

**Quality Assurance Program Plan  
for  
The Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality  
in San Francisco Bay**



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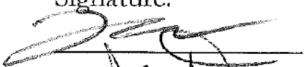

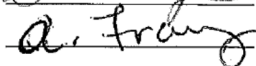

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## **Element 4      Program Task/Organization**

### **4.1 Involved Parties and Roles**

The Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay (RMP) is managed and operated by the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI). SFEI was founded as a non-profit organization in 1986 to foster the development of the scientific understanding needed to protect and enhance the San Francisco Estuary. The governing body of SFEI is a Board of Directors composed of Bay Area scientists, environmentalists, regulators, local governments, and industries.

Phil Trowbridge is the RMP Project Manager. He will be responsible for all aspects of monitoring components of this project including the organization of field staff, scheduling of sampling days, management of the SFEI in-house analysis, and interactions with the contract laboratories.

Amy Franz is the SFEI Regional Data Center Manager. She will ensure that data submitted by subcontractor labs are timely, complete, and properly incorporated into the Regional Data Center database.

Don Yee is SFEI's Quality Assurance Officer (QAO). His role is to establish and oversee the quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures found in this QAPP, which include field and laboratory activities. The SFEI QAO will work with the Quality Assurance Officers for contracted analytical laboratories, reviewing and communicating all QA/QC issues contained in this QAPP to the laboratories. Contact information for laboratory staff is listed above.

SFEI contracts with a number of laboratories that provide high quality analytical services. Qualifications for our labs generally include ISO (International Organization for Standardization) registration, National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) accreditation, and/or ELAP certification by the California Department of Public Health. Table 4.1 lists the laboratories currently used and will be updated as changes are made.

The analytical laboratories will act as a technical resource to SFEI staff and management. The responsible personnel and contact information are listed in Table 3-1.

**Table 4-1. Analytical laboratories**

<b>Analytical laboratory</b>	<b>Lab abbrev.</b>	<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Analytical Services</b>
ALS Environmental	ALS-Washington	Water	POC (Arizona), DOC (Washington)
	ALS-Washington	Sediment	particle size, total solids, organic matter
	ALS-Arizona	Sediment	CHN, TOC, TN, % Solids
Applied Marine Sciences, Inc.	AMS-CA	Water	Cruise logistics, field measurements
		Sediment	
		Tissue (bivalve)	
AXYS Analytical Services, LTD	AXYS	Water	PAHs, PBDEs, PCBs, Pesticides
		Stormwater	PCBs

		Tissue (sport fish)	Dioxins
		Tissue (bivalve)	PAHs, PBDEs, PCBs
		Tissue (bird egg, sport fish)	PFCs
Brooks Rand Labs, LLC	BR	Water	Trace elements
		Sediment	As, Se, Hg, MeHg, % solids
		Stormwater	Mercury, Trace elements
		Tissue (bivalve)	Selenium
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Laboratory	CCCSD	Water	Cyanide
City and County of San Francisco Laboratory	CCSF	Sediment	Trace elements
		Tissue (bivalve)	Trace elements
Department of Fish and Wildlife – Water Pollution Control Laboratory	DFG-WPCL	Tissue (bird egg, sport fish)	PBDEs, PCBs
East Bay Municipal Utility District	EBMUD	Water	Nutrients and water quality parameters
		Stormwater	DOC, TOC
Moss Landing Marine Laboratories-Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory	MLML-MPSL	Tissue (bird egg and sport fish)	Mercury, selenium
Pacific Eco Risk	PER	Water	Toxicity
University of California Davis-Granite Canyon Laboratory	UCD-GC	Sediment	Toxicity
U.S. Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center	USGS	Tissue (bird egg)	Mercury
US Geological Survey-Clean Water Science Center	USCS-CWSC	Stormwater	Grainsize, SSC, TOC
To be determined	To be determined	Sediment	PAHs, PBDEs, PCBs, pesticides

## 4.2 Quality Assurance Officer Role

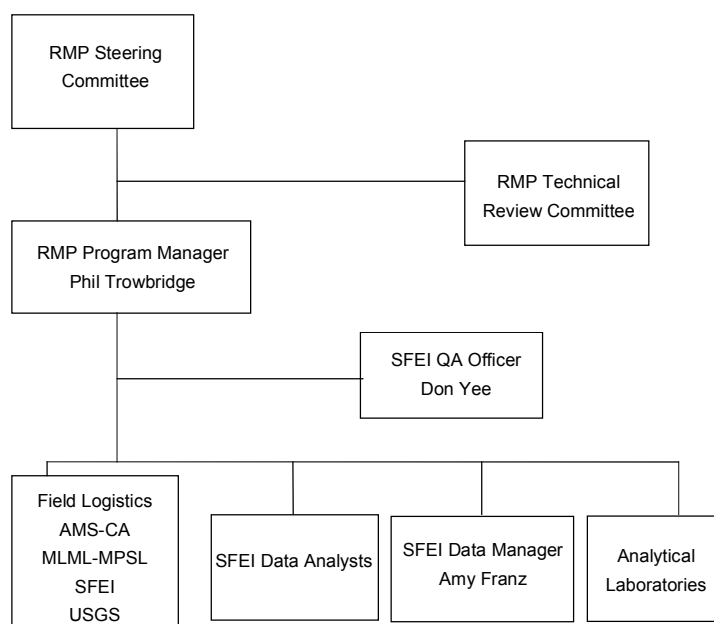
The SFEI QAO shall not be directly involved in generation of any laboratory or field data and will review and assess all data acquisition procedures against QAPP requirements, reporting all findings and requests for corrective action to the Project Manager. The QAO may stop all actions, including

those conducted by field staff or contract laboratories, if there are significant deviations from required practices or if there is evidence of a systematic failure.

### 4.3 Persons Responsible for QAPP Update and Maintenance

Changes and updates to this QAPP may be made after a review of the evidence for change by SFEI's Project Manager and QAO, and with the concurrence of the RMP Technical Review Committee. SFEI's QAO will be responsible for making the changes, submitting drafts for review, preparing a final copy, and submitting the final for signature.

### 4.4 Organizational Chart and Responsibilities



**Figure 4-1. Organizational Chart and Responsibilities**

## **Element 5      Problem Definition/Background**

### **5.1 Problem Statement**

The Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in the San Francisco Estuary (RMP) was created to provide long-term monitoring information on ecosystem health in the Estuary. The impetus for the program development was a resolution by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board to require dischargers in the Bay Area regulated under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program to participate in regional monitoring. Contribution to the program constitutes compliance with the requirement to participate. Elimination of certain permit requirements for individual permits offset the requirement for continued participation.

The RMP began as a pilot study in 1989 and has been collecting water, sediment, and biological tissue data since 1993. The Status and Trends component of the RMP routinely collects monitoring data on these environmental matrices. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) uses Status and Trends data to assist in regulatory decision-making, such as for determining impairment (303(d)) listing, NPDES permit conditions, and estimating Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) of various pollutants needed to protect ecosystem and human health. The data are also useful for monitoring and modeling the effectiveness of past and planned management actions.

The overarching goal of the program is to collect data and communicate information about water quality in the San Francisco Estuary to support management decisions. The RMP, in consultation with its stakeholders, the Technical Review Committee, and the Steering Committee refined the management questions in May 2008.

1. Are chemical concentrations in the Estuary at levels of potential concern and are associated impacts likely?
  - a. Which chemicals have the potential to impact humans and aquatic life and should be monitored?
  - b. What potential for impacts on humans and aquatic life exists due to contaminants in the Estuary ecosystem?
  - c. What are appropriate guidelines for protection of beneficial uses?
  - d. What contaminants are responsible for observed toxic responses?
2. What are the concentrations and masses of contaminants in the Estuary and its segments?
  - a. Do spatial patterns and long-term trends indicate particular regions of concern?
3. What are the sources, pathways, loadings, and processes leading to contaminant-related impacts in the Estuary?
  - a. Which sources, pathways, and processes contribute most to impacts?
  - b. What are the best opportunities for management intervention for the most important contaminant sources, pathways, and processes?
  - c. What are the effects of management actions on loads from the most important sources, pathways, and processes?
4. Have the concentrations, masses, and associated impacts of contaminants in the Estuary increased or decreased?



- a. What are the effects of management actions on the concentrations and mass of contaminants in the Estuary?
  - b. What are the effects of management actions on the potential for adverse impacts on humans and aquatic life due to Bay contamination?
5. What are the projected concentrations, masses, and associated impacts of contaminants in the Estuary?
  - a. What patterns of exposure are forecast for major segments of the Estuary under various management scenarios?
  - b. Which contaminants are predicted to increase and potentially cause impacts in the Estuary?

## 5.2 Decisions and Outcomes

The primary focus of the RMP is to provide information to assist the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and other regional stakeholders in developing plans to address potential contaminant risks in the Bay, e.g., via a TMDL determination. An improved understanding of the status, trends, loadings, and fate of contaminants in the Bay allows regional stakeholders to develop appropriate, effective, and efficient management plans. Data from these studies are made publicly available for scientific research, environmental management purposes, and public awareness.

## 5.3 Water Quality or Regulatory Criteria

California's water quality standards are established in (regional) Basin Plans or statewide plans. The Basin Plan for San Francisco Bay was first completed in 1975 and has been revised at least once a decade since then, to reflect changing conditions as well as updated understanding of those conditions in the Bay. The water quality standards include both numeric and narrative water quality objectives (WQOs), which are usually based on federal water quality criteria. The most recent Basin Plan includes the most up-to-date WQOs.

Table 5.1 shows the sources of the WQOs in the San Francisco Bay Basin Plan for contaminants with numeric objectives as of June 29, 2013. The WQOs can differ in freshwater and marine water, defined in the Basin Plan as follows: freshwaters are those in which the salinity is equal to or less than 1 part per thousand 95% of the time, and marine waters are those in which the salinity is equal to or greater than 10 parts per thousand 95% of the time (San Francisco Bay RWQCB 2013). The stricter of the two WQOs applies for waters where the salinity falls between these definitions. The WQOs for contaminants listed in Table 5.1 apply throughout the region, except when site-specific objectives have been adopted. Site-specific objectives have been adopted for copper in all segments of San Francisco Bay, for nickel in South San Francisco Bay, and for cyanide in all San Francisco Bay segments.

**Table 5.1 - Sources of Numeric Water Quality Objectives for San Francisco Bay (as of June 29, 2013).** Note: sources are subject to change as objectives are updated.

Compound	Marine Waters WQO	Fresh Waters WQO	Site-specific
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	Source	Source	WQO in Bay?
Arsenic	CTR	CTR	No
Cadmium	CTR	CTR	No
Chromium III	-	NTR	No
Chromium VI	CTR	CTR	No
Copper	CTR	CTR	Yes
Cyanide	NTR	NTR	Yes
Lead	CTR	CTR	No
Mercury	U.S. EPA 1984	U.S. EPA 1986	No*
Nickel	CTR	CTR	Yes
Selenium	NTR	NTR	No**
Silver	CTR	CTR	No
Zinc	CTR	CTR	No
PAHs	Basin Plan	-	No

CTR - California Toxics Rule (40 CFR Part 131.38, May 18, 2000.)

NTR - National Toxics Rule (40 CFR Part 131, February 5, 1993.)

U.S. EPA 1984 - U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Mercury (1984)

U.S. EPA 1986 - U.S. EPA Quality Criteria for Water 1986 (EPA 440/5-86-001)

Basin Plan - San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan (SFBRWQCB 2013).

\*Site-specific WQO exist for tributaries to Bay, but not within the Bay itself

\*\*TMDL development ongoing

Additionally, objectives for mercury and PCBs in fish apply to San Francisco Bay (Table 5.2). The mercury objective for fish tissue only applies to marine waters. Compliance with the human health quality objective for mercury in San Francisco Bay is evaluated in the five most commonly consumed fish species. The mercury concentration in the edible portion of these five species is averaged and compared to the human health water quality objective. The PCBs numeric target (also referred to as the TMDL target) in fish applies to all segments of San Francisco Bay. The PCBs numeric target, which is intended to protect both human health and wildlife, is an average fish tissue concentration of 10 micrograms total PCBs per kilogram of typically consumed fish (on a wet weight basis). Attainment of the total PCBs fish tissue numeric target will also protect human health and wildlife for dioxin-like PCBs.

**Table 5.2 - Objectives for Mercury and PCBs in fish** (Basin Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin 2010)

Compound	Aim	Objectives	Tissue	Species	Size class (length)
Hg	Protection of human health	0.2 mg/kg wet weight	Edible portion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacksmelt</li> <li>• White croaker</li> <li>• Striped bass</li> <li>• CA halibut</li> <li>• White sturgeon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 cm</li> <li>• 25 cm</li> <li>• 60 cm</li> <li>• 75 cm</li> <li>• 135 cm</li> </ul>
Hg	Protection of aquatic organisms and wildlife	0.03 mg/kg wet weight	Whole fish	Not specified	3 to 5 cm
PCBs	Protection of human health and wildlife	10 ug/kg wet weight	Edible portion	White croaker	20 to 30 cm
PCBs	Protection of human health and wildlife	10 ug/kg wet weight	Edible portion	Surfperch	10 to 15 cm

## ***Element 6            Program Tasks Description***

### ***6.1 Work Statement and Produced Products***

To address the management questions posed, the RMP Status and Trends component regularly conducts sampling of various environmental matrices annually or less frequently. This work is planned and performed under the guidance of the RMP Steering and Technical Review Committees, which are composed of environmental regulators and representatives of local stakeholders.

Data from Status and Trends monitoring efforts are made available for download via the RMP website, incorporated into RMP reports for non-technical (e.g., Pulse of the Estuary) and technical audiences (e.g., Annual Monitoring Results report), and used for published manuscripts in the peer reviewed literature. These data are subsequently incorporated into statewide compilations or web portals of environmental data, such as the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) or the state's My Water Quality website ([www.mywaterquality.ca.gov](http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov)).

### ***6.2 Constituents to be Monitored and Reported***

RMP Status and Trends monitoring data will include collection, measurement, and reporting of different parameters and typically include the following information:

Station location (latitude and longitude)

Station sampling date and time

Matrix sampled (water, sediment, or biological tissue)

Parameter measurements (Table 6-1)

Collection and analytical methods

Qualifiers and comments (applied by analytical labs or by RMP staff in data review)

**Table 6-1. RMP Target Parameters and Reporting Units**

<b>Field Measures – CTD<sup>1</sup> Meter (Water, Sediment and Bivalve Cruises)</b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Backscatter	FTU <sup>2</sup>
Electrical Conductivity	S/m
Temperature	DegC
Density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Oxygen, Dissolved	mg/L
Pressure	dbar
Salinity	psu <sup>3</sup>
<b>Field Measures - Shipboard (Water Cruise)</b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Oxygen, Dissolved	mg/L
pH	none
Salinity	ppt
Specific Conductivity	uS/cm
Temperature	Deg C
<b>Field Measures - Shipboard (Sediment Cruise)</b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
*pH from interstitial water in undisturbed section of sediment grab	
pH*	none
Eh	mV

<sup>1</sup> CTD = Conductivity, Temperature, Depth

<sup>2</sup> FTU = Formazin Turbidity Unit

<sup>3</sup> PSU = Practical Salinity Unit

[Basis codes: dw=dry weight, ww=wet weight]

Conventional Water Quality Parameters	Reporting Units
Chlorophyll a	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Dissolved Organic Carbon	ug/L
Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L
Nitrate as N	mg/L
Nitrite as N	mg/L
Particulate Organic Carbon	ug/L
Phaeophytin a	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Orthophosphate as P	mg/L
Salinity	psu
Suspended Sediment Concentration	mg/L
Conventional Sediment Quality Parameters	Reporting Units
Total Solids	%
Nitrogen, Total	% dw
Total Organic Carbon	% dw

Sediment Grain Size	Fraction	Reporting Units
* Sum of Clay and Silt together ** Sum of all sand fractions		
Clay	<0.0039 mm	% dw
Silt	0.0039 to <0.0625 mm	% dw
Fine*	<0.0625 mm	% dw
Sand**	0.0625 to <2.0 mm	% dw
Sand	V. Fine 0.0625 to <0.125 mm	% dw
Sand	Fine 0.125 to <0.25 mm	% dw
Sand	Medium 0.25 to <0.5 mm	% dw
Sand	Coarse 0.5 to <1.0 mm	% dw
Sand	V. Coarse 1.0 to <2.0 mm	% dw
Granule + Pebble	2.0 to <64 mm	% dw

<b>Sediment Toxicity Parameters - Homogenate</b> SD = Standard Deviation; AF = Assessment Factor	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L
Ammonia as NH <sub>3</sub>	mg/L
Ammonia as NH <sub>3</sub> , Unionized	mg/L
Growth (wt/surv indiv)	mg/ind
Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L
Oxygen, Dissolved	mg/L
pH	none
salinity	ppt
SpecificConductivity	uS/cm
Survival	%
<b>Sediment Toxicity Parameters - Surface Water Interface</b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Survival	%
<b>Water Toxicity Parameters – Sample Water</b>	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Biomass (wt/orig indiv)	mg/ind
Survival	%
<b>Bivalve Parameters</b> 1. Reported with Trace Metals 2. Reported with Trace Organics 3. Reported for bivalves	<b>Reporting Units</b>
Total Solids <sup>1</sup>	%
Survival <sup>3</sup>	%
Dry Weight <sup>3</sup>	g
Dry Weight Standard Error <sup>3</sup>	g
Growth (weight) <sup>3</sup>	g
Growth Standard Error <sup>3</sup>	g
Lipid	% dw
Moisture <sup>2</sup>	% dw

<b>Trace Metals</b>					
	<b>Bird Eggs</b>	<b>Bivalve Tissue</b>	<b>Sediment</b>	<b>Sport Fish</b>	<b>Water</b>
Aluminum	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Arsenic	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-

Trace Metals					
	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
Cadmium	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Cobalt	-	-	-	-	-
Copper	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	ug/L
Cyanide	-	-	-	-	ug/L
Iron	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Lead	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Manganese	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Mercury	ug/g dw	-	mg/Kg dw	ug/g ww	-
Mercury, Methyl	-	-	ug/Kg dw	-	ng/L
Mercury, Acid Labile	-	-	-	-	-
Mercury(II)	-	-	-	-	-
Nickel	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Selenium	ug/g dw	ug/g dw	mg/Kg dw	ug/g ww	ug/L
Silver	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-
Zinc	-	-	mg/Kg dw	-	-

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Dioxins and Furans						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
HpCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDD, 1,2,3,4,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDD, 1,2,3,6,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDD, 1,2,3,7,8,9-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
OCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
PeCDD, 1,2,3,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
TCDD, 2,3,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDF, 1,2,3,6,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDF, 1,2,3,7,8,9-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
OCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-



Dioxins and Furans						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PeCDF, 1,2,3,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-
TCDF, 2,3,7,8-	PCDD/F	-	-	-	pg/g ww	-

Perfluorinated Compounds (PFC)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
Perfluorobutanesulfonate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorobutanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorodecanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorododecanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluoroheptanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorohexanesulfonate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorohexanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorononanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorooctanesulfonamide	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorooctanesulfonate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluorooctanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluoropentanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-
Perfluoroundecanoate	Perfluorionate	ng/g ww	-	-	ng/g ww	-

Pesticides						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
Chlordane, cis-	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
Chlordane, trans-	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
Heptachlor	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Heptachlor Epoxide	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Nonachlor, cis-	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Nonachlor, trans-	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Oxychlordane	Chlordanes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Aldrin	Cyclopentadienes	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
Dieldrin	Cyclopentadienes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Endrin	Cyclopentadienes	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
DDD(o,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
DDD(p,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L

Pesticides						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
DDE(o,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
DDE(p,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
DDMU(p,p')	DDTs	-	-	-	-	-
DDT(o,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
DDT(p,p')	DDTs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
HCH, alpha-	HCHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
HCH, beta-	HCHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
HCH, delta-	HCHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
HCH, gamma-	HCHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Chlorpyrifos	Other	-	-	-	ng/g ww	pg/L
Dacthal	Other	-	-	-	ng/g ww	pg/L
Diazinon	Other	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Endosulfan I	Other	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Endosulfan II	Other	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Endosulfan sulfate	Other	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Fipronil	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Fipronil desulfinyl	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Fipronil sulfide	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Fipronil sulfone	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Hexachlorobenzene	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Mirex	Other	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Oxadiazon	Other	-	-	-	-	-

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PBDE 007	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 008	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 010	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 011	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 012	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 013	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 015	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 017	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 025	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 028	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PBDE 030	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 032	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 033	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 035	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 037	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 047	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 049	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 051	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 066	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 071	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 075	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 077	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 079	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 085	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 099	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 100	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 105	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 116	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 119	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 120	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 126	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 128	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 138	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 140	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 153	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 154	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 155	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 166	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 179	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 181	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 183	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 184	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 188	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 190	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 196	PBDEs	-	-	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 197	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 200	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 201	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 202	PBDEs	ng/g ww	-	-	-	-
PBDE 203	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PBDE 204	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 205	PBDEs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 206	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 207	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 208	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PBDE 209	PBDEs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 001	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 002	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 003	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 004	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 005	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 006	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 007	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 008	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 009	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 010	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 011	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	-
PCB 012	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 013	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 014	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 015	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 016	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 017	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 018	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 019	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 020	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 021	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 022	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 023	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 024	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 025	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 026	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 027	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw		pg/L
PCB 028	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 029	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw		pg/L

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 030	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 031	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 032	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 033	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 034	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 035	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 036	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 037	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 038	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 039	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 040	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 041	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 042	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 043	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 044	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 045	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 046	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 047	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 048	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 049	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 050	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 051	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 052	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 053	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 054	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 055	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 056	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 057	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 058	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 059	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 060	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 061	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 062	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 063	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 064	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw		pg/L
PCB 065	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 066	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 067	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 068	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 069	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 070	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 071	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 072	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 073	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 074	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 075	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 076	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 077	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 078	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 079	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 080	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 081	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 082	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 083	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 084	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 085	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 086	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 087	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 088	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 089	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 090	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 091	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 092	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 093	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 094	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 095	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 096	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 097	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 098	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 099	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 100	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 101	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 102	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 103	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 104	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 105	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 106	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 107	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 108	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 109	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 110	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 111	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 112	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 113	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 114	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 115	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 116	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 117	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 118	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 119	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 120	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 121	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 122	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 123	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 124	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 125	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 126	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 127	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 128	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 129	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 130	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 131	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 132	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 133	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 134	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
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PCB 136	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 137	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 138	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 139	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 140	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 141	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 142	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 143	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 144	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 145	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 146	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw		pg/L
PCB 147	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 148	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 149	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 150	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 151	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 152	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 153	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 154	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 155	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 156	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 157	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 158	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 159	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 160	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 161	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 162	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 163	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 164	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
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PCB 167	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 168	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 169	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 170	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 171	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 172	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 173	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 174	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
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PCB 176	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
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PCB 178	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 179	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 180	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 181	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 182	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 183	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 184	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 185	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 186	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 187	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 188	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 189	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L



Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Egg	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
PCB 190	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 191	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 192	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 193	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 194	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 195	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 196	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 197	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 198	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 199	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 200	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 201	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 202	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 203	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 204	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 205	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 206	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L
PCB 207	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 208	PCBs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
PCB 209	PCBs	ng/g ww	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	ng/g ww	pg/L

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
Benz(a)anthracene	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C4-	ALK PAHs	-	-	-	-	pg/L
Chrysenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Chrysenes, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Chrysenes, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Chrysenes, C4-	ALK PAHs	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Dibenzothiophenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Dibenzothiophenes, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Dibenzothiophenes, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Fluoranthene/Pyrenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Fluorenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Fluorenes, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)						
	Reporting Group	Bird Eggs	Bivalve Tissue	Sediment	Sport Fish	Water
Fluorenes, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Naphthalenes, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Naphthalenes, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Naphthalenes, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Naphthalenes, C4-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C1-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C2-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C3-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C4-	ALK PAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benzo(a)pyrene	HPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	HPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benzo(e)pyrene	HPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	HPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Benzo(j,k)fluoranthene	HPAH	-	ng/g dw		-	pg/L
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	HPAH	-	-	ug/kg dw	-	-
Chrysene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Fluoranthene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Perylene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Pyrene	HPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Acenaphthene	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Acenaphthylene	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Anthracene	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Biphenyl	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Dibenzothiophene	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Dimethylnaphthalene, 2,6-	LPAH	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Fluorene	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Methylnaphthalene, 1-	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Methylnaphthalene, 2-	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Methylphenanthrene, 1-	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Naphthalene	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Phenanthrene	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L
Trimethylnaphthalene, 2,3,5-	LPAHs	-	ng/g dw	ug/kg dw	-	pg/L

### 6.3 Project Schedule

Table 6-2 shows the planned schedule for RMP Status & Trends monitoring efforts for the next 5 years.

**Table 6-2. Proposed Project Schedule**

Element	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Benthic Community Assessment		On-hold until further notice				
In-Bay Surface Water	x		x		x	
Surface Sediment		x				x
Bivalves – Organics Analysis		x		x		x
Bivalves – Trace Metals Analysis		x				
Bird Egg Analysis				X		x
Sport Fish Analysis		x				
Tributary Loading	x	x	x	x	x	x

### 6.4 Geographical Scope

#### *Status & Trends: Water and Sediment Sampling*

The surface sediment and in-bay surface water samples are collected from probabilistically distributed stations throughout the Bay, with the majority of stations changing each sampling year, and a few fixed historical and probabilistically selected stations repeated in subsequent years. These locations have been selected from a sampling frame of open water areas of the Bay (e.g., not including local rivers and streams, harbors and marinas) with a minimum water depth of 1 foot at Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Probabilistically assigned stations planned in any given year may be skipped due to access limitations or safety reasons, e.g., militarily sensitive areas, shallow water access difficulties or underwater hazards, treacherous waves, or currents. Sediment samples are collected during the middle of either the wet season (January through March) or dry season (July through September) in alternate years.

As an example, Figures 6-1 and 6-2 show the sampling location distributions for one recent year for each matrix. Locations of past sampled stations can be obtained in queries of historical data from the RMP on the SFEI website. Planned locations for future sampling can be obtained on request.

#### *Status & Trends: Biota*

Transplanted and resident bivalves are collected biennially from 9 fixed locations, 3 of which are back-up deployment sites, during the dry season (Figure 6-3). Sport fish are collected quinquennially

from popular fishing locations in the Bay (Figure 6-4). Cormorant and tern eggs are collected triennially from colonies around the Bay (Figures 6-5 and 6-6) to assess piscivorous wildlife risk integrated over large areas of the Bay.

#### *Loadings: Tributaries (Stormwater)*

The RMP Small Tributaries Loading Strategy workgroup monitors watershed stations as part of the implementation of the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) (Figure 6-7). Sites were selected based on information from a reconnaissance study of potential locations. The criteria used for site selection include:

1. Watersheds are representative,
2. Management opportunity to implement POC load reduction actions,
3. Existing permit requirements, and
4. Feasibility of sampling

### **6.5 Constraints**

In addition to the logistical constraints to sampling some areas of the Bay as noted previously, the ability to measure some of the target compounds at the ultra-trace levels found in the ambient environment may be constrained by the detection limits routinely achievable by contract laboratories. Target detection limits in this document represent those achieved by laboratories contracted by the RMP in the past and/or levels needed to obtain quantitative measurements of ambient concentrations in a majority of samples.

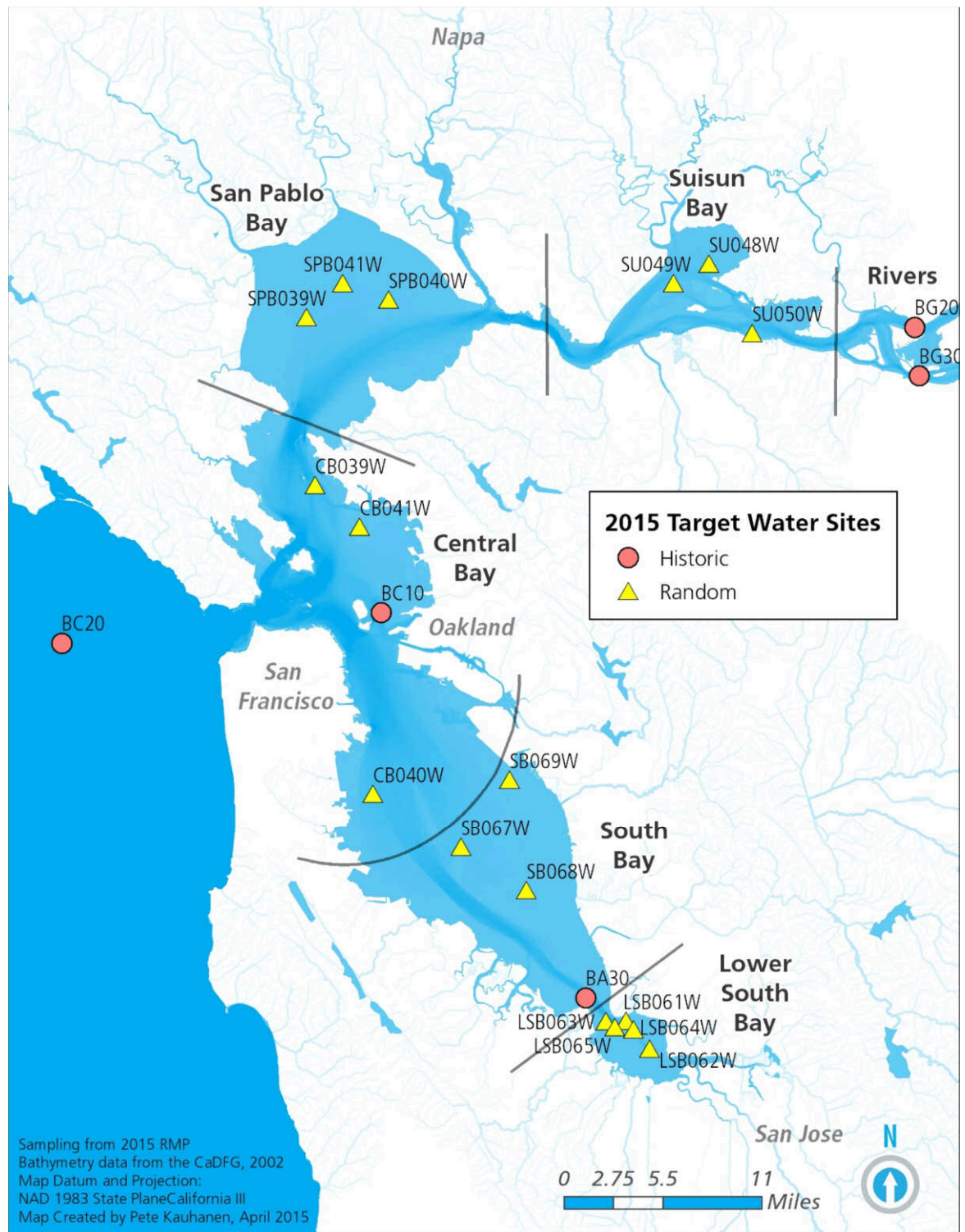


Figure 6-1. 2015 Target Water Sampling Sites

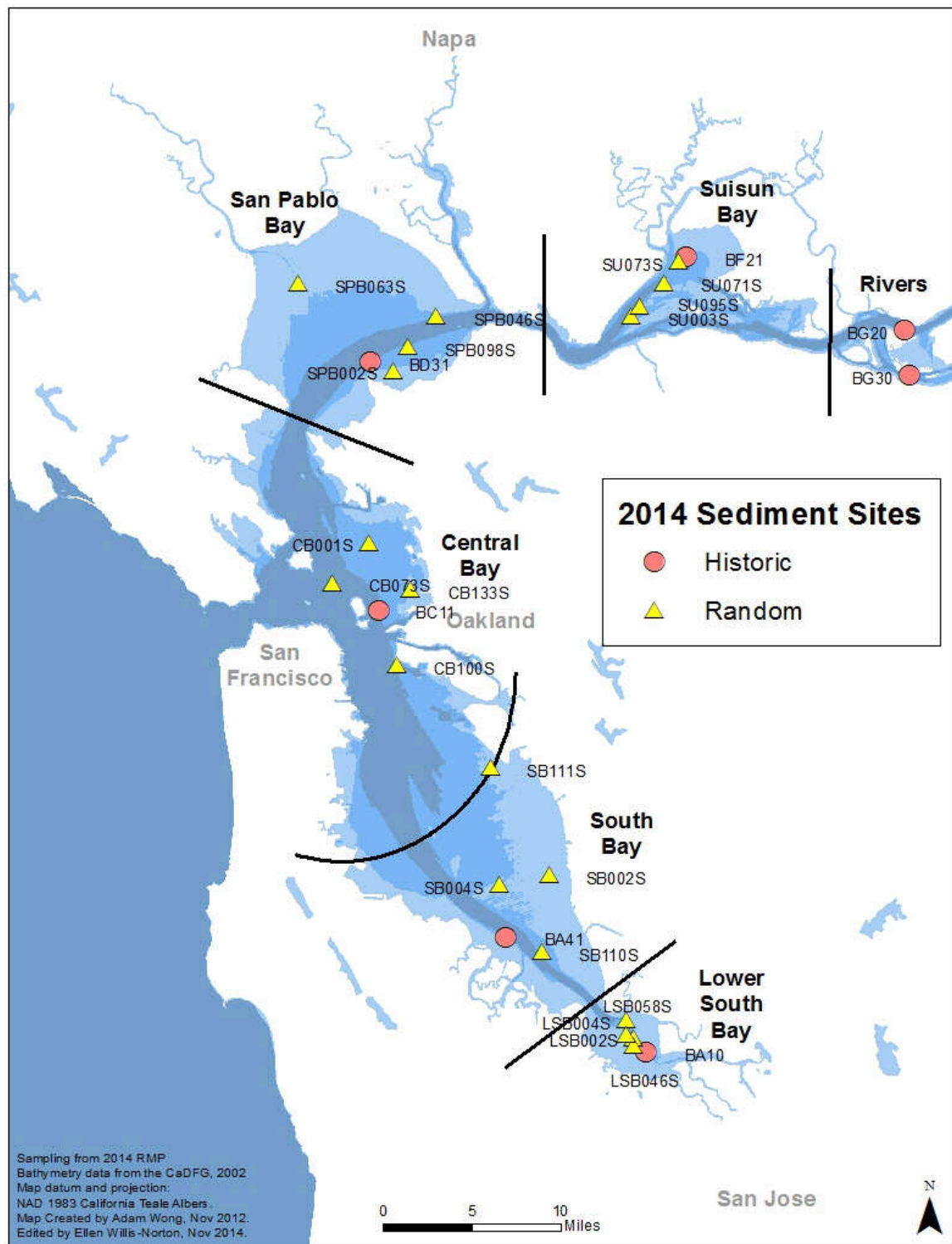


Figure 6-2. 2014 Sediment Sampling Sites



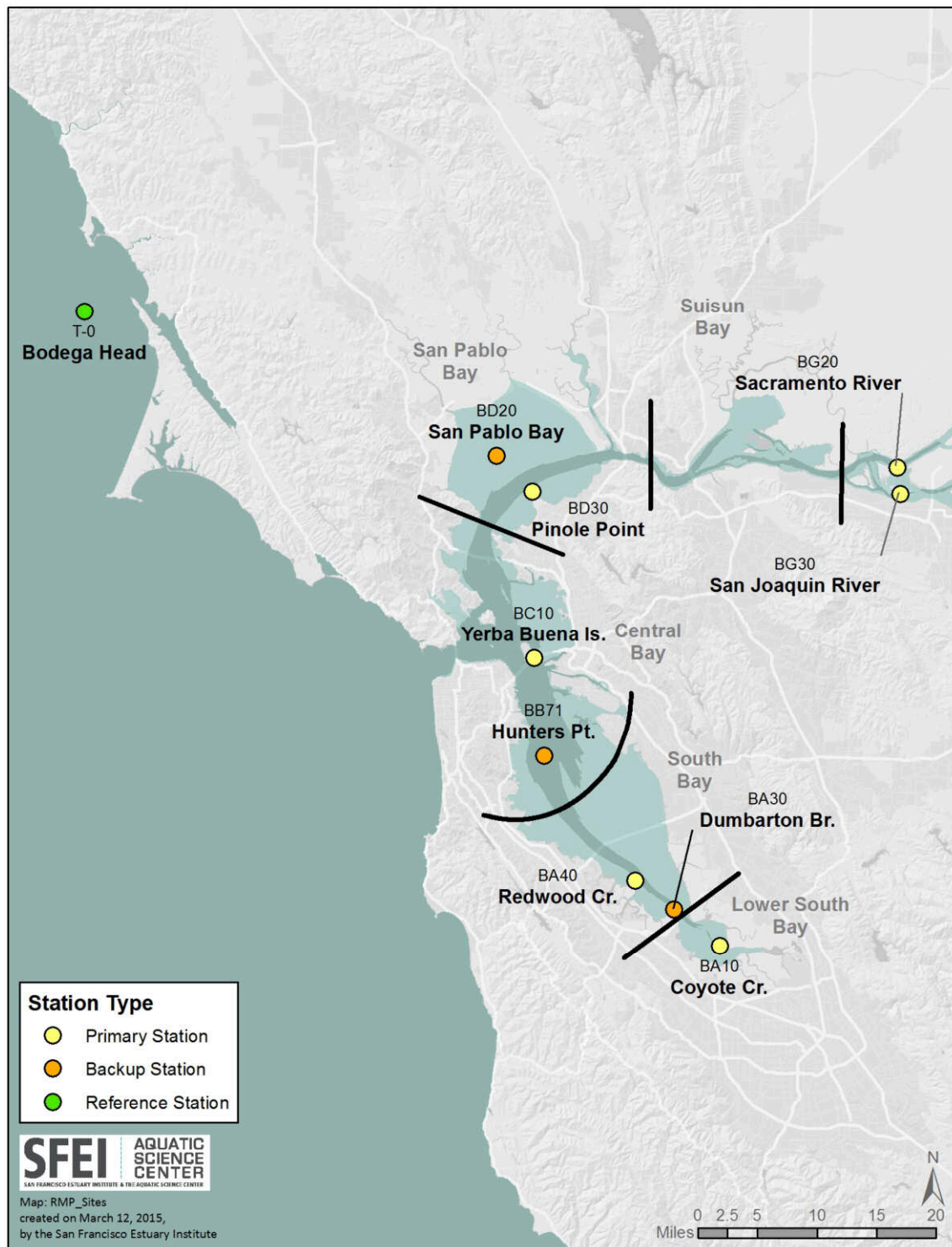


Figure 6-3. 2014 Bivalve Sampling Sites

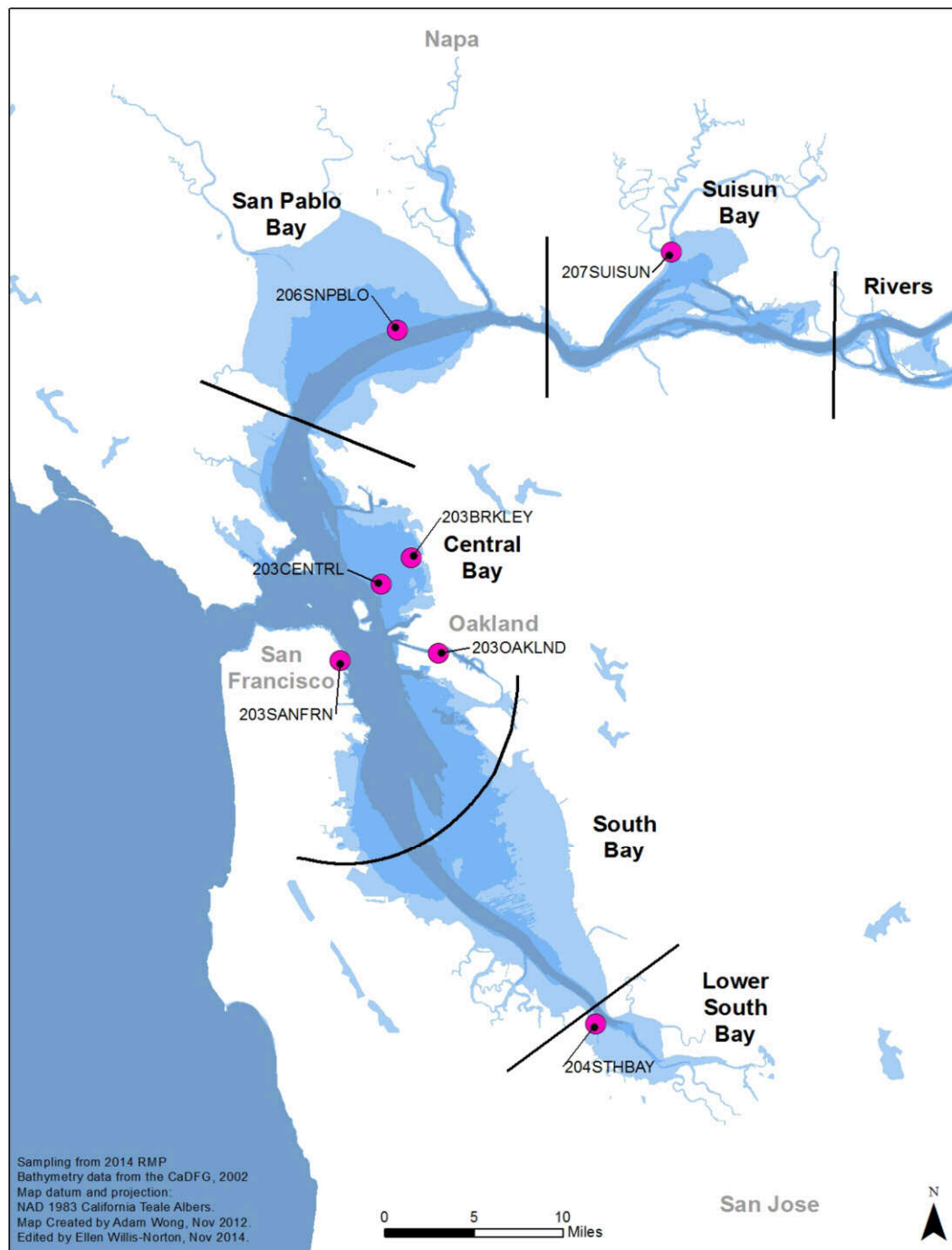
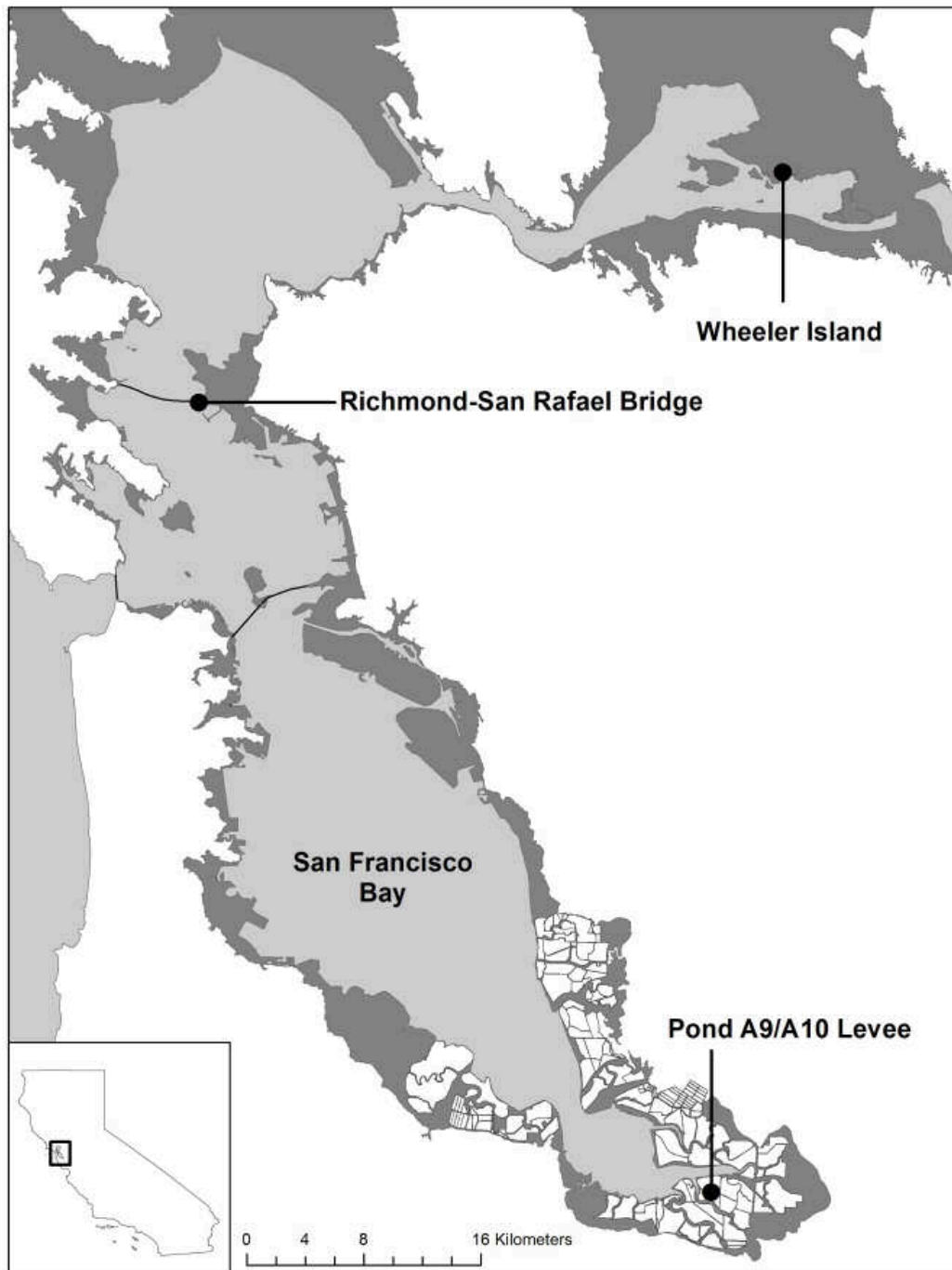
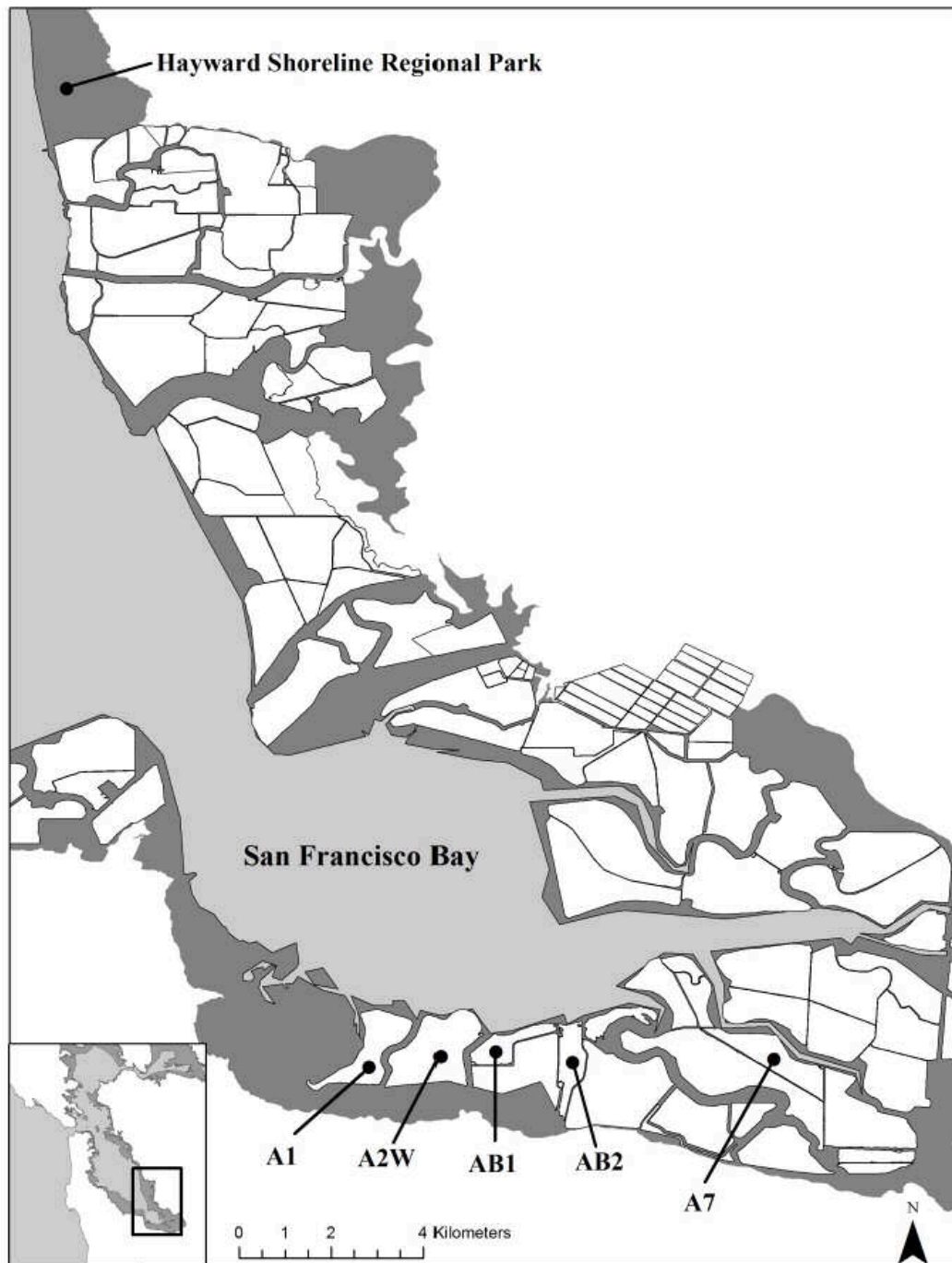


Figure 6-4. 2014 Sport fish Sampling Sites

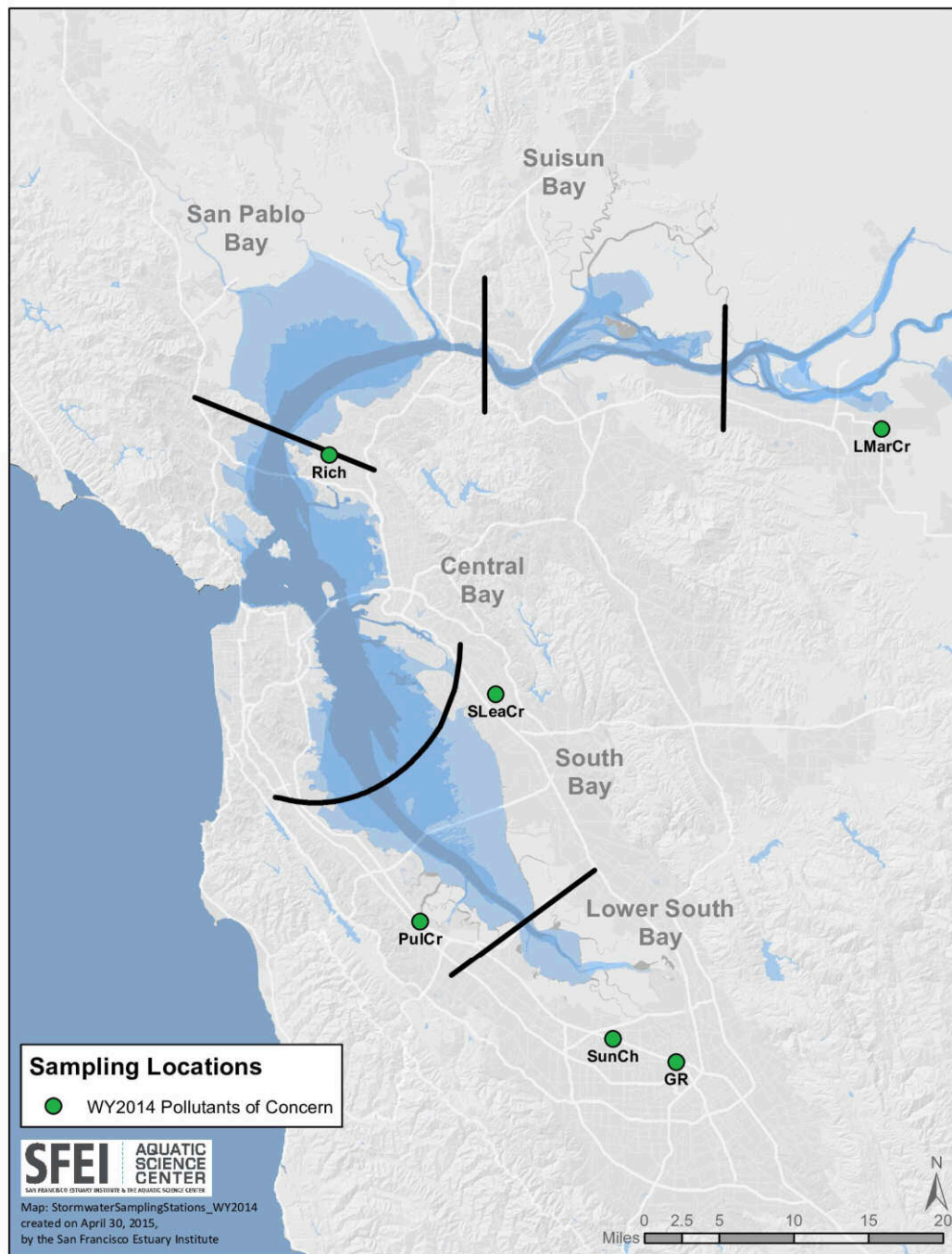




**Figure 6-5. 2012 Cormorant Egg Sampling Sites** (from *San Francisco Bay Triennial Bird Egg Monitoring Program for Contaminants – 2012 Data Summary*, USGS)



**Figure 6-6. 2012 Tern Egg Sampling Sites** (from *San Francisco Bay Triennial Bird Egg Monitoring Program for Contaminants – 2012 Data Summary*, USGS)



**Figure 6-7. Water Year 2014 Pollutants of Concern Stormwater**

**Sampling Sites:** Guadalupe River (GR), Lower Marsh Creek (LMarCr), North Richmond Pump Station (RICH), Pulgas Creek Pump Station (PulCr), San Leandro Creek (SLeaCr), Sunnyvale East Channel (SunCh).

## **Element 7            Quality Objectives and Criteria for Measurement Data**

Data quality objectives for field and laboratory measurements evaluate the following:

- Field measurements – sensitivity, precision, accuracy, completeness
- Laboratory chemical analyses – sensitivity, precision, accuracy, completeness, contamination

The discussion in this section reviews the measurements and procedures expected to demonstrate the quality of reported data.

### **7.1 Field Performance Measurements**

Sensitivity of field measurements is generally fixed by the output of the analytical instrument. Appropriate instruments and/or instrument settings should be chosen that generally allow differences between sites or within a site at different times to be reported. Resolution on the order of approximately 1% of the maximum or range of measurements likely to be encountered is desired.

Precision of field measurements is determined by repeated measurement of the same parameter within a single sample, or samples taken in rapid succession (only when conditions are not dynamically variable). Approximately 10% of measurements, a minimum of one measurement per event, should be repeated for all measured parameters. Repeated measurement may also be accomplished by continuous logging of *in situ* probes or meters.

Accuracy of field measurements is established by periodic measurement of known standards or by recalibration to known standards. Instrument recalibration should be performed prior to each sampling day or event for user-calibrated instruments (e.g. daily for handheld field meters (pH, conductivity, DO, etc.)), or at the manufacturer-specified interval for instruments requiring factory servicing or otherwise incapable of field recalibration.

Completeness of field measurement is evaluated as a percentage of usable measurements out of the total number of measurements desired. More than 90% of field measurements should be usable. If a lower percentage is achieved for any sampling event or time period, causes shall be investigated and fixed where possible, through instrument maintenance (e.g. defouling), recalibration, repair, or replacement (with the same or different instrument type) as needed.

If completeness targets are not achieved, instrument choice, settings, deployment method, maintenance, and/or other activities shall be adjusted to improve measurement reliability before the next sampling event or measurement period.

### **7.2 Laboratory Performance Measurements**

Laboratory performance measurements are included in the analysis stream to check if measurement quality objectives are met. These performance measurements are briefly defined below. Results of analyses of QC samples are to be reported with results of field samples. Minimum frequencies and target performance requirements for QC measures of reported analytes are specified in Tables in Section 14.

QC measures typically used for evaluation of lab and field sampling performance include the following:

1. Method and Field Blanks: samples of a clean or null (e.g., empty container) matrix taken through the entire analytical procedure, including preservatives, reagents, and equipment used in preparation and quantitation of analytes in samples; including the field sampling procedures for field blanks.
2. Surrogate (or internal) Standards: analytes (often isotopes or other substituted analogues of target compounds) introduced to samples to measure and correct for losses and errors introduced during analysis, with recoveries and corrections to reported values generally reported for each sample individually.
3. Matrix Spike Samples/Duplicates: field samples to which known amounts of target analytes are added, indicating potential analytical interferences present in field samples and errors or losses in analyses not accounted for by surrogate correction.
4. Certified Reference Materials (CRM): CRMs are created or collected samples previously characterized for one or more analytes of interest, with reported “certified” or “reference” values (often reported with uncertainty/acceptance bands). Certified analytes have a higher degree of certainty in reported values due to external validation.
5. Lab Reference Materials/Laboratory Control Samples: materials collected or created by a laboratory as internal reference samples, sufficiently homogeneous and stable for target analytes to track performance across batches. Unlike CRMs, LRMs and LCSs seldom have external validation (i.e., measurement by another method or another lab) and are thus less certain as measures of accuracy, but are good for day-to-day indication of process control.
6. (Instrument) Replicates: replicate analyses of extracted material or standards that measure the instrumental precision.
7. Laboratory Replicates: replicate sub-samples of field samples, certified reference materials, lab reference materials, matrix spike samples, or laboratory control samples, taken through the full analytical procedure including all lab processes combined.

These types of QC samples serve to evaluate and diagnose errors introduced during analysis. The remainder of this chapter will provide guidance for general laboratory requirements and protocols for checking and tracking possible sources of errors (outlined above) in the analytical process. Results of both field and lab QC samples will be reviewed by the SFEI QA Officer or designees for conformance with the reporting and data quality requirements.

Sensitivity of lab measurements, expressed as detection or reporting limits, are determined by a combination of factors, often including sample size, extraction efficiency, background contamination, matrix interferences, and instrument sensitivity. Appropriate methods should be chosen that generally allow significant differences between sites or within a site at different times to be reported. For chemical analyses, the ability to detect an analyte at concentrations at least 10 times below any applicable criterion or toxicity threshold, and preferably detected in at least half of all collected samples is generally desired. Such low detection limits are sometimes not achievable due to limitations on currently available instrumentation as well as other practical constraints such as maximum extractable sample size, ubiquitous background contamination, and other factors. In such cases, analyses may proceed with the best currently available methodology, as long as the analyses provide information usable by the RMP (e.g., non-detects or semi-quantitative results providing estimates for upper bounds of possible concentrations), with attention to advances in instruments or methods that can overcome some of these obstacles.

Contamination of samples during field collection and/or during lab preparation and analytical procedures often provides a challenge to detection and quantitation of pollutants in environmental samples. Sources of blanks contamination include: the environment the analysis (or sampling) is

performed in, reagents used, apparatus used, and the personnel involved with sampling or analysis. Method blanks are taken through the entire analytical procedure to evaluate cumulative contamination introduced by all the steps. Follow-up work investigating these steps individually can be used to isolate and correct or manage the contamination source. Field blanks are taken through the collection procedures using sampling equipment in the field to identify sources of contamination in field collections that may affect collected samples but not seen in lab method blanks. If field contamination is found, individual elements of the sample collection process can similarly be isolated to identify and fix causes of sample contamination.

Accuracy of lab measurements is evaluated by measurement of known standards or samples containing the appropriate analytes. Calibration standards and calibration-check samples establish the adequacy of instrument performance, but measurements of accuracy incorporating all preparation, extraction, and cleanup steps are required for evaluating the entire analytical process. When available, certified reference materials in an appropriate similar matrix and concentration range are most preferred, as the certified or reference values provide an external confirmation of the expected concentrations for those samples. However, in some cases, particularly for low level measurements (e.g., hydrophobic organics in water samples) or for newer contaminants of interest reported by relatively few labs, such materials are not available in many or any matrices, so recoveries for other sample types with expected or known values (e.g., LRMs, MSs, LCSs) may be used, but their use as exclusive indicators of measurement accuracy should be discussed with and agreed to by the Project Manager and QAO. In other cases, reference material may be available, but concentrations are much higher than those typically seen locally, so good accuracy on such reference materials provides less assurance of accuracy at lower concentrations. For such instances, other recovery sample types (i.e., LRMs, MSs, LCSs) may supplement to provide a better indication of ongoing measurement accuracy than high concentration certified reference materials alone.

Precision of lab measurements is determined by repeated measurement of an analyte within a single sample (e.g. via lab replicates sub-sampling a homogenous collected sample), or by measurement of field replicates collected simultaneously, in rapid succession, and/or close proximity in a homogenous location. For evaluation of lab performance, lab replicates are preferable, as uncertainty introduced by heterogeneity in the environment by field replicates is minimized. However, for some matrices (e.g., hydrophobic organic compounds in water), low ambient concentrations and consequent large sample size requirements do not allow sub-sampling for lab replicates without loss of measurement sensitivity, requiring use of separately collected field replicates for precision evaluation instead. In other cases where sample size and available material may be limited, other sample types may be used in place of locally field-collected samples as replicates. Such samples can include matrix or blank (LCS) spike replicates (at low levels within ~10x of those typically seen in field samples), larger field samples collected from other locations for other projects, and/or CRMs and LRMs for similar matrices. General constraints for other sample types used for replicate analyses are that 1) the samples be taken through all the same analytical procedures (reagent additions, extractions, drying, etc.) and 2) that concentrations be similar in magnitude (at maximum 100x, preferably 10x or lower) to average project samples.

Completeness of laboratory measurement is evaluated as a percentage of usable measurements out of the total number of measurements desired. At least 90% of measurements should be usable. If a lower percentage is achieved for any sampling event or time period, the cause(s) shall be investigated and fixed where possible, through instrument maintenance, recalibration, repair, or replacement, and reanalysis of samples as needed. If completeness targets are not achieved, instrumentation and/or

laboratory procedures and analytical methods shall be adjusted or changed to improve measurement reliability before the next sampling event or measurement period.

### 7.3 Laboratory Quality Control Procedures

Performance-based measures for chemical analyses consist of two basic elements: initial demonstration of laboratory capability (e.g., documentation that samples analyses can be performed within the measurement quality objectives) and on-going demonstration of capability during analysis of project samples. Prior to the initial analyses of samples for the project, each laboratory will demonstrate capability and proficiency.

#### 7.3.1 Initial Demonstration of Capability

##### *Initial documentation of method detection limits*

Analytical chemists have coined a variety of terms to define “limits” of detection. Keith et al. (1983) and Keith (1991) provide definitions for some of the more commonly used terms. The method detection limit (MDL) represents a quantitative estimate of lowest-level response detectable at the maximum sensitivity of a method. The Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 136) gives the following definition:

The MDL is the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99% confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero and is determined from analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte.

The American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) defines the limit of detection as:

A concentration of twice the criterion of detection...when it has been decided that the risk of making a Type II error is to be equal to a Type I error.

In order to compare MDLs in quantitative terms by different laboratories participating in analyses, MDLs will initially be determined according to 40 CFR 136.2 (f) and Appendix B of 40 CFR 136 or by a similar exercise of repeated analyses of blank or low-level samples taken through the full analytical process (all steps using all equipment and reagents). Determining the MDL with this procedure is elaborate and need not be determined annually provided that confirmation of MDLs occurs on an annual basis as per revised ISO 17025/NELAP guidance.

Exceptions may be made to this general approach for determination of detection limits, particularly for analytes found at ultra-trace levels (e.g., organic contaminants in ambient water), where MDLs derived by standard procedures above would typically show no detects in ambient samples, if sensitivity and high specificity of the method (e.g., HRMS detection) provide high confidence in the identification of analytes. Use of alternative methods for detection limit determination shall be discussed with the Project Manager and QAO for approval beforehand on a case-by-case basis.

The matrix and the amount of sample (e.g., dry weight of sediment or volume of water) used in calculating the MDL will match as closely as possible the matrix and typical sample amount of the actual field samples. In order to ensure the utility of results, MDL average values are provided (see Tables 7-1 through 7-12). These MDL averages have been derived empirically from previously reported literature or local monitoring and research efforts (e.g., previous RMP results), with the aim of obtaining semi-quantitative or quantitative results for most samples in the monitored matrices.

The laboratory shall provide documentation/confirmation of the ability to analyze low-level samples. This shall be accomplished by analyzing a method blank spiked at about 10 times the method detection limit or a reference material in the appropriate range. Recoveries for analyses shall be within  $\pm 50\%$  of the target value for 70% or more of the analytes.



Table 7-1 MDL averages for ancillary parameters in analyses of sediment and water.

Matrix - Units	Sediment - % dw	
	Average MDL	Lab – Method
Total Organic Carbon	1.00E-02	ALS – EPA 9060M - EPA 440
Nitrogen, Total	4.26E+00	ALS - EPA 440

Matrix - Units	Water - mg/L	
	Average MDL	Lab – Method
Ammonium as N	6.00E-03	EBMUD - Solorzano, L., 1969
Dissolved Organic Carbon	1.00E+02	ALS - EPA 9060 / 9060M
Particulate Organic Carbon	5.02E+01	ALS – EPA 440 - EPA 9060 / 9060M
Chlorophyll a	3.50E-02	EBMUD - SM 10200 H-2bM

Matrix - Units	Water - mg/L	
	Average MDL	Method
Suspended Sediment Concentration	9.95E-01	EBMUD - ASTM D3977
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	5.04E-02	EBMUD - SM 4500-SiO <sub>2</sub> C, EPA 370.1
Pheophytin a	5.82E-02	EBMUD - SM 10200 H-2aM
Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	1.17E+01	EBMUD - SM 2340 C
Nitrate as N	7.00E-03	EBMUD - EPA 353.2
Nitrite as N	5.00E-03	EBMUD - EPA 353.2
Salinity	7.04E-01	EBMUD - 2520B

Matrix	Water - assorted units
Method	AMS-CA - YSI 556 Water Quality Meter
	Average MDL
Oxygen, Dissolved	0.3 mg/L
pH	1.00E-02
Specific Conductivity	1000 uS/cm
Temperature	0.1 Deg C

Table 7-2 MDL averages for trace elements in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - mg/kg dw</b>	
<b>Analyte Name</b>	<b>Average MDL</b>	<b>Lab - Method</b>
Aluminum	1.45E+01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Cadmium	3.42E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Copper	1.20E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Iron	4.10E+01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Lead	2.64E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Manganese	1.84E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Nickel	1.37E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Silver	7.18E-03	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Zinc	4.95E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Arsenic	6.58E-01	BR - EPA 1638M
Mercury, Methyl	2.20E-02	BR - EPA 1630M
Mercury	4.55E-03	BR - BR-0002 Rev 010
Selenium	6.49E-02	BR - BR-0020 Rev 007

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Surface Water - µg/L</b>	
<b>Analyte Name</b>	<b>Average MDL</b>	<b>Lab - Method</b>
Arsenic	3.00E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Cadmium	3.00E-03	BR - EPA 1640
Cobalt	1.64E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Copper	3.00E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Lead	2.53E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Nickel	3.00E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Selenium	4.00E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Silver	2.43E-03	BR - EPA 1640
Zinc	8.51E-02	BR - EPA 1640
Mercury, Methyl	1.01E-02	BR - EPA 1630M
Mercury	1.91E-04	BR - EPA 1631EM
Iron	5.46E+00	BR - EPA 1638M
Manganese	5.09E-01	BR - EPA 1638M
Cyanide	9.10E-01	CCCSD - SM 4500-CN C

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Stormwater - µg/L</b>	
<b>Analyte Name</b>	<b>Average MDL</b>	<b>Lab - Method</b>
Mercury, Methyl	2.00E-02	CALTEST - EPA 1630
Mercury	2.50E-04	CALTEST - EPA 1631E
Copper	7.00E-02	CALTEST - EPA 1638
Selenium	6.00E-02	CALTEST - EPA 1638

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Bivalves - µg/g dw</b>	
<b>Analyte Name</b>	<b>Average MDL</b>	<b>Lab - Method</b>

Aluminum	1.02E+00	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Arsenic	8.00E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Cadmium	2.32E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Copper	6.23E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Iron	5.12E+00	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Lead	1.14E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Manganese	2.70E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Nickel	1.21E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Selenium	4.43E-02	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Silver	6.75E-03	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Zinc	3.10E-01	CCSF - EPA 6020AM
Selenium	3.24E-01	BR - EPA 1638M

Matrix	Bird Eggs - µg/g ww	
Analyte Name	Average MDL	Lab - Method
Mercury	3.75E-03	MPSL-DFG - EPA 7473
Mercury	4.00E-03	USGS-WERC - EPA 7473

Matrix	Bird Eggs - µg/g dw	
Analyte Name	Average MDL	Lab - Method
Selenium	9.60E-01	MPSL-DFG - EPA 200.8

Matrix	Sport fish - µg/g ww	
Analyte Name	Average MDL	Lab - Method
Mercury	1.20E-02	MPSL-DFG - EPA 7473
Selenium	1.50E-01	MPSL-DFG - 200.8

**Table 7-3 MDL averages for alkylated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (AlkPAHs) in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 8270M	AXYS - MLA- 021 Rev 07-08	None (Not Analyzed)	AXYS - MLA- 021 Rev 08	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C1-		3.84E+01		9.46E-02		
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C2-		5.80E+01		9.13E-02		
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C3-		2.31E+01		7.48E-02		
Benz(a)anthracenes/Chrysenes, C4-		2.45E+01		8.11E-02		
Chrysenes, C1-	1.45E+00					
Chrysenes, C2-	1.45E+00					
Chrysenes, C3-	1.45E+00					
Chrysenes, C4-	1.45E+00					
Dibenzothiophenes, C1-	1.45E+00	4.05E+01		4.37E-01		
Dibenzothiophenes, C2-	1.45E+00	5.42E+01		6.84E-01		
Dibenzothiophenes, C3-	1.45E+00	5.39E+01		6.89E-01		
Fluoranthene/Pyrenes, C1-	1.45E+00	5.42E+01		1.11E-01		
Fluorenes, C1-	1.45E+00	1.86E+02		2.93E-01		
Fluorenes, C2-	1.45E+00	1.22E+02		1.73E-01		
Fluorenes, C3-	1.45E+00	1.64E+02		1.73E-01		
Naphthalenes, C1-	1.45E+00	5.38E+01		1.23E-01		
Naphthalenes, C2-	1.45E+00	1.03E+02		4.22E-01		
Naphthalenes, C3-	1.45E+00	7.39E+01		1.41E-01		
Naphthalenes, C4-	1.45E+00	1.10E+02		3.09E-01		
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C1-	1.45E+00	4.03E+01		8.13E-02		
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C2-	1.45E+00	5.95E+01		2.13E-01		
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C3-	1.45E+00	7.22E+01		3.68E-01		
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C4-	1.45E+00	1.64E+02		1.30E+00		

**Table 7-4 MDL averages for PAHs in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 8270M	AXYS - MLA-021 Rev 07-08	AXYS - MLA-021 Rev 08	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Acenaphthene	1.73E+00	5.50E+01	8.82E-02			
Acenaphthylene	1.59E+00	3.48E+01	6.74E-02			
Anthracene	1.20E+00	4.00E+01	9.09E-02			
Benz(a)anthracene	5.49E-01	2.34E+01	2.07E-01			
Benzo(a)pyrene	2.17E+00	5.31E+01	1.79E-01			
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	3.04E+00	3.35E+01	1.20E-01			
Benzo(e)pyrene	2.46E+00	4.68E+01	1.51E-01			
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	1.10E+00	5.80E+01	1.77E-01			
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	3.32E+00	4.17E+01	1.51E-01			
Benzo(j/k)fluoranthene						
Biphenyl	7.66E-01	3.93E+01	7.50E-02			
Chrysene	1.33E+00	2.83E+01	9.00E-02			
Chrysenes, C1-	1.45E+00					
Chrysenes, C2-	1.45E+00					
Chrysenes, C3-	1.45E+00					
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	1.39E+00	5.94E+01	1.66E-01			
Dibenzothiophene	1.30E+00	3.66E+01	6.37E-02			
Dibenzothiophenes, C1-	1.45E+00	4.05E+01	4.37E-01			
Dibenzothiophenes, C2-	1.45E+00	5.42E+01	6.84E-01			
Dibenzothiophenes, C3-	1.45E+00	5.39E+01	6.89E-01			
Dimethylnaphthalene, 2,6-	2.89E+00	8.34E+01	1.53E-01			
Fluoranthene	1.45E+00	3.35E+01	6.10E-02			
Fluoranthene/Pyrenes, C1-	1.45E+00	5.42E+01	1.11E-01			
Fluorene	1.88E+00	4.48E+01	5.91E-02			
Fluorenes, C1-	1.45E+00	1.86E+02	2.93E-01			

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 8270M	AXYS - MLA-021 Rev 07-08	AXYS - MLA-021 Rev 08	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
Fluorenes, C2-	1.45E+00	1.22E+02	1.73E-01			
Fluorenes, C3-	1.45E+00	1.64E+02	1.73E-01			
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene	1.33E+00	5.95E+01	1.48E-01			
Methylnaphthalene, 1-	1.42E+00	5.70E+01	3.16E-01			
Methylnaphthalene, 2-	7.37E-01	5.39E+01	1.23E-01			
Methylphenanthrene, 1-	1.43E+00	4.05E+01	8.13E-02			
Naphthalene	2.31E+00	1.01E+02	2.10E-01			
Naphthalenes, C1-	1.45E+00	5.38E+01	1.23E-01			
Naphthalenes, C2-	1.45E+00	1.03E+02	4.22E-01			
Naphthalenes, C3-	1.45E+00	7.39E+01	1.41E-01			
Naphthalenes, C4-	1.45E+00	1.10E+02	3.09E-01			
Perylene	2.02E+00	5.65E+01	1.76E-01			
Phenanthrene	7.23E-01	3.99E+01	6.98E-02			
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C1-	1.45E+00	4.03E+01	8.13E-02			
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C2-	1.45E+00	5.95E+01	2.13E-01			
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C3-	1.45E+00	7.22E+01	3.68E-01			
Phenanthrene/Anthracene, C4-	1.45E+00	1.64E+02	1.30E+00			
Pyrene	2.31E+00	3.32E+01	1.80E-01			
Trimethylnaphthalene, 2,3,5-	2.17E+00	7.14E+01	1.12E-01			

Table 7-5 MDL averages for PBDEs in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water - pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
Method	EBMUD - EPA 1614M	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	AXYS - MLA-033 Rev 04	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8081BM	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8081BM
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
PBDE 007	9.80E-04			4.82E-03		
PBDE 008	7.83E-04			3.67E-03		
PBDE 010	3.23E-03			5.30E-03		
PBDE 012	5.38E-04			3.25E-03		
PBDE 015	3.61E-04			2.66E-03		
PBDE 017	4.39E-04			6.48E-03	4.84E-02	1.22E-01
PBDE 025					4.84E-02	1.47E-01
PBDE 028	4.28E-04			5.54E-03	4.84E-02	1.46E-01
PBDE 030	1.71E-03			6.91E-03	4.84E-02	1.20E-01
PBDE 032	1.21E-03			5.36E-03		
PBDE 033					4.84E-02	9.62E-02
PBDE 035	2.71E-04			4.43E-03		
PBDE 037	3.67E-04			4.29E-03		
PBDE 047	2.94E-04			9.81E-04	4.84E-02	2.23E-01
PBDE 049	3.34E-04			1.28E-03	4.84E-02	1.33E-01
PBDE 051	2.29E-04			9.52E-04		
PBDE 066	4.08E-04			1.39E-03	4.84E-02	1.69E-01
PBDE 071	5.16E-04			1.19E-03		
PBDE 075	2.06E-04			1.08E-03		
PBDE 077	2.53E-04			1.00E-03		
PBDE 079	2.81E-04			1.00E-03		
PBDE 085	1.18E-03			1.48E-02	9.69E-02	2.59E-01
PBDE 099	3.55E-03			1.06E-02	9.69E-02	
PBDE 100	3.51E-04			7.04E-03	9.69E-02	1.22E-01
PBDE 105	1.22E-03			1.85E-02		

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water - pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
Method	EBMUD - EPA 1614M	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	AXYS - MLA-033 Rev 04	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8081BM	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8081BM
PBDE 116	1.06E-03			2.55E-02		
PBDE 119	6.49E-04			1.68E-02		
PBDE 126	5.98E-04			1.02E-02		
PBDE 128	2.12E-03			1.84E-02		
PBDE 138	2.44E-03			4.90E-03	9.69E-02	1.33E-01
PBDE 140	7.94E-04			3.06E-03		
PBDE 153	8.57E-04			3.32E-03	9.69E-02	1.23E-01
PBDE 154	6.31E-04			2.20E-03	9.69E-02	1.50E-01
PBDE 155	7.28E-04			2.23E-03		
PBDE 179					1.94E-01	2.10E-01
PBDE 181	7.33E-04			1.12E-02		
PBDE 183	4.22E-03			6.05E-03	1.94E-01	3.42E-01
PBDE 184					1.94E-01	1.12E-01
PBDE 188					1.94E-01	1.51E-01
PBDE 190	1.89E-03			1.99E-02	1.94E-01	2.59E-01
PBDE 196	9.26E-03					
PBDE 197	2.31E-03			9.91E-03		
PBDE 200					1.94E-01	1.56E-01
PBDE 201					1.94E-01	1.36E-01
PBDE 202					1.94E-01	2.46E-01
PBDE 203	3.25E-03			1.31E-02	1.94E-01	2.93E-01
PBDE 204	4.52E-03					
PBDE 205	4.86E-03			2.58E-02		
PBDE 206	1.21E-02			1.46E-02	4.84E-01	5.99E-01
PBDE 207	2.62E-03			1.48E-02	4.84E-01	1.06E+00
PBDE 208	2.54E-03			1.83E-02	4.84E-01	8.35E-01
PBDE 209	1.34E-02			2.43E-01	1.94E+00	2.64E+00



**Table 7-6 MDL averages for PCBs in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues**

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
Method	EBMUD - EPA 1668A	AXYS - MLA-010 Rev 08-10	AXYS MLA-010 Rev 11	AXYS - MLA-010 Rev 9	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8082M	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8082M
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
PCB 001	6.96E-04	3.44E-02				
PCB 002	6.18E-04	3.56E-02				
PCB 003	5.52E-04	3.71E-02				
PCB 004	1.81E-03	1.16E-01				
PCB 005	1.02E-03	7.54E-02				
PCB 006	1.00E-03	6.60E-02				
PCB 007	9.52E-04	6.73E-02				
PCB 008	9.69E-04	1.68E-01	1.38E+00	2.08E-03	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 009	1.07E-03	6.59E-02				
PCB 010	9.79E-04	6.20E-02				
PCB 011	1.00E-03	9.09E-02	0.00E+00		0.00E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 013	1.01E-03	9.05E-02				
PCB 014	8.73E-04	6.92E-02				
PCB 015	8.43E-04	7.56E-02				
PCB 016	3.68E-04	3.51E-02				
PCB 017	2.82E-04	3.21E-02				
PCB 018	1.95E-04	3.42E-02	4.82E-01	4.18E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 019	3.69E-04	3.72E-02				
PCB 022	3.03E-04	4.00E-02				
PCB 023	3.03E-04	3.76E-02				
PCB 024	2.25E-04	3.38E-02				
PCB 025	3.01E-04	3.39E-02				
PCB 026	3.01E-04	4.76E-02				
PCB 027	2.09E-04	3.34E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
PCB 028	1.85E-04	3.85E-02	6.02E-01	6.94E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 031	1.70E-04	3.68E-02	5.65E-01	6.40E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 032	2.03E-04	3.61E-02				
PCB 033	1.86E-04	3.75E-02	5.72E-01	6.57E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 034	3.05E-04	3.83E-02				
PCB 035	5.76E-04	4.18E-02				
PCB 036	5.39E-04	3.74E-02				
PCB 037	4.90E-04	4.09E-02				
PCB 038	5.43E-04	3.79E-02				
PCB 039	4.88E-04	3.81E-02				
PCB 040	6.58E-04	3.12E-02				
PCB 041	8.50E-04					
PCB 042	7.44E-04	3.13E-02				
PCB 043	6.48E-04	3.38E-02				
PCB 044	3.63E-04	3.63E-02	5.53E-01	5.56E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 045	3.89E-04	3.11E-02				
PCB 046	4.49E-04	3.37E-02				
PCB 048	6.77E-04	3.12E-02				
PCB 049	3.18E-04	3.49E-02	5.32E-01	5.17E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 052	3.59E-04	3.73E-02	5.71E-01	5.90E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 053	3.72E-04	3.06E-02				
PCB 054	2.46E-04	2.82E-02				
PCB 055	7.50E-04	5.56E-02				
PCB 056	4.53E-04	8.35E-02	1.05E+00	6.61E-03	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 057	6.87E-04	5.38E-02				
PCB 058	6.89E-04	5.47E-02				
PCB 059	5.04E-04	2.71E-02				
PCB 060	4.50E-04	8.42E-02	1.02E+00	6.33E-03	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 063	6.41E-04	5.20E-02				

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
PCB 064	4.89E-04	2.64E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 066	4.44E-04	7.77E-02	9.64E-01	6.27E-03	6.19E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 067	6.71E-04	4.82E-02				
PCB 068	5.98E-04	5.34E-02				
PCB 070	4.30E-04	7.93E-02	9.48E-01	5.97E-03	2.91E-01	2.98E-01
PCB 072	6.60E-04	5.18E-02				
PCB 077	5.14E-04	5.63E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 078	7.58E-04	5.65E-02				
PCB 079	6.02E-04	4.77E-02				
PCB 080	6.15E-04	5.04E-02				
PCB 081	5.13E-04	5.94E-02				
PCB 082	8.30E-04	4.84E-02				
PCB 083	5.64E-04		0.00E+00		0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PCB 084	5.62E-04	4.81E-02				
PCB 085	6.05E-04	3.90E-02				
PCB 087	3.81E-04	4.65E-02	9.43E-01	2.45E-03	2.91E-01	2.98E-01
PCB 089	5.15E-04	4.55E-02				
PCB 091	4.68E-04	4.37E-02				
PCB 092	4.99E-04	4.45E-02				
PCB 093	4.75E-04		0.00E+00		0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PCB 094	4.97E-04	4.67E-02				
PCB 095	3.76E-04	5.06E-02	1.08E+00	2.65E-03	2.91E-01	2.98E-01
PCB 096	3.26E-04	2.89E-02				
PCB 099	3.51E-04	5.29E-02	1.11E+00	2.95E-03	1.90E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 101	3.64E-04	4.72E-02	9.50E-01	2.46E-03	2.52E+00	5.01E-01
PCB 102	4.66E-04		0.00E+00		0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PCB 103	4.49E-04	4.02E-02				
PCB 104	3.05E-04	3.03E-02				
PCB 105	4.86E-04	9.27E-02	1.63E+00	7.58E-03	1.27E+00	0.00E+00

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
PCB 106	5.88E-04	6.53E-02				
PCB 109	5.97E-04	6.54E-02				
PCB 110	3.63E-04	4.20E-02	7.92E-01	2.06E-03	2.91E-01	2.98E-01
PCB 111	5.13E-04	3.65E-02				
PCB 112	3.75E-04	3.55E-02				
PCB 114	5.48E-04	7.29E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 118	4.53E-04	9.50E-02	1.55E+00	7.33E-03	4.71E+00	3.66E-01
PCB 120	5.37E-04	3.57E-02				
PCB 121	3.53E-04	3.66E-02				
PCB 122	6.10E-04	7.31E-02				
PCB 123	5.37E-04	7.39E-02				
PCB 124	5.90E-04	6.88E-02				
PCB 126	6.29E-04	8.54E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 127	5.68E-04	6.99E-02				
PCB 128	4.36E-04	9.32E-02	2.52E+00	1.96E-02	1.90E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 130	5.42E-04	1.03E-01				
PCB 131	4.97E-04	9.61E-02				
PCB 132	3.76E-04	1.16E-01	3.12E+00	2.64E-02	0.00E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 133	4.80E-04	9.27E-02				
PCB 134	5.03E-04	9.57E-02				
PCB 136	2.44E-04	3.04E-02				
PCB 137	3.95E-04	9.55E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 138	3.33E-04	9.35E-02	2.49E+00	1.97E-02	7.74E+00	3.29E-01
PCB 139	4.42E-04	8.72E-02				
PCB 141	3.77E-04	1.01E-01	2.77E+00	2.15E-02	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 142	4.99E-04	9.52E-02				
PCB 144	4.49E-04	3.69E-02				
PCB 145	2.40E-04	3.13E-02				
PCB 146	4.28E-04	8.13E-02	0.00E+00		1.68E+00	1.98E-01

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
PCB 148	4.40E-04	3.77E-02				
PCB 149	3.01E-04	1.01E-01	2.67E+00	2.13E-02	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 150	2.36E-04	3.05E-02				
PCB 151	2.28E-04	3.68E-02	8.48E-01	5.66E-04	1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 152	2.27E-04	2.99E-02				
PCB 153	2.94E-04	8.39E-02	2.23E+00	1.77E-02	1.73E+01	1.12E+00
PCB 154	4.09E-04		0.00E+00		0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PCB 155	1.68E-04	2.84E-02				
PCB 156	4.51E-04	1.09E-01	2.49E+00	1.89E-02	0.00E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 158	2.69E-04	7.47E-02	1.94E+00	1.55E-02	4.14E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 159	6.52E-04	7.24E-02				
PCB 160	3.89E-04		0.00E+00		0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PCB 161	3.66E-04	7.01E-02				
PCB 162	6.06E-04	7.39E-02				
PCB 165	4.09E-04	7.84E-02				
PCB 167	4.49E-04	7.25E-02				
PCB 169	4.39E-04	9.09E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 170	3.77E-04	4.06E-02	1.00E+00	7.10E-04	2.13E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 171	5.44E-04	4.43E-02				
PCB 172	5.43E-04	4.53E-02				
PCB 174	3.32E-04	3.74E-02	8.18E-01	6.67E-04	0.00E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 175	5.70E-04	4.02E-02				
PCB 176	2.00E-04	3.18E-02				
PCB 177	2.97E-04	3.78E-02	9.01E-01	7.67E-04	1.90E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 178	2.78E-04	4.15E-02				
PCB 179	2.09E-04	3.14E-02				
PCB 180	2.93E-04	3.37E-02	8.01E-01	5.65E-04	9.44E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 181	4.88E-04	4.30E-02				
PCB 182	5.29E-04	3.91E-02				

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Stormwater - pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
PCB 183	2.90E-04	3.73E-02	8.21E-01	6.64E-04	2.13E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 184	2.17E-04	3.14E-02				
PCB 186	2.13E-04	3.31E-02				
PCB 187	2.92E-04	3.57E-02	7.92E-01	6.41E-04	5.70E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 188	1.84E-04	3.09E-02				
PCB 189	4.85E-04	4.38E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 190	4.34E-04	3.56E-02				
PCB 191	4.21E-04	3.46E-02				
PCB 192	4.37E-04	3.80E-02				
PCB 194	4.56E-04	4.00E-02	9.70E-01	9.78E-04	1.91E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 195	4.88E-04	4.25E-02	1.06E+00	9.89E-04	3.98E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 196	4.42E-04	5.16E-02				
PCB 199	4.65E-04	5.24E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 200	3.18E-04	3.77E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 201	1.96E-04	3.06E-02	7.04E-01	3.91E-04	2.13E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 202	4.24E-04	4.33E-02				
PCB 203	2.77E-04	3.81E-02	9.55E-01	4.40E-04	1.90E+00	1.98E-01
PCB 204	3.31E-04	3.78E-02				
PCB 205	6.39E-04	4.13E-02				
PCB 206	8.21E-04	6.68E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01
PCB 207	6.04E-04	4.93E-02				
PCB 208	6.23E-04	4.92E-02				
PCB 209	4.71E-04	5.28E-02	0.00E+00		1.94E-01	1.98E-01

Table 7-7 MDL averages for dioxins and furans in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.

Matrix	Sediment - ug/kg dw	Water -pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Stormwater - pg/L	Bird Eggs - pg/g ww	Sport fish - pg/g ww
Method	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	AXYS MLA-017 Rev 17
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL

TCDD, 2,3,7,8-						4.97E-02
PeCDD, 1,2,3,7,8-						5.05E-02
HxCDD, 1,2,3,4,7,8-						5.17E-02
HxCDD, 1,2,3,6,7,8-						5.17E-02
HxCDD, 1,2,3,7,8,9-						5.17E-02
HpCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-						4.95E-02
OCDD, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-						4.96E-02
TCDF, 2,3,7,8-						5.98E-02
PeCDF, 1,2,3,7,8-						5.27E-02
PeCDF, 2,3,4,7,8-						5.27E-02
HxCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8-						5.02E-02
HxCDF, 1,2,3,6,7,8-						5.02E-02
HxCDF, 1,2,3,7,8,9-						5.02E-02
HxCDF, 2,3,4,6,7,8-						5.02E-02
HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-						4.95E-02
HpCDF, 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-						4.95E-02
OCDF, 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-						5.09E-02

**Table 7-8 MDL averages for perfluorinated compounds in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/Kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	None	None	None	None	AXYS – MLA-043 Rev 06	AXYS – MLA043 Rev 07
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Perfluorobutanesulfonate					4.87E+00	4.93E+00
Perfluorobutanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorodecanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorododecanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluoroheptanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorohexanesulfonate					4.87E+00	4.93E+00
Perfluorohexanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorononanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorooctanesulfonamide					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluorooctanesulfonate					4.87E+00	4.93E+00
Perfluorooctanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluoropentanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00
Perfluoroundecanoate					2.43E+00	2.46E+00



**Table 7-9 MDL averages for chlordane pesticides in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/Kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 1668AM	AXYS - MLA-028 Rev 03	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 05	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Chlordane, cis-	3.85E-04	2.80E-01	1.55E+01				
Chlordane, trans-	3.07E-04	2.49E-01	1.50E+01				
Heptachlor	4.65E-04	2.24E-01	2.00E+00				
Heptachlor epoxide	3.51E-04	1.13E+00	1.20E+01				
Nonachlor, cis-	6.02E-04	5.10E-01	9.64E+00				
Nonachlor, trans-	2.43E-04	2.91E-01	1.52E+01				
Oxychlordane	5.29E-04	8.82E-01	1.91E+01				

**Table 7-10 MDL averages for cyclopentadiene pesticides in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/Kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater - pg/L</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 1668AM	AXYS - MLA-028 Rev 03	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 05	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Aldrin	1.02E-03	2.47E-01	3.35E+00				
Dieldrin	1.24E-03	1.23E+00	1.05E+01				
Endrin	1.51E-03	2.03E+00	7.75E+00				

**Table 7-11 MDL averages for DDT pesticides in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Sediment - ug/Kg dw</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Water -pg/L</b>	<b>Bivalves - ng/g dw</b>	<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>Bird Eggs - ng/g ww</b>	<b>Sport fish - ng/g ww</b>
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA	AXYS - MLA-028	AXYS - MLA-035	None (Not	None (Not	None (Not	None (Not

	1668AM	Rev 03	Rev 05	Analyzed)	Analyzed)	Analyzed)	Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
DDD(o,p')	1.39E-03	1.63E+00	1.35E+01				
DDD(p,p')	3.40E-04	1.63E+00	1.04E+01				
DDE(o,p')	8.06E-04	5.91E-01	2.52E+01				
DDE(p,p')	1.41E-03	6.71E-01	3.04E+01				
DDT(o,p')	2.33E-03	2.23E+00	1.75E+01				
DDT(p,p')	2.16E-03	2.33E+00	1.45E+01				
DDMU(p,p')							

Table 7-12 MDL averages for hexachlorohexane pesticides (HCH) in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.

Matrix	Sediment - ug/Kg dw	Water -pg/L	Water -pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Stormwater	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish
Method	EBMUD - EPA 1668AM	AXYS - MLA-028 Rev 03	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 05	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
HCH, alpha	5.54E-04	6.03E-01	3.56E+00				
HCH, beta	7.67E-04	8.08E-01	4.57E+00				
HCH, delta	7.90E-04	1.01E+00	3.99E+00				
HCH, gamma	6.30E-04	6.01E-01	3.62E+00				



Table 7-13 MDL averages for other pesticides in analyses of sediment, waters and tissues.

Matrix	Sediment - ug/Kg dw	Water -pg/L	Bivalves - ng/g dw	Stormwater - ug/L	Bird Eggs - ng/g ww	Sport fish - ng/g ww
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 1668A	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
<b>Pesticides of Concern</b>	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Fipronil	4.42E-03					
Firpronil Desulfinyl	4.29E-03					
Firpronil Sulfide	4.42E-03					
Fipronil Sulfone	4.55E-03					
<b>Method</b>	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
<b>Carbamates</b>	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Carbaryl						
Methiocarb						
Oxamyl						
<b>Method</b>	EBMUD - EPA 1668A	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 06	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
<b>Organochlorines</b>	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Methoxychlor						
Endosulfan I		1.38E+02				
Hexachlorobenzene		1.63E-02				
Mirex	2.15E-02	8.07E+00				

Method	DFG-WPCL - EPA 8081BM	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 06	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
<b>Organophosphates</b>	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL
Chlorpyrifos		6.20E+01				
Diazinon		1.42E+02				
Method	None (Not Analyzed)	AXYS - MLA-035 Rev 06	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)	None (Not Analyzed)
<b>Herbicides</b>	Average MDL	Average MDL	Average MDL		Average MDL	Average MDL
Diuron						
Dacthal		2.64E+01				
Oxadiazon						

### *Limits of Quantitation*

Taylor (1987) states “a measured value becomes believable when it is larger than the uncertainty associated with it”. The uncertainty associated with a measurement is calculated from the standard deviation of replicate measurements of a low concentration standard or a blank. Normally, the MDL is set at three times the standard deviation of replicate measurements, where the uncertainty of a measurement is approximately  $\pm 100\%$  at the 95% level of confidence. Values at the MDL may not reflect a signal much above zero, and therefore are quantitatively not very robust. The limit of quantitation (LOQ), as established by the American Chemical Society, is normally ten times the standard deviation of replicate measurements (about 3 times the MDL), which corresponds to a measurement uncertainty of  $\pm 30\%$  (Taylor 1987). By these standard definitions, measurements below the MDL are not believable, measurements between the MDL and the LOQ are only semi-quantitative, and confidence in measurements above the LOQ is high. Average or expected values on QC samples below 3 times the MDL therefore shall not be used in evaluation of laboratory measurement accuracy or precision.

### *Initial Analysis of Representative Samples*

As appropriate, representative sample matrices that are uncompromised, homogeneous, and contain target analytes at relevant (e.g., near typical ambient) concentrations may be used to evaluate performance of analytical laboratories prior to routine analysis of field samples for the RMP. The samples used for this initial demonstration of laboratory capability can be splits used in laboratory inter-comparison exercises, or splits of samples previously or simultaneously analyzed by laboratories with known acceptable performance, or of CRMs with known values. A new laboratory’s performance generally will be considered acceptable if its submitted values are within accuracy and precision MQOs (Tables 7-1) for target analytes at concentrations at least three times the project target MDL ( $\sim$ LOQ). If the results for the initial analysis fail to meet these criteria, the laboratory may be required to perform corrective actions to meet the performance criteria.

Laboratory inter-comparisons or split sample analyses may not be practical or feasible for some analytes and matrices (e.g., few capable labs, no consensus on expected concentrations). Another option would be a more limited evaluation of selected samples that represent the expected range of values. Results would be compared to an expected range of values obtained from the literature or from similar local/regional studies of comparable sample matrices and locations.

### *7.2.2 On-going Demonstration of Capability*

#### *Participation in Laboratory Inter-comparison Exercises*

Laboratories analyzing applicable contaminants may be requested by the RMP Project Manager or QAO to participate in inter-comparison exercises conducted jointly by the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Research Council Canada (NRCC) or similar parties where available. The RMP PM & QAO will discuss with the laboratory potential intercomparison exercises to participate in; the laboratory may provide results from recent exercises

as an alternative. These exercises provide a tool for validation and improvement of laboratory measurements by helping analysts identify and resolve problems in methodology and/or QA/QC. The results of these exercises are also used to evaluate both the individual and collective performance of the participating analytical laboratories on a continuing basis and to insure that ongoing measurements are meeting MQOs.

In a typical exercise, conducted on an annual or less frequent basis, the coordinating agency will distribute performance evaluation samples of an “unknown” sample and an existing CRM to each laboratory, along with detailed instructions for analysis. Laboratories then analyze the sample(s) and submit their results in a timely manner to the agency (as instructed). At the end of each exercise, coordinating personnel at the agency present and discuss the comparison exercise results, with participating laboratories strongly encouraged to participate in subsequent discussions of analytical problems and challenges identified in the inter-comparison exercises.

#### *Routine Analysis of Certified or Laboratory Reference Materials*

Certified reference materials generally are considered the most useful QC samples for assessing the accuracy (i.e., measurement relative to a “true” value) of a given analysis. CRMs are desirable because they have “certified” concentrations of the analytes of interest, as determined through replicate analyses by a reputable certifying agency, and/or multiple labs, using two or more independent measurement techniques for verification. In addition, the certifying agency may provide “reference” or “informational” values for other analytes of interest. Such values are determined using a single measurement technique, or a limited number of labs, which may have unrecognized bias and/or large uncertainty. Therefore, non-certified reference values must be used with caution as measures of laboratory performance. A second caution is that “certified” values in some cases are premised on a complete extraction the sample matrix (e.g., HF extraction of a sediment mineral phase), and a partial or less aggressive extraction is unlikely to produce the certified result. In such cases, a CRM may be more equivalent to a laboratory internal reference material described below. CRMs desired for specific matrices and analytes will be discussed among the RMP PM, QAO, and the laboratory at the project/contract start.

A laboratory reference material (LRM) is similar to a certified reference material in that it is a homogeneous matrix that closely matches the samples being analyzed but is typically only used in-house by a single laboratory or small group of laboratories. Unlike CRMs, concentrations of the analytes of interest in LRMs are not certified, and may be analyzed only by a single method over time. In practice, this material is best used to assess the precision (i.e., consistency) of a single laboratory’s performance over time but may be useful for evaluating accuracy, if the previous result has been shown to be accurate (e.g., in batches with CRMs reported accurately). Thus, if available, LRMs may be preferred for routine (i.e., day to day) analysis because CRMs are relatively expensive. Routine analyses of CRMs (when available) or LRMs represent a valuable aspect of “performance-based” QC. Where available, certified and reference concentrations of target analytes known to the analyst(s) can be used to provide quick checks of batch performance before proceeding with analyses of subsequent batches. If the laboratory fails to meet precision and/or accuracy MQOs for a CRM or LRM, results for the sample batch may be suspect. Calculations and instruments should be checked; selected samples and the CRM or LRM may have to be reanalyzed to confirm the results. Some minor deviations outside MQOs may be expected, particularly at concentrations near

the MDL and for analytes with wide confidence intervals in certified values. However, if MQOs are not achieved in consecutive samples, the laboratory should consult with the SFEI QAO and other parties to identify and correct possible source(s) of the problem. The results of the CRM or LRM analysis should never be used by the laboratory to “correct” the data for a given sample batch.

CRM (or LRM) samples should be analyzed at a minimum frequency of 1 per batch (or one per 20 samples for larger batches) when samples in an appropriate matrix (similar to samples) are available. Multiple CRM sources and/or replicate CRM analyses may help diagnose problems if deviations from desired MQOs or control limits are found. CRM or LRM recovery is calculated as:

$$\text{Recovery} = \frac{\text{Laboratory measurement}}{\text{Certified or Consensus Value}} \times 100\%$$

Accuracy control limits for individual compounds are listed in Table 14-1. We have adapted a modification of the IUPAC Harmonized Protocol for proficiency testing “z-scores” for normalizing performance relative to objectives, converting a result to a z-score:

$$z = |\text{result} - \text{expected value}| / \text{acceptable deviation}$$

which is converted into recovery percentages (normalizing everything to the expected value):

$$z = |\text{recovery} - 100\%| / \text{MQO}\%$$

where the MQO% is the accepted deviation (as %) from the expected value (e.g.,  $\pm 35\%$  of expected value for most organics,  $\pm 25\%$  for most trace elements). For each class of analytes (i.e., a group of analytes reported by a single method), at least 70% of the individual analytes should be within the MQO (i.e., a z-score  $\leq 1$ ); no individual analyte value should be grossly outside the MQO (z-score  $> 2$ , e.g.,  $\pm 70\%$  for organics) more than once in consecutive analyses without appropriate documentation and consultation with the SFEI QAO. Due to the inherent variability in analyses near the method detection limit, these limits only apply to analytes with expected values  $> 3$  times the MDL.

Concentrations of some analytes are provided only as (uncertified) reference values in some commonly used CRMs, and in some cases the acceptance range (e.g., 95% confidence interval) even for certified values of specific analytes may include z-scores  $> 2$ . In such cases, results may still be flagged for large deviations from expected values and uncertainty in quantitation, but should not be censored due to substantial uncertainty in what the underlying “true” expected values are.

Each laboratory is expected to maintain control charts for use by analysts in monitoring the overall accuracy and precision of the CRM or LRM. The relative standard deviation (RSD) will be calculated for each analyte of interest in the CRM based on the last seven or more CRM analyses. Upper and lower control chart limits (e.g., warning limits and control limits) should be based on 7 or more recent results (or initially, the confidence interval/acceptance limits of the CRM issuer) and will be periodically updated (at least annually, or more frequently if half or more of the data in the control chart can be replaced sooner, e.g., 10 new results for a 20 result chart); control limits for individual measurements based on 99% confidence intervals around the mean are recommended.



*Laboratory Replicates for Precision*

Precision is the reproducibility of an analytical method and can be evaluated for any sample that is analyzed in replicate. Replicates of field samples are most representative of local concentrations and conditions and thus are preferred indicators of analytical precision. However, analyte concentrations in local ambient samples are often non-detect or near MDLs. If all results are non-detect, precision is clearly not calculable, and if true values are near the MDL, a mix of non-detects and results slightly above MDL may be expected. However, if the average value (substituting a value of zero for any non-detects) for a set of replicates falls into a quantitative range at least 3 times the MDL (e.g., a non-detect and a value 100 times MDL, with an average value 50 times the MDL), the disparity in results represents a lack of precision and should be considered an indication of either poor precision or an underestimate of the MDL.

In general, laboratory replicates of field samples are preferred as measures of precision, but in cases where average values for field samples are expected (based on historical or literature results) to fall in a non-quantitative range, other samples such as CRMs, LRMs, matrix spikes, or blank spikes can be analyzed in replicate to determine precision. Samples of a similar matrix, with concentrations of a similar order of magnitude (but at least high enough to be quantitative), are most relevant and thus preferred for evaluating precision. If samples other than field samples are used to evaluate precision, target concentrations should be less than 100 times those in field samples, as precision in high concentration samples is not likely representative for much lower ambient samples.

A minimum of one field sample (or alternative sample type, e.g. MS or CRM/LRM, where sample material is insufficient or concentrations are largely not detected in field samples) per batch of samples submitted to the laboratory (minimum one per 20, or 5%, in large batches) will be processed and analyzed in replicate for precision. Previously analyzed material (e.g. from the same project in prior years, or from other projects) may also be analyzed as replicates to help ensure results in a quantitative range. The relative percent difference (RPD) or relative standard deviation (RSD) among replicate samples will be less than the MQO listed in Tables 7-1 for each analyte of interest. RSD and RPD are calculated as:

$$\text{RSD} = \frac{\text{Standard Deviation (all replicate samples)}}{\text{Average (all replicate samples)}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{RPD} = \frac{\text{Difference (between replicate samples)}}{\text{Average (replicate samples)}} \times 100\%$$

Similar to z-scores for accuracy, precision may be expressed relative to an MQO as a p-score:

$$p = |\text{RPD or RSD}| / \text{MQO}\%$$

If results for any analytes do not meet the MQO for precision ( $p\text{-score} > 1$ ), calculations and instruments will be checked. Repeat analyses may be required to confirm the results and reduce uncertainty in the measurement. Results that repeatedly fail to meet the criteria indicate sample heterogeneity, unusually high contamination of analytes, or other causes of poor laboratory precision. If the variability is not reduced, the laboratory is obligated to halt the analysis of samples, identify the source of the imprecision, and notify the SFEI Project Manager and QAO before proceeding with further analysis. In some cases when the causes of imprecision cannot be corrected (particularly for less abundant or less important analytes in a large group reported by a single

analytical method), and with the approval of the Project Manager and QAO, the results can be reported as-is and flagged for poor precision (p-score > 1) or censored if extremely poor (p-score > 2).

#### *Field Replicates and Field Split Samples*

As part of the regular quality assurance program of the Project, field replicate samples may be collected, homogenized, and placed in separate sample containers for subsequent chemical analysis as funds allow. Some of the sample containers may be submitted as blind field replicates to the primary analytical laboratory. Others, considered field splits, may be sent to additional laboratories to conduct inter-laboratory comparisons, or for development and testing of laboratory methods. The analysis of field replicates and field splits will provide an assessment of both inter- and intra-laboratory precision and variability in the sample matrix and collection and homogenization methods. In many cases, variability in field replicates represents spatial and/or temporal variability in the environmental matrix being sampled, so field replicates should not be used in place of lab replicates to assess laboratory measurement performance unless the laboratory is in agreement that past results are sufficiently consistent for such use.

#### *Calibration Checks*

Initial calibration check samples that are traceable to a recognized organization must be inserted as part of the sample stream. As an indicator of calibration accuracy, the source of the initial calibration check sample shall be independent from the standards used for the calibration and contain all the analytes of interest, and should be at a concentration in the middle of the calibration range.

Continuing calibration checks should also be included as an indication of measurement stability. The source of the continuing checks can be that used in the initial calibration check or the same standards as used for the calibration (including calibration blanks, to track baseline drift), as required or recommended by the analytical method. Either may be suitable for demonstrating continued stability of measurement so long as the result is consistent (for either check sample source). The frequency of these checks is dependent on the type of instrumentation and analytical method used and, therefore, requires considerable professional judgment. All analyses shall be bracketed by acceptable calibration checks.

If the calibration check control limits (set by the laboratory) are not met, the initial calibration will have to be repeated. If possible, any samples analyzed since the last successful calibration check will be reanalyzed following recalibration. If reanalyses of all potentially impacted samples is not planned, reanalyses of samples should progress in reverse order until it is determined that the precision between initial and reanalysis results is within MQOs (Tables 7-1). The laboratory will begin by reanalyzing the last sample (or subset of samples) analyzed before the failed calibration check. If the RPD or RSD between the results of this reanalysis and the original analysis exceeds precision MQOs (Tables 7-1), the analytical process is likely to have been out of control during the original analysis. The laboratory will report only results from analyses while the process is in control (i.e., within calibration, or in agreement with other subsequent results obtained while within calibration). If it is not possible to perform reanalysis of samples, all earlier data (i.e., since the last successful calibration control check) are suspect. In this case, the laboratory will flag the data and prepare a narrative explanation to accompany the submitted data.

### *Laboratory Method Blank*

Laboratory method blanks (also called extraction blanks, procedural blanks, or preparation blanks) are used to assess laboratory contamination during all stages of sample preparation and analysis. For laboratory analyses, at least one laboratory method blank will be run in every sample batch. The method blank will be processed through the entire analytical procedure in a manner identical to the samples (i.e., using the same reagents and equipment). Method blanks should contain analyte concentration less than the MDL or 30% of the lowest reported sample concentration. Upon discovery of blank contamination in any batch, the RMP QAO should be notified before additional batches are analyzed. A method blank concentration  $> 2 \times$  the MDL or  $> 30\%$  of the lowest reported sample concentration for any analytes of interest may require corrective action (e.g., checking of reagents, re-cleaning and re-checking of equipment) to identify and eliminate the source(s) of contamination before proceeding with further analysis; in cases where blank contamination accounts for 30% or more of the result for a third or more of the samples, re-extraction of analyzed batches may be requested. If eliminating the blank contamination and reanalysis is not possible, results for all impacted analytes in the analytical batch shall be flagged. In addition, a detailed description of the contamination sources and the steps taken to identify and eliminate/minimize them shall be included in the transmittal letter. Subtracting method blank results from sample results is not permitted, except where  $3 \times$  STDEV of the mean blank measurement can be demonstrated to be less than or equal to the MDL.

### *Completeness*

Completeness is defined as “a measure of the amount of data collected from a measurement process compared to the amount that was expected to be obtained under the conditions of measurement” (Stanley and Verner 1985). The goal is to achieve  $>95\%$  completeness for all analyses.

### *Surrogates*

The usage of the terms “surrogate”, “injection internal standard”, and “internal standard” varies considerably among laboratories and is clarified here.

Surrogates are non-target analytes chosen to simulate the analytes of interest for estimating analyte losses during the extraction and cleanup process and must be added to each sample, including QA/QC samples, prior to extraction. Typically, isotopically labeled versions of target compounds are used as surrogates in organic compound analyses. The reported concentrations of corresponding analytes are adjusted to correct for the recoveries of surrogate compounds, as done in the National Status & Trends (NS&T) Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), although it is left to the discretion of the lab as to the suitability of surrogate correction, especially for those that are not just isotopically labeled targets. The surrogate recovery data will be carefully monitored and each laboratory must report the percent recovery of surrogates along with the target analyte data for each sample. If possible, isotopically labeled analogs of the analytes will be used as surrogates.

Each laboratory will set its own warning limit criteria based on the experience and best professional judgment of the analyst(s). It is the responsibility of the analyst(s) to demonstrate that the analytical process is always “in control” (i.e., highly variable surrogate recoveries are not acceptable for repeat analyses of the same certified reference material and for the matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate).

The target analytes to which specific surrogates correspond and the warning limit criteria used by the laboratory will be provided in the standard operating procedures submitted.

### *Internal Standards*

Organic and inorganic chemical analyses commonly use the term “internal standard” but often use them in different ways. For organic analyses, internal standards (also referred to as “injection internal standards”) are added to each sample extract just prior to injection to enable optimal quantitation, particularly of complex extracts subject to retention time shifts or instrument interferences relative to the analysis of standards. They are essential, if the actual recovery of the surrogates typically added prior to extraction is to be calculated. Internal standards can also be used to detect and correct for problems in the injection port or other parts of the instrument. Internal standard analytes must be different from surrogate analytes. The analyst(s) will monitor internal standard retention times and recoveries to determine if instrument maintenance or repair or changes in analytical procedures are needed. Corrective action will be initiated based on the judgment of the analyst(s). Instrument problems that may have affected the data or resulted in the reanalysis of samples will be documented properly in logbooks and internal data reports and used by the laboratory personnel to take appropriate corrective action.

For inorganic analysis methods, “internal standards” can be added at various points in the sample preparation process (not just immediately preceding instrument quantitation). For diagnostic purposes injection internal standards are sometimes also used to distinguish whether quantitation errors occur primarily in the instrument measurement or in prior steps (e.g., sample extraction or dilution). Internal standards added to calibration checks and other unextracted samples can also help differentiate problems with instrument performance versus sample processing. At a minimum, internal standards specified in the analytical method should be used; other internal standards may be added at the discretion of the laboratory for diagnosing performance in different portions of the analytical process.

### *Confirmatory Analysis*

For analyses in which important specific analytes may not be positively isolated or quantified (e.g., for 2,3,7,8-TCDF in dioxin analysis), confirmatory analyses (using a different detector, or different analytical separations) are often employed to minimize erroneous identification and quantitation. In analytical methods for which confirmatory analysis is prescribed, confirmatory results should agree within the limits specified in the method. If the method does not include limits for confirmation results, the MQO for replicate precision for the analyte may be used as a control limit indicating agreement. If results are not in agreement, the cause of the discrepancy should be investigated and corrected, with samples reanalyzed if needed. When both primary and confirmatory results are in agreement, the result that most positively identifies and quantifies the analyte without interference should be reported as the final measurement. Generally, if neither of the methods is specified as being more reliable for quantitation, lower values suggest less interference, unless the analyst has experience or evidence of negative interferences that are likely to bias the signal low (e.g., matrix constituents causing signal quenching).

*Matrix Spike and Matrix Spike Duplicate*

A laboratory-fortified matrix sample (commonly called a matrix spike, or MS) and a laboratory-fortified sample matrix duplicate (commonly called a matrix spike duplicate, or MSD) will be used for both evaluating the effect of the sample matrix on the recovery of the compound(s) of interest and providing an estimate of analytical precision. For matrices without appropriate CRMs or LRMs, MSs become the preferred measure of accuracy. Even when CRMs or LRMs are available, MSs should be run as secondary confirmation of accuracy where possible. Around 5% of the total number of samples (and at least one per analytical batch) will be included for analysis as MS/MSDs. To create an MS and MSD, a field sample is first homogenized and then split into three subsamples. Two of these subsamples are fortified with the matrix spike solution, and the third subsample is analyzed to provide a background concentration for each analyte of interest. If there is sufficient material, a split into four subsamples may be preferred (with the unfortified sample also analyzed in duplicate). The matrix spike solution should contain as many analytes from the target list as is feasible and appropriate for the analysis. The final spiked concentration of each analyte in the sample should be at least 3x the MDL for the analyte and at least double (but preferably also within 10x) the expected concentrations in unspiked samples. Choosing an appropriate spiking level may be difficult when field sample concentrations are highly variable, because the initial concentration of the sample to be spiked is generally not known. However, spiking around 10x the 75<sup>th</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of previous or nearby results for a site provides a reasonable likelihood of MS/MSD results being sufficiently above the unspiked result to calculate recovery. Recovery (in percent) is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Recovery} = \frac{[(\text{Matrix plus spike result}) - (\text{Matrix result})]}{\text{Spike amount}} \times 100\%$$

The spike amount is the expected final concentration minus the (unspiked) matrix result (written in expanded form in the Table 9-1 notes on calculating percent recovery for LabResultComment). If the percent recovery for any analyte in a usable quantitative range (i.e., at least 3x the MDL and at least 3x the concentration in the unspiked sample; MQO deviations below this range are disregarded) in the MS or MSD is not within target MQOs (Table 7-1), the chromatograms or other raw data quantitation reports will be reviewed to identify possible errors in quantitation (e.g., calculation errors, poor peak separation, etc.). If an explanation for low recovery value is not discovered, the instrument response should be rechecked with calibration standards. If the poor recovery occurs in both the MS and MSD, and the other QC samples in the batch (e.g., CRMs) indicate that the analysis was “in control”, further instrument response checks may not be warranted. An explanation for poor recovery values in MS/MSD results and investigations or corrective actions taken will be discussed in the narrative accompanying the data package. If causes of poor recovery cannot be identified and fixed, results for affected analytes may need to be qualified (z-score > 1), or even censored if extremely poor (z-score > 2)

As mentioned previously in the section on precision, analysis of the MS/MSD can also be useful for assessing laboratory precision, particularly when unspiked field samples are near or below the MDL. When final expected values in the MS and MSD are exactly equal, the precision calculation can be made on their concentration results directly. However, in many cases, the MS and MSD will have slightly different expected values (e.g., due to variations in sample size; for example, addition of 10 ng of spike will result in different final expected concentrations if the subsample used for the MS is

9.5 g and the MSD 10 g). In cases where the MS/MSDs have slightly different values, precision should be calculated as the RPD or RSD of their respective recoveries. The RPD or RSD between MS/MSD results should be less than the target criterion listed in Tables 7-2 through 7-13 for each analyte of interest, although replicate measurements for unspiked sample types are generally preferred as an indicator of precision at the lower concentration of ambient field samples.

#### *Representativeness*

Sampling locations, times, frequencies, and matrices are selected to capture and describe spatial and temporal variations of interest to the RMP. The sampling and analytical methods were chosen in accordance with approved and well-documented procedures that best meet the RMP's objectives. Through selection of relevant media (water, sediment, and biota) with sampling distributed over time throughout the estuary, a representative characterization of the sampling site and the parameters investigated will be achieved. Representativeness will be assessed through post hoc analysis of the temporal and spatial distribution and variability in the collected data.

#### **7.4 Project-specific action limits**

As this is a research project rather than a compliance monitoring effort (i.e., individually results do not trigger enforcement actions, but collectively the data may guide management actions by other parties through planning), there are no project-specific actions limits required for the data.

## **Element 8      Special Training Needs and Certification**

### **8.1 Specialized Training or Certifications**

Because the RMP uses performance-based methods for lab evaluation, laboratory certifications (e.g. by NELAP/ELAP<sup>3</sup>) for the analyses planned are preferred but not required. The laboratory providing analytical support to the RMP must have a designated on-site QA Officer for the particular analytical component(s) performed at that laboratory. This individual will serve as the point of contact for the SFEI QA staff in identifying and resolving issues related to data quality.

To ensure that the samples are analyzed in a consistent manner throughout the duration of the program, key laboratory personnel will participate in an orientation session conducted during an initial site visit or via communications with SFEI staff. The purpose of the orientation session is to familiarize key laboratory personnel with this QAPP and the RMP QA/QC program. Participating laboratories may be required to demonstrate acceptable performance before analysis of samples can proceed, described in subsequent sections. Laboratory operations will be evaluated on a continual basis through technical systems audits, and by participation in laboratory inter-comparison programs. Meetings shall be held with participating laboratories at regular intervals to continually review QA/QC procedures and to revise/update the QAPP as needed.

Personnel in any laboratory performing analyses will be well versed in good laboratory practices (GLPs), including standard safety procedures. It is the responsibility of the analytical laboratory manager, and/or safety staff to ensure that all laboratory personnel are properly trained. Each laboratory is responsible for maintaining a current safety manual in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or equivalent state or local regulations. The safety manual will be readily available to laboratory personnel. Proper procedures for safe storage, handling, and disposal of chemicals will be followed at all times; each chemical will be treated as a potential health hazard and GLPs will be implemented accordingly.

SFEI personnel using field collection equipment must be trained in its use and care. Initial training needs to be conducted for eight hours, and retraining or frequent use of the equipment for various projects is necessary to stay eligible for fieldwork assignments. All staff involved in field sampling must also undergo safety training prior to working in the field.

### **8.2 Training Certification and Documentation**

No special training certification is necessary for operating the sampling equipment for water quality and sediment samples, but staff collecting biological samples should be trained and/or accompanied by trained personnel (who may be from organizations other than SFEI). In all cases, personnel involved in any kind of sample collection should have appropriate documentation (access and collection permits, where needed). The SFEI Field Operations Manager or designee is responsible for providing field equipment operation and safety instruction to all staff that attend field trips. SFEI

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<sup>3</sup>Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). ELAP provides evaluation and accreditation of environmental testing laboratories to ensure the quality of analytical data used for regulatory purposes to meet the requirements of the State's drinking water, wastewater, shellfish, food, and hazardous waste programs

field staff training is documented and filed at SFEI. Documentation consists of a record of the training date, instructor, and material covered.

Contractors performing sampling are responsible for providing training to their staff and maintaining records of all trainings. Those records can be obtained if needed from contractors through their respective QA or Safety Officers.

### ***8.3 Training Personnel***

The SFEI Field Operations Manager and the QAO are responsible for providing training to staff that collect samples in the field or who process and ship samples to analytical laboratories.

Each contract laboratory's QA Officer and Safety Officer shall provide and/or designate staff to provide training to their respective personnel.



## **Element 9            Documents and Records**

SFEI will collect records for sample collection, field analyses, and laboratory chemical analyses. Samples sent to analytical laboratories will include a Chain of Custody form. The analytical laboratories will maintain records of sample receipt and storage, analyses, and reported results.

SFEI maintains hardcopy or scanned files of field notes and measurements, as well as laboratory submitted documentation and results at the SFEI main office. The SFEI Data Manager is responsible for the storage and organization of information.

Contract laboratories will also be responsible for maintaining copies of project documentation originating from their respective laboratories, with backup archival storage offsite where possible.

### *Quality Assurance Documentation*

All laboratories will have the latest revision of the RMP QAPP. In addition, the following documents and information will be current and available to all laboratory personnel participating in the processing of Project samples, as well as to SFEI program officials:

1. Laboratory QA Plan: Clearly defined policies and protocols specific to a particular laboratory, including personnel responsibilities, laboratory acceptance criteria and corrective actions to be applied to the affected analytical batches, qualification of data, and procedures for determining the acceptability of results.
2. Laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): Containing instructions for performing routine laboratory procedures.
3. Laboratory Analytical Methods: Step-by-step instructions describing exactly how a method is implemented in the laboratory for a particular analytical procedure. Contains all analytical methods utilized in the particular laboratory for the RMP.
4. Instrument Performance Information: Information on instrument baseline noise, calibration standard response, analytical precision and bias data, detection limits, etc. This information should be reported for the periods during which RMP samples are analyzed.
5. Control Charts: Control charts are useful in evaluating internal laboratory procedures and are helpful in identifying and correcting systematic error sources. Contract laboratories are encouraged to develop and maintain control charts whenever they may serve in determining sources of analytical problems.

Copies of laboratory methods, SOPs, and QA plans are available by request from the SFEI QA Officer. Some laboratory methods and SOPs may be edited to exclude proprietary details about the analyses. Quality assurance documents are reviewed to assure conformance to program needs by the RMP Project Manager and QAO or their designees.

Copies of all records will be maintained at SFEI and at the laboratory for a minimum five years after project completion, after which they may be destroyed, except for the database at SFEI, which will be maintained without destruction. All data will be backed up and secured at a remote location (i.e., separate from the SFEI office). As needed, data recovery can be initiated by contacting the back-up facility for restoration and this will be covered through SFEI overhead.

All participants listed in Element 3 will receive the most current version of the RMP QAPP, with signed copies only to the Approval Sheet (Element 1) signatories, and electronic copies provided to the remainder.

## 9.1 Report Package Information

Analytical results, including associated quality control samples, will be provided to SFEI by the analytical laboratory and submitted to the Regional Board within the final project report. Laboratory standard turnaround time is 90 days. Exceedances should be discussed with and approved by the RMP Program Manager and QAO.

The digital data generated from sample analyses arrive at SFEI in various formats that are then converted to a standard CEDEN/SWAMP database format. SFEI personnel check data for conformance to Project MQOs. Verification of all individual quantitative results submitted by analytical laboratories will generally not be undertaken due to the high level of effort that would be required. However, analytical results will be spot checked for consistency and validity between laboratory hardcopy/electronic reports and the RMP database via verification of sums, range checking, and other aggregating methods. Anomalies in data sets received will be identified and reported to the lab as needed for correction.

Laboratory personnel will verify, screen, validate, and prepare all data, including QA/QC results, in accordance with the RMP's QAPP and will provide (upon request) detailed QA/QC documentation that can be referred to for an explanation of any factors affecting data quality or interpretation. Any detailed QA/QC data not submitted as part of the reporting package (see below) should be maintained in the laboratory's database for future reference.

Laboratories will provide electronic copies of the cover letter and tabulated analytical data (including associated QA/QC information outlined below) in a format agreed upon with the RMP Project/Data Manager or designee.

Each Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) report will consist of the following: Analytical and QA data results, Case Narrative, and SOPs.

### 9.1.1 Analytical and QA data results

Results will be submitted in the electronic data deliverable (EDD) template supplied by SFEI. Tabulated data will include the following information for each sample (when applicable):

1. Sample identification: Unique sample ID, site code, site name, collection date, analysis date, sample type (field or QC types), and matrix (water, sediment, tissue (include species code)).
2. Analytical methods: Preparation, extraction, and quantitation methods (codes should reference SOPs submitted with the data submission package). Also include preparation, extraction, and analysis dates.
3. Analytical results: Analyte name, result, unit, method detection limit (MDL), and reporting limit (RL) for all target parameters. The appropriate data qualifiers should be submitted with the results.

Required additional data include:

- % Solids or % moisture (for sediment and tissue samples, respectively)
- Control results (for toxicity tests)
- Lab replicate results (and field replicates, when sent for analysis)
- Quality assurance information for each analytical chemistry batch:
- CRM or LRM results: absolute concentrations measured, certified value, and % recovery relative to certified or expected value.

Matrix (or blank) spike results: include expected value (native + spike) for each analyte, actual recovered concentrations, and calculated % recovery.

Method blank sample results in units equivalent to field sample results (e.g., if the field samples are reported as ng/g, method blanks are given in the same units).

Field and lab replicate results and calculated %RPD or %RSD.

### 9.1.2 Case Narrative

The following topics will be addressed in the narrative:

#### A. Overview of Work Performed, Analytical Methodology and Reporting

Number of samples received and analyzed.

Describe handling/storage/preparation of samples.

Summarize extraction method.

Summarize analysis method.

Include concentration range(s) used to generate calibration curves.

Reporting units and basis (See Table 9-1 – all results should be in the same units and basis)

Define qualifiers used to qualify the results.

Are results for corrective actions (e.g. reanalysis results, contamination study, etc.)?

#### B. Completeness

Were all sample results reported?

Describe reason for any missing results.

#### C. Detection Limits

Provide detection and reporting limits and how estimated.

Estimate proportion of unquantified results, given detection limits for target analytes

#### D. Batch Specific Discussion of Results

Provide a brief summary of results for each analytical batch.

Describe number and type of samples analyzed in each laboratory batch.

Indicate if results were blank or surrogate recovery corrected.

Discuss analytical problems and any corrective actions.

1. Laboratory Blanks - describe type(s) of blanks analyzed, summarize method blank results.
2. Accuracy - summarize accuracy achieved by parameter and how measured (matrix spikes, certified reference materials, etc.). Include a copy of the certification values for all certified reference materials used in the analysis. For matrix and blank spikes, note where expected values (native + spike concentration) and percent recovery calculations are included in the data tables.
3. Precision - summarize precision achieved from replicates and how measured (replicates of field samples, MS/MSDs, etc.). Note RPD (or RSD) calculations in data tables.

### 9.1.3 Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) Template

SFEI-ASC is a Regional Data Center (RDC) for the state of California and uses templates, standardized vocabulary and business rules developed and maintained by the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) to manage data for field collection, chemistry, taxonomy, tissue, toxicity, and bioassessment sampling. SFEI-ASC will provide training and guidance to collection agencies and laboratories on how to use the CEDEN templates.

Prior to field collection, SFEI-ASC will provide the field collection agency a copy of the CEDEN Stations and Locations templates to be populated with information about the sample collection.

Prior to analyses, SFEI-ASC will provide the laboratory with a copy of the appropriate CEDEN template and documentation for the sample type being analyzed. The documentation details attributes of each field including field name, data type, whether the field is required or not, the appropriate lookup list for approved vocabulary and a description of each field. The CEDEN templates and documentation are available on-line from CEDEN at [http://www.ceden.org/ceden\\_datatemplates](http://www.ceden.org/ceden_datatemplates). Lookup list values are available on the [CEDEN Controlled Vocabulary website](#).

### 9.1.4 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

The laboratory's Standard Operating Procedures for preparation, digest extraction, and analytical methods will be submitted along with the analytical results. *The QA Officer/ Project Manager will need to approve major changes in methods from previous years.*

## 9.2 Data Reporting Requirements

As previously indicated, laboratory personnel shall verify that the measurement process was "in control" (i.e., all specified measurement quality objectives were met or acceptable deviations explained) for each batch of samples before proceeding with the analysis of any subsequent batch. In addition, each laboratory shall establish a system for detecting and reducing transcription and calculation errors prior to reporting data.

Only data that have met MQOs or that have deviations explained appropriately will be accepted from the laboratory. When QA requirements have not been met, the samples will be reanalyzed when possible. Only the results of the reanalysis should be submitted, provided they are acceptable.

Reporting turnaround times for submission of results from sample analyses are specified in contracts with the analytical laboratories. These (reporting) turnaround times are independent of holding time requirements for samples; in all cases samples should be extracted and analyzed within the holding times specified for the analytical methods used. Turnaround time requirements specified in subcontracts are generally 90 days or less.

## **B. DATA GENERATION AND AQUISITION**

### ***Element 10      Sampling Process Design***

#### ***10.1 Study Area and Period***

Sample collection points and a justification for site selection for the different elements are described in the specific project plans for each of the RMP monitoring elements. Although this QAPP only outlines plans for the next ten years, it is expected that monitoring under the RMP will continue so long as water quality issues are of concern to the Estuary. The RMP water and sediment monitoring stations are located in six hydrographic regions of the Estuary (Figures 6-1 and 6-2). Random design stations are located in five of those regions: Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, Central Bay, South Bay, and Lower South Bay. Historic stations are also located in each of those five regions, and additionally at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers in the freshwater Rivers region of the Estuary. Sampling timing and frequency varies for the different elements of the monitoring program:

- Bay water monitoring occurs every other year during the dry season for analysis of water quality, certain trace metals (Cu, Se, MeHg, cyanide), aquatic toxicity, and ancillary parameters. Trace organics (PCBs, PAHs, pesticides) are monitored every 10 years (next scheduled for 2023). Water monitoring occurs at 17 random sites and 5 historic sites.
- Tributary water monitoring occurs annually at 6 stations. Samples are analyzed for a subset of the analytes reported in Bay monitoring, focusing on analytes with TMDL targets and other priorities in the Municipal Regional Permit
- Sediment monitoring occurs every four years at 27 sites (20 random sites and 7 historic sites) for the analysis of trace metals, trace organics, ancillary parameters and sediment toxicity. Starting in 2014, sediments are collected in alternate seasons starting with a dry season (summer) collection event followed by a wet season (winter) collection event in the following event (2018).
- Benthic community assessments occur octennially and are collected during scheduled RMP sediment sampling events at 27 sites (20 random sites and 7 historic sites) for dry season sediment sampling years next scheduled for 2022.
- Bivalve bioaccumulation monitoring includes the analysis of trace organics (PAHs and PBDEs) and Selenium biennially. PCBs will be monitored every 8 years, with samples scheduled to be collected in 2014.
- Bird egg sampling occurs triennially for the analysis of Hg, Se, PCBs, PBDEs, and PFCs. Samples were last collected in 2012.
- Sport fish sampling occurs every five years. Samples are analyzed for Hg, Se, PCBs, PBDEs, PFCs and dioxins. Samples will be collected in 2014.

Collected data are used to evaluate future data needs and adjust the sampling and analysis plan as needed in an adaptive manner. The S&T Program is often adjusted to optimize data collection. Please see <http://www.sfei.org/content/status-trends-monitoring> for the latest S&T design.

## ***10.2 Inaccessible Sampling Sites***

Issues of site inaccessibility will be evaluated and resolved by different means depending on the project element. RMP Status and Trends ambient water and surface sediment sites that cannot be accessed will be replaced with next oversample site in the region. If there are access issues for cormorant and tern colonies, the researchers will consult with the RMP Exposure and Effects Workgroup (EEWG) and Technical Review Committee (TRC) to evaluate available options (e.g., alternative colonies and delaying sampling). Sport fish sites are popular fishing locations and therefore unlikely to have accessibility issues. Furthermore, because the fishing sites are general areas and fish are mobile, it is possible to move sites slightly while retaining the site names. Tributary loading sites have been selected with input from relevant agencies and landowners; however, if sites are rendered inaccessible (through change of ownership, finding endangered species, etc.), RMP staff will consult with the RMP Sources Pathways and Loadings Workgroup (SPLWG) and TRC to resolve the issue.

## ***10.3 Critical Versus Informational Project Data***

Data critical to this project are those that assist with the evaluation of concentrations and loads of contaminants of concern to the Bay, i.e. concentrations of contaminants and ancillary characteristics of analyzed matrices (TOC, lipid, grain size, % solids) needed to interpret measured concentrations and potential impacts (e.g., uptake, toxicity). Informational data (notes on site conditions during and/or preceding sampling events) may help in evaluating the comparability of sites and identifying the causes of variability but are not needed for establishing the validity or representativeness of the reported data. These informational data provide details on site characteristics that may be useful for the scientific interpretation of results but are not always critical for the evaluation of contaminant distribution or loads and impacts.

## **Element 11      Sampling Methods**

The quality of samples collected in the field is addressed through a number of procedures. Proper selection of equipment and supplies and training for use of those items ensures that collection procedures and materials minimally or not affect samples. Collection and analyses of appropriate quality control samples allows measurement and assessment of artifacts or influences of sampling on sample characteristics, to differentiate uncertainties and variability introduced by the sampling process from those inherent in the monitored system. This section will describe quality assurance and quality control procedures implemented for the RMP.

### **11.1 Sampling Guidelines**

Sampling guidelines, plans, and SOPs have been developed to ensure the collection of representative, uncontaminated, and uncompromised samples. Field personnel will strictly adhere to RMP sampling protocols to ensure the collection of representative, uncontaminated, and uncompromised samples. Briefly, the key requirements for sample collection are as follows:

1. Field personnel will be thoroughly trained in the proper use of sample collection gear and will be able to distinguish acceptable versus unacceptable samples in accordance with pre-established criteria.
2. Field personnel will be thoroughly trained to recognize and avoid potential sources of sample contamination (e.g., engine emissions, winch wires, surfaces, ice used for cooling).
3. Samplers and utensils which come in direct contact with the sample will be made of inert materials that do not contaminate for the particular analytes measured in that sample and will be thoroughly cleaned between sampling stations.
4. Sample containers will be pre-cleaned and of the recommended type for minimizing contamination for the analytes measured.
5. Samples will be sealed, labeled, preserved as needed, and stored under appropriate conditions as soon as practicable.

At Sampling Locations:

1. Stations for RMP monitoring studies will be determined before sampling commences. For sampling sediment and water, a probabilistic study design will be employed. For transplanted and resident bivalves, sites historically used by the RMP will be studied. For sampling bird eggs and sport fish, the monitoring sites will be chosen based on colony locations and popular fishing locations, respectively. For tributary loading, monitoring sites are chosen based on reconnaissance sampling, known or expected source areas, and stakeholder interest.
2. Once in the field, locate the assigned coordinates of the site as best as possible and record the actual coordinates of each station using a hand-held or shipboard global positioning system (GPS).
3. Complete any appropriate parts of Field Data Sheets/Logs. This may include: station ID, date, time, station depth, weather conditions, water color/clarity, latitude, longitude, sample collectors, etc.

4. Sample containers will either be provided by contract laboratories or by project staff according to contract specifications. Bottles will be labeled prior to sample collection according to each site- and project-specific sampling plan. Spare bottles and labels will also be taken to the field.
5. Ancillary measurements will be collected using field meters at every water and sediment site. Personnel using the meters must be trained on their use and care prior to field use. For each measurement, record the water depth. The probes will be rinsed with deionized water after each use and blotted dry prior to recapping and storage.

A multifunction water quality meter (e.g. Seabird CTD, YSI 556, WTW 340i) is used with several probes submerged into the water column to collect dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, salinity, specific conductance and/or electrical conductance. Redox potential (Eh) of sediment is also measured at several depths in sediment core sub-samples.

Water and sediment ancillary samples will be collected in appropriate containers provided by contract laboratories or by project staff according to contract specifications. Samples measured in the laboratory will be processed within the relevant holding time.

The appropriate volume and bottle type for samples are denoted on the Field Reference Sheet. The appropriate equipment will be used to collect samples (e.g., peristaltic pump, van Veen grab) and clean-hands dirty-hands protocol will be followed.

Recommended preservation conditions and holding times for samples for chemical analyses are listed in Tables 11-1.

## 11.2 Field Equipment and Supplies

Sampling equipment and supplies will vary depending on the project element. Sample containers appropriate to the matrices being sampled and the analyses to which they will be subjected will be chosen. All containers should meet or exceed the required trace limits established by the US EPA in the document EPA/540/R-93/051, Specifications and Guidance for Contaminant-Free Sample Containers. Chemical-resistant powder-free nitrile and polyethylene gloves will be worn and clean-hands dirty-hands protocols will be followed to minimize contamination of exposed samples. Field cleaning procedures of sampling equipment will be employed to minimize cross-contamination between samples for the parameters of interest.

Field personnel will refer to the detailed work plan for the appropriate RMP sampling element to ensure that all equipment and supplies are brought in the field. However, at a minimum the following supplies are required for the respective project elements:

Surface Waters:

Sampler

Infiltrax sampler & tubing  
or integrated grab (dip) sampler  
or peristaltic pump setup for trace metals  
Sampler tools and spare parts

Nitrile & polyethylene gloves

XAD columns and wound glass-fiber filters

Methanol cleaned aluminum foil

Surface Sediment:

van Veen or Ponar grab sampler



- Nitrile gloves.
- Polyethylene gloves
- Coated compositing bucket & sampling spoons
- Methanol, 1.0 % hydrochloric acid, & wash bottles

Bivalves:

- Appropriate diving gear
- Cages for securing bivalves

Sport fish

- Otter trawls
- Blocks, Clean poly tubs
- Measuring boards, tape measure, id keys, fish Teflon, underwater labels
- Bone saw, filet knives, gill nets, fish picks, shackles, pliers, sharpening stone
- Rod and reels, bait, tackle box, landing net, live bait container
- Coolers, floats, anchors, patch kit
- Aluminum foil, sealable bags

Bird Eggs

- Appropriate egg packing and transport materials

Tributary Water

- Sampling containers
- Collection devices appropriate for site (D94, DH-81, ISCO Auto sampler)
- Gloves
- Coolers and ice

## **11.3 Field Sample Collection and Quality Assurance Procedures**

### **11.3.1 Surface Sediment Sample Collection**

Contaminants are analyzed every four years in surface sediment as part of the annual RMP Status and Trends monitoring, with the sample collection alternating between wet and dry seasons. Surface sediment samples are collected at 27 stations for both wet season and dry season sampling events. Multiple (two to three) sediment grabs are taken at each site, with sediment subsamples collected for chemical and toxicity analyses. Sediment samples are collected using a Young-modified van Veen grab with a surface area of 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>. The grab is made of stainless steel, and the jaws and doors are coated with Halar® or similar to make them chemically inert. All scoops, buckets, and stirrers used to collect and homogenize sediments are constructed of Teflon® or stainless steel coated with Halar®. In order to further minimize sample contamination, personnel handling samples wear gloves and employ clean techniques.

Sediment sampling equipment is thoroughly cleaned before sampling following the procedures outlined below:

1. Soak equipment (fully immersed) for three days in a 0.5 % solution of Liquinox™ detergent and deionized water.
2. Rinse equipment three times with deionized water and let dry in a clean place.
3. Rinse equipment with 1.0 % solution of hydrochloric acid, followed by a rinse with petroleum ether, followed by another set of three rinses with deionized water. All equipment is then allowed dry in a clean place.
4. The cleaned grab is wrapped in aluminum foil until used in the field. All other equipment is stored in clean Ziploc™ bags until used in the field.

Equipment is cleaned in the field between sampling locations using an abbreviated variation of those procedures:

1. Fill the compositing bucket with site water and add Liquinox™ detergent to the bucket, and wash the bucket and all sampling scoops in the bucket with the detergent solution. Wash all Halar™-coated parts of the van Veen/Petite Ponar grab with Liquinox™ solution.
2. Completely rinse the grab, bucket, sample scoops, and stirrers with site water.
3. Rinse the grab, bucket, sample scoops, and stirrers with 1.0 % HCl followed with a rinse of methanol.
4. Completely rinse the grab, bucket, and sample scoops with deionized water. Cover the cleaned bucket, scoops, and stirrers with aluminum foil until use.

Personnel from SFEI are responsible for determining if grabs taken meet acceptance criteria. To ensure the integrity of the sediment samples, each grab must satisfy several criteria in order to be accepted: complete closure, no evidence of sediment washout through the doors, even distribution of sediment in the grab, minimum disturbance of the sediment surface, and minimum overall sediment depth appropriate for the sediment type.

Once an acceptable grab is collected, overlying water is drained off, and a probe is inserted directly into the sediment to measure pH. Any samples that are to be collected as grab samples directly from the grab itself are then collected by inserting the collection device into the sediment. The top 5 cm of sediment is then scooped from the remaining area (avoiding portions sampled, cored, or probed) in each of the grabs and placed in a compositing bucket to provide a single composite sample for each site. Between sample grabs, the compositing bucket is covered with aluminum foil to prevent airborne contamination. After all sediment grabs (or at least two, if complications prevent collection of sufficient material within 20 minutes) are placed into the compositing bucket, the bucket is taken into the ship's cabin and thoroughly mixed to obtain a uniform, homogeneous mixture. Aliquots are subsequently split into appropriate containers for sediment quality, trace metal, trace organics, and toxicity analyses, and archive samples. Samples are then chilled or frozen on board the vessel depending upon the sample handling requirements.

#### *11.3.2 Surface Water Sample Collection*

Ambient surface water samples are collected biennially as part of the RMP Status and Trends monitoring. The water samples will be collected at 22 sites during the dry season every year.

Water samples are collected at a depth of approximately one meter at each sampling site. To avoid aerosol contamination, the sample tubing inlet and outlet will be kept covered until the boat engines are turned off, and the engine will remain off until sampling is completed and the tubing inlet and outlet are once again covered. The inlet of the sampling pump tubing will be attached to an

extendable sampling pole and deployed upcurrent and upwind of the sampling vessel where possible.

*Collection of water samples for analysis of trace organic contaminants:*

An AXYS Infiltrax 300 system (AXYS Environmental Systems, Ltd., Sidney, B.C.) is used to collect all RMP water samples for analysis of trace organic contaminants. It consists of a constant-flow, gear-driven positive displacement pump, 3/8 inch outer diameter fluoropolymer tubing, 1 µm glass fiber cartridge particulate filter, and two parallel Teflon® columns each filled with 75mL of XAD-2 resin beads (size range of 300-900 µm). Amberlite XAD-2 resin is a macroreticular, styrene-divinyl benzene copolymer, nonionic bead, and each bead is an agglomeration of microspheres. The hydrophobic resin beads effectively concentrate hydrophobic contaminants.

Samples are pumped at a flow rate of 1.5 L/min as a compromise between collection yield and speed (~60-70% recovery at 1.5 L/min, versus 80-90% at half that speed). To remove large debris that may jam the pump, the sample water is first passed through a coarse (~1mm mesh) screen before the fluoropolymer intake line. Particles greater than 140 µm are removed by a second inline pre-filter. The water passes through the pump head and a pressure gauge, then through a four-inch diameter, wound glass fiber filter (1 µm nominal pore size). Flow may be redirected to a second installed filter if the first filter becomes clogged. Material retained on the glass fiber filter (or filters) is designated the particulate fraction. After passing through the filter, the water is split and routed through the XAD-2 resin filled columns. Material adsorbed to the XAD-2 resin is designated as the dissolved fraction. Lastly, the water passes through a flow meter and out the exit tube, where the extracted water volume is verified by filling pre-measured carboys.

Whole water samples are collected in clean 4L amber glass bottles for select trace organic analysis using the AXYS Infiltrax System to pump the water (without filters and columns). Once the AXYS Infiltrax system is flushed, the exit tubing is pulled on board and the water samples are collected in 4L amber bottles, being careful not to touch the inside of the bottle or neck of the bottle with the tubing (the outside of the tubing is considered to be contaminated – considerable care needs to be taken not to contaminate the sample). The samples are placed on wet ice. Whole water samples collected for analysis of pesticides are transported to SFEI at the end of each day, preserved with dichloromethane, stored in a refrigerator overnight, and shipped to the lab the following day.

*Collection of water samples for analysis of trace element contaminants:*

For trace metals, water samples are collected 1 m below the surface using a peristaltic pump system equipped with C-Flex tubing in the pump head. Sample containers, which are stored double-bagged, are filled on deck on the windward side of the ship to minimize contamination from shipboard sources (Flegal and Stukas, 1987). Unfiltered (total) water samples are pumped directly into acid-cleaned containers. Filtered (dissolved fraction) water samples are collected through an acid-cleaned polypropylene filter cartridge (Voss Technologies or Micron Separations, Inc., 0.45 µm pore size) on the outlet of the pumping system. Prior to collecting water samples, several liters of water are pumped through the system and sample bottles are rinsed three times with site water before filling, except those containing a preservative, which are filled without rinsing. A designated “clean hands” collector wearing polyethylene-gloves handles bottles. The sample tubing and fittings are acid-

cleaned polyethylene or fluoropolymer, and the inlets and outlets are kept covered except during actual sampling.

For total mercury water samples, 250 to 500 ml of estuary water is collected in mercury-clean fluorinated polyethylene (FLPE) bottles, which are then double-bagged in zip-lock bags. The samples are immediately placed in a cooler on ice.

For methylmercury analyses, samples are collected into 250 ml FLPE bottles, then double-bagged in zip-lock bags. Samples are preserved with 1 – 2 mL 50% sulfuric acid in the field and immediately placed on ice in a cooler.

### **11.4 Field Sampling SOPs for Sampling Procedures and Equipment**

All personnel participating in field sampling of surface water, surface sediment, sediment core elements, and bivalves are required to follow the guidelines set out in the Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances (David et al. 2001; available online at <http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/FOM2001.pdf>) in order to minimize discrepancy in field results and provide useful, accurate scientific data. Sport fish sampling follows the guidelines set out in the Standard Operating Procedures for Field and Laboratory Processing of Fish Tissue (MLML/MPSL 2001). Bird egg collections are performed as described in Ackerman et al. (2013).

#### **Meter Calibration**

Prior to going into the field, all meters are calibrated. The handheld multimeter is calibrated for conductivity with a KCl standard, for dissolved oxygen using a mixture of  $\text{CoCl}_2$  and  $\text{NaSO}_3$  and/or built-in water saturated air calibration, and for pH using buffers of pH 4, 7, and 10. The Sea-Bird SBE 19 CTD Profiler is factory calibrated and inspected annually by Sea-Bird Electronics in Bellevue, Washington.

### **11.5 Corrective Action**

If goals stated in the Field Sampling SOPs for the collection of samples or the measurement of water quality parameters are not achieved, where possible, samples will be recollected or measurements repeated after necessary re-calibrations of equipment or re-evaluation of the sampling scenario. All necessary steps for corrective action will be documented on the field form and later on entered into the electronic version of the Sample Details document that is maintained by SFEI and will be submitted to the Field Supervisor with the final report for this Project. The individuals responsible for assuring that the field staff are properly trained and implement the field SOPs are the SFEI Project Manager, Field Supervisor, and the QA Officer.

**Table 11-1. Field Sampling Methods, Sample Size, and Preservation.**

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Bird egg	ORG	Dioxins/Furans	EPA 1613BM	Total	Hand collected from nests	7 homogenized eggs	Egg, Whirlpack	Store at < 4 °C	1 year
Bird egg	ORG	PBDE	EPA 8081BM	Total	Hand collected from nests	7 homogenized eggs	Egg	Store at <20°C	1 year
Bird egg	ORG	Pesticides	EPA 8081BM	Total	Hand collected from nests	Individual Egg	Egg	Store at <20°C	1 year
Bird egg	ORG	PFC	AXYS MLA-043 Rev 08	Total	Hand collected from nests	Individual Egg	Egg	Store at < 4 °C	NA
Bird egg	TE	Mercury	EPA 7473	Total	Hand collected from nests	Individual Egg	Egg	None	28 days
Bird egg	TE	Selenium	EPA 200.8	Total	Hand collected from nests	7 homogenized eggs	Egg	Store at 4 °C	None
Bivalve	ANC	Growth & Survival	None	None	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	30 individuals	Wrapped in Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	NA
Bivalve	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270M	None	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	90 individuals	Aluminum foil and Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	1 year

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Bivalve	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	None	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	75 individuals	Aluminum foil and Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Bivalve	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	None	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	75 individuals	Aluminum foil and Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Bivalve	ORG	Pesticides	AXYS MLA-028	None	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	75 individuals	Aluminum foil and Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Bivalve	TE	Selenium	EPA 1638M	Total	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	15 individuals	Double wrapped in two Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Bivalve	TE	Trace element Suite (Ag, Al, Cd, Cu, Fe, Mn, Ni, Pb, Se, Zn, % Moisture)	EPA 6020AM	Total	Transplanted bivalves deployed in unmaintained cages at fixed mooring	30 individuals	Double wrapped in two Ziploc® bags	Frozen on dry ice	30 days @ 4 C, 1 year frozen @< -15C

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Sediment	ANC	Eh	None	None	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	None	Measurement on board vessel	None	NA
Sediment	ANC	Grainsize	BCPSA	various	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	---	Whirl-pak bags	Dark, 4°C	None (for digested samples)
Sediment	ANC	pH	None	None	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	None	Measurement on board vessel	None	NA
Sediment	ANC	TOC/CHN	EPA 440	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	60mL	Glass 60 mL	Freeze at end of day	TOC - 28 days; CHN - 100 days
Sediment	ORG	Dioxins/Furans	EPA 1613B	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	100 g	Glass 250mL Teflon lid	Dark, frozen	1 year
Sediment	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	Clear glass 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	120 days
Sediment	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	Clear glass 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sediment	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	Clear glass 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sediment	ORG	Pesticides	EPA 1668AM	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	Clear glass 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sediment	ORG	Pyrethroids	EPA 8081BM	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	Clear glass 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sediment	TE	Trace Element Suite (Al, Ag, Cd, Cu, Fe, Pb, Mn, Ni, Zn)	EPA 6020	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	HDPE 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice	30 days @ 4C, 1 year @< -15C
Sediment	TE	Trace Element Suite (As, Se, Hg, MeHg, % Solids)	various	Total	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	250 mL	HDPE 250 mL	Frozen on dry ice within 20 minutes of collection	1 year

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Sediment, elutriate	TOX	Toxicity	EPA 600/R-94-025	None	Surface Sediment (0-5cm)	4 L	Plastic 1 L	Dark, 4°C	8 weeks
Sediment, overlying water	TOX	Toxicity	EPA 821/R-02-012M	None	Surface Water Interface Cores (SWICs)	3" Cores	3" Cores	Dark, 4°C	2 weeks
Sport fish	ORG	Dioxins/Furans	AXYS MLA-017	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sport fish	ORG	PBDE	EPA 8081BM	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sport fish	ORG	PCB	EPA 8082M	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sport fish	ORG	Pesticides	EPA 8081BM	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	1 year
Sport fish	ORG	PFC	AXYS MLA-043	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	NA
Sport fish	TE	Mercury	EPA 7473	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	28 days
Sport fish	TE	Selenium	EPA 200.8	Total	Fish caught in San Francisco Bay	Varies by species	Wrapped in aluminum and double bagged	Frozen on dry ice	None



Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Water, bay	ANC	Ammonium as N	Solorzano, L., 1969	Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	Frozen on dry ice	28 days
Water, bay	ANC	Chlorophyll	SM 10200 H-2bM	Particulate	Surface Water particulate (1m depth)	1-2 filters	Place filter in small amber vial	90% MeOH , frozen on dry ice	21 Days
Water, bay	ANC	Dissolved Organic Carbon	EPA 9060	Dissolved	Surface Water dissolved (1m depth)	250 mL	HDPE 250 mL	1-2 mL H2SO4	28 days
Water, bay	ANC	DO, Conductivity, pH, temp, OBS	None	None	CTD Deployment	None	Measurement on board vessel	None	NA
Water, bay	ANC	DO, Conductivity, pH, temp, Sal	None	None	Grab Measurement on board vessel	None	Measurement on board vessel	None	NA
Water, bay	ANC	Hardness as CaCO3	SM 2340 C	Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	Dark, 4°C	180 days
Water, bay	ANC	Nitrate and Nitrite	EPA 353.2	Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	Frozen on dry ice	48 hours
Water, bay	ANC	OrthoPhosphate as P	EPA 365.3	Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	Frozen on dry ice	48 hours
Water, bay	ANC	Particulate Organic Carbon	EPA 9060M	Particulate	Surface Water (1m depth)	1-2 filters	Place filter in small amber vial	Frozen on dry ice	100 days
Water, bay	ANC	Phaeophytin	SM 10200 H-2aM	Particulate	Surface Water (1m depth)	1-2 filters	Place filter in small amber vial	90% MeOH , frozen on dry ice	21 Days
Water, bay	ANC	Salinity	SM 2520 B v20	Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	Dark, 4°C	28 days
Water, bay	ANC	Silica as SiO2	SM 4500-SiO2 C	Dissolved	Surface Water (1 m depth)	500 mL	PE 500 mL	HNO3	28 Days
Water, bay	ANC	Suspended Sediment Concentration	ASTM D3977	Total	Surface Water (1 m depth)	1L and 500ml PE	1L and 500ml PE	Dark, 4°C	7 days

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Water, bay	ORG	Dioxins/Furans	EPA 1613B	Total	Whole Surface Water (1m depth)	8 L	Amber glass 2 X 4 L	Dark, 4°C	Undefined
Water, bay	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270M	Total	Whole Surface Water (1m depth)	8 L	Amber glass 2 X 4 L	Dark, 4°C, 50 mg/L sodium azide.	7 days
Water, bay	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270M	Dissolved	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column (column) - Glass, Resin	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270M	Particulate	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column - wound glass filter, foil wrapped	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	Particulate	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column - wound glass filter, foil wrapped	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	Total	Whole Surface Water (1m depth)	4 L	Amber glass 4 L	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	Dissolved	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column (column) - Glass, Resin	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	Total	Whole Surface Water (1m depth)	4 L	Amber glass 4 L	Dark, 4°C	1 year
Water, bay	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	Dissolved	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column (column) - Glass, Resin	Dark, 4°C	Undefined

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Water, bay	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	Particulate	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column - wound glass filter, foil wrapped	Dark, 4°C	Undefined
Water, bay	ORG	Pesticides	EPA 1699M	Total	Whole Surface Water (1m depth)	4 L	Amber glass 4 L	200 mL DCM	Not established
Water, bay	ORG	Pesticides	AXYS MLA-028	Dissolved	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column (column) - Glass, Resin	Dark, 4°C	Undefined
Water, bay	ORG	Pesticides	AXYS MLA-028	Particulate	Surface water (1m depth) 100 liter solid phase extraction	~100 L	XAD Column - wound glass filter, foil wrapped	Dark, 4°C	Undefined
Water, bay	TE	Cyanide	SM 4500-CN I v20	Weak Acid Dissociable	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	HDPE 500 mL	NaOH to a pH $\geq 12$	14 days if preserved
Water, bay	TE	Iron/Manganese	EPA 1638M	Total/Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	HDPE 500 mL	Dark, 4°C until filtered, if separate total & dissolved reported	6 months
Water, bay	TE	Mercury	EPA 1631E	Total/Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	250 mL	FLPE 250 mL	Dark, 4°C until filtered, if separate total & dissolved reported	90 days
Water, bay	TE	Methyl Mercury	EPA 1630M	Total/Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	250 mL	FLPE 250 mL	1-2 ml 50% H2SO4	6 months

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Water, bay	TE	Silver	EPA 1640M	Total/Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	1 L	HDPE 1 L	Dark, 4°C until filtered, if separate total & dissolved reported	6 months
Water, bay	TE	Trace Elements Suite (As, Cd, Co, Cu, Ni, Pb, Se, Zn)	EPA 1640M	Total/Dissolved	Surface Water (1m depth)	500 mL	HDPE 500 mL	Dark, 4°C until filtered, if separate total & dissolved reported	6 months
Water, bay	TOX	Toxicity	EPA 1007.0	None	Surface water (1m depth)	20L	20L FLPE	Dark, 4°C	36 hours
Water, tributary	ANC	Ammonium as N	Solorzano, L., 1969	Dissolved	ISCO Pump, hand filled	50 ml	1 pint	H2S04	28 days
Water, tributary	ANC	Hardness as CaCO3	EPA 1638M	Total	ISCO Auto Sampler	1.8 L	1.8 L	HNO3	180 days
Water, tributary	ANC	Nitrate as N	EPA 300.1	Dissolved	ISCO Pump, hand filled	200 ml	1 pint	Ice	48 hours
Water, tributary	ANC	Nitrite as N	EPA 300.1	Dissolved	ISCO Pump, hand filled	200 ml	1 pint	Ice	48 hours
Water, tributary	ANC	Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	SM 4500-N org C	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	150 ml	1 quart	H2S04	28 days
Water, tributary	ANC	OrthoPhosphate as P	EPA 300.1	Dissolved	ISCO Pump, hand filled	200 ml	1 pint	Ice	48 hours
Water, tributary	ANC	Phosphorus as P	SM4500-P E	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	150 ml	1 quart	H2S04	28 days
Water, tributary	ANC	Suspended Sediment Concentration	ASTM D3977	Total	D-95 lowered by winch on Boom Truck	100 ml	232 ml	Ice	7 days
Water, tributary	ANC	Total Organic Carbon	SM 5310 C	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	40 ml	3 X 40 ml	HCL	28 days

Matrix collected	Parameter Group	Analytical Parameter	Method	Fraction	Sampling Method	Target Sample Size	Container Type, size	Field Preservation	Hold Time
Water, tributary	ORG	Carbaryl	EPA 632M	Total	ISCO Auto Sampler	1.8 L	1.8 L	Ice	7 days
Water, tributary	ORG	Fipronil	EPA 619M	Total	ISCO Auto Sampler	1.8 L	1.8 L	Ice	7 days
Water, tributary	ORG	PAH	EPA 8270M	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	2.5 L	2.5 L	Ice	7 days
Water, tributary	ORG	PBDE	EPA 1614M	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	2.5 L	2.5 L	Ice	One year
Water, tributary	ORG	PCB	EPA 1668A	Total	ISCO Pump, hand filled	2.5 L	2.5 L	Ice	One year
Water, tributary	ORG	Pyrethroids	AXYS MLA-046	Total	ISCO Auto Sampler	0.9 L	1.8 L	Ice	3 days
Water, tributary	TE	Copper	EPA 1638M	Total/Dissolved	ISCO Auto Sampler	1.8 L	1.8 L	Ice	180 days
Water, tributary	TE	Mercury	EPA 1631EM	Total	D-95 lowered by winch on Boom Truck	100 ml	500 ml	Ice	90 days
Water, tributary	TE	Mercury, Methyl	EPA 1630M	Total	D-95 lowered by winch on Boom Truck	100 ml	500 ml	HCL, Ice	90 days
Water, tributary	TE	Selenium	EPA 1638M	Total/Dissolved	ISCO Auto Sampler	1.8 L	1.8 L	Ice	180 days
Water, tributary	TOX	Toxicity	EPA 821/R-02-013 (4 day test) or EPA 600/R-99-064M (10 day test)	None	ISCO Auto Sampler	15 L	4-3.7 L	Ice	48 hours

## **Element 12 Sample Handling and Custody**

### **12.1 Field Sample Handling and Shipping Procedures**

Samples are maintained chilled on ice in coolers or refrigerators or frozen on dry ice or in freezers, if required. Appropriate preservation conditions and holding times for various sample types and analyses are given in Tables 11-1 and 12-1. Samples will be checked periodically to ensure that samples are appropriately protected and ice is added as needed. Container lids are checked for tightness and sealed with tape if necessary. Immediately upon return from the field, the samples will be packed with more ice or dry ice as appropriate, and then protectively wrapped and shipped to the respective laboratories via overnight carrier, or placed into appropriate storage (refrigerator or freezer, or kept in coolers on wet or dry ice), if shipping that day is not possible. For sampling events occurring on Thursdays or Fridays, staff should consider the potential for shipping delays (e.g. customs, bad weather) and the laboratory work schedule, which could allow samples to thaw or warm. Consult with laboratory staff as needed to determine whether holding time or storage condition is a more critical factor to sample integrity for the analyses to be performed.

All shipped samples will be accompanied by a 'Chain of Custody' form that serves as a shipping record and indicates the pertinent sample identification information and analyses requested for each sample (Figure 12-1). Chain of custody (COC) forms are filled out, copied, and stored each time control of samples is transferred (e.g., from the field to a receiving laboratory or between laboratories). In addition to standard shipping information, the following information is required: sampling event number, site name and code, collection date, sample type, analysis required, preservatives added, and other remarks as needed. If the field crew is identical to the laboratory analysts, COCs are not required, but are recommended to document sample identification and handling information.

The Project Manager at SFEI is responsible for sample handling, tracking, and chain of custody forms. Copies of all COCs are maintained in SFEI records.

### **12.2 Sample Disposal Procedures**

Project samples will not be disposed of until all analyses are complete and analytical and QC results have been reviewed and approved by the RMP Project Manager and QAO. The laboratory should notify SFEI when samples are planned for disposal, in case remaining sample is needed for other analyses.

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## **Element 13      Analytical Methods**

### **13.1 Field Analytical/ Measurement Methods**

Measurements performed in the field are recorded in field logs (electronic or paper) for subsequent entry in the RMP database. Samples collected in the field are placed in containers and stored under conditions appropriate for the analyses to be performed. Any unusual sample characteristics or circumstances preventing normal sample handling will also be noted in the field log. On return from the field, the sampling crew will prepare samples for immediate shipping to analytical laboratories or store them under appropriate conditions for subsequent shipping.

All SFEI field staff will follow the Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances (David et al. 2001; available online at <http://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/FOM2001.pdf>) for standard water quality measurements and the collection of water, sediment, and bioassessment samples outlined in Element 11. Equipment will be deployed continuously only at tributary sampling sites, where a boom is deployed in the water for monitoring of turbidity. The turbidity probe has an automatic wiper that clears the lens of any possible fouling every five minutes. No modifications to the method described in the Field Sampling Manual are necessary.

Operation of any field instruments should be checked at least one day before sampling. If failure of an instrument should occur, a backup instrument should be checked and calibrated. All sampling and measurement modifications or failures that occur in the field due to instrument malfunction will be recorded on the Field Form and the Field Reference Sheet. The SFEI Project Manager, Field Operations Manager, and the QAO will be responsible for ensuring that staff document all deviations from planned operations and schedule repairs and/or additional training as needed.

### **13.2 Laboratory Analytical Methods**

A Performance-Based Measurement System (PBMS) is a flexible approach wherein the data quality needs, mandates or limitations of a program or project are specified, and serve as criteria for selecting appropriate methods to meet those needs in a cost-effective manner, rather than prescribing particular methods for analyses. Although methods for laboratory analyses are listed in Table 11-1, the RMP ascribes to a PBMS approach, so the listed methods document the methods being currently being used or planned for Project studies rather than prescribing particular analytical methods. Additional parameters may be added to these lists for future monitoring.

Using the PBMS approach, the SFEI Project Manager must apply systematic planning utilizing the Monitoring Plan, the Project Assessment and Evaluation Plan (PAEP), and the QAPP to establish the goals and data quality needs for the particular project. He/she must also have answered key questions addressed through these three planning documents that help determine the appropriate methods to be used.

For the methods selected for a particular application, the Laboratory Project Manager must be able to demonstrate and document that the methods performance meets the data quality requirements of the project. Two separate factors are involved in demonstrating method applicability: First, demonstrating that the laboratory can perform the method properly in a clean matrix with the analytical system under control, and second, demonstrating that the method selected generates “effective data” in the matrix of concern. The former addresses lab or operator training and proficiency, while the latter demonstrates that the selected method performs with the appropriate selectivity, sensitivity, bias and precision, in the actual analytical matrix, to achieve project goals.



### *13.2.1 Laboratory SOPs*

All analytical methods SOPs will be requested from the respective analytical laboratories. Copies of laboratory SOPs are also stored at SFEI but cannot be released to any external parties without prior consent of the laboratory.

### *13.2.2 Corrective Actions Procedures*

Corrective actions for laboratory analytical failures will be specified in the laboratory analytical method SOPs.

## **13.3 Non-Standard Methods Used**

Due to extremely low surface water concentrations of many organic analytes, a non-standard method for pre-concentration of large (~100 L) water samples through use of wound fiberglass filters and adsorbent resin (XAD-2) columns is employed to allow detection of some of the less abundant congeners. This method provides concentrations that often bias (~30-40%) low relative to results from whole water grab samples collected at the same time for various organic analytes (PCBs and PAHs), so results generally represent likely minimum concentrations of those compounds in water. Large (2 to 10L) whole water samples may also be collected for some analytes (e.g., for some legacy and current use pesticides), which will also deviate slightly from a laboratory's or EPA's standard methods, as standardized methods often describe procedures for extraction and analysis of 1 L samples. These latter modifications of sample size (rather than of sampling method) are generally considered inconsequential unless QA/QC data included with reporting of samples indicate otherwise.

## **Element 14      Quality Control**

### **14.1 Field QC Procedures**

#### *14.1.1 Field QC Measurements*

Calibration of any field meters (e.g. hand-held pH, temperature, conductivity, DO, or other measurements) should be checked in the field at least once daily and recalibrated using certified standards where possible. Instruments will be recalibrated when significant drift or miscalibration is found.

Beyond initial calibration of handheld field instruments and periodic calibration checks in the field, QC measures taken for field instrument measurements should include replicates at a frequency of one per day or per 20 measurements, taken on a spatial and temporal scale at which measurements are expected to be relatively invariant, as the goal is to establish the precision of a measurement, rather than just characterize the variability of the ecosystem.

#### *14.1.2 Field QC Samples*

Field QC samples that are frequently collected for later lab analysis in sampling protocols are listed below. Some of these samples only need to be taken when an established procedure is changed or when problems are identified, whereas others need to be taken at intervals throughout the sampling process. These may include:

1. Travel/bottle Blanks: These account for contaminants introduced during the transport process between the laboratory and field site, in addition to any contamination from the source solution and container.
2. Equipment Blanks: These account for contamination introduced by the field sampling equipment in addition to the above sources.
3. Field Blanks: These account for all of the above sources of contamination that might be introduced to a sample as well as those due to the immediate field environment. Field blanks are generated under actual field conditions and are subjected to the same aspects of sample collection, field processing, preservation, transport, and laboratory handling as the environmental samples.
4. Field Replicates: These account for variability in the field collection and laboratory analysis combined.

Routine preparation, collection, and analysis of all the field performance samples mentioned above are generally not necessary. Of the possible blank samples, only field blanks will routinely be collected and analyzed, as they will encompass all the possible contamination sources in container and equipment preparation, transport, handling, and sampling methodology. If problems are found with field blanks, other blank sample types may be collected in follow-up sampling to try and determine the source of contamination.

Field blanks for water will be generated under actual field conditions at a minimum frequency of one per field effort (e.g. a set of samples collected by the same methods over the duration of a sampling cruise) or approximately per 20 sites. They will be treated in both the field and laboratory procedures in as similar a manner as possible as the environmental field samples. Whole water field blanks will be taken by exposing sampling containers through a simulated process of collecting samples, without adding any water matrix, as “clean” lab water that might be used in a field blank could introduce contamination not present in any field samples taken (i.e., lab water is not normally mixed with site water in a sample). Field blanks for integrated (Infiltrax-collected) water samples will be generated through simulated loading and unloading of the Infiltrax system, again without pumping any water through the collection filter or columns. Collection of true

sediment field blanks is similarly logistically difficult and has been deemed unnecessary due to precautions taken that minimize contamination of the samples, previously outlined in section 11.3 of this QAPP.

In studies performed for other SFEI projects, travel/bottle blanks analyzed usually showed that they are not a significant source of contamination, so travel blanks are seldom collected. Labs generally send sample containers that have already been checked for contamination, and transport of unopened bottles is unlikely to introduce contamination. Possible contamination during the transport between the laboratory and field site will be mitigated by measures taken to keep the sample bottles in an enclosed microenvironment (e.g. double bagging). Travel and equipment blanks will rarely be collected unless field blanks or field sample results indicate potential problems.

Field replicates of all types of samples to be analyzed will be routinely collected at a minimum frequency of 1 per 20 samples to evaluate variability including performance of the sampling system and methodology. Short-term environmental variability, most notably due to changing currents and heterogeneous suspended sediment loads, can affect the sampling reproducibility, although water is generally more easily mixed and thus often consistent between field replicates. In contrast, sediment contaminant concentrations can vary greatly within small distances. Therefore, much of the variability captured in sediment field replicates reflects spatial variability of the sampling scheme rather than of performance of the collection and analytical methods.

## **14.2 Laboratory QC Procedures**

### *14.2.1 Laboratory QC Samples*

Sample types and MQOs for laboratory analyses were previously specified in Section 7 of this QAPP. Data to be provided to the project manager for evaluation should include at the least the following QC data:

1. Surrogate Recovery (for all field and QC samples, if applicable)
2. Method Blank
3. Matrix Spike Recovery
4. Replicate precision:(field, CRM, matrix spike, blank matrix spike samples)
5. Certified/Lab Reference Material (CRM) Recovery

Surrogate spikes should be included in all samples where appropriate for the analysis. Although surrogate spike recoveries can be used to estimate and correct for losses of the target analytes in the analytical process, unusually low or high recoveries reflect analytical issues that are not overcome simply by surrogate correction, because at low recoveries, surrogate correction factors become inversely larger. It is generally left to the professional judgment of the lab's QAO to set appropriate control/acceptance limits and corrective actions for surrogate recoveries. Results for organic analytes should generally be reported as surrogate-corrected, unless specific issues are identified (e.g. analytical interference for the surrogate, but not the target compound) that would render the surrogate-corrected result less accurate than the uncorrected result. The results for individual surrogates should also be reported, as percent recoveries (i.e., not just applied to correct target analyte results).

Method blanks should be run at a minimum frequency of one per batch or per 20 (field) samples for larger analytical batches. Results for laboratory method blanks, combined with those for field blanks, can help identify whether probable causes of sample contamination originated in the field or in laboratory analyses. If both field and lab method blanks have similar levels of contamination, it is likely caused primarily in lab procedures. If field blanks have higher contamination, sample collection methods are likely the cause. Raw

results for method blanks should be reported, even (and especially) when field sample results are reported as blank-corrected. Batches with a single method blank measurement cannot be reported as blank-corrected, as in such cases there is no data on the variability (and thus appropriateness) of the subtracted blank value.

Matrix spikes (MS) should be run at a minimum frequency of one per batch or per 20 samples. Matrix spike results are to be reported, along with the expected result (unspiked sample concentration + spike concentration), and a recovery estimate (Section 7.2.2). The spiking concentrations should be high enough to produce an expected result sufficiently over the analytical variability in quantifying the unspiked sample to quantify recovery (at least ~3 times the unspiked result), but also low enough to be a relevant accuracy indicator in the concentration range of field samples (below 100x and preferably nearer 10x the unspiked result). In cases where analytes are mostly not detected in unspiked samples, a concentration range of that magnitude (10-100x) over the MDL may be appropriate to use instead.

Precision can be determined with all sample types analyzed and reported in replicate. Lab replicates (split and analyzed in the laboratory) of field samples are generally the preferred indicator of precision for typical field samples, as the target analyte concentration range, matrix, and interferences are most similar to previous analyzed samples or samples from nearby sites. However, sometimes field sample concentrations are below detection limits for many analytes, so replicate results on CRMs, LRMs, MS/MSDs, or blank spikes (LCSs) may be needed to supplement and obtain quantitative precision estimates. These alternative sample types, in particular blank spikes (LCSs), should not serve as the primary or exclusive indicator of measurement precision without prior approval by the Project Manager and QAO. LCSs are often created from a clean laboratory matrix, so they are likely not representative of the measurement precision routinely achievable in more complex matrices of real field-originated samples. RPDs or RSDs should be calculated as described previously and reported for all samples analyzed in replicate.

Certified reference material (CRM) or other externally established performance testing samples should be run at a frequency of one per 20 samples, a minimum of one per set (e.g., reported for one sampling season) of samples analyzed, with results reported along with the expected values and recoveries (as % of the expected value), where available for target analytes in appropriate matrices. In some cases, no widely available reference materials have been established and laboratories maintain internal lab reference materials (LRM) to track the relative internal accuracy of an analytical method. CRMs are likely the most robust indicators of measurement accuracy, given requirements for consensus among labs as well as validation through different methods of measurement. Reference values for CRMs or internal LRMs, although less rigorous (fewer labs in consensus, or only one analytical method provided), provide at least some indicator of measurement accuracy. Although poor recoveries on these uncertified values may be used to flag potentially unreliable data for use in data analyses and decision-making, they should not be used to cite or sanction a lab for “failing” to meet MQO requirements.

Table 14.1 provides specific minimum laboratory analytical QC requirements for each parameter. In the table below, “1 per 20 or batch” indicates a minimum of 1 sample per 20 (field samples) in larger batches, or 1 in each batch of less than 20 samples. In contrast, a frequency of “1 per 20 or set” indicates 1 sample per 20 (field samples) analyzed, regardless of analytical batch size, with a minimum of 1 for each set of project samples reported (e.g., from one sampling cruise). Labs are free to use higher frequencies as desired for any QC measures.

**Table 14-1. Laboratory Analytical QC**

<sup>+</sup> Lab Duplicates – although duplicates of field samples are preferred, in all the tables below, lab duplicates of other sample types (e.g., CRMs, LRMs, MSs) may be used to supplement (e.g., where field sample concentrations are variable and include non-detects) or to replace duplicates of field samples (e.g., where concentrations are expected to be all non-detects based on past monitoring). Such substitutions of duplicate sample types should be discussed with and approved by the Project Manager and QAO beforehand.

### Cormorant and Tern Bird Eggs

Matrix: Cormorant/Tern Bird Eggs		
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Mercury (Total)</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 7473		
# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant/Tern Bird Eggs		
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Selenium</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 200.8		
# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant Bird Eggs		
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): Dioxins</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1613BM		
# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL

Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate <sup>+</sup>	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1613BM
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant/Tern Bird Eggs  
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report

**Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8081BM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8081BM
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant Bird Eggs  
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8082M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8082M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant Bird Eggs  
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report

**Analytical Parameter(s): Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs)**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-043 Rev 08

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL

Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-043 Rev 08
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Cormorant Bird Eggs  
Sampling SOP: USGS Egg Collection Report

**Analytical Parameter(s): Pesticides**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8081BM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Nesting Colonies

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8081BM
Others:	NA	

## Tissue - Bivalves

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)  
Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates – Survival, Dry Weight, and Growth (weight)**  
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: None  
# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	NA	
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	NA	
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	NA	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	NA	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)  
Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates – Lipids and Moisture**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-010 Rev 11, AXYS MLA-028 Rev 06, AXYS MLA-033 Rev 06

# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <20%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 20%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 20%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals - Selenium**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1638M

# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): PAHs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)
Others:	NA	



Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-033 Rev 04 (EPA 1614M)

# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-033 Rev 04 (EPA 1614M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-010 Rev 09 (EPA 1668AM)

# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-010 Rev 09
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tissue (Bivalves)

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Pesticides**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-028 Rev 05

# Sample locations: All Bivalve Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-028 Rev 05
Others:	NA	

## Sediment

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates – Clay, Fine, Granule + Pebble, Sand, Silt**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: BCPSA

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <20% of total mass/volume
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	NA	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Set by lab
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Total Nitrogen**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 440

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Total Organic Carbon**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 440

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%

Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Total Solids**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 160.3, EPA 1684, EPA 6020AM, SM 2540 G, WPCL SOP 67 (EPA 8081BM)

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals - Arsenic**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1638M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Aluminum, Cadmium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Manganese, Nickel, Silver, and Zinc**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 6020AM

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	

Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <25%%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 25%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 25%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals - Mercury**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: BR-0002 Rev 010 (EPA 1631M)

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Methyl Mercury**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1630M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals - Selenium**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: BR-0020 Rev 007 (EPA 1632M/EPA 1632AM)

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab

Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Dioxins**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1613B

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1613B
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): PAHs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8270M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8270M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1614M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab

Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1614M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1668A, 1668AM, and 1614M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1668A, 1668AM, and 1614M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Pesticides**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1668AM

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1668AM
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Toxicity – *Ceriodaphnia dubia* - Survival**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 821/R-02-012M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	

Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Toxicity – *Eohaustorius estuarius* - Survival**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 600/R-94-025

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Toxicity – *Hyalella azteca* – Growth (wt/surv indiv) and Survival**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 600/R-99-064

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sediment

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Toxicity – *Mytilus galloprovincialis* – Survival**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 600/R-95-136M

# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	

Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

## Sport Fish

Matrix: Sport fish – Striped Bass, Shiner Surfperch, and Leopard Shark

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

### Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Mercury

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 7473

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – All Target Species

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

### Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Selenium

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 200.8

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – White Croaker and Shiner Surfperch

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

### Analytical Parameter(s): Dioxins

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-017 Rev 17

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters



Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate <sup>+</sup>	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-017 Rev 17
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – All Target Species

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

**Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8081BM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8081BM
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – All Target Species

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8082M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8082M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – All Target Species except Jacksmelt

Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

**Analytical Parameter(s): Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs)**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-043 Rev 08

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-043 Rev 08
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Sport fish – All Target Species  
 Sampling SOP: RMP Fish Monitoring Program Field Plans

**Analytical Parameter(s): Pesticides**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 8081BM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Waters

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 8081BM
Others:	NA	

## Tributary Water

Matrix: Tributary Water  
 Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Ammonium as N**  
 Analytical Method/SOP Reference: Solorzano, L., 1969  
 # Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

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Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Hardness as CaCO<sub>3</sub>/Total Hardness (calc)**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 2340 C and EPA 1638M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <5%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 5%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 5%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Nitrate as N**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 300.1 and SM 4500-NO<sub>3</sub> F

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 15%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 15%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Nitrite as N**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 300.1 and SM 4500-NO<sub>2</sub> B

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 15%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 15%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

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Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 4500-N org C and SM 4500-NH3 C v20

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Orthophosphate as P**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 300.1 and SM 4500-P E

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates – Phosphorus as P**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 4500-P E

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

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Matrix: Tributary Water

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Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Suspended Sediment Concentration**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: ASTM D3977

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	NA	NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Total Organic Carbon**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 5310 B and SM 5310 C

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Copper and Selenium**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1638 and EPA 1638M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD Cu <25%; Se <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value Cu $\pm 25\%$ ; Se $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value Cu $\pm 25\%$ ; Se $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Mercury**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1631, EPA 1631E, and EPA 1631EM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Mercury, Methyl**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1630 and EPA 1630M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Carbaryl**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 632M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 632M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): Fipronil**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 619M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 619M
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): PAHs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-033 Rev 06 (EPA 1614M)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-033 Rev 06 (EPA 1614M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Tributary Water

Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-010 Rev 11 (EPA 1668A)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Tributary Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-010 Rev 11 (EPA 1668A)
Others:	NA	

**Water**

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Ammonium as N**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: Solorzano, L., 1969

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Chlorophyll a, Phaeophytin a**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 10200 H-2aM, SM 10200 H-2bM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	



Others:	NA
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Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Dissolved Organic Carbon**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 9060

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Hardness as CaCO<sub>3</sub>**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 130.2

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <5%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 5\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 5\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Nitrate as N and Nitrite as N**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 353.2

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <15%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 15\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water  
 Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Orthophosphate as P**  
 Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 365.3  
 # Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water  
 Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Particulate Organic Carbon**  
 Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 9060M  
 # Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 10\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water  
 Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Salinity**  
 Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 2520B  
 # Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <5%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 5\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 5\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Silica as SiO<sub>2</sub>**Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 4500-SiO<sub>2</sub> C (EPA 370.1)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 10%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 10%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Cognates - Suspended Sediment Concentration**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: ASTM D3977

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <10%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	NA	NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 10%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Field Measures – CTD Meter – Backscatter, Density, Dissolved Oxygen, Electrical Conductivity, Pressure, Salinity, and Temperature**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SeaBird SB-19

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances  
**Analytical Parameter(s): Field Measures - Shipboard – Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Salinity, Specific Conductivity, and Temperature**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: YSI 556 Water Quality Meter

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Arsenic, Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, and Zinc**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1640

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <25%; As and Se <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 25\%$ ; As and Se $\pm 35\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 25\%$ ; As and Se $\pm 35\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Cyanide**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: SM 4500-CN I v20

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <25%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm 25\%$
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm 25\%$
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Iron and Manganese**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1638M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <25%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 25%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 25%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Mercury**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1631EM

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Trace Metals – Methyl Mercury**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1630M

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	NA	
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water		
Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): Dioxins</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1613B		
# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water & Tributary Sites		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate <sup>+</sup>	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per EPA 1613B
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water		
Sampling SOP: Internal Field Sampling Manuals		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): PAHs</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)		
# Sample locations: All Surface Sediment Sites		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-021 Rev 10 (EPA 8270M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water		
Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances		
<b>Analytical Parameter(s): PBDEs</b>		
Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-033 Rev 05 (EPA 1614M)		
# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water		
Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-033 Rev 05 (EPA 1614M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): PCBs**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-010 Rev 10 (EPA 1668A)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-010 Rev 10 (EPA 1668A)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Pesticides**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: AXYS MLA-035 Rev 05 (EPA 1699M)

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD <35%
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value $\pm$ 35%
Surrogates	Every sample	Per AXYS MLA-035 Rev 05 (EPA 1699M)
Others:	NA	

Matrix: Water

Sampling SOP: Field Sampling Manual for the Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

**Analytical Parameter(s): Toxicity – *Americamysis bahia* – Biomass (wt/orig indiv) and Survival**

Analytical Method/SOP Reference: EPA 1007.0

# Sample locations: All In-Bay Surface Water Sites

Laboratory QC	Frequency/Number	Target Limits
Method Blank	1 per 20 or batch	<MDL
Reagent Blank	NA	
Storage Blank	NA	
Instrument Blank	12 hours	Set by lab
Lab. Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	RPD or RSD NA
Lab. Matrix Spike/Duplicate	1 per 20 or batch	Expected Value NA
Lab./Cert. Ref. Material	1 per 20 or set	Expected Value NA
Surrogates	NA	

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Others:	NA
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## **Element 15      Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance**

Field measurement equipment will be checked for operation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. This includes battery checks, routine replacement of membranes, and cleaning of electrodes. All equipment will be inspected for damage or malfunction when first handed out and when returned from use by the field sampling crew. Needed repairs or operational problems are to be reported to the Field Supervisor. The Field Supervisor will also (or instruct appropriate staff to) examine equipment at least quarterly for operational status, even if no sampling using that equipment is immediately planned.

Operating manual for the SFEI field instruments can be found at the following links:

YSI 556: <http://www.ysi.com/media/pdfs/655279-YSI-556-Operations-Manual-RevD.pdf>

WTW Multi 340i: <http://www.wtw.de/en/home.html>

Hach 2100p: [http://www.iwinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Hach\\_2100p\\_Calibration\\_and\\_Use\\_2012.pdf](http://www.iwinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Hach_2100p_Calibration_and_Use_2012.pdf)

Instruments delivered through a manufacturer were equipped with a corresponding accessory case including spare parts and maintenance supplies. All spare parts will be transported to the site and will be available for replacing malfunctioning parts. Additionally, two extra sets of batteries will be available in the field.

If any instrument deficiency should occur, troubleshooting can be conducted on site utilizing the instrument manual and experience of the field staff, making any necessary repairs, and re-calibration. All incidents and issues regarding the proper functioning of the equipment will be recorded on the Field Form and reported to the SFEI Field Supervisor.

Contract laboratories maintains equipment in accordance with their respective SOPs, which include those specified by the manufacturer and those specified by the method. Under the performance-based approach, the adequacy of contract laboratory testing, inspection, and maintenance procedures are determined through regular review of results for analysis of field and QC samples for all submitted data.

Recommended frequencies for equipment testing, inspection, and maintenance activities are listed in Table 15-1.

**Table 15-1. Testing, inspection, maintenance of field equipment and laboratory instruments**

<b>Equipment / Instrument</b>	<b>Maintenance, Testing, or Inspection Activity</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>SOP Reference</b>
HRGC/HRMS	1. Checking 2. Replacing consumables	Chemist	Daily	SIN-005 and SIN-004
Campbell Scientific CS450 (stage)	1. Cleaning 2. Factory calibration	1. Field operator(s) 2. Manufacturer	1. Monthly 2. Semi-annually	CS450 Instruction Manual
Campbell Scientific OBS-500 (turbidity)	1. Cleaning 2. Factory calibration	1. Field operator(s) 2. Manufacturer	1. Monthly 2. Annually	OBS-500 Operators Manual
DH-81	1. Cleaning 2. Testing operation	Field operator(s)	Before storm event	2014 POC Monitoring Field Instructions
FISP D-95	1. Cleaning 2. Testing operation	Field operator(s)	Before storm event	2014 POC Monitoring Field Instructions
FTS DTS-12 (turbidity)	1. Cleaning 2. Factory calibration	1. Field operator(s) 2. Manufacturer	1. Monthly 2. Annually	DTS-12 Instruction Manual
Hach 2100p (turbidity)	1. Cleaning 2. Testing	Field operator(s)	1. After use 2. Quarterly or ~7 days before use	Hach 2100p Operating Manual 7 <sup>th</sup> ed. (Aug2001)
Infiltrex	1. Cleaning 2. Testing operation	Field operator(s)	1. After use 2. Prior to use	See below
ISCO 6712	1. Cleaning 2. Testing operation	Field operator(s)	Before storm event	2014 POC Monitoring Field Instructions
TE-525 (rainfall)	1. Cleaning 2. Calibration	Field operator(s)	1. Monthly 2. Annually	TE525 Instruction Manual
van Veen	1. Cleaning 2. Testing operation	Field operator(s)	1. After use 2. Prior to use	See below
WTW Multi 340i (pH, Specific Conductivity, DO)	1. Cleaning 2. Testing	Field operator(s)	1. After use 2. Quarterly or ~7 days before use	WTW operating manual Mar2004
YSI 556 Multimeter	1. Cleaning 2. Testing	Field operator(s)	1. After use 2. Quarterly or ~7 days before use	YSI 556 operations manual (2004)

## **Element 16      Instrument/Equipment and Calibration Frequency**

Prior to use in the field (typically several days before), handheld water quality instruments are calibrated against appropriate standards and, if possible, checked against a standard from a different source. For some measurements such as dissolved oxygen, probes are often calibrated to ambient conditions (water-saturated air) rather than to known standards. In such cases, the field staff should verify appropriate qualitative instrument response (e.g. in water deoxygenated by sparging, sodium sulfite addition, or other means). All calibrations are documented on a calibration checklist on the individual instrument or its case with date, time, and operator name. If an instrument cannot be calibrated or is not reading correctly, a backup instrument will be used to measure water quality parameters. If possible, problems with an instrument are addressed by field staff, who will also notify the Field Supervisor and other staff trained in troubleshooting and/or repair. For instruments that cannot be repaired in-house, the Field Supervisor in consultation with the Program Manager will choose an appropriate course of action, either sending the instrument for repair, or purchasing a replacement as necessary.

For single or multiparameter water quality meters, the following standards are typically used to calibrate:

1. pH – commercially available standards pH 4, 7, 10. Perform at least a 2-point calibration covering the range of expected measurements. Use the 3<sup>rd</sup> pH standard (or standard supplied by another manufacturer) to verify calibration accuracy.
2. Conductivity – use KCl or other standard with known specific conductivity (often ~1.4mS/cm). Verify instrument response with DI water or other standard of lower or higher concentration.
3. Dissolved oxygen – use calibration procedure recommended by manufacturer, typically in water-saturated air. Check response in deoxygenated water or site water with either higher or lower DO than at saturation.
4. Temperature – check against thermometer of known accuracy at least yearly (preferably quarterly). An ice water bath of approximately 0°C, can be used to semi-quantitatively verify temperature probe response but may vary due to uncontrolled factors such as container size and geometry, ice/water disequilibrium, or the presence of melting point-lowering contaminants.
5. Turbidity – calibrate Hach 2100p using appropriate dilutions of manufacturer-recommended standard (Formazin stock solution or Gelex secondary standards)

Laboratories maintain calibration practices as part of their method SOPs. Calibration procedures are described generally below.

Upon initiation of an analytical run, after each major equipment disruption, and whenever on-going calibration checks do not meet recommended MQOs, the system will be calibrated with a full range of analytical standards. Immediately after this procedure, the initial calibration must be verified through the analysis of a standard obtained from a different source than the standards used to calibrate the instrumentation, prepared in an independent manner, and ideally having certified concentrations of target analytes (e.g., a certified solution). The calibration curve is acceptable if it has an  $r^2$  of 0.990 or greater for all analytes present in the calibration mixtures. If not, the calibration standards, as well as all the samples in the batch, must be re-analyzed. All calibration standards will be traceable to an organization that is recognized for the preparation and certification of QA/QC materials (e.g., NIST, NRCC, US EPA, etc.).

Calibration curves will be established for each analyte and batch analysis from a calibration blank and a minimum of three analytical standards of increasing concentration, covering the range of expected sample

concentrations. If the instrument response is demonstrated to be linear over the entire concentration range to be measured in the samples, the use of a calibration blank and one single standard that is higher in concentration than the samples may be appropriate. Otherwise, only data within the working calibration range (above the MDL) should be reported (i.e. extrapolation is not acceptable). Samples outside the calibration range will be diluted as appropriate, and reanalyzed.

**Table 16-1. Calibration of equipment and analytical instruments**

Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
3-Point balance	Calibration	Professional	Annually	EPA 1640
Analytical Balance	Calibration	Lab Operator	Every day	ASTM D3977
AQ2 computer controlled multi-chemistry discrete analyzer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Daily before use	SM 4500-NO3 F
AQ2 computer controlled multi-chemistry discrete analyzer	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	SM 4500-NO3 F
AQ2 computer controlled multi-chemistry discrete analyzer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	SM 4500-NO3 F
Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer	Primary Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially	EPA 7473
Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer	Daily Calibration	Lab Operator	Before each run	EPA 7473
Atomic fluorescence spectrophotometer	Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially	EPA 1631E
Atomic fluorescence spectrophotometer	Calibration	Lab Operator	Every day and whenever CCV recovery falls outside criteria	EPA 1631EM
Bran & Luebbe AA3 Flow Injection Analyzer and Data System	Establish Calibration Curve	Lab Operator	Not specified	EPA 353.2
Bran & Luebbe AA3 Flow Injection Analyzer and Data System	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 353.2
Conductivity Meter	Check Standard	Lab Operator	Before every	SM 2520B

Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
Conductivity Meter	Calibration	Lab Operator	analytical run Monthly or if check standard is outside of 688-724 µmho/cm	SM 2520B
GC/MS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8270M
GC/MS	Daily Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 12 hours	EPA 8270M
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Calibration Standards	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8081BM
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Second Source Check Standards	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8081BM
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8081BM
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8081BM
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	EPA 8081BM
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8082M
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8082M
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	EPA 8082M
GC-ECD/GC-MSMS	Calibration Standards	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 8082M
HPLC-MS/MS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially and as required to maintain verification daily	AXYS MLA-043
HRGC/HRMS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially and as required to maintain verification daily	AXYS MLA-010, AXYS MLA-028, AXYS MLA-035, AXYS MLA-043, AXYS MLA-046, AXYS MLA-017, AXYS MLA-033, EPA1614M
HRGC/HRMS	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every 12 hours	AXYS MLA-010, AXYS MLA-028, AXYS MLA-035,

Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
				AXYS MLA-046, AXYS MLA-017, AXYS MLA-033, EPA1614M
HRGC/HRMS	PFK Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially and as required to maintain verification	EPA 1668A, EPA 1668AM
HRGC/HRMS	Ion abundance ratios	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 1668A, EPA 1668AM
HRGC/HRMS	Isotope Dilution Calibration	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 1668A, EPA 1668AM
HRGC/HRMS	Internal Standard Calibration	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 1668A, EPA 1668AM
HRGC/LRMS	Sensitivity Check	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	AXYS MLA-021
HRGC/LRMS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially and as required to maintain verification daily	AXYS MLA-021
HRGC/LRMS	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every 12 hours for PAHs, Every 12 to 14 hours for alkanes.	AXYS MLA-021
HRGC/LRMS	Bracketing Calibration	Lab Operator	Between analytical runs	AXYS MLA-021
ICP-MS	Instrument Performance Check	Lab Operator	Before the start of each analytical run	EPA 200.8
ICP-MS	Continuous Calibration	Lab Operator	Run calibration blank and standards following each calibration routine, after every 10 samples and at the end of each run	EPA 200.8
ICP-MS	Instrument Performance Check	Lab Operator	Before the start of each analytical run	EPA 1638M
ICP-MS	Dual Detector Cross Calibration	Lab Operator	Before the start of each analytical run	EPA 1638M
ICP-MS	Internal Standard Calibration	Lab Operator	Before the start of each analytical run	EPA 1638M

Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
ICP-MS	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Daily	EPA 6020AM
ICP-MS	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 6020AM
ICP-MS	Continuing Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	At the end of each run and after every 10 samples	EPA 6020AM
ICP-MS	Low Level Continuing Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	At the end of each run, optionally after every 10 samples if low-level sample concentrations are expected	EPA 6020AM
ICP-MS	Interference Check	Lab Operator	At the beginning of each run or once every 12 hours, whichever is more frequent	EPA 6020AM
ICP-MS	Linear Dynamic Range	Lab Operator	Initial setup or after significant maintenance	EPA 6020AM
Ion chromatograph	Initial Calibration Check	Lab Operator	Before start of each analytical run	EBMUD 300.1
Ion chromatograph	Continuous calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 samples and at the end of every run	EBMUD 300.1
Lachat QuikChem AE Flow Injection Analyzer and Data System	Establish Calibration Curve	Lab Operator	Not specified	EPA 353.2
Lachat QuikChem AE Flow Injection Analyzer and Data System	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 353.2
MERX Methylmercury Autoanalyzer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially	EPA 1630
MERX Methylmercury Autoanalyzer	Calibration	Lab Operator	Used to establish initial calibration	EPA 1630M
MERX Methylmercury	Continuous Calibration	Lab Operator	After 10 runs	EPA 1630M

Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
Autoanalyzer				
Model 1010 Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	Infrared detector linearization	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 9060
Model 1010 Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	Infrared detector linearization verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 9060
Model 1010 Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	Independent Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	EPA 9060
Model 1010 Total Organic Carbon Analyzer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	EPA 9060
Perkin Elmer model 2400 or LECO Micro Truspec CHN	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 440
Perkin Elmer model 2400 or LECO Micro Truspec CHN	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 440
Perkin Elmer model 2400 or LECO Micro Truspec CHN	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 440
Shimadzu TOC_VCSH Analyzer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Annually	SM 5130 B
Shimadzu TOC_VCSH Analyzer	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	SM 5130 B
Shimadzu TOC_VCSH Analyzer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	SM 5130 B
Spectrophotometer	Calibration	Lab Operator	Daily	EBMUD 437
Spectrophotometer	Calibration	Lab Operator	With every analyte	EBMUD 488 Phosphorus
Spectrophotometer	O-Phos and T-Phos Calibration	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 365.3
Spectrophotometer	Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Every analysis	EPA 365.3, SM 4500-P E
Spectrophotometer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	3 times per 17 samples	SM 4500-SiO <sub>2</sub> C, EPA 370.1



Equipment / Instrument	Testing Activity or Inspection Activity	Responsible Person	Frequency	SOP Reference
Spectrophotometer	Zero with DI Water		Before every analytical run	SM 4500-CN
Spectrophotometer	Performance Evaluation		Annually	SM 4500-CN
Spectrophotometer	Wavelength Check		Annually	SM 4500-CN
Spectrophotometer	Method Detection Limit		Annually	SM 4500-CN
Spectrophotometer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Annually	SM 4500-NO2 B
Spectrophotometer	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	SM 4500-NO2 B
Spectrophotometer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	SM 4500-NO2 B
Spectrophotometer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Annually	SM 4500-P E
Spectrophotometer	Initial Calibration Verification	Lab Operator	Before every analytical run	SM 4500-P E
Spectrophotometer	Continuing Calibration	Lab Operator	Every 10 Samples	SM 4500-P E
Spectrophotometer	Zero with 90% Methanol		Before every analytical run	SM 10200 H-2bM
Spectrophotometer	Calibration		Before every analytical run	SM 10200 H-2bM
Spectrophotometer	Calibration		Daily	Solorzano, L., 1969
Spectrophotometer	Continuing Calibration		Minimum 1 calibration blank and 3 calibration standards per workgroup	Solorzano, L., 1969
Tecator auto analyzer	Initial Calibration	Lab Operator	Initially	SM 4500-NH3 C
UV-Persulfate TOC Analyzer, Dohrmann Phoenix8000	Calibration	Lab Operator	Before each run	SM 5130 C

## **Element 17      Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Consumables**

Supplies are examined for completeness, damage, and/or suitability for use as they are received whenever possible, and upon use for supplies that should remain sealed (e.g. Infiltrax wound fiberglass filters are wrapped in foil and cannot be opened and viewed without risking contamination). The Project Manager or designated staff (e.g. Field Supervisor, or field sampling personnel) will be responsible for inspecting supplies for damage and suitability for use. Checks should include the following:

1. Sample containers – should be appropriately sealed (e.g. double bagged), of the correct/expected materials, with appropriate documentation of cleaning or testing (batch numbers, residue tests), visibly clean, and intact (no evidence of degradation, damage).
2. pH, conductivity, and other standards are to be checked by comparing their measurements with those generated by the current lot of standards, unless the current lot is expired or is suspected to have been compromised. Standards must agree within 1%. If results disagree, the instruments should be checked with standards from another source.
3. Other supplies such as gloves, coolers, and ice packs should be checked for condition and integrity before use in the field. Supplies should be of appropriate materials both to avoid contaminating samples (e.g. powder free gloves) and to protect field staff from chemicals to which they might be exposed during sampling (methanol washes, preservative acids, etc.)

Missing, damaged, or incorrect field supplies should be noted and immediately reported to the SFEI Project Manager and Field Supervisor, who will then contact the appropriate suppliers and laboratories to replace damaged items. Chemical supplies and calibration standards should be checked at least quarterly to meet the required criteria (e.g., expiration date) and to assure that decreasing and missing supplies are reordered. The SFEI staff responsible for ordering laboratory supplies and chemicals are Linda Russio and Phil Trowbridge. The analytical laboratory maintains internal SOPs for inspection and quality checking of supplies. Under a PBMS approach, these procedures are presumed to be effective unless field and QC data from analyses or issues noted by SFEI staff receiving supplies indicate otherwise (e.g. container damage, visible contamination). SFEI will then work with the laboratory to identify the causes and address deficiencies in the SOPs that resulted in those problems. If the problem is serious and cannot be corrected by the laboratory, the SFEI Project Manager and QAO will discuss and identify alternatives, including changing the sampling materials and methods, the extraction and analytical methods, the laboratory, or any combination of these.

## ***Element 18      Non-direct Measurements (Existing Data)***

Non-direct measurements, in the form of data from previously conducted studies by SFEI and other parties in the region, may be used in determining ranges of expected concentrations in field samples, characterizing average conditions (e.g., temperature, barometric pressure) for calculations, and other purposes. These data will be reviewed against the data quality objectives stated in Element 7 and used only if they meet all of the specified criteria. Data not meeting MQOs should be used only in a qualitative manner for developing conceptual models and prioritizing future data needs.

## **Element 19      Data Management**

### *Data Formatting and Transfer*

The collection agencies and laboratories provide data to SFEI-ASC in appropriate CEDEN templates (as provided by SFEI-ASC) within the timeframe stipulated in the contract, usually 90 days or less. The laboratories should use the current on-line data checker to review data for vocabulary and business rule violations prior to submitting to SFEI-ASC (contact DS@sfei.org for the current URL). SFEI-ASC will work with the labs to address vocabulary and business rule issues identified from using the data checker. SFEI-ASC will work with CEDEN to populate the lookup lists with new values as identified by the labs from using the on-line data checker.

Data are maintained as established in Section 9. SFEI-ASC tracks each data set, from submittal to final upload to the Regional Data Center (RDC) database. Once all expected data have been received, expert staff on SFEI-ASC's Data Services team process the data using a series of queries designed to identify any issues remaining with the format of the data. The QA Officer or designee then reviews data for quality assurance and quality control and appropriate QA codes are applied to the dataset. The QA officer or designee writes a report for each dataset outlining the quality of the data. This report highlights any issues that need to be addressed by the laboratory, project manager, or data management staff. In addition, specialized senior scientists further review organics datasets such as PCBs, PBDEs, and pesticides. Data are then compiled into the RDC database and distributed to the project managers. Data that are approved for public release are available through SFEI-ASC's Contaminant Data Display and Download tool (CD3), usually within one year of sample collection. Select data will also be made available through CEDEN's Advanced Query tool. The contact individual responsible for steps and tasks of data management is Amy Franz (email: amy@sfei.org; telephone: 510-746-7394).

SFEI-ASC maintains regular backups of their enterprise databases both to disk and tape, nightly and weekly, respectively. The RDC database, specifically, is also backed up hourly. As a further protective measure, copies of the tapesets are stored both onsite and offsite. The lifetime of the backup files on tape is about two -three weeks. Additionally, a backup of the RDC database from the first of every month is stored on disk indefinitely allowing for quick restore and review of archived data as the need warrants.

## **C. ASSESSMENT AND OVERSIGHT**

### ***Element 20      Assessment and Response Actions***

#### *Laboratory Performance Audits/Corrective Action*

Initially, a desktop or on-site performance audit will be performed by the QAO and designated staff to determine if each laboratory can meet the requirements of the QAPP and to assist the laboratory where needed. Review of current NELAP and/or state ELAP certification of a laboratory for the analyses performed for the RMP may be accepted in some cases in lieu of an on-site audit. Reviews may be conducted at any time during the scope of the study. Results will be reviewed with participating laboratory staff and corrective action recommended and implemented, where necessary. Furthermore, laboratory performance may be assessed on through laboratory intercomparison studies (round robins) when requested by SFEI, such as those conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The progress of the work conducted on RMP studies will be evaluated monthly. If data quality issues are identified, a preliminary meeting will be held between SFEI's QAO and the Project Manager to discuss possible solutions. If necessary, a corrective action plan will be developed in consultation with the appropriate lab(s), the corrective actions taken, and the issue and its resolution summarized in a brief report or memorandum. A summary of these issues will be maintained in the Project files, and will be noted in any reporting that includes affected data.

## **Element 21      Reports to Management**

RMP data are publicized through RMP Annual Monitoring or/and Pulse of the Estuary reports, which are available online via the SFEI website or as printed hardcopies, as well as in downloadable data tables.

Reporting of pilot and special study results are included in reports for those components, e.g. in triennial reports on contaminants in fish and bird egg monitoring.

Following general goals for RMP reporting, data from monitoring samples are reviewed and available for dissemination within one year of the sample collection. More detailed analyses such as statistical analyses and/or modeling of temporal and spatial trends follow the specific reporting timelines of those program elements. Reporting goals may be modified as study plans are further developed.

The QAO is responsible for summarizing potential QA issues with reported data and communicating those issues to the Project Manager. The QAO also reviews any SFEI analyses and reports generated from the data, to ensure that QA issues are appropriately acknowledged and addressed.

**Table 21-1. Reporting Time Line**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Deliverable Due Date</b>
Sample receipt at the laboratory	Within holding times requirements, <1 month for holding time $\geq 6$ months
Data package submission by lab	90 days after sample receipt or as stipulated by contract
Data reviewed and approved, or QC issues identified and corrective action planned	1 month after data package receipt
Corrective actions taken (e.g. reanalysis)	1 month after corrective action planned
Final Report	1 year after sampling complete

## **D. DATA VALIDATION AND USABILITY**

### ***Element 22      Data Review, Verification, and Validation***

After data are submitted and included in the RMP database, SFEI staff examine the data set for completeness (e.g., correct numbers of samples and analyses, appropriate QC sample data included) and accuracy (e.g., in sample IDs), and spot-check for consistency with hardcopy results reported by the laboratory. The SFEI QAO or designee will examine submitted QA data for conformance with MQOs, specified previously (Element 7). Data that are incomplete, inaccurate, or failing MQOs without appropriate explanation will be referred back to the laboratory for correction or clarification. The Project Manager and QAO will discuss data failing MQOs with laboratory staff to determine whether modifications to analytical methods can be made to improve results on reanalysis. If problems cannot be readily corrected (insufficient sample, irremovable interferences, or blank contamination based on past attempts with the lab), results outside the MQOs may be flagged to alert data users to uncertainties in quantitation. Results greatly outside the target MQO range (z-scores or p-scores >2) may be censored and not reported.

In addition to contamination and other artifacts introduced by sampling and analytical methods, errors may arise at many points in the processing and transmittal of data generated for the RMP. Characteristics of reported data are examined to identify possible problems in the generation and transmission of data. Data submitted to the RMP are compared to values in the literature for comparable environments and from previous SFEI monitoring to evaluate their environmental coherence. Simple statistics (e.g., minimum, maximum, mean, median) may be generated to quickly identify data sets or individual data points greatly outside of their expected range. Anomalous individual points will be examined for transcription errors. Unit conversions and sample quantitation calculations may be reviewed to identify larger and systematic errors.

Where groups of analytes or results in different environmental phases are or can be summed to generate totals (e.g., % gravel + sand + fines = 100%, dissolved + particulate = total), data sets or individual samples will be further checked for internal consistency. For example, total water concentrations of contaminants should generally be greater than dissolved concentrations. Gross deviances may be used to identify problems in sampling, analysis, quantitation, or data transcription and transmission. Problems found by SFEI staff will be relayed to the appropriate laboratory and field sampling staff to address. However, in some cases (particularly where the differences are on the order of the MDL), dissolved results less than totals or other deviations from expected ratios may indicate the uncertainty typical for the analytical method and apparent anomalies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

## **Element 23      Verification and Validation Methods**

Data are submitted to SFEI in electronic and hardcopy form. The Project Manager or designated project staff verify that results for appropriate field and QC samples are reported by comparing the sample types and numbers provided against those specified in the detailed project plan, chain of custody forms, and/or contracts. A minimum of 5% of submitted data are spot-checked visually and recorded as checked by initials and dates to ensure that electronic and hardcopy reports agree. SFEI's QA Officer performs all reviews and SFEI's Project Manager performs a check of 10% of the reports. The contract laboratory's QA Officer (QAO) performs checks of all of its records and the laboratory's Director or Project Manager will recheck 10%. All checks by the laboratory are reviewed by SFEI. Issues are noted in a narrative list and communicated to the field or laboratory teams as needed to correct any problems found (e.g. unanalyzed samples left in storage, transcription errors, etc.).

Reported QC sample data are compared to measurement quality criteria specified previously (Element 7). Exceedances of MQOs not already noted by the laboratory are flagged in any electronic databases and communicated to the analyzing laboratory for possible recalculation and/or reanalysis. Reconciliation and correction of errors in reported data will be addressed by consultation among SFEI's Project Manager, QAO, Field Supervisor, and Analyst(s) with the Laboratory's QAO, Laboratory and/or Project Manager, and appropriate lab personnel. The involved parties will agree upon any corrections.

Analyses sometimes produce results that fail MQOs and may not be possible to overcome for a small number of analytes within a large group of related compounds. For example, there may be contamination that is impossible to eliminate for all analytes, when analyses are conducted at ultra-trace levels. With agreement of the SFEI Project Manager and QAO in consultation with the Laboratory, results for sample groups with data outside of MQOs may be flagged, to indicate the greater uncertainty in the quantitation of those data. Results on individual analytes that are greatly outside the target MQO range (e.g. z-scores >2) will be censored as needed rather than subjected to repeated analysis. Reports, graphs, tables, or summary statistics generated from datasets with censored data should note their exclusion or other handling.

Repeated analysis may not fix any issues but rather just mask variability, creating a false impression of the quantitative certainty of results. Contamination of method blanks can sometimes represent a temporary source of contamination, and flagging results of batches in which contamination is found in blanks is appropriate. However, consider for example a batch of samples in which the odds of an airborne microparticulate contaminant in the lab falling into an individual sample is 10%. In a batch of samples, 1 in 10 times that contamination enters the blank sample, raising alarm and perhaps triggering reanalysis. Repeated blank analysis in various batches will apparently pass muster 90% of the time, but contamination may in reality still affect 10% of the non-blank field samples. By eliminating the "failed" batches with contamination in blanks, all that remain are the seemingly good batches, with no indication of the level of contamination that is truly still present in many (10%) of the samples. As a good practice, sample results in batches with detected blank contamination will be flagged (for field samples with analyte concentration >3x those found in method blanks) or censored (for results <3x those in blanks) by SFEI, but data users should be aware of the possible influence of sporadic contamination in other batches analyzed around the same time, particularly for samples with low concentrations similar to those in blanks.

Similar analogies can be made with failures of precision or accuracy QC measurements. Individual failures may fall within the range of the true variance in the measurement, e.g. NIST acceptance ranges are sometimes in excess of  $\pm 50\%$  of the mean values, and while reporting only successful reanalysis batches may appear to produce more consistent and certain results, without fundamental changes to the analytical process, the underlying uncertainty may only have been masked/censored rather than truly reduced for the



reported field samples. This is not to say that reanalyses are never warranted or desirable, but rather to underscore that improved results on QC measurements, which can sometimes be achieved simply by repeat analysis and discarding previous failed results, should not be confused with improved measurements, which are only achieved by making real substantive changes to the sampling and/or analytical methods. If reanalyses are to be attempted, it is therefore imperative that the Project Manager and QAO work in consultation with laboratory staff to identify and change the factors that may have led to MQO deviances, rather than simply repeat the analyses until the QC passes. For MQO deviations (z-score or p-score >1) for which causes are not identified and that are not fixed by corrective actions, field sample results may be qualified, or censored if grossly deviating (z-score or p-score >2). The QC data used for determination of flagging is subject to the availability of data on various QC sample types and the professional judgment of the QAO, but where possible, data for flagging recovery should be 1) in a similar matrix as samples, 2) with externally validated expected values, 3) in a quantitative range, and 4) in a similar concentration range as field samples. Thus for evaluating recovery, the order of preference is generally CRM>LRM>MS>LCS, with exceptions and changes in preference made for factors such as non-certified values, certified values with wide uncertainty bands, and concentrations greatly different from those in field samples. Similarly, for evaluation and flagging of lab precision, QC samples should be 1) in the same matrix as field samples, 2) isolate lab variation from other causes, 3) in a quantitative range, and 4) in a similar concentration range as field samples, where available. For evaluating precision then, the preferred sample types for replicates are: lab > field > MS ~ CRM > LCS, again with exceptions made depending on the available sample types, their inherent variability, concentration ranges, and other factors.

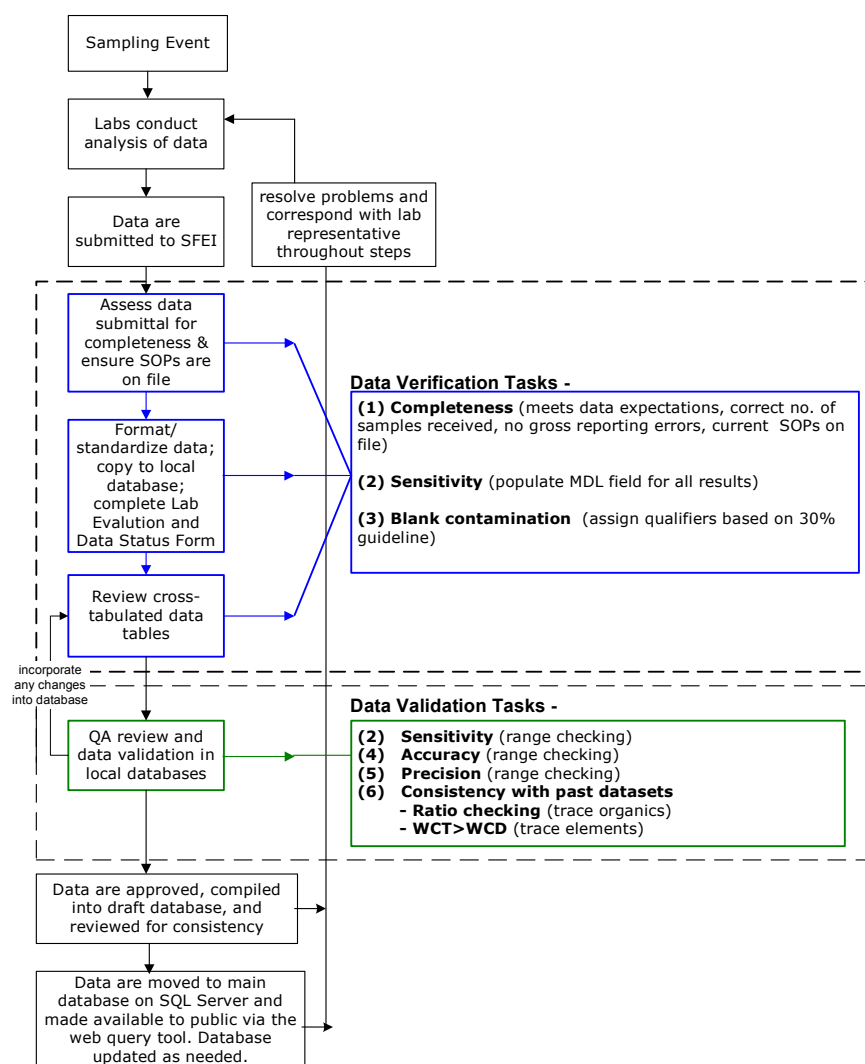
The QA/QC requirements presented in the preceding sections are intended to provide a common foundation for each laboratory's protocols; the resultant QC data will enable assessment of the comparability and uncertainty of results generated by different laboratories and analytical procedures. It should be noted that the QC requirements specified in this plan represent the minimum requirements for any given analytical method; labs are free to perform additional QC in accordance with their standard practices.

In addition to performance on required QC measures and samples (i.e. MDLs, blanks, matrix spikes, CRM, replicates), data are also examined for internal and external consistency to ensure that reported values are realistic and representative for the locations and matrices of collected samples. This review may include but is not limited to:

1. Comparison of reported values to those from previous years for the same locations and matrices, where available - large differences from previously reported values may not necessarily indicate analytical issues and may simply reflect natural spatial and temporal variability of the ecosystem.
2. Comparison of reported values to those in the published literature, where available - differences from other regions and/or species may merely indicate differences in resident species and ecosystem structure, but very large (e.g. 2-3 orders of magnitude) differences may sometimes help identify errors in analysis or reporting (e.g. unit conversions).
3. Internal checks of relative analyte abundance – variations in concentrations of one compound or isomer in a class of chemical contaminants are often tightly linked to those of related compounds, such as a compound and its degradation products or manufacturing byproducts, or various congeners in a commercial mixture. Deviations in these relative abundances can sometimes indicate matrix interferences or other analytical problems, although care should be taken to not disregard results that might reveal atypical sources and/or ecosystem processes.

4. Relative abundance in sample fractions or matrices – contaminants often partition between phases in predictable ratios, depending on their chemical properties and ambient conditions such as dissolved organic carbon and sediment organic carbon content. Big differences from expected ratios in dissolved versus particulate phases for water samples or sediment versus porewater concentrations may indicate problems with extraction or analysis for individual samples or sets of samples. In particular, sample concentrations for filtered (dissolved phase) water samples should always be lower than results for whole (dissolved and particulate phase) water, although at low concentrations, the variability in quantitation may be sufficient for some total water results to be reported at concentrations lower than those for dissolved phase alone.

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## **Element 24      Reconciliation with User Requirements**

RMP studies need sufficient numbers of data points, as represented by the completeness data quality objective, in order to characterize ambient condition, conduct trend analyses, and evaluate the potential impact on water quality. A failure to achieve the numbers of data points cited could mean an inability to provide these assessments.

All data are reviewed by the QAO to determine if the results have met the RMP MQOs of completeness, sensitivity, precision, and accuracy. Limitations of the data, including uncertainty of validated data, are reported to the data users by a QA code or qualifier. The RMP has adopted the California Data Exchange Network's (CEDEN) standard list of codes to flag data at the result and analytical batch level; the RMP uses a subset of the available codes to flag various QC issues as needed.

The data will be stored and maintained in the Regional Data Center database structure and will follow RMP adaptations of CEDEN's business rules.

Measurement quality objectives listed previously (Section 14) establish targets to be routinely achieved by the analytical laboratory. However, it is uncertain whether obtained data, even when meeting all stated MQOs, will be sufficient to answer the RMP management questions with sufficient certainty, as the relative contributions of environmental variability and analytical uncertainty to overall uncertainty (e.g. for use in modeling, comparisons to guidelines, or other functions) cannot be known *a priori* before sufficient data have been collected. However, as RMP studies proceed, the ability of collected data to answer these management questions should be periodically re-evaluated for study design and budget planning in subsequent years.

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## Element 26      Appendices

### Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
AXYS	AXYS Analytical Services, Ltd.
BPTCP	Bay Protection and Toxic Cleanup Program
CEDEN	California Environmental Data Exchange Network
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
COC	Chain of Custody
CRM	Certified Reference Material
DOC	Dissolved Organic Carbon
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
MQO	Measurement Quality Objective
EC <sub>50</sub>	Effect concentration of toxicant that produces a specific measurable effect in 50% of the test organisms within stated study time
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ELAP	Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
GC	Gas Chromatography
GC-ECD	Gas Chromatography-Electron Capture Detection
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GPS	Global Positioning System
LC <sub>50</sub>	Concentration at which a toxicant is lethal to 50% of test organisms
LRM	Laboratory Control Material
LOEC	Lowest Observable Effects Concentration
LOQ	Limit of Quantitation
MDL	Method Detection Limits
MS	Matrix Spike
MSD	Matrix Spike Duplicate
NELAP	National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOEC	No Observable Effect Concentration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRCC	National Research Council Canada
NS&T	National Status and Trends Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
ORP	Oxidation Reduction Potential
PMSD	Percent Minimum Significant Difference
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
QAO	Quality Assurance Officer
QAPP	Quality Assurance Program Plan
RDC	Regional Data Center
RMP	Regional Monitoring Program for Water Quality in San Francisco Bay

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
RSD	Relative Standard Deviation
SFEI	San Francisco Estuary Institute
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SSC	Suspended Sediment Concentration
STDEV	Standard Deviation
SWRCB	(California) State Water Resources Control Board
SWAMP	(California) Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
TEQ	Toxic Equivalent
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
USGS WERC	United States Geological Survey Western Ecological Research Center