

Adelaide Desalination Project (ADP) – DBOM

# Quarterly Salinity Monitoring Report

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## 1. Volumes of seawater received, and outfall discharged

Table 1 below shows the summary of seawater received and outfall discharged volumes for this reporting period. Plant winter shutdown period started from 17<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Table 1 - Intake and Discharge Volume Summary**

Month	Intake (ML)	Outfall (ML)
July	118	122
August	594	515
September	1,245	841
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,478</b>

## 2. Water Quality

### 2.1 Seawater Characteristics Results

Tables 2A and 2B below show the summary of seawater characteristics for this reporting period.

**Table 2A - Seawater Characteristics Summary-Online Analyser**

Parameter	Conductivity	Temperature	pH	DO
	µS/cm	°C	-	mg/L
<b>Average</b>	56,098	14.3	7.8	8.5
<b>Minimum</b>	54,610	13.0	6.0	7.2
<b>Maximum</b>	59,709	16.0	8.8	12.1

Source: Online analyser (10 minutes intervals data over 3 month)

**Table 2B - Seawater Characteristics Summary-External lab**

Parameter	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Suspended solids	Nitrogen (Total)	Phosphorus (Total)	Zinc (Total)	Lead (Total)	Copper (Total)
	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L as N	mg/L as P	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
<b>Average</b>	<2	2	0.26	<0.005	<0.0004	<0.0002	0.0005
<b>Minimum</b>	<2	<1	0.06	<0.005	<0.0004	<0.0002	<0.0003
<b>Maximum</b>	<2	3	0.37	<0.005	0.0005	<0.0002	0.0007

Source: AWQC

The ADP conducts intake chemical shock dosing to control the bio-growth in the intake tunnel. During the intake shock dosing, pH dropped to 6.0 (normal operation range 8.0-8.5) due to the acid dosing and came back to normal sea water pH range after shock dosing.

## 2.2 Discharge Characteristics Results

Tables 3A and 3B below show the summary of discharge characteristics for this reporting period.

**Table 3A - Discharge Characteristics Summary-Online Analyser**

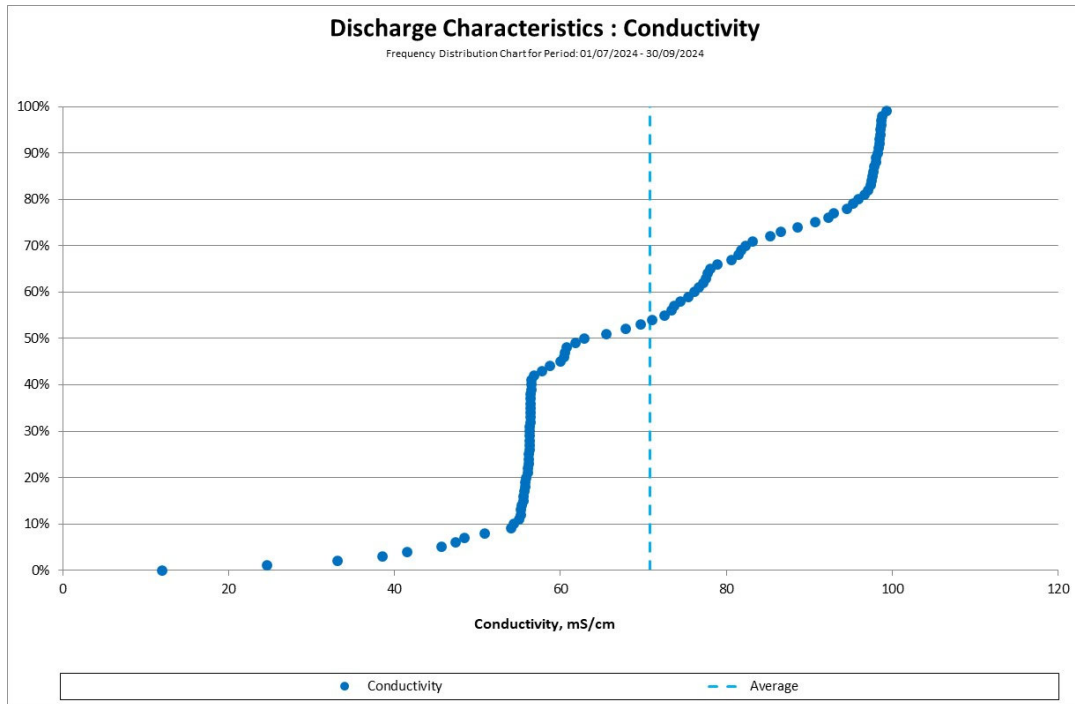
Parameter	Conductivity	Temperature	pH	DO	Cl <sub>2</sub>
	µS/cm	°C	-	mg/L	mg/L
<b>Average</b>	70,612	14.8	7.74	10.5	0.0
<b>Minimum</b>	11,971	8.3	5.41	7.8	0.0
<b>Maximum</b>	137,884	29.8	10.19	13.9	0.0

*Source: Online analyser (10 minutes intervals data over 3 months)*

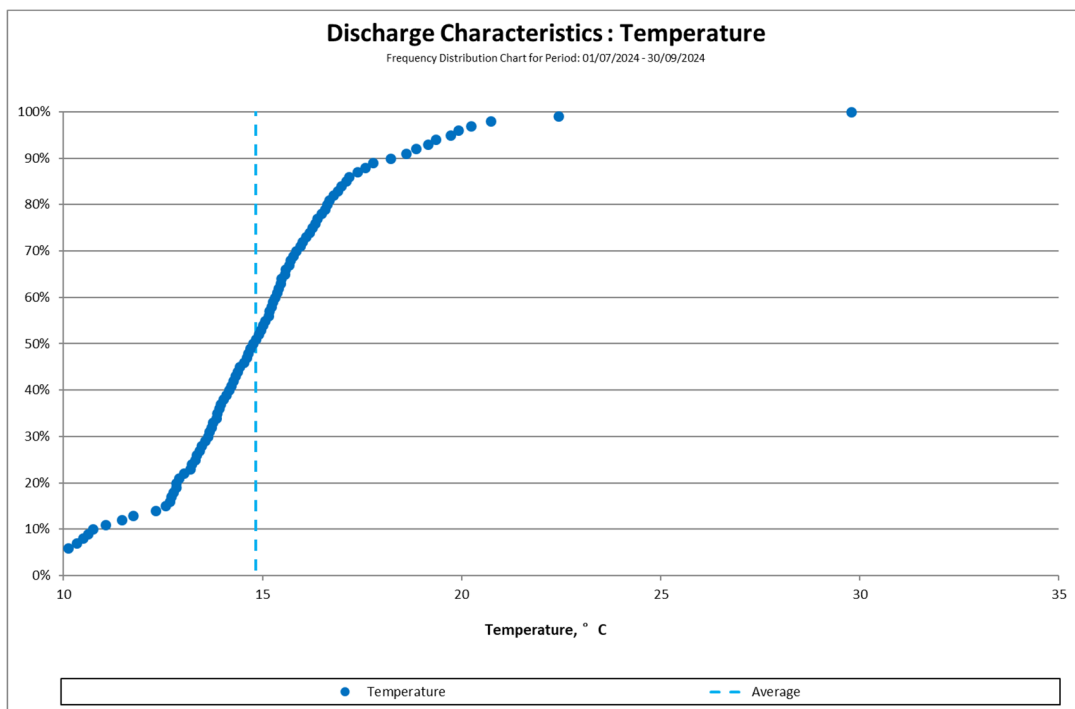
**Table 3B - Discharge Characteristics Summary- External lab**

Parameter	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Suspended solids	Nitrogen (Total)	Phosphorus (Total)	Zinc (Total)	Lead (Total)	Copper (Total)
	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L as N	mg/L as P	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
<b>Average</b>	<2	4	0.22	0.21	0.0011	<0.0002	0.0009
<b>Minimum</b>	<2	<1	0.06	0.018	0.0004	<0.0002	0.0003
<b>Maximum</b>	<2	5	0.29	0.401	0.0021	<0.0002	0.0015

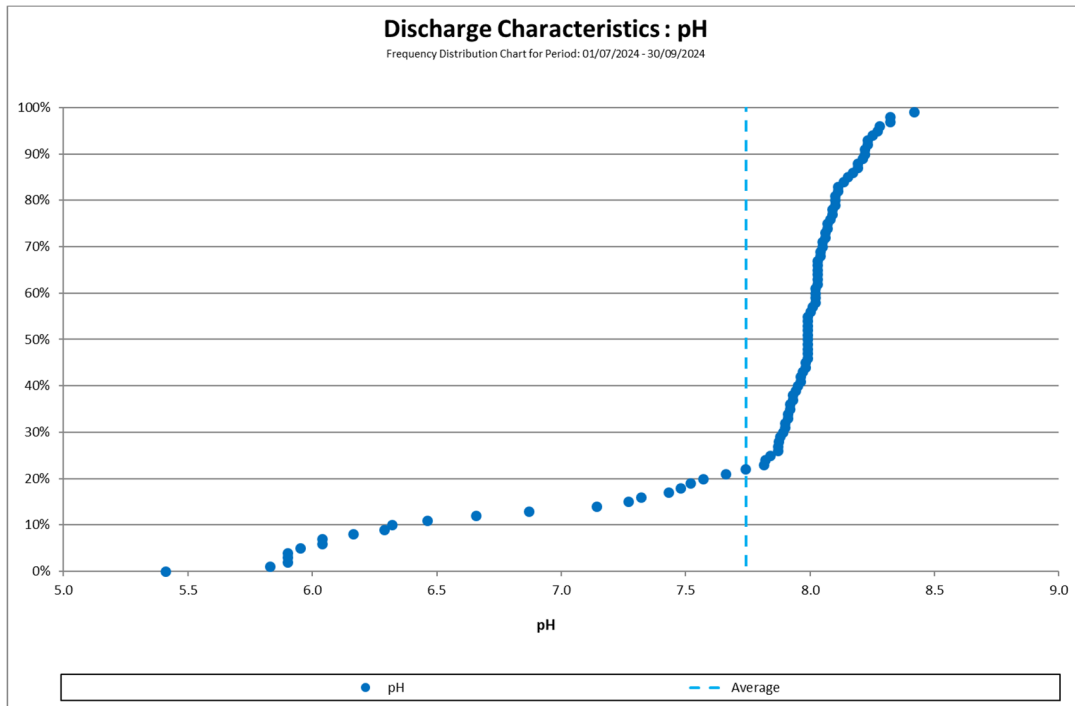
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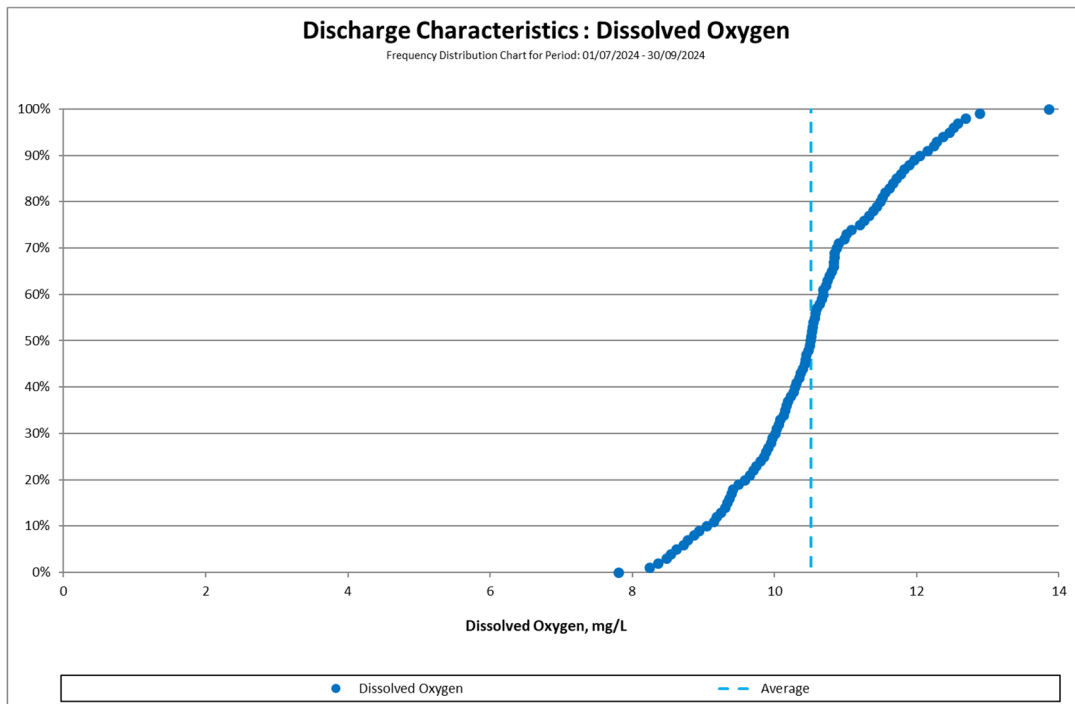
**Figure 1 - Discharge Characteristic: Conductivity - Frequency Distribution**



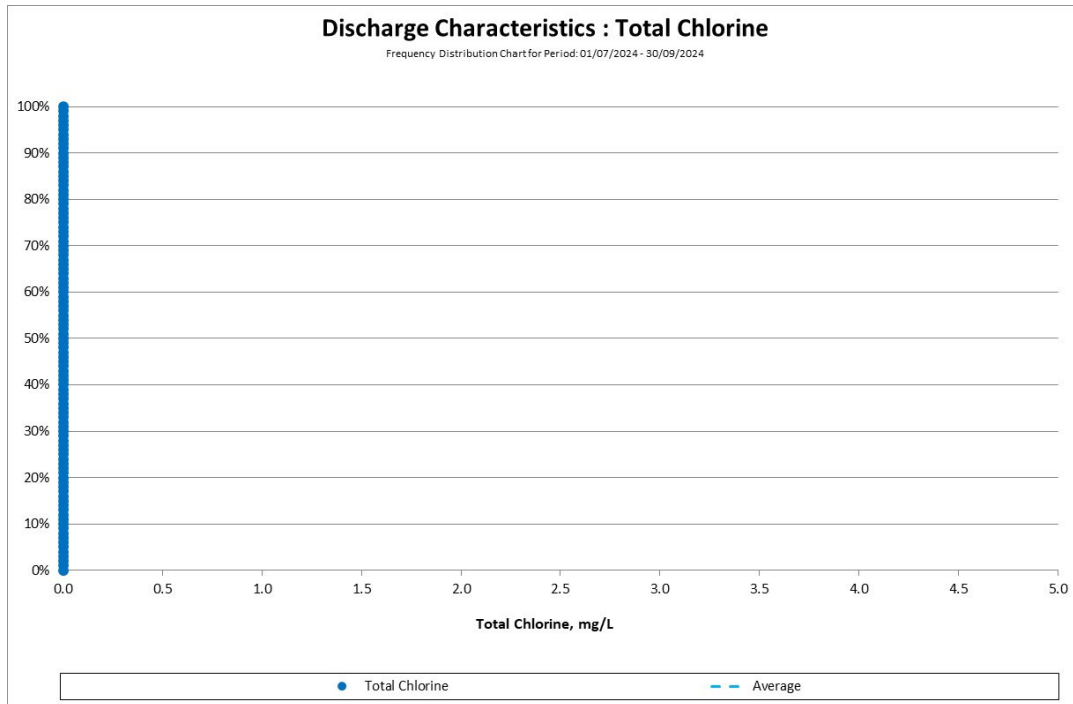
**Figure 2 - Discharge Characteristics: Temperature - Frequency Distribution**



**Figure 3 - Discharge Characteristics: pH - Frequency Distribution**



**Figure 4 - Discharge Characteristics: DO - Frequency Distribution**



**Figure 5 - Discharge Characteristics: Chlorine - Frequency Distribution**

### 3. Salinity Monitoring Results

#### 3.1 Average Salinity Discharge (U-149) Results

Table 4 below shows the summary of salinity readings at the edge of the mixing zone (100m from the discharge point) for this reporting period.

**Table 4 – Average Salinity Discharge Summary**

	Average Salinity Discharge (ppt)		
	July	August	September
<b>Average</b>	40.32	40.11	39.77
<b>Minimum</b>	39.37	39.60	37.39
<b>Maximum</b>	40.79	41.00	40.85

No exceedances or issues associated with Average Salinity Discharge (U-149) were identified during this reporting period.

### 3.2 Salinity Discharge (U-145, U-146) Results

Table 5 below shows the summary of salinity discharge ratio results for this reporting period.

**Table 5 Salinity discharge ratio summary**

	Salinity Discharge Ratio		
	July	August	September
<b>Average</b>	1.0	1.0	1.08
<b>Minimum</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Maximum</b>	1.0	1.0	1.84

Over the quarter, the highest salinity discharge ratio recorded was 1.84 on 25/09/2024. This confirms that the discharge salinity did not exceed the intake salinity by a factor of 2.1. No exceedances, issues associated with Salinity Discharge (U-145, U-146) were identified during this reporting period.