Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) in Wastewater Analysis

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Overview



- GC/MS based methods
- Basic principles of GC/MS
- Instrument selection process
- New instrument validation
- Sample preparation techniques
- · GC/MS/MS

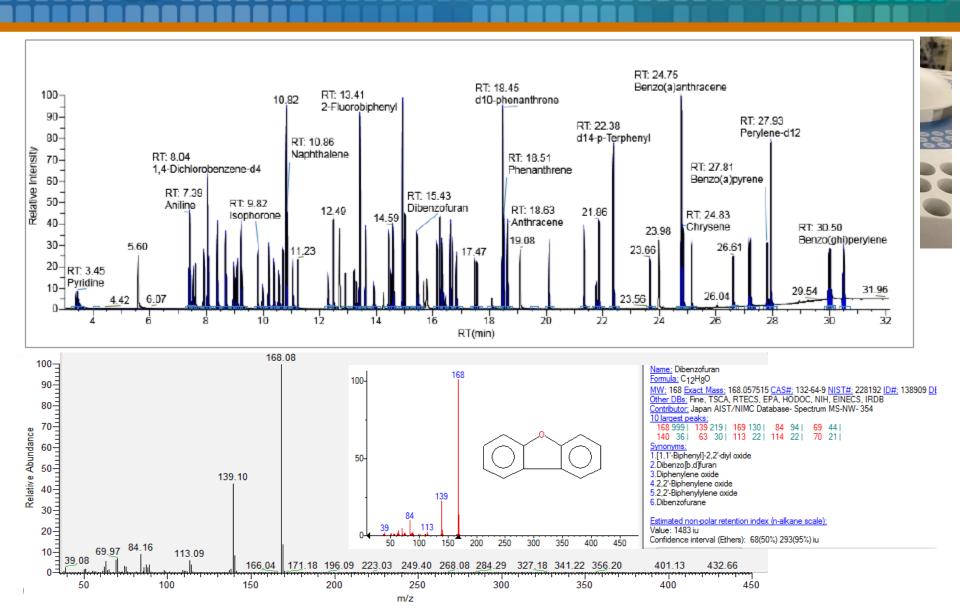
GC/MS Wastewater and Biosolids methods



- EPA 625: "Base/Neutrals and Acids"
- EPA 8270: "Semivolatile Organic Compounds by GC/MS"
- EPA 624: "Purgeables"
- EPA 8260B: "Volatile Organic Compounds by GC/MS"
- EPA 8260B: "Gasoline"
- EPA 8015M: "Diesel And Motor Oil"
- SM6710: "Tributyl Tin"

GC/MS Principle





GC/MS Instrument Specifications: Gas Chromatograph



- Temperature programmable split/splitless (SSL) injector
- GC oven operating temperature 3-450°C
- Autosampler capacity 100 samples
- Programmable flow and pressure controllers
- Helium as carrier gas with capability of converting to Hydrogen

GC/MS Instrument Specifications: Mass Spectrometer



- Mass range 2-1100 amu in 0.1 amu steps
- Programmable scan range throughout analytical run
- Electron Impact Ionization source (inert)
- Mass scan speed up to 11,000 amu/s
- Ion source temperature up to 350°C
- Simultaneous Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM) and Scan acquisition
- SIM acquisition up to 240 scans/s
- Transfer line temperature up to 400°C
- High capacity turbomolecular vacuum pump (300 L/s)
- Sensitivity requirement: Using a 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25 um 5%-phenyl column in El Full Scan mode $S/N \ge 600:1$ for 1 pg Octafluoronaphthalene (OFN)
- Linear range of at least 7 orders of magnitude
- Must meet Decafluorotriphenylphosphine (DFTPP) tuning criteria per EPA Method 625

GC/MS Instrument Specifications: Software



- Comprehensive software package:
 - Instrument control
 - Tuning
 - Data acquisition
 - Data analysis and reporting
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Report files in a format compatible with LIMS (e.g. CSV, XLS, txt, etc.)
- Allow reprocessing of acquired data including use of historical calibration data
- Process data files for unknown compounds using up-to-date searchable NIST library for tentatively Identified compounds (TIC)
- User-defined Quality Control parameters
- Report format must provide sample name, method name, acquisition date and time of injection, sample identifier, file name, etc.
- Software must perform all necessary calculations, such as dilution/weight and Internal standard corrections

Vendors



- Agilent Technologies
- Thermo Scientific
- · Perkin Elmer
- · Shimadzu

GC/MS Instrument Purchase: Additional Considerations



- Support: availability of local service engineers and typical lead times
- Application support
- Ease of maintenance: e.g. cleaning ion source without breaking the vacuum
- Second SSL injector and/or PTV injector with Large Volume Injection (LVI) capability
- Cost of annual service contracts beyond standard warranty
- Review manufacturer's application notes and other published materials
- Contacting 2-3 references

New Setup: Thermo ISQ





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- Two injectors: suitable for water and wastewater
- Large capacity vacuum pump (reduced downtime)
- MS maintenance does not require venting
- Improved sensitivity for PAHs
- New powerful software steep initial learning curve for staff

EPA Method 625



- Samples are collected in 1-liter bottles, typically pre-preserved with sodium thiosulfate
- Surrogates are added prior to extraction
- Analytes are serially extracted by Liquid-Liquid Extraction (LLE) at pH>11 and pH<2
- Extracts are dried with sodium sulfate and concentrated under stream of N₂ (RapidVap)
- Internal standards are added prior to analysis
- Samples are analyzed by GC/MS

Typical Extraction Techniques



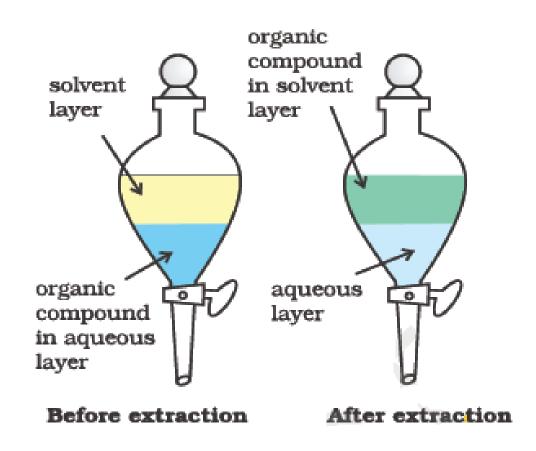
Liquid-Liquid Extraction (LLE)

Solid Phase Extraction (SPE)

Pressurized Extraction (ASE)

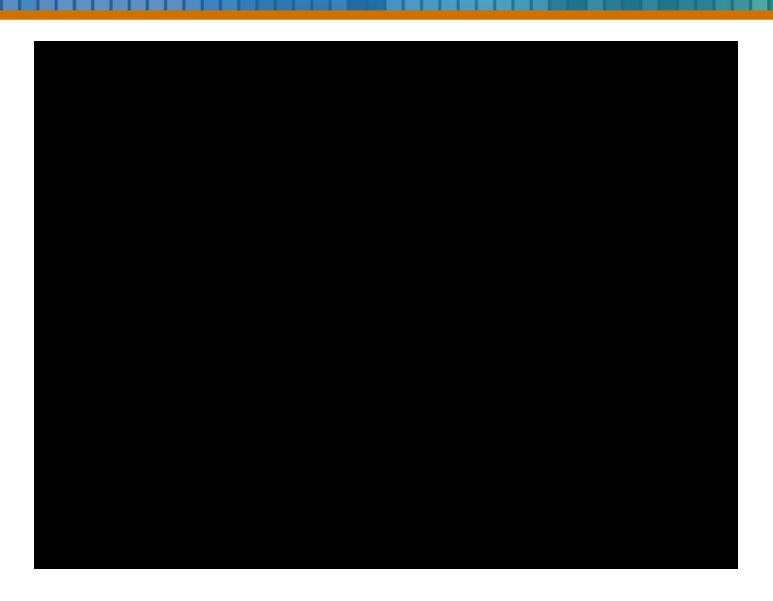
Liquid-Liquid Extraction





Continuous LLE "One-Step"





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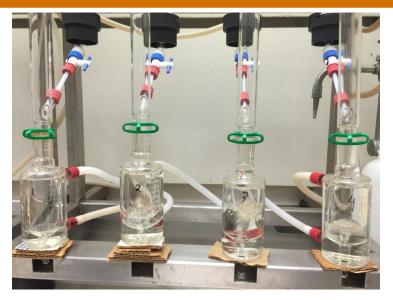




Membrane

LLE One-Step















Glas-Col Shaker





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- 8 samples simultaneously
- Variable speed and duration
- Programmable methods

Optimization parameters:

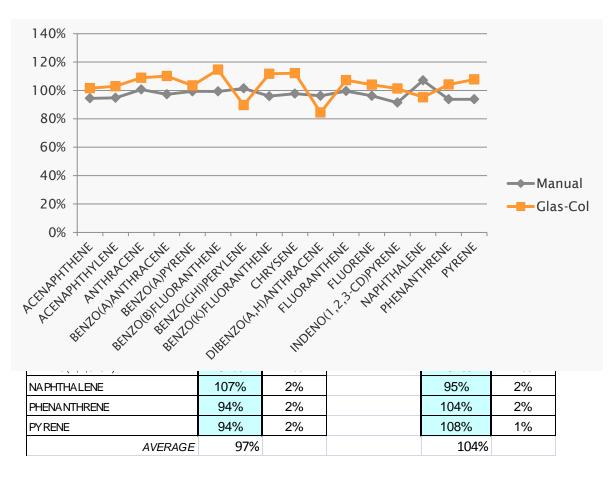
- Solvents
- RPM
- Shakeout time



Manual Shakeout vs. Glas-Col

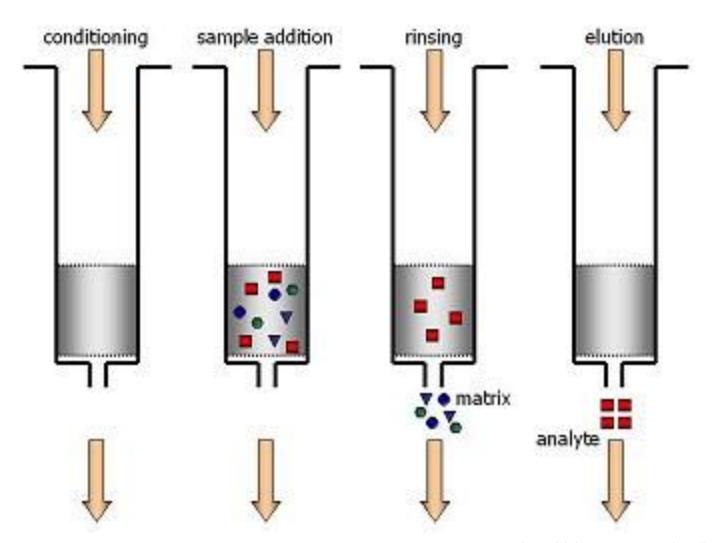


EPA 610



Solid Phase Extraction (SPE)





Manifold









Horizon SPE-DEX 4790



- 4 samples simultaneously
- Steps programmed via controller

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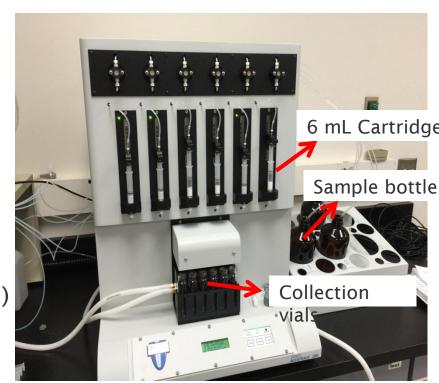
- Solvents
- Sorbent type
- Pressure
- Air Dry Time
- Soak time
- Conditioning time
- Elution time



AutoTrace 280



- Purchased in 2014
- Suitable for drinking water
- Steps programmed via software
- 50% increase in capacity
 (6 samples vs. 4)
- Reduced solvent use
 (6 mL cartridge capacity vs. 86 mL/disks)
- Less moisture = consistent recovery



Pressurized Solvent Extraction (ASE)

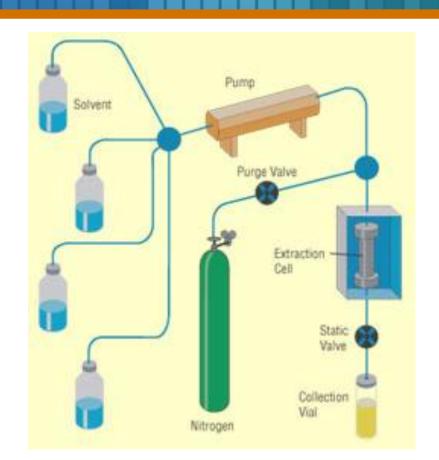


Soil
Sludge
Biosolids
Truck waste

EPA 8270 (GC/MS) EPA 8081 (GC/ECD)

Optimization parameters:

- Solvents
- Number of cycles
- Temperature
- Sample amount





Instrument Method Optimization



GC:

- GC oven ramp
- Inlet temperature
- injection volume
- GC column
- Inlet liner
- Split or Splitless injection
- Tailing factor: Benzidine < 3.0

Pentachlorophenol < 5.0

MS:

- Emission current
- Detector gain
- Ion Source temperature
- Must meet EPA 625 tuning (DFTPP) criteria
- Must meet EPA 625 calibration criteria (RSD ≤ 35%)

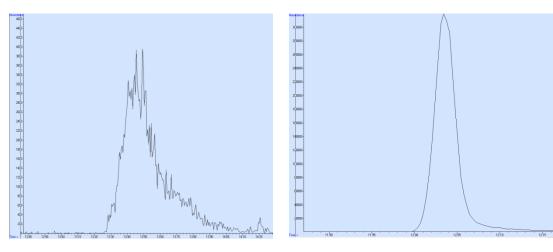
Software:

- Verify software calculations
- Customize reports

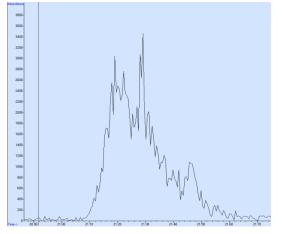
GC/MS Method Optimization

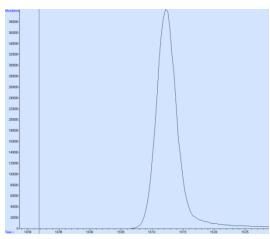


GC: Siltek-deactivated sample pathway (liner, seal, column) show increased resistivity to acidic extracts resulting in durable chromatography for pentachlorophenol and chlorobenzilate



Pentachlorophenol (Spiked Blank)

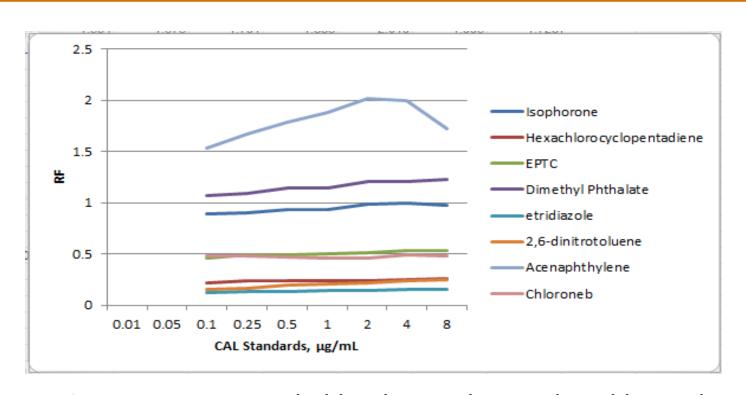




Chlorobenzilate (Spiked Blank)

GC/MS Method Optimization





- MS parameters provided by the vendor produced limited linear range for a number of target analytes in EPA 525.2
- Calibration range and MS emission current must be optimized for linearity and sensitivity

DFTPP tuning



Table 9—DFTPP Key Masses and Abundance Criteria

Mass	m/z Abundance criteria
51	30-60 percent of Mass 198.
68	Less than 2 percent of Mass 69.
70	Less than 2 percent of Mass 69.
127	40-60 percent of Mass 198.
197	Less than 1 percent of Mass 198.
198	Base peak, 100 percent relative abundance.
199	5-9 percent of Mass 198.
275	10-30 percent of Mass 198.
365	Greater than 1 percent of Mass 198.
441	Present but less than Mass 443.
442	Greater than 40 percent of Mass 198.
443	17-23 percent of Mass 442.

New Instrument Validation Challenges



- Instrument range: 67 analytes in the method varied GC/MS response
- GC setup: Splitless injection results in enhanced Internal standard recovery phenomenon. Split injection provides more consistent result when Methylene Chloride is used as a solvent
- MS setup: Linear range required adjustment to emission current settings
- Software:
 - Factory report format required customization
 - New Software learning curve for staff

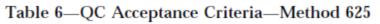


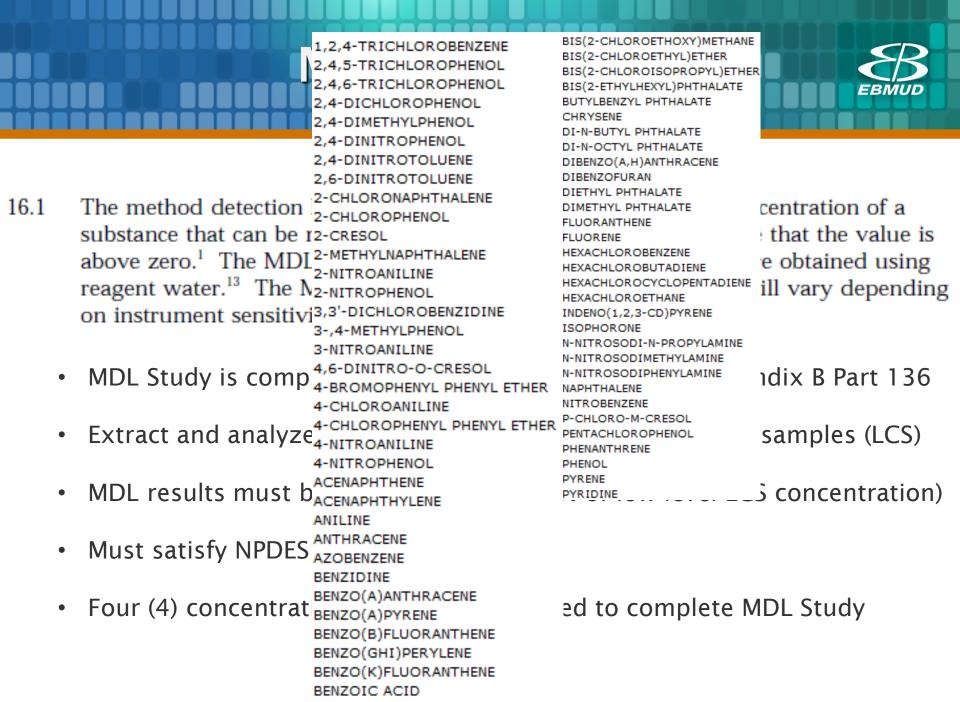
Table 6—	Table 6—QC Acceptance Criteria—Method 625							
Danamatan	Test conclu-	Limits for	Range for	Range for				
Parameter	sion (μg/L)	s (µg/L)	X (μg/L)	P, P _s (Percent)				
Chrysene	100	48.3	44.1-139.9	17-168				
4,4'-DDD	100	31.0	D-134.5	D-145				
4,4'-DDE	100	32.0	19.2-119.7	4-136				
4,4'-DDT	100	61.6	D-170.6	D-203				
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	100	70.0	D-199.7	D-227				
Di-n-butyl phthalate	100	16.7	8.4-111.0	1-118				
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	100	30.9	48.6-112.0	32-129				
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	100	41.7	16.7-153.9	D-172				
1,4,-Dichlorobenzene	100	32.1	37.3-105.7	20-124				
3,3'-Dhlorobenzidine	100	71.4	8.2-212.5	D-262				
Dieldrin	100	30.7	44.3-119.3	29-136				
Diethyl phthalate	100	26.5	D-100.0	D-114				
Dimethyl phthalate	100	23.2	D-100.0	D-112				
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	100	21.8	47.5-126.9	39-139				
2,6-Dinitrotoluene	100	29.6	68.1-136.7	50-158				
Di-n-octyl phthalate	100	31.4	18.6-131.8	4-146				
Endosulfan sulfate	100	16.7	D-103.5	D-107				
Endrin aldehyde	100	32.5	D-188.8	D-209				
Fluoranthene	100	32.8		26-137				
Fluorene	100	20.7	71.6-108.4	59-121				
Heptachlor	100	37.2	D-172.2	D-192				
Heptachlor epoxide	100	54.7	70.9-109.4	26-155				
Hexachlorobenzene	100	24.9		D-152				
Hexachlorobutadiene	100	26.3		24-116				
Hexachloroethane	100	24.5	55.2-100.0	40-113				
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	100	44.6	D-150.9	D-171				
Isophorone	100	63.3	46.6-180.2	21-196				
Naphthalene	100	30.1	35.6-119.6	21-133				
Nitrobenzene	100	39.3	54.3-157.6	35-180				
N-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine	100	55.4	13.6-197.9	D-230				
PCB-1260	100	54.2	19.3-121.0	D-164				
Phenanthrene	100	20.6	65.2-108.7	54-120				



IDOC



Parameter	Unit	Spike	% Rec #1	% Rec #	% Rec #3	% Rec # 4	% Rec Mean		otable	STD % Rec	%RSD	Max RSD ^b
			#1		#2	**	Wicali	Kar	ige"	Nec		
Surrogates												
2-Fluorobiphenyl	ug/L	20	86%	83%	95%	84%	87%	42	109	5%	6%	30.0%
2,4,6-Tribromophenol	ug/L	20	100%	100%	100%	94%	99%	54	113	3%	3%	30.0%
d14-p-Terphenyl	ug/L	20	99%	110%	100%	100%	102%	72	149	5%	5%	30.0%
Target Analytes												
ACENAPHTHENE	ug/L	10	86%	83%	80%	85%	83%	60.1	132.3	3%	3%	27.6%
ACENAPHTHYLENE	ug/L	10	87%	84%	83%	86%	85%	53.5	126	2%	2%	40.2%
ANILINE	ug/L	10	70%	64%	67%	69%	68%	46	134	3%	4%	94.0%
ANTHRACENE	ug/L	10	89%	89%	87%	89%	88%	43.4	118	1%	1%	32.0%
AZOBENZENE	ug/L	10	93%	93%	89%	93%	92%	28	132	2%	2%	87.0%
BENZIDINE	ug/L	10	67%	71%	50%	63%	63%	D	200	9%	15%	200.0%
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	ug/L	10	98%	100%	100%	99%	99%	41.8	133	1%	1%	27.6%
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	ug/L	10	140%	140%	140%	140%	140%	42	140.4	0%	0%	38.8%
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	ug/L	10	120%	120%	110%	115%	116%	25.2	145.7	5%	4%	32.3%
BENZOIC ACID	ug/L	10	69%	53%	76%	65%	66%	4	165	10%	15%	192.0%
BENZO(GHI)PERYLENE	ug/L	10	140%	130%	140%	135%	136%	D	195	5%	4%	58.9%
BENZO(A)PYRENE	ug/L	10	140%	140%	130%	138%	137%	31.7	148	5%	3%	39.0%
BENZYLALCOHOL	ug/L	10	85%	81%	75%	84%	81%	54	150	5%	6%	58.0%
BENZYLBUTYLPHTHALATE	ug/L	10	100%	110%	120%	110%	110%	D	139	8%	7%	23.4%
BIS(2-CHLOROETHOXY)METHANE	ug/L	10	82%	76%	73%	80%	78%	49.2	164.7	4%	5%	34.5%
BIS(2-CHLOROETHYL)ETHER	ug/L	10	78%	75%	75%	82%	78%	42.9	126	3%	4%	55.0%
BIS(2-CHLOROISOPROPYL)ETHER	ug/L	10	85%	78%	73%	83%	80%	62.8	138.6	5%	7%	46.3%
BIS(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE	ug/L	10	96%	100%	100%	102%	99%	28.9	136.8	2%	2%	41.1%
4-BROMOPHENYL PHENYL ETHER	ug/L	10	99%	99%	92%	98%	97%	64.9	114.4	3%	3%	23.0%
4-CHLOROANILINE	ug/L	10	77%	77%	71%	75%	75%	32	98	3%	4%	52.0%
P-CHLORO-M-CRESOL	ug/L	10	97%	96%	93%	97%	96%	40.8	127.9	2%	2%	37.2%
2-CHLORONAPHTHALENE	ug/L	10	100%	98%	99%	102%	100%	64.5	113.5	2%	2%	13.0%
2-CHLOROPHENOL	ug/L	10	72%	67%	64%	72%	69%	36.2	120.4	4%	6%	28.7%
4-CHLOROPHENYL PHENYL ETHER	ug/L	10	79%	76%	73%	77%	76%	38.4	144.7	2%	3%	33.4%
CHRYSENE	ug/L	10	98%	110%	100%	102%	103%	44.1	139.9	5%	5%	48.3%
DIBENZO(A,H)ANTHRACENE	ug/L	10	140%	140%	140%	140%	140%	D	199.7	0%	0%	70.0%
DIBENZOFURAN	ug/L	10	92%	85%	86%	89%	88%	38	127	3%	4%	63.0%



BENZYL ALCOHOL

MDL Study



- EBMUD's EPA 625 MDL range: 0.0063-3.5 μg/L
 - Reporting limits range: 1-5 μg/L

- EBMUD's Low-level PAHs MDL range: 0.015 0.071 µg/L
 - Reporting limits range: 0.05 10 μg/L

Low-Level PAHs



Parameter	Unit	LIMS HPLC MDL	SIP LC ML	New 625 MDL	SIP GC/MS ML	GO*
ACENAPHTHENE	ug/L	0.052	0.5	0.015	1	2700
ACENAPHTHYLENE	ug/L	0.039	0.2	0.015	10	N/A
ANTHRACENE	ug/L	0.064	2	0.010	10	110,000
BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	ug/L	0.02	N/A	0.0076	5	0.049
BENZO(A)PYRENE	ug/L	0.044	2	0.011	10	0.049
BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	ug/L	0.031	10	0.0090	10	0.049
BENZO(GHI)PERYLENE	ug/L	0.023	0.1	0.0078	5	N/A
BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	ug/L	0.015	2	0.0063	10	0.049
CHRYSENE	ug/L	0.017	5	0.0080	10	0.049
DIBENZO(A,H)ANTHRACENE	ug/L	0.016	0.1	0.0090	10	0.049
FLUORANTHENE	ug/L	0.027	0.05	0.012	1	370
FLUORENE	ug/L	0.049	0.1	0.015	10	14000
INDENO(1,2,3-CD)PYRENE	ug/L	0.016	0.05	0.0084	10	0.049
NAPHTHALENE	ug/L	0.071	0.2	0.017	1	N/A
PHENANTHRENE	ug/L	0.042	0.05	0.014	5	N/A
PYRENE	ug/L	0.029	0.05	0.010	10	11000
* Table F-6 NPDES Permit						

EPA 625 Validation Summary



- IDOC meets EPA 625 criteria
- New MDLs < EPA 625 published MDLs, and typically < our previous MDLs
- MDLs < reporting limits for all analytes
- MDLs satisfy NPDES governing criteria (Table F-6)
- MDLs for PAHs meet reporting limits for low level PAHs in Full Scan Mode and generally lower than EPA 610 MDLs
- Streamlined sample preparation and analysis: 2-in-one EPA Methods (625/610) with single calibration/single extraction/single sampling/single analysis
- Default factory report templates were customized
- Existing LIMS upload script was modified for the new software

EPA 625 Data Packet



- DFTPP Tuning (beginning of the run)
- Tailing factors (Benzidine < 3.0, Pentachlorophenol < 5.0 beginning of the run)
- Calibration (Average RF, RSD ≤ 35%; Linear or Quadratic)
- Continuing calibration verification \pm 20% recovery: Beginning of the run, Every 12 hours and end of the run
- Method Blank : Target analytes < MDLs
- Spiked Blank: Recoveries within control limits (Table 6, EPA Method)
- Surrogates: Recoveries within control limits (Table 6, EPA Method)
- MS/MSD: Recoveries within control limits (Table 6, EPA Method)
- Internal Standard: 50-200% recovery

EPA 625 Data Packet



Method: Hexachlorobenzene625_031416sip

Tailing Report

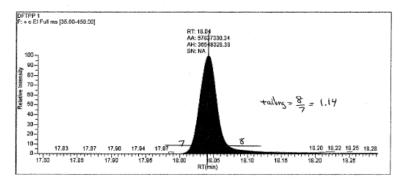
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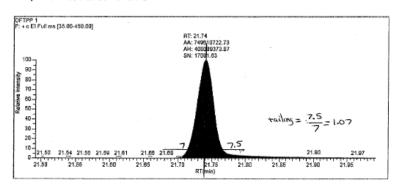
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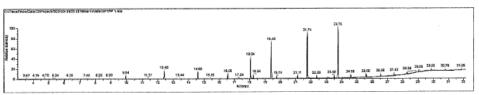
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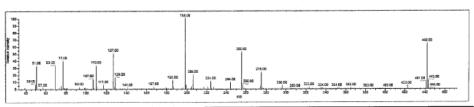
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Scan#: 9458 - 9460 RT; 19.40 - 19.41 SB; Scan 9434 @ 19.38 min



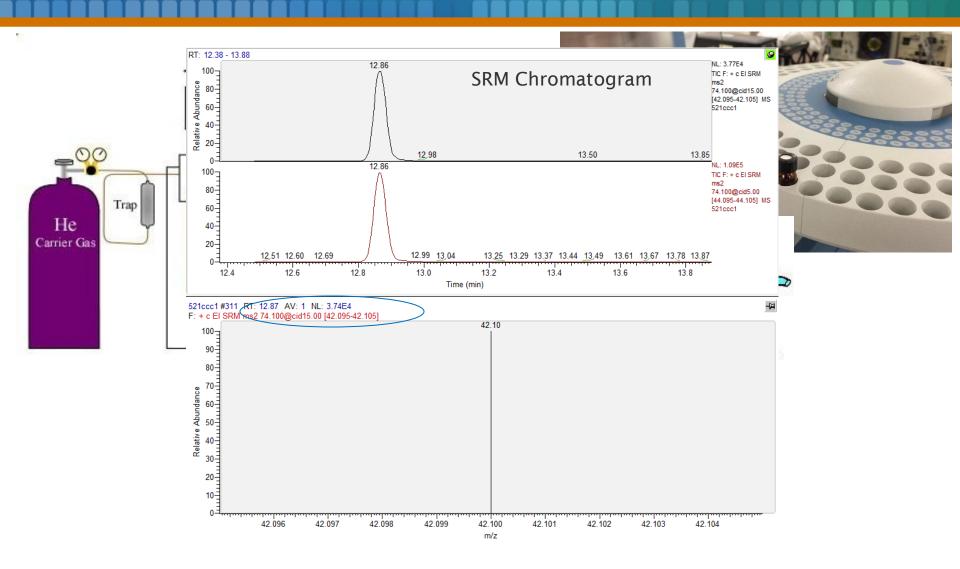


		% Relative	
m/z	Ion Abundance Criteria	Abundance	Pass/Fail
51	greater than or equal to 30% AND less than or equal to 60% of m/z. 198	33.3	Pass
68	less than 2% of m/z 69	0	Pass
70	less than 2% of m/z 69	0.5	Pass
127	greater than or equal to 40% AND less than or equal to 60% of m/z 198	50.8	Pass
197	less than 1% of m/z 198	0	Pass
198	equals 100% of Base Peak	100	Pass
199	greater than or equal to 5% AND less than or equal to 9% of m/z 198	6.5	Pass
275	greater than or equal to 10% AND less than or equal to 30% of m/z 198	24.1	Pass
365	greater than 1% of m/z 198	1.6	Pass
441	greater than 0% AND less than 100% of m/z 443	85.8	Pass
442	greater than 40% of m/z 198	64.4	Pass
443	greater than or equal to 17% AND less than or equal to 23% of m/z 442	19.4	Pass

Determined base peak: 198 m/z 8270C passed

Triple Quad GC/MS/MS





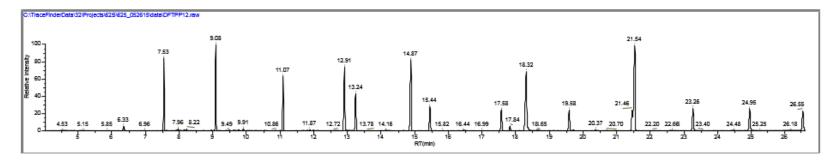
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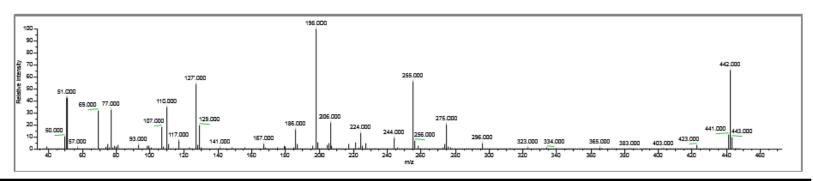




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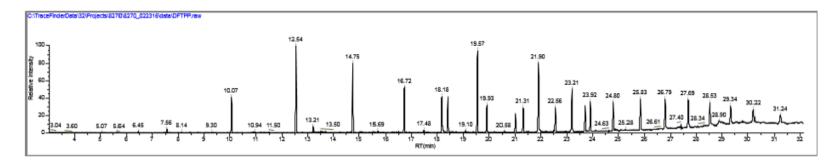


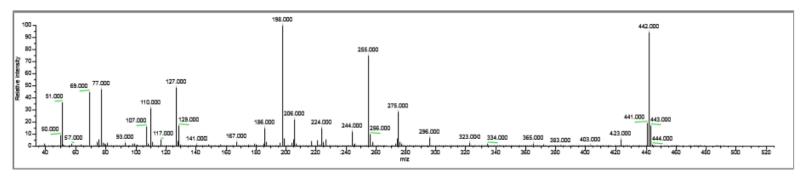


		% Relative	
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51	greater than or equal to 30% AND less than or equal to 60% of m/z 198	43.5	Pass
68	less than 2% of m/z 69	0	Pass
70	less than 2% of m/z 69	0.5	Pass
127	greater than or equal to 40% AND less than or equal to 60% of m/z 198	54.6	Pass
197	less than 1% of m/z 198	0.5	Pass
198	equals 100% of Base Peak	100	Pass
199	greater than or equal to 5% AND less than or equal to 9% of m/z 198	6	Pass
275	greater than or equal to 10% AND less than or equal to 30% of m/z 198	20.8	Pass
365	greater than 1% of m/z 198	1.9	Pass
441	greater than 0% AND less than 100% of m/z 443	115.9	Fail
442	greater than 40% of m/z 198	65.8	Pass
443	greater than or equal to 17% AND less than or equal to 23% of m/z 442	16.2	Fail

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		% Relative	
m/z	Ion Abundance Criteria	Abundance	Pass/Fail
51	greater than or equal to 10% AND less than or equal to 80% of Base Peak	36.7	Pass
68	less than 2% of m/z 69	0	Pass
70	less than 2% of m/z 69	0.3	Pass
127	greater than or equal to 10% AND less than or equal to 80% of Base Peak	49	Pass
197	less than 2% of m/z 198	0	Pass
198	greater than 50% AND less than or equal to 100% of Base Peak	100	Pass
199	greater than or equal to 5% AND less than or equal to 9% of m/z 198	6.5	Pass
275	greater than or equal to 10% AND less than or equal to 60% of Base Peak	28.7	Pass
365	greater than 1% of m/z 198	2.7	Pass
441	greater than 0% AND less than 24% of m/z 442	21	Pass
442	greater than 50% AND less than or equal to 100% of Base Peak	94.9	Pass
443	greater than or equal to 15% AND less than or equal to 24% of m/z 442	18.7	Pass

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TABLE 3

DFTPP KEY IONS AND ION ABUNDANCE CRITERIA^{a,b}

Mass	Ion Abundance Criteria
51	30-60% of mass 198
68 70	< 2% of mass 69 < 2% of mass 69
127	40-60% of mass 198
197 198 199	< 1% of mass 198 Base peak, 100% relative abundance 5-9% of mass 198
275	10-30% of mass 198
365	> 1% of mass 198
441 442 443	Present but less than mass 443 > 40% of mass 198 17-23% of mass 442

Data taken from Reference 3.

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TABLE 3

DFTPP KEY IONS AND ION ABUNDANCE CRITERIA^{a,b}

Mass	Ion Abundance Criteria
51	30-60% of mass 198
68	< 2% of mass 69
70	< 2% of mass 69
127	40-60% of mass 198
197	< 1% of mass 198
198	Base peak, 100% relative abundance
199	5-9% of mass 198
275	10-30% of mass 198
365	> 1% of mass 198
441	Present but less than mass 443
442	> 40% of mass 198
443	17-23% of mass 442

^a Data taken from Reference 3.

Alternate tuning criteria may be used, (e.g., CLP, Method 525, or manufacturers' instructions), provided that method performance is not adversely affected.

b Alternate tuning criteria may be employed, (e.g., CLP, Method 525, or manufacturers' instructions), provided that method performance is not adversely affected.

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m/z	Abundance criteria
51	30 - 60 percent of m/z 198
68	Less than 2 percent of m/z 69
70	Less than 2 percent of m/z 69
127	40 - 60 percent of base peak m/z 198
197	Less than 1 percent of m/z 198
198	Base peak, 100 percent relative abundance
199	5 - 9 percent of m/z 198
275	10 - 30 percent of m/z 198
365	Greater than 1 percent of m/z 198
441	Present but less than m/z 443
442	40 - 100 percent of m/z 198
443	17 - 23 percent of m/z 442

Criteria in these tables are for quadrupole and time-of-flight instruments. Alternative tuning criteria may be used for other instruments, provided method performance is not adversely affected.

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