ALS Environmental

QA/QC Compliance Assessment to assist with Quality Review

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Project	: HCHB	Date Samples Received	: 11-Aug-2021
Site	: ----	Issue Date	: 16-Aug-2021
Sampler	: JC	No. of samples received	: 2
Order number	: ----	No. of samples analysed	: 2

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

- **Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist - please see following pages for full details.**

Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples

- **NO Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers exist.**

Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance

Matrix: **WATER**

Method / Container / Client Sample ID(s)		Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
		Date extracted	Due for extraction	Days overdue	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Days overdue
EK059G: Nitrite plus Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser							
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered							
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	----	----	----	12-Aug-2021	10-Aug-2021	**2**
EK061G: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen By Discrete Analyser							
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered							
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	12-Aug-2021	10-Aug-2021	**2**	----	----	----
EK067G: Total Phosphorus as P by Discrete Analyser							
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered							
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	12-Aug-2021	10-Aug-2021	**2**	----	----	----
EK071FG: Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA							
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered							
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	----	----	----	11-Aug-2021	10-Aug-2021	**1**

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.

Matrix: **WATER**

Evaluation: × = Holding time breach ; ✓ = Within holding time.

Method / Container / Client Sample ID(s)		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EA015: Total Dissolved Solids dried at 180 ± 5 °C								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EA015H)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**13-Aug-2021**	16-Aug-2021	✓
EG052G: Silica by Discrete Analyser								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EG052G)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**13-Aug-2021**	06-Sep-2021	✓
EK055G-SW: Ammonia as N by Discrete Analyser in Saline Water								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK055G-SW)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**16-Aug-2021**	06-Sep-2021	✓
EK057G: Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK057G)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**11-Aug-2021**	11-Aug-2021	✓

Matrix: **WATER**

Evaluation: × = Holding time breach ; ✓ = Within holding time.

Method / Container / Client Sample ID(s)		Sample Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis		
			Date extracted	Due for extraction	Evaluation	Date analysed	Due for analysis	Evaluation
EK059G: Nitrite plus Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK059G)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**12-Aug-2021**	10-Aug-2021	×
EK061G: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen By Discrete Analyser								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK061G)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**12-Aug-2021**	10-Aug-2021	×	**13-Aug-2021**	09-Sep-2021	✓
EK067G: Total Phosphorus as P by Discrete Analyser								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK067G)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**12-Aug-2021**	10-Aug-2021	×	**13-Aug-2021**	09-Sep-2021	✓
EK071FG: Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA								
Miscellaneous Plastic Bottle - Unfiltered (EK071FG)								
Tilley Swamp Outlet Drain,	Tilley Swamp D/S Nth Outlet	**09-Aug-2021**	**----**	----	----	**11-Aug-2021**	10-Aug-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)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	8	**12.50**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA	EK071FG	1	2	**50.00**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	1	8	**12.50**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	2	18	**11.11**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	3	**33.33**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	2	14	**14.29**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	2	18	**11.11**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	2	15	**13.33**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA	EK071FG	1	2	**50.00**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	3	**33.33**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	2	14	**14.29**	**10.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	15	**6.67**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Method Blanks (MB)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA	EK071FG	1	2	**50.00**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	3	**33.33**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Dissolved Solids (High Level)	EA015H	1	14	**7.14**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	15	**6.67**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Matrix Spikes (MS)							
Ammonia as N (Saline Water)	EK055G-SW	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA	EK071FG	1	2	**50.00**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite and Nitrate as N (NOx) by Discrete Analyser	EK059G	1	8	**12.50**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Nitrite as N by Discrete Analyser	EK057G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	1	3	**33.33**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen as N By Discrete Analyser	EK061G	1	18	**5.56**	**5.00**	✓	NEPM 2013 B3 & ALS QC Standard
Total Phosphorus as P By Discrete Analyser	EK067G	1	15	**6.67**	**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
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)
Silica (Reactive) by Discrete Analyser	EG052G	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-SiO2 D: Under Acdic 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 seperately 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)
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus as P by DA	EK071FG	WATER	In house: Referenced to APHA 4500-P F Water samples are filtered through a 0.45um filter prior to analysis. Ammonium molybdate and potassium antimonyl tartrate reacts in acid medium with othophosphate to form a heteropoly acid -phosphomolybdic acid - which is reduced to intensely coloured molybdenum blue by ascorbic acid. Quantification is achieved by Discrete Analyser. This method is compliant with NEPM Schedule B(3)

Preparation Methods	Method	Matrix	Method Descriptions
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)