



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

Salton Sea Water Quality Monitoring Data – March 17, 2025

Site Characteristics

Site	Lat/Long	Time	Water Temp (°C)	pH	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Specific Conductivity (µS/cm)
USGS02	33.23333/ -115.75	1021	18	8.63	14.5	91678
USGS03	33.23333/ -115.63333	1100	18	8.64	12.8	92202
USGS05	33.149308/ -115.727745	0923	19	8.68	13.6	93030

Water Chemistry Results

Bacteria

Analyte	Method	Method Detection Limit	Reporting Limit	USGS02	USGS03	USGS05
Enterococcus (MPN/100 mL)	Enteroalert	--	10	30	150	10

Nutrients

Analyte	Method	Method Detection Limit	USGS02	USGS03	USGS05
Total Phosphorous (mg/L)	SM 4500P B E	0.02	0.25	0.30	0.27
Orthophosphate Phosphorus (mg/L)	SM 4500P B E	0.016	0.014	0.015	ND
Nitrate/Nitrate as N (mg/L)	EPA 300.0	0.0038	0.15	1.6	0.093
Ammonia as N (mg/L)	SM 4500NH3 H G	0.005	0.07	0.2	0.1
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/L)	EPA 351.2	0.5	9.7	7.0	13.0
Sulfate (mg/L)	EPA 300.0	72	22000	15000	25000
Sulfide (mg/L)	SM 4500S2 D	0.10	ND	ND	ND

ND = non detect

Metals/Salts/Solids

Analyte	Method	Method Detection Limit	USGS02	USGS03	USGS05
Chloride (mg/L)	EPA 300.0	61	36000	26000	36000
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	SM 2540C	1000	83000	65000	82000
Suspended Sediment Concentration (mg/L)	ASTM D3977-97	0.1	43	15	62
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	SM 2540D	1	34	48	75
Arsenic (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	18	44	42	44
Manganese (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	33	33	91	42
Silver (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	23	ND	ND	ND
Aluminum (µg/L)	EPA 200.7	840	ND	ND	ND
Cadmium (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	2.5	ND	ND	ND
Total Chromium (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	40	ND	ND	ND
Copper (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	33	ND	ND	ND
Nickel (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	33	ND	ND	ND
Lead (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	33	ND	ND	ND
Zinc (µg/L)	EPA 200.8	50	ND	ND	ND

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Selected Pesticides

Analyte	Method	Method Detection Limit	USGS02	USGS03	USGS05
4,4' DDD (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0090	ND	ND	ND
4,4' DDE (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0063	ND	ND	ND
4,4' DDT (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0053	ND	ND	ND
Aldrin (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0088	ND	ND	ND
Chlordane (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Dieldrin (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0082	ND	ND	ND
Endosulfan I (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0076	ND	ND	ND
Endosulfan II (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0080	ND	ND	ND
Endosulfan Sulfate (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0068	ND	ND	ND
Endrin (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0078	ND	ND	ND
Endrin Aldehyde (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0076	ND	ND	ND
Heptachlor (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0068	ND	ND	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0057	ND	ND	ND
Lindane (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.0033	ND	ND	ND
Methoxychlor (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.029	ND	ND	ND
Toxaphene (µg/L)	EPA 8081A	0.83	ND	ND	ND
Atrazine (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	0.10	ND
Chlorpyrifos (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Chlorpyrifos Methyl (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Diazinon (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Dimethoate (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Disulfoton (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Malathion (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Phosmet (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Thionazin (µg/L)	EPA 8270C	0.045	ND	ND	ND
Bifenthrin (ng/L)	EPA 8270M	5.4	ND	ND	ND
Cyfluthrin (ng/L)	EPA 8270M	6.7	ND	ND	ND
Cypermethrin (ng/L)	EPA 8270M	6.3	ND	ND	ND
L-Cyhalothrin (ng/L)	EPA 8270M	5.6	ND	ND	ND
Permethrin (ng/L)	EPA 8270M	7.2	ND	ND	ND

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