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Analytical Report

Fluorochemical Characterization of POTW Effluent

Decatur, Alabama (W1979)

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1 Introduction

Results are reported for the analysis of a series of POTW effluent samples received by Centre Analytical Laboratories, Inc. (Centre) from the 3M Environmental Laboratory. The samples were collected from Decatur, Alabama. The Centre study number assigned to the project is 023-014.

Specific fluorochemical characterization by liquid chromatography / tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) was requested for all samples. A total of 4 samples were received for analysis.

The samples were prepared and analyzed by LC/MS/MS for the following list of fluorochemicals:

- Table 1: Target Analysis

Compound Name	Acronym
Perfluorooctane Sulfonate	PFOS
Perfluorooctane Sulfonylamide	PFOSA
Perfluorooctanoate	POAA

The analytical method used was validated by Centre. The validation protocol and results are on file with Centre. Data presented here is the highest quality data available at this time.

2 Sample Receipt

The samples were submitted in individual plastic containers and were not preserved. Four individual sample containers were received. Samples were received on 6/6/00. The sample collection dates were not supplied. Chain-of-custody information is presented in Attachment C.

3 Holding Times

The analytical method used was validated against a maximum holding time of 14 days. The stability of the analytes of interest for longer periods has not been determined. However, it should be noted that field fortifications in water and other matrices have shown acceptable recoveries at 100 and 1000 ng/L for periods longer than 14 days.

4 Methods - Analytical and Preparatory

4.1 LC/MS/MS

4.1.1 Sample Preparation for LC/MS/MS Analysis

Samples were initially treated with 200 μ L of 250 mg/L sodium thiosulfate solution to remove residual chlorine. Solid phase extraction (SPE) was used to prepare the samples for LC/MS/MS analysis. A forty-milliliter portion of sample was transferred to a C₁₈ SPE cartridge. The cartridge was first eluted with 5 mL of 40% methanol in water solution. The eluate was discarded and the SPE column was then eluted with 100% methanol. A 5 mL portion of

methanol was collected for analysis by LC/MS/MS. This treatment resulted in an eight-fold concentration of the samples prior to analysis.

4.1.2 Sample Analysis by LC/MS/MS

In HPLC, an aliquot of extract is injected and passed through a liquid-phase chromatographic column. Based on the affinity of the analyte for the stationary phase in the column relative to the liquid mobile phase, the analyte is retained for a characteristic amount of time. Following HPLC separation, ES/MS provides a rapid and accurate means for analyzing a wide range of organic compounds, including fluorochemicals. Electrospray is generally operated at relatively mild temperatures; molecules are ionized, fragmented, and detected. Ions characteristic of known fluorochemicals are observed and quantitated against standards.

A Hewlett-Packard HP1100 HPLC system coupled to a Micromass Ultima MS/MS was used to analyze the sample extracts. Analysis was performed using selected reaction monitoring (SRM). Samples were extracted on 6/9/00 and analyzed by MS/MS on 6/13/00. Additional dilutions were performed and analyzed on 6/29/00. The HPLC and MS/MS methods used for analysis and instrument parameters can be found in attachment D.

5 Analysis

5.1 Calibration

A 7-point calibration curve was analyzed at the beginning and end of the analytical sequence for the compounds of interest. The calibration points were prepared at 0, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1000 ng/L (ppt) The response of the quantitation ion versus the concentration was plotted for each point. Using linear regression with 1/x weighting, the slope, y-intercept and correlation coefficient (r) and coefficient of determination (r^2) were determined. A calibration curve is acceptable if $r \geq 0.985$ ($r^2 \geq 0.970$).

Calibration standards are prepared using the same SPE procedure used for samples.

Calibration check standards were analyzed periodically (every three to five sample injections) throughout the analysis sequence. Compliance is obtained if the standard analyte concentrations are within +/-20% of the actual value.

For the results reported here, calibration criteria were met.

5.2 Blanks

Extraction blanks were prepared and analyzed with every extraction batch of samples. The extraction blanks should not have any target analytes present at or above the concentration of the low-level calibration standard. For these samples, the extraction blanks were compliant.

Instrument blanks in the form of clean methanol solvent were also analyzed after every high-level calibration standard, and after known high-level samples. Again, the blanks should not have any target analytes present at or above the low-level calibration standard. For the samples presented here the instrument blanks are compliant.

5.3 Surrogates

Surrogate spikes are not a component of the LC/MS/MS analytical method.

5.4 Matrix Spikes

Matrix spikes were prepared for every sample at a concentration of 100 ng/L using all compounds of interest. Matrix spike recoveries are given in Attachment B. Poor recoveries were observed for PFOS and POAA. However, the indigenous amount of material present in these samples was greater than four times the spiking amount. The sample was diluted 1/100 and spiked with each compound of interest at 100 ng/L. Spike recoveries were within 70-130%.

Field spikes were also prepared at a concentration of 1000 ng/L. Low field spike recoveries were observed for PFOS and PFOSA, and high recoveries were noted for POAA. Field spike recoveries are also given in Attachment B.

5.5 Duplicates

All samples were analyzed in duplicate. Results are given along with the sample results in Attachment A.

5.6 Laboratory Control Samples

Milliq water was spiked with all compound of interest at 25 and 250 ng/L. All recoveries for all compounds were between 70-130% in each LCS.

5.7 Sample Related Comments

Field blank samples consisted of empty containers. Forty milliliters of type I water filtered through a hypercarb cartridge was added to the empty container and analyzed in the same manner as the other samples.

6 Data Summary

Please see Attachment A for a detailed listing of the analytical results.

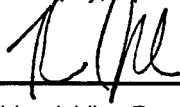
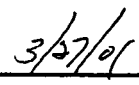
7 Data/Sample Retention

Samples are disposed of one month after the report is issued unless otherwise specified. All electronic data is archived on retrievable media and hard copy reports are stored in data folders maintained by Centre.

8 Attachments

- 8.1 Attachment A: Results
- 8.2 Attachment B: Matrix Spike Recoveries (Field and Laboratory Spikes)
- 8.3 Attachment C: Chain of Custody
- 8.4 Attachment D: LC/MS/MS Raw Analytical Data

9 Signatures

 _____ John M. Flaherty, Operations Manager	 _____ Kevin J Lloyd, Vice President	 _____ Date	 _____ Date
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Other Lab Members Contributing to Data

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Analytical Results W1979 Decatur, Alabama

3M Sample Identification	Sample Description	PFOS (ng/L)	PFOSA (ng/L)	POAA (ng/L)
MC-239H POTW Effluent	P/N Ion Pair	5290	55.7	2420
NA Duplicate POTW Effluent	P/N Ion Pair Duplicate	4670	56.1	2140
MC-243H	Field Blank P/N Empty	ND	ND	ND

Limit of Detection (LOD) for the procedure is approximately 2.5 ng/L for PFOS and PFOSA and 7.5 ng/L for POAA

Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) for the procedure is 25 ng/L for all compounds

ND - Compound not detected

NQ - Compound detected at a level between the LOD and LOQ. Result is not quantifiable.

ND < LOD < NQ < LOQ



Attachment B: LC/MS/MS Laboratory Spike Recovery

Sample ID: MC-242H (1/100)

Spiked Amount (ng/L): 125

	Sample Concentration (ng/L)	Matrix Spike Result (ng/L)	Matrix Spike Result (% Recovery)	Criteria (Pass / Fail)
PFOS	46.7	185	110.6	PASS
PFOSA	56.5	146	71.6	PASS
POAA	21.4	160	110.9	PASS

Lower Recovery Limit: 70

Upper Recovery Limit: 130

Note: A 1/100 dilution was performed for PFOS and POAA. PFOSA results are from the undiluted sample

Attachment B: LC/MS/MS Field Spike Recovery

Sample ID: MC-241H

Spiked Amount (ng/L): 1000

	Sample Concentration (ng/L)	Matrix Spike Result (ng/L)	Matrix Spike Result (% Recovery)	Criteria (Pass / Fail)
PFOS	5290	5755	46.5	FAIL
PFOSA	55.7	726	67.0	FAIL
POAA	2420	3869	144.9	FAIL

Lower Recovery Limit: 70

Upper Recovery Limit: 130

3M Environmental Laboratory

Form 38778 - PWO

Shipping Address:
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Chain of Custody /Request for Laboratory Analytical

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3M Env. Lab Project #
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Project ID/Project Name <u>GE/NOH Water Samples taken from Decatur, AL sent from</u>	
Template #	Final Report Due Date <u>Buttala</u>
Project Lead <u>KTH</u>	Internal Due Date
Dept. # (main) <u>4291</u>	Class/Job/Project # <u>0010535009</u>

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Special Instructions and/or Specific Regulatory Requirements:
(method, limit of detection, reporting units, etc.)

Preservatives:

HNO3	H2SO4	VOCs	None	Other

Total Number of Containers

Analysis Requested:

Complete below. Attach any associated information.

KTH Special	<u>KTD 6/2/00</u>									

Item #	Client Sample Identification	3M LIMS#	Date Sampled	Time Sampled	Matrix/Media	Enter the number of containers of each					Total Number of Containers	(Enter an 'X' in the box below to indicate request)									
1.	ML-239H - PIW Ion Pair	W1979	N/A	N/A	Water					1	1	X									
2.	ML-241H - Field Spike - PIW Ion Pair	↓	↓	↓	↓					1	1	X									
3.	ML-242H - Lab Spike - PIW Ion Pair	↓	↓	↓	↓					1	1	X									
4.	ML-243H - Field Blank - PIW Empty Ion Pair	↓	↓	↓	↓					1	1	X									
5.	<u>KTD 6/2/00</u>										N/A										
6.																					
7.																					
8.																					
9.																					
10.																					

Chain of Custody	Collected by (print): <u>N/A</u>					Collector's signature: <u>N/A</u>				
	Item #	Relinquished by/Affiliation	Time	Date	Shipped Via:	Received by/Affiliation	Time	Date		
	1-4	<u>Kelly Donwiler 3M</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>6/2/00</u>	<u>FedEx</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>6/6/00</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>6/3/00</u>	

Sample Condition Upon Receipt: ☒ Acceptable ☐ Other:		Comments:
Temperature: <u>°C</u> ☐ Received on Ice		
Other Associated CoCs <u>14670, 14672, 14673, 14674, 14675</u>	Copies to <u>LAC, DMA</u>	