

Data Validation Report

Project: Portland Harbor Pre-Remedial Design Investigation and Baseline Sampling
 Portland Harbor Superfund Site
 Surface Sediment – Downtown/Upriver

Laboratory: TestAmerica Laboratories, Incorporated, Seattle, WA

Laboratory Groups: 580-78854-1, 580-78854-6, and 580-78854-7

Analyses: Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Metals, Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Tributyltin, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate, Total Solids, and Grain Size

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SUMMARY

The data quality review of 2 surface sediment samples collected on July 13, 2018, has been completed. Samples were analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs, diesel-range and motor oil-range) by Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Method NWTPH-Dx; metals by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 6020B (arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and manganese) and EPA Method 7471A (mercury); TOC by EPA Method 9060; tributyltin by Krone et al.; PAHs by EPA Method 8270D modified by selected ion monitoring (SIM); bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate by EPA Method 8270D; total solids by American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Method D-2216; moisture content at 70 degrees Celsius (°C); and/or grain size by ASTM Method D7928/D6913 by TestAmerica Laboratories, Incorporated (TA) located in Tacoma, Washington. The analyses were performed in general accordance with the methods specified in EPA's *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste (SW-846)*, Ecology's *Analytical Methods for Petroleum Hydrocarbons*, June 1997 and Krone CA et al., *A Method for Analysis of Butyltin Species and Measurement of Butyltins in Sediment and English Sole Livers from Puget Sound*, Marine Environmental Research, 1989. The laboratory provided level 2 and level 4 data packages containing sample results, and associated quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) data, preparation logs, and raw instrument outputs (where applicable). The following samples are associated with laboratory groups 580-78854-1, 580-78854-6, and 580-78854-7:

Sample ID	Laboratory ID
PDI-SG-B483	580-78854-1
PDI-SG-S266	580-78854-2

Data validation is based on method performance criteria and QC criteria documented in the *Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)*, dated March 23, 2018, as amended. If data qualification was required, data were qualified based on the definitions and use of qualifying flags outlined in the EPA documents *USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Organic Superfund Methods Data Review*, January 2017, and *USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Methods Data Review*, January 2017. Data qualifiers assigned to this sample set are included in Table 1.



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SAMPLE RECEIPT

Upon receipt by TA, the sample jar information was compared to the chain-of-custody (COC) and the cooler temperature was recorded. The cooler was received at a temperature within the EPA-recommended limits of greater than 0°C and less than or equal to 6°C. The rush TOC, metals, total solids, and grain size were reported in laboratory group 580-78854-6 on 7/27/18. Sample PDI-SG-B483 was authorized for the remaining analyses on 8/16/18 and reported in laboratory group 580-78854-1 on 10/22/18. Sample PDI-SG-S266 was authorized for the remaining analyses on 10/11/18 and reported in laboratory group 580-78854-7 on 10/30/18. Due to laboratory oversight the samples were not frozen upon receipt at TA Tacoma. Frozen samples were shipped from TA Sacramento, where samples were properly frozen upon receipt, to TA Tacoma on 9/10/18. These frozen samples were used for analysis.

ORGANIC ANALYSES

Samples were analyzed for TPHs, tributyltin, PAHs, and bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate by the methods identified in the introduction to this report.

1. Holding Times – Acceptable
2. Blanks – Acceptable except as noted below:

General – A rinsate blank was not submitted with this laboratory group. Associated rinsate blanks are reported under separate cover. Target compounds may have been detected in the rinsate blanks associated with these samples. Sediment data were not qualified based on rinsate blank results.

PAHs by EPA Method 8270D-SIM – Fluoranthene (0.386 ug/kg) was detected in the method blank associated with prep batch 286035 at a concentration between the method detection limit (MDL) and reporting limit. Fluoranthene was detected in PDI-SG-B483 at a concentration between the reporting limit and MDL with an elevated reporting limit due to a dilution that was required prior to analysis; therefore, the result for fluoranthene in PDI-SG-B483 was qualified as estimated and flagged 'J' based on this method blank result.

Fluoranthene (0.471 ug/kg), phenanthrene (0.411 ug/kg), and pyrene (0.567 ug/kg) were detected in the method blank associated with prep batch 286471 at concentrations between the MDLs and reporting limits. Phenanthrene was not detected in the associated sample; therefore, data were not qualified based on this method blank result. Fluoranthene and pyrene were detected in PDI-SG-S266 at concentrations between the reporting limits and MDLs with elevated reporting limits due to a dilution that was required prior to analysis; therefore, the results for fluoranthene and pyrene in PDI-SG-S266 were qualified as estimated and flagged 'J' based on the method blank results.

bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate by EPA Method 8270D – bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate was detected in the method blank associated with prep batch 284577 (6.46 ug/kg) at a concentration between the MDL and reporting limit. bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate was not detected in the associated sample; therefore, data were not qualified based on this method blank result.

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3. Surrogates – Acceptable except as noted below:

PAHs by EPA Method 8270D-SIM – The percent recovery for the surrogate terphenyl-d14 in LCS 580-286471/2-A (49%) was outside the control limits of 57-120%. Data were not qualified based on surrogate recoveries in QC samples.

4. Laboratory Control Sample/Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCS/LCSD) – Acceptable except as noted below:

PAHs by EPA Method 8270D-SIM – The percent recovery for anthracene in the LCS (72%) associated with prep batch 286471 was below the control limits of 73-125%. The result for anthracene in PDI-SG-S266 was qualified as estimated and flagged 'UJ' based on the LCS recovery.

5. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD) – Acceptable

bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate by EPA Method 8270D – An MS/MSD was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group. Accuracy was assessed using the LCS. Precision was not assessed using a sample from this laboratory group.

PAHs by EPA Method 8270D-SIM – An MS/MSD was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group. Accuracy was assessed using the LCS. Precision was not assessed using a sample from this laboratory group.

TPHs by Method NWTPH-Dx – An MS/MSD was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group. Accuracy and precision were assessed using the LCS/LCSD.

Tributyltin by Krone et al. – An MS/MSD was performed using PDI-SG-S266. Results were acceptable.

6. Laboratory Duplicate – Acceptable

TPHs by Method NWTPH-Dx – A laboratory duplicate was performed using PDI-SG-S266. Results were comparable.

7. Reporting Limits – Acceptable except as noted below:

General – Analyte concentrations detected between the MDLs and the reporting limits are reported by the laboratory with 'J' flags. Laboratory 'J'-flagged results are considered estimated results. As the results are between the MDLs and the reporting limits, there is a greater level of uncertainty associated with the numerical results.

PAHs by EPA Method 8270D-SIM – The reporting limits for both samples in this laboratory group were raised because of the dilutions that were required prior to analysis due to the nature of the sample matrix. The reporting limits for multiple analytes in both samples reported as not detected exceeded the cleanup level for carcinogenic PAHs (12 ug/kg) but the MDLs did not.

bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate by EPA Method 8270D – The reporting limits for both samples in this laboratory group were raised because of the dilutions that were required prior to analysis due to the nature of the sample matrix. The reporting limits and MDLs for the results reported as not detected in both samples exceeded the cleanup level (135 ug/kg).

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8. Other Items of Note:

TPHs by Method NWTPH-Dx – The laboratory indicated that the diesel-range hydrocarbon elution patterns were later than the typical diesel pattern in PDI-SG-B483 and PDI-SG-S266.

Tributyltin by Krone et al. – Tributyltin was analyzed and reported twice for PDI-SG-S266. As both results were not detected, the initial result, with the higher reporting limit, was flagged 'DNR' for Do Not Report.

METALS ANALYSES

Samples were analyzed for metals by the methods identified in the introduction to this report.

1. Holding Times – Acceptable except as noted below:

Mercury by Method 7471A – As noted under sample receipt, both samples in this laboratory group were frozen by TA upon receipt. The holding time for mercury is not extended by freezing; therefore the holding time remains 28 days to final analysis. The holding time for mercury in both sediment samples was exceeded by 13-77 days due to delay in authorization of analysis. The results for mercury in both sediment samples were qualified as estimated and flagged 'J' based on the holding time exceedance.

2. Blanks – Acceptable except as noted below:

General – A rinsate blank was not submitted with this laboratory group. Associated rinsate blanks are reported under separate cover. Target compounds may have been detected in the rinsate blanks associated with these samples. Sediment data were not qualified based on rinsate blank results.

3. Laboratory Control Sample/Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCS/LCSD) – Acceptable

4. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD) and Post-Digestion Spike (PDS, where applicable) – Acceptable except as noted below:

Metals by Method 6020B – An MS/MSD and PDS was performed using PDI-SG-B483. The percent recovery for manganese in the MS (133%) and MSD (210%) exceeded the control limits of 80-120%. The sample concentration for manganese in PDI-SG-B483 was greater than four times the spike added; therefore, data were not qualified based on the MS/MSD results.

Mercury by Method 7471A – An MS/MSD was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group. Accuracy and precision were assessed using the LCS/LCSD.

5. Laboratory Duplicate – Acceptable

Metals by Method 6020B – A laboratory duplicate was performed using PDI-SG-B483. Results were comparable.

Mercury by Method 7471A – A laboratory duplicate was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group. Accuracy and precision were assessed using the LCS/LCSD.



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6. Serial Dilution – Acceptable

Metals by Method 6020B – A serial dilution was performed using PDI-SG-B483. Results were comparable.

7. Reporting Limits – Acceptable

General – One or more results in multiple samples were reported at concentrations between the reporting limits and the MDLs and were flagged 'J' by the laboratory. As described above, laboratory 'J'-flagged results are considered estimated results.

CONVENTIONAL ANALYSES

Samples were analyzed for TOC and total solids by the methods identified in the introduction to this report.

1. Holding Times – Acceptable except as noted below:

Moisture Content at 70°C – The 7-day holding time indicated for total solids in the QAPP was exceeded for both samples by 5-86 days. No data qualifiers were assigned based on this holding time exceedance.

2. Blanks – Acceptable except as noted below:

TOC by Method 9060 – A rinsate blank was not submitted with this laboratory group. Associated rinsate blanks are reported under separate cover. Target compounds may have been detected in the rinsate blanks associated with these samples. Sediment data were not qualified based on rinsate blank results.

3. Laboratory Control Sample/Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCS/LCSD) – Acceptable

4. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD) – Acceptable

TOC by Method 9060 – An MS/MSD was performed using PDI-SG-B483. Results were acceptable.

6. Laboratory Replicate – Acceptable

TOC by Method 9060 – A laboratory duplicate and triplicate were performed using PDI-SG-B483. Results were comparable.

Moisture Content at 70°C – A laboratory duplicate was performed using PDI-SG-S266. Results were comparable.

7. Reporting Limits – Acceptable



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GRAIN SIZE ANALYSES

Samples were analyzed for grain size by the methods identified in the introduction to this report. The data were reviewed to confirm that the required grain size fractions identified in the QAPP were reported for each sample.

1. Laboratory Duplicate

The laboratory performed duplicate analysis at a rate of 1 per 20 samples per their internal requirements. A laboratory duplicate was not performed using a sample from this laboratory group.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF DATA

The data reported in this laboratory group, as qualified, is considered usable for meeting project objectives. The completeness for laboratory groups 580-78854-1, 580-78854-6, and 580-78854-7 is 100%.

Table 1
QA/QC Data Summary Review
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Sample ID	Laboratory ID	Method	Analyte	Laboratory Result	Units	Final Result	Reason Code
PDI-SG-B483	580-78854-1	SW7471A	Mercury	0.053	mg/kg	0.053 J	h
PDI-SG-B483	580-78854-1	SW8270DSIM	Fluoranthene	27 J	ug/kg	27 J	bl
PDI-SG-S266	580-78854-2	SW7471A	Mercury	0.049	mg/kg	0.049 J	h
PDI-SG-S266	580-78854-2	SW8270DSIM	Anthracene	17 U	ug/kg	17 UJ	l
PDI-SG-S266	580-78854-2	SW8270DSIM	Fluoranthene	10 J	ug/kg	10 J	bl
PDI-SG-S266	580-78854-2	SW8270DSIM	Pyrene	9.1 J	ug/kg	9.1 J	bl

Notes:

- bl - laboratory blank contamination
- h - holding time
- J - estimated value
- l - laboratory control sample
- mg/kg - milligram per kilogram
- U - not detected
- ug/kg - microgram per kilogram