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	2	Total Nitrogen	1/62
	2	Fatty Acid	7/62
	3	Dissolved Oxygen	19/62
	3	Total Nitrogen	2/62
	3	Color	2/62
	3	Total Dissolved Solids	5/62
	3	Dissolved Calcium	5/62
	3	Chlorophyll	1/62
	3	Fatty Acid	1/62
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	2	рН	2/63
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		6/65
		5/65
		1/65
		1/65
3	-	1/65
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		6/65
4		1/65
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4		765
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# Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

The TAG as required by the HCSP consists of one representative from each member government. The TAG is to review the progress and findings of the program and provide technical input to the Authority. Members of the TAG consist of the following people. William Byle (Charlotte County), Victor Dotson (DeSoto County), Robert Brown (Manatee County) and John Ryan (Sarasota County). Members of the TAG continue to receive copies of the Board Package Project Status Reports monthly. The TAG last met and discussed the draft *Horse Creek Stewardship Program* 2006 Annual Report on June 16, 2008.

#### Monthly Water Quality Monitoring.

Mosaic collects surface water samples from Horse Creek at four fixed stations once per month. These samples will be analyzed for 21 different chemical parameters and the results reported to the Authority monthly.

This sampling effort by Mosaic was started in April 2003 and has continued monthly without any interruption of collected data. In December 2003 EarthBalance visited the monitoring sites with Mosaic and collected duplicate samples at the 4 surface water sites. Every other month (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, & Dec) EarthBalance is scheduled to visit the sites to collect samples at random to spot check water quality or collect duplicate samples with Mosaic at the designated four sample stations.

#### Macroinvertebrate and Fish Sampling.

Sample Event	Spring (Mar - Apr)	Summer (Jul - Sep)	Fall (Oct - Dec)
Calendar Year 2003	April 2003	July 2003	November 2003
Calendar Year 2004	April 2004	November 2004	February 2005
Calendar Year 2005	April 2005	September 2005	December 2005
Calendar Year 2006	April 2006	July 2006	November 2006
Calendar Year 2007	March 2007	August 2007	November 2007
Calendar Year 2008	April 2008	September 2008	November 2008

## Clay Settling Ponds Real Time Monitoring.

This component requires that the Authority have the ability to monitor in real time the fluid levels of various clay settling ponds. This system could act as an early warning device for the Peace River Facility staff should an embankment fail, releasing clay material into Horse Creek. This equipment was fully operational as of December 12, 2003.

At the Authority's request Mosaic provided a report on the possible affects of a dam failure at these ponds and the resulting flow rate scenarios down Horse Creek. The report concluded that under a worse case scenario a dam breach would have a travel time of 2 - 2.5 days before the water from the ponds would reach the Peace River Facility.

## Horse Creek Flow Data.

Flow and stage data is collected and monitored at the four fixed water quality sample stations. Stations 1 & 4 have existing USGS stations with data available on the USGS web site. Stations 2 & 3 required the installation of stage level gages and monthly monitoring / reporting by Mosaic.

#### Water Quality Continuous Recorder.

The continuous water quality monitoring equipment became operational in July 2003 and is located at the fixed water quality station number 1, closest to mining operations. Monthly this data is down loaded in the field, and placed into a data base. This monitoring effort is on going. This data is supplied as part of the Annual Report and summarized monthly along with other routine water quality data

#### Reports.

The QA/QC project report will describe the field methods, lab methods, standards and procedures used by Mosaic when implementing the monitoring program. The QA/QC plan will ensure that the HCSP methods used are the standard methods accepted by scientific and regulatory communities,

as well as ensure that the results are reliable, reproducible and consistent with other programs.

The Historical Report is an accumulation of existing historical data on Horse Creek. This data was analyzed to determine historical back ground conditions of Horse Creek, determine if any trends are evident and be the basis for comparing with current data collected as part of the HCSP.

The Annual Reports will provide all the data collected as part of the HCSP and will compare these results with the historical data. The intent is to determine if current water quality is different from the past and if a trend can be determined. Below is a summary table showing the progress of the various reports required by the stewardship program.

# Project Reports Summary Table II

Report Title	Receive First Draft Report	Receive Final Draft Report	TAG Review	Receive Final Report
2003 Annual Report	10/08/04	2/7/05	3/24/05	7/14/05
Historical Report	8/16/05	12/5/05	2/23/06	4/28/06
2004 Annual Report	3/10/06	8/30/06	11/14/06	1/12/07
2005 Annual Report	3/9/07	6/20/07	7/27/07	9/18/07
2006 Annual Report	4/8/08	4/8/08	6/16/08	9/12/08
QA/QC Plan	2009			
2007 Annual Report	2009			

## Impact Assessments.

As required by the HCSP, if a water quality parameter exceeds a specified trigger value or a significant trend in the data is found, then Mosaic will initiate an impact assessment for the cause of the exceedance. The assessment can consist of further monitoring, and evaluations within the basin and may result in scientific assistance from Mosaic (if not at fault) or corrective mining actions (if at fault). If the assessment finds Mosaic at fault for the trigger exceedance or trend then the impact assessment is followed by corrective actions evaluation and implementation. Below is a summary table showing the frequency of exceeded trigger levels for the stewardship program.

All previous impact assessments have shown that the trigger levels were exceeded due to other causes not related to mining activities. The most recent event was in July 2008 where stations 2, 3 & 4 were found to have high total ammonia levels. The impact assessment for this event found that the change in labs and lab methods was the cause for the high ammonia.

Project Period	Station Number	Chemical Parameter	Frequency of Exceeded Trigger Levels (months)
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Apr 2003 – Aug 2008	1	Dissolved Oxygen	3/65
( 65 months)	1	Color	1/65
	1	рН	1/65
	1	Alkalinity	3/65
	1	Fatty Acid	1/65
	2	Dissolved Oxygen	52/65
	2	pН	2/65
	2	Chlorophyll	13/65
	2	Total Nitrogen	1/65
	2	Radium 226 + 228	1/65
	2	Iron	1/65
	2	Total Ammonia	1/65
	2	Fatty Acid	7/65
	3	Dissolved Oxygen	22/65
	3	Total Nitrogen	2/65
	3	Color	2/65
	3	Total Dissolved Solids	6/65
	3	Dissolved Calcium	5/65
	3	Chlorophyll	1/65
	3	Fatty Acid	1/65
	3	pН	1/65
	3	Total Ammonia	1/65
	3	Sulfate	6/65
	4	pН	1/65
	4	Iron	27/65
	4	Dissolved Oxygen	765
	4	Sulfate	9/65
	4	Total Dissolved Solids	11/65
	4	Conductivity	1/65
	4	Dissolved Calcium	6/65
	4	Total Alkalinity	1/65
	4	Total Ammonia	1/65
	4	Fluoride	5/65
	4	Fatty Acid	1/65