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		Sediment Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life					
		Freshwater			Marine		
		Concentration (µg/kg dry weight)	Concentration (µg/kg dry weight)	Date	Concentration (µg/kg dry weight)	Concentration (µg/kg dry weight)	Date
Chemical name	Chemical groups	ISQG	PEL		ISQG	PEL	
2-Methylnaphthalene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	20.2	201	1998	20.2	201	1998
Acenaphthene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	6.71	88.9	1998	6.71	88.9	1998
Acenaphthylene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	5.87	128	1998	5.87	128	1998
Anthracene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	46.9	245	1998	46.9	245	1998
Aroclor 1254 PCBs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polychlorinated biphenyls	60	340	2001	63.3	709	2001
Arsenic CASRN none	Inorganic Metals	5900	17 000	1998	7240	41 600	1998
Benz(a)anthracene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	31.7	385	1998	74.8	693	1998

Benzo(a)pyrene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	31.9	782	1998	88.8	763	1998
Cadmium CASRN 7440439	Inorganic Metals	600	3500	1997	700	4200	1997
Chlordane	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	4.5	8.87	1998	2.26	4.79	1998
Chromium (total) CASRN 7440-47-3	Inorganic Metals	37 300	90 000	1998	52 300	160 000	1998
Chrysene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	57.1	862	1998	108	846	1998
Copper	Inorganic Metals	35 700	197 000	1998	18 700	108 000	1998
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	6.22	135	1998	6.22	135	1998
Dichloro diphenyl dichloroethane, 2,2- Bis (p-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dichloroethane DDD	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	3.54	8.51	1998	1.22	7.81	1998
Dichloro diphenyl ethylene, 1,1- Dichloro-2,2-bis(p-chlorophenyl)-ethene DDE	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	1.42	6.75	1998	2.07	374	1998
Dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane; 2,2- Bis(p-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1- trichloroethane DDT	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	1.19	4.77	1998	1.19	4.77	1998
Dieldrin	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	2.85	6.67	1998	0.71	4.3	1998

Endrin	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	2.67	62.4	1998	2.67	62.4	1998
Fluoranthene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	111	2355	1998	113	1494	1998
Fluorene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	21.2	144	1998	21.2	144	1998
Heptachlor Heptachlor epoxide	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	0.6	2.74	1998	0.6	2.74	1998
Hexachlorocyclohexane Lindane	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	0.94	1.38	1998	0.32	0.99	1998
Lead	Inorganic Metals	35 000	91 300	1998	30 200	112 000	1998
Mercury CASRN 7439976	Inorganic Metals	170	486	1997	130	700	1997
Naphthalene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	34.6	391	1998	34.6	391	1998
Nonylphenol and its ethoxylates CASRN 84852153	Organic Nonylphenol and its ethoxylates	1400	<i>No data</i>	2002	1000	<i>No data</i>	2002
Phenanthrene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	41.9	515	1998	86.7	544	1998
Polychlorinated biphenyls PCBs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polychlorinated biphenyls	34.1	277	2001	21.5	189	2001

Polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins/dibenzo furans PCDDs, PCDFs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polychlorinated dioxins and furans	0.85 ng TEQ/kg dry weight	21.5 ng TEQ/kg dry weight	2001	0.85 ng TEQ/kg dry weight	21.5 ng TEQ/kg dry weight	2001
Pyrene PAHs	Organic Polyaromatic compounds Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	53	875	1998	153	1398	1998
Sodium adsorption ratio SAR		No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
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Toxaphene	Organic Pesticides Organochlorine compounds	0.1	No PEL derived	2002	0.1	No PEL derived	2002
Zinc	Inorganic Metals	123 000	315 000	1998	124 000	271 000	1998

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