

# Data Validation Report

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

Laboratory: ALS Environmental, Kelso, WA

Laboratory Group: K1810367

Analyses/Method: Chlorinated Pesticides and Total Solids

Validation Level: Stage 2A

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## SUMMARY

The data quality review of 4 surface sediment samples collected between July 27 and August 17, 2018, has been completed. The samples were analyzed for chlorinated pesticides by EPA Method 1699-modified (GC/MS/MS) and total solids by EPA Method 160.3-modified at ALS Environmental (ALS) located in Kelso, Washington. The analyses were performed in general accordance with the methods specified in EPA's *Method 1699: Pesticides in Water, Soil, Sediment, Biosolids, and Tissue by HRGC/HRMS*, December 2007 (modified by ALS SOP SVM-PESTMS2) and *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes*, March 1983. 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 were associated with laboratory group K1810367:

Sample ID	Laboratory ID
PDI-SG-B436	Logged Under Separate Cover (K1809371)
PDI-SG-B474	K1810367-001
PDI-SG-B480	Not Authorized for Analysis
PDI-SG-B481	Logged Under Separate Cover (K1809371)

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 results reported in this sample set are included in Table 1.

## SAMPLE RECEIPT

Upon receipt by ALS, the sample jar information was compared to the chain-of-custody (COC) and the cooler temperature was recorded. No discrepancies related to sample identification were noted by ALS. The cooler was received at a temperature below the EPA-recommended limits of greater than 0°C and less than or equal to 6°C at 0.0°C. No data were qualified based on the cooler temperature.

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The samples were collected between July 27 and August 17, 2018, and were held frozen in the AECOM storage facility freezer until shipment to ALS-Kelso. The samples were received by the laboratory on September 27, 2018, and placed on frozen hold. Sample PDI-SG-S474 was authorized for analysis on October 23, 2018. Samples PDI-SG-B436 and PDI-SG-B481 were authorized for analysis on October 9, 2018, and the results were reported under separate cover (K1809371). Sample PDI-SG-B480 was not authorized for analysis.

## ORGANIC ANALYSIS

The sample was analyzed for chlorinated pesticides by EPA Method 1699-modified.

1. Holding Times – Acceptable

Sample PDI-SG-B474 was extracted 55 days past the method-recommended holding time of 14 days. As described above, the sample was frozen in archive until extraction and was thawed for less than 14 days; therefore, the sample was not extracted outside the holding time.

2. Initial and Continuing Calibration Verifications – Acceptable

3. Blanks – Acceptable

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

4. Surrogates – Acceptable

5. Internal Standards – Acceptable

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

7. Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD)

An MS/MSD was performed using a sample from a project unrelated to the Portland Harbor Pre-Remedial Design Investigation and Baseline Sampling program. Data in this laboratory group were not qualified based on these MS/MSD results.

8. Reporting Limits – Acceptable except as noted below:

The reporting limits for the chlorinated pesticides reported as not detected in this sediment sample was elevated due to the moisture content and/or lower extraction volume used due to matrix interference. The reporting limit and MDL for dieldrin exceeded the cleanup level in the sediment sample reported in laboratory group K1810367.



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**CONVENTIONAL ANALYSIS**

The sample was analyzed for total solids by EPA Method 160.3-modified.

1. Holding Times

Sample PDI-SG-B474 was frozen and held in archive at the AECOM storage facility immediately after collection. The frozen sample was submitted to ALS on September 27, 2018, and the total solids analysis was performed on October 24, 2018, 61 days past the 7-day holding time indicated for total solids in the QAPP. No data qualifiers were assigned based on the holding time exceedance.

2. Laboratory Duplicate – Acceptable

A laboratory duplicate was performed using PDI-SG-B474. Results were comparable.

3. Reporting Limits – Acceptable

**OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF DATA**

The data reported in this laboratory group is considered usable for meeting project objectives. The completeness for laboratory group K1810367 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
No data qualifiers were assigned to results reported in K1810367 based on this data validation.							