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MEMORANDUM

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ESAT Contract No.: EP-W-06-041
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DATE: October 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Review of Analytical Data, Tier 2

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

Site:	Omega Chem OU2
Site Account No.:	09 BC LA02
CERCLIS ID No.:	CAD042245001
Case No.:	None
SDG Nos.:	IQG0607, IQG1031, IQG1213, IQG1460, and IQG1853
Laboratory:	TestAmerica Analytical Testing Corp.
Analysis:	Hexavalent Chromium
Samples:	26 Groundwater Samples (see Case Summary)
Collection Dates:	July 9, 12, 13, 17, and 19, 2007
Reviewer:	Stan Kott, ESAT/Laboratory Data Consultants

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: Yes No

Data Validation Report

Case No.: None
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Site: Omega Chem OU2
Laboratory: TestAmerica Analytical Testing Corp.
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I. CASE SUMMARY

Sample Information

SDG IQG0607 Samples: OC2-MW24D-W-0-577, OC2-MW24C-W-0-578,
OC2-MW24B-W-0-579, OC2-MW24A-W-0-580, and
OC2-MW24A-W-1-581

SDG IQG1031 Samples: OC2-MW27D-W-0-590, OC2-MW27C-W-0-591,
OC2-MW27B-W-0-592, OC2-MW24B-W-1-593, and
OC2-MW27A-W-0-594

SDG IQG1213 Samples: OC2-MW23A-W-0-595, OC2-MW23D-W-0-596,
OC2-MW23C-W-0-597, OC2-MW23B-W-0-598, and
OC2-MW29-W-0-599

SDG IQG1460 Samples: OC2-MW8D-W-0-603, OC2-MW8C-W-0-604,
OC2-MW8B-W-0-605, OC2-MW8A-W-0-606,
OC2-MW12-W-0-607, and OC2-MW12-W-1-608

SDG IQG1853 Samples: OC2-MW20C-W-0-614, OC2-MW20B-W-0-615,
OC2-MW20A-W-0-616, OC2-MW14-W-0-617,
and OC2-MW3-W-0-618

Concentration and Matrix: Low Concentration Groundwater
Analysis: Hexavalent Chromium
SOW: EPA Method 218.6
Collection Date: July 9, 12, 13, 17, and 19, 2007
Sample Receipt Date: July 9, 12, 13, 17, and 19, 2007
Preparation Date: July 9, 13, 13, 17, and 19, 2007
Analysis Date: July 9, 13, 13, 17, and 19, 2007

Field QC

Field Blanks (FB): Not Provided
Equipment Blanks (EB): Not Provided
Background Samples (BG): Not Provided
Field Duplicates (D1): OC2-MW24A-W-0-580 and OC2-MW24A-W-1-581
Field Duplicates (D2): OC2-MW27B-W-0-592 and OC2-MW27B-W-1-593
Field Duplicates (D3): OC2-MW12-W-0-607 and OC2-MW12-W-1-608

Laboratory QC

Method Blanks and
Associated Samples: 7G09092-BLK1 for SDG IQG0607, 7G13055-BLK1
for SDG IQG1031, 7G13133-BLK1 for SDG IQG1213,
7G17075-BLK1 for SDGIQG1460, and 7G19121-
BLK1 for SDG1853

Matrix Spike (MS): IQG0597-01MS1, OC2-MW27C-W-0-591MS1, OC2-MW29-W-0-599MS1, IQG1425-03MS1, and OC2-MW20C-W-0-614MS1

Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD): IQG0597-01MSD1, OC2-MW27C-W-0-591MSD1, OC2-MW29-W-0-599MSD1, IQG1425-03MSD1, and OC2-MW20C-W-0-614MSD1

Analysis: Hexavalent Chromium

<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Sample Preparation Date</u>	<u>Analysis Date</u>
Hexavalent Chromium	July 9, 13, 17, and 19, 2007	July 9, 13, 17, and 19, 2007

Sampling Issues

The Chain of Custody (COC) record form did not specify a sample to be used for laboratory quality control (QC). As a result, the laboratory selected the QC samples. For SDG IQG0607 and SDG IQG1460, the laboratory selected samples IQG0597-01 and IQG1425-03, respectively, which may not be representative of the respective environmental sample matrices. The effect on data quality is not known.

The cooler containing all samples for SDG IQG1031 arrived at the laboratory with a temperature of 13°C. This temperature exceeds the 4°C temperature specified in Method 218.6. The results are estimated (J) due to inadequate preservation. See Validity and Comments section Comment B.

The exact type of sample preservation was not provided on the COC record form. However, the laboratory Case Narrative indicates no problems were encountered. No adverse effect on data quality is expected.

Additional Comments

As directed by the TOM, a Tier 2 validation (i.e., review all QC results and calibrations, minus calculation check) was performed.

The laboratory reports results less than the reporting limit (RL) as “ND”. However, ND is reported in the attached table as 0.0003U. No adverse effect on data quality is expected.

Hexavalent chromium sample OC2-MW8A-W-0-606 (SDG IQG1460) exceeded the instrument calibration curve and was analyzed at a 10-fold dilution. No adverse effect on data quality is expected.

Analytical results are listed in Table 1A with qualifications. Definitions of data qualifiers used in Table 1A are listed in Table 1B.

This report was prepared in accordance with the following documents:

- X Region 9 Standard Operating Procedure 906, *Guidelines for Data Review of Contract Laboratory Program Analytical Services (CLPAS) Inorganic Data Packages*; and
- X *USEPA Method 218.6, Determination of Dissolved Hexavalent Chromium in*

II. VALIDATION SUMMARY

The data were evaluated based on the following parameters:

	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.	Data Completeness	Yes	
2.	Sample Preservation and Holding Times	No	A,B
3.	Calibration	Yes	
	a. Initial		
	b. Initial and Continuing Calibration Verification		
4.	Blanks	Yes	
5.	Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	Yes	
6.	Duplicate Sample Analysis	Yes	
7.	Matrix Spike Sample Analysis	Yes	
8.	Field Duplicate Sample Analysis	No	C
9.	Sample Quantitation	Yes	
10.	Overall Assessment	Yes	

N/A = Not Applicable

III. VALIDITY AND COMMENTS

- A. The following result is estimated and should be flagged "J" because the technical holding time was exceeded.

X Hexavalent chromium in sample OC2-MW27D-W-0-590 (SDG IQG1031)

The method 24 hour technical holding time for water was exceeded as shown below.

Sample Number	Date Collected	Time Collected	Date Analyzed	Time Analyzed	Exceeded (HH:MM)
OC2-MW27D-W-0-590	7/12/07	08:10 AM	7/13/07	10:47 AM	2:37

The not detected result for sample OC2-MW27D-W-0-590 may be biased low and a false negative may exist.

- B. The following results are estimated and flagged "J" in Table 1A due to inadequate sample preservation.

X Hexavalent chromium in all SDG IQG1031 samples

These samples did not meet Method 218.6 sample preservation criterion. The samples were not adequately preserved in the field to a temperature of 4°C as shown below.

Sample Number	Temperature
OC2-MW27D-W-0-590	13°C
OC2-MW27C-W-0-591	13°C
OC2-MW27B-W-0-592	13°C
OC2-MW27B-W-1-593	13°C
OC2-MW27A-W-0-594	13°C

The not detected sample results for samples listed above may be biased low and false negatives may exist

- C. An absolute difference of 0.00071 mg/L was obtained for hexavalent chromium in the analysis of field duplicate pair samples OC2-MW12-W-0-607 and OC2-MW12-W-1-608 (SDG IQG1460). Since sampling variability is included in the measurement, field duplicate results are expected to vary more than laboratory duplicates which have a ± 0.0003 mg/L absolute difference criterion for precision. The effect on data quality is not known.

The analysis of field duplicate samples is a measure of both field and analytical precision. The imprecision in the results of the analysis of the field duplicate pair may be due to the sample matrix, poor sampling, or laboratory technique.

TABLE 1B

DATA QUALIFIER DEFINITIONS FOR INORGANIC DATA REVIEW

The definitions of the following qualifiers are prepared in accordance with the document *USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review*, October 2004.

- U The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected above the level of the reported sample quantitation limit.
- J The result is an estimated quantity. The associated numerical value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
- J+ The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased high.
- J- The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased low.
- R The data are unusable. The sample results are rejected due to serious deficiencies in meeting Quality Control (QC) criteria. The analyte may or may not be present in the sample.
- UJ The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected. The reported quantitation limit is approximate and may be inaccurate or imprecise.

