# OTTAWA LAB INSTRUCTION SHEETS ON BOD AND TSS

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APPENDIX-C

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Subject: Bottle Requirements, Testing Procedures

Bhabesh Roy.

Further to our telephone conversation of this morning please find attached the following documents:

- Method A-TSS-01 for the determination of Total Suspended Solids.
- Method C-BOD-01 for the determination of Biological Oxygen Demand and,
- SOP-05 Summarizing the bottles utilized by Caduceon Environmental Laboratories for the various tests performed at our facilities.
- A blank C-O-C form that is to be completed by the sampler and sent along with the samples to our facility.
- Completed C-O-C form for report B09-19579 submitted from the Hamlet of Clyde River.

Feel free to contact me at the coordinates below should you have any questions regarding the contents of this e-mail.

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# Sample Bottle Requirements

# 1.0 Scope

1.1 This standard operating procedure (SOP) provides instructions on the provision of sampling materials and the steps required for the documentation of bottle requests received from the client. A detailed summary of parameters, sample containers, volumes, preservatives and holding times can be found in Appendices A to C.

# 2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 This SOP will ensure that the client is provided with the appropriate bottles and preservatives for field sampling.
- 2.2 The necessary records will be kept as per instruction in this SOP.

# 3.0 Procedure

- 3.1 All containers supplied to clients will be pre-cleaned, be of the required material (i.e. glass/plastic) and volume, contain the appropriate preservative (note: the preservative used should be clearly indicated in the appropriate section on the label) and be labelled.
- 3.2 When a client requests sample containers and supplies, the information is recorded in the Bottle Request Log. The person receiving the bottle request is responsible for documenting the following information:
  - Date of order
  - Order received by
  - Company Name and Address
  - Contact Name
  - Shipping Address if different from above
  - Date Required
  - Detailed Parameter List or Quotation Number if available
  - Any special instructions/requests (i.e. additional supplies, travel/field blanks, duplicates, spikes, bottle seals etc.)

Once the bottle order has been completed the person completing the bottle order shall sign and date the bottle request. The request can then be filed in the Bottle Request Log.

- 3.3 All bottles will be provided to the client with the appropriate packaging to minimize receiving damaged bottles as a result of shipping and handling in the field and during transit to the lab.
- 3.4 The client shall be responsible for labelling the sample containers and completing the chain of custody record prior to submitting samples to the lab. (refer to SOP-01 and SOP-02).
- 3.5 A detailed summary of parameters, sample containers, volumes, preservatives and holding times can be found in Appendices A to C.

# 4.0 Sample Handling Practices Specifically for Drinking Water Samples

4.1 Drinking-water samples should not be filtered in the field or at the laboratory prior to analysis. As it is not expected that the consumer filters their water prior to drinking it, unfiltered samples will provide a more representative sample of what the consumer is drinking. Unfiltered samples for the measurement of organic compounds and microbiological parameters are very important because many organic compounds adsorb to the particulate present in a water sample and membrane filtering will remove bacteria from the sample. Filtering is not permitted in order to compensate for poor sampling technique or the use of inappropriate methods of analysis.

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# Appendix A: Individual Parameters for Water Analysis

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---|--|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                  | 2000                |        | Volume                                  | OARDISA HADOSI W   | Conditions |                | G E E        |                |
|                                  | Size (mL)           | Туре   | (IIIIC)                                 |  |            | Caduceon       | EPA/SM(Reg.) | ii<br>Om       |
|                                  |                     |        | GENERA                                  | GENERAL CHEMISTRY, PHYSICAL PROPERTIES                     | TIES       |                |              |                |
| Akalinty                         | 500                 | 0      | 50                                      | None   |            | 7d             | 14d/14d      | 70             |
| Ammonia (NH3)                    | 125                 | PorG   | 50                                      | pH <2 H <sub>c</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /None                 |            | 28d/3d         | 28d/28d      | 10d            |
| BOD5/CBOD5                       | 500                 | Р      | 300                                     | None   |            | 40             | 48h/48h      | 4à<br>Q.       |
| Bromide                          | 500                 | ъ      | 50                                      | None   | 1          | 28g            | ,            |                |
| Chloride                         | 500                 | ס      | 50                                      | None   |            | 28 G           | 28d/28d      | 30d            |
| COD                              | 125, 250            | PorG   | 50                                      | pH<2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                        | -1         | 28 d           | 280/28d      | 30d            |
| Colour                           | 500                 | P      | 100                                     | None   | -          | 48h/7d         | 48h/48h      | 7d             |
| Conductivity                     | 500                 | יטי    | 100                                     | None   | 1          | 40             | 28d/28d      | 4              |
| Cyanide (free)                   | 125                 | ъ      | 50                                      | pH >12 NaOH  | 1, in dark | 7d             | -/14 d       | 7d(MISA)       |
| Cyanide (total)                  | 125                 | TO     | 50                                      | pH >12 NaOH  |            | 671            | 140/140      | 6 m            |
| Fluoride                         | 500                 | יט־    | 50                                      | None   |            | 28d            | 28d/28d      | 30d            |
| Hardness                         | 250                 | ק      | 100                                     | pH<2 HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | ro         | 28d            | 6m/6m        | 28d            |
| Hydrogen Sulphide (H2S)          | 125, 250            | PorG   | 100                                     | 2N zinc acetate + pH>9 NeOH                                | -4         | 7 <sub>d</sub> | 7d/7d        | 7d(MISA)       |
| Mercury                          | 250                 | P.G.AG | 100                                     | K2020; + HNO;  | N          | 7d             | 28d/-        | 14d, 7d(MISA)  |
| Metals- except Mercury           | 250                 | יסר    | 100                                     | pH<2 HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | 10         | 60d            | 6m/6m        | 600            |
| Nitrate (N)                      | 500                 | סי     | 50                                      | None   |            | 7d             | 48h/48h      | 7d             |
| Nitrite (N)                      | 500                 | το     | 50                                      | None   | o-A        | 7d             | 48h/48h      | 7 <sub>0</sub> |
| Nitrate-Nitrite (N)              | 500                 | ס      | 50                                      | None   | in the     | 70             | 48h/48h      | 7d             |
| Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl)        | 125, 250            | PorG   | 100                                     | pH<2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                        | and a      | 280            | 28d/-        | *              |
| (DOC)                            | 125                 | GorP   | 50                                      | Field filter + pH <2 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> / None | and .      | 28d/7d         |              | *              |
| Organic Carbon, Total (TOC)      | 125                 | GorP   | 50                                      | pH<2 H <sub>g</sub> SO <sub>s</sub>                        | -          | 28d            | 28d/28d      | *              |
| Oil & Grease, Total, A/V/Mineral | 1000                | G      | 1000                                    | +O/None  |            | 28d/7d         | 28d/28d      | 7d(MISA)       |
| Dist                             | 500                 | ъ      | 100                                     | None   |            | 40             | linm./linim, | 4d/asap(MISA)  |
| Phenolios (4-aap) *              | <b>60,125</b> , 250 | ð      | 50                                      | pH<2 H,5O4   | -4         | 28a            | 28d/28d      | 30d/MISA)      |
| Phosphate, dissolved (P)         | 125                 | ס      | 50                                      | Filler, analyze ASAP/pH<2 H <sub>*</sub> SO <sub>*</sub>   | and .      | 481/28c        | 4/184        |                |
| Phosphorus (total)               | 125, 250            | PorG   | 100                                     | pH<2 H <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                        |            | 280            | 28d/-        | 30d(MISA)      |
| Solids (TS.TSS.TDS,VS,VSS)       | 500                 | סי     | 500                                     | None   | ***        | 7d             | 7d/2-7d      | 7d(MISA)-      |
| Sice                             | 125, 250            | סד     | 100                                     | pH<2 HNO,  | N          | 28d            | 280/-        |                |
| Sulfate                          | 500                 | P      | 50                                      | None   |            | 28d            | 28d/28d      | 30d(MISA)      |
| Turbidity                        | 500                 | P      | 100                                     | analyze ASAP   |            | 48h/7d         | 48N/48h      | 48h(MISA)      |

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|               |                | CA DISTOR      |            | Storage Conditions Codes:  |                   |     |          | Sample Container Codes:                       |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--|-------------------|-----|----------|---|
|               |                | 10d / 6m       | 4          | None / HNO <sub>3</sub>  | 1000 (x3)         | P   | 1000     | Radionuclide (ODWS Table 3)                   |
|               |                | 10d / 6m       | A          | None / HNO <sub>3</sub>  |                   | P   | 1000     | Radionuclides (Gross Alpha, Beta and Tritium) |
| 30 d          |                | 300            |            | None   | 100               | AG  | 1000     | NTA   |
| 10 d          |                | 100            | -          | None   | 1000 (x2)         | AG  | 1000     | NDMA  |
|               |                | 7d             | -          | None   | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | Formaldenyde                                  |
|               | 30d            | 30d            | _          | None   | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | Dioxins/Furans                                |
|               |                |                |            | SUBCONTRACTED PARAMETERS   | SU                |     |          |   |
| 7to14(MISA)   | 140/14d        | 7 to 14d       | , m.h.     | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (chlorinated), HCI | 40 (x2)           | AGV | 40       | VOC's   |
| 30d           | 14dpre/30dpost | 14dpre/40dpost | _          | None   | 1000 (x2)         | AG  | 1000     | SVOC (Acid, Base/Neutral Ext.)                |
| 20d/30d(MISA) | 14dpre/30dpost | 7dpre/ 30dpost | _          | None   | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | Phenois by GC/MS                              |
| 14dpre/7dpost | -              | 14d            | _          | None   | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | PHC (F2-F4)                                   |
| 7/d           | 1              | 14d            | _          | None, Na,S,O,(chlorinated), HCl  | 40 (x2)           | AGV | 40       | PHOFE   |
| 42d           | 14dpre/30dpost | 10dbre/40dpost | und        | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (chlorinated)      | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | PGB's   |
| 350           | 14dpre/30dpost | 14dpre/40dpost |            | None   | 1000 (x2)         | AG  | 1000     | PAHS  |
| 42d           | 14dpre/30dpost | 10dpre/40dpost | nestř      | None_Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)       | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | OC Pesticides                                 |
|               |                | . 7d           |            | None   | *0                | GV  | 40       | Glycols                                       |
| 20d           |                | 14d            |            | None, Na <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | 50                | ъ   | 1000     | Glyphosate                                    |
| 20d           | 7dpre/21dpost  | 14dpre/20dpost |            | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | 250               | ъ   | 1000     | Diquat/Paraquat                               |
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| 4             | - /30d         | 30d            | 1. in dark | None, Wrap in Aluminum Foil  | 1000              | AG  | 1000     | Chlorophyll-a                                 |
|               |                | 485            |            | None   | 100               | SP  | 300, 250 | Iron Related Bacteria                         |
| 48h           | -/24h          | 481            | 1.3        | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | 100               | SP  | 300, 250 | Pseudomonas                                   |
| 48h           | -/24h          | *8h            |            | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | 100               | SP  | 300, 250 | Fecal Streptococcus                           |
| 48h           | √24h           | 400            |            | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | 50                | SP  | 300, 250 | Heterotrophic Plate Count                     |
| 48h           | -/3011         | 48h            | 3          | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (chlorinated)      | -60               | SP  | 300, 250 | Background                                    |
| 485/241(MISA) | -300           | 48h            | Annille    | None, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (chlorinated)      | 100 (per<br>test) | SP  | 300, 250 | Coliforms, Total, Fecal,<br>Eschericia        |
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P = Plastic, either HDPE or PETE

G = Glass, GV = Glass Vial

2 = Room Temperature (if preserved)

Imm = Immediate m = months

1 = 4 + 3 %

AG = Amber Glass, AGV = Amber Glass Vial,

Teflon-lined phenate free cap

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Appendix B: Soil Sample Analysis/General

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| Parameter                  | Sample Containers | Intainers | Winimum       | Preservative              | Storage<br>Conditions |                                    | Holding Times   |                |
|                            | Size (mL)         | Type      | (mL)          |                           |                       | Caduceon                           | EPA             | MOE            |
| PHC (F2-F4)                | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | nd.                   | 7 d                                |                 | 140            |
| BTEX/PHC (F1)              | 100               | AGJ       | 50            | None                      | e d                   | 7 d                                | 4               | 7 d            |
| VOC's                      | 100               | AGJ       | 50            | None                      |                       | 7 d                                | 14 d            | 710140         |
| Metals (including mercury) | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | 100                   | 28 d                               | 28.0            | Indefinite     |
| Inorganic General          | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | 2                     | see individual                     | see individual  | see individual |
| Oil & Grease               | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      |                       | 28 d                               |                 | ŧ              |
| Nutrients (TOC, TP, TKN)   | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | 10                    | 28 d                               |                 | 1              |
| Anions                     | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | N                     | 28 d                               | ı               | ,              |
| Semivolatiles              | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      |                       | see individual                     | see individual  | see individual |
| Pesticides                 | 180               | AGJ       | 180           | None                      | -                     | see individual                     | see individual  | see individual |
| Sample Container Codes:    |                   |           |               | Storage Conditions Codes; |                       | Indefinite - indefinite when dried | nite when dried |                |
|                            |                   |           |               |                           |                       |                                    |                 |                |

Appendix C: Bottles required for Regulatory Ontario Drinking Water Suhmissions

2 = Room Temperature

d = days

m = months

individual = individual parameter test method

1 = 4 ± 3°C

AGJ = Amber Glass Jar

| Parameter           | Bottle  | Sampling  | Sto |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|
| THM's               | ۵   | Fill slowly and completely - no air bubbles present | 4   |
| Nitrate and Nitrite | Nitrate and Nitrite   125 mL HDPE, 250 mL HDPE or 500mL PETE, no preservative (4°C) | Grab  | 4   |

Schedule 23: Inorganic Parameters

| Parameter Bottle Sampling  Metals 250 mL HDPE, HNO <sub>3</sub> added No rinsing. Be careful of acid  Mercury K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> + HNO <sub>3</sub> preservative |
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|   |
| Sampling  No rinsing. Be careful of acid  preservative  |
|   |

Schedule 24: Organic Parameters

| Parameter  | Bottle   | Sampling  | Storage            |
|------------|--|---|--------------------|
| VOC's      | Two - 40 mL VOC amber glass vials, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> added   | Fill slowly and completely - no air bubbles present | 4 ± 3°C            |
| Pesticides | 2-1 L Amber Glass, no preservative – Pest MS, 1-1 L HDPE, Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> added - Diquat, Paraquat & Glyphosate 2-1 L Amber Glass, no preservative – OC Pesticides | Grab  | 4<br>1+<br>30<br>0 |

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# **Biochemical Oxygen Demand**

# 1.0 Scope and Application

- 1.1 The Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) is an indicator of the dissolved oxygen required for the decomposition of organic materials by aerobic bacteria. The BOD<sub>5</sub> is used to assess the oxygen demand of organic wastes, to determine the biodegradable loadings to treatment plants, and to evaluate the efficiency of waste treatments. The test requirement for a five day incubation period imposes a lengthy time delay in establishing the demand of a particular waste. This method is applicable for BOD determination in waters such as ground water, surface water, and waste waters.
- 1.2 The analytical range for this method is approximately 1 mg/L to 30000 mg/L with a maximum sample volume of 300mL.
- 1.3 By adding nitrogen inhibitor to analysis bottle, carbonaceous BOD (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) may be determined. The scope and application is the same as for BOD determination.

# 2.0 Principle and Theory

# 2.1 Principles

The BOD<sub>5</sub> is a measure of dissolved oxygen depletion during a 5 day incubation period at a specified temperature (20°C). The units are milligrams per litre as oxygen. It is determined by diluting a suitable sample aliquot with dilution water. The dilution should be such that about 50 % of the dissolved oxygen is depleted after 5 days incubation. The dissolved oxygen is determined using a dissolved oxygen probe, as soon as possible after set-up; and again after the incubation period. The BOD<sub>5</sub> is expressed as the amount of dissolved oxygen in mg utilized by 1 litre of sample during a 5 day incubation period at 20°C. The principle of the oxygen electrode is based on the relationship between the concentration of dissolved oxygen in a sample and the current generated by its reduction under controlled conditions. The electrode probe contains an electrolytic cell separated from test sample by a teflon membrane which is permeable to dissolved oxygen. When the probe is immersed in a sample, a portion of the oxygen in the sample diffuses through the membrane into the electrolytic cell and is reduced at the cathode. The resultant change in current is directly proportional to the oxygen concentration present in the sample, and is read out digitally as mg/L of O2. A suitable velocity of water across the membrane is maintained by a motorized stirrer and a built-in thermistor compensates for temperature variations.

# 2.2 Interferences

- 2.2.1 Most heavy metals, sulphates, and cyanide interfere with biological processes. Any gases, which diffuse through the membrane and enter into a redox reaction, will interfere. Chlorine is the most commonly known gas of this type and its interference can be nullified by raising the pH to 12 and converting the gas to hypochlorous ion.
- 2.2.2 Prolonged exposure to oily samples will produce a film on the membrane which might retard the diffusion of oxygen. Such film should be removed by placing the electrode membrane in hot water for a short period of time.
- 2.2.3 Prolonged exposure to samples containing hydrogen sulphide will result in corrosion of the lead anode. Periodic cleaning of the electrodes with 50% HCl solution controls this poisoning problem.

# 3.0 Safety

3.1 Extreme caution should be exercised when preparing acidic and caustic solutions. A full face shield, an apron and gloves should be worn when working with concentrated solutions. Goggles, gloves and a lab

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coat are suitable for working with diluted solutions. Refer to each chemical MSDS for detailed hazards.

- 3.2 Refer to Caduceon Safety Manual for general laboratory safety practices and procedures.
- 4.0 Sample Requirements
- 4.1 Samples must be collected in plastic or glass bottles, and must be refrigerated as soon as possible after sampling at 4 ± 3°C; and stored in the dark to minimize bacterial decomposition and photosynthetic activity. Store not longer than 96 hours. Preservatives are not employed because they may retard bacterial action during incubation. The minimum sample volume submitted for analysis is 500 milliliters.
- 4.2 Samples containing caustic alkalinity or acidity are neutralized to pH 5.0 to 8.0 with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or NaOH using a pH meter.
- 4.3 Chlorine residuals, if present in a sample, are overcome by dechlorinating the sample by adding Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution and seeding the dilution water. The dechlorinating procedure applies for effluent samples and treated drinking water samples. Other samples must be treated if from an industrial process using chlorine in the manufacturing stream.
- 4.4 Samples supersaturated with dissolved oxygen must have the dissolved oxygen content reduced to saturation, 9.17mg/L at 20°C, by aerating with compressed air or by vigorous shaking of the sample in its container.
- 5.0 Equipment
- 5.1 BOD bottles 300mL glass
- 5.2 20L carboy
- 5.3 Incubator, thermostatically controlled at 20°C ± 1°C (temperature reading accuracy verified as per Caduceon SOP-10)
- 5.4 Winkler titration apparatus
- 5.5 Dissolved oxygen electrode
- 5.6 Volumetric flasks, Class A
- 5.7 Volumetric pipets, Class A
- 5.8 Disposable graduated pipets, 10mL size
- 5.9 25.0mL graduated buret, 0.1mL graduation (dispensing volume accuracy verified as per Caduceon SOP-08)
- 5.10 Filters, Whatman GF/C or equivalent
- 5.11 Graduated cylinders, various sizes (dispensing volume accuracy verified as per Caduceon SOP-08)

Note: Clean glassware (except BOD bottles) with phosphate-free detergent; rinse thoroughly with reagent grade water, and drain. Dry flasks and pipets before re-use BOD bottles must be cleaned as follows:

- Place all bottles in the designated dishwasher and wash on normal cycle using phosphate-free detergent;
- Let drain, then rinse well with Reagent-grade water to remove possible copper contamination;
- Allow the bottles to dry before use.

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# 6.0 Reagents

Note: Record all reagent preparation in the appropriate reagent preparation log.

- Reagent grade water, DW (to meet specifications as per Caduceon SOP-04)
- 6.2 Reagents for sample pretreatment:
  - 6.2.1 1N Sodium hydroxide solution: In a 100mL volumetric flask containing approximately 50mL reagent grade water, dissolve 4.0g NaOH. Dilute to mark. Prepare fresh every six months or as needed. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.2.2 1N Sulfuric acid solution: In a 100mL volumetric flask containing about 50mL reagent grade water, add 2.8mL concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Dilute to mark. Prepare fresh yearly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.2.3 50% Acetic acid solution (v/v): In a 200mL volumetric flask containing approximately 50mL reagent grade water, add 100mL concentrated acetic acid. Dilute to mark. Prepare fresh weekly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.2.4 5% Potassium iodide solution (w/v): In a 200mL volumetric flask containing approximately 100mL reagent grade water, dissolve 10g Kl. Dilute to mark. Prepare fresh weekly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.2.5 Sodium sulphite solution: In a 100mL volumetric flask containing approximately 50mL reagent grade water, dissolve 0.158g Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>. Dilute to mark. Make fresh daily. Prepare fresh daily. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.2.6 Nitrogen Inhibitor Hach 2579-24 (2-chloro-6 (trichloro methyl) pyridine). Refer to manufacturer certificate for holding time/expiry date. Store at room temperature.

# 6.3 Dilution water reagents:

- 6.3.1 Phosphate buffer solution: In a 500mL volumetric flask, dissolve 4.25g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 10.9g K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 16.7g Na<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>•7H<sub>2</sub>O and 0.85g NH<sub>4</sub>CL in about 500mL reagent grade water. Dilute to mark. Discard reagent if there is any sign of biological growth in the stock bottle. Prepare fresh monthly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.3.2 Magnesium sulphate solution: In a 500mL volumetric flask, dissolve 11.25g MgSO<sub>4</sub>•7H<sub>2</sub>O in reagent grade water and dilute to mark. Prepare fresh monthly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.3.3 Calcium chloride solution: In a 500mL volumetric flask, dissolve 13.75g CaCl<sub>2</sub> in reagent grade water and dilute to mark. Prepare fresh monthly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.3.4 Ferric chloride solution: In a 500mL volumetric flask, dissolve 0.075g FeCl<sub>3</sub> in reagent grade water and dilute to mark. Prepare fresh monthly or as needed. Store at room temperature.

# 6.4 Reagents for Winkler Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Determination:

- 6.4.1 Manganese sulphate solution: Dissolve 364g MnSO<sub>4</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O in reagent grade water. Filter the solution through a Whatman #4 filter and dilute to 1L in a 1.0L volumetric flask. Prepare fresh yearly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.4.2 Alkali-lodide-Azide Reagent: In a 1.0L volumetric flask, dissolve 500g NaOH and 150g KI in 800mL of reagent grade water. To this solution, add 10g NaN<sub>3</sub> (sodium azide) dissolved in 90mL of reagent grade water. Dilute to mark. Prepare fresh yearly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.4.3 1:1 Sulphuric acid: To a 200mL volumetric flask containing approximately 75mL reagent grade water, add slowly 100mL concentrated sulfuric acid. Mix thoroughly and allow to cool to room temperature. Dilute to mark with reagent grade water. Prepare fresh yearly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.4.4 Starch Solution: Dissolve 3.00g soluble starch arrowroot powder and 0.625g salicylic acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(OH)COOH) with approximately 50mL reagent grade water. Slowly add, with stirring, to

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about 400mL of boiling reagent grade water in a 500mL volumetric flask. Dilute to mark; allow to boil for a few minutes, and let settle overnight. Retain supernatant. Prepare fresh weekly or as needed. Store at room temperature.

- Potassium Bi-lodate Stock Solution 0.10 N: In a 1.0L volumetric flask, dissolve 3.24g of  $KH(IO_3)_2$  in reagent grade water and dilute to mark. Prepare fresh every six months or as needed. Keep refrigerated at  $4 \pm 3$ °C.
- Potassium Bi-lodate Working Standard Solution 0.0250 N: Using a 25.0mL volumetric pipet, transfer 25.0mL of potassium bi-iodate stock solution to a 100mL volumetric flask. Dilute to mark with reagent grade water. Prepare fresh daily. Store at room temperature.
- 6.7 1:10 Sulphuric acid: To a 200mL volumetric flask containing approximately 150mL reagent grade water, add slowly 20mL concentrated sulfuric acid. Mix thoroughly and allow to cool to room temperature. Dilute to mark with reagent grade water. Prepare fresh yearly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
- 6.8 Sodium Thiosulphate ~0.025 N: In a 1.0 L volumetric flask, dissolve 6.205g Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O in freshly boiled reagent grade water and mix thoroughly. Preserve with 2.0g NaOH. Allow solution to cool to room temperature and dilute to mark with freshly boiled reagent grade water. Prepare fresh monthly or as needed. Store at room temperature.
  - 6.8.1 Standardization of Sodium Thiosulphate solution: Dissolve approximately 2.0g of iodate-free KI in an erlynmeyer flask containing 100 to 150mL distilled water. Using volumetric pipettes, add 2.0mL of 1:10 sulphuric acid solution, followed by 20.0mL potassium bi-iodate working standard solution (section 6.6). Dilute to approximately 200mL with reagent grade water and titrate with sodium thiosulphate solution (section 6.8). When a pale straw colour is reached, add approximately 2mL of starch solution and complete the titration to the colourless end point. The normality of the thiosulphate solution is calculated as:

$$A = B \times G$$
 $D$ 

A = normality of sodium thiosulphate solution

B = normality of potassium bi-iodate working standard

C = volume (mL) of potassium bi-iodate working standard used

D = volume (mL) of sodium thiosulphate solution added

- 6.8.2 Record the normality of the sodium thiosulphate solution in the analyst work book. Standardization is performed when the reagent is prepared.
- 6.9 Seeding Material must be obtained fresh weekly from RMOC or other sewage facility. Store in a plastic container, labelled with the date obtained and the expiry date. Keep refrigerated at  $4 \pm 3^{\circ}$ C.
- 6.10 Standard Preparation
  - 6.10.1 Stock Standard, 200mg/L (Glucose-glutamic acid solution): Dry glucose and glutamic acid at 105°C for one hour. In a 1.0L volumetric flask, add 150mg glucose and 150mg glutamic acid. Dilute to mark with reagent grade water. Prepare fresh monthly. Store at 4 ± 3°C.
  - 6.10.2 QC-01 Working Standard, 50mg/L: Take 125mL of stock standard (200mg/L) and dilute to 500mL. Transfer 20mL of this working standard solution into a BOD bottle. Add 2mL of seed and fill with dilution water. Prepare fresh daily.

# 7.0 Test Procedure

- 7.1 Preparation of dilution water: Place desired volume of reagent grade water in a suitable bottle and add 1mL each of phosphate buffer, MgSO<sub>4</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> and FeCl<sub>3</sub> solutions per liter of water. Saturate with DO by aerating with organic-free filtered air for 15-20 minutes.
- 7.2 Calibration and Operation of the Oxygen Meter:

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- 7.2.1 The oxygen meter is calibrated against a sample of known DO concentration as determined by the Winkler method. Calibration is routinely performed against dilution water.
  - 7.2.1.1 Fill 4 BOD bottles with dilution water.
  - 7.2.1.2 Determine the Winkler DO concentration in the first two bottles by adding 2mL MnSO<sub>4</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O and 2mL of alkali-azide reagent to each bottle.
  - 7.2.1.3 Close the bottle carefully with the stopper to exclude air bubbles and mix by inverting the bottles several times.
  - 7.2.1.4 When precipitation has sufficiently settled, add 2.0mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.
  - 7.2.1.5 Close the bottle carefully with the stopper again and mix by inverting several times.
  - 7.2.1.6 A 200mL aliquot of sample is titrated with 0.025 N Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Add 2.0mL starch solution towards the end of the titration when a pale straw colour has been reached. Titrate to a clear end point.
  - 7.2.1.7 The volume of sodium thiosulphate standard solution dispensed equals the DO of the aerated water. Correct this value for the true normality of the sodium thiosulphate standard solution (obtained in section 6.8.1) using the following calculation:

$$A = \underbrace{B \times 0.025}_{C}$$

A = corrected DO value

B = volume of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> dispensed

C = actual normality of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (section 6.8.1)

Note: The DO meter probe is adjusted based on the average of two DO results.

- 7.2.1.8 Insert the oxygen probe into one of the two remaining BOD bottles and switch the stirrer on.
- 7.2.1.9 Switch instrument to zero position and zero the meter with the zero knob.
- 7.2.1.10 Switch instrument to calibrating position and calibrate meter according to the DO value obtained from titration.
- 7.2.1.11 Verify the DO measurement with the oxygen probe and meter on the remaining bottle of dilution water and record the result in the analyst workbook.
- 7.3 pH adjustment for samples with pH outside range 5.0 to 8.0: Using a pH meter (see Caduceon method, A-pH-01), adjust the pH of the sample by adding 1N NaOH (pH < 5.0) or 1N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (pH > 8.0) dropwise until the sample pH is within the required range. Ensure that the change in sample volume is less than 1 percent and record the volume and type of solution added.

Note: Check the initial pH of each sample prior to set-up with pH paper, and use the pH meter only in cases where pH adjustment is required.

7.4 Removal of residual chlorine: Place 50mL of sample, 5mL of 5% potassium iodide solution, 5mL of 50% acetic acid solution, and about 3mL starch solution into a 250mL erlenmeyer flask. Mix by swirling. If residual chlorine is present in the sample, the colour of the solution will turn to dark blue. Add 0.01N Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise, while swirling, until the the solution turns clear. Record the amount of 0.01N Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> required per 50mL of sample directly onto the sample bottle. The required amount of 0.01N

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Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> necessary for neutralization will be added later, to portions of the original sample prior to dilution.

Note: Excess Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> exerts an oxygen demand and reacts slowly with certain organic chloramine compounds that may be present in chlorinated samples.

- 7.5 Filtration: Samples submitted for filtered BOD<sub>5</sub>, are filtered through a Whatman GF/C filter, prior to dilution.
- 7.6 Sample seeding: For samples needing pH adjustment, add seeding material. For samples containing residual chlorine, add the required amount of 0.01N Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution and seeding material (approximately 2mL). All industrial wastes and final effluent samples should be seeded as mentioned above.
- 7.7 Sample dilutions: Using a wide-tip volumetric pipet or a graduated cylinder, add the desired sample volume to individual BOD bottles of known capacity. Fill bottles with enough dilution water, seeded if necessary, so that insertion of the stopper will displace all air, leaving no bubbles.
  - 7.7.1 For dilutions greater than 1:100, make a primary dilution in a graduated cylinder before making final dilution in the bottle.
- 7.8 Dilution Water Blanks: Use a dilution water blank as a rough check on quality of unseeded dilutions, water and cleanliness of incubation bottles. The DO uptake should not be more than 0.2mg/L.
- 7.9 Seed Control: Determine BOD of seeding material as for any other sample. The DO uptake of seeded dilution water should be between 0.6 and 1.0mg/L.
- 7.10 Quality Control Checks: Take 125mL of glucose-glutamic acid (200mg/L) and dilute to 500mL. Transfer 20 mL of glucose-glutamic acid reagent into BOD bottle. Add 2mL of seed and fill with dilution water.
- 7.11 Matrix Spike Preparation: Transfer 10mL of 50 mg/L working standard (section 6.101.2) to the BOD bottle containing the appropriate amount of diluted sample. The target value is 1.76 mg/L of O<sub>2</sub> depletion.
- 7.12 Determine the initial DO on all BOD bottles, using the oxygen probe and meter. Stopper tightly; water seal and incubate for 5 days at 20 ± 2°C. Rinse DO electrode between determinations to prevent cross-contamination of samples.
- 7.13 Determine final DO for each bottle, as in section 7.12, after 5 days of incubation.
  - Note: Each set-up must include dilution water blanks, standards, and seeded dilution water. These must be set up in duplicate. Samples are prepared at two to five different dilutions. Duplicate samples are analyzed at a level of at least once after every ten samples and a matrix spike after every thirty samples. If the relative deviation in duplicate and spike results is greater than the control limits (refer to the QC log), the duplicate sample and spike recovery results are reported to the client with a comment to qualify the data as suspect. Sample holding time prevents samples from being re-analyzed if duplicate results are not within the required range.
- 7.14 Carbonaceous B.O.D.: Requires the addition of ~0.16 g (2 shots from the dispenser) of nitrogen inhibitor which is added to each dilution bottle of the samples requiring C.B.O.D.. The amount of the inhibitor put in each bottle (including standards and blanks) is done with the chemical applicator supplied from Hach.
- 7.15 Documentation Procedures
  - 7.15.1 Document all required information in the BOD Analysis workbook when analyzing samples and QC solutions.
  - 7.15.2 Document all required information in BOD Standard/Reagent Preparation logs when

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preparing Reagents and QC Standards.

- 7.15.3 Document all maintenance, comments and any changes in the instrument log book.
- 7.15.4 QC data must be entered into the QC log data file by the analyst.
- 7.15.5 The QC log data file is found on the Ottawa server: ...QC LOGS\Organic Chemistry\BOD.xls.
- 7.15.6 Open this file and enter the data in the appropriate fields; Date, Expected Concentration for working QC-01, Found Concentration for working QC-01, Duplicate and Spike results and Blanks.
- 7.15.7 The excel program will calculate the % recoveries of the QC-01 and spikes and the % difference of the duplicate samples and the average concentration of the blanks.
- 7.15.8 The excel program files will be maintained by the QA officer.
- 7.15.9 Control charts will be monitored for trend analysis as per SOP-07 Control Charting.
- 8.0 Calculations & Reporting
- 8.1 When sample is not seeded:

$$A = (B - C) \times 300$$

A = concentration of BOD<sub>5</sub> (mg/L)

B = initial DO reading (mg/L)

C = final DO reading (mg/L)

D = volume of sample analyzed (mL)

8.2 When sample is seeded:

$$A = [(B - C) - E] \times 300$$

A = concentration of BOD<sub>5</sub> (mg/L)

B = initial DO reading (mg/L)

C = final DO reading (mg/L)

D = volume of sample analyzed (mL)

E = DO reading of seed (mg/L)

- 8.3 When a sample is spiked:
  - 8.3.1 Depletion of working standard = DO (initial) DO (final). Target result is 1.76 mg/L
  - 8.3.2 Depletion of sample = DO (initial) DO (final)
  - 8.3.3 Depletion of spiked sample = DO (initial) DO (final)
  - 8.3.4 Actual Spike amount recovered, as depletion = Depletion (8.3.3) Depetition (8.3.2)
  - 8.3.5 % Spike Recovery = Result (8.3.4) x 100 Result (8.3.1)
- 8.4 Criteria for Result Acceptance:

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8.4.1 The following criteria must be met for a result to be accepted as valid.

> 8.4.1.1 The final DO reading must be ≥ 1mg/L.

8.4.1.2 The difference between the final DO reading and the initial DO reading must

be ≥ 1mg/L.

8.4.2.3 There must be no evidence of sample toxicity at higher sample

concentrations, or the existance of an obvious anomaly. All acceptable dilution results are averaged to obtain the reportable result.

- Refer to Caduceon SOP-39 LIMS Training for details of the recording of results in the Laboratory 8.5 Information Management System (LIMS).
  - The calculated sample result is entered in the Laboratory Run module of the LIMS. The LIMS will display the correct reportable result.

### 9.0 Method Validation & Method Performance

### 9.1 Method Validation Data

| Data Points    |    | Calculation (Reporting MDL) |
|----------------|----|-----------------------------|
| MDL (mg/L)     | 10 | 1.1 (1)                     |
| Precision (%)* | 10 | 3.8                         |
| Accuracy (%) * | 10 | 101                         |

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 10mg/L standard results

### 9.2 **Quality Control Standards**

| Sample ID                                    | Number of<br>Data Points | Expected (mg/L) | Mean<br>(mg/L) | Average Bias (mg/L) | Standard<br>Deviation | UCL<br>(mg/L) | LCL<br>(mg/L) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| QC-01  | 56                       | 50              | 50.8           | 0.8                 | 2.0                   | 57            | 45            |
| BODSP-01 Spike<br>(O <sub>2</sub> Depletion) | 10                       | 1.76            | 1.76           | 0.00                | 0.27                  | 2.56          | 0.97          |

### 9.3 **Duplicates**

| Analytical Range (mg/L) | Number of Data Sets | Acceptable Limits-RPD % |  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ≤ 10                    | 55                  | 100                     |  |
| > 10                    | 70                  | 26                      |  |

### 9.4 Method Uncertainty

The expanded uncertainty is determined as per SOP-23 . The data accumulated in the QC log 9.5.1 is used to calculate the expanded uncertainty detailed in the following table.

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| Typical Concentration (mg/L) | Combined Uncertainty (mg/L) | Expanded Uncertainty * (Percent) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5                            | 0.7                         | 27                               |
| 50                           | 5.2                         | 20                               |
| 200                          | 20.3                        | 20                               |

<sup>\*</sup> Uncertainty at 95% confidence interval (coverage factor k=2)

# 9.5 Method Performance

9.5.1 The Method Performance is monitored by the results of PT sample analysis. Each round's reported results and consensus values are entered in the Method QC log. The % Recovery is calculated on a minimum of 8 sample results. The maximum allowable deviation of a PT result is based on 3sd.

| Mean % Recovery            | 104  |
|----------------------------|------|
| Standard Deviation (sd)    | 8.5  |
| 3sd (99% confidence level) | 25.5 |
| Number of Data Points (n)  | 14   |

- 9.6 Based on the method validation data supplied above, this method has been deemed as fit for its intended use (as stated in Section 1 of this document).
- 10.0 References
- 10.1 Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 5210-B, 21st Ed., 2005
- 10.2 Caduceon SOP-04, Preparation of De-ionized Water
- 10.3 Caduceon SOP-07, Control Charting
- 10.4 Caduceon SOP-08, Verifying Delivery Volumes
- 10.5 Caduceon SOP-10, Thermometer Calibration and Verification
- 10.6 Caduceon SOP-23, Determination of Uncertainty in Measurement
- 10.7 Caduceon SOP-39, LIMS Training
- 10.8 Caduceon SOP-43, Non-conformity Logs
- 10.9 Caduceon Safety Manual

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# **Total Suspended Solids**

- 1.0 Scope and Application
- 1.1 The method is applicable to surface, ground, and waste waters in the range of 1 20,000 mg/L. The method detection limit is 3 mg/L.
- 2.0 Principle and Theory
- 2.1 Principles
  - 2.1.1 Total suspended solids (TSS) is the term applied to the material retained by a glass fibre filter and dried to a constant weight in an oven at a defined temperature. Methods that utilize different pore size filter paper or alternative drying temperatures will not provide comparable analytical results.
- 2.2 Interferences
  - 2.2.1 Large non-homogenous particles should be excluded from the test aliquot if it is determined that their inclusion is not desired in the final results. Floating oil and grease, if present, should be included in the sample and dispersed by a blender before withdrawing a sub-sample for filtration.
  - 2.2.2 Filter clogging, from excessive solids captured in the filter, may prolong filtration time and produce high results. To overcome this, use a smaller sample volume for filtration, or use a larger size filter.
  - 2.2.3 The type of filtration apparatus, filter material, pre-washing, post-washing and drying temperature are specified to minimize affects due to these variables.
  - 2.2.4 Samples with high dissolved solids may cause positive interferences. These effects can be minimized with adequate washing to remove dissolved solids which may get trapped in the filter pores.
- 3.0 Safety
- 3.1 Wear gloves and safety glasses. Check individual MSDS prior to handling any chemicals.
- 3.2 Refer to Caduceon Safety Manual for general safety procedures.
- 4.0 Sample Requirements
- 4.1 Sample Collection
  - For water samples containing little or no visible suspended solids, 200mL to 500mL sample volume may be required for analysis. Samples containing many suspended solids require less volume for analysis. Samples should be collected in a plastic or glass bottle and transported to the laboratory as soon as possible for analysis. If the test is not performed immediately, the sample must be stored at  $4 \pm 3^{\circ}$ C.
  - 4.1.2 There must be no preservation added to samples collected for TSS analysis.
- 4.2 Sample Holding Time
  - 4.2.1 Analysis should be performed within 7 days to prevent any change in the condition of the sample submitted.

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# 5.0 Equipment

- 5.1 Whatman 934AH glass microfibre filter (or equivalent), 47 mm diameter
- 5.2 Filtration apparatus suitable for filters in section 5.1
- 5.3 1L vacuum flask
- 5.4 Aluminium dishes to hold filters
- 5.5 Forceps to handle filters
- 5.6 Oven set at 105 ± 5°C (temperature accuracy verified as per Caduceon SOP-10)
- 5.7 Desiccator
- 5.8 Graduated cylinders, various sizes (dispensing volumes verified as per Caduceon SOP-08)
- 5.9 Wide mouth graduated pipettes, various sizes (dispensing volumes verified as per Caduceon SOP-08).
- 5.10 Reusable 120 mL Plastic (HDPE or PTFE) bottles for QC preparation. (NOTE: QC bottles should be thoroughly rinsed to ensure removal of all suspended solids prior to re-use)
- 5.11 Analytical balance, 0.0001g capacity (balance calibration verified as per Caduceon SOP-09)
- 5.12 Clean all glassware/pipettes and filtration apparatus with hot water followed by a final rinse with reagent grade water. If necessary, wash labware with soap and water then rinse thoroughly with reagent water.
- 6.0 Reagents
- Reagent grade water (DW) (to meet specifications as per Caduceon SOP-04)
- 6.2 In-house Quality Control Standard Solution, 100 mg TSS/L (QCTSS-01): Weigh approximately 0.0100g (±0.0020g) of the in-house Q.C. standard Kieselgur into a weigh dish. Quantitatively transfer the solid standard into a 120mL plastic bottle containing about 50mL DW. Mix well and dilute to approximately 100 mL. Keep stored in jar. Prepare as needed. Note that the entire contents of the jar are analysed in one fraction. (NOTE: The percent recovery of the measured mass must fall within the QC limits)
- 7.0 Test Procedure
- 7.1 Determination of Filter Weight
  - 7.1.1 Place the filter in a uniquely numbered aluminium weigh dish. Dry it in an oven for at least 1 hour at 105 ± 5 °C. Remove the aluminium dish and place in the desiccator for at least 1 hour to allow the filter to cool to room temperature.
  - 7.1.2 Zero the analytical balance according to the manufacturer's operating manual. Place the filter on the balance pan and record the weight of the filter on the analyst work sheet.
- 7.2 Sample Analytical Procedure
  - 7.2.1 Allow samples to reach room temperature (minimum 1 hour) before proceeding with analysis.

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- 7.2.2 After determining the filter weight in section 7.1, place the filter on the filtration apparatus. Quickly measure an appropriate aliquot of well-mixed homogenized sample with a graduated cylinder or wide mouth graduated pipette. The sample volume analyzed should be sufficiently small to prevent the filter from clogging as outlined in section 2.2.2. If more than 10 minutes is required to complete filtration increase the filter size or decrease the sample volume. The corrective action should not produce less than 0.0025g of dry residue on the filter.
- 7.2.3 Filter sample under vacuum. Rinse graduated cylinder or pipette with reagent grade water into the filter unit to ensure complete transfer of the sample. Rinse the sides of the filtration unit during the filtering process to prevent suspended solids from adhering. Continue vacuum suction to remove all traces of free water. Carefully remove the filter from the filtration unit, and replace it in the uniquely numbered aluminium dish. Record the dish # on the analyst work sheet.
- 7.2.4 Dry the filter in an oven for at least 1 hour at 105 ± 5 °C. Be sure to use the top rack in order to reduce the chance of contamination. Remove the aluminium dish and place in the desiccator for at least 1 hour to allow the filter to cool to room temperature.
- 7.2.5 Zero the analytical balance according to the manufacturer's operating manual. Place the filter on the balance pan and record the weight of the filter and suspended solids on the analyst work sheet.

# 7.3 Analytical Run Structure

- 7.3.1 Each daily run must be structured to include a standard and reagent water blank at the beginning and end of each run. A duplicate and QC are analyzed after every 10 samples. A blank is analyzed after every 20 samples.
- 7.3.2 At the end of the analytical run, each QC sample (i.e. QCTSS-01, blank and duplicate) must be compared to its acceptable limits found in the QC log. If a QC result falls outside its acceptable range, corrective action must be performed as follows.
  - 7.3.2.1 If more than one QC standard (QCTSS-01) falls outside its limits, re-analyse another aliquot of the solution and all affected samples, analyzed just prior to the failed QC.
    - 7.3.2.1.1 If the result of the new QC solution is acceptable, the new analytical results can be reported. If acceptable results are still not achieved for the QC, equipment may need to be serviced. Consult with the laboratory supervisor for direction.
    - No further analysis may be conducted until the problem has been successfully corrected.
    - 7.3.2.1.3 Sample results may only be reported if qualified with a comment indicating failed QC.
  - 7.3.2.2 If only one QCTSS-01 has a low recovery within the analytical batch, results may be reported with a qualifying statement.
  - 7.3.2.3 If a duplicate falls outside its limits, re-analyze another aliquot of the solution. If this result is still unacceptable, select a different sample for duplicate analysis and analyze it accordingly.
    - 7.3.2.2.1 If the results of the new solution analysis are acceptable continue with the analytical run.
    - 7.3.2.2.2 If acceptable results are still not achieved, and the QC standard, QCTSS-01, is acceptable, the sample results may be reported with

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a qualifying statement.

7.3.2.2.3 Report all initial sample results (each result for the duplicate pair) for failed duplicate samples, and qualify the data to indicate that the results are suspect due to possible matrix interferences.

- 7.3.2.3 Record the non-conformance and corrective actions performed on the method non-conformity log (as per SOP-43).
- 7.3.2.4 All samples analyzed just prior to non-conforming QC standards (section 7.3.2.1), must be re-analyzed. If there is insufficient sample for re-analysis or the sample has passed its holding time, report the results with a qualifying statement to indicate failed QC during the analytical run.

# 7.4 Documentation Procedures

- 7.4.1 Document all required information on the TSS Analysis worksheet when analyzing samples and QC solutions. Transfer data to the equivalent excel spreadsheet to calculate sample concentrations and percent recovery of QCTSS-01. (K:WP51/Lab/Calibration curves/TSS,VSS\_[most recent month]\_[current year]D.xls)
- 7.4.2 Document all required information in TSS Standard Preparation log when preparing QC Standards.
- 7.4.3 Document all maintenance, comments and any changes in the equipment log book.
- 7.4.4 QC data must be entered into the QC log data file by the analyst.
- 7.4.5 The QC log data file is found on the Ottawa server: WP51\LAB\QC LOGS\Inorganic Chemistry\TSS.xls.
- 7.4.6 Open this file and enter the data in the appropriate fields; Date, Expected Concentration for QCTSS-01, Found Concentration for QCTSS-01, Duplicates and Blanks.
- 7.4.7 The excel program will calculate the % recovery of the QCTSS-01; and the % difference of the duplicate samples and the average concentration of the blanks.
- 7.4.8 The excel program files will be maintained by the QA officer.
- 7.4.9 Control charts will be monitored for trend analysis as per SOP-07 Control Charting.

# 8.0 Calculations & Reporting

8.1

 $T = (A - B) \times 10000000$ 

Where

T = concentration of total suspended solids (mg TSS/L)

A = weight of the filter and suspended solids, section 7.2.4 (g)

B = weight of the filter, section 7.1.3 (g)

V = volume of sample analyzed (mL)

Note: The data collected is entered into an excel spreadsheet and the concentration of TSS for samples is calculated by the software. This spreadsheet is saved to the Caduceon server, and also printed out and stamped as valid, to be kept with the analyst worksheet.

8.2 Blank Correction

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8.2.1 All reagent blanks that are less than the detection limit are automatically accepted. No correction is needed for the sample concentrations.

8.2.2 When the reagent blank has a calculated concentration greater than the method detection limit, use the result of the blank to correct for possible contamination or method non-conformance. The correction equation follows.

8.2.2.1

A = B - C

Where

A = corrected TSS concentration
B = uncorrected TSS concentration
C = reagent blank TSS concentration

Be sure that the values for A, B, and C are expressed in the proper units for each type of sample analyzed. The Excel spreadsheet will automatically perform this calculation for all samples. If C is a negative value, the spreadsheet corrects the blank to 0, and corrects all samples accordingly (A=B+C).

- 8.3 Refer to Caduceon SOP-39 LIMS Training for details of the recording of results in the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).
  - 8.3.1 The final calculated sample result is entered in the Laboratory Run module of the LIMS. This result will be displayed on the final Certificate of Analysis generated from the LIMS.

# 9.0 Method Validation

# 9.1 Method Validation Data

|                 | Data Points | Reporting MDL (Calculated) |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| MDL (mg/L)      | 9           | 3(2.1)                     |
| Precision (%) * | 1532        | 4.9                        |
| Accuracy (%) *  | 1532        | 98.7                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Based on on-going QCTSS-01 results (01-Sep-06)

# 9.2 Quality Control Standards

| Sample ID | Number of<br>Data Points | Expected (% recovery) | Mean<br>(% recovery) | Average Bias<br>(% recovery) | Standard<br>Deviation | UCL<br>(%) | LCL<br>(%) |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| QCTSS-01  | 1532                     | 100                   | 98.7                 | 1.3                          | 2.8                   | 107        | 90         |

# 9.3 Duplicates

| Analytical Range (mg/L) | Number of Data Sets | Acceptable Limits-RPD % |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| ≤ 30                    | 573                 | 202                     |
| > 30                    | 631                 | 32                      |

# 9.4 Method Uncertainty

9.4.1 The expanded uncertainty is determined as per SOP-23 . The data accumulated in the QC log is used to calculate the expanded uncertainty detailed in the following table.

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| Typical Concentration (mg/L) | Combined Uncertainty (mg/L) | Expanded Uncertainty * (Percent) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10                           | 2.7                         | 42                               |
| 250                          | 22.0                        | 17                               |
| 500                          | 42.7                        | 17                               |

<sup>\*</sup> Uncertainty at 95% confidence interval (coverage factor k=2)

# 9.5 Method Performance

9.5.1 The Method Performance is monitored by the results of PT sample analysis. Each round's reported results and consensus values are entered in the Method QC log. The % Recovery is calculated on a minimum of 8 sample results. The maximum allowable deviation of a PT result is based on 3sd.

| Mean % Recovery            | 101.1 |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Standard Deviation (sd)    | 4.9   |
| 3sd (99% confidence level) | 14.7  |
| Number of Data Points (n)  | 28    |

9.6 Based on the method validation data supplied above, this method has been deemed as fit for its intended use (as stated in Section 1 of this document).

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| 10.0  |   | DEF                             |
| 10.1  | Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 21st Ed., 2540D, 2005   |                                 |
| 10.2  | Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, USEPA, p 160.2-1; 1983   |                                 |
| 10.3  |   | 1994                            |
| 10.4  | Caduceon SOP-04, Preparation of De-ionized Water  |                                 |
| 10.5  | Caduceon SOP-07, Control Charting   |                                 |
| 10.6  | Caduceon SOP-08, Verifying Delivery Volumes   |                                 |
| 10.7  | Caduceon SOP-09, Balance Calibration and Verification   | b                               |
| 10.8  | Caduceon SOP-10, Thermometer Calibration and Verification   |                                 |
| 10.9  | Caduceon SOP-23, Determination of Uncertainty in Measurement  |                                 |
| 10.10 | Caduceon SOP-39, LiMS Training  |                                 |
| 10.11 | Caduceon SOP-43, Non-conformity Logs  | ii.                             |
| 10.12 | Caduceon Safety Manual  |                                 |

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| 05-Nov-02   | 1.0 | -New Document following common format and numbering system for two-site laboratory system   | DEP          |
| 18-Dec-04   | 1.1 | Section 4.1.1- Added temperature range Section 4.1.2- Added statement about no preservation Section 5- Added references to SOPs Section 5.12- Updated cleaning instructions Section 6.1- Added reference to SOP Section 7.1 & 7.2- Added data recording and other minor clarifications Section 7.3- Added criteria for data acceptance and corrective actions for non- conformities Section 7.4- Added Document procedures Section 8.3- Added LIMS data entry requirements Section 9- Method validation revised to include limits, and uncertainty Section 10- Reference list updated and expanded to include relevant SOPs   | DEP          |
| 31-Oct-06   | 1.2 | Section 9.0 to 9.5 Updated Method validation data with results available on 01-Sep-<br>06.  | GC /         |
| 21-Jul-2008 | 1.3 | Section 3.2 - Reference to Safety Manual Sections 5.9, 10, 12- Additions to equipment list Section 6.2 - Addition of QC Standards ID, mass range and QC acceptance limits based on actual mass measured. Section 7.2.1 - Added statement about letting samples get to room temperature Section 7.3.2.2 - Added need for qualifying statement on results when 1 QC within analytical batch has low recoveries. Section 7.4.1 - Location where raw data is transferred to for final calculations added. Section 8.1 - Added statements on saving, printing & validating spreadsheet used for TSS calculations. Section 8.2.2.1 - Added statement on the bandling of -ve reagent blank values in TSS calculations. Section 10.1 - Updated SM reference to 21st Ed. | <b>GC/TH</b> |
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| Date: 18/8/08  | Licens   | see Rep. (   | Nam     | e/Title): David Arrea         | k – Muni   | Works F         | oreman                |  |
| Licensee: Hamlet of Clyde River  |  |  |         | Licence No: 3                 | BM-CLY   | 0308            |                       |  |
| WATER SUPPLY   |  |  |         |                               |  |                 |                       |  |
| Source(s): Water Source La   | ake  |  |         | Quantity used:                | Unknown  | - No Re         | scorrie for           |  |
| Owner:/Operator: Hamlet of Clyde River   |  |  | _       | No Chlorine for t             |  |                 |                       |  |
|  |  |  |         |                               |  | 2000            |                       |  |
| Intake Facilities: A   |  | Structure  |         |                               | le NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspecte Treatment Systems: U Chemical Sto |                 |                       |  |
| Flow Meas. Device: U   |  | ance Line  |         |                               |  |                 | hemical Storage: NI   |  |
|  |  |  |         |                               | Purnping Stations: A Sci<br>ble for a number of months. Chic               |                 |                       |  |
| WASTE DISPOSAL<br>Sewage: Sewage Trea  | i. Record  | is were no   | it avai | ilable for review.            |  |                 |                       |  |
| Natural Water Body: No   |  |  | 1       | Continuous Discharg           | e (land or   | water): !       | _and/wetland          |  |
| Seasonal Discharge: NA   |  |  | _ \     | Wetlands Treatment:           | Υ  |                 | Trench: None          |  |
| Solid Waste: Some segre  | ***************************************  |  |         | Owner/Ope                     | rator: Ha  | mlet of C       | lvde River            |  |
| Landfill: A- some segregation  | n  |  | Burn a  | & Landfill: A                 | Other:   | Waste o         | il segregated         |  |
| Indicate: A - Acc  | eptable  | U - Una  | ccept   | able NA - Not Appl            | icable N   | I - Not I       | nspected              |  |
| Discharge Quality: U   |  | Decant S   |         |                               | Erosion  |                 |                       |  |
| Discharge Meas. Device: N  | A  | Dyke Ins   | pecti   | on: NA                        | Seepag   | Seepages: NA    |                       |  |
| Dams, Dykes: NI  |  | Freeboa  | rd: NA  | 4                             | Spills: U  |                 |                       |  |
| Construction: NI   |  | O&M Plan: U  |         |                               | A&R PI   | A&R Plan: U     |                       |  |
| Periods of Discharge: Cont.  |  | Effluent   | Disch   | arge Rate: Unknown            | -  |                 |                       |  |
| comments: Lagoon require allowing raw sewage to disch rums-requires immediate reme FUEL STORAGE: Vaste Oil Storage: NI Indicate: A - Acc               | edial work   | Cay to envir   | rection | nto address both prov         | area has n<br>ided on site   | nany spil<br>e. | is and overturned     |  |
| Berms & Liners: NI   | Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable  Berms & Liners: NI Water within Ber |  |         |                               | Evidence of Leaks: NI  |                 |                       |  |
| Drainage Pipes: NI   |  | Pump Sta   | ation   | & Catchments Berm: Ni         |  |                 |                       |  |
| Pipeline Condition: NI   |  |  |         |                               |  |                 | -                     |  |
| URVEILLANCE NE   | TWOF   | K PRO  | GR      | AM (SNP)                      |  |                 |                       |  |
| Samples Collected: 0   | Owne   | wher IOperator: No samples from Municipality have been submitted |         |                               |  |                 | en submitted          |  |
| Samples Collected: 2   |  | : Potable- Lake, Effluent discharge,                             |         |                               |  |                 |                       |  |
| Signs Posted   SNP: Nor  |  |  |         | Warning: Some signage missing |  |                 |                       |  |
| Records & Reporting: No  | records  | of water u   | usage   |                               |  |                 |                       |  |
| Geotechnical Inspection:   |  |  |         |                               |  |                 |                       |  |
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