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MEMORANDUM

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ESAT Contract No.: EP-W-06-041
Technical Direction Form No.: 00105050

DATE: March 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Review of Analytical Data, Tier 3

Attached are comments resulting from ESAT Region 9 review of the following analytical data:

Site:	Alhambra
Site Account No.:	09 ES LA01
CERCLIS ID No.:	CAD980918579
Case No.:	Not Provided
SDG No.:	05I025
Laboratory:	EMAX and Del Mar Analytical
Analysis:	1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) and n-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)
Samples:	5 Water Samples (see Case Summary)
Collection Date:	September 1 and 2, 2005
Reviewer:	Calvin Tanaka, ESAT/Laboratory Data Consultants (LDC)

This report has been reviewed by the EPA TOM for the ESAT contract, whose signature appears above.

If there are any questions, please contact Rose Fong (QA Program/EPA) at (415) 972-3812.

Attachment

SAMPLING ISSUES: [X] Yes [ ] No

Data Validation Report – Tier 3

Case No.: Not Provided
SDG No.: 05I025
Site: Alhambra
Laboratory: EMAX and Del Mar Analytical
Reviewer: Calvin Tanaka, ESAT/LDC
Date: March 26, 2007

I. CASE SUMMARY

Sample Information

Samples:	Y2IE4, Y2IE5, Y2IE6, Y2IE7, and Y2IE8
Concentration and Matrix:	Low Concentration Water
Analysis:	1,2,3-TCP (GC/MS/SIM) and NDMA (GC/MS/MS CI)
SOW:	EPA Methods 8260B/SIM and 1625 Modified
Collection Date:	September 1 and 2, 2005
Sample Receipt Date:	September 2, 2005 (EMAX) and September 6, 2005 (Del Mar Analytical, Irvine)
Extraction Date:	September 7, 2005 (NDMA)
Analysis Date:	September 9, 2005 (EMAX) and September 9, 2005 (Del Mar Analytical, Irvine)

Field QC

Field Blanks (FB):	Not Provided
Trip Blanks (TB):	Not Provided
Equipment Blanks (EB):	Y2IE7
Background Samples (BG):	Not Provided
Field Duplicates (D1):	Not Provided

Laboratory QC

Method Blanks & Associated Samples:

MBLK1W:	(1,2,3-TCP) All samples
5I0751-BLK1:	(NDMA) All samples

Tables

1B:	Data Qualifier Definitions for Organic Data Review

Sampling Issues

The samples were received by Del Mar Analytical, Irvine with a cooler temperature of 7.0EC, which exceeds the 4±2EC sample preservation criterion. Since the cooler temperature is below 10EC, no adverse effect on data quality is expected.

Additional Comments

For the NDMA analysis by Del Mar Analytical, Irvine, decafluorotriphenylphosphine (DFTPP) was not analyzed. Since NDMA is analyzed by the chemical ionization (CI) technique, no adverse effect is expected.

This report was prepared in accordance with the following documents:

X ESAT Region 9 Standard Operating Procedure 901, *Guidelines for Data Review of Contract Laboratory Program Analytical Services (CLPAS) Volatile and Semivolatile Data Packages*;

X EPA Method 8260.B, *Volatile Organic Compounds by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS)*, Revision 2, 1996;

X EPA Method 1625C, *Semivolatile Organic Compounds by Isotope dilution GC/MS*, June 1989; and

X *USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review*, October 1999.

II. VALIDATION SUMMARY

The data were evaluated based on the following parameters:

	Parameter	Acceptable	Comment
1.	Holding Time/Preservation	Yes	
2.	GC/MS Tune and GC Performance	Yes	
3.	Initial Calibration	Yes	
4.	Continuing Calibration	Yes	
5.	Laboratory Blanks	Yes	
6.	Field Blanks	Yes	
7.	Surrogate (Method 8260)	Yes	
8.	Labeled Compound (Method 1625)	No	B
9.	Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicates	N/A	
10.	Laboratory Control Samples/Duplicates	Yes	
11.	Internal Standard	Yes	
12.	Compound Identification	Yes	
13.	Compound Quantitation	Yes	A
14.	System Performance	Yes	
15.	Field Duplicate Sample Analysis	N/A	

N/A = Not Applicable

III. VALIDITY AND COMMENTS

A. The following detected result is qualified as estimated and should be flagged AJ@.

X 1,2,3-Trichloropropane in samples Y21E5 and Y21E6 (below the practical quantitation limit)

Results below the practical quantitation limits (PQLs) are considered to be qualitatively acceptable, but quantitatively unreliable, due to the uncertainty in analytical precision near the limit of detection.

B. For NDMA analysis, the laboratory did not spike the samples and method blank with

a labeled compound (i.e., surrogate; see Method 1625C Sections 6.8, 10.2.1.3, and 10.2.3.2 and Figure 4). Consequently, the extraction efficiency (surrogate recovery) cannot be evaluated. The NDMA-d6 spiked by the laboratory was used as an internal standard.

TABLE 1B

DATA QUALIFIER DEFINITIONS FOR ORGANIC DATA REVIEW

The definitions of the following qualifiers are prepared according to the document, "USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review," October 1999.

U The analyte was analyzed for but was not detected above the reported sample quantitation limit.

L Indicates results which fall below the Contract Required Quantitation Limit. Results are estimated and are considered qualitatively acceptable but quantitatively unreliable due to uncertainties in the analytical precision near the limit of detection.

J The analyte was positively identified; the associated numerical value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.

NJ The analysis indicates the presence of an analyte that has been "tentatively identified" and the associated numerical value represents its approximate concentration.

UJ The analyte was not detected above the reported sample quantitation limit. However, the reported quantitation limit is approximate and may or may not represent the actual limit of quantitation necessary to accurately and precisely measure the analyte in the sample.

R The sample results are rejected due to serious deficiencies in the ability to analyze the sample and meet quality control criteria. The presence or absence of the analyte cannot be verified.