



# Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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## PATHOGEN MONITORING

### Part I - Instructions

1. Completion of this report is required by Rules 62-610.463(4), 62-610.472(3)(d), 62-610.525(13), 62-610.568(11), 62-610.568(12), and 62-610.652(6)(c), F.A.C., for all domestic wastewater facilities that provide reclaimed water to certain types of reuse activities. The schedule for sampling and reporting shall be in accordance with the permit for the facility. If a schedule for sampling or re-sampling is not included in the permit, the following schedule shall apply:
  - a. Routine Sampling:

If sampling is required once every two years, this report shall be submitted on or before November 28 of each even numbered year (2006, 2008, 2010, etc.).

If sampling is required once every five years, this report shall be submitted with the application for permit renewal.

If sampling is required quarterly, this report shall be submitted on or before February 28, May 28, August 28, and November 28 of each year.
  - b. Subsequent Re-Sampling:

If subsequent re-sampling is required by Item 9 in Part I of this form, this form shall be submitted for the subsequent re-sampling(s) in accordance with the schedule established in Item 9 in Part I of this form.
2. Submit one copy of this form and a copy of the laboratory's final report for the analysis of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* to each of the following two addresses:
  - a. The appropriate DEP district office (attention Domestic Wastewater Program). Addresses for the DEP district offices are available at [www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/dist/default.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/dist/default.htm).
  - b. DEP Water Reuse Coordinator  
Mail Station 3540  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400
3. Please type or print legibly.
4. In Part II, Items 7 through 12 need to be completed only if this is the first submittal of this report, if the information in Items 7 through 12 has changed since the last submittal, or if the information in any of these questions has not been previously provided.

5. Part III is to be used when sampling for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* at the treatment plant. Part III is also to be used when sampling for *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* in a supplemental water supply (see Rule 62-610.472, F.A.C.).
6. For each sample, record the sample volume obtained in liters.
7. For *Giardia*, record the concentrations in cysts per 100 liters. For *Cryptosporidium*, record the concentrations in oocysts per 100 liters. Sufficient sample volumes shall be collected and processed such that the detection limit is no greater than 5 cysts or oocysts per 100 liters. Detection levels on the order of 1 cyst or oocyst per 100 liters are recommended. If an observation is less than the detection limit, make an entry in the form “<2” (where 2 per 100 liters is the detection limit in this example). The actual detection limit will be dictated by the volumes of sample obtained, filtered, and processed. Do NOT record nondetectable values as zero.
8. EPA Method 1623 or other approved methods for reclaimed water or nonpotable waters, adjusted appropriately to accommodate the detection limit requirements, shall be used. Methods previously allowed for EPA’s Information Collection Rule (ICR) shall not be used. The full requirements of the approved method, including quality assurance and quality control, are to be met. Quality assurance and sampling requirements in Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., shall apply.

Two concentrations of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* shall be recorded on Part III of this form:

- a. Total cysts and oocysts shall be enumerated using EPA Method 1623 or other approved methods.
  - b. Potentially viable cysts and oocysts shall be enumerated using the DAPI staining technique contained in EPA Method 1623 or similar enumeration techniques included in other approved methods. Cysts and oocysts that are stained DAPI positive or show internal structure by D.I.C. shall be considered as being potentially viable. If the laboratory reports separate values for DAPI positive and for cysts or oocysts having internal structure, the larger of the two concentrations will be reported as being potentially viable.
9. If the number of potentially viable cysts of *Giardia* reported exceeds 5 per 100 liters, a subsequent sample shall be taken and analyzed using EPA Method 1623 or other approved methods and reported using this form. If the number of potentially viable oocysts of *Cryptosporidium* reported exceeds 22 per 100 liters, a subsequent sample shall be taken and analyzed using EPA Method 1623 or other approved methods and reported using this form. This subsequent sample shall be collected within 90 days of the date the initial sample was taken, analyzed for both *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, and the results of the subsequent analysis shall be submitted to DEP using this form within 60 days of sample collection.
  10. Rule 62-160.300, F.A.C., requires that all laboratories generating environmental data for submission to the DEP shall hold certification from the Department of Health’s (DOH) Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP). Certification by the ELCP for analysis of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* using EPA Method 1623 for non-potable waters is required. If other approved methods are used, certification by the ELCP is required for the specific method and for the test matrix. Lists of certified laboratories can be found at [www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/cgi-bin/aams/index.asp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/cgi-bin/aams/index.asp)
  11. Samples shall be collected during peak flow periods (normally between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.).
  12. Recognizing that concentrations of these pathogens generally increase during the late summer through fall period, it is recommended that utilities sample during the August through October time period.

13. If the wastewater treatment facility uses chlorination for disinfection, samples obtained for analysis of *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* shall be dechlorinated.
14. When sampling at the treatment facility, obtain a grab sample for total suspended solids (TSS) that is representative of the water leaving the filters at the treatment facility during the period when pathogen samples are being obtained. In addition, record the highest turbidity and the lowest total chlorine residual observed during the period when pathogen samples are being obtained.
15. When sampling a supplemental water supply, obtain a grab sample for total suspended solids (TSS) that is representative of the surface water or treated stormwater as it is added to the reclaimed water system. This TSS sample shall be taken during the period when pathogen samples are being obtained. In addition, record the lowest total chlorine residual observed during the period when pathogen samples are being obtained.

**Part II - General Information**

1. DEP wastewater facility identification number: **F L** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Wastewater facility name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Person completing this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sampling and analysis:

Date samples were taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization collecting the samples: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the sample dechlorinated in the field?  Yes  No

Was the sample refrigerated or kept on ice during shipment to the laboratory?  Yes  No

Date samples delivered to laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_

Date analytical work was done: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory doing the analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory's DOH Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved method used:

EPA Method 1623

Other approved method: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person at the laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of the lab contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is this the first time that this form has been submitted for the facility?

Yes [Please complete Questions 7 through 16.]

No [Proceed to Question 5.]

5. Is this a report of "subsequent re-sampling" required by Item 9 in Part I of this form based on concentrations of potentially viable cysts or oocysts in a previous sampling?

No [Proceed to Question 6.]

Yes [Attach a description of any facility or operational changes made to the treatment facilities since the time of the previous sampling and proceed to Question 6.]

6. Has the information requested in Questions 7 through 12 (below) changed since the last submittal of this form?

Yes [Please complete Questions 7 through 16.]

No [Proceed to Questions 13 through 16 of Part II of this form. You do not need to complete Questions 7 through 12.]

7. Type of secondary treatment system:

Conventional activated sludge

Extended aeration

Contact stabilization

Biological nutrient removal (such as Bardenpho)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does this treatment facility nitrify (convert ammonia nitrogen to nitrate)?  Yes  No

9. Filter type:

Deep bed, single media

Deep bed, multiple media

Shallow bed, automatic backwash

Upflow (including Dynasand)

Slow rate sand filter

Diatomaceous earth filter

Fabric filter

Cartridge filter

Membranes (microfiltration, ultrafiltration, membrane bioreactor, reverse osmosis)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Filter Media (complete for each type of media provided):

Top layer of media: Media type: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective size: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Uniformity coefficient: \_\_\_\_\_

Bed depth: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Middle layer of media: Media type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective size: \_\_\_\_\_ mm  
 Uniformity coefficient: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed depth: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Bottom layer of media: Media type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective size: \_\_\_\_\_ mm  
 Uniformity coefficient: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bed depth: \_\_\_\_\_ inches

11. Filter backwash water:

- Backwash water is returned to the headworks of the treatment plant.
- Backwash water is returned to the aeration basin.
- Other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Disinfection system:

- Chlorination, gas                       Hypochlorite
- Chlorine dioxide                       Chlorination, other \_\_\_\_\_
- Ultraviolet                               Ozone
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is chlorine added before the filters?       No       Yes      Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

14. During the period that samples were taken, did you add a coagulant, coagulant aid, polyelectrolyte, or other chemical to enhance filtration?

- No
- Yes. Please list the chemicals being added and their dose.

Chemical 1 – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

Chemical 2 – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

Chemical 3 – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L

15. Wastewater treatment plant permitted capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ MGD

16. Wastewater flow being treated at the time samples were collected: \_\_\_\_\_ MGD

## PART III - PATHOGEN MONITORING REPORT

PERMITTEE NAME:

FACILITY ID:

MAILING ADDRESS:

DATE OF SAMPLING:

FACILITY ADDRESS:

FACILITY NAME:

| Parameter   | Quantity or Loading |        | Quality or Concentration |                                  |
|---|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Sample Measurement  | Units  | Sample Measurement       | Units                            |
| Treatment Plant: After Filter<br>Monitoring Site No.  |                     |        |                          |                                  |
| Turbidity<br>PARM Code 00070  |                     |        |                          | NTU                              |
| TSS<br>PARM Code 00530  |                     |        |                          | mg/L                             |
| Treatment Plant: After Disinfection<br>Monitoring Site No.  |                     |        |                          |                                  |
| Total Chlorine Residual<br>PARM Code 50060  |                     |        |                          | mg/L                             |
| Volume Collected<br>PARM Code 71994   |                     | Liters |                          |                                  |
| <i>Giardia</i> , total count *<br>PARM Code GIARD   |                     |        |                          | total cysts/100 L                |
| <i>Giardia</i> , potentially viable cysts *<br>PARM Code VGIAR  |                     |        |                          | potentially viable cysts/100 L   |
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , total count *<br>PARM Code CRYPT   |                     |        |                          | total oocysts/100 L              |
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , potentially viable oocysts *<br>PARM Code VCRYP  |                     |        |                          | potentially viable oocysts/100 L |
| Supplemental Water Supply (surface water or<br>stormwater): After Treatment & Disinfection<br>Monitoring Site No. |                     |        |                          |                                  |
| TSS<br>PARM Code 00530  |                     |        |                          | mg/L                             |
| Total Chlorine Residual<br>PARM Code 50060  |                     |        |                          | mg/L                             |
| Volume Collected<br>PARM Code 71994   |                     | Liters |                          |                                  |
| <i>Giardia</i> (total count) *<br>PARM Code GIARD   |                     |        |                          | total cysts/100 L                |
| <i>Giardia</i> , potentially viable cysts *<br>PARM Code VGIAR  |                     |        |                          | potentially viable cysts/100 L   |
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , total count *<br>PARM Code CRYPT   |                     |        |                          | total oocysts/100 L              |
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , potentially viable oocysts *<br>PARM Code VCRYP  |                     |        |                          | potentially viable oocysts/100 L |

\* Data entries must be made for both total and potentially viable cysts and oocysts.

## PART IV - CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein; and based upon my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

| Name/Title of Principle Executive Officer or Authorized Agent (Type or Print) | Signature of Principle Executive Officer or Authorized Agent | Telephone No. | Date (YY/MM/DD) |
|---|--|---------------|-----------------|
|   |  |               |                 |
| Email Address   |  |               |                 |