

APPENDIX B

EPA Methods of Environmental Water Analysis

Table B-1. Inorganic constituents of concern in water samples, the analytical methods used to determine their concentrations, and their contractual reporting limits.

Constituent of concern	Analytical method	Reporting limit (a,b)	
Metals and minerals (mg/L)	All alkalinities	SM 2320B or E310.1	1
	Aluminum	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.05 or 0.2
	Ammonia nitrogen (as N)	EPA 350.1 or SM 4500-NH3 D	0.03 or 0.1
	Antimony	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.1, 0.5 or 0.005
	Arsenic	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.05 or 0.002
	Barium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.025 or 0.01
	Beryllium	EPA 200.7, 200.8 or 6010B	0.0005 or 0.0002
	Boron	EPA 200.7 or 6010B	0.05
	Bromide	EPA 300.0	0.5
	Cadmium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.0005
	Calcium	EPA 200.7	0.5
	Chloride	EPA 300.0	0.5
	Chromium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.01 or 0.001
	Chromium(VI)	EPA 218.6 or 7196	0.001 or 0.002
	Cobalt	EPA 200.7, 200.8 or 6010B	0.025, 0.05 or 0.5
	Copper	EPA 200.7, 200.8 or 6010B	0.001, 0.01 or 0.05
	Cyanide	EPA 335.4 or 4500-CN	0.02 or 0.003
	Diesel	8015DRO	50
	Fluoride	EPA 300.0	0.05
	Gas	EPA-8015B	50
	Hardness, total (as CaCO ₃)	SM 2320B, Calc	1
	Iron	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.1
	Lead	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.002 or 0.005
	Magnesium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.002 or 0.5
	Manganese	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.01 or 0.03
	Mercury	EPA 245.2 or 245.1	0.0002
	Molybdenum	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.025
	Nickel	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.002, 0.005 or 0.1
	Nitrate (as NO ₃)	EPA 353.2, 300.0 or SM 4500-NO3	0.3 or 0.5
	Nitrite (as NO ₂)	EPA 353.2, 300.0 or SM 4500-NO2	0.3 or 0.5
	Salinity	SM2520B	2
	Ortho-phosphate	EPA 300.0, SM 4500-P E or E365.1	0.05
	Perchlorate	EPA 314.0	4
Potassium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	1 or 0.5	
Selenium	EPA 200.7, 200.8 or 6010B	0.05 or 0.002	
Silver	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.01, 0.001 or 0.0005	
Sodium	EPA 200.7	1 or 0.1	

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Metals and minerals (mg/L) (cont.)	Sulfate	EPA 300.0	1
	Thallium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.1 or 0.001
	Total dissolved solids	EPA 160.1 or SM 2540C	1
	Total suspended solids	EPA 160.2 or SM 2540D	1
	Vanadium	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.01, 0.02
	Zinc	EPA 200.7 or 200.8	0.02 or 0.05
General indicator parameters	pH (pH units)	EPA 150.1 or SM 4500HB	1
	Biochemical oxygen demand (mg/L)	SM 5210B	2
	Conductivity (umhos/cm)	EPA 120.1 or SM2510B	none
	Chemical oxygen demand (mg/L)	EPA 410.4 or SM5220D	5 or 20
	Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)	EPA 360.1 or SM 4500-O G	0.05
	Total organic carbon (mg/L)	SM 5310C	1
Radioactivity (Bq/L)	Gross alpha	EPA 900	0.074
	Gross beta	EPA 900	0.11
Radioisotopes (Bq/L)	Tritium	EPA 906	3.7
	Plutonium 239/240	EM-P558	0.00037

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EPA Method 1664	
Oil & Grease	5000
EPA Method 608	
Aldrin	0.05
BHC, alpha isomer	0.05
BHC, beta isomer	0.05
BHC, delta isomer	0.05
BHC, gamma isomer (Lindane)	0.05
Chlordane	0.2
Dieldrin	0.1
Endosulfan I	0.05
Endosulfan II	0.1
Endosulfan sulfate	0.1
Endrin	0.1
Endrin aldehyde	0.1
Heptachlor	0.05
Heptachlor epoxide	0.05
Methoxychlor	0.5
4,4'-DDD	0.1
4,4'-DDE	0.1
4,4'-DDT	0.1
Toxaphene	1
PCB 1016	0.2
PCB 1221	0.2
PCB 1232	0.2
PCB 1242	0.2
PCB 1248	0.2
PCB 1254	0.2
PCB 1260	0.2
EPA Method 624	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	1
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	1
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1
1,1-Dichloroethane	1
1,1-Dichloroethene	1
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1
1,2-Dichloroethane	1
1,2-Dichloroethene (total)	1
1,2-Dichloropropane	1
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	1
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	1
2-Butanone	20

Constituent of concern	Reporting limit (µg/L) ^(a,b)
2-Chloroethylvinylether	20
2-Hexanone	20
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	20
Acetone	10
Acrolein	5
Acrylonitrile	5
Benzene	1
Bromodichloromethane	1
Bromoform	1
Bromomethane	2
Carbon disulfide	1
Carbon tetrachloride	1
Chlorobenzene	1
Chloroethane	2
Chloroform	1
Chloromethane	2
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	1
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	1
Dibromochloromethane	1
Dibromomethane	1
Dichlorodifluoromethane	2
Ethylbenzene	1
Freon 113	1
Methylene chloride	1
Styrene	1
Tetrachloroethene	1
Toluene	1
Total xylene isomers	2
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	1
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	1
Trichloroethene	0.5
Trichlorofluoromethane	1
Vinyl acetate	1
Vinyl chloride	1
EPA Method 625	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	5
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	5
2-Butanone	20
2-Chloroethylvinylether	20
2-Hexanone	20

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EPA Method 625 (cont.)		2-Methylphenol	5
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	20	2-Methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol	25
Acetone	10	2-Methylnaphthalene	5
Acrolein	5	2-Nitroaniline	25
Acrylonitrile	5	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	10
Benzene	1	3-Nitroaniline	25
Bromodichloromethane	1	4-Bromophenylphenylether	5
Bromoform	1	4-Chloro-3-methylphenol	10
Bromomethane	2	4-Chloroaniline	10
Carbon disulfide	1	4-Chlorophenylphenylether	5
Carbon tetrachloride	1	4-Nitroaniline	25
Chlorobenzene	1	4-Nitrophenol	25
Chloroethane	2	Acenaphthene	25
Chloroform	1	Acenaphthylene	5
Chloromethane	2	Benzo[a]anthracene	5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	1	Benzo[a]pyrene	5
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	1	Benzo[b]fluoranthene	5
Dibromochloromethane	1	Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	5
Dibromomethane	1	Benzo[k]fluoranthene	5
Dichlorodifluoromethane	2	Benzoic acid	25
Ethylbenzene	1	Benzyl alcohol	10
Freon 113	1	Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane	5
Methylene chloride	1	Bis(2-chloroisopropyl)ether	5
Styrene	1	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	5
Tetrachloroethene	1	Butylbenzylphthalate	5
Toluene	1	Chrysene	5
Total xylene isomers	2	Di-n-butylphthalate	5
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	1	Di-n-octylphthalate	5
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	1	Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	5
Trichloroethene	0.5	Dibenzofuran	5
Trichlorofluoromethane	1	Diethylphthalate	5
Vinyl acetate	1	Dimethylphthalate	5
Vinyl chloride	1	Fluoranthene	5
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	5	Hexachlorobenzene	5
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	5	Hexachlorobutadiene	5
2,4-Dichlorophenol	25	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	5
2,4-Dimethylphenol	5	Hexachloroethane	5
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	5	Indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene	5
2,6-Dinitrotoluene	5	Isophorone	5
2-Chloronaphthalene	5	m- and p-Cresol	5
2-Chlorophenol	5	N-Nitroso-di-n-propylamine	5

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EPA Method 625 (cont.)		Phenol	5
o-Dichlorobenzene	5	Pyrene	5
Naphthalene	5	EPA Method 8330	
Nitrobenzene	5	HMX(c)	5 or 1
Pentachlorophenol	5	RDX(d)	5
Phenanthrene	5		

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- (c) HMX is octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine.
- (d) RDX is hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine.

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