

**Water Quality Targets for Un-ionized Ammonia for Review by the  
Parameter Assessment Team on February 25, 1998<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter	Sacramento River	San Joaquin River	Delta
Un-ionized Ammonia	<u>U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia - 1984.<sup>a</sup></u> 0.046 - 0.26 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,d</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,d</sup>  0.046 - 0.37 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,e</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,e</sup>	<u>U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia - 1984.<sup>a</sup></u> 0.046 - 0.26 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,d</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,d</sup>  0.046 - 0.37 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,e</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,e</sup>	<u>U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria.<sup>a</sup></u> 0.046 - 0.26 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,d</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,d</sup>  0.046 - 0.37 mg/l (1 hour average) <sup>b,e</sup> 0.0042 - 0.035 mg/l (4 day average) <sup>b,e</sup>  <u>San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan.<sup>c</sup></u> 0.025 µg/l (annual median) 0.16 µg/l (maximum) <sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia - 1984*, EPA 440/5-85-001, January 1985, attached hereto.

<sup>b</sup>Values are a function of pH (ranging from 7.00 to 8.50) and temperature (ranging from 10°C to 30°C).

<sup>c</sup>San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. (June 1995). Water Quality Control Plan San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2).

<sup>d</sup>Salmonids or other sensitive coldwater species present.

<sup>e</sup>Salmonids and other sensitive coldwater species absent.

<sup>f</sup>As depicted in Figure 2-5 and upstream in the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. (June 1995). Water Quality Control Plan San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2), and attached hereto.

<sup>1</sup> Reviewed by Chris Foe, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, February 23, 1998.