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## **Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Plan CFS Eureka (ERK), Nunavut**

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## **ACRONYMS**

BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene
CFS	Canadian Forces Station
ERK	CFS Eureka
HAWS	High Arctic Weather Station
NWB	Nunavut Water Board
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
pH	Measure of acidity and alkalinity
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
SNP	Surveillance Network Program
TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
TSS	Total Suspended Solids

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared in response to the requirements of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the submission of a Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Plan, under Licence number 3BC-ERK1015, issued to the Department of National Defence (DND) on June 18, 2010. This new Class B Water Licence issued allows for the disposal of waste during operation and maintenance of Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Eureka (“Eureka”). Eureka is located on Slidre Fiord on the west coast of Ellesmere Island within the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut (latitude 79°59'20"N / longitude 85°56'30"W).

Eureka has been operational since 1947 and was originally established as a High Arctic Weather Station, and is currently a remote camp maintained by DND as a military detachment and training area. Eureka is located approximately 2 km from the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS) operated by Environment Canada. This station is only seasonally active during the summer months, which include June, July and August in the Arctic, and is used by DND, Environment Canada and arctic research projects (Polar Continental Shelf Project and the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory). During the summer months the peak population is 35 people, and on average ranges between 20 to 25 people.

This document has been prepared in accordance with the *QA/QC Guidelines for Use by Class “B” Licensees in Collecting Representative Water Sample in the Field and for Submission of a QA/QC Plan*, published in 1996 by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Water Resources Division and the Northwest Territories Water Board. As outlined in the Licence, five (5) monitoring stations shall be maintained at Eureka at the following locations: Sewage Treatment Facility, Landfarm Facility, Landfill, Battery Dump and Barrel Dump, for the purpose of assessing water quality. Implementation of this QA/QC Plan at Eureka is scheduled to commence in June 2011, as this station is only seasonally active.

## 2. SAMPLE COLLECTION

### 2.1 Sampling Locations

As part of the NWB Licence, the Surveillance Network Program (SNP) consists of five water monitoring stations at Eureka, which include:

- a) ERK-1: Final Discharge Point of the Sewage Treatment Facility
- b) ERK-2: Final Discharge Point of the Landfarm Facility
- c) ERK-3: Runoff/leachate from the Landfill
- d) ERK-4: Runoff/leachate from the Battery Dump
- e) ERK-5: Runoff/leachate from the Barrel Dump

To date water monitoring has not been conducted at Eureka. Sampling locations were established by the NWB and listed above and identified on Figure 1 (Appendix A). The exact sampling locations will be identified at the commencement of the sampling program in 2011, and if feasible with assistance from an Inspector. GPS coordinates and photographic records of the

sampling locations will be documented, and locations will be identified using markers for consistency and repeatability in subsequent months and years.

#### *Timing of Sampling*

Timing of the collection of the water samples at Eureka is outlined in the requirements of the NWB Licence, which specify:

- ERK-1 shall be sampled prior to the release of effluent from the Sewage Treatment Plant;
- ERK-2 shall be sampled prior to the release of effluent from the Landfarm Facility; and,
- ERK-3-4-5 shall be sampled monthly during periods of runoff or seepage from the Landfill, Battery Dump and Barrel Dump.

#### *Documenting Non-Sampling Events*

In the event that water samples are not successfully collected and submitted for analysis from the Landfarm (ERK-2), Landfill (ERK-3), Battery Dump (ERK-4) and/or the Barrel Dump (ERK-5) the following will be documented:

- Location(s) of the sampling attempts will be recorded (i.e., GPS coordinates, photographic records and the sampling locations will be identified on a map); and,
- Justification outlining why a sample was not successfully collected.

Attempted unsuccessful sampling event(s) and justification will be reported to the NWB in the Annual Report for Eureka.

## **2.2 Sampling Equipment**

No specialized equipment will be required for the collection of water samples at Eureka. New sample bottles will be supplied by Taiga Environmental Laboratory (Taiga) and used for the collection of all water samples. Samples are not to be filtered.

The table below identifies the sample bottles necessary for each sampling round. Extra bottles will be requested for duplicate samples, field blanks and/or in case of breakage.

<b>Sewage Treatment Facility (ERK-1)</b>	<b>Runoff/Leachate from Landfill/Dump (ERK-3-4-5)</b>
<u>4 Bottles:</u> 1 x routine (pH) 1 x nutrient (TSS) 1 x BOD (BOD) 1 x sterile (fecal coliforms)	<u>11 Bottles/Site:</u> 1 x 1L glass amber bottle (extractable HC for TPH) 1 x 1L glass amber bottle (PAHs) 1 x 1L glass amber bottle (Oil and Grease) 2 x 40 mL vials (F1, BTEX) 1 x BOD (BOD) 1 x routine (pH,NO2-N,NO3-N,Mg,Na,Ca,K, SO4,conductivity,alkalinity,hardness) 1 x nutrient (TSS, NH3) 1 x metals bottle (total As,Cu,Fe,Hg,Cd,Cr,Pb,Ni) 1 x 100 mL glass amber bottle (phenols) 1 x sterile (fecal coliform)
<b>Landfarm Facility (ERK-2)</b>	
<u>5 Bottles:</u> 2 x 40 mL vials (benzene,toluene,ethylbenzene) 1 x 300 mL metals bottle (lead) 1 x 1L glass amber bottle (Oil and Grease) 1 x 100 mL glass amber bottle (phenols)	

## 2.3 Sampling Methods

Taiga provided the following methodology for the collection of the water samples:

Parameter	Instructions
Routine and Nutrients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rinse bottle three (3) times with sample</li><li>2. Fill to top and cap bottle</li><li>3. Keep cool at 4°C</li></ol>
BOD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rinse bottle three (3) times with sample</li><li>2. Fill to top and cap bottle</li><li>3. Keep cool at 4°C</li><li>4. Sample must be sent to laboratory within 24 hours</li></ol>
Microbiological (fecal coliforms)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Do not rinse bottle</b></li><li>2. Fill to top and cap bottle</li><li>3. Keep cool at 4°C</li><li>4. Sample must be sent to laboratory within 24 hours</li></ol>
Total Metals (including Lead)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rinse bottle three (3) times with sample</li><li>2. Fill to near the top</li><li>3. Add contents of preservative vial (nitric acid)</li><li>4. Cap bottle and mix</li></ol>
Hexane Extractable Material (Oil and Grease)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Do not rinse bottle</b></li><li>2. Fill to shoulder of bottle</li><li>3. Add contents of preservative vial (sulphuric acid)</li><li>4. Cap bottle and mix</li></ol>
BTEX, THM and Purgeable Hydrocarbons	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Do not rinse bottle</b></li><li>2. Fill bottle completely leaving <b>no</b> air bubbles</li><li>3. Keep cool at 4°C</li></ol>
Extractable Hydrocarbons (including PAH)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Do not rinse bottle</b></li><li>2. Fill to top and cap bottle</li><li>3. Keep cool at 4°C</li></ol>
Phenol	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rinse bottle three (3) times with sample</li><li>2. Fill to near top</li><li>3. Add contents of preservative vial (sulphuric acid)</li><li>4. Cap bottle and mix</li></ol>

Taiga Methodology: Date effective January 18, 2010

Refer to Table 1 (Appendix B) for additional laboratory considerations, including minimum sample size, rinsing, filtering and storage requirements for the parameters. Additionally, samples for ERK-1 and ERK-2 will be collected prior to the release of any effluent to demonstrate compliance with the criteria set out by the NWB (refer to Section 4.4B).

## 3. SAMPLE HANDLING

### 3.1 Preservation

Samples will be preserved in accordance with requirements identified by Taiga for the parameters to be analysed (refer to 2.3 Sampling Methods and Appendix B).

Preservatives nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) and sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) are classified as Class 8 Dangerous Goods. Based on the quantity of preservative needed for sampling, these acids will be transported together in regular cargo as *dangerous goods in accepted quantities*. Nitric acid will be added to preserve lead and metals samples, and sulphuric acid will be added to preserve oil and grease, and phenols samples, immediately after the samples are collected.

Samples requiring analysis within 24 hours will be collected immediately prior to shipping. All samples will be stored on ice and kept cool at approximately 4°C prior to and during shipping.

### **3.2 Sample Identification**

Samples collected will be labelled using consistent terminology, identifying the water monitoring station (corresponding to the facility), followed by the year, month and sample number. For example, ERK-1-2011-06-1 denotes a water sample collected for the Sewage Treatment Facility, in June 2011, and is the first sample collected for the month.

Similarly, blind duplicate samples collected will be labelled using consistent terminology, identifying the station, followed by the year, month and duplicate sample number. For example, ERK-2011-06-DUP1 denotes a blind duplicate water sample collected at Eureka, in June 2011, and is the first duplicated collected for the month. Trip and field blanks will be labelled as such.

At the time of collection, sample identification will be recorded in a field notebook for consistency in terminology, and to ensure the sample identifiers are unique. Sample labels will also include the following information: name of organization, time and date. Information provided on the sample labels will be clearly printed in permanent (i.e., waterproof) non-smear ink (marker or pen).

A Chain-of-Custody shall be completed for each sampling round and will accompany the samples to the laboratory.

### **3.3 Transportation**

Samples will be packed appropriately (i.e., packed upright, immobile) in coolers, sealed and shipped to Yellowknife via 953731 NWT Limited air services. Samples are scheduled to be picked up on a scheduled basis (while the station is active), on the same flight as samples for the neighbouring Eureka HAWS.

Taiga will be immediately notified when the samples are in transit. Taiga will pick-up the shipment at the airport in order to start analysis as quickly as possible on samples with a maximum storage of 24 hours. A Chain-of-Custody will accompany the sample shipment and will clearly identify location of samples requiring immediate analysis.

## 4. LAB ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Lab Accreditation

Taiga (Yellowknife, NWT) and Exova (Calgary, AB) will analyze all samples collected in support of this licence. Taiga Environmental Laboratory is ISO/IEC 17025 accredited and is a member of the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (CALA). Taiga will subcontract TPH (extractable HC), PAHs, and phenols analysis to Exova. Exova is ISO/IEC 17025 accredited by the Standard Council of Canada. Refer to Appendix C for proof of laboratory accreditation to conduct analyses on each of the required sampling parameters.

### 4.2 Detection Limits

Laboratory detection limits for all parameters required by the NWB are identified in Table 1 (Appendix B). The laboratory shall report the detection limits of the methods used for the analysis of the samples.

### 4.3 Methodology

The laboratory sample analysis methodology will follow the methods outlined in the *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* (2005) if not described below. Taiga and Exova provided the summaries below for the sample analysis methodologies to be used for BTEX, metals, oil and grease, phenols and PAH, and extractable hydrocarbons, differing from the *Standard Methods* (2005).

#### *Metals in Water (EPA200.8) - Taiga*

This method describes the multi-element determination of trace elements by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS). Sample material in solution is introduced by pneumatic nebulization via a spray chamber into a radio frequency argon plasma. Desolvation, atomization, and ionization create predominately singly-charged cations which are separated on the basis of their mass-to-charge ratio and quantitated by the use of a quadrupole mass spectrometer.

#### *Oil and Grease (EPA1664:A) -Taiga*

The extraction of oil and grease (hexane extractable material) from aqueous samples is performed by using solid phase extraction disks (SPE). The HEM residue is measured gravimetrically.

#### *BTEX in Water (EPA8260:B) - Taiga and Exova*

The extraction of BTEX is performed with a Purge and Trap System. The Purge and Trap works on the principle of degassing volatiles within an enclosed system with an inert gas. The volatiles (BTEX) are carried into an absorbing column where they are absorbed. At the end of the purge and trap cycle, the trap is desorbed by heat and back-flushed with inert gas, the volatile compounds are transferred into a gas chromatograph for analysis by Mass Selective Detector.

#### *Phenols in Water (APHA5530:D) - Exova*

The water sample is spiked with surrogates and the pH is raised to between 8.8 and 9.2. The chlorophenolics are converted in situ to acetates by the addition of acetic anhydride. After acetylation, the solution is extracted, concentrated, and an instrument standard is added. The extract is then analyzed on a GC/MS to separate the individual isomers for quantitation and qualitation.

#### *PAH in Water (EPA8270C) - Exova*

The water sample is spiked with surrogates, extracted and then cleaned up if needed. The PAH extract is then injected with internal standard and analyzed on a GC/MS to separate the individual isomers for quantitation and qualitation.

#### *Extractable Hydrocarbon in Water (A108.0, Alta. Env, Aug. 1988) - Exova*

The water sample is extracted with hexane. The organic fraction is selectively removed and an aliquot is analyzed using gas chromatography/flame ionization detection. Chromatographic conditions are described which permit the separation and measurement of the petroleum hydrocarbon types.

### **4.4 Reporting Requirements**

#### *Duplicates and Blanks*

Duplicate samples and blanks shall be submitted to and analysed by the accredited laboratory to provide an internal (i.e., laboratory) and external (i.e., at time of sampling, shipping) QA/QC check to verify the reliability of the sample results. Duplicates samples shall be collected for approximately 10 percent of the samples. A duplicate sample is a repeat sample collected and handled using the same methods and submitted blindly for analysis. Based on the analytical results the laboratory will match the blind duplicate to the corresponding sample.

Field blanks and travel blanks will also be analysed. Field blanks will consist of bottling distilled water during the sampling round, using the sampling methods used to collect the water samples, to ensure reliability of the sampling method. Travel blanks consist of distilled water and are provided by the laboratory to accompany a shipment of sample bottles roundtrip to confirm the integrity of the samples was maintained.

#### *NWB Effluent Standards*

Analytical results of effluent discharged from the Sewage Treatment Facility and the Landfarm Facility will be reported against the following effluent quality standards provided by the NWB:

Parameter	Maximum Concentration of any Grab Sample
<b>Sewage Treatment Facility (ERK-1)</b>	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	80 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	70 mg/L
Fecal Coliforms	1 X 10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/100mL
Oil and Grease	No visible sheen
pH	between 6 and 9
<b>Landfarm Facility (ERK-2)</b>	
Benzene (µg/L)	370
Toluene (µg/L)	2
Ethylbenzene (µg/L)	90
Lead (µg/L)	1
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	15 and no visible sheen
Phenols (µg/L)	20

Effluent standards provided by the NWB are consistent with the *Guidelines for the Discharge of Treated Municipal Wastewater in the Northwest Territories* (1992), or are consistent with other municipal licences.

## 5. QA/QC PLAN REVIEW

This document, *QA/QC Plan for CFS Eureka*, shall be reviewed annually to ensure that this plan remains current and consistently reflects the operations, activities and technology at CFS Eureka. Any revisions required to this document shall be submitted to the NWB in the form of an Addendum with supporting letter of approval from Taiga, and subsequently implemented. Changes to this plan will also be reflected in the Annual Report.

## 6. REFERENCES

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Water Resources Division and the Northwest Territories Water Board. *Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Guidelines for Use by Class “B” Licensees in Collecting Representative Water Samples in the Field and for Submission of a QA/QC Plan*. July 1996.

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## **Appendix A: CFS Eureka Site Overview and Sampling Locations**



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**Title:**  
CFS Eureka Site Overview  
and Sampling Locations

**Project:**  
QA/QC Plan for Canadian  
Forces Station Eureka

**Client:**  
Department of National  
Defence

**Date:**  
September 2010

**Figure:**  
Figure 1

**LEGEND**

- Monitoring Station Locations
- ERK-1 Sewage Treatment Facility
- ERK-2 Landfarm Facility
- ERK-3 Landfill
- ERK-4 Battery Dump
- ERK-5 Barrel Dump



## **Appendix B: Parameter Considerations**

**Table 1:** Taiga Environmental Laboratory parameter considerations.

Parameter	Container	Minimum Amount	Rinse	Filter	Preservation	Maximum Storage Recommendation	Detection Limit	Method	Accredited
<b>Sewage Treatment Facility (ERK-1)</b>									
BOD5	300mL plastic	100mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	2 days	2 mg/L	SM5210:B	Yes
TSS	750mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	3 mg/L	SM2540:D	Yes
Fecal Coliforms	500mL plastic	100mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	1 day	1 CFU/100mL	SM9222:D	Yes
pH	500mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	1 day	n/a	SM4500-H:B	Yes
<b>Landfarm Facility (ERK-2)</b>									
Benzene	40mL glass vial	2x40mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.001 mg/L	EPA8260:B	Yes*
Toluene	40mL glass vial	2x40mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.001 mg/L	EPA8260:B	Yes*
Ethylbenzene	40mL glass vial	2x40mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.001 mg/L	EPA8260:B	Yes*
Lead	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO3	180 days after preservation	0.1 ug/L	EPA8200.8	Yes
Oil and Grease	1L amber glass	1000mL	No	n/a	4mL 1:3 H2SO4	28 days after preservation	2.0 mg/L	EPA1664:A	Yes
Phenols	100mL amber glass	20mL	No	n/a	1mL 50% H2SO4	28 days after preservation	0.001 mg/L	APHA5530:D	Yes*
<b>Runoff and Leachate from Landfill (ERK-3), Battery Dump (ERK-4), Barrel Dump (ERK-5)</b>									
TPH									
Extractable HC	1L amber	1000mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.2 mg/L	EPA8015B	Yes*
F1, BTEX	40mL glass vial	2x40mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.005 mg/L	EPA8260:B	Yes
PAH	1L amber glass	1000mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days; 40 days extract	Refer to Table 2	EPA8270C	Yes*
BTEX	40mL glass vial	2x40mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	14 days	0.005 mg/L	EPA8260:B	Yes
BOD5	300mL plastic	100mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	2 days	2 mg/L	SM5210:B	Yes
pH	500mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	1 day	n/a	SM4500-H:B	Yes
TSS	750mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	3 mg/L	SM2540:D	Yes
Nitrate-Nitrite	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	2 days	0.01 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Total Phenols	100mL amber glass	20mL	No	n/a	1mL 50% H2SO4	28 days after preservation	0.001 mg/L	APHA5530:D	Yes*
Total Hardness	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	0.7 mg/L	SM2340:B	Yes
Magnesium	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	0.1 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Sodium	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	0.1 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Total Arsenic	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO3	180 days after preservation	0.2 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Copper	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO3	180 days after preservation	0.2 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Iron	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO3	180 days after preservation	5 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Mercury	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO3	180 days after preservation	0.01 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes

Parameter	Container	Minimum Amount	Rinse	Filter	Preservation	Maximum Storage Recommendation	Detection Limit	Method	Accredited
Fecal Coliforms	500mL plastic	100mL	No	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	1 day	1 CFU/100mL	SM9222:D	Yes
Conductivity	500mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	28 days	0.4 uS/cm	SM2510:B	Yes
Oil and Grease	1L amber glass	1000mL	No	n/a	4mL 1:3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	28 days after preservation	2.0 mg/L	EPA1664:A	Yes
Ammonia Nitrogen	750mL plastic	90mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	28 days after lab preservation	0.01 mg/L	SM4500-NH <sub>3</sub> :G	Yes
Total Alkalinity	500mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	1 day	0.4 mg/L	SM2320:B	Yes
Calcium	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	0.1 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Potassium	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	7 days	0.1 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Sulphate	500mL plastic	5mL	3 times	n/a	keep cool at 4°C	2 days	1 mg/L	SM4110:B	Yes
Total Cadmium	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO <sub>3</sub>	180 days after preservation	0.05 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Chromium	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO <sub>3</sub>	180 days after preservation	0.1 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Lead	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO <sub>3</sub>	180 days after preservation	0.1 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes
Total Nickel	300mL plastic	50mL	3 times	n/a	5mL 1:3 HNO <sub>3</sub>	180 days after preservation	0.1 ug/L	EPA200.8	Yes

NOTES: \* Analysis subcontracted to Exova, Calgary laboratory accredited for Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Phenols, TPH – Extractable HC, and PAH.

**Table 2:** Exova PAH detection limits.

Parameter	Detection Limit
Naphthalene	0.1 ug/L
Acenaphthylene	0.1 ug/L
Acenaphthene	0.1 ug/L
Fluorene	0.1 ug/L
Phenanthrene	0.1 ug/L
Anthracene	0.005 ug/L
Pyrene	0.01 ug/L
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.01 ug/L
Chrysene	0.1 ug/L
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.1 ug/L
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.1 ug/L
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.008 ug/L
Indeno(123-cd)pyrene	0.05 ug/L
Dibenzo(ah)anthracene	0.05 ug/L
Benzo(ghi)perylene	0.05 ug/L

**Appendix C: Proof of Laboratory Accreditation -  
Taiga Environmental Laboratory and Exova**



# CALA

Canadian Association for  
Laboratory Accreditation Inc.

## CALA Directory of Laboratories

**Membership Number:** 2635

**Laboratory Name:** Taiga Environmental Laboratory

**Parent Institution:** Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

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**Standard:** Conforms with requirements of ISO/IEC 17025

**Clients Served:** All Interested Parties

**Revised On:** September 8, 2010

**Valid To:** April 14, 2013

### Scope of Accreditation

#### **Solids (Inorganic)**

Metals - Soil, Sediment (079)

TEL 061; based on EPA SW-846 METHOD 3050 A

ICP/MS

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Calcium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Lithium

((Parameter suspended on 9/8/2010))

Magnesium

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Potassium

† "OSDWA" indicates the appendix is used for the analysis of Ontario drinking water samples, which is subject to the rules and related regulations under the Ontario "Safe Drinking Water Act" (2002).

The list of tests and measurement capabilities for which a laboratory is accredited can change at any time due to circumstances such as scope extensions, voluntary withdrawal of tests by the laboratory and suspension. Scopes are published by the CALA via the Internet at [http://www.cala.ca/cala\\_directories.html](http://www.cala.ca/cala_directories.html)

Selenium ((Parameter suspended on 9/8/2010))  
Sodium  
Strontium  
Tin  
Titanium  
Uranium  
Vanadium  
Zinc

**Solids (Inorganic)**

Moisture - Soil (030)  
TEL007; CWS-PHC CCME Tier 1  
GRAVIMETRIC  
Moisture

**Solids (Organic)**

BTEX - Soil (072)  
TEL 038; based on USEPA 5030 B, 602, 502.2  
GC/MS - PURGE AND TRAP  
Benzene  
Ethylbenzene  
m/p-xylene  
o-xylene  
Toluene

**Solids (Organic)**

Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) - Soil (073)  
TEL 057; based on USEPA SW 846 METHODS 3500 B, 3541, 3630 C, 8100, 8310  
GC/FID - PURGE AND TRAP  
F2: C10-C16  
F3: C16-C34  
F4: C34-C50

**Solids (Organic)**

Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) - Soil (075)  
TEL 046; based on US EPA SW-846 METHODS 5030, 8000, 8015, 8260 B  
SOXTERM EXTRACTION - GRAVIMETRIC  
F4: Gravimetric

**Solids (Organic)**

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) - Soil (071)  
TEL 047; based on USEPA SW 846 METHODS 3500 B, 3541, 3630 C, 8100, 8310  
GC/MS - EXTRACTION  
Acenaphthene  
Acenaphthylene  
Anthracene

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Benzo (a) anthracene  
Benzo (a) pyrene  
Benzo (b) fluoranthene  
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene  
Benzo (k) fluoranthene  
Chrysene  
Dibenzo (a,h) anthracene  
Fluoranthene  
Fluorene  
Indeno (1,2,3 - cd) pyrene  
Naphthalene  
Phenanthrene  
Pyrene

**Solids (Organic)**

Purgeable Hydrocarbons- Soil (074)  
TEL 056; CWS-PHC CCME TIER 1  
GC/FID - PURGE AND TRAP  
F1: C6-C10

**Water (Inorganic)**

Alkalinity - Water (066)  
TEL 060:PC TITRATE; based on SM 2320 A, B  
AUTO TITRIMETRIC  
Alkalinity (pH 4.5)

**Water (Inorganic)**

Ammonia - Water (022)  
TEL013; based on SM 4500-NH3 G  
AUTO COLOR  
Ammonia

**Water (Inorganic)**

Anions - Water (059)  
TEL 055; based on SM 4110 B  
ION CHROMATOGRAPHY  
Chloride  
Fluoride  
Nitrate  
Nitrite  
Sulfate

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**Water (Inorganic)**

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) - Water (004)

TEL 019; based on SM 5210 A, B

D.O. METER

BOD (5 day)

CBOD (5 day)

**Water (Inorganic)**

Carbon - Water (029)

TEL033; based on SM 5310 B

INFRARED

Organic Carbon

**Water (Inorganic)**

Cations - Water (042)

TEL055; based on SM 4110 B

ION CHROMATOGRAPHY

Calcium

Magnesium

Potassium

Sodium

**Water (Inorganic)**

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) - Water (061)

TEL 016; based on SM 5220 D

REFLUX - COLORIMETRIC

COD

**Water (Inorganic)**

Chlorine - Water (078)

TEL049; based on SM 4500-Cl G

HACH

Free Chlorine

Total Chlorine

**Water (Inorganic)**

Colour - Water (063)

TEL 051; based on SM 2120 C

HACH - SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC

Apparent Color

True Color

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**Water (Inorganic)**

Colour - Water (083)

TEL 064; based on SM 2120 C

SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC - PC TITRATE

Apparent Colour

True Colour

**Water (Inorganic)**

Conductivity - Water (068)

TEL 059:PC TITRATE; based on SM 2510 B

AUTO CONDUCTIVITY METER

Conductivity (25°C)

**Water (Inorganic)**

Dissolved Metals - Water (013)

TEL035; based on US EPA 200.8

ICP/MS

Aluminum

Antimony

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Cesium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Lithium

Manganese

Molybdenum

Nickel

Rubidium

Selenium

Silver

Strontium

Thallium

Tin

Titanium

Uranium

Vanadium

Zinc

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**Water (Inorganic)**

Hexane Extractable Material (Oil and Grease) - Water (060)

TEL 024: HEM AND SGT-HEM; based on US EPA 1664 A, REVISION A  
SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION

Mineral Oil and Grease

Total Oil and Grease

**Water (Inorganic)**

Mercury - Water (080)

TEL 062; based on EPA 245.7

ATOMIC FLUORESCENCE MERCURY ANALYSIS SYSTEM

Mercury

**Water (Inorganic)**

pH - Water (067)

TEL 058:PC TITRATE; based on SM 4500-H+ A, B

AUTO - pH METER

pH

**Water (Inorganic)**

Phosphate - Water (040)

TEL015; based on SM 4500-P D

AUTO COLOR

Phosphate

**Water (Inorganic)**

Phosphorus - Water (009)

TEL015; based on SM 4500-P B, D

AUTO COLOR - DIGESTION

Dissolved Phosphorus

Total Phosphorus

**Water (Inorganic)**

Reactive Silica - Water (007)

TEL012; based on SM 4500-SiO<sub>2</sub> F

AUTO COLOR

Reactive Silica

**Water (Inorganic)**

Solids - Water (011)

TEL008, TEL009; based on SM 2540 C, D

GRAVIMETRIC

Total Dissolved Solids

Total Suspended Solids

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**Water (Inorganic)**

Total and Dissolved Nitrogen - Water (086)

TEL 066; based on ISO/TR 11905:1997(E) and ASTM D 5176-91  
PYROLYSIS AND CHEMILUMINESCENCE DETECTION

Dissolved Nitrogen

Total Nitrogen

**Water (Inorganic)**

Total Metals - Water (054)

TEL035; based on US EPA 200.8  
ICP/MS

Aluminum

Arsenic

Barium

Beryllium

Boron

Cadmium

Cesium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Iron

Lead

Lithium

Manganese

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Rubidium

Selenium

Silver

Strontium

Thallium

Tin

Titanium

Uranium

Vanadium

Zinc

**Water (Inorganic)**

Turbidity - Water (028)

TEL006; based on SM 2130 B  
NEPHELOMETRY

Turbidity

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**Water (Inorganic)**

Turbidity - Water (082)

TEL 065; based on SM 2130 B

NEPHELOMETRY - PC TITRATE

Turbidity

(Parameter suspended on 5/18/2010)

**Water (Microbiology)**

Coliforms - Water (045)

TEL053; based on IDEXX QUANTI-TRAY

MOST PROBABLE NUMBER (QUANTI-TRAY)

Escherichia coli (E. coli)

Total Coliforms

**Water (Microbiology)**

Fecal Coliforms - Water (041)

TEL017; based on SM 9222 D

MEMBRANE FILTRATION (mFC)

Fecal (Thermotolerant) Coliforms

**Water (Microbiology)**

Fecal streptococcus - Water (055)

TEL053; based on IDEXX QUANTI-TRAY

MOST PROBABLE NUMBER (QUANTI-TRAY)

Fecal Streptococcus

**Water (Organic)**

BTEX - Water (070)

TEL 037 (BTEX); based on USEPA METHOD 5030 B, 602, 502.2

GC/MS - PURGE AND TRAP

Benzene

Ethylbenzene

m/p-xylene

o-xylene

Toluene

**Water (Organic)**

Trihalomethanes (THM) - Water (077)

TEL039 (THM); based on USEPA 5030 B, 602, 502.2

GC/MS - PURGE AND TRAP

Bromodichloromethane

Bromoform

Chlorodibromomethane

Chloroform

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(Conforms with requirements of CAN-P-1585, CAN-P-1587, CAN-P-4E (ISO/IEC 17025:2005))

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**ISSUED ON:** 2010-05-17

**VALID TO:** 2014-07-02

**(PAH - Water)**

TM PAH001-50; based on EPA 3510 C/8270 C/3611B Analysis of Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH's) in Water by GC/MS

2-Methylnaphthalene  
Acenaphthene  
Acenaphthylene  
Acridine  
Anthracene  
Benzo (a) anthracene  
Benzo (a) pyrene  
Benzo (b) fluoranthene  
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene  
Benzo (j) fluoranthene  
Benzo (k) fluoranthene  
Chrysene  
Dibenzo (a,h) anthracene  
Fluoranthene  
Fluorene  
Indeno (1,2,3 - cd) pyrene  
Naphthalene  
Phenanthrene  
Pyrene  
Quinoline

**(BTEX - Water)**

TM BTX004-50; based on EPA 5035/8260B/8021B B.T.E.X. and F1 in Water Samples by MSD/FID

Benzene  
Ethylbenzene  
m/p-Xylene  
o-Xylene  
Toluene

**(Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) - Water)**

TM CCME 003-50: Based on AENV A 108.0 CCME Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Water  
F2: (C10-C16)  
F3: (C16-C34)

**(Phenols - Water)**

TM PCP001-50; based on EPA 8041/1653/8270      Analysis of Chlorinated Phenolics in Water by In Situ Acetylation and GC/MS

2,3 Dichlorophenol  
2,3,4 Trichlorophenol  
2,3,4,5-Tetrachlorophenol  
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol  
2,3,5 Trichlorophenol  
2,3,5,6-Tetrachlorophenol  
2,3,6 Trichlorophenol  
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol  
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol  
2,4-Dichlorophenol  
2,5&2,6 Dichlorophenol  
2-Chlorophenol  
3,4 Dichlorocatechol  
3,4 Dichlorophenol  
3,4,5 Trichlorocatechol  
3,4,5 Trichloroguaiacol  
3,4,5 Trichlorophenol  
3,4-Dichloroguaiacol  
3,5 Dichlorophenol  
3-Chlorophenol  
4-Chloro-3-methylphenol  
4-Chlorocatechol  
4-Chloroguaiacol  
4-Chlorophenol  
Pentachlorophenol  
Tetrachlorocatechol  
Tetrachloroguaiacol

**Appendix D: Confirmation of Laboratory  
Acceptance of QA/QC Plan**



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September 15, 2010

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Dear Ms Johnson :

**Re: Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan  
Nunavut Water Board "B" Type Water Licence No. 3BC-ERK1015  
Slidre Fiord, Ellesmere Island  
Qikiqtaani, NUNAVUT**

**Submitted : September 13, 2010**  
**Reviewed : September 15, 2010.**

Thank you for the submission of the Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plan prepared by Defence Construction Canada, as per the SNP outlined in the Nunavut Water Board issued Water Use Licence 3BC-ERK1015 to Department of National Defence. The Water Monitoring stations located at Eureka Camp will be operational in 2011.

Upon review, it has been found that the plan is complete. Approval of the plan is hereby granted.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-2781.

Sincerely,

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