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ANALYSIS OF BLOOD SAMPLES FOR ANALYTICAL METHOD COMPARISON
(JOB No. 800-598, 802-5500, 800-5518; PRAL Nos. 80-62910-922, 80-63834-847,
80-64329-330, 80-66546)

Notebook Number: E22514

As requested in your letter of 10/2/80 to L. J. Papa, the 27 blood samples listed in the attached table have been analyzed for perfluorooctanoate (C₈).

The results given there are for analysis by the Cg/GC method ("Determination of Perfluorooctanoic Acid in Blood, Gas Chromatographic Method", S. Stafford, 1/2/81). The samples were also analyzed for organic fluoride by the Wickbold Torch procedure, and a comparison of the results and analytical methods is discussed in a separate letter being sent from L. J. Papa to Paul Thistleton (1/23/81).

As noted in the table, repeat samples were requested in two cases where difficulty was encountered in the analysis. For PRAL No. 80-63847, results of the re-samples are reported here. For PRAL No. 80-63840, the analysis will be repeated when a second sample is received.

Attachment
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Key Words:

Perfluorooctanoic acid
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Sample				GC Analysis	
PRAL No.	P. R. No.	Date Sampled	Name	Date Analyzed	[C ₈], µg F/g blood ^(b)
80-62910		8/20/80		9/2/80-9/5/80	13.
80-62911		8/20/80		" "	4.9
80-62912		8/20/80		" "	0.78
80-62913		8/20/80		" "	21.
80-62914		8/19/80		" "	6.4
80-62915		8/19/80		" "	0.015
80-62916		8/13/80		" "	2.9
80-62917		8/13/80		" "	5.6
80-62918		8/18/80		" "	29.
80-62919		8/19/80		" "	7.8
80-62920		8/18/80		" "	1.2
80-62921		8/20/80		" "	0.26
80-62922		8/19/80		" "	4.6
80-63834	REDACTED	8/29/80	REDACTED	9/9/80-9/12/80	0.22
80-63835		9/3/80		" "	0.52
80-63836		9/3/80		" "	0.40
80-63837		8/29/80		9/15/80-9/18/80	1.9
80-63838		8/20/80		" "	24.
80-63839		8/21/80		" "	8.2
80-63840		8/25/80		" "	(c)
80-63841		8/29/80		" "	1.5
80-63842		8/29/80		" "	4.0
80-63843		9/2/80		" "	3.7
80-63844		8/26/80		" "	6.6
80-63845		8/29/80		" "	0.72
80-63846		8/26/80		" "	5.5
80-63847		8/21/80		" "	(~.02)
80-64329		9/17/80		9/24/80-9/26/80	0.022
80-64330		9/17/80		" "	

- (a) Analysis as described in the C₈/GC method, using the packed column GC analysis with perfluoro-n-octanoic acid as calibration standard. Estimated uncertainty $\pm 10\%$ relative standard deviation. Lower limit for quantitation 0.007 µg F/g.
- (b) Although the analysis is specifically for perfluorooctanoate (acid or salts), concentrations are given in ppm fluorine for comparison with the results of total fluorine analyses.
- (c) Unusually large variation was found in both GC and Wickbold Torch results for repeat analyses of this sample (80-63840 as received, 80-66546 after lyophilization of a portion), with values ranging from ~26-41 ppm F. Sample inhomogeneity may have contributed to this, but the reason for the problem is not really known. Analysis will be repeated on a second sample, as requested 11/25/80 by P. Thistleton.
- (d) In GC analysis of the initial sample (80-63847), three unusual peaks were observed in the region of interest, one of which interfered with quantitation of C₈ at this low level. In the repeat samples (80-64329 and 30) these peaks were greatly reduced in size, and no interference with the C₈ was apparent. The value given is the average for the two repeat samples.

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