Response to Specification Questions

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) Laboratory Accreditation

IDEQ does not have a laboratory accreditation program that applies to this Specification. The Specification has been revised to remove this as a qualification requirement.

Exhibit "B" Revision – Sample Types

The table in Exhibit "B" with respect to column labeled "Sample Volume or Type" has been revised. The reference to samples collected by XAD2 resin has been removed. Please note that other revisions have been made to this table and a section has been added where any explanations or additional information related to the proposal can be provided.

Sample Details

A table has been added to Exhibit "A" (Scope of Work). This table provides additional details on sources being sampled and other details such as sample compositing for each event. Where available, TSS information for the samples will be provided.

CLAM Details

The following information is provided relative to the potential use of CLAMs for sample collection:

- *With respect to the sourcing of the CLAM, SRRTTF-ACE would purchase and supply the CLAM media to the laboratory for preparation (conditioning and pre-deployment spiking using labeled compounds used for cleanup standards). The cost for this preparation should be included in the per sample cost in the table in Exhibit "B". All field sample collection work will be performed by a separate contractor.*
- *Each CLAM is expected to have processed between 55 L and 90 L of water with an average of 60 L.*
- *No pre-filter would be used for any samples collected by a CLAM.*
- *With respect to "blank proofing", one for the Method Blank for each batch of 20 or fewer samples and one for the ORP*
- *Target Reporting Limits are provided in the table in the Reporting of Results Section, Paragraph 6.A. of Exhibit "A".*

General Questions

For reporting of blank levels requested in the Specification, please provide the mean and 2 sigma of the mean.

Bookmarking of pdf documents is not required, but is preferred.

With respect to the requirement for labeled standard recovery in sample and Method Blanks, at a minimum the limits from the revised 1668A (2003) (15% - 150% for the monochlorobiphenyls) should be observed.

With respect to Exhibit "A", Reporting of Results Section, Paragraph 5G, the redrawn baseline must be visible to the data reviewer.

Our IT Manager, Anne Wilhoit, accessed the PCB naming convention info, via the link in the RFQQ document, but it doesn't make sense given what's described in the RFQQ. Who may we talk with to get clarification?

(Vista Laboratory)

1. Analytical Details, #5 – Does the additional CS 0.2 need to meet all method criteria?
2. Reporting of Results, #6F, b – Data reported below the lab's QL will not be within the calibration range, whether diluted or not. This is understood, correct?!

Do you have a specific list of the 209 congeners with co-eluters identified? This, of course, relates to the GC column that is utilized.