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PFAS: DECIPHERING A LABORATORY REPORT



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The What, Where, How, & Why of PFAS

What are PFAS?

Carbon fluorine bonds
Persistent and resistant
to degradation

What

How

How are we exposed to PFAS?

Industry discharges
Waste infrastructure
Consumer product usage

Where do PFAS come from?

Primary and Secondary Manufacturing
Industrial chemicals/products
Consumer products

Where

Why

Why is this a concern?

Ubiquitous
Long half lives
Negative health outcomes



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PRE-PROJECT PLANNING

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Sample Collection Procedures

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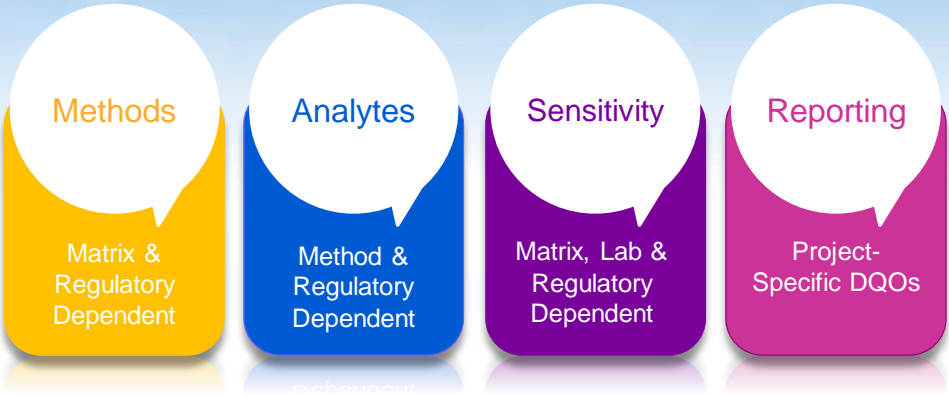
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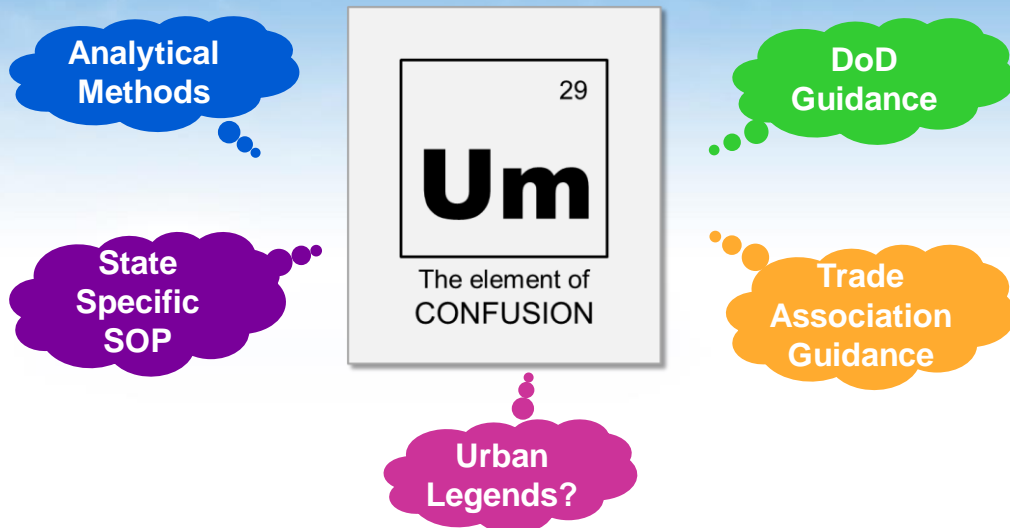
Your Data From A to Z



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Sampling Protocols



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Sampling Considerations Managing Artifacts



Field Crew:
personal care, clothing, food, visitors,
notebooks, tarps

Sampling Equipment:
Has it been verified to be PFAS free?



Sample Collection:
wash hands, wear gloves, don't filter,
include field QC

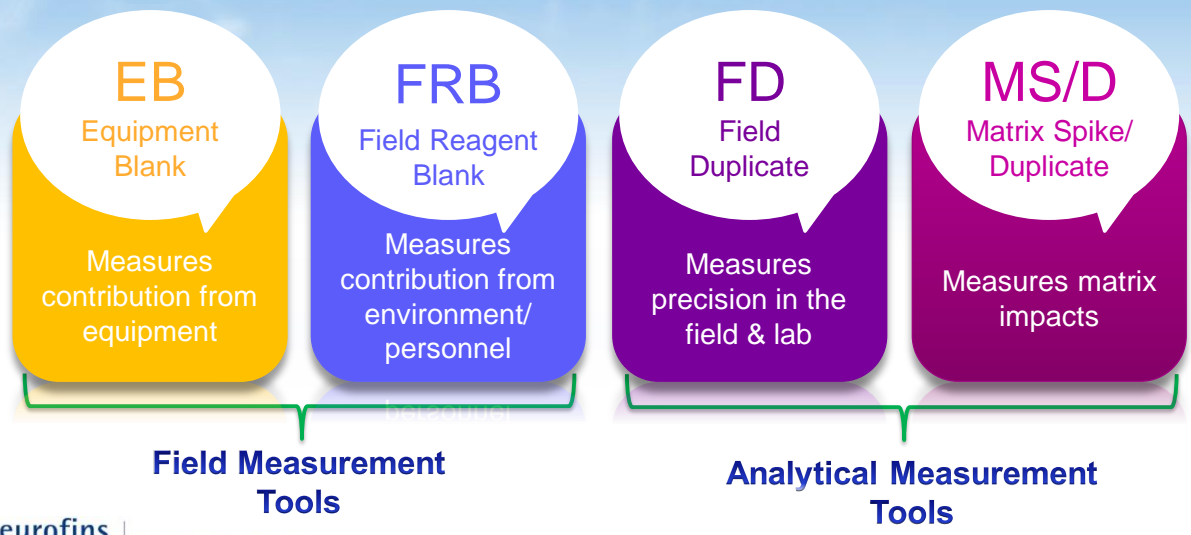


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Recommended Field QC



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KEY LABORATORY CONCEPTS

Holding Times
Reporting Limit (RL)
Method Detection Limit (MDL)
Analytical Batching
Accuracy & Precision



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“
The maximum time that samples
may be held prior to analyses
and still be considered valid or
not compromised
”

Holding Times

WI Criteria:
28 / 30 days

537.1
&
QSM

Extract: 14 days
Analyze: 28 days

533

Extract: 28 days
Analyze: 28 days

EPA
Draft
8327

Extract: 28 days
Analyze: 28 days

User-
defined
537M

Extract: 14 days
Analyze: 40 days



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<https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Program-Areas/Environmental-Restoration/Contaminated-Groundwater/Monitoring/ER19-1205>

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Reporting Limit (RL)



“ The minimum, concentration, or quantity of a target analyte that can be reported with a specified degree of confidence. ”

Method Detection Limit (MDL)

RL



Estimated range

MDL

“ The minimum measured quantity of a substance that can be reported with 99% confidence that the concentration is distinguishable from method blank results. ”

Analytical Batching

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Batch: Up to 20 environmental samples (and associated QC) of same matrix type prepared or analyzed together using the same procedures, personnel, and reagents.

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Accuracy

Agreement between
observed value and
known concentration

How close the darts
are to the bulls-eye



Precision

How reproducible is
the result?

How close the darts
are to each other

QC SAMPLES & CRITERIA

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Method Blank
Laboratory Control Spike (LCS)
Matrix Spike (MS)
Surrogates
Duplicates
Extracted Internal Standards (EIS)



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Quality Control Samples

“
Samples used to assess
the performance of the
analytical measurement
system”

- Taken through same procedures as field samples
- Processed with each batch to monitor the preparation and analytical process



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Method Blank

Show the preparation and/or analytical process is free from contamination (control for false positives)

Consists of a blank matrix (reagent water, blank soil) taken through all of the preparation and analytical steps

No target analytes present greater than laboratory reporting limit (RL)

Purpose

Composition

Evaluation



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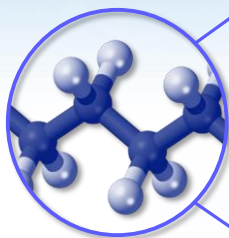
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

Purpose

To evaluate the effectiveness of the analytical process. Demonstrates laboratory can recover analytes in clean matrix. Serves as an indicator of laboratory accuracy and precision.

Composition

Prepared by adding a known concentration of target analytes to a known volume or weight of a blank matrix.



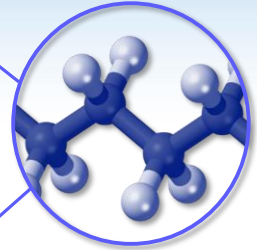
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Matrix Spike (MS) & Duplicate (MSD)

To evaluate the effectiveness of analytical process in actual client samples. Demonstrates how sample matrix affects recovery of the target analytes and serves as an indicator of laboratory precision

Purpose

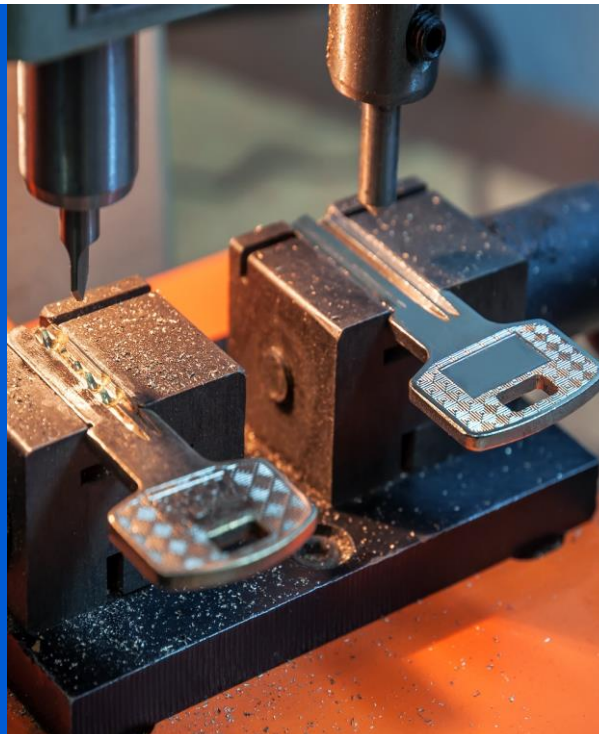


Prepared by adding a known concentration of target analytes to a known volume or weight of field sample

Composition

Sample Duplicate

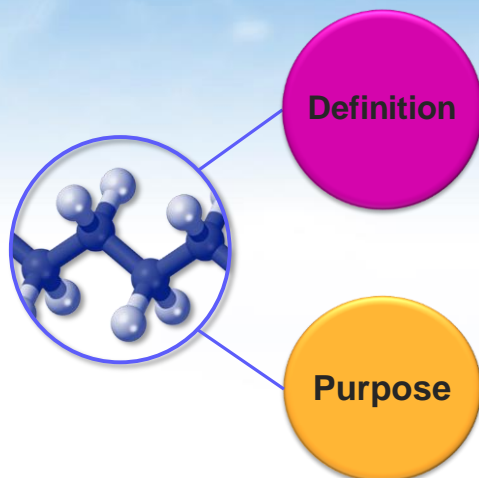
The analyses of two laboratory selected subsamples of the same sample to measure the method precision and sample homogeneity



Field Duplicate

The analyses of two field selected subsamples of the same sample to measure field precision and sample homogeneity

Surrogates



Organic compounds that are similar in chemical composition and behavior to the chemicals of concern in the sample

- These compounds are highly unlikely to naturally occur in environmental samples
- Known amount is spiked in the sample prior to preparation or analysis
- Checks sample prep (spills, over/under concentrated)
- Checks analysis (dilution/injection error, instrument problems)
- Assists in measuring matrix interferences



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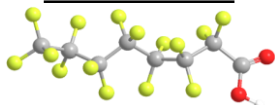
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Isotope Dilution – Extracted Internal Standards (EIS)

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Whatever effects the
native analyte in the
sample, will equally
effect the isotope
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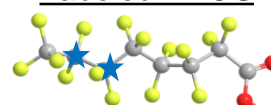
The Parr Family =
Native PFOS



+  =



The Incredible Family =
Labeled PFOS



+ ★ =

★ = ^{13}C

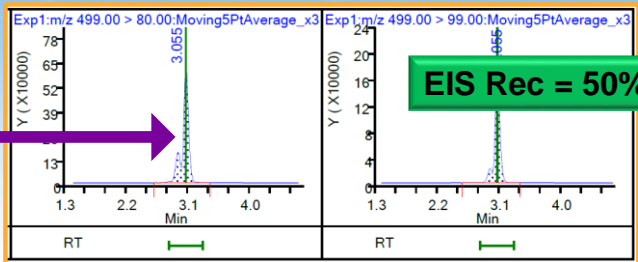


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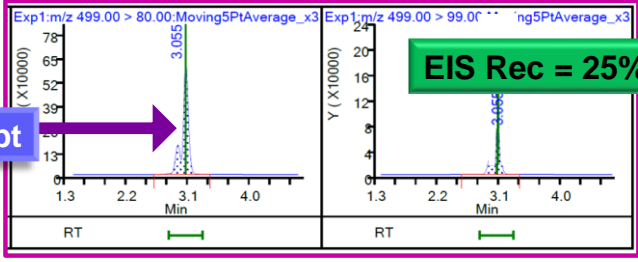
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EIS response must be > 10:1 S/N

Native = 100 ppt



Native = 100 ppt



Sample Dilutions

“ Performed when the concentration of an analyte exceeds the upper limit of the calibration range of an instrument. Diluting a sample in the laboratory reduces the concentration of the sample, allowing it to be analyzed and quantified. ”

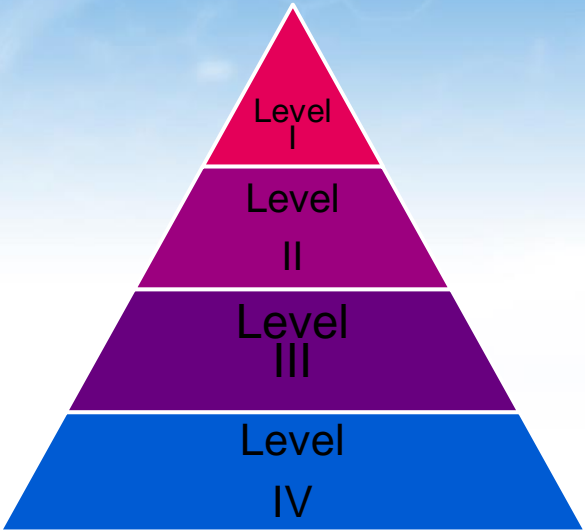


LABORATORY REPORT

data report
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Deliverables
Case Narrative
Data Qualifiers
Sample and Method Summary
QC Results

Deliverables Hierarchy



Level I
- Consists of narrative, sample results, and qualifiers, and chain-of-custody.

Level II:
- Consists of Level I, plus batch QC results.

Level III
- Consists of Level II plus summary forms for batch and instrument QC.

Level IV
- Consists of Level III plus raw data. Can also include reagent traceability, bench sheets, etc.

Case Narrative

Details any deficiencies, anomalies, or observations encountered during receipt, preparation, or analysis of the samples.

- Sample condition upon receipt
- Chain of Custody (CoC) discrepancies
- Sample preparation issues
- Unusual sample analysis issues



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Case Narrative

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1

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Laboratory: TestAmerica Canton

Narrative

CASE NARRATIVE

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc

Project: TestAmerica

Report Number: 240-50351-1

With the exceptions noted as flags or footnotes, standard analytical protocols were followed in the analysis of the samples and no problems were encountered or anomalies observed. In addition all laboratory quality control samples were within established control limits, with any exceptions noted below. Each sample was analyzed to achieve the lowest possible reporting limit within the constraints of the method. In some cases, due to interference or analytes present at high concentrations, samples were diluted. For diluted samples, the reporting limits are adjusted relative to the dilution required.

The 903.0 Total Alpha Radium and 904.0 Radium-228 analyses were performed at the TestAmerica St. Louis Laboratory.

TestAmerica Canton attests to the validity of the laboratory data generated by TestAmerica facilities reported herein. All analyses performed by TestAmerica facilities were done using established laboratory SOPs that incorporate QA/QC procedures described in the application methods. TestAmerica's operations groups have reviewed the data for compliance with the laboratory QA/QC plan, and data have been found to be compliant with laboratory protocols unless otherwise noted below.

The test results in this report meet all NELAP requirements for parameters for which accreditation is required or available. Any exceptions to NELAP requirements are noted in this report. Pursuant to NELAP, this report may not be reproduced, except in full, without the written approval of the laboratory.

Calculations are performed before rounding to avoid round-off errors in calculated results.

All holding times were met and proper preservation noted for the methods performed on these samples, unless otherwise detailed in the individual sections below.

This laboratory report is confidential and is intended for the sole use of TestAmerica and its client.

RECEIPT

The samples were received on 5/7/2015 9:30 AM; the samples arrived in good condition, properly preserved and, where required, on ice. The temperature of the cooler at receipt was 2.0° C.

TOTAL RECOVERABLE METALS (ICPMS)

Samples MW01 (240-50351-1), MW02 (240-50351-2), MW03 (240-50351-3), MW04 (240-50351-4) and FB (240-50351-5) were analyzed for total recoverable metals (ICPMS) in accordance with EPA Method 200.8. The samples were prepared on 05/13/2015 and 05/27/2015 and analyzed on 05/22/2015, 05/26/2015 and 05/28/2015.

Arsenic and Chromium were detected in method blank MB 240-180583/1-A at levels that were above the method detection limit but below the reporting limit. The values should be considered estimates, and have been flagged. If the associated sample reported a result above the MDL and/or RL, the result has been flagged.

No additional analytical or quality issues were noted, other than those described above or in the Definitions/Glossary page.

Definitions/Glossary

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1

Qualifiers

Metals

Qualifier	Qualifier Description
U	Indicates analyzed for but not detected.
B	Compound was found in the blank and sample.
J	Sample result is greater than the MDL but below the CRDL.
N	Spiked sample recovery is not within control limits.

General Chemistry

Qualifier	Qualifier Description
HF	Field parameter with a holding time of 15 minutes. Test performed by laboratory at client's request.
N	Spiked sample recovery is not within control limits.
U	Indicates analyzed for but not detected.

Rad

Qualifier	Qualifier Description
*	LCS or LCSD is outside acceptance limits.
U	Result is less than the sample detection limit.

Glossary

Abbreviation	These commonly used abbreviations may or may not be present in this report.
s	Listed under the "D" column to designate that the result is reported on a dry weight basis
%R	Percent Recovery
CFL	Contains Free Liquid
CNF	Contains no Free Liquid
DER	Duplicate error ratio (normalized absolute difference)
DI Fac	Dilution Factor
DL, RA, RE, IN	Indicates a Dilution, Re-analysis, Re-extraction, or additional Initial metals/anion analysis of the sample
DLC	Decision level concentration
MDA	Minimum detectable activity
EDL	Estimated Detection Limit
MDC	Minimum detectable concentration
MDL	Method Detection Limit
ML	Minimum Level (Dioxin)
NC	Not Calculated
ND	Not detected at the reporting limit (or MDL or EDL if shown)
PQL	Practical Quantitation Limit
QC	Quality Control
RER	Relative error ratio
RL	Reporting Limit or Requested Limit (Radiochemistry)
RPD	Relative Percent Difference, a measure of the relative difference between two points
TEF	Toxicity Equivalent Factor (Dioxin)
TEQ	Toxicity Equivalent Quotient (Dioxin)

Data Qualifiers

Qualifiers are appended to sample results and defined within the **definitions/glossary** section of the report.

Sample & Method Summary

The sample and method summary pages provide an overview of the samples received by the laboratory, the sample collection and receipt dates, and the requested analyses.

Method Summary

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50354-1

Method	Method Description	Protocol	Laboratory
200.8	Metals (ICP/MS)	EPA	TAL CAN
245.1	Mercury (CVAA)	EPA	TAL CAN
300.0	Anions, Ion Chromatography	MCAWW	TAL CAN
4500 H+ B-2000	pH	SM	TAL CAN
SM 2540C	Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)	SM	TAL CAN
903.0	Total Alpha Radium (GFPIC)	EPA	TAL SL
904.0	Radium-226 (GFPIC)	EPA	TAL SL

Protocol References:

EPA = US Environmental Protection Agency
MCAWW = "Methods For Chemical Analysis Of Water And Wastes", EPA-800/4-79-020, March 1983 And Subsequent Revisions.
SM = "Standard Methods For The Examination Of Water And Wastewater",

Laboratory References:

TAL CAN = TestAmerica Canton, 4101 Shuffel Street NW, North Canton, OH 44720, TEL (330)497-9396
TAL SL = TestAmerica St. Louis, 13715 Rider Trail North, Earth City, MO 63045, TEL (314)298-8566

Sample Summary

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50354-1

Lab Sample ID	Client Sample ID	Matrix	Collected	Received
240-50354-1	MW01	Water	05/06/15 08:00	05/07/15 09:30
240-50354-2	MW02	Water	05/06/15 10:10	05/07/15 09:30
240-50354-3	MW03	Water	05/06/15 10:50	05/07/15 09:30
240-50354-4	MW04	Water	05/06/15 13:15	05/07/15 09:30
240-50354-5	FB	Water	05/06/15 12:00	05/07/15 09:30

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Detection Summary

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1

Client Sample ID: MW01					Lab Sample ID: 240-50351-1				
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL Unit	Dil Fac	D	Method	Prep Type	
Arsenic	0.0017	J B	0.0050	0.00018 mg/L	1		200.8	Total	
Barium	0.019		0.0050	0.0011 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Cadmium	0.000072	J	0.0010	0.000061 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Chromium	0.0012	J B	0.0020	0.00020 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Molybdenum	0.0011	J	0.010	0.00023 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Lead	0.00032	J	0.0010	0.00011 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Selenium	0.00055	J	0.0050	0.00025 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Thallium	0.00013	J	0.0020	0.000074 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Boron	0.043		0.020	0.011 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Calcium	42.4		1.0	0.24 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Lithium	0.0098		0.0080	0.00029 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Cobalt	0.000089	J	0.0010	0.000021 mg/L	1		200.8	Recoverable Total	
Chloride	198		15.0	2.0 mg/L	5		300.0	Total/NA	
Fluoride	1.1		1.0	0.0090 mg/L	1		300.0	Total/NA	
Sulfate	119		5.0	0.13 mg/L	1		300.0	Total/NA	
Total Dissolved Solids	560		10.0	7.4 mg/L	1		SM 2540C	Total/NA	
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	RL Unit	Dil Fac	D	Method	Prep Type	
pH	9.16	HF	0.100	0.100 SU	1		4500 H+ B-2000	Total/NA	

Detection Summary

The Detection Summary includes all analytes detected above the MDL or RL, dependent on project setup

QC Sample Results

QC results provide insights into the precision and accuracy of your data.

Sample results can be evaluated for batch-specific (via LCS/LCSD) or matrix effects (via the MS/MSD).

QC Sample Results

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1

Method: 200.8 - Metals (ICP/MS)

Lab Sample ID: MB 240-180583/1-A
Matrix: Water
Analysis Batch: 182386

Client Sample ID: Method Blank
Prep Type: Total Recoverable
Prep Batch: 180583

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Arsenic	0.000277	J	0.0050	0.00018	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Barium	0.0050	U	0.0050	0.0011	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Beryllium	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.00005	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Cadmium	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.00001	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Chromium	0.00105	J	0.0020	0.00020	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Molybdenum	0.010	U	0.010	0.00023	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Lead	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.00011	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Antimony	0.0020	U	0.0020	0.00016	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Selenium	0.0050	U	0.0050	0.00025	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Thallium	0.0020	U	0.0020	0.000074	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Calcium	1.0	U	1.0	0.24	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Lithium	0.0080	U	0.0080	0.00029	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1
Cobalt	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.000021	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/22/15 15:44	1

Lab Sample ID: LCS 240-180583/2-A *10
Matrix: Water
Analysis Batch: 182386

Client Sample ID: Lab Control Sample
Prep Type: Total Recoverable
Prep Batch: 180583

Analyte	Spike Added	LCS Result	LCS Qualifier	Unit	D	%Rec	Limits
Arsenic	2.00	2.04		mg/L		102	85 - 115
Barium	2.00	2.00		mg/L		100	85 - 115
Beryllium	0.0500	0.0496		mg/L		99	85 - 115
Cadmium	0.0500	0.0524		mg/L		105	85 - 115
Chromium	0.200	0.214		mg/L		107	85 - 115
Molybdenum	1.50	1.54		mg/L		104	85 - 115
Lead	0.500	0.520		mg/L		104	85 - 115
Antimony	0.500	0.529		mg/L		106	85 - 115
Selenium	2.00	2.10		mg/L		105	85 - 115
Thallium	2.00	2.15		mg/L		107	85 - 115
Calcium	50.0	52.18		mg/L		104	85 - 115
Lithium	1.00	1.00		mg/L		100	85 - 115
Cobalt	0.500	0.541		mg/L		108	85 - 115

Lab Sample ID: 240-50351-3 MS
Matrix: Water
Analysis Batch: 182386

Client Sample ID: MW03
Prep Type: Total Recoverable
Prep Batch: 180583

Analyte	Sample Result	Sample Qualifier	Spike Added	MS Result	MS Qualifier	Unit	D	%Rec	Limits
Arsenic	0.00026	J B	2.00	2.14		mg/L		107	70 - 130
Barium	0.018		2.00	2.07		mg/L		103	70 - 130
Beryllium	0.0010	U	0.0500	0.0591		mg/L		115	70 - 130
Cadmium	0.0010	U	0.0500	0.0553		mg/L		111	70 - 130
Chromium	0.0012	J B	0.200	0.220		mg/L		110	70 - 130
Molybdenum	0.0017	J	1.00	1.08		mg/L		108	70 - 130
Lead	0.00026	J	0.500	0.533		mg/L		107	70 - 130
Antimony	0.00030	J	0.500	0.550		mg/L		110	70 - 130
Selenium	0.0011	J	2.00	2.14		mg/L		107	70 - 130
Thallium	0.00021	J	2.00	2.20		mg/L		110	70 - 130

Lab Chronicle

Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc
Project/Site: TestAmerica

TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1

Client Sample ID: MW01
Date Collected: 05/04/15 11:20
Date Received: 05/07/15 09:30

Lab Sample ID: 240-50351-1
Matrix: Water

Prep Type	Batch Type	Batch Method	Run	Dilution Factor	Batch Number	Prepared or Analyzed	Analyst	Lab
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			180583	05/13/15 11:37	WAL	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182386	05/22/15 16:27	AS1	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			180583	05/13/15 11:37	WAL	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182373	05/26/15 11:09	AS1	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			182340	05/27/15 10:40	ADS	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182845	05/28/15 11:45	AS1	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	245.1		1	180248	05/11/15 13:45	BW	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		1	181092	05/15/15 16:11	LK9	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		1	183143	06/01/15 11:18	JMB	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		5	183185	06/01/15 17:10	LK9	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	4500 H+ B-2000		1	183006	05/30/15 10:41	DTN	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	SM 2540C		1	179974	05/08/15 13:16	LCN	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Prep	PrecSep_0			182516	05/27/15 17:20	MJS	TAL SL
Total/NA	Analysis	903.0		1	193004	06/01/15 17:47	RTM	TAL SL
Total/NA	Prep	PrecSep_0			182515	05/27/15 16:52	MJS	TAL SL
Total/NA	Analysis	904.0		1	193025	06/01/15 11:49	SMP	TAL SL

Client Sample ID: MW02
Date Collected: 05/04/15 11:35
Date Received: 05/07/15 09:30

Lab Sample ID: 240-50351-2
Matrix: Water

Prep Type	Batch Type	Batch Method	Run	Dilution Factor	Batch Number	Prepared or Analyzed	Analyst	Lab
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			180583	05/13/15 11:37	WAL	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182386	05/22/15 16:31	AS1	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			180583	05/13/15 11:37	WAL	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182373	05/26/15 11:12	AS1	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Prep	200.8			182340	05/27/15 10:40	ADS	TAL CAN
Total Recoverable	Analysis	200.8		1	182845	05/28/15 11:49	AS1	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Prep	245.1			179924	05/06/15 14:00	WAL	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	245.1		1	180248	05/11/15 13:51	BW	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		1	181092	05/15/15 16:11	LK9	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		1	183143	06/01/15 11:51	JMB	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	300.0		5	183185	06/01/15 17:29	LK9	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	4500 H+ B-2000		1	183006	05/30/15 10:47	DTN	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Analysis	SM 2540C		1	179974	05/08/15 13:16	LCN	TAL CAN
Total/NA	Prep	PrecSep_0			182516	05/27/15 17:20	MJS	TAL SL
Total/NA	Analysis	903.0		1	193004	06/01/15 17:48	RTM	TAL SL
Total/NA	Prep	PrecSep_0			182515	05/27/15 16:52	MJS	TAL SL
Total/NA	Analysis	904.0		1	193025	06/01/15 11:49	SMP	TAL SL

Lab Chronicle

The Lab Chronicle provides the following sample specific information:

- Prep and analytical methods performed on each sample
- Dilution factors
- Batch numbers
- Prep and Analysis dates
- Initials of the Analyst performing the analysis
- Laboratory location that completed the analysis.

Sample Results

Client: ABC Company
Project/Site: Monthly Air Sampling

Client Sample ID: EFFLUENT AIR 2
Date Collected: 09/25/14 10:25
Date Received: 09/26/14 11:30
Sample Container: Summa Canister 1L

Client Sample Results

Client Sample Results									
Client: TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc Project/Site: TestAmerica CCR Demo					TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1				
Client Sample ID: MW01 Date Collected: 05/04/15 11:20 Date Received: 05/07/15 09:30					Lab Sample ID: 240-50351-1 Matrix: Water				
Method: 200.8 - Metals (ICP/MS) - Total Recoverable									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Arsenic	0.0017	J	0.0005	0.00017	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Barium	0.019		0.0050	0.0011	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Beryllium	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Cadmium	0.00072	J	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Chromium	0.0012	J	0.0020				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Chromium	0.0011	J	0.010				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Molybdenum	0.00032	J	0.0010				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Lead	0.00032	J	0.0010				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Antimony	0.00055	J	0.0020				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Selenium	0.00055	J	0.0020				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Thallium	0.00013	J	0.0020				05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Barium	0.043						05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Calcium	42.4						05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Lithium	0.0008						05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Cobalt	0.0013						05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
TestAmerica Job ID: 240-1234-2									
Method: 200.8 - Metals (ICP/MS) - Total Recoverable									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Arsenic	0.0017	J	0.0005	0.00017	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Barium	0.019		0.0050	0.0011	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Beryllium	0.0010	U	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Cadmium	0.00072	J	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Chromium	0.0012	J	0.0020	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Chromium	0.0011	J	0.010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Molybdenum	0.00032	J	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Lead	0.00032	J	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Antimony	0.00055	J	0.0020	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Selenium	0.00055	J	0.0020	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Thallium	0.00013	J	0.0020	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Barium	0.043		0.020	0.011	mg/L		05/21/15 10:48	05/26/15 11:40	1
Calcium	42.4		1.0	0.34	mg/L		05/21/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Lithium	0.0008	J	0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
Cobalt	0.0013		0.0010	0.00003	mg/L		05/13/15 11:37	05/21/15 16:27	1
TestAmerica Job ID: 240-50351-1									
Method: 245.1 - Mercury (CVAA)									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Mercury	0.0002		0.00020	0.000004	mg/L		05/05/15 14:30	05/11/15 13:40	1
General Chemistry									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Chloride	134		16.3	2.0	mg/L		05/05/15 13:10	05/05/15 13:10	1
Fluoride	1.1		1.0	0.0050	mg/L		05/05/15 13:10	05/05/15 13:10	1
Sulfate	119		5.0	0.13	mg/L		05/05/15 13:10	05/05/15 13:10	1
Total Dissolved Solids	860		10.0	7.4	mg/L		05/05/15 13:10	05/05/15 13:10	1
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
pH	9.14	HP	0.100	0.100	SC		05/05/15 13:10	05/05/15 13:10	1
Method: 903.0 - Total Alpha Radium (GFC)									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	Count	Total	MDL	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Total Alpha Radium	0.0002		0.100	0.100	2.36E	pCi/L	05/07/15 17:38	05/07/15 17:42	1
Carrier	% Yield	Qualifier	Limits				Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
30 Carrier	100		40 - 110				05/07/15 17:38	05/07/15 17:42	1
Method: 904.0 - Radium 226 (GFC)									
Analyte	Result	Qualifier	Count	Total	MDL	Unit	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Radium 226	0.0002		0.100	0.100	2.36E	pCi/L	05/07/15 16:52	05/07/15 17:40	1
Carrier	% Yield	Qualifier	Limits				Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
30 Carrier	100		40 - 110				05/07/15 16:52	05/07/15 17:40	1
17 Carrier	90.8		40 - 110				05/07/15 16:52	05/07/15 17:40	1

Method: TO-15 - Volatile Organic Compounds in Ambient Air (Continued)

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
n-Butylbenzene	ND		35	4.0	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
n-Heptane	89		33	3.1	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
n-Hexane	40		28	1.8	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
n-Propylbenzene	12 J		31	4.4	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
o-Xylene	780		14	4.2	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
Propylene	27		14	2.1	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
sec-Butylbenzene	ND		35	5.6	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
Styrene	9.2 J		14	3.9	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
Toluene	230		12	7.2	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	280		16	4.9	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	410		16	5.1	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	17 J		37	2.9	ug/m3		09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Unit	D	Prepared	Analyzed	Dil Fac
Surrogate							09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19
4-Bromofluorobenzene (Surr)	103		60 - 140				09/29/14 20:17	09/29/14 20:17	3.19



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04

DATA ASSESSMENT & USABILITY

Items to Review
Data Qualifiers
Data Usability Assessment



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Items to Review / Consider



- ☐ Review Case Narrative.
 - Are data qualifiers addressed?
 - Are COC discrepancies reconciled?
- ☐ Are holding times met?
- ☐ Is batch QC present and acceptable?
- ☐ Do interparameter relationships makes sense?
- ☐ Do dilutions match?
- ☐ Does data concur with historical results?
- ☐ Is corrective action taken for failures?
- ☐ Were project-specific action limits met?

WI CRITERIA

Wisconsin PFAS Aqueous (Non-Potable Water) and Non-Aqueous Matrices Method Expectations

- Version 12.16.2019 -

Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS) Analysis Using Isotope Dilution by LC/MS/MS

The purpose of this document is to provide the expectations that will help the Program determine if a laboratory's method is considered suitable for analysis of PFAS in aqueous (non-potable water) and non-aqueous matrices for Wisconsin.

The Program has the legal authority under NR 149.41 (2) to determine whether the method selected by a laboratory is suitable for the matrix, type of analyte, expected level of analyte, regulatory limit, and anticipated interferences in the sample, when methods are not prescribed by covered programs under NR 149 or permits issued by the department.

Once the EPA publishes their 1600 series isotope dilution method, the Program will defer to that method for certification.

Potable water samples are analyzed utilizing EPA 537.1.

{F} = when "{F}" is listed after an expectation and the expectation is not met, then qualify the associated results on the test report. The qualifier can refer the data user to the narrative where detail is provided that indicates what the non-conformance was, and if known, the possible effects on the sample results.

Definitions are provided in Section X, "Definitions," of this document.

Data Qualifiers

Not necessarily a bad thing

Real world samples do not always behave well or within the laboratory's control.

“Data qualifiers, or flags, are applied to results so the end-user can determine data usability as it pertains to their project objectives”

B-Flag

METHOD BLANK

Applied to the method blank if detections are present

Indicates contamination may have been introduced during the analytical process

H-Flag

HOLDING TIME

Applied to sample result if holding time is exceeded

Typically a “do not pass go” situation. Data often rejected due to holding time violations

J-Flag

LOW CONCENTRATION

Applied to sample result if detected between the RL & MDL

Identification of the analyte is correct but the quantitation is estimated as it is below the laboratory's calibration range

E-Flag

HIGH CONCENTRATION

Applied to sample result if detected above calibration range

Identification of the analyte is correct but the quantitation is estimated as it is above the top of the calibration curve

*-Flag

QC FAILURE

Applied to the sample result if the LCS/LCSD or MS/MSD accuracy or precision does not meet criteria

Identification of the analyte is correct but the quantitation may be biased

Data Usability Assessment

- ✓ Method Blank detect and samples ND
- ✓ Method Blank < 1/10 sample concentration
- ✓ High Biased LCS and samples ND
- ✓ Low Biased LCS and samples >Action Limit
- ✓ Compounds of concern not impacted
- ✓ Sporadic Marginal Exceedances



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