

Sample Analysis, Collection Method - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Instream Target Values										
Samples Are Analyzed by:										
Veolia Taunton WWTF Lab					An EPA and MassDEP NPDES Regulated Facility Laboratory					
					http://www.veolianorthamerica.com/en/taunton-mass					
Samples Are Collected by Trained TRWA Volunteers Using An SOP Jointly Developed by TRWA and Veolia North America										
					http://savethetaunton.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/TRWA_Sampling_SOP_3-15-2016.pdf					
Sampling Locations Map May Be Found At:										
					https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zhnldTn8bGeU.kyo7mjqZ3YFQ&usp=sharing					
Water Quality Protection Instream Target Values:										
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)										
Water Quality Target Value for Dissolved Oxygen is DO greater than 5.0 mg/l to meet Massachusetts Class B and SB										
					Water Quality Standards for warm water freshwater fisheries and SB marine waters.					
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)										
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) is a measure of particulates in the water. There is no Water Quality Standard for TSS.										
					We are looking for unusually high values that may indicate an erosion or poor stormwater management problem upstream. High levels of TSS can smother aquatic life and destroy benthic habitat.					
pH										
The Water Quality Standard for pH in class B waters is 6.5 through 8.3 and not more than 0.5 units outside the natural range.										
					Wetlands, swamps, bogs, pine forest tend to have natural low pH. The field pH strips are primarily to identify extremes of pH such as that caused by a spill of industrial waste. For the September and October Veolia Taunton					
					analyzed pH using a calibrated meter.					
Temperature (Degrees C)										
The Water Quality Standard for Temperature in class B waters is that it shall not exceed 28.3 C.										