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Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Non-Residential Parcels)**

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**RE: Final 2022 Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Non-Residential Parcels)**

Agency Representatives:

I am writing to you on behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company and Butte-Silver Bow to submit the Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Non-Residential Parcels). This submittal addresses Agency comments presented in your June 21, 2022, conditional approval letter. The report and appendices may be downloaded at the following link:

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(Non-Residential Parcels)*

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**Re: Approval letter for the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) 2022 Draft Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP), Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Non-Residential Parcels (dated June 13, 2022)**

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is approving the *2022 Draft Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP), Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Non-Residential Parcels (dated June 13, 2022)*, with the following comments. Please address these comments then distribute the final version of the QAPP.

- Please update the date on the document prior to distribution and please remove “revision 1” from the footers.
- If the content or the technical approach provided in the plan has changed or requires modification, please submit the revised plan to EPA and DEQ for review and approval.
- Please submit and distribute the Final 2022 QAPP with the attached signature/approval page and the EPA approved crosswalk.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (406) 457-5019.

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**Re: Comments for the Draft Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) (Non-Residential Parcels) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated May 12, 2022)**

Dear Mike:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is providing comments on the *Draft Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) (Non-Residential Parcels) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (dated May 12, 2022)* that was prepared by Pioneer Technical Services, Inc., on behalf of the Butte-Silver Bow County (BSB) and Atlantic Richfield Company.

In general, the QAPP update that incorporates RMAP sampling within the parks are clear and comprehensive. The following bullets provide a few general comments on the document. Specific comments are being provided as tracked changes and electronic comments in the Microsoft Word document, which was provided as part of the review submittal. Please incorporate the necessary changes to address these comments and submit the draft final version of the QAPP for agency review.

**General Comment:**

1. As clarified during the RMAP Project Check-in teleconference on May 19, 2022, this QAPP document is being submitted as the annual update to the RMAP Non-Residential Parcels QAPP. It is not a modification or revision of the 2021 version of the QAPP. Thus, please modify the title of the document to include the year; the revision number and modification number specified within the QAPP should be indicated as zero (0). Additionally, in the Document Modification Summary, please refer to this document version as a "Draft" that is being provided to the agencies for review and comment. Once comments have been incorporated, the "Draft Final" version that incorporates changes based on agency comments on the Draft QAPP will be submitted to the agencies for approval and finalization.

Atlantic Richfield Company Response (6/13/22) – Document has been updated to address comment.

2. Please review the QAPP, particularly the data quality objectives (DQOs), to ensure discussions on the use of incremental sampling methods and the use of the 2- to 12-inch depth interval are clearly limited to specific areas within the parks (i.e., large grassy areas and fields used for recreational purposes). The text is often written too broadly and could be interpreted to mean that incremental sampling may be employed at non-park properties or may encompass other types of land use areas within the park properties. The specific comments highlight several instances of this issue when noted, but please systematically review the QAPP to ensure it is clear where incremental methods may be employed.

Atlantic Richfield Company Response (6/13/22) – Text has been updated to address comment.

3. Table 4 provides valuable information on the sample processing steps and is a useful addition to the 2022 QAPP. However, several steps in the sampling process outline require additional specificity or modification to incorporate changes based on recommendations in the updated Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) Incremental Sampling Methodology guidance (ISM-2; ITRC 2021). Specific comments have been included in Section 3.3 of the QAPP, along with specific references to sections of the ITRC ISM-2 guidance. Please modify the QAPP text, Table 4, and any affected soil sampling standard operating procedures accordingly.

Atlantic Richfield Company Response (6/13/22) – Text, Table 4, and affected SOPs have been updated to address comment.

4. Sampling to address properties with “incomplete datasets” (i.e., no mercury analysis, no subsurface soil sampling results) should not be restricted to only those properties where remediation was not performed. If there are data gaps for properties where remediation was performed, but gaps remain for the un-remediated portions of the property, these gaps must be addressed. Note that this comment is applicable to both non-residential and residential properties. Although it is not necessary to add a table to the QAPP, please provide the agencies with a comprehensive list of the previously sampled properties that have incomplete datasets.

Atlantic Richfield Company Response (6/13/22) – Sections 3.2.3 and 3.3.3 have been updated to address comment. There are no known examples of non-residential parcels with incomplete data sets at this time. If any are encountered in the future, they will be reviewed with Agency personnel at that time.

5. Since this is an annual revision with new content, please update the title of the document to include the year (i.e., 2022). Additionally, please update the EPA crosswalk to only include the comments that pertain to this 2022 annual update; thus, the previous comments and comment responses are no longer required since these historic comments have been addressed.

Atlantic Richfield Company Response (6/13/22) – Document and crosswalk have been updated to

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## 2022 Quality Assurance Project Plan for BPSOU Residential Metals Abatement Program (Non-Residential Parcels) Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL Site


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<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Agencies</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Montana Department of Environmental Quality	<b>LBP</b>	Lead-based paint
<b>ASA</b>	American Society of Agronomy	<b>LCS</b>	Laboratory Control Sample
<b>Atlantic Richfield</b>		<b>LMS</b>	Laboratory Matrix Spike
<b>bgs</b>	Below Ground Surface	<b>MDL</b>	Method Detection Limit
<b>BHRS</b>	Butte Hill Revegetation Specifications	<b>mg/kg</b>	milligram per kilogram
<b>BPSOU</b>	BPSOU Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit	<b>ml</b>	milliliters
<b>BSB</b>	Butte-Silver Bow	<b>MS</b>	Matrix Spike
<b>CAR</b>	Corrective Action Report	<b>MSD</b>	Matrix Spike Duplicate
<b>CERCLA</b>	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act,	<b>NPL</b>	National Priorities List
<b>CFRSSI</b>	Clark Fork River Superfund Site Investigations	<b>pdf</b>	Portable document format
<b>CLP</b>	Contract Laboratory Program	<b>QA</b>	Quality Assurance
<b>COC</b>	Contaminant of Concern	<b>QAPP</b>	Quality Assurance Project Plan
<b>DEQ</b>	Montana Department of Environmental Quality	<b>QC</b>	Quality Control
<b>DMP</b>	Data Management Plan	<b>QMP</b>	Quality Management Plan
<b>DQA</b>	Data Quality Assessment	<b>RL</b>	Reporting Limit
<b>DQO</b>	Data Quality Objectives	<b>RMAP</b>	Residential Metals Abatement Program
<b>DSR</b>	Data Summary Report	<b>ROD</b>	Record of Decision
<b>EBL</b>	Elevated Blood Lead	<b>RPD</b>	relative percent difference
<b>EDD</b>	Electronic Data Deliverable	<b>SAP</b>	Sampling Analysis Plan
<b>EPA</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<b>SOP</b>	Standard Operating Procedure
<b>ESD</b>	Explanation of Significant Differences	<b>SOW</b>	Statement of Work
<b>ft<sup>2</sup></b>	square feet	<b>SQL</b>	Structured Query Language
<b>GIS</b>	Geographical Information System	<b>SRM</b>	Standard Reference Material
<b>HAZWOPER</b>	Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response	<b>SSHASP</b>	Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan
<b>HEPA</b>	High Efficiency Particulate Air	<b>SSSA</b>	Soil Science Society of America, Inc.
<b>HUD</b>	U.S. Housing and Urban Development	<b>UAO</b>	Unilateral Administrative Order
<b>IC</b>	Institutional controls	<b>USDA</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture
<b>ICIAP</b>	Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan	<b>XRF</b>	X-ray fluorescence
<b>ICP-AES</b>	Inducted Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy	<b>°C</b>	degrees Celsius

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>ISM</b>	Incremental Sampling Methodology	<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	Micrograms per cubic meter
<b>ICP-MS</b>	Inductively-Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry	<b>µm</b>	micron
<b>ISWP</b>	Individual Site Work Plan		

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) *Multi-Pathway Residential Metals Abatement Program Plan (RMAP) Plan* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2020) (hereafter referred to as the Program) is designed to mitigate exposure of residents of the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU), the larger Butte community as a whole and rural residential development within the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site to sources of arsenic, lead, and mercury contamination. The current Program boundary (depicted as the 2020 RMAP Area Boundary) is shown on Figure 1. Medical monitoring is conducted as a sister program to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.

The contamination may originate from both mining-related (waste rock, tailings, aerial emissions) and non-mining-related sources. The potential sources of arsenic, lead, and/or mercury exposure addressed in the Program include lead, arsenic, and total mercury present in soil. The Program uses remediation and abatement of contaminated properties and community awareness and education to ensure its effectiveness.

The Program requires systematic sampling of residential soil within the BPSOU. For areas outside of BPSOU but within the 2020 RMAP Area boundary shown on Figure 1, a test-by-request campaign will be implemented in place of a systematic sampling approach to identify sampling efforts and potentially necessary remedial work. The Program also requires systematic sampling of playground and play areas (e.g., schools and parks) within the 2020 RMAP Area (see Figure 1). This QAPP addresses soil sampling of non-residential parcels (schools, parks, non-residential daycares) that fall under the RMAP umbrella. Interior assessments and sampling of these non-residential structures will be addressed through forthcoming QAPP revisions. Additionally, a separate QAPP will be prepared to support the assessment of residential RMAP parcels/properties.

The Program contains additional institutional control (IC) measures regarding education, outreach, and tracking programs related to remedial activities at residential properties, as further described in the *BPSOU Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan (ICIAP)* (Atlantic Richfield Company, 2019).

### 1.1 Purpose

*The BPSOU Quality Management Plan (QMP)* (Atlantic Richfield Company, 2016) provides guidance to ensure quality environmental data collected for the BPSOU meet requirements mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of this Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) is to provide guidance for future RMAP sampling and analyses of non-residential properties (e.g., schools, parks, and non-residential daycares) and to describe the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) policies and procedures to be used during these efforts. The current Program boundary (depicted as the 2020 RMAP Area Boundary) is shown on Figure 1. This QAPP functions as the Program sampling and analysis plan (SAP) for all future non-residential sampling activities. A separate QAPP is being developed to address residential RMAP parcels (including residential daycares and commercial properties containing living space).



This QAPP has been composed of standard recognized elements referenced in the *EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans, EPA QA/R-5* (EPA, 2001); the *Guidance on Systematic Planning Using the Data Quality Objectives Process, EPA QA/G4* (EPA, 2006a); and the *EPA Region 8 Quality Assurance Document Review Crosswalk checklist* (EPA, 2016), which is provided in Attachment A. This QAPP includes the following four key elements:

- Program management and organization (Section 2.0).
- Measurement and data acquisition (Section 3.0).
- Reclamation material (Section 4.0).
- Assessment and oversight (Section 5.0).
- Data review and usability (Section 6.0).

The sections below provide the project elements and include details for planning, sampling, and analyses within the Program areas. Sections in this QAPP expand on or reference information in other site-wide documents and present project-specific requirements.

## **2.0 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION**

This section addresses Program and project administrative functions as well as project background, objectives, and documentation requirements for sampling and analyses activities on each project site within the Program area. Project personnel roles are described below. Responsibilities of personnel in each of these roles are described below.

### **2.1 Agency Oversight**

The EPA and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (the Agencies) are responsible for project oversight, review, and approval of all Program generated sampling data and subsequent site-specific remediation plans. The EPA Remedial Project Manager is Nikia Greene, and the DEQ Project Officer is Daryl Reed.

The Agencies also review sampling results above action levels listed in Table 1 and project completion reports.

### **2.2 Atlantic Richfield Company**

Atlantic Richfield Company (Atlantic Richfield) provides Program funding through an Allocation Agreement between BSB and Atlantic Richfield. The Atlantic Richfield Liability Manager, Mike Mc Anulty, must authorize all reclamation activities under the Program. An Atlantic Richfield project representative or designated alternate may complete a site walk-through and assist with site-specific work plan approval of all reclamation projects prior to implementation.

At this time, it is anticipated that Atlantic Richfield will elect to self-perform portions of the RMAP sampling and analyses work in consultation with BSB representatives.

## **2.3 Butte-Silver Bow County Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services**

Butte-Silver Bow is responsible for notifying qualifying property owners of potential exposure within the property, obtaining property owner access (Attachment B) to conduct sampling and abatement (as needed), maintaining all Program data, and coordinating abatement activities. Key individuals comprising the BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services are shown on Figure 2. The Program project team responsibilities are described below.

### **Director – Eric Hassler**

The Director will oversee all activities throughout the department and is responsible for maintaining the official approved QAPP and for ensuring that the work is performed in accordance with the requirements contained herein. The Director is also responsible for consulting with the Assistant Director regarding any project deficiencies and resolutions.

### **Assistant Director – Julia Crain**

The Assistant Director will perform various coordinating responsibilities across operable units while assisting with data related activities.

### **Manager, Human Health/RMAP Division - Chad Anderson**

The Human Health/RMAP Division Manager will coordinate all RMAP activities and oversee division crews and staff. Furthermore, the Manager is responsible for verifying effective implementation of QAPP requirements and procedures and scheduling sampling work to be completed. This includes reviewing field and laboratory data and evaluating data quality. The Manager will also complete a site walk-through, prepare a site-specific work plan for approval of all reclamation projects prior to implementing, and provide project oversight.

The Manager will also be responsible for the oversight of field team laborers during abatement activities to complete the duties listed below:

- Scheduling sampling work to be completed.
- Managing requests for property access, tracking the status of access requests, and maintaining copies of completed agreements received from property owners (refer to Section 2.9.1 and 3.1).
- Ensuring completed agreements are photocopied, scanned, and the electronic version stored on a hard drive.
- Ensuring a copy of the individual access agreement is included in the project record files.
- Ensuring that all team members have reviewed the QAPP and the QAPP procedures are properly followed during field activities.
- Conducting daily safety meetings, assisting in field activities, and documenting activities in the field logbook or appropriate field collection device.
- Coordinating field activities and managing equipment.
- Solving problems and making decisions in the field.
- Managing technical aspects of the project.

- Maintaining an on-the-ground overview of the project tasks by observing site activities.
- Ensuring compliance with technical project requirements and the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (SSHASP).
- Identifying issues during field activities and reporting all issues to the RMAP Coordinator.

**Data Management Division/Quality Assurance Manager – Abigail Peltomaa**

The Data Management Division Manager assumes the role of Program QA Manager and is responsible for the data management and QA/QC of all field data, reviewing and maintaining laboratory data packages, compiling an annual Data Summary Report (DSR), maintaining quality records (as described in Section 2.9.7), and reporting final remediated property requirements to the Agencies.

**2.4 Analytical Laboratory**

All laboratories contracted to work on Program projects must ensure that the laboratory’s QA personnel are familiar with this QAPP and are performing the analytical and QC work as specified per laboratory methods and this QAPP. Laboratory QA personnel are responsible for reviewing final analytical reports produced by the laboratory, coordinating the laboratory analyses schedule, and supervising in-house chain of custody procedures.

**2.5 Problem Definition and Background**

Contamination of properties described herein may originate from both mining-related (waste rock, tailings, aerial emissions) and non-mining-related sources. The potential sources of arsenic, lead, and/or mercury exposure addressed in the Program include arsenic, lead, and total mercury in soil.

Assessment is needed to determine remediation or abatement requirements if non-residential parcel soil (schools, parks, or non-residential daycares) exceeds solid media action levels.

This QAPP was developed in response to the Agencies *2006 BPSOU Record of Decision* (BPSOU ROD) (EPA, 2006b) and *Explanation of Significant Differences* (ESD) to the *2006 Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit Record of Decision* (EPA, 2011a). The ESD modified the soil sampling depth from 0 to 2 inches to the depth intervals discussed in Section 3.2; changed the soil removal from a minimum depth of 18 inches to the minimum depth of 12 inches or to the soil bedrock interface if less than 12 inches; and extended the project schedule to accommodate expansion of the Program.

This QAPP was also developed in response to the Agencies *2020 Unilateral Administrative Order Amendment* (UAO Amendment) for “*Partial Remedial Design/Remedial Action Implementation and Certain Operation and Maintenance at the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit/Butte Site*” (EPA Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0011) (EPA, 2020a). The UAO Amendment expanded the RMAP boundary (see Figure 1) and also expanded the Program to include schools, parks, and daycare facilities.

Program representatives will provide results of monitoring and sampling data to the Agencies and notify property owners of necessary abatement (as needed).

## **2.6 Project Description and Schedule**

The Program is designed to mitigate exposure of residents of the BPSOU and Expanded Area to sources of arsenic, lead, and mercury contamination.

In 2020, the Program was expanded to perform sampling within the 2020 RMAP Area boundary provided on Figure 1. Specific exclusion areas are also identified on Figure 1. Sampling outside of the BPSOU but within the expanded boundary will be performed on a test-by-request basis.

Components of the Program include environmental sampling and remediation, long-term tracking and data management, and education and outreach. Medical monitoring is conducted as a sister program to the Program. The long-term tracking and data management ensures properties will be sampled, evaluated, and remediated, if necessary. The long-term tracking and data management will be continued for the life of the Program. The data management will be described in the BPSOU *Final Data Management Plan (DMP)*<sup>1</sup>.

The Program includes systematic sampling for additional specific areas within the 2020 RMAP Area such as parks and play areas, schools, and non-residential daycares. Program eligibility is described in the *Revised Final Multi-Pathway Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) Plan* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2020).

The objectives of this QAPP are as follows:

1. Provide consistent means and methods of non-residential parcel (schools, parks, and non-residential daycares) soil sampling and analyses associated with the Program sampling activities and ensure compliance with performance standards. Interior assessment/sampling of these parcels will be addressed under forthcoming QAPP revisions.
2. Describe the requirements for sample collection and analyses.
3. Provide data to identify and mitigate potentially harmful exposure to sources of arsenic, lead, and mercury.

### **2.6.1 Project Schedule**

Environmental assessment of schools, non-residential daycare facilities, playgrounds, and play areas soil and vegetated areas will begin in 2021 with the goal of completing as much sampling and subsequent remediation work as possible prior to the start of the 2021-2022 academic calendar year. A systematic schedule to complete environmental assessments of structures and properties presently used as schools, playgrounds, and play areas will be proposed annually. The annually proposed schedule will account for the results of previously completed environmental assessments, provision of access, and the availability of Program resources to implement and oversee subsequent environmental assessments and remediation, if required.

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<sup>1</sup> The BPSOU Final Data Management Plan is currently being developed by Atlantic Richfield Company and will be submitted at a later date.

Environmental assessment of playgrounds and play areas within designated parks will be coordinated with the entity responsible for their management (e.g., BSB Parks and Recreation).

## 2.7 Quality Objectives and Criteria

This section discusses the internal QC and review procedures used to ensure that all data collected for this project are of known quality. The Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) were developed in accordance with EPA's *Guidance on Systematic Planning Using the Data Quality Objectives Process* (EPA, 2006a). The DQOs are statements that define the type, quality, quantity, purpose, and use of data to be collected. The EPA developed a seven-step process to establish DQOs to help ensure that data collected during a field sampling event are adequate to support reliable site-specific decision making (EPA, 2001 and EPA, 2006a). The sections below outline the QAPP DQOs.

### 2.7.1 Data Quality Objectives

The DQO process specifies project decisions, the data quality required to support those decisions, specific data types needed, data collection requirements, and analytical techniques necessary to generate the specified data quality. The process also ensures justification of the resources required to generate the data. The DQO process consists of seven steps of which the output from each step influences the choices that will be made later in the process:

- Step 1: State the Problem.
- Step 2: Identify the Goals of the Study.
- Step 3: Identify the Information Inputs.
- Step 4: Define the Boundaries of the Study.
- Step 5: Develop the Analytic Approach.
- Step 6: Specify Performance or Acceptance Criteria.
- Step 7: Develop the Plan for Obtaining Data.

During the first six steps of the process, the planning team develops decision performance criteria that will be used to develop the data collection design. The final step of the process involves developing the data collection design based on the information from the other steps. The following provides a brief discussion of these steps and their application to this sampling effort.

**Step 1: State the Problem** - *The purpose of this step is to describe the problem to be studied so that the focus of the investigation will not be ambiguous.*

**Describing the problem.** Properties in Butte and within the Expanded 2020 RMAP Area (see Figure 1) have the potential to be contaminated by historical mining activities and related contaminants. The proximity of properties to mining wastes and operations may have resulted in contamination of non-residential properties such as schools, parks, and non-residential daycare facilities.

The presence of contaminants and exposure pathways, related and non-related to historical mining activities, may result in a health-based risk to users of non-residential properties.

**Establishing the planning team.** Project personnel, roles, and responsibilities are detailed in Sections 2.1 through 2.3 of this document.

**Describing the conceptual model of the potential hazard.** Historical surface and underground mining activities resulted in the presence of contaminants in soil around Butte due to waste dumping and deposition of aerial emissions from smelters/mills. Other, non-mining sources have also resulted in contamination in some areas. People may contact contaminated soil at non-residential properties through pathways such as dermal contact and incidental ingestion; for example, children playing at a park may have skin contact with exposed soil, some of which could be ingested through hand to mouth transfer. When people contact contaminated soil, they may be exposed to contaminants, which could pose a health risk if concentrations are above health-protective concentrations, such as action levels. In order to investigate this problem, data quantifying contaminant concentrations will need to be collected, compared to the appropriate project action levels, and used for remedial decision making.

**Identifying available resources, constraints, and deadlines.** Atlantic Richfield Company (Section 2.2) and Butte-Silver Bow (Section 2.3) will provide necessary project resources (financial and staffing) to properly implement the program. Project schedule details are provided in Section 2.6 and 2.6.1.

**Step 2: Identify the Goals of the Study** - *This step identifies what questions the study will attempt to resolve and what actions may result.*

*Key elements/questions.* The Program requires that all area schools, parks, and non-residential daycare facilities within the BPSOU be sampled and assessed. The goal is to use best efforts to obtain access to all applicable properties within the expanded 2020 RMAP Area (see Figure 1) that have not previously been sampled in accordance with current methodology to complete outdoor assessments. Exterior soil sampling is addressed by this version of the QAPP. Interior assessments/sampling are addressed under the Final *RMAP QAPP (Non-Residential Parcels – Indoor Dust)* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2022).

**Specifying the primary question.** The primary question to be addressed is the following:

Are soil concentrations of arsenic, lead and/or mercury at non-residential properties present at levels that may pose a risk to human health (e.g., above the action levels)?

**Determining alternative actions.** Possible alternative actions are as follows:

- Take no action – If all analyte concentrations are below the appropriate project action level.
- Complete Additional Sampling – If more information is needed to characterize a property and support remedial decision-making. One example that may warrant additional sampling is if variability in initial sampling results indicates the potential presence of sub-areas with unique characteristics.
- Complete Remedial Action – If an analyte concentration is above the appropriate project action level. Remedial action would consist of soil removal and disposal at an Agency approved repository followed by backfill with Agency approved borrow material.

**Specifying the decision statement.** The decision statement is as follows:

- Determine whether Remedial Action (soil removal) is required.

**Step 3: Identify the Information Inputs** - *The purpose of this step is to identify the informational variables that will be required to resolve the decision statements and determine which variables require environmental measurements.*

**Identifying the type of information that is needed to resolve the decision statement.**

Arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations should be determined through sampling soil from non-residential RMAP properties (schools, parks, and non-residential daycare facilities). The goal of soil sample collection and analysis is to obtain a reliable estimate of the average concentration of a contaminant of concern (COC) in soil over a specified area where exposure may occur for comparison to the appropriate action level for that area. The relationship between the average COC concentration and the action level provides the input needed to resolve the decision statements outlined in Step 2 in order to determine whether abatement is required for non-residential RMAP soil.

Information regarding the land use of the different areas within the parks and schools should inform the sampling design for each area. Five primary land uses have been identified for non-residential RMAP properties. These land use categories help inform the approach for sampling each property, and include:

Land Use Category #1: playground areas.

Land Use Category #2: highly accessible areas/barren sports fields.

Land Use Category #3: maintained grass areas/grass sports fields.

Land Use Category #4: low access areas/low maintenance areas/open space.

Land Use Category #5: flower/vegetable gardens.

Land use information should be used to make decisions about the appropriate sampling methodology, sample count/density, and depth intervals to be sampled for each area, and to identify action levels that are protective of the specified land uses.

Sample coordinates and depth intervals should also be documented so that sample results are linked to specific locations and depths to inform remediation decisions. If chips from building exterior lead based paint (LBP) are identified in a sampled area, this should also be documented as it is likely to influence lead concentrations in soil.

**Identifying the number of variables to be collected.** Arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations should be determined for each sample collected.

**Identifying the appropriate Action Levels.** For Butte, there are no school- or park-specific soil action levels. Therefore, the basis of the existing soil action levels (as presented in the BPSOU ROD) was reviewed to determine which type of action level is likely to be the most applicable and adequately protective level to employ in making cleanup decisions for the schools and parks. The non-residential soil action level for lead (2,300 milligrams per kilogram [mg/kg]) has historically been applied to address waste rock dumps and source areas, which are different from the types of materials expected at schools or parks. The recreational soil action level for arsenic (1,000 mg/kg) was developed based on a dirt-bike riding scenario, which is an activity that is quite different from anticipated use of school property and of many parks. There is no non-residential soil action level for mercury.

Based on a review of the basis of the soil action levels, the residential soil action levels should be employed in evaluating the soil sampling results for the schools. The application of the residential action levels is conservative for a school scenario; however, use of more conservative action levels is appropriate, especially considering the school setting and community sensitivity to childhood exposures. The use of the residential action level in making cleanup decisions is consistent with what has been done historically for Butte parks. Additionally, residential soil action levels are also being used for the Anaconda Smelter site when making cleanup decisions for schools.

The BPSOU residential action levels (Arsenic – 250 mg/kg, Lead – 1,200 mg/kg, Mercury – 147 mg/kg) will be utilized for all work completed under this QAPP (see Table 1).

**Identifying appropriate sampling and analysis methods.** Multiple sampling strategies (discrete, incremental, composite, etc.) should be considered for potential use on this project. Given the large areas contemplated for this project, exclusive discrete sampling may not be the most appropriate option given its common deficiencies including poor spatial coverage, inadequate sample density, or data that cannot be used to statistically represent the entire area of interest with a reasonable level of confidence. In addition to having been used historically within the National Priorities List (NPL) Site and on the RMAP project specifically, composite sampling is the recommended approach for sampling residential parcels provided in EPA's *Superfund Lead-Contaminated Residential Sites Handbook* (EPA, 2003). For consistency and comparability with previous RMAP and NPL Site sampling results, composite sampling may be the most appropriate sampling method for the project.



While incremental sampling is a type of composite sampling, it would represent a change from current sampling practices within the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL Site. As such, a change could create issues surrounding consistency and comparability with previous RMAP and NPL Site sampling results. However, incremental sampling may be the preferred approach for some land uses, such as certain areas of some parks. Incremental sampling is an increasingly popular approach because it can provide better coverage and produce more consistent, reproducible, and statistically robust estimates of the mean compared to traditional approaches (e.g., discrete sampling). Incremental sampling is well-suited to meet the goals of estimating a reasonably unbiased estimate of the mean COC concentration and reducing decision errors for some areas within nonresidential properties (e.g., large field areas within parks where soil is not exposed at the surface).

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) has been used historically to analyze arsenic and lead concentrations in Butte soils. This method provides a quick output that can be used for immediate decision making. However, it is less sensitive than laboratory analytical methods and cannot be used for mercury analysis. Because samples must be packaged and shipped to a laboratory for mercury analysis, it may be more practical to have all three metals analyzed by the laboratory via inorganic analyses. Inorganic analyses data from an analytical laboratory can also be validated. If inorganic analyses are used, expedited laboratory analysis (5 to 7 business day turn around on data and level 2 data packages and 10 to 12 business day turn around on data and level 4 data packages) and data validation (7 business day turn around after data packages are received) options should be investigated in order to achieve the project assessment and remediation goals.

**Step 4: Define the Boundaries of the Study** - *The purpose of this step is to define the spatial and temporal boundaries of the problem.*

**Specifying the target population.** The 2020 RMAP/Program area (see Figure 1) addressed under this QAPP will include the exterior soil of schools, parks, and non-residential daycares. Interior assessments and sampling of these properties are addressed under the *Final RMAP QAPP (Non-Residential Parcels – Indoor Dust)* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2022). Because of differences in potential soil exposures with depth and for consistency and comparability with previous RMAP sampling, soil should be sampled separately from discrete depth intervals. For example, EPA recommends sampling soil from the 0- to 2-inch depth interval to assess contact by most activities of children, while some activities may result in contact with deeper soil, and vegetable gardens, which have been observed at some schools in the 2020 RMAP/Program area may involve digging up to 2 feet. Exterior soil sampling should be conducted at multiple depth intervals (including 0 to 2 inches, 2 to 6 inches, and 6 to 12 inches) to assess potential health risks under different land uses and to obtain data that are comparable to those from previous sampling efforts. Flower/vegetable garden components should be sampled at additional depth intervals of 12 to 18 inches and 18 to 24 inches.

For some areas within park properties, fewer depth intervals may be appropriate to characterize the top 12 inches of soil, depending on the sample collection methodology. For

large uniform areas of maintained grass where soil is not exposed at the surface, where broad recreational use is expected to occur, and where no contact with subsurface soils is expected, the 2- to 6-inch and 6- to 12-inch depth intervals could be combined to estimate the average concentration in the 2- to 12-inch interval of soil present beneath a grassy or landscaped surface. This may be particularly relevant at properties such as parks where there are large grassy areas used for recreational purposes. For these types of areas, the 0- to 2-inch interval of soil is the key priority in assessing potential exposures (i.e., soils in the 0- to 2-inch depth interval are most likely to be contacted) and sampling from 2 to 12 inches is primarily to support remedial action design. In this scenario, exterior soil sampling should be conducted at two depth intervals (including 0 to 2 inches and 2 to 12 inches).

**Description of what constitutes a sampling unit.** Sampling units should be defined based on land use information. Sampling unit extents are defined as the maximum area to be sampled to support decision-making for each of the five specified land-use categories identified for non-residential RMAP properties (see Step 3). The EPA's *Superfund Lead-Contaminated Residential Sites Handbook* (EPA, 2003), previous RMAP QAPP, and procedures for sampling schools in nearby Anaconda were reviewed to inform sampling unit extents appropriate for each land use type. The recommendations below were developed consistent with EPA recommendations, other RMAP sampling efforts, and sampling of schools where similar types of contamination are present. In the event of a composite sampling design, these recommended sampling unit extents should inform development of the sampling plans for each property.

Land Use Category #1 (playground areas): 6,250 square feet.

Land Use Category #2 (highly accessible areas/barren sports fields): 9,375 square feet.

Land Use Category #3 (maintained grass areas/grass sports fields): 10,890 square feet.

Land Use Category #4 (low access areas/low maintenance areas/open space): 21,780 square feet.

Land Use Category #5 (flower/vegetable gardens): 3,125 square feet.

Many parks are likely to have continuous vegetative cover, such as grass or landscaping, as well as consistent land use, across the entire property or large portions of the property. For such areas, falling into Land Use Category #3 and/or #4, incremental sampling may be the preferred approach to characterize the average concentration of a COC in soil over the potential exposure area. Using this approach, multiple replicate samples, each consisting of numerous increments, are collected across the sampling unit. In the event of an incremental sampling design, the following recommended sampling unit extents should inform development of the sampling plans for each property area to be sampled using the incremental sampling methodology. For portions of parks falling into Land Use Category #3 (maintained grass areas/grass sports fields) or #4 (low access areas/low maintenance areas/open space), with large uniform areas of maintained grass/vegetation where soil is not exposed at the surface, where broad recreational use is expected to occur, and where soil is

not exposed at the surface and no contact with subsurface soils is expected, a maximum incremental sampling unit extent of 440,000 square feet (or 10.1 acres), with a minimum sampling density of 1 increment per 4,400 square feet, is recommended.

**Time frame for collecting data and making the decision.** The temporal boundaries of the school investigation include the time from when evaluation and sampling actions begin at each property to the time these actions are completed. No temporal variability in soil concentrations is expected, so the sampling effort should be primarily dictated by when it is easiest to conduct sampling, meaning when no snow is present and when school facilities are not in use (i.e., summer). School sampling should be completed prior to when school starts in the fall. Outreach meetings should be conducted with each school to better understand individual schedule restraints (summer activities/camps, construction projects, etc.). Similarly, no temporal variability in soil concentrations is expected for the park and play area investigations, so the sampling effort should be primarily dictated by when it is easiest to conduct sampling, meaning when no snow is present (i.e., summer). Outreach meetings should be conducted with affected Stakeholders to better understand individual schedule restraints (summer activities/camps, construction projects, etc.).

**Specifying the scale for decision making.** For the non-residential RMAP properties, the sampling unit extent for each land use category should be specified as the maximum area for decision-making by land use type to ensure that any location where arsenic, lead, or mercury concentrations are above health-protective action levels is remediated. Some properties may have multiple land uses and more than one sampling unit. By setting the decision unit (DU) equal to the sampling unit, decisions to remediate can be made for subareas of a property, rather than on a property-wide basis, and any subarea with analyte concentrations above action levels can be addressed even if property-wide removal is not warranted. For DUs comprising open, grassy areas of a park where the land use is homogeneous and recreational, and soil is not exposed at the surface, incremental sampling may be the preferred approach. Sufficient numbers of increments and replicates should be collected across the extent of the incremental sampling unit to achieve the coverage necessary to support decision making (see Step 6 for additional discussion of confidence and tolerance for decision errors, and Section 2.7.2 for discussion of replicates and data quality). For homogenous, open grassy areas with recreational use where soil is not exposed at the surface, such as portions of the parks included in this QAPP, replicates consisting of a pre-determined number of increments (which will be documented and Agency approved through the submittal and approval of park-specific Field Sampling Plans [FSPs], see examples in Figures 3 and 4) will be collected to provide data of sufficient quality to achieve the project objectives. For the areas of parks where incremental sampling is applicable, the following criteria will be used to select the appropriate number of increments to be collected for each replicate:

- Incremental sampling area less than 3 acres: 30 increments.
- Incremental sampling area ranging from 3 to 10.1 acres: between 30 and 100 increments, to be determined on a park-specific basis and informed by the layout of unique park features. The minimum sampling density will be 1 increment per 4,400 square feet.

In some cases, initial results for a sampling unit/DU may indicate a need for additional sampling to further characterize all or part of a property. In such cases, it may make sense to adjust the DU to include multiple smaller sampling units, or to evaluate smaller sampling units as individual DUs. Additional sampling requirements and the associated determination of sampling and DUs should be specified on a property-specific basis, as initial investigation results inform refinement of the conceptual model for a property and described in detail in a property-specific FSP. A general decision framework is outlined in Step 7.

**Step 5: Develop the Analytic Approach** - *The purpose of this step is to define the parameters of interest and integrate any previous DQO inputs into a single statement that describes a logical basis for choosing among alternative actions.*

**Identification of the population parameters most relevant for making inferences and conclusions on the target population.** Arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations should be measured for each sampling unit as determined by analysis of each corresponding soil sample collected. The true average concentration is the population parameter of interest to make inferences and conclusions for each DU.

**Specifying the theoretical decision rule.** The theoretical decision rule is as follows.

- If the analyte concentration measured in the sampling unit (i.e., the average concentration within each composite sampling DU for either arsenic, lead, or mercury) exceeds the appropriate Residential Action Level detailed in Table 1, then the soil from the corresponding sampling area will be removed using conventional equipment (such as backhoes, small Bobcat-type loaders, and hand tools) and transported to the Butte Mine Waste Repository using dump trucks.
- If the average analyte concentration measured in the incremental sampling DU exceeds the appropriate Residential Action Level detailed in Table 1, and additional sampling is not warranted, then the soil from the corresponding sampling area will be removed using conventional equipment (such as backhoes, small Bobcat-type loaders, and hand tools), and transported to the Butte Mine Waste Repository using dump trucks.
- If the average analyte concentration measured in the incremental sampling DU exceeds the appropriate Residential Action Level detailed in Table 1, and more information is needed to characterize a property or area of a property and support remedial decision-making, the proposed plan for additional sampling will be described in a property specific FSP using the decision framework presented in Step 7.

**Step 6: Specify Performance or Acceptance Criteria** - *The purpose of this step is to identify baseline conditions, limits, and ranges for decisions and consequences of decision errors.*

The decision question identified in Step 2 is: Are soil concentrations of arsenic, lead, and/or mercury at non-residential properties present at levels that may pose a risk to human health (e.g., above the action levels)? In this case, the baseline (null) condition for each DU is that the average analyte concentration in soil is above the action level, and the alternative condition is that there is not an exceedance. Because this is a decision question, the potential exists for decision error to occur due to variability and uncertainty in the data. Potential decision errors

include Type I (false rejection of the baseline condition) and Type II (false acceptance of the baseline condition) errors. In the context of the RMAP non-residential sampling decision question, a Type I error would mean concluding that the arsenic, lead, or mercury concentrations in soil are below the action level when it is actually above the action level. Consequences of this type of error include leaving soil in place that contains a metal at concentrations above the action level, resulting in a potential risk to human health. A Type II error would mean determining that the arsenic, lead, or mercury concentration in soil is above the action level when in fact it is not. Consequences of this type of error include unnecessary soil removal and increased costs.

Because the goal of the RMAP is to protect human health, the tolerance for making a Type I error is lower than the tolerance for making a Type II error. Therefore, a sampling design and analysis method that minimizes the potential for Type I decision errors should be selected. Due to the potential for work to occur over more than one season and the need to make decisions on a property-by-property basis, the experiment-wise error rate will likely be difficult to assess, and efforts should be made to reduce the Type I error rate at the DU, rather than at the project-wide level.

When discrete sampling methods are used and the resulting population of sample data representing each DU are compared to a standard using hypothesis testing, the chance of making a Type I error can be reduced by setting a lower significance level ( $\alpha$ ) (i.e., a lower Type I error rate). The chance of making a Type II error is reduced by setting a higher statistical power ( $\beta$ ). The significance level and power can be raised or lowered to control the probability of each type of error depending on the tolerance for each. With this type of approach, there is a set tolerance for reaching a conclusion (the action level is or is not exceeded) that is correct for most, but not all, values in a population. Typically, the probability of a Type I error is lower than that of a Type II error; for example, a significance level of 5% (0.05 probability of a Type I error) and a power of 80% (0.2 probability of Type II error) are often selected. It can be difficult to obtain the sample size needed to achieve a much higher statistical power due to limitations such as the area available for sampling and associated analytical costs.

For the non-residential RMAP program, the tolerance for Type I decision errors is lower than that for Type II errors. Instead of addressing the decision question through hypothesis testing using a population of discrete samples collected across a non-residential property or area of a property (i.e., setting the DU as the combination of numerous discrete sampling units), the DU can be reduced to equal the sampling unit to maximize the potential to find an exceedance where present (i.e., to lower the Type I error rate). If each sample result is compared individually to the action level, this reduces the chance of concluding that the average COC concentration in the DU is below the action level when it is not.

A composite sampling design is a good option to support the goal of reducing Type I error potential by limiting the size of the DU to the extent of the sampling unit. The EPA handbook states that, “*the overall goals of the sampling effort are to estimate an average soil concentration for risk assessment purposes and to provide information to determine the scope of required cleanup actions*” (EPA, 2003). The composite sampling method is intended to better approximate potential average exposure to a receptor while moving across an area, rather than remaining at a single spatial point which is less likely to occur. Therefore, collecting a composite sample to

estimate the average concentration of each analyte in soil across the extent of each sampling unit is a preferable approach compared with collecting a discrete sample from one location within each area.

Similarly, the incremental sampling method is a type of composite sampling that uses multiple increments to obtain a sample representing the average concentration across the area covered by the sample. Multiple replicates are collected to obtain a reproducible estimate of the average. A 95% upper confidence limit (UCL) on the average of replicate concentrations is calculated to reduce the likelihood of underestimating the mean. A 95% UCL is often selected to meet a significance level of 5%, as this parameter is associated with a high level of confidence (95%) that the true mean will be equal to or less than the UCL, provided the data are of sufficient quality to meet the specified confidence level. Estimating a 95% UCL to represent the average COC concentration for comparison to the action level provides similar information as setting the Type I error rate at 5% in a one-sided, one-sample hypothesis test, and is a good option for the non-residential RMAP program given the low tolerance for Type I decision errors. A minimum of 3 replicate samples would be needed to compute a 95% UCL on the mean.

In addition to lowering the potential for Type I errors, study error should be minimized through proper training of the field sampling team, sample documentation and handling, the use of appropriate analytical methods that achieve method detection limits below the action levels, analysis of field and analytical QC samples, analysis of precision, accuracy, and other measurement performance criteria (described in detail in Section 2.7.2), and data validation. Decisions should be made using data that meet the performance and acceptance criteria; if these criteria are not met, corrective action steps should be taken.

**Step 7: Develop the Plan for Obtaining Data** - *The purpose of this step is to develop an optimized plan to complete the task.*

**Selecting the sampling design.** The data collection scheme is designed to ensure that the information will be of sufficient quality and quantity to determine the component(s) of individual schools, parks, and non-residential daycares requiring remedial action (and the depth to which remedial action is required). The information and outputs generated in Steps 1 through 6 of the DQO process informed selection of the optimized approach for soil sampling and analyses at non-residential RMAP properties described in this final step of the process.

The RMAP sampling plan generally follows the EPA's *Superfund Lead-Contaminated Residential Sites Handbook* (EPA, 2003) composite sampling design (with one composite collected per yard component representing an exposure area that would be remediated). For this reason and because this approach supports the goals of obtaining average concentrations of arsenic, lead, and mercury across each sampling unit and minimizing the potential for Type I errors (i.e., falsely concluding that the average concentration is not above the action level when it actually is), the schools program is designed to also rely on composites that reflect portions of exposure areas. Arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations will be determined through composite samples collected from non-residential RMAP properties (schools, some parks or portions of parks, and non-residential daycare facilities). The goal of

composite soil sample collection and analyses is to obtain a reliable estimate of the average concentration of a COC in soil over a specified area where exposure may occur, for comparison to the appropriate action level for that area.

For some portions of parks (i.e., those portions with a continuous grass/turf cover, where similar recreational exposures are assumed, contaminant concentrations are expected to be relatively homogeneous, and soil is not exposed at the surface), the incremental sampling methodology, a variation of composite sampling, will be used to obtain a reliable estimate of the average concentration of a COC in soil over the specified exposure area. Where the incremental sampling methodology is applied, the true average COC concentration will be estimated as the 95% UCL on the average of replicate concentrations for each DU.

For each property or portion of a property where composite samples are collected, sampling unit extents will be defined based on land use types identified at the property, based on the recommendations described in Step 4. Land use should also inform the number of composite subsamples to be collected across each sampling unit. For consistency with the RMAP and with EPA guidance, the same information used to determine appropriate sampling unit extents for each land use category (EPA's lead handbook, previous RMAP sampling, and Anaconda schools sampling) also informs determination of subsample counts recommended for each land use-specific composite sampling unit. Details of the extent and number of subsamples to be collected from each area of a non-residential property, based on land use within that area, are provided in Table 1 and in Section 3.2. Exterior composite soil sampling will be conducted at multiple depth intervals (0 to 2 inches, 2 to 6 inches, and 6 to 12 inches) for all five land use categories. Flower/vegetable garden components (Category #5) will be sampled at additional depth intervals of 12 to 18 inches and 18 to 24 inches.

For those portions of parks where incremental samples are collected, sampling and DU extents will also be defined based on land use. As described in Step 4, separately characterizing the 0- to 2-inch depth interval is necessary to estimate average constituent concentrations in surface soil with which receptors are most likely to have contact, while decisions about remedial actions are typically made across the 0- to 12-inch interval. Extending the subsurface depth interval to 10 inches (i.e., 2 to 12 inches) will support overall decision-making while maintaining the separate characterization of the most likely exposure interval. Exterior soil sampling will be conducted at two depth intervals (0 to 2 inches and 2 to 12 inches) for those portions of parks where the incremental sampling methodology is used (i.e., large uniform areas of maintained grass where soil is not exposed at the surface, where broad recreational use is expected to occur, and where no contact with subsurface soils is expected). Further incremental sampling details are provided in Table 1 as well as in Section 3.3.

Consistent with prior sampling programs, samples will be sieved to the less than 250 micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) fraction, reflecting the fine fraction of soil most likely to adhere to children's hands. More recent EPA guidance (EPA OLEM Directive 9200.1-128) requires sieving to less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  based on studies that show lead enrichment in very fine soil fractions (e.g., less than 63  $\mu\text{m}$ ). There are no data adequate to predict if the less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  fractions might be detectably enriched as compared with the less than 250  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction. In

light of this uncertainty, EPA has agreed with use of the less than 250 µm fraction for the 2021/2022 sampling program while a particle size enrichment demonstration study is planned and conducted.

Based on the assessment of the limitations and benefits of potential sample analyses options completed in Step 3, laboratory analyses were identified as the preferred approach for measurement of arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations in composite and incremental soil samples. Arsenic and lead concentrations will be determined per EPA Method 6010 (inductively-coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy [ICP-AES]) or EPA Method 6020 (inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry [ICP-MS]). Mercury concentrations will be determined per EPA Method 7471B (Manual Cold-Vapor Technique). The detection limits associated with these methods are expected to be well below the applicable Action Levels (see Table 1).

Decision units will be set equal to the sampling unit. As described in Step 4, initial incremental sampling/DUs may need to be divided to comprise more sampling units. If initial results lead to additional sampling, either the composite or incremental sampling methodology or a combination may be most appropriate depending on the unique scenario guiding decisions at a particular park. Such property-specific determinations would be based on changes to the conceptual model of the property resulting from initial incremental sampling results, and details would be provided in property-specific FSPs using the general decision framework outlined below.

The relationship between the average COC concentration and the action level provides the input needed to resolve the decision statements outlined in Step 2 to determine whether abatement is required for non-residential RMAP soil. For each composite sampling DU, the decision question (*Are soil concentrations of arsenic, lead, and/or mercury at non-residential properties present at levels that may pose a risk to human health (e.g., above the action levels)?*) will be addressed by comparing the composite soil sample result from each sampling unit to the corresponding action level. Each sampled depth interval within the area covered by a composite sample will be considered a separate sampling unit.

For areas of parks where incremental samples are collected (i.e., large uniform areas of maintained grass where soil is not exposed at the surface, where broad recreational use is expected to occur, and where no contact with subsurface soils is expected), the decision question will be addressed by comparing the 95% UCL of replicate sample results for each DU to the corresponding action level. The 95% UCL will be calculated using the ITRC's *Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM) Calculator (v. 3.0, August 2020) for Calculating 95% UCL with ISM Data*. The ISM calculator uses two methods suitable for calculating 95%UCLs using as few as three replicate samples: the Student's t-method for normally distributed datasets, and the Chebyshev method for datasets that do not fit a normal distribution. The calculator recommends selection of a 95% UCL from these two values for each sampling unit, based on variability in the dataset. The calculator also recommends an overall 95% UCL for a DU comprised of multiple sampling units; in this case, sampling units are weighted by area, volume, or depth interval to calculate the overall 95% UCL for the DU. When the DU is set equal to the sampling unit, the decision question (*Are soil concentrations of arsenic, lead and/or mercury at non-residential*



*properties present at levels that may pose a risk to human health (e.g., above the action levels)?* will be addressed by comparing the 95% UCL recommended by the ISM calculator for each DU to the corresponding action level. As with composite sampling, each sampled depth interval within the area covered by an incremental sample will be considered a separate DU. When a property-specific decision has been made to combine sampling units for a larger DU, as outlined in a property-specific FSP, the decision question will be addressed by comparing the overall 95% UCL recommended by the ISM calculator for the larger DU to the corresponding action level.

Three alternate actions were identified in Step 2: take no action, complete remedial action, and complete additional sampling. The decision framework through which incremental sampling results will inform selection of each alternate action is described below.

- Take no action: This action will be selected if the 95% UCL is below the action level.
- Complete remedial action: This action will be selected if the 95% UCL is above the action level, and the following condition is met:
  - The total incremental sampling area is less than 1 acre.
- Complete additional sampling: This action will be selected if the conditions specified above for the first two alternative actions (take no action or complete remedial action) are not met, and an evaluation of site conditions and data indicate that additional sampling will be informative for decision-making.

Additional sampling may include separating the initial DU into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, identifying separate DUs for composite sampling, and/or collecting an additional replicate sample from the incremental sampling DU. The design of additional sampling will be dependent on specific conditions in the DU, as generally described below.

- If review of available information about potential contaminant sources, visual cues, or other relevant information indicates that a portion of the incremental sampling area has unique characteristics that warrant separate evaluation, additional sampling may be completed. The DU may be separated into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, or composite sampling may be used to characterize the unique sub-area(s).
- If variability is low [i.e., the Coefficient of Variation (CV) of increments (with adjustment as calculated in the ITRC ISM UCL calculator) is less than 1.5] and all replicate concentrations are less than the action level or if variability is moderate to high (i.e. the adjusted CV of increments is greater than or equal to 1.5), collection of an additional replicate may reduce the width of the confidence interval and better inform cleanup decisions. If these conditions are met, an additional replicate may be collected from the incremental sampling DU.
- While high variability is not expected for most parks, if sampling results indicate strong disagreement among replicates, then additional increments may be needed to properly characterize the DU. Separating the area into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, or composite sampling, may be suitable alternatives depending on the park's layout or other characteristics.

**Details on how the design should be implemented together with contingency plans for unexpected events.** Soil sampling shall be implemented per the guidelines provided in Sections 3.2 and 3.3. Corrective action is the process of identifying, recommending, approving, and implementing measures to counter unacceptable procedures or out-of-QC performance, which can affect data quality. Corrective action can occur during field activities, laboratory analyses, and data assessment. Corrective action procedures are outlined in Sections 5.1 and 5.2. Any unexpected/unplanned events not specifically addressed by this QAPP will be discussed with Agency personnel and addressed through forthcoming QAPP revisions.

**Specifying the Quality Assurance and Quality Control procedures.** Sufficient data quality will be achieved through the field and laboratory quality control measures (Sections 3.7 and 3.9, respectively) including the use of appropriate sample collection, handling, and chain of custody procedures and laboratory analytical methods, quality control sample analysis (field and laboratory), assessment of the performance criteria described in Section 2.7.2, following the corrective action procedures detailed in Sections 5.1 and 5.2, and analytical data validation (Section 6.0).

## **2.7.2 Measurement Performance Criteria for Data**

Measurement performance criteria are established by defining acceptance criteria and quantitative or qualitative goals (e.g., control limits) for precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, completeness, and sensitivity (PARCCS) of measurement data. The definitions of precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, completeness, and sensitivity are provided below. Acceptance limits are detailed in Section 3.6.2 for each measurement performance criteria. Equations for calculation of precision, accuracy, and completeness are provided in Table 2. Additional QC acceptance criteria are provided in Table 3.

### **Precision**

Precision is the amount of scatter or variance that occurs in repeated measurements of a particular analyte. Precision is assessed using the relative percent difference (RPD) between a primary sample result and its paired field or laboratory duplicate sample result (for field and laboratory precision, respectively). For example, perfect precision would be a 0% RPD between the primary sample result and its paired field or laboratory duplicate sample result (both samples have the same analytical result). For these sampling events, precision will be assessed based on laboratory prepared and field duplicate sample analysis.

Precision for incremental sampling will be determined by the collection of three replicate samples in each DU, each containing the same number of sample increments. These replicate samples will be collected in the same grid location, separated into approved depths, and the sample increments will be thoroughly field homogenized before being shipped to the laboratory. A percent relative standard deviation (%RSD) will be calculated for determining precision. Field duplicate samples will not be collected when incremental sampling is performed.

### **Accuracy/Bias**

Accuracy is the ability of the analytical procedure to determine the actual or known quantity of a particular substance in a sample. Accuracy is assessed based on the percent recovery (%R) and percent difference (%D) of various laboratory QC samples. Perfect %R is 100% and perfect %D is 0% (the analysis result is exactly the known concentration of the QC sample). The laboratory control sample (LCS) and laboratory matrix spike (LMS) are used to measure accuracy, based on the % R of the LMS and LCS. Additional laboratory QC samples may be used to assess accuracy as appropriate to the analytical method.

Bias is the systematic or persistent distortion of a measurement process that causes error in one direction (e.g., consistently higher or lower than the true concentration). As with accuracy, analytical bias can also be assessed based on %R of laboratory QC samples. Sampling bias is addressed through the use of proper sampling design and methods.

### **Representativeness**

Representativeness is the degree to which sample data represent a characteristic of a population, parameter, or environmental condition. Representativeness is a qualitative parameter that is most concerned with proper design of the sampling and analytical schemes. Representativeness is achieved by determining the number and locations of samples and the appropriate sampling techniques needed to depict, as accurately and precisely as necessary, the conditions being measured. Representativeness deals with protocols for sample storage, preservation, and transportation; analyzing samples with appropriate methods, techniques, and instrumentation; and using the methods to document these protocols. Representativeness will be achieved through judicious selection of sampling locations and methods. This QAPP requires that samples are representative of the medium being sampled and that there are a sufficient number of samples to meet the project DQOs and satisfy the project remedial action design elements.

Representativeness for incremental sampling will be enhanced by collecting multiple increments in three replicate samples from a DU.

### **Comparability**

Data comparability is defined as the measure of the confidence with which one data set can be compared to another. Comparability is a qualitative parameter but must be considered in the design of the sampling plan and selection of analytical methods, QC protocols, and data reporting requirements. Comparability will be ensured by analyzing samples obtained in accordance with this QAPP and applicable laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), as well as the Program SOPs, which are comparable to the sampling methods used during previous investigations at the site (Attachment C contains various field and laboratory SOPs). All data will be reported in units consistent with standard reporting procedures so that the results of the analyses can be compared with results from previous investigations. Soil data will be reported in units of mg/kg.

### **Completeness**

Completeness is a measure of the amount of valid data obtained from the measurement system. Proposed sample collection points may fail to produce usable data for many reasons (e.g., non-traceable sample identification, sample container breakage, elevated storage temperature,

exceeded sample holding time, or data loss). When samples are analyzed, but the data are rejected, the numerator of this calculation becomes the number of valid results minus the number of possible results rejected. Valid data are data not rejected or deemed unusable during the data validation process. Completeness describes the amount of valid data that meets the DQOs for representativeness, accuracy, and precision versus the amount of data obtained or considered necessary to achieve a specific level of confidence in decision-making. For relatively clean, homogeneous matrices, data would be expected to be 100% complete. As matrix complexity and sample heterogeneity increases, however, completeness may decrease. Based on the complexity of sample matrices anticipated to be collected from the project sites, the analytical data completeness goal following validation is stated to be greater than or equal to 90% and will be generated on a Sample Delivery Group (SDG) basis.

Project completeness with regard to the collection of samples and identified data gaps will be addressed by the data generators and users. A goal of 90% is anticipated for each project location (e.g., each school location).

In order to more accurately depict the percent analytical completeness, individual analyte completeness will be calculated and reported. In addition to the analyte percent completeness, a summary of completeness for each fraction will be provided in the validation reports. In the event reanalyses are performed by the laboratory, only a single analytical set (may be a mixture of original and reanalyses data based on usability) will be included in the analytical completeness calculation so as not to count duplicate data. Valid results used to meet completeness objectives are those results that provide a defensible estimate of the true concentration of an analyte in a sample. These valid results include data that are not qualified and data that are qualified but that can still be used to meet project objectives. Invalid data are those results for which there is an indication that the prescribed sampling or analytical protocol was not followed or results did not meet QC specifications.

### **Sensitivity**

Sensitivity is related to the ability to compare analytical results with project-specific action levels. Analytical quantitation limits for the sample analytes should be below the level of interest to allow an effective comparison.

### **Method Sensitivity**

Achieving proper sensitivity (i.e., reporting limits) will depend on instrument sensitivity and potential matrix effects. Data sensitivity is the ability of the analytical method to differentiate the target analyte from instrument “noise.” With regard to instrument sensitivity, it is important to monitor the instrument performance to ensure consistent instrument performance at the low end of the calibration range. Instrument sensitivity will be monitored through analysis of method blanks and calibration check samples. Project data will be reported to the method detection limit (MDL) with variations due to sample amount digested, potential dilutions and percent moisture correction for mercury analysis. The MDLs are below the soil action limits defined in the DQO steps above.

Additional details regarding bias, sensitivity, and QC acceptance criteria are included in Section 3.6.2.

## **Laboratory Analyses**

The method sensitivity for laboratory analyses is determined as part of the laboratory's SOPs. A review of these detection limits will be conducted as part of the data validation process.

## **2.8 Special Training**

All RMAP field personnel will review the requirements of this QAPP and receive training on Program-related tasks during a project meeting held prior to the beginning of fieldwork. A review of sampling procedures and requirements will be completed prior to field activities to ensure sample collection and handling methods are according to QAPP requirements. Field personnel will be trained in proper use of field equipment, sample collection tools, etc., and procedures according to field data collection SOPs (Attachment C-1) and methods described in the Program. Field personnel performing sampling activities or members who can potentially contact contaminated materials should receive hazardous waste operations and emergency response (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response [HAZWOPER]) training.

The BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services Director is responsible for ensuring field personnel receive appropriate training and will maintain up-to-date training records and/or certifications. The BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services Human Health/RMAP Division Manager will ensure that each member of the sampling team obtains and is familiar with the recent version of the QAPP, will maintain signatures of each team member who has read the QAPP (including reviews and addenda, as necessary), and make sure each team member has been trained in the appropriate sample collection methods per the Program. The Human Health/RMAP Division Manager will review the SSHASP with all field personnel prior to fieldwork to assess the site's specific hazards and the control measurements that have been put in place to mitigate these hazards. The SSHASP review will also cover all other safety aspects of the site including site personnel responsibilities and contact information, additional site-specific safety requirements and procedures, and the emergency response plan. One hard copy of the approved version of this QAPP will be maintained for reference in the field vehicle and/or field office. All field team personnel will have access to Portable Document Format (.pdf) files of the complete QAPP.

## **2.9 Documents and Records**

This section describes procedures for documentation management and record keeping for this QAPP from initial record generation through final data formatting and storage. All sampling data conducted for all media under the Program and records of property access requests are housed within the Program database. The Program database is housed in an Access Structured Query Language (SQL) server database and maintained by BSB. Document backups are contained in the BPSOU Document SharePoint and EPA document repository. The BPSOU *Final Data Management Plan* will provide additional details regarding data management, backup, and storage<sup>1</sup>. Atlantic Richfield and BSB will coordinate Agency testing of the database with the program architects and primary users in a manner to minimize provision of written comment and the potential misinterpretation of those comments.

### **2.9.1 Property Access Agreements**

An executed sampling access agreement (see Attachment B) must be obtained from the property owner (which for non-residential properties may include BSB or other non-private entities/agencies) before sampling takes place. Similarly, an executed Construction Access Agreement must be obtained before remediation begins. Program access agreements are also described in detail within the *Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan (ICIAP)* (Atlantic Richfield Company, 2019). The agreements represent a temporary agreement between BSB and the property owner stating that the owner is willing to permit BSB to conduct certain sampling and abatement activities on the specified property. Completed agreements will be photocopied, scanned, and the electronic version stored on a hard drive. The status of property access will be tracked in the Program's database tracking system. A copy of the access agreements (Attachment B) will also be included in the project record files.

### **2.9.2 Field Documentation**

Field documentation provides a description of site conditions during sampling activities and provides a permanent record of all field activities. Field documentation will primarily be achieved through electronic means (i.e., field tablets). Field documentation includes a sample location map of the site that shows property boundaries, structures, driveways, contaminant source material, gardens, and lawns. Field personnel creating the sample location map will delineate property features with an accuracy of approximately plus or minus 2.0 feet. Each property will be divided into components (e.g., play area, high access area, etc.) for sampling, and these areas will be identified on the map.

Documentation for each site will include the information listed below, at a minimum:

- A description of the field task.
- Time and date fieldwork started.
- Location and description of the work area including sketches, if possible, map references, and references to photographs collected.
- Names and titles of field personnel.
- Name, address, and phone number of any field contacts or site visitors (e.g., Agency representatives, auditors, etc.).
- Details of the fieldwork performed with special attention noted to any deviation from the QAPP or applicable field SOPs. Such deviations will be brought to the attention of and discussed with Agency field oversight personnel. If the deviations are deemed to be minor by the Agency representative, a resolution and path forward will be determined in the field. If the Agency representative determines that the deviation is major in scope, it will be his/her responsibility to elevate the question internally and to receive Agency direction.
- All field measurements made (e.g., minor field modifications to sampling polygons, delineation of additional sampling polygons, etc.).
- Personnel and equipment decontamination procedures.

For any field sampling work, the field documentation will include all applicable items from the Level A/B Assessment Checklist (see Section 6.1.2.1 and Attachment D). At a minimum this includes documentation of the following:

- Sample team and/or leader.
- Sample location, depth, and traceable sample designation number.
- Sample type collected.
- Date and time of sample collection.
- Samples taken by other parties (note the type of sample, sample location, time/date, sampler's name, sampler's company, and any other pertinent information).
- Sampling method, particularly any deviations from the field SOPs (Attachment C).
- Documentation or reference of preparation procedures for reagents or supplies that will become an integral part of the sample (if any used in the field), specifically if sample bottles/preservatives are not provided by the laboratory and certified as cleaned.
- Collection of field duplicates.
- Decontamination of sampling equipment.
- Sample custody documentation.
- Sample preservation (if used).

Sufficient information should be recorded to allow the sampling event to be reconstructed without having to rely on the sampler's memory.

A report containing all the above-listed information will be provided to the property owner and the information recorded in the Program database and tracking system and uploaded to cloud-based databases managed by BSB (BPSOU *Final Data Management Plan* currently being developed by Atlantic Richfield). Sample results will be validated and Agency approved prior to submission to property owners unless otherwise approved by the Agencies.

### **2.9.3 Field Photographs**

Field personnel will use a digital camera to take photographs at the site. Photographs may be taken of sampling locations, field activities, and to document site conditions, as necessary. Photographs should include a scale in the picture when practical. Documentation of all photographs taken during sampling activities will be recorded in a bound field logbook or appropriate field collection device and will specifically include the following for each photograph taken:

- The date, time, and site identification.
- A brief description of the subject and the fieldwork portrayed in the picture.
- Sequential number of the photograph.

Electronic files will be placed in project files with copies of supporting documentation from the bound field logbooks/data collection device.

#### **2.9.4 Chain of Custody Records**

Each sample collected will be assigned a unique sample number, and the sample container will be labeled with sample designation number, date and time of collection, and requested analyses. Then the information will be recorded in the field documentation. Chain of custody records ensure that samples are traceable from the time of collection until final disposition. After samples have been collected, they will be maintained under strict chain of custody protocols in accordance with the SOPs (Attachment C). A chain of custody record will be initiated by the individual physically in charge of the sample collection. The chain of custody form may be completed concurrently with the field sampling or before shipping or hand delivery of samples to the laboratory. The sampler is personally responsible for the care and custody of the samples until they are shipped or hand delivered to the laboratory. When transferring the sample possession, the individual relinquishing and receiving the sample will sign and record the date and time of day on the chain of custody record.

A copy of each as-transmitted chain of custody form will be scanned and stored on a hard drive. Chain of custody records will also be copied to the project record files (refer to Section 3.11).

#### **2.9.5 Analytical Laboratory Records**

Results received from the laboratories will be documented both in report form and in an electronic format. Laboratory documentation includes laboratory confirmation reports such as information on how samples have been batched, the analyses requested, data packages containing the laboratory report and the electronic data deliverable (EDD), and any change requests or corrective action requests. Section 6.1.3 lists the laboratory reporting requirements in detail. The deliverable (data package or report) issued by the laboratory must include data necessary to complete validation of laboratory results. Original reports and electronic files received from laboratories will be maintained with the project quality records. The BPSOU *Final Data Management Plan*<sup>1</sup> currently being developed by Atlantic Richfield will include additional requirements.

#### **2.9.6 Project Data Reports**

Upon receipt of laboratory results and completion of the data review/validation process, all analytical data will be uploaded into a project database and submitted to the Agencies for review and approval. For the school sampling portion of this project, these data would be anticipated to be submitted on a per school basis to decrease the turnaround time required for landowner reporting as much as possible. Upon receipt of Agency approval, the sample results (for all analytes) will be reported to individual landowners along with a letter explaining what the results indicate (see result letter templates in Attachment E). The action levels for arsenic, lead, and mercury will be reported along with sample results.



Following landowner notification, sample results will be used to develop an individual site work plan (ISWP) for each parcel where sample results exceeded BPSOU action levels (Table 1). The ISWPs will summarize the number of individual sampling components associated with each property, depth of each sample, and corresponding surface area of each component.

In addition to the “real time” submittals described above, all sampling data will be forwarded to the Agencies for review and approval in the form of an annual DSR. This DSR will include figures displaying location of parcels sampled, analytical results, and copies of all field data. As described above, all sampling data will reside in the project records.

Sampling for remedial design/remedial action under the RMAP will be documented through annual DSRs submitted for review and approval by the Agencies. Sample data, with their laboratory and data usability qualifiers, will be maintained electronically by BSB/Atlantic Richfield and reported in the annual report. The annual report will be a DSR prepared based on the guidelines in *Clark Fork River Superfund Site Investigations (CFRSSI) Pilot Data Report Addendum* (AERL, 2000) following each year of data collection. The annual report will describe the sampling activities for the year, provide a summary of the data obtained, discuss the results of data validation, and provide a detailed listing of any deviations from the QAPP. The DSR will also include a data usability assessment for laboratory data. The data usability assessment has a data summary table with all the samples and analyte concentrations listed, along with the laboratory- and data validation-assigned qualifiers. The Level A/B checklists, laboratory data validation checklists, and data validation summary will provide an overall assessment of the quality and usability of the data. Furthermore, the DSR will also contain copies of all analytical reports, EDDs, and data validation reports. Annual DSRs will be submitted to the Agencies for review approximately three months after all data validation activities are completed for the season.

### **2.9.7 Quality Records**

Quality records are defined as completed, legible documents that furnish objective evidence of the quality of items or services, activities affecting quality, or the completeness of data. These records will be organized and managed by the BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services Data Management Division Manager/QA Manager (or designee) in cooperation with the BSB Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services Director, and will include the following at a minimum:

- This QAPP and any approved revisions or addenda.
- Approved versions of the SSHASP and any addenda.
- Copies of field SOPs for field data collection, with any updates, revisions, or addenda to those SOPs.
- Incoming and outgoing project correspondence (letters, telephone conversation records, and faxes).
- Copies of completed access agreements (Attachment B) for the individual properties sampled.

- Individual property maps, including any field drawings and field photographs.
- Field documentation forms.
- Copies of all field documentation/records.
- Copies of all sample chain-of-custody forms.
- Copies of all laboratory agreements and amendments.
- Laboratory data packages (printed report and electronic version).
- Documentation of field and/or laboratory audit findings and any corrective actions.
- Draft and final delivered versions of all reports and supporting procedures such as statistical analyses, numerical models, etc.

All project data will be maintained indefinitely in the BPSOU Residential Soils and Attic Dust Global Information System (GIS) database, or similar format. The database has not yet been completely developed, and Atlantic Richfield/BSB will be working with the Agencies to finalize the database. This is a long-term project with access to the database provided to many interested parties. Any addendums or revisions to this QAPP will be electronically distributed to all parties identified on the distribution list.

### **3.0 MEASUREMENT AND DATA ACQUISITION**

This section addresses all aspects of project design and implementation for generating and acquiring data. Adhering to the procedures provided in Attachment C in this QAPP and described in this section ensures that the appropriate methods for sampling, sample handling, laboratory analyses, field and laboratory QC, instrument/equipment testing, inspection, maintenance, instrument/equipment calibration, data management, and data security are followed.

#### **3.1 Property Access**

Non-residential RMAP sampling occurs at a combination of third-party and BSB-owned properties (see Figures 5 and 6). Prior to conducting any sampling or cleanup activities at a third-party property, access must be obtained from the property owner in the form of an executed sampling access agreement (see Attachment B). To gain access to these properties, Program representatives will actively pursue access in the form of phone calls, text messaging, and in person visits. As required, up to three documented attempts to gain access will be made. After the third unsuccessful contact attempt, Program representatives will cease actively pursuing sampling access. The owner will still be allowed to request sampling on a test-by-request basis. Transfer of property ownership will reset the Program's attempts to gain access to zero. At that point, Program representatives will start over on documented attempts to gain sampling access with the new property owner. The Program will monitor ownership changes on an annual basis.

The Human Health/RMAP Division Manager (or designee) will manage requests for access, track the status of access requests, and maintain copies of completed agreements received from property owners. Completed agreements will be photocopied and scanned and the electronic

version stored on a hard drive. A copy of the access agreements will also be included in the project record files.

Any dispute concerning access should be brought to the attention of the Agencies. It is essential to begin access procurement as early as possible in the remedial process to avoid potentially lengthy delays. If access for response work cannot be reasonably obtained from a third-party owner, EPA may choose to use its authorities under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to secure access as provided in the current Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) (EPA, 2011b) and any updated UAOs.

When access is denied (or the owner is deemed to be unresponsive through three unsuccessful contact attempts), Program representatives will track the attempt to gain access of the property for environmental assessment within the Program database. After three attempts are recorded, the property will be flagged in the database (as either having declined access or becoming non-responsive) and the Agencies will be notified of the property status. At this time, the Agencies may elect to issue the property owner an enforcement letter. A copy of the Agency notice form letter is provided in Attachment B-2. Future changes in ownership will be monitored annually. If ownership changes, the access procurement process will be reinitiated.

### **3.2 RMAP Composite Soil Sampling**

All non-residential RMAP soil sampling work associated with schools, play areas, gardens, and non-residential daycares will be conducted as described below and as in Table 4 to determine the presence of the COCs listed in Table 1. Field personnel will follow the procedures in the SOPs (Attachment C-1) and will record all information in the field logbook/data collection device. These RMAP non-residential parcels will be broken down into sampling components and characterized by five land use categories:

- Land Use Category #1 – This category consists of playground areas. This will typically be defined as the area around playground equipment such as swings, slides, jungle gyms, and other types of equipment.
- Land Use Category #2 – This category consists of high accessible areas near school buildings such as school courtyards. Also contained within the category will be barren sports areas such as a baseball/softball infield.
- Land Use Category #3 – This category consists of maintained grassy areas such as sodded school grounds and turf covered sports fields.
- Land Use Category #4 – This category consists of low use/low maintenance areas that are rarely accessed by children. Examples include school grounds that are fenced off to restrict access by students.
- Land Use Category #5 – This category consists of vegetable and/or flower gardens.

Sample request paperwork will be pursued by program representatives for all non-residential RMAP parcels. Current school/non-residential daycare parcels are listed in Table 5. Table 5 is believed to be comprehensive. If additional relevant parcels are identified through future Stakeholder meetings, these additional parcels will be considered for inclusion on the RMAP

sampling list. Butte-Silver Bow County will catalogue action items and document milestones in the Program database. The EPA will be notified prior to initiating any RMAP sampling events.

Consistent with how residential sampling logic does not change for parcels within or outside the BPSOU, all non-residential RMAP parcels within the 2020 RMAP Area (see Figure 1) will be characterized and sampled per the requirements of this section regardless of geographic location within the 2020 RMAP Area. This will ensure proper characterization of all non-residential parcels regardless of their location in relation to the BPSOU boundary.

Generally speaking, the property boundary will be used to establish the extent of the sample area. Exceptions to this rule will include, but are not limited to, school areas that are inaccessible to children due to existing fencing, heavy existing cover (e.g., trees), and steep terrain. Field sampling plans will be developed for each parcel and submitted to the Agencies for review and approval prior to beginning sampling work. The procedures for RMAP soil sampling are summarized below.

### **3.2.1 Sample Density, Location, and Compositing**

Sample locations within sampling components will be determined by sampling personnel based upon site-specific conditions. Non-residential RMAP sampling density and compositing decisions will be made dependent upon current land use determinations.

Soil subsamples will not be collected from an area between adjacent structures where the distance between the structures is less than 3 feet.

The decision to collect additional “opportunistic” samples will be made in the field by the sampling crew personnel and/or Agency personnel during the time of sampling. Opportunistic samples will be collected of suspect piles, discolored materials, or notable barren areas greater than approximately 25 feet by 25 feet in area. All opportunistic samples collected will be comprised of a minimum of 3 subsamples.

Soil samples for mercury analysis for this project will be collected by removing a subsample aliquot from the homogenized sample contained in the resealable plastic bag (e.g., Ziploc®) during the sample collection process and placed in glass containers. This process helps to ensure sample representativeness between the sample aliquots. According to Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods, U.S. EPA Publication SW 846, the sample jars for mercury analysis will be shipped from the field on ice to the primary laboratory.

The project soil samples collected in resealable plastic bags for arsenic and lead will be shipped from the field and stored by a second laboratory at ambient temperature conditions.

If the Agency representative or property owner chooses to collect split samples, an adequate quantity of soil will be made available by the sampler at the time of sample collection. However, the Agency representative or property owner will be responsible for providing sample containers and coolers, etc.

### **3.2.1.1 Land Use Category #1 (Playground Areas)**

For Land Use Category #1 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) (25 feet by 25 feet) in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 6,250 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 10 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #1 sampling component) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

### **3.2.1.2 Land Use Category #2 (Highly Accessible Areas/Barren Sports Fields)**

For Land Use Category #2 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 ft<sup>2</sup> (25 feet by 25 feet) in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 9,375 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 15 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #2 sampling component) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

### **3.2.1.3 Land Use Category #3 (Maintained Grass Areas/Grass Sports Fields)**

For Land Use Category #3 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 2,200 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 10,890 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 5 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #3 sampling component) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### **3.2.1.4 Land Use Category #4 (Low Access Areas/Low Maintenance Areas/Open Space)**

For Land Use Category #4 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 2,200 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 21,780 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 10 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #4 sampling component) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### **3.2.1.5 Land Use Category #5 (Flower/Vegetable Gardens)**

In order to limit disturbance in small components (such as vegetable and flower gardens), only one sample location will be used when the component area is approximately 50 ft<sup>2</sup> or less in area. For Land Use Category #5 sampling components greater than 50 square feet in area, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 2 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. When applicable, subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 3,125 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 5 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #5 sampling component) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

### **3.2.2 Sample Depths**

Three depth samples will be collected from each identified component. There will be 1 surface sample (0 to 2 inches below ground surface [bgs]) along with 2 subsurface samples (2 to 6 inches bgs and 6 to 12 inches bgs).

Because most of these sampling components are expected to be covered with a turf mat, the surface sample will be collected immediately beneath the vegetative mat (sod), or in the absence of vegetation, 0 to 2 inches bgs. If a vegetative mat is present, it will be separated from the soil surface with a stainless steel knife or equivalent. The removed vegetative mat will be shaken and scraped over the sample collection container to dislodge any mineral soil particles. All dislodged soil particles will be included in the composite sample.

Exceptions to this procedure will occur when the sample location falls on a graveled driveway or similar surface. If the surface material is coarse-grained and free of intermixed materials, the sample will be collected from the 0- to 2-inch soil layer immediately beneath the coarse materials. However, if the graveled driveway or similar surface contains fine soil material on the surface, the sample will be collected from the surface (0- to 2-inch) layer.

Gardens will be subject to additional subsurface sampling. In addition to the 3 depth samples described above, 2 additional subsurface samples will be collected from the 12- to 18-inch and 18- to 24-inch depth intervals, for a total of 5 depth samples within a vegetable or flower garden.

### **3.2.3 Previously Sampled Properties**

Butte-Silver Bow County will review the Program database to identify properties that were previously sampled but have incomplete data sets (e.g., lack of all required analyte and/or depth interval data). This information will be provided to the Agencies in the form of FSP submittals. Property owners of these previously partially sampled properties will be contacted to request access to conduct additional sampling to fill the data gaps. The goal will be to produce a complete data set that includes data for all required depth intervals and analytes.

Areas of the property that were sampled at the 0- to 2-inch depth interval and remediated will not be resampled because these components have already been remediated to a 12-inch depth.

### **3.2.4 Soil Sample Equipment Decontamination**

Reusable equipment will be decontaminated between sampling sites in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and established SOPs (Attachment C-1) prior to being reused. Equipment used for sample homogenization or scoops used for sample bagging or subsampling for mercury analysis will be single-use, disposable equipment. Decontamination solutions may be disposed of to the ground surface, in the same general area in which soil sampling occurred. Disposable supplies will be collected by the field team leader and disposed of at the BPSOU Mine Waste Repository or local landfill as appropriate.

### **3.2.5 Soil Sample Preparation Methods**

The temperature upon mercury sample receipt is measured and recorded by the laboratory on sample condition upon receipt documentation. The samples will be stored chilled (less than or equal to 6 degrees Celsius [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ], but not frozen) in temperature-monitored refrigerators prior to laboratory digestion and analysis within 28 days of sample collection. The mercury digestion and analysis will be performed on “wet” sample aliquots and reported on a dry weight basis.

The project soil samples collected in resealable plastic bags for lead and arsenic will be shipped from the field and stored by a second laboratory at ambient temperature conditions. The soil samples will undergo sample drying and sieving (within approximately 5 days of collection) prior to ambient shipment of the dried sample to the primary laboratory for sample digestion and analysis for lead and arsenic.

Sample preparations and analyses will be in accordance with the EPA analytical method specifications provided below as well as standard laboratory practices. Specifically, the soil samples must be measured for percent moisture and prepared for metals analyses. Samples must be sieved using a No. 60 sieve to obtain the fine fraction, less than 250 micrometers or microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) for metals analyses. The remaining coarse fraction will be placed in a new plastic bag labeled with the original sample number, date of sieving, and “Coarse Fraction” and then archived along with the remaining fine fraction until the criteria for sample disposal is met (see Section 3.8). The weight of the coarse fraction and the fine fraction will be measured and recorded by the laboratory for each soil sample prepared in this manner. The SOPs addressing soil sieving are included in Attachment C-2. The laboratory SOPs provided are developed for multiple projects and clients. In the event of a discrepancy between QAPP text and laboratory SOPs, the QAPP text shall take precedence.

Consistent with prior sampling programs, samples will be sieved to the less than 250  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction, reflecting the fine fraction of soil most likely to adhere to children’s hands. More recent EPA guidance (EPA OLEM Directive 9200.1-128) requires sieving to less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  based on studies that show lead enrichment in very fine soil fractions (e.g., less than 63  $\mu\text{m}$ ). There are no data adequate to predict if the less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  fractions might be detectably enriched as compared with the less than 250  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction. In light of this uncertainty, EPA has agreed with use of the less than 250  $\mu\text{m}$  fraction for the 2021 sampling program while a particle size enrichment demonstration study is planned and conducted.

### **3.2.6 Soil Sample Collection Equipment**

Soil samples are collected using primarily hand tools and are limited to readily available products. If supplies should be exhausted, replacement supplies can be purchased at nearby retailers. Hand tools may include sampling probe, Sharpshooter® type shovels, and heavy duty 5- to 6-foot steel pry bars. Single-use scoops and protective (latex/nitrile) gloves will be used to collect and mix the samples. Resealable plastic bags will be used as sample containers for those samples requiring arsenic and lead analyses. Those samples requiring mercury analysis will use glass sample jars as sample containers.



### **3.3 RMAP ISM Soil Sampling**

Non-residential RMAP soil sampling work associated with portions of park parcels that will be sampled using ISM are described below and in Table 4 to determine the presence of the COCs listed in Table 1. Field personnel will follow the procedures in the SOPs (Attachment C-1) and will record all information in the field logbook/data collection device. These RMAP non-residential park parcels will be broken down into sampling components and characterized by five land use categories. Land use categories 1, 2, and 5 will be sampled according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling). The remaining land use categories may be sampled according to ISM as described below:

- Land Use Category #3 – This category consists of maintained grassy areas such as sodded lawn areas and turf-covered sports fields.
- Land Use Category #4 – This category consists of low use/low maintenance areas that are rarely accessed by children. Examples include areas that are fenced off to restrict access by the public or typical open space areas comprised of unmaintained natural vegetation.

Sample request paperwork will be pursued by program representatives for all non-residential RMAP parcels. Current park/playground/open area parcels that are presumed eligible for RMAP soil sampling are listed in Table 6. Current park/playground/open area parcels that are presumed to be ineligible for RMAP soil sampling are listed in Table 7. Tables 6 and 7 are believed to be comprehensive but vetting with BSB and the Agencies is on-going. If additional relevant parcels/information are identified through future Stakeholder meetings, these tables will be updated as needed through future QAPP revisions. Butte-Silver Bow County will catalogue action items and document milestones in the Program database. The EPA will be notified before initiating any RMAP sampling activities.

Consistent with how residential sampling logic does not change for parcels inside or outside the BPSOU, all non-residential RMAP parcels within the 2020 RMAP Area (see Figure 1) will be characterized and sampled per the requirements of this section regardless of geographic location within the 2020 RMAP Area. This will ensure proper characterization of all non-residential parcels regardless of their location in relation to the BPSOU boundary.

Generally speaking, the property boundary will be used to establish the extent of the park sampling area. Exceptions to this rule will include, but are not limited to, areas that are inaccessible to the public. These cases will be addressed on an individual basis through conversations with Agency personnel. Field sampling plans will be developed for each parcel and submitted to the Agencies for review and approval prior to beginning sampling work. The procedures for RMAP ISM soil sampling are summarized below.

#### **3.3.1 Sample Density, Location, and Compositing**

Incremental sampling locations will be based on a pre-determined sampling grid detailed in the FSP. Specific sampling locations within each gridded area will be pseudo random and will be determined by sampling personnel based upon site-specific conditions with the goal of achieving as much geographic distribution as possible. Incremental density and compositing decisions will

be made dependent upon current land use determinations and as documented in the Agency-approved FSP.

Soil subsamples will not be collected from an area between adjacent structures where the distance between the structures is less than 3 feet.

The decision to collect additional “opportunistic” samples will be made in the field by the sampling crew personnel and/or Agency personnel during the time of sampling. Opportunistic samples will be collected according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling). Any areas associated with opportunistic composite sampling will be deducted from the appropriate ISM areas and calculations (as appropriate).

Soil samples for mercury analysis for this project will be collected by removing and placing in glass containers a subsample aliquot from the homogenized sample contained in the resealable plastic bag during the sample collection process (see Table 4). To further ensure homogenization and representativeness, the aliquots for the mercury subsample will be obtained from several areas of the homogenized sample bag using a clean scoop. This process helps to ensure sample representativeness between the sample aliquots. According to *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste Physical/Chemical Methods, U.S. EPA Publication SW 846*, the sample jars for mercury analysis will be shipped from the field on ice to the primary laboratory.

The project soil samples collected in resealable plastic bags for arsenic and lead analyses will be shipped from the field and stored by a second laboratory at ambient temperature conditions.

If the Agency representative or property owner chooses to collect split samples, an adequate quantity of soil will be made available by the sampler at the time of sample collection. However, the Agency representative or property owner will be responsible for providing sample containers and coolers, etc.

### **3.3.1.1 Land Use Category #3 (Maintained Grass Areas/Grass Sports Fields)**

For Land Use Category #3 incremental DUs, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 30 incremental subsample locations or at a rate of 1 incremental subsample location per 4,400 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury (see Table 4 and Field SOPs in Attachment C-1). Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single incremental sample will be 440,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 100 incremental subsample locations will be collected from any single Land Use Category #3 incremental sampling DU) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly homogenized in the field to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses (see Table 4 and Field SOPs in Attachment C-1). For the 0- to 2-inch depth interval, the entire composite sample will be submitted to the laboratory. For the 2- to 12-inch depth interval, a 1- to 1.5-kilogram sample will be submitted to the laboratory (see

Table 4 and Field SOPs in Attachment C-1). Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

Land Use Category #3 areas equal to or less than ¼ acre in area will be sampled according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling).

### **3.3.1.2 Land Use Category #4 (Low Access Areas/Low Maintenance Areas/Open Space)**

ISM samples for Land Use Category #4 will be collected using the sampling methodology as described above for Land Use Category #3 (Section 3.3.1.1).

Land Use Category #4 areas equal to or less than ½ acre in area will be sampled according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling).

### **3.3.2 Sample Depths**

Two depth samples will be collected from each identified component. There will be 1 surface sample (0 to 2 inches bgs) and 1 subsurface sample (2 to 12 inches bgs).

Because most of these sampling DUs are expected to be covered with a turf mat, the surface sample will be collected immediately beneath the vegetative mat (sod). If a vegetative mat is present, it will be separated from the soil surface with a stainless steel knife or equivalent. The removed vegetative mat will be shaken and scraped over the sample collection container to dislodge any mineral soil particles. All dislodged soil particles will be included in the incremental sample.

### **3.3.3 Previously Sampled Properties**

Butte-Silver Bow County will review the Program database to identify properties that were previously sampled but have incomplete data sets (e.g., lack of all required analyte and/or depth interval data). This information will be provided to the Agencies in the form of FSP submittals. Property owners of these previously partially sampled properties will be contacted to request access to conduct additional sampling to fill the data gaps. The goal will be to produce a complete data set that includes data for all required depth intervals and analytes.

Areas of the property that were sampled at the 0- to 2-inch depth interval and remediated will not be resampled because these components have already been remediated to a 12-inch depth.

### **3.3.4 Soil Sample Equipment Decontamination**

Reusable equipment will be decontaminated between ISM replicate samples according to the manufacturer's recommendations and established SOPs (Attachment C-1) before being reused. This includes equipment used for field sample homogenization. Procedures for appropriately decontaminating reusable equipment are as follows:

1. Remove excess soil particles from the equipment prior to “gross wash.” This may be achieved by using a dedicated stiff brush or other hand tool such as a flat head screwdriver.
2. Remove gross contamination by manually scrubbing the equipment in the 5-gallon bucket of tap water marked *Gross Wash* and a stiff brush (dedicated to the gross was step).
3. Move the equipment to the 5-gallon bucket marked *Soap Wash*. Wash equipment in solution of tap water and soap (no phosphate, such as Liquinox©) with a stiff brush (dedicated to the soap wash step).
4. Triple rinse the equipment in the 5-gallon bucket with deionized (DI) water marked *DI Rinse* to remove any soap residue.
5. Perform a second triple rinse of the equipment in a bucket with DI water marked *Final Rinse*. Alternatively, a designated pressurized hand spray bottle (i.e., 2-gallon lawn and garden sprayer) with DI water may be used for final rinse stage.
6. Place equipment on plastic sheeting or foil to air dry.
7. Wrap equipment in foil or plastic wrap to transport or store.
8. Clean decontamination equipment:
  - a. Triple rinse equipment from the *Gross Wash* and *Soap Wash* (brushes and buckets) with clean tap water, preferably with pressurized water. Soap can be used on particularly dirty equipment.
  - b. Triple rinse all decontamination equipment with DI water, including *DI Rinse* and *Final Rinse* buckets.
  - c. Store decontamination equipment, labeled and in a clean location so they are used only for decontamination purposes.

Scoops used for sample bagging or subsampling for mercury analysis will be single-use disposable equipment. Decontamination solutions may be disposed of to the ground surface, in the same general area in which soil sampling occurred. Disposable supplies will be collected by the field team leader and disposed of at the BPSOU Mine Waste Repository or local landfill, as appropriate. Field equipment “rinsate blanks” will be collected on reusable equipment to ensure proper decontamination is being achieved, as describe in Section 3.7 below.

### **3.3.5 Soil Sample Preparation Methods**

Soil samples collected using the ISM methodology are subject to both field soil sample preparation methods and laboratory preparation methods (see Table 4). Soil collected from each depth interval from each increment within the Decision Unit will be composited into a 5-gallon bucket for field homogenization. Field homogenization and representative aliquot subsampling will be performed according to RMAP-SOP-2 located in Attachment C-1. Each ISM sample will be packaged and shipped, consistent with procedures detailed in the SOPs, to the appropriate laboratory facility for sample preparation and analysis.

The temperature upon mercury sample receipt is measured and recorded by the laboratory on Sample Condition Upon Receipt documentation. The samples will be stored chilled (less than or

equal to 6 °C, but not frozen) in temperature-monitored refrigerators before laboratory digestion and analysis within 28 days of sample collection. The mercury digestion and analysis will be performed on “wet” sample aliquots and reported on a dry weight basis.

The project soil samples collected in resealable plastic bags for lead and arsenic analyses will be shipped from the field and stored by a second laboratory at ambient temperature conditions. The soil samples will undergo sample drying and sieving (within approximately 5 days of collection) prior to ambient shipment of the dried sample to the primary laboratory for sample digestion and analysis for lead and arsenic.

Sample preparations and analyses will be conducted according to EPA analytical method specifications provided below as well as standard laboratory practices (SOPs provided in Attachment C-2). Specifically, the soil samples must be measured for percent moisture and prepared for metals analyses. Samples must be sieved using a No. 60 sieve to obtain the fine fraction, less than 250 µm, for metals analyses. The remaining coarse fraction will be placed in a new plastic bag labeled with the original sample number, date of sieving, and “Coarse Fraction” and then archived along with the remaining fine fraction until the criteria for sample disposal is met (see Section 3.8). The weight of the coarse fraction and the fine fraction will be measured and recorded by the laboratory for each soil sample prepared in this manner. The SOPs addressing soil sieving are included in Attachment C-2. The laboratory SOPs provided are developed for multiple projects and clients. In the event of a discrepancy between QAPP text and laboratory SOPs, the QAPP text shall take precedence.

Consistent with prior sampling programs, samples will be sieved to the less than 250 µm fraction, reflecting the fine fraction of soil most likely to adhere to children’s hands. More recent EPA guidance (EPA OLEM Directive 9200.1-128) requires sieving to less than 150 µm based on studies that show lead enrichment in very fine soil fractions (e.g., less than 63 µm). There are no data adequate to predict if the less than 150 µm fractions might be detectably enriched as compared with the less than 250 µm fraction. In light of this uncertainty, EPA has agreed with using the less than 250 µm fraction for the 2021/2022 sampling program while a particle size enrichment demonstration study is planned and conducted.

### **3.3.6 Soil Sample Collection Equipment**

Soil samples are collected using soil sampling probes typically only available through specialized online retailers. Sampling crews will attempt to use 1½-inch diameter soil probes to minimize disturbance within park lawn areas. Site conditions may prompt use of larger diameter soil probes. If sampling probes become damaged or exhausted, replacements can be ordered. Field soil homogenization equipment will consist of a battery powered portable mortar mixer equipped with stainless steel paddle, typical 5-gallon poly bucket or equivalent suitable plastic container/tray, portable table, stainless steel trowels or an equivalent tool for splitting samples, and Visqueen® or equivalent poly sheeting for sample containment. All reusable equipment is subject to the decontamination procedures as outline above in Section 3.3.4. Single-use scoops and protective (latex/nitrile) gloves will be used to collect and mix the subsamples. Resealable plastic bags will be used as sample containers for those samples requiring arsenic and lead analyses. Those samples requiring mercury analysis will use glass sample jars as sample

containers. The remaining equipment can be procured locally and some may be provided by the laboratory.

### **3.4 Sample Handling and Chain of Custody**

After collection and labeling, the samples will be maintained under strict chain of custody protocols, in accordance with the sample packaging SOP (Attachment C-1). The field sampling personnel will complete a chain of custody form for each shipment/delivery (i.e., batch of coolers) of samples to be delivered to the laboratory for analysis. The coolers containing sample jars for mercury analysis will be shipped from the field on ice to the Pace Analytical Services, LLC in Minneapolis, Minnesota (1700 Elm Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414) for analysis. The coolers containing project soil samples collected in resealable plastic bags for lead and arsenic will be shipped from the field at ambient temperature conditions to the Pace Analytical Services, LLC in Green Bay, Wisconsin (1241 Bellevue Street, Suite 9, Green Bay, WI 54302) for drying and sieving. The chain of custody will clearly differentiate between incremental sampling methodology (Section 3.3) and standard composite soil sampling (Section 3.2). Additionally, composite and incremental soil samples will be segregated onto separate chain of custody documents based on site and sampling methodology. This is necessary as each sampling methodology is subject to unique field quality control procedures/samples. For example, composite samples are subject to field duplicate sample collection for QA/QC while ISM sample QA/QC is achieved by collecting the three replicates. Conversely, composite samples use single use disposable equipment that does not require a field decontamination quality control sample while ISM uses reusable sampling equipment that requires decontamination between ISM replicate samples and is therefore subject to field decontamination quality control. Upon completion of drying/sieving activities, these samples will be shipped to the Pace Analytical Services, LLC in Minneapolis for analysis. Jennifer Anderson is the Pace Analytical Services, LLC, point of contact.

The sampler is responsible for initiating and filling out the chain of custody form. The chain of custody for a shipment/delivery will list only those samples in that shipment/delivery. Any documentation, including chain of custody, should be placed inside a resealable plastic bag, within the shipment/delivery container. Coolers which are to be shipped will be custody sealed, securely taped shut, and have a shipping label securely adhered to the cooler.

The sampling personnel whose signature appears on the chain of custody form is responsible for the custody of the samples from the time of sample collection until custody of the samples is transferred to a designated laboratory, a courier, or to another project employee for the purpose of transporting the samples to the designated laboratory. Custody is transferred when both parties to the transfer complete the portion of the chain of custody under "Relinquished by" and "Received by." Signatures, printed names, company names, dates and times are required. Upon transfer of custody, the sampling personnel who relinquished the samples will retain the third sheet (pink copy), photocopy, or electronic copy of the chain of custody. When the samples are shipped by a common carrier, a Bill of Lading supplied by the carrier will be used to document the sample custody, and its identification number will be entered on the chain of custody. Copies, receipts, and carbons of Bills of Lading will be retained as part of the permanent documentation in the project file. It is not necessary for courier personnel to sign the chain of custody.

Upon receipt by the laboratory, the samples will be inspected for sample integrity. The chain of custody will be immediately signed, dated, and reviewed by laboratory personnel to verify completeness. Any discrepancies between the chain of custody and sample labels and any problems or questions noted upon sample receipt will be communicated immediately to the Field Team Leader. The laboratory will provide the Field Team Leader and/or the QA Manager with a copy of the chain of custody and associated sample receipt information within two working days of receipt of samples. The sample-receipt information routinely provided will include sample receipt date, sample IDs transcribed from the chain of custody sample matrix type, and list of analyses to be performed for each sample. Broken custody seals, damaged sample containers, sample labeling discrepancies between container labels and the chain of custody form, and analytical request discrepancies will be noted on the chain of custody form. The Field Team Leader and QA Manager will be notified of any such problems and the discrepancies or non-conformances will be resolved and addressed before the samples are analyzed.

The laboratory will be responsible for following their internal custody procedures from the time of sample receipt until sample disposal. Samples and extracts will be stored in a secure area controlled by the laboratory's designated sample custodian. Samples will be removed from the shipping container and stored in their original containers unless damaged. Damaged samples will be disposed of in an appropriate manner after notifying the Field Team Leader and QA Manager, and authorization to dispose is received and documented. In addition, samples will be stored after completion of analyses in accordance with contractual requirements.

### **3.5 Sample Identification**

The RMAP sample identification procedures are detailed in this section. An alphanumeric coding system will be used to uniquely identify each sample collected during RMAP sampling events. Sample identifiers will begin with the matrix, followed by the RMAP Database Resident ID. The Resident ID is a unique identifier that is associated with a specific property (address and/or geocode specific). Following the Resident ID will be the parcel component, QA/QC Code (when applicable), and sample depth.

#### **Matrix:**

S – Soil

#### **RMAP Database Resident ID: (example of R-00001)**

Site Property Codes:

C – Commercial

P – Park

S – School

Resident ID:

00001 – associated with a specific address or geocode

**Parcel Component:**

Component ID's will be derived on a site-specific basis during development of the Sample Location Map and refined by the sampling team (as necessary). Examples of Component IDs are listed below.

- PA – Playground Area (Land Use Category #1)
- HA – High Access Area (Land Use Category #2)
- GA – Maintained Grass Area (Land Use Category #3)
- LA – Low Access Area (Land Use Category #4)
- G – Flower/Vegetable Garden (Land Use Category #5)
- OP – Opportunistic Sample
- BA - Bare Area
- SA - Source Area
- IS – ISM Area

**Quality Control/Quality Assurance Codes:**

- D – Field Duplicate
- R – Sample Processing Replicate
- B – Field Equipment Rinsate Blank

**Depth Intervals:** Depth intervals are only applicable to soil sampling events.

1. 0 to 2 inches bgs
2. 2 to 6 inches bgs
3. 6 to 12 inches bgs
4. 12 to 18 inches bgs (flower/vegetable gardens only)
5. 18 to 24 inches bgs (flower/vegetable gardens only)
6. 0 to 2 inches bgs (ISM Samples)
7. 2 to 12 inches bgs (ISM Samples)

**Replicate Sample ID (for ISM Samples only):**

- A: Replicate Sample #1 for an ISM DU
- B: Replicate Sample #2 for an ISM DU
- C: Replicate Sample #3 for an ISM DU

An example sample identification would be S-S-0001-PA-2. This indicates that the soil sample was collected at the School with the Resident ID S-0001 (corresponding to a physical address and/or geocode) in a playground area at the 2 to 6-inch depth interval. The sample identification for a field duplicate collected at this location would be S-S-0001-PA-D-2.

A second example sample identification would be: P-0024-IS2-7B. This indicates that the soil sample was collected at the park with the Resident ID P-0024 (corresponding to a physical address and/or geocode) in incremental sampling polygon IS2 at the 2 to 12-inch depth interval. This also indicates that this sample was the second of three ISM replicate samples for this DU. The sample identification for a field equipment rinsate blank collected at this location would be P-0024-IS2-7B-B.



Sample identifiers will be documented in field logbooks/data collection device and on the chain of custody forms, as required by the RMAP Field SOPs located in Attachment C-1.

### **3.6 Analyses Methods**

The subsections below describe analytical methods the respective laboratories must use to analyze RMAP samples.

#### **3.6.1 Soil Sample Analysis Method**

All RMAP soil samples will be analyzed to determine metals concentrations via standard laboratory analytical methodologies for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Sample preparations and analyses will be in accordance with the referenced EPA analytical method specifications as well as standard laboratory practices. Samples collected by standard composite sampling techniques (Section 3.2) will use a portion of the field and laboratory homogenized field sample (approximately 2 cups of material) from the zipper-style bag for air-dry and sieve sample preparation prior to digestion. The amount of field homogenized incremental sample (Section 3.3) that will be air-dried and sieved prior to digestion will vary depending on the depth interval. For the 0- to 2-inch depth interval, the entire composited incremental sample will be submitted to the laboratory. For the 2- to 12-inch depth interval, a 1- to 1.5-kilogram sample will be submitted to the laboratory (see Table 4 and Field SOPs in Attachment C-1).

Laboratory personnel will place the sample onto a tray lined with brown freezer paper. The paper will be folded to create a “boat” to contain the sample and prevent loss or potential cross contamination during the drying process. The soil sample will be spread across the entire tray surface, and pieces greater than ½ inch will be broken by hand. New gloves will be used between each sample to prevent cross contamination. ISM samples may require multiple trays for sample drying due to increased sample mass. The trays will be placed on racks and into a room temperature closet containing fans and dried overnight. If samples are not completely dried the next day, the samples will be dried for an additional time.

Once dried, the sample trays will be removed from the closet and additional disaggregation will be performed by hand. Rocks, twigs, and other foreign material will be removed and set aside. Disaggregation is defined as a process for loosening the clump soil and around rocks. This process is not a grinding process. The soil is further disaggregated by placing a piece of butcher paper (wax side up) on top of the tray and using a 2.2-kilogram marble rolling pin. The rolling pin is rolled over the dried soil for 1 to 2 minutes in several directions. No downward pressure is applied to the rolling pin. Alternative methods are also suggested such as a rubber mallet as long as no crushing of rocks was performed in accordance with the SOP.

Both the standard composite sample and incremental samples will be sieved at room temperature. The sample will be sieved to 250 µm. The entire portion of 250 µm material will be placed in a resealable plastic bag, sealed, labeled, and transferred to Pace Analytical Services, LLC in Minneapolis. The fine fraction of the sieved soil will be further homogenized in a sealed bag by gently rolling the sample bag on a laboratory bench, such that fine materials less than 250 µm are not segregated. The sample will then be flattened into all sections of the bag thereby

creating a slab cake for sample aliquoting for digestion. The bag will be opened, and a portion from each of six areas of the bag will be removed and placed in a sample tube to digest approximately 1 gram of material. The sample aliquots will be digested according to modified EPA Method 3050B, and arsenic and lead concentrations will be determined per EPA Method 6010 (ICP-AES) or EPA Method 6020 (ICP-MS).

Mercury concentrations will be determined per EPA Method 7471B (Manual Cold-Vapor Technique) on the wet sample collected in the field as a subsample from the homogenized sample bag. The laboratory SOPs for EPA Methods soil sieving for standard composite and incremental sampling, 3050B, 6010, 6020A, and 7471B are included in Attachment C-2. The laboratory SOPs provided are developed for multiple projects and clients. In the event of a discrepancy between QAPP text and laboratory SOPs, the QAPP text shall take precedence.

### **3.6.2 Laboratory Quality Control Samples**

As outlined above in Sections 3.6.1, RMAP soil samples will be analyzed to determine metals concentrations (arsenic, lead, and mercury) via standard laboratory analytical methodologies. Laboratory QC procedures are outlined below.

All analyses will be governed by the appropriate calibration procedures and frequencies that are specified in the laboratory's SOPs (see Attachment C).

Laboratory QC samples will be analyzed in addition to the calibration samples with each QC batch. Laboratory QC samples are introduced into the measurement process to evaluate laboratory performance and sample measurement bias. Control samples may be prepared from environmental samples or generated from standard materials in the laboratory.

Laboratory blanks, laboratory control samples, analytical duplicates, serial dilutions, and pairs of matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) samples will be analyzed in each laboratory QC batch with a minimum frequency of 1 each per 20 field samples. If less than 20 field samples are submitted, then 1 set of these QA/QC samples will still be run with the set of less than 20 samples. A second MS sample is not necessary for all laboratory QC batches that already have one MS/MSD.

#### **Laboratory Blanks**

Method blanks will be used to monitor laboratory processes and performance. A method blank is a volume of deionized water or a specified weight of inert material for solid samples that is carried through the entire sample preparation and analyses procedures. The method blank volume or weight will be approximately equal to the sample volumes or sample weights being processed. Method blanks are used to monitor interference caused by constituents in solvents and reagents and on glassware and other sampling equipment. Method blank results outside of specified control limits will be rerun/redigested and reanalyzed with all associated samples and/or flagged by the laboratory per the QC requirements of the analytical method. Initial and continuing calibration blanks are also analyzed every 10 samples and samples are reanalyzed within compliant blank analyses. All elements of interest must be evaluated to plus or minus the reporting limit (RL) for Method 6020.

### **Laboratory Control Samples**

A LCS, or a blank spike, is an aqueous or solid control sample of known composition that is analyzed using the same sample preparation, reagents, and analytical methods employed for the Program samples. The LCS is obtained from an outside source or is prepared in the laboratory by spiking reagent water or a clean solid matrix from a stock solution that is different from that used for the calibration standards. The LCS is the primary indicator of process control used to demonstrate whether the sample preparation and analytical steps are in control, apart from sample matrix effects. If the LCS recovery falls outside the specified control limits, the LCS is reanalyzed once. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be redigested and reanalyzed.

### **Analytical Duplicates**

Analytical duplicates are samples that are split in the laboratory at some step in the measurement process and then carried through the remaining steps of the process. Duplicate analyses provide information on the precision of the operations involved. Analytical duplicates are a pair of subsamples from a field sample that are taken through the entire preparation and analyses procedure; any difference between the results indicates the precision of the entire method in the given matrix. Analyses of analytical duplicates and matrix spike duplicates monitor the precision of the analytical process. The frequency of analyses, precision goals, and corrective action information pertaining to analytical duplicates are provided in the laboratory SOPs (Attachment C). If the analytical duplicate precision falls outside the specified control limits, the samples will be rerun and/or flagged by the laboratory per the QC requirements of the analytical method.

### **Serial Dilutions**

Serial dilutions are performed in conjunction with EPA Method 6010 or 6020 to determine whether significant physical or chemical interferences exist due to sample matrix. A serial dilution is performed by analyzing a 5-fold dilution of a field sample (field blanks may not be used) and calculating the percent difference between the original determination and the serial dilution result. Serial dilutions are only applicable for analyte concentrations that are greater than 50 times the MDL. The frequency of analyses, precision goals, and corrective action information pertaining to serial dilutions are provided in the laboratory SOPs in Attachment C.

### **Matrix Spikes**

Laboratory MS samples are used to evaluate potential sample matrix effects on the accurate quantitation of an analyte using the prescribed analytical method. The MS/MSDs are prepared by adding an analyte to a subsample of a field sample before sample preparation and analyses. A percent recovery is calculated from the concentrations of the analyte in the spiked and un-spiked samples. Perform a post digestion spike on any elements that fail to meet criteria. If the %R for the MS and MSD falls outside the control limits, the results are flagged by the laboratory that they are outside acceptance criteria along with the parent sample.

### **Additional Quality Control Samples**

The laboratory will also analyze ICP/MS interference check, internal standards, and ICP/MS instrument tunes as part of the analytical sequence for Method 6020. These instrument QC samples will be evaluated against the method requirements during data validation.

Table 3 contains acceptance criteria for the QC samples detailed above.

### **3.7 Field Quality Control Samples**

Field QC samples are used to identify any biases from transportation, storage, and field handling processes during sample collection and to determine sampling precision. All field QC samples will be delivered with field samples to the laboratory. This section includes brief descriptions of the QC samples to be collected during sampling activities along with frequency, collection, and analytical instructions.

Sampling protocols will be consistent with the Field SOPs included in Attachment C-1 and will include 1 field duplicate collected for every 20 composite primary samples or once per sampling event (e.g., once per sampling day), whichever is more frequent (in accordance with Level A/B field screening/data review criteria, Attachment D). All sampling equipment used for composite sampling is anticipated to be "one time use"; therefore, no external contamination blank/cross-contamination blank samples will be submitted unless the equipment is decontaminated and used between samples. Sampling equipment used for ISM sampling consists of reusable equipment and therefore 1 field equipment rinsate blank will be collected for every 20 ISM samples collected or once per sampling event (e.g., once per park sampled), whichever is more frequent (in accordance with Level A/B field screening/data review criteria, Attachment D). Any deviation from the SOPs or this QAPP will be identified in the logbook/data collection device and discussed in the annual DSR.

#### **3.7.1 Field Duplicate (Composite Soil Samples)**

A field duplicate consists of one well-mixed and homogenized sample that is split in the field into two samples and placed in different sample containers for separate analyses.

As with all other samples, samples to be split for duplicate samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon resealable plastic bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Once the homogenization process is complete, the natural sample is split into two samples. Each split will have its own sample number. Both split samples will be analyzed for identical chemical parameters. The results of the field duplicate will be compared to determine laboratory and sampling precision. Field duplicate samples will be collected at a frequency of 1 per 20 samples or once per sampling event (e.g., once per sampling day), whichever is more frequent. The RPD field precision goal for soil field duplicates will be 35% for sample pairs with both sample results being greater than 5 times the RL. For soil field duplicate/primary sample pairs with 1 or both sample results being less than 5 times the RL, an absolute difference of less than or equal to 2 times the RL (difference less than or equal to 2 times the RL) will be used as the precision goal. Laboratory precision goals are laboratory specific.

Field duplicates will not be collected for incremental sampling because three replicate samples are collected in each DU.

### **3.7.2 Sample Processing Replicate Samples (ISM Soil Samples)**

A sample processing replicate sample consists of one homogenized sample that is collected from the field homogenized ISM replicate sample slab cake. The slab cake will be gridded into 30 equally sized sections and used to develop the sample processing replicate sample. Using the same procedure used for collecting the ISM replicate sample, the sample processing replicate will be collected using a new disposable square bottom plastic scoop to collect even subsample aliquots from each of the 30 grids in the slab cake. Each scoop is placed into an appropriate labeled quart resealable plastic bag. Enough material should be obtained to send approximately 1 to 1.5 kg to the laboratory (a near full quart sized resealable plastic bag). One sample processing replicate will be collected per ISM decision unit.

Each sample processing replicate will have its own sample number and will be analyzed for identical chemical parameters as the parent ISM sample. The results of the sample processing replicate will be compared to determine laboratory and sampling precision. The RPD field precision goal for sample processing replicates will be 35% for sample pairs with both sample results being greater than 5 times the RL. For processing replicate/primary sample pairs with 1 or both sample results being less than 5 times the RL, an absolute difference of less than or equal to 2 times the RL (difference less than or equal to 2 times the RL) will be used as the precision goal. Laboratory precision goals are laboratory specific.

### **3.7.3 Field Equipment Rinsate Blanks (ISM Soil Samples)**

A field equipment rinsate blank consists of a sample collected after the decontamination of sampling equipment is completed and before sampling. Equipment rinsate blanks are collected by pouring distilled, deionized, or analyte free water through or over the cleaned sampling equipment and collecting the rinse in a nitric acid preserved 250-milliliter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle. The goal of each field equipment rinsate blank is to confirm no measurable contamination is present. However, if contamination is measured, no additional corrective action can be taken at that time for that blank. The data validation process will evaluate the effects on sample data. Additional field corrective action can be taken on subsequently collected field equipment rinsate blanks through evaluation of the current practice and adding additional cleaning steps and rinsates to reduce the potential of equipment based cross contamination between DUs.

The aqueous results will be used to determine blank qualification during data validation. A minimum of 1 field equipment rinsate blank will be collected per 20 ISM samples or once per sampling event (e.g., once per park sampled), whichever is more frequent. Field equipment rinsate blanks are not necessary for one-use or disposable sampling equipment that is not being used for collection of more than 1 natural sample.

Aqueous field equipment rinsate blank samples will be analyzed to determine metals concentrations via standard laboratory analytical methodologies for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Sample preparations and analyses will be in accordance with the referenced EPA analytical method specifications as well as standard laboratory practices. Aqueous samples will be prepared

by EPA Method 3010A, and arsenic and lead concentrations will be determined per EPA Method 6010 (ICP-AES) or EPA Method 6020 (ICP-MS). Mercury concentrations will be determined by EPA Method 7470A: Mercury in Liquid Wastes (manual cold-vapor technique).

### **3.8 Sample Disposal**

Soil samples shipped to the laboratory for analyses will be held until the laboratory analyses has been completed, the Agencies have reviewed and approved all subsequent project laboratory data and work plans, and the sample hold times have expired. At this point, the laboratory may dispose of samples or return them to BSB for disposal. Any excess soil mass that was not included in the aliquot submitted to the laboratory will be subject to the same disposal criteria.

### **3.9 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection and Maintenance**

To ensure continual quality performance of any instruments or equipment, the testing, inspection, and maintenance activities listed in the sections below will be performed and recorded.

#### **3.9.1 Field Equipment**

Field equipment will be examined daily to certify that it is in proper operating order prior to its use. Equipment, instruments, tools, and other items requiring preventative maintenance will be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specified recommendations. Field equipment will be cleaned and safely stored between each use. Any routine maintenance recommended by the equipment manufacturer will also be performed and documented in field logbooks. Equipment will be inspected, and the calibration checked, if applicable, before it is transported to a field setting for use.

#### **3.9.2 Laboratory Equipment**

Instruments used by the laboratories will be maintained in accordance with each laboratory's QA plan and analytical method requirements. All analytical measurement instruments and equipment used by the laboratory will be controlled by a formal calibration and preventive maintenance program.

The laboratories will keep maintenance records and make them available for review, if requested, during laboratory audits. Laboratory preventive maintenance will include routine equipment inspections and calibrations at the beginning of each day or each analytical batch, per the laboratory's internal SOPs and method requirements.

### **3.10 Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Consumables**

All supplies and consumables received for the project (e.g., sampling equipment, supplies, etc.) will be checked for damage and other deficiencies that would affect their performance. The types of equipment that will be needed to complete sampling activities are described in the relevant SOPs. Inspections of field supplies will be performed by field team members.

The personnel at each laboratory will be responsible for performing inspections of laboratory supplies in accordance with their QA plan.

### **3.11 Data Management Procedures**

This section describes the management of data for the project including field and laboratory data. The Program quality records will be maintained by the Data Management Division Manager, as described in the BPSOU *Final Data Management Plan*<sup>1</sup> (currently being developed by Atlantic Richfield). These records, either electronic or hard copy in form, may include the following:

- Project work plans with any approved modifications, updates, and addenda.
- Individual property maps (hard copy or scanned field drawings and electronic files).
- Individual property owner result letters (both no action and remedial action required).
- Project QAPP, including this QAPP, with any approved modifications, updates, addenda, and corrective or preventative actions.
- Access agreements from property owners.
- Field documentation.
- Chain of custody records.
- Laboratory documentation (results received from the laboratory will be documented both in report form and in an electronic format).
- Data validation documentation.
- Annual completion report.

Hard copy field and laboratory records will be maintained in the project's central data file, where original field and laboratory documents are filed chronologically for future reference. These records are also scanned to produce electronic copies. The electronic versions of these records are maintained on a central server system with backup scheduled on a daily basis.

Before field and laboratory data are incorporated into the project database, the data and supporting documentation will be subject to appropriate review to ensure the accuracy and completeness of original data records. Field data that have been reviewed in a hard-copy format will be entered into electronic data files for upload to the project database. All manual data entry into an electronic format will be reviewed by a separate party before the information is incorporated into the database. Laboratory EDDs and related data packages will be reviewed as part of the internal data review process. The Data Management Division Manager, or designated alternate, will be responsible for ensuring data integrity prior to database uploads. Following these review steps, field and laboratory electronic data files will be imported to the project database.

Standardized data import formats and procedures will be used to upload both field and laboratory data into the electronic database. An existing EDD format will be used to upload into the project

database. Standardized parameter names, numerical formats, and units of measure may be applied to the original information to facilitate comparability across all datasets and within the database. Data management activities for the RMAP program will be further defined in the *BPSOU Data Management Plan*<sup>1</sup>.

### **3.11.1 Requests for Data**

Requests for data can be made to the Data Management Division Manager or to the Agencies who can access data directly through the secure project database. Refer to the *Institutional Controls Management System Plan* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2019a) for additional details and specific examples of the Program's database and tracking system. The *Institutional Controls Management System Plan* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2019a) is located in Appendix G of the *Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan* (BSB and Atlantic Richfield Company, 2019b).

## **4.0 RECLAMATION MATERIAL**

Should sample results indicate that removal of soils at a school, park, or non-residential daycare is warranted, a removal work plan will be submitted by BSB and Atlantic Richfield for approval by the Agencies. All materials used for reclamation activities in areas above action levels must meet requirements set forth in the Butte Hill Revegetation Specifications (BHRS) (BPSOU ROD [EPA, 2006b]). The source of all materials used in site reclamations will be provided in writing for approval.

### **4.1 Backfill**

Backfill material (i.e., replacement soil) will be from a pre-approved source and will not contain any trash, debris, or large roots from shrubs or trees. Backfill material for garden areas must be suitable for germination and cultivation of flowers and vegetables with ordinary amendments.

#### **4.1.1 Backfill Testing**

A minimum of three soil samples from the source area will be submitted to an approved laboratory for analyses. Samples will be analyzed for the parameters listed below using U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) classification and test methods as described in the American Society of Agronomy (ASA)/Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) Monograph No. 9, *Methods of Soil Analysis, Parts 1-2*, most recent edition.

- Texture class and particle size.
- pH.
- Saturation percent.
- Electrical conductivity in millimhos per centimeter (mmhos/cm).
- Organic matter percent.



- Nitrate Ion - nitrogen.
- Available phosphorus.
- Available potassium.

Samples will also be analyzed for the presence of the following metals in soil: arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, and zinc. All soil imported to remediation areas must include a Butte Hill Cover Soil Approval Submittal form (Attachment F) and meet the BHRS requirements (EPA, 2006b) prior to placement.

## **4.2 Engineered Cover Materials**

Materials used for engineered covers must also be analyzed for metals described in Section 4.1.1. For driveways and parking areas, a pit-run gravel base will be used, and it will be capped with a 6-inch depth of ¾-inch minus base course “road-mix” gravel material.

Sod must be certified weed free and source areas approved prior to placement. Seed mixtures and sources must be approved prior to placement as described in the BHRS (EPA, 2006b). Copies of seed bag tags and certification must be collected and recorded to be included in the annual construction completion documentation for the specific remediated property (refer to Section 5.3).

## **5.0 ASSESSMENT AND OVERSIGHT**

Assessment and oversight of data collection and reporting activities are designed to verify that sampling and analyses are performed in accordance with the procedures established in this QAPP. The audits of field and laboratory activities include two independent parts: internal and external audits. All internal audits will be conducted by Atlantic Richfield’s contractor Environmental Standards, Inc. The internal field audit will be conducted during the initial week of sampling activities to ensure compliance with the QAPP and consistency between individual crews. The internal laboratory audit of the Pace Analytical Services, LLC, Green Bay, Wisconsin, facility will also be conducted during the initial week of sampling activities. The internal laboratory audit of the Pace Analytical Services LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota, facility will follow shortly thereafter. External audits may be performed by the Agencies as necessary.

Performance and system audits of field and laboratory data collection and reporting procedures are described in this section.

### **5.1 Corrective Actions**

Corrective action is the process of identifying, recommending, approving, and implementing measures to counter unacceptable procedures or out-of-QC performance, which can affect data quality. Corrective action can occur during field activities, laboratory analyses, and data assessment. A corrective action template is provided in Attachment G.

Non-conforming equipment, items, activities, conditions, and unusual incidents that could affect data quality and attainment of the project’s quality objectives will be identified, controlled, and

reported in a timely manner. For the purpose of this QAPP, a non-conformance is defined as a malfunction, failure, deficiency, or deviation that renders the quality of an item unacceptable or indeterminate in meeting the project's quality objectives.

Corrective action in the laboratory may occur prior to, during, and after initial analyses. Several conditions such as broken sample containers, preservation or holding-time issues, and potentially high-concentration samples may be identified during sample log-in or just prior to analyses. Corrective actions to address these conditions will be taken in consultation with the Human Health/RMAP Division Manager or the Data Management Division Manager/QA Manager. In the event that corrective action requests are not in complete accordance with approved project planning documents, EPA will be consulted and concurrence will be obtained before the change is implemented or new samples may be obtained.

If during analyses of the samples the associated laboratory QC results fall outside of the project's performance criteria, the laboratory should initiate corrective actions immediately. Following consultation with laboratory analysts and section leaders, it may be necessary for the contract laboratory's QA officer to approve implementing a corrective action. These conditions may include dilution of samples, additional sample extract cleanup, or automatic reinjection/reanalysis when certain QC criteria are not met, etc. If the laboratory cannot correct the situation that caused the non-conformance and an out-of-control situation continues to occur or is expected to occur, then the laboratory will immediately contact the Human Health/RMAP Division Manager and/or the BSB QA Manager and request instructions regarding how to proceed with sample analyses.

Completion of any corrective action should be evidenced by data once again falling within the project's performance criteria. If this is not the case, and an error in laboratory procedures or sample collection and handling procedures cannot be found, the results will be reviewed by the BSB QA Manager to assess whether reanalysis or resampling is required.

All corrective actions taken by the laboratory will be documented in writing by the laboratory project manager and reported to the BSB QA Manager. In the event that corrective action requests are not in complete accordance with approved project planning documents, EPA will be consulted and concurrence will be obtained before the change is implemented. All corrective action records will be included in the QAPP quality records.

## **5.2 Corrective Action During Data Assessment**

The need for corrective action may be identified by any member of the project team during data assessment. Potential types of corrective action may include resampling by the field team, reanalysis of samples by the laboratory, or resubmitting data packages with corrected clerical errors. The appropriate and feasible corrective actions are dependent upon the ability to mobilize the field team and whether the data to be collected is necessary to meet the required QA objectives (e.g., the holding time for samples is not exceeded). In the event that corrective action requests are not in complete accordance with approved project planning documents, EPA will be consulted and concurrence will be obtained before the change is implemented. Corrective actions

of this type will be documented by the BSB QA Manager on a Corrective Action Report (CAR) and will be included in any subsequent reports.

### **5.3 Reports to Management**

Upon receipt of laboratory results and completion of the data review/validation process, all analytical data will be uploaded into a project database and submitted to the Agencies for review and approval. For the school sampling portion of this project, these submittals would be anticipated to be submitted on a per school basis to decrease the turnaround time required for landowner reporting as much as possible. Upon receiving Agency approval, the sample results (for all analytes) will be reported to individual landowners along with a letter explaining what the results indicate (see result letter templates in Attachment E). The action levels for arsenic, lead, and mercury will be reported along with sample results.

After site investigations and remedial actions are complete, the Data Management Division Manager/QA Manager will prepare an annual DSR (Section 2.9.6) summarizing the sampling activities. The laboratory and data validation turnaround times for providing sample results will be expedited in order to achieve project assessment and remediation goals while also allowing timely completion of the annual DSR. This is estimated to be a 5 to 7 business day turnaround time on laboratory data and level 2 data packages and 10 to 12 business day turn around on laboratory data and level 4 data packages. Data validation is estimated to be a 7 business day turnaround time after data packages are received from the laboratory. The report will describe specific field sampling activities performed during implementation of the QAPP. Each annual report will include field documentation, documentation of field QC procedures, results of all field and laboratory data, data validation results, and data usability assessments.

A separate report will be prepared by the BSB QA Manager, as needed, to communicate the results of performance evaluations or program audits to identify specific significant QA issues and provided to the EPA for review. Any corrective action reporting described in Section 5.2 above will be summarized and included as appropriate.

### **6.0 DATA REVIEW AND USABILITY**

The following sections address the final project checks conducted after the data collection phase of the project is completed to confirm that the data obtained meet the project objectives and to estimate the effect of any deviations on data usability for the express purposes of achieving the stated DQOs (Section 2.7.1). Data review/validation process under this QAPP is streamlined to support the post-BPSOU ROD (EPA, 2006b) decision-making process. The analytical data collected under this QAPP and produced by analytical laboratories will undergo a combination of Stage 4 and 2B data validation. The field documentation will be subject to Level A/B criteria review, and analytical data will be validated per the *Clark Fork River Superfund Site Investigations Data Management/Data Validation Plan* (ARCO, 1992a), the *EPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Methods Data Review* (EPA, 2020b), and the project DQOs. Data review and validation will be conducted by a qualified technical consultant who is independent from the sampling consultant (i.e., an individual other than the individual who performed sampling).

## **6.1 Data Review, Verification, and Validation**

This section describes the review, verification, and validation process for field data and laboratory data. The section also details laboratory data reporting requirements, which describe how results are conveyed to data users.

### **6.1.1 Data Review Requirements**

Data review is performed by the data producer to ensure that the data have been recorded, transmitted, and processed correctly.

#### **6.1.1.1 Field Data Review**

Raw field data will be entered in field logbooks/data collection device and reviewed for accuracy and completeness by the Human Health/RMAP Division Manager, QA Manager, or Field Team Leader before those records are considered final. The overall quality of the field data from any given sampling round will be further evaluated during the process of data reduction and reporting. The field data will be reviewed quarterly by the Program QA Manager or designated alternate.

Field data reduction procedures will be minimal in scope compared to those implemented in the laboratory setting. Field data review will include verification that any QC checks and calibrations, if necessary, are recorded properly in the field logbooks/data collection device and that any necessary and appropriate corrective actions were implemented and recorded. Such data will be recorded in the field logbook/data collection device immediately after measurements are taken. If errors are made, results will be legibly crossed out, initialed, and dated by the field member, and corrected in a space adjacent to the original (erroneous) entry. Later, the Field Team Leader will proof the field logbooks/data collection device to determine whether any transcription errors have been made by the field crew. If transcription errors have been made, the Field Team Leader and field crew will address the errors to provide resolution.

As appropriate, field measurement data will be entered into electronic files for import to the project database. Data entries will be made from the reviewed logbooks/data collection device, and all data entries will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness by a separate party before the electronic file is provided to the database manager. Electronic files of field measurement data will be maintained as part of the project's quality records.

#### **6.1.1.2 Laboratory Data Review**

Internal laboratory data reduction procedures will be according to each laboratory's quality management plan. At a minimum, paper records will be maintained by the analysts to document sample identification number and the sample tag number with sample results and other details, such as the analytical method used (e.g., method SOP #), name of analyst, the date of analysis, matrix sampled, reagent concentrations, instrument settings and the raw data. These records will be signed and dated by the analyst. Secondary review of these records by the Laboratory

Supervisor (or designee) will take place prior to final data reporting. The laboratory is responsible for assigning appropriate flags/qualifiers in accordance with the analytical method and internal laboratory SOPs.

## **6.1.2 Data Verification Requirements**

Data verification is the process for evaluating the completeness, correctness, and conformance/compliance of a specific data set against the method, procedural, or contractual specifications.

### **6.1.2.1 Field Data Verification**

The Level A/B review (see checklist in Attachment D), as described in the *CFRSSI Data Management/Data Validation (DV/DM) Plan* (ARCO, 1992a) and the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan Addendum* (AERL, 2000), will be used in the verification process for field documentation related to samples collected for laboratory analyses.

The Level A criteria include:

- Sampling date.
- Sample team and/or leader.
- Physical description of sample location.
- Sample depth (soils).
- Sample collection technique.
- Field preparation technique.
- Sample preservation technique.
- Sample shipping records.

The Level B criteria include:

- Field instrumentation methods and standardization complete.
- Sample containers preparations.
- Collection of field duplicates.
- Proper and decontaminated sampling equipment.
- Field custody documentation.
- Shipping custody documentation.
- Traceable sample designation number.
- Field notebook(s), custody records in secure repository.
- Complete field forms.

### **6.1.3 Laboratory Data Verification**

The laboratory will prepare Level 3 and Level 4 data packages for transmittal of results and associated QC information to the Human Health/RMAP Division Manager or its designee within a standard turnaround time unless otherwise required.

These data packages will be prepared in general accordance with the *EPA Contract Laboratory Program Statement of Work for Superfund Analytical Methods (Multi-Media, Multi-Concentration) SFAM01.1* (EPA, 2020c). Deviations from these specifications may be acceptable based on the SW-846 Methods provided the report presents all the requested types of information in an organized, consistent, and readily reviewable format.

Each data package, as described above, will be accompanied by an EDD prepared by the laboratory. If data qualifiers are required, they will be added to the laboratory EDD and provided for uploading to the database. Additional laboratory QC data can be included in the EDD. The EDDs will be cross checked against corresponding data reports to confirm consistency in results reported in these two separate formats. This cross check will take place as part of the data verification process. All data will be submitted in both Level 3 and Level 4 format.

#### **6.1.3.1 Resolution of Deficiencies**

Any deficiencies found during the verification process will be discussed with the data producer and may be resolved with a revised data package.

### **6.1.4 Data Validation Requirements**

The purpose of analytical data validation is to provide an assessment of data quality. Data validation will be performed by qualified, independent data validation personnel, who are not associated with data collection or sampling responsibilities have applicable training. Data validation categorizes data as acceptable for use, unacceptable for use, or qualified for select use. The validation effort routinely identifies data use limitations and corrects a reporting and quantitation errors. The data packages provided for validation will be evaluated for compliance with respect to the requested analytical methods and/or the QAPP and completeness of requested deliverables. Concurrent with the data validation efforts, analytical data usability will also be assessed. Analytical data usability is the determination of whether or not a data set is sufficiently complete and of sufficient quality for further evaluation by the data user as detailed in Section 6.3 of the QAPP to support a decision or action.

The data will be validated during the data validation process with guidance from the *CFRSSI QAPP* (ARCO, 1992b), the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan* (ARCO, 1992a), the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan Addendum* (AERL, 2000), the *National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Methods Data Review* (EPA, 2020b), laboratory-specific QC criteria, and/or method-specific criteria where applicable. The use of the Functional Guidelines versions listed above is important to maintain consistency between data validation and qualification of data currently being performed and future work to be performed under the RMAP program. It should be noted that the U.S. EPA National Functional Guidelines, which were developed for the validation of data generated in

accordance with the Contract Laboratory Program (CLP), are not directly applicable to the type of analyses/protocols associated with the analyses for this project. U.S. EPA National Functional Guidelines qualifies data based on strict contractual CLP method requirements and acceptance criteria which may not be consistent with the requirements and acceptance criteria presented in SW-846 methods. Data validators will apply the U.S. EPA guidelines as appropriate, assess the data relative to method QC protocols and DQOs in this QAPP, and use professional judgment according to the documents listed above. Laboratory quality assurance sample data associated with composite sample batches will not be cross applied to quality control data associated with ISM sample preparation and analysis batches. Field Equipment Blank results will only be applied to ISM samples.

## 6.2 Verification and Validation Methods

The Level A/B Assessment checklists included in Attachment D are based on the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan Addendum* (AERL, 2000) guidance and will be used for Field Data Verification as detailed in Section 6.1.2.1.

Data qualifiers will follow those used in the EPA *National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Methods Data Review* (EPA, 2020b). Data validation for each laboratory data package will be documented on the data validation checklists based on the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan Addendum* (AERL, 2000) guidance (Attachment H).

The Data Validator will be responsible for reviewing field documentation associated with sample collection, conducting the verification and validation of laboratory-produced data, and completing a data validation report, which will be reviewed by the Human Health/RMAP Division Manager and QA Manager.

Qualifiers that may be applied to the data during the data validation process include the following:

- U            The result is qualified as non-detect due to the detection of the analyte in an associated QC blank.
- J            The analyte was positively identified; the associated numerical value is an estimate of the concentration of the analyte in the sample. This will also include results reported between the MDL and RL.
- 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.
- UJ          The analyte was not detected above the sample reporting limit. However, the reporting 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.
No Flag	Result accepted without qualification.

### 6.2.1 Differences Between Stage 2B and Stage 4 Validation

The content and scope of the Stage 2B and Stage 4 data validation will be performed with guidance from *Guidance for Labeling Externally Validated Laboratory Analytical Data for Superfund Use, OSWER No. 9200.1-85, EPA 540-R-08-005, 13* (EPA, 2009). The major difference between Stage 2B and Stage 4 data validation is the detail level of the data evaluation. Stage 4 data validation is an in-depth process that consists of a comparison between raw data and summary forms to check for inconsistencies between reported data and raw data. Stage 2B data validation does not involve evaluating raw data or checking reported data and raw data and assumes that all results and recoveries are correctly reported.

Stage 2B and Stage 4 data validations and reports are generated by an initial reviewer on a per-SDG or sampling location basis from the complete Level 4 data package to ensure completeness and data usability of data packages. Level 3 data packages are a condensed version of final data prior to completion and receipt of Level 4 data packages. Level 3 data packages contain the same information as the Level 4 data packages with the exception that instrumental QC (i.e., instrument tunes and raw data) to support the sample and the QA/QC results are not provided. Each validation report is reviewed by a senior chemist for accuracy to ensure that the initial reviewer has rigorously evaluated the recoveries/results and applied the applicable qualifiers to the data.

### 6.2.2 Stage 2B and Stage 4 Validation Procedure

A comprehensive QA review will be performed to independently verify compliance with the required analytical protocols and to determine the qualitative and quantitative reliability of the data. Stage 4 data validation includes a detailed review and interpretation of the data generated by the laboratory. Stage 4 data validation includes the review of the summary forms for all QC procedures and all sample and quality control raw data (including instrument calibration) to support the results reported. The purpose of a Stage 2B validation is to qualify data based on identified data quality limitations.

For each of the inorganic constituent the Stage 4 Verification and Validation checks include an evaluation of the following, as applicable for each analytical method. A Stage 2B validation focuses solely on data usability and does not include a review of raw data.

- Completeness of laboratory data package.
- Requested analytical methods performed.
- Compliance with the QAPP, analytical method, and analyte list.
- Proper sample collection, custody, preservation, and handling procedures.
- Holding times.
- Reported detection limits.



- Dilution factors.
- Tuning.
- Instrument Calibration.
- Initial and Continuing Calibration Verification Standards.
- Initial and Continuing Calibration Blank Standards.
- ICP and ICP/MS interference check samples.
- Method blanks.
- Field Equipment Blanks (ISM samples only)
- LCSs.
- Reporting Limit Check Standard recoveries.
- Field duplicate results.
- MS/MSDs (pre-digestion and post-digestion for inorganics only).
- ICP/MS internal standard recoveries.
- ICP and ICP/MS serial dilutions.
- Results verification and reported detection limits.
- Sample Preparation and Analytical Run Logs

### **6.2.3 Data Validation Ratios**

Initially, 10% of both composite and ISM soil project data will undergo Stage 4 validation. The data validator will perform Stage 4 data validation on the first SDG of each designated school and park or playground sampling event to verify that the laboratory is analyzing the project samples in accordance with the applicable analytical methods and QAPP procedures and is providing all required data deliverables. This process will ensure Stage 4 validation is performed for each school and park or playground and periodically throughout the entire sampling event. However, in some instances, where multiple small project SDGs containing the same analytical list are being prepared, validation of the first data package of each project school may represent the entire data set for the project, thereby raising the percentage of Stage 4 validation performed. This approach should allow the data validator to identify and have the laboratory correct any non-compliances early on in the data collection process. In the event significant problems or issues are identified during the 10% Stage 4 data validation effort, it may be necessary to increase the percent of data subjected to Stage 4 validation to ensure that all errors and non-compliances have been appropriately corrected. The remaining 90% of the data will be validated at a Stage 2B level. In addition, the Consultant PM can also offer guidance or request greater percentage of Stage 4 data validation as the required level of validation based on project DQOs.

### **6.3 Reconciliation and User Requirements**

A Data Quality Assessment (DQA) process described in the *CFRSSI DM/DV Plan Addendum* (AERL, 2000) and the *Guidance for Data Quality Assessment EPA QA/G-9* (EPA, 2000) will be performed to determine whether the project-specific DQOs have been satisfied. The DQA consists of five steps that relate the quality of the results to the intended use of the data:

**Step 1:** Review DQOs and sampling design.

**Step 2:** Conduct preliminary data review.

**Step 3:** There are no statistical tests that are planned in the interpretation of the non-residential soils results; laboratory results will be compared directly to action limits defined in the DQOs (Section 2.7.1).

**Step 4:** Verify assumptions.

**Step 5:** Draw conclusions about the quality of the data (data report will not include interpretation of results but will state conclusions regarding the quality of the results).

If, as a result of the DQA process, it is determined that data do not satisfy all DQOs, then corrective action(s) should be recommended and documented in the data reporting. Corrective actions include, but are not limited to, revision of the DQOs, based on the results of the investigation or collection of more information or data. It may be determined that corrective actions are not required or the decision process may continue with the existing data, with recognition of the data limitations.

The PARCCS data quality indicators (Section 2.7.2) will be used when conducting the DQA. If the PARCCS assessment satisfies the project DQOs, then usability of the data will follow the enforcement/screening/unusable data categories as described in the *CFRSSI DV/DM* (ARCO, 1992b):

1. **Enforcement Quality (Unrestricted Use).** Data enforcement quality data may be used for all purposes under the Superfund program including the following: site characterization, health and safety, environmental evaluation/cost analysis, remedial investigation/feasibility study, alternatives evaluation, confirmational purpose, risk assessment, and engineering design.
2. **Screening Quality (Restricted Use).** Data potential uses of screening quality data, depending upon their quality, include site characterization, determining the presence or absence of contaminants, developing or refining sampling and analysis techniques, determining relative concentrations, scoping and planning for future studies, engineering studies and engineering design, and monitoring during implementation of the response action.
3. **Unusable Data.** These data are not useable for Superfund-related activities.

Data that meet the Level A and Level B criteria and are not qualified as estimated or rejected during the data validation process are assessed as enforcement quality data and can be used for all Superfund purposes and activities. Data that meet only the Level A criteria and are not rejected during the data validation process can be assessed as screening quality data. Screening quality data can be used only for certain activities, which include engineering studies and design. Data that do not meet the Level A and/or B criteria and/or are rejected during the data validation process are designated as unusable. The data are assigned one of the following qualifiers:

E = Enforcement quality. No qualifiers, U qualifier or J qualifier (see note below) and meets Level A and B criteria.

S = Screening quality. J or UJ qualifier and/or meets only Level A criteria.

R = Unusable. R qualifier and/or does not meet Level A or B requirements.

### Enforcement/Screening Designation

	Meets Level A and B	Meets Level A	Does not meet Level A or B
No qualifier, A, U, or laboratory results reported between the MDL and RL with a J qualifier	E	S	R
J, J+, J-, or UJ	S	S	R
R	R	R	R

Note: It is appropriate to note that sample results qualified as estimated “J” by the laboratory because the reported result is between the MDL and RL values are considered enforcement data if no other qualifiers were required during validation.

Results of the QA review and/or validation will be included in any subsequent report, which will provide a basis for meaningful interpretation of the data quality and evaluate the need for corrective actions. Furthermore, all data validation information, including usability designations and qualifiers, will be captured in the project database.

### Evaluation of Results

#### Composite Sampling

The composite analytical results that have been validated according to Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this QAPP will be compared to the BPSOU residential action levels (Arsenic – 250 mg/kg, Lead – 1,200 mg/kg, Mercury – 147 mg/kg) for all work completed under this QAPP (see Table 1). Analytical results will be compared to the action levels, and the three statements below will be used for identifying data groupings for decision-making purposes. These statements assume the primary and duplicate results are valid and not qualified for other QA/QC deficiencies. If either the primary and/or duplicate sample are qualified for other reasons, professional judgement will be used with Agency engagement and approval in the decision-making process.

1. Undetected results (MDL less than the action level) or positive sample results are less than the action level(s).
2. Primary and field duplicate sample results are greater than the action level(s).
3. Primary and field duplicate sample results where one result is above the action level(s) and the other result is below the action level(s). The sample results will be evaluated using the following criteria.
  - a. If the RPD between the primary and field duplicate results is less than 35% and the results are unqualified for field duplicate precision, then the highest of the primary and duplicate results will be used for decision making.
  - b. If the RPD between the primary and field duplicate results is greater than 35% and the results are qualified for field duplicate precision, the data are considered screening quality “S” in accordance with the QAPP. For exterior soils, reparation and

reanalysis of sample pairs will occur when the RPD is greater than 35%, and the deeper depth interval sample concentration in the same yard component is less than the action level(s).

If these conditions are met for soil samples, then both the parent and the field duplicate sample will be reprepared from the air-dried, sieved soil and reanalyzed by the laboratory.

Upon reanalysis no further action will be taken if:

- c. The parent sample and field duplicate sample results are below the action level(s), and the RPD is less than 35%, Statement 1 above will be applied to the results. If the above conditions were not met, the highest of the primary and duplicate results will be used for decision making.

## ISM Sampling

Three alternate actions were identified in DQO Step 2 (Section 2.7.1): take no action, complete remedial action, and complete additional sampling. The decision framework through which incremental sampling results will inform selection of each alternate action is described below.

- Take no action: This action will be selected if the 95% UCL is below the action level.
- Complete remedial action: This action will be selected if the 95% UCL is above the action level, and the following condition is met:
  - The total incremental sampling area is less than 1 acre.
- Complete additional sampling: This action will be selected if the conditions specified above for the first two alternative actions (take no action or complete remedial action) are not met, and an evaluation of site conditions and data indicate that additional sampling will be informative for decision-making.

Additional sampling may include separating the initial DU into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, identifying separate DUs for composite sampling, and/or collecting an additional replicate sample from the incremental sampling DU. The design of additional sampling will be dependent on specific conditions in the DU, as generally described below.

- If review of available information about potential contaminant sources, visual cues, or other relevant information indicates that a portion of the incremental sampling area has unique characteristics that warrant separate evaluation, additional sampling may be completed. The DU may be separated into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, or composite sampling may be used to characterize the unique sub-area(s).
- If variability is low (i.e. the CV of increments (with adjustment as calculated in the ITRC ISM UCL calculator) is less than 1.5) and all replicate concentrations are less than AL, or if variability is moderate to high (i.e. the adjusted CV of increments is greater than or equal to 1.5), collecting an additional replicate may reduce the width of the confidence interval and better inform cleanup decisions. If

these conditions are met, an additional replicate may be collected from the incremental sampling DU.

- While high variability is not expected for most parks, if sampling results indicate strong disagreement among replicates, then additional increments may be needed to properly characterize the DU. Separating the area into multiple sampling/DUs for additional incremental sampling, or composite sampling, may be suitable alternatives depending on the park's layout or other characteristics.

If the relative standard deviation between the triplicate results is greater than 35% (if greater than 5 times the reporting limit), the results are qualified for field triplicate precision, and the data are considered screening quality "S" in accordance with the QAPP.

Relative Standard Deviation values less than 35% will generally be considered acceptable, while those greater than 100% will generally be considered unacceptable. However, consideration as to whether a particular RSD value is acceptable will not be a "bright line" evaluation. RSD values may be elevated when concentrations are estimated by the laboratory below reporting limits ("J"-qualified), or reporting limits are substituted in calculations for non-detect results. If the estimated concentrations are well below screening limits, then they should not be discounted solely based upon RSD calculations in which statistical assumptions of equal variance may not be valid due to the estimated concentrations. The validity of ISM results for any DU with an RSD value over 35% will be specifically discussed in ISM reporting. If the RSD of any analyte detected in a DU exceeds 35%, then consideration will be given to the concentrations relative to RSLs and the proportion of analytes in the DU with RSDs above 35% before determining whether additional evaluation is appropriate.

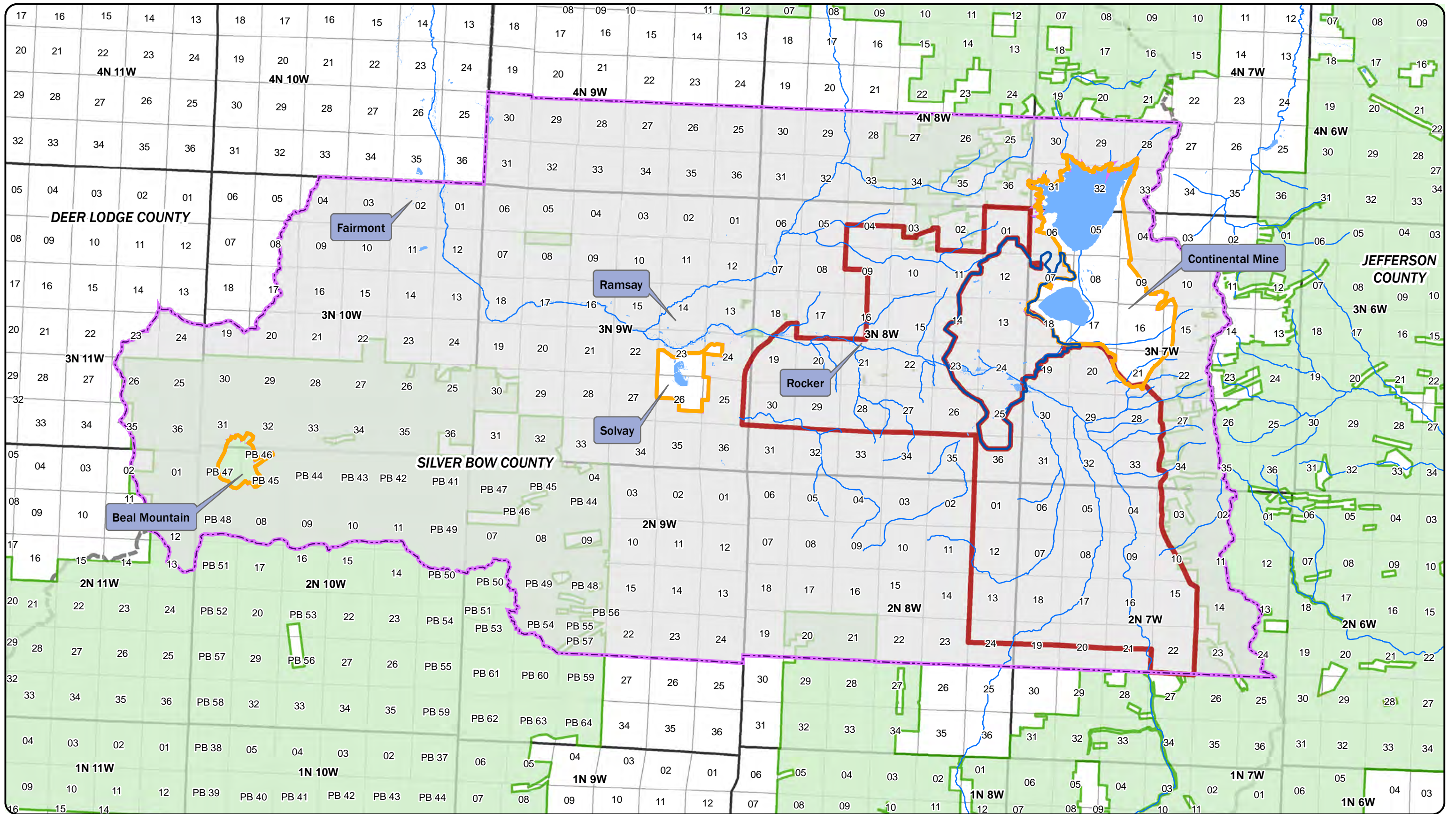
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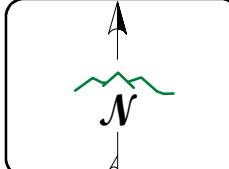
## FIGURES





**LEGEND**

- BPSOU BOUNDARY
- 2020 RMAP BOUNDARY AREA
- AREAS EXCLUDED FROM RMAP (CONTINENTAL MINE, SOLVAY, BEAL MOUNTAIN)
- 2011 RESIDENTIAL METALS EXPANDED AREA
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- US FOREST SERVICE

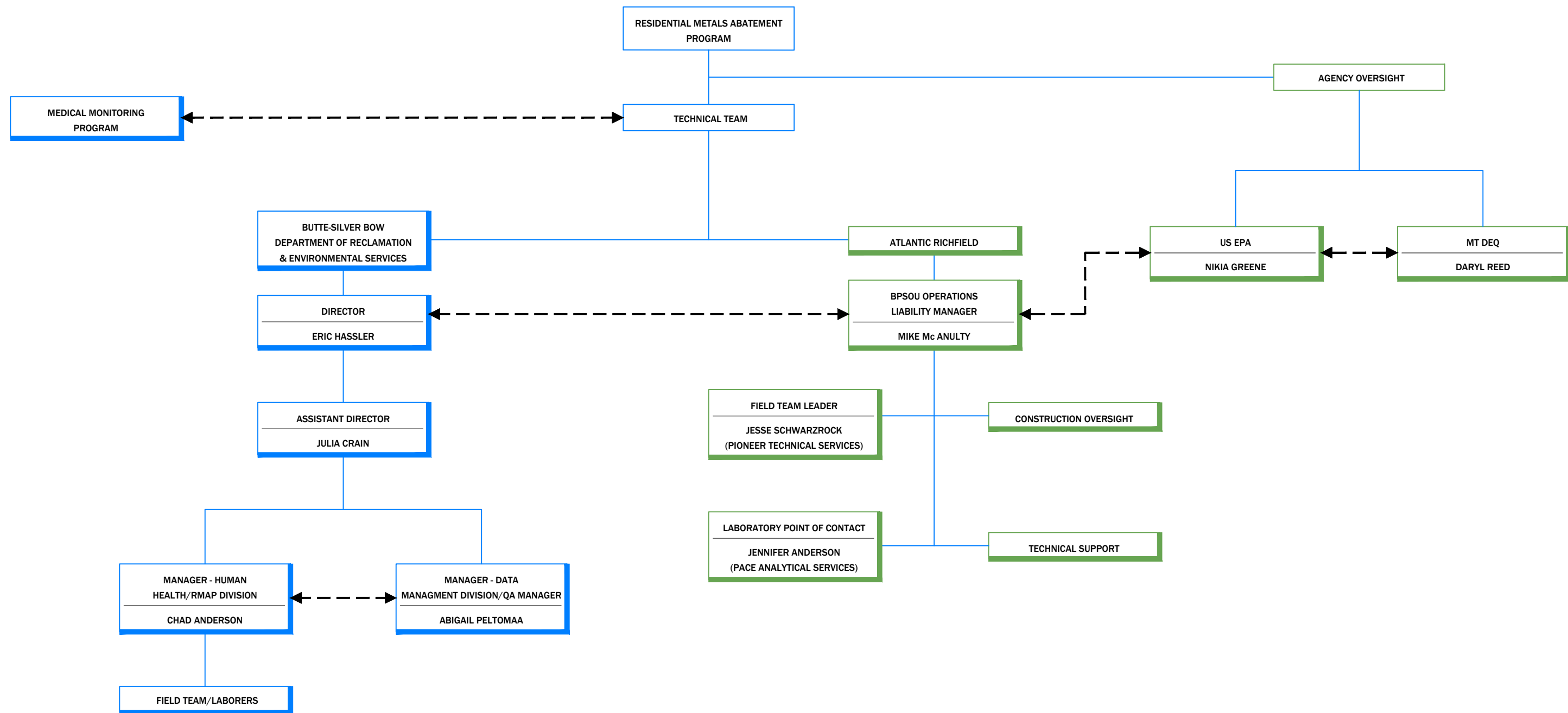


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**FIGURE 1** 2020 RMAP / BPSOU BOUNDARIES

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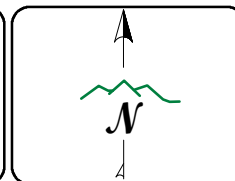
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**LEGEND**

- LAND USE CATEGORY #1 (PLAYGROUND AREAS)
- LAND USE CATEGORY #2 (HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS/BARREN SPORTS FIELDS)
- LAND USE CATEGORY #3 (MAINTAINED GRASS AREAS/GRASS SPORTS FIELDS)
- LAND USE CATEGORY #4 (LOW ACCESS AREAS/LOW MAINTENANCE AREAS/OPEN SPACE)
- LAND USE CATEGORY #5 (GARDEN AREAS)
- OPPORTUNISTIC SAMPLES
- NON-SAMPLING AREAS
- SAMPLING POLYGON BOUNDARY
- PROPERTY BOUNDARY



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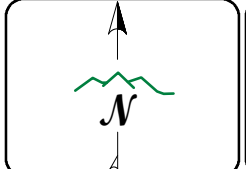
**FIGURE 3**

**EXAMPLE  
NON-RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL FIELD  
SAMPLING PLAN**

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	ISM (INCREMENTAL SAMPLING METHOD) SAMPLE AREAS		LAND USE CATEGORY #3 (MAINTAINED GRASS AREAS/GRASS SPORTS FIELDS)		NON-SAMPLING AREAS
	LAND USE CATEGORY #1 (PLAYGROUND AREAS)		LAND USE CATEGORY #4 (LOW ACCESS AREAS/LOW MAINTENANCE AREAS/OPEN SPACE)		ISM INCREMENT BOUNDARY
	LAND USE CATEGORY #2 (HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS/BARREN SPORTS FIELDS)		LAND USE CATEGORY #5 (GARDEN AREAS)		ISM SAMPLING POLYGON BOUNDARY
			OPPORTUNISTIC SAMPLES		SAMPLING POLYGON BOUNDARY
					SAMPLING PERIMETER BOUNDARY

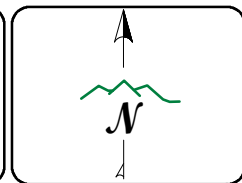
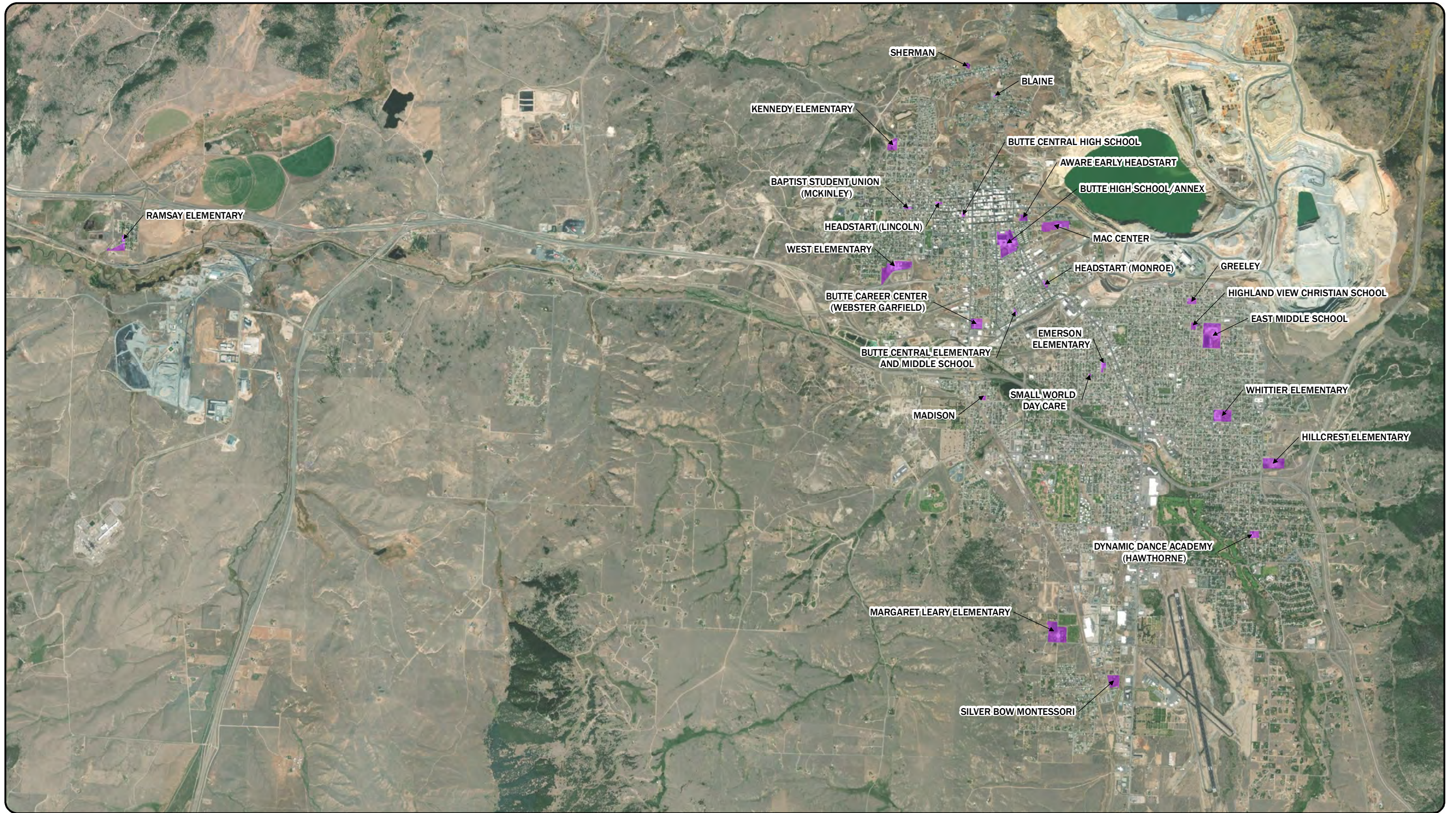


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**FIGURE 4**

**EXAMPLE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARK FIELD SAMPLING PLAN**

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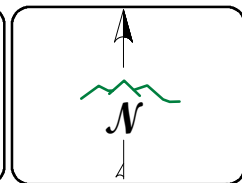


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**FIGURE 5 BUTTE-SILVER BOW SCHOOLS & FORMER SCHOOLS**

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**FIGURE 6**  
**BUTTE-SILVER BOW**  
**AREA PARKS**  
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## TABLES

**TABLE 1: RMAP ACTION LEVELS AND SAMPLE PROTOCOL  
(for RMAP Non-Residential Parcels)**

Contaminant of Concern:		Lead			Arsenic			Mercury			Sample Frequency	Sample Depth Intervals	Sample Density
Matrix	Exposure Scenario	Action Levels Concentration	Analytical Methods	Method Detection Limits (MDLs) <sup>1</sup>	Action Levels Concentration	Analytical Methods	Method Detection Limits (MDLs) <sup>1</sup>	Action Levels Concentration	Analytical Methods	Method Detection Limits (MDLs) <sup>1</sup>			
Soil	Land Use Category #1 (Playground Areas)	Residential - 1,200 mg/kg	EPA Methodology (EPA 6010/6020)	0.087 mg/kg (6020)	Residential - 250 mg/kg	EPA Methodology (EPA 6010/6020)	0.156 mg/kg (6020)	Residential - 147 mg/kg	EPA Methodology (EPA 7471B)	0.008 (7471B)	1 composite sample per component per depth interval	<p><b>Composite Sampling</b> 0-2 inches; 2 - 6 inches; and 6 - 12 inches</p> <p><b>Composite Sampling</b> - Minimum of 3 subsample locations per component or one subsample location per 625 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single composite sample is 6,250 sf (or 10 subsample locations).</p>	
Soil	Land Use Category #2 (Highly Accessible Areas/ Barren Sports Fields)											<p><b>Composite Sampling</b> 0-2 inches; 2 - 6 inches; and 6 - 12 inches</p> <p><b>Composite Sampling</b> - Minimum of 3 subsample locations per component or one subsample location per 625 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single composite sample is 9,375 sf (or 15 subsample locations).</p>	
Soil	Land Use Category #3 (Maintained Grass Areas/ Grass Sports Fields)											<p><b>Composite Sampling</b> 0-2 inches; 2 - 6 inches; and 6 - 12 inches</p> <p><b>Incremental Sampling</b> 0-2 inches and 2-12 inches</p> <p><b>Composite Sampling</b> - Minimum of 3 subsample locations per component or one subsample location per 2,200 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single composite sample is 10,890 sf (or 5 subsample locations).</p> <p><b>Incremental Sampling</b> - Minimum of 30 incremental subsample locations per incremental decision unit or one incremental subsample location per 4,400 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single incremental composite sample is 440,000 sf / 10.1 acres (or 100 incremental subsample locations).</p>	
Soil	Land Use Category #4 (Low Access Areas/ Low Maintenance Areas/ Open Space)											<p><b>Composite Sampling</b> 0-2 inches; 2 - 6 inches; and 6 - 12 inches</p> <p><b>Incremental Sampling</b> 0-2 inches and 2-12 inches</p> <p><b>Composite Sampling</b> - Minimum of 3 subsample locations per component or one subsample location per 2,200 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single composite sample is 21,780 sf (or 10 subsample locations).</p> <p><b>Incremental Sampling</b> - Minimum of 30 incremental subsample locations per incremental decision unit or one incremental subsample location per 4,400 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single incremental composite sample is 440,000 sf / 10.1 acres (or 100 incremental subsample locations).</p>	
Soil	Land Use Category #5 (Flower/Vegetable Gardens)											<p><b>Composite Sampling</b> 0-2 inches; 2 - 6 inches; 6 - 12 inches; 12 - 18 inches; and 18 - 24 inches</p> <p><b>Composite Sampling</b> - Minimum of 1 subsample location per component if the area is 50 sf or smaller in area. For components greater than 50 sf in area, a minimum of 2 subsample locations per component or one subsample location per 625 sf (whichever is greater). Maximum area represented by a single composite sample is 3,125 sf (or 5 subsample locations).</p>	

<sup>1</sup> - Detection limits will be re-evaluated and may change on a quarterly basis, but will typically be within ±5 mg/kg of the values listed above.



**TABLE 2: PRECISION, ACCURACY AND  
COMPLETENESS CALCULATION EQUATIONS**

Characteristic	Formula	Symbols
<b>Precision</b> (as relative percent difference, RPD)	$RPD = \frac{(x_i - x_j)}{\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}\right)} \times 100$	$x_i, x_j$ : replicate values of $x$
<b>Precision</b> (as relative standard deviation, RSD, otherwise known as coefficient of variation)	$RSD = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$	$\sigma$ : sample standard deviation $\bar{x}$ : sample mean
<b>Accuracy</b> (as percent recovery, R, for samples without a background level of the analyte, such as reference materials, laboratory control samples and performance evaluation samples)	$R = \frac{x}{t} \times 100$	$x$ : sample value $t$ : true or assumed value
<b>Completeness</b> (as a percentage, C)	$C = \frac{n}{N} \times 100$	$n$ : number of valid data points produced $N$ : total number of samples taken

**TABLE 3: QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

Analyte	Method	Residential Action Limit (mg/Kg)	Method Detection Limit (MDL) (mg/Kg) <sup>1</sup>	Reporting Limit (RL) (mg/Kg) <sup>1</sup>	Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Recovery Limits	Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate (MS/MSD) Recovery Limits <sup>2</sup>	MS/MSD Relative Percent Different (RPD) <sup>2</sup>	Laboratory Duplicate Precision	Field Duplicate Precision for composite samples/Field Replicate Precision for ISM samples <sup>3</sup>
Arsenic	Method 6020A	1,200	0.156	0.50	80-120%	75-125%	20	20	± 35%
Lead		250	0.0870	0.20	80-120%	75-125%	20	20	± 35%
Mercury	Method 7471A	147	0.00868	0.02	80-120%	75-125%	20	20	± 35%

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The MDLs and RLs are considered the laboratory base values. Soil samples for arsenic and lead will be dried prior to sample digestion and will not be dry weight corrected. Sample results for mercury will be reported on a dry weight basis, since soil samples will be digested on an “as received basis. MDLs and RLs may also be affected based on the actual weight of sample digested and potential dilutions required for high concentration samples. The BPSOU residential action levels (Arsenic – 250 mg/kg, Lead – 1,200 mg/kg, Mercury – 147 mg/kg) will be utilized for all work completed under this QAPP.

<sup>2</sup> The percent recovery for each analyte in the MS and MSD and the RPD should be within the limits on the table with the exception when native sample results exceed the concentration of the added spike by 4 or more. Sample results will not be qualified in the event of this condition.

<sup>3</sup> The RPD field precision goal for soil field duplicates will be 35% for sample pairs with both sample results being greater than 5 times the reporting limit (RL). For soil field duplicate/primary sample pairs with 1 or both sample results being less than 5 times the RL, an absolute difference of less than or equal to 2 times the RL (difference ≤ 2xRL) will be used as the precision goal. The RSD precision goal for field triplicate results from ISM sample collection will use the same evaluation criteria.

All laboratory quality control samples will be initiated after samples have been air-dried and sieved and prepared during the sample batch digestion process.

**TABLE 4: RMAP NON-RESIDENTIAL SAMPLING PROCESS STEP OUTLINE**

Purpose: Provide a framework for sample collection, preparation, and analysis of RMAP Non-Residential incremental and composite soil samples.

Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM)	Composite Sampling Method
Grid out each decision unit in field in accordance with approved FSP. Use a “pseudo” systematic random method to determine the three replicate locations and apply to all grids.	Collect samples in accordance with the approved FSP and QAPP based on Land Use definitions at the three to 5 intervals (0-2”, 2-6”, and 6-12” depths). Additional depth may be collected based on Land Use categories (i.e. gardens).
Collect minimum 30 sample cores from 0-12” Divide sample core into 0-2” and 2-12” intervals for homogenization. Additional sample cores (greater than 30) will be specified in the approved FSP.	Collect aliquots at each interval and place in a labeled sample bag.
Field equipment will be decontaminated between ISM replicate samples.	Use disposable scoops for sampling each interval compositing the additional samples collected in the area.
Homogenize the entire volume of 30 (0-2”) sample intervals in accordance with the Field SOP. After removal of the aliquot for mercury analysis, the entire portion of the 0-2” interval will be sent to the laboratory for processing, therefore 2D slabcake sampling is not needed.	Homogenize the discreet samples collected (<1 kg) in a labeled zipper style bag for each interval.
Homogenize the entire volume of 30 2’-12” sample intervals in accordance with the Field SOP. Create a field homogenized 2D slabcake for subsampling of equal size and depth for each sample or replicates to minimize variables between samples and replicates. Divide the slabcake into 30 equal size sections. Subsample a consistent portion of each slabcake section using a square bottom disposable scoop as specified in the Field SOP. Remove approximately 35 to 50 grams from each section to create a 1 to 1.5 kg sample aliquot in a labeled zipper style bag for the 2-12” interval.	Not Applicable to Composite Sampling Method.
<b>Remove a portion of each thoroughly homogenized sample for total Mercury* by Method 7471A and place in a glass jar and ship to the Pace MN laboratory on ice. To further ensure homogenization and representativeness, the aliquots for the mercury subsample will be obtained from several areas of the homogenized sample bag using a clean scoop.</b>	
Repeat processes above 2 additional times for each decision unit (a total of three replicate samples for each interval in a decision unit).	A field duplicate sample is collected once for every 20 samples.

**TABLE 4: RMAP NON-RESIDENTIAL SAMPLING PROCESS STEP OUTLINE**

Since sample processing/homogenization will be conducted in the field, one sample processing replicate sample will be collected per ISM decision unit.	
Total number of samples collected (3 ISM replicates for Pb and As at 2 depths for a total of six samples for ISM Pb and As.	Composite samples are collected at each interval for analysis.
Send sample bags to Pace Green Bay for ISM air dry and sieve.	Send sample bags to Pace Green Bay for composite air dry and sieve).

**TABLE 4: RMAP NON-RESIDENTIAL SAMPLING PROCESS STEP OUTLINE**

<b>Sample Preparation at Pace Green Bay Wisconsin Laboratory</b>	
<b>Perform a Modified ISM to simulate current QAPP approved process to maintain data comparability</b>	<b>QAPP approved process</b>
Record total weight of bag for ISM samples. Process the <u>entire contents</u> of the ISM sample.	Record total weight of bag for Composite samples. Remove a homogenous portion (100-500 grams) of the composite sample.
Spread the <u>entire contents</u> of each bag on a paper lined drying tray breaking up sample to speed air drying. This larger sample size may require additional trays and time for drying.	Spread the <u>sub sample</u> of each bag on a paper lined drying tray breaking up sample to speed air drying.
Disaggregate the dried sample between two pieces of paper with a 2 kg rolling pin.	Disaggregate the dried sample between two pieces of paper with a 2 kg rolling pin.
Remove large rocks and foreign material from the sample. Place the entire sample in a sieve stack of #10 sieve, #60 sieve (250µm) and a catch pan. Multi sieving steps may be required to process the ISM sample.**	Remove large rocks and foreign material from the sample. Place the entire sample in a sieve stack of #10 sieve, #60 sieve (250µm) and a catch pan.
Cover and place on a mechanical shaker for ten minutes. Repeat until all sample is processed.	Cover and place on a mechanical shaker for ten minutes.
Retain the coarse material from the >#10 and >#60 sieves and place in a labeled zipper-style bag and record the weight.	Retain the coarse material from the >#10 and >#60 sieves and place in a labeled zipper-style bag and record the weight.
Place the < #60 (250µm) sample in a labeled zipper-style bag and record the weight.	Place the #60 <250um sample in a labeled sample bag and record the weight.
Transfer the entire portion of fine material from the ISM sample to Pace Minneapolis for further subsampling, digestion and analysis.***	Transfer the entire portion of the fine material from the composite samples to Pace Minneapolis for further subsampling, digestion and analysis.***

**TABLE 4: RMAP NON-RESIDENTIAL SAMPLING PROCESS STEP OUTLINE**

<b>Sample Digestion at Pace Minneapolis Laboratory</b>	
Process the sample by gently rolling the zipper style bag (8x8" or 12x12") flat on the bench top to homogenize the sample to reduce particle size segregation.	Process the sample by gently rolling the zipper style bag (8x8" or 12x12") on the flat bench top to homogenize the sample to reduce particle size segregation.
Gently move the soil in the bag to completely cover the bottom of the horizontal bag and distribute the sample equally. A slab cake has now been prepared for subsampling.	Gently move the soil in the bag to completely cover the bottom of the horizontal bag and distribute the sample equally. A slab cake has now been prepared for subsampling.
Gently open the plastic bag to expose the slab cake for subsampling.	Gently open the plastic bag to expose the slab cake for subsampling.
Visually divide the slab cake into distinct sample collection points.	Visually divide the slab cake into distinct sample collection points.
Remove a similar size portion of the sample from each slabcake and place into a sample digestion cup totaling approximately 1 gram. Remove additional portions for MS/MSD and Laboratory Duplicates (one group per sample batch of 20)	Remove a similar size portion of the sample from each slabcake and place into a sample digestion cup totaling approximately 1 gram. Remove additional portions for MS/MSD and Laboratory Duplicates (one group per sample batch of 20)
Close the bag containing the remaining sample for archiving.	Close the bag containing the remaining sample for archiving.
Digest and analyze the sample by method 3050 and Method 6020A.	Digest and analyze the sample by method 3050 and Method 6020A.
Since triplicate replicates are collected. Field duplicates are not collected for ISM samples.	Process the field duplicate sample when received in the same manner as samples.

ISM Modifications:

\* Additional homogenization of the sample through labor intensive splitter or cone and quartering techniques may lead to volatilization of the mercury.

\*\* The ISM process sieves through a #10 sieve, the project process is to continue sieving to 250 µm to match the QAPP approved process for composite soil samples

\*\*\* The entire weight of the fines will be sent to the analysis laboratory for sample selection and digestion.

**TABLE 5: BUTTE-SILVER BOW SCHOOLS, FORMER SCHOOLS, AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DAYCARES**

Butte-Silver Bow Schools				
Item	Geocode	Name	Construction Date	BPSOU
1	01119713454100000	Butte High School/Annex	1937/1968	Yes
2	01109506106060000	Silver Bow Montessori	1947	No
3	01119724113050000	Butte Career Center (Webster Garfield)	1948	Yes
4	01119713213100000	Butte Central High School	1951	Yes
5	01119614310150000	Ramsay Elementary	1953	No
	01119623201050000			
6	01119829154010000	Whittier Elementary	1954	No
7	01119820229010000	East Middle School	1957	No
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8	01119819440340000	Emerson Elementary	1957	No
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9	01119711410240000	Kennedy Elementary	1958	Yes
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	0111971129904MINE			
10	01119713226010000	Headstart (Lincoln)	1958	Yes
11	01119819243110000	Headstart (Monroe)	1959	Yes
12	01119724117160000	Butte Central Elementary and Middle School	1960	Yes
13	01119828201050000	Hillcrest Elementary	1968	No
14	01119714411010000	West Elementary	1969	Yes
15	01119831302010000	Margaret Leary Elementary	1973	No
	01119831301250000			
16	01119818387010000	MAC Center	2004	Yes
17	01119820227170000	Highland View Christian School	2010	No
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	01119820227150000			
18	01119713106200000	Aware Early Headstart	2001	Yes
	01119713106330000			
	01119713106300000			
	01119713106250000			
19	01119819428120000	Small World Day Care	1920	No
Former Schools				

Item	Geocode	Name	Construction Date	BPSOU
20	01119712250010000	Sherman	1902	Yes
21	01119714112010000	Baptist Student Union (McKinley)	1903	Yes
22	01119724403010000	Madison	1904	Yes
23	01119832140010000	Dynamic Dance Academy (Hawthorne)	1918	No
24	01119820264010000	Greeley	1952	No
25	01119712499550000	Blaine	1959	Yes
Non-Residential Daycares				
Item	Geocode	Name	Construction Date	BPSOU
26	01119830401010000	Bright Beginnings	-	No
27	01109506104060000	Caterpillar Clubhouse	-	No
28	01119830418010000	Home Away From Home	-	No
29	01119820445200000	Jamie's Daycare	-	No
30	01119820348240000	Lil Peanuts Childcare	-	No
31	01119820415230000	Little Orphan Annie's	-	No
32	01119820448010000	Merry Bee's	-	No
33	01119724406210000	Mini Miracles	-	Yes
34	01119820442130000	Mini Sprouts	-	No
35	01119820329010000	Mindys Daycare	-	No
36	01119819449250000	Pleasant Dreams CC	-	No
37	01119829239180000	Precious Dreams	-	No
38	01119830432050000	Rowdy Rascals Daycare	-	No
39	01119830221010000	Spirited Roots	-	No
40	01119833229160000	Sweet Pea Child Care	-	No
41	01119830134800000	Tammy Rogers	-	No
42	01119820224290000	Wee Care Daycare	-	No
43	01119820258040000	Wee Watchers	-	No
44	01119820301330000	Luciene Ellingson	-	No
45	01119831230240000	Cotton Patch Kids DC	-	No



**TABLE 6: BUTTE AREA PARKS AND OPEN AREAS  
(That Need to be Addressed Under RMAP)**

Item	Geocode	Name	Owner	Reclaimed Site	Adjacent Reclaimed Sites	Source
1	01119831305010000 01119831303010000	Jeremy Bullock Soccer Field	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
2	01119711420010000	McGlone Heights Skating Rink	BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
3	01119712206016500 01119712206100000	Walkerville Park (Walkerville Drive and Ryan Road)	BSB Mullaney Regina B	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
4	01119712213010000	Walkerville Park (5th and Transit)	City of Walkerville			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
5	01119712298050000 01119712298040000	Walkerville Park (Alley of North Main and Alley of West Daly)	ARCO		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
6	0111971110205MINE	Walkerville Ball Park	City of Walkerville			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
7	01119713272020000 0111971229904MINE	Antimony Ball Field	BSB ARCO		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
8	01119819114010000	Clark Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
9	01119830303010000	Stodden Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
10	01119829202016500	Father Sheehan Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
11	01119820225330000 01119820225170000	Racetrack Park	Race Track Volunteer Fire Department			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
12	01119818404010000	Skate park	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
13	01119818407010000	McGruff Park	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
14	01119818301150000	Koprivica Park	Koprivica Family Park Inc		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
15	01119713365016500	Chester Steele Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
16	01119713365980000	Cinders Field	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
17	011197141314150000	Copper/Emmet	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
18	0111971442350000	Tot Lot (Gold/Emmett)	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
19	01119714118340000	Hanna Park (Granite/Henry)	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
20	01119713242120000	Cherokee Park (Copper/Crystal)	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
21	01119713228290000	Peace Park (Broadway/Washington)	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
22	01119830134600000	C Street	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
23	01119713250010000	Scown Field	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
24	01119820312016500 01119820312100000	JFK Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
25	01119832408106500	Rickey Park	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
26	01119833320206500	Fleecer Drive	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
27	01119833315456500	Blacktail Lane	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
28	01119828201200000 01119828201050000	Skyline Park	BSB School Dist 1			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
29	01119818205110000 01119818206010000 01119818391010000 01119818391050000 01119818377400000	Belmont Park (Mercury/Shields)	BSB Butte Local Development Corporation BSB Belmont Gall	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
30	01119830416010000	Longfellow Ball Fields	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
31	0111971429906MINE	Huron Tennis Courts	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
32	01119713232090000	Rock Park (N Clark and W Granite)	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5
33	01119723402010000	Minor Park	ARCO		Yes	From BSB GIS Download
34	0111972149001BHRR	Rocker Park	BSB	Yes		BSB Parks Development Plan List
35	01119713217070000 01119713217086500 01119713217090000	Community Garden	BSB			BSB Parks Development Plan List
36	01119713123010000 01119713123130000 01119713123010000 01119713123130000 01119713123140000	Lexington Gardens	BSB Lexington Garden		Yes	BSB Parks Development Plan List
37	01119724302432000 01119724302600000 01119724302640000 01119724302840000 01119724304250000	Boulevard(Josette)	SILVER BOW FIRE TRAINING CENTER INC BURLINGTON NORTHERN		Yes	BSB Parks Development Plan List
38	Geocode non retrievable. Part of Interstate ROW parcel (per Cadastral).	Boulevard(Lasalle)	BSB		Yes	BSB Parks Development Plan List
39	01119832410130000	Earth Lane	BSB			BSB Parks Development Plan List
40	01109506206016500	Sesame-Sage (Golden West Estates #3)	BSB			BSB Parks Development Plan List
41	01119623221020000	Ramsay Skating Rink	RAMSAY ASSOCIATION A NON-PROFIT CORPORAT			BSB Website
42	01119714401196500	West Side Subdivision Park	BSB			BSB Website

**TABLE 7: BUTTE AREA PARKS AND OPEN AREAS**  
(That Do Not Need to be Addressed Under RMAP)

Item	Geocode	Name	Owner	Reclaimed Site	Adjacent Reclaimed Sites	Source	Reason Parcel doesn't need RMAP Sampling
1	01119712129160000 01119712129150000 01119712129200000 01119712129130000 01119712129140000 01119712129200000 01119712129180000 01119712298040000	Walkerville Park (Daly and Dunn)	City of Walkerville Butte Silver Bow Sell ARCO	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 331. Historic BRES ID 20.
2	01119712298040000	Walkerville Park (Clark and Academy/Main/Dunn Area)	ARCO		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	Site sampled in 2021 under the Final Unreclaimed Sites QAPP (AR 2021) Final Unreclaimed Sites Field Sampling Plan Package 1.
3	011198303010000	Stodden Park Golf Course	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	Golf courses don't fit the definition of Parks/Play Areas defined in the UAO.
4	0111971349904MINE 0111971329904MINE	Mandan Park	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	Based on the Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit 2002 Maintenance Plan for Previously Reclaimed Sites, Reclamation was performed by ARCO in 1991. In 1998 and 1999, BSB conducted further reclamation. No formal as-built was completed for the 98-99 work, but BSB provided the following description of work. BSB blanket sprayed for weeds, mowed and rototilled, and capped previously reclaimed areas with 12 inches of soil from the Butte landfill. An additional area that was previously a limerock parking lot was also capped with landfill soil. Biologic compost was added at 163 cubic yards/acre and incorporated to a depth of six inches. A commercial inoculant of vesicular arbuscular mycorrhizae (V AM-80) was applied at a rate of 83lbs/acre at the same time as the site was seeded with the standard Butte Hill seed mix. The site was then crimped with straw at 2 tons/acre.
5	01119725320010000 01119725321010000 01119725301050000 01119725299080000 01119725327270000 01119725327010000 01119725316510000 01119725301050000 01119725327250000 01119725320480000 01119725321450000 01119725299080000 01119725315390000 01119725315100000 01119725315150000 01119725316010000 01119725310170000	Copper Mountain	BSB	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Sites 155 and 155E.
6	01119724125020000	Charlie Judd Park	BSB		Yes	From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 142.
7	0111971349904MINE	Sioux Park (Montana/Woolman)	BSB	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 77.
8	01119714447210000 01119714447160000	Peoples Park (Silver/Girard)	BSB	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 321.
9	01119712300022010 0111971239904MINE 0111971249904MINE 01119712322010000	Missoula Ball Fields	BSB	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 344.
10	01119713466010000 01119713466010000	Emma Park	BSB	Yes		From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is BRES Site 114.
11	01109521401300000	9 Mile	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is outside the 2020 RMAP Boundary.
12	0110952810101MINE	Eagles Nest	BSB			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is outside the 2020 RMAP Boundary.
13	01109534101010000	Lions Den	USFS			From Original 2017 Residential QAPP Table 5	This is outside the 2020 RMAP Boundary.
14	01119712145010000	Alice Knob	City of Walkerille	Yes		From BSB GIS Download	This is BRES Site 5.
15	01119712299030000 01119712477340000 0111971249904MINE 01119712480020000	Centerville Skating Rink	BSB ARCO	Yes		From BSB GIS Download	This is BRES Site 359.
16	0111971249904MINE 01119712450100000	Foreman Park	BSB	Yes		From BSB GIS Download	This is composed of multiple BRES Sites.
17	01119807201150000 01119807301010000	Granite Mountain Memorial	BSB	Yes		From BSB GIS Download	This is BRES Site 308.
18	0111971349904MINE	Original Mine Yard	BSB	Yes		From BSB GIS Download	This is BRES Site 78.
19	0111971129909MINE 01119714299100000 01119714299110000 01119714299100000 0111971141910MINE 01119711419050000 01119711450010000 01119711465050000 01119711301010000 01119711299080000	Big Butte Open Space Park	BSB			From BSB GIS Download	This is part of the ongoing WSSOU RI/FS.
22	01099101101020000 0109911210104MINE	Basin Creek County Park	BSB			BSB Parks Development Plan List	This is outside the 2020 RMAP Boundary.

ATTACHMENT A  
QAPP CROSSWALK

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**EPA REGION 8 QA DOCUMENT REVIEW CROSSWALK**

<b>QAPP/FSP/SAP for:</b> <i>(check appropriate box)</i>	<b>Entity</b> ( <i>grantee, contract, EPA AO, EPA Program, Other</i> )	<b>Regulatory Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 CFR 1500 for Grantee/Cooperative Agreements
<input type="checkbox"/> GRANTEE	BSB County and AR	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 48 CFR 46 for Contracts
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR			<input type="checkbox"/> Interagency Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> EPA			<input type="checkbox"/> EPA/Court Order
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			<input type="checkbox"/> EPA Program Funding <input type="checkbox"/> EPA Program Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> EPA CIO 2105
<b>Document Title</b> <i>[Note: Title will be repeated in Header]</i>	Revised BPSOU Draft Final Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) QAPP (Non-Residential Parcels) (6/13/22)		
<b>QAPP/FSP/SAP Preparer</b>	AR and BSB County		
<b>Period of Performance</b> <i>(of QAPP/FSP/SAP)</i>	2022	<b>Date Submitted for Review</b>	6/13/22
<b>EPA Project Officer</b> <b>EPA Project Manager</b>	Nikia Greene	<b>PO Phone #</b> <b>PM Phone #</b>	
<b>QA Program Reviewer or Approving Official</b>	Nikia Greene	<b>Date of Review</b>	6/20/22

**Documents Submitted for QAPP Review (QA Reviewer must complete):**

**1. QA Document(s) submitted for review:**

QA Document	Document Date	Document Stand-alone	Document with QAPP
QAPP	5/12/22	Yes / No	
FSP		Yes / No	Yes / No
SAP		Yes / No	Yes / No
SOP(s)	(attached)		Yes / No

2. WP/SOW/TO/PP/RP Date \_\_\_\_\_  
WP/SOW/TO/RP Performance Period \_\_\_\_\_

**3. QA document consistent with the:**

WP/SOW/PP for grants? Yes / No  
SOW/TO for contracts? Yes / No

4. QARF signed by R8 QAM Yes / No / NA  
Funding Mechanism IA / contract / grant / NA  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes for Document Submittals:**

- A QAPP written by a Grantee, EPA, or Federal Partner must include for review: Work Plan(WP) / Statement of Work (SOW) / Program Plan (PP) / Research Proposal (RP) and funding mechanism
- A QAPP written by Contractor must include for review:
  - Copy of Task Order Work Assignment/SOW
  - Reference to a hard or electronic copy of the contractor’s approved QMP
  - Copy of Contract SOW if no QMP has been approved
  - Copy of EPA/Court Order, if applicable
  - The QA Review must determine (with the EPA CO or PO) if a QARF was completed for the environmental data activity described in the QAPP.
- Field Sampling Plan (FSP) and/or Sampling & Analyses Plan (SAP) must include the Project QAPP or must be a stand-alone QA document that contain all QAPP required elements (Project Management, Data Generation/Acquisition, Assessment and Oversight, and Data Validation and Usability).
  - SOPs must be submitted with a QA document that contains all QAPP required elements.

**Summary of Comments (highlight significant concerns/issues):**

Please see comment letter dated 6/6/22 for general comments. Specific comments and markups are provided in tracked changes in the QAPP Word document.

EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.

Element	Acceptable Yes/No/NA	Page/ Section	Comments
<b>A. Project Management</b>			
<b>A1. Title and Approval Sheet</b>			
a. Contains project title	Yes	Title page and page i	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Date and revision number line (for when needed)	Yes	Title page and page i	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Indicates organization’s name	Yes	Title page	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Date and signature line for organization’s project manager	Yes	Page i	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Date and signature line for organization’s QA manager	Yes	Page i	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Other date and signatures lines, as needed	Yes	Page i	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A2. Table of Contents</b>			
a. Lists QA Project Plan information sections	Yes	Pages iv to vii	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Document control information indicated	Yes	Page viii	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A3. Distribution List</b>			
Includes all individuals who are to receive a copy of the QA Project Plan and identifies their organization	Yes	Page ii to iii	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A4. Project/Task Organization</b>			
a. Identifies key individuals involved in all major aspects of the project, including contractors	Yes	Sections 2.0 through 2.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Discusses their responsibilities	Yes	Sections 2.0 through 2.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Project QA Manager position indicates independence from unit generating data	Yes	Section 2.3, Figure 2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Identifies individual responsible for maintaining the official, approved QA Project Plan	Yes	Section 2.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Organizational chart shows lines of authority and reporting responsibilities	Yes	Figure 2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A5. Problem Definition/Background</b>			
a. States decision(s) to be made, actions to be taken, or outcomes expected from the information to be obtained	Yes	Sections 1.0 and 2.5	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Clearly explains the reason (site background or historical context) for initiating this project	Yes	Sections 2.5 & 2.6	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments

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c. Identifies regulatory information, applicable criteria, action limits, etc. necessary to the project	Yes	Section 2.1	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A6. Project/Task Description</b>			
a. Summarizes work to be performed, for example, measurements to be made, data files to be obtained, etc., that support the projects goals	Yes	Sections 1.0 and 2.6	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Provides work schedule indicating critical project points, e.g., start and completion dates for activities such as sampling, analysis, data or file reviews, and assessments	Yes	Section 2.6	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Details geographical locations to be studied, including maps where possible	Yes	Sections 1.0 and 2.6, Figure 1	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Discusses resource and time constraints, if applicable	Yes	Section 2.6.1	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A7. Quality Objectives and Criteria</b>			
a. Identifies - performance/measurement criteria for all information to be collected and acceptance criteria for information obtained from previous studies, - including project action limits and laboratory detection limits and - range of anticipated concentrations of each parameter of interest	No	Section 2.7.1	<b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22): Section 2.7.1 has been updated to address Agency 6/6/22 comments.</b> EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.
b. Discusses precision	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Addresses bias	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Discusses representativeness	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Identifies the need for completeness	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Describes the need for comparability	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments

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g. Discusses desired method sensitivity	No	Add to Section 2.7.2	<b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22): Method sensitivity is detailed in Section 2.7.2.</b> <b>EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.</b>
<b>A8. Special Training/Certifications</b>			
a. Identifies any project personnel specialized training or certifications	Yes	Section 2.8	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Discusses how this training will be provided	Yes	Section 2.8	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Indicates personnel responsible for assuring training/certifications are satisfied	Yes	Section 2.8	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. identifies where this information is documented	Yes	Section 2.8	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>A9. Documentation and Records</b>			
a. Identifies report format and summarizes all data report package information	Yes	Section 2.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Lists all other project documents, records, and electronic files that will be produced	Yes	Section 2.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Identifies where project information should be kept and for how long	No	Section 2.9	<b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22): As stated in Section 2.9, “All sampling data conducted for all media under the Program and records of property access requests are housed within the Program database. The Program database is housed in an Access Structured Query Language (SQL) server database and maintained by BSB.”</b> <b>EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.</b>
d. Discusses back up plans for records stored electronically	No	Section 2.9	<b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22): As stated in Section 2.9, “Document backups are contained in the BPSOU Document SharePoint and EPA document repository. The BPSOU <i>Final Data Management Plan</i> (currently under development) will provide additional details regarding data management, backup, and storage.”</b> <b>EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.</b>

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e. States how individuals identified in A3 will receive the most current copy of the approved QA Project Plan, identifying the individual responsible for this	No	Page ii to iii	<p><b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22):</b> As stated directly below the Distribution List table on page iii, “A complete list of personnel to receive this document is provided on the associated cover letter distribution list. Atlantic Richfield Company will distribute the original Agency approved document. Subsequent annual revisions will be distributed by the Butte-Silver Bow County Department of Reclamation and Environmental Services Quality Assurance (QA) Manager.”</p> <p>EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.</p>
<b>B. Data Generation/Acquisition</b>			
<b>B1. Sampling Process Design (Experimental Design)</b>			
a. Describes and justifies design strategy, indicating size of the area, volume, or time period to be represented by a sample	Yes	Section 3.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Details the type and total number of sample types/matrix or test runs/trials expected and needed	Yes	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Indicates where samples should be taken, how sites will be identified/located	Yes	Section 3.2.1 and Section 3.3.1	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Discusses what to do if sampling sites become inaccessible	Yes	Section 3.1	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Identifies project activity schedules such as each sampling event, times samples should be sent to the laboratory, etc.	Yes	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Specifies what information is critical and what is for informational purposes only	Yes	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
g. Identifies sources of variability and how this variability should be reconciled with project information	Yes	Step 6	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B2. Sampling Methods</b>			
a. Identifies all sampling SOPs by number, date, and regulatory citation, indicating sampling options or modifications to be taken	Yes	Sections 3.2 and 3.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Indicates how each sample/matrix type should be collected	Yes	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments



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c. If in situ monitoring, indicates how instruments should be deployed and operated to avoid contamination and ensure maintenance of proper data	NA	NA	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
d. If continuous monitoring, indicates averaging time and how instruments should store and maintain raw data, or data averages	NA	NA	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
e. Indicates how samples are to be homogenized, composited, split, or filtered, if needed	Yes	Sections 3.2 and 3.3. Field SOPs (Att C).	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
f. Indicates what sample containers and sample volumes should be used	Yes	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
g. Identifies whether samples should be preserved and indicates methods that should be followed	Yes	Section 3.6.2	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
h. Indicates whether sampling equipment and samplers should be cleaned and/or decontaminated, identifying how this should be done and by-products disposed of	Yes	Sections 3.2.4 and 3.3.4, SOP G-8, Manuals	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
i. Identifies any equipment and support facilities needed	Yes	TBD	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
j. Addresses actions to be taken when problems occur, identifying individual(s) responsible for corrective action and how this should be documented	Yes	Section 5.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
<b>B3. Sample Handling and Custody</b>			
a. States maximum holding times allowed from sample collection to extraction and/or analysis for each sample type and, for in-situ or continuous monitoring, the maximum time before retrieval of information	Yes	Section 3.4	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
b. Identifies how samples or information should be physically handled, transported, and then received and held in the laboratory or office (including temperature upon receipt)	Yes	Section 3.4	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
c. Indicates how sample or information handling and custody information should be documented, such as in field notebooks and forms, identifying individual responsible	Yes	Section 2.9.4	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
d. Discusses system for identifying samples, for example, numbering system, sample tags and labels, and attaches forms to the plan	Yes	Section 3.5	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>

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e. Identifies chain-of-custody procedures and includes form to track custody	Yes	Section 2.9.4	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B4. Analytical Methods</b>			
a. Identifies all analytical SOPs (field, laboratory and/or office) that should be followed by number, date, and regulatory citation, indicating options or modifications to be taken, such as sub-sampling and extraction procedures	Yes	Section 3.6, Table 1, Attachment C	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Identifies equipment or instrumentation needed	Yes	Section 3.6	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Specifies any specific method performance criteria	Yes	Sections 2.7.2 and Section 3.6.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Identifies procedures to follow when failures occur, identifying individual responsible for corrective action and appropriate documentation	Yes	Section 5.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Identifies sample disposal procedures	Yes	Section 3.8	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Specifies laboratory turnaround times needed	Yes	Section 5.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
g. Provides method validation information and SOPs for nonstandard methods	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B5. Quality Control</b>			
a. For each type of sampling, analysis, or measurement technique, identifies QC activities which should be used, for example, blanks, spikes, duplicates, etc., and at what frequency	No	Sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.7.	<b>Atlantic Richfield Response (6/13/22): Section 3.7.2 has been added address Agency 6/6/22 comments. Applicable Field SOPs (Attachment C-1) have also been updated.</b> EPA (6/20/22) – All comments have been addressed.
b. Details what should be done when control limits are exceeded, and how effectiveness of control actions will be determined and documented	Yes	Section 5.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Identifies procedures and formulas for calculating applicable QC statistics, for example, for precision, bias, outliers and missing data	Yes	Section 3.7	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B6. Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance</b>			
a. Identifies field and laboratory equipment needing periodic maintenance, and the schedule for this	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Identifies testing criteria	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Notes availability and location of spare parts	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Indicates procedures in place for inspecting equipment before usage	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments

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e. Identifies individual(s) responsible for testing, inspection and maintenance	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Indicates how deficiencies found should be resolved, re-inspections performed, and effectiveness of corrective action determined and documented	Yes	Section 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B7. Instrument/Equipment Calibration and Frequency</b>			
a. Identifies equipment, tools, and instruments that should be calibrated and the frequency for this calibration	Yes	Sections 2.8, 2.9.2, 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Describes how calibrations should be performed and documented, indicating test criteria and standards or certified equipment	Yes	Sections 2.8, 2.9.2, 3.9	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Identifies how deficiencies should be resolved and documented	Yes	Section 5.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B8. Inspection/Acceptance for Supplies and Consumables</b>			
a. Identifies critical supplies and consumables for field and laboratory, noting supply source, acceptance criteria, and procedures for tracking, storing and retrieving these materials	Yes	Section 3.10	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Identifies the individual(s) responsible for this	Yes	Section 3.10	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B9. Use of Existing Data (Non-direct Measurements)</b>			
a. Identifies data sources, for example, computer databases or literature files, or models that should be accessed and used	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Describes the intended use of this information and the rationale for their selection, i.e., its relevance to project	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Indicates the acceptance criteria for these data sources and/or models	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Identifies key resources/support facilities needed	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Describes how limits to validity and operating conditions should be determined, for example, internal checks of the program and Beta testing	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>B10. Data Management</b>			
a. Describes data management scheme from field to final use and storage	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Discusses standard record-keeping and tracking practices, and the document control system or cites other written documentation such as SOPs	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments

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c. Identifies data handling equipment/procedures that should be used to process, compile, analyze, and transmit data reliably and accurately	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Identifies individual(s) responsible for this	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
e. Describes the process for data archival and retrieval	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
f. Describes procedures to demonstrate acceptability of hardware and software configurations	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
g. Attaches checklists and forms that should be used	Yes	Section 3.11	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>C. Assessment and Oversight</b>			
<b>C1. Assessments and Response Actions</b>			
a. Lists the number, frequency, and type of assessment activities that should be conducted, with the approximate dates	Yes	Section 5.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Identifies individual(s) responsible for conducting assessments, indicating their authority to issue stop work orders, and any other possible participants in the assessment process	Yes	Section 5.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
c. Describes how and to whom assessment information should be reported	Yes	Section 5.1 and 5.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
d. Identifies how corrective actions should be addressed and by whom, and how they should be verified and documented	Yes	Section 5.1 and 5.2	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>C2. Reports to Management</b>			
a. Identifies what project QA status reports are needed and how frequently	Yes	Section 5.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
b. Identifies who should write these reports and who should receive this information	Yes	Section 5.3	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>D. Data Validation and Usability</b>			
<b>D1. Data Review, Verification, and Validation</b>			
Describes criteria that should be used for accepting, rejecting, or qualifying project data	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments
<b>D2. Verification and Validation Methods</b>			
a. Describes process for data verification and validation, providing SOPs and indicating what data validation software should be used, if any	Yes	Section 6.0	EPA (6/20/22) – no comments

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b. Identifies who is responsible for verifying and validating different components of the project data/information, for example, chain-of-custody forms, receipt logs, calibration information, etc.	Yes	Section 6.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
c. Identifies issue resolution process, and method and individual responsible for conveying these results to data users	Yes	Section 6.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
d. Attaches checklists, forms, and calculations	Yes	Section 6.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
<b>D3. Reconciliation with User Requirements</b>			
a. Describes procedures to evaluate the uncertainty of the validated data	Yes	Section 6.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>
b. Describes how limitations on data use should be reported to the data users	Yes	Section 6.0	<a href="#">EPA (6/20/22) – no comments</a>

ATTACHMENT B  
ACCESS FORMS

ATTACHMENT B-1  
EXAMPLE ACCESS AGREEMENT FORM

**ACCESS AGREEMENT**

**BUTTE SILVER BOW** ("OWNER"), whose mailing address is, 155 Granite Street, Butte, MT 59701 and **Atlantic Richfield Company** ("Atlantic Richfield"), whose mailing address is 317 Anaconda Road, Butte, MT 59701, enter into this Access Agreement ("Agreement") this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and agree as follows:

1. GRANT OF ACCESS. OWNER hereby grants to Atlantic Richfield, including its authorized representatives (and, as may be appropriate, to EPA and/or the State of Montana and the authorized representatives of each) the right to enter OWNER's real property, as described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Property"), to conduct all activities related to sampling of interior/attic dust and/or soils (collectively referred to as "Sampling"). OWNER represents to Atlantic Richfield that, to the best of OWNER's knowledge, OWNER possesses ownership interests in the Property sufficient to grant access to Atlantic Richfield to conduct the Sampling.

2. ATLANTIC RICHFIELD REPRESENTATIONS. Atlantic Richfield or its representative will notify OWNER, either in writing or verbally, at least 24 hours prior to first commencing Sampling on the Property. Atlantic Richfield will make every reasonable effort to minimize any inconvenience to OWNER during its Sampling on the Property, to return the Property to the condition it was in at the time Atlantic Richfield first entered the Property under this Agreement, and to consult with OWNER to address any concerns OWNER may have about the Sampling activity.

3. SPLIT SAMPLE. Atlantic Richfield agrees to use its best efforts to provide, upon OWNER's prior written request a portion of any sample taken on OWNER's Property for subsequent laboratory analysis, provided that a sufficient quantity of the materials to be sampled are available on the day of sampling, and provided further that the sampling requirements of Atlantic Richfield are satisfied.

4. TERMINATION. This Access Agreement will terminate thirty (30) days following receipt of the written notice from Atlantic Richfield stating the Sampling activities on your Property have been completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and Atlantic Richfield Company have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above.

OWNER: ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (If other than Home Owner): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Project Manager

Telephone Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT A**

For the purposes of this Access Agreement, the term Property refers to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana:

**Sample Identification:** P-00001

**Property Address:** No Physical Address (Jeremy Bullock Soccer Fields), Butte, MT 59701

**Property Geocode:** 01119831305010000

**Legal Description:** S31, T03 N, R07 W, POR SW4 AKA ALL BLKS 6, 7 VAC OREGON AVE BETWEEN SUB TRACTS

ATTACHMENT B-2  
EPA NOTICE FORM LETTER



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8, MONTANA OFFICE**

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Ref: 8 ORC-LEP/MO

**DRAFT** 9/16/2019 EPA

DATE

**URGENT: FINAL OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE READ AND RESPOND.**

Ref: 8EPR-SR

NAME  
ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE, ZIP

Re: PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Property Owner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests access to your property for environmental assessment, including the collection and analysis of samples of exterior yard soils, interior living space dust and attic dust if exposure pathways are identified. These activities are components of the Multi-Pathway Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) which is designed to mitigate potentially harmful residential exposures to sources of lead, arsenic and mercury contamination. The RMAP is being implemented pursuant to EPA's authority under the federal Superfund law known as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

You were previously contacted by (Butte Silver Bow County) *or* (the Atlantic Richfield Company) for such access in letters dated \_\_\_\_\_. An affirmative reply to those requests has not been received.

**This is your final opportunity to provide voluntary access to your residential property so that the environmental assessment and abatement activities, if required, can occur as required by CERCLA. If you do not provide access to your property by \_\_\_\_\_, you may be responsible for any future assessment and cleanup of your property.**

Assessment and abatement actions, if indicated by the sampling results collected during the initial assessment, will protect human health and meet objectives of the final remedy as defined in the EPA's Butte Priority Soils Record of Decision, as amended. If the EPA is unable to complete the investigation of your property, be advised that EPA or the State of Montana have authority to and will consider recording a copy of this letter in the chain of title for your property in the Butte-Silver Bow County real property records. The purpose of such recording is to inform future potential owners of your property that your property has not been assessed and appropriately remediated, as indicated by the results of sampling conducted in the course of the RMAP assessment.

To grant access for assessment of your property, please call an EPA representative at \_\_\_\_\_ or

return the enclosed access form in the postage-paid return envelope to the EPA by \_\_\_\_\_. We will attempt to schedule the RMAP inspection and future abatement activities, if required based upon the results of the initial environmental assessment activities, at a time that is convenient for you; however, the assessment and sampling of your property must be scheduled by \_\_\_\_\_.

After the inspection and assessment of your property is complete, including the receipt of any sampling results, you will receive a letter from Butte Silver Bow County documenting the results of the environmental assessment. Thank you for considering this opportunity. Please contact the Nikia Greene at 406 457-5019 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Site Attorney, BPSOU

Enclosures: Access form and return envelope

ATTACHMENT C  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ATTACHMENT C-1

FIELD SOPs

Attachment C-1  
Field SOPs  
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**RESIDENTIAL METALS ABATEMENT PROGRAM**  
**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**RMAP-SOP-1A**  
**NON-RESIDENTIAL PARCEL COMPOSITE SOIL SAMPLING**

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to ensure that a consistent sampling approach is used at Superfund Sites for the delineation of areas that may require remediation to protect the public health. This SOP is applicable to composite sampling of non-residential parcels within the Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) such as schools, parks, and non-residential daycares.

## INTRODUCTION

Prior to the use of this SOP, other less intensive sampling designs may be required to indicate the need for sampling at this scale. Sampling performed according to this SOP will supply component specific analytical data from which remedial action decisions can be made.

Composite sampling is used to characterize the average concentration of inorganic constituents of concern in the use areas. The number of subsamples comprising a composite sample and the total area composited is standardized to limit sampling to similar sized areas for comparative purposes.

## SAMPLING APPROACH

The approach to non-residential parcel lot sampling is based on composite sampling of selected use areas of a parcel. The composite sample best represents constituent concentrations within a use area by averaging subsamples collected at locations that spatially represent the area.

## COMPOSITE SAMPLING

Sample collection devices include disposable plastic scoops. The following procedure is designed to be used to collect soil samples from the 0-12 inch horizon. These procedures may be modified in the field based on field and site conditions after appropriate annotations have been made in the field log book.

1. Locate the site as directed in the appropriate Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
2. Complete a site walk through and determine any site specific hazards associated with the sampling area. Discuss with sampling crew and note in the field logbook. During the site walk through, note possible locations for underground utilities. As an example identify where natural gas pipes enter any structures on the property or if yard lights or street lights are present with no overhead lines. Determine if an underground sprinkling system is present. If sample locations have not been assigned in the QAPP, note the probable locations of underground utilities and try to avoid those areas when choosing



sample locations. If sample locations are identified in the QAPP use the appropriate survey method to locate.

3. Dig a 6 to 12-inch square pit to a depth of approximately 12 inches. The size and depth of the sample pit required would depend on the amount of material needed for sample analysis and the interval to be sampled. If a sod mat is present, it shall be separated from the mineral soil surface with the chosen sampling tool. The removed sod mat shall be shaken and scraped over the sample collection bowl to dislodge any mineral soil particles. All dislodged particles shall be placed in the sample. If the surface material is coarse-grained material free of intermixed materials (i.e., graveled driveway) the sample will be collected from the layer below the protective barrier. However, if the graveled driveway, alley or lot contains soil/dust material on the surface the sample will be collected from the appropriate interval. If the sample area is unvegetated the sample material will be collected from the designated depth intervals below ground surface.
4. Measure the interval to be sampled (0-12 inches) with a stainless steel tape measure, a ruler or other calibrated marking device and mark the appropriate interval.
5. Scrape the walls of the sample pit within the marked interval with a disposable plastic scoop to expose a clean surface.
6. Once the wall of the test pit has been cleaned, collect the sample by scraping the appropriate interval on the cleaned face of the pit with the sampling tool and placing the material in a decontaminated stainless steel bowl, a new cleaned foil pan or gallon Ziploc bag.

Each subsample test hole will be prepared and sampled in the manner discussed above.

1. Composite samples will consist of discrete aliquots of equal amounts of soil from each subsample location. The soil aliquots will be collected into a stainless steel bowl or gallon Ziploc and thoroughly mixed. During the homogenization process, large particles (greater than 0.5 inch in diameter) will be discarded. After mixing, the sample will be placed in a one quart plastic bag and labeled. Any remaining sample material will be returned to the sample holes. A sufficient quantity of soil will be collected in each sample container to provide for analysis with additional soil left over to be archived. An alternative method of compositing soil subsamples is with a large disposable plastic or canvas sheet. The subsamples are mixed in the center of the sheet. Each corner is pulled up and toward the diagonally opposite corner. This process is done from each corner. After the soil is mixed, it is again spread out on the cloth into a relatively flat pile. The pile is quartered. A small scoop is used to collect small samples from each quarter until the desired amount of soil is acquired. Note: High concentrations of organic chemicals in soils can react with the plastic sheet. The sampler may also “eyeball” an equal amount of sample material from each hole into a resealable plastic bag (i.e. Ziploc®). The sample material would be thoroughly mixed between each subsample pit and prior to placing in the appropriate sample containers.

2. Remove all coarse fragments greater than 0.5 inches from the container. Mix the remaining material in the container with the sampling tool.
3. Transfer the soil sample directly into the appropriate sample container according to Standard Operating Procedure (*Soil and Water Sample Packaging and Shipping*) (SOP-SA-01).
4. Record appropriate information about the sample collection in the field logbook.
5. Decontaminate sampling tools according to procedures outlined in Standard Operating Procedure (*Equipment Decontamination*) (SOP-DE-01).

## COMPOSITE SAMPLE AREAS

Composite sample areas within a parcel will be developed prior to sampling. These sampling areas are determined based upon land use. Depending upon the area of each sample area, some composite sample areas will require multiple composite samples (see below). The following land use areas are considered separate composite sample areas.

- Land Use Category #1 – This category consists of playground areas. This will typically be defined as the area around playground equipment such as swings, slides, jungle gyms, and other types of equipment.
- Land Use Category #2 – This category consists of high accessible areas near school buildings such as school courtyards. Also contained within the category will be barren sports areas such as a baseball/softball infield.
- Land Use Category #3 – This category consists of maintained grassy areas such as sodded school grounds and turf covered sports fields.
- Land Use Category #4 – This category consists of low use/low maintenance areas that are rarely accessed by children. Examples include school grounds that are fenced off to restrict access by students.
- Land Use Category #5 – This category consists of vegetable and/or flower gardens.

### Land Use Category #1 (Playground Areas)

For Land Use Category #1 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) (25 feet by 25 feet) in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample shall have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 6,250 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 10 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #1 sampling component). See Table 1.

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this

homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### Land Use Category #2 (Highly Accessible Areas/Barren Sports Fields)

For Land Use Category #2 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 ft<sup>2</sup> (25 feet by 25 feet) in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample shall have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 9,375 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 15 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #2 sampling component). See Table 1.

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### Land Use Category #3 (Maintained Grass Areas/Grass Sports Fields)

For Land Use Category #3 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 2,200 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample shall have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 10,890 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 5 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #3 sampling component). See Table 1.

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### Land Use Category #4 (Low Access Areas/Low Maintenance Areas/Open Space)

For Land Use Category #4 sampling components, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 3 subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 2,200 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample shall have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be

21,780 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 10 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #4 sampling component). See Table 1.

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### Land Use Category #5 (Flower/Vegetable Gardens)

In order to limit disturbance in small components (such as vegetable and flower gardens), only one sample location will be used when the component area is approximately 50 ft<sup>2</sup> or less in area. For Land Use Category #5 sampling components greater than 50 square feet in area, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of two subsample locations or at a rate of 1 subsample per 625 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area per sampling component, whichever is greater. When applicable, subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury. Each subsample shall have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single composite sample will be 3,125 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 5 subsamples will be collected from any single Land Use Category #5 sampling component). See Table 1.

Samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc<sup>®</sup> bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Sample volumes will consist of approximately 500 to 800 grams of material. Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

#### SOURCE AREA COMPOSITE

A composite sample is collected in potential source areas (waste rock piles, mine dumps, etc.). This composite sample characterizes the surface material in the source areas where direct exposure to residents may occur and identifies the potential effect of the source area on the surrounding parcel through runoff.

In cases where a potential source area is contained within two or more lot boundaries, these property boundaries are used as sampling limits when selecting subsample sites for the source area composite. Characterization sampling of a potential source area for purposes of determining environmental risk is outside the scope of this SOP.

#### OPPORTUNITY COMPOSITE

Subsamples are collected in the areas within a parcel where dissimilar materials are noted and combined into composite samples. The opportunity samples are collected separately because of the material differences between the noted materials and the lot soils.

## SAMPLE COLLECTION

Samples will be collected based upon land use area composites described previously. Subsample density and locations within the composite areas are determined based on the size of the area to be represented by the subsample, and specific locations within the composite areas that may require sampling. The depth interval from which samples are collected within the composite area is dependent on the area type. Subsample density, location, and depth intervals are discussed in the following sections.

## SUBSAMPLE LOCATIONS

Sample locations within sampling components will be determined by sampling personnel based upon site-specific conditions.

## SAMPLING DEPTH INTERVALS BY COMPOSITE AREA

This SOP addresses soil sampling to decide whether a remedial action is required in non-residential RMAP parcels.

All subsample locations will be plotted on the map representing each parcel sampled. Photographs will be taken of yard components and any unusual features, as deemed necessary by field personnel. All information will be recorded on field data sheets and/or in the field logbook.

## SAMPLE DEPTHS

Samples from all non-garden components will be collected from the following depth intervals: 0 to 2 inches bgs, 2 to 6 inches bgs, and 6 to 12 inches bgs. Decisions regarding collection of additional “opportunistic” samples will be made in the field by sampling personnel and/or Agency personnel.

Most areas are expected to be covered with grass; consequently, surface samples will be collected from immediately beneath the vegetative mat, or in the absence of vegetation, in the 0 to 2 inch bgs and 2 to 6 inch bgs intervals. If a vegetative mat (sod) is present, it will be separated from the soil surface with a stainless steel knife or equivalent. The removed vegetative mat will be shaken and scraped over the sample collection container to dislodge any soil particles. All dislodged particles will be placed in the sample.

Exceptions to this procedure will occur when the sample location falls on a graveled or similar surface. If the surface material is coarse-grained material free of intermixed materials, the samples will be collected from the 0 to 2 inch, 2 to 6 inch, and 6 to 12 inch soil layers immediately beneath the coarse-grained material. However, if the graveled driveway or similar surface contains soil/dust material on the surface, the samples will be collected from the surface, in the 0 to 2 inch, 2 to 6 inch, and 6 to 12 inch layers.

Subsurface samples from vegetable and flower gardens will be collected from the following depth intervals: 0 to 2 inches bgs, 2 to 6 inches bgs; 6 to 12 inches bgs; 12 to 18 inches bgs; and

18 to 24 inches bgs.

#### SAMPLE ANALYSIS AND DATA VALIDATION

After collection and compositing, samples will be prepared and analyzed for constituents of concern using the methods described in the site-specific QAPP. Analytical results will be validated according to the most current EPA direction and/or as amended by the site-specific QAPP. The validated analytical results will be used to make decisions on remedial actions.

## **RESIDENTIAL METALS ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE RMAP SOP-1B FIELD QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLES**

Field quality control (QC) is a part of the Project Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) program and is described in detail in the site-specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the preparation and collection frequency of field duplicate samples and field equipment rinsate blanks.

#### **FIELD DUPLICATE SAMPLES (COMPOSITE SAMPLING)**

At least one set of field QC samples will be prepared for each sampling event (e.g. in this case, one sampling day). QA/QC samples will be collected at a frequency of 1:20. If the number of field QC samples taken is not equal to an integer multiple of the interval, then the next higher multiple will be used. For example, if a frequency of 1:20 is indicated and 28 samples are taken, then two QC samples will be prepared.

All field QC samples shall be shipped with field samples to the contract laboratory as per Standard Operating Procedure (*Soil Sample Packaging and Shipping*) (SOP-SA-01).

One field duplicate will be taken 1:20 and as follows:

A field duplicate consists of one well-mixed and homogenized sample that is split in the field into two samples and placed in different sample containers for separate analyses. Each duplicate shall be analyzed for identical chemical parameters.

As with all other samples, samples to be split for duplicate samples will be thoroughly mixed in a clean 1-gallon plastic Ziploc® bag or stainless steel bowl to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analysis. During this homogenization process, particles greater than 0.5 inches in diameter will be discarded. Once the homogenization process is complete, the natural sample is split into two samples.

1. Collect an adequate volume of sample to accommodate two sample containers.
2. Process the samples (as per SOPs) for each duplicate.
3. Label the two sample containers with appropriate sample numbers.
4. Record duplicate number, sample number, and sample location in the field logbook.

## **SAMPLE PROCESSING REPLICATE SAMPLES (ISM SAMPLING)**

One sample processing replicate will be collected per ISM decision unit. Per RMAP-SOP-2, a slab cake will be created for each ISM 2-12” depth interval ISM replicate sample. This slab cake will be gridded into 30 equally sized sections and used to develop the sample processing replicate sample. Using the same procedure used for collecting the ISM replicate sample, the sample processing replicate will be collected using a new disposable square bottom plastic scoop to collect even subsample aliquots from each of the 30 grids in the slab cake. Each scoop is placed into an appropriate labeled quart Ziplock bag. Enough material should be obtained to send approximately 1 to 1.5 kg to the lab (a near full quart sized Ziplock bag).

## **FIELD EQUIPMENT RINSATE BLANKS**

One field equipment rinsate blank (when appropriate) will be collected 1:20 and as follows:

1. Run distilled, de-ionized, or analyte free water over appropriately decontaminated equipment.
2. Collect the “rinsate” in the appropriate sample container with appropriate chemical preservative.
3. Label the sample container with the appropriate sample numbers.
4. Record equipment rinsate number, source of rinsate, and preservative used in the field logbook.



**RESIDENTIAL METALS ABATEMENT PROGRAM**  
**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**RMAP-SOP-2**  
**NON-RESIDENTIAL PARCEL**  
**INCREMENTAL SAMPLING METHODOLOGY (ISM)**  
**SOIL SAMPLING**

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to provide instructions for collecting soils sample under the ISM for eligible areas within RMAP non-residential Park and Play Areas. This SOP will ensure that a consistent ISM sampling approach will be implemented in areas approved to be characterized by data collected using ISM.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM) is used to characterize the average concentrations of inorganic constituents of concern for parks where land use is limited to Land Use Category #3 and/or #4 (as defined in the QAPP). The relevant exposure area may comprise the entire park, or the entire portion of a park with consistent cover and land use. Because the goal of sampling is to obtain a reliable estimate of the average COC concentration across the exposure area, it may therefore be more appropriate to identify an entire park in the larger maintained turf and low access areas using ISM. The ISM approach is a structured composite sampling and processing protocol that reduces data variability and provides reasonably unbiased estimates of mean contaminant concentrations in a volume targeted for sampling. Representative samples of specific soil volumes defined as decision units (DUs), characterized above, are obtained by collecting numerous increments of soil that are combined, processed, and subsampled according to protocols outlined below.

### **SAMPLING APPROACH**

For Land Use Category #3 (grassy areas such as sodded lawn areas and turf covered sports fields) and #4 (low use/low maintenance areas that are rarely accessed by children) incremental decision units, subsamples will be collected from a minimum of 30 incremental subsample locations or at a rate of 1 incremental subsample location per 4,400 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area, whichever is greater. Subsamples from these locations will be composited in the field, and a single composite sample per depth interval will be analyzed for arsenic, lead, and mercury (see Table 4). Each subsample should have similar mass so that each location is equally represented in the total sample mass. The maximum area represented by a single incremental sample will be 440,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (meaning a maximum of 100 incremental subsample locations will be collected from any single Land Use Category #3/#4 incremental sampling decision unit) (see Table 1).

Samples will be thoroughly homogenized in the field to ensure representativeness of the aliquot ultimately submitted for analyses (see Table 4 and Field SOPs in Attachment C-1). For the 0 to 2" depth interval, the entire composite sample will be submitted to the laboratory. For the 2 to 12" depth interval, a 1 to 1.5 kilogram sample will be submitted to the laboratory.

Samples will be submitted to the laboratory by the samplers under chain of custody procedures.

For Land Use Category #3 areas equal to or less than ¼ acre in area will be sampled according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling). For Land Use Category #4 areas equal to or less than ½ acre in area will be sampled according to the composite sampling guidelines established in Section 3.2 (RMAP Composite Soil Sampling).

## **INCREMENTAL SAMPLING**

Sample collection devices include manual soil probes and designated core collection containers. The following procedure is designed to be used to collect soil samples from the 0 to 12 inch horizon. These procedures may be modified in the field based on field and site conditions after appropriate annotations have been made in the field logbook.

1. Locate the site as directed in the appropriate Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
2. **Complete a site walk through and determine any site specific hazards associated with the sampling area.** Discuss with sampling crew and note in the field logbook. During the site walk through, note possible locations for underground utilities. As an example, identify where natural gas pipes enter any structures on the property or if yard lights or street lights are present with no overhead lines. Determine if an underground sprinkling system is present. If sample locations have not been assigned in the QAPP, note the probable locations of underground utilities and try to avoid those areas when choosing sample locations. If sample locations are identified in the QAPP use the appropriate survey method to locate.
3. **Identify Multiple Increment Sample Sites.** Each Park will have an approved Field Sampling Plan (FSP) which includes an approved sampling area figure that delineates the land use areas, also known as the Decision Unit (DU). Each DU identified for ISM sampling will be gridded out with a minimum of 30 equally sized areas across the DU. Within each grid, there will be a single point for the natural subsample location and two separate points for both replicate subsample locations per the ISM sampling guidance requirements. The sampler will use field judgment to determine the individual subsample locations within each grid respectively, but the three locations shall be as evenly and spatially distributed as possible. This will allow the ability to work around potential hazards and avoid marked underground utilities and dense tree canopies that can interfere with sample collection and core recovery. Each location will be marked with colored pin flags, or equivalent, to distinguish between the three sample types (natural and two replicates) and marked electronically for use in the sampling as-built drawing and project documentation. This process will be completed for each grid in the DU until all locations are marked and ready for core collection.

4. **Recover core from subsample location.** Ensure that you have the appropriate level D PPE prior to starting work. Use the soil probe equipped with the core collection tube to advance the sampling tube to 12 inches below ground surface (bgs). If unable to advance to 12 inches (hit refusal) or obtain poor core recovery, discard and move to a new location within close proximity to original location. Obtain a complete core from that subsample location. It is important to note that some soil types may become compressed, and you might not obtain a complete 12 inch core. Ensure that the core tube was advanced to total depth of 12 inches bgs (can have a marker on the side of the core tube to visually see when depth has been achieved). Adjust the bgs depth accordingly for the sod mat. Sod mat thickness can vary, but generally ranges from 1” to 1.5” in well maintained lawn areas. Sampler will have a better gauge once the first subsample location has been cored.

5. **Split core into appropriate sampling interval.** Ensure that you have the appropriate nitrile gloves, or equivalent when handling samples for this step and the remaining steps requiring handling of samples. Each DU will be comprised of a minimum of 6 samples. Each sample represents a depth interval below ground surface (bgs). The first depth interval being 0-2 inches bgs and the second being 2-12 inches bgs. The 0-2” interval will be identified as number 6 as defined in the QAPP for labeling convention and 2-12” interval will be identified as number 7 respectively. Additionally, each sample within the DU for each respective depth interval will be labeled with an A, B, or C to distinguish between the three replicates (See the QAPP or SAP for more detail). Use the Core Correlation equation to split the core into the appropriate depth intervals:

$$R = L/H$$

R = Recovery

L = Length of Sample (inches)

H = Depth of Sample Interval (Inches)

i.e., Cored from 0"-12" and obtained a soil core of 9".

$$L = 9"; H = 12"$$

$$R = 9/12 = 0.75$$

How much to take for 0"-2" Sample Interval?

$$L = R * H = 2 * 0.75 = 1.5"$$

How much to take for 2"-12" Sample Interval?

$$L = R * H = 10 * 0.75 = 7.5"$$

$$\text{Total Length} = 9"$$

$$1.5 + 7.5 = 9 \text{ check (ok)}$$

6. **Placing core in appropriate sampling container** – Place the correlated depth interval into the appropriate sample container (5-gallon bucket or equivalent) and move to the

next grid and repeat steps 3-4 for the appropriate sample within that grid (location is marked by the same-colored flag for the natural and two replicate samples as required for ISM). Continue this process until all grids (ISM Locations) have been sampled. This same process will be implemented on both replicate samples within the DU, yielding 6 samples for Field ISM.

- 7. Field Homogenization of the ISM sample.** Ensure appropriate PPE and sampling gloves are worn while handling samples. Each sample will be homogenized in the field using a portable battery powered mortar mixer equipped with a stainless-steel mixing paddle, or equivalent. Blend the sample in the appropriate sample container with the mortar mixer to an even and consistent mixture of soil particle sizes. Be sure to maintain the entire portion of the sample within the sample container.

NOTE: For the 0 to 2” depth interval, the entire homogenized ISM sample will be submitted to the laboratory, therefore skip to Step 12 in this SOP. For the 2 to 12” depth interval, a 1 to 1.5 kilogram portion of the ISM sample will be submitted to the laboratory, therefore proceed to Step 8 below.

- 8. Preparing a surface for sample splitting.** Cut a fresh clean piece of visqueen/poly sheeting to cover the portable table. Ensure the visqueen/poly is secure to the table. This can be done by folding the edges of visqueen/poly under the table and securing with tape on the corners and mid sections of the table.
- 9. Creating a slab cake for splitting.** In a continuous motion, flip the sample container with the homogenized sample to empty the contents on the visqueen/poly covered sample table. The goal is to produce a perfect slab cake when the sample container is lifted. Ensure all contents are emptied from the sample container.
- 10. Grid the slab cake in to 30 equally sized grids.** This may be achieved by using any desired tool with the appropriate edge (i.e. end of the sampling scoop handle) to manually draw a 5 evenly spaced rows across the grid in one direction and then 6 evenly spaced rows perpendicular (5x6 creating 30 grids).
- 11. Subsample aliquot sample collection.** Use a new disposable square bottom plastic scoop to collect even subsample aliquots from each of the 30 grids in the slab cake. Each scoop is placed into an appropriate labeled quart Ziplock bag. Enough material should be obtained to send approximately 1 to 1.5 kg to the lab (a near full quart sized Ziplock bag). Excess soil can be placed back down the core holes soil was collected from or discarded by means approved in the QAPP.
- 12. Homogenizing subsample in prep for collecting Hg split.** Close the Ziplock bag and hand knead to homogenize the sample collected as consistent with the QAPP and SOP 01-RMAP-SOP-1A for non-residential parcel composite soil sampling collection.
- 13. Collect subsample for Hg split.** Collect a split from the Ziplock sample bag and place in an appropriately labeled 4oz amber glass jar for Hg analysis. To further ensure homogenization and representativeness, the aliquots for the mercury subsample will be obtained from several areas of the homogenized sample bag using a clean scoop.
- 14. Field Preservation of samples collected.** Place the labeled 4oz amber jar Hg sample in the bubble wrap and place on ice in the cooler while in the field. The As and Pb sample can be shipped at ambient temperature. Mercury samples can be held in the temperature

monitored temporary sample storage refrigerator at the Pioneer office until shipment.

15. **Documentation of sampling event and field notes.** Ensure that all appropriate field information/notes are documented along with GPS locations of all sub sample locations. GPS can be done simultaneously with steps 2 and 3.

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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

### SOP-S-01

### SURFACE SOIL SAMPLING

A surface sample is defined as a mineral soil sample collected from immediately beneath the vegetative mat. It generally includes some interval from the upper six inches of soil. Surface sampling under biased conditions may be selected after considering factors such as type of contaminant, length of time the area has been contaminated, the type of soil and the past use of the area.

#### **GRAB SAMPLE:**

Sample collection devices include stainless steel scoops or trowels, disposable Teflon trowels or for inorganic contaminants disposable plastic scoops. The following procedure is designed to be used to collect a surface soil sample from the 0-6 inch horizon. These procedures may be modified in the field based on field and site conditions after appropriate annotations have been made in the field log book. These procedures are **not to** be used when sampling for volatile organic compounds. The procedure for collecting volatile organic samples is included in Section 3 of this SOP.

1. Locate the site as directed in the appropriate Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
2. Complete a site walk through and determine any site specific hazards associated with the sampling area. Discuss with sampling crew and note in the field logbook. During the site walk through, note possible locations for underground utilities. As an example identify where natural gas pipes enter any structures on the property or if yard lights or street lights are present with no overhead lines. Determine if an underground sprinkling system is present. If sample locations have not been assigned in the QAPP, note the probable locations of underground utilities and try to avoid those areas when choosing sample locations. If sample locations are identified in the QAPP use the appropriate survey method to locate.
3. Dig a 6 to 12-inch square pit to a depth of approximately 6 inches. The size and depth of the sample pit required would depend on the amount of material needed for sample analysis and the interval to be sampled. If a sod mat is present, it shall be separated from the mineral soil surface with the chosen sampling tool. The removed sod mat shall be shaken and scraped over the sample collection bowl to dislodge any mineral soil particles. All dislodged particles shall be placed in the sample. If the surface material is coarse-grained material free of intermixed materials (i.e., graveled driveway) the sample will be collected from the layer below the protective barrier. However, if the graveled driveway, alley or lot contains soil/dust material on the surface the sample will be collected from the appropriate interval. If the sample area is unvegetated the sample material will be collected from the designated depth intervals below ground surface.

4. Measure the interval to be sampled (0-6 inches) with a stainless steel tape measure, a ruler or other calibrated marking device and mark the appropriate interval.
5. Scrape the walls of the sample pit within the marked interval with a decontaminated stainless steel trowel or scoop, a Teflon scoop, or a disposable plastic scoop to expose a clean surface.
6. Once the wall of the test pit has been cleaned, collect the sample by scraping the appropriate interval on the cleaned face of the pit with the sampling tool and placing the material in a decontaminated stainless steel bowl, a new cleaned foil pan or gallon Ziploc bag.
7. Remove all coarse fragments greater than 0.5 inches from the bowl. Mix the remaining material in the bowl with the sampling tool.
8. Transfer the soil sample directly into the appropriate sample container according to Standard Operating Procedure (*Soil and Water Sample Packaging and Shipping*) (SOP-SA-01) and store in a cooler at 4°C or less.
9. Record appropriate information about the sample collection in the field logbook.
10. Decontaminate sampling tools according to procedures outlined in Standard Operating Procedure (*Equipment Decontamination*) (SOP-DE-02).

## **COMPOSITE SAMPLING**

In many situations a composite sample is more appropriate for sample collection than a grab sample. Several types of composite samples can be collected. A biased composite sample can be collected by the sampler identifying specific spots within the sample area that appear to be contaminated or not contaminated and digging sample pits in those locations. Composite samples can also be collected randomly as defined in the QAPP.

Sub samples are often collected in a five-point (star) pattern. At each point, a subsample of a predetermined depth is collected. The diagonal distance between points is commonly ten feet depending on the area of soil homogeneity. Sub samples can also be collected in a three-point (triangular) pattern. At each point, a subsample of predetermined depth is collected. The diagonal distance between the points is commonly ten feet depending on the area of soil homogeneity. The precise method for compositing the sample will be discussed in the QAPP. Each subsample test hole will be prepared and sampled in the manner discussed above under Grab Samples.

1. Composite samples will consist of discrete aliquots of equal amounts of soil from each subsample location. The soil aliquots will be collected into a stainless steel bowl or gallon Ziploc and thoroughly mixed. During the homogenization process, large particles (greater than 0.5 inch in diameter) will be discarded. After mixing, the sample will be placed in a one quart plastic bag and labeled. Any remaining sample material will be

returned to the sample holes. A sufficient quantity of soil will be collected in each sample container to provide for analysis with additional soil left over to be archived. An alternative method of compositing soil subsamples is with a large disposable plastic or canvas sheet. The subsamples are mixed in the center of the sheet. Each corner is pulled up and toward the diagonally opposite corner. This process is done from each corner. After the soil is mixed, it is again spread out on the cloth into a relatively flat pile. The pile is quartered. A small scoop is used to collect small samples from each quarter until the desired amount of soil is acquired. Note: High concentrations of organic chemicals in soils can react with the plastic sheet. The sampler may also “eyeball” an equal amount of sample material from each hole into a resealable plastic bag (i.e. Ziploc®). The sample material would be thoroughly mixed between each subsample pit and prior to placing in the appropriate sample containers.

2. Remove all coarse fragments greater than 0.5 inches from the container. Mix the remaining material in the container with the sampling tool.
3. Transfer the soil sample directly into the appropriate sample container according to Standard Operating Procedure (*Soil and Water Sample Packaging and Shipping*) (SOP-SA-01).
4. Record appropriate information about the sample collection in the field logbook.
5. Decontaminate sampling tools according to procedures outlined in Standard Operating Procedure (*Equipment Decontamination*) (SOP-DE-02).

## **VOLATILE ORGANIC SAMPLING**

1. Locate the site as directed in the appropriate QAPP.
2. Do a site walk through and determine any site specific hazards associated with the sampling area. Discuss with sampling crew and note in the field logbook. During the site walk through note possible locations for underground utilities. As an example identify where natural gas pipes enter any structures on the property or if yard lights or street lights are present with no overhead lines. If sample locations have not been assigned in the QAPP, note the probable locations of underground utilities and try to avoid those areas when choosing sample locations. If sample locations are identified in the QAPP use the appropriate survey method to locate.
3. Dig a 6 to 12-inch square pit to a depth of approximately 6 inches. The size and depth of the sample pit required would depend on the amount of material needed for sample analysis and the interval being sampled. If a sod mat is present, it shall be separated from the mineral soil surface with the chosen sampling tool. The removed sod mat shall be shaken and scraped over the sample collection bottle to dislodge any mineral soil particles. All dislodged particles shall be placed in the sample. If the surface material is coarse-grained material free of intermixed materials (i.e., graveled driveway) the sample will be collected from the appropriate layer below the protective barrier. However, if the



graveled driveway, alley or lot contains soil/dust material on the surface the sample will be collected from the appropriate interval. If the sample area is unvegetated the sample material will be collected from appropriate depth below ground surface.

4. Measure the interval to be sampled (0-6 inches) with a stainless steel tape measure or a ruler and mark the appropriate interval.
5. Scrape the walls of the sample pit within the marked interval with a decontaminated stainless steel trowel or scoop, a Teflon scoop, or a disposable plastic scoop to expose a clean surface.
6. After the face of the test pit has been cleaned either immediately place the sampling container into the sample pit and collect the sample by scraping the appropriate interval of mineral soil directly into the sample container, material should be packed in as tightly as feasible and the sampler should try to avoid getting large particles in the jar. The sampling container should be filled to the top with little to no headspace and the lid placed on the container as soon as the jar is full. The sample should be placed immediately in a cooler at 4°C or less.
7. Record appropriate information about the sample collection in the field logbook.
8. Decontaminate sampling tools according to procedures outlined in Standard Operating Procedure (*Equipment Decontamination*) (SOP-DE-02).

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## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

### **SOP-DE-01**

#### **EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION**

All equipment leaving the contaminated area of a site must be decontaminated. Decontamination methods include removal of contaminants through physical, chemical or a combination of both methods. Decontamination procedures are to be performed in the same level of protection used in the contaminated area of a site. In some cases, decontamination personnel may be sufficiently protected by wearing one level lower protection. The information for site specific equipment decontamination and personnel protection levels as detailed in the sampling and analysis or work plan should be followed.

The following decontamination procedures are for typical uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, for a specific or unusual contaminant such as dioxins, see the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (SSHASP). Decontamination procedures should be used in conjunction with methods to prevent contamination of sampling and monitoring equipment. One time use equipment should be used if practical, and disposed of in accordance with the SSHASP.

#### **INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS - HEAVY METALS:**

1. Remove gross contamination with a tap water rinse. If available, use pressurized or gravity flow tap water, if not a 5 gallon bucket of tap water and a stiff brush may be used.
2. Wash equipment in a solution of soap (no phosphate) and tap water with a stiff brush.
3. Triple rinse the equipment with tap water.
4. Triple rinse the equipment with de-ionized or distilled water.
5. If specified in the site Sampling or Work Plan, rinse the equipment with a mixture of 10:1 nitric acid in distilled water (10 parts water to 1 part nitric acid). In many cases, the tap water and de-ionized water rinses will be sufficient.
6. If a nitric rinse is used, rinse the equipment again with distilled water.
7. Place equipment on plastic sheeting or foil to air dry.
8. Wrap equipment in foil or plastic wrap to transport or store.

### **ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS:**

1. Remove gross contamination physically with a disposable paper towel or if available with a tap water rinse using pressurized or gravity flow. If water is not available on site the equipment can be rinsed using a five gallon bucket of tap water and a stiff brush
2. Wash equipment in a solution of soap (no phosphate) and tap water with a stiff brush.
3. Triple rinse the equipment in tap water.
4. Triple rinse the equipment with de-ionized water.
5. Rinse the equipment with methanol (if appropriate, see site Sampling Plan or Work Plan to determine appropriate chemical rinses). If testing for dioxins, a hexane triple rinse will be included as part of the decontamination.

### **EQUIPMENT USED FOR DECONTAMINATION:**

1. Triple rinse equipment (brushes, buckets, tubs) used in the decontamination process with water, preferably pressurized.
2. Agitate the equipment used in the decontamination process in the soap/tap water solution. (The tub which holds the solution will only have the water rinse.)
3. Triple rinse equipment with tap water.
4. Place equipment in appropriate areas, so they are used only for decontamination purposes (label if necessary).

### **DISPOSAL OF DECONTAMINATION SOLUTIONS:**

1. Proper disposal of the soap/tap water solution, the tap water rinse, and the de-ionized water rinse is to a proper waste water container.
2. Proper disposal of the solvent rinse is to a proper organic solvent waste container.
3. When contaminants have been identified, either in the solutions or elsewhere on the site, solutions should be disposed of appropriately as discussed in the site specific Health and Safety plan. If they are hazardous (characteristic, listed, etc.) dispose of them as such.
4. WHEN USING OTHER THAN THE ABOVE MENTIONED SOLUTIONS, BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER AND THE PROJECT MANAGER. SOME SOLVENTS MUST BE EVAPORATED.

## **RESIDENTIAL METALS ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

#### **SOP-SA-01**

### **SOIL SAMPLE PACKAGING AND SHIPPING**

1. In most cases, all sample containers collected from a specific sample location are placed in a large ziplock bag and shipped together. Samples will then be placed in a cooler. The samples will be surrounded with non-contaminating packaging materials to reduce movement.
2. The Field Team Leader or their designated representative will double check the chain-of-custody forms to assure those samples recorded on the chain-of-custody form are in the cooler. The Field Team Leader or the designated representative will then sign the chain-of-custody form to relinquish custody.
3. One copy of the signed chain-of-custody form will remain with the Field Team Leader. A photocopy may be made of the completed form if there are no carbon copies available. The paper work will then be placed in a sealed ziplock bag and taped to the inside of the cooler lid. If the shipping cooler contains more samples than can be analyzed in one analytical batch, the laboratory may request that the samples in the cooler be bagged for separate analytical batches. This may be necessary so that the appropriate Quality Control/Quality Assurance samples are included in each analytical batch. In this case separate chain-of-custody forms will be filled out for each batch and included in the appropriate bags. The chain-of-custody forms for each batch will be placed in a sealed ziplock bag and included at the top of the bag so that they are clearly visible to laboratory personnel when they open the bags.
4. The cooler will be labeled with the appropriate shipping labels (NOS, flammable liquids, flammable solids, this side up, fragile, etc.).
5. The cooler will then be closed and the appropriate shipping label (overnight shipping from Federal Express, UPS or the United States Postal Service or equivalent) will be affixed to the lid.
6. The Field Team Leader or the designated representative will sign COC seals and place the signed seals over the opening edge of the cooler.
7. Tape will then be placed over the custody seals and around the cooler.
8. The cooler(s) will then be transported to a secure storage, to the shipping agent, or directly to the laboratory.

Note: Bagging of samples and lining of coolers will not be necessary if samplers transport samples directly to the laboratory.

# **RESIDENTIAL METALS ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

### **SOP-SA-04**

#### **CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES**

This standard operating procedure (SOP) establishes the requirements for documenting and maintaining environmental sample chain-of-custody from point of origin to receipt of sample at the analytical laboratory. This procedure shall apply to all types of air, soil, water, sediment, biological, and/or core samples collected in environmental investigations. It is applicable from the time of sample acquisition until custody of the sample is transferred to an analytical laboratory.

Chain-of-custody is an unbroken trail of accountability that ensures the physical security of samples, data and records. Custody refers to the physical responsibility for sample integrity, handling, and/or transportation. Custody responsibilities are effectively met if the samples are:

- In the responsible individual's physical possession;
- In the responsible individual's visual range after having taken possession;
- Secured by the responsible individual so that no tampering can occur; or
- Secured or locked by the responsible individual in an area in which access is restricted to authorized personnel only.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **PROJECT MANAGER:**

1. The Project Manager is responsible for overall management of environmental sampling activities, designating sampling responsibilities to qualified personnel, and reviewing any changes to the sampling plan.

##### **FIELD TEAM LEADER:**

1. The Project Manager may act as the Field Team Leader or may choose to appoint a Field Team Leader.
2. The Field Team Leader is responsible for general supervision of field sampling activities and ensuring proper storage/transportation of samples from the field to the analytical laboratory. Chain-of-Custody forms will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness to preserve sample integrity from collection to receipt by an analytical lab by the Field Team Leader. The review of chain-of-Custody forms may be delegated to qualified personnel. The Field Team Leader is responsible for sample custody until the sample has been properly relinquished as documented on the chain-of-custody form.

### **FIELD SAMPLER:**

1. The Field Sampler is responsible for sample acquisition in compliance with technical procedures, initiating the Chain-of-Custody, and checking sample integrity and documentation prior to transfer.
2. Field samplers are also responsible for initial transfer of samples consisting of physical transfer of samples directly to the internal laboratory or transferred to a shipping carrier, (i.e., United Parcel Service or Federal Express) for delivery.

### **LABORATORY TECHNICIAN:**

1. The receiving Laboratory Technician is responsible for inspection of transferred samples to ensure proper labeling and satisfactory sample condition.
2. Unacceptable samples will be identified and segregated. The Laboratory Project Manager will be notified.
3. The Laboratory Technician will review the Chain-of-Custody for completeness and file as part of the project's permanent record.

### **EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:**

- Seals and Labels;
  - Chain of Custody forms and chain of custody seals (provided by contracted laboratory); and
  - Packing and shipping materials as necessary.
1. All samples shall be collected and handled in accordance with the appropriate Community Soils Operable Unit Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or methods described in the project Quality Assurance Project Plan or work plan. If volatile compounds are sampled then samples will be transported in insulated coolers with ice ('blue ice' is acceptable) as necessary to maintain temperature at 4° C +/- 2°C until receipt by the analytical laboratory otherwise storage at room temperature is acceptable.
  2. The Field Team Leader or designated Field Sampler shall initiate the Chain-of-Custody form for the initial transfer of samples.
  3. A Chain-of-Custody form will be completed and accompany every sample. The form includes the following information:
    - Project code;
    - Project name;
    - Samplers signature;
    - Sample identification;

- Date sampled;
  - Time sampled;
  - Analysis requested;
  - Remarks;
  - Relinquishing signature, date, and time; and
  - Receiving signature, date, and time.
4. The Field Sampler relinquishing custody and the responsible individual accepting custody shall sign, date, and note the time of transfer on the Chain-of-Custody form. (If the transporter is not an employee of sampling firm, the Field Sampler may identify the carrier and reference the bill of lading number in lieu of the transporter's signature.)
  5. One copy of the Chain-of-Custody form shall be filed as a temporary record of sample transfer by the Field Sampler. The original form shall accompany the samples and shall be returned to the sampling firm as part of the contracted laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) requirements. The original form will be filed as part of the project's permanent records.
  6. The Project Manager (or designee) shall track the Chain-of-Custody to ensure timely receipt of samples by an analytical laboratory.

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## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

### **SOP-SA-05**

#### **PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) establishes the requirements for documenting and maintaining field logbooks and photographs. These procedures shall apply to all types of air, soil, water, sediment, biological, and/or core samples collected during Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) environmental investigations. These procedures apply from the time field work begins until site activities are completed.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A designated field logbook or electronic device will be used for each field project. If field logbooks are utilized, each logbook shall have a unique document control number. The logbooks will be bound and have consecutively numbered pages. The information recorded in these logbooks shall be written in ink. The author will initial and date entries at the end of each day. All corrections will consist of a single line-out deletion in ink, followed by the author's initial and the date. No bound field logbooks will be destroyed or thrown away even if they are illegible or contain inaccuracies that require a replacement document.

The following information will be documented:

1. A description of the field task.
2. Time and date fieldwork started.
3. Location and/or a description of the work areas, including sketches if needed, any maps or references needed to identify locations, and sketches of construction activities. If the location is an often visited field area changes in conditions from previous field events should be noted.
4. Names and company affiliations of field personnel.
5. Name, company affiliation or address, and phone number of any field contact or official visitors.
6. Meteorological conditions at the beginning of fieldwork and any ensuing changes in these conditions.
7. Details of the fieldwork performed and reference to field data sheets if used.
8. Deviation from the task-specific Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), Work Plan (WP) or SOP.



9. All field measurements made.
10. Any field laboratory analytical results.
11. Personnel and equipment decontamination procedures, if appropriate.

For any field sampling work the following entries should be made:

1. Sample location and number.
2. Sample type and amount collected.
3. Date and time of sample collection.
4. Type of sample preservation.
5. Split samples taken by other parties. Note the type of sample, sample location, time/date name of person, person's company, and any other pertinent information.
6. Sampling method, particularly any deviations from the SOP.
7. Documentation or reference of preparation procedures for reagents or supplies that will become an integral part of the sample if available. This information may not be available for water or soil sampling bottles that come preserved from the laboratory or for preservative provided by the laboratory. Bottle blanks will need to be used to evaluate the provided reagents.
8. The laboratory where the samples will be sent.

Photographs will be taken of field activities. The following items shall be recorded for each photograph taken:

1. The date, the time of the photograph, and the general direction faced.
2. A brief description of the subject and the fieldwork portrayed in the picture.
3. Sequential number of the photograph.

An electronic copy and/or a hard copy of the photographs shall be placed in task files in the field office after each day of field activities. Any supporting documentation from the bound field logbooks or field data sheets shall be photo copied and placed in the task files to accompany the photographs once the field activities are completed. Alternatively, electronic field data collection can be utilized provided the data collected meets the requirements of this SOP and the applicable QAPP.

ATTACHMENT C-2  
LABORATORY SOPs

Attachment C-2  
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**TEST METHOD STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

**TITLE:** Soil Sieve  
**TEST METHOD** ENV-SOP-GBAY-0164  
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## 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for drying and sieving soil samples to obtain a portion of soil for analysis.

- 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ) - Not applicable to this SOP.
- 1.2 Applicable Matrices: Soils and sediments.
- 1.3 Personnel: The policies and procedures contained in this SOP are applicable to all personnel involved in the analytical method or non-analytical process.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

A sample is homogenized and air dried. After air-drying, the sample is then sieved through a selected sieve size. The portion that passes the sieve is then ready for analysis.

## 3.0 INTERFERENCES

Not applicable to this SOP.

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

## 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of

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solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

Requirements for container type, preservation, and field quality control (QC) for the common list of test methods offered by Pace are included in the laboratory's quality manual.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Hg Samples	Ziplock Bag	2 cups	Thermal: ≤ 6°C Chemical: None	28 Days
All Other Metals	Ziplock Bag	2 cups	Thermal: ≤ 6°C Chemical: None	6 Months
Organic Parameters	16 oz glass jar	2 cups	Thermal: ≤ 6°C Chemical: None	VOA 14 Days SVOA 7 Days

<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0006 *Sample Management* (current revision or replacement). Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation.

After receipt, samples are stored at ambient temperature until sample preparation. Prepared samples (extracts, digestates, distillates, other) are stored at ambient temperature until sample analysis.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

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## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment*	Manufacturer / Vendor*	Catalog #*
Sieve Shaker	RO-TAP®	RX-29
Sieve Shaker	Gilson	SS-15
Sieve Shaker	Endecotts	Minor 200
Sieve Shaker	Endecotts	Octagon 200
Sieve	Gilson or equivalent	Stainless steel, #10, #60, or other as needed
Sieve catch pans and lids	Gilson or equivalent	Stainless steel
Bakers' racks	Restaurant Supply	To hold 18" x 26" trays
Drying fan	Various	Local Store
Mortar ceramic/porcelain	Cole-Parmer	60322
Pestle ceramic/porcelain	Cole-Parmer	60323

\*Or Equivalent

### 7.2 Supplies

Supplies	Vendor	Model/Version
Aluminum Foil Cake Pan	Durable Packaging / Webstaurant	612604245
8x8 Ziploc Bags	Fisher Scientific	23700218
12x12 Ziploc Bags	Uline	S-14416
Freezer Paper	Fisher Scientific or equivalent	50-200-5215
Wooden Rolling Pin	Restaurant Supply	Local Store
Rubber Mallet	Various	Local Store
Scissors	Various	Local Store

\*Or Equivalent

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

Not applicable to this SOP.

## 9.0 PROCEDURE

- 9.1 Balance calibration must be verified daily prior to use. Refer to SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0115 *Support Equipment* (current revision or replacement).
- 9.2 For any USDA marked samples, refer to SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0121 *Regulated Soil Handling* (current revision or replacement). Containers will be labeled with a pink Regulated Soil sticker.
- 9.3 Pulling Samples
  - 9.3.1 Batch the samples in the LIMS.

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- 9.3.2 Pull the samples from either the soil Walk-In Cooler or from the ambient storage area in the Physical Testing Lab and organize them in the order to be processed. Their location will be dependent on the analytical work, if any, that will be done after the sieving.
- 9.4 Create a new Dry Sieve Worksheet File.
- 9.4.1 Use the Dry Sieve Template in the Dry Sieve folder, and make sure to “Save As”, using the Horizon Batch Number (HBN).
- 9.4.2 Fill in the drying information for each sample on the Worksheet.
- 9.5 Air Dry Samples
- 9.5.1 Wearing gloves, line a tray with freezer paper wax side down. Fold the sides of freezer paper up about 1- 1 1/2” on each side to form a “boat”.
- 9.5.2 Label the freezer paper with the sample number. Place the entire sample on the freezer paper. Multiple trays may be used for drying if a large sample volume was received.
- 9.5.3 Entire sample does not need to be dried if excess volume was received. Sample must be homogenized before splitting. Return undried portion to original container.
- 9.5.4 Weigh and document remaining sample mass. Some projects may require this to be labeled as “Archive”.
- 9.5.5 Spread the soil evenly. Break up all clumps into about 1/2” or less size pieces. This will speed the drying process and ease the disaggregation process prior to sieving. Continue this process for all samples in the set. Change gloves between each sample.
- 9.5.6 In the drying logbook record the sample numbers, date, time, temperature, and humidity when the samples are placed in the drying cabinet. Place the entire set in a drying cabinet to air dry overnight. Longer drying may be required for wetter samples.
- 9.6 Soil Disaggregation
- 9.6.1 After the samples are dried remove them from the drying cabinets. Record the date, time, temperature, and humidity in the drying logbook.
- 9.6.2 Place a tray on the counter. Pick any rocks, twigs or other foreign matter and set to the side of the freezer paper boat.
- 9.6.3 Disaggregate the soil. Disaggregation is the process of loosening the clumped soil. It is not meant to crush or reduce the natural particle size of the soil. Place a sheet of paper, wax side up, over the sample. Using a rolling pin, roll over the dried soil for 1-2 minutes. A rubber mallet or pestle may be used to disaggregate soil clumps. Take care that the sample remains on the freezer paper. If sample is hard clay, a porcelain pestle may be used to break up chunks, being careful not to crush rocks.
- 9.7 Soil Sieve Procedure Using #10 Sieve
- 9.7.1 Place sieve on catch pan or clean freezer paper, wax side down. Pour sample into #10 sieve and sift. Gently rub the sample remaining on the sieve to break up clumps. When no more sample passes through sieve, dump all remaining sample on top of sieve onto

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- a separate sheet of freezer paper. If large clumps are still present, repeat disaggregation and sieve until no clumps remain.
- 9.7.2 The sample portion remaining in the #10 sieve is then weighed, documented, and bagged with the sample number and a “Coarse Fragments” label on it.
- 9.7.3 Weigh, document, and place all the sample passing through the #10 sieve into a labeled Ziploc bag with the sample number and a “Fines” label on it. Add any organic matter that had been removed previously. This Organic matter may need to be cut up into smaller pieces using clean scissors.
- 9.7.4 Change gloves between samples.
- 9.8 Soil Sieving Procedure using sieves other than #10
- 9.8.1 Determine the sieve sizes and process to be used to meet project specifications.
- 9.8.1.1 Check with the project manager or lab manager for project specifications.
- 9.8.1.2 If multiple sieve portions are to be obtained, stack the set of sieves in the with the largest size openings on top to the smallest on the bottom, with a catch pan at the base.
- 9.8.1.3 If sieve sizes smaller than a #10 sieve are being used, the #10 sieve can be used to not plug up the smaller sieve. Anything retained by the #10 sieve must be considered part of the biggest sieve portion.
- 9.8.2 Pour the dried and disaggregated soil onto top sieve.
- 9.8.3 Record the sample number on the side of the catch pan. An abbreviated number may be used such as 407-1.
- 9.8.4 All dried contents are poured onto the sieve including the rocks and foreign matter that had been set to the side. The organic foreign matter may need to be cut up into smaller pieces using clean scissors.
- 9.8.5 Place the set of sieves on a mechanical shaker. Tighten the mechanical shaker adjustments so that the sieves fit tightly and securely in the mechanical shaker. Set the timer for 10 minutes and begin the sieve shaking.
- 9.8.6 After 10 minutes remove the sieves from the mechanical shaker.
- 9.8.7 Weigh, document, and place all the sample contents in the catch pan into a labeled Ziploc bag with the sample number and a “Fines” label on it.
- 9.8.8 Great care should be taken in matching the sample number written on the catch pans to the sample numbers on the labeled container.
- 9.8.9 Certain projects may require that the portion of sample above the sieve be retained. If this is required pour the sample remaining on top of the sieve(s) into a second bag, label with the lab number and mark “Coarse Fragments”. Zero the balance with the same bags used, then weigh and document the mass of this portion.
- 9.8.10 Record the sieve date, analyst, shaker ID, and sieve size used on the Soil Sieve Prep Log. Note if coarse fragments were retained.

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9.9 Pulverization - Some projects or methods may require that the sieved sample be further pulverized prior to analysis. The sample may be pulverized with a motor and pestle or other method.

9.10 Cleaning Sieves – the sieves must be washed and dried between each use.

9.10.1 Place the sieves in the sink and scrub with a brush or green scrubbie and running hot water to remove any soil particles embedded in the mesh. Rinse well with tap water then rinse with deionized water. Soap is not used as it is very difficult to rinse from the sieves.

9.10.2 Place the sieves and catch pans in an oven to dry. Alternatively allow to air dry overnight on the counter.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

Not applicable to this SOP.

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

11.1 Quality Control - Not applicable to this SOP.

11.2 Instrument QC - Not applicable to this SOP.

11.3 Method Performance

11.3.1 Method Validation

11.3.1.1 Detection Limits - Not applicable to this SOP.

## 12.0 ANALYST QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0094 *Training and Employee Orientation* (current revision or replacement) for more information.

## 13.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

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The review steps and checks that occur as employees complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0120 *Data Review and Final Report Processes* (current revision or replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 13.1 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

There is no QC performed with this analysis.

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## 14.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable cycletainers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

## 15.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

## 16.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 17.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I: Sieve prep log (Example)

Attachment II: Dry Sieve Flow Chart

## 18.0 REFERENCES

18.1 Pace Quality Assurance Manual - most current version.

18.2 The NELAC Institute (TNI); Volume 1, "Management and Technical Requirement for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analysis" - most current version.

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Attachment I: Sieve Prep Log

Work Order	Date/Time In	Humidity In (%)	Temp In (°C)	Reviewed by				
Batch	Date/Time Out	Humidity Out (%)	Temp Out (°C)					
Samples	Sieve Date	Shaker ID	Archive Weight (g)		Weight of >60 Mesh (g)		Weight of <60 Mesh (g)	
			Analyst	Balance ID: 40BALW	Analyst	Balance ID: 40BALX	Analyst	Balance ID: 40BALX
-001		40SKR3						
-002		40SKR4						
-003		40SKR5						
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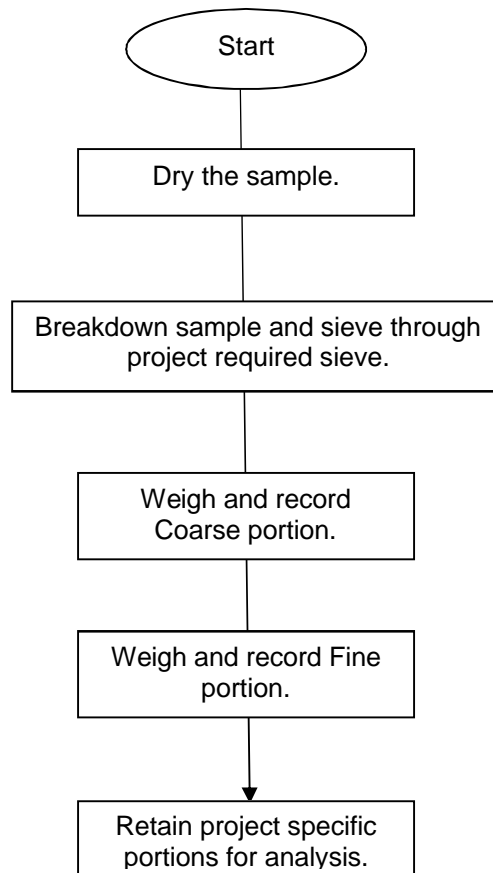
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## Attachment II: Dry Sieve Flow Chart



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**TEST METHOD** EPA Method 3050B

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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the preparation of solid samples using hot block digestion as described in EPA Method 3050B.

#### 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed. The current LOQ for each target analyte that can be determined by this SOP as of the effective date of this SOP is provided in the associated analytical SOP; SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0052 *Metals Analysis by ICP - Method 6010 and 200.7* or ENV-SOP-MIN4-0043 *Metals Analysis by ICP/MS - Method 6020 and 200.8* (or equivalent replacements).

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is the lowest point of the calibration curve used for each target analyte.

DL, LOQ, and RL are always adjusted to account for actual amounts used and for dilution.

#### 1.2 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to sediments, sludges and soil samples.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

A one-gram aliquot sample is digested in concentrated nitric acid, hydrochloric acid and hydrogen peroxide. After digestion, samples are brought to a final volume of 50mL. Digestates are then analyzed using Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) technologies for the determination of metals in solution.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

Sludge samples can contain diverse matrix types, each of which may present its own analytical challenge. Spiked samples and any relevant standard reference material should be processed in accordance with the quality control requirements given in SW-846 Sec. 8.0 to aid in determining whether Method 3050B is applicable to a given waste.

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### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Solid	8 oz glass jar	1 gram	<6°C, but above freezing	Must be analyzed within 180 days of collection. If mercury is requested, analysis must occur within 28 days of sample collection.

<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management*, or equivalent replacement.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

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**7.1 Equipment**

Equipment	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Mechanical pipettes	Various sizes	Fisher Scientific or equivalent
Hot Block™	54 Place Hot Block	Environmental Express
Analytical Balance	Ability to weigh to the nearest 0.01g	Fisher Scientific or equivalent

**7.2 Supplies**

Supply	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Digestion Cups	50 mL verified to class A specification	Environmental Express or equivalent
Vapor Recovery Device	Reflux cap or Watch glass	Environmental Express or equivalent
Resin beads	For solid matrix QC	Environmental Express or equivalent

**8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS**
**8.1 Reagents**

Reagent/Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
De-ionized (DI) water	ASTM Type II	Verify that background levels of volatile compounds are acceptable by analysis
Hydrogen Peroxide	30% ACS Grade	Fisher brand
Hydrogen Peroxide	30%, Optima Grade for tin only	Fisher brand
Concentrated nitric acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> )	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand
Concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl)	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand

**8.2 Standards**

Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
Metals Spike - Stock solution standards for LCS and MS/MSD	The solution identifications are METALS-STK1 and METALS-STK2. See Appendix A for composition	Purchased from Inorganic Ventures (or equivalent). Store at room temperature. Expires as specified by manufacturer.
Mercury Spike – Stock solution standards for LCS and MS/MSD	10 µg/mL Hg-STK Stock	Purchased from Spex Certiprep. Store at room temperature. Expires as specified by manufacturer.

**9.0 PROCEDURE**
**9.1 Equipment Preparation**
**9.1.1 Support Equipment**


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Verify the calibration of variable and fixed volume pipettes as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

Verify the calibration for the thermometer as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

### 9.1.2 Equipment

The hot block digestors are set to maintain a digestion temperature of 95 +/- 5!C. Use a NIST-traceable thermometer inserted into a digestion cup filled with 50mL of DI to measure the temperature of the hot block. The temperature should be checked in different wells of the hot blocks such that all wells are evaluated over a period of time. Record the temperature of each hot block daily in the temperature logbook.

Balances shall be checked prior to use on each working day with a NIST traceable reference in the expected range of use. Balances must be verified with weights of a class appropriate for the accuracy of the balance being calibrated. Verify the calibration for the balance as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (or equivalent replacement). Record the measurements of each weight in the daily balance verification logbook.

## 9.2 Sample Preparation

9.2.1 Obtain and label digestion tubes in the order for which samples will be weighed out.

9.2.2 Mix the sample thoroughly to achieve homogeneity. For each digestion procedure, weigh a 1-1.1g portion of sample (to the nearest 0.01g) and transfer to a 50 mL digestion cup. Alternative sample volume may be used based on sample matrix. Weigh out 3 aliquots for the batch QC sample (background, matrix spike (MS), and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) being sure to weigh them as close to the same weight as possible.

9.2.2.1 Create a method blank and a laboratory control sample (LCS) by weighing out 1 gram of resin beads for each.

9.2.2.2 Spike the LCS, MS/MSD each of METALS-STK1 and METALS-STK2. If mercury is requested spike 0.25 mL of Hg-SPK stock.

9.2.3 Add DI to the 10mL marking for each sample.

9.2.4 Add 7.5mL of concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub>, mix the slurry, and cover with a reflux cap. Heat the sample to 95 +/- 5!C and reflux for 70 minutes without boiling. Record initial Hot Block temperature in the digestion log. Observe the sample during heating for brown fumes indicating oxidation of the sample. If this occurs, add up to an additional 5 mL HNO<sub>3</sub> and re-heat. Repeat this process until no fumes are given off during heating. Record on the digestion log to what samples and how much additional acid was added.

**NOTE:** When mercury is a requested analyte, watch glasses will be used rather than reflux caps.

9.2.5 Cool the sample 10 minutes. Add 2.5mL of 30% hydrogen peroxide. Cover with reflux cap and return to the Hot Block for warming which will start the peroxide reaction. Care must be taken to ensure that losses do not occur due to vigorous effervescence. Heat until effervescence subsides for a total of 10 minutes. Cool the samples in the plastic cups.

**NOTE:** Use Optima grade hydrogen peroxide if the analysis of tin (Sn) is required. Tin is used as a stabilizer in the ACS grade of hydrogen peroxide.

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9.2.5.1 If effervescence does not subside, continue to add 30% hydrogen peroxide in 1mL aliquots with warming until the effervescence is minimal or until the general sample appearance is unchanged. Note in the comments section of prep sheet the additional aliquots.

**NOTE:** Do NOT add more than a total of 10mL hydrogen peroxide.

- 9.2.6 Add 5mL of concentrated HCl, return the sample to the Hot Block and reflux for an additional 15 minutes without boiling.
- 9.2.7 Remove samples from Hot Block and record final temperature in digestion log. Allow samples to cool. Bring samples up to a final volume of 50 ml with DI water. Cap and invert several times for proper mixing.
- 9.2.8 Samples may be allowed to sit overnight while solid materials settle out or samples may be centrifuged for 15 minutes at a rate of 1000 rpm. If samples are centrifuged, all QC samples including the method blank and laboratory control sample (LCS) must also be centrifuged.

### 9.3 Documentation

#### 9.3.1 Digestion Records

Record the necessary information in the electronic preplug using template version F-MN-I-330-Rev.01. Information includes batch and sample ID, initial and final volumes, prep date, prep analyst, supporting equipment, and lot numbers of solutions used. Also include any additional comments if needed. Save file in prep log with the naming convention;

“Queue HBN Method” i.e. MPRP 555222 6020A

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

### 10.1 Calculations

Refer to associated analytical SOP for equations and common calculations.

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### 11.1 Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to associated analytical SOP for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)	As needed
Matrix Spike (MS)	Prepared with each batch of samples. Client specific requirements may result in a greater number of MS or MS/MSD sets in a batch
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.

### 11.2 Method Performance

#### 11.2.1 Method Validation

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**11.2.1.1 Detection Limits**

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* (or equivalent replacement) for these procedures.

**11.3 Analyst Qualifications and Training**

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (or equivalent replacement) for more information.

**12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION**
**12.1 Data Review**

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* (or equivalent replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

**12.2 Corrective Action**

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

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Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

Refer to the associated analytical SOP for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

### 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable containers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

### 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

- 14.1 The preparation method has been modified in terms of the amounts of reagents used and the individual heating times. The chemistry is maintained. Reason for this modification is better performance for silver and antimony. PT samples are analyzed regularly to validate that the modifications are effective. Per the method, the nitric acid and peroxide amounts are varied based on the sample reaction and this is the case with the Pace method. Overall, the Pace digestion ends up with a higher total acid concentration.
- 14.2 The final volume for the Pace method is 50 mL, opposed to 100 mL for the reference method.
- 14.3 Samples are processed using the Hot Block digestion system employing metals free disposable plastic ware rather than glass beakers.

### 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

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Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Stock Standard Summary

## 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-VI-2016-Rev.2.1.

Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste Physical/Chemical Methods, SW-846, Third Edition. Method 3050B.

40 CFR Appendix B to Part 136, *Definition and Procedure for the Determination of the Method Detection Limit - Rev 2*, August 28, 2017.

## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

This Version:

Section	Description of Change
8.2	Updated concentration description for the metals spike
9.1.2	Include balance calibration verification
9.2.2.2	Update spike sources and volumes
9.3.1	Provide greater detail for documentation procedure ie batch nomenclature.
Appendix A	Added/updated spike sources
9.1.2	Include balance calibration verification
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9.2.2.2	Update spike sources and volumes

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**Appendix A: Metals Standard Reference**
**Stock standards used for solid sample preparation**

METALS-STK1		METALS-STK2		Hg-SPK	
ZPACEMN-116		ZPACEMN-106		MERC-STK1 Stock	
Element	(mg/L)	Element	(µg/L)	Element	(µg/L)
Ca	2000	Si	500	Hg	10000
Fe	2000	Sb	100		
Mg	2000	Mo	100		
K	2000	Sn	100		
Na	2000	Ti	100		
Al	2000	S	2000		
Ba	100	As	100		
Be	100	Pd	20		
Bi	100	Pt	20		
B	100	Se	100		
Cd	100				
Cs	100				
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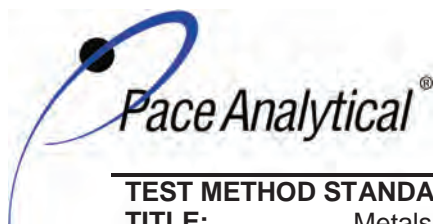
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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the preparation of aqueous samples using hot block digestion as described in EPA Method 200.7 and EPA SW-846 Method 3010A.

#### 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed. The current LOQ for each target analyte that can be determined by this SOP as of the effective date of this SOP is provided in the associated analytical SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0052 *Metals Analysis by ICP – Method 6010 and 200.7* (current version or equivalent replacement) or ENV-SOP-MIN4-0043 *Metals Analysis by ICP/MS – Method 6020 and 200.8* (current version or equivalent replacement).

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is the lowest point of the calibration curve used for each target analyte.

DL, LOQ, and RL are always adjusted to account for actual amounts used and for dilution.

#### 1.2 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to aqueous samples, mobility-procedure extracts, and liquid waste

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

**2.1** Aqueous samples are digested in concentrated Nitric Acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) and Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) at 95°C ± 2°C. Samples requiring dissolved metal analysis must be filtered through a 0.45 micron (µm) filter prior to preservation.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

**3.1** The analyst should be cautioned that this digestion procedure may not be sufficiently vigorous to destroy some metal complexes.

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

### 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous

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chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

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The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Liquid	Plastic 250mL	25 mL	HNO <sub>3</sub> to pH < 2	Must be analyzed within 180 days of collection.

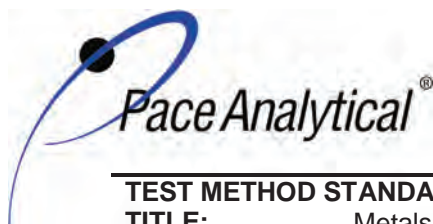
<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management* (current version or equivalent replacement).

If samples are received at pH >2, the samples need to have additional preservative added. This is generally performed in sample receiving upon receipt. The samples are required to equilibrate for 24 hours before conducting digestion. The time of addition of the acid and the time of digestion are documented. The pH is re-verified after the 24-hour time limit. If the sample is still > 2 pH, contact the PM for client notification on how to proceed. If the digestion is conducted, the samples are to be qualified for the pH discrepancy.

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Samples requiring dissolved metals analysis should be filtered in the field through a 0.45 um filter. If the samples are requesting lab filtration, perform the filtration through a 0.45 um filter in the lab and acidify or filter into a nitric preserved container. Check the pH to ensure it is less than 2.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Mechanical pipettes	Various sizes	Fisher Scientific or equivalent
Hot Block™	54 Place Hot Block	Environmental Express
Analytical Balance	Ability to weigh to the nearest 0.01g	Fisher Scientific or equivalent

### 7.2 Supplies

Supply	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Digestion Cups	50 mL verified to class A specification	Environmental Express or equivalent
Vapor Recovery Device	Watch glass or Reflux cap	Environmental Express or equivalent
Filters	0.45 µm	Celltreat or equivalent

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### 8.1 Reagents

Reagent/Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
De-ionized (DI) water	ASTM Type II	Verify that background levels are acceptable by analysis
Concentrated nitric acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> )	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand
Concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl)	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand

### 8.2 Standards

Reagent/Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
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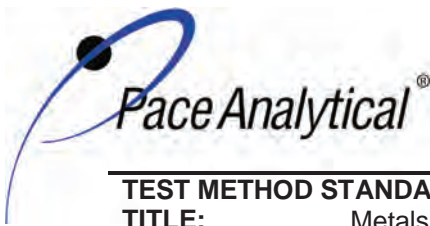
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Calibrate variable and fixed volume pipettes as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (current or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

Calibrate the thermometer as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (current or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

### 9.1.2 Equipment

The hot block digestors are set to maintain a digestion temperature of 95 +/- 2!C. Use a NIST-traceable thermometer inserted into a digestion cup filled with 50mL of DI to measure the temperature of the hot block. The temperature should be checked in different wells of the hot blocks such that all wells are evaluated over a period of time. Record the temperature of each hot block daily in the temperature logbook

## 9.2 Sample Preparation

**9.2.1** Transfer a 25 mL representative aliquot of the well-mixed sample to a labeled digestion vessel. Record the volume used in the prep log.

**9.2.1.1** Create a method blank (MB) and a laboratory control sample (LCS) using DI water.

**9.2.1.2** If the samples are filtered in the lab for dissolved metals, an associated filter blank must be performed and be digested with the batch of samples filtered. The filter blank is not in substitution of the MB, but in addition to.

**9.2.2** Spike the LCS and matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) samples with 0.25 mL of each metals spike solution.

**9.2.3** Add 0.5 mL of concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> and 1.25 mL of concentrated HCl. If samples originate from WI, perform according to SWI ENV-SWI-MIN4-0011 *Wisconsin Procedures for 3010A, 3020A and 3050B SWI* (current version or equivalent replacement).

**9.2.4** Place in a hot block at 95°C ± 2!C. Document the block temperature.

**9.2.5** Cover each sample with a plastic ribbed watch glass.

**9.2.6** Gently reflux for 4 hours, the volume will be approximately 5 mL at this time. Do not allow the samples to boil or to go to dryness.

**9.2.7** Remove samples from the digest block and allow to cool.

**9.2.8** Bring samples to a 25 mL final volume with DI water. Cap and mix the samples. Record the final volume in the prep log.

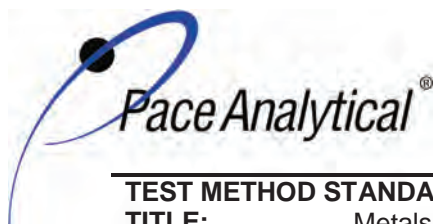
**9.2.9** Filter the samples if needed – filtration is to be done only if there is concern that insoluble materials may clog the nebulizer. If any sample is filtered, the MB and LCS must also be filtered.

**9.2.9.1** Use the filter mates to plunge-filter the sample in the existing cup.

## 9.3 Documentation

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**9.3.1 Digestion Records**

Record the necessary information in the electronic prep-log using template version F-MN-I-328 (current version or equivalent replacement). Information includes batch and sample ID, initial and final volumes, prep date, prep analyst, supporting equipment, and lot numbers of solutions used. Include any additional comments or observations as needed.

**10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS**
**10.1 Calculations**

Refer to associated analytical SOP for equations and common calculations.

**11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE**
**11.1 Quality Control**

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to associated analytical SOP for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Filter Blank (FB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples if associated samples are lab filtered.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)	As needed
Matrix Spike (MS) <sup>1</sup>	Prepared with each batch of samples. Client specific requirements may result in a greater number of MS or MS/MSD sets in a batch
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD) <sup>2</sup>	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.

<sup>1</sup> WIDNR requires the use of a lab created matrix solution from unused samples when insufficient volumes remain for preparation of routine MS/MSD.

<sup>2</sup> In the event that only samples identified as Equipment Blanks and/or Field Blanks are available, and LCS/LCSD will be prepared in place of MS/MSD.

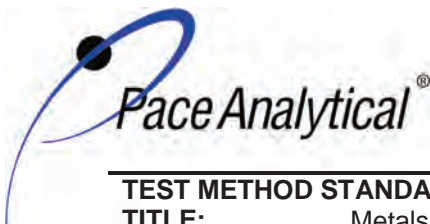
**11.2 Method Performance**
**11.2.1 Method Validation**
**11.2.1.1 Detection Limits**

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* (current version or equivalent replacement) and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* (current version or equivalent replacement) for these procedures.

**11.3 Method Performance**


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### 11.3.1 Method Validation

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### 11.4 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Training and Orientation Procedures* (current version or equivalent replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

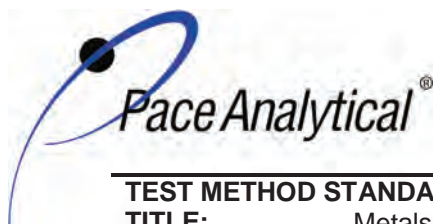
A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* (current version or equivalent replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

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Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

Refer to Appendix B for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

### 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable cycletainers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

### 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

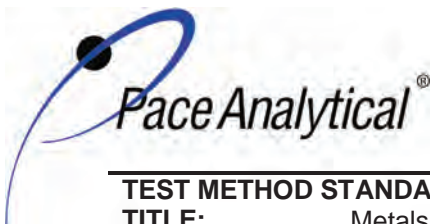
A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* (current version or equivalent replacement) for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

**14.1** The target analytes noted in section Appendix A may be more comprehensive than that outlined in method 3010A. Annual verification by PT, DOC, and MDL are conducted to document the verification and suitability of this method for these analytes. Records are maintained in the QA Office and are available for review.

**14.2** The scope of the method has been expanded to include analytes that have better solubility and stability in HCl. Because of this, HCl is added immediately in the digestion. This is consistent with EPA Method 200.7.

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- 14.3** Pace procedure uses a final HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration of 2% and a final HCl concentration of 5%. This is less HNO<sub>3</sub> than prescribed in method 3010A. The final HCl concentration is more than what is called for in 200.7 due to the concentration of the silver spike at 500 ug/L. For 200.7 samples, Pace will re-prep if results are greater than 100 ug/L at a 50x dilution. Pace can demonstrate the ability to keep silver in solution up to 500 ug/L based on the dilution process.
- 14.4** The procedure is consistent with EPA 200.7 because the scope of analytes are similar to the analysis for EPA SW-846 6010B and 6010C.
- 14.5** The method specifies a 100 mL representative aliquot of sample. Pace utilizes a 25 mL aliquot of sample, employing the hot block digestion system rather than glassware.
- 14.6** The 4-hour digestion time is a modification of the 2 hours indicated in 200.7 due to the difference in the amount of time it takes to achieve a 5-fold sample volume reduction, using the digestion tubes and watch glasses with the hot block.

## 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Stock Standard Summary

## 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-VI-2016-Rev.2.1.

Method 200.7 Revision 4.4, 1994, Determination of Metals and Trace Elements in Water and Wastes by Inductively Coupled Plasma-atomic Emission Spectrometry.

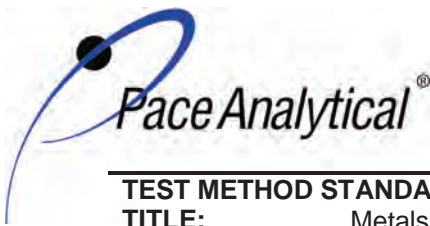
Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste Physical/Chemical Methods, SW-846, Third Edition. Method 3005A, July 1992.

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40 CFR Appendix B to Part 136, *Definition and Procedure for the Determination of the Method Detection Limit - Rev 2*, August 28, 2017.

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**18.0 REVISION HISTORY**

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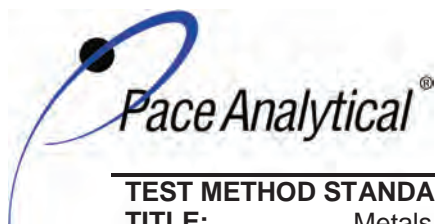
Section	Description of Change
8.2	Replaced "PACE 67AW" with "METALS-STK1"; Replaced "Pace 67BW" with METALS-STK2"; and Replaced "Inorganic Ventures" with "Spex".
9.1.1	Replaced SOP reference NW-0016 with MIN4-0161.
9.2.3	Replaced SWI reference I411 with MIN4-011.
11.2.1.1	Replaced SOP reference NW-0018 with MIN4-0163.
11.3.1.1	Replaced SOP reference NW-0018 with MIN4-0163.
11.4	Replaced SOP reference NW-0025 with MIN4-0165.
Appendix A	Updated standard reference names and info.

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**Appendix A: Metals Standard Reference**
**Table 1: Stock standards used for aqueous sample preparation**

METALS-STK1		METALS-STK2	
ZPACEMN-116		ZPACEMN-106	
Element	(mg/L)	Element	(mg/L)
Al	2000	S	2000
Ca	2000	Si	500
Fe	2000	As	100
Mg	2000	Mo	100
K	2000	Sb	100
Na	2000	Se	100
B	100	Sn	100
Ba	100	Ti	100
Be	100	Pd	20
Bi	100	Pt	20
Cd	100		
Co	100		
Cr	100		
Cu	100		
Li	100		
Mn	100		
Ni	100		
P	100		
Pb	100		
Sr	100		
Tl	100		
Ur	100		
V	100		
Zn	100		
Ag	50		

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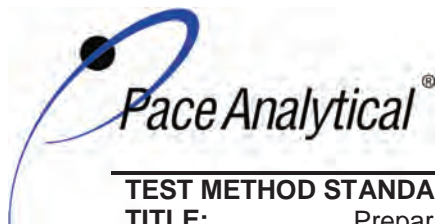
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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the preparation of aqueous samples using hot block digestion as described in EPA Method 3020A and EPA 200.8.

#### 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed. The current LOQ for each target analyte that can be determined by this SOP as of the effective date of this SOP is provided in the associated analytical ENV-SOP-MIN4-0043 *Metals Analysis by ICP/MS – Method 6020 and 200.8* (or equivalent replacement).

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is the lowest point of the calibration curve used for each target analyte.

DL, LOQ, and RL are always adjusted to account for actual amounts used and for dilution.

#### 1.2 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to ground, surface, drinking, and storm runoff water samples; industrial, and domestic waste waters.

Dissolved elements are determined after suitable filtration and acid preservation. In order to reduce potential interferences, dissolved solids should not exceed 0.2 % (w/v).

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

A 25mL aliquot sample is digested in concentrated nitric and hydrochloric acids. After digestion, samples are brought to a final volume of 25mL. Determinative analyses include using Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP-MS) technologies for trace metals in solution.

Samples requiring dissolved metals analysis must be filtered through a 0.45 micron ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) filter prior to preservation.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0043 for discussion of potential interferences.

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

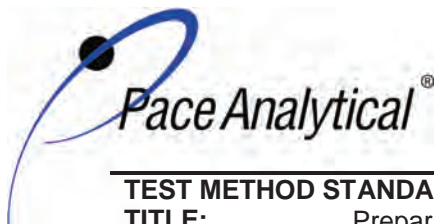
Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

### 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

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The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Aqueous	250 mL Plastic	25 mL	Acidified <sup>2</sup> with nitric acid to pH<2, stored ambient	Must be analyzed within 180 days of collection.

<sup>1</sup> Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

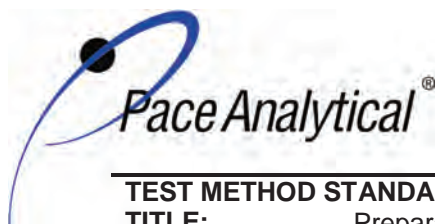
<sup>2</sup> Samples must equilibrate for a minimum of 24 hours following acidification. Lead and Copper Rule Monitoring and Reporting Guidance for Public Water Systems, EPA 816-R-10-004, March 2010, Exhibit II-9, Samples must stand in the original container used for sampling for at least 28 hours after acidification.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management*, or equivalent replacement. Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation.

After receipt, samples are stored either at ambient or 6°C until sample preparation. Prepared samples digestates are stored at ambient temperatures until sample analysis.

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After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Mechanical pipettes	Various sizes	Fisher Scientific or equivalent
Hot Block™	54 Place Hot Block	Environmental Express
Analytical Balance	Ability to weigh to the nearest 0.01g	Fisher Scientific or equivalent

### 7.2 Supplies

Supply	Description	Vendor/Item #/Description
Digestion Cups	50 mL verified to class A specification	Environmental Express or equivalent
Vapor Recovery Device	Reflux cap or Watch glass	Environmental Express or equivalent
Filters	0.45 um	Celltreat or equivalent
Filters	filter mates	Environmental Express, # SC0401

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### 8.1 Reagents

Reagent/Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
De-ionized (DI) water	ASTM Type II	Verify that background levels of volatile compounds are acceptable by analysis
Concentrated nitric acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> )	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand
Concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl)	Trace Metal grade	Fisher brand

### 8.2 Standards

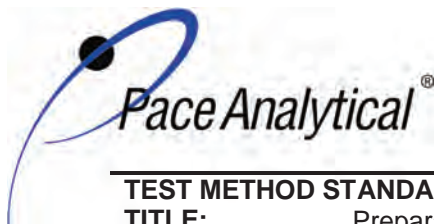
Reagent/Standard	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item #
Metals Spike - Stock solution standards for LCS and MS/MSD	The solution identifications are ZPACEMN-105 and ZPACEMN-106. See Appendix A for composition	Purchased from Spex (or equivalent). Store at room temperature. Expires as specified by manufacturer.

## 9.0 PROCEDURE

### 9.1 Equipment Preparation

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**9.1.1 Support Equipment**

Calibrate variable and fixed volume pipettes as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

Calibrate the thermometer as specified in in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0161 *Support Equipment* (or equivalent replacement). Calibration records are kept in the QA Office.

Calibrate the turbidimeter as specified in SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0110 *Turbidity*. Calibration is performed every 30 days or as needed.

**9.1.2 Equipment**

The hot block digestors are set to maintain a digestion temperature of 95 +/- 2!C. Use a NIST-traceable thermometer inserted into a digestion cup filled with 50mL of DI to measure the temperature of the hot block. The temperature should be checked in different wells of the hot blocks such that all wells are evaluated over a period of time. Record the temperature of each hot block daily in the temperature logbook.

**9.1.3 Turbidity Screen**

Samples submitted under SDWA may be analyzed directly without digestion if the turbidity is <1 NTU with the exception of samples requiring the determination of silver. All other samples will be digested following procedures outlined in section 9.2.

9.1.3.1 Verify the expiration date for the current calibration.

9.1.3.2 Using the barcode scanner and barcode sheet (Appendix B) scan the CRDL barcode to enter the sample ID into the instrument. Place the CRDL vial into the vial compartment and close the lid. Repeat with the CCV and CCB.

9.1.3.3 All quality control check samples must meet acceptance criteria prior to analyzing samples. If criteria are not met, the instrument may need to be recalibrated.

QC Sample	True Value	Acceptance	Frequency
CRDL	0.5 NTU	60-140%	Daily, prior to each analytical batch
CCV	10 NTU	90-110%	Daily, before sample analysis, and after every 10 samples.
CCB	N/A	< 1 NTU	Daily, before sample analysis, and after every 10 samples.

9.1.3.4 Allow the samples to come to room temperature before analysis.

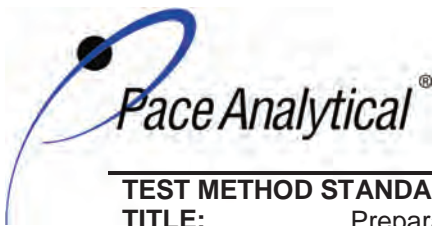
9.1.3.5 Mix the samples gently but thoroughly to disperse the solids throughout the container, allowing for air bubbles to disappear prior to taking an aliquot of sample. Carefully dab off any water or moisture on the outside of the sample cell and remove any smudges using a Kimwipe.

9.1.3.6 Scan the sample IDs into the instrument from the barcodes on the batch worklist.

9.1.3.7 Ensure the sample has remained homogenous and place vial containing sample into the vial compartment and close the lid. Record results using preplug template F-VM-M-023 *ICP/ICPMS DW Turbidity* (or equivalent replacement). Detections

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exceeding 1 NTU will be scheduled for digestion and analysis, results less than 1 NTU will be scheduled for direct analysis.

### 9.2 Sample Preparation

- 9.2.1 Obtain and label digestion tubes in the order for which samples will be poured out.
- 9.2.2 Transfer a well-mixed 25 mL acid preserved aliquot of the sample to a labeled digest cup. Document the initial volume used.
  - 9.2.2.1 Create a method blank (MB) and laboratory control sample (LCS) using DI water.
  - 9.2.2.2 If the samples are filtered in the lab for dissolved metals, an associated filter blank must be performed and be digested with the batch of samples filtered. The filter blank is not in substitution of the MB, but in addition to.
- 9.2.3 Spike the LCS (if applicable, LCSD) and matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) samples with 0.025 mL of the appropriate spiking standards.
- 9.2.4 Add 0.5 mL concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> and 0.25 mL concentrated HCl to each sample.
- 9.2.5 Cover each digest cup with a ribbed plastic watch glass.
- 9.2.6 Place samples in a hot block at 95°C +/- 2°C in the hot block. Document temperature of the hot block.
- 9.2.7 Gently reflux samples down to approximately 5 mL volume. Do not allow the samples to boil or to go to dryness.
- 9.2.8 Remove from hot block. Document the temperature of the hot block.
- 9.2.9 Allow the digest to cool. Bring up to a final volume of 25 mL with DI water, cap and mix.

**Note:** Filter the samples if needed – filtration is to be done only if there is concern that insoluble materials may clog the nebulizer. If any sample is filtered, the MB and LCS must also be filtered. Use the filter mates to plunge-filter the sample in the existing cup.

### 9.3 Documentation

#### 9.3.1 Digestion Records

Record the necessary information in the electronic prep log using template version F-MN-I-328 (or equivalent replacement). Information includes batch and sample ID, initial and final volumes, initial and final time, prep date, prep analyst, supporting equipment, and lot numbers of solutions used. Also include any additional comments if needed.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

### 10.1 Calculations

Refer to associated analytical SOP for equations and common calculations.

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### 11.1 Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to associated analytical SOP for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

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QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD) <sup>1,2</sup>	As needed when insufficient native sample volume exists
Matrix Spike (MS)	Prepared with each batch of samples. Client specific requirements may result in a greater number of MS or MS/MSD sets in a batch
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.
Filter Blank (FB)	If applicable

<sup>1</sup>WIDNR requires the use of a lab created matrix solution from unused samples.

<sup>2</sup>In the event that only samples identified as Equipment Blanks and/or Field Blanks are available, and LCS/LCSD will be prepared in place of MS/MSD.

## 11.2 Method Performance

### 11.2.1 Method Validation

#### 11.2.1.1 Detection Limits

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* for these procedures.

## 11.3 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (or equivalent replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

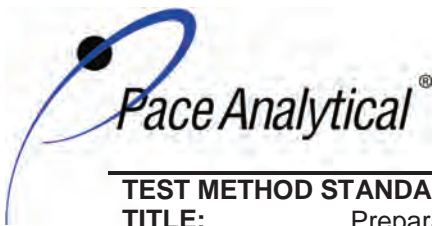
Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative

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measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

Refer to the associated analytical SOP for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

## 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable containers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

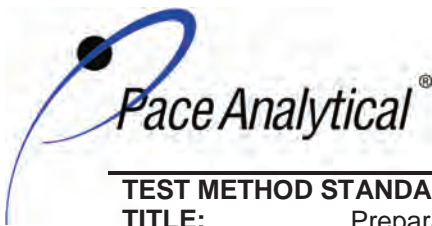
## 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV

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corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

- 14.1. The scope of the method for 3020A has been expanded to include additional metals that require HCl for best solubility and stability at the levels of analysis required by ICPMS. Due to this requirement method 3020A has been modified to include the addition of HCl to the digestion.
- 14.2. Our procedure uses a final concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> at 2% and a final HCl concentration of 1%. This is consistent with the digestion prescribed in EPA Method 200.8, however the final HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration differs from that prescribed in method 3020A.
- 14.3. Method 3020A has been modified to follow EPA 200.8 given the scope of metals in 200.8 are similar to the scope of metals in 6020A.
- 14.4. Our procedure uses 25 mL initial and final volumes using the hot block digestion system rather than glassware and 100 mL sample volume.

## 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Stock Standard Summary

Appendix B – Turbidity Barcodes

## 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.

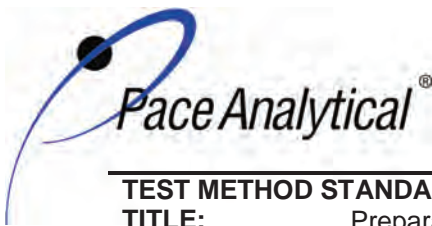
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Method 200.8, Determination of Trace Elements in Waters and Wastes by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometer, Revision 5.4, EMMC Version, May 1994.

40 CFR Appendix B to Part 136, *Definition and Procedure for the Determination of the Method Detection Limit - Rev 2*, August 28, 2017.

## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

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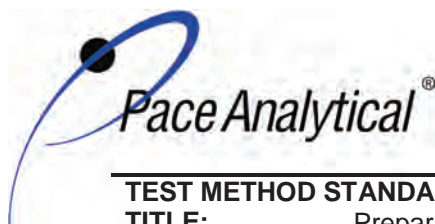
Section	Description of Change
7.2/8.2	Updated tables with new standards, spike information and remove resin pellets (N/A)
9.1.3.3	Updated CCRDL to CRDL.
App A	New standards, table updated accordingly.

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**Appendix A: Metals Standard Reference**
**Stock standards used for aqueous sample preparation**

ZPACEMN-105		ZPACEMN-106	
Element	(ug/mL)	Element	(ug/mL)
Ca	2000	Si	500
Fe	2000	Sb	100
Mg	2000	Mo	100
K	2000	Sn	100
Na	2000	Ti	100
Al	2000	S	2000
Ba	100	As	100
Be	100	Se	100
Bi	100	Pd	20
B	100	Pt	20
Cd	100		
Th	100		
Cr	100		
Co	100		
Cu	100		
Li	100		
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Mn	100		
Pb	100		
Ni	100		
Ag	50		
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**Appendix B: Turbidity Barcodes**

# Turbidity

 CRDL	
 CCVA	 CCVB
 CCV	 CCB
 CAL1	 CAL2
 ICV	 ICB

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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the determination of dissolved and total recoverable metals by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES).

#### 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

The target analytes and the normal LOQ that can be achieved with this procedure are provided in Table 1, Appendix A.

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed. The current LOQ for each target analyte that can be determined by this SOP as of the effective date of this SOP is provided in Table 1, Appendix A.

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is verified daily by running a QC solution (CRDL) at the LOQ and evaluating against method specific limits.

DL, LOQ, and RL are always adjusted to account for actual amounts used and for dilution.

#### 1.2 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to air filters, drinking water, ground water, aqueous samples, liquid samples, leachates, industrial wastes, soils, sludges, sediments, and other solid wastes.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

Prior to analysis, samples are solubilized or digested using appropriate sample preparation methods. This method describes the determination of elements by ICP-OES. The method measures element-emitted light by optical spectrometry. Samples are nebulized and the resulting aerosol is transported to the plasma torch. Element-specific atomic-line emission spectra are produced by a radio-frequency inductively coupled plasma. The spectra are dispersed by a grating spectrometer, and the intensities of the lines are monitored by a charge coupled device detector (CCD). All data is collected by simultaneous measurement. Software is used to measure and apply corrections due to background or inter-element interferences using a variety of techniques. Alternate wavelengths are also monitored for confirmation or to use in correction equations.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

- 3.1** Spectral Interferences are caused by background emission from continuous or recombination phenomena, stray light from the line emission of high concentration elements, overlap of a spectral line from another element, or unresolved overlap of molecular band spectra.
- 3.2** Spectral overlap can be compensated by computer-correcting the raw data after monitoring and measuring the interfering element. Unresolved overlap requires selection of an alternate

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wavelength. Background contribution and stray light can usually be compensated for by a background correction adjacent to the analyte line.

- 3.3** Physical Interferences are effects associated with the sample nebulization and transport processes. Changes in viscosity and surface tension can cause significant inaccuracies, especially in samples containing high dissolved solids or high acid concentrations. A high solids nebulizer is used on all instruments. Internal standards are also used to monitor and correct for physical effects.
- 3.4** Chemical interferences include molecular compound formation, ionization effects and solute vaporization effects. Normally, these effects are not significant with the ICP technique, but if observed, can be minimized by careful selection of operating conditions, use of an ionization buffer, or by matrix matching of standards and samples.
- 3.5** Memory interferences result when analytes in a previous sample contribute to the signals measured in the new sample. Memory effects can result from sample deposition on the uptake tubing to the nebulizer and from buildup of sample material in the plasma torch and spray chamber. Regular maintenance and awareness of samples with high concentrations minimize these interferences.

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

## 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

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## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Aqueous	250 mL Plastic	25 mL	Acidified <sup>2</sup> with nitric acid to pH<2, stored ambient	Must be analyzed within 180 days of collection.
Solid	8 oz glass jar	1 gram	<6°C, but above freezing	

<sup>1</sup> Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Samples must equilibrate for a minimum of 24 hours if acidification is performed in the lab.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management* (current or equivalent replacement). Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation.

After receipt, samples are stored either at ambient or 6°C until sample preparation. Prepared sample digestates are stored at ambient temperatures until sample analysis.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment	Description
ICPOES (Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer)	Agilent 5100 or 5110 ICP instrumentation equipped with an CCD Detector, full wavelength region. Each instrument has an associated auto-sampler and recirculating chiller.
Centrifuge	Thermo Sorvall Legend XT
Analytical Balance	Sartorius or equivalent, capable of weighing to 0.01g
Mechanical pipettors	Eppendorf, Fisher brand or equivalent replacement, various sizes
Glassware	Class A or B volumetric flasks and graduated cylinders of various sizes

### 7.2 Supplies

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Supply	Description
Argon gas	Praxair or equivalent, High purity grade, 99.99%
Filters	Filtermate filters, 2 um PTFE, Environmental Express, SC0408
Auto-sampler tubes	Moldpro or equivalent, 15 mL metals free auto-sampler tubes
Digestion cups	Moldpro or equivalent, 50 mL disposable digestion cups
Data-Uploading Software	Pace internal software used to transfer data from the instrument to the LIMS

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### 8.1 Reagents

Reagent	Description
Reagent water	ASTM Type I – 18 megaohm
Nitric Acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> ), trace metals grade	Fisher Scientific, A-509-P212 or equivalent
Hydrochloric acid (HCl), trace metals grade	Fisher Scientific, A-508-P212 or equivalent
4% (v/v) Nitric Acid/5% (v/v) Hydrochloric Acid Solution	400 mL nitric acid (above) + 500 mL hydrochloric acid (above) to 10 liters with ASTM Type I water (18 megaohm). Used for all blanks and rinsing and preparation of standards.

### 8.2 Standards

Reagent	Description
Calibration Stock Standards	Custom blend of elements. See Appendix D for the standard information
Initial Calibration Verification (ICV) Stock Standard solutions	Custom blend. Must be separate stock from the calibration standards. Spex Certiprep or equivalent. See Appendix D for the standard information
Wavelength Cal Solution	Various analytes, prepared in the lab
Internal Standards	Yttrium, Agilent or equivalent

## 9.0 PROCEDURE

### 9.1 Equipment Preparation

- 9.1.1 Pre-Start Checks:** Turn on the computer and load the software. Initiate appropriate operating configuration of the instrument's computer according to the instrument manufacturer's instructions. Check the following:
- 9.1.1.1** Verify the level of nebulizer waste and rinse waste, if more than half full, empty it into the acid waste stream
  - 9.1.1.2** Ar/O pressure - The argon supply pressure should be set at about 80-100psi. If the supply argon pressure falls below about 80psi, a safety interlock automatically shuts off the torch.
  - 9.1.1.3** Wash solution level - The wash solution supply is maintained in a 4-liter carboy. Ensure that there is sufficient volume present for the analytical sequence.

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**9.1.1.4** Peristaltic pump tubing - Change the sample and internal standard tubing, spray chamber drain tubing and the rinse station tubing as needed. Signs of degradation include flattened sections and hazy appearance. Allow at least 30 minutes for break-in period

**9.1.1.4.1** Adjust the pump-tubing in such a way to ensure proper flow prior to igniting the plasma. Decrease flow to where flow of bubble actually stops or barely moves. Turn knob 2 full turns.

**9.1.1.5** Ignite plasma while tubing is in a rinse solution, allow plasma to warm up at least 30 minutes and preferably 60-90 minutes.

**9.1.1.6** Use the warm up time to create the sequence and pour samples. Use Horizon Uploader to copy labels into the sequence.

**9.1.2 Support Equipment**

Chiller temperature, pressure and water level - The temperature should be regulated at  $20 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Check the current temperature on the chiller to ensure it is within this range. Check the inlet cooling water pressure that must be between 45 and 55psi. Check to ensure that chiller water level is full. If it is not, fill with Polyclear 30.

**9.1.3 Instrument**

**9.1.3.1 Routine Instrument Operating Conditions**

Instrument operating conditions vary by method and by instrument. All conditions are documented with each worksheet and cannot be modified after data has been generated. Instrument conditions are stored within a worksheet template. The analyst selects the appropriate Template for analysis. The analyst does not change operating conditions. Conditions are only changed during method development.

**9.2 Initial Calibration**

**9.2.1 Calibration Design**

**9.2.1.1** A calibration curve consists of a single point standard and a calibration blank.

**9.2.1.2** Additional calibration procedures (where applicable) can be found in ENV-POL-CORQ-0005 *Acceptable Calibration Practices for Instrument Testing* (current or equivalent replacement).

**9.2.2 Calibration Sequence**

**Example Analytical Sequence**

CAL0  
 CAL1  
 ICV  
 ICB  
 CRDLA  
 ICSA  
 ICAB

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**Fe 2000 SIC**  
**Ca 2000 SIC/LDR**  
**Al 1000 SIC/LDR**  
**Mg 1000 SIC/LDR**  
**Cu 50 SIC/LDR**  
**Mn 100 SIC**  
**Ba 20 SIC/LDR**  
**Cr 50 SIC/LDR**  
**Co 50 SIC/LDR**  
**CCV**  
**CCB**  
**V 20 SIC/LDR**  
**Ni 50 SIC/LDR**  
**Ti 20 SIC/LDR**  
**Mo 10 SIC/LDR**  
**Zr 20 SIC**  
**Ce 10 SIC**  
**U 20 SIC**  
**Cd 20 SIC**  
**Sn 20 SIC**  
**La 20 SIC**  
**CCV**  
**CCB**  
**LDR A**  
**LDR B**  
**LDR C**  
**CCV**  
**CCB**  
**CLIENT SAMPLES**  
**CCV**  
**CCB**

### 9.2.3 ICAL Evaluation

#### 9.2.3.1 Curve Fit

With a single point calibration model, a linear regression curve is established using a calibration blank and one non-zero standard with internal standard correction referencing Yttrium.

#### 9.2.3.2 Relative Standard Error (RSE)

With a single point calibration model using a calibration blank and one non-zero standard, relative standard error evaluation is not applicable.

#### 9.2.3.3 Initial Calibration Verification

In addition to meeting the linearity requirement, any new calibration curve must be assessed for accuracy in the values generated. To assess the accuracy, a

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single standard from a secondary source must be analyzed and the results obtained must be compared to the known value of the standard. This step is referred to as Initial Calibration Verification. The ICV, followed by an ICB, is analyzed immediately following an initial calibration curve.

#### 9.2.4 Continuing Calibration Verification

A CCV followed immediately by a CCB must be analyzed after every 10 samples and at the end of the analytical batch to verify the system is still calibrated.

### 9.3 Sample Preparation

- 9.3.1 Label all sample tubes so that each sample can be uniquely identified on the rack.
- 9.3.2 If any samples in a batch need to be filtered because of suspended material, use an Environmental Express Filtermate. The Method Blank and LCS must also be filtered if any samples are. Record the ID of the Filtermates used.
- 9.3.3 Centrifuge soil samples to minimize need for filtering.
- 9.3.4 Aqueous samples are poured without initial dilution unless historical data demonstrates otherwise.
- 9.3.5 Use Horizon Uploader to copy labels into the sequence.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

### 10.1 Quantitative Identification

- 10.1.1 Monitor all initial QC checks. One re-analysis of QC checks is allowed. If initial QC fails twice, make instrument modifications and recalibrate using a new worksheet from template.
- 10.1.2 During the sample analysis or after the analysis is completed, transfer valid data into LIMS system using LIMS LINK.
  - 10.1.2.1 Export data from instrument to CSV file.
  - 10.1.2.2 Open LIMSLINK
  - 10.1.2.3 Click open instrument, select CSV file from list, data will import
  - 10.1.2.4 Highlight QC + samples, select “Get LIMS Info”
  - 10.1.2.5 Run QC will prompt for Q-Batch # plus standard selection
  - 10.1.2.6 Sample data will prompt for SD/PDS source sample.
  - 10.1.2.7 Right click on samples to select/de-select elements
  - 10.1.2.8 Highlight samples to upload and select “Export Run to Epic Pro”.

**Note:** Be sure to make the appropriate selections in LIMSLINK rather than post-editing in EPIC. This provides for a much smoother experience and minimizes chance for error. If edits must be done in EPIC be sure to make edits prior to uploading new data from LIMSLINK, as this, again minimizes error due to confusion.

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- 10.1.3** When Complete, select “excel bench sheet”. Save the Excel Bench sheet to the instrument folder marked “LIMSLINK RAW DATA” Use convention of run date (e.g. 032917ICP5). Note discrepancies in the notes section of the run log (including dilutions, QC issues, re-runs, etc.).
- 10.1.4** In LIMS system make final adjustments and add any required footnotes. Complete checklist and turn data in for validation.
- 10.1.5** Documentation is a mix of electronic and paper files. Key data must be stored electronically so that data review may be performed from any location. Some documents are stored in the physical daily folder and archived for easy reference.
- 10.1.6** Label a physical file with the date. Record the file name, Q-Batch, and all prep batches on the folder for each run that day (example: 032917ICP5 and 032917ICP5B).
- 10.1.7** Store printed copies of batch worklist reports, the original checklist, a printed copy of the IEC Form 10-IN generated from Gandolf, and a printed copy of the run log from LIMSLINK file in this folder. If the data reviewer requests additional printed information they may print it themselves. Note, if data is validated remotely print a copy of the validation verification e-mail and include with each checklist.
- 10.1.8** Generate a copy of the raw data and print to the X:Drive.

## 10.2 Calculations

See the laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0171 *Laboratory Calculations* (current or equivalent replacement) for equations for common calculations.

- 10.2.1** Inter-element Correction Factor (IEC) = Concentration of apparent concentration (observed) in mg/L / Concentration of Interferent in mg/L.
- 10.2.2** The percent recovery of the spike is calculated from the following equation:

$$\% \text{ Recovery} = \frac{(\text{SSR}-\text{SR}) \times 100}{\text{ST}}$$

Where: SSR = Spiked Sample Result, ug/L or mg/kg dry  
 SR = Sample Result, ug/L or mg/kg dry  
 ST = Spike Target, ug/L or mg/kg dry

- 10.2.3** The relative percent difference between the MS/MSD can be calculated as follows

$$\text{RPD} = \frac{|(S-D)| \times (100)}{(S+D)/2}$$

Where: RPD = Relative Percent Difference  
 S = Original Spiked Sample Value, ug/L or mg/kg dry  
 D = Second Spiked Sample Value, ug/L or mg/kg dry

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**10.2.4** The corrected dry weight concentration can be calculated using the following:

$$\text{corrected dry wt conc} \left( \frac{c \times \frac{v_f}{wt_i}}{\% \text{ dry wt}} \right)$$

Where, c = concentration on instrument, µg/L  
 v<sub>f</sub> = final volume, L  
 wt<sub>i</sub> = initial weight, g

$$\% \text{ Dry weight} \left( \frac{\text{Sample Dry Weight}}{\text{Sample Wet Weight}} \times 100 \right)$$

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### 11.1 Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to Appendix B for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)	As needed
Matrix Spike (MS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for 6010B/C/D. 1 per batch of 10 or fewer samples for 200.7
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.
Serial Dilution	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for 6010B/C/D.
Post Digestion Spike	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for method 6010B/C/D.

### 11.2 Instrument QC

The following Instrument QC checks are performed. Refer to Appendix B for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Initial Calibration	Daily
Initial Calibration Verification (ICV)	Immediately after each initial calibration.
Spectral Interference Check Solutions (SIC)	Immediately after initial ICVA / ICVAB
Initial Calibration Blank	Immediately after each ICV.
Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV)	Prior to the analysis of any samples and after every 10 injections thereafter. Samples must be bracketed with a closing CCV standard.
Continuing Calibration Blank	Following every CCV injection

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CRDL / LLCCV verification	At the beginning of each run for 6010B/C/D/200.7 and at a minimum of once at the end of each run for 6010C.
ICSA verification	At the beginning of each sample run sequence after the CRDL.
ICSAB verification	This is analyzed following the ICSA when requested. This is required by certain clients. It is not a method requirement and need be analyzed only for clients specifying this in the QAPP.
Internal Standard	An appropriate internal standard is required.

### 11.3 Method Performance

#### 11.3.1 Method Validation

##### 11.3.1.1 Detection Limits

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* (current or equivalent replacement) and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* (current or equivalent replacement) for these procedures.

#### 11.3.2 Linear Dynamic Range (LDR)

Method 6010D requires that a LDR check sample be analyzed daily. Because of this requirement for 6010D, the LDR is established daily for all methods. For some elements a single element standard is used to establish the LDR while in other cases a mixed standard is used to establish the LDR. If an LDR standard is not analyzed for a particular analyte then the LDR defaults to the highest calibration point in the calibration curve. Data is reported up to 90% of the LDR. When evaluating interferences use values up to the full LDR for the interferent. The LDR may be established at higher or lower levels on a daily basis based on expected levels of samples being tested that day. The LDR may vary daily depending on slight changes in instrument performance (things like pump tubing wear, etc.). Refer to Appendix C : Linear Range Reference Table for default ranges and the typical standards used to establish them.

#### 11.3.3 Wavelength Calibration

The recommended minimum frequency is once per month. To ensure this, a wavelength calibration and detector calibration are both performed each time the torch is changed. For the 5100 and 5110 this is every 2-3 weeks. This is documented in the respective daily maintenance logs. We make the tuning solution and document in the Standards log in the LIMS. The number is also recorded in LIMSLINK. Making the tuning solution from single stocks is a significant cost savings over purchasing the tuning solution from Agilent.

##### 11.3.3.1 Agilent 5100 and 5110:

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- 11.3.3.1.1** Ensure the polyboost has been on for at least 30 minutes.
- 11.3.3.1.2** Go to the Instrument Page. Select Calibration.
- 11.3.3.1.3** With the Plasma off, click detector calibration. This will complete and update the date / time. It is automatically stored.
- 11.3.3.1.4** Ignite the plasma and allow for 30 minute warmup. Ensure snout purge is on; this is the default in the ignition sequence.
- 11.3.3.1.5** Introduce the tuning solution. Click Calibrate.
- 11.3.3.1.6** There will be a list of analytes with red indicating failing and green indicating passing.
- 11.3.3.1.7** If any fail, repeat 2 more times until all are green. Wait another 30 minutes if the polyboost was just turned on 30 minutes ago, before the final attempt.
- 11.3.3.1.8** If after 3 attempts all are red, then a service call is required.
- 11.3.3.1.9** Click the axial box and repeat steps 4-7.
- 11.3.3.1.10** If there are failures in either radial or axial mode only then this indicates the source of the problem.

#### 11.4 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (current or equivalent replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

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A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* (or equivalent replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

Refer to Appendix B for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

## 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable containers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

## 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* (current or equivalent replacement) for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

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### 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

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Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

### 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Target Analyte List and Routine LOQ

Appendix B – QC Summary

Appendix C – Linear Range Reference Table

Appendix D – Standard Reference Table

Appendix E – Interference Check Standard Reference Table

### 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

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7.1	Removed reference to Agilent 720 and added reference to 5100
8.2	Removed Agilent references from table
9.1.2	Updated temperature and water pressure requirements
9.2.2	Updated calibration sequence to current sequence
11.2	Updated Spectral Interference Check Solutions (SIC) frequency information to ICSA/ICSAB
11.3.3	Added references to 5100
11.3.3.2	Removed Agilent 700Series information
Appendix A	Updated Iron, Manganese, and Zinc Soil PRL limits
Appendix C	Updated title, Ba wavelength, Cu type to SIC.LDR, Si LDR to 50, standard to LDR, Ti Standard to Ti 20 SIC/LDR and type to SIC/LDR.
Appendix D	Updated title, updated all aliquots and final volume and stock concentrations and final concentrations as needed
Appendix E	Updated title, Aliquot volumes in Al, Ca, Fe, and Mg to 10

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## Appendix A: Target Analyte List and Routine LOQ

**Table 1: Routine Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)<sup>1</sup>**

Element	Water PRL (ug/L)	Soil PRL (mg/kg)
Aluminum	200	10
Antimony	20	1.0
Arsenic	20	1.0
Barium	10	0.50
Beryllium	5.0	0.25
Boron	150	7.5
Cadmium	3.0	0.15
Calcium	500	25
Chromium	10	0.50
Cobalt	10	0.50
Copper	10	0.50
Iron	50	5
Lead	10	0.5
Magnesium	500	25
Manganese	5.0	0.5
Molybdenum	15	0.75
Nickel	20	1.0
Phosphorus	20	5
Potassium	2500	125
Selenium	20	1.0
Silicon	50	5
Silver	10	0.50
Sodium	1000	50
Strontium	5.0	0.5
Sulfur	500	25
Thallium	20	1.0
Tin	75	3.75
Titanium	25	1.25
Uranium	50	2.5
Vanadium	15	0.75
Zinc	20	2.0
Hardness	3300	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Values in place as of effective date of this SOP. LOQ are subject to change. For the most up to date LOQ, refer to the LIMS or contact the laboratory.

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### Appendix B: QC Summary

QC Item	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action	Qualification
ICAL	Daily	A calibration curve must consist of a blank and at least one calibration standard.	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat.	None. Do not proceed with analysis.
ICV	After Each ICAL	<p><math>\pm 10\%</math> for method 6010B, 6010C and 6010D or <math>\pm 5\%</math> for method 200.7</p> <p>The RSD of the standards must be below 5% for 6010B, 6010C and 6010D and below 3% for 200.7.</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If repeat failure, repeat ICAL. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the ICV exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.</p> <p>For example, the ICV %R is high, CCV is within criteria, and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).</p>	Qualify analytes with ICV out of criteria.
ICB	Immediately after the initial calibration verification	<p>All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criteria of <math>\pm 1/2</math> of the RL for method 6010D.</p> <p>All elements of interest must be evaluated to <math>\pm</math> the RL for method 6010B, 6010C and 200.7.</p> <p>Criteria to be evaluated to method criteria unless otherwise specified by client.</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the ICB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.</p> <p>For example, the ICB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).</p>	Qualify analytes with ICB out of criteria.
CRDLA / LLCCV	<p>The CRDLA must be analyzed at the beginning of each run for every analyte of interest. The CRDLA is analyzed at or below the RL.</p> <p>Additionally, the CRDLA must be analyzed after samples to bracket method 6010C samples.</p>	<p><math>\pm 40\%</math> (or specified by the client)</p> <p>For method 6010C, must be within <math>\pm 30\%</math>.</p> <p>For method 6010D, must be within <math>\pm 20\%</math>.</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CRDL exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.</p> <p>For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).</p> <p>For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte detections exceed the continuing calibrations verification level (midpoint of the curve).</p> <p>If the CRDL is biased low, no data can be reported for the target elements failing criteria.</p>	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
CCV	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window.	<p>For method 6010B, 6010C, 6010D and 200.7, the CCV must be within <math>\pm 10\%</math> of the true value.</p> <p>The RSD of the CCV must be below 5% for 6010B.</p>	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCV exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.	Qualify analytes with CCV out of criteria.

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			For example, the CCV %R is high, and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	
CCB	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window	All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criteria of +/- the RL for 200.7, 6010B, 6010C and 6010D.  Depending on the data quality objective of individual clients different criteria may apply.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CCB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with CCB out of criteria.
Internal Standards	Every field sample, standard and QC sample	70-125% of its true concentration	Troubleshoot instrument performance. Reanalyze samples and dilute if needed.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
Interference check solution (ICSA)	A mixed solution containing concentrations of Al, Ca, and Mg at 500 PPM and Fe at 200 PPM is analyzed at the beginning of each sample run sequence.  In some specific client requirements the ICSA must bracket the run or the analytical batch.	Acceptance criteria for the spiked analytes are 80-120%.  Unspiked analytes must have an absolute value less than the RL.	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat performance verification(s).  Note: The ICSA can be re-processed after appropriate SIC solutions are analyzed and the IECs are recalculated. If ICSA passes, continue.	None. Do not proceed with analysis for elements that cannot be verified.
Interference check solution (ICSAB)	A solution containing concentrations of Al, Ca, and Mg at 500 PPM and Fe at 200 PPM with low to mid-range concentrations of target analytes as outlined in ILM5.3.  This is analyzed following the ICSA when requested. This is required by certain clients. It is not a method requirement and need be analyzed only for clients specifying this in the QAPP	The acceptance criteria are 80-120% for all spiked analytes.	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat performance verification(s).  Note: The ICSAB can be re-processed after appropriate SIC solutions are analyzed and the IECs are recalculated. If ICSAB passes, continue.	None. Do not proceed with analysis for elements that cannot be verified.
Spectral Interference Check Solutions (SIC)	SIC solutions are single-element solutions used to evaluate and correct IEC factors. Specific elements evaluated	Unspiked analytes must have an absolute value less than the RL.	If SIC fails, re-calculate IEC and re-process data.  If a sample level exceeds an SIC level and the interfering element affects target analytes, then: a)	None. Do not proceed with analysis for elements that cannot be verified.

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QC Item	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action	Qualification
	are listed in specific instrument methods.		run a higher SIC or b) dilute the sample.	
Method Blank	One per 20 samples	Method 200.7: The method blank is considered to be acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed 1/2 LLOQ or project-specific DQOs. Method 6010B, 6010C and 6010D: The method blank is considered to be acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed the LLOQ or project-specific DQOs. WIDNR and West Virginia require samples to be reported to the MDL. The blanks must be clean to the data quality objectives.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If the method blank exceeds the criteria, but the associated samples are either below the reporting level or other DQOs, or detections in the sample are >10x MB detections then the sample data may be reported.  J-flag qualification will be applied for blank detections between the LOQ and LOD when DQOs require evaluation to the MDL.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
LCS	One per 20 samples	80-120% for 6010B,6010C and 6010D  85-115% for 200.7	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If LCS recovery is > QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
LCSD	An LCSD must be substituted in the event of insufficient sample volume for a matrix spike duplicate sample.	80-120% for 6010B,6010C and 6010D  85-115% for 200.7  %Diff ≤ 20%	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If LCS recovery is > QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
MS/MSD	One per 20 samples for 6010 / 6010C / 6010D  One per 10 samples for 200.7	75-125% for 6010B, 6010C, and 6010D  70-130% for 200.7  % RPD: 20%	Perform a SD and PDS on any elements that fail to meet criteria for method 6010(C)(D).	Qualify analytes with MS out of criteria.
Sample Duplicate	Per client request	%Diff ≤ 20%	Qualify outages	Qualify outages.
Serial Dilution	One SD per batch.  Method suggestion / Pace Policy, if reporting by 6010B, 6010C, or 6010D.	6010B/C: 1:5 dilution of sample, SD RPD should agree within +/- 10% of the original result when the original sample is greater than 10x the RL.	Data is qualified.	Qualify outages.

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QC Item	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action	Qualification
		6010D: 1:5 Dilution of sample or MS, for concentrations 25x > LLOQ in parent sample, resultant RPD should agree within +/- 20%.		
Post Digestion Spike	Method suggestion / Pace policy if reporting by 6010B, 6010C, 6010D and MS/MSD fail outside 75-125%	80-120% for 6010C  75-125% for 6010B and 6010D.	Data is qualified.	Qualify outages.
Laboratory Filter Blank (FB)	Analyzed only with batches of lab filtered dissolved metals, one per batch of 20 or less.	All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criteria of +/- ½ the RL for method 6010D.  All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criteria of +/- the RL for method 6010B, 6010C and 200.7.  If the FB does not contain target analytes at a level that interferes with project-specific DQOs, then the FB would be considered acceptable.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If sample(s) non-detect, report the data.  If sample result >10x MB detections, report the data.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
Linear Dynamic Range	If a SIC/LDR standard is not analyzed for any specific element, the highest standard in the calibration becomes the linear range.  See Appendix C.	The standard must recover within 10% of the true value, and if successful, establishes the linear range.  In each scenario, the data reporting range is established using 90% of the highest calibration level or LDR sample.	The linear range of the instrument must be adjusted until 90% recovery of the reference standard can be achieved.	N/A

**Note:** In the absence of method specified recovery limits, results will be evaluated based on specifications outlined by the MPCA guidelines for Inorganic Analysis.

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**Appendix C: Linear Range Reference Table**

Wavelength	LDR (PPM)	Standard	Type
Ag 328	2	CAL1	LDR
Al 237	1000	Al 1000 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
As 188	20	LDR B	LDR
B 249	20	LDR A	LDR
Ba 233	20	Ba 20 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Be 234	4	CAL1	LDR
Ca 370	2000	Ca 2000 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Cd 214	20	LDR B	LDR
Co 228	50	Co 50 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Cr 267	50	Cr SIC/LDR	50
Cu 327	50	Cu 50 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Fe 261	200	LDR C	LDR
Fe 273*	2000	Fe 2000 SIC	SIC
K 766****	200	LDR C	LDR
Li 670	4	CAL1	LDR
Mg 383	1000	Mg 1000 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Mn 257	20	LDR B	LDR
Mn 293*	100	Mn 100 SIC	SIC
Mo 204	10	Mo 10 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Na 589***	200	LDR C	LDR
Ni 231	50	Ni 50 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
P 213	20	LDR B	LDR
Pb 220	100	LDR A	LDR
S 181	200	LDR C	LDR
Sb 206	20	LDR A	LDR
Se 196	20	LDR B	LDR
Si 251	50	LDR C	LDR
Sn 189	20	LDR A	LDR
Sr 421	4	CAL1	LDR
Ti 334	20	Ti 20 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Tl 190	20	LDR B	LDR
U	4	CAL1	LDR
V 292	20	V 20 SIC/LDR	SIC/LDR
Zn 206	50	LDR A	LDR

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**Appendix D: Standard Reference Tables**

ICP Working Calibration Standard					ICP Calibration Verification Standard			
Element	Stock Conc. (mg/L)	Aliquot (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Cal STD Final Conc. (mg/L)	Stock Conc. (mg/L)	Aliquot in (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Conc. (mg/L)
Ag	100	2.0	100	2	100	1.0	100	1
Al	1000			20	1000			10
As	200			4	200			2
Ba	200			4	200			2
Be	200			4	200			2
Ca	1000			20	1000			10
Cd	200			4	200			2
Co	200			4	200			2
Cr	200			4	200			2
Cu	200			4	200			2
Fe	500			10	500			5
K	1000			20	1000			10
Mg	1000			20	1000			10
Mn	200			4	200			2
Na	1000			20	1000			10
Ni	200			4	200			2
Pb	200			4	200			2
S	1000			20	1000			10
Sb	200			4	200			2
Se	200			4	200			2
Tl	200			2	100			1
V	200			4	200			2
Zn	200			4	200			2
Mo	200			4	200			2
B	200			4	200			2
Sn	200			4	200			2
Ti	100			4	200			2
Si	500			20	500			5
Li	200	4	200	2				
P	500	4	500	5				
Sr	200	4	200	2				
U	200	4	200	2				

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**Appendix E: Interference Check Standard Reference Tables**

ICSA				
Element	Stock Conc. (mg/L)	Aliquot in (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Conc. (ug/L)
Al	5000	10	100	500000
Ca	5000	10	100	500000
Fe	2000	10	100	200000
Mg	5000	10	100	500000

ICSAB				
Element	Stock Conc. (mg/L)	Aliquot in (mL)	Final Volume (mL)	Final Conc. (ug/L)
Ag	20	1.0	100	200
Al	5000	10	100	500000
As	10	1.0	100	100
Ba	50	1.0	100	500
Be	50	1.0	100	500
Ca	5000	10	100	500000
Cd	100	1.0	100	1000
Co	50	1.0	100	500
Cr	50	1.0	100	500
Cu	50	1.0	100	500
Fe	2000	10	100	200000
Mg	5000	10	100	500000
Mn	50	1.0	100	500
Ni	100	1.0	100	1000
Pb	5	1.0	100	50
Sb	60	1.0	100	600
Se	5	1.0	100	50
Tl	10	1.0	100	100
V	50	1.0	100	500
Zn	100	1.0	100	1000

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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the determination of dissolved and total recoverable metals by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS).

#### Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

The target analytes and the normal LOQ that can be achieved with this procedure are provided in Table 1, Appendix A.

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed. The current LOQ for each target analyte that can be determined by this SOP as of the effective date of this SOP is provided in Table 1, Appendix A.

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is the lowest point of the calibration curve used for each target analyte.

#### Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to ground, surface, drinking, and storm runoff water samples; industrial, domestic waste waters and solids.

Dissolved elements are determined after suitable filtration and acid preservation. In order to reduce potential interferences, dissolved solids should not exceed 0.2 % (w/v).

For the determination of total recoverable analytes in aqueous samples containing particulate and suspended solids a digestion step is required prior to analysis.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

Prior to analysis, samples must be solubilized or digested using appropriate sample preparation methods. For the total recoverable determination of analytes in drinking water by 200.8 where sample turbidity is < 1 NTU, the sample is made ready for analysis by the appropriate addition of nitric acid, mixed, and allowed to equilibrate for the required time prior to analysis.

Sample solutions are introduced by pneumatic nebulization into a plasma, in which desolvation, atomization and ionization occurs. Ions are extracted from the plasma through a differentially pumped vacuum interface and sorted on the basis of their mass-to-charge ratio. The ions transmitted through the quadrupole are detected by an electron multiplier. Ion intensities at each mass are recorded and compared to those obtained from external calibration standards to generate concentration values for the samples. Results are corrected for instrument drift and matrix effects using internal standards.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

Isobaric Elemental Interferences – Isobaric elemental interferences result when isotopes of different elements have the same nominal mass-to-charge ratio and cannot be resolved with the instruments spectrometer. One way to solve this problem is to measure a different isotope for which there is no

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interference. Alternatively, one can monitor another isotope of the element and subtract an appropriate amount from the element being analyzed, using known isotope ratio information. Corrections for most of the common elemental interferences are programmed into the software.

Isobaric Polyatomic Interferences – Isobaric polyatomic interferences result when ions containing more than one atom have the same nominal mass-to-charge ratio as an analyte of interest and cannot be resolved by the instrument's spectrometer. An example includes ClO<sup>+</sup> (mass 51), which interferes with V, and must be corrected by measuring ClO<sup>+</sup> at mass 53. When possible an interference free isotope should be chosen for measurement.

Physical interferences are associated with the sample nebulization and transport processes as well as with ion-transmission efficiencies. Nebulization and transport processes can be affected if a matrix component causes a change in surface tension or viscosity. Changes in matrix composition can cause significant signal suppression or enhancement. Dissolved solids can deposit on the nebulizer tip of a pneumatic nebulizer and on the interface skimmers (reducing the orifice size and the instrument performance). Total solid levels below 0.2% (2,000 mg/L) have been currently recommended to minimize solid deposition. An internal standard can be used to correct for physical interferences, if it is carefully matched to the analyte so that the two elements are similarly affected by matrix changes.

Memory interferences can occur when there are large concentration differences between samples or standards, which are analyzed sequentially. Sample deposition on the sampler and skimmer cones, spray chamber design, and the type of nebulizer affects the extent of the memory interferences, which are observed. The rinse period between samples must be long enough to eliminate significant memory interference.

**Representative Correction Equations:**

$$Mc(43) = (M(43) * 1) - (M(86) * 0.008)$$

$$Mc(51) = (M(51) * 1) + (M(52) * 0.353) - (M(53) * 3.127)$$

$$Mc(111) = (M(111) * 1) - (M(95) * 0.00018) \quad Mc(115) = (M(115) * 1) - (M(118) * 0.0149)$$

$$Mc(208) = (M(208) * 1) + (M(207) * 1) + (M(206) * 1)$$

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

## 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and

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environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
<b>Aqueous</b>	250 mL Plastic	25 mL	Acidified <sup>2</sup> with nitric acid to pH<2, stored ambient	Must be analyzed within 180 days of collection. If mercury is requested, analysis must occur within 28 days of sample collection.
<b>Solid</b>	8 oz glass jar	1 gram	<6°C, but above freezing	

<sup>1</sup> *Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.*

<sup>2</sup> *Samples must equilibrate for a minimum of 24 hours following acidification. Lead and Copper Rule Monitoring and Reporting Guidance for Public Water Systems, EPA 816-R-10-004, March 2010, Exhibit II-9, Samples must stand in the original container used for sampling for at least 28 hours after acidification.*

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management*, or equivalent replacement. Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation.

After receipt, samples are either stored at ambient or 6°C until sample preparation. Prepared samples digestates are stored at ambient temperatures until sample analysis.

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After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### Equipment

Equipment	Description
ICPMS (Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer)	Agilent 7700, 7800 7900 ICPMS instrumentation equipped with interference reduction technology. Each instrument has an associated auto-sampler, rough pump and recirculating chiller.
Centrifuge	Thermo Sorvall Legend XT
Analytical Balance	Sartorius or equivalent, capable of weighing to 0.01g
Mechanical pipettors	Eppendorf, Fisher brand or equivalent replacement, various sizes
Glassware	Class A volumetric flasks and graduated cylinders of various sizes

### Supplies

Supply	Description
Argon gas	Praxair or equivalent, High purity grade, 99.99%
Collision Gas	Praxair or equivalent, Ultra high purity He, Ultra high purity H <sub>2</sub>
Analytical Balance	Sartorius or equivalent, capable of weighing to 0.01g
Auto-sampler tubes	Moldpro or equivalent, 15 mL metals free auto-sampler tubes
Digestion cups	Moldpro or equivalent, 50 mL disposable digestion cups
Data-Uploading Software	Pace internal software used to transfer data from the instrument to the LIMS

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### Reagents

Reagent	Description
Reagent water	ASTM Type II
Nitric Acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> )	Fisher Scientific, A-509-P212 or equivalent replacement
Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	Fisher Scientific, A-508-P212 or equivalent replacement
2% (v/v) Nitric Acid/1% (v/v) Hydrochloric Acid Solution	Used for instrument blanks, standards and dilutions. Prepared in 1 L increments utilizing a volumetric flask and transferring into a C&G narrow mouth storage bottle. This is measured by mixing 20 mL of HNO <sub>3</sub> trace metals grade acid and 10 mL of HCl trace metals grade acid and DI H <sub>2</sub> O, and bringing to volume of 1 L.
Rinse Blank	2-5% (v/v) Nitric Acid solution for rinsing between runs. Combine 76 mL of HNO <sub>3</sub> trace metals grade acid and 38 mL of HCl trace metals grade and DI H <sub>2</sub> O, and bringing to volume of 1 G.

### Standards

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Reagent	Description
Calibration Stock Standards	Custom blend of elements. See Appendix D for the standard information
Agilent Tune Solution	Purchased multi-element standard from a qualified vendor, 10ug/mL.
EPA Tune solution	Purchased multi-element standard from a qualified vendor, 10ug/mL.
Internal Standard Stock Solution	Various suppliers; single element standards to be mixed prior to use with concentrations of 1,000 and 10,000 ug/mL
Working Standards	See Appendix C

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### Equipment Preparation

Pre-Start Checks: Turn on the computer and load the software. Initiate appropriate operating configuration of the instrument's computer according to the instrument manufacturer's instructions. Check the following:

#### 9.1.1 Support Equipment

- ! Vacuum pump oil - Examine the sight glasses of the vacuum pump. Oil should be no darker than a light brown color. If it is, change the oil in the pump according to the directions in the manufacturer's guide.
- ! Chiller temperature, pressure and water level - The temperature should be regulated at  $17 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ . Check the current temperature on the chiller to ensure it is within this range. Check the inlet cooling water pressure that must be between 55 and 60psi. Check to ensure that chiller water level is full. If it is not, fill with Polyclear 30.
- ! Verify the level of nebulizer waste and rinse waste, if more than half full, empty it into the acid waste stream.
- ! Ar/O pressure - The argon supply pressure should be set at about 80psi. If the supply argon pressure falls below about 45psi, a safety interlock automatically shuts off the torch.
- ! Helium / Hydrogen pressure - The helium and hydrogen supply pressure should be set at about 15 and 9 psi respectively.
- ! Wash solution level - The wash solution supply is maintained in a 4-liter carboy. Ensure that there is sufficient volume present for the analytical sequence.
- ! Peristaltic pump tubing - Change the sample and internal standard tubing, spray chamber drain tubing and the rinse station tubing as needed. Signs of degradation include flattened sections and hazy appearance. Allow at least 30 minutes for break-in period.
- ! Interface cones - Remove and inspect the outside of the sampling and skimmer cones around the orifice. Install a new set of cones if needed or clean the existing cones using the following procedure: Carefully polish each cone with silver polish and cotton swabs dampened with deionized water. Rinse cones with deionized water and blow-dry with house air supply, being careful not to damage the cones. After the cones are fully dry, replace them in the instrument. Allow for conditioning of the cones with a solution containing sufficient concentrations of major cations. The orifice should be circular and about 1mm in diameter. Examine the orifice periodically with a magnifier to determine if there are irregularities that may impair instrument performance. DO NOT use a cone with a significantly degraded tip.

#### 9.1.2 Instrument

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Lighting Torch and Warm-Up: After all pre-start checks pass inspection, perform the following steps:

- ! Torch Ignition - Click on the Plasma icon to open the Instrument window, and then click on the plasma on button to light the plasma. This takes a little over a minute to complete. (See instrument software guide.)
- ! Warm-up- Instrument is allowed to warm-up 30 minutes. Instrument has a timer to let you know when it is ready to move on to the next step.
- ! Check peristaltic pump flow by monitoring bubble movement in the pump tubing. Adjust tension as needed to achieve a smooth flow.
- ! Start-up Configuration - Once the analysis tubing is placed in the Agilent tune solution and stable signal is achieved, the start-up configuration can be initiated. See section 9.1.2.1 for Agilent tune performance monitoring and criteria.
- ! Create New Experiment File – Open template from the drive. Apply the proper run name for the day (MMDDYYICPMS#). Introduce EPA tune solution and allow signal to stabilize. Initiate performance verification for each mode of analysis. Save each performance report to the network drive. See section 9.1.2.1 for EPA tune acceptance criteria.

#### 9.1.2.1 Routine Instrument Operating Conditions

The instrument is configured to go through the manufacturer recommended startup tune procedure which includes; Torch Alignment, Axis/Resolution, EM settings, Plasma Correction, Standard Lenses tune, and standard mode performance verification. The measured ratios of oxides 156/140 and doubly charged 70/140 should be <3%. The measured masses of <sup>7</sup>Li, <sup>89</sup>Y, <sup>205</sup>Tl are monitored for initial resolution/axis tuning. EPA Performance verification is later performed for each cell condition used for sample analysis.

EPA Tune Verification - The EPA tuning standard must be analyzed in each mode of analysis to verify resolution and mass calibration are within the required specifications. The tuning standard is analyzed in each mode of analysis at least five times and the relative standard deviation (RSD) must be <5% for all analytes contained in the tuning standard. Conduct mass calibration and resolution checks in the mass regions of interest. If the mass calibration differs more than 0.1 amu from the true value, then the mass calibration must be adjusted to the correct value. The resolution must also be verified to be <0.9 amu full width at 5% peak height.

Pace Minneapolis maintains approval for the analysis of up to 35 elements by the EPA Methods 200.8, 6020, 6020A, 6020B for water and soil matrices. All target analytes are analyzed either in a Helium mode (Collision Cell), hydrogen (Collision Cell), or No gas mode on the Agilent instruments depending on the sample matrix type. The use of interference reduction technologies (Collision Cell) is not allowed for drinking water analysis. Separate calibrations are performed for samples reporting by regulation of the SDWA.

### Initial Calibration

#### 9.2.1 Calibration Design

The calibration curve must consist of a minimum of a calibration blank and five non-zero standards for each mode of analysis. Use the average of at least three integrations for

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both calibration and sample analyses. Using the instrumentation software, prepare a standard curve for each element by plotting absorbance versus concentration. The working range varies with each analyte, see appendix C for summary. The calibration is a linear regression using equation;  $y = mx + b$ . The analyst may employ a regression equation that does not pass through the origin, however forcing through zero is not allowed. Additional calibration specifications may be referenced in ENV-POL-CORQ-0005 *Acceptable Calibration Practices for Instrument Testing*, or equivalent replacement.

### 9.2.2 Calibration Sequence

Calibration Blank (CAL0)

CAL1

CAL2

CAL3

CAL4

CAL5

CAL6 (optional)

CAL7 (optional)

ICV

ICB

CRDL

ICSA

ICSAB

CCV

CCB

Client samples

CCV

CCB

CRDL (Optional)

### 9.2.3 ICAL Evaluation

#### 9.2.3.1 Curve Fit

With a multi-point calibration, the regression calculation will generate a correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) that is the measure of the “goodness of fit” of the regression line to the data. In order to be used for quantitative purposes, the correlation coefficient must be  $> 0.998$ .

#### 9.2.3.2 Relative Standard Error (RSE)

%RE is measured at the lowest calibration level and at a point near the mid-level of the calibration (the continuing calibration verification level is recommended). In order for a standard curve to be acceptable, the correlation coefficient/coefficient of determination criterion specified in the method must be met **and** both the low-level and mid-level %RE measures must meet the acceptance criteria. The low-level %RE acceptance criteria is 60%-140% and the mid-level is 90-110%.

#### 9.2.3.3 Initial Calibration Verification

In addition to meeting the linearity requirement, any new calibration curve must be assessed for accuracy in the values generated. To assess the accuracy, a

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single standard from a secondary source must be analyzed and the results obtained must be compared to the known value of the standard. This step is referred to as Initial Calibration Verification. The ICV is analyzed immediately following an initial calibration curve.

#### 9.2.4 Continuing Calibration Verification

A CCV followed immediately by a CCB must be analyzed after every 10 samples and at the end of the analytical batch to verify the system is still calibrated.

### Digestate Preparation

#### 9.3.1 Homogenization and Subsampling

All solid matrices are subject to centrifuge at a rate of 1000 rpm for 15 minutes or allowed to settle overnight prior to analysis. Once samples have been centrifuged or allowed to settle, an initial dilution of 20 fold is performed on each sample. This is completed by taking 4.75mL of 2% HNO<sub>3</sub> / 1% HCL diluent and mixing with a 0.25mL aliquot of sample by means of vortex.

Aqueous samples are inverted multiple times and poured without initial dilution unless historical data demonstrates otherwise.

### Analysis

The instrument performs sample analysis by executing 100 mass sweeps per replicate. Three replicates are utilized for an average result which must fall within a 20% RSD for the replicate values. If any sample or QC is found to have a concentration of >5x the RL and >20% RSD it must be evaluated for interference. If a matrix interferent is determined to be the cause, dilute the sample by 5x and re-analyze. Perform further dilutions if necessary.

The instrument(s) have been setup and configured in conjunction with manufacturer specifications. Masses were carefully selected to avoid and/or minimize interferences. Internal standard selection was based on performance for the appropriate mass range. Internal standard association must remain within 50 amu of targeted analyte.

The total recoverable sample digestion procedure is suitable for the determination of silver in aqueous samples containing concentrations up to 0.1 mg/L. For the analysis of wastewater samples containing higher concentrations of silver, succeeding smaller volumes of well mixed sample aliquots must be prepared until the analysis solution contains < 0.1 mg/L silver.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

See the laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0171 *Laboratory Calculations*, or equivalent replacement, for equations for common calculations.

Hardness as CaCO<sub>3</sub> in mg/L = 2.497 \* [Ca in mg/L] + 4.118 \* [Mg in mg/L]

Concentration of lead = summation of signals at 206, 207, and 208 m/z.

Silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) (µg/L) = Silicon (Si) (µg/L) \* DF \* 60.09 amu (SiO<sub>2</sub> molecular weight) / 28.09 amu (Si atomic weight)

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Where: DF is the sample Dilution Factor

The corrected dry weight concentration can be calculated using the following:

$$\text{corrected dry wt conc} = \frac{\left( \frac{c}{DF} \right) \left( \frac{v_f}{wt_i} \right)}{\% \text{ dry wt}}$$

Where, c = concentration on instrument, µg/L

$v_f$  = final volume, L

$wt_i$  = initial weight, g

$$\% \text{ Dry weight} = \frac{\text{Sample Dry Weight}}{\text{Sample Wet Weight}} \times 100$$

Calculate the Relative Percent Difference (RPD) between the matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate using Equation 1:

**Equation 1**

$$\% \text{RPD} = \frac{|S - D|}{(S + D)/2} \times 100$$

Where, S = Sample result, mg/L or mg/kg

D = Duplicate sample result, mg/L or mg/kg

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to Appendix B for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)	As needed
Matrix Spike (MS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for 6020 (A)(B). 1 per batch of 10 or fewer samples for 200.8
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.
Serial Dilution	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Post Digestion Spike	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for method 6020(A)(B).
Internal Standard	An appropriate internal standard is required for each analyte and sample determined by ICP-MS.

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**|Instrument QC**

Internal Standard	Associated isotope <sup>1</sup>
Scandium 45	Li-7, Be-9, B-11, Na-23, Mg-24, Al-27, Si-28, K-39, Ca-43, Ti-47, V-51, Cr-52, Mn-55, Fe-56, Se-78
Germanium 72	Co-59, Ni-60, Cu-63, Zn-66, As-75, Sr-88
Indium 115	Mo-95, Pd-105, Ag-107, Cd-111, Sn-118, Sb-121
Terbium 159	Ba-138, Pt-195, Hg-202, Tl-205, Pb-208, Bi-209
Iridium 193	U-238 Th-232

<sup>1</sup>Alternate isotopes may be collected and evaluated for interference monitoring purposes only.

The following Instrument QC checks are performed. Refer to Appendix B for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Tune	Daily prior to any calibration
Initial Calibration	Daily
Initial Calibration Verification	Immediately after each initial calibration
Initial Calibration Blank	Immediately after each initial calibration
Continuing Calibration Verification	Prior to the analysis of any samples and after every 10 injections thereafter. Samples must be bracketed with a closing CCV standard.
Continuing Calibration Blank	Following every CCV injection
CRDL / LLCCV verification	At the beginning of each run for 6020/6020B/200.8 and must be analyzed at the beginning of each run, and once at the end of each analytical batch for 6020A.
ICSA verification	At the beginning of each sample run sequence after the CRDL. 6020A and 6020B requires the ICSA/AB be analyzed every 12 hours thereafter.
ICSAB verification	At the beginning of each sample run sequence after the ICSA. 6020A and 6020B requires the ICSA/AB be analyzed every 12 hours thereafter.

**|Method Performance**
**11.3.1 Method Validation**
**11.3.1.1 Detection Limits**

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* (or equivalent replacement) for these procedures.

**|Analyst Qualifications and Training**

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze

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samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (or equivalent replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* (or equivalent replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be near the midpoint of the calibration range. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

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Refer to Appendix B for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

### 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable containers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

### 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

[Tuning criteria observed is more stringent than required by the SW846 methods so that the same criteria can be used for both methods 6020 and 200.8.

[The following elements are not listed in the method 6020A recommended analyte list; bismuth, boron, lithium, molybdenum, palladium, platinum, silica, silicon, strontium, tin, titanium, thorium, and uranium. The accuracy and precision for the analysis of these analytes have been demonstrated in the matrices of interest, at the concentration of interest, and in the same manner as the elements recommended in the method.

[The following elements are not listed in the method 200.8 recommended analyte list: bismuth, boron, calcium, iron, lithium, magnesium, palladium, platinum, potassium, silica, silicon, sodium, strontium, tin, and titanium. The accuracy and precision for the analysis of these analytes have been demonstrated in the matrices of interest, at the concentration of interest, and in the same manner as the elements recommended in the method.

[The following elements are not listed in the method 6020B recommended analyte list: bismuth, boron, lithium, molybdenum, palladium, platinum, silica, silicon, strontium, tin, titanium and uranium. The accuracy and precision for the analysis of these analytes have been demonstrated in the matrices of interest, at the concentration of interest, and in the same manner as the elements recommended in the method.

### 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee

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is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Target Analyte List and Routine LOQ

Appendix B – QC Summary

Appendix C – Working Standard Summary

Appendix D – Stock Standard Summary

## 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.

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## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

This Version:

Section	Description of Change
3.1	Added routine correction equations
11.0	Added atomic numbers to the isotope references in the QC table

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11.0	Added “ <sup>1</sup> Alternate isotopes may be collected and evaluated for interference monitoring purposes only. “ under instrument QC
Various	Removed reference to West Virginia

This document supersedes the following document(s):

Document Number	Title	Version
ENV-SOP-MIN4-0043	Metals Analysis by ICP/MS – Method 6020 and 200.8	04

**Appendix A: Target Analyte List and Routine LOQ<sup>1</sup>**

Analyte	Non-Potable Water (ug/L)	Potable Water (ug/L)	Soil (mg/kg)
Aluminum	20.00	20.0	20.00
Antimony	0.50	0.50	0.50
Arsenic	0.50	0.50	0.50
Barium	0.30	0.30	0.30
Beryllium	0.20	0.20	0.20
Bismuth	0.50	-	0.50
Boron	10.00	-	10.00
Cadmium	0.08	0.08	0.08
Calcium	40.00	-	40.00
Chromium	0.50	0.50	0.50
Cobalt	0.50	-	0.50
Copper	1.00	1.00	1.00
Iron	50.00	-	50.00
Lead	0.10	0.10	0.20
Lithium	0.50	-	0.50
Magnesium	10.00	-	10.00
Manganese	0.50	0.50	0.50
Mercury	-	-	0.20
Molybdenum	0.50	-	0.50
Nickel	0.50	0.50	0.50
Palladium	0.50	-	-
Platinum	0.50	-	-
Potassium	100.00	-	100.00
Selenium	0.50	0.50	0.50
Silica	214.00	-	214.0
Silicon	100.00	-	100.00
Silver	0.50	0.50	0.50
Sodium	50.00	-	50.00
Strontium	0.50	-	0.50
Thallium	0.10	0.10	0.10
Thorium	0.50	-	0.50

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Tin	0.50	-	2.000
Titanium	1.00	-	1.00
Vanadium	1.00	1.00	1.00
Uranium-238	0.50	0.50	0.50
Zinc	5.00	5.00	5.00

<sup>†</sup> Values in place as of effective date of this SOP. LOQ are subject to change. For the most up to date LOQ, refer to the LIMS or contact the laboratory.

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**Appendix B: QC Summary**

QC Item	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action	Qualification
Tune	Daily prior to any calibration	Adjust spectrometer resolution to produce a peak width of approximately 0.75 amu at 5% peak height. This must be completed using 5 replicates with a resulting RSD of <5%.	Adjust mass calibration if it has shifted by more than 0.1 amu from unit mass.  Identify and correct source of problem, repeat performance verification(s).	None. Do not proceed with analysis.
ICAL	Daily	$r \geq 0.998$  a Midlevel (recommended near ICV/CCV concentrations) %RE 90-110%  Low-Level (Cal1) %RE 60-140%	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat.	None. Do not proceed with analysis.
ICV	After Each ICAL	All analytes must be within $\pm 10\%$ of the true value. (%R)	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If repeat failure, repeat ICAL. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the ICV exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the ICV %R is high, CCV is within criteria, and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with ICV out of criteria.
ICB	Immediately after the initial calibration verification	All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criterion of $\pm 1/2$ of the RL for method 6020 (A)(B) and samples originating from NC.  All elements of interest must be evaluated to $\pm$ the RL for method 200.8, and 6020.  WIDNR require samples to be reported to the MDL. The blanks must be clean to the data quality objectives.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the ICB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the ICB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with ICB out of criteria.
CRDL / LLCCV	At the beginning of each run for 6020/6020B/200.8 and must be analyzed at the beginning of each run, and once at the end of each analytical batch for 6020A.	For 6020/200.8: The acceptance criteria are $\pm 40\%$ (or specified by the client).  For 6020A: The acceptance criteria are $\pm 30\%$ (or specified by the client).  6020B: The acceptance criteria is $\pm 20\%$ (or specified by the client).	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CRDL exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).  For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte detections exceed the continuing calibrations verification level (midpoint of the curve).	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.

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			If the CRDL is biased low, no data can be reported for the target elements failing criteria.	
CCV	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window.	All analytes must be within $\pm 10\%$ of the true value. (%R):  %RSD between multiple integrations must be $\leq 5\%$	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCV exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CCV %R is high, and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with CCV out of criteria.
CCB	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window	All elements of interest must be evaluated to a criterion of $\pm 1/2$ of the RL for method 6020 (A) and samples originating from NC.  All elements of interest must be evaluated to $\pm$ the RL for method 200.8, and 6020 (B).  WIDNR require samples to be reported to the MDL. The blanks must be clean to the data quality objectives.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CCB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with CCB out of criteria.
Internal Standards	Every field sample, standard and QC sample	For method 6020, the intensity of internal standard in the ICB/CCB and ICS (ICSA/AB) standards must not deviate more than 80-120% from its original intensity in the associated calibration blank. The intensity of internal standard in the samples and remaining QC must not deviate more than 30-120%.  For method 6020A/B, the intensity of the internal standard must not fall below 70% and not exceed 130% from its original intensity in the associated calibration blank.  For Method 200.8 the intensity of internal standard in the samples and QC must not deviate more than 60-125% from its original intensity in the associated calibration blank.	Troubleshoot instrument performance. Reanalyze samples and dilute if needed.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
Interference check solutions	ICSA containing high concentrations of C, Cl, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Mo, Na, P, S and Ti is analyzed at the beginning of each sample run sequence after the CRDL.  ICSAB containing high concentrations of	ICSA all spiked elements are to be within 20% of the expected true value. The non-spiked elements are to be below the RL.  ICSAB all spiked elements are to be within 20% of the expected true value.	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat performance verification(s).	None. Do not proceed with analysis for elements that cannot be verified.

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	C, Cl, Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Mo, Na, P, S and Ti and mid-range concentrations of the remaining elements is analyzed at the beginning of each sample run sequence following the ICSA.  6020A and 6020B requires the ICSA/AB be analyzed every 12 hours thereafter.			
Method Blank (MB)	One per 20 samples	Method 200.8: The method blank is considered to be acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed 1/2 LLOQ or project-specific DQOs.  Method 6020, 6020A and 6020B: The method blank is considered to be acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed the LLOQ or project-specific DQOs.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If the method blank exceeds the criteria, but the associated samples are either below the reporting level or other DQOs, or detections in the sample are >10x MB detections then the sample data may be reported.  J-flag qualification will be applied for blank detections between the LOQ and LOD when DQOs require evaluation to the MDL.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
LCS	One per 20 samples	6020/6020A/6020B: 80-120%  200.8: 85-115%	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If LCS recovery is > QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
LCSD	An LCSD must be substituted in the event of insufficient sample volume for a matrix spike duplicate sample.	6020/6020A/6020B: 80-120%  200.8: 85-115%  %Diff ≤ 20%	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If LCS recovery is > QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
MS/MSD	One per 20 samples for 6020 / 6020A / 6020B  One per 10 samples for 200.8	6020/6020A/6020B: 75-125%  200.8: 70-130%	Perform a SD and PDS on any elements that fail to meet criteria for method 6020(A)(B).	Qualify analytes with MS out of criteria.
Sample Duplicate	Per client request	%Diff ≤ 20%	Qualify outages	Qualify outages.
Serial Dilution <sup>1</sup>	One per batch of 20 samples or less		If criteria is not met, original sample and dilution shall be	Qualify outages.

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		<p>6020/6020A fivefold dilution must agree within <math>\pm 10\%</math> of the original determination if analyte concentration is <math>&gt;50\times</math> MDL.</p> <p>6020B 1:5 dilution of sample <math>25\times &gt; \text{LLOQ}</math> or 1:5 dilution of MS since reasonable concentrations are present, results to agree to <math>\pm 20\%</math>.</p>	reanalyzed. If reanalysis fails, it is determined to be matrix interference.	
Post Digestion Spike <sup>2</sup>	One per batch if there is a MS failure.	<p>6020/ 6020A 80-120%</p> <p>6020B applicable to elements failing MS, results to agree to <math>\pm 25\%</math>.</p> <p>Recommended if high concentration sample not available for dilution test.</p>	If the element fails to meet the recovery criteria, reanalyze. If reanalysis fails, it is determined to be matrix interference.	Qualify outages.
Laboratory Filter Blank (FB)	Analyzed only with batches of lab filtered dissolved metals, one per batch of 20 or less.	<p>Target analytes must be less than reporting limit.</p> <p>NC samples are required to be <math>&lt; \frac{1}{2}</math> RL for target analytes.</p> <p>WIDNR require samples to be reported to the MDL. The blanks must be clean to the data quality objectives.</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.</p> <p>If sample(s) non-detect, report the data.</p> <p>If sample result <math>&gt;10\times</math> MB detections, report the data.</p>	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
Linear Dynamic Range (LDR)	<p>For method 6020B: Following calibration, the laboratory may choose to analyze a standard at a higher concentration than the high standard in the calibration.</p> <p>If a linear range standard is not analyzed for any specific element, the highest standard in the calibration becomes the linear range.</p>	<p>The standard must recover within 10% of the true value, and if successful, establishes the linear range.</p> <p>In each scenario, the linear range is established using 90% of the highest calibration level or LDR sample.</p>	The linear range of the instrument must be adjusted until 90% recovery of the reference standard can be achieved as well as maintaining the minimum number of calibration standard requirements.	N/A

<sup>1</sup>To prepare a 5-fold dilution: take a 1 mL aliquot from the sample and add to 4 mL of diluent. Note: this is a typical process for 200.8 and 6020W. It can be replicated for the preparation of highly concentrated samples by starting with a diluted “parent” sample and then performing the stepwise dilution process.

<sup>2</sup>To Prepare a Post Digestion Spike: An aliquot of the parent sample used for the MS, prepared at the same dilution as the parent sample. The spike addition should produce a minimum level of 10 times the lower limit of quantitation; routine spike volume is 0.020 mL of 20/250 mg/L and 1mg/L mercury stock concentration(s).

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### Appendix C: Working Standard Summary

Standard	Standard(s) Used	Standard(s) Amount (mL)	Diluent	Diluent Volume (mL)	Final Total Volume <sup>1</sup> (mL)	Final Concentration (ug/L)
Internal Standard	6020-Ge	1	See table 8.1	495	500	2000
	6020-Sc	1				
	6020-Tb	1				
	6020-In	1				
	6020-Ir	1				
Bi/Th primary (Intermediate)	6020-Th	0.5		49.5	50	1,000
	6020-Bi	0.5		49.5	50	1,000
Bi/Th secondary (Intermediate)	6020-Th	0.5				
	6020-Bi	0.5				
Hg 10ppb (intermediate)	HG-LL Stock	0.05		49.95	50	10
6020 Hg-SPK	MERC-STK1	0.05		49.95	50	1000
Hg (Intermediate) C	MERC-STK2	0.25		249.75	250	1000
6020-SPK (intermediate)	Bi-STK	0.2		4.6	10	20,000 / 250,000 / 500,000
	Th-STK	0.2				
	HP7375	5				
6020-SPK2 (intermediate)	HP7376	1		9	10	20,000
6020-SPK3 (intermediate)	HP7379	1		9	10	20,000 / 10,000
CAL-SPK1 (intermediate)	HP7375	0.25		9.5	10	25000/12500/1000/500/10
	HP7379	0.05				
	HP7376	0.05				
	6020Hg-SPK	0.1				
	Bi/Th Intermediate	0.05				
Cal 0	N/A	N/A	50	50	0	
Cal 1	ZPACEMN103	0.1	9.7	10	Varied	
	ZPACEMN104	0.1				
	Hg 10ppb (intermediate)	0.1			0.1	
Cal 2	CAL-SPK1	0.1	9.9	10	250/125/10/5/0.1	
Cal 3	CA:L-SPK1	0.5	9.5	10	1250/625/50/25/0.5	
Cal 4	CAL-SPK1	1	9	10	2500/1250/100/50/1	

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Cal 5	CAL-SPK1	2.5	7.5	10	6250/3120/250/125/2.5
Cal 6	CAL-SPK1 (intermediate)	5	-	5	25000/12500/1000/500/10
CRDL	ZPACEMN-103	0.1	9.6	10	varied
	ZPACEMN-104	0.1			
	6020 Hg-SPK	0.2			0.2
ICS-A	ICS-ICPMS	0.25	9.75	10	25000/500
ICS-AB	ICS-ICPMS	0.25	9.56	10	27500/26200/1250/600/100/50/4
	6020-SPK	0.05			
	6020-SPK2	0.05			
	6020-SPK3	0.05			
	6020Hg-SPK	0.04			
ICV / CCV add Hg	XPACEMN-75	0.05	49.31	50	4/80/1000
	XPACEMN-76	0.02			
	Bi/Th Intermediate	0.4			
	XPACEMN-77	0.02			
	Hg Intermediate C	0.2			

<sup>1</sup>Alternate final volumes may be prepared at the discretion of the scientist, so long as the concentrations specified above are maintained.

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## Appendix D: Stock Standard Summary

### Stock Standard Concentrations

	HP7379	HP7376	HP7375	XPACEMN 77	XPACEMN 76	XPACEMN 75	ZPACEMN 103	ZPACEMN 104	ICS- ICPMS	Agilent Tune	EPA Tune
<b>Analyte</b>	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)
Aluminum	-		1000			1000	2		1,000		
Antimony		200		200				0.005			
Arsenic	200				200			0.05			
Barium	200				200		0.03				10
Beryllium	200				200		0.02				10
Bismuth							0.05				
Boron		200		200			1				
Cadmium	200				200		0.008				
Calcium			1000			1000	4		1,000		
Chromium	200				200		0.05				
Cobalt	200				200		0.05			10	10
Copper	200				200		0.1				
Iron			500			500	5		1,000		
Lead	200				200		0.01				
Lithium	200				200		0.05			10	10
Magnesium			1000			1000	1		1,000		10
Manganese	200				200		0.05				
Molybdenum		200		200				0.05	20		
Nickel	200				200		0.05				
Palladium		200		200				0.05			
Platinum		200		200				0.05			
Potassium			1000			1000	10		1,000		
Selenium	200				200			0.05			
Silicon			500			500		10			
Silver	100				100		0.05				
Sodium			1000			1000	5		1,000		
Strontium	200				200		0.05				
Thallium					100		0.01			10	10

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Tin		200		200		20		0.05			
Titanium		200		200		20		0.1	20		
Vanadium	200				200		0.1				
Zinc	200				200		0.5				
Uranium	200						0.05				10
Indium											10
Cesium					200						10
Cerium										10	
Yttrium										10	10
Rhodium											10
Thorium							0.05				

### Single Element Stock Standard Concentrations

	Bi-STK (Spex)	Bi-STK (Agilent)	6020- Th (Spex)	6020-Th (Agilent)	MERC- STK1	MERC- STK2	HG-LL Stock	6020- Ge	6020- Sc	6020- Tb	6020-In	6020-Ir
<b>Analyte</b>	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)	(ug/mL)
Bismuth	1000											
Bismuth		1000										
Thorium			1000									
thorium				10000								
Mercury					1000							
Mercury						1000						
Mercury							10					
Germanium								1000				
Scandium									10000			
Terbium										1000		
Indium											1000	
Iridium												1000

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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for the determination of mercury in mobility procedure extracts, aqueous wastes, ground waters, soils, sediments, bottom deposits, and sludge-type materials using cold vapor atomic absorption (CVAA).

#### 1.1 Target Analyte List and Limits of Quantitation (LOQ)

The default reporting limit (RL) or Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) for mercury in liquid is 0.2 µg/L. The default reporting limit for mercury in soil is 0.02 mg/kg. Reporting limits may vary based on the nature of the individual sample matrix. For certain applications, a lower level method optimized for sensitivity in which the reporting limit is 0.010 µg/L is available. This is for aqueous samples only.

LOQ are established in accordance with Pace policy and SOPs for method validation and for the determination of detection limits (DL) and quantitation limits (LOQ). DL and LOQ are routinely verified and updated when needed.

The reporting limit (RL) is the value to which analytes are reported as detected or not detected in the final report. When the RL is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ), all detects and non-detects at the RL are qualitative. The LLOQ is the lowest point of the calibration curve used for each target analyte.

DL, LOQ, and RL are always adjusted to account for actual amounts used and for dilution.

#### 1.2 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to ground, surface, drinking, and storm runoff water samples; industrial, domestic waste waters and solids.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

**2.1** The method, a CVAA technique, is based on the absorption of radiation at the characteristic wavelength of 253.7 nm by mercury vapor. The mercury is reduced to the elemental state and aerated from solution in a closed system. The mercury vapor passes through a cell positioned in the light path of an atomic absorption spectrophotometer. Absorbance is measured as a function of mercury concentration.

**2.2** Chemical Reactions - Organic mercury compounds are decomposed by digestion with potassium permanganate in acid solution. The mercuric ions are then reduced to the elemental state with stannous chloride and mercury vapor is produced.

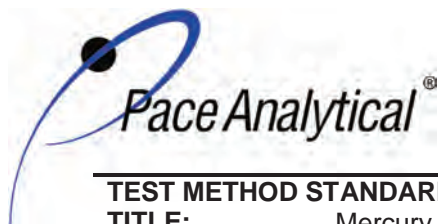
### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

**3.1** Potassium permanganate is added during digestion of samples to break down organo-mercury compounds which would otherwise not respond to the cold vapor technique. A heating step is required for methyl mercuric chloride when present in or spiked to a natural system. Possible sulfide interferences are also eliminated by the addition of potassium permanganate. EPA studies indicate concentrations as high as 20 mg/L of sodium sulfide do not interfere with the recovery of added inorganic mercury from distilled water.

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- 3.2** Copper has also been reported to interfere; however, EPA studies indicate copper concentrations as high as 10 mg/L had no effect on recovery of mercury from reagent water.
- 3.3** Sea waters, brines and industrial effluents high in chlorides require additional permanganate. During the oxidation step, chlorides are converted to free chlorine which will also absorb radiation of 253 nm. Care must be taken to assure that free chlorine is absent before the mercury is reduced and swept into the cell. The design of the dedicated mercury analyzer assures that this does not occur.

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

## 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

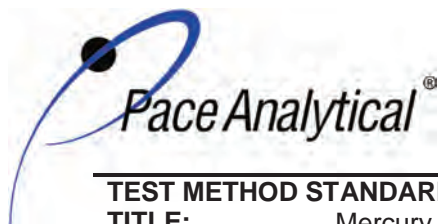
## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the

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laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
<b>Aqueous</b>	250 mL Plastic	30 mL	Acidified with nitric acid to pH<2, stored ambient	Must be analyzed within 28 days of collection.
<b>Solid</b>	8 oz glass jar	0.3 gram	<6°C, but above freezing	

<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management*, or equivalent replacement. Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation.

After receipt, samples are stored either stored at ambient or 6°C until sample preparation. Prepared samples digestates are stored at ambient temperatures until sample analysis.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment	Description
Mercury analyzer, computer controlled	Cold Vapor Atomic Adsorption (CVAA), Cetac M-7600 or PE FIMS-400. Each instrument has an associated auto-sampler, Cetac ASX 520 or equivalent
Hot Block™ digester	54 place block or equivalent, Environmental Express SC154 or equivalent
Analytical Balance	Sartorius or equivalent, capable of weighing to 0.01g
Mechanical pipettors	Eppendorf, Fisher brand or equivalent replacement, various sizes
Glassware	Class A volumetric flasks and graduated cylinders of various sizes

### 7.2 Supplies

Supply	Description
Argon gas	Praxair or equivalent, High purity grade, 99.99%
Peristaltic pump tubing	Fisher Scientific or equivalent
Digestion cups	Moldpro or equivalent, 50 mL disposable digestion cups
Resin Pellets	Environmental Express SC400 or equivalent
Filters	GE Whatman or equivalent
Auto-sampler tubes	Moldpro or equivalent, 15 mL metals free auto-sampler tubes
Digestion cups	Moldpro or equivalent, 50 mL disposable digestion cups

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## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### 8.1 Reagents

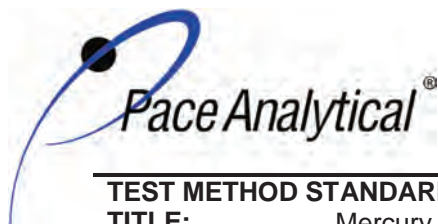
Reagent	Description
Reagent water	ASTM Type II
Nitric Acid (HNO <sub>3</sub> )	Fisher Scientific, A-509-P212 or equivalent
Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	Fisher Scientific, A-508-P212 or equivalent
Sulfuric acid	Fisher Scientific P/N A510-P212 or equivalent
Potassium permanganate solution	Dissolve 100 g potassium permanganate in a minimum volume of reagent water and dilute to 2000 mL with reagent water. Filter reagent as needed for lower level procedures. Store the reagent at room temperature in either a plastic or glass container. This solution expires 3 months from preparation date. Fisher Scientific brand reagents or equivalent.
Sodium chloride - Hydroxylamine hydrochloride solution	Dissolve 240 g sodium chloride and 240 g hydroxylamine hydrochloride in reagent water and dilute to 2000 mL with reagent water. Store the standard at room temperature in either a plastic or glass container. Solution expires 1 month from preparation date. Fisher Scientific brand reagents or equivalent.
Potassium persulfate solution (5%)	Dissolve 100 g of potassium persulfate in reagent grade water and dilute to 2000 mL. This solution expires 3 months from the preparation date. Fisher Scientific brand reagents or equivalent.
Rinse solution	Add 48 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid to 800 mL water, add 24 mL concentrated nitric acid and dilute to 1 L with reagent water. Store in 5L Nalgene container at room temperature. The solution expires 1 week from preparation date.
Stannous Chloride	Add 140 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid and 200 grams SnCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O to 2000 mL reagent water. Different amounts may be made based on need. Store in bottle marked "Stannous Chloride" at the instrument. Fisher Scientific brand reagents or equivalent.
Aqua Regia	Mix 3 parts concentrated hydrochloric acid with 1 part concentrated nitric acid. Use fresh daily, expires within 24 hours.

### 8.2 Standards

Standard	Description
Mercury Calibration Stock Solution	1000 mg/mL, NIST traceable standard. Store at room temperature. Expires as specified by manufacturer. Inorganic Ventures or equivalent.
Intermediate Working Calibration Solution <sup>1</sup>	50 ug/L intermediate final concentration. Mercury Calibration Intermediate Standard to be prepared every 6 months or as needed. The calibration standards are prepared using the same type of acid and reagents, at the same concentration range as the samples to be analyzed. See appendix B for composition.
ICV/CCV Mercury Stock Solution	1 ug/mL, NIST traceable standard. Must be from a separate source than the mercury calibration stock source. Spex-Certiprep or equivalent.
Low Level Mercury Calibration Stock Solution	10 mg/L, NIST traceable standard. Store at room temperature. Expires as specified by manufacturer. Inorganic Ventures or equivalent.

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Low Level ICV/CCV Mercury Stock Solution	10 mg/L, NIST traceable standard. Must be from a separate source than the mercury calibration stock source. Inorganic Ventures or equivalent.
Low Level Mercury Calibration Intermediate Standard <sup>1</sup>	1 ug/L final concentration. Mercury Calibration Intermediate Standard to be prepared every 6 months or as needed. The calibration standards are prepared using the same type of acid and reagents, at the same concentration range as the samples to be analyzed. See appendix B for composition.

- 8.2.1 Mercury Calibration Intermediate Standard to be prepared every 6 months or as needed. The calibration standards are prepared using the same type of acid and reagents, at the same concentration range as the samples to be analyzed.
- 8.2.2 SW-846 series methods for mercury require that calibration standards are processed like samples including heating while EPA 245.1 specifically prohibits the calibration standards from being heated. Daily calibration records are documented in the electronic Prep Log.

## 9.0 PROCEDURE

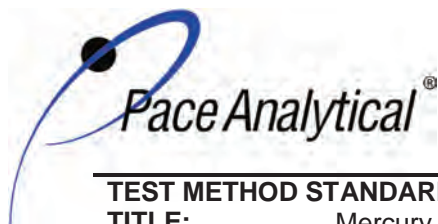
### 9.1 Water

#### 9.1.1 Sample Preparation

- 9.1.1.1 Prepare a method blank (MB) by transferring 30 mL of reagent grade water to a new 50 mL digestion cup. Label with the LIMS batch number and sample number.
- 9.1.1.2 Prepare a laboratory control sample (LCS) by transferring a 0.15 mL aliquot of the stock mercury standard to a 50 mL cup. For low level mercury samples, transfer 0.15 mL aliquot of the low level mercury intermediate standard. Bring the total volume to 30 mL with reagent water. Label with the LIMS batch number and sample number.
- 9.1.1.3 Shake sample to achieve homogeneity. Maximum sample volume is 30 mL. Use this or a smaller volume diluted to 30 mL. Place the sample into the 50 mL cup labeled with the corresponding LIMS sample number. Record sample volume in the Hg CVAA Sample Preparation Log.
- 9.1.1.4 Prepare an MS/MSD by transferring 0.15 mL aliquot of the stock mercury standard to 50 mL cups. For low level mercury samples, transfer 0.15 mL aliquot of the low level mercury intermediate standard. Bring the total volume of each to 30 mL with sample.
- 9.1.1.5 To all samples (including QC) add 1.5 mL concentrated sulfuric acid and 0.75 mL concentrated nitric acid, mixing well after each addition.
- 9.1.1.6 To all samples (including QC) add 5 mL potassium permanganate, and observe physical changes for 15 minutes. If the purple color disappears, the sample is re-batched and re-prepped at a lower volume.
- 9.1.1.7 To all samples (including QC) add 2.5 mL of potassium persulfate solution and swirl to mix.
- 9.1.1.8 Loosely cap each cup and place into the digestion block, maintained at a temperature of 95°C ± 3°C and heat for two hours. Observe the initial temperature and time in the block.

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9.1.1.9 After the two hour digestion, remove the samples from the block and cool. Observe the time the samples were removed from the block, as well as the final temperature of the block.

9.1.1.10 To all samples (including QC) add 1.8 mL of hydroxylamine hydrochloride to reduce the excess permanganate. The permanganate is reduced when the purple color dissipates. If the purple color does not dissipate, add additional hydroxylamine hydrochloride until the color dissipates. Note this on the preparation log and adjust in LIMS. For example: if an additional mL is needed, then add 1 mL to the final volume.

### 9.1.2 Documentation – Digestion Records

Record the observations and necessary information in the electronic prelog using template version F-MN-I-342-Rev.02. Information includes batch and sample ID, initial and final times, temperatures, volumes, prep date, prep analyst, supporting equipment, and lot numbers of solutions used. Also include any additional comments if needed. The initial and final times and temperatures will be representative of the elapsed time for the batch.

## 9.2 Solid/Semi-Solid

### 9.2.1 Sample Preparation

9.2.1.1 Prepare a method blank (MB) by weighing 0.3 g of resin pellets in a 50 mL cup. Label with the LIMS batch number and sample number.

9.2.1.2 Prepare a LCS by weighing 0.3 g of resin pellets in a 50 mL cup and spiking with a 0.15 mL aliquot of the ICV/CCV working mercury standard. Label with the LIMS batch number and sample number.

9.2.1.3 Weigh a representative 0.3-0.36 g portion of sample in a 50 mL labeled cup.

9.2.1.4 Weigh two additional samples for matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) and spike carefully to get these samples as close to the weight of the unspiked sample used for QC, as possible. Spike both the MS and MSD with 0.15 mL of the mercury ICV/CCV working standard.

9.2.1.5 To all samples (including QC) add 3 mL DI water.

9.2.1.6 To all samples (including QC) add 3 mL aqua regia (see 10.1 above).

9.2.1.7 Place in hot block, maintained at 95!C ± 3!C and heat for 2 minutes. Record this time and temperature as the initial start time.

9.2.1.8 Remove from hot block and allow to cool.

9.2.1.9 Bring all samples (including QC) up to a volume of 30 mL with DI water.

9.2.1.10 To all samples (including QC) add 9 mL potassium permanganate and observe physical changes for 15 minutes. If the purple color disappears, re-prepare the sample, MB, and LCS with less DI and the corresponding amount of potassium permanganate added so that final volume does not exceed 30 mL. Additional permanganate is noted as a comment on the prep form.

9.2.1.11 Loosely cap each cup and return samples to hot block digester, maintained at a temperature of 95!C ± 3!C and heat for 30 minutes.

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9.2.1.12 Remove the samples from the block and record the final time and the temperature. Allow the samples to cool.

9.2.1.13 To all samples (including QC) add 3.6 mL of hydroxylamine hydrochloride to reduce the excess permanganate. The permanganate is reduced when the purple color dissipates. If the purple color does not dissipate, add additional hydroxylamine hydrochloride until the color dissipates. Note this on the preparation log and adjust in LIMS. For example: if an additional mL is needed, then add 1 mL to the final volume.

### 9.2.2 Documentation – Digestion Records

Record the necessary information in the electronic prelog using template version F-MN-I-343-Rev.03. Information includes batch and sample ID, initial and final times, temperatures, volumes, prep date, prep analyst, supporting equipment, and lot numbers of solutions used. Also include any additional comments if needed. The initial and final times and temperatures will be representative of the elapsed time for the batch.

### 9.3 Equipment Preparation & Analysis

- 9.3.1 Turn on the computer and load the software. Turn on, or 'wake up' the instrument and allow the lamp to warm up for about 90 minutes from a cold shut down (lamp off, main power off and gas off) and 5 minutes from standby (lamp off, main power on and gas off). Check the following:
- 9.3.2 Prepare any necessary reagents and record the appropriate information (volumes, manufacturer, lot numbers, etc.) in the standard solution log.
- 9.3.3 Check instrument waste and empty as needed.
- 9.3.4 Perform any routine maintenance as needed and record in maintenance log.
- 9.3.5 Check the  $\text{KMnO}_4$  trap at the back of the instrument to make sure it is filled with crystalline  $\text{KMnO}_4$  and not wet or spent (the brown  $\text{MnO}_2$  color approaches the open end of the trap).
- 9.3.6 Fill the rinse solution container with rinse solution, if needed, and move the probe down into the rinse well.
- 9.3.7 Check peristaltic pump tubing installation, make sure tension is adjusted if needed, and turn pump on.
- 9.3.8 Place the  $\text{SnCl}_2$  line in DI water.
- 9.3.9 Initialize the wetting of the GLS by selecting 'wet the gas liquid separator post' option in the software. This increases the gas flow to 300-350 mL/min and ramps the pump speed to 100%. Pinch the waste line tubing shut with your fingers. Watch the bubbles and ensure that 1-2 bubbles completely propels to the top of the chamber, wetting the entire post and the top. As soon as this happens, open the waste line tubing so the GLS can drain.
- 9.3.10 Inspect the GLS to make sure it is draining completely and liquid is not pooling.
- 9.3.11 Attach the sample gas line to the nafion dryer cartridge.
- 9.3.12 Fill the stannous chloride bottle with stannous chloride.
- 9.3.13 Place the  $\text{SnCl}_2$  line into the  $\text{SnCl}_2$  solution bottle.

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- 9.3.14 Create a worksheet for analysis by selecting 'new from' in the file menu. Enter the name, ie 20Aug15 (DDMMYY), a, b, c etc. (if more than one run is performed that day) soil or water to indicate sample matrix, and instrument ID number. The program will then go to the Method Editor page.
- 9.3.14.1 In the conditions page in the Method Editor, check the instrument settings including the time profile (baseline correction and read time delays). To do this, read a standard and move the baseline correction window and read time window accordingly if needed.
- 9.3.14.2 Check the Standards page to ensure the correct calibration parameters and standards are entered.
- 9.3.14.3 Check the QC tests page to make sure the correct test solutions and parameters are entered if the software is to calculate recoveries during analysis.
- 9.3.15 Create a sequence in the sequence editor tab and enter sample IDs or import them from LimsLink.
- 9.3.16 Start analysis, monitor all initial QC checks. If initial QC fails, make adjustments if needed and re-calibrate. If checks pass criteria, continue with sample analysis.
- 9.3.17 After analysis, print out a report and transfer valid data into LIMS system via LimsLink.
- 9.3.18 After completing sample analysis for the day, shut down the instrument.
- 9.3.18.1 Place the SnCl<sub>2</sub> line in 10% HNO<sub>3</sub> and run for ~10 minutes. After this move the probe up out of the rinse well and place the SnCl<sub>2</sub> line in DI water and run for 2-5 minutes. Remove from DI and allow the line to run dry. Turn off pump, disconnect the clamps, and loosen pump tubing.
- 9.3.18.2 Disconnect the sample gas line from the nafion dryer cartridge.
- 9.3.18.3 Turn off the gas and the lamp.
- 9.3.18.4 If the instrument will be used in the next day or two, leave it in the stand-by mode. If not, do a cold shut down and turn off the software, instrument, auto sampler and auto diluter.

#### 9.4 Routine Instrument Operating Conditions

Parameter	Setting
Sample Probe Depth (mm)	145
ASX Rinse Pump Speed (%)	50
Sample Uptake Time (s)	45
Rinse Time (s)	95
Gas Flow (mL/min)	100
Pump speed (%)	50
Read Delay time (s)	55.50
Replicate read time (s)	1.50
Replicates	4

#### 9.5 Initial Calibration

##### 9.5.1 Calibration Design

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9.5.1.1 The calibration curve must consist of a minimum of a calibration blank and five non-zero standards for each mode of analysis. The calibration range for standard level analysis is 0.2 ug/L to 10 ug/L. The calibration range for lower level analysis is 0.010 µg/L to 0.20 µg/L. Use the average of four integrations for both calibration and sample analyses. Using the instrumentation software, prepare a standard curve for each element by plotting absorbance versus concentration. The calibration is a linear regression using equation;  $y = mx + b$ . The analyst may employ a regression equation that does not pass through the origin, however forcing through zero is not allowed. Instruments must be calibrated at a minimum of once every 24 hours or prior to use. The instrument standardization date and time must be included in the raw data.

9.5.1.2 Additional calibration specifications may be referenced in ENV-POL-CORQ-0005 *Acceptable Calibration Practices for Instrument Testing* (or equivalent replacement).

### 9.5.2 Calibration Sequence

#### Calibration Blank (CAL0)

CAL1  
 CAL2  
 CAL3  
 CAL4  
 CAL5  
 ICV  
 ICB  
 CRDL  
 CCV  
 CCB

#### Client samples

CRDL  
 CCV  
 CCB

### 9.5.3 ICAL Evaluation

#### 9.5.3.1 Curve Fit

With a multi-point calibration, the regression calculation will generate a correlation coefficient (r) that is the measure of the “goodness of fit” of the regression line to the data. In order to be used for quantitative purposes, the correlation coefficient must be > 0.995.

#### 9.5.3.2 Relative Standard Error (RSE)

%RSE is evaluated after all calibration points have been measured. In order for a standard curve to be acceptable, the %RSE acceptance criteria is 80%-120% must be observed.

**Note:** %RSE is analogous to %RSD. 40CFR Part 136 allow %RSE to be used in place of correlation coefficient (R) or coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ) for the acceptability determination of the curve.

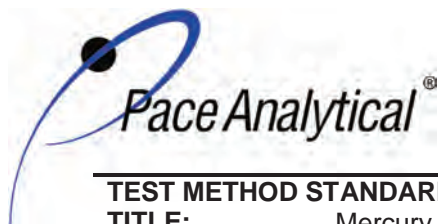
#### 9.5.3.3 Initial Calibration Verification

In addition to meeting the linearity requirement, any new calibration curve must be assessed for accuracy in the values generated. To assess the accuracy, a single standard

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from a secondary source must be analyzed and the results obtained must be compared to the known value of the standard. This step is referred to as Initial Calibration Verification. The ICV is analyzed immediately following an initial calibration curve.

#### 9.5.4 Continuing Calibration Verification

A CCV followed immediately by a CCB must be analyzed after every 10 samples and at the end of the analytical batch to verify the system is still calibrated.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

See the laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0171 *Laboratory Calculations*, or equivalent replacement, for equations for common calculations.

**10.1** The percent recovery in the LCS is calculated using Equation 1:

#### Equation 1

$$\% \text{ Recovery} = \frac{SR}{SA} \times 100$$

Where, SR = LCS result (ug/L or mg/kg)  
 SA = spike added, ug/L or mg/kg

**10.2** The percent recovery of mercury in the matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate is calculated using Equation 2:

#### Equation 2

$$\% \text{ Recovery} = \frac{\#SSR \% SR}{SA} \times 100$$

Where, SSR = Spiked sample result, mg/L or mg/kg  
 SR = Sample result, mg/L or mg/kg  
 SA = Spike added, mg/L or mg/kg

**10.3** Calculate the Relative Percent Difference (RPD) between the matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate using Equation 3:

#### Equation 3

$$\%RPD = \frac{|S \% D|}{\#S \& D / 2} \times 100$$

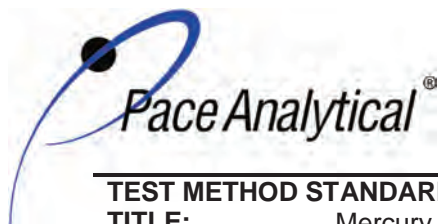
Where, S = Sample result, mg/L or mg/kg  
 D = Duplicate sample result, mg/L or mg/kg

**10.4** The corrected dry weight concentration can be calculated using the following:

$$\text{corrected dry wt conc} = \frac{\left( c \times \frac{v_f}{wt_i} \right)}{\% \text{ dry wt}}$$

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Where, c = concentration on instrument, µg/L  
 $v_f$  = final volume, L  
 $wt_i$  = initial weight, g

$$\% \text{ Dry weight} = \frac{\text{Sample Dry Weight}}{\text{Sample Wet Weight}} \times 100$$

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### 11.1 Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples. Refer to Appendix A for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Method Blank (MB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)	As needed
Matrix Spike (MS)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples for 7470/7471. 1 per batch of 10 or fewer samples for 245.1
Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples.
Sample Duplicate	Performed at client request.
Serial Dilution	Performed at client request.
Post Digestion Spike	Performed at client request.
Filter Blank (FB)	1 per batch of 20 or fewer samples when applicable.

### 11.2 Instrument QC

The following Instrument QC checks are performed. Refer to Appendix A for acceptance criteria and required corrective action.

QC Item	Frequency
Initial Calibration	Daily
Initial Calibration Verification	Immediately after each initial calibration
Initial Calibration Blank	Immediately after each initial calibration
Continuing Calibration Verification	Prior to the analysis of any samples and after every 10 injections thereafter. Samples must be bracketed with a closing CCV standard.
Continuing Calibration Blank	Following every CCV injection
CRDL / LLCCV verification	At the beginning of each run. May be run more frequently per state or client requirement.

### 11.3 Method Performance

#### 11.3.1 Method Validation

##### 11.3.1.1 Detection Limits

Detection limits (DL) and limits of quantitation (LOQ) are established at initial method setup and verified on an on-going basis thereafter. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* and to the laboratory's SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0163 *Determination of LOD and LOQ* (or equivalent replacement) for these procedures.

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### 11.4 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0165 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (or equivalent replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* (or equivalent replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

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Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

Refer to Appendix A for a complete summary of QC, acceptance criteria, and recommended corrective actions for QC associated with this test method.

### 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable containers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

### 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

- 14.1** Use of Block Digester- Heating is conducted with hot block digestion as the heating equivalent mentioned in SW 846 7471B (section 6.10) and SW 846 7470. This is also compliant with method 245.1 under the Clean Water Act method flexibility in 40CFR section 136.6 (b) (4) (iii).
- 14.2** The lab utilizes a 30 mL final volume, all solid weights and reagent ratios are conducted based on the 0.3 g versus the 0.5 g initial weight accordingly.
- 14.3** Mercury calibration standards are prepared and digested weekly for SW-846 analysis of soils and waters. The stability and performance of standards prepared weekly has been evaluated and documented.

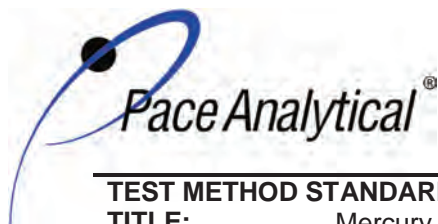
### 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

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## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – QC Summary
- Appendix B – Working Standard Summary

## 17.0 REFERENCES

- Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.
- TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.
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- Test Methods for Evaluating Water and Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods, SW-846, Method 7471B, Revision 2, Feb 2011.
- Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 245.1. Rev.3.0, 1994.
- 40 CFR Appendix B to Part 136, *Definition and Procedure for the Determination of the Method Detection Limit - Rev 2*, August 28, 2017.
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Laboratory Quality Control and Data Policies, July 2011.

## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

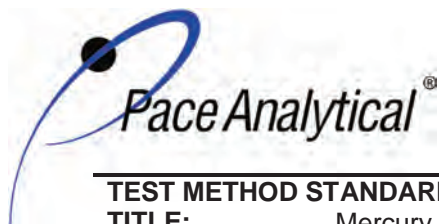
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Section	Description of Change
7.1	Updated the description of the Mercury analyzer, computer controlled from "or equivalent to "PE FIMS-400"
7.2	Added the filters row
8.1	update the description of the Potassium permanganate solution to include "Filter reagent as needed for lower level procedures
9.1.1.6	Added; " and observe physical changes for 15 minutes."
9.1.1.8	Update digestion temperature acceptance range from 95!C ± 2!C to 95!C ± 3!C
9.2.1.7	Update digestion temperature acceptance range from 95!C ± 2!C to 95!C ± 3!C
9.2.1.11	Update digestion temperature acceptance range from 95!C ± 2!C to 95!C ± 3!C
Append A	Remove all references to West Virginia

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### Appendix A: QC Summary

QC Item	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action	Qualification
ICAL	Daily	$r \geq 0.995$  RSE < 20%	Identify and correct source of problem, repeat.	None. Do not proceed with analysis.
ICV	After each ICAL	$\pm 10\%$ for SW-846 7000 series methods and $\pm 5\%$ for 245.1	Identify and correct the source of problem, re-analyze.	None. Do not proceed with analysis..
ICB	Immediately after the initial calibration verification	Result must be less than the absolute value of the Reporting Limit (LOQ).  NC requires blanks to be clean to $\frac{1}{2}$ RL.  WIDNR require samples to be reported to the MDL.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the ICB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the ICB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with ICB out of criteria.
CRDL / LLCCV <sup>4</sup>	At the beginning of each run. Depending on data quality objectives it may be required that a CRDL bracket samples.	$\pm 30\%$ (or specified by the client)	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CRDL exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).  For example, the CRDL %R is high and the analyte detections exceed the continuing calibrations verification level (midpoint of the curve).  If the CRDL is biased low, no data can be reported for the target elements failing criteria.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
CCV <sup>5</sup>	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window.	All analytes must be within $\pm 10\%$ of the true value. (%R):	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCV exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CCV %R is high, and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with CCV out of criteria.
CCB	Daily, before sample analysis, after every 10, and at end of analytical window	Result must be less than the absolute value of the Reporting Limit (LOQ).  NC requires blanks to be clean to $\frac{1}{2}$ RL.  WIDNR require samples to be reported to the MDL.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. Analysis may proceed if it can be demonstrated that the CCB exceedance has no impact on analytical measurements.  For example, the CCB has detections and the analyte is not detected in sample(s).	Qualify analytes with CCB out of criteria.
Method Blank	One per 20 samples	Method 7470/7471: The method blank is considered to be	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.

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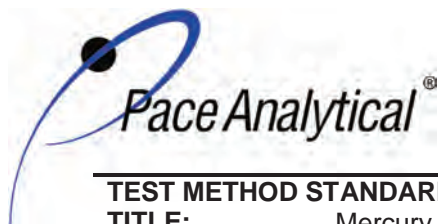
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		<p>acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed the LLOQ or project-specific DQOs.</p> <p>Method 245.1: The method blank is considered to be acceptable if it does not contain the target analytes that exceed 1/2 LLOQ or project-specific DQOs.</p>	<p>failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.</p> <p>If the method blank exceeds the criteria, but the associated samples are either below the reporting level or other DQOs, or detections in the sample are &gt;10x MB detections then the sample data may be reported.</p> <p>J-flag qualification will be applied for blank detections between the LOQ and LOD when DQOs require evaluation to the MDL.</p>	
LCS	One per 20 samples	<p>80-120% for 7470/7470A and 7471/7471B.</p> <p>85-115% for 245.1.</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.</p> <p>If LCS recovery is &gt; QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples</p>	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
LCSD <sup>1</sup>	An LCSD must be substituted in the event of insufficient sample volume for a matrix spike duplicate sample.	<p>80-120% for 7470/7470A and 7471/7471B.</p> <p>85-115% for 245.1</p> <p>% RPD ≤ 20%</p>	<p>Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the LCS fails, all samples affected by the failing LCS elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.</p> <p>If LCS recovery is &gt; QC limits and these compounds are non-detect in the associated samples</p>	Qualify analytes with LCS out of criteria.
MS/MSD <sup>2,3</sup>	<p>One per 20 samples for 7470/7470A and 7471/7471B.</p> <p>One per 10 samples for 200.8</p>	<p>80-120% for 7470/7470A<sup>3</sup> and 7471/74/1B.</p> <p>245.1: 70-130%</p> <p>%RPD: 20%</p>	<p>If the percent recovery for the MS and MSD fall outside the control limits, the results are flagged that they are outside acceptance criteria along with the parent sample. If the RPD exceeds the acceptance criteria, the MSD sample and associated parent sample need to be flagged.</p> <p>If MS or MSD fails and spike amount is less than 4 times the native concentration in the sample, remove M1 flag and replace with P6 flag.</p> <p>If the RPD is outside the limit, report the data and footnote the samples with precision outliers. The footnote only applies to samples within the same batch containing the sample used for the MS and MSD analyses.</p>	Qualify analytes with MS out of criteria.
Sample Duplicate	Per client request	%Diff ≤ 20%	Qualify outages	Qualify outages.
Serial Dilution	Per client request	Refer to project specific technical specifications.	Qualify outages	Qualify outages.
Post Digestion Spike	Per client request	Refer to project specific technical specifications.	Qualify outages	Qualify outages.

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Laboratory Filter Blank (FB)	Analyzed only with batches of lab filtered dissolved metals, one per batch of 20 or less.	Result must be less than the absolute value of the Reporting Limit (LOQ).  NC requires blanks to be clean to ½ RL.	Identify source of problem, re-analyze. If reanalysis of the MB fails, all samples affected by the failing MB elements need to be re-digested and re-analyzed.  If sample(s) non-detect, report the data.  If sample result >10x FB detections, report the data.	Qualify outages and explain in case narrative.
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<sup>1</sup>WIDNR requires the use of a lab created matrix solution from unused samples.

<sup>2</sup>In the event that only samples identified as Equipment Blanks and/or Field Blanks are available, and LCS/LCSD will be prepared in place of MS/MSD.

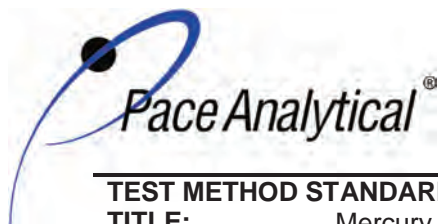
<sup>3</sup>In the absence of method specified recovery limits, results will be evaluated based on specifications outlined by the MPCA guidelines for Inorganic Analysis.

<sup>4</sup>A reporting limit verification is performed by analyzing a CRDL at  $\pm 30\%$  while the method has no low end criteria.

<sup>5</sup>ICV/CCV criteria is  $\pm 10\%$  while the 7000 series indicates  $\pm 20\%$ , the tighter criteria is applied to allow for instrumentation to be utilized for any mercury method throughout an analytical shift.

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**Appendix B: Working Standard Summary**

Standard	Standard(s) Used	Standard(s) Amount (mL)	Solvent	Solvent Volume (mL)	Final Total Volume (mL)	Final Concentration (µg/L)
Mercury Calibration Intermediate.	Mercury Stock (10 µg/mL)	5	Reagent water	985	1000	50
	Concentrated nitric acid	10				
Standard 0	Intermediate Standard (50 µg/L)	0	Reagent water	30	30	0
Standard 1		0.12		29.88		0.2
Standard 2		0.6		29.4		1.0
Standard 3		1.8		28.2		3.0
Standard 4		3.0		27		5.0
Standard 5		6.0		24		10
CRDL		0.12		29.88		0.2
ICV/CCV		Mercury Stock 1000 mg/mL		0.15		Reagent water
ICB/CCB	N/A	N/A	Reagent water	30	30	0
Low Level Mercury Calibration Intermediate Standard; Prepare every 6 months.	Calibration Mercury Stock (10 mg/L)	0.100	Reagent water	984.9	1000	1.0
	Concentrated nitric acid	5.0				
	Concentrated hydrochloric acid	10				
Standard 0	Intermediate Standard (1.0 µg/L)	0	Reagent Water	30	30	0
Standard 1		0.30		29.7		0.010
Standard 2		0.75		29.25		0.025
Standard 3		1.5		28.5		0.050
Standard 4		3.0		27		0.100
Standard 5		6.0		24		0.200
CRDL		0.30		29.7		0.01
Low Level Mercury ICV/CCV Intermediate Standard. Prepare every 6 months		ICV/CCV Mercury Stock (10 mg/L)		0.4		Reagent water
	Concentrated nitric acid	5.0				
	Concentrated hydrochloric acid	10				
Low Level Mercury ICV/CCV	Low Level Mercury ICV/CCV Intermediate (75 µg/L)	0.15	Reagent water	29.85	30	0.10
Lower Level Mercury ICB/CCB	N/A	N/A	Reagent water	30	30	0

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### 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure describes the gravimetric determination of the percent moisture by measuring the solids content of soils, peats, organic clays, silts, etc.

#### 1.1 Applicable Matrices

This SOP is applicable to most moisture bearing solids including but not limited to soils, peats, organic clays, and silts.

Dry weights are automatically assigned to samples having a solid matrix listed in LIMS. Certain determinative methods do not require moisture corrected results and this test should not be conducted for the following procedures; Toxicity characteristic leachate procedure, 8280 Low Resolution Dioxin, PH, paint filter, and flashpoint.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

A representative portion of a soil sample is dried in an oven and the solids content is determined by the weight loss. The percent moisture content is calculated from the solids content.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

Not applicable to this SOP.

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

**Dry Weight** – The weight of a sample based on percent solids after drying in an oven at a 105°C ±5°C.

**Sample Delivery Group (SDG)** – A unit within a single project that is used to identify a group of samples for delivery. An SDG is a group of 20 or fewer field samples within a project, received over a period of up to 14 calendar days. Data from all samples in an SDG are reported concurrently. A Sample Delivery Group is generally defined by one of the following, whichever occurs first:

- 1) All Samples within a project; or
- 2) Every set of 20 field samples within a project; or
- 3) All samples received within a 14-day calendar period.
- 4) Samples may be assigned to Sample Delivery Groups by matrix (i.e., all soil samples in one SDG, all water samples in another), at the discretion of the laboratory. Clients may establish different SDG classifications to meet project specific requirements.

### 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous

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chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

### General Requirements

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum Sample Amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding Time
Solid	8 oz glass jar	1 gram	<6°C, but above freezing	There is no specified holding time in ASTM 2974. The LIMS is set to 30 days from collection for the sake of an acode requirement, but data will not be qualified for holding time exceedances

<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory ENV-SOP-MIN4-0008 *Sample Management*, or equivalent replacement.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 45 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

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Equipment	Description	Vendor/ Item # / Description
Metal Spatula	Metal spatula, knife or spoon	N/A
Oven	Gravity Convection Oven	Fisher 650G, or equivalent
Balance	Analytical with a minimum sensitivity of 0.01 g	SN H47315, SN 1126423468, or equivalent
Desiccator	With drierite in a metal tray	Fisher Scientific, or equivalent
Pace Workbench	Sample Preparation Logbook and Data Transmission Software	See master list for most current version
LIMS	Data Reporting Software	See master list for most current version

## 7.2 Supplies

Supply	Description	Vendor/ Item # / Description
Weighing dish	Disposable aluminum foil	Fisher Scientific #08-732-101, or equivalent
Aluminum foil	Novelis Foil, or equivalent	Fisher Scientific 1217, or equivalent

## 8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS

### 8.1 Reagents

Reagent	Description	Requirements/ Vendor/ Item #
Drierite	Drierite will change from blue to pink when ineffective	Fisher Scientific. P/N 23005
Anhydrous Calcium Sulfate	Color indicating	Fisher Scientific P/N 13005

### 8.2 Standards

Not applicable to this procedure.

## 9.0 PROCEDURE

### 9.1 Equipment Preparation

#### 9.1.1 Balance calibration verification

9.1.1.1 Daily calibration verification of the balance using one high, one medium, and one low Class I Standard weight.

9.1.1.2 Each day verify the balance that will be used for the moisture analysis with 50.0 g, 10.0 g and 1.0 g weights that are traceable to the National Institute of Standards. Record the appropriate information in a calibration logbook.

**Note:** All balances and weights are calibrated by an outside agency on an annual basis.

#### 9.1.2 Temperature Monitoring

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- 9.1.2.1 Calibrate thermometer in oven on an annual basis. Document calibration using Thermometer Calibration Benchsheet F-MN-L-218 (or equivalent replacement).
- 9.1.2.2 Read the temperature of the oven on a daily basis. Document in the Oven Temperature logbook. The acceptable temperature is 105°C ±5°C. Initial and final temperatures will also be recorded for each batch of samples.

### 9.1.3 Desiccator Verification

- 9.1.3.1 Note in comments section of logbook if the Drierite is to be replaced. This is determined by color. If pink, Drierite is no longer anhydrous and must be replaced with anhydrous blue-colored Drierite. See ENV-SOP-MIN4-0146 *Drierite Regeneration* (or equivalent replacement), for procedure.

## 9.2 Sample Preparation

### 9.2.1 Batch Setup

- 9.2.1.1 Determine whether or not a specific container was collected for dry weight (normally a 60 mL plastic container). If not, a metals container should be utilized for dry weight. Moisture samples cannot be obtained from WIDRO, GRO or VOC sample container.

**Note:** In the event that only one container is sent for multiple tests that include VOA tests, VOA must take their sample out of the container first to keep the integrity of the sample. These containers will be delivered to the VOA lab with a "VOA FIRST" sticker attached to the cap. When VOA has taken a sub sample from the container they will affix a black dot sticker over the "VOA FIRST" sticker. This indicates that the sample can now be used by other lab areas.

- 9.2.1.2 Create the electronic prelog file using template F-MN-I-348-Rev.03 "ASTM D2974 | Percent Moisture / Percent Total Solids"
- 9.2.1.3 Arrange physical samples in the order of which they appear in the prelog batch. Observe the sample position number that the prep log associates with each EPIC PRO sample number. Use a black marker to write the EPIC Pro batch number on the first tray (empty tray).
- 9.2.1.4 Order the trays in the exact numerical order that is displayed on the prep log template. **The tare masses MUST be obtained in this order.**

### 9.2.2 Tare and Wet Weight Determination

- 9.2.2.1 Click on the Balance icon to the left of the AutoPost button on the tool bar to connect to the balance.
- 9.2.2.2 Double click under "Dish Weight" in the prelog, in the bottom, middle pane, for the first sample.
- 9.2.2.3 Place a tin on the balance, wait for the balance to stabilize and press the print button to send the weight to prep log. You should now see the tare mass displayed in the "Dish Weight" field for your sample. Tare all of the subsequent trays in this manner.
- 9.2.2.4 Place the tray on the balance. The same tare mass that is recorded on the prep log template should be displayed on the balance. Confirm the lab ID with the one in the template.

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9.2.2.5 Obtain a representative sample by stirring. Make a comment in the 'Sample Notes' field if a sample or its DUP is not homogenous. Do not remove any rocks that are smaller than pea size. Add 5.0-10.0g of sample to the tray.

9.2.2.6 Place tray on the balance and close both balance doors. Double click in the "Wet Weight w/Dish" field for the first sample. Press the print button on the balance to transfer the data, You should now see the wet mass that is displayed on the balance also displayed in the correct cell of the prep log template. Obtain the wet mass for all of the subsequent samples in this manner.

### 9.2.3 Sample Drying

9.2.3.1 Place samples in the oven. Dry the sample overnight (minimum of 16 hours). Record the initial time and temperature.

**Note:** The correction factor of the thermometer ID associated with the oven will calculate and display the corrected temperature based on the observed temperature you recorded.

9.2.3.2 Samples should not be dried longer than 24hours. Remove the sample from the oven, record the date and time the samples were removed from the oven.

9.2.3.3 Place samples in a desiccator and record the time. Allow samples to cool in the desiccator **for at least 30 minutes**.

### 9.2.4 Final Weight

9.2.4.1 Remove samples from desiccator and record the time.

9.2.4.2 Ensure the order of the trays are in the exact numerical order that is displayed on the prep log template. The dry masses MUST be obtained in this order.

9.2.4.3 Using the "Dry Weight 1" field in the prep-log, begin determining the final weight.

9.2.4.4 Tare the balance, place sample tray on the balance. Close balance doors.

9.2.4.5 Press the print button that is located next to the balance. You should now see the dry mass that is displayed on the balance also displayed in the correct cell of the prep log template.

9.2.4.6 Obtain the dry mass for all of the remaining samples in this manner.

**Note:** If a sample was dried for less than 16 hours, it must be documented that constant weight was attained. To do this, record data for a minimum of two weigh/dry/desiccate weigh cycles with a minimum of 1 hour drying time in each cycle. Constant weight is defined as a loss in weight of <0.01 g between the start weight and final weight of the last cycle.

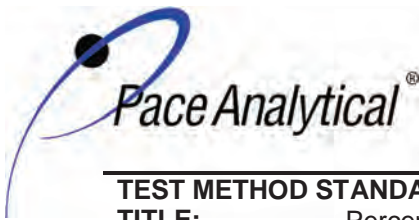
9.2.4.7 The TS Posted (%) and the Percent Moisture data will auto-populate based on the dry weight entered.

### 9.2.5 Documentation

9.2.5.1 Record the necessary information in the electronic preplog using template version F-MN-I-348-Rev.03 (or equivalent replacement). Information will include batch and sample ID, tin weight, initial and final weight, drying cycle time and temp, desiccator

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cycle time, prep date, prep analyst, and supporting equipment. Also include any additional comments if needed.

## 10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS

### 10.1 Percent Solid Calculation

This calculation will be performed and reported in EPIC via the Workbench. This value will be used for calculating analytical concentration on a dry weight basis.

$$\% \text{ Solids} = \frac{\text{Sample Dry Weight}}{\text{Sample Wet Weight}} \times 100$$

### 10.2 Relative Percent Difference Calculation (RPD)

Calculate the RPD (relative percent difference) of the duplicates for each run as follows:

$$\% \text{RPD} = \frac{|S - D|}{(S + D) / 2} \times 100$$

Where: S = Sample result, (%w/w)  
 D = Duplicate result, (%w/w)

## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

### 11.1 Quality Control

The following QC samples are prepared and analyzed with each batch of samples.

QC Sample	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	Corrective Action
Duplicate	One sample must be prepared and analyzed in duplicate at a frequency of 1 in 10 samples or 1 per analytical batch, whichever is more frequent.	The RPD should be ! 30%.	If the dup fails the samples associated with that dup are put into re-run status and they are re-analyzed.

### 11.2 Method Performance

Not applicable to this SOP.

### 11.3 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. In addition, prior to unsupervised (independent) work on any client sample, analysts that prepare or analyze samples must have successful initial demonstration of capability (IDOC) and must successfully demonstrate on-going proficiency on an annual basis. Successful means the initial and on-going DOC met criteria, documentation of the DOC is complete, and the DOC record is in the employee's training file. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-NW-0025 *Orientation and Training Procedures* for more information.

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## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employee's complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-MIN4-0092 *Data Review Process* for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

## 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable cycletainers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

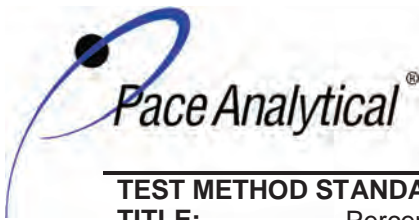
The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

## 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the

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conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

- 14.1 The method specifies a test specimen of at least 50 g while using a porcelain evaporative dish with a capacity of no less than 100 mL. Pace uses well homogenized aliquot of 5-10 g placed in 42mL disposable aluminum tin.

## 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable to this SOP.

## 17.0 REFERENCES

Pace Quality Assurance Manual- most current version.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-V1-2009.

TNI Standard, *Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses*, EL-VI-2016-Rev.2.1.

EPA Contract Laboratory Program SOW for Inorganic Analysis Document ILM 05.4. December 1, 2006.

ASTM D 2974-07, Standard Test Methods for Moisture, Ash, and Organic Matter of Peat and Other Organic Soils.

## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

This Version:

Section	Description of Change
All	Converted to new SOP template.
9.0	Removed excess content from procedural section that was not applicable to method execution but was specific to how Pace processes samples.

This document supersedes the following document(s):

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ENV-SOP-MIN4-0055	Percent Solids (Moisture) by ASTM D2974-07	02

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## 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the laboratory procedure for performing multi increment soil sampling using the guidance given in documents: ITRC Incremental Sampling Methodology; State of Alaska Draft Guidance on Multi Increment Soil Sampling; State of Hawaii Multi Increment Sample Collection, and is applicable to soil to be analyzed for metals and/or SVOC type methods (8270, PCBs etc.). Additionally, this method may be used for volatiles sub sampling when following the appropriate procedure as outlined in the SOP.

**1.1 Applicable Matrices:** This SOP is applicable to soil only.

**1.2 Personnel:** The policies and procedures contained in this SOP are applicable to all personnel involved in the analytical method or non-analytical process.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

The soil is sieved, or air dried and sieved through a #10 sieve. The soil is spread on a large tray. A determined number of sample aliquots are taken from designated areas on the tray and combined to form the sample to be tested. Samples preserved in the field for Volatile analysis will be composited by taking equal portions of the methanol and combining in the laboratory or compositing all methanol preserved field samples into an adequately sized container(s) prior to taking a sample aliquot(s) for analysis. The number of aliquots taken is determined by the client or project requirements.

## 3.0 INTERFERENCES

**Metallic Devices** – Samples to be analyzed for metal constituents should not be sampled using any metallic mixing devices or containers as it may result in contamination of the sample with a variety of metals. Use only glass, plastic or ceramic materials when working with these sample types.

**Plastic Devices** – Samples to be analyzed for organic constituents should not be sampled using any plastic mixing devices or containers as it may result in both positive and negative interferences. Use only glass and ceramic devices when working with these sample types. Metal instruments may also be used if analysis for metals is not required from the same sample.

Solvents, reagents, glassware, and other sample processing hardware may yield discrete artifacts and/or elevated baselines causing misinterpretation of the analytical results. All of these materials must be demonstrated free from interferences under the conditions of the analysis by performing method blanks.

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to the Laboratory Quality Manual for a glossary of common lab terms and definitions.

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## 5.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The toxicity or carcinogenicity of each chemical material used in the laboratory has not been fully established. Each chemical should be regarded as a potential health hazard and exposure to these compounds should be as low as reasonably achievable.

The laboratory maintains documentation of hazard assessments and OSHA regulations regarding the safe handling of the chemicals specified in each method. Safety data sheets for all hazardous chemicals are available to all personnel. Employees must abide by the health, safety and environmental (HSE) policies and procedures specified in this SOP and in the Pace Chemical Hygiene / Safety Manual.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and a laboratory coat must be worn in designated areas and while handling samples and chemical materials to protect against physical contact with samples that contain potentially hazardous chemicals and exposure to chemical materials used in the procedure.

Concentrated corrosives present additional hazards and are damaging to skin and mucus membranes. Use these acids in a fume hood whenever possible with additional PPE designed for handling these materials. If eye or skin contact occurs, flush with large volumes of water. When working with acids, always add acid to water to prevent violent reactions. Any processes that emit large volumes of solvents (evaporation/concentration processes) must be in a hood or apparatus that prevents employee exposure.

Soil samples that are collected in regulated domestic areas or that are of foreign origin must be handled in accordance with the Pace SOP: ENV-SOP-GBAY-0121, *Regulated Soil Handling* (current revision or replacement).

Contact your supervisor or local HSE coordinator with questions or concerns regarding safety protocol or safe handling procedures for this procedure.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, HOLDING TIME, AND STORAGE

Requirements for container type, preservation, and field quality control (QC) for the common list of test methods offered by Pace are included in the laboratory's quality manual.

Samples should be collected in accordance with a sampling plan and procedures appropriate to achieve the regulatory, scientific, and data quality objectives for the project.

The laboratory does not perform sample collection or field measurements for this test method. To assure sample collection and field checks and treatment are performed in accordance with applicable regulations Pace project managers will inform the client of these requirements at the time of request for analytical services when the request for testing is received prior to sample collection. If samples were already collected, the laboratory will record any nonconformance to these requirements in the laboratory's sample receipt record when sufficient information about sample collection is provided with the samples.

The laboratory will provide containers for the collection of samples upon client request for analytical services. Bottle kits are prepared in accordance with laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0007 *Bottle Preparation* (most recent version or replacement).

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**General Requirements:**

Matrix	Routine Container	Minimum sample amount <sup>1</sup>	Preservation	Holding time
Soil/Solids	4 or 8oz Amber Glass or plastic (Dependent on analysis method required))	Dependent on number of sampling sites and analysis method required.	Thermal: ≤ 6°C Chemical: None	Metals Analysis: 6 months; excluding Mercury 28 Days if Mercury requested. Pesticide/BNA or PAH Analysis: 14 Days PCB Analysis: 365 Days.
MeOH soil for VOA	VOA MeOH preserved vial	Dependent on number of sampling sites and analysis method required.	Thermal: ≤ 6°C Chemical: MeOH	14 days

<sup>1</sup>Minimum amount needed for each discrete analysis.

Thermal preservation is checked and recorded on receipt in the laboratory in accordance with laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0006 *Sample Management* (most recent revision or replacement). Chemical preservation is checked and recorded at time of receipt or prior to sample preparation. Shipments of soil samples to the laboratory require thermal preservation in the form of cubed or block ice. At the time of laboratory receipt, proper thermal preservation is checked by measuring the temperature of melt water or when provided the temperature blank. The Pace Analytical acceptable temperature range is 0 to 6°C. All QAPjP and regulatory authority requirements become priority over this requirement.

After receipt, samples are stored at ≤6°C until sample preparation. Prepared samples (extracts, digestates, distillates, other) are stored at the temperature designated in the analytical method.

After analysis, unless otherwise specified in the analytical services contract, samples are retained for 21 days from date of final report and then disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## 7.0 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### 7.1 Equipment

Equipment	Vendor*	Model/Version*	Laboratory Identification	Description/Comments
Analytical Balance	A&D	GH200	40BALL	Electronic with RS-232 output, capable of weighing 0.1g
Drying Rooms	In-house	Custom Made	40OVNK	Equipped with exhaust or blower fans for air circulation
Sieve Shakers	Various	Various	NA	To be used for disaggregation.
Computer for Electronic Prep Log	NA	NA	NA	Automated sample weight upload into LIMS

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**7.2 Supplies**

Supply*	Manufacturer*	Vendor*	Catalog#*	Description
Drying trays	NA	Local Vendor	NA	Restaurant Grade
#10 sieves	Gilson	Gilson	V8SF#10	Stainless steel or brass
Catch pans	Gilson	Gilson	V8SFXPN	
Separator pans	Gilson	Gilson	V8SHXPE	
Lids	Gilson	Gilson	V8SFXCV	
Blunt end scoop	Fisher	Fisher or Local Vendor	14-241-202	2 oz Bent Handle Scoop or; Adjustable scoop used for baking
Mallet	NA	Local Vendor	NA	Rubber or Hard Plastic
Rolling pin	NA	Local Vendor	NA	Marble
Zip top plastic bags	NA	Local Vendor	Various sizes	NA
Sampling Template	In-house	In-house	Custom Made	Lab made template
Paper towels	NA	Local Vendor	NA	NA
Gastight Syringe	Hamilton	Fisher	50 µL – 1mL	Gastight for MeOH samples

\*Or Equivalent

**8.0 REAGENTS AND STANDARDS**

Reagent	Concentration/Description	Requirements/Vendor/Item#	Expiration Date
Deionized water	Type II ASTM	US Filter 18Ω	NA
Methanol	Pesticide Grade	Burdick & Jackson / Cat: PP230-19	Manufacturer's recommended expiration date or 2 years from receipt, whichever is sooner.
Alconox	Cleaning Solution	Fisher / 50-212-165	NA

\*Or Equivalent

**9.0 PROCEDURE**
**9.1 Calibration**
**9.1.1 Analytical Balance Calibration.**

**9.1.1.1 Annual Calibration** - The balance must be calibrated at least annually by an outside agency and checked daily before each use using Class 1 or 2 weights. Refer to Pace ENV-SOP-GBAY-0115, *Support Equipment* (current revision or replacement).

**9.1.2 Daily Calibration Check.**

9.1.2.1 Clean the balance and surrounding area prior to starting the daily calibration check.

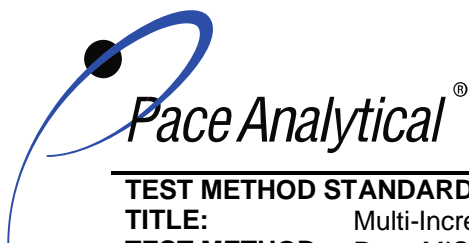
9.1.2.2 Check the sight level on the balance. If it needs adjusting, level the balance.

9.1.2.3 The weight set ID indicated in the logbook is used as the primary set. If an alternate weight set ID is used, that ID must be recorded in the comment section of the balance calibration logbook for that day.

9.1.2.4 Tare the balance before weighing the NIST certified weights.

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**9.1.2.5** Use forceps or other means to lift each weight (Do not touch the weights with fingertips as the residue may artificially adjust the true value of the weights). Record the date of the calibration check, the true value of the weight, and the actual measured weight in the logbook. Repeat this procedure for the other certified weights. If calibration weights differ from the certified weights by more than specified in the balance calibration logbook, corrective action must be taken (see 12.2).

## **9.2 Procedure for Metals and SVOC Samples:**

- 9.2.1 The project Quality and Assurance Plan (QAPP) or Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) should be consulted to determine if the sample should be dried prior to sieving. The entire sample submitted must be sieved or dried and sieved. Subsampling/splitting prior to sieving to reduce sample volume is not allowed unless addressed in the QAPP or SAP. If drying is not required go to 9.1.5.
- 9.2.2 If the client requires an equipment blank to be processed with the samples, the same equipment which is used to process the samples must be Deionized Water (DI) rinsed prior to sample processing. One equipment blank per day may be processed and must be completed with sufficient volume for all tests to be performed. The equipment blank must be logged into the LIMs system to report with the sample data.
- 9.2.3 If the sample is to be dried, spread the entire sample volume out in the drying tray. Break up any clumps of soils to about ¼” to ½” diameter. This will speed the drying process and ease the disaggregation process prior to sieving. Change gloves between samples. Place in the drying room ( $\leq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) overnight or longer until dry. Samples should be dried to moisture content of 15% or less for soils and 30% or less for sediments (may be determined by QAPP or client requirements).
- 9.2.4 Once the samples have been dried, they should be removed from the drying room and the process of disaggregation should begin. Disaggregation is the process of loosening clumped soil. It is not meant to crush or reduce the natural particle size of the soil. If necessary, place the dried sample in zip top like plastic bag and break down the sample by rolling a rolling pin over the dried soil for 1 to 2 minutes. Alternatively, a mallet can be use also to break up the soil. Change gloves between samples. Dispose of the sample drying tray and rinse equipment used in the disaggregation after each use with methanol.
- 9.2.5 Record the lab sample number on the catch pan. Then pour the entire sample onto the #10 sieve. If there is too much sample to fit on one sieve, the lab will pour the sample through the sieve and manually shake multiple times. Alternatively, if the sample does not pass through the sieve easily, stack up to three sets of #10 sieves and catch pans, cover with a lid and place on the sieve shaker. Tighten the adjustments so that the sieves fit tightly and securely. Set the time for 10 minutes and begin the sieve shaking.
- 9.2.6 After the sample passes through the sieve, carefully separate the sieve from the catch pan. Pour the contents of sieved material onto a tray. If more than one set of sieves was used, pour all the catch pan contents onto the same tray. Pour the remaining contents retained on the #10 sieve into a zip top style bag. Label the bag with the lab number and the comment “>10 coarse fragments”. Wash and dry the catch pan and sieve, then rinse with methanol, between each sample.

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- 9.2.7 Spread the sieved material evenly on a tray to a depth of ½” to 1”. Place the sampling template or determine the measuring grid with the correct number of sample aliquots portioned out on top of the tray and gently make an indentation into the soil sample. This will mark the spot where each sample aliquot will be sampled. If using the template, remove it.
- 9.2.8 Before beginning the sampling process, the total mass needed for the requested analysis must be determined. Obtain guidance from the lab manager or project manager. For instance, if 30 grams total is desired then obtain 30 1-gram portions. If 90 grams required, obtain 30 3-gram portions, etc. Before beginning, sample a few trial scoops to calibrate the amount needed for each scoop. Take the trial scoops from areas not designated as sample areas based on the template indentions.
- 9.2.8.1 If a volume required for each increment is less than 0.1g, the laboratory will sub-sample a larger volume than necessary for the individual parameter and will subsample the necessary amount for the analysis.
- 9.2.9 Using a blunt end scoop (or adjustable scoop) transfer a portion from each of the designated areas to a sample jar. Be sure to sample the entire depth of the soil. Transfer the remaining soil from the sampling tray into a zip top style bag and store at the designated method temperature ( $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
- 9.2.10 If more sample mass is required than can be obtained from one round of incremental sampling, re-smooth the sample on the tray and repeat the entire sampling process until a sufficient volume of sample is achieved. Wash and dry the trays then rinse with methanol between samples.
- 9.2.11 The QAPP or SAP may call for further particle size reduction prior to metals analysis being performed. If this is required, the sample may be sent to a sub-lab for pulverization.

**9.3 Procedure for Methanol preserved soils:**

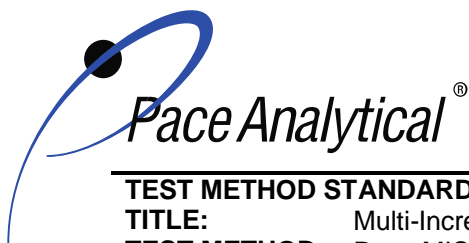
- 9.3.1 The project Quality and Assurance Plan (QAPP) or Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) should be consulted to determine the number of samples collected to determine the number of aliquots required.
- 9.3.2 Equal portions of methanol will be removed from each container. If the samples do not have a 1:1 soil:methanol ratio, multiple containers can be combined to have a total weight that will exceed the volume of methanol in the container to achieve a 1:1 soil:methanol ratio.

**10.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND CALCULATIONS**

See Section 9.1.8 on the determination of total mass required for analysis.

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## 11.0 QUALITY CONTROL AND METHOD PERFORMANCE

**11.1 Quality Control:** A client requested equipment blank may be created for a sample batch. See Section 9.2.2.

### 11.2 Analyst Qualifications and Training

Employees that perform any step of this procedure must have a completed Read and Acknowledgment Statement for this version of the SOP in their training record. Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0094 *Orientation and Training Procedures* (most recent revision or replacement) for more information.

## 12.0 DATA REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

### 12.1 Data Review

Pace's data review process includes a series of checks performed at different stages of the analytical process by different people to ensure that SOPs were followed, the analytical record is complete and properly documented, proper corrective actions were taken for QC failure and other nonconformance(s), and that test results are reported with proper qualification.

The review steps and checks that occur as employees complete tasks and review their own work is called primary review.

All data and results are also reviewed by an experienced peer or supervisor. Secondary review is performed to verify SOPs were followed, that calibration, instrument performance, and QC criteria were met and/or proper corrective actions were taken, qualitative ID and quantitative measurement is accurate, all manual integrations are justified and documented in accordance with the Pace ENV's SOP for manual integration, calculations are correct, the analytical record is complete and traceable, and that results are properly qualified.

A third-level review, called a completeness check, is performed by reporting or project management staff to verify the data report is not missing information and project specifications were met.

Draw a single-line strikethrough for any unacceptable or changed data, then DATE and INITIAL and provide a written explanation of the reason for the change

Refer to laboratory SOP ENV-SOP-GBAY-0120 *Data Review and Final Report Processes* (most recent revision or replacement) for specific instructions and requirements for each step of the data review process.

### 12.2 Corrective Action

Corrective action is expected any time QC or sample results are not within acceptance criteria. If corrective action is not taken or was not successful, the decision/outcome must be documented in the analytical record. The primary analyst has primary responsibility for taking corrective action when QA/QC criteria are not met. Secondary data reviewers must verify that appropriate action was taken and/or that results reported with QC failure are properly qualified.

Corrective action is also required when carryover is suspected and when results are over range.

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Samples analyzed after a high concentration sample must be checked for carryover and reanalyzed if carryover is suspected. Carryover is usually indicated by low concentration detects of the analyte in successive samples analyzed after the high concentration sample.

Sample results at concentrations above the upper limit of quantitation must be diluted and reanalyzed. The result in the diluted samples should be within the upper half of the calibration range. Results less than the mid-range of the calibration indicate the sample was over diluted and analysis should be repeated with a lower level of dilution. If dilution is not performed, any result reported above the upper range is considered a qualitative measurement and must be qualified as an estimated value.

#### 12.2.1 Balance Corrective Action:

12.2.1.1 Clean the balance and balance pan. Check the sight level on the balance and adjust if necessary. Re-tare and reweigh all the certified weights.

12.2.1.2 The internal calibration function (if available) of the balance may be used as a means of corrective action.

12.2.1.3 Utilize the internal calibration function and diagnostics. Refer to instrument manual.

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12.2.1.5 If the above action does not correct the problem, the balance should be taken out of service and appropriately labeled to avoid improper usage. A service technician will be contacted by the Supervisor or Quality Assurance Department

## 13.0 POLLUTION PREVENTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Pace proactively seeks ways to minimize waste generated during our work processes. Some examples of pollution prevention include but are not limited to: reduced solvent extraction, solvent capture, use of reusable cycletainers for solvent management, and real-time purchasing.

The EPA requires that laboratory waste management practice to be conducted consistent with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Excess reagents, samples and method process wastes must be characterized and disposed of in an acceptable manner in accordance with Pace's Chemical Hygiene Plan / Safety Manual.

## 14.0 MODIFICATIONS

A modification is a change to a reference test method made by the laboratory. For example, changes in stoichiometry, technology, quantitation ions, reagent or solvent volumes, reducing digestion or extraction times, instrument runtimes, etc. are all examples of modifications. Refer to Pace ENV corporate SOP ENV-SOP-CORQ-0011 *Method Validation and Instrument Verification* for the conditions under which the procedures in test method SOPs may be modified and for the procedure and document requirements.

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## 15.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Pace ENV employees that perform any part this procedure in their work activities must have a signed Read and Acknowledgement Statement in their training file for this version of the SOP. The employee is responsible for following the procedures in this SOP and handling temporary departures from this SOP in accordance with Pace's policy for temporary departure.

Pace supervisors/managers are responsible for training employees on the procedures in this SOP and monitoring the implementation of this SOP in their work area.

## 16.0 ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable to this SOP.

## 17.0 REFERENCES

**17.1** Pace Analytical Services, LLC – Green Bay, WI Quality Assurance Manual- current version.

**17.2** Standard, Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analyses, EL-VI-2016-Rev.2.1.

**17.3** The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) "Technical and Regulatory Guidance, Incremental Sampling Methodology" Feb. 2012

**17.4** State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation "Draft Guidance on Multi Increment Soil Sampling" March 2009

**17.5** State of Hawaii "Soil Sample Collection Approaches" Section 4.2 "Multi-Increment Sample Collection"

## 18.0 REVISION HISTORY

This Version: ENV-SOP-GBAY-0134-Rev.02

Section	Description of Change
All	Transferred to new format

This document supersedes the following document(s):

Document Number	Title	Version
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ATTACHMENT D  
LEVEL A/B ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



## Level A/B Assessment Checklist

### 1. General Information

Site:

Project:

Client:

Sample Matrix:

### 2. Screening Result

Data are:

- 1. Unusable \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Level A \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Level B \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Level A

Criteria – The following must be fully documented.	Yes/No	Comments
1. Sampling date		
2. Sampling team or leader		
3. Physical description of sampling location		
4. Sample depth (soils)		
5. Sample collection technique		
6. Field preparation technique		
7. Sample preservation technique		
8. Sample shipping records		

#### II. Level B

Criteria – The following must be fully documented.	Yes/No	Comments
1. Field instrumentation methods and standardization complete		
2. Sample container preparation		
3. Collection of field replicates (1/20 minimum)		
4. Proper and decontaminated sampling equipment		
5. Field custody documentation		
6. Shipping custody documentation		
7. Traceable sample designation number		
8. Field notebook(s), custody records in secure repository		
9. Completed field forms		

ATTACHMENT E  
EXAMPLE RESULT LETTER TEMPLATES

ATTACHMENT E1

EXAMPLE NO ACTION RESULT LETTER

# Atlantic Richfield Company

317 Anaconda Road  
Butte, MT 59701  
Main: (406) 723-1822

June 5, 2021

Mr. Eric Hassler  
Butte-Silver Bow  
155 W Granite St  
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Mr. Hassler:

This letter is in response to Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) soil sampling activities conducted by Atlantic Richfield Company on your property. Soil sampling was conducted pursuant to the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area National Priorities List (NPL) Site, Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) Amendment issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in August 2020 (UAO Amendment) and under the direct supervision of the EPA. On behalf of the EPA and Atlantic Richfield Company, we would like to provide you the results from the sampling that was conducted on your property.

The arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations for soil samples collected from your property are attached to this letter. Your results are below the action levels established by the EPA for RMAP soils within the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL Site. Therefore, further sampling or remediation is not required on your property.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation during this effort. If you have any questions or require further explanation concerning the above information, please give me a call at the number listed below. Alternatively, you may also call Nikia Greene with the EPA (406-457-5019) or Daryl Reed with the MDEQ (406-444-6433) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mike Mc Anulty  
Liability Manager  
Remediation Management Services Company  
An affiliate of Atlantic Richfield Company  
**(406) 723-1822**

Attachment: Analytical Soil Sampling Results

cc: Nikia Greene/EPA  
Daryl Reed/MDEQ

File: [MiningSharePoint@bp.com](mailto:MiningSharePoint@bp.com)

ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM SOIL SAMPLING  
CONDUCTED ON YOUR PROPERTY



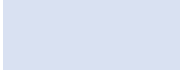
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Residential ID: P-0001

Resident ID	SAMPLING COMPONENTS	COMPONENT SURFACE AREA (Square Feet)	COMPONENT ARSENIC CONCENTRATION (mg/kg)					COMPONENT LEAD CONCENTRATION (mg/kg)					COMPONENT MERCURY CONCENTRATION (mg/kg)				
			0-2"	2-6"	6-12"	12-18"	18-24"	0-2"	2-6"	6-12"	12-18"	18-24"	0-2"	2-6"	6-12"	12-18"	18-24"
P-0001																	
P-0001-GA1	Grass Area (GA)	10,500	150	88	75	N/A	N/A	343	315	425	N/A	N/A	18	25	12	N/A	N/A
P-0001-GA2	Grass Area (GA)	10,500	142	95	65	N/A	N/A	422	366	358	N/A	N/A	55	38	33	N/A	N/A
P-0001-GA3	Grass Area (GA)	10,500	88	62	105	N/A	N/A	707	255	243	N/A	N/A	23	17	33	N/A	N/A
Total:		31,500															

-  Component Arsenic Concentration is  $\geq 250$  mg/kg.
-  Component Lead Concentration is  $\geq 1,200$  mg/kg.
-  Component Mercury Concentration is  $\geq 147$  mg/kg.

N/A = Not applicable per 2021 RMAP Quality Assurance Project Plan.

EPA Action Levels to Determine the Need for Additional Testing or Remediation in RMAP Soils:

Arsenic: Any Component  $\geq 250$  ppm

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Definitions of words and abbreviations used above:

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N/A – Not applicable per the 2021 RMAP Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

ATTACHMENT E2  
EXAMPLE REMEDIAL ACTION RESULT LETTER

## Atlantic Richfield Company

June 5, 2021

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You will see that one or more of the samples contained arsenic, lead, or mercury above the Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) soil action levels established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for this area. EPA has determined that such soil should be removed from the surface of your property and replaced with clean soil and new vegetation.

This letter describes the work that is proposed for your property and asks you for permission to complete that work at Atlantic Richfield Company's expense. The proposal is described in more detail below, and in the proposed access agreement and work plan attached to this letter.

### Sample Results

Soil sampling was conducted pursuant to the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area National Priorities List (NPL) Site, Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) Amendment issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in August 2020 (UAO Amendment) and under the direct supervision of the EPA.

The arsenic, lead, and mercury concentrations for soil samples collected from your property are attached to this letter. Your sample results, which have been reviewed and approved by EPA, indicate that the concentrations of arsenic, lead, and/or mercury detected within your property exceed the RMAP soil action level(s) established by EPA within the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area National Priorities List (NPL) Site. Therefore, some or all of your property is eligible for soil remediation.



## Proposed Remedy and Access Agreement

Atlantic Richfield Company requests your permission to complete the soil remedy that EPA has selected for your property, at Atlantic Richfield's own expense. In order to move forward with soil remediation on your property, you will need to provide us with an access agreement that allows us to complete that work.

An Individual Site Work Plan (ISWP) for your property is attached as Exhibit B to the Access Agreement. The ISWP, which also has been approved by EPA, describes the details of the soil remediation work proposed for your property.

## Next Steps

Atlantic Richfield respectfully asks that you review the attached Access Agreement and ISWP. If you concur with these documents and would like to proceed with the proposed soil remediation, please sign the Access Agreement. If you return the fully executed Access Agreement to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope, I will countersign the Access Agreement and provide you with a copy for your records. Once we receive your executed Access Agreement, we will contact you to schedule the remediation work.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation during this effort. If you have any questions or would like further explanation concerning the above, please call me at **406-723-1822**.

Sincerely,

*Mike McNulty*

Mike Mc Anulty  
Liability Manager  
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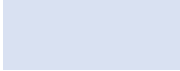
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## ACCESS AGREEMENT

BUTTE-SILVER BOW (“Owner”) and **Atlantic Richfield Company** (“Atlantic Richfield”) enter into this Access Agreement (“Agreement”) this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

1. Atlantic Richfield is conducting certain remedial activities on properties in and near Butte.
2. Access to property owned by Owner and as described in Exhibit A is needed to conduct this remedial work.
3. Owner agrees to permit Atlantic Richfield to conduct such work on Owner’s property.

Therefore, in the mutual interest of Owner and Atlantic Richfield, Owner and Atlantic Richfield further agree as follows:

1. **GRANT OF ACCESS.** Owner hereby grants to Atlantic Richfield, Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the State of Montana (“State”), including the authorized representatives of each, the right to enter Owner’s real property described in Exhibit A hereto (the “Property”), to conduct all activities described in the Individual Site Work Plan attached as Exhibit B hereto, including without limitation, excavation and/or removal of soils, removal of attic dust, monitoring and sampling (or to receive split samples) of environmental media, ingress and egress of equipment, machinery and personnel, staging and temporary storage of equipment, and conducting other information gathering activities such as field investigation, data collection, surveys and testing (collectively referred to as “Work”). Owner warrants and represents to Atlantic Richfield that, to the best of Owner’s knowledge, Owner possesses ownership interests in the Property sufficient to grant access to Atlantic Richfield to conduct the Work. Atlantic Richfield shall provide Owner, either in writing or verbally, with at least 24 hours notice prior to first commencing the Work on the Property. Atlantic Richfield will make every reasonable effort to minimize any inconvenience to Owner during its Work on the Property, and will work closely with Owner to address any concerns Owner may have about the Work.

2. **INDEMNIFICATION OF OWNER.** Atlantic Richfield agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Owner from any and all actions, claims, damages, losses, liabilities, or expenses, including damage to property or for loss of use of property (“Liabilities”), which may be imposed on or incurred by Owner as a result of Atlantic Richfield’s negligent, wrongful acts or omissions while on the Property to conduct the Work, except to the extent that such liabilities result from the acts or omissions of Owner. Provided that the Work is conducted without negligence or wrongful acts or omissions by Atlantic Richfield, Owner and Atlantic Richfield agree that the Work conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall not give rise to a claim for indemnification under this provision.

3. **NOTICE.** All written notices pertaining to this Agreement shall be sent to Owner and Atlantic Richfield at the respective addresses below. Either Owner or Atlantic Richfield may

designate a different address for receipt of notice by providing written notice of such change to the other.

TO Atlantic Richfield: Mike Mc Anulty  
317 Anaconda Road  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-1822

TO OWNER: Butte-Silver Bow  
155 W GRANITE STREET  
BUTTE, MT 59701

4. **CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY.** If the Work entails the excavation and removal of soils and/or the removal of attic dust, Atlantic Richfield may photograph the Property prior to and upon completion of the excavation and removal of soils to document and obtain a fair and accurate representation of the condition of the Property.

5. **RESTORATION OF PROPERTY.** Upon completion of the Work, Atlantic Richfield will use its best efforts to return the Property to the condition it was in at the time Atlantic Richfield first entered the Property under this Agreement, provided such restoration is not inconsistent with the Work conducted pursuant to this Agreement.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS.**

a. **Effect of Agreement.** This Agreement and the rights and obligations created hereby shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Owner and Atlantic Richfield and their respective assigns and successors in interest.

b. **Negation of agency relationship.** This Agreement shall not be construed to create, either expressly or by implication, the relationship of agency or partnership between Owner and Atlantic Richfield. Neither Owner nor Atlantic Richfield is authorized to act on behalf of the other in any manner relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

c. **Termination.** Except with respect to paragraphs 2, 3 and 6.a of this Agreement, this Agreement will terminate thirty (30) days following Atlantic Richfield's written notification to Owner that the Work is complete.

d. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana.

e. **Construction.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

f. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement embodies the entire agreement of Owner and Atlantic Richfield with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no prior oral or written representation shall serve to modify or amend this Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement signed by Owner and Atlantic Richfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Atlantic Richfield have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above.

OWNER

Atlantic Richfield Company

BUTTE-SILVER BOW

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (If other than  
Owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Liability Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
(Legal Description of the Property)

For the purposes of this Access Agreement, the term Property refers to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Silver Bow, State of Montana:

Name	Geocode	Legal Description
Jeremy Bullock Soccer Fields	01119831305010000 01119831303010000	-S31, T03 N, R07 W, POR SW4 AKA ALL BLKS 6, 7 VAC OREGON AVE BETWEEN SUB TRACTS -S31, T03 N, R07 W, LTS 1-10, TRACT D (AKA LTS 90,91) BLK 12, SUBURBAN TRACTS, SW4

**EXHIBIT B**  
(Individual Site Work Plan)

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ATTACHMENT F  
BUTTE HILL COVER SOIL  
APPROVAL SUBMITTAL FORM



# BUTTE HILL COVER SOIL APPROVAL SUBMITTAL

3/16/2021

Source:  
Sample #:

Description			Specification Met		Other Information Requested
			Yes	No	
<b><u>Chemical (mg/kg)</u></b>	As	< 97			<b><u>Organic Matter (%)</u></b> WB  <b><u>Soil Nutrients</u></b> NO <sub>3</sub> (ug/g) P (ug/g) K (ug/g)
	Cd	< 4			
	Cu	< 250			
	Pb	< 100			
	Zn	< 250			
<b><u>pH (s.u.)</u></b>		> 5.5			
		< 8.5			
<b><u>SAR</u></b>		< 12			
<b><u>Saturation (%)</u></b>		< 85			
		> 25			
<b><u>EC (mmhos/cm)</u></b>		< 4			
<b><u>Textural Classification (USDA) &lt;2.0 mm</u></b>					<b><u>Particle Size</u></b> Sand (%) Silt (%) Clay (%)
	Loam				
	Sandy loam				
	Sandy clay loam				
	Sandy clay				
	Clay loam				
	Silty clay				
	Silty clay loam				
	Silt loam				
	Silt				
	*Per EPA Approval (Loamy sand)				
<b><u>Rock Content (%) (by volume)</u></b>		< 45			

**Legend:**

- # Value - Criteria met
- # Value - Does not meet Criteria

**B-SB Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EPA Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT G  
CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

# Corrective Action Report/ Corrective Action Plan

Project ID	Project Name	Document ID
<b>Preparer's Signature/Submit Date</b>		<b>Submitted to:</b>
<b>Description of the requirement or specification</b>		
<b>Reason for the Corrective Action</b>		
<b>Location, affected sample, affected equipment, etc. requiring corrective action</b>		
<b>Suggested Corrective Action</b>	(Continue on Back)	
<b>Corrective Action Plan</b>	(Continue on Back)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval signature/date: _____	
	Approval of corrective actions required by EPA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> EPA approval name/date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective actions completed name/date: _____	
<b>Preventative Action Plan</b>	(Continue on Back)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventative actions completed name/date: _____	

# Corrective Action Report/ Corrective Action Plan

**Suggested Corrective Action  
(Continued)**

**Corrective Action Plan  
(Continued)**

**Preventative Action Plan  
(Continued)**

ATTACHMENT H  
DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST

Data Validation Checklist for Metals Sample Analysis

**Site:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Laboratory:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Project:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sample Matrix:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Analyses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sample Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Analysis Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Data Validator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Validation Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Holding Times**

Analyte(s)	Laboratory	Matrix	Method	Holding Times*	Collection Date(s)	Batch	Analysis Date(s)	Holding Time Met (Y/N)	Affected Data Flagged (Y/N)

\*Reference for Holding Times –

Were any data flagged because of holding time? Y  N   
 Were any data flagged because of preservation problems? Y  N

Describe Any Actions Taken:

Comments:

**2. Instrument Calibration**

Was the Tune analysis performed?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was the peak widths and resolution of the masses within the required control limits?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was the percent relative standard deviation ≤ 5% for all analytes in the Tune solutions?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was Instrument successfully calibrated at the correct frequency?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Was Instrument calibrated with appropriate standards and blanks?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were Initial Calibration Verification (ICV) and Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) samples analyzed?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were ICV and CCV results within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were any data flagged because of calibration problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Describe Any Actions Taken:

Comments:

**3. Blanks**

Were Initial and Continuing Calibration Blanks (ICB and CCBs) analyzed?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were ICBs and CCBs within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were Method Blanks (MBs) analyzed at the frequency of 1 per analytical batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were MBs within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were any data flagged because of blank problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Describe Any Actions Taken:

Comments:

**4. Interference Check Samples**

Were ICP Interference Check Samples (ICS) within the control limits?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Were any data flagged because of ICS problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Describe Any Actions Take:

Comments:

**5. Laboratory Control Samples**

Were Laboratory Control Samples (LCS) analyzed at the frequency of 1 per batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
What was the source of the LCS?				
Were LCS results within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data flagged because of LCS problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:				
Comments:				

**6. Duplicate Sample Results**

Were Laboratory Duplicate Samples (LDS) analyzed at the frequency of 1 per batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were LDS results within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data flagged because of LDS problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:				
Comments:				

**7. Matrix Spike Sample Results**

Were Laboratory Matrix Spike Samples (LMS) analyzed at the frequency of 1 per batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were LMS percent recovery (%R) results within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data flagged because of LMS problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:				
Comments:				

**8. ICP Serial Dilutions**

Were ICP Serial Dilutions (SD) analyzed at the frequency of 1 per batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were SD percent differences (%D) results within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data flagged because of SD problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:				
Comments:				

**9. Internal Standards**

Were internal standards added to each sample in the analytical batch?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were the percent relative recoveries (%RI) within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data flagged because of internal standard problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:				
Comments:				

**10. Field Blanks**

Were field blanks submitted as specified in the Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP)?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were field blanks within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data qualified because of field blank problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:						
Comments:						

**11. Field Duplicates**

Were field duplicates submitted as specified in the Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP)?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were the field duplicates within the control window?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were any data qualified because of field duplicate problems?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Any Actions Taken:						
Comments:						

**12. Overall Assessment**

Are there analytical limitations of the data that users should be aware of?	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, explain:				
Comments:				

**13. Authorization of Data Validation**

Data Validator <b>Name:</b> _____  <b>Signature:</b> _____  <b>Date:</b> _____	<b>Reviewed by:</b>  _____  _____
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ATTACHMENT I  
ANNUAL QAPP REVISION SUMMARIES

**Attachment I**  
**Annual RMAP QAPP Revision Summary Page**

Date	Revision #	Summary of Changes