

EVALUATION OF MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY (MU)

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Evaluation of measurement uncertainty (MU) was calculated at the 95% confidence interval, coverage factor $k = 2$ using batch control sample results. The following MU values are derived from as mentioned batch control samples ranging from 10 to 100 times the limit of reporting (LOR). As analyte results decrease and approach the LOR, estimated MU will increase. At concentrations

< 5xLOR, MU will be reported as the LOR concentration. i/s indicates insufficient data for MU Evaluation.

Microbiological measurement uncertainty (MU) is evaluated by analysis of client unknowns and PT samples by a minimum of two analysts and calculated from the standard deviation of the reproducibility of the final results which is then used to evaluate the uncertainty associated with the method.

			Water	Water	Soil	Air	Material
Method Num	Method Description	Test/Analyte	Relative MU % unless stated otherwise.	Relative MU % unless stated otherwise			
AN065	Lead in Paint (Extraction/AN320)	Lead					7.7
AN101, AN006, AN007	pH (soil, sludge, sediment, water, TCLP, ASLP)	pH	0.2 pH units		0.2 pH units		
AN106	Conductivity and TDS by Calculation	Conductivity	7.3		5.4		
AN113	Total Dissolved Solids	TDS	23.1				
AN114	Total Suspended Solids	TSS	12.3				
AN119	Turbidity	Turbidity	4.3				
AN122	Exchangeable cations and CEC by Sum	Na			14.8		
		K			17.0		
		Ca			19.4		
		Mg			19.6		
AN124	Hardness	Ca/Mg Hardness	10.7				
AN135	Alkalinity in Aqueous Solution	Total Alkalinity	19.3				
AN140	Acidity	Acidity	18.6				
AN141	Fluoride (ion selective)	Fluoride	11.3				
AN142	Fluoride in Soils	Fluoride			40.4		
AN149	Sulfide (iodometric)	Sulfide, S ²⁻	44.5				
AN179	COD - closed reflux, titrimetric	COD	18.7				
AN183	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	BOD	22.4				
AN185	Oil and Grease and hydrocarbons - Water - Gravimetric	Oil & Grease	22.4				
AN186	Oil and Grease - Soil Sludge Sediment - Gravimetric	Oil & Grease					
AN188	TOC in Soil by Titration	Total Organic Carbon			16.4		
AN190	TOC by NDIR	Non Purgeable Organic Carbon	14.7				
AN192	MBAS	MBAS	20.5				
AN201	Hexavalent Chromium (Cr⁶⁺) colourimetric	Hexavalent Chromium			23.4		
AN226	Formaldehyde	Formaldehyde	21.0				
AN245	IC anions	Bromide	7.6				
		Chloride	9.1		11.0		
		Sulfate	9.0		12.4		
		Thiosulfate	12.3				
		Nitrate	7.8		10.3		

		Fluoride	12.5				
AN270	Silica by DA	Reactive Silica	10.0				
AN271	Ferrous Iron by DA	Ferrous iron	10.2				
AN272	COD by DA	Chemical Oxygen Demand					
AN277	Nitrite by DA	Nitrite	11.6		14.0		
AN278	Reactive Phosphorus by DA	Reactive Phosphorus	11.8				
AN283	Hexavalent Cr(6+) by DA	Hexavalent Chromium	11.1				
AN285	Colour by DA	True Colour	7.3				
AN286	Iodide by DA	Iodide	17.5				
AN287	Total and Free CN by DA	See below for each cyanide form					
AN076	Free Cyanide Distillation	Free CN	15.7				
AN077	Total Cyanide Distillation	Total CN	19.6		20.5		
AN289	Phenols Colourimetric by DA	Total Phenols	12.4		12.9		
AN291	Ammonia by DA	Ammonia - N	9.4		9.8		
AN292	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen by DA	TKN	11.0		10.1		
AN293	Total Phosphorus by DA	Total Phosphorus	10.2		13.0		
AN311	Metals Cold Vapour - Water - Mercury	Mercury	20.8	13.9			
AN312	Metals Cold Vapour - Soils - Mercury	Mercury			22.1		
AN318	ICP MS	ICP MS	Soluble	Total			
		Aluminium	10.9	15.3			
		Antimony	15.7	19.8			
		Arsenic	11.4	12.2			
		Barium	13.3	13.3			
		Beryllium	14.3	15.5			
		Bismuth		34.9			
		Boron	21.1	23.5			
		Cadmium	7.5	8.9			
		Chromium	6.5	7.9			
		Cobalt	13.1	13.4			
		Copper	8.5	10.0			
		Iron	11.0	14.7			
		Lead	10.4	8.0			
		Manganese	10.2	9.4			
		Molybdenum	8.3	11.3			
		Nickel	8.7	9.7			
		Selenium	13.2	11.4			
		Silver	29.3	26.9			
		Strontium	14.2	14.3			
		Thallium	12.4	13.6			
		Tin	14.3				

		Titanium	10.4	13.6			
		Vanadium	13.2	13.9			
		Zinc	10.1	11.4			
AN320	Elements ICP OES	Elements ICP OES	Soluble	Total			
		Aluminium	12.5		17.7		
		Antimony	15.5		25.6		
		Arsenic	7.8	12.1	13.2		
		Barium	7.0	8.2	24.4		
		Beryllium	5.7		11.8		
		Boron	12.0	11.7	24.5		
		Cadmium	15.2		43.4		
		Calcium	7.8	10.4	8.9		
		Chromium	7.4	8.1	13.3		
		Cobalt	7.1		9.9		
		Copper	6.7	11.3	15.5		
		Iron	12.3	11.5			
		Lead	9.2	8.6	10.1		
		Lithium	10.9	10.8			
		Magnesium	7.3	11.2	10.1		
		Manganese	8.9	7.3	15.1		
		Molybdenum	7.4		8.9		
		Nickel	9.7		8.8		
		Phosphorus	7.0				
		Potassium	10.3	11.5	17.8		
		Selenium	10.0		11.3		
		Silicon	17.4	18.1			
		Silver	9.2		19.3		
		Sodium	7.6	12.9	22.2		
		Strontium	5.8				
		Sulfur	8.8	7.6	9.5		
		Tin	8.6		10.1		
		Thallium	7.9				
		Titanium	7.3				
		Vanadium	7.3				
		Zinc	8.3	11.5	9.7		
AN403	TRH	TRH					
		>C10-C16 F2	30.0		31.2		
		>C16-C34 F3	31.9		20.0		
		>C34-C40 F4	35.0		36.6		
		>C10-C40 F	56.1		52.1		
		C10-C14	45.7		32.3		
		C15-C28	29.0		29.9		

		C29-C36	32.2		35.5		
		C10-C36	63.0		56.5		
AN420	SVOC	SVOC					
		OC Pesticides: Aldrin	44.1		44.9		
		Delta BHC	36.8		49.0		
		Dieldrin	31.1		45.8		
		Endrin	32.1		40.2		
		Heptachlor	35.6		53.9		
		p-p-DDT	38.0		45.8		
		Hexachlorobenzene	26.3		27.1		
		Hexachlorobutadiene	17.6		15.0		
		Hexachloroethane	15.0		22.2		
		Pentachlorobenzene	20.6		27.8		
		Pentachloronitrobenzene	42.6		46.1		
		OP Pesticides Chlorpyriphos	27.4		32.5		
		Diazinon	25.2		39.6		
		Dichlorvos	37.5		56.4		
		Ethion	33.2		56.4		
		d-14 terphenyl (surrogate)	48.8		16.1		
		PAH: Acenaphthene	43.0		17.8		
		Acenaphthylene	27.9		24.1		
		Anthracene	42.1		20.1		
		Benzo-a Pyrene	37.5		24.1		
		Fluoranthene	36.7		23.8		
		Naphthalene	41.0		25.5		
		Phenanthrene	44.9		22.3		
		Pyrene	37.4		17.8		
		Phenols: 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	33.2		48.2		
		2,4-Dichlorophenol	40.4		53.0		
		Pentachlorophenol	58.3		53.5		
		Phenol	32.8		46.1		
		PCBs: Arochlor 1260	38.6		28.8		
		Phthalates: di-n-butyl phthalate	39.6		27.0		
		diethyl phthalate	32.7		29.8		
		dimethyl phthalate	34.9		27.7		
		diocetyl phthalate	44.1		33.5		
		Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate)	39.0		26.1		
		Butyl benzyl phthalate	58.5				
		Other:					
		1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorobenzene	19.4		20.0		



		N-nitroso-di-n-propylamine	42.2		39.6		
AN433	VOC C6-9 GCMS P&T	VOC					
		VOCs: Benzene	25.5		24.7		
		Ethyl Benzene	25.6		22.0		
		m,p-xylene	32.0		23.0		
		o-xylene	27.7		18.9		
		toluene	28.8		24.0		
		BTEX	62.7		50.6		
		C6-C10	32.0		29.8		
		C6-C10 minus BTEX F1	47.9		42.5		
		C6-C9	33.1		32.1		
		1,1-Dichloroethene	36.8		49.3		
		1,2-Dichloroethane	32.8		16.0		
		Chlorobenzene	28.0		19.7		
		Chloroform	35.7		21.2		
		Trichloroethene	32.6		24.6		
		D4-1,2-Dichloroethane -Surr	24.2		19.7		
AN447	PCB in Oil GCECD	PCBs Arochlor 1260					38.6
AN449	Passivated Cannisters, GC-MS	Trichloroethylene				20.7	
		m_p_xylene				32.2	
		Freon -113				28.6	
		Dichlorodifluoromethane				29.8	
		Chloroform				24.0	
		1,3-butadiene				21.1	
		1,2,4-Trimethylbenze				22.9	
		1,1,2-Trichloroethane				22.1	
AN459	Methane, Ethane, Ethylene, Propane, Butane, in Water	Methane	18.0				
AN461	VOC Charcoal-Hexane GCMS	VOCs as Hexane				29.3	
AN467	VOC in Charcoal-CS2 GCMS	VOC					
		1,2-dichloroethane				25.8	
		1,4-dioxane				25.0	
		2-butanone (MEK)				22.5	
		Acetone				37.3	

		Acrylonitrile				41.7	
		Benzene				27.9	
		Carbon tetrachloride				25.8	
		Chlorobenzene				27.8	
		Cyclohexane				27.7	
		Epichlorohydrin				23.8	
		Ethyl benzene				30.0	
		Hexane				27.6	
		m & p-Xylene				32.6	
		o-Xylene				28.9	
		Styrene				21.4	
		Toluene				27.8	
		Trichloroethene				26.4	
		MIBK				25.8	
AN480	C1-C6 in Air, GC-FID	Methane				8.0	
		Ethane				12.9	
		Propane				10.2	
		Butane				6.2	
		Pentane				11.1	
		Hexane				17.1	
AN502/503	Dust Deposition (solids)	Soluble Solids	17.3				
		Insoluble solids	13.4				