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Total dissolved solids (salinity)

Synonyms and/or acronyms: TDS

Parameter 1: PHYSICAL

Parameter 2: Turbidity, clarity and suspended solids

Water Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

Freshwater

Concentration (μg/L)

No data

No data

Marine

Concentration (μg/L)

No data

No data

Water Quality for the Protection of Agriculture

Irrigation

Concentration (µg/L) Variable

- = 500 mg/L for strawberries, raspberries, beans, and carrots
- = 500-800 mg/L for boysenberries, currants, blackberries, gooseberries, plums, grapes, apricots, peaches, pears, cherries, apples, onions, parsnips, radishes, peas, pumpkins, lettuce, peppers, muskmelons, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, potatoes, celery, cabbage, kohlrabi, cauliflower, cowpeas, broadbeans, flax, sunflowers, and corn.
- = 800-1500 mg/L for spinach, cantaloupe, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, brussels, sprouts, broccoli, turnips, smooth brome, alfalfa, big trefoil, beardless wildrye, vetch, timothy, and crested wheat grass
- = 1500-2500 mg/L for beets, zucchini, rape, sorghum, oat hay, wheat hay, mountain brome, tall fescue, sweet clover, reed canary grass, birdsfoot trefoil, perennial ryegrass
- = 3500 mg/L for asparagus, soybeans, safflower, oats, rye, wheat, sugar beets, barley, barley hay, and tall wheat grass

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Livestock	
Concentration (µg/L)	3 000 000
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Date	1987
Sediment Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life	
Freshwater	
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG	No data
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL	No data
Date	No data
Marine	
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG	No data
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL	No data
Date	No data
Soil Quality for the Protection of Environmental and Human Health	
Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Agricultural	No data
Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Residential / parkland	No data
Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Commercial	No data
Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Industrial	No data
Date	No data
Tissue Residue Quality for the Protection of Widlife Consumer of Aquatic Biota	
Concentration (µg/kg diet wet weight)	No data
Date	No data