

QA/QC Compliance Assessment to assist with Quality Review

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Project : **HCHB**
Site : **----**
Sampler : **DM, PB, RB**
Order number : **----**

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Date Samples Received : **09-Apr-2021**
Issue Date : **16-Apr-2021**
No. of samples received : **20**
No. of samples analysed : **20**

This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS through interpretation of the ALS Quality Control Report and several Quality Assurance parameters measured by ALS. This automated reporting highlights any non-conformances, facilitates faster and more accurate data validation and is designed to assist internal expert and external Auditor review. Many components of this report contribute to the overall DQO assessment and reporting for guideline compliance.

Brief method summaries and references are also provided to assist in traceability.

Summary of Outliers

Outliers : Quality Control Samples

This report highlights outliers flagged in the Quality Control (QC) Report.

- **NO Method Blank value outliers occur.**
- **NO Duplicate outliers occur.**
- **NO Laboratory Control outliers occur.**
- **NO Matrix Spike outliers occur.**
- **For all regular sample matrices, NO surrogate recovery outliers occur.**

Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance

- **NO Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist.**

Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples

- **Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers exist - please see following pages for full details.**



Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples

Matrix: **WATER**

Quality Control Sample Type	Count		Rate (%)		Quality Control Specification
Method	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)					
Chlorophyll a, b and c	0	20	0.00	10.00	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)					
Chlorophyll a, b and c	0	20	0.00	5.00	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard

Analysis Holding Time Compliance

If samples are identified below as having been analysed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times (referencing USEPA SW 846, APHA, AS and NEPM) based on the sample container provided. Dates reported represent first date of extraction or analysis and preclude subsequent dilutions and reruns. A listing of breaches (if any) is provided herein.

Holding time for leachate methods (e.g. TCLP) vary according to the analytes reported. Assessment compares the leach date with the shortest analyte holding time for the equivalent soil method. These are: organics 14 days, mercury 28 days & other metals 180 days. A recorded breach does not guarantee a breach for all non-volatile parameters.

Holding times for VOC in soils vary according to analytes of interest. Vinyl Chloride and Styrene holding time is 7 days; others 14 days. A recorded breach does not guarantee a breach for all VOC analytes and should be verified in case the reported breach is a false positive or Vinyl Chloride and Styrene are not key analytes of interest/concern.

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Method		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EA015: Total Dissolved Solids dried at 180 ± 5 °C								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EA015H)		07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	13-Apr-2021	14-Apr-2021	✔
McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella							
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EA015H)		08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	14-Apr-2021	15-Apr-2021	✔
Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,							



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Method		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EA045: Turbidity								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EA045) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	09-Apr-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EA045) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	10-Apr-2021	✓
ED037P: Alkalinity by PC Titrator								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (ED037-P) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	13-Apr-2021	21-Apr-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (ED037-P) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	13-Apr-2021	22-Apr-2021	✓
ED045G: Chloride by Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (ED045G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	12-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (ED045G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	12-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓



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Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EG052G: Silica by Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EG052G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	13-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EG052G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	13-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓
EK055G-SW: Ammonia as N by Discrete Analyser in Saline Water								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK055G-SW) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	16-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK055G-SW) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	16-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓
EK057G: Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EK057G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	09-Apr-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EK057G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	10-Apr-2021	✓



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Method		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EK059G: Nitrite plus Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK059G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	15-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK059G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	15-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓
EK061G: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen By Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK061G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	12-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓	13-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK061G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	12-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓	13-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓
EK067G: Total Phosphorus as P by Discrete Analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK067G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	12-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓	13-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Sulfuric Acid (EK067G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	12-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓	13-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓



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Method		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
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EK071G: Reactive Phosphorus as P by discrete analyser								
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EK071G) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	09-Apr-2021	✓
Clear Plastic Bottle - Natural (EK071G) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	09-Apr-2021	10-Apr-2021	✓
EP002: Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)								
Amber DOC Filtered- Sulfuric Preserved (EP002) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	14-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Amber DOC Filtered- Sulfuric Preserved (EP002) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	14-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓
EP005: Total Organic Carbon (TOC)								
Amber TOC Vial - Sulfuric Acid (EP005) McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	14-Apr-2021	05-May-2021	✓
Amber TOC Vial - Sulfuric Acid (EP005) Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitschere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitschere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	14-Apr-2021	06-May-2021	✓

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Method		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
Container / Client Sample ID(s)			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EP008: Chlorophyll								
Glass Fibre Filter Paper (Chlorophyll) (EP008B)								
McGrath Flat North, Villa de Yumpa, North Jacks Point, Snipe Point, Morella Creek @ Gauge, 3.2km South of Salt Creek (Land),	Parnka Point, Stony Well, Salt Ck Outlet, Morella Basin @ Outlet Regulator, 1.8km West of Salt Creek, Seagull Island, Tilley Swamp Drain U/S Morella	07-Apr-2021	----	----	----	15-Apr-2021	28-Apr-2021	✔
Glass Fibre Filter Paper (Chlorophyll) (EP008B)								
Murray Mouth, DS Tauwitchere, Long Point, Bonneys	US Tauwitchere, Mark Point, Noonameena,	08-Apr-2021	----	----	----	15-Apr-2021	29-Apr-2021	✔



Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance

The following report summarises the frequency of laboratory QC samples analysed within the analytical lot(s) in which the submitted sample(s) was(were) processed. Actual rate should be greater than or equal to the expected rate. A listing of breaches is provided in the Summary of Outliers.

Matrix: **WATER**

Evaluation: ✖ = Quality Control frequency not within specification ; ✔ = Quality Control frequency within specification.

Quality Control Sample Type		Count		Rate (%)		Quality Control Specification	
Analytical Methods	Method	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected		Evaluation
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)							
Alkalinity by PC Titrator	ED037-P	4	40	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chloride by Discrete Analyser	ED045G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chlorophyll a, b and c	EP008B	0	20	0.00	10.00	✗	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EP002	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	4	35	11.43	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Reactive Phosphorus as P-By Discrete Analyser	EK071G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	8	80	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Organic Carbon	EP005	3	24	12.50	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Turbidity	EA045	4	37	10.81	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Alkalinity by PC Titrator	ED037-P	2	40	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chloride by Discrete Analyser	ED045G	2	20	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chlorophyll a and Pheophytin a	EP008	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chlorophyll a, b and c	EP008B	0	20	0.00	5.00	✗	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EP002	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	2	35	5.71	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Reactive Phosphorus as P-By Discrete Analyser	EK071G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	8	80	10.00	10.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Organic Carbon	EP005	2	24	8.33	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Turbidity	EA045	2	37	5.41	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Method Blanks (MB)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chloride by Discrete Analyser	ED045G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chlorophyll a and Pheophytin a	EP008	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chlorophyll a, b and c	EP008B	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EP002	1	20	5.00	5.00	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard



Matrix: **WATER**

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Quality Control Sample Type		Count		Rate (%)			Quality Control Specification
Analytical Methods	Method	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation	
Method Blanks (MB) - Continued							
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	2	35	5.71	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Reactive Phosphorus as P-By Discrete Analyser	EK071G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	4	80	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Organic Carbon	EP005	2	24	8.33	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Turbidity	EA045	2	37	5.41	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Matrix Spikes (MS)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Chloride by Discrete Analyser	ED045G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EP002	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	2	35	5.71	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Reactive Phosphorus as P-By Discrete Analyser	EK071G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Organic Carbon	EP005	2	24	8.33	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	20	5.00	5.00	✔	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard



Brief Method Summaries

The analytical procedures used by the Environmental Division have been developed from established internationally recognized procedures such as those published by the US EPA, APHA, AS and NEPM. In house developed procedures are employed in the absence of documented standards or by client request. The following report provides brief descriptions of the analytical procedures employed for results reported in the Certificate of Analysis. Sources from which ALS methods have been developed are provided within the Method Descriptions.

Analytical Methods	Method	Matrix	Method Descriptions
Algal Count	BM010	WATER	Specialist microbiological analysis subcontracted to ALS Scoresby (NATA Accredited Laboratory No. 992).
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 2540C. A gravimetric procedure that determines the amount of 'filterable' residue in an aqueous sample. A well-mixed sample is filtered through a glass fibre filter (1.2um). The filtrate is evaporated to dryness and dried to constant weight at 180+/-5C. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Turbidity	EA045	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 2130 B. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Alkalinity by PC Titrator	ED037-P	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 2320 B This procedure determines alkalinity by automated measurement (e.g. PC Titrate) on a settled supernatant aliquot of the sample using pH 4.5 for indicating the total alkalinity end-point. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Chloride by Discrete Analyser	ED045G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500 Cl - G. The thiocyanate ion is liberated from mercuric thiocyanate through sequestration of mercury by the chloride ion to form non-ionised mercuric chloride. In the presence of ferric ions the liberated thiocyanate forms highly-coloured ferric thiocyanate which is measured at 480 nm APHA seal method 2 017-1-L
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-SiO2 D: Under Acidic conditions reactive silicon combines with ammonium molybdate to form a yellow molybdosilicic acid complex. This is reduced by 1-amino-2-naphthol-4-sulfonic acid to a silicomolybdenum blue complex which is measured by discrete analyser at 670 nm. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3).
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-NH3 G Ammonia is determined by direct colorimetry by Discrete Analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-NO2- B. Nitrite is determined by direct colourimetry by Discrete Analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Nitrate as N by Discrete Analyser	EK058G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-NO3- F. Nitrate is reduced to nitrite by way of a chemical reduction followed by quantification by Discrete Analyser. Nitrite is determined separately by direct colourimetry and result for Nitrate calculated as the difference between the two results. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-NO3- F. Combined oxidised Nitrogen (NO2+NO3) is determined by Chemical Reduction and direct colourimetry by Discrete Analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-Norg D (In house). An aliquot of sample is digested using a high temperature Kjeldahl digestion to convert nitrogenous compounds to ammonia. Ammonia is determined colorimetrically by discrete analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Total Nitrogen as N (TKN + Nox) By Discrete Analyser	EK062G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-Norg / 4500-NO3-. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-P H, Jirka et al, Zhang et al. This procedure involves sulphuric acid digestion of a sample aliquot to break phosphorus down to orthophosphate. The orthophosphate reacts with ammonium molybdate and antimony potassium tartrate to form a complex which is then reduced and its concentration measured at 880nm using discrete analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)



<i>Analytical Methods</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Matrix</i>	<i>Method Descriptions</i>
Reactive Phosphorus as P-By Discrete Analyser	EK071G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-P F Ammonium molybdate and potassium antimonyl tartrate reacts in acid medium with orthophosphate to form a heteropoly acid -phosphomolybdic acid - which is reduced to intensely coloured molybdenum blue by ascorbic acid. Quantification is by Discrete Analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Dissolved Organic Carbon	EP002	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 5310 B. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3). Samples are combusted at high temperature in the presence of an oxidative catalyst. The evolved carbon dioxide is quantified using an IR detector.
Total Organic Carbon	EP005	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 5310 B, The automated TOC analyzer determines Total and Inorganic Carbon by IR cell. TOC is calculated as the difference. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)
Chlorophyll a and Pheophytin a	EP008	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 10200 H. The pigments are extracted into aqueous acetone. The optical density of the extract before and after acidification at both 664 nm and 665 nm is determined spectrometrically.
Chlorophyll a, b and c	EP008B	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 10200 H. The pigments are extracted into aqueous acetone. The trichromatic method is used by determining the optical density of the extract at 664 nm, 647nm and 630 nm spectrometrically.
<i>Preparation Methods</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Matrix</i>	<i>Method Descriptions</i>
TKN/TP Digestion	EK061/EK067	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500 Norg - D; APHA 4500 P - H. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)