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1 Introduction

This Quality Assurance Project Plan Addendum (QAPP Addendum) was prepared by Locus Technologies (Locus) for the purpose of addressing indoor air mitigation activities at The Companies Offsite Operable Unit (OOU) in Sunnyvale, California. This document is prepared as an addendum to the QAPP for Additional Vapor Intrusion Evaluation, which is included as Appendix H of the Work Plan for Additional Vapor Intrusion Evaluation (Work Plan), dated 7 January 2015. The structure of the original QAPP follows EPA requirements and guidelines for the Quality Assurance Project Plans (EPA, 2001; EPA, 2002). This QAPP Addendum includes only those sections with content specific to mitigation system installation, monitoring, operation, and maintenance that was not already included in the original QAPP. All elements of the original QAPP remain in effect for indoor air mitigation activities. Note that the approach to determine whether mitigation measures are necessary and the applicable type of mitigation measure(s) are already incorporated in Section 3.1 of the original QAPP and, by reference, Section 5.7.5 of the Work Plan.

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2 Project Management

2.1 Project Organization

Additional individuals involved in mitigation system installation, operation, and maintenance are listed below, along with project roles and contact information. This list may be modified as additional parties are added or substituted. Fred Ellrott reports to Nancy-Jeanne LeFevre, and she has taken the additional responsibility of Mitigation Coordinator.

Name	Organizational Affiliation	Title and Responsibilities	Contact Information
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2.2 Problem Definition and Background

In addition to the problem definition and background as stated in the original QAPP, this project seeks to mitigate residences and school buildings with indoor air concentrations that exceed EPA's requirements, which indicates a potential for unacceptable vapor intrusion.

2.3 Project/Task Description

The additional scope of work is detailed in each individual building mitigation plan, which gets submitted for EPA approval. In general, the scope of work entails:

1. Mitigation system design and installation, e.g. sub-membrane depressurization system (SMDS), sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS), for applicable residences and school buildings
   - Submittal to EPA of proposed mitigation plan
   - Discussions with property owner(s) for obtaining approval to proceed
   - Collection of final design details through building walkthroughs

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- Mitigation system installation
- Submittal to EPA of final report including copies of as-built drawings, O&M plans, and copies of documentation provided to owners and tenants

2. Post-mitigation air monitoring
3. Mitigation system operation and maintenance including routine inspections
4. Pre-termination air monitoring for comparison to mitigation termination criteria

The schedule for these activities will be set with EPA approval of each individual building mitigation plan.

2.4 Quality Objectives and Criteria

The quality objectives and criteria unique to EPA Method TO-15 Low Level and EPA Method TO-15 Standard for vent stack sample analysis are included in Appendix A.

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3 Data Generation and Acquisition

The original QAPP covers air sampling using both passive and Summa samplers, which remains applicable to ongoing sampling associated with mitigation activities. However, no outdoor samples will be taken during sampling events that entail only vent stack sampling.

3.1 Sampling Methods

Standard operating procedures for Radiello, canister, and bag sampling are included in Appendix B. For grab samples collected from a mitigation system's vent stack sample port located upstream of the suction fan, 1L Summa passivated canisters will be used and the following procedure will be followed:

1. Vent stack testing will entail two replicate samples from the same vent stack for each vent stack sampling event.
2. Unpack the canister(s) from shipping container. Verify that all equipment components are present and the canister valve is closed.
3. Mark each canister with a discreet sample number. Indicate the sample number on the chain of custody.
4. Remove the brass plug from the canister valve, and attach the vacuum gauge tightly. If using a gauge with a "Tee" fitting, cap the side arm of the "Tee" with the brass plug.
5. Open and close the canister valve. The gauge will register the level of vacuum present. Record this value on the chain of custody for the canister. The initial vacuum of the canister should be >25 inches of mercury (" Hg). If the canister vacuum is less than 25" Hg, do not use it and arrange for a replacement canister.
6. Verify that the canister valve is closed. Remove the vacuum gauge and replace the brass plug on the canister valve.
7. Remove the brass plug from the canister valve.
8. Connect Teflon tubing provided by the laboratory to the canister inlet using a brass Swagelok fitting and ferrule.
9. Place the canister on a flat surface near the sample port. In general, the material of the canister is thermal resistant, but the canisters should be kept out of direct sunlight during sampling.
10. Connect the free end of the Teflon tubing to the sampling port upstream of the suction fan using a brass Swagelok fitting and ferrule.
11. Open the canister valve, then open the brass valve at the suction pipe sampling port and the record sampling start time.
12. Check the canister integrity during the sampling interval.

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13. At the end of the grab sample collection, close the brass valve at the suction pipe sampling port, then close the canister valve and record the time, temperature and final canister vacuum.
14. Remove the Teflon tubing, fitting, and ferrule, and attach the vacuum gauge. Open and close the canister valve. The gauge will register the level of vacuum present at the conclusion of sampling. Record this value on the chain of custody for the canister. The final vacuum of a 1 L canister grab sample is typically close to ambient vacuum (0" Hg).
15. Remove the vacuum gauge. Place the brass plug on canister valve and tighten. It is not necessary to over-tighten the fittings. Finger tight plus 1/16 turn is adequate. However, it is essential that all the connections between the canister be tight and immobile by hand. A leak in any one of these connections means that some air will be pulled in through the leak. A final vacuum near ambient is one indication that there may have been a leak.
16. Repackage the sampling hardware. Complete the chain of custody (see procedure below) and ensure that air samples are properly labeled. Indicate TO-15 (Low Level) as the analytical method to be used.
17. Return the canisters to the laboratory with the chain of custody. Transport and store canisters at ambient temperature, avoiding temperature extremes and direct sunlight. The canisters will be shipped to the laboratory in the original box.

In order to obtain a co-located replicate sample, onto the sample port on the vent stack, use a T-junction that allows the connection of 2 teflon tubes, one for each canister.

3.2 Analytical Methods

Sampling technicians will submit samples to a California-certified laboratory for analysis by EPA Method TO-15 Low Level for Summa passivated canisters for vent stack testing (EPA, 1999a). The laboratory screening process of received samples entails selecting the appropriate analytical method for achieving the lowest reporting limits but without risking overloading the analytical instrument. Although the laboratory has recommended EPA Method TO-15 Low Level with, if necessary, some minor sample dilutions, the laboratory may ultimately analyze vent stack samples by EPA Method TO-15 Standard. Quality control limits for laboratory analyses, which meet DQOs, are documented in Appendix A of this QAPP Addendum for EPA Method TO-15 Low Level and EPA Method TO-15 Standard. All other details regarding analytical methods are consistent with the original QAPP.

3.3 Quality Control

The original QAPP defines the types and purposes of quality control samples. Vent stack testing will entail co-located replicate samples from the same vent stack for each vent stack sampling event. At least one field blank will be obtained during each vent stack sampling event. Laboratory blanks, laboratory control spikes, and analytical surrogates will be provided and analyzed by the laboratory operating the instrument as described in the analytical method protocol of the original QAPP. Quality control limits for laboratory

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analyses, which meet quality objectives and criteria, are documented in Appendix A for EPA Method TO-15 Low Level and for EPA Method TO-15 Standard.

3.4 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance

Each mitigation system will be inspected according to the frequency approved by EPA in each building's individual mitigation plan. The inspector will arrive on site at the appointed time that Locus has arranged access with the owner and residents. Inspections will entail completion of the relevant field form (included in the mitigation system operation and maintenance plans approved by EPA) including measuring system vacuum between the perforated suction pipe and the suction fan. System elements found in poor condition will be adjusted or repaired on site, if possible. Else, the inspector will work with Locus to schedule a follow-up visit with the owner and residents. If the system vacuum is not within 25% of the initial system vacuum, the inspector will evaluate the cause of the change to determine if system performance is compromised and if adjustments or repairs are needed. Final acceptance of inspection results, findings, and any necessary adjustments or repairs will be performed by the Project Manager. Note that spare parts are expected to be readily available, if needed, because mitigation system designs are according to industry standards with common individual components.

The mitigation system installer and inspector will have written standard operating procedures (SOPs) or equivalent manufacturer's documentation defining the instrumentation testing, inspection, and maintenance requirements, e.g., for a handheld manometer or magnahelic gauge. Available SOPs at the time of this writing are included in Appendix C. The documentation must be available to the operators of the instrumentation. The mitigation installer and inspector must maintain records of all activities that have an impact on the quality of the results. The mitigation installer and inspector must maintain instrumentation required for field data collection. Instrumentation deficiencies found will be evaluated by the mitigation installer or inspector to determine if field readings were affected. Deficiencies affecting field readings will be addressed through re-measurement, if necessary and possible.

Instrumentation and equipment relevant to mitigation system testing, inspection, and maintenance include:

- Westward Digital Multimeter amperage meter
- RadonAway RadStar GM 1-2 micromanometer
- AAB Smart Tool SPM 100 velometer (Video SOP: http://aabsmart.com/training-center.html)

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3.5 Instrument/Equipment Calibration and Frequency

The mitigation system installer and inspector will calibrate all instruments and equipment in accordance with manufacturer specifications. Calibrations are conducted when the instrument is initially set up and whenever the calibrations fail to meet the acceptance criteria. If instrumentation undergoes significant repairs or maintenance, a valid initial calibration will be conducted. Instrumentation deficiencies found will be evaluated by the mitigation installer or inspector or contractor to determine if field readings were affected. Deficiencies affecting field readings will be addressed first through proper instrument recalibration, maintenance, and/or replacement, to be followed by re-measurement, if necessary and possible.

3.6 Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Consumables

All mitigation system supplies and consumables must be checked for proper quality prior to installation. Materials that fail inspection will be replaced prior to use. The mitigation installer will be responsible for inspection and acceptance of supplies and consumables.

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4 Assessment and Oversight

Mitigation installation and inspection activities will be subject to field and performance audits as described in the original QAPP, which are performed, if necessary, by the Locus Project Manager. Corrective actions necessary for adverse findings from field and performance audits will entail conforming activities to standard procedures and specifications as outlined in the individual mitigation work plans, the original QAPP, and this QAPP addendum. The individual mitigation work plans and the original QAPP describe reporting and notifications to EPA.

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5 Data Validation and Usability

Field form data (especially suction vacuum and airflow) will be reviewed by the inspector and Locus as described in Section 5.1 of the original QAPP. The inspector will verify that field forms are complete and that the correct measurement procedures were followed. Locus will validate that field measurements meet quality control objectives and criteria identified in Section 2.5 of the original QAPP. If data generation and acquisition are implemented according to the original QAPP and QAPP addendum, field measurements will be assumed sufficient for use in mitigation system evaluation.

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Appendix A
Quality control limits for laboratory analysis by EPA Method TO-15 Low Level and by EPA Method TO-15 Standard

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Method: EPA Method TO-14A/TO-15 Volatile Organic Compounds (Low-Level)

Eurofins Air Toxics SOP #83 Revision 14 Effective Date: March 10, 2015 Methods Manual Summary

Description: This method involves full scan gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS) analysis of whole air samples collected in evacuated stainless steel canisters. Samples are analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using EPA Method TO-14A/TO-15 protocols. An aliquot of up to 250 mL of air is withdrawn from the canister utilizing a volumetric syringe, volumetric loop, or mass flow controller. This volume is loaded onto a hydrophobic multibed sorbent trap to remove water and carbon dioxide and to concentrate the vapor sample. The focused sample is then flash-heated to sweep adsorbed VOCs onto a GC/MS for separation and detection. Compounds are detected using a MS operating in full scan mode.

Eurofins Air Toxics maintains a suite of TO-14A/TO-15 methods, each optimized to efficiently meet the data objectives for a wide range of targeted concentration ranges. The methods, their reporting limits, and typical applications are summarized in the table below. This method summary describes TO-14A/TO-15 (Low-Level).

Eurofins Air Toxics Method	Base Reporting Limits	Typical Application
TO-14A/TO-15 (5&20)	5 – 20 ppbv	Soil gas and ppmv range vapor matrices
TO-14A/TO-15 (Standard or Quad)	0.5 – 5.0 ppbv	Ambient air, soil gas, and ppbv level vapor matrices
TO-14A/TO-15 (Low-Level)	0.1 – 0.5 ppbv	Indoor and outdoor air
TO-14A/TO-15 SIM	0.003 – 0.5 ppbv	Indoor and outdoor air

Certain compounds are not included in Eurofins Air Toxics' standard target analyte list. These compounds are communicated at the time of client proposal request. Unless otherwise directed, Eurofins Air Toxics reports these non-routine compounds with partial validation. Validation may include a 3-point calibration with the lowest concentration defining the reporting limit, no second source verification analyzed, and no method detection limit study performed unless previous arrangements have been made. In addition, stability of the non-standard compound during sample storage is not validated. Full validation may be available upon request.

Since Eurofins Air Toxics applies TO-15 methodology to all Summa™ canisters regardless of whether TO-14A or TO-15 is specified by the project, Eurofins Air Toxics performs a modified version of method TO-14A as detailed in Table 1. Please note that Methods TO-14A and TO-15 were validated for specially treated canisters. As such, the use of Tedlar bags for sample collection is outside the scope of the method and is not recommended for ambient or indoor air samples. It is the responsibility of the data user to determine the usability of TO-14A and TO-15 results generated from Tedlar bags.

All samples submitted for TO-15 Low-Level are screened prior to analysis. If samples contain high concentrations of target and/or non-target VOCs, samples may be analyzed by an alternative TO-15 method (i.e., Standard or 5&20) with a higher dynamic calibration range.

Table 1. Summary of TO-14A Method Modifications

Requirement	TO-14A	Eurofins Air Toxics Modifications
Sample Drying System	Nafion Dryer	Multibed hydrophobic sorbent
Blank acceptance criteria	< 0.2 ppbv	< RL
BFB ion abundance criteria	Ion abundance criteria listed in Table 4 of TO-14A	Follow abundance criteria listed in TO-15.
BFB absolute abundance criteria	Within 10% when comparing to the previous daily BFB	CCV internal standard area counts are compared to ICAL; corrective action taken when recovery is less than 60%.
Blanks and standards	Zero Air	UHP Nitrogen provides a higher purity gas matrix than zero air.
Initial Calibration	≤ 30% RSD for listed 39 VOCs	≤ 30% RSD with 4 compounds allowed out to ≤ 40%

Table 2. Summary of Method TO-15 Modifications

Requirement	TO-15	Eurofins Air Toxics Modifications
Initial Calibration	≤ 30% RSD with 2 compounds allowed out to < 40% RSD	≤ 30% RSD with 4 compounds allowed out to ≤ 40%
Blanks and standards	Zero Air	UHP Nitrogen provides a higher purity gas matrix than zero air.

The standard target analyte list, reporting limits (RL), also referred to as Limit of Quantitation (LOQ), Quality Control (QC) criteria, and QC summary can be found in tables 3 through 6.

Table 3. Method TO-14A/TO-15 Analyte List (Low-Level) and QC Limits

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS* (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Benzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromomethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chlorobenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chloroethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chloroform	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chloromethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chlorotoluene (Benzyl Chloride)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride)	0.2	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Ethylbenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 11 (Trichlorofluoromethane)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 113 (Trichlorotrifluoroethane)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 114	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 12 (Dichlorodifluoromethane)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
m,p-Xylene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Methyl Chloroform (1,1,1-Trichloroethane)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
o-Xylene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS* (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
Styrene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Tetrachloroethene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Toluene	0.1	< 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Trichloroethene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Vinyl Chloride	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3-Butadiene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,4-Dioxane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2-Butanone (Methyl Ethyl Ketone)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2-Hexanone	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
4-Ethyltoluene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone (MIBK)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Acetone	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromodichloromethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromoform	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Carbon Disulfide	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Cumene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Cyclohexane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Dibromochloromethane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Ethanol	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Heptane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Hexane	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Isopropanol	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Propylbenzene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Tetrahydrofuran	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.1	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
3-Chloroprene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25

Non-Standard Compounds

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
Acrolein	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Butane	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Ethyl tert-Butyl Ether	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Isopentane	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Isopropyl Ether	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Methylcyclohexane	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Naphthalene**	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Propylene	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
tert-Amyl Methyl Ether	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
Vinyl Acetate	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
tert-Butyl Alcohol	0.5	≤ 40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
TPH (Gasoline)***	10	1- Point Calibration	N/A	ICV only: 60 – 140	± 25
NMOC (Hexane/Heptane)***	2.0	1- Point Calibration	N/A	N/A	± 25

*See Table 6.

**Due to its low vapor pressure, Naphthalene does not meet TO-15 performance requirements. The wider QC limits reflect typical performance. Although Naphthalene is not on Eurofins Air Toxics "standard" TO-15 list, it is commonly requested and therefore included in Table 3.

***TPH and NMOC are not on Eurofins Air Toxics' standard TO-15 list, but are included in Table 3 due to common requests.

Table 4. Internal Standards

Analyte	Accuracy (% R)
Bromochloromethane	60 – 140
1,4-Difluorobenzene	60 – 140
Chlorobenzene-d_5	60 – 140

Table 5. Surrogates

Analyte	Accuracy (% R)
1,2-Dichloroethane-d_4	70 – 130
Toluene-d_8	70 – 130
4-Bromofluorobenzene	70 – 130

Table 6. Summary of Calibration and QC Procedures for Methods TO-14A/TO-15 Low-Level

QC Check	Minimum Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action
Tuning Criteria	Every 24 hours	TO-15 ion abundance criteria	Correct problem then repeat tune.
Minimum 5-Point Initial Calibration (ICAL)	Prior to sample analysis	% RSD ≤ 30 with 4 compounds allowed out to ≤ 40% RSD	Correct problem then repeat Initial Calibration curve.
Initial Calibration Verification and Laboratory Control Spike (ICV and LCS)	After each Initial Calibration curve, and daily prior to sample analysis	Recoveries for 85% of Standard compounds must be 70–130%. No recovery may be < 50%. If specified by the client, in-house generated control limits may be used.	Check the system and re-analyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Initial Calibration Verification and Laboratory Control Spike (ICV and LCS) for Non-standard Compounds	Per client request or specific project requirements only	Recoveries of compounds must be 60–140%. No recovery may be <50%.	Check the system and re-analyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) for Standard compounds	At the start of each analytical clock after the tune check	70–130%	Compounds exceeding this criterion and associated data will be flagged and narrated with the exception of high bias associated with non-detects. If more than 4 compounds from the standard list recover outside of 70–130%, corrective action will be taken. If any compound exceeds 60–140%, samples are not analyzed unless data meets project needs. Check the system and re-analyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary. Re-calibrate the instrument if the criteria cannot be met.
Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) for Non-Standard compounds	Per client request or specific project requirements only	Recoveries of compounds must be 60–140%. No recovery may be <50%.	Check the system and re-analyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Laboratory Blank	After analysis of standards and prior to sample analysis, or when contamination is present	Results less than the laboratory reporting limit	Inspect the system and re-analyze the blank. “B”-flag data for common contaminants.

Internal Standard (IS)	As each standard, blank, and sample is being loaded	Retention time (RT) for blanks and samples must be within ±0.33 min of the RT in the CCV and within ± 40% of the area counts of the daily CCV internal standards.	**For blanks:** Inspect the system and reanalyze the blank. **For samples:** Re-analyze the sample unless obvious matrix interference is documented. If the ISs are within limits in the re-analysis, report the second analysis. If ISs are out-of-limits a second time, report data from first analysis and narrate.
Surrogates	As each standard, blank, and sample is being loaded	70–130% R If specified by the client, in-house generated control limits may be used.	**For blanks:** Inspect the system and re-analyze the blank **For samples:** Re-analyze the sample unless obvious matrix interference is documented. If the %Rs are within limits in the re-analysis, report the second analysis. If %Rs are out-of-limits a second time, report data from first analysis and narrate.
Laboratory Duplicates - Laboratory Control Spike Duplicate (LCSD)	One per analytical batch	RPD ≤25%	Narrate exceedances. If more than 5% of compound list is outside criteria or if compound is >40% RPD, investigate the cause and perform maintenance as required. If instrument maintenance is required, calibrate as needed.

Method: EPA Method TO-14A/TO-15 Volatile Organic Compounds (Standard/Quad)

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Description: This method involves full scan gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS) analysis of whole air samples collected in evacuated stainless steel canisters. Samples are analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using EPA Method TO-14A/TO-15 protocols. An aliquot of up to 0.5 liters of air is withdrawn from the canister utilizing a volumetric syringe, volumetric loop, or mass flow controller. This volume is loaded onto a hydrophobic multibed sorbent trap to remove water and carbon dioxide and to concentrate the vapor sample. The focused sample is then flash-heated to sweep adsorbed VOCs onto a secondary trap for further concentration and/or directly onto a GC/MS for separation and detection.

Eurofins Air Toxics maintains a suite of TO-14A/TO-15 methods, each optimized to efficiently meet the data objectives for a wide range of targeted concentration ranges. The methods, their reporting limits, and typical applications are summarized in the table below. This method summary describes TO-14A/TO-15 (Standard or Quad).

Eurofins Air Toxics Method	Base Reporting Limits	Typical Application
TO-14A/TO-15 (5&20)	5 – 20 ppbv	Soil gas and ppmv range vapor matrices
TO-14A/TO-15 (Standard or Quad)	0.5 – 5.0 ppbv	Ambient air, soil gas, and ppbv level vapor matrices
TO-14A/TO-15 (Low-level)	0.1 – 0.5 ppbv	Indoor and outdoor air
TO-14A/TO-15 SIM	0.003 – 0.5 ppbv	Indoor and outdoor air

Certain compounds are not included in Eurofins Air Toxics' standard target analyte list. These compounds are communicated at the time of client proposal request. Unless otherwise directed, Eurofins Air Toxics reports these non-routine compounds with partial validation. Validation may include a 3-point calibration with the lowest concentration defining the reporting limit, no second source verification analyzed, and no method detection limit study performed unless previous arrangements have been made. In addition, stability of the non-standard compound during sample storage is not validated. Full validation may be available upon request.

Eurofins Air Toxics takes no modifications of technical significance to Method TO-15 for the "Quad" configurations. Since Eurofins Air Toxics applies TO-15 methodology to all Summa canisters regardless of whether TO-14A or TO-15 is specified by the project, the laboratory performs a modified version of method TO-14A as detailed in Table 1. Please note that Methods TO-14A and TO-15 were validated for specially treated canisters. As such, the use of Tedlar bags for sample collection is outside the scope of the method and not recommended for ambient or indoor air samples. It is the responsibility of the data user to determine the usability of TO-14A and TO-15 results generated from Tedlar bags.

Table 1. Summary of TO-14A Method Modifications

Requirement	TO-14A	Eurofins Air Toxics Modifications
Sample Drying System	Nafion Drier	Multibed hydrophobic sorbent
Blank acceptance criteria	≤ 0.2 ppbv	≤ RL
BFB ion abundance criteria	Ion abundance criteria listed in Table 4 of TO-14A	Follow abundance criteria listed in TO-15.
BFB absolute abundance criteria	Within 10% when comparing to the previous daily BFB	CCV internal standard area counts are compared to ICAL; corrective action when recovery is less than 60%.
Initial Calibration	≤ 30% RSD for listed 39 VOCs	≤ 30% RSD with 2 of Eurofins Air Toxics' 62 standard compounds allowed out to ≤ 40% RSD

The standard target analyte list, reporting limit (RL) also referred to as Limit of Quantitation, QC criteria, and QC summary can be found in Tables 2 through 5.

Table 2. Method TO-14A/TO-15 Analyte List (Quad)

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Benzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromomethane*	5.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chlorobenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chloroethane	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chloroform	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
Chloromethane	5.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Chlorotoluene (Benzyl Chloride)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride)	5.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Ethylbenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 11 (Trichlorofluoromethane)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 113 (Trichlorotrifluoroethane)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 114	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Freon 12 (Dichlorodifluoromethane)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Hexachlorobutadiene	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
m,p-Xylene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Methyl Chloroform (1,1,1-Trichloroethane)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
o-Xylene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Styrene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Tetrachloroethene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Toluene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Trichloroethene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Vinyl Chloride	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,3-Butadiene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
1,4-Dioxane	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2-Butanone (Methyl Ethyl Ketone)	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2-Hexanone	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
4-Ethyltoluene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone (MIBK)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Acetone	5.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromodichloromethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Bromoform	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Carbon Disulfide	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Cyclohexane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Dibromochloromethane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Ethanol	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Heptane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Hexane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25

Analyte	RL/LOQ (ppbv)	QC Acceptance Criteria			
		ICAL (%RSD)	CCV (%R)	ICV/LCS (%R)	Precision Limits (Max. RPD)
Isopropanol	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Methyl t-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Tetrahydrofuran	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Cumene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Propylbenzene	0.5	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
3-Chloroprene	2.0	≤ 30%	70 – 130	70 – 130	± 25
Naphthalene**	1.0	≤40%	60 – 140	60 – 140	± 25
TPH (Gasoline) ***	50	1-Point Calibration	N/A	ICV only; 60 – 140	± 25
NMOC (Hexane/Heptane)***	10	1-Point Calibration	N/A	NA	± 25

*Bromomethane recovery can be variable due to moisture/sorbent interactions specifically on the 2-trap concentration system. Data may require qualifier flags.

**Due to its low vapor pressure, Naphthalene may exceed TO-15 performance requirements. The wider QC limits reflect typical performance. Although Naphthalene is not on Eurofins Air Toxics "standard" TO-15 list, it is commonly requested and included in Table 2.

***TPH and NMOC are not on Eurofins Air Toxics' "standard" TO-15 list, but are included in Table 2 due to common requests.

Table 3. Internal Standards

Analyte	Accuracy (% R)
Bromochloromethane	60 – 140
1,4-Difluorobenzene	60 – 140
Chlorobenzene-d_5	60 – 140

Table 4. Surrogates

Analyte	Accuracy (% R)
1,2-Dichloroethane-d_4	70 – 130
Toluene-d_8	70 – 130
4-Bromofluorobenzene	70 – 130

Table 5. Summary of Calibration and QC Procedures for Methods TO-14A/TO-15

QC Check	Minimum Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action
Tuning Criteria	Every 24 hours	TO-15 ion abundance criteria	Correct problem then repeat tune.
Minimum 5-Point Initial Calibration (ICAL)	Prior to sample analysis	% RSD ≤ 30 with 2 compounds allowed out to ≤ 40% RSD	Correct problem then repeat Initial Calibration curve.
Initial Calibration Verification and Laboratory Control Spike (ICV and LCS)	After each Initial Calibration curve, and daily prior to sample analysis	Recoveries for 85% of "Standard" compounds must be 70–130%. No recovery may be < 50%. If specified by the client, in-house generated control limits may be used.	Check the system and reanalyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Initial Calibration Verification and Laboratory Control Spike (ICV and LCS) for Non-standard compounds	Per client request or specific project requirements only	Recoveries of compounds must be 60–140%. No recovery may be <50%.	Check the system and reanalyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) for Standard compounds	At the start of each analytical clock after the tune check	70–130%	Compounds exceeding this criterion and associated data will be flagged and narrated with the exception of high bias associated with non-detects. If more than two compounds from the standard list recover outside of 70–130%, corrective action will be taken. If any compound exceeds 60–140%, samples are not analyzed unless data meets project needs. Check the system and reanalyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary. Re-calibrate the instrument if the criteria cannot be met.
Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) for Non-standard Compounds	Per client request or specific project requirements only.	Recoveries of compounds must be 60–140%. No recovery may be <50%.	Check the system and reanalyze the standard. Re-prepare the standard if necessary to determine the source of error. Re-calibrate the instrument if the primary standard is found to be in error.
Laboratory Blank	After analysis of standards and prior to sample analysis, or when contamination is present.	Results less than the laboratory reporting limit	Inspect the system and re-analyze the blank. "B"-flag data for common contaminants.
Internal Standard (IS)	As each standard, blank, and sample is being loaded	Retention time (RT) for blanks and samples must be within ±0.33 min of the RT in the CCV and within ±40% of the area counts of the daily CCV internal standards.	**For blanks:** Inspect the system and reanalyze the blank. **For samples:** Re-analyze the sample. If the ISs are within limits in the re-analysis, report the second analysis. If ISs are out-of-limits a second time, dilute the sample until ISs are within acceptance limits and narrate.

QC Check	Minimum Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action
Surrogates	As each standard, blank, and sample is being loaded	70–130% If specified by the client, in-house generated control limits may be used.	**For blanks:** Inspect the system and reanalyze the blank. **For samples:** Re-analyze the sample unless obvious matrix interference is documented. If the %Rs are within limits in the re-analysis, report the second analysis. If %Rs are out-of-limits a second time, report data from first analysis and narrate.
Laboratory Duplicates – Laboratory Control Spike Duplicates (LCSD)	One per analytical batch	RPD ≤25%	Narrate exceedances. If more than 5% of compound list is outside criteria or if compound has >40%RPD, investigate the cause and perform maintenance as required. If instrument maintenance is required, calibrate as needed.

Appendix B
Air monitoring standard operating procedures

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How to Use radiello Diffusive Samplers

radiello Parts and Components

The essential parts of radiello are the adsorbing cartridge, the diffusive body, and the supporting plate with the bar code indication. Apart from the adsorbing cartridge, all of the other components can be used multiple times.

The adsorbing cartridges for thermo desorption can also be reused.

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(1) Open the plastic bag, draw the adsorbent cartridge out from the tube and put it in the diffusive body. The lower part of the diffusive body holds a seat for the central positioning of the cartridge (see right). The cartridge must be inserted fully into the diffusive body.

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(2) Keeping the diffusive body in a vertical position, screw it onto the supporting plate

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(3) Keep note of start date and time and insert the barcode label in the pocket without peeling it off

(4) Place assembled device on worker or location to be monitored. Keep note of the date and time and expose radiello .

Sampling has started!

(5) Keep note of the date and time of the end of exposure. Place the cartridge into the tube, peel off the label and stick it onto the tube such that the barcode is parallel to the axis of the tube. Forward the tube with the adsorber cartridge to the lab for analysis.

(6) Analytes are desorbed from the radiello tube using either solvent desorption (CS_2, CH_3CN, etc.) or thermal desorption. Spent cartridges are discarded. (Thermal desorption cartridges can be reused.)

Complete analytical protocols for each analyte class are supplied in the radiello Manual.

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Section 1.0 Introduction

Eurofins Air Toxics Inc. presents this guide as a resource for individuals engaged in air sampling. Air sampling can be more involved than water or soil sampling due to the reactivity of chemical compounds in the gas matrix and sample interaction with the equipment and media used. Ensuring that air samples are collected properly is an important step in acquiring meaningful analytical results. This guide is not a substitute for experience and cannot sufficiently address the multitude of field conditions. Note that this guide is intended for projects involving whole air sampling of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in canisters and Tedlar® bags. Eurofins Air Toxics provides the "Guide to Sorbent-Based Sampling - Volatiles and Semi-Volatiles" for other types of sampling.

1.1 Whole Air Sampling of VOCs

There are three general ways to collect compounds in a gas phase sample. A sampler may collect the gas sample in a container, actively pump the vapor through a sorbent tube, solution or filter, or rely on passive sample collection onto a sorbent bed. This guide focuses on collecting a sample in the most common air sampling containers, Summa canisters and bags. The sample may be collected in the container either passively, relying on an evacuated canister to drive the sample collection, or actively using a pump to fill the container. The container is subsequently sealed and transported to the laboratory for analysis. The sample is referred to as a "whole air sample" and the compounds remain in the gas matrix inside the container.

As a general rule, whole air sampling is appropriate when target compounds are chemically stable and have vapor pressures greater than 0.1 torr at 25°C and 760mm Hg (EPA standard ambient conditions). Performance of a given compound in a whole air sample is dependent upon its chemical properties, the matrix of the sample, and the degree of inertness of the sample container.

1.2 Choosing Between Canisters and Bags

Table 1.2 compares the features and performance of Summa canisters and bags. Summa canisters or similarly treated canisters are rugged containers designed to provide superior inertness and extended sample storage times. Evacuated canisters also do not require a sampling pump for sample collection. By contrast, bags require a sample pump, but can be purchased inexpensively in bulk, require little preparation or cleaning, and take up little space prior to use. Unlike canisters, bags are typically not appropriate for ppbv-level VOC measurements due to their background artifacts and short hold-times. Over time, low molecular weight gases can diffuse through the bag material while chemicals with lower vapor pressures can condense on the bag surface thereby compromising analyte recoveries. Call your Project Manager at 800-985-5955 if you have questions regarding the appropriate sampling media.

Table 1.2 Comparison of Canisters to Bags

	Canisters	Bags
Type of Sampling	Passive (vacuum)	Active (pump required)
Media Hold Time	Up to 30 days recommended	Indefinite
Hold Time to Analysis	Up to 30 days	Up to 3 days
Surface Inertness	Excellent	Fair
Cleanliness	Batch or 100% certified to ppbv/pptv levels	Some VOCs present in the ppbv range
Sampling Application	Ambient air, soil/landfill gas	Soil/landfill gas, stationary sources, SVE systems
Rule of Thumb	"ppbv device"	"ppmv device"
Advantages	Inertness, hold time, ruggedness, no pump	Purchase/shipping cost, availability, convenience

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Section 2.0 Canisters and Associated Media

This section provides a description of air sampling canisters, practical considerations for sampling, and step-by-step instructions for collecting grab and integrated samples. Photographs illustrate the correct way to assemble the various sampling components. Tables provide detailed information on many operational factors that ultimately influence the quality of the data obtained from a canister sample.

2.1 Introduction to Canisters

An air sampling canister is a container for collecting a whole air sample. A canister may be spherical or cylindrical and is constructed of specially treated stainless steel. The canister is prepared for sampling by evacuating the contents to a vacuum of approximately 29.9 inches of Mercury (in Hg). Opening the stainless steel bellows valve allows the air sample to enter the canister. Flow controllers can be utilized to restrict the flow and allow for collection at a desired flow rate or over a desired range. When the sample has been collected, the valve is closed and the canister is returned to the laboratory. Canisters range in volume from less than 1 liter (L) to 6 L. In general, 6 L canisters are used to collect ambient air samples and samples requiring time integration greater than 2 hours. One liter canisters are typically used for taking high concentration (i.e., greater than 5 ppbv) samples not requiring time integration such as soil vapor.

2.1.1 Summa Canister

A Summa canister is a stainless steel container that has had the internal surfaces specially passivated using a "Summa" process. This process combines an electropolishing step with a chemical deactivation step to produce a surface that is nearly chemically inert. A Summa surface has the appearance of a mirror: bright, shiny and smooth. The degree of chemical inertness of a whole air sample container is crucial to minimizing reactions with the sample and maximizing recovery of target compounds from the container. Eurofins Air Toxics maintains a large inventory of Summa canisters in 1 and 6 L volumes.

2.1.2 Canister Certification

Eurofins Air Toxics provides two types of canister cleaning certification, batch and 100%, depending upon the requirements of the project. The batch certification process is most appropriate for routine ambient air applications and high concentration applications such as soil vapor and landfill gas monitoring. The batch certification process begins by cleaning a set of canisters using a combination of dilution, heat and high vacuum. The cleaning batch is certified by analyzing a percentage of canisters for approximately 60 VOCs using GC/MS. The batch meets cleaning requirements if the target compound concentrations are below 0.2 ppbv. Alternatively, the 100% certification (i.e., individual certification) process is typically required for ambient and indoor air applications driven by risk assessment or litigation requiring pptv (parts per trillion by volume) sensitivity. If 100% certification is required, canisters are individually certified for a client-specific list of target compounds using GC/MS. When the 100% certified canisters are shipped, the analytical documentation demonstrating that they are free of the target compounds down to the project reporting limits is emailed to the client. When sampling with certified media, it is important to note that all media is certified as a train and must be sampled as such (i.e., a particular flow controller goes with a particular canister and is labeled as such).

Specify whether your project requires batch or 100% canister certification.

2.1.3 Canister Hold Time

Media Hold Time: Unlike water and soil environmental samples, which are collected in single-use, disposable vials and jars, air samples are collected in reusable summa canisters. Eurofins Air Toxics requires that canisters be returned within 15 days of receipt to effectively manage our inventory and to insure canisters meet performance requirements in the field. Evacuated canisters have a finite timeframe before the canisters naturally lose

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vacuum during storage. Using canisters beyond 15 days increases the risk of having unacceptable initial vacuum at the start of sampling.

Sample Hold Time: EPA Method TO-15 cites a sample hold time of up to 30 days for most VOCs. Several non-routine compounds, such as bis(chloromethyl)ether, degrade quickly and demonstrate low recovery even after 7 days. Reactive sulfur compounds such as hydrogen disulfide and methyl, ethyl, and butyl mercaptan are not amenable to storage in stainless steel summa canister, and either fused silica lined (FSL) canisters or Tedlar bags are required for sample collection.

2.2 Associated Canister Hardware

Associated hardware used with the canister includes the valve, brass cap, particulate filter and vacuum gauge. (Flow controllers are covered in detail in section 3.2.)

2.2.1 Valve

An industry standard 1/4" stainless steel bellows valve is mounted at the top of the canister. The valve maintains the vacuum in the canister prior to sampling and seals the canister once the sample has been collected. No more than a half turn by hand is required to open the valve. Do not over-tighten the valve after sampling or it may become damaged. A damaged valve can leak, possibly compromising the sample. Some canisters have a metal cage near the top to protect the valve.

To protect the valve and provide secure connections in the field, a replaceable fitting is attached to all canisters. As threads wear and require replacement, new fittings can be installed at the laboratory prior to shipping to the field. You will need a 1/2" wrench to secure the fitting while connecting or removing the required equipment to the canister.

2.2.2 Brass Cap

Each canister comes with a brass cap (i.e., Swagelok 1/4" plug) secured to the inlet of the valve assembly. The cap serves two purposes. First, it ensures that there is no loss of vacuum due to a leaky valve or a valve that is accidentally opened during handling. Second, it prevents dust and other particulate matter from damaging the valve. The cap is removed prior to sampling and replaced following sample collection.

Always replace the brass cap following canister sampling.

2.2.3 Particulate Filter

Particulate filters should always be used when sampling with a canister. Separate filters are provided to clients taking a grab sample, and filters are built into the flow controllers for clients taking integrated samples. The 2 micron filter is a fritted stainless steel disk that has been pressed into a conventional Swagelok adapter. This device has a relatively high pressure drop across the fritted disk and restricts the flow into the canister even when sampling without a flow controller. Table 2.2.3 lists the typical fill time for a grab sample using a 2 micron particulate filter.

Table 2.2.3 Grab Sample Fill Times for Canisters

CANISTER VOLUME	2 micron filter
6 L	<5 minutes
1 L	<1 minute

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2.2.4 Fittings

All fittings on the sampling hardware are 1/4” Swagelok, and a 9/16” wrench is used to assemble the hardware. A 1/2” wrench is also required to tighten fittings onto a union connector. Compression fittings should be used for all connections. Never use tube-in-tube connections. It is critical to avoid leaks in the sampling train. Leaks of ambient air through fittings between pieces of the sampling train will dilute the sample and cause the canister to fill at a faster rate than desired. Eurofins Air Toxics can provide the necessary fittings and ferrules if requested.

2.2.5 Vacuum Gauge

A vacuum gauge is used to measure the initial vacuum of the canister before sampling, and the final vacuum upon completion. A gauge can also be used to monitor the fill rate of the canister when collecting an integrated sample. Eurofins Air Toxics provides 2 types of gauges. For grab sampling, a test gauge checks initial and final vacuums only and is not to be sampled through. For integrated sampling a gauge is built into the flow controller and may be used for monitoring initial and final vacuums, as well as monitoring the fill rate of the canister. Both gauges are considered to be rough gauges, intended to obtain a relative measure of vacuum change. Accuracy of these field gauges are generally on the order of +/-5 in Hg. Individuals with work plans that outline specific gauge reading requirements are strongly encouraged to purchase and maintain their own gauges in the field. In special cases, a laboratory-grade, NIST-traceable vacuum gauge can be provided upon request.

The vacuum gauges that are routinely provided are intended as a rough gauge measurement device (+/-5 in Hg accuracy).

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Section 3.0 Sampling with Canisters

There are two basic modes of canister sampling: grab and integrated. A grab sample is taken over a short interval (i.e., 1-5 minutes) to provide a point-in-time sample concentration, while an integrated sample is taken over a specified duration or utilizing a specified flow rate. In both modes the canister vacuum is used to draw the sample into the canister. This is commonly referred to as passive canister sampling. Sections 3.1 and 3.2 detail procedures for grab and integrated sampling, and section 3.3 provides procedures specific to soil vapor collection.

Regardless of the type of canister samples collected, the following rules apply:

- DO NOT use canister to collect explosive substances, radiological or biological agents, corrosives, extremely toxic substances or other hazardous materials. It is illegal to ship such substances and you will be liable for damages.
- ALWAYS use a filter when sampling. NEVER allow liquids (including water) or corrosive vapors to enter canister.
- DO NOT attach labels to the surface of the canister or write on the canister; you will be liable for cleaning charges.
- DO NOT over tighten the valve, and remember to replace the brass cap.
- IF the canister is returned in unsatisfactory condition, you will be liable for damages.
- DO NOT make modifications to the equipment connections and/or use Teflon tape unless approved by the laboratory.
- AND, if you have any questions or need any support, our experienced project management team is just a phone call away at 800-985-5955.

Use a 9/16” and 1/2” wrench to tighten Swagelok connections on the canister sampling train.

3.1 Grab Sampling Using Canisters

The most common hardware configuration used to take a grab sample is to simply attach a particulate filter to the canister inlet. A particulate filter is shown in section 2.2.3 and is used to prevent particulate matter from fouling the valve and entering the canister.

3.1.1 Step-By-Step Procedures for Canister Grab Sampling

These procedures are for a typical ambient air sampling application; actual field conditions and procedures may vary.

Before you get to the field:

1. Verify contents of the shipped package (e.g., chain-of-custody, canister, particulate filter, and gauge – if requested).
2. Make sure you include a 9/16” and 1/2” wrench in your field tool kit.
3. Verify the gauge is working properly.
4. Verify the initial vacuum of canister as described in the following section:

- **Verify Initial Vacuum of the Canister**: Prior to shipment, each canister is checked for mechanical integrity. However, it is still important to check the vacuum of the canister prior to use. Eurofins Air Toxics recommends doing this before going to the field if possible. The initial vacuum of the canister should be greater than 25 in Hg. If the canister vacuum is less than 25 in Hg, ambient air may have leaked into the canister during storage or transport and the sample may be compromised. Contact your Project Manager if you have any questions on whether to proceed with sample collection. If

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sampling at altitude, there are special considerations for gauge readings and sampling (see Section 5.2). The procedure to verify the initial vacuum of a canister is simple but unforgiving.

1. Confirm that valve is closed (knob should already be tightened clockwise).
2. Remove the brass cap.
3. Attach gauge.
4. Attach brass cap to side of gauge tee fitting to ensure a closed train.
5. Open and close valve quickly (a few seconds).
6. Read vacuum on the gauge.
7. Record gauge reading on "Initial Vacuum" column of chain-of-custody.
8. Verify that canister valve is closed and remove gauge.
9. Replace the brass cap.

When ready to sample:

1. Confirm that valve is closed (knob should already be tightened clockwise).
2. Remove brass cap.
3. Attach particulate filter to canister.
4. Open valve 1/2 turn (6 L canister normally takes less than 5 minutes to fill).
5. Close valve by hand tightening knob clockwise.
6. Verify and record final vacuum of canister (repeat steps used to verify initial vacuum). For grab samples, the ending vacuum is typically close to ambient pressure (0 in Hg).
7. Replace brass cap.
8. Fill out canister sample tag (make sure the sample ID and date of collection recorded on the sample tag matches what is recorded on the COC exactly).
9. Return canister in box provided.
10. Return sample media in packaging provided.
11. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly (it is important to note the canister serial numbers on the chain-of-custody).
12. Place chain-of-custody in box and retain pink copy.
13. Tape box shut and affix custody seal (if applicable) across flap.
14. Ship accordingly to meet method holding times.

Return all equipment used or unused to the laboratory. Unreturned canisters and associated hardware will result in additional charges as outlined in the media agreement.

3.2 Integrated Sampling with Canisters and Flow Controllers

As an alternative to an "instantaneous" grab sample, an air sample collected at a controlled rate is referred to as an integrated sample. Flow controllers or flow restrictors are devices which provide sample collection at a desired flow rate and/or sampling interval. By using a flow controller at a specified flow rate, air samples can provide information on average compound concentrations over a defined period. For example, an 8- or 10-hour integrated sample can be used to determine indoor air quality in the workplace. Similarly, a 24-hour integrated sample may be collected to determine residential exposure to indoor or outdoor air sources. In addition to using a flow controller for time-integrated sample collection, a flow controller may be required for soil gas collection to restrict the vacuum applied to the soil and pore water and to collect a representative sample with minimal intrusion of ambient air.

Eurofins Air Toxics provides two general types of flow controllers: mass flow controllers and critical orifice devices. Both devices are driven by differential pressure between ambient conditions and vacuum in the canister.

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3.2.1 Mass Flow Controller

A mass flow controller employs a diaphragm that actively compensates to maintain a constant mass flow rate over the desired time period. As the differential pressure decreases, the flow rate decreases and the diaphragm responds by opening up to allow more air to pass through to maintain a stable flow rate. Mass flow controllers are calibrated in the laboratory to provide flow rates suitable for durations up to 24 hours. Durations greater than 24 hours are possible, however, performance of the flow controller is less reliable due to the low flow rates required.

3.2.2 Critical Orifice Devices

Eurofins Air Toxics has two types of critical orifice controllers – "capillary column" and "frit pressed". Both types restrict the flow rate and the canister fill rate decreases as the canister fills to ambient pressure. These controllers are suitable for applications not requiring constant flow rate over the sampling period such as soil vapor collection or at sites in which temporal variability of VOCs is not expected. Critical orifice devices can cover intervals from 0.5 to 12 hours and flow rate from 10 to 250 ml/min. The "capillary column" device (also known as the Blue Body Flow Controller) restricts air flow by forcing the sample to enter a capillary column of minute radius. The flow rate is a function of the length of inert capillary column. The frit pressed device has a critical orifice machined to meet a set flow rate.

3.2.3 Sampling Interval and Flow Controller Setting

When you request canisters and flow controllers from Eurofins Air Toxics, you will be asked for the flow rate (soil vapor) or sampling interval (ambient air), and the flow controllers will be pre-set prior to shipment. The flow rate is set at standard atmospheric conditions (approximately sea level and 25°C). If samples will be collected at elevation or at ambient temperatures significantly different than 25°C, the canister will fill faster or slower depending on sample conditions. If you specify unusual sample conditions at the time of project set-up, we can set the flow controller accordingly. (See Section 5.2 for a discussion of collecting a sample at elevation.) Mass flow controllers should not be utilized for source or process samples in which the collection point is under vacuum or pressure. Please discuss these specific non-standard field conditions with your Project Manager at the time of project set-up.

Table 3.2.3 Flow Rates for Selected Sampling Intervals (mL/min)

Sampling Interval (hrs)	4 min.	0.5	1	2	4	8	12	24
6 L Canister	NA	167	83.3	41.7	20.8	11.5	7.6	3.8
1 L Canister	167	26.6	13.3	6.7	-	-	-	-

Note: Target fill volumes for 6 L and 1 L canisters are 5,000 mL and 800 mL, respectively.

3.2.4 Final Canister Vacuum and Flow Controller Performance

For time-integrated sample collection using a mass flow controller, the final vacuum of a canister should ideally be approximately 5 in Hg or greater. The flow rate will remain constant as the canister fills and will start to decrease as the canister vacuum approaches

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5 in Hg. At this point, the differential pressure between the canister and ambient air is not sufficient to maintain the set flow rate. Because of normal fluctuations in the flow rate due to changes in field temperature and pressure, the final vacuum typically ranges between 3 and 10 in Hg.

- **If the residual canister vacuum is greater than 10 in Hg** (i.e., more vacuum), the actual flow rate is lower than the set point and less sample volume is collected. When the canister is pressurized prior to analysis, the pressurization dilution will be greater than normal. This will result in elevated reporting limits.
- **If the residual canister vacuum is near ambient pressure** for a time-integrated sample, the canister filled faster than calibrated. Once the vacuum decreases below 5 in Hg, the flow rate begins to decrease from its set point. This scenario indicates that the sample is weighted toward the first portion of the sampling interval. The sampler cannot be certain the desired sampling interval was achieved before the canister arrived at ambient conditions. Although the actual sampling interval is uncertain, the canister still contains a sample from the site.

Table 3.2.4 Relationship between Final Canister Vacuum, Volume Sampled, and Dilution Factor (6 L Canister)

Final Vacuum (in Hg)	0	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	17.5	20
Volume Sampled (L)	6	5.5	5.4	5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2
Dilution Factor*	1.34	1.46	1.61	1.79	2.01	2.30	2.68	3.22	4.02

*Canister pressurized to 5 psig for analysis

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$$\textbf{Final Reporting Limit} = \text{Method Reporting Limit} \times \text{Dilution Factor (Canister Pressurization)} \times \text{Dilution Factor (Sample Analysis)}$$

$$\textbf{Dilution Factor (Canister Pressurization)} = \frac{\text{Final Pressure}}{\text{Receipt Pressure}} = \frac{14.7\text{ psig} + \text{Final Pressure (psig)}}{14.7\text{ psig}\left[\frac{1\text{-Receipt Vacuum (in Hg)}}{29.9\text{ in Hg}}\right]}$$

3.2.5 Considerations for Integrated Sampling with Canisters

Collecting an integrated air sample is more involved than collecting a grab sample. Sampling considerations include verifying that the sampling train is properly configured, monitoring the integrated sampling progress, and avoiding contamination.

- **Avoid Leaks in the Sampling Train**: A leak in any one of these connections means that some air will be pulled in through the leak and not through the flow controller. (Follow the leak check step #4 in 3.2.6).
- **Verify Initial Vacuum of Canister:** See Section 3.1.1 for instructions on verifying initial canister vacuum. A separate gauge is not necessary as both the mass flow controllers and critical orifice flow controllers have built-in rough gauges.
- **Monitor Integrated Sampling Progress**: When feasible, it is a good practice to monitor the progress of the integrated sampling during the sampling interval. The volume of air sampled is a linear function of the canister vacuum. For example, when using a 24-hour mass flow controller, at a quarter of the way (6 hours) into a 24-hour sampling interval, the canister should be a quarter filled (1.25 L) and the gauge should read approximately 6 in Hg lower than

the starting vacuum (~22 in Hg). More vacuum indicates that the canister is filling too slowly; less vacuum means the canister is filling too quickly. If the canister is filling too slowly, a valid sample can still be collected (see Section 3.2.4). If the canister is filling too quickly because of a leak or incorrect flow controller setting, corrective action can be taken. Ensuring all connections are tight may eliminate a leak. It is possible to take an intermittent sample; the time interval need not be continuous.

- **Avoid Contamination**: Flow controllers should be cleaned between uses. This is done by returning them to the laboratory.
- **Caution When Sampling in Extreme Temperatures**: Field temperatures can affect the performance of the mass flow controllers. Laboratory studies have shown that flow rates can increase slightly with decreasing temperatures. A flow rate increase of approximately 10% is expected when sampling at field temperatures of 5 to 10°C.

3.2.6 Step-by-Step Procedures for Integrated Sampling

These procedures are for a typical ambient air sampling application; actual field conditions and procedures may vary.

Before you get to the field:

1. Verify contents of the shipped package (e.g., chain-of-custody, canister, and flow controller)
2. Make sure you include a 9/16” and 1/2” wrench in your field tool kit.
3. Verify the gauge is working properly
4. Verify the initial vacuum of canister (section 3.1.1)

When ready to sample:

1. Confirm that valve is closed (knob should already be tightened clockwise).
2. Remove brass cap from canister.
3. Attach flow controller to canister. The flow controller is securely attached if the flow controller body does not rotate.
4. Place the brass cap at the end of the flow controller creating an air tight train, and quickly open and close the canister valve in order to check for leaks. If the needle on the gauge drops, your train is not airtight. In this case, try refitting your connections and/or tightening them until the needle holds steady.
5. Once the sample train is airtight remove the brass cap from the flow controller and open the canister valve a ½ turn.
6. Monitor integrated sampling progress periodically.
7. Verify and record final vacuum of canister (simply read built-in gauge).
8. When sampling is complete, close valve by hand tightening knob clockwise.
9. Detach flow controller and replace brass cap on canister.
10. Fill out canister sample tag (make sure the sample ID and date of collection recorded on the sample tag matches what is recorded on the COC exactly).
11. Return canisters and associated media in boxes provided. **Failure to return all of the provided equipment will result in a replacement charge as outlined in the media agreement.**
12. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly (it is important to note the canister serial numbers on the chain-of-custody).
13. Place chain-of-custody in box and retain pink copy.
14. Tape box shut and affix custody seal at each opening (if applicable).
15. Ship accordingly to meet method holding times.

3.3 Soil Gas Sample Collection

Canisters can be used for the collection of soil vapor by attaching the sampling train to the soil gas probe. Typically, a critical orifice flow controller is used to minimize the applied vacuum in order to minimize partitioning of VOCs from the soil or pore water to the soil vapor. Additionally, lower flow rates help to minimize the intrusion of ambient air into the soil vapor probe. In general, time-integration is not required for soil gas samples; however, there may be exceptions to this rule of thumb. For example, some regulatory guidance documents recommend concurrent indoor air and sub-slab soil vapor collection over a

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24-hour period. This means that a mass flow controller calibrated for a 24-hour sample would be required for the sub-slab as well as the indoor air sample.

3.3.1 Canister to probe connection – Tubing

Collection of a soil gas sample requires the use of tubing to connect the soil gas probe to the sample train. Teflon FEP tubing is recommended based on its low background and its inertness. Alternative tubing can be used if shown to meet data quality objectives. Please note that Low Density Polyethylene or flexible Tygon tubing is not recommended due to VOC adsorption during sample collection. Teflon tubing is provided by the laboratory upon request at the time of order. A charge based on the length will be assessed. It is important to store the tubing away from VOC sources during storage and transport to the site to minimize contamination.

3.3.2 Canister to probe connection –Fittings

To connect the tubing to the canister sampling train, a Swagelok fitting and a pink ferrule are used. The position of the ferrule is key to ensure the fitting is securely connected to the canister. See the figure below for the correct positioning and connection. The pink ferrule is flexible and cannot be over-tightened.

3.3.3 Leak Check Compounds Considerations

To determine whether ambient air is introduced into soil gas sample, a leak check may be used. Leak check compounds may be liquid or gaseous tracers. Liquid compounds are challenging to use effectively in the field and can be introduced into the sample due to improper handling in the field, erroneously indicating a leak in the sampling train. Liquid tracers such as isopropanol should never be directly applied to connections in the sampling train. Rather, the liquid is carefully applied to a cloth and placed near the connection or on the ground next to the probe. Great care must be used in the field to insure the liquid tracer is not handled during sampling train assembly or disassembly. Even a trace amount of a liquid tracer on a glove used to replace a canister brass cap can contaminate the sample. Liquid leak check compounds can interfere with the analytical runs, and even small leaks may result in analytical dilution and raised reporting limits when measuring ppbv target compound levels.

Gaseous tracers such as helium are typically used with shroud placed over the sampling equipment and/or borehole. To quantify the leak, the concentration of the tracer gas in the shroud should be measured.

Specify the leak check compound planned for your soil gas sampling event and record on the COC.

3.3.4 Step-by-Step Procedures for Soil Vapor Sampling

These procedures are for a typical soil vapor sampling application; actual field conditions and procedures may vary. Please consult your specific regulatory guidance for details.

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Before you get to the field:

1. Verify contents of the shipped package (e.g., chain-of-custody, canister, tubing, fittings, and flow controller).
2. Make sure you include a 9/16" and 1/2" wrench in your field tool kit.
3. Verify the gauge is working properly.
4. Verify the initial vacuum of canister.

Prior to vapor collection:

- **Purge tubing adequately**. A long length of tubing has significant volume of "dead air" inside. Without purging, this air will enter the canister and dilute the sample. Consider using a handheld PID/FID to confirm that you have purged the tubing and are drawing sample air through the tubing. A standard rule of thumb is to utilize 3 purge volumes prior to sample collection. However, under certain circumstances, purge volumes of 1 to 10 may be appropriate. Please review your regulatory guidance and your site specific conditions in determining the appropriate purge volumes.
- **Don't sample water**. If moisture is visible in the sample tubing, the soil gas sample may be compromised. Soil gas probes should be at an appropriate depth to avoid reaching the water table. Additionally, subsurface vapor should not be collected immediately after measurable precipitation.

When ready to sample:

1. Confirm that valve is closed (knob should already be tightened clockwise).
2. Remove brass cap from canister.
3. Attach flow controller to canister if needed. The flow controller is securely attached if the flow controller body does not rotate. (Note: The frit-press flow controller and 1 L canister may be pre-assembled by the laboratory.)
4. Place the brass cap at the end of the flow controller creating an air tight train, and quickly open and close the canister valve in order to check for leaks. If the needle on the gauge drops, your train is not airtight. In this case, try refitting your connections and/or tightening them until the needle holds steady.
5. Once the sample train is airtight remove the brass cap from the flow controller and attach the probe tubing to the flow controller using the pink ferrule and Swagelok nut. (See 3.3.2 for proper positioning of the ferrule.)
6. Once the probe line has been purged and appropriate leak check measures have been implemented, open the canister valve a ½ turn.
7. Verify and record final vacuum of canister (simply read built-in gauge).
8. When canister fills to the desired end vacuum, close valve by hand tightening knob clockwise.

   Please note: Some projects require residual vacuum of approximately 5 in Hg at the end of sample collection even if time-integrated samples are not required. The residual vacuum serves to provide a check of the integrity of the canister during transport to the laboratory to insure no leaks occurred during shipment. A field vacuum reading similar to the lab receipt vacuum reading demonstrated that no leak occurred.

9. Detach tubing and flow controller and replace brass cap on the canister.
10. Fill out canister sample tag (make sure the sample ID and date of collection recorded on the sample tag matches what is recorded on the COC exactly).
11. Return canisters and associated media in boxes provided. **Failure to return all of the provided equipment will result in a replacement charge as outlined in the media agreement.**
12. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly (it is important to note the canister serial numbers on the chain-of-custody).
13. Place chain-of-custody in box and retain pink copy
14. Tape box shut and affix custody seal at each opening (if applicable)
15. Ship accordingly to meet method holding times

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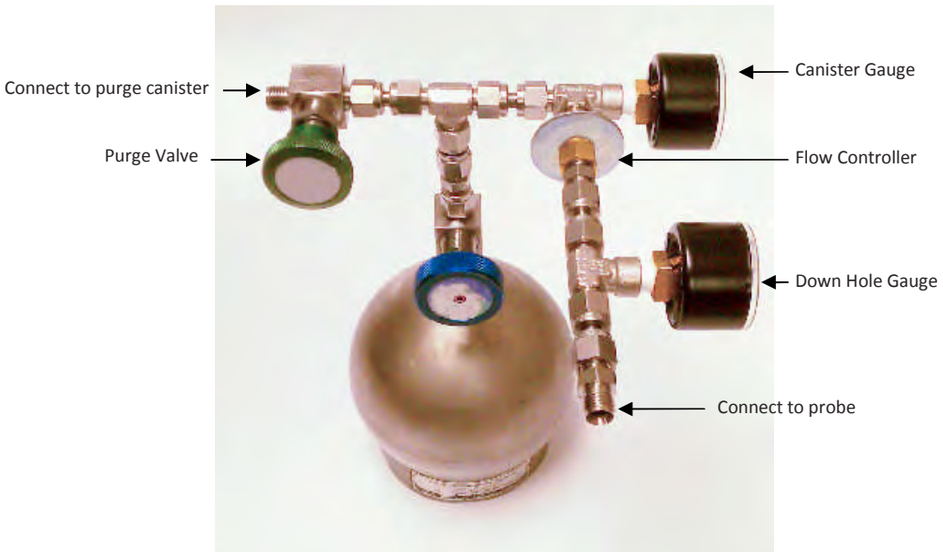
3.4.4 Collecting Soil Gas Samples with Sampling Manifolds

If required, Eurofins Air Toxics can provide a sampling manifold to assist with leak checking the sampling train, purging the sampling line, and monitoring the vacuum applied to the soil gas bore hole during sample collection. The manifold is shown below:



The 'Down Hole Gauge', located prior to the flow restrictor, is a vacuum gauge that monitors the vacuum applied to the soil gas probe. Because this is not a flow meter but a measure of pressure/vacuum, the gauge should read at zero if there is sufficient flow from the soil. If the gauge begins to read a vacuum, then the flow is being restricted. Low flow, high vacuum conditions can be encountered when sampling in low permeability soil. The 'Canister Gauge', in line after the flow controller and prior to the purge canister, is a vacuum gauge that indicates to the sampler whether or not the canister is filling properly at the expected rate. This setup enables the sampler to evaluate the lithologic conditions at the site and determine if a valid soil gas sample is being taken. Finally, when duplicate samples are required, the manifold can be used as a duplicate sampling "T" by simply replacing the purge canister with another sample canister.

There are several options to use as a purge vacuum source to attach to the purge valve connection – a Summa canister, sampling pump or sampling syringe. The below instructions assume a Summa canister will be used as a purge volume source since other sources are generally provided by the client.

When ready to sample:

Leak Check Test

1. Confirm that canister valves are closed (knob should already be tightened clockwise).
2. Remove brass caps from both the sample canister and the purge canister. (Unless using certified media, there is no difference between the two).
3. Attach manifold center fitting to sample canister.
4. Attach purge canister to the Purge Valve end of the manifold by attaching provided Teflon tubing and compression fittings.
5. Confirm that there is a brass cap secured at the inlet of the manifold creating an air tight train, make sure the manifold valve above the purge canister is open, and quickly open and close the purge canister valve in order to check for leaks. If the needle on the gauge drops, your train is not airtight. In this case, try refitting your connections and/or tightening them until the needle holds steady.

Purging

6. Once the sample train is airtight remove the brass cap from the manifold inlet, connect the tubing from the sample port using a compression fitting and open the purge canister valve, 1/2 turn.
7. Monitor integrated sampling progress periodically. *Please note, because the purge canister is inline after the flow restrictor the line will not purge faster than at a rate of 167 ml/min.

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8. Once the desired purge volume is met close both the manifold valve and the purge canister valve by hand tightening the knobs clockwise.

9. If sampling at multiple locations, the purge canister can be disconnected from the manifold and used to begin purging the next sample location without compromising the sample train.

Sampling

10. The line is now ready to be sampled. Open the sample canister valve and monitor sampling progress periodically.

11. When the sampling is complete close the valve and replace the brass cap on the canister; record final vacuum of canister (simply read built-in gauge).

12. Fill out canister sample tag (make sure the sample ID and date of collection recorded on the sample tag matches what is recorded on the COC exactly).

13. Return canisters in boxes provided and all parts of the soil gas manifold. **Unreturned media will result in a replacement charged assessed as described in the media agreement**.

14. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly (it is important to note the canister serial numbers on the chain-of-custody).

15. Place chain-of-custody in box and retain pink copy.

16. Ship accordingly to meet method holding times.

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Section 4.0 Sampling with Bags

This section provides a description of the types of air sampling bags, selecting the right bag for your application, practical considerations for sampling, and step-by-step instructions for collecting a grab sample. Photographs illustrate the correct way to assemble the various sampling components.

4.1 Introduction to Bags

Air sampling bags are containers used to collect whole air samples for landfill gas, soil gas and stationary source applications. Bags can be constructed from various materials which can differ in terms of stability characteristics and cleanliness. In general, air sampling bags are best suited for projects involving analysis of compounds in the ppmv range. They can be used to collect sulfur compounds, but only if the fittings are non-metallic (e.g., polypropylene, Teflon®, or Nylon).

Air sampling bags are equipped with a valve that allows for filling. Sample collection requires a pressurized sampling port, a low flow rate pump or a lung sampler. The bag expands as the vapor sample is pulled in. When the target volume of the sample is collected, the valve is closed and the bag is returned to the laboratory. Bag materials should be selected based on the specific application. Common air sampling bags include Tedlar film and FlexFoil. Eurofins Air Toxics maintains a limited inventory of air sampling bags in 1 L, 3 L and 5 L volumes.

4.1.1 Tedlar® Film

Tedlar® is a trade name for a polyvinyl fluoride film developed by DuPont Corporation in the 1960's. This patented fluoropolymer has been used in a wide variety of applications including protective surfacing for signs, exterior wall panels and aircraft interiors. Tedlar® film is tough yet flexible and retains its impressive mechanical properties over a wide range of temperatures (from well below freezing to over 200°F). Tedlar® exhibits low permeability to gases, good chemical inertness, good weathering resistance and low off-gassing.

Tedlar® bags may be used to collect samples containing common solvents, hydrocarbons, chlorinated solvents, sulfur compounds, atmospheric and biogenic gases and many other classes of compounds. Compounds with low vapor pressures such as Naphthalene are not appropriate for Tedlar bags as recovery is very low even under short sample storage times. Low molecular compounds such as Helium and Hydrogen can diffuse through the Tedlar bag material resulting in poor storage stability.

4.1.2 Tedlar® Bag Suppliers and Re-use

Compounds commonly detected from analyzing new Tedlar® bags include methylene chloride, toluene, acetone, ethanol, 2-propanol, phenol, and dimethylacetamide. While levels of these common artifacts are typically in the ppbv range, the cleanliness of bags can vary significantly between vendors, and purchasing bags directly from an unknown vendor should be avoided. Once the Tedlar® bag is used for sample collection, the surface has been exposed to moisture and possible VOCs. It may irreversibly adsorb many VOCs at the low ppbv level. A series of purges with certified gas may not remove the VOCs from the surface. Consider your data quality objectives to determine whether re-using Tedlar® bags is appropriate.

4.1.3 Hold Time for a Tedlar® Bag

The media hold time for a Tedlar® bag is indefinite if stored out of sunlight in a cool, dry location.

The sample hold time to analysis varies by method and compound. See Table 4.1.3 for recommended sample storage times for commonly requested parameters.

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Table 4.1.3 Recommended Maximum Sample Storage Times for Tedlar® Bags

Analytical Method	Chemical Class	Storage Time
ASTM D5504	Suite of sulfur compounds including Reactive Sulfur compounds (Hydrogen sulfide, Methyl mercaptan)	24 hours
ASTM D1946 ASTM D1945	Atmospheric and natural gases: CO, CO2, CH4, C2-C5 hydrocarbons (He and H_2 not recommended)	Up to 3 days
Modified TO-14A, TO-15, TO-3, TO-12	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Up to 3 days

4.1.4 FlexFoil Bags

FlexFoil bags are made from an opaque and flexible material with 4-ply construction resulting in high physical strength to minimize rupture and leakage and low permeability to provide good stability for low molecular weight compounds. FlexFoil bags are ideal for target compounds such as Hydrogen and Helium and can be used for the suite of atmospheric and natural gas components. While the reactive sulfur compounds, Hydrogen Sulfide and Methyl Mercaptan, show good stability over 24 hours in FlexFoil bags, other sulfur compounds demonstrate low recovery. Table 4.1.4 summarizes the compounds and the hold times amenable to FlexFoil bags.

Table 4.1.4 Recommended Maximum Sample Storage Times for FlexFoil Bags

Analytical Method	Chemical Class	Storage Time
ASTM D5504	Hydrogen sulfide, Methyl mercaptan only Not recommended for full sulfur list.	24 hours
ASTM D1946 ASTM D1945	Atmospheric and natural gases Full List	Up to 3 days

4.2 Air Bag Sampling

Using a bag to collect an air sample normally involves “active” sampling, unlike an evacuated canister that can be filled “passively” by simply opening the valve. There are two methods commonly used to fill a bag: a pump or a lung sampler.

- **Sampling with a Pump**: The most common method for filling a bag is to use a small pump with low flow rates (50-200 mL/min) and tubing to fill the bag. Eurofins Air Toxics, Inc. does not provide pumps but pumps may be rented from equipment providers or purchased from manufacturers such as SKC or Gilian.
- **Sampling with a Lung Sampler**: A “lung sampler” may be used to fill a bag. Although a little more complicated than simply using a pump, the main advantage to using a lung sampler to fill a bag is that it avoids potential pump contamination.

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A bag with attached tubing is placed in a small airtight chamber (even a 5-gallon bucket can work) with the tubing protruding from the chamber. The sealed chamber is then evacuated via a pump, causing the bag to expand and draw the sample into the bag through the protruding tube. The sample air never touches the wetted surfaces of the pump. Eurofins Air Toxics does not provide lung samplers, but they can be rented from equipment suppliers or purchased by manufacturers such as SKC Inc.

4.2.1 Considerations for Bag Sampling

Some considerations for collecting a bag sample:

- **Fill the bag no more than 2/3 full**: Allow for possible expansion due to an increase in temperature or decrease in atmospheric pressure (e.g., the cargo hold of a plane)
- **Keep the Tedlar® bag out of sunlight**: Tedlar® film is transparent to ultraviolet light (although opaque versions are available) and the sample should be kept out of sunlight to avoid any photochemical reactions
- **Protect the bag**: Store and ship the bag samples in a protective box at room temperature. An ice chest may be used, but DO NOT CHILL
- **Fill out the bag label**: It is much easier to write the sample information on the label before the bag is inflated. Make sure to use a ball-point pen, never a Sharpee or other marker which can emit VOCs.
- **Provide a "back-up" bag**: Consider filling two bags per location in the rare occasion that a defective bag deflates before analysis. The "hold" sample does not need to be documented on the Chain-of-Custody and should have an identical sample ID to the original sample indicating that it is the "hold" sample
- **Avoid Contamination**: Care should be taken to avoid contamination introduced by the pump or tubing. Begin sampling at locations with the lowest compound concentrations (e.g., sample the SVE effluent before the influent). Decontaminate the pump between uses by purging with certified air for an extended period; better yet, use a lung sampler. Use the shortest length possible of Teflon® tubing or other inert tubing. DO NOT REUSE TUBING. If long lengths of tubing are used, consider purging the tubing with several volumes worth before sampling. If you are concerned about sampling for trace compounds, you shouldn't be using a Tedlar® bag (see Section 1.2)
- **Don't Sample Dangerous Compounds in a Bag**: Do not ship any explosive substances, radiological or biological agents, corrosives or extremely hazardous materials to Eurofins Air Toxics. Bag rupture during transit to the laboratory is possible and the sampler assumes full liability.

4.2.2 Step-by-Step Procedures for Bag Sampling (Pump)

Note: These procedures are for a typical stationary source (e.g., SVE system) sampling application; actual field conditions and procedures may vary.

Before you get to the field:

1. Verify contents of the shipped package (e.g., chain-of-custody, bag, and tubing/fittings – if requested).
2. Verify pump cleanliness and operation (Eurofins Air Toxics does not provide pumps).

When ready to sample:

3. Purge sample port.
4. Attach new Teflon® tubing from sample port or probe to low flow rate pump.
5. Purge tubing.
6. Fill out bag sample tag.
7. Attach additional new Teflon® tubing from the pump outlet to the bag valve.
8. Open bag valve.
9. Collect sample (FILL NO MORE THAN 2/3 FULL).
10. Close bag valve by hand tightening valve clockwise.
11. Return filled bags in a rigid shipping container (DO NOT CHILL).
12. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly.
13. Place chain-of-custody in box and retain pink copy.

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14. Tape box shut and affix custody seal (if applicable) across flap.
15. Ship first overnight or priority overnight to meet method holding times.

Expedite delivery of air sampling bags to the laboratory for analysis.

Section 5.0 Special Sampling Considerations

This section provides recommendations for the collection of field QC samples such as field duplicates. Considerations for sampling at altitude, sampling SVE ports and using sample cylinders are presented.

5.1 Field QC

To measure accuracy and precision of the field activities, project plans often include field duplicates, field blanks, ambient blanks, trip blanks and/or equipment blanks.

5.1.1 Field Duplicate

A field duplicate is a second sample collected in the field simultaneously with the primary sample at one sampling location. The results of the duplicate sample may be compared (e.g., calculate relative percent difference) with the primary sample to provide information on consistency and reproducibility of field sampling procedures. Due to the nature of the gas phase, duplicate samples should be collected from a common inlet. The configuration for collecting a field duplicate includes stainless steel or Teflon® tubing connected to a Swagelok "T". If integrated samples are being collected and the sample duration is to be maintained, the sample train should be assembled as follows: each canister should have a flow controller attached, then the duplicate sampling T should be attached to the flow controllers. If the collection flow rate from the sample port is to be maintained then the duplicate sampling T should be connected to the canisters; then the flow controller is connected to the inlet of the sampling T.

Alternatively, if the project objective is to assess spatial or temporal variability, then field duplicates may be deployed in close proximity (ambient air sampling) or samples may be collected in succession (soil vapor).

5.1.2 Field Blank

A field blank is a sample collected in the field from a certified air source. Analysis of the field blank can provide information on the decontamination procedures used in the field. Clean stainless steel or Teflon® tubing and a certified regulator should be used. It is imperative that individually certified canisters (the sample canister and the source canister/cylinder, if applicable) be used to collect a field blank.

5.1.3 Ambient Blank

An ambient blank is an ambient air sample collected in the field. It is usually used in conjunction with soil gas or stationary source (e.g., SVE system) sampling. Analysis of the ambient blank can provide information on the ambient levels of site contaminants. It is recommended that an individually certified canister be used to collect an ambient blank.

5.1.4 Trip Blank

When sampling for contaminants in water, the laboratory prepares a trip blank by filling a VOA vial with clean, de-ionized water. The trip blank is sent to the field in a cooler with new sample vials. After sampling, the filled sample vials are placed back in the cooler next to the trip blank and returned to the laboratory. Analysis of the trip blank provides information on decontamination and sample handling procedures in the field as well as the cleanliness of the cooler and packaging.

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When sampling for compounds in air, a trip blank provides little, if any, of the information above. A trip blank canister can be individually certified, evacuated, and sent to the field in a box with the sample canisters. Since the valve is closed and the brass cap tightened, it is questionable if the trip blank canister contents are ever "exposed" to sampling conditions. The trip blank VOC concentrations essentially provide information regarding the cleanliness and performance of the trip blank canister. Results cannot necessarily be applied to the associated field sample canisters accompanying the trip blank. **Eurofins Air Toxics does not recommend collecting a trip blank for air sampling.**

5.2 Considerations for Sampling at Altitude

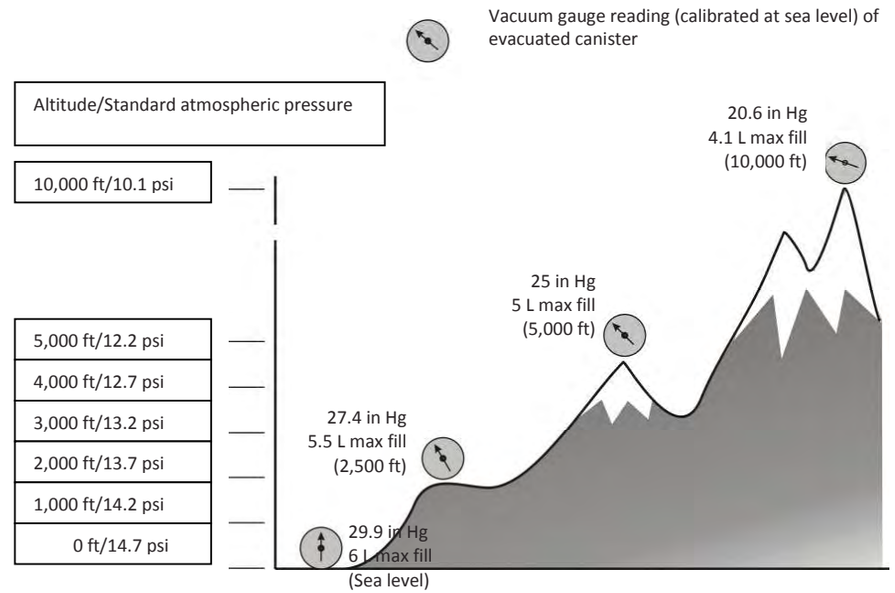
Sampling at altitudes significantly above sea level is similar to sampling a stationary source under vacuum in that target fill volumes may be difficult to achieve. The figure to the right illustrates the relationship between increasing altitude and decreasing atmospheric pressure. Ambient conditions in Denver at 5,000 ft altitude are quite different from ambient conditions at sea level. Canister sampling is driven by the differential pressure between ambient conditions and the vacuum in the canister.

There is less atmospheric pressure in Denver and 5 L is the maximum fill volume of standard air assuming the canister is allowed to reach ambient conditions (i.e., final gauge reading of 0 in Hg). Theoretically, if you sample high enough (e.g., in space), no sample would enter the canister because there is no pressure difference between the evacuated canister and ambient conditions. To fill a canister to 6 L in Denver, you would need to use an air pump.

Sampling at altitude also affects gauge readings. The gauges supplied by Eurofins Air Toxics, Inc. (see Section 2.2.4) measure canister vacuum relative to atmospheric pressure and are calibrated at approximately sea level. Before sampling at altitude, the gauges should be equilibrated (see Section 3.1). But even after equilibrating the gauge, verifying the initial vacuum of a canister at altitude is misleading. In Denver at 5,000 ft, expect the gauge to read 25, not 29.9 in Hg. You do not have a bad canister (i.e., leaking or not evacuated properly). The canister is ready for sampling and the gauge is working properly.

Rule of Thumb: For every 1,000 ft of elevation, the gauge will be off by 1 in Hg and the fill volume will be reduced by 1/5 L.

If you have questions about sampling at altitude, please call your Project Manager at 800-985-5955.



5.3 Considerations for SVE/LFG Collection System Sampling

There are some additional sampling considerations for collecting grab samples (canister or bag) from a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system or landfill gas (LFG) collection system. The general challenge with these samples arises from the need to employ a length of tubing to direct the landfill gas or process air to the canister or bag. Tubing introduces the potential for contamination and diluting the sample.

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- **Use inert tubing**. Teflon® tubing is recommended. Tubing with an outer diameter of ¼" works best with the fittings on the particulate filter. (See Section 3.3.1).
- **Do not reuse tubing**.
- **Purge tubing adequately**. A long length of tubing has significant volume of "dead air" inside. Without purging, this air will enter the canister and dilute the sample. Consider using a handheld PID/FID to confirm that you have purged the tubing and are drawing sample air through the tubing.
- **Avoid leaks in the sampling train**. Leaks of ambient air through fittings between pieces of the sampling train (e.g., tubing to particulate filter) will dilute the sample.
- Always use compression fittings for all connections; never use tube in tube connections.
- **Purge the sample port**. A sample port on an SVE system or LFG collection system can accumulate solids or liquids depending upon the location of the port in the process and the orientation of the port. An influent sample port located upstream of a filter or moisture knock-out can be laden with particulates or saturated with water vapor. Heavy particulate matter can clog the particulate filter and foul the canister valve. It is important to prevent liquids from entering the canister. A sample port oriented downward may have liquid standing in the valve. Purge the sample port adequately before connecting the sampling train.
- **Consider the effects of sampling a process under vacuum or pressure**. When collecting a grab sample from a stationary source such as an SVE system or LFG collection system, some sample ports may be under vacuum or pressure relative to ambient conditions. When the sample port is under vacuum, such as the header pipe from the extraction well network, it may be difficult to fill the canister with the desired volume of sample. A vacuum pump may be used to collect a canister grab sample from a sample port under considerable vacuum. See the related discussion on sampling at altitude in Section 5.2. When the sample port is under pressure, such as the effluent stack downstream of the blower and treatment system, you may inadvertently pressurize the canister. Only a DOT-approved sample cylinder should be used to transport pressurized air samples (see Section 5.4). Under no circumstances should a Summa canister be pressurized more than 15 psig. Bleed off excess pressure by opening the valve temporarily while monitoring the canister with a pressure gauge.

5.4 Considerations for Sample Cylinder Sampling

Sample cylinders, also known as "sample bombs", are DOT-approved, high pressure, thick-walled, stainless steel cylinders with a valve at each end. They were intended for collecting a pressurized sample for petroleum gas applications. Sample cylinders differ from sample canisters in that they do not have a Summa-passivated interior surface and are not evacuated prior to shipment. Sample cylinders are not suitable for analysis of hydrocarbons at ppbv levels. Sample cylinders can be used for analysis of natural gas by ASTM D-1945 and calculation of BTU by ASTM D-3588. Eurofins Air Toxics assumes that clients requesting a sample cylinder have a pressurized process and sample port with a built-in gauge and 1/4" Swagelok fitting to attach to the sample cylinder. Eurofins Air Toxics has a limited inventory of 500 mL sample cylinders that are particularly suited for landfill gas collection systems (i.e., LFG to energy applications). This section provides step-by-step procedures for sampling with a sample cylinder.

Inform the lab during project set up if hazardous samples (e.g. high Hydrogen Sulfide concentrations) will be collected to verify the lab can safely handle the samples.

Step-by-Step Procedures for Sample Cylinder Sampling

These procedures are for a typical stationary source sampling application and actual field conditions; procedures may vary. Follow all precautions in the site Health and Safety Plan when dealing with a pressurized sample port and sample cylinder. Follow required DOT guidelines for packaging and shipping.

1. Verify contents of the shipped package (e.g., chain-of-custody, sample cylinder, particulate filter).
2. Verify that gauge on sample port is working properly.
3. Purge sample port.

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4. Remove brass caps on either end of cylinder.
5. Attach particulate filter to upstream valve.
6. Attach filter/cylinder assembly directly to the sample port.
7. Open both valves 1/2 turn.
8. Allow sample air to flow through sample cylinder (approximately 10 L for a 500 mL cylinder).
9. Close downstream valve of sample cylinder by hand tightening knob clockwise.
10. Allow sample cylinder to pressurize to process pressure (max 100 psig).
11. Close upstream valve of sample cylinder and sample port.
12. Detach filter/cylinder assembly from sample port and remove particulate filter.
13. Replace brass caps.
14. Fill out sample cylinder sample tag.
15. Fill out chain-of-custody and relinquish samples properly.
16. Include the chain-of-custody with the samples and retain pink copy.
17. Pack, label, and ship according to DOT regulations.

Follow DOT regulations for packaging and shipping hazardous samples.

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Appendix C
Specifications and standard operating procedures for other instrumentation and equipment

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- Temperature range: -40° to 1,000° C.
- Backlit LCD.
- cETL listed.

WESTWARD

	Voltage		Amps						
Includes	AC	DC	AC	DC	Max. ohms	DC Accuracy	Counts	Item	$ Each
Test Leads, Temperature Probe, Soft Carrying Case, Battery, Instructions	600	600	10	10	60 MΩ	±1/2% + 2 Digits	6,000	WSW22XX19	137.10
Test Leads, Soft Carrying Case, Battery, Instructions	600	600	10	10	40 MΩ	±1/2% + 2 Digits	4,000	WSW22XX20	125.80
Test Leads, Soft Carrying Case, Battery, Instructions	600	600	10	10	20 MΩ	±1/2% + 2 Digits	2,000	WSW22XX21	114.55

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FET30XR-A Manual Ranging with Non-Contact Voltage Tester

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- Magne-Grip holster with magnetic hanging strap.
- 9 ranges, 30 functions including min./max.
- CAT III 300 V, CAT III 600 V.

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For contractors and field service technicians, the 34XR-A provides a true RMS autoranging DMM for troubleshooting difficult problems.

Features include:

- Bright blue backlight.
- Magne-Grip holster with magnetic hanging strap.
- CAT III 600 V, CAT II 1,000 V.

FET38XR-A True RMS Digital Multimeter with Optical PC Interface

For engineers designing and troubleshooting industrial automation and control systems, the 38XR-A delivers the highest safety rating available – CAT IV 600 V and CAT III 1,000 V.

Features include:

- Bright blue backlight.
- Duty cycle, capacitance and frequency.
- Magne-Grip holster with magnetic hanging strap.
- 4 – 20 mA loop current with % readout.
- Temperature to 1,300° C with type K thermocouple included.

FET35XP-A Full Featured Digital Multimeter

Field service-ready meter is sized to go any where and fit into any tool kit. Features included: voltect non-contact voltage detector, Magne-Grip holster with magnetic hanging strap frees both hands for work, temperature measurement capability to 1,832° F/1,000° C, 750 VAC/1,000 VDC rating. CAT III 300 V, CAT II 600 V, CAT I 1,000 V.

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Voltage		Current								
AC	DC	AC Current (amps)	DC Current (amps)	Resistance (ohms)	Basic DC Volts Accuracy	Counts	True-RMS	Auto Range	Item	$ Each
200 mV - 600 V	200 mV - 600 V	200 µA - 10 A	200 µA - 10 A	200 - 20 M	±1%	1,999	No	No	FET30XR-A	128.45
400 mV - 750 V	400 mV - 1,000 V	400 µA - 10 A	400 µA - 10 A	400 - 40 M	±0.5%	3,999	Yes	Yes	FET34XR-A	199.80
1,000 mV - 750 V	1,000 mV - 1,000 V	100 µA - 10 A	100 µA - 10 A	1,000 - 40 M	±0.25%	10,000	Yes	Yes	FET38XR-A	285.45
400 mV - 600 V	400 mV - 600 V	400 µA - 2 A	400 µA - 2 A	40 M	±0.5%	3,999	No	Yes	FET35XP-A	171.25

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- FETHD160C – CAT IV 1,000 V rated.

FETHD110C FETHD160C

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Max. AC Volts	Max. DC Volts	Max. AC Amps	Max. DC Amps	Resistance (ohms)	Capacitance Range	Temp. Range	Basic DC Accuracy	Counts	True RMS	Auto Ranging	Item	$ Each
1,000	1,500	2	2	20 M	—	—	±0.1% + 2 Digits	1,999	No	No	FETHD110C	320.80
1,000	1,500	2	2	40 M	40 nF - 400 uF	-4° F - 2,372° F (-20° C - 1,300° C)	±0.1% + 5 Digits	9,999	Yes	Yes	FETHD160C	535.50

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Specifications

- **Includes:** Charging Adapter, Micro Manometer Tubing, Grab Sampler Tubing and 6 Inline Filters
- **Radon Mode:** 6-minute Grab Sampler, Brushed DC Sampling Pump rated for 500 hrs
- **Range:** 0 to 999 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) or 0 to 37,000 Bequerels per cubic meter (Bq/m^3)
- **Manometer Mode (2 Ranges):**
  0 to .250 inches WC or 0 to 62 Pascals
  0 to 8.00 inches WC or 0 to 2000 Pascals
- **User Selectable Options:** Units, Beep, Time Average
- **Power:** 120VAC 60Hz Transformer, Rechargeable NiCad Battery
- **Indicators:** 2 X 16 LCD Display, Green AC Power LED
- **Rotary Switch:** 2 Position, [Grab Sample] [Manometer]
- **Communication Port:** RS-232 Port, for use by manufacturer only
- **Pushbuttons:** Momentary [Enter] [Next/Zero] [Reset]
- **Operating Range:** Temperature 55°F to 85°F
  Humidity 0 to 80%, non-condensing

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RadStar GM 1-2

1 - Radon Grab Sampler

- Performs a 6-minute radon grab sample
- Displays real-time alpha particle counts
- Readings can be in pCi/L or Bq/m^3
- Approximately 5-hour battery life

2 - Micro Manometer

- Time Average option adjusts readings for high wind or other environmental conditions
- Readings can be in WC or Pascals
- Approximately 5-day battery life if only being used as a Micro Manometer

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RadStar GM 1-2 Grab Sampler/Manometer

Turning Grab Sampler On:

Connect radon sample and filter tube to Sample Port. Turn knob to left [Grab Sampler]. The unit will beep; the pump and display will activate.

```
RadStar  GM-1,2
HV Charging…..
```

After the High Voltage charges for 60 seconds* the bottom display line will display live results.

```
RadStar   GM-1,2
000cnts    360secs
```

←Live Display

(Note: Pressing [NEXT/ZERO] key switch will reset Live Display counter.)

After 360 seconds the top display line will display the previous 6 minute sample results and the bottom line will reset for another sample:

```
010cpm   10pCi/l
000cnts   000secs
```

←Previous Sample

To Select Grab Sampler Options:

Press [ENTER]

Unit will display:

```
RadStar  GM-1,2
Grab Sample?
```

← Press [ENTER] to return to Grab Sample Mode.

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

```
RadStar  GM-1,2
Radon Units?
```

← Press [ENTER] to select pCi/l or Bq/m3

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

```
RadStar  GM-1,2
Beep?
```

←Press [ENTER] to select Beep On or Off.

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

CAUTION: DO NOT SUCTION DUST, DIRT OR WATER WITH RADON SAMPLE TUBE.

**NOTE: [ENTER] or [ZERO/NEXT] Pushbutton switches will not respond while HV is charging.*

Turning Manometer On:

Connect one end of pressure tubing to Low manometer port** and the other end to pressure source to be measured. The High manometer port is a reference open to atmosphere. Turn knob to right [Manometer]. The unit will beep and the display will activate.

RadStar GM-1,2 +.000 Inches WC

←Low Pressure Range (0 to .250 Inches WC or 0 to 62 Pascals)

To Zero Display Reading:

Disconnect any pressure source from High and Low Ports.

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

RadStar GM-1,2 Zeroing.....

AutoRange:

When a pressure is applied that exceeds the Low Pressure range the unit will automatically change to the High Pressure setting. Press [RESET] to change back to Low Pressure range.

RadStar GM-1,2 +0.00 Inches WC

←High Pressure Range (0 to 8.00 inches WC or 0 to 2000 Pascals)

To Select Manometer Options:

Press [ENTER]

Unit will display:

RadStar GM-1,2 Manometer?

← Press [ENTER] to return to Manometer Mode

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

RadStar GM-1,2 Pressure Units?

← Press [ENTER] to select Inches WC or Pascals

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

RadStar GM-1,2 Time Average?

← Press [ENTER] to select Time Average On or Off

Press [NEXT/ZERO]

****NOTE: The Low manometer port will measure positive or negative pressures. Measuring pressure by connecting to the High manometer port will display opposite polarity (+ or -) readings.**

RadStar GM1-2 Instrument Specifications

Radon Mode: 6 minute Grab Sampler, Brushed DC Sampling Pump rated for 500 hrs

Range: 0 to 999 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L or
0 to 37,000 Bequerels per cubic meter (Bq/m3)

Manometer Mode: (2) Ranges- 0 to .250 Inches WC or 0 to 62 Pascals
0 to 8.00 Inches WC or 0 to 2000 Pascals

User Selectable Options: Units, Beep, Time Average

Power: 120VAC 60Hz Transformer, rechargeable NiCad battery.

Indicators: 2 X 16 LCD Display, Green AC Power LED

Rotary Switch: 2 Position, [Grab Sample] [Manometer]

Communication Port: RS-232 port, for use by manufacturer only.

Pushbuttons: Momentary [Enter] [Next/Zero] [Reset]

Operating Range: Temperature 55°F to 85°F
Humidity 0 to 80%, non-condensing

Size:

Length	10 3/4 inches
Width	9 3/4 inches
Height	4 7/8 inches
Weight	5 pounds

Color: Federal Safety Orange/Black

Warranty: 1 year

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SPECIFICATIONS

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Dimensions 3.8” x 1.0” x 2.0” LWH

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ABM-100

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- Measures airflow in:
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  - Cubic Feet Per Minute
  - Cubic Meters Per Hour
  - Linear Meters Per Second
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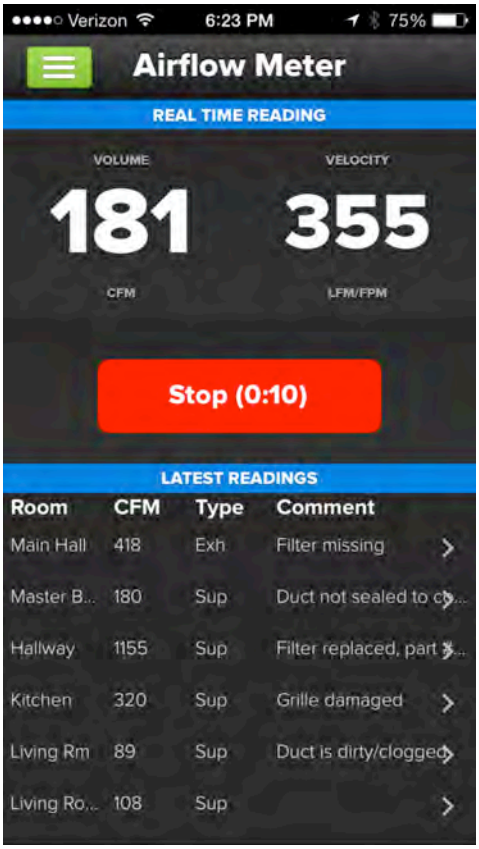

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