Tier II Data Validation Report Summary

Client: Chevron Environmental Management Company (EMC) Cincinnati	Laboratory: Lancaster Laboratories, Inc.
Project Name: Routine Final Remedy Groundwater Monitoring	Sample Matrix: Groundwater
Project Number: 500-017-012	Sample Start Date: November 19, 2009
Date Validated: January 7, 2010	Sample End Date: November 19, 2009
Parameters Included: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) by Solid Waste 846 (SW-846) Method 8260B, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) Gasoline Range Organics (GRO) and TPH Diesel Range Organics (DRO) by SW-846 Method 8015B, Total and Dissolved Metals by SW-846 Method 6010B, Methane by SW-846 Method 8015B Modified, Ferric Iron by SW-846 Method 6010B Modified, Chloride and Sulfate by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 300.0, Kjeldahl Nitrogen by EPA Method 351.2, Nitrate Nitrogen and Nitrite Nitrogen by EPA Method 353.2, Total Organic Carbon (TOC) by Standard Method 20th Edition (SM20) Method 5310C, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) by EPA Method 410.4, Alkalinity by SM20 2320B, Ferrous Iron by SM 20 3500 Fe B Modified, Sulfide by SM20 4500 S_2 D, and Ammonia Nitrogen by SM20 4500 NH_3 B/C Modified	
Laboratory Project ID: 1172039	
Data Validator: Mike Gaither, Environmental Scientist	

DATA EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY

A Tier II Data Validation was performed by Trihydro Corporation's Chemical Data Evaluation Services group on the analytical data report package generated by Lancaster Laboratories evaluating samples from the Chevron EMC site located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Precision, accuracy, method compliance, and completeness of this data package were assessed during this data review. Precision was determined by evaluating the calculated relative percent difference (RPD) values of samples from laboratory duplicate pairs. Laboratory accuracy was established by reviewing the demonstrated percent recoveries of matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) samples, and of laboratory control samples (LCS) and laboratory control sample duplicates (LCSD) to verify that none of the data were biased. Additionally, field accuracy was established by collecting a field and trip blank to monitor for possible ambient or cross contamination during sampling. Method compliance was established by reviewing holding times, detection limits, surrogate recoveries, method blanks, and the LCS and LCSD percent recoveries against method specific requirements. Completeness was evaluated by determining the overall ratio of the number of samples planned versus the number of samples with valid analyses. Determination of completeness included a review of the chain-of-custody, laboratory analytical methods, and any other necessary documents associated with this analytical data set.

Data were evaluated in general accordance with validation criteria set forth in the USEPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) National Functional Guidelines for Superfund Organic Methods Data Review, document number USEPA-540-R-08-01, June 2008 with additional reference to USEPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review, document number EPA 540/R-99-008 of October 1999 and the USEPA CLP National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review, document number EPA 540R-04-004, October 2004. Review of duplicates is conducted in accordance with USEPA Region 1 Laboratory Data Validation Function Guidelines for Evaluation of Organic Analysis, December 1996.

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SAMPLE NUMBERS TABLE

Client Sample ID	Laboratory Sample Number
MW-93S,111909	5844020
MW-93S,111909 Filtered	5844021
MW-129,111909	5844022
MW-129,111909 Filtered	5844023
Trip Blank,111909	5844024
Field Blank,111909	5844025

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The samples were analyzed for client-specified analytes. Chain-of-custody (COC) completeness is included in Section #3. The laboratory data were reviewed to evaluate compliance with the required methods and the quality of the reported data. A leading check mark (✓) indicates that the referenced data were deemed acceptable. A preceding crossed circle (⊗) signifies problems with the referenced data that may have warranted attaching qualifiers to the data.

- ✓ Data Completeness
- ✓ COC Documentation
- ⊗ Holding Times and Preservation
- ✓ Laboratory Blanks
- ⊗ System Monitoring Compounds (i.e. Surrogates)
- ✓ Laboratory Control Samples/Laboratory Control Sample Duplicates (LCS/LCSD)
- ✓ Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicates (MS/MSD)
- ✓ Laboratory Duplicates
- ✓ Trip Blank

OVERALL DATA PACKAGE ASSESSMENT

Based on a data validation review, the data are acceptable as delivered with the exceptions noted below as rejected data. Data qualified by the laboratory are discussed in Section #2.

The purpose of validating data and assigning qualifiers is to assist in proper data interpretation. Data which are not qualified meet the site data quality objectives. If values are assigned qualifiers other than an R, the data may be used for site evaluation, with the reasons for qualification being given consideration when interpreting sample concentrations. Data points which are assigned an R qualifier should not be used for any site evaluation purposes. Data were qualified with J data flags by the laboratory if the result was greater than or equal to the method detection limit (MDL) but less than the limit of quantitation (LOQ). Laboratory J flags were preserved in the data and included in the Data Qualification Summary table at the end of this report. Data were also qualified due to a high surrogate recovery and out of range holding time.

Data qualifiers used during this validation included:

J – Estimated concentration

Data Completeness

The analyses appeared to be performed as requested on the chain-of-custody records. The associated samples were received by the laboratory and appeared to be analyzed properly. No data were rejected for this sample set. The data completeness measure for this data package is 100%.

VALIDATION CRITERIA CHECKLIST	
1. Was the report free of any non-conformances related to the analytical data identified by the laboratory?	No
Comments: The laboratory noted the following non-conformances related to the data: Sample MW-93S (TPH-DRO): The surrogate data is outside the QC limits due to unresolvable matrix problems evident in the sample chromatogram.	
2. Were data qualification flags or any other notes used by the laboratory? If yes, define.	Yes
Comments: The laboratory noted that the samples were filtered in the field for dissolved metals. The laboratory used the following data qualification flags with this data set. J – Estimated value (1) – The result for one or both determinations was less than five times the LOQ. (2) – The unspiked result was more than four times the spike added.	
3. Were sample COC forms complete?	Yes
Comments: The COC form was complete from the field to the laboratory. Custody was maintained as evidenced by proper signatures, dates, and times of receipt.	
4. Were detection limits in accordance with the QAPP, permit, or method, or indicated as acceptable by the Tier I validator?	Yes
Comments: The detection limits appeared to be acceptable. For sample MW-93S, chloride and sulfate analysis, dilutions of 50 times were required, for methane analysis, 5 times was required, and for ferrous iron analysis 25 times was required. The final usability of the data with respect to dilutions will be determined by the project team.	
5. Were the requested analytical methods in compliance with the QAPP, permit, or COC?	Yes
Comments: The requested analytical methods were in compliance with the COC and the analyte list (*Analytical Requests for Groundwater*) attached to the COC.	
6. Were samples received in good condition within method specified requirements?	Yes
Comments: The samples were received in good condition within the recommended temperature range of 4°C +/- 2°C at 3.5°C. Custody seals were present and intact.	
7. Were samples analyzed within method specified or technical holding times?	No
Comments: Samples were analyzed within the method specified or technical holding times with the following exception: In sample MW-93S, the analyte ferrous iron was analyzed past the recommended holding time of immediately (interpreted as within 24 hours) at 45 hours and 30 minutes. **The results for ferrous iron were qualified J.**	
8. Were reported units appropriate for the associated sample matrix/matrices and method(s) of analyses?	Yes
Comments: Sample results were reported in µg/L or mg/L, which are appropriate units for the requested analyses and the water matrix.	
9. Do the laboratory reports include all constituents requested to be reported as indicated by the Tier I validator?	Yes
Comments: The laboratory report included the requested constituents.	
10. Was there indication from the laboratory that the initial or continuing calibration verification results were within acceptable limits?	N/A
Comments: Initial and continuing calibration data were not included as part of this data set; however, these data are assumed to be acceptable as the laboratory did not note that any calibration verification results were outside acceptable limits.	

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11. Was the total number of method blank samples prepared equal to at least 5% of the total number of samples, or analyzed as required by the method?	Yes
Comments: The total number of method blanks prepared was greater than 5% of the total number of samples. The laboratory stated through historical correspondence that a LRB (laboratory reagent blank) was prepared with each batch of samples analyzed for COD, which was used to zero the spectrophotometer. As such, the laboratory does not include a method blank with the batch QC for COD.	
12. Were method blank samples free of analyte contamination?	Yes
Comments: There were no detections of the requested analytes reported in the method blank samples.	
13. Was the total number of matrix spike samples prepared equal to at least 5% of the total number of samples, or analyzed as required by the method?	Yes
Comments: Matrix spike samples were prepared on at least a 5% basis for the total number of samples. Matrix spike samples were prepared from samples not associated with this data set.	
14. Were MS/MSD percent recoveries and MS/MSD RPD values within data validation or laboratory quality control (QC) limits?	No
Comments: MS/MSD samples for this data set were prepared using non-project samples. The MS and MSD percent recoveries for non-project samples were considered but data are not qualified since matrix similarity to project samples could not be guaranteed.	
15. Was the total number of LCSs analyzed equal to at least 5% of the total number of samples, or analyzed as required by the method?	Yes
Comments: Laboratory control samples were prepared on at least a 5% basis for the total number of samples.	
16. Were LCS/LCSD percent recoveries and LCS/LCSD RPD values within laboratory QC limits?	Yes
Comments: The LCS/LCSD percent recoveries and LCS/LCSD RPD values were within laboratory QC limits.	
17. Were surrogate recoveries within laboratory control limits?	No
Comments: Surrogate recoveries were within laboratory control limits with the following exception: For TPH-DRO analysis for sample MW-93S, surrogate recovery for orthoterphenyl was reported at 128% which is outside the recommended limit of 54-127%. See Item #1. **The result was J qualified due to a possible high bias.**	
18. Was the number of equipment, trip, or field blanks collected equal to at least 10% of the total number of samples, or as required by the project guidelines, QAPP, SAP, or permit, or as indicated by the Tier I validator?	Yes
Comments: One trip blank (Trip Blank 111909) and one field blank (Field Blank 111909) accompanied the samples of this data set.	
19. Were the trip blank, field blank, and/or equipment blank samples free of analyte contamination?	Yes
Comments: There were no field blank or trip blank detections reported for this data set.	
20. Were the field duplicates collected equal to at least 10% of the total number of samples, or as required by the project guidelines, QAPP, SAP, or permit, or as indicated by the Tier I validator?	N/A
Comments: Field duplicate samples were not collected with the samples of this data set.	
21. Were field duplicate RPD values within data validation QC limits (soil 0-50%, water 0-30%, or air 0-25%)?	N/A
Comments: Field duplicate samples were not collected with the samples of this data set.	

VALIDATION CRITERIA CHECKLIST	
22. Were laboratory duplicate RPD values within laboratory-specified limits?	Yes
Comments: Laboratory duplicates were prepared for metals, nitrate, nitrite, chloride, sulfate, sulfide, kjeldahl nitrogen, total organic carbon, ferrous iron, sulfide, alkalinity to a pH of 4.5 and 8.3, chemical oxygen demand, and ammonia as nitrogen. The laboratory duplicates were prepared from samples not associated with this data set and matrix similarity to project samples could not be guaranteed.	

DATA QUALIFICATION SUMMARY

Analyte	Field Sample ID	Lab Sample ID	Result	Units	Reviewer Qualifier	Reviewer Qualifier Reason
Benzene	MW-93S,111909	5844020	1	ug/L	J	Flagged by the Lab: Result between MDL and RL.
Chemical Oxygen Demand	MW-93S,111909	5844020	36.9	mg/L	J	Flagged by the Lab: Result between MDL and RL.
Diesel Range Organics	MW-93S,111909	5844020	1700	ug/L	J	The surrogate recovery(ies) were above the acceptable limits indicating a possible high bias.
Ethyl- benzene	MW-93S,111909	5844020	3	ug/L	J	Flagged by the Lab: Result between MDL and RL.
Iron, Ferrous	MW-93S,111909	5844020	11.6	mg/L	J	Sample was analyzed outside of the acceptable holding time.
Nitrogen, Kjeldahl	MW-93S,111909	5844020	0.76	mg/L	J	Flagged by the Lab: Result between MDL and RL.
Total Sulfide	MW-93S,111909	5844020	0.1	mg/L	J	Flagged by the Lab: Result between MDL and RL.