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Introduction

A special study has been conducted as part of the QA oversight for the PM_{2.5} Speciation Trends Network (STN). Samples collected as part of the PM_{2.5} Speciation Mini-Trends Network and originally analyzed at the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) were removed from refrigerated storage at RTI and submitted to the QA laboratory for re-analysis. The USEPA National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL) located in Montgomery, Alabama serves as the lead quality assurance laboratory for the PM_{2.5} STN and is supported by the USEPA New England Regional Laboratory (NERL) located in Lexington, Massachusetts. The primary goal of this study has been to produce independent laboratory results of selected program samples so that inter-laboratory comparisons can be made. Furthermore, this study is expected to provide information regarding the physical and chemical stability of samples held in refrigerated storage.

The samples selected for this study were collected at Boston, New York, or Phoenix during the months of February and March 2000. All three of these sites operated co-located samplers during the collection events selected for this study. Samples that were re-analyzed at the QA laboratories included trip blanks, field blanks, and routine samples.

Sample Analysis

The gravimetric and the ion chromatographic re-analyses were performed at NAREL. Teflon® filters containing captured particulate matter were equilibrated within a constant temperature and humidity chamber and re-weighed. Extracts from Nylon filters were re-analyzed for nitrate, sulfate, sodium, ammonium, and potassium using ion chromatography. For this study, the carbon re-analyses were performed at NERL. Quartz filters were re-analyzed for captured organic, elemental, carbonate, and total carbon using a thermal/optical carbon analyzer. The details of the determinations made for this study are described below.

Mass Determination

Mass determination typically proceeds by weighing the Teflon® collection filter before and after the sampling event. The amount of Particulate Matter (PM) captured onto the surface of the filter can be calculated by a simple subtraction of the tare weight from the loaded filter weight. For this study, however, NAREL was not able to weigh the filter before sample collection. Therefore, only the loaded filter weights were measured.

Filters received at NAREL were placed into a weighing chamber which satisfies conditions of cleanliness, constant temperature, and constant humidity required by the program (see reference 1 and 2). All other program requirements were met such as routine balance calibration checks using Class 1 mass reference standards traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Each filter was weighed repeatedly until constant mass was achieved as reflected by at least two measurements on separate days.

A first look comparing the filter mass data from RTI and NAREL is shown in Figure 1. This graph has limited utility beyond showing good agreement between results from the two laboratories at a gross level of inspection. The vertical scale of the graph showing measured mass does not provide enough sensitivity to visually discern laboratory differences as small as 0.001 milligrams. And measurements at the 0.001-milligram level are required for the program.

The filter mass determined at RTI was subtracted from the filter mass determined at NAREL, and this measurement difference is presented in Figure 2 as a bar graph and Figure 3 as a scatter plot. Measurement differences between the two laboratories were so small that all samples may be plotted together on

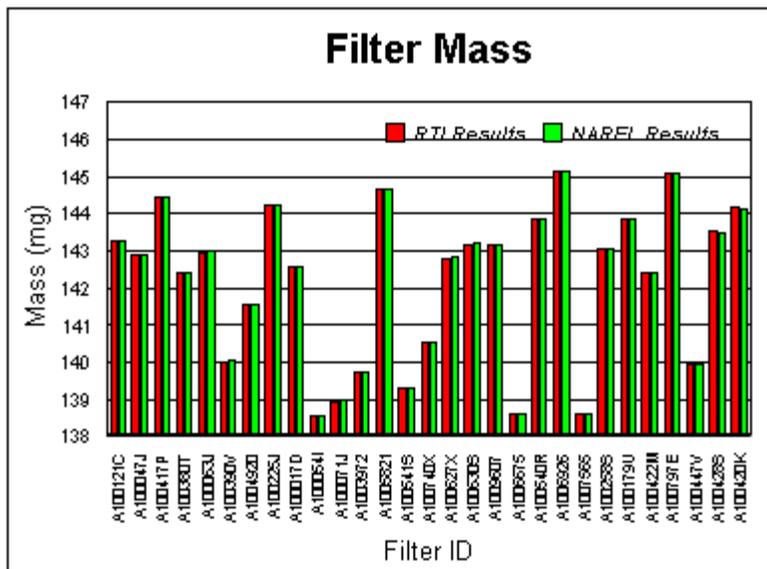


Figure 1

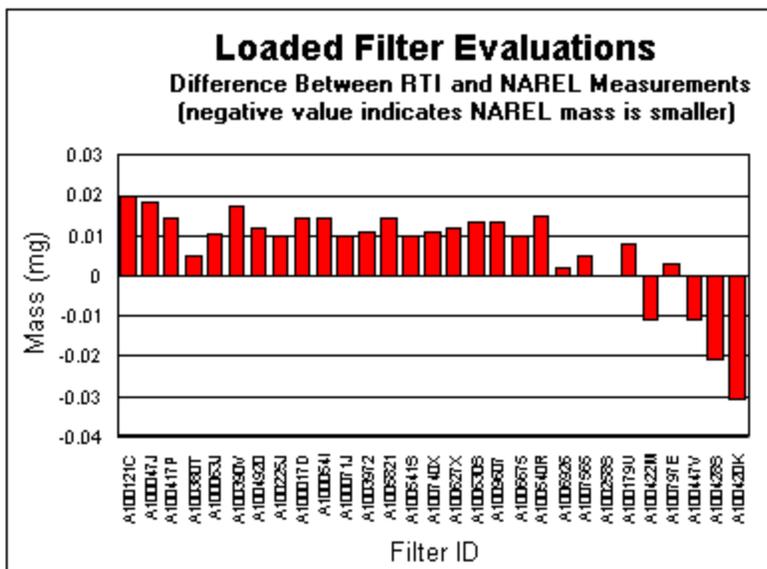


Figure 2

one graph using a very sensitive vertical scale to express the mass range. The largest difference between RTI and NAREL measured mass values was only 0.031 milligrams. After careful examination of the mass data, a trend was discovered. In Figure 2, the filter identifications have been intentionally plotted along the horizontal axis of the graph from left to right in order of increasing PM captured during the sampling event. Therefore the filter plotted on the extreme right of the bar graph (A100420K) captured the most PM from the air sampled. Figure 3 is a scatter plot which more clearly shows the trend between measurement difference and captured PM. Most filters appear to have gained mass after measurement at RTI, but filters having the largest capture of PM appear to have lost mass since measurement at RTI. Is it likely that some of the captured PM slowly evaporates from the filter during storage or perhaps some of the PM was lost during the subsequent x-ray examination of each filter which follows the gravimetric analysis?

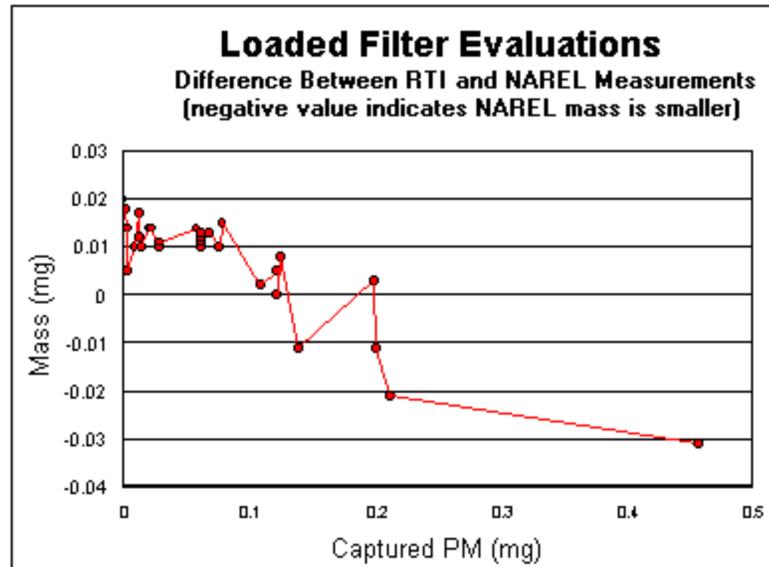


Figure 3

Is there an explanation for the apparent gain in mass of most filters tested during this study? At least some of the inter-laboratory bias observed in this study may have a simple and fundamental explanation. According to program requirements, each balance used for mass measurement must offer excellent precision as verified by frequent calibration checks using mass reference standards. Each calibration check using a metallic reference standard must not deviate more than 0.003 mg from its constant expected value. A small inaccuracy present in the balance is normally not critical if the same balance is used to tare the filter and also used to weigh the loaded filter. The critical information needed by the program is the mass of the captured PM, and as stated earlier, this value is determined by subtracting the tare mass from the loaded filter mass. For this special study, the absolute filter weights determined at RTI are compared directly to the absolute weights determined at NAREL. Therefore, any bias observed in the mass data may certainly reflect a difference in accuracy of the balances utilized at different laboratories. The actual data plotted in Figure 1 through Figure 3 are available in Table 1 at the end of this report.

Summary of Gravimetric Results

No QC problems were observed during this study for the gravimetric determinations performed at NAREL. Mass values determined at RTI and at NAREL show good agreement, especially considering the period of approximately six months separating the analysis at each laboratory. It is probable that the measurement bias observed between the two laboratories is the result of more than one source of variability. A positive bias was observed in NAREL measurements for trip blanks,

concentration range of approximately 0.02-2 µg/mL injected at the instrument. All IC results for this study are reported as concentration of target found in the extract expressed in units of µg/mL (ppm). The lowest concentration reported for this study corresponds to the lowest point analyzed as part of the calibration curve. Due to the low level of target present in many of the samples analyzed, frequent calibration checks were made at the low end of the calibration curve. None of the extracts required dilution and all of the samples were free from chromatographic interference.

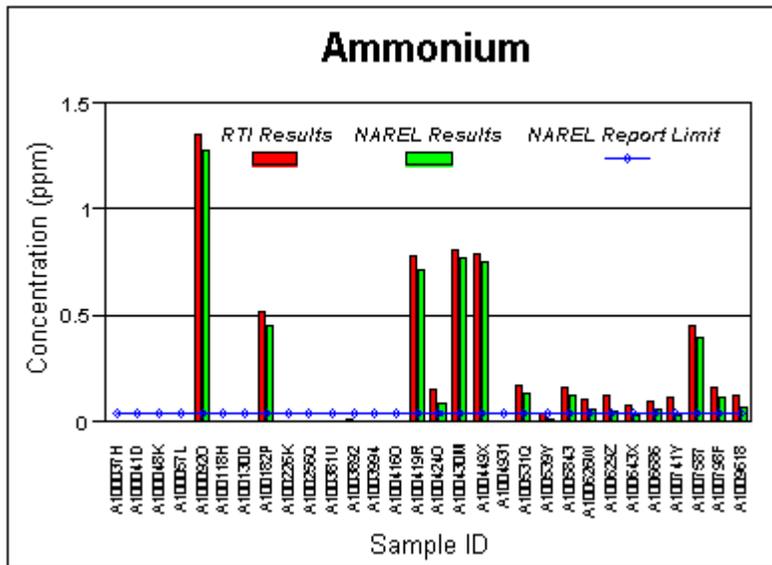


Figure 5

Good agreement was generally observed between results reported by RTI and those determined approximately six months later at NAREL. Analysis of the RTI calibration solutions provided good agreement with NAREL calibrations.

The cation data plotted in Figure 4 through Figure 6 are available in Table 2 at the end of this report.

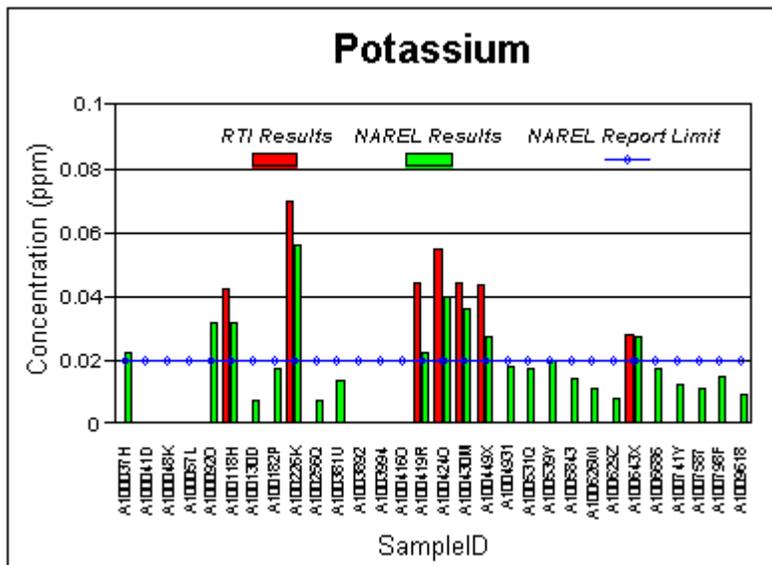


Figure 6

Anions Determined by Ion Chromatography

The anion targets for this project were nitrate and sulfate. The results for these two analytes are presented in Figure 7 and Figure 8. The analysis of anions proceeded with virtually the same quality controls as those used for the analysis of cations. The selenite ion and the selenate ion were used as dual internal standards for the analysis of anions. Seven point calibration curves were established

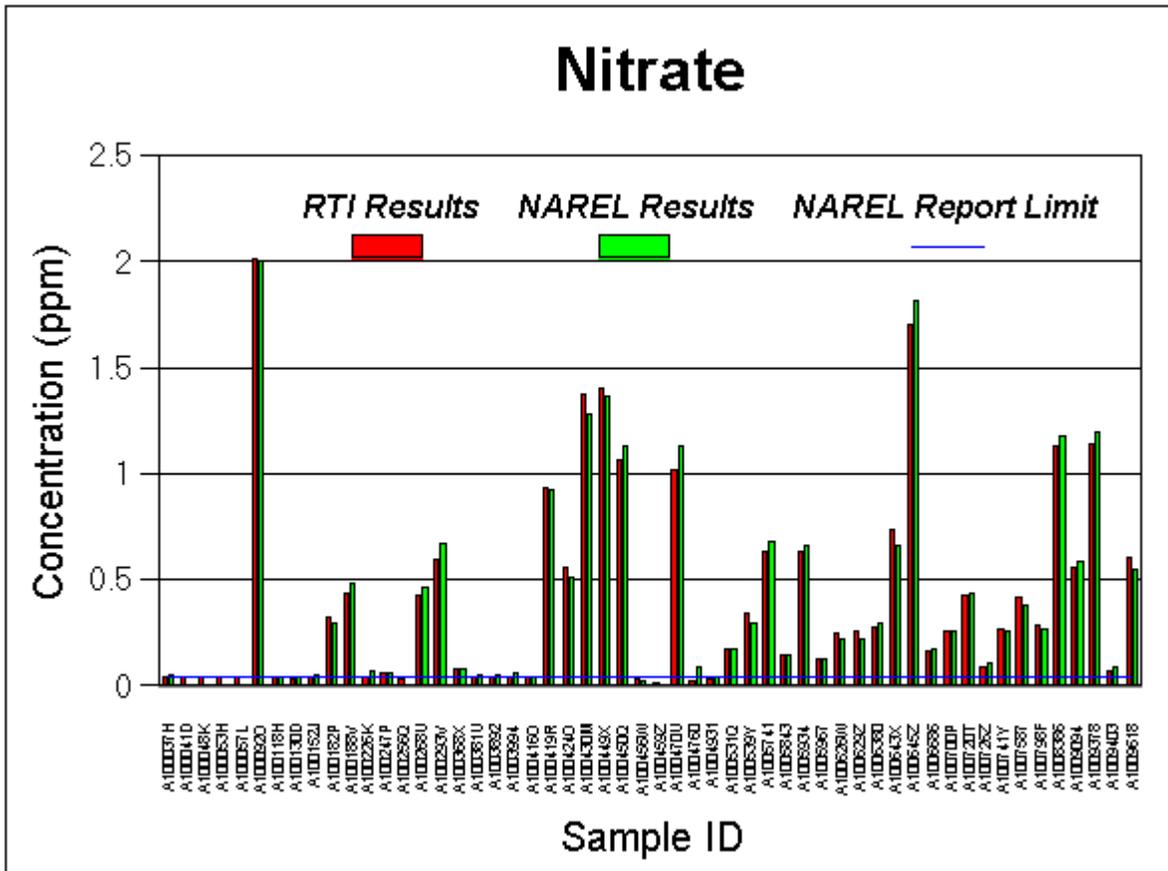


Figure 7

over a concentration range of approximately 0.04-4 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ injected at the instrument. Once again, none of the extracts required dilution, and all of the samples were free from chromatographic interference.

Good inter-laboratory agreement was observed for sulfate and for nitrate determinations. Analysis of the RTI calibration solutions provided good agreement with NAREL calibrations. The anion data plotted in Figure 7 and Figure 8 are available in Table 3 at the end of this report.

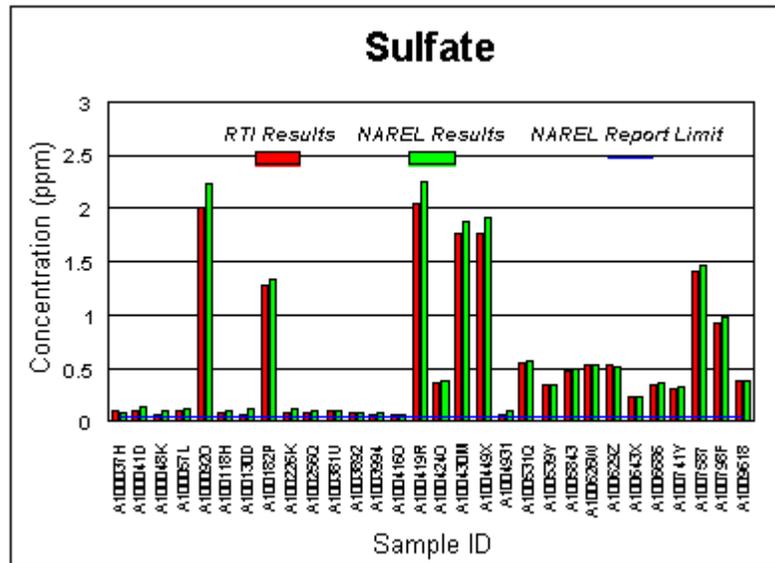


Figure 8

Summary of Ion Chromatography Results

The primary goal of this study has been to produce independent laboratory results of selected program samples so that inter-laboratory comparisons can be made. Table 2 and Table 3 not only contain raw data for IC analyses but also contain calculations of the absolute difference and the Relative Percent Difference (RPD) between RTI and NAREL results for each analyte. The RPD was calculated using Equation 1.

$$RPD = \frac{|C_1 - C_2|}{C_1 + C_2} \times 2 \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

The RPD is a useful comparison of two results as long as those results are significantly above the detection limit of the measurement system. A low value for the RPD always indicates good agreement between the two results, but a high value for the RPD, greater than 20%, does not always indicate poor agreement.

For example, how good is the agreement between two measurements such as 3 ppm and 5 ppm which produces an absolute difference of 2 ppm and an RPD of 50%? If the detection limit of the measurement system is 1 ppm, the two measurements have good agreement, but if the detection limit of the system is 0.1 ppm, the two measurements have poor agreement.

For this study, the inter-laboratory agreement was assessed by placing all IC results into one of two pools: (1) those results with acceptable RPDs and (2) those results with RPDs greater than 20%. As shown in the IC Summary Table below, those results with RPDs greater than 20% were compared to the NAREL report limit. Notice that all of the inter-laboratory differences are less than two times the NAREL report limit.

IC Summary Table

| | Acceptable RPDs | | RPDs Greater than 20% | | | | NAREL Report Limit (µg/mL) |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Average Inter-Lab RPD | Maximum Inter-Lab RPD | Number of Samples in RPD Pool | Average Inter-Lab Difference* (µg/mL) | Maximum Inter-Lab Difference* (µg/mL) | Number of Samples in Difference* Pool | |
| Sodium | 10% | 20% | 10 | 0.018 | 0.039 | 20 | 0.02 |
| Ammonium | 3% | 13% | 18 | 0.046 | 0.079 | 12 | 0.04 |
| Potassium | 0% | 1% | 7 | 0.015 | 0.031 | 23 | 0.02 |
| Sulfate | 6% | 15% | 23 | 0.034 | 0.051 | 7 | 0.04 |
| Nitrate | 7% | 18% | 40 | 0.029 | 0.068 | 14 | 0.04 |

** The absolute value of measurement difference was used for calculations.*

Every result with a large RPD offered a relatively small inter-laboratory difference. Furthermore, every result with a large RPD was a low sample concentration smaller than 0.2 ppm. Other combinations of RPD and difference criteria could be used to identify precision failure, but the

limits used to assess this IC data set seem reasonable. All results were first assessed by using a global RPD limit of 20%. Those results exceeding the RPD limit were re-examined by comparing the measurement difference to the analyte-specific sensitivity of the measurement system. For this data set, all inter-laboratory differences smaller than two times the NAREL report limit were accepted as good inter-laboratory agreement.

This study was also expected to provide information regarding the physical and chemical stability of samples held in refrigerated storage. Strong evidence has been provided by this study to suggest that IC extracts are quite stable over a six month period of time. The most significant trend in the data was observed for ammonium. For positive samples, the ammonium concentrations determined at NAREL were consistently lower than those determined approximately six-months earlier at RTI. In all cases the difference in the ammonium concentration was very small. It is worth noting that if samples were held in storage for longer periods or if samples were subjected to additional handling, more dramatic changes in the ammonium concentration might be observed. Further investigation should provide a better understanding of the ammonium ion stability in stored extracts.

Carbon Analysis

The carbon determination is comprised of organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC), and carbonate carbon (CC). Together they equal the total carbon (TC). A measured aliquot punched from the sample filter is consumed during the analysis which proceeds essentially in two stages. During the first stage, the filter aliquot is purged with a helium atmosphere while the temperature is programmed to 900 °C. The OC released from the sample is oxidized to carbon dioxide and then converted to methane which is measured by a flame ionization detector. The CC (if present) also appears in this fraction, and the CC peak is identified by its calibrated time in the thermogram. The purge gas is switched to a 5% oxygen atmosphere for the second stage of the analysis which releases the EC from the sample. The optical transmittance of the sample is monitored during both stages of analysis and is used to determine the split time separating the EC into the last fraction. The instrument used at RTI and NERL for this study was a Total Organic Analyzer manufactured by Sunset Laboratory.

The parameters used for this study were a modification of NIOSH Method 5040, Elemental Carbon (Diesel Particulate) [see reference 3]. The parameters were decided during a meeting with EPA and RTI on September 21, 2000. On December 5, 2000, there was a second meeting, and the second OC temperature step was changed from 340 °C to 400 °C because of Sunset instrument limitations. Both sets of parameters were used in this evaluation with no measurable differences. The method used to control the operating parameters is called SPEC.PAR and is presented in the following table.

SPEC.PAR (Operating Parameters)

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Helium, 10, 1 | purge for 10 sec |
| Helium, 65, 250 | OC temperature ramp, 65 sec, 250°C |
| Helium, 45, 400 | OC temperature ramp, 45 sec, 400°C |
| Helium, 70, 550 | OC temperature ramp, 70 sec, 550°C |
| Helium, 100, 900 | OC temperature ramp, 100 sec, 900°C (OCX) |

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Helium, 55, 0 | Cool the oven to approximately 550°C |
| Oxygen, 35, 550 | EC temperature ramp, 35 sec, 550°C |
| Oxygen, 35, 650 | EC temperature ramp, 35 sec, 650°C |
| Oxygen, 35, 750 | EC temperature ramp, 35 sec, 750°C |
| Oxygen, 35, 850 | EC temperature ramp, 35 sec, 850°C |
| Oxygen, 110, 900 | EC temperature ramp, 110 sec, 900°C |
| CalibrationOx, 30, 1 | Methane Calibration |
| CalibrationOx, 80, 0 | Methane Calibration |
| Offline, 1, 0 | End of sample analysis |

The last peak, OCX, in the OC thermogram must be evaluated to calculate the CC. The CC results are not reported for this study because RTI did not report CC until later in the year when the software became available. None of the samples analyzed for this study contained CC significantly above the OCX background.

Initial calibration was performed weekly using four standards with a secondary source standard. Each day an instrument blank, mid-calibration standard, two quality control samples, and duplicates were analyzed. Calcium carbonate was run each week to look for CC, and a 5% carbon dioxide sample was used to check the methane conversion. During the first week of this study, the initial calibration range was 58-5.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, and during the second week, the range was decreased to 29-2.9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ because of the low sample values. The acceptance criteria was a linear regression coefficient greater than 0.99 with a forced fit through the origin (0,0). The daily standard was within 5% of the true value except for one day when the first standard was -5.2 % and the second standard run at the end of the day was -4.5%. That same day the potassium hydrogen phthalate (KHP) QC sample was -3.2% of the true value. According to the NERL SOP, this data was acceptable because the KHP was within 5% of its true value. The instrument blanks were below 0.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$.

Summary of the Carbon Results

There is a 1-2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ bias observed in the OC results from the two laboratories. The OC values reported by EPA average 1.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ higher than OC values reported by RTI. This is illustrated in Figure 9. From the 46 field samples analyzed during this study, only two of the OC values reported by RTI are higher than the EPA result. The EC results are lower than the OC results, and the EC results do not show this consistent positive bias. Duplicate analyses were performed for RTI's calibration standard included in the study and for the trip blank sent with the samples. Good recovery (95.3% and 99.4%) was observed for the RTI standard analyzed on separate days at NERL, so the positive bias was not due to the standards. Higher than expected OC values (1.39 and 1.15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) were observed from the trip blank also analyzed on separate days at NERL. Figure 9 plots the 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ level which was a critical value for evaluating the trip blank for this study. The study trip blank may represent the source of the observed bias. Quartz filters will readily absorb background volatile organic compounds. The field samples for this study were collected in

February and March, analyzed in March and April by RTI, kept in refrigerated storage at RTI, and shipped to NERL for re-analysis in November and December. This eight-month delay before re-analyzing the samples may increase the OC of the samples, and this is another possible reason for the inter-laboratory bias.

Because of this apparent low-level OC background contamination, the trip blank for this study was subtracted from the EPA values before comparisons were made with the original RTI values. Results of the OC, EC, and TC analyses are presented in Figures 10, 11, and 12 respectively. All of the carbon data plotted in Figure 9 through Figure 12 are available in Table 4 through Table 6 at the end of this report. The tabulated carbon data also includes NERL results before the blank subtraction.

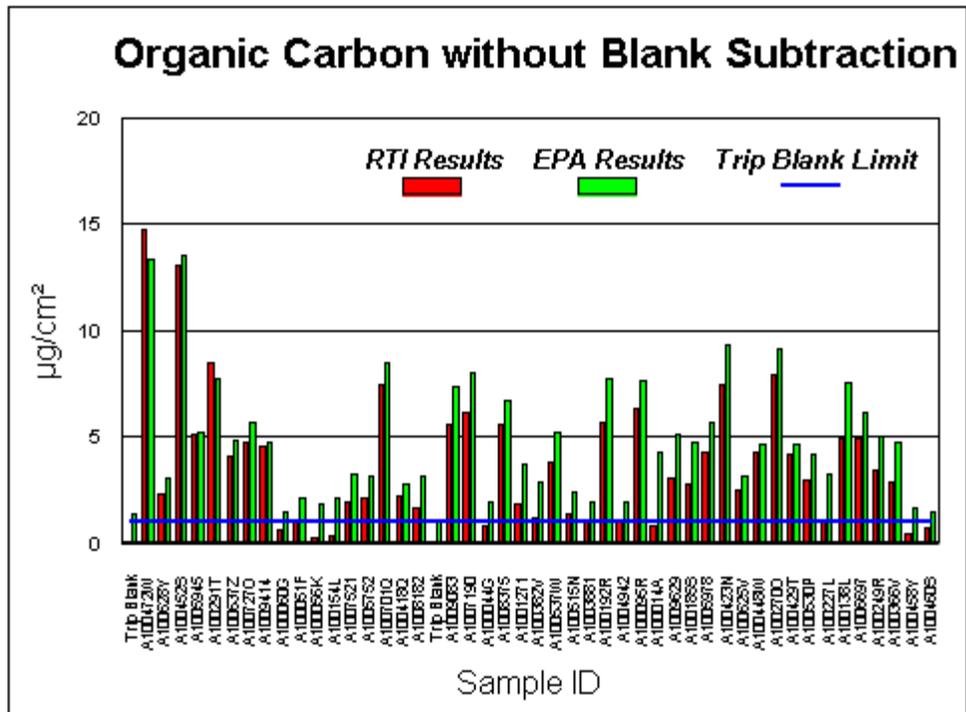


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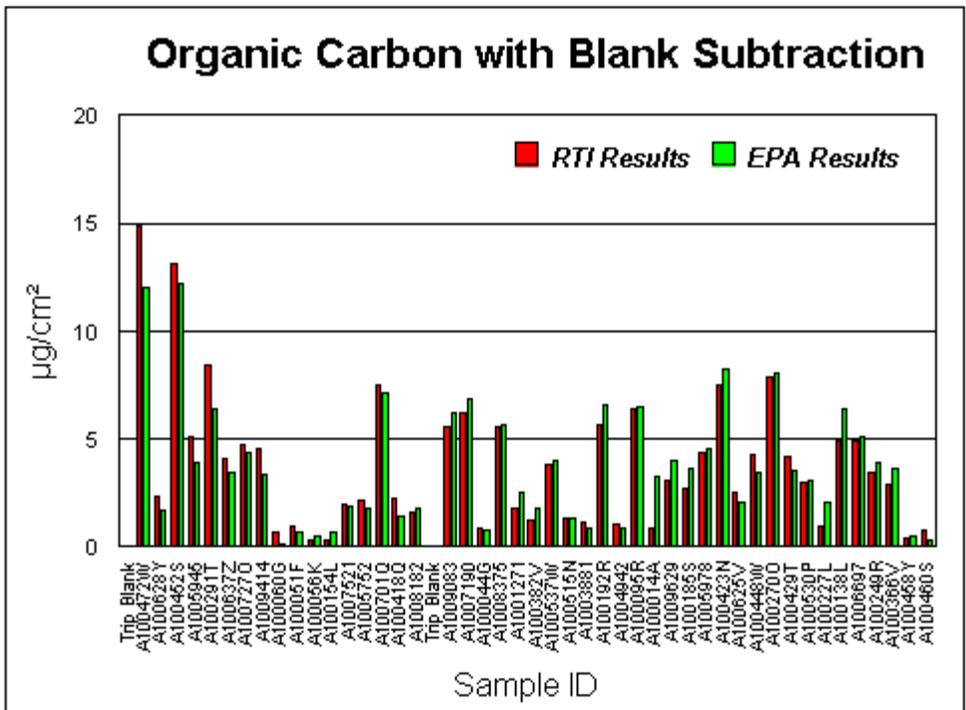


Figure 10

All results have been reported in terms of $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, but these results may be converted to $\mu\text{g}/\text{filter}$ by multiplying the supplied result by $11.68 \text{ cm}^2/\text{filter}$. Sample A100124F, trip blank from Roxbury, was lost and is not included in this report. This sample was used to test a procedure proposed by Dr Max Petersen of RTI, and there was insufficient sample for a re-analysis to include in this report.

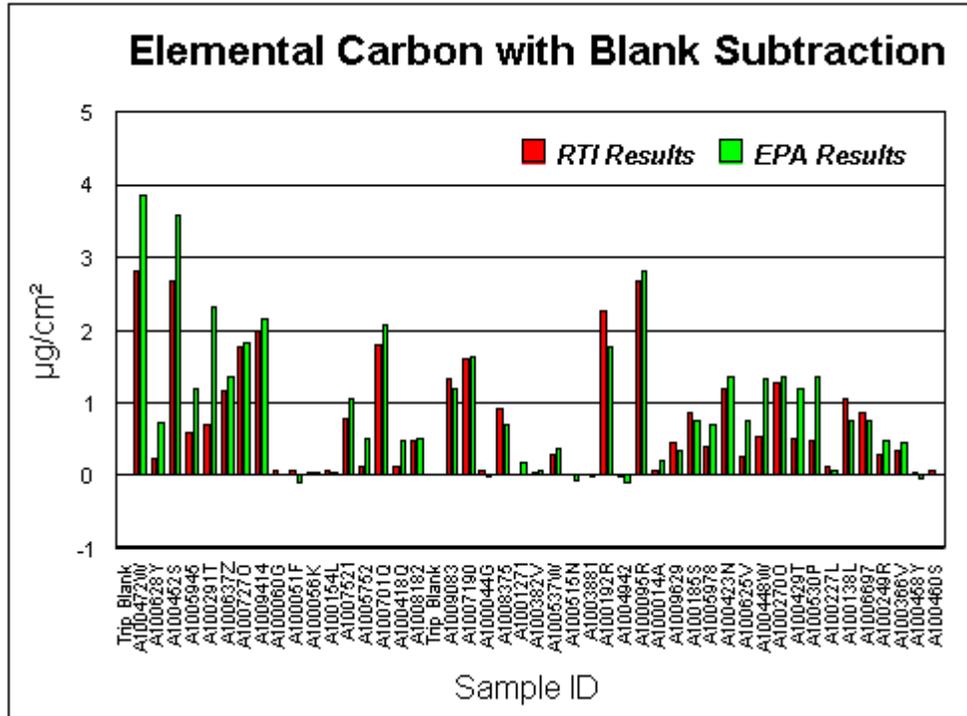


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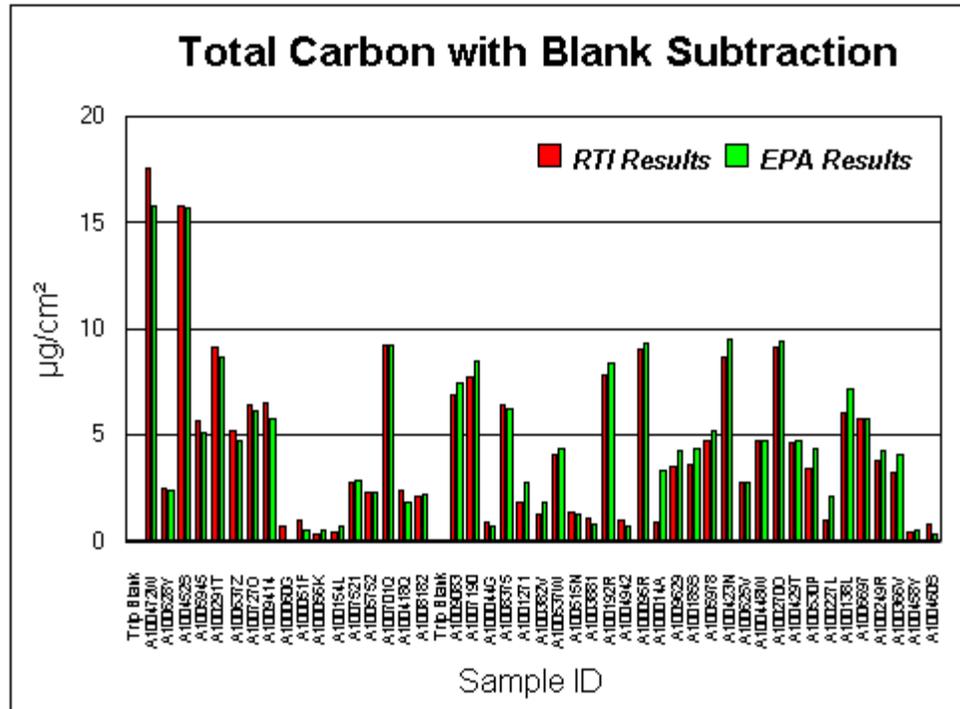


Figure 12

The criteria used for the inter-laboratory comparison of results were the same as the initial round robin study completed in November, 1999. As shown in the table below, the acceptance criterion will change for the archived samples according to the concentration of carbon present in the sample. For higher concentrations, RPD criteria were used to evaluate the inter-laboratory precision. For low-level samples having less than 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, the inter-laboratory precision was evaluated by comparing the absolute difference between results from the two laboratories.

Acceptance Criteria

| Sample Type | Concentration Range ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) | Criteria |
|---|---|---|
| Archived Samples | less than 5 | Difference $\leq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ |
| | 5 to 10 | RPD $\leq 20 \%$ |
| | greater than 10 | RPD $\leq 15 \%$ |
| Trip Blank | | $< 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ |
| Spike Standard from RTI (True Value = 4.207 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$) | | 95-105 % Recovery |

Very good inter-laboratory agreement was observed for this study with the trip blank corrections applied to the NERL results. Overall there are 127 of the 138 total data points (92%) within the acceptance criteria listed above. Individually the OC, EC, and TC had 85%, 96%, and 93% of the inter-laboratory results within criteria, respectively. Without the trip blank correction, however, the OC agreements drops to 43% because there are 21 data points below 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ that are outside of the 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ criterion.

A followup effort was made to investigate the inter-laboratory bias observed in the carbon data. Before samples were shipped to NERL for this study, a punch was removed from each sample filter that remained in storage at RTI as a preserved aliquot. At EPA's request, three sample reserves were scheduled for re-analysis by RTI. The three samples having the lowest OC were selected for the re-analysis because those samples should provide the best information regarding low-level OC contamination. The following table presents the results for the three re-analyses, as well as the original RTI analysis and the EPA analysis.

Samples Re-analyzed for OC

| Sample ID | RTI Analysis ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) | | EPA Analysis ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) | |
|-----------|--|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Original | Re-analysis | before blank subtraction | after blank subtraction |
| A100056I | 0.27 | 0.86 | 1.85 | 0.46 |
| A100154K | 0.34 | 0.71 | 2.11 | 0.72 |
| A100458Y | 0.40 | 0.76 | 1.70 | 0.55 |

Results of the carbon re-analyses performed at RTI agree very well with the EPA results after blank subtraction. It is possible that the inter-laboratory bias observed in the carbon data was largely due to low-level contamination received by all samples before the analysis at NERL. Only one trip blank was used for this study, and it was analyzed twice at NERL with similar results. The trip blank was not an old filter, and it was not held in storage along with the other samples. The trip blank should have been a clean filter that received its contamination during the latter days of this study. The trip blank should represent contamination received by all of the samples as a result of “extra exposure and handling” required for this study.

Although blank subtraction was used in this study to compare old carbon data to recent data, blank subtraction is not recommended for the routine carbon analysis performed at RTI. Future studies will be designed and optimized to provide more information about samples with low-level carbon. The following two recommendations are offered to help improve our safeguards for low-level contamination in the future:

- The daily instrument blanks that are used at RTI for batch blanks should be stored along with field samples.
- The Gelman air tight petri dish (7242 or 7232) should be evaluated for use as the filter container. The Gelman petri dish was successfully used for two prior studies. The trip blank in the November, 1999 initial study using the Gelman petri dish gave a result of only 0.14 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ OC.

Study Conclusions

Selected program samples were removed from cold storage at RTI and were re-analyzed at an EPA laboratory. RTI completed the original analysis and archival of all samples before this study was announced. Therefore, the samples selected for this study received no special treatment as they were processed through the preparation, analysis, reporting, and storage at RTI in a routine manner. The results from the EPA re-analyses generally show good agreement with the original results reported by RTI. Furthermore, this study has demonstrated good stability of samples held in cold storage for six to eight months.

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Table 1

| Location Name | Field Date | Sample Type | Sample ID | RTI Final Mass (mg) | NAREL Final Mass (mg) | Mass Difference (mg) | Captured* PM (mg) |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100121C | 143.264 | 143.284 | 0.020 | 0.000 |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100047J | 142.887 | 142.905 | 0.018 | 0.003 |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100417P | 144.430 | 144.444 | 0.014 | 0.004 |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100380T | 142.401 | 142.406 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100063J | 142.957 | 142.967 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100390V | 140.023 | 140.040 | 0.017 | 0.013 |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004920 | 141.558 | 141.570 | 0.012 | 0.014 |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100225J | 144.232 | 144.242 | 0.010 | 0.016 |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100017D | 142.551 | 142.565 | 0.014 | 0.021 |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100054I | 138.538 | 138.552 | 0.014 | 0.023 |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100071J | 138.941 | 138.951 | 0.010 | 0.029 |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003972 | 139.709 | 139.720 | 0.011 | 0.030 |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005821 | 144.630 | 144.644 | 0.014 | 0.059 |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100541S | 139.303 | 139.313 | 0.010 | 0.063 |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100740X | 140.506 | 140.517 | 0.011 | 0.063 |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100627X | 142.815 | 142.827 | 0.012 | 0.063 |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100630S | 143.186 | 143.199 | 0.013 | 0.063 |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009607 | 143.161 | 143.174 | 0.013 | 0.069 |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006675 | 138.595 | 138.605 | 0.010 | 0.077 |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100540R | 143.841 | 143.856 | 0.015 | 0.079 |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A1006926 | 145.124 | 145.126 | 0.002 | 0.110 |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007565 | 138.623 | 138.628 | 0.005 | 0.123 |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100258S | 143.032 | 143.032 | 0.000 | 0.123 |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100179U | 143.823 | 143.831 | 0.008 | 0.126 |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100422M | 142.413 | 142.402 | -0.011 | 0.140 |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100797E | 145.085 | 145.088 | 0.003 | 0.200 |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100447V | 139.966 | 139.955 | -0.011 | 0.201 |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100428S | 143.513 | 143.492 | -0.021 | 0.212 |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100420K | 144.177 | 144.146 | -0.031 | 0.457 |

** The captured PM listed here was determined at RTI within the required holding time.*

Table 2

| Location Name | Field Date | Sample Type | Sample ID | Analyte Name | RTI Result (µg/mL) | NAREL Result (µg/mL) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/mL) | NAREL Report Limit (µg/mL) | Inter-Lab Assessment |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A1000117 | Potassium | 0.000 | No Sample | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100037H | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.023 | 200% | 0.023 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100041D | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100048K | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100057L | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100092O | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.031 | 200% | 0.031 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100118H | Potassium | 0.042 | 0.031 | 29% | 0.011 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100130D | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.007 | 200% | 0.007 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100182P | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.017 | 200% | 0.017 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100226K | Potassium | 0.070 | 0.056 | 22% | 0.014 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100256Q | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.007 | 200% | 0.007 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100381U | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.014 | 200% | 0.014 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003892 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003994 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100416O | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100419R | Potassium | 0.044 | 0.022 | 64% | 0.021 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100424O | Potassium | 0.055 | 0.039 | 32% | 0.015 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100430M | Potassium | 0.044 | 0.036 | 21% | 0.008 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100449X | Potassium | 0.043 | 0.027 | 146% | 0.016 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004931 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.018 | 200% | 0.018 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100531Q | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.017 | 200% | 0.017 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100539Y | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.020 | 200% | 0.020 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005843 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.014 | 200% | 0.014 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100626W | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.010 | 200% | 0.010 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100629Z | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.008 | 200% | 0.008 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100643X | Potassium | 0.028 | 0.027 | 1% | 0.000 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006686 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.017 | 200% | 0.017 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100741Y | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.012 | 200% | 0.012 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007587 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.011 | 200% | 0.011 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100798F | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.014 | 200% | 0.014 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009618 | Potassium | 0.000 | 0.009 | 200% | 0.009 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| ----- | ----- | RTI Standard | ----- | Potassium | ----- | 0.095 (95%) | ----- | ----- | 0.02 | ----- |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A1000117 | Sodium | 0.032 | No Sample | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100037H | Sodium | 0.039 | 0.052 | 29% | 0.013 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |

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|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100041D | Sodium | 0.015 | 0.014 | 7% | 0.001 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100048K | Sodium | 0.025 | 0.030 | 20% | 0.005 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100057L | Sodium | 0.028 | 0.015 | 62% | 0.013 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100092O | Sodium | 0.101 | 0.098 | 3% | 0.003 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100118H | Sodium | 0.034 | 0.034 | 2% | 0.001 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100130D | Sodium | 0.031 | 0.025 | 21% | 0.006 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100182P | Sodium | 0.048 | 0.054 | 12% | 0.006 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100226K | Sodium | 0.048 | 0.055 | 14% | 0.007 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100256Q | Sodium | 0.032 | 0.020 | 47% | 0.012 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100381U | Sodium | 0.020 | 0.059 | 98% | 0.039 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003892 | Sodium | 0.000 | 0.017 | 200% | 0.017 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003994 | Sodium | 0.009 | 0.018 | 62% | 0.008 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100416O | Sodium | 0.000 | 0.016 | 200% | 0.016 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100419R | Sodium | 0.074 | 0.077 | 5% | 0.003 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100424O | Sodium | 0.031 | 0.045 | 37% | 0.014 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100430M | Sodium | 0.050 | 0.059 | 16% | 0.009 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100449X | Sodium | 0.066 | 0.080 | 20% | 0.014 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004931 | Sodium | 0.010 | 0.049 | 130% | 0.038 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100531Q | Sodium | 0.023 | 0.056 | 85% | 0.034 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100539Y | Sodium | 0.085 | 0.107 | 23% | 0.022 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005843 | Sodium | 0.025 | 0.038 | 40% | 0.013 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100626W | Sodium | 0.057 | 0.075 | 27% | 0.018 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100629Z | Sodium | 0.025 | 0.041 | 49% | 0.016 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100643X | Sodium | 0.019 | 0.036 | 64% | 0.018 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006686 | Sodium | 0.024 | 0.041 | 52% | 0.017 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100741Y | Sodium | 0.021 | 0.046 | 73% | 0.025 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007587 | Sodium | 0.100 | 0.106 | 6% | 0.006 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100798F | Sodium | 0.146 | 0.175 | 18% | 0.030 | 0.02 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009618 | Sodium | 0.024 | 0.039 | 46% | 0.015 | 0.02 | Difference Ok |
| ----- | ----- | RTI Standard | ----- | Sodium | ----- | 0.104 (104%) | ----- | ----- | 0.02 | ----- |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A1000117 | Ammonium | 0.007 | No Sample | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100037H | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100041D | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100048K | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100057L | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |

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|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100092O | Ammonium | 1.354 | 1.276 | 6% | 0.078 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100118H | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100130D | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100182P | Ammonium | 0.516 | 0.453 | 13% | 0.063 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100226K | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100256Q | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100381U | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003892 | Ammonium | 0.013 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.013 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003994 | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100416O | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100419R | Ammonium | 0.781 | 0.711 | 9% | 0.071 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100424O | Ammonium | 0.156 | 0.094 | 50% | 0.062 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100430M | Ammonium | 0.815 | 0.768 | 6% | 0.047 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100449X | Ammonium | 0.795 | 0.758 | 5% | 0.037 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004931 | Ammonium | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100531Q | Ammonium | 0.173 | 0.138 | 23% | 0.035 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100539Y | Ammonium | 0.039 | 0.012 | 106% | 0.027 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005843 | Ammonium | 0.167 | 0.121 | 32% | 0.045 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100626W | Ammonium | 0.108 | 0.062 | 55% | 0.047 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100629Z | Ammonium | 0.119 | 0.054 | 76% | 0.066 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100643X | Ammonium | 0.080 | 0.028 | 97% | 0.052 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006686 | Ammonium | 0.097 | 0.062 | 45% | 0.036 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100741Y | Ammonium | 0.115 | 0.036 | 104% | 0.079 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007587 | Ammonium | 0.451 | 0.401 | 12% | 0.050 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100798F | Ammonium | 0.164 | 0.119 | 32% | 0.045 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009618 | Ammonium | 0.122 | 0.072 | 51% | 0.049 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| ----- | ----- | RTI Standard | ----- | Ammonium | ----- | 0.096 (96%) | ----- | ----- | 0.04 | ----- |

Table 3

| Location Name | Field Date | Sample Type | Sample ID | Analyte Name | RTI Result (µg/mL) | NAREL Result (µg/mL) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/mL) | NAREL Report Limit (µg/mL) | Inter-Lab Assessment |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A1000117 | Nitrate | 0.053 | No Sample | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100037H | Nitrate | 0.048 | 0.056 | 16% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100041D | Nitrate | 0.041 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.041 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100048K | Nitrate | 0.041 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.041 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100053H | Nitrate | 0.045 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.045 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100057L | Nitrate | 0.040 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.040 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100092O | Nitrate | 2.019 | 2.009 | 0% | 0.010 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100118H | Nitrate | 0.043 | 0.041 | 5% | 0.002 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100130D | Nitrate | 0.033 | 0.051 | 44% | 0.018 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100152J | Nitrate | 0.043 | 0.054 | 23% | 0.011 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100182P | Nitrate | 0.330 | 0.307 | 7% | 0.022 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100188V | Nitrate | 0.440 | 0.485 | 10% | 0.045 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100226K | Nitrate | 0.050 | 0.073 | 38% | 0.023 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/21/00 | Routine | A100247P | Nitrate | 0.069 | 0.066 | 3% | 0.002 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100256Q | Nitrate | 0.035 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.035 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/21/00 | Routine | A100268U | Nitrate | 0.433 | 0.463 | 7% | 0.030 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100293V | Nitrate | 0.606 | 0.670 | 10% | 0.064 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/21/00 | Routine | A100368X | Nitrate | 0.082 | 0.081 | 1% | 0.001 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100381U | Nitrate | 0.043 | 0.056 | 27% | 0.013 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003892 | Nitrate | 0.045 | 0.059 | 28% | 0.014 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003994 | Nitrate | 0.050 | 0.062 | 22% | 0.012 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100416O | Nitrate | 0.039 | 0.045 | 13% | 0.005 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100419R | Nitrate | 0.933 | 0.926 | 1% | 0.007 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100424O | Nitrate | 0.562 | 0.519 | 8% | 0.043 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100430M | Nitrate | 1.378 | 1.282 | 7% | 0.096 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100449X | Nitrate | 1.411 | 1.374 | 3% | 0.038 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100450Q | Nitrate | 1.070 | 1.136 | 6% | 0.066 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100456W | Nitrate | 0.032 | 0.029 | 8% | 0.003 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100459Z | Nitrate | 0.023 | 0.000 | 200% | 0.023 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100470U | Nitrate | 1.029 | 1.132 | 10% | 0.103 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004760 | Nitrate | 0.029 | 0.098 | 107% | 0.068 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004931 | Nitrate | 0.036 | 0.042 | 16% | 0.006 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100531Q | Nitrate | 0.175 | 0.178 | 1% | 0.002 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100539Y | Nitrate | 0.348 | 0.293 | 17% | 0.054 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |

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|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005741 | Nitrate | 0.638 | 0.688 | 8% | 0.050 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005843 | Nitrate | 0.149 | 0.149 | 0% | 0.000 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005934 | Nitrate | 0.632 | 0.669 | 6% | 0.036 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005967 | Nitrate | 0.126 | 0.127 | 1% | 0.001 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100626W | Nitrate | 0.250 | 0.224 | 11% | 0.025 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100629Z | Nitrate | 0.261 | 0.227 | 14% | 0.034 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/10/00 | Routine | A1006380 | Nitrate | 0.280 | 0.294 | 5% | 0.014 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100643X | Nitrate | 0.745 | 0.668 | 11% | 0.077 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100645Z | Nitrate | 1.705 | 1.818 | 6% | 0.113 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006686 | Nitrate | 0.167 | 0.170 | 2% | 0.003 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A100700P | Nitrate | 0.264 | 0.269 | 2% | 0.005 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/16/00 | Routine | A100720T | Nitrate | 0.435 | 0.440 | 1% | 0.006 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100726Z | Nitrate | 0.094 | 0.113 | 18% | 0.019 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100741Y | Nitrate | 0.273 | 0.264 | 3% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007587 | Nitrate | 0.416 | 0.384 | 8% | 0.031 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100798F | Nitrate | 0.292 | 0.275 | 6% | 0.018 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1008386 | Nitrate | 1.132 | 1.181 | 4% | 0.049 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1009094 | Nitrate | 0.564 | 0.589 | 4% | 0.025 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009378 | Nitrate | 1.145 | 1.196 | 4% | 0.051 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009403 | Nitrate | 0.072 | 0.090 | 22% | 0.018 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009618 | Nitrate | 0.609 | 0.554 | 9% | 0.054 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| ----- | ----- | RTI Standard | ----- | Nitrate | ----- | 1.007 (101%) | ----- | ----- | 0.04 | ----- |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A1000117 | Sulfate | 0.083 | No Sample | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100037H | Sulfate | 0.093 | 0.085 | 9% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100041D | Sulfate | 0.091 | 0.129 | 35% | 0.038 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100048K | Sulfate | 0.071 | 0.090 | 23% | 0.018 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100057L | Sulfate | 0.106 | 0.114 | 7% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/09/00 | Routine | A100092O | Sulfate | 2.016 | 2.229 | 10% | 0.214 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100118H | Sulfate | 0.083 | 0.107 | 26% | 0.024 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/09/00 | Trip Blank | A100130D | Sulfate | 0.074 | 0.114 | 43% | 0.040 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Routine | A100182P | Sulfate | 1.285 | 1.336 | 4% | 0.051 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/15/00 | Field Blank | A100226K | Sulfate | 0.080 | 0.115 | 36% | 0.035 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 02/21/00 | Field Blank | A100256Q | Sulfate | 0.079 | 0.091 | 15% | 0.013 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100381U | Sulfate | 0.090 | 0.098 | 9% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003892 | Sulfate | 0.076 | 0.085 | 11% | 0.009 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |

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|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| New York | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1003994 | Sulfate | 0.052 | 0.082 | 45% | 0.030 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A100416O | Sulfate | 0.072 | 0.067 | 7% | 0.005 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100419R | Sulfate | 2.049 | 2.253 | 9% | 0.204 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100424O | Sulfate | 0.370 | 0.388 | 5% | 0.018 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100430M | Sulfate | 1.767 | 1.885 | 6% | 0.118 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 02/27/00 | Routine | A100449X | Sulfate | 1.767 | 1.916 | 8% | 0.150 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 02/27/00 | Field Blank | A1004931 | Sulfate | 0.059 | 0.110 | 61% | 0.051 | 0.04 | Difference Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100531Q | Sulfate | 0.558 | 0.573 | 3% | 0.015 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/04/00 | Routine | A100539Y | Sulfate | 0.345 | 0.348 | 1% | 0.004 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/04/00 | Routine | A1005843 | Sulfate | 0.472 | 0.491 | 4% | 0.019 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100626W | Sulfate | 0.527 | 0.533 | 1% | 0.006 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100629Z | Sulfate | 0.531 | 0.523 | 2% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/10/00 | Routine | A100643X | Sulfate | 0.226 | 0.235 | 4% | 0.009 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/16/00 | Routine | A1006686 | Sulfate | 0.347 | 0.355 | 2% | 0.008 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/22/00 | Routine | A100741Y | Sulfate | 0.304 | 0.332 | 9% | 0.027 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| New York | 03/22/00 | Routine | A1007587 | Sulfate | 1.418 | 1.471 | 4% | 0.053 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Boston | 03/28/00 | Routine | A100798F | Sulfate | 0.928 | 0.983 | 6% | 0.056 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| Phoenix | 03/28/00 | Routine | A1009618 | Sulfate | 0.377 | 0.385 | 2% | 0.007 | 0.04 | RPD Ok |
| ----- | ----- | RTI Standard | ----- | Sulfate | ----- | 1.013 (101%) | ----- | ----- | 0.04 | ----- |

Table 4

| Sample | Type | <i>No Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | | <i>With Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | RTI OC (µg/cm ²) | EPA OC (µg/cm ²) | Average OC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | EPA OC (µg/cm ²) | Average OC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 1.39 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A100472W | routine-Phoenix | 14.84 | 13.40 | 14.1 | -1.4 | -10.2% | RPD Ok | 12.01 | 13.4 | -2.8 | -21.1% | Outlier | |
| A100628Y | routine-NY | 2.33 | 3.11 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 28.7% | Difference Ok | 1.72 | 2.0 | -0.6 | -30.1% | Difference Ok | |
| A100452S | routine-Phoenix | 13.12 | 13.57 | 13.3 | 0.5 | 3.4% | RPD Ok | 12.18 | 12.7 | -0.9 | -7.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A1005945 | routine-Phoenix | 5.08 | 5.31 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 4.4% | RPD Ok | 3.92 | 4.5 | -1.2 | -25.8% | Outlier | |
| A100291T | routine-Roxbury | 8.49 | 7.76 | 8.1 | -0.7 | -9.0% | RPD Ok | 6.37 | 7.4 | -2.1 | -28.5% | Outlier | |
| A100637Z | routine-Roxbury | 4.12 | 4.88 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 16.9% | RPD Ok | 3.49 | 3.8 | -0.6 | -16.6% | RPD Ok | |
| A100727O | routine-Roxbury | 4.70 | 5.71 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 19.4% | RPD Ok | 4.32 | 4.5 | -0.4 | -8.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A1009414 | routine-Roxbury | 4.56 | 4.73 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 3.7% | RPD Ok | 3.34 | 4.0 | -1.2 | -30.9% | Outlier | |
| A100060G | trip blk-NY | 0.69 | 1.52 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 75.1% | Difference Ok | 0.13 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -136.6% | Difference Ok | |
| A100051F | trip blk-NY | 0.95 | 2.11 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 75.8% | Outlier | 0.72 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -27.5% | Difference Ok | |
| A100056K | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.27 | 1.85 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 149.1% | Outlier | 0.46 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 52.1% | Difference Ok | |
| A100154L | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.34 | 2.11 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 144.5% | Outlier | 0.72 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 71.7% | Difference Ok | |
| A1007521 | routine-NY | 2.01 | 3.24 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 46.9% | Outlier | 1.85 | 1.9 | -0.2 | -8.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A1005752 | routine-Phoenix | 2.17 | 3.18 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 37.8% | Difference Ok | 1.79 | 2.0 | -0.4 | -19.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A100701Q | routine-Phoenix | 7.48 | 8.55 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 13.3% | RPD Ok | 7.16 | 7.3 | -0.3 | -4.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100418Q | routine-Roxbury | 2.24 | 2.78 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 21.5% | Difference Ok | 1.39 | 1.8 | -0.9 | -46.8% | Difference Ok | |
| A1008182 | routine-Roxbury | 1.65 | 3.14 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 62.2% | Outlier | 1.75 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 5.9% | RPD Ok | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 1.15 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A1009083 | routine-Phoenix | 5.60 | 7.41 | 6.5 | 1.8 | 27.8% | Outlier | 6.26 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 11.1% | RPD Ok | |
| A1007190 | routine-Roxbury | 6.16 | 8.01 | 7.1 | 1.9 | 26.1% | Outlier | 6.86 | 6.5 | 0.7 | 10.8% | RPD Ok | |
| A100044G | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.84 | 1.90 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 77.4% | Outlier | 0.75 | 0.8 | -0.1 | -11.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A1008375 | routine-Phoenix | 5.56 | 6.79 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 19.9% | RPD Ok | 5.64 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 1.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A1001271 | trip blk-Roxbury | 1.82 | 3.72 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 68.6% | Outlier | 2.57 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 34.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A100382V | field blk-NY | 1.21 | 2.88 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 81.7% | Outlier | 1.73 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 35.4% | Difference Ok | |
| A100537W | routine-Phoenix | 3.81 | 5.17 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 30.3% | Outlier | 4.02 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 5.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100515N | field blk-Roxbury | 1.34 | 2.47 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 59.3% | Outlier | 1.32 | 1.3 | -0.0 | -1.5% | RPD Ok | |
| A1003881 | field blk-Roxbury | 1.11 | 1.98 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 56.3% | Difference Ok | 0.83 | 1.0 | -0.3 | -28.9% | Difference Ok | |
| A100192R | routine-Roxbury | 5.63 | 7.74 | 6.7 | 2.1 | 31.6% | Outlier | 6.59 | 6.1 | 1.0 | 15.7% | RPD Ok | |
| A1004942 | field blk-Phoenix | 1.10 | 1.97 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 56.7% | Difference Ok | 0.82 | 1.0 | -0.3 | -29.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A100095R | routine-NY | 6.36 | 7.67 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 18.7% | RPD Ok | 6.52 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 2.5% | RPD Ok | |
| A100014A | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.84 | 4.37 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 135.5% | Outlier | 3.22 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 117.2% | Outlier | |
| A1009629 | routine-Phoenix | 3.11 | 5.13 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 49.0% | Outlier | 3.98 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 24.5% | Difference Ok | |

| | | <i>No Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | | <i>With Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Sample | Type | RTI | EPA | Average | Inter-Lab | | | EPA | Average | Inter-Lab | | |
| | | OC (µg/cm ²) | OC (µg/cm ²) | OC (µg/cm ²) | Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | OC (µg/cm ²) | OC (µg/cm ²) | Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment |
| A100185S | routine-NY | 2.74 | 4.80 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 54.6% | Outlier | 3.65 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 28.5% | Difference Ok |
| A1005978 | routine-Roxbury | 4.34 | 5.70 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 27.1% | Outlier | 4.55 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 4.7% | RPD Ok |
| A100423N | routine-Phoenix | 7.49 | 9.34 | 8.4 | 1.9 | 22.0% | Outlier | 8.19 | 7.8 | 0.7 | 8.9% | RPD Ok |
| A100625V | routine-NY | 2.55 | 3.19 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 22.3% | Difference Ok | 2.04 | 2.3 | -0.5 | -22.2% | Difference Ok |
| A100448W | routine-NY | 4.28 | 4.63 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 7.9% | RPD Ok | 3.48 | 3.9 | -0.8 | -20.6% | Difference Ok |
| A100270O | routine-Roxbury | 7.92 | 9.16 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 14.5% | RPD Ok | 8.01 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 1.1% | RPD Ok |
| A100429T | routine-NY | 4.18 | 4.67 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 11.1% | RPD Ok | 3.52 | 3.9 | -0.7 | -17.1% | RPD Ok |
| A100530P | routine-NY | 3.00 | 4.18 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 32.9% | Outlier | 3.03 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 1.0% | RPD Ok |
| A100227L | field blk-NY | 0.98 | 3.21 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 106.4% | Outlier | 2.06 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 71.1% | Outlier |
| A100138L | routine-NY | 4.97 | 7.60 | 6.3 | 2.6 | 41.8% | Outlier | 6.45 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 25.9% | Outlier |
| A1006697 | routine-Phoenix | 4.96 | 6.23 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 22.7% | Outlier | 5.08 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 2.4% | RPD Ok |
| A100249R | routine-Phoenix | 3.50 | 5.04 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 36.1% | Outlier | 3.89 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 10.6% | RPD Ok |
| A100366V | routine-Phoenix | 2.88 | 4.80 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 50.0% | Outlier | 3.65 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 23.6% | Difference Ok |
| A100458Y | field blk-Roxbury | 0.40 | 1.70 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 123.8% | Outlier | 0.55 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 31.6% | Difference Ok |
| A100460S | field blk-Phoenix | 0.76 | 1.49 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 64.9% | Difference Ok | 0.34 | 0.6 | -0.4 | -76.4% | Difference Ok |

Table 5

| Sample | Type | <i>No Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | | <i>With Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | | RTI EC (µg/cm ²) | EPA EC (µg/cm ²) | Average EC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | EPA EC (µg/cm ²) | Average EC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 0.06 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A100472W | routine-Phoenix | 2.81 | 3.90 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 32.5% | Outlier | 3.84 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 31.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100628Y | routine-NY | 0.24 | 0.78 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 105.9% | Difference Ok | 0.72 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 100.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100452S | routine-Phoenix | 2.68 | 3.65 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 30.6% | Difference Ok | 3.59 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 29.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A1005945 | routine-Phoenix | 0.60 | 1.27 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 71.7% | Difference Ok | 1.21 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 67.4% | Difference Ok | |
| A100291T | routine-Roxbury | 0.68 | 2.38 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 111.1% | Outlier | 2.32 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 109.3% | Outlier | |
| A100637Z | routine-Roxbury | 1.17 | 1.42 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 19.3% | RPD Ok | 1.36 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 15.0% | RPD Ok | |
| A100727O | routine-Roxbury | 1.76 | 1.89 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 7.1% | RPD Ok | 1.83 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 3.9% | RPD Ok | |
| A1009414 | routine-Roxbury | 2.00 | 2.20 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 9.5% | RPD Ok | 2.14 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 6.8% | RPD Ok | |
| A100060G | trip blk-NY | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0% | RPD Ok | 0.00 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -200.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100051F | trip blk-NY | 0.08 | -0.04 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -600.0% | Difference Ok | -0.10 | -0.0 | -0.2 | 1800.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100056K | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 75.0% | Difference Ok | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0% | RPD Ok | |
| A100154L | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 35.3% | Difference Ok | 0.04 | 0.1 | -0.0 | -54.5% | Difference Ok | |
| A1007521 | routine-NY | 0.79 | 1.12 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 34.6% | Difference Ok | 1.06 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 29.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A1005752 | routine-Phoenix | 0.12 | 0.56 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 129.4% | Difference Ok | 0.50 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 122.6% | Difference Ok | |
| A100701Q | routine-Phoenix | 1.80 | 2.14 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 17.3% | RPD Ok | 2.08 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 14.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100418Q | routine-Roxbury | 0.13 | 0.55 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 123.5% | Difference Ok | 0.49 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 116.1% | Difference Ok | |
| A1008182 | routine-Roxbury | 0.46 | 0.57 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 21.4% | Difference Ok | 0.51 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 10.3% | RPD Ok | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 0.16 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A1009083 | routine-Phoenix | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 2.2% | RPD Ok | 1.20 | 1.3 | -0.1 | -10.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A1007190 | routine-Roxbury | 1.60 | 1.79 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 11.2% | RPD Ok | 1.63 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.9% | RPD Ok | |
| A100044G | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 85.7% | Difference Ok | -0.01 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -280.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A1008375 | routine-Phoenix | 0.91 | 0.84 | 0.9 | -0.1 | -8.0% | RPD Ok | 0.68 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -28.9% | Difference Ok | |
| A1001271 | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.03 | 0.35 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 168.4% | Difference Ok | 0.19 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 145.5% | Difference Ok | |
| A100382V | field blk-NY | 0.05 | 0.24 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 131.0% | Difference Ok | 0.08 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 46.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A100537W | routine-Phoenix | 0.28 | 0.54 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 63.4% | Difference Ok | 0.38 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 30.3% | Difference Ok | |
| A100515N | field blk-Roxbury | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0% | Difference Ok | -0.07 | -0.0 | -0.1 | 500.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A1003881 | field blk-Roxbury | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 133.3% | Difference Ok | -0.01 | 0.0 | -0.0 | -400.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100192R | routine-Roxbury | 2.26 | 1.93 | 2.1 | -0.3 | -15.8% | RPD Ok | 1.77 | 2.0 | -0.5 | -24.3% | Difference Ok | |
| A1004942 | field blk-Phoenix | -0.01 | 0.06 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 280.0% | Difference Ok | -0.10 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 163.6% | Difference Ok | |
| A100095R | routine-NY | 2.69 | 2.98 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 10.2% | RPD Ok | 2.82 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 4.7% | RPD Ok | |
| A100014A | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.07 | 0.37 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 136.4% | Difference Ok | 0.21 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A1009629 | routine-Phoenix | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 14.7% | RPD Ok | 0.35 | 0.4 | -0.1 | -22.8% | Difference Ok | |

| Sample | Type | <i>No Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | | <i>With Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | RTI EC (µg/cm ²) | EPA EC (µg/cm ²) | Average EC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | EPA EC (µg/cm ²) | Average EC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment |
| A100185S | routine-NY | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 2.2% | RPD Ok | 0.74 | 0.8 | -0.1 | -17.3% | RPD Ok |
| A1005978 | routine-Roxbury | 0.39 | 0.87 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 76.2% | Difference Ok | 0.71 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 58.2% | Difference Ok |
| A100423N | routine-Phoenix | 1.20 | 1.51 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 22.9% | Difference Ok | 1.35 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 11.8% | RPD Ok |
| A100625V | routine-NY | 0.27 | 0.90 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 107.7% | Difference Ok | 0.74 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 93.1% | Difference Ok |
| A100448W | routine-NY | 0.55 | 1.49 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 92.2% | Difference Ok | 1.33 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 83.0% | Difference Ok |
| A100270O | routine-Roxbury | 1.28 | 1.54 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 18.4% | RPD Ok | 1.38 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 7.5% | RPD Ok |
| A100429T | routine-NY | 0.51 | 1.35 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 90.3% | Difference Ok | 1.19 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 80.0% | Difference Ok |
| A100530P | routine-NY | 0.46 | 1.53 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 107.5% | Outlier | 1.37 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 99.5% | Difference Ok |
| A100227L | field blk-NY | 0.11 | 0.23 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 70.6% | Difference Ok | 0.07 | 0.1 | -0.0 | -44.4% | Difference Ok |
| A100138L | routine-NY | 1.05 | 0.91 | 1.0 | -0.1 | -14.3% | RPD Ok | 0.75 | 0.9 | -0.3 | -33.3% | Difference Ok |
| A1006697 | routine-Phoenix | 0.87 | 0.90 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 3.4% | RPD Ok | 0.74 | 0.8 | -0.1 | -16.1% | RPD Ok |
| A100249R | routine-Phoenix | 0.28 | 0.63 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 76.9% | Difference Ok | 0.47 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 50.7% | Difference Ok |
| A100366V | routine-Phoenix | 0.34 | 0.61 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 56.8% | Difference Ok | 0.45 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 27.8% | Difference Ok |
| A100458Y | field blk-Roxbury | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 73.3% | Difference Ok | -0.05 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -20200.0% | Difference Ok |
| A100460S | field blk-Phoenix | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 78.3% | Difference Ok | 0.00 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -200.0% | Difference Ok |

Table 6

| Sample | Type | <i>No Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | | <i>With Trip Blank Subtraction</i> | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|--|
| | | RTI TC (µg/cm ²) | EPA TC (µg/cm ²) | Average TC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | EPA TC (µg/cm ²) | Average TC (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab Difference (µg/cm ²) | Inter-Lab RPD | Inter-Lab Assessment | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 1.46 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A100472W | routine-Phoenix | 17.65 | 17.30 | 17.5 | -0.3 | -2.0% | RPD Ok | 15.84 | 16.7 | -1.8 | -10.8% | RPD Ok | |
| A100628Y | routine-NY | 2.57 | 3.89 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 40.9% | Outlier | 2.43 | 2.5 | -0.1 | -5.6% | RPD Ok | |
| A100452S | routine-Phoenix | 15.80 | 17.21 | 16.5 | 1.4 | 8.5% | RPD Ok | 15.75 | 15.8 | -0.1 | -0.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A1005945 | routine-Phoenix | 5.68 | 6.58 | 6.1 | 0.9 | 14.7% | RPD Ok | 5.12 | 5.4 | -0.6 | -10.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100291T | routine-Roxbury | 9.16 | 10.14 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 10.2% | RPD Ok | 8.68 | 8.9 | -0.5 | -5.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100637Z | routine-Roxbury | 5.28 | 6.30 | 5.8 | 1.0 | 17.6% | RPD Ok | 4.84 | 5.1 | -0.4 | -8.7% | RPD Ok | |
| A100727O | routine-Roxbury | 6.46 | 7.60 | 7.0 | 1.1 | 16.2% | RPD Ok | 6.14 | 6.3 | -0.3 | -5.1% | RPD Ok | |
| A1009414 | routine-Roxbury | 6.56 | 7.30 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 10.7% | RPD Ok | 5.84 | 6.2 | -0.7 | -11.6% | RPD Ok | |
| A100060G | trip blk-NY | 0.75 | 1.58 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 71.2% | Difference Ok | 0.12 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -144.8% | Difference Ok | |
| A100051F | trip blk-NY | 1.03 | 2.07 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 67.1% | Difference Ok | 0.61 | 0.8 | -0.4 | -51.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A100056K | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.33 | 1.96 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 142.4% | Outlier | 0.50 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 41.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100154L | trip blk-Phoenix | 0.40 | 2.21 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 138.7% | Outlier | 0.75 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 60.9% | Difference Ok | |
| A1007521 | routine-NY | 2.80 | 4.35 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 43.4% | Outlier | 2.89 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 3.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A1005752 | routine-Phoenix | 2.29 | 3.75 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 48.3% | Outlier | 2.29 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0% | RPD Ok | |
| A100701Q | routine-Phoenix | 9.29 | 10.68 | 10.0 | 1.4 | 13.9% | RPD Ok | 9.22 | 9.3 | -0.1 | -0.8% | RPD Ok | |
| A100418Q | routine-Roxbury | 2.37 | 3.33 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 33.7% | Difference Ok | 1.87 | 2.1 | -0.5 | -23.6% | Difference Ok | |
| A1008182 | routine-Roxbury | 2.11 | 3.70 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 54.7% | Outlier | 2.24 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 6.0% | RPD Ok | |
| Trip Blank | ----- | ----- | 1.31 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| A1009083 | routine-Phoenix | 6.93 | 8.77 | 7.8 | 1.8 | 23.4% | Outlier | 7.46 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 7.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A1007190 | routine-Roxbury | 7.76 | 9.80 | 8.8 | 2.0 | 23.2% | Outlier | 8.49 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 9.0% | RPD Ok | |
| A100044G | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.90 | 2.05 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 78.0% | Outlier | 0.74 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -19.5% | RPD Ok | |
| A1008375 | routine-Phoenix | 6.47 | 7.63 | 7.0 | 1.2 | 16.5% | RPD Ok | 6.32 | 6.4 | -0.1 | -2.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A1001271 | trip blk-Roxbury | 1.85 | 4.07 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 75.0% | Outlier | 2.76 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 39.5% | Difference Ok | |
| A100382V | field blk-NY | 1.26 | 3.12 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 84.9% | Outlier | 1.81 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 35.8% | Difference Ok | |
| A100537W | routine-Phoenix | 4.09 | 5.72 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 33.2% | Outlier | 4.41 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 7.5% | RPD Ok | |
| A100515N | field blk-Roxbury | 1.37 | 2.56 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 60.6% | Outlier | 1.25 | 1.3 | -0.1 | -9.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A1003881 | field blk-Roxbury | 1.15 | 2.13 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 59.8% | Difference Ok | 0.82 | 1.0 | -0.3 | -33.5% | Difference Ok | |
| A100192R | routine-Roxbury | 7.89 | 9.67 | 8.8 | 1.8 | 20.3% | Outlier | 8.36 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 5.8% | RPD Ok | |
| A1004942 | field blk-Phoenix | 1.09 | 2.03 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 60.3% | Difference Ok | 0.72 | 0.9 | -0.4 | -40.9% | Difference Ok | |
| A100095R | routine-NY | 9.05 | 10.65 | 9.8 | 1.6 | 16.2% | RPD Ok | 9.34 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 3.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A100014A | trip blk-Roxbury | 0.91 | 4.74 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 135.6% | Outlier | 3.43 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 116.1% | Outlier | |
| A1009629 | routine-Phoenix | 3.55 | 5.65 | 4.6 | 2.1 | 45.7% | Outlier | 4.34 | 3.9 | 0.8 | 20.0% | Difference Ok | |

| | | No Trip Blank Subtraction | | | | | | With Trip Blank Subtraction | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| Sample | Type | RTI | EPA | Average | Inter-Lab | Inter-Lab | | EPA | Average | Inter-Lab | Inter-Lab | | |
| | | TC (µg/cm ²) | TC (µg/cm ²) | TC (µg/cm ²) | Difference (µg/cm ²) | RPD | Assessment | TC (µg/cm ²) | TC (µg/cm ²) | Difference (µg/cm ²) | RPD | Assessment | |
| A100185S | routine-NY | 3.62 | 5.70 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 44.6% | Outlier | 4.39 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 19.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A1005978 | routine-Roxbury | 4.73 | 6.57 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 32.6% | Outlier | 5.26 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 10.6% | RPD Ok | |
| A100423N | routine-Phoenix | 8.69 | 10.85 | 9.8 | 2.2 | 22.1% | Outlier | 9.54 | 9.1 | 0.9 | 9.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A100625V | routine-NY | 2.81 | 4.09 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 37.1% | Outlier | 2.78 | 2.8 | -0.0 | -1.1% | RPD Ok | |
| A100448W | routine-NY | 4.83 | 6.12 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 23.6% | Outlier | 4.81 | 4.8 | -0.0 | -0.4% | RPD Ok | |
| A100270O | routine-Roxbury | 9.20 | 10.70 | 9.9 | 1.5 | 15.1% | RPD Ok | 9.39 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 2.0% | RPD Ok | |
| A100429T | routine-NY | 4.68 | 6.02 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 25.0% | Outlier | 4.71 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.6% | RPD Ok | |
| A100530P | routine-NY | 3.45 | 5.71 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 49.3% | Outlier | 4.40 | 3.9 | 1.0 | 24.2% | Difference Ok | |
| A100227L | field blk-NY | 1.09 | 3.45 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 104.0% | Outlier | 2.14 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 65.0% | Outlier | |
| A100138L | routine-NY | 6.02 | 8.51 | 7.3 | 2.5 | 34.3% | Outlier | 7.20 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 17.9% | RPD Ok | |
| A1006697 | routine-Phoenix | 5.83 | 7.13 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 20.1% | Outlier | 5.82 | 5.8 | -0.0 | -0.2% | RPD Ok | |
| A100249R | routine-Phoenix | 3.78 | 5.67 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 40.0% | Outlier | 4.36 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 14.3% | RPD Ok | |
| A100366V | routine-Phoenix | 3.22 | 5.41 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 50.8% | Outlier | 4.10 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 24.0% | Difference Ok | |
| A100458Y | field blk-Roxbury | 0.45 | 1.81 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 120.4% | Outlier | 0.50 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 10.5% | RPD Ok | |
| A100460S | field blk-Phoenix | 0.82 | 1.64 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 66.7% | Difference Ok | 0.33 | 0.6 | -0.5 | -85.2% | Difference Ok | |
| RTI Std | ----- | ----- | 4.01(96%) | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |
| RTI Std | ----- | ----- | 4.18(99%) | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | |