2025	
Turbidity ⁴	NTU	1.3	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	***	***	***	***	***	***
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1230	1290	1310	1330	1240	1280
Ammonia	mg/L	0.50	0.45	0.57	0.44	0.45	0.48
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	0.51	0.74	ND	ND	0.74	0.40
Nitrate-Nitrite	mg/L	0.22	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.25
Organic Nitrogen	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Phosphorus	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ortho-Phosphorus	mg/L	0.08	0.06	0.09	0.09	ND	0.06
Biological Oxygen Demand	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hardness	mg/L	767	811	769	817	779	789

Parameter	Units	Effluent Concentration ⁵					Calculated Receiving Water Concentration ⁵					Average	Water Quality Criteria ⁶	
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5		Acute ⁷	Chronic ⁷
		9/3/2025	9/9/2025	9/16/2025	9/23/2025	9/30/2025	9/3/2025	9/9/2025	9/16/2025	9/23/2025	9/30/2025			
Antimony ⁹	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	640
Arsenic	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	340	150
Cadmium	μ g/L	ND	0.9	ND	ND	ND	***	0.0003	***	***	***	0.0001	0.94	0.43
Chromium ⁸	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	16	11
Copper	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	7	5
Lead	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	30	1.2
Nickel	μ g/L	70.1	89.3	116.0	89.8	91.8	0.0209	0.0266	0.0346	0.0268	0.0274	0.0273	260	29
Selenium ⁹	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	5
Thallium ⁹	μ g/L	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	0.47
Zinc	μ g/L	22.3	32.8	47.9	30.5	36.6	0.0067	0.0098	0.0143	0.0091	0.0109	0.0102	65	65
Mercury	ng/L	ND	4.9	0.6	ND	ND	***	0.0015	0.0002	***	***	0.0003	1400	12

1 Tetra Tech verifies the correct laboratory analysis methods were used, any applicable permit limits have been met and other results are protective of Georgia EPD's water quality standards.

2 Daily Min and Daily Max are the lowest and highest values for any day in the month. Daily Avg is the arithmetic average of all daily values during the entire month.

3 ND = Not Detected (below the lab's reporting limit).

4 Turbidity is monitored continuously. The value reported is the weekly maximum and the daily average is the average of the weekly maximum values reported.

5 Calculated Receiving Water Concentration shows the effluent concentration at the discharge once it has fully mixed in the receiving waterbody. This value is calculated as a dissolved concentration for an appropriate comparison to the numeric water quality criteria, which are also in the dissolved form. Consistent with Georgia EPD, non-detectable effluent concentrations are not translated into Calculated Receiving Water Concentrations.

6 Numeric Water Quality Criteria is the maximum concentration of a parameter (calculated at a default hardness of 50 mg/L as calcium carbonate) established for the receiving waterbody that will be protective of the designated use per Georgia EPD's rules and regulations. Calculated Receiving Water Concentrations less than these criteria are protective of the waterbody.

7 Acute (short-term) water quality criterion to be compared with the weekly calculated receiving water concentration; chronic (long-term) water quality criterion to be compared with the average calculated receiving water concentration.

8 Numeric water quality criterion shown is for Hexavalent Chromium.

9 The numeric water quality criterion shown is the chronic (long-term) water quality criterion for antimony, selenium, and thallium since these parameters do not have an acute (short-term) water quality criterion.

*** = Not Applicable

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Monthly Instream Results¹

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Parameter ³	Units	Chattahoochee River ²			
		9/9/2025 Upstream	9/9/2025 Downstream	9/23/2025 Upstream	9/23/2025 Downstream
pH	SU	7.8	7.9	7.1	7.1
TSS	mg/L	7.1	7.2	ND	2.6
O&G	mg/L	ND ⁴	ND	ND	ND
TRC	mg/L	***	***	***	***
Turbidity	NTU	4.8	27.7	3.4	4.5
TDS	mg/L	63	66	109	104
BOD	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Antimony	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Arsenic	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Cadmium	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chromium	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Copper	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Lead	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Mercury	ng/L	1.8	3.1	0.6	0.9
Nickel	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Selenium	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Thallium	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Zinc	µg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ammonia	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
TKN	mg/L	0.80	ND	ND	ND
Nitrate-Nitrite	mg/L	1.90	2.00	3.70	3.80
Organic Nitrogen	mg/L	0.79	ND	ND	ND
Phosphorus	mg/L	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ortho-phosphorus	mg/L	ND	ND	0.06	ND
Hardness	mg/L	26	27	37	38

1 Tetra Tech verifies the correct laboratory analysis methods were used.

2 Chattahoochee River measured 500ft upstream and 500ft downstream of Outfall 003.

3 Metals results are total recoverable.

4 ND = Non-detect

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