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Kenai River 2023 results received - and question on BTEX trip blank results

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Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 3:18 PM

To: "Whisman, Curtis (Anchorage)" <Curtis.Whisman@sgs.com>

Hi Curtis,

Thanks for checking into this. Since the trip blanks are non-detects we can work with the data. In the future I will include a memo describing the handling plan for this. The project has 6-8 separate crews that all travel to different sites simultaneously, with some of the crews sampling BTEX and some not, which is why we have multiple trip blanks.

We'll be in touch. Thank you -- Ben

On Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 2:20 PM Whisman, Curtis (Anchorage) <Curtis.Whisman@sgs.com> wrote:

Ben,

I've done some digging and I figured out what happened. When we received the samples both sets of trip blanks were unpackaged and mixed together. Unfortunately we did not see the note about running both sets of trip blanks until after this had happened. This also means that we have no way of associating the trip blanks with a specific location. The good news is that all 4 BTEX samples mentioned came back as non-detects which means that the trip blank is not needed to verify any detections. I apologize for missing this.

Please let me know If you have any further questions.

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From: Benjamin Meyer <ben@kenaiwatershed.org>**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 12:45 PM**To:** Whisman, Curtis (Anchorage) <Curtis.Whisman@sgs.com>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kenai River 2023 results received - and question on BTEX trip blank results

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Hi Curtis,

I received the results from our 7/18/2023 Kenai River sampling event, thank you. I took a cursory look through and I believe everything I'll need is there, with the exception of one item. It looks like there are results from just one BTEX trip blank. We had two BTEX trip blanks sent in.

One BTEX trip blank was associated with site "RM 6.5 Cunningham Park" and the other was associated with "RM40 - Bing's Landing." My questions are: 1.) For the results that we do have already, can we distinguish which site it was associated with (labels were placed on outside of the small cardboard box); and 2) Is it possible to still get results from the second trip blank?

I will be off the grid Aug 7th-18th for vacation, so if there is something that I should decide beforehand let me know. If you do find the materials I'm walking about though, we would like to go ahead and get results from them.

Thank you Curtis. Cheers -- Ben (907-232-0280)

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 5:04 PM Benjamin Meyer <ben@kenaiwatershed.org> wrote:

Hi Curtis,

Thank you for following up this afternoon. Attached is a letter I included with the original kit request for our July 18th samples prior to when you were assigned as project manager.

Our samples are not related to drinking water compliance, so if it is more economical to process the samples locally as opposed to a contract lab that works fine by me. In the past I know that ALS down in Washington had processed the 200.7 analyses for this project. As long as reporting and results related to accuracy and precision is not dissimilar though it would be fine by me to have them processed in Anchorage. If the difference between having them processed by SGS vs ALS is just a matter of drinking water certifications, our project does not relate to drinking water compliance. I'm not familiar with how the reporting format differs with or without that certification.

Thank you again and talk to you later,

Ben

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM Whisman, Curtis (Anchorage) <Curtis.Whisman@sgs.com> wrote:

Ben,

For the Kenai River baseline WQM project I noticed you requested 200.7 metals for Ca, Mg, and Fe. We do not run metals by 200.7 and we would have to ship these to a reference lab to be analyzed (which will incur extra fees). We are currently DW certified to run these analytes under 200.8 method if that would be ok.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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