



DL / LOD / LOQ

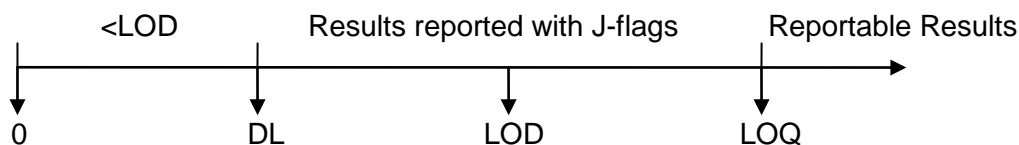
DETECTION LIMIT TERMINOLOGY

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SGS Alaska has updated the terminology for detection limits in accordance with industry standards. The maximum Method Detection Limit (MDL) is called a Detection Limit (DL) and the Practical Quantitative Limit (PQL) is called a Limit of Quantitation (LOQ). Effective mid-November 2013, the Limit of Detection (LOD) now equals $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{LOQ}$.

TERMINOLOGY PER ISO 17025/DOD QSM V5:

DL – Detection Limit
LOD – Limit of Detection
LOQ – Limit of Quantitation



- Results between the DL and the LOQ will be reported with J-flags.
- Any result between the 0 and the DL will be reported as “less than the (LOD Value)” with a U-flag.
- For example, if the DL = 1, LOD = 1.5 and LOQ = 3, then a result of:
 - 2.9 would be reported as 2.9 J
 - 1.1 would be reported as 1.1 J
 - 0.9 would be reported as 1.5 U

As a result of this change (previously, the LOD was equal to $2 \times \text{DL}$), you will see some slight changes if you were trending non-detect data at the LOD level; however, the DL and LOQ values will not change. Using the example listed above, the LOD would have been 2.0 prior to mid-November 2013 and it is now 1.5.

Please contact your Project Manager if you have any questions. Thank you.