Tar Balls Tape Format
80 Column Records

File Header

Characters 1-5	Platform/Ship Type
Characters 6-15	Platform/Ship Name
Characters 16-20	Platform/Ship Call Sign
Characters 21-30	Country
Characters 31-40	Institute
Characters 41-46	Cruise Number
Characters 47-51	Sampling Device ← from where?
Characters 52-56	Mesh Size
Characters 57-80	Name and Address of Individual Supplying Report

Data Record

Characters 1-6	Station Number *
Characters 7-10	Sample Number
Characters 11-13	Width of Net (cm)
Characters 14-15	Distance Towed (N.M.)
Characters 16-22	Weight of Tar (g) **
Characters 23-29	Tar Conc. (mg/m^2)**
Characters 30-35	Date (year, month, day)
Characters 36-39	Time (GMT, hours, minutes)
Characters 40-49)	Position (40-Quad, 41-42 Lat., Deg., 43-44 Lat. Min., 45-47 Long. Deg., 48-49 Long., Min.)
Characters 50-52	Wind Dir.
Characters 53-54	Wind Speed
Characters 55-56	Wave Per
Characters 57-58	Wave height
Characters 59-62	Air temperature
Characters 63-65	Water temperature
Characters 66-80	Blank

*   The last data record for each station is followed by a terminator record with
99998 in characters 1-5, the rest of the record blank. The last data record for
the file has 99999 in characters 1-5, the rest of the record blank.

**   We are not required to supply this information. Blank fields will be
left on tape for possible future editing.