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MICROBIAL SOURCE TRACKING

Faecal contamination of water bodies poses a higher risk to public health than that from other sources. Using hostspecific molecular markers, microbial source tracking (MST) offers a higher resolution compared to the conventional faecal indicator bacteria (FIB) method.



Why use MST?

Determining the scale of response

Determining the level of treatment required for urban stormwater

Enabling remedial action and protection of water supply

Site risk assessment and investigation of contamination involving recreational and aquacultural activities

Our MST Testing Solutions



FIB Detection

- General screening
- Chemistry profile
- Cultured-based detection of
 - E. coli
 - Enterococcus

qPCR

- Host-specific detection
- Molecular markers of
 - Human Bacteroides
 - Ruminant Bacteroides
 - Other host-specific bacteria





Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- Source-specific microbial profiling
- 'Fingerprints' of
 - Bacterial taxa
 - Composition

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