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BATHING WATERS DIRECTIVE

INTRODUCTION

The EC Bathing Waters Directive (76/160/EEC) is intended to safeguard public health and the environment by reducing pollution of bathing waters and protecting such waters against further deterioration.

The Directive identifies a number of water quality standards which should be achieved in waters subject to the Directive and indicates the required monitoring frequency. These standards fall into two categories, mandatory (I) and guideline (G) standards. Details of the requirements for compliance of these standards are given later. The UK Government uses the <u>E.coli</u> and total coliform standards as the basis for determining compliance with the Directive. Additional "I" standards concern the occurrence of Salmonella, enteroviruses and a range of physico-chemical standards. The occurrence of faecal streptococci and "tarry residues and persistent floating solids" are also examined although these are non mandatory "G" standards.

Sampling Programme

The bathing season has been identified by DOE as 14 May to 30 September but the requirement that monitoring must commence 2 weeks earlier, means that the sampling period runs from 1 May to 30 September.

50 bathing waters have been identified in the Welsh Region as falling within the scope of the Directive. Although these bathing waters have not been formally designated, colloquially they are referred to as such, and for brevity the word "designated" will be used in this document. The raw data for these sites (listed in Appendix 1) is reported to DOE and Welsh Office.

The Government requires that the bathing waters are monitored in accordance with the requirements of the Bathing Waters Directive. However, as yet, DOE has not issued formal detailed implementation advice for this Directive so the monitoring programme has been developed using informal guidance from DOE and HMIP.

The Directive considers the following determinands:
Total coliforms, <u>E.coli</u>, Faecal streptococci, Salmonella,
Enteroviruses, pH, Colour change, Mineral oils, Surface active
substances, Phenols, Transparency, Dissolved oxygen, Tarry
residues and floating matter, Ammonia, Nitrogen, Pesticides,
Heavy metals, Cyanides, Nitrates and Phosphates. Some of these
parameters are only required when known problems exist and so
DOE require the following determinands to be reported as a
minimum:

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Total coliforms, <u>E.coli</u>, Faecal streptococci, Salmonella, Enteroviruses, pH, Colour change, Mineral oils, Surface active substances, Phenols, Transparency, and Tarry residues and persistent floating solids.

The Directive specifies transparency to be measured by use of the Secchi disc. It has been decided that due to the nature of the Welsh Region beaches this is in many cases too dangerous, and that turbidity should be measured instead. The equivalent transparency is then calculated where:

Transparency (cm) =
$$\frac{746.3}{\text{Turbidity (ftu)} - 0.798}$$

In most cases failure of the transparency criterion in Wales is due to natural physical processes rather than pollution, so it is hoped that derogations will be granted by Welsh Office for all Welsh bathing waters regarding transparency. However, until this is decided sampling for turbidity during the bathing season will continue.

In addition to the monitoring of "designated" bathing waters the NRA monitors bathing water quality at other sites in order to establish the impact of unsatisfactory discharges and to ensure bathing water quality does not deteriorate. All data collected at these "non designated" bathing water sites are reported to Welsh Office. These sites are sampled on a three year rolling programme basis dependent on the degree of bathing water use and available staff resources. These are sampled for <u>E.coli</u>, total coliforms and faecal streptococci only.

The results and compliance statistics of sampling for both EC and non EC waters are collated in the annual Welsh Region NRA internal Bathing Waters Report.

Bathing Waters Directive Standards

Article 3 of the EC Directive on the quality of bathing waters (76/160/EEC) requires member states to set bathing water quality standards no less stringent than those specified as "I" values in the Annex to the Directive. Article 3 also requires member states to <u>endeavour</u> to observe "G" values as guidelines, whether or not there is a corresponding "I" value. These standards are shown in Appendix 2.

BATHING WATERS MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Monitoring of EC "Designated" Bathing Waters

Submission of monitoring data: Annually by 15th November for preceding bathing season. Data is submitted to DOE on floppy disc and to Welsh Office as a print-out.

Sampling period: 1 May to 30 September.

Frequency of sampling: Weekly between 1 May and 30 September so that at least 20 samples are collected for all determinands except Salmonella and enter-viruses. Sampling for entero-viruses should be carried out at least twice in the season, during July and August and 5 times for Salmonella, at monthly intervals.

<u>Sampled at</u>: All sites identified in Appendix 1 and shown in Figure 1.

ARGs used: EM02 - for sampling when Salmonella and entero-viruses are not required

EM03 - for sampling when Salmonella is required but

entero-viruses are not required

EM04 - for sampling when all determinands are required, including Salmonella and

entero-viruses

Determinands used:

"I" Value Determinand	Unit	Determinand Code
E.coli	No. / ml	9040
Total coliforms	No. / ml	9030
Salmonella	Presence / absence	1193
Entero-viruses	Plaque Forming Units 10 litres	/ 9435
На	pH units	0061
Mineral oils (visual film or odour)	Presence / absence *	9242
Surface active substances (lasting foam)	Presence / absence *	9243
Phenols (odour)	Presence / absence *	9244
Colour change from normal**	Change / no change	9467
Transparency (calculated from turbibity) ***	Transparency - Pass/F	

"G" Value Determinands

Faecal Streptococci	No. / 100 ml	2549
Tarry residues and	Presence / absence	9245
persistent floating		
solids		

- * where "presence" is noted a water sample <u>must</u> be taken
- ** colour is also measured in the lab (det.code 0069) but not reported to DOE
- *** subject of a derogation application

In addition to the determinands listed in the previous table salinity (det. code 9170), time of high tide (det. code 0004) and relative time of tide (det. code 9247) should also be measured as specified on the ARGs. Relative time of tide should be expressed as the number of hours before(-) or after(+) the closest high tide.

The determinands to be reported to DOE and Welsh Office are those shown in the table on the previous page. Salinity, time of high tide and relative time of tide are not reported. Colour is recorded as both "colour change from normal" (reported to DOE) and "colour" measured in the laboratory in Hazens - det.code 0069 (not reported to DOE). This laboratory measurement is taken in order to build up a base against which changes can more accurately be identified.

If the presence of mineral oils, surface active substances, or phenols is recorded then a confirmatory sample <u>must</u> be taken using the appropriate determinand codes as listed below:

Mineral oils -	Oil & Grease (mg/l)	det.	code	0666
Phenols -	Phenols - monohydric	det.	code	0749
	(distilled) (mg/l)	_		
Surface Active - Substances	Synthetic Anionic (mg/l) Detergents	det.	code	0461

To aid data retrieval of the basic information a macro JDPECBBRETURN has been set up.

Monitoring of Non EC "Designated" Bathing Waters

<u>Submission of monitoring data</u>: As early as possible after the end of the bathing season. A print-out of the data is submitted to Welsh Office. DOE do not require this data.

Sampling period: 1 May to 30 September.

Frequency of sampling: Weekly between 1 May and 30 September so that at least 20 samples are collected.

<u>Sampled at</u>: Sites identified in Appendix 3 for the appropriate year of the 3 year rolling programme. Pollution Control Managers should inform the Senior Environmental Regulations Scientist of the sites to be sampled once staff resources have been determined.

ARGs used: WM01

Determinands used:

Determinand	Unit	Determinand Code
E.coli	No. / ml	9040
Total coliforms	No. / ml	9030
Faecal Streptococci	No. / 100 ml	2549

Salinity (det. code 9170) should also be measured as specified in the ARG but is not reported to Welsh Office.

WELSH REGION NRA INTERNAL BATHING WATERS REPORT

Report production: Annually by the release date of DOE report in Parliament. The exact date is not known until shortly before release.

Circulated to:

- Regional General Manager

- Management Group

- Regional Board Member

- Chairmen Regional Advisory Committees

Divisional ScientistsLaboratory Manager

- Pollution Control Managers

- Area Pollution Control OfficersEnvironmental Appraisal Manager
- Senior Environmental Regulations Scientist
 Regional Environmental Appraisal Scientist

- Senior Environmental Appraisal Officers

- Public Relations Officer

The report will be circulated to the above immediately prior to the publication of the DOE report in Parliament.

The report will also be circulated to the following, soon after publication of the DOE report in Parliament:

- All local Environmental Health Officers

- All Medical Officers of Environmental Health
- Tourist Boards, both National and Local
- National Parks Committees

- Dwr Cymru

- Constituency MPs
- European MPs
- Local District Councils
- County Councils
- Environmental Bodies
 - -Marine Conservation Society
 - -Heritage Coast
 - -Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales
 - -Countryside Commission

1989 Bathing Water Report is filed in Strategic Planning filing system in:-

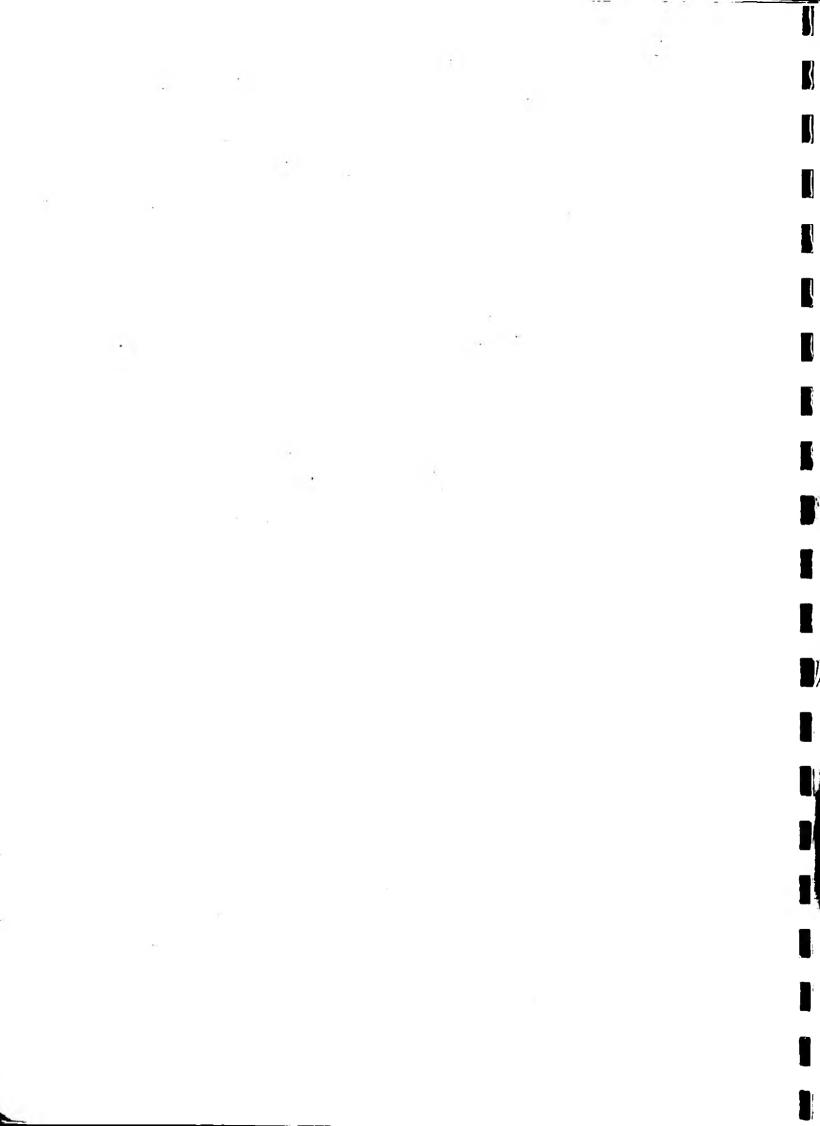
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IMPORTANT: The internal report must not be issued outside Welsh
Region NRA before the DOE report is presented in Parliament.



SAMPLING POINTS OF EC "DESIGNATED" BATHING WATERS

Courth Book				
South East	Tackgong Pay Poach Parry	СШ	1220	6657
19055	Jacksons Bay Beach, Barry		1220 1145	
19034 19037	Whitmore Bay, Barry Cold Knap Beach, Barry		0965	
19037	cold khap beach, bally	51	0965	0040
South West				
19100	Southerndown Beach	SS	8840	7290
19114	Trecco Bay, Porthcawl		8310	
19117	Sandy Bay, Porthcawl		8240	
19122	Rest Bay, Porthcawl		8000	
19051	Aberafan Slip		7390	
74006	Swansea Bay at Slip		6440	
39105	Bracelet Bay		6300	
39106	Limeslade Bay		6250	
39109	Langland Bay		6060	
39111	Caswell Bay		5910	
39123	Oxwich Bay		5070	
39127	Port Eynon Bay		4720	
74010	Rhossili Beach		4140	
39005	Pembrey Beach		4000	
39010	Pendine Beach		2380	
39013	Amroth Beach		1670	
39017	Saundersfoot Beach		1410	
39020	Tenby North Beach		1345	
39024	Tenby South Beach		1325	
84231	Broadhaven Centre		8610	
39048	Newgale Beach		8460	
84232	Whitesands Centre		7300	
39065	Newport Sands North		0530	
39080	Traeth Gwyn, New Quay		3980	
39091	Aberystwyth South Beach		5790	
39093	Aberystwyth North Beach		5830	
<u>North</u>				
20171	Aberdyfi		6072	
20023	Borth (Sampled by south west)	SN		9010
20019	Tywyn	SH	5767	0032
20402	Fairebourne Beach		6091	
20014	Barmouth		6084	
20028	Llandanwg Beach		5669	
22596	Harlech		5676	
22539	Morfa Bychan		5421	
23142	Criccieth Beach East		5033	
2258 9	Pwllheli Beach		3710	
22552			3168	
22564	Morfa Dinnle		4349	
27551	Benilech		5268	
27532	Trearddur Bay		2556	
27536	Rhosneigr		3237	
25032	Llandudno West Shore		7655	
25046	Llandudno North Shore		7918	
25049	Colwyn Bay		8584	
3604	Sandy Cove		9780	
3608	Rhyl		0020	
3612	Prestatyn	SJ	0540	8390

Appendix 2

BATHING WATERS DIRECTIVE STANDARDS

The detailed requirements for compliance as set out in Article 5 of the Directive are as shown below:

For "I" value determinands:-

- a) 95% of the samples must comply with the "I" value.
- b) The 5% not complying with the "I" value must not
 - (i) exceed 1.5 x "I" value <u>except</u> for microbiological determinands and pH, and
 - (ii) consecutive samples taken at statistically valid intervals must not exceed the "I" value, ie. "I" value failures must be of short duration.

For "G" value determinands:-

- a) 90% of the samples must conform with the "G" value (80% in the case of total coliform and faecal coliform parameters).
- b) The 10 (or 20) % not complying with the "G" value must not:-
 - (i) exceed 1.5 x "G" value except for microbiological determinands, pH and Dissolved Oxygen, and
 - (ii) consecutive samples taken at statistically valid intervals must not exceed the "G" value, ie "G" value failures should be of short duration.

The "I" and "G" standards are shown on the following page:

Parameters	"I" Standard	"G" Standard
Microbiological		
E.coli	2000 / 100 ml	100 / 100 ml
Total coliforms	10000 / 100 ml	500 / 100 ml
Faecal streptococci	<u>-</u>	100 / 100 ml
Salmonella	0 / litre	
Enteroviruses	0 PFU / 10 litres	-
Physico-chemical		- 4.
рН	6 - 9	-
Colour	No abnormal change in colour	2
Mineral Oils	No film visible on water surface and no odour	0.3 mg / litre
Surface Active Substances	No lasting foam	0.3 mg / litre
Phenols	No specific odour (0.05 mg / litre)	0.005 mg / litre
Transparency	Extinction depth of 1m for Secchi disc - equivalent to 6.665 ftu (turbidity)	Extinction depth of 2m - equivalent turbidity value not yet calculated
Tarry Residues and Persistent Floating Solids		Must be absent

SAMPLING POINTS OF NON EC "DESIGNATED" BATHING WATERS

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Penarth	19027				
Penarth Yacht Club	19029	×	x		x
Ranny Bay	19068				
Lavernock Beach	19030				
St Mary's Well Bay	19031				
	19032	x	x		x
Watch House Bay	68603	×	x		x
Sully Island	19075				
Bendricks Beach	19076				
Whitmore Bay	19033				
-	19035				
Little Island	19056				
Fontygary Bay	19038	x	x		x
Limpert Bay	19147				
Llantwit	19091				
	19040				
	74050	x	x		x
Southerndown	19103				
Ogmore .	19042	x	x		
· -	19043	x	, x	x	x
	19044	x	x		
Newton Bay	19108				
	19109				
	19110	x			
	19111	+			
	19112				
	19046				
	74011				
Trecco Bay	19113				
	19115				
Sandy Bay	19116				
	19118				
Rest Bay	19121				
	19123				
	19124				
	19126				
Kenfig Sands	19127				
	19149				
	19128				
Margam Sands	19131	x	x		
	19135	x	x	x	x
	74004	x	x		
Aberafan	19150	x			
	19050			×	x
	19052			×	x
Jersey Marine	74026	x	x		
	39153	×	x	x	x
	39097	x	×		

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Swansea Bay	39098 39154 39100 39101 39102 39103 39155 74002 39104				
Langland Bay	39107 39108				
Caswell Bay	39112				
Pwlldu Bay	39114				
Oxwich Bay	39122				
	39159				
Port Eynon Bay	39124				
	39126				
Mewslade Bay	39128				
Fall Bay	39131				
Rhossili Bay	39161				
Broughton Beach	74025	•	x	:	x
Llanelli	39002	x	x		
D	39001	X	×	X	X
Burry Port	39003	x	×	x	x
Pembrey Pendine	39145			••	••
	39011			x	x
Marros Sands Amroth	39135 39012			v	v
Amioch	39012			X	x x
Wisemans Bridge	39014			x	
Saundersfoot	39016			x	x
Badnaersroot	39018			x	x
	39019			x	x
Tenby (North)	39021			X	×
Tenby (South)	39022			×	×
201127 (2011011)	39023			×	×
	39025			×	×
Lydstep Beach	39026				
St Ishmael	88503	x			
	88502	x			
Llanstephan	39008	x			
Manorbier Beach	39027	x			×
	39028	x			×
Freshwater East	86210	x			
	39029	x			x
	39030	×			x
Barafundle Bay	39136				
Freshwater West	39031				
West Angle Bay	39032			x	
Llanreath Bay	86106			x	
Neyland	39034				
	85110			x	

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Llanstadwell	39035				
	39036				
Dale	39040		x		
16-113-1- Gamda	39043			×	
Marloes Sands	39139				
Martins Haven	39041				
Musselwick Sands	39140				
Broad Haven	39044				
Little Haven	39045		v		
Druidston Haven	39043 39141		×		
Gelliswick	39037	v		v	
Nolton Haven	39046	X		x	
	39046	×		v	v
Newgale	39047			X X	x x
Solva	84230			*	X
SOIVa	39050	x			
Caerfai Bay	39142	•	×		
Whitesands Bay	39051		^		
Abreiddy	39053		×		
Traethllyn	39143		•		
Porthgain	39054				
Trevine	39055	x	Ü		
Abermawr Bay	39144	^			
Goodwick	39058	x	×		×
G004#10#	39059	×	×		×
	84004	×	×		
Pwll Gwaelod	39061	•			
Newport Sands S.	39064			x	x
Ceibwr	39066				
Fishgaurd	39060	x	×		x
Poppit Sands	39067	x	x		x
	39068	×	×		x
Gwbert	83515		×	x	
North Gwbert	39070		x		
Traeth Y Mwnt	39071				
Aberporth Beach	39072	x	×	x	
•	83502	x	x	x	
Tresaith Beach	83503				
	39073	x	x		x
·	83504				
Llangranog	39075	x	x	x	x
Penbryn	39074				
-	39147				x
Cwntudu	39076				
Newquay	39077	•			
	39078				
	39079			×	
Llanina	39146				x
Little Quay	39081	x		x	x

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Aberaeron	39082	x			
	39083				
	39084	x			
Llanon	39085	x			
Llansantffraid	39086				
Llanrhystud	39087				
	39088				
	39089				
Aberystwyth N & S	39090			x	x
	39092				
	39094				
Aberystwyth Slip	82103			X 	×
Clarach Bay	39095	×	x	x	×
	39096	x			
Ynyslas	20022				
Aberdyfi	20369				
	20169	v	v	v	v
	20170 20172	x x	x x	x x	X X
Min.n.m	20172	^	^	^	^
Tywyn	20271				
	20269			-1	
	20268				
	20024				
	20267				
	20266				
	20272				
	20320				
	20265				
	20264				
	20263				
Llwyngwril	20186				
	20187				
	20018				
	20188				
	20189				x
	20190				
	20191				
	20017				
	20193				
Do dock access	20192				
Fairbourne	20016				
Barmouth	20015 20185				
Barmouch	20183				
	20184				
	20183				
	20013				
	20102				
	20181				×
	20180				••
	20012				

Appendix 3 (contd)

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Llanaber Talybont	20025 20026	x x		×	
Llanendwyn	20027		x		
	22566				
	23203				
	23204				
	23205				
	23206				
	23207				
	23208				
Morfa Bychan	22593				
_	22540			x	
	88501	x	×		
Criccieth	23159				
	23158				
	23157				
	23143				
	22542				
	23141				
-	23140				
	23139			4	
	22541			×	x
	23138	1.5			
Menai Straits	23290				x
Afonwen	22543	x	x	x	
Pen-Y-Chain	22544	x	x	x	
Morfa Aberech	22545		x	x	
Pwllheli	22546			x	
Traeth Crugan	22548		x	x	
Llanbedrog	22549	x	x	x	x
Abersoch	22550			x	x
	22551				
Aberdaron	22553	x	×	x	x
Porth Meuddwy	22554				
Porth Oer	22555	×			
Porth Iago	22556	X			
Porth Colman	22557	x			
Porth Tywyn	22558			X	
Porth Dinllaen	22559	x	X	x	x
Porth Nefyn	22560	x	x	x	×
Trefor	22561	X	x	x	
Aberdesach	22562	×	x		
Pontllyfni	22563			x	
Morfa Dinlle	22565				
Dinas Dinlle	23244	x	X	x	
Port Dinorwic	23252	×	X		
Llanfairfechan	23245	×	X	x	x
Carreg Wen	23253	×	x	x	

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Morfa Conwy	23246 25036	x x	×	x	
Caernarfon	22567 22568				
Penmaenmawr	22996 22995 22994	x			
	23006 22993 23008	x			x
	23005 23992 22991	x			x
Llandudno (W.Shore)	25115 25117 25118 25173 25172				
	25170 25171 25168 25169			1	
	25031 25030 25165 25166 25116 25167 25114 25113				
Penrhyn Bay	25045 25023 25043		x	x	
Colwyn Bay	25042 25022 25041 25020			x x	
Llanddulas Abergele/Pensarn	25018 3597 3600 3599			×	x
	3601 3625 3626 3627 3628 3703 3603 3577 3704 3578 3629 3630	x	x	×	x

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Kinmel Bay	3605			x	x
Sunnyvale	3606				
Rhy1	3607				
<u>-</u> -	3705				
	3609				
	3706				
	3610			x	x
Ffrith	3611	x	x	x	x
Prestatyn	3613				
.	3614			x	
	3615				
Point of Ayr	3616	•			
- · -	3617	•	x		x
Porth Eilean	27549				
Traeth Llugwy	27528	x		x	x
Porth Moelfre	27561				
Traeth Bychan	27527	x			x
Benllech	27550				
	27826				
	27827			x	x
Beaumaris	27828	x			x
	27829				×
Red Wharf Bay	27552				x
Llanddona	27562	x			x
Pier Penmon Beach	27563				
Lleiniog Beach	27564				
Niwbwrch	27537	x		x	
Malltraeth	27556				
Aberffraw	27538	x		x	x
Porth Trecastell	27539	x			
Porth Nobla	27540	x			
Rhosneigr	27535				
	27534	x	x	x	x
Traeth Crigyl	27557				
Traeth Cymra	27558				
Silver Bay	27541				
Borth Wen	27542				
Porth-Y-Garan	27543				
	27 7 87	x			
Porth Gwr Mawr	27544				
Trearddur Bay	27786				
	27533				
	27545				
Porth Dafarch	27546	x			
Holyhead	27559				
	27810				
	27811				
	27812				
	27813				
	27814				

Appendix 3 (contd)

Beach	Sample Point	Sampled 1986	Sampled 1987	Sampled 1988	Sampled 1989
Penrhos	27815 27816 27817 27818 27560	x		÷	
Porth Tywyn Mawr Church Bay Cemlyn Bay Cemaes Bay	27547 27548 27531 27530 27529	x x	x	x	×

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