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## Foreword

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is charged by Congress with protecting the nation's natural resources. Under the mandate of national environmental laws, the Agency strives to formulate and implement actions leading to a compatible balance between human activities and the ability of natural systems to support and nurture life. To meet this mandate, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) provides data and scientific support that can be used to solve environmental problems, build the scientific knowledge base needed to manage ecological resources wisely, understand how pollutants affect public health, and prevent or reduce environmental risks.

The National Exposure Research Laboratory is the Agency's center for investigation of technical and management approaches for identifying and quantifying risks to human health and the environment. Goals of the laboratory's research program are to (1) develop and evaluate methods and technologies for characterizing and monitoring air, soil, and water; (2) support regulatory and policy decisions; and (3) provide the scientific support needed to ensure effective implementation of environmental regulations and strategies.

EPA's Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) Program evaluates technologies designed for characterization and remediation of contaminated Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) sites. The SITE Program was created to provide reliable cost and performance data to speed acceptance and use of innovative remediation, characterization, and monitoring technologies by the regulatory and user community.

Effective monitoring and measurement technologies are needed to assess the degree of contamination at a site, provide data that can be used to determine the risk to public health or the environment, and monitor the success or failure of a remediation process. One component of the EPA SITE Program, the Monitoring and Measurement Technology (MMT) Program, demonstrates and evaluates innovative technologies to meet these needs.

Candidate technologies can originate within the federal government or the private sector. Through the SITE Program, developers are given an opportunity to conduct a rigorous demonstration of their technologies under actual field conditions. By completing the demonstration and distributing the results, the Agency establishes a baseline for acceptance and use of these technologies. The MMT Program is managed by ORD's Environmental Sciences Division in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Abstract

The Niton XLi 700 Series (XLi) XRF Services x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer was demonstrated under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) Program. The field portion of the demonstration was conducted in January 2005 at the Kennedy Athletic, Recreational and Social Park (KARS) at Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. The demonstration was designed to collect reliable performance and cost data for the XLi analyzer and seven other commercially available XRF instruments for measuring trace elements in soil and sediment. The performance and cost data were evaluated to document the relative performance of each XRF instrument.

This innovative technology verification report describes the objectives and the results of that evaluation and serves to verify the performance and cost of the XLi analyzer. Separate reports have been prepared for the other XRF instruments that were evaluated as part of the demonstration.

The objectives of the evaluation included determining each XRF instrument's accuracy, precision, sample throughput, and tendency for matrix effects. To fulfill these objectives, the field demonstration incorporated the analysis of 326 prepared samples of soil and sediment that contained 13 target elements. The prepared samples included blends of environmental samples from nine different sample collection sites as well as spiked samples with certified element concentrations. Accuracy was assessed by comparing the XRF instrument's results with data generated by a fixed laboratory (the reference laboratory). The reference laboratory performed element analysis using acid digestion and inductively coupled plasma – atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES), in accordance with EPA Method 3050B/6010B, and using cold vapor atomic absorption (CVAA) spectroscopy for mercury only, in accordance with EPA Method 7471A.

The Niton XLi portable analyzer features a choice of either a full suite of traditional isotope (the XLi) or a miniaturized x-ray tube (the XLt which was evaluated in a separate report) for rapid chemical characterization of soils, sediment, and other thick homogeneous samples. The pre-set factory calibration allows simultaneous analysis of up to 25 elements, including all eight Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) metals, in bulk materials with no requirement for site-specific calibrations or standards. Whether testing is performed in situ (directly onto the ground) or ex situ (bagged or prepared samples), sophisticated software automatically compensates for matrix variations from sample to sample, allowing the operator to simply “point and shoot” any bulk sample without unnecessary data entry or additional calibrations capability is also available.

Niton's XLi 700 Series analyzers are easy to operate, light weight, ergonomic, and are an advanced isotope-based environmental XRF instrument. Niton offers various isotope options to best optimize performance for the environmental application.

This report describes the results of the evaluation of the XLi analyzer based on the data obtained during the demonstration. The method detection limits, accuracy, and precision of the instrument for each of the 13 target analytes are presented and discussed. The cost of element analysis using the XLi analyzer is compiled and compared to both fixed laboratory costs and average XRF instrument costs.

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## Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Symbols

μg	Micrograms
μA	Micro-amps
AC	Alternating current
ADC	Analog to digital converter
Ag	Silver
Am	Americium
ARDL	Applied Research and Development Laboratory, Inc.
As	Arsenic
ASARCO	American Smelting and Refining Company
BN	Burlington Northern
C	Celsius
Cd	Cadmium
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cps	Counts per second
CPU	Central processing unit
Cr	Chromium
CSV	Comma-separated value
Cu	Copper
CVAA	Cold vapor atomic absorption
EDXRF	Energy dispersive XRF
EDD	Electronic data deliverable
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ERA	Environmental Research Associates
ESA	Environmental site assessment
ESD	Environmental Sciences Division
ETV	Environmental Technology Verification (Program)
eV	Electron volts
Fe	Iron
FPT	Fundamental Parameters Technique
FWHM	Full width of peak at half maximum height
GB	Gigabyte
Hg	Mercury
Hz	Hertz

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## Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Symbols (Continued)

ICP-AES	Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry
ICP-MS	Inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry
IR	Infrared
ITVR	Innovative Technology Verification Report
KARS	Kennedy Athletic, Recreational and Social (Park)
keV	Kiloelectron volts
kg	Kilograms
KSC	Kennedy Space Center
kV	Kilovolts
LEAP	Light Element Analysis Program
LiF	Lithium fluoride
LIMS	Laboratory information management system
LOD	Limit of detection
mA	Milli-amps
MB	Megabyte
MBq	Mega Becquerels
MCA	Multi-channel analyzer
mCi	Millicuries
MDL	Method detection limit
mg/kg	Milligrams per kilogram
MHz	Megahertz
mm	Millimeters
MMT	Monitoring and Measurement Technology (Program)
Mo	Molybdenum
MS	Matrix spike
MSD	Matrix spike duplicate
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NELAC	National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference
NERL	National Exposure Research Laboratory
Ni	Nickel
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NIST	National Institute for Standards and Technology
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NSWC	Naval Surface Warfare Center
ORD	Office of Research and Development
OSWER	Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

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## Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Symbols (Continued)

P	Phosphorus
Pb	Lead
PC	Personal computer
PDA	Personal digital assistant
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
Pd	Palladium
PE	Performance evaluation
PeT	Pentaerythritol
ppb	Parts per billion
ppm	Parts per million
Pu	Plutonium
QA	Quality assurance
QAPP	Quality assurance project plan
QC	Quality control
$r^2$	Correlation coefficient
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Rh	Rhodium
RPD	Relative percent difference
RSD	Relative standard deviation
%RSD	Percent relative standard deviation
SAP	Sampling and analysis plan
SBMM	Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine
Sb	Antimony
Se	Selenium
Si	Silicon
SITE	Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation
SOP	Standard operating procedure
SRM	Standard reference material
SVOC	Semivolatile organic compound
TAP	Thallium acid phthalate
Tetra Tech	Tetra Tech EM Inc.
Ti	Titanium
TSA	Technical systems audit
TSP	Total suspended particulates
TXRF	Total reflection x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy
U	Uranium
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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## Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Symbols (Continued)

V	Vanadium
V	Volts
VOC	Volatile organic compound
W	Watts
WDXRF	Wavelength-dispersive XRF
WRS	Wilcoxon Rank Sum
XRF	X-ray fluorescence
Zn	Zinc

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD) conducted a demonstration to evaluate the performance of innovative x-ray fluorescence (XRF) technologies for measuring trace elements in soil and sediment. The demonstration was conducted as part of the EPA Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) Program.

Eight field-portable XRF instruments, which were provided and operated by six XRF technology developers, were evaluated as part of the demonstration. Each of these technology developers and their instruments are listed in Table 1-1. The technology developers brought each of these instruments to the demonstration site during the field portion of the demonstration. The instruments were used to analyze a total of 326 prepared soil and sediment samples that contained 13 target elements. The same sample set was analyzed by a fixed laboratory (the reference laboratory) using established EPA reference methods. The results obtained using each XRF instrument in the field were compared with the results obtained by the reference laboratory to assess instrument accuracy. The results

of replicate sample analysis were utilized to assess the precision and the detection limits that each XRF instrument could achieve. The results of these evaluations, as well as technical observations and cost information, were then documented in an Innovative Technology Verification Report (ITVR) for each instrument. This ITVR documents EPA's evaluation of the Niton XLi 700 Series XRF analyzer based on the results of the demonstration.

### 1.1 Organization of this Report

This report is organized to first present general information pertinent to the demonstration. This information is common to all eight ITVRs that were developed from the XRF demonstration. Specifically, this information includes an introduction (Chapter 1), the locations where the field samples were collected (Chapter 2), the field demonstration (Chapter 3), the evaluation design (Chapter 4), and the reference laboratory results (Chapter 5).

The second part of this report provides information relevant to the specific instrument that is the subject of this ITVR. This information includes a description

**Table 1-1. Participating Technology Developers and Instruments**

<b>Developer Full Name</b>	<b>Distributor in the United States</b>	<b>Developer Short Name</b>	<b>Instrument Full Name</b>	<b>Instrument Short Name</b>
Elvatech, Ltd.	Xcalibur XRF Services	Xcalibur	ElvaX	ElvaX
Innov-X Systems	Innov-X	Innov-X	XT400 Series	XT400
NITON Analyzers, A Division of Thermo Electron Corporation	NITON Analyzers, A Division of Thermo Electron Corporation	Niton	XLt 700 Series XLi 700 Series	XLt XLi
Oxford Instruments Analytical, Ltd.	Oxford Instruments Analytical, Ltd.	Oxford	X-Met 3000 TX ED2000	X-Met ED2000
Rigaku, Inc.	Rigaku, Inc.	Rigaku	ZSX Mini II	ZSX Mini II
RÖNTEC AG (acquired by Bruker AXS, 11/2005)	RÖNTEC USA	Rontec	PicoTAX	PicoTAX



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of the instrument (Chapter 6), a performance evaluation (Chapter 7), a cost analysis (Chapter 8), and a summary of the demonstration results (Chapter 9).

References are provided in Chapter 10. A verification statement for the instrument is provided as Appendix A. Comments from the instrument developer on the demonstration and any exceptions to EPA's evaluation are presented in Appendix B. Appendices C, D, and E contain the data validation summary report for the reference laboratory data and detailed evaluations of instrument versus reference laboratory results.

## 1.2 Description of the SITE Program

Performance verification of innovative environmental technologies is an integral part of EPA's regulatory and research mission. The SITE Program was established by the EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and ORD under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. The overall goal of the SITE Program is to conduct performance verification studies and to promote acceptance of innovative technologies that may be used to achieve long-term protection of human health and the environment. The program is designed to meet three primary objectives: (1) identify and remove obstacles to development and commercial use of innovative technologies; (2) demonstrate promising innovative technologies and gather reliable information on performance and cost to support site characterization and cleanup; and (3) maintain an outreach program to operate existing technologies and identify new opportunities for their use.

Additional information on the SITE Program is available on the EPA ORD web site ([www.epa.gov/ord/SITE](http://www.epa.gov/ord/SITE)).

The intent of a SITE demonstration is to obtain representative, high-quality data on the performance and cost of one or more innovative technologies so that potential users can assess a technology's suitability for a specific application. The SITE Program includes the following program elements:

- Monitoring and Measurement Technology (MMT) Program – Evaluates technologies that sample, detect, monitor, or measure hazardous

and toxic substances. These technologies are expected to provide better, faster, or more cost-effective methods for producing real-time data during site characterization and remediation studies than can conventional technologies.

- Remediation Technology Program – Demonstrates innovative treatment technologies to provide reliable data on performance, cost, and applicability for site cleanups.
- Technology Transfer Program – Provides and disseminates technical information in the form of updates, brochures, and other publications that promote the SITE Program and the participating technologies.

The demonstration of XRF instruments was conducted as part of the MMT Program, which is administered by the Environmental Sciences Division (ESD) of the National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Additional information on the NERL ESD is available on the EPA web site ([www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/](http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/)). Tetra Tech EM Inc. (Tetra Tech), an EPA contractor, provided comprehensive technical support to the demonstration.

## 1.3 Scope of the Demonstration

Conventional analytical methods for measuring the concentrations of inorganic elements in soil and sediment are time-consuming and costly. For this reason, field-portable XRF instruments have been proposed as an alternative approach, particularly where rapid and cost-effective assessment of a site is a goal. The use of a field XRF instrument for elemental analysis allows field personnel to quickly assess the extent of contamination by target elements at a site. Furthermore, the near instantaneous data provided by field-portable XRF instruments can be used to quickly identify areas where there may be increased risks and allow development of a more focused and cost-effective sampling strategy for conventional laboratory analysis.

EPA-sponsored demonstrations of XRF technologies have been under way for more than a decade. The first SITE MMT demonstration of XRF occurred in 1995, when six instruments were evaluated for their

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ability to analyze 10 target elements. The results of this demonstration were published in individual reports for each instrument (EPA 1996a, 1996b, 1998a, 1998b, 1998c, and 1998d). In 2003, two XRF instruments were included in a demonstration of field methods for analysis of mercury in soil and sediment. Individual ITVRs were also prepared for each of these two instruments (EPA 2004a, 2004b).

Although XRF spectrometry is now considered a mature technology for elemental analysis, field-portable XRF instruments have evolved considerably over the past 10 years, and many of the instruments that were evaluated in the original demonstration are no longer manufactured. Advances in electronics and data processing, coupled with new x-ray tube source technology, have produced substantial improvements in the precision and speed of XRF analysis. The current demonstration of XRF instruments was intended to evaluate these new technologies, with an expanded set of target elements, to provide information to potential users on current state-of-the-art instrumentation and its associated capabilities.

During the demonstration, performance data regarding each field-portable XRF instrument were collected through analysis of a sample set that included a broad range of soil/sediment types and target element concentrations. To develop this sample set, soil and sediment samples that contain the target elements of concern were collected in bulk quantities at nine sites from across the U.S. These bulk samples of soil and sediment were homogenized, characterized, and packaged into demonstration samples for the evaluation. Some of the batches of soil and sediment were spiked with selected target elements to ensure that representative concentration ranges were included for all target elements and that the sample design was robust. Replicate samples of the material in each batch were included in the final set of demonstration samples to assess instrument precision and detection limits. The final demonstration sample set therefore included 326 samples.

Each developer analyzed all 326 samples during the field demonstration using its XRF instrument and in accordance with its standard operating procedure. The field demonstration was conducted during the week of January 24, 2005, at the Kennedy Athletic,

Recreational and Social (KARS) Park, which is part of the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. Observers were assigned to each XRF instrument during the field demonstration to collect detailed information on the instrument and operating procedures, including sample processing times, for subsequent evaluation. The reference laboratory also analyzed a complete set of the demonstration samples for the target elements using acid digestion and inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES), in accordance with EPA Method 3050B/6010B, and using cold vapor atomic absorption (CVAA) spectroscopy (for mercury only) in accordance with EPA Method 7471A. By assuming that the results from the reference laboratory were essentially “true” values, instrument accuracy was assessed by comparing the results obtained using the XRF instrument with the results from the reference laboratory. The data obtained using the XRF instrument were also assessed in other ways, in accordance with the objectives of the demonstration, to provide information on instrument precision, detection limits, and interferences.

#### **1.4 General Description of XRF Technology**

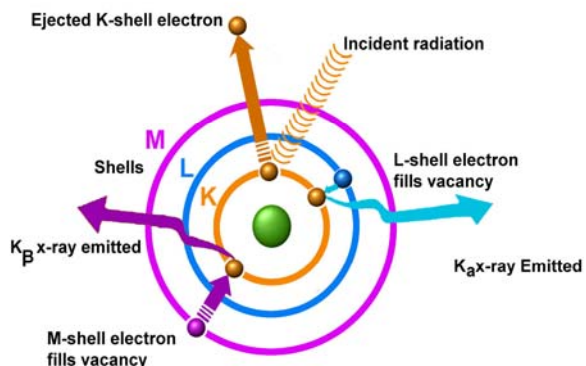
XRF spectroscopy is an analytical technique that exposes a solid sample to an x-ray source. The x-rays from the source have the appropriate excitation energy that causes elements in the sample to emit characteristic x-rays. A qualitative elemental analysis is possible from the characteristic energy, or wavelength, of the fluorescent x-rays emitted. A quantitative elemental analysis is possible by counting the number (intensity) of x-rays at a given wavelength.

Three electron shells are generally involved in emissions of x-rays during XRF analysis of samples: the K, L, and M shells. Multiple-intensity peaks are generated from the K, L, or M shell electrons in a typical emission pattern, also called an emission spectrum, for a given element. Most XRF analysis focuses on the x-ray emissions from the K and L shells because they are the most energetic lines. K lines are typically used for elements with atomic numbers from 11 to 46 (sodium to palladium), and L lines are used for elements above atomic number 47 (silver). M-shell emissions are measurable only for

metals with an atomic number greater than 57 (lanthanum).

As illustrated in Figure 1-1, characteristic radiation arises when the energy from the x-ray source exceeds the absorption edge energy of inner-shell electrons, ejecting one or more electrons. The vacancies are filled by electrons that cascade in from the outer shells. The energy states of the electrons in the outer shells are higher than those of the inner-shell electrons, and the outer-shell electrons emit energy in the form of x-rays as they cascade down. The energy of this x-ray radiation is unique for each element.

An XRF analyzer consists of three major components: (1) a source that generates x-rays (a radioisotope or x-ray tube); (2) a detector that converts x-rays emitted from the sample into measurable electronic signals; and (3) a data processing unit that records the emission or fluorescence energy signals and calculates the elemental concentrations in the sample.



**Figure 1-1. The XRF process.**

Measurement times vary (typically ranging from 30 to 600 seconds), based primarily on data quality objectives. Shorter analytical measurement times (30 seconds) are generally used for initial screening, element identification, and hot-spot delineation, while longer measurement times (300 seconds or more) are typically used to meet higher goals for precision and accuracy. The length of the measuring time will also affect the detection limit; generally, the longer the measuring time, the lower the detection limit. However, detection limits for individual elements may increase because of sample hetero-

geneity or the presence of other elements in the sample that fluoresce with similar x-ray energies.

The main variables that affect precision and accuracy for XRF analysis are:

1. Physical matrix effects (variations in the physical character of the sample).
2. Chemical matrix effects (absorption and enhancement phenomena) and Spectral interferences (peak overlaps).
3. Moisture content above 10 percent, which affects x-ray transmission.

Because of these variables, it is important that each field XRF characterization effort be guided by a well-considered sampling and analysis plan. Sample preparation and homogenization, instrument calibration, and laboratory confirmation analysis are all important aspects of an XRF sampling and analysis plan. EPA SW-846 Method 6200 provides additional guidance on sampling and analytical methodology for XRF analysis.

## 1.5 Properties of the Target Elements

This section describes the target elements selected for the technology demonstration and the typical characteristics of each. Key criteria used in selecting the target elements included:

- The frequency that the element is determined in environmental applications of XRF instruments.
- The extent that the element poses an environmental consequence, such as a potential risk to human or environmental receptors.
- The ability of XRF technology to achieve detection limits below typical remediation goals and risk assessment criteria.
- The extent that the element may interfere with the analysis of other target elements.

In considering these criteria, the critical target elements selected for this study were antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, vanadium, and zinc. These 13 target elements are of significant concern for site cleanups and human health risk

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assessments because most are highly toxic or interfere with the analysis of other elements. The demonstration therefore focused on the analysis of these 13 elements in evaluating the various XRF instruments.

### ***1.5.1 Antimony***

Naturally occurring antimony in surface soils is typically found at less than 1 to 4 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Antimony is mobile in the environment and is bioavailable for uptake by plants; concentrations greater than 5 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic and concentrations above 31 mg/kg in soil may be hazardous to humans. Antimony may be found along with arsenic in mine wastes, at shooting ranges, and at industrial facilities. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 40 mg/kg. Antimony is typically analyzed with success by ICP-AES; however, recovery of antimony in soil matrix spikes is often below quality control (QC) limits (50 percent or less) as a result of loss through volatilization during acid digestion. Therefore, results using ICP-AES may be lower than are obtained by XRF.

### ***1.5.2 Arsenic***

Naturally occurring arsenic in surface soils typically ranges from 1 to 50 mg/kg; concentrations above 10 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations of arsenic greater than 0.39 mg/kg may cause carcinogenic effects in humans, and concentrations above 22 mg/kg may result in adverse noncarcinogenic effects. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 20 mg/kg arsenic. Elevated concentrations of arsenic are associated with mine wastes and industrial facilities. Arsenic is successfully analyzed by ICP-AES; however, spectral interferences between peaks for arsenic and lead can affect detection limits and accuracy in XRF analysis when the ratio of lead to arsenic is 10 to 1 or more. Risk-based screening levels and soil screening levels for arsenic may be lower than the detection limits of field-portable XRF instruments.

### ***1.5.3 Cadmium***

Naturally occurring cadmium in surface soils typically ranges from 0.6 to 1.1 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 4 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations of cadmium that exceed 37 mg/kg may result in adverse effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 50 mg/kg. Elevated concentrations of cadmium are associated with mine wastes and industrial facilities. Cadmium is successfully analyzed by both ICP-AES and field-portable XRF; however, action levels for cadmium may be lower than the detection limits of field-portable XRF instruments.

### ***1.5.4 Chromium***

Naturally occurring chromium in surface soils typically ranges from 1 to 1,000 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 1 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic, although specific phytotoxicity levels for naturally occurring chromium have not been documented. The variable oxidation states of chromium affect its behavior and toxicity. Concentrations of hexavalent chromium above 30 mg/kg and of trivalent chromium above 10,000 mg/kg may cause adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 50 mg/kg. Hexavalent chromium is typically associated with metal plating or other industrial facilities. Trivalent chromium may be found in mine waste and at industrial facilities. Neither ICP-AES nor field-portable XRF can distinguish between oxidation states for chromium (or any other element).

### ***1.5.5 Copper***

Naturally occurring copper in surface soils typically ranges from 2 to 100 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 100 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations greater than 3,100 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 50 mg/kg. Copper is mobile and is a common contaminant in soil and sediments. Elevated concentrations of copper are associated with mine wastes and industrial facilities. Copper is successfully analyzed by ICP-AES and XRF;

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however, spectral interferences between peaks for copper and zinc may affect the detection limits and accuracy of the XRF analysis.

### **1.5.6 Iron**

Although iron is not considered an element that poses a significant environmental consequence, it interferes with measurement of other elements and was therefore included in the study. Furthermore, iron is often used as a target reference element in XRF analysis.

Naturally occurring iron in surface soils typically ranges from 7,000 to 550,000 mg/kg, with the iron content originating primarily from parent rock. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments are in the range of 10 to 60 mg/kg. Iron is easily analyzed by both ICP-AES and XRF; however, neither technique can distinguish among iron species in soil. Although iron in soil may pose few environmental consequences, high levels of iron may interfere with analyses of other elements in both techniques (ICP-AES and XRF). Spectral interference from iron is mitigated in ICP-AES analysis by applying inter-element correction factors, as required by the analytical method. Differences in analytical results between ICP-AES and XRF for other target elements are expected when concentrations of iron are high in the soil matrix.

### **1.5.7 Lead**

Naturally occurring lead in surface soils typically ranges from 2 to 200 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations greater than 400 mg/kg may result in adverse effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 20 mg/kg. Lead is a common contaminant at many sites, and human and environmental exposure can occur through many routes. Lead is frequently found in mine waste, at lead-acid battery recycling facilities, at oil refineries, and in lead-based paint. Lead is successfully analyzed by ICP-AES and XRF; however, spectral interferences between peaks for lead and arsenic in XRF analysis can affect detection limits and accuracy when the ratio of arsenic to lead is 10 to 1 or more. Differences between ICP-AES and XRF results are expected in the presence of high

concentrations of arsenic, especially when the ratio of lead to arsenic is low.

### **1.5.8 Mercury**

Naturally occurring mercury in surface soils typically ranges from 0.01 to 0.3 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 0.3 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations of mercury greater than 23 mg/kg and concentrations of methyl mercury above 6.1 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 20 mg/kg. Elevated concentrations of mercury are associated with amalgamation of gold and with mine waste and industrial facilities. Native surface soils are commonly enriched by anthropogenic sources of mercury. Anthropogenic sources include coal-fired power plants and metal smelters. Mercury is too volatile to withstand both the vigorous digestion and extreme temperature involved with ICP-AES analysis; therefore, the EPA-approved technique for laboratory analysis of mercury is CVAA spectroscopy. Mercury is successfully measured by XRF, but differences between results obtained by CVAA and XRF are expected when mercury levels are high.

### **1.5.9 Nickel**

Naturally occurring nickel in surface soils typically ranges from 5 to 500 mg/kg; a concentration of 30 mg/kg is potentially phytotoxic. Concentrations greater than 1,600 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 60 mg/kg. Elevated concentrations of nickel are associated with mine wastes and industrial facilities. Nickel is a common environmental contaminant at metal processing sites. It is successfully analyzed by both ICP-AES and XRF with little interference; therefore, a strong correlation between the methods is expected.

### **1.5.10 Selenium**

Naturally occurring selenium in surface soils typically ranges from 0.1 to 2 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 1 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Its toxicities are well documented for plants and

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livestock; however, it is also considered a trace nutrient. Concentrations above 390 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 20 mg/kg. Most selenium is associated with sulfur or sulfide minerals, where concentrations can exceed 200 mg/kg. Selenium can be measured by both ICP-AES and XRF; however, detection limits using XRF usually exceed the ecological risk-based screening levels for soil. Analytical results for selenium using ICP-AES and XRF are expected to be comparable.

#### ***1.5.11 Silver***

Naturally occurring silver in surface soils typically ranges from 0.01 to 5 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 2 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. In addition, concentrations that exceed 390 mg/kg may result in adverse effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 45 mg/kg. Silver is a common contaminant in mine waste, in photographic film processing wastes, and at metal processing sites. It is successfully analyzed by ICP-AES and XRF; however, recovery may be reduced in ICP-AES analysis because insoluble silver chloride may form during acid digestion. Detection limits using XRF may exceed the risk-based screening levels for silver in soil.

#### ***1.5.12 Vanadium***

Naturally occurring vanadium in surface soils typically ranges from 20 to 500 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 2 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic, although specific phytotoxicity levels for naturally occurring vanadium have not been documented. Concentrations above 550 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 50 mg/kg. Vanadium can be associated with manganese, potassium, and organic matter and is typically concentrated in organic shales, coal, and crude oil. It is successfully analyzed by both ICP-AES and XRF with little interference.

#### ***1.5.13 Zinc***

Naturally occurring zinc in surface soils typically ranges from 10 to 300 mg/kg; concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg are potentially phytotoxic. Zinc at concentrations above 23,000 mg/kg may result in adverse health effects in humans. Typical detection limits for field-portable XRF instruments range from 10 to 30 mg/kg. Zinc is a common contaminant in mine waste and at metal processing sites. In addition, it is highly soluble, which is a common concern for aquatic receptors. Zinc is successfully analyzed by ICP-AES; however, spectral interferences between peaks for copper and zinc may influence detection limits and the accuracy of the XRF analysis.

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## Chapter 2

### Field Sample Collection Locations

Although the field demonstration took place at KARS Park on Merritt Island, Florida, environmental samples were collected at other sites around the country to develop a demonstration sample that incorporated a variety of soil/sediment types and target element concentrations. This chapter describes these sample collection sites, as well as the rationale for the selection of each.

Several criteria were used to assess potential sample collection sites, including:

- The ability to provide a variety of target elements and soil/sediment matrices.
- The convenience and accessibility of the location to the sampling team.
- Program support and the cooperation of the site owner.

Nine sample collection sites were ultimately selected for the demonstration; one was the KARS Park site itself. These nine sites were selected to represent variable soil textures (sand, silt, and clay) and iron content, two factors that significantly affect instrument performance.

Historical operations at these sites included mining, smelting, steel manufacturing, and open burn pits; one, KARS Park, was a gun range. Thus, these sites incorporated a wide variety of metal contaminants in soils and sediments. Both contaminated and uncontaminated (background) samples were collected at each site.

A summary of the sample collection sites is presented in Table 2-1, which describes the types of metal-contaminated soils or sediments that were found at each site. This information is based on the historical data that were provided by the site owners or by the EPA remedial project managers.

#### 2.1 Alton Steel Mill Site

The Alton Steel Mill site (formerly the Laclede Steel site) is located at 5 Cut Street in Alton, Illinois. This 400-acre site is located in Alton's industrial corridor. The Alton site was operated by Laclede Steel Company from 1911 until it went bankrupt in July 2001. The site was purchased by Alton Steel, Inc., from the bankruptcy estate of Laclede Steel in May 2003. The Alton site is heir to numerous environmental concerns from more than 90 years of steel production; site contaminants include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and heavy metals. Laclede Steel was cited during its operating years for improper management and disposal of PCB wastes and electric arc furnace dust that contained heavy metals such as lead and cadmium. A Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) was conducted at the Alton site in May 2002, which identified volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), total priority pollutant metals, and PCBs as potential contaminants of concern at the site.

Based on the data gathered during the Phase I ESA and on discussions with Alton personnel, several soil samples were collected for the demonstration from two areas at the Alton site, including the Rod Patenting Building and the Tube Mill Building. The soil in the areas around these two buildings had not been remediated and was known to contain elevated concentrations of arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, nickel, zinc, and iron. The matrix of the contaminated soil samples was a fine to medium sand; the background soil sample was a sand loam.

Table 2-2 presents historical analytical data (the maximum concentrations) for some of the target elements detected at the Alton site.



**Table 2-1. Nature of Contamination in Soil and Sediment at Sample Collection Sites**

Sample Collection Site	Source of Contamination	Matrix	Site-Specific Metals of Concern for XRF Demonstration												
			Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	Zn	
Alton Steel, Alton, IL	Steel manufacturing facility with metal arc furnace dust. The site also includes a metal scrap yard and a slag recovery facility.	Soil		X	X	X			X	X		X			X
Burlington Northern–ASARCO Smelter Site, East Helena, MT	Railroad yard staging area for smelter ores. Contaminated soils resulted from dumping and spilling concentrated ores.	Soil		X	X						X				
KARS Park – Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, FL	Impacts to soil from historical facility operations and a former gun range.	Soil	X	X		X	X			X					X
Leviathan Mine Site/Aspen Creek, Alpine County, CA	Abandoned open-pit sulfur and copper mine that has contaminated a 9-mile stretch of mountain creeks, including Aspen Creek, with heavy metals.	Soil and Sediment		X	X	X	X	X				X			
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Crane, IN	Open disposal and burning of general refuse and waste associated with aircraft maintenance.	Soil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Ramsay Flats–Silver Bow Creek, Butte, MT	Silver Bow Creek was used as a conduit for mining, smelting, industrial, and municipal wastes.	Soil and Sediment		X	X		X	X	X						X
Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine	Inactive mercury mine. Waste rock, tailings, and ore are distributed in piles throughout the property.	Soil	X	X							X	X			
Torch Lake Site (Great Lakes Area of Concern), Houghton County, MI	Copper mining produced mill tailings that were dumped directly into Torch Lake, contaminating the lake sediments and shoreline.	Sediment		X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Wickes Smelter Site, Jefferson City, MT	Abandoned smelter complex with contaminated soils and mineral-processing wastes, including remnant ore piles, decomposed roaster brick, slag piles and fines, and amalgamation sediments.	Soil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X

Notes (in order of appearance in table):

Sb: Antimony	Cr: Chromium	Pb: Lead	Se: Selenium
As: Arsenic	Cu: Copper	Hg: Mercury	Ag: Silver
Cd: Cadmium	Fe: Iron	Ni: Nickel	Zn: Zinc

Note: Vanadium was not a chemical of concern at any of the sites and so does not appear on the table.

**Table 2-2. Historical Analytical Data, Alton Steel Mill Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Arsenic	80.3
Cadmium	97
Chromium	1,551
Lead	3,556

**2.2 Burlington Northern-ASARCO Smelter Site**

The Burlington Northern (BN)-ASARCO Smelter site is located in the southwestern part of East Helena, Montana. The site was an active smelter for more than 100 years and closed in 2002. Most of the ore processed at the smelter was delivered on railroad cars. An area west of the plant site (the BN property) was used for temporary staging of ore cars and consists of numerous side tracks to the primary railroad line into the smelter. This site was selected to be included in the demonstration because it had not been remediated and contained several target elements in soil.

At the request of EPA, the site owner collected samples of surface soil in this area in November 1997 and April 1998 and analyzed them for arsenic, cadmium, and lead; elevated concentrations were reported for all three metals. The site owner collected 24 samples of surface soil (16 in November 1997 and 8 in April 1998). The soils were found to contain up to 2,018 parts per million (ppm) arsenic, 876 ppm cadmium, and 43,907 ppm lead. One sample of contaminated soil and one sample of background soil were collected. The contaminated soil was a light brown sandy loam with low organic carbon content. The background soil was a medium brown sandy loam with slightly more organic material than the contaminated soil sample. Table 2-3 presents the site owner's data for arsenic, cadmium, and lead (the maximum concentrations) from the 1997 and 1998 sampling events.

**Table 2-3. Historical Analytical Data, BN-ASARCO Smelter Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (ppm)
Arsenic	2,018
Cadmium	876
Lead	43,907

**2.3 Kennedy Athletic, Recreational and Social Park Site**

Soil and sediment at the KARS Park site were contaminated from former gun range operations and contain several target elements for the demonstration. The specific elements of concern for the KARS Park site include antimony, arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, and zinc.

The KARS Park site is located at the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. KARS Park was purchased in 1962 and has been used by employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), other civil servants, and guests as a recreational park since 1963. KARS Park occupies an area of Kennedy Space Center just outside the Cape Canaveral base. Contaminants in the park resulted from historical facility operations and impacts from the former gun range. The land north of KARS is owned by NASA and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as part of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Two soil and two sediment samples were collected from various locations at the KARS Park site for the XRF demonstration. The contaminated soil sample was collected from an impact berm at the small arms range. The background soil sample was collected from a forested area near the gun range. The matrix of the contaminated and background soil samples consisted of fine to medium quartz sand. The sediment samples were collected from intermittently saturated areas within the skeet range. These samples were organic rich sandy loams. Table 2-4 presents historical analytical data (the maximum concentrations) for soil and sediment at KARS Park.

**Table 2-4. Historical Analytical Data, KARS Park Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Antimony	8,500
Arsenic	1,600
Chromium	40.2
Copper	290,000
Lead	99,000
Zinc	16,200

## 2.4 Leviathan Mine Site

The Leviathan Mine site is an abandoned copper and sulfur mine located high on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range near the California-Nevada border. Development of the Leviathan Mine began in 1863, when copper sulfate was mined for use in the silver refineries of the Comstock Lode. Later, the underground mine was operated as a copper mine until a mass of sulfur was encountered. Mining stopped until about 1935, when sulfur was extracted for use in refining copper ore. In the 1950s, the mine was converted to an open-pit sulfur mine. Placement of excavated overburden and waste rock in nearby streams created acid mine drainage and environmental impacts in the 1950s. Environmental impacts noted at that time included large fish kills.

Historical mining distributed waste rock around the mine site and created an open pit, adits, and solution cavities through mineralized rock. Oxygen in contact with the waste rock and mineralized rock in the adits oxidizes sulfur and sulfide minerals, generating acid. Water contacting the waste rock and flowing through the mineralized rock mobilizes the acid into the environment. The acid dissolves metals, including arsenic, copper, iron, and nickel, which creates conditions toxic to insects and fish in Leviathan, Aspen, and Bryant Creeks, downstream of the Leviathan Mine. Table 2-5 presents historical analytical data (the maximum concentrations) for the target elements detected at elevated concentrations in sediment samples collected along the three creeks. Four sediment and one soil sample were collected. One of the sediment samples was collected from the iron precipitate terraces formed from the acid mine drainage. The matrix of this sample appeared to be an orange silty clay loam. A second sediment sample was collected from the settling pond at the wastewater treatment system. The matrix of this sample was orange clay. A third sample was collected from the salt crust at the settling pond. This sample incorporated white crystalline material. One background sediment and one background soil sample were collected upstream of the mine. These samples consisted of light brown sandy loam.

**Table 2-5. Historical Analytical Data, Leviathan Mine Site**

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)</b>
Arsenic	2,510
Cadmium	25.7
Chromium	279
Copper	837
Nickel	2,670

## 2.5 Navy Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Site

The Old Burn Pit at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Crane Division, was selected to be included in the demonstration because 6 of the 13 target elements were detected at significant concentration in samples of surface soil previously collected at the site.

The NSWC, Crane Division, site is located near the City of Crane in south-central Indiana. The Old Burn Pit is located in the northwestern portion of NSWC and was used daily from 1942 to 1971 to burn refuse. Residue from the pit was buried along with noncombustible metallic items in a gully north of the pit. The burn pit was covered with gravel and currently serves as a parking lot for delivery trailers. The gully north of the former burn pit has been revegetated. Several soil samples were collected from the revegetated area for the demonstration because the highest concentrations of the target elements were detected in soil samples collected previously from this area. The matrix of the contaminated and background soil samples was a sandy loam. The maximum concentrations of the target elements detected in surface soil during previous investigations are summarized in Table 2-6.

**Table 2-6. Historical Analytical Data, NSWC Crane Division-Old Burn Pit**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Antimony	301
Arsenic	26.8
Cadmium	31.1
Chromium	112
Copper	1,520
Iron	105,000
Lead	16,900
Mercury	0.43
Nickel	62.6
Silver	7.5
Zinc	5,110

## 2.6 Ramsay Flats-Silver Bow Creek Site

The Ramsay Flats-Silver Bow Creek site was selected to be included in the demonstration because 6 of the 13 target elements were detected in samples of surface sediment collected previously at the site. Silver Bow Creek originates north of Butte, Montana, and is a tributary to the upper Clark Fork River.

More than 100 years of nearly continuous mining have altered the natural environment surrounding the upper Clark Fork River. Early wastes from mining, milling, and smelting were dumped directly into Silver Bow Creek and were subsequently transported downstream. EPA listed Silver Bow Creek and a contiguous portion of the upper Clark Fork River as a Superfund site in 1983.

A large volume of tailings was deposited in a low-gradient reach of Silver Bow Creek in the Ramsay Flats area. Tailings at Ramsay Flats extend several hundred feet north of the Silver Bow Creek channel. About 18 inches of silty tailings overlie texturally stratified natural sediments that consist of low-permeability silt, silty clay, organic layers, and stringers of fine sand.

Two sediment samples were collected from the Ramsay Flats tailings area and were analyzed for a suite of metals using a field-portable XRF. The contaminated sediment sample was collected in Silver Bow Creek adjacent to the mine tailings. The matrix of this sediment sample was orange-brown

silty fine sand with interlayered black organic material. The background sediment sample was collected upstream of Butte, Montana. The matrix of this sample was organic rich clayey silt with approximately 25 percent fine sand. The maximum concentrations of the target elements in the samples are summarized in Table 2-7.

**Table 2-7. Historical Analytical Data, Ramsay Flats-Silver Bow Creek Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Arsenic	176
Cadmium	141
Copper	1,110
Iron	20,891
Lead	394
Zinc	1,459

## 2.7 Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine

The Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine (SBMM) is a 160-acre inactive mercury mine located on the eastern shore of the Oaks Arm of Clear Lake in Lake County, California, 100 miles north of San Francisco. Between 1864 and 1957, SBMM was the site of underground and open-pit mining at the hydrothermal vents and hot springs. Mining disturbed about 160 acres of land at SBMM and generated large quantities of waste rock (rock that did not contain economic concentrations of mercury and was removed to gain access to ore), tailings (the waste material from processes that removed the mercury from ore), and ore (rock that contained economic concentrations of mercury that was mined and stockpiled for mercury extraction). The waste rock, tailings, and ore are distributed in piles throughout the property.

Table 2-8 presents historical analytical data (the maximum concentrations) for the target elements detected at elevated concentrations in surface samples collected at SBMM. Two contaminated soil samples and one background soil sample were collected at various locations for the demonstration project. The mercury sample was collected from the ore stockpile and consisted of medium to coarse sand. The second contaminated soil sample was collected from the waste rock pile and consisted of coarse sand and gravel with trace silt. The matrix of the background soil sample was brown sandy loam.

**Table 2-8. Historical Analytical Data, Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Antimony	3,724
Arsenic	532
Lead	900
Mercury	4,296

## 2.8 Torch Lake Superfund Site

The Torch Lake Superfund site was selected because native and contaminated sediment from copper mining, milling, and smelting contained the elements targeted for the demonstration. The specific metals of concern for the Torch Lake Superfund site included arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, selenium, silver, and zinc.

The Torch Lake Superfund site is located on the Keweenaw Peninsula in Houghton County, Michigan. Wastes were generated at the site from the 1890s until 1969. The site was included on the National Priorities List in June 1986. Approximately 200 million tons of mining wastes were dumped into Torch Lake and reportedly filled about 20 percent of the lake's original volume. Contaminated sediments are believed to be up to 70 feet thick in some locations. Wastes occur both on the uplands and in the lake and are found in four forms, including poor rock piles, slag and slag-enriched sediments, stamp sands, and abandoned settling ponds for mine slurry.

EPA initiated long-term monitoring of Torch Lake in 1999; the first monitoring event (the baseline study) was completed in August 2001. Table 2-9 presents analytical data (the maximum concentrations) for eight target elements in sediment samples collected from Torch Lake during the baseline study. Sediment samples were collected from the Torch Lake site at various locations for the demonstration. The matrix of the sediment samples was orange silt and clay.

**Table 2-9. Historical Analytical Data, Torch Lake Superfund Site**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Arsenic	40
Chromium	90
Copper	5,850
Lead	325
Mercury	1.2
Selenium	0.7
Silver	6.2
Zinc	630

## 2.9 Wickes Smelter Site

The roaster slag pile at the Wickes Smelter site was selected to be included in the demonstration because 12 of the 13 target elements were detected in soil samples collected previously at the site.

The Wickes Smelter site is located in the unincorporated town of Wickes in Jefferson County, Montana. Wastes at the Wickes Smelter site include waste rock, slag, flue bricks, and amalgamation waste. The wastes are found in discrete piles and are mixed with soil. The contaminated soil sample was collected from a pile of roaster slag at the site. The slag was black, medium to coarse sand and gravel. The matrix of the background soil sample was a light brown sandy loam. Table 2-10 presents historical analytical data (maximum concentrations) for the roaster slag pile.

**Table 2-10. Historical Analytical Data, Wickes Smelter Site-Roaster Slag Pile**

Metal	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)
Antimony	79
Arsenic	3,182
Cadmium	70
Chromium	13
Copper	948
Iron	24,780
Lead	33,500
Nickel	7.3
Silver	83
Zinc	5,299

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## Chapter 3

### Field Demonstration

The field demonstration required a sample set and a single location (the demonstration site) where all the technology developers could assemble to analyze the sample set under the oversight of the EPA/Tetra Tech field team. This chapter describes how the sample set was created, how the demonstration site was selected, and how the field demonstration was conducted. Additional detail regarding these topics is available in the *Demonstration and Quality Assurance Project Plan* (Tetra Tech 2005).

#### 3.1 Bulk Sample Processing

A set of samples that incorporated a variety of soil and sediment types and target element concentrations was needed to conduct a robust evaluation. The demonstration sample set was generated from the bulk soil and sediment samples that were collected from the nine sample collection sites described in Chapter 2. Both contaminated (environmental) and uncontaminated (background) bulk samples of soil and sediment were collected at each sample collection site. The background sample was used as source material for a spiked sample when the contaminated sample did not contain the required levels of target elements. By incorporating a spiked background sample into the sample set, the general characteristics of the soil and sediment sample matrix could be maintained. At the same time, this spiked sample assured that all target elements were present at the highest concentration levels needed for a robust evaluation.

##### 3.1.1 Bulk Sample Collection and Shipping

Large quantities of soil and sediment were needed for processing into well-characterized samples for this demonstration. As a result, 14 soil samples and 11 sediment samples were collected in bulk quantity from the nine sample collection sites across the U.S. A total of approximately 1,500 kilograms of unprocessed soil and sediment was collected, which yielded more than 1,000 kilograms of soil and sediment after the bulk samples had been dried.

Each bulk soil sample was excavated using clean shovels and trowels and then placed into clean, plastic

5-gallon (19-liter) buckets at the sample collection site. The mass of soil and sediment in each bucket varied, but averaged about 25 kilograms per bucket. As a result, multiple buckets were needed to contain the entire quantity of each bulk sample.

Once it had been filled, a plastic lid was placed on each bucket, the lid was secured with tape, and the bucket was labeled with a unique bulk sample number. Sediment samples were collected in a similar method at all sites except at Torch Lake, where sediments were collected using a Vibracore or Ponar sediment sampler operated from a boat. Each 5-gallon bucket was overpacked in a plastic cooler and was shipped under chain of custody via overnight delivery to the characterization laboratory, Applied Research and Development Laboratory (ARDL).

##### 3.1.2 Bulk Sample Preparation and Homogenization

Each bulk soil or sediment sample was removed from the multiple shipping buckets and then mixed and homogenized to create a uniform batch. Each bulk sample was then spread on a large tray at ARDL's laboratory to promote uniform air drying. Some bulk samples of sediment required more than 2 weeks to dry because of the high moisture content.

The air-dried bulk samples of soil and sediment were sieved through a custom-made screen to remove coarse material larger than about 1 inch. Next, each bulk sample was mechanically crushed using a hardened stainless-steel hammer mill until the particle size was sub-60-mesh sieve (less than 0.2 millimeters). The particle size of the processed bulk soil and sediment was measured after each round of crushing using standard sieve technology, and the particles that were still larger than 60-mesh were returned to the crushing process. The duration of the crushing process for each bulk sample varied based on soil type and volume of coarse fragments.

After each bulk sample had been sieved and crushed, the sample was mixed and homogenized using a Model T 50A Turbula shaker-mixer. This shaker was

capable of handling up to 50 gallons (190 liters) of sample material; thus, this shaker could handle the complete volume of each bulk sample. Bulk samples of smaller volume were mixed and homogenized using a Model T 10B Turbula shaker-mixer that was capable of handling up to 10 gallons (38 liters). Aliquots from each homogenized bulk sample were then sampled and analyzed in triplicate

for the 13 target elements using ICP-AES and CVAA. If the relative percent difference between the highest and lowest result exceeded 10 percent for any element, the entire batch was returned to the shaker-mixer for additional homogenization. The entire processing scheme for the bulk samples is shown in Figure 3-1.

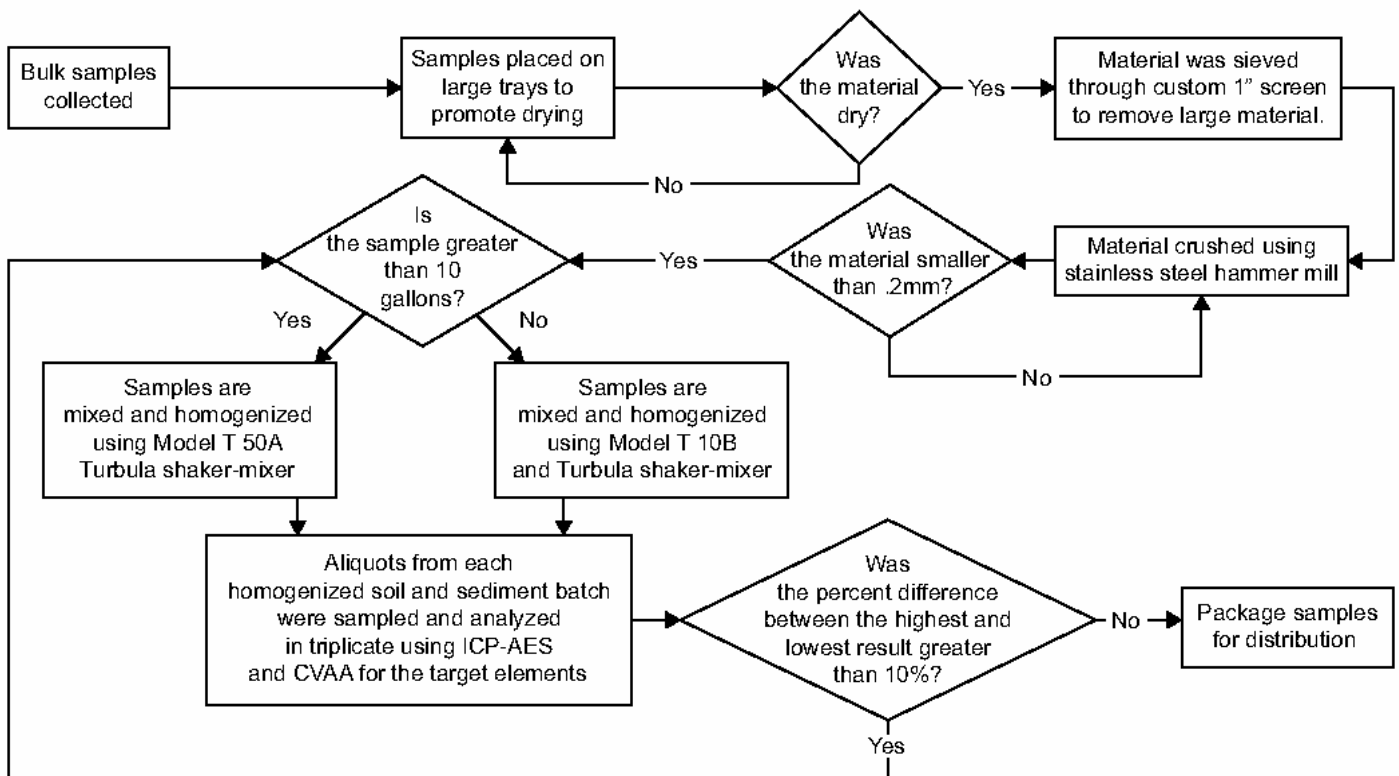


Figure 3-1. Bulk sample processing diagram.

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## 3.2 Demonstration Samples

After the bulk soil and sediment sample material had been processed into homogenized bulk samples for the demonstration, the next consideration was the concentrations of target elements. The goal was to create a demonstration sample set that would cover the concentration range of each target element that may be reasonably found in the environment. Three concentration levels were identified as a basis for assessing both the coverage of the environmental samples and the need to generate spiked samples. These three levels were: (1) near the detection limit, (2) at intermediate concentrations, and (3) at high concentrations. A fourth concentration level (very high) was added for lead, iron, and zinc in soil and for iron in sediment. Table 3-1 lists the numerical ranges of the target elements for each of these levels (1 through 4).

### 3.2.1 Environmental Samples

A total of 25 separate environmental samples were collected from the nine sample collection sites described in Chapter 2. This bulk environmental sample set included 14 soil and 11 sediment samples. The concentrations of the target elements in some of these samples, however, were too high or too low to be used for the demonstration. Therefore, the initial analytical results for each bulk sample were used to establish different sample blends for each sampling location that would better cover the desired concentration ranges.

The 14 bulk soil samples were used to create 26 separate sample blends and the 11 bulk sediment samples were used to create 19 separate sample blends. Thus, there were 45 environmental sample blends in the final demonstration sample set. Either five or seven replicate samples of each sample blend were included in the sample set for analysis during the demonstration. Table 3-2 lists the number of sample blends and the number of demonstration samples (including replicates) that were derived from the bulk environmental samples for each sampling location.

### 3.2.2 Spiked Samples

Spiked samples that incorporated a soil and sediment matrix native to the sampling locations were created by adding known concentrations of target elements to the background samples. The spiked concentrations were selected to ensure that a minimum of three samples was available for all concentration levels for each target element.

After initial characterization at ARDL's laboratory, all bulk background soil and sediment samples were shipped to Environmental Research Associates (ERA) to create the spiked samples. The spiked elements were applied to the bulk sample in an aqueous solution, and then each bulk spiked sample was blended for uniformity and dried before it was repackaged in sample bottles.

Six bulk background soil samples were used at ERA's laboratory to create 12 separate spiked sample blends, and four bulk sediment samples were used to create 13 separate spiked sample blends. Thus, a total of 10 bulk background samples were used to create 25 spiked sample blends. Three or seven replicate samples of each spiked sample blend were included in the demonstration sample set. Table 3-3 lists the number of sample blends and the number of demonstration samples (including replicates) that were derived from the bulk background samples for each sampling location.

### 3.2.3 Demonstration Sample Set

In total, 70 separate blends of environmental and spiked samples were created and a set of 326 samples was developed for the demonstration by including three, five, or seven replicates of each blend in the final demonstration sample set. Thirteen sets of the demonstration samples, consisting of 326 individual samples in 250-milliliter clean plastic sample bottles, were prepared for shipment to the demonstration site and reference laboratory.



**Table 3-1. Concentration Levels for Target Elements in Soil and Sediment**

Analyte	Level 1 Target Range (mg/kg)	Level 2 Target Range (mg/kg)	Level 3 Target Range (mg/kg)	Level 4 Target Range (mg/kg)
<b>SOIL</b>				
Antimony	40 – 400	400 – 2,000	>2,000	
Arsenic	20 – 400	400 – 2,000	>2,000	
Cadmium	50 – 500	500 – 2,500	>2,500	
Chromium	50 – 500	500 – 2,500	>2,500	
Copper	50 – 500	500 – 2,500	>2,500	
Iron	60 – 5,000	5,000 – 25,000	25,000 – 40,000	>40,000
Lead	20 – 1,000	1,000 – 2,000	2,000 – 10,000	>10,000
Mercury	20 – 200	200 – 1,000	>1,000	
Nickel	50 – 250	250 – 1,000	>1,000	
Selenium	20 – 100	100 – 200	>200	
Silver	45 – 90	90 – 180	>180	
Vanadium	50 – 100	100 – 200	>200	
Zinc	30 – 1,000	1,000 – 3,500	3,500 – 8,000	>8,000
<b>SEDIMENT</b>				
Antimony	40 – 250	250 – 750	>750	
Arsenic	20 – 250	250 – 750	>750	
Cadmium	50 – 250	250 – 750	>750	
Chromium	50 – 250	250 – 750	>750	
Copper	50 – 500	500 – 1,500	>1,500	
Iron	60 – 5,000	5,000 – 25,000	25,000 – 40,000	>40,000
Lead	20 – 500	500 – 1,500	>1,500	
Mercury	20 – 200	200 – 500	>500	
Nickel	50 – 200	200 – 500	>500	
Selenium	20 – 100	100 – 200	>200	
Silver	45 – 90	90 – 180	>180	
Vanadium	50 – 100	100 – 200	>200	
Zinc	30 – 500	500 – 1,500	>1,500	

**Table 3-2. Number of Environmental Sample Blends and Demonstration Samples**

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Number of Sample Blends</b>	<b>Number of Demonstration Samples</b>
Alton Steel Mill Site	2	10
Burlington Northern-ASARCO East Helena Site	5	29
Kennedy Athletic, Recreational and Social Park Site	6	32
Leviathan Mine Site	7	37
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Site	1	5
Ramsay Flats—Silver Bow Creek Superfund Site	7	37
Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Site	9	47
Torch Lake Superfund Site	3	19
Wickes Smelter Site	5	31
<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>247</b>

\* Note: The totals in this table add to those for the spiked blends and replicates as summarized in Table 3-3 to bring the total number of blends to 70 and the total number of samples to 326 for the demonstration.

**Table 3-3. Number of Spiked Sample Blends and Demonstration Samples**

<b>Sampling Location</b>	<b>Number of Spiked Sample Blends</b>	<b>Number of Demonstration Samples</b>
Alton Steel Mill Site	1	3
Burlington Northern-ASARCO East Helena Site	2	6
Leviathan Mine Site	5	15
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Site	2	6
Ramsay Flats—Silver Bow Creek Superfund Site	6	22
Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Site	3	9
Torch Lake Superfund Site	4	12
Wickes Smelter Site	2	6
<b>TOTAL *</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>79</b>

\* Note: The totals in this table add to those for the unspiked blends and replicates as summarized in Table 3-2 to bring the total number of blends to 70 and the total number of samples to 326 for the demonstration.

### 3.3 Demonstration Site and Logistics

The field demonstration occurred during the week of January 24, 2005. This section describes the selection of the demonstration site and the logistics of the field demonstration, including sample management.

#### 3.3.1 Demonstration Site Selection

The demonstration site was selected from among the list of sample collection sites to simulate a likely field deployment. The following criteria were used to assess which of the nine sample collection sites might best serve as the demonstration site:

- Convenience and accessibility to participants in the demonstration,
- Ease of access to the site, with a reasonably sized airport that can accommodate the travel schedules for the participants,
- Program support and cooperation of the site owner,
- Sufficient space and power to support developer testing,
- Adequate conference room space to support a visitors day, and
- A temperate climate so that the demonstration could occur on schedule in January.

After an extensive search for candidates, the site selected for the field demonstration was KARS Park, which is part of the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. KARS Park was selected as the demonstration site for the following reasons:

- Access and Site Owner Support — Representatives from NASA were willing to support the field demonstration by providing access to the site, assisting in logistical support during the demonstration, and hosting a visitors day.
- Facilities Requirements and Feasibility — The recreation building was available and was of sufficient size to accommodate all the demonstration participants. Furthermore, the recreation building had adequate power to operate

all the XRF instruments simultaneously and all the amenities to fully support the demonstration participants, as well as visitors, in reasonable comfort.

- Ease of Access to the Site — The park, located about 45 minutes away from Orlando International Airport, was selected because of its easy accessibility by direct flight from many airports in the country. In addition, many hotels are located within 10 minutes of the site along the coast at Cocoa Beach, in a popular tourist area. Weather in this area of central Florida in January is dry and sunny, with pleasant daytime temperatures into the 70s (F) and cool nights.

#### 3.3.2 Demonstration Site Logistics

The field demonstration was held in the recreation building, which is just south of the gunnery range at KARS Park. Photographs of the KARS Park recreation building, where all the XRF instruments were set up and operated, are shown in Figures 3-2 and 3-3.

A visitors day was held on January 26, 2005 when about 25 guests came to the site to hear about the demonstration and to observe the XRF instruments in operation. Visitors day presentations were conducted in a conference building adjacent to the recreation building at KARS Park (see Figure 3-4). Presentations by NASA and EPA representatives were followed by a tour of the XRF instruments in the recreation building while demonstration samples were being analyzed.



**Figure 3-2. KARS Park recreation building.**



**Figure 3-3. Work areas for the XRF instruments in the recreation building.**



**Figure 3-4. Visitors day presentation.**

### **3.3.3 EPA Demonstration Team and Developer Field Team Responsibilities**

Each technology developer sent its instrument and a field team to the demonstration site for the week of January 24, 2005. The developer's field team was responsible for unpacking, setting up, calibrating, and operating the instrument. The developer's field team was also responsible for any sample preparation for analysis using the XRF instrument.

The EPA/Tetra Tech demonstration team assigned an observer to each instrument. The observer sat beside the developer's field team, or was nearby, throughout the field demonstration and observed all activities

involved in setup and operation of the instrument. The observer's specific responsibilities included:

- Guiding the developer's field team to the work area in the recreation building at KARS Park and assisting with any logistical issues involved in instrument shipping, unpacking, and setup.
- Providing the demonstration sample set to the developer's field team in accordance with the sample management plan.
- Ensuring that the developer was operating the instrument in accordance with standard procedures and questioning any unusual practices or procedures.
- Communications with the developer's field team regarding schedules and fulfilling the requirements of the demonstration.
- Recording information relating to the secondary objectives of the evaluation (see Chapter 4) and for obtaining any cost information that could be provided by the developer's field team.
- Receiving the data reported by the developer's field team for the demonstration samples, and loading these data into a temporary database on a laptop computer.

Overall, the observer was responsible for assisting the developer's field team throughout the field demonstration and for recording all pertinent information and data for the evaluation. However, the observer was not allowed to advise the developer's field team on sample processing or to provide any feedback based on preliminary inspection of the XRF instrument data set.

### **3.3.4 Sample Management during the Field Demonstration**

The developer's field team analyzed the demonstration sample set with its XRF instrument during the field demonstration. Each demonstration sample set was shipped to the demonstration site with only a reference number on each bottle as an identifier. The reference number was tied to the source information in the EPA/Tetra Tech database, but no information was provided on the sample label

that might provide the developer's field team any insight as to the nature or content of the sample. Spiked samples were integrated with the environmental samples in a random manner so that the spiked samples could not be distinguished.

The demonstration sample set was divided into 13 subsets, or batches, for tracking during the field demonstration. The samples provided to each developer's field team were randomly distributed in two fashions. First, the order of the jars within each batch was random, so that the sample order for a batch was different for each developer's field team. Second, the distribution of sample batches was random, so that each developer's field team received the sample batches in a different order.

The observer provided the developer's field team with one batch of samples at a time. When the developer's field team reported that analysis of a batch was complete, the observer would reclaim all the unused sample material from that batch and then provide the next batch of samples for analysis. Chain-of-custody forms were used to document all sample transfers. When the analysis of all batches was complete, the observer assisted the developer's field team in cleanup of the work area and repackaging the instrument and any associated equipment. The members of the developer's field team were not allowed to take any part of the demonstration samples with them when they left the demonstration site.

Samples that were not in the possession of the developer's field team during the demonstration were held in a secure storage room adjacent to the demonstration work area (see Figure 3-5). The storage room was closed and locked except when the observer retrieved samples from the room. Samples were stored at room temperature during the demonstration, in accordance with the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) requirements established for the project.



**Figure 3-5. Sample storage room.**

### **3.3.5 Data Management**

Each of the developer's field teams was able to complete analysis of all 326 samples during the field demonstration (or during the subsequent week, in one case when the developer's field team arrived late at the demonstration site because of delays in international travel). The data produced by each developer's field team were submitted during or at the end of the field demonstration in a standard Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup> spreadsheet. (The EPA/Tetra Tech field team had provided a template.) Since each instrument provided data in a different format, the developer's field team was responsible for reducing the data before they were submitted and for transferring the data into the Excel spreadsheet.

The observer reviewed each data submittal for completeness, and the data were then uploaded into a master Excel spreadsheet on a laptop computer for temporary storage. Only the EPA/Tetra Tech field team had access to the master Excel spreadsheet during the field demonstration.

Once the EPA/Tetra Tech field team returned to their offices, the demonstration data were transferred to an Microsoft Access<sup>®</sup> database for permanent storage. Each developer's data, as they existed in the Access database, were then provided to the developer for review. Any errors the developers identified were corrected, and the database was then finalized. All statistical analysis and data evaluation took place on this final database.



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## Chapter 4

# Evaluation Design

This chapter presents the approach for evaluating the performance of the XRF instruments. Specifically, the sections below describe the objectives of the evaluation and the experimental design.

The *Demonstration and Quality Assurance Project Plan* (Tetra Tech 2005) provides additional details on the overall demonstration approach. However, some deviations from the plan, involving data evaluation and laboratory audits, occurred after the demonstration plan was written. For completeness, the primary changes to the written plan are documented in the final section of this chapter.

### 4.1 Evaluation Objectives

The overall purpose of the XRF technology demonstration was to evaluate the performance of various field XRF instruments in detecting and quantifying trace elements in soils and sediments from a variety of sites around the U.S. The performance of each XRF instrument was evaluated in accordance with primary and secondary objectives. Primary objectives are critical to the evaluation and require the use of quantitative results to draw conclusions about an instrument's performance. Secondary objectives pertain to information that is useful but that will not necessarily require use of quantitative results to draw conclusions about an instrument's performance.

The primary and secondary objectives for the evaluation are listed in Table 4-1. These objectives were based on:

- Input from MMT Program stakeholders, including developers and EPA staff.
- General expectations of users of field measurement instruments.
- The time available to complete the demonstration.
- The capabilities of the instruments that the developers participating in the demonstration intended to highlight.

### 4.2 Experimental Design

To address the first four primary objectives, each XRF instrument analyzed the demonstration sample set for the 13 target elements. The demonstration samples originated from multiple sampling locations across the country, as described in Chapter 2, to provide a diverse set of soil and sediment matrices. The demonstration sample set included both blended environmental samples and spiked background samples, as described in Chapter 3, to provide a wide range of concentrations and combinations of elements.

When the field demonstration was completed, the results obtained using the XRF instruments were compared with data from a reference laboratory to evaluate the performance of each instrument in terms of accuracy and comparability (Primary Objective 2). The results for replicate samples were used to evaluate precision in various concentration ranges (Primary Objective 3) and the method detection limits (MDL) (Primary Objective 1). Each of these quantitative evaluations of instrument performance was carried out for each target element. The effect of chemical and spectral interferences and of soil characteristics (Primary Objectives 4 and 5) were evaluated to help explain extreme deviations or outliers observed in the XRF results when compared with the reference laboratory results.

A second important comparison involved the average performance of all eight XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration. For the first three primary objectives (MDL, accuracy, precision), the performance of each individual instrument was compared to the overall average performance of all eight instruments. Where the result of the instrument under consideration was less than 10 percent different than the average result for all eight instruments, the result was considered "equivalent." A similar comparison was conducted with respect to cost (Primary Objective 7). These comparisons were

intended to illustrate the performance of each XRF instrument in relation to its peers.

The evaluation design for meeting each objective, including data analysis procedures, is discussed in more detail in the sections below. Where specific deviations from these procedures were necessary for the data set associated with specific instruments, these deviations are described as part of the performance evaluation in Chapter 7.

**4.2.1 Primary Objective 1 — Method Detection Limits**

The MDL for each target element was evaluated based on the analysis of sets of seven replicate samples that contained the target element at concentrations near the detection limit. The MDL was calculated using the procedures found in Title 40

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, Appendix B, Revision 1.11. The following equation was used:

$$MDL = t_{(n-1, 1-\alpha=0.99)}(s)$$

where

- MDL = method detection limit
- t = Student's t value for a 99 percent confidence level and a standard deviation estimate with *n-1* degrees of freedom
- n = number of samples
- s = standard deviation.

**Table 4-1. Evaluation Objectives**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Primary Objective 1</b>	Determine the MDL for each target element.
<b>Primary Objective 2</b>	Evaluate the accuracy and comparability of the XRF measurement to the results of laboratory reference methods for a variety of contaminated soil and sediment samples.
<b>Primary Objective 3</b>	Evaluate the precision of XRF measurements for a variety of contaminated soil and sediment samples.
<b>Primary Objective 4</b>	Evaluate the effect of chemical and spectral interference on measurement of target elements.
<b>Primary Objective 5</b>	Evaluate the effect of soil characteristics on measurement of target elements.
<b>Primary Objective 6</b>	Measure sample throughput for the measurement of target elements under field conditions.
<b>Primary Objective 7</b>	Estimate the costs associated with XRF field measurements.
<b>Secondary Objective 1</b>	Document the skills and training required to properly operate the instrument.
<b>Secondary Objective 2</b>	Document health and safety concerns associated with operating the instrument.
<b>Secondary Objective 3</b>	Document the portability of the instrument.
<b>Secondary Objective 4</b>	Evaluate the instrument's durability based on its materials of construction and engineering design.
<b>Secondary Objective 5</b>	Document the availability of the instrument and of associated customer technical support.

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Based on the data provided by the characterization laboratory before the demonstration, a total of 12 sample blends (seven for soil and five for sediment) were identified for use in the MDL determination.

The demonstration approach specified the analysis of seven replicates for each of these sample blends by both the developer and the reference laboratory. It was predicted that these blends would allow the determination of a minimum of one MDL for soil and one MDL for sediment for each element, with the exception of iron. This prediction was based on the number of sample blends that contained concentrations less than 50 percent lower or higher than the lower limit of the Level 1 concentration range (from 20 to 50 ppm, depending on the element), as presented in Table 3-1.

After the field demonstration, the data sets obtained by the developers and the reference laboratory for the MDL sample blends were reviewed to confirm that they were appropriate to use in calculating MDLs. The requirements of 40 CFR 136, Appendix B, were used as the basis for this evaluation. Specifically, the CFR states that samples to be used for MDL determinations should contain concentrations in the range of 1 to 5 times the predicted MDL. On this basis, and using a nominal predicted reporting limit of 50 ppm for the target elements based on past XRF performance and developer information, a concentration of 250 ppm (5 times the “predicted” nominal MDL) was used as a threshold in selecting samples to calculate the MDL. Thus, each of the 12 MDL blends that contained mean reference laboratory concentrations less than 250 ppm were used in calculating MDLs for a given target element. Blends with mean reference laboratory concentrations greater than 250 ppm were discarded for evaluating this objective.

For each target element, an MDL was calculated for each sample blend with a mean concentration within the prescribed range. If multiple MDLs could be calculated for an element from different sample blends, these results were averaged to arrive at an overall mean MDL for the demonstration. The mean MDL for each target element was then categorized as either low (MDL less than 20 ppm), medium (MDL between 20 and 100 ppm), or high (MDL exceeds 100 ppm). No blends were available to calculate a

detection limit for iron because all the blends contained substantial native concentrations of iron.

#### **4.2.2 Primary Objective 2 — Accuracy**

Accuracy was assessed based on a comparison of the results obtained by the XRF instrument with the results from the reference laboratory for each of the 70 blends in the demonstration sample set. The results from the reference laboratory were essentially used as a benchmark in this comparison, and the accuracy of the XRF instrument results was judged against them. The limitations of this approach should be recognized, however, because the reference laboratory results were not actually “true values.” Still, there was a high degree of confidence in the reference laboratory results for most elements, as described in Chapter 5.

The following data analysis procedure was followed for each of the 13 target elements to assess the accuracy of an XRF instrument:

1. The results for replicate samples within a blend were averaged for both the data from the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory. Since there were 70 sample blends, this step created a maximum of 70 paired results for the assessment.
2. A blend that exhibited one or more non-detect values in either the XRF instrument or the reference laboratory analysis was excluded from the evaluation.
3. A blend was excluded from the evaluation when the average result from the reference laboratory was below a minimum concentration. The minimum concentration for exclusion from the accuracy assessment was identified as the lower limit of the lowest concentration range (Level 1 in Table 3-1), which is about 50 ppm for most elements.
4. The mean result for a blend obtained with the XRF instrument was compared with the corresponding mean result from the reference laboratory by calculating a relative percent difference (RPD). This comparison was carried out for each of the paired XRF and reference laboratory results included in the evaluation (up to 70 pairs) as follows:



$$RPD = \frac{(M_R - M_D)}{\text{average}(M_R, M_D)}$$

where

$M_R$  = the mean reference laboratory measurement  
 $M_D$  = the mean XRF instrument measurement.

5. Steps 1 through 4 provided a set of up to 70 RPDs for each element (70 sample blends minus the number excluded in steps 1 and 2). The absolute value of each of the RPDs was taken and summary statistics (minimum, maximum, mean and median) were then calculated.
6. The accuracy of the XRF instrument for each target element was then categorized, based on the median of the absolute values of the RPDs, as either excellent (RPD less than 10 percent), good (RPD between 10 percent and 25 percent), fair (RPD between 25 percent and 50 percent), or poor (RPD above 50 percent).
7. The set of absolute values of the RPDs for each instrument and element was further evaluated to assess any trends in accuracy versus concentration. These evaluations involved grouping the RPDs by concentration range (Levels 1 through 3 and 4, as presented in Table 3-1), preparing summary statistics for each range, and assessing differences among the grouped RPDs.

The absolute value of the RPDs was taken in step 5 to provide a more sensitive indicator of the extent of differences between the results from the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory. However, the absolute value of the RPDs does not indicate the direction of the difference and therefore does not reflect bias.

The populations of mean XRF and mean reference laboratory results were assessed through linear correlation plots to evaluate bias. These plots depict the linear relationships between the results for the XRF instrument and reference laboratory for each target element using a linear regression calculation with an associated correlation coefficient ( $r^2$ ). These plots were used to evaluate the existence of general

bias between the data sets for the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory.

#### 4.2.3 Primary Objective 3 — Precision

The precision of the XRF instrument analysis for each target element was evaluated by comparing the results for the replicate samples in each blend. All 70 blends in the demonstration sample set (including environmental and spiked samples) were included in at least triplicate so that precision could be evaluated across all concentration ranges and across different matrices.

The precision of the data for a target element was evaluated for each blend by calculating the mean relative standard deviation (RSD) with the following equation:

$$RSD = \left| \frac{SD}{\bar{C}} \right| \times 100$$

where

RSD = Relative standard deviation  
SD = Standard deviation  
 $\bar{C}$  = Mean concentration.

The standard deviation was calculated using the equation:

$$SD = \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - \bar{C})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

where

SD = Standard deviation  
n = Number of replicate samples  
 $C_k$  = Concentration of sample K  
 $\bar{C}$  = Mean concentration.

The following specific procedure for data analysis was followed for each of the 13 target elements to assess XRF instrument precision:

1. The RSD for the replicate samples in a blend was calculated for both data from the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory. Since there were 70 sample blends, this step created a maximum of 70 paired RSDs for the assessment.

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2. A blend that exhibited one or more non-detect values in either the XRF or the reference laboratory analysis was excluded from the evaluation.
  3. A blend was excluded from the evaluation when the average result from the reference laboratory was below a minimum concentration. The minimum concentration for exclusion from the precision assessment was identified as the lower limit of the lowest concentration range (Level 1 in Table 3-1), which was about 50 ppm for most elements.
  4. The RSDs for the various blends for both the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory were treated as a statistical population. Summary statistics (minimum, maximum, mean and median) were then calculated and compared for the data set as a whole and for the different concentration ranges (Levels 1 through 3 or 4).
  5. The precision of the XRF instrument for each target element was then categorized, based on the median RSDs, as either excellent (RSD less than 5 percent), good (RSD between 5 percent and 10 percent), fair (RSD between 10 percent and 20 percent), or poor (RSD above 20 percent).

One primary evaluation was a comparison of the mean RSD for each target element between the XRF instrument and the reference laboratory. Using this comparison, the precision of the XRF instrument could be evaluated against the precision of accepted fixed-laboratory methods. Another primary evaluation was a comparison of the mean RSD for each target element between the XRF instrument and the overall average of all XRF instruments. Using this comparison, the precision of the XRF instrument could be evaluated against its peers.

#### **4.2.4 Primary Objective 4 — Impact of Chemical and Spectral Interferences**

The potential in the XRF analysis for spectral interference between adjacent elements on the periodic table was evaluated for the following element pairs: lead/arsenic, nickel/copper, and copper/zinc. The demonstration sample set included multiple blends where the concentration of one of

these elements was greater than 10 times the concentration of the other element in the pair to facilitate this evaluation. Interference effects were identified through evaluation of the RPDs for these sample blends, which were calculated according to the equation in Section 4.2.2, since spectral interferences would occur only in the XRF data and not in the reference laboratory data.

Summary statistics for RPDs (mean, median, minimum, and maximum) were calculated for each potentially affected element for the sample blends with high relative concentrations (greater than 10 times) of the potentially interfering element. These summary statistics were compared with the RPD statistics for sample blends with lower concentrations of the interfering element. It was reasoned that spectral interference should be directly reflected in increased RPDs for the interference samples when compared with the rest of the demonstration sample set.

In addition to spectral interferences (caused by overlap of neighboring spectral peaks), the data sets were assessed for indications of chemical interferences. Chemical interferences occur when the x-rays characteristic of an element are absorbed or emitted by another element within the sample, causing low or high bias. These interferences are common in samples that contain high levels of iron, where low biases for copper and high biases for chromium can result. The evaluations for Primary Objective 4 therefore included RPD comparisons between sample blends with high concentrations of iron (more than 50,000 ppm) and other sample blends. These RPD comparisons were performed for the specific target elements of interest (copper, chromium, and others) to assess chemical interferences from iron. Outliers and subpopulations in the RPD data sets for specific target elements, as identified through graphical means (probability plots and box plots), were also examined for potential interference effects.

The software that is included with many XRF instruments can correct for chemical interferences. The results of this evaluation were intended to differentiate the instruments that incorporated effective software for addressing chemical interferences.

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#### **4.2.5 Primary Objective 5 — Effects of Soil Characteristics**

The demonstration sample set included soil and sediment samples from nine locations across the U.S. and a corresponding variety of soil types and lithologies. The accuracy and precision statistics (RPD and RSD) were grouped by soil type (sample location) and the groups were compared to assess the effects of soil characteristics. Outliers and subpopulations in the RPD data sets, as identified through graphical means (correlation plots and box plots), were also examined for matrix effects.

#### **4.2.6 Primary Objective 6 — Sample Throughput**

Sample throughput is a calculation of the total number of samples that can be analyzed in a specified time. The primary factors that affect sample throughput are the time required to prepare a sample for analysis, to conduct the analytical procedure for each sample, and to process and tabulate the resulting data. The time required to prepare and to analyze demonstration samples was recorded each day that demonstration samples were analyzed.

Sample throughput can also be affected by the time required to set up and calibrate the instrument as well as the time required for quality control. The time required to perform these activities was also recorded during the field demonstration.

An overall mean processing time per sample and an overall sample throughput rate was calculated based on the total time required to complete the analysis of the demonstration sample set from initial instrument setup through data reporting. The overall mean processing time per sample was then used as the primary basis for comparative evaluations.

#### **4.2.7 Primary Objective 7 — Technology Costs**

The costs for analysis are an important factor in the evaluation and include the cost for the instrument, analytical supplies, and labor. The observer collected information on each of these costs during the field demonstration.

Based on input from each technology developer and from distributors, the instrument cost was established for purchase of the equipment and for daily, weekly,

and monthly rental. Some of the technologies are not yet widely available, and the developer has not established rental options. In these cases, an estimated weekly rental cost was derived for the summary cost evaluations based on the purchase price for the instrument and typical rental to purchase price ratios for similar instruments. The costs associated with leasing agreements were also specified in the report, if available.

Analytical supplies include sample cups, spoons, x-ray film, Mylar<sup>®</sup>, reagents, and personal protective equipment. The rate that the supplies are consumed was monitored and recorded during the field demonstration. The cost of analytical supplies was estimated per sample from these consumption data and information on unit costs.

Labor includes the time required to prepare and analyze the samples and to set up and dismantle the equipment. The labor hours associated with preparing and analyzing samples and with setting up and dismantling the equipment were recorded during the demonstration. The labor costs were calculated based on this information and typical labor rates for a skilled technician or chemist.

In addition to the assessment of the above-described individual cost components, an overall cost for a field effort similar to the demonstration was compiled and compared to the cost of fixed laboratory analysis. The results of the cost evaluation are presented in Chapter 8.

#### **4.2.8 Secondary Objective 1 — Training Requirements**

Each XRF instrument requires that the operator be trained to safely set up and operate the instrument. The relative level of education and experience that is appropriate to operate the XRF instrument was assessed during the field demonstration.

The amount of specific training required depends on the complexity of the instrument and the associated software. Most developers have established training programs. The time required to complete the developer's training program was estimated and the content of the training was identified.

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#### 4.2.9 Secondary Objective 2 — Health and Safety

The health and safety requirements for operation of the instrument were identified, including any that are associated with potential exposure from radiation and to reagents. Not included in the evaluation were potential risks from exposure to site-specific hazardous materials or physical safety hazards associated with the demonstration site.

#### 4.2.10 Secondary Objective 3 — Portability

The portability of the instrument depends on size, weight, number of components, power requirements, and reagents required. The size of the instrument, including physical dimensions and weight, was recorded (see Chapter 6). The number of components, power requirements, support structures, and reagent requirements were also recorded. A qualitative assessment of portability was conducted based on this information.

#### 4.2.11 Secondary Objective 4 — Durability

The durability of the instrument was evaluated by gathering information on the warranty and expected lifespan of the radioactive source or x-ray tube. The ability to upgrade software or hardware also was evaluated. Weather resistance was evaluated if the instrument is intended for use outdoors by examining the instrument for exposed electrical connections and openings that may allow water to penetrate.

#### 4.2.12 Secondary Objective 5 — Availability

The availability of the instrument from the developer, distributors, and rental agencies was documented. The availability of replacement parts and instrument-specific supplies was also noted.

### 4.3 Deviations from the Demonstration Plan

Although the field demonstration and subsequent data evaluations generally followed the *Demonstration and Quality Assurance Project Plan* (Tetra Tech 2005), there were some deviations as new information was uncovered or as the procedures were reassessed while the plan was executed. These deviations are documented below for completeness and as a supplement to the demonstration plan:

1. An in-process audit of the reference laboratory was originally planned while the laboratory was analyzing the demonstration samples. However, the reference laboratory completed all analysis earlier than expected, during the week of the field demonstration, and thereby created a schedule conflict. Furthermore, it was decided that the original pre-award audit was adequate for assessing the laboratory's procedures and competence.
2. The plan suggested that each result for spiked samples from the reference laboratory would be replaced by the "certified analysis" result, which was quantitative based on the amount of each element spiked, whenever the RPD between these two results was greater than 10 percent. The project team agreed that 10 percent was too stringent for this evaluation, however, and decided to use 25 percent RPD as the criterion for assessing reference laboratory accuracy against the spiked samples. Furthermore, it was found during the data evaluations that replacing individual reference laboratory results using this criterion would result in a mixed data set. Therefore, the 25 percent criterion was applied to the overall mean RPD for each element, and the "certified analysis" data set for a specific target element was used as a supplement to the reference laboratory result when this criterion was exceeded.
3. Instrument accuracy and comparability in relation to the reference laboratory (Primary Objective 2) was originally planned to be assessed based on a combination of percent recovery (instrument result divided by reference laboratory result) and RPD. It was decided during the data analysis, however, that the RPD was a much better parameter for this assessment. Specifically, it was found that the mean or median of the absolute values of the RPD for each blend was a good discriminator of instrument performance for this objective.
4. Although this step was not described in the plan, some quantitative results for each instrument were compared with the overall average of all XRF instruments. Since there were eight instruments, it was believed that a comparison of

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this type did not violate EPA's agreement with the technology developers that one instrument would not be compared with another. Furthermore, this comparison provides an easy-to-understand basis for assessing instrument performance.

5. The plan proposed statistical testing in support of Primary Objectives 4 and 5. Specifically, the Wilcoxon Rank Sum (WRS) test was proposed to assist in evaluating interference effects, and the

Rosner outlier test was proposed in evaluating other matrix effects on XRF data quality (EPA 2000; Gilbert 1987). However, these statistical tests were not able to offer any substantive performance information over and above the evaluations based on RPDs and regression plots because of the limited sample numbers and scatter in the data. On this basis, the use of these two statistical tests was not further explored or presented.

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## Chapter 5

### Reference Laboratory

As described in Chapter 4, a critical part of the evaluation was the comparison of the results obtained for the demonstration sample set by the XRF instrument with the results obtained by a fixed laboratory (the reference laboratory) using conventional analytical methods. Therefore, a significant effort was undertaken to ensure that data of the highest quality were obtained as the reference data for this demonstration. This effort included three main activities:

- Selection of the most appropriate methods for obtaining reference data,,
- Selection of a high-quality reference laboratory, and
- Validation of reference laboratory data and evaluation of QA/QC results.

This chapter describes the information that confirms the validity, reliability, and usability of the reference laboratory data based on each of the three activities listed above (Sections 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3). Finally, this chapter presents conclusions (Section 5.4) on the level of data quality and the usability of the data obtained by the reference laboratory.

#### 5.1 Selection of Reference Methods

Methods for analysis of elements in environmental samples, including soils and sediments, are well established in the environmental laboratory industry. Furthermore, analytical methods appropriate for soil and sediment samples have been promulgated by EPA in the compendium of methods, *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods* (SW-846) (EPA 1996c). Therefore, the methods selected as reference methods for the demonstration were the SW-846 methods most typically applied by environmental laboratories to soil and sediment samples, as follows:

- Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES), in accordance with

EPA SW-846 Method 3050B/6010B, for all target elements except mercury.

- Cold vapor atomic absorption (CVAA) spectroscopy, in accordance with EPA SW-846 Method 7471A, for mercury only.

Selection of these analytical methods for the demonstration was supported by the following additional considerations: (1) the methods are widely available and widely used in current site characterizations, remedial investigations, risk assessments, and remedial actions; (2) substantial historical data are available for these methods to document that their accuracy and precision are adequate to meet the objectives of the demonstration; (3) these methods have been used extensively in other EPA investigations where confirmatory data were compared with XRF data; and (4) highly sensitive alternative methods were less suitable given the broad range of concentrations that were inherent in the demonstration sample set. Specific details on the selection of each method are presented below.

Element Analysis by ICP-AES. Method 6010B (ICP-AES) was selected for 12 of the target elements because its demonstrated accuracy and precision meet the requirements of the XRF demonstration in the most cost-effective manner. The ICP-AES method is available at most environmental laboratories and substantial data exist to support the claim that the method is both accurate and precise enough to meet the objectives of the demonstration.

Inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) was considered as a possible analytical technique; however, fewer data were available to support the claims of accuracy and precision. Furthermore, it was available in less than one-third of the laboratories solicited for this project. Finally, ICP-MS is a technique for analysis of trace elements and often requires serial dilutions to mitigate the effect of high concentrations of interfering ions or other matrix interferences. These dilutions can introduce the possibility of error and contaminants that might bias the results. Since the matrices (soil

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and sediment) for this demonstration are designed to contain high concentrations of elements and interfering ions, ICP-AES was selected over ICP-MS as the instrumental method best suited to meet the project objectives. The cost per analysis is also higher for ICP-MS in most cases than for ICP-AES.

Soil/Sediment Sample Preparation by Acid Digestion. The elements in soil and sediment samples must be dissolved from the matrix into an aqueous solution by acid digestion before analysis by ICP-AES. Method 3050B was selected as the preparation method and involves digestion of the matrix using a combination of nitric and hydrochloric acids, with the addition of hydrogen peroxide to assist in degrading organic matter in the samples. Method 3050B was selected as the reference preparation method because extensive data are available that suggest it efficiently dissolves most elements, as required for good overall recoveries and method accuracy. Furthermore, this method was selected over other digestion procedures because it is the most widely used dissolution method. In addition, it has been used extensively as the digestion procedure in EPA investigations where confirmatory data were compared with XRF data.

The ideal preparation reference method would completely digest siliceous minerals. However, total digestion is difficult and expensive and is therefore seldom used in environmental analysis. More common strong acid-based extractions, like that used by EPA Method 3050B, recover most of the heavy element content. In addition, stronger and more vigorous digestions may produce two possible drawbacks: (1) loss of elements through volatilization, and (2) increased dissolution of interfering species, which may result in inaccurate concentration values.

Method 3052 (microwave-assisted digestion) was considered as an alternative to Method 3050B, but was not selected because it is not as readily available in environmental laboratories.

Soil/Sediment Sample Preparation for Analysis of Mercury by CVAA. Method 7471A (CVAA) is the only method approved by EPA and promulgated for analysis of mercury. Method 7471A includes its own digestion procedure because more vigorous digestion

of samples, like that incorporated in Method 3050B, would volatilize mercury and produce inaccurate results. This technique is widely available, and extensive data are available that support the ability of this method to meet the objectives of the demonstration.

## 5.2 Selection of Reference Laboratory

The second critical step in ensuring high-quality reference data was selection of a reference laboratory with proven credentials and quality systems. The reference laboratory was procured via a competitive bid process. The procurement process involved three stages of selection: (1) a technical proposal, (2) an analysis of performance audit samples, and (3) an on-site laboratory technical systems audit (TSA). Each stage was evaluated by the project chemist and a procurement specialist.

In Stage 1, 12 analytical laboratories from across the U.S. were invited to bid by submitting extensive technical proposals. The technical proposals included:

- A current statement of qualifications.
- The laboratory quality assurance manual.
- Standard operating procedures (SOP) (including sample receipt, laboratory information management, sample preparation, and analysis of elements).
- Current instrument lists.
- Results of recent analysis of performance evaluation samples and audits.
- Method detection limit studies for the target elements.
- Professional references, laboratory personnel experience, and unit prices.

Nine of the 12 laboratories submitted formal written proposals. The proposals were scored based on technical merit and price, and a short list of five laboratories was identified. The scoring was weighed heavier for technical merit than for price. The five laboratories that received the highest score were advanced to stage 2.

In stage 2, each of the laboratories was provided with a set of six samples to analyze. The samples consisted of three certified reference materials (one soil and two sediment samples) at custom spiking concentrations, as well as three pre-demonstration soil samples. The results received from each laboratory were reviewed and assessed. Scoring at this stage was based on precision (reproducibility of results for the three pre-demonstration samples), accuracy (comparison of results to certified values for the certified reference materials), and completeness of the data package (including the hard copy and electronic data deliverables). The two laboratories that received the highest score were advanced to stage 3.

In stage 3, the two candidate laboratories were subjected to a thorough on-site TSA by the project chemist. The audit consisted of a direct comparison of the technical proposal to the actual laboratory procedures and conditions. The audit also tracked the pre-demonstration samples through the laboratory processes from sample receipt to results reporting. When the audit was conducted, the project chemist verified sample preparation and analysis for the three pre-demonstration samples. Each laboratory was scored on identical checklists.

The reference laboratory was selected based on the highest overall score. The weights of the final scoring selection were as follows:

Scoring Element	Relative Importance
Audits (on site)	40%
Performance evaluation samples, including data package and electronic data deliverable	50%
Price	10%

Based on the results of the evaluation process, Shealy Environmental Services, Inc. (Shealy), of Cayce, South Carolina, received the highest score and was therefore selected as the reference laboratory. Shealy is accredited by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC). Once selected, Shealy analyzed all demonstration samples (both environmental and spiked samples) concurrently with the developers' analysis during the field demonstration. Shealy analyzed the samples by

ICP-AES using EPA SW-846 Method 3050B/6010B and by CVAA using EPA SW-846 Method 7471A.

### 5.3 QA/QC Results for Reference Laboratory

All data and QC results from the reference laboratory were reviewed in detail to determine that the reference laboratory data were of sufficiently high quality for the evaluation. Data validation of all reference laboratory results was the primary review tool that established the level of quality for the data set (Section 5.3.1). Additional reviews included the on-site TSA (Section 5.3.2) and other evaluations (Section 5.3.3).

#### 5.3.1 Reference Laboratory Data Validation

After all demonstration samples had been analyzed, reference data from Shealy were fully validated according to the EPA validation document, *USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review* (EPA 2004c) as required by the *Demonstration and Quality Assurance Project Plan* (Tetra Tech 2005). The reference laboratory measured 13 target elements, including antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, vanadium, and zinc. The reference laboratory reported results for 22 elements at the request of EPA; however, only the data for the 13 target elements were validated and included in data comparisons for meeting project objectives. A complete summary of the validation findings for the reference laboratory data is presented in Appendix C.

In the data validation process, results for QC samples were reviewed for conformance with the acceptance criteria established in the demonstration plan. Based on the validation criteria specified in the demonstration plan, all reference laboratory data were declared valid (were not rejected). Thus, the completeness of the data set was 100 percent. Accuracy and precision goals were met for most of the QC samples, as were the criteria for comparability, representativeness, and sensitivity. Thus, all reference laboratory data were deemed usable for comparison to the data obtained by the XRF instruments.



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Only a small percentage of the reference laboratory data set was qualified as undetected as a result of blank contamination (3.3 percent) and estimated because of matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) recoveries (8.7 percent) and serial dilutions results (2.5 percent). Table 5.1 summarizes the number of validation qualifiers applied to the reference laboratory data according to QC type. Of the three QC types, only the MS/MSD recoveries warranted additional evaluation. The MS/MSD recoveries for antimony were marginally low (average recovery of 70.8 percent) when compared with the QC criterion of 75 to 125 percent recovery. It was concluded that low recoveries for antimony are common in analysis of soil and sediment by the prescribed methods and likely result from volatilization during the vigorous acid digestion process or spectral interferences found in soil and sediments matrices (or both). In comparison to antimony, high or low recoveries were observed only on an isolated basis for the other target metals (for example, lead and mercury) such that the mean and median percent recoveries were well within the required range. Therefore, the project team decided to evaluate the XRF data against the reference laboratory data for all 13 target elements and to evaluate the XRF data a second time against the ERA certified spike values for antimony only. These comparisons are discussed in Section 7.1. However, based on the validation of the complete reference data set and the low occurrence of qualified data, the reference laboratory data set as a whole was declared of high quality and of sufficient quality to make valid comparisons to XRF data.

### **5.3.2 Reference Laboratory Technical Systems Audit**

The TSA of the Shealy laboratory was conducted by the project chemist on October 19, 2004, as part of the selection process for the reference laboratory. The audit included the review of element analysis practices (including sample preparation) for 12 elements by EPA Methods 3050B and 6010B and for total mercury by EPA Method 7471A. All decision-making personnel for Shealy were present during the TSA, including the laboratory director, QA officer, director of inorganics analysis, and the inorganics laboratory supervisor.

Project-specific requirements were reviewed with the Shealy project team as were all the QA criteria and reporting requirements in the demonstration plan. It was specifically noted that the demonstration samples would be dried, ground, and sieved before they were submitted to the laboratory, and that the samples would be received with no preservation required (specifically, no chemical preservation and no ice). The results of the performance audit were also reviewed.

No findings or nonconformances that would adversely affect data quality were noted. Only two minor observations were noted; these related to the revision dates of two SOPs. Both observations were discussed at the debriefing meeting held at the laboratory after the TSA. Written responses to each of the observations were not required; however, the laboratory resolved these issues before the project was awarded. The auditor concluded that Shealy complied with the demonstration plan and its own SOPs, and that data generated at the laboratory should be of sufficient and known quality to be used as a reference for the XRF demonstration.

### **5.3.3 Other Reference Laboratory Data Evaluations**

The data validation indicated that all results from the reference laboratory were valid and usable for comparison to XRF data, and the pre-demonstration TSA indicated that the laboratory could fully comply with the requirements of the demonstration plan for producing data of high quality. However, the reference laboratory data were evaluated in other ways to support the claim that reference laboratory data are of high quality. These evaluations included the (1) assessment of accuracy based on ERA-certified spike values, (2) assessment of precision based on replicate measurements within the same sample blend, and (3) comparison of reference laboratory data to the initial characterization data that was obtained when the blends were prepared. Each of these evaluations is briefly discussed in the following paragraphs.

Blends 46 through 70 of the demonstration sample set consisted of certified spiked samples that were used to assess the accuracy of the reference laboratory data. The summary statistics from

comparing the “certified values” for the spiked samples with the reference laboratory results are shown in Table 5-2. The target for percent recovery was 75 to 125 percent. The mean percent recoveries for 12 of the 13 target elements were well within this accuracy goal. Only the mean recovery for antimony was outside the goal (26.8 percent). The low mean percent recovery for antimony supported the recommendation made by the project team to conduct

a secondary comparison of XRF data to ERA-certified spike values for antimony. This secondary evaluation was intended to better understand the impacts on the evaluation of the low bias for antimony in the reference laboratory data. All other recoveries were acceptable. Thus, this evaluation further supports the conclusion that the reference data set is of high quality.

**Table 5-1. Number of Validation Qualifiers.**

Element	Number and Percentage of Qualified Results per QC type <sup>1</sup>					
	Method Blank		MS/MSD		Serial Dilution	
	Number	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>2</sup>
Antimony	5	1.5	199	61.0	8	2.4
Arsenic	12	3.7	3	0.9	10	3.1
Cadmium	13	4.0	0	0	6	1.8
Chromium	0	0	0	0	10	3.1
Copper	1	0.3	0	0	8	2.4
Iron	0	0	0	0	10	3.1
Lead	0	0	34	10.5	11	3.4
Mercury	68	20.9	31	9.5	4	1.2
Nickel	0	0	0	0	10	3.1
Selenium	16	4.9	0	0	3	0.9
Silver	22	6.7	102	31.3	7	2.1
Vanadium	0	0	0	0	9	2.8
Zinc	1	0.3	0	0	10	3.1
Totals	138	3.3	369	8.7	106	2.5

Notes:

MS Matrix spike.

MSD Matrix spike duplicate.

QC Quality control.

<sup>1</sup> This table presents the number of “U” (undetected) and “J” (estimated) qualifiers added to the reference laboratory data during data validation. Though so qualified, these results are considered usable for the demonstration. As is apparent in the “Totals” row at the bottom of this table, the amount of data that required qualifiers for any specific QC type was invariably less than 10 percent. No reference laboratory data were rejected (that is, qualified “R”) during the data validation.

<sup>2</sup> Percents for individual elements are calculated based on 326 results per element. Total percents at the bottom of the table are calculated based on the total number of results for all elements (4,238).

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All blends (1 through 70) were prepared and delivered with multiple replicates. To assess precision, percent RSDs were calculated for the replicate sample results submitted by the reference laboratory for each of the 70 blends. Table 5-3 presents the summary statistics for the reference laboratory data for each of the 13 target elements. These summary statistics indicate good precision in that the median percent RSD was less than 10 percent for 11 out of 13 target elements (and the median RSD for the other two elements was just above 10 percent). Thus, this evaluation further supports the conclusion that the reference data set is of high quality.

ARDL, in Mount Vernon, Illinois, was selected as the characterization laboratory to prepare environmental samples for the demonstration. As part of its work, ARDL analyzed several samples of each blend to evaluate whether the concentrations of the target elements and the homogeneity of the blends were suitable for the demonstration. ARDL analyzed the samples using the same methods as the reference laboratory; however, the data from the characterization laboratory were not validated and were not intended to be equivalent to the reference laboratory data. Rather, the intent was to use the results obtained by the characterization laboratory as an additional quality control check on the results from the reference laboratory.

A review of the ARDL characterization data in comparison to the reference laboratory data indicated that ARDL obtained lower recoveries of several elements. When expressed as a percent of the average reference laboratory result (percent recovery), the median ARDL result was below the lower QC limit of 75 percent recovery for three elements — chromium, nickel, and selenium. This discrepancy between data from the reference laboratory and ARDL was determined to have no significant impact on reference laboratory data

quality for three reasons: (1) the ARDL data were obtained on a rapid turnaround basis to evaluate homogeneity — accuracy was not a specific goal, (2) the ARDL data were not validated, and (3) all other quality measurement for the reference laboratory data indicated a high level of quality.

#### **5.4 Summary of Data Quality and Usability**

A significant effort was undertaken to ensure that data of high quality were obtained as the reference data for this demonstration. The reference laboratory data set was deemed valid, usable, and of high quality based on the following:

- Comprehensive selection process for the reference laboratory, with multiple levels of evaluation.
- No data were rejected during data validation and few data qualifiers were added.
- The observations noted during the reference laboratory audit were only minor in nature; no major findings or non-conformances were documented.
- Acceptable accuracy (except for antimony, as discussed in Section 5.3.3) of reference laboratory results in comparison to spiked certified values.
- Acceptable precision for the replicate samples in the demonstration sample set.

Based on the quality indications listed above, the reference laboratory data were used in the evaluation of XRF demonstration data. A second comparison was made between XRF data and certified values for antimony (in Blends 46 through 70) to address the low bias exhibited for antimony in the reference laboratory data.

**Table 5-2. Percent Recovery for Reference Laboratory Results in Comparison to ERA Certified Spike Values for Blends 46 through 70**

Statistic	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
Number of %R values	16	14	20	12	20	NC	12	15	16	23	20	15	10
Minimum %R	12.0	65.3	78.3	75.3	51.7	NC	1.4	81.1	77.0	2.2	32.4	58.5	0.0
Maximum %R	36.1	113.3	112.8	108.6	134.3	NC	97.2	243.8	116.2	114.2	100.0	103.7	95.2
Mean %R <sup>1</sup>	<b>26.8</b>	88.7	90.0	94.3	92.1	NC	81.1	117.3	93.8	89.9	78.1	90.4	90.6
Median %R <sup>1</sup>	<b>28.3</b>	90.1	87.3	97.3	91.3	NC	88.0	93.3	91.7	93.3	84.4	95.0	91.3

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Values shown in bold fall outside the 75 to 125 percent acceptance criterion for percent recovery.

ERA = Environmental Resource Associates, Inc.

NC = Not calculated.

%R = Percent recovery.

Source of certified values: Environmental Resource Associates, Inc.

Sb Antimony  
 As Arsenic  
 Cd Cadmium  
 Cr Chromium  
 Cu Copper  
 Fe Iron  
 Pb Lead  
 Hg Mercury  
 Ni Nickel  
 Se Selenium  
 Ag Silver  
 V Vanadium  
 Zn Zinc

**Table 5-3. Precision of Reference Laboratory Results for Blends 1 through 70**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Sb</b>	<b>As</b>	<b>Cd</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Cu</b>	<b>Fe</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>Hg</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>Se</b>	<b>Ag</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Zn</b>
Number of %RSDs	43	69	43	69	70	70	69	62	68	35	44	69	70
Minimum %RSD	1.90	0.00	0.91	1.43	0.00	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	0.00	0.99
Maximum %RSD	78.99	139.85	40.95	136.99	45.73	46.22	150.03	152.59	44.88	37.30	54.21	43.52	48.68
Mean %RSD <sup>1</sup>	17.29	13.79	12.13	11.87	10.62	10.56	14.52	16.93	10.28	13.24	12.87	9.80	10.94
Median %RSD <sup>1</sup>	11.99	10.01	9.36	8.29	8.66	8.55	9.17	7.74	8.12	9.93	8.89	8.34	7.54

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Values shown in bold fall outside precision criterion of less than or equal to 25 %RSD.

%RSD = Percent relative standard deviation.

Based on the three to seven replicate samples included in Blends 1 through 70.

Sb Antimony  
As Arsenic  
Cd Cadmium  
Cr Chromium  
Cu Copper  
Fe Iron  
Pb Lead  
Hg Mercury  
Ni Nickel  
Se Selenium  
Ag Silver  
V Vanadium  
Zn Zinc

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## Chapter 6

### Technology Description

The XLi 700 Series XRF analyzer is manufactured by NITON Analyzers, a division of Thermo Electron Corporation (Niton). This chapter provides a technical description of the XLi based on information obtained from Niton and observation of this analyzer during the field demonstration. This section also identifies a Niton company contact, where additional technical information may be obtained.

#### 6.1 General Description

The Niton XLi is a small, field-portable, isotope-based XRF instrument designed for chemical characterization of soils, sediment, and other thick homogeneous samples (plastics and metals). The XLi can be outfitted with various isotope options to best fit the environmental application needs of the customer. Niton offers the XLi with a 40 milliCurie (mCi)  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  cadmium (Cd) source for standard elemental analysis of bulk materials. Up to 15 elements can be analyzed using the  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  source, including arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, and zinc. Optional isotope sources that can be fitted into the same analyzer are the 14 mCi  $^{241}\text{Am}$  americium (Am) source and the 20 mCi  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  iron (Fe) source. The  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source permits analysis for five heavier elements: antimony, barium, cadmium, silver, and tin. The  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  isotope source permits analysis of four lighter elements: calcium, potassium, titanium, and vanadium.

Niton also manufactures an XLi analyzer with a patented Infiniton isotope source for general analysis of up to 25 elements in bulk material samples. The Infiniton XRF analyzer uses a 30 mCi  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source that essentially lasts indefinitely because the source half-life equals 432.2 years. The Infiniton XRF analyzer also includes unique detector settings and software.

Other features include an integrated touch-screen display; completely sealed housing to protect the analyzer from moisture and dust; lithium-ion batteries; an integrated bar code reader and virtual keypad; remote operation and custom report

generation capability from a Windows-based PC; a shielded bench-top test stand; and Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> wireless communication to a laptop or personal data assistant (PDA).

The XLi is factory calibrated to simultaneously analyze up to 25 elements, including all eight Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) metals. The analyzer does not require a site-specific, or material-specific, calibration; however, it is capable of handling user-generated empirical calibrations, if required for specific applications.

The XLi is designed to be used as either a hand-held instrument for in situ analysis or as a bench-top instrument, in a test stand with a sample drawer below the instrument, for ex situ analysis (Figure 6-1). To analyze soil samples in the in situ mode, the instrument x-ray window is placed directly on the ground or on soils in a plastic bag. In situ testing with the XLi allows for semi-quantitative assessment of element concentrations at multiple locations or over large areas in a short time. For ex situ analysis, samples are prepared in x-ray sample cups and placed in the sample drawer at the bottom of the test stand, directly beneath the instrument x-ray window. Quantitative ex situ testing involves properly preparing the samples, placing the samples in x-ray sample cups, and analyzing them in a controlled area, typically free from dust and weather extremes. Most field-portable XRF analyses use a combination of in situ and ex situ sample testing.

The XLi can be used to analyze elements under three primary scenarios: (1) bulk sample mode (includes soils, sediments, and metal alloys); (2) thin film mode (includes dust wipes and filters); and (3) plastics mode. Two standard calibrations are provided under the bulk sample mode, one for standard soil samples (optimum for concentrations up to 1%) and one for industrial bulk samples (optimum for concentration from 1 - 100%). Additional user-defined calibrations can be programmed and used under the bulk sample mode. In the thin film mode, the XLi can be used to analyze thin samples (dust wipes) and other filter media ( $\text{PM}_{10}$  and  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ) for airborne and risk assessment purposes.



**Figure 6-1. Niton XLi 700 Series analyzer set up for ex-situ analysis.**

XRF analyses using the XLi can fully comply with EPA Method 6200, “Field Portable XRF Spectrometry for the Determination of Elemental Concentrations in Soil and Sediment.” Since XRF analysis is nondestructive, samples analyzed by XRF can be sent to a fixed analytical laboratory for confirmation of results. The technical specifications for the XLi are presented in Table 6-1.

The XLi can be shipped via regular ground or air transportation. The packages used to ship do not need to be labeled as radioactive materials because the isotope sources are contained in a shielded and safe-locked unit.

Niton has no formal published standard operating procedures for the XLi operations, but recommends that users follow EPA Method 6200 and the instrument user’s manual to ensure that the appropriate protocol is followed. The recommended steps include the following:

- 1) Insert the battery, turn on system, and allow it to warm up for 15 minutes.

- 2) Ensure the date and time is correct.
- 3) Run the detector calibration program that ensures the electronics are stable and that the resolution of the detector is appropriate (less than 225 electron volts [eV] for the XLi).
- 4) Analyze the standard check samples (National Institute of Standards and Technology [NIST] 2709; NIST 2710; and blank) to ensure proper precision. Repeat this step every 4 to 6 hours, or after a battery exchange and reboot.
- 5) Download and delete data after 3,000 readings have been taken.

## **6.2 Instrument Operations during the Demonstration**

The instrument shipped to the demonstration site was a standard XLi with  $^{109}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{55}\text{Fe}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Am}$  sources. The instrument was packed in a Pelican case that was 8 inches tall by 20 inches wide and 16 inches deep. The Pelican case was overpacked in a standard cardboard box with additional packing. One additional large box was needed to hold all the accessories and supplies for routine analysis. A laptop computer is not required for analysis, but was used during the field demonstration for data downloading and to serve as a larger screen for viewing results and for assigning sample numbers.

### **6.2.1 Set up and Calibration**

During the field demonstration, the XLi was used in the ex situ, bulk analysis mode. Instrument setup involved placing the unit in the environmental test stand, connecting the analyzer to the laptop computer, and powering up both the analyzer and the computer. As part of the standard analyzer setup routine, the analyzer was initially calibrated using the silver and tungsten shielding on the inside of the shutter to fine-tune the known peaks for these elements.

**Table 6-1. Niton XLi XRF Analyzer Technical Specifications**

Weight:	1.7 pounds (0.8 kg)
Dimensions:	Hand-held, approximately 11.5 x 3.5 x 3.0 inches (292 x 89 x 76 mm).
Excitation Source:	Primary: <sup>241</sup> Am maximum 30mCi (1,110 MBq) — Infiniton, or <sup>109</sup> Cd maximum 40mCi (1,480 MBq). Secondary: <sup>241</sup> Am maximum 14mCi (520 MBq) or <sup>55</sup> Fe maximum 20mCi (740 MBq).
Detector:	High-performance Si-PiN detector, Peltier cooled.
Signal Processing:	Hitachi SH-4 CPU ASICS high-speed DSP 4096 channel MCA.
Element Range:	Up to 25 standard elements in the range titanium (atomic number 22) to plutonium (atomic number 94). Some nonstandard in-range elements available at additional cost.
Batteries:	(2) Rechargeable lithium-ion battery packs with quick-swap capability; 6 to 12 hours (maximum depends on platform and duty cycle), 2-hour recharge cycle.
Display:	¼ backlit VGA touch-screen LCD.
Testing Modes:	Bulk sample mode. Thin sample mode, including dust wipe mode and 37-mm filter mode.
Data Storage:	Internal: 3,000 readings with x-ray spectra (maximum).
Standard Accessories:	Soil Sampling Kit/Thin Sample Kit (varies by model and configuration). Lockable, shielded waterproof carrying case. Shielded belt holster. Spare lithium-ion battery pack with holster. 110/220 V AC battery charger/adapter. PC interface cable. NDT (Niton Data Transfer) PC software. Safety lanyard. Check/verification standards. Integrated bar code scan engine/virtual keypad for rapid and reliable entry of sample information.



Even though a warm-up time is not required, about 5 minutes is recommended to allow the analyzer to equilibrate with ambient conditions.

Niton included five calibration and reference samples with the analyzer to be used for calibration. Included were three NIST standards, one RCRA metals reference sample, and one silica blank. The Niton field team also used additional standards and samples with known element concentrations (the pre-demonstration samples) to further evaluate the XLi's calibration. Individual element results and the error for each value were evaluated to verify that the analyzer was calibrated. The pre-set factory standard calibration for soil was selected for all routine analysis of soil and sediment and included the simultaneous analysis of up to 25 elements. The XLi software allows for empirical calibrations and corrections for any of the 25 elements. However, no empirical calibration or corrections were used during the field demonstration.

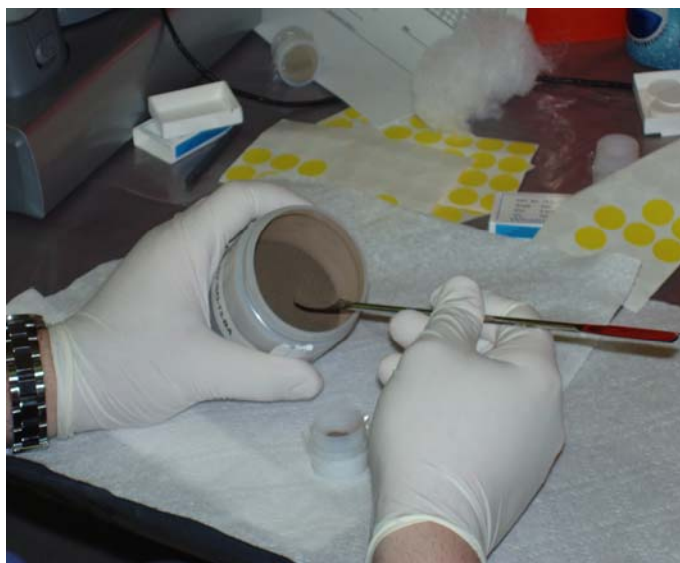
### 6.2.2 Demonstration Sample Processing

Niton sent a two person team to the demonstration site to operate the two Niton instruments that were participating in the demonstration. One field team member was assigned to each instrument and completed the sample preparation, analysis, and data reduction for that instrument. Thus, the XLi had a dedicated operator for the entire length of the field demonstration, which showed how a single person could efficiently prepare and analyze samples in the field using the XLi.

Before initiating sample processing, each sample set was arranged in numerical order. Custody seals were broken, and the soil samples placed in standard 32-mm sample cups using a small stainless steel spatula (Figure 6-2). The sample cups were filled approximately 1/2 to 2/3 full. Each sample cup was then fitted with a small paper disc, polyester batting material behind the soil, and an end cap. The polyester batting and paper disc were necessary to hold the soil firmly against the upper Mylar® film when the sample cup is inverted. A colored, self-adhesive dot was used to label each sample cup with the proper number and was attached to the bottom of the prepared sample cups. Prepared samples were placed in a queue and analyzed in order (Figure 6-3). To initiate an analysis, the next sample in the queue

was placed in the environmental sample holder and the drawer was closed. The sample analysis was started from the laptop computer that was directly connected to the analyzer. A total of 180 seconds (60 seconds for the  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  source, 60 seconds for the  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source, and 60 seconds for the  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  source) was selected as an appropriate analysis time to simulate the duration a typical customer might choose under normal field conditions. The Niton software automatically sets the actual real time needed to achieve 60 seconds of analysis time based on the age of the isotope source. For example, the actual real time to achieve 60 "source seconds" of analysis would be approximately 120 seconds if an XRF with a  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  source that is 18 months old (equal to the half-life of the  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  source). The  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  and  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  sources were approximately 26 months old. The total actual real time to achieve 180 source seconds of analyses for the XLi analyzer used at the demonstration therefore equaled about 330 seconds (5.5 minutes).

At the end of the test, the sample number recording screen was viewed on the laptop computer, and then the sample number was entered and the results saved. The Niton data transfer (NDT) software has the option to save the data to the laptop computer simultaneously as the results are saved on the instrument. The data were written to the computer using a comma separated value (CSV) format.



**Figure 6-2. Niton technician using a stainless steel scoop to fill a sample cup.**



**Figure 6-3. Instrument setup with samples awaiting analysis.**

### **6.3 General Demonstration Results**

The Niton operator for the XLi analyzed all 326 soil and sediment samples in 4 days using the standard soils calibration in the bulk sample mode. All analyses were completed in the ex situ mode after the soil and sediment materials were placed in the sample cups. Samples with iron results above 50,000 parts per million (ppm) (5 percent) and samples with lead

results above 10,000 ppm (1 percent) were identified for an additional 30-second analysis using the industrial bulk calibration in the bulk sample mode. The industrial bulk calibration is not considered as accurate as the standard soils calibration for elements below approximately 1 percent. However, the industrial bulk calibration is considered more accurate than the standard soils calibration for most elements at concentrations above 1 percent. Iron is a common element in soils and is typically above 10,000 ppm in all soils; therefore, the standard soil calibration range for iron extends to 50,000 ppm.

### **6.4 Contact Information**

Additional information on Niton's XLi 700 Series XRF analyzer is available from the following source:

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## Chapter 7

### Performance Evaluation

As discussed in Chapter 6, Niton analyzed all 326 demonstration samples of soil and sediment at the field demonstration site between January 25 and 27, 2005. A complete set of electronic data for the XLi in Microsoft Excel<sup>®</sup> spreadsheet format was delivered to the Tetra Tech field team before Niton demobilized from the site on January 28, 2005. All the data provided by Niton at the close of the demonstration are tabulated and compared with the reference laboratory data and the ERA-certified spike concentrations in Appendix D.

The XLi data set was reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the primary and secondary objectives of the demonstration. The findings of the evaluation for each objective are presented below.

#### 7.1 Primary Objective 1 — Method Detection Limits

Samples were selected to calculate MDLs for each target element from the 12 potential MDL sample blends, as described in Section 4.2.1. The evaluation and selection of data for the MDL calculation also addressed results reported as “not detected” by Niton. For many of the MDL blend results, element concentrations were below the statistical limits of detection (LOD) calculated by the XLi’s instrument algorithms. These LODs are sample-specific and are calculated based on blank measurements, calibration routines, and relative element concentrations in the samples analyzed. (Additional information on calculating LODs is available from the developer, and a technical bulletin is available at <http://www.Niton.com/docs/LODs.pdf>.) In selecting samples from among the 12 blends for the calculation of MDLs, blends where one or more of the seven replicates was reported as “<LOD” were generally not used. In essence, this meant that all seven replicates had to have detected concentrations, as reported by Niton, to be used in this evaluation. However, because this approach produced very limited or no MDL data sets for some metals, blends for which at least six of the seven replicates were

detections were also included in the evaluation. Iron was not included in the MDL evaluation, as was discussed in Section 4.2.1.

The MDLs calculated for the XLi from the original data set are presented in Table 7-1. As shown, the lack of any detections in the MDL blends precluded the calculation of MDLs for silver and vanadium, and only a single MDL could be calculated for cadmium, chromium, copper, and selenium. The number of MDLs that could be calculated for the remaining metals ranged between two (antimony, arsenic, and mercury) and five (lead and zinc). These low numbers of MDLs were calculated despite the inclusion of blends with only six replicate detections as noted above.

Also shown in Table 7-1 are the mean MDLs calculated for each target element, which are classified as follows:

- Very low (1 to 20 ppm): selenium.
- Low (20 to 50 ppm): arsenic, lead, and mercury.
- Medium (50 to 100 ppm): antimony and zinc.
- High (greater than 100 ppm): cadmium, chromium, copper, and nickel.

The highest MDL of 228 ppm was calculated for chromium; no other MDLs were above 150 ppm. Although most of the MDLs were based on limited data and are somewhat uncertain, the MDL for chromium was calculated from a single blend with a reference laboratory concentration of 303 ppm, well above the predicted MDL range for the XLi. Thus, the MDL for chromium may be biased high. The MDL data were too limited to assess general differences in MDLs between the sample media (soil versus sediment) and blends.

Table 7-1. Evaluation of Sensitivity — Method Detection Limits for the Niton XLI<sup>1</sup>

Matrix	Blend No.	Antimony			Arsenic			Cadmium			Chromium		
		XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>
Soil	2	NC	ND	17	NC	ND	1.5	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	167
Soil	5	NC	ND	ND	<b>22</b>	47	47	NC	ND	1.9	NC	ND	121
Soil	6	NC	ND	8	NC	358	477	NC	ND	12	NC	ND	133
Soil	8	<b>94</b>	270	118	NC	7571	3,943	NC	ND	91	NC	ND	55
Soil	10	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	39	NC	ND	0.96	NC	ND	116
Soil	12	<b>97</b>	238	62	NC	659	559	<b>120</b>	321	263	NC	ND	101
Soil	18	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	9	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	150
Sediment	29	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	10	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	63
Sediment	31	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	11	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	133
Sediment	32	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	31	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	75
Sediment	39	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	14	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	102
Sediment	65	NC	ND	11	<b>71</b>	297	250	NC	ND	44	<b>228<sup>5</sup></b>	299	303
<b>Mean XLi MDL</b>		<b>96<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>46<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>120<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>228<sup>6</sup></b>		
Matrix	Blend No.	Copper			Lead			Mercury			Nickel		
		XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>
Soil	2	NC	ND	47	NC	1066	1,200	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	83
Soil	5	NC	ND	49	<b>33</b>	80	78	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	60
Soil	6	<b>146<sup>5</sup></b>	176	160	NC	3933	3,986	NC	ND	0.83	NC	ND	70
Soil	8	NC	2793	1,243	NC	53514	33,429	NC	ND	15	NC	ND	57
Soil	10	NC	ND	31	<b>31</b>	72	72	NC	ND	0.14	NC	ND	60
Soil	12	NC	941	747	NC	4696	4,214	NC	ND	1.8	NC	ND	91
Soil	18	NC	ND	50	NC	ND	17	<b>13<sup>5</sup></b>	30	56	<b>90<sup>5</sup></b>	191	213
Sediment	29	NC	1997	1,986	<b>41</b>	52	33	NC	ND	0.24	NC	ND	72
Sediment	31	NC	1728	1,514	<b>22</b>	66	51	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	196
Sediment	32	NC	ND	36	NC	ND	26	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	174
Sediment	39	NC	ND	94	<b>15</b>	43	27	NC	ND	ND	<b>98<sup>5</sup></b>	192	202
Sediment	65	NC	ND	69	NC	ND	25	<b>31</b>	38	32	<b>153</b>	206	214
<b>Mean XLi MDL</b>		<b>146<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>28</b>			<b>22<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>114</b>		

**Table 7-1. Evaluation of Sensitivity — Method Detection Limits for the Niton XLi<sup>1</sup> (Continued)**

Matrix	Blend No.	Selenium			Silver			Vanadium			Zinc		
		XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>	XLi MDL <sup>2</sup>	XLi Conc. <sup>3</sup>	Ref. Lab Conc. <sup>4</sup>
Soil	2	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	1.2	NC	ND	24
Soil	5	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	0.93	NC	ND	55	<b>80</b>	210	229
Soil	6	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	14	NC	ND	56	NC	780	886
Soil	8	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	144	NC	ND	34	NC	7986	5,657
Soil	10	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	51	NC	ND	92
Soil	12	NC	ND	15	NC	ND	38	NC	ND	45	NC	2640	2,114
Soil	18	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	67	<b>71<sup>5</sup></b>	106	90
Sediment	29	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	96	<b>91<sup>5</sup></b>	144	160
Sediment	31	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	6.2	NC	ND	76	<b>85<sup>5</sup></b>	175	137
Sediment	32	NC	ND	4.6	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	57	NC	ND	69
Sediment	39	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	ND	NC	ND	38	<b>78</b>	142	137
Sediment	65	<b>14</b>	26	22	NC	ND	41	NC	ND	31	NC	2052	1,843
<b>Mean XLi MDL</b>		<b>14<sup>6</sup></b>			<b>NC</b>			<b>NC</b>			<b>81</b>		

Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Detection limits and concentrations are in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or parts per million (ppm).
  - <sup>2</sup> MDLs calculated from the 12 MDL sample blends for the Niton XLi in this technology demonstration (in bold typeface for emphasis).
  - <sup>3</sup> This column lists the mean concentration reported for this MDL sample blend by the Niton XLi.
  - <sup>4</sup> This column lists the mean concentration reported for this MDL sample blend by the reference laboratory.
  - <sup>5</sup> To increase the number of calculated MDLs for this metal, this blend was included despite the fact that detections were reported by the developer for only six of the seven replicates. This mean concentration and the corresponding MDL were calculated using the six replicate detected concentrations.
  - <sup>6</sup> This MDL is considered highly uncertain because of the limited number of sample blends from which MDLs could be calculated for this element.
- Conc. Concentration.  
MDL Method detection limit.  
NC The MDL was not calculated because reference laboratory concentrations exceeded five times the expected MDL range (approximately 50 ppm, depending on the element) or an insufficient number of detected concentrations were reported.  
ND One or more results for this blend were reported as “Not Detected.” Blends with one or more ND result as reported by the XRF were not used for calculating the MDL for this element.  
Ref. Lab. Reference laboratory.

The mean MDLs calculated for the XLi are compared in Table 7-2 with the mean LODs reported by Niton for the MDL blends, the mean MDLs for all instruments that participated in the demonstration, and the mean MDLs derived from performance data presented in EPA Method 6200 (EPA 1998e). As shown, the mean MDLs for the XLi varied in comparison to Niton's LODs and the mean MDLs calculated from EPA Method 6200 data. For antimony and cadmium, the mean MDLs were clearly higher than the LODs and available Method 6200 data. The mean MDLs for arsenic and copper were also somewhat elevated relative to the instrument LODs.

XLi exhibited high relative mean MDLs for seven of the 10 target elements for which MDLs could be calculated. The only elements for which the XLi had comparable or lower MDLs were lead, mercury, and selenium. Relative to the other demonstration instruments, the XLi also exhibited low detection frequencies in the MDL blends, such that fewer MDLs could be calculated. On this basis, the XLi appears to be less sensitive than many of the other XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration. It is possible that the lower sensitivity of the XLi may relate to its use of isotope sources rather than the x-ray tube sources used by the rest of the demonstration instruments.

When compared with the results for all eight XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration, the

**Table 7-2. Comparison of XLi MDLs to XLi LODs, All-Instrument MDLs, and EPA Method 6200 Data<sup>1</sup>**

Element	Niton XLi Mean MDLs <sup>2</sup>	Niton XLi Mean LODs <sup>3</sup>	All XRF Instrument Mean MDLs <sup>4</sup>	EPA Method 6200 Mean Detection Limits <sup>5</sup>
Antimony	96 <sup>6</sup>	49	61	55 <sup>7</sup>
Arsenic	46 <sup>6</sup>	35	26	92
Cadmium	120 <sup>6</sup>	43	70	NR
Chromium	228 <sup>6</sup>	261	83	376
Copper	146 <sup>6</sup>	108	23	171
Lead	28	24	40	78
Mercury	22 <sup>6</sup>	25	23	NR
Nickel	114	151	50	100 <sup>7</sup>
Selenium	14 <sup>6</sup>	22	8	NR
Silver	NC	247	42	NR
Vanadium	NC	297	28	NR
Zinc	81	73	38	89

Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Detection limits are in units of milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or parts per million (ppm).
  - <sup>2</sup> The mean MDLs calculated for this technology demonstration, as presented in Table 7-1.
  - <sup>3</sup> The mean LODs as reported by Niton for the 12 MDL blends.
  - <sup>4</sup> The mean MDLs calculated for all eight XRF instruments that participated in this EPA technology demonstration.
  - <sup>5</sup> Mean values calculated from Table 4 of Method 6200 (EPA 1998e, [www.epa.gov/sw-846](http://www.epa.gov/sw-846)).
  - <sup>6</sup> This MDL is considered highly uncertain because of the limited number of sample blends from which MDLs could be calculated for this element.
  - <sup>7</sup> Only one value reported.
- EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.  
 LOD Limit of detection.  
 MDL Method detection limit.  
 NC Not calculated.  
 NR Not reported; no MDLs reported for this element.

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## 7.2 Primary Objective 2 — Accuracy and Comparability

The number of demonstration sample blends that met the criteria for evaluation of accuracy, as described in Section 4.2.2, was low for some elements. Due primarily to limited instrument sensitivity, as described in Section 7.2.1, only between five and 20 blends were included in the evaluation for chromium, nickel, silver, and vanadium. RPDs between the mean concentrations obtained from the XLi and the reference laboratory were calculated for each blend that met the criteria. Table 7-3 presents the median RPDs for each target element, along with the number of RPD results used to calculate the median. These statistics are provided for all demonstration samples as well as for subpopulations grouped by medium (soil versus sediment) and concentration level (Levels 1 through 4, as documented in Table 3-1). Additional summary statistics for the RPDs (minimum, maximum, and mean) are provided in Appendix E (Table E-1).

Accuracy was classified as follows for the target elements based on the overall median RPDs:

- Very good (median RPD less than 10 percent): selenium.
- Good (median RPD between 10 percent and 25 percent): arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel, and zinc.
- Fair (median RPD between 25 percent and 50 percent): none.
- Poor (median RPD greater than 50 percent): antimony, mercury, silver, and vanadium.

The median RPD was used for this evaluation because it is less affected by extreme values than is the mean. (The initial evaluation of the RPD populations showed that they were generally right-skewed or lognormal.) However, the classification of the elements based on accuracy generally stayed the same when the mean rather than the median RPD was used for the evaluation, although the means were slightly higher overall (Table E-1). Review of the median RPDs with respect to media type (soil versus sediment) did not reveal any consistent trends. In some cases the soil RPDs were lower; while in other cases the sediment RPDs were lower. With regard to

concentration range, the low numbers of samples with reported concentrations in the Level 1 range (due to the XLi's high detection limits) effected the assessment of trends in accuracy. However, the following observations were made:

- A high median RPD was observed in the Level 3 soil samples for arsenic (with concentrations greater than 2,000 ppm). This RPD appeared to be skewed high by the results for sample blends 7 through 9 from the Wickes Smelter site, which contained high concentrations of other elements (such as lead, zinc, and iron).
- The best accuracy for mercury was observed in the Level 1 samples (with concentrations between 20 and 200 ppm) in both the soil and sediment matrices, where median RPDs of less than 50 percent were observed. These samples were generally characterized by very low concentrations of other elements, including elements adjacent to mercury in the periodic table such as cadmium and lead. However, this trend in mercury RPDs is somewhat uncertain due to the low numbers of samples with reported concentrations in the Level 1 concentration range.

The highest overall median RPD for an element was 109 percent (for antimony). Section 5.3.3 discussed how the reference laboratory data for antimony were consistently biased low when compared with the ERA-certified spike concentrations. This effect may be caused by volatilization of the antimony compounds used for spiking, resulting in loss of antimony during the sample digestion process at the reference laboratory. Therefore, Table 7-3 includes a second evaluation of accuracy for antimony, comparing the results from the XLi with the ERA-certified values. As shown, this comparison indicates far better performance for antimony than does the comparison to the reference laboratory results, with median RPDs of less than 10 percent for all media and concentration levels. Furthermore, these results suggest that the XLi may measure antimony in soil and sediment more accurately than the fixed-laboratory reference methods.

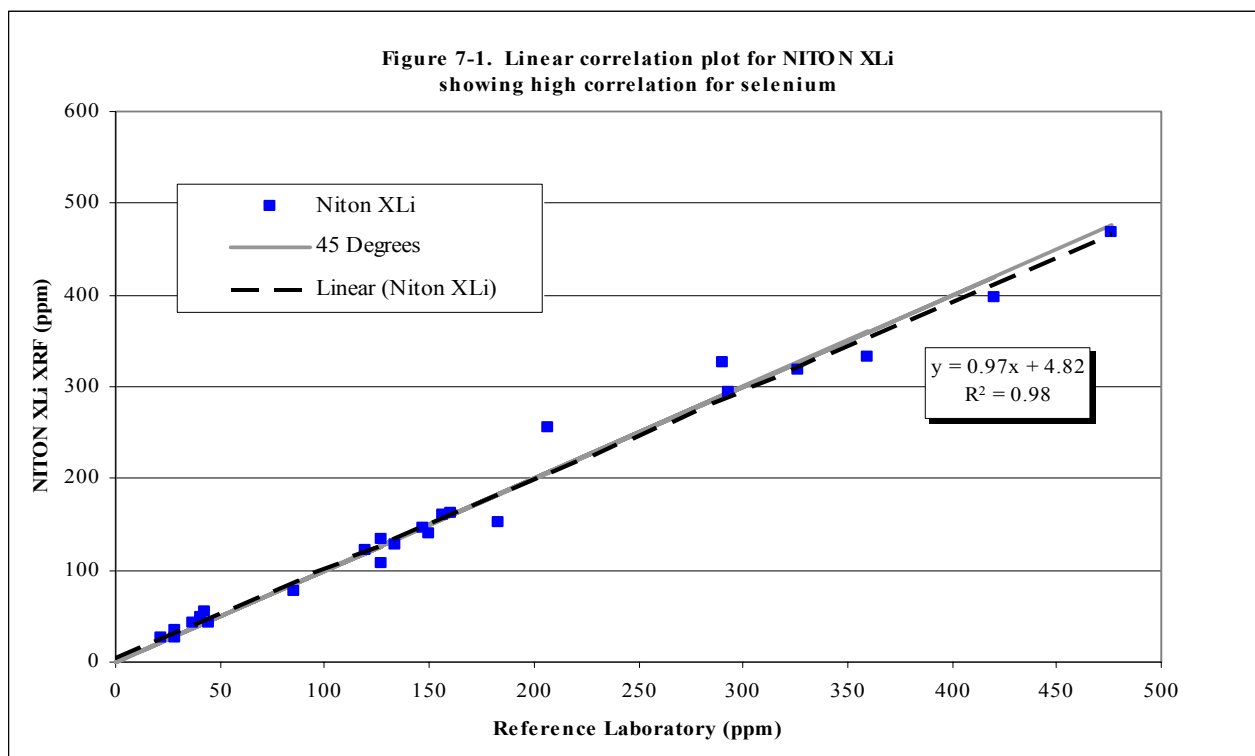
As an additional comparison, Table 7-3 also presents the overall average of the median RPDs for all eight



XRF instruments. Complete summary statistics for the RPDs across all eight XRF instruments are included in Appendix E (Table E-1). Table 7-3 indicates that the median RPDs for the XLi were equivalent to or below the all-instrument medians for most of the target elements. Only antimony, cadmium, mercury, silver, and vanadium displayed higher median RPDs for the XLi as compared to the average of all eight instruments that participated in the demonstration.

In addition to calculating RPDs, the evaluation of accuracy included preparing linear correlation plots of XLi concentration values against the reference laboratory values. These plots are presented for the individual target elements in Figures E-1 through E-13 of Appendix E. The plots include a 45-degree line showing the “ideal” relationship between the XLi data and the reference laboratory data, as well as a

“best fit” linear equation ( $y = mx + b$ , where  $m$  is the slope of the line and  $b$  is the y-intercept of the line) and correlation coefficient ( $r^2$ ) to help illustrate the “actual” relationship between the two methods. To be considered accurate, the correlation coefficient should be greater than 0.9, the slope ( $m$ ) should be between 0.75 and 1.25, and the y-intercept ( $b$ ) should be relatively close to zero (that is, plus or minus the mean MDL calculated in Table 7-1). Table 7-4 lists the results for these three correlation parameters and highlights in bold each target element that met all three accuracy criteria. This table shows that the results for antimony (correlated with the ERA-certified values only), iron, nickel, and selenium met all three of these criteria. The correlation plot for selenium is displayed in Figure 7-1 as an example of the correlations obtained for these elements.



**Table 7-3. Evaluation of Accuracy — Relative Percent Differences versus Reference Laboratory Data for the Niton XLi**

Matrix	Sample Group	Statistic	Antimony		Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
			Ref Lab	ERA Spike												
Soil	Level 1	Number	9	--	7	4	1	4	5	10	3	1	3	0	0	6
		Median	105.8%	--	22.9%	18.9%	24.1%	30.0%	4.2%	25.2%	35.0%	25.6%	13.4%	NC	NC	11.9%
	Level 2	Number	5	1	4	7	4	8	13	4	7	4	5	0	0	6
		Median	117.3%	6.2%	21.1%	19.8%	9.0%	33.5%	25.6%	12.6%	131.6%	13.0%	4.5%	NC	NC	16.1%
	Level 3	Number	4	3	4	2	2	2	13	8	2	6	4	3	2	9
		Median	103.6%	5.4%	55.7%	22.3%	35.8%	18.9%	4.7%	12.2%	136.9%	9.4%	5.5%	23.7%	47.1%	21.7%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.8%	18.1%	--	--	--	--	--	--
All Soil	Number	18	4	15	13	7	14	38	27	12	11	12	3	2	21	
	Median	107.5%	5.8%	25.8%	19.8%	16.1%	28.4%	11.1%	17.8%	125.0%	11.8%	6.9%	23.7%	47.1%	12.7%	
Sediment	Level 1	Number	2	2	9	2	0	3	3	11	2	0	5	0	0	10
		Median	137.7%	7.8%	8.3%	26.1%	NC	20.5%	19.1%	14.6%	29.3%	NC	15.7%	NC	NC	10.6%
	Level 2	Number	4	4	4	4	2	4	19	4	4	5	4	0	0	5
		Median	127.1%	9.2%	12.3%	18.2%	3.6%	10.4%	22.0%	5.5%	94.2%	12.9%	3.9%	NC	NC	5.8%
	Level 3	Number	3	3	2	3	3	10	4	3	3	4	3	2	3	4
		Median	94.6%	2.7%	16.6%	21.2%	20.2%	5.1%	36.5%	11.6%	103.4%	7.9%	5.6%	83.4%	64.1%	10.4%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	19.1%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All Sediment	Number	9	9	15	9	5	17	32	18	9	9	12	2	3	19	
	Median	111.7%	4.2%	8.8%	20.3%	17.2%	9.6%	19.2%	10.7%	86.6%	9.2%	8.0%	83.4%	64.1%	9.8%	
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	27	13	30	22	12	31	70	45	21	20	24	5	5	40
		Median	109.0%	5.4%	15.9%	19.9%	16.6%	13.2%	17.8%	14.6%	103.4%	11.8%	6.9%	54.9%	54.1%	11.2%
All Samples	All XRF Instruments	Number	206	110	320	209	338	363	558	392	192	403	195	177	218	471
		Median	84.3%	70.6%	26.2%	16.7%	26.0%	16.2%	26.0%	21.5%	58.6%	25.4%	16.7%	28.7%	38.3%	19.4%

Notes:

All median RPDs presented in this table are based on the population of absolute values of the individual RPDs.

-- No samples reported by the reference laboratory in this concentration ranges.

ERA Environmental Resource Associates, Inc.

NC Not calculated.

Number Number of samples appropriate for accuracy evaluation.

Ref Lab Reference laboratory (Shealy Environmental Services, Inc.)

RPD Relative percent difference.

**Table 7-4. Summary of Correlation Evaluation for the Niton XLi**

<b>Target Element</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>r<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Correlation</b>	<b>Bias</b>
Antimony (Ref. Lab) <sup>1</sup>	2.93	46	0.92	High	High
<b>Antimony (Cert. Val.) <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>--</b>
Arsenic	1.94	-200	0.94	High	High
Cadmium	1.35	-73	0.98	High	High
Chromium	0.70	139	0.92	High	Low
Copper	1.08	194	0.85	Moderate	--
<b>Iron</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>2589 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>--</b>
Lead	1.65	-984	0.94	High	High
Mercury	0.20	30	0.98	High	Low
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Selenium</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>--</b>
Silver	0.24	370	0.90	High	High
Vanadium	2.66	-367	0.74	Moderate	High <sup>3</sup>
Zinc	1.39	-316	0.95	High	High

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> For antimony, correlation was analyzed for the Niton XLi versus the reference laboratory data (“Ref. Lab”) as well as versus the ERA-certified spike values (“Cert. Val.”) for the spiked sample blends.

<sup>2</sup> For iron, no MDL was calculated and the high intercept value was the result of the extreme range of concentrations in the demonstration samples.

<sup>3</sup> A high bias was indicated in the limited concentration range for which XLi results were available. The regression line implies a potential low bias at lower concentrations, but no sample blends were available for accuracy evaluation in that range (see Figure 7-2).

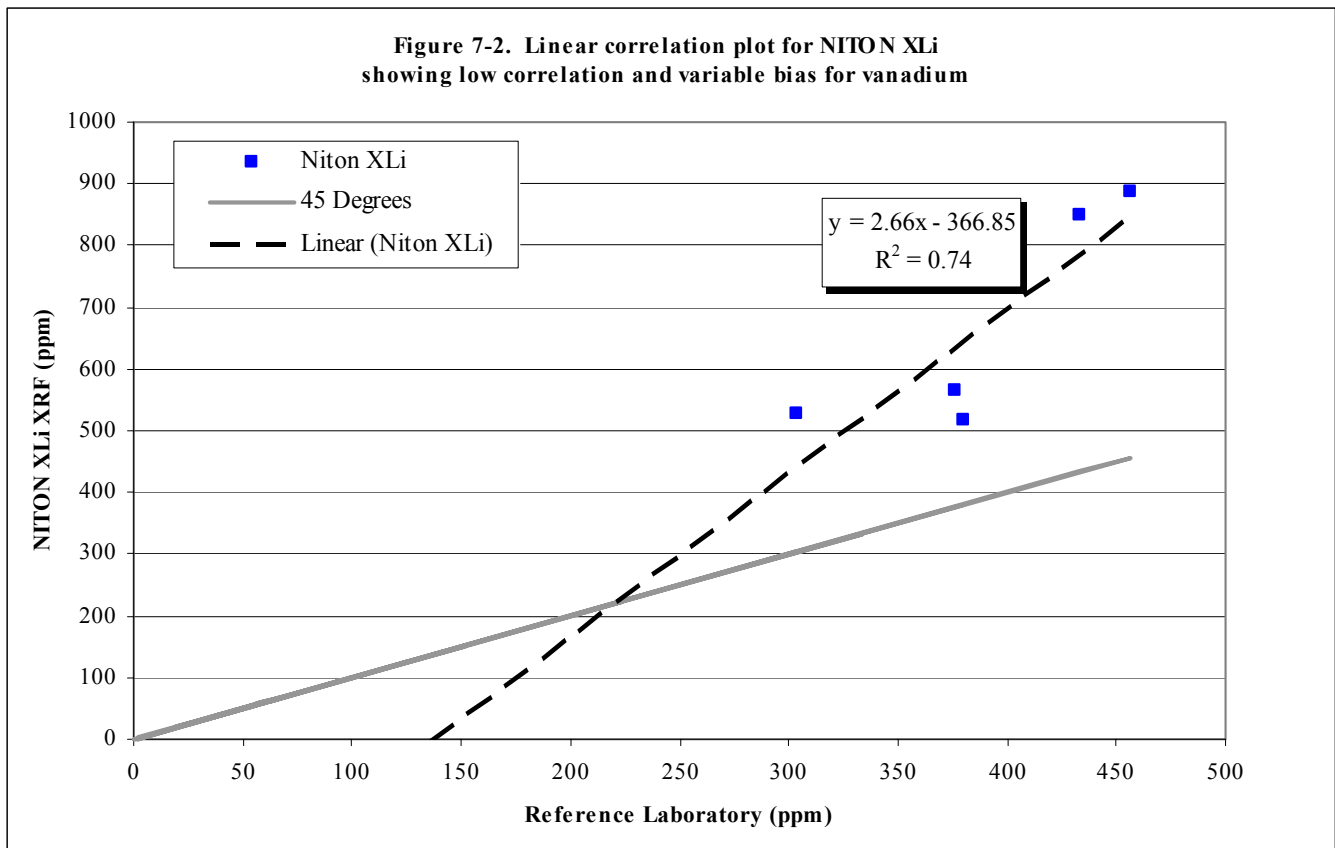
-- No bias observed.

b Y-intercept of correlation line.

m Slope of correlation line.

r<sup>2</sup> Correlation coefficient of correlation line.

**Figure 7-2. Linear correlation plot for NITON XLi showing low correlation and variable bias for vanadium**



General observations from the correlation plots are as follows:

- Slopes significantly greater than 1 in conjunction with moderately high correlation coefficients indicated a high bias in the XLi data for arsenic, lead, and zinc. However, further review of the data indicated that removal of high outliers from complex Blends 8 and 9 (Wickes Smelter slag) improved the  $r^2$  values and reduced or eliminated the positive bias for these elements.
- Mercury exhibited a high  $r^2$  value (0.98) but a low bias ( $m = 0.2$ ). Removing two extreme Level 4 concentrations (Blends 21 and 22) from the plots produced a much poorer correlation coefficient (in the range of 0.79) without improving the low bias.
- Large deviations from zero were noted in the y-intercepts for lead and iron. Examination of the plots for these elements (Figures E-6 and E-7) reveals that these deviations were small relative to the extreme range of concentrations in the demonstration samples.
- For antimony, the high bias in relation to the reference laboratory results was greatly diminished when the XLi results were compared to the ERA-certified values. Comparison to the ERA-certified values eliminated the high bias and produced a better correlation ( $r^2 = 1.00$ ). These findings agree with the RPD evaluation above in showing better performance for antimony by the XLi when ERA-certified spike values are used to assess accuracy.
- The regression lines suggested a very high bias for silver and a bias for vanadium that changes with concentration. However, these findings may have been affected by the limited availability of data in the various concentration ranges. Figure 7-2 shows the correlation plot for vanadium as an example. As shown, the XLi results for

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vanadium exhibited a high bias, but the only data available for the evaluation were from blends with reference laboratory concentrations of 300 ppm and above. The lack of XLI results at lower concentrations caused the linear regression line to exhibit a low intercept and high slope, implying a potential low bias at low concentrations.

In conclusion, the evaluations of accuracy showed an acceptable overall level of performance by the XLI for the target elements. Correlations with the reference laboratory were generally high and, for most elements, the median RPDs were better than the average of all eight XRF instruments. Niton's proven calibration and quantification algorithms for environmental media may have contributed to the high relative level of accuracy attained. However, the low relative sensitivity of the XLI (that is, the high relative MDLs) produced small data sets for silver and vanadium and associated uncertainties in the accuracy evaluation for these elements.

### 7.3 Primary Objective 3 — Precision

As described in Section 4.2.3, the precision of the XLI was evaluated by calculating RSDs for the replicate measurements from each sample blend. Median RSDs for the various concentration levels and media (soil and sediment), as well as for the demonstration sample set as a whole, are presented in Table 7-5. An expanded set of summary statistics for the RSDs (including minimum, maximum, and mean) is provided in Appendix E (Table E-2).

The RSD calculation revealed a high level of precision for the XLI in that the overall median RSDs were below 15 percent for all target elements in both matrices. The ranges into which the median RSDs fell are further summarized below:

- RSD of 1 percent to 5 percent: iron, lead, and zinc.
- RSD of 5 percent to 10 percent: antimony, arsenic, cadmium, copper, mercury, nickel, selenium, and vanadium.
- RSD of 10 percent to 20 percent: chromium and silver.

- RSD of greater than 20 percent: none.

The median RSDs for the soil and sediment subsets were also less than 15 percent with the exception of silver in sediment (18.4 percent). The median RSDs for sediment were slightly larger for some target elements (chromium, lead, nickel, silver, vanadium, and zinc) than the median RSDs for soil.

The high overall level of precision may have been facilitated by the level of processing (homogenizing, sieving, crushing, and drying) on the sample blends before the demonstration (Chapter 3). This observation is consistent with the previous SITE MMT program demonstration of XRF technologies that occurred in 1995 (EPA 1996a, 1996b, 1998a, 1998b, 1998c, and 1998d). The high level of sample processing applied during both XRF technology demonstrations was necessary to minimize the effects of sample heterogeneity on the demonstration results and on comparability with the reference laboratories. During project design, site investigation teams that intend to compare XRF and laboratory data should similarly assess the need for sample processing steps to manage sample heterogeneity and improve data comparability.

Further review of the median RSDs in Table 7-5 based on concentration range reveals slightly higher RSDs (in other words, lower precision) for the target elements in Level 1 samples when compared with the rest of the data set. This effect was observed for multiple target elements in both soil and sediment, but the effect was difficult to further assess due to the limited numbers of samples available for some elements and concentration levels. However, this observation indicates that, to a minor extent, analytical precision for the XLI may depend on concentration.

As an additional comparison, Table 7-5 also presents the overall average of the median RSDs for all XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration. Additional summary statistics for the RSDs across all eight XRF instruments are included in Table E-2. Table 7-5 indicates that the median RSDs for the XLI were equivalent to or below the all-instrument medians for eight of the 13 target elements. For the

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remaining elements (cadmium, chromium, mercury, selenium, and silver), the median RSDs for the XLI were only slightly above the all-instrument median RSDs.

Table 7-6 presents median RSD statistics for the reference laboratory and compares these to the summary data for the XLI. (Additional summary statistics are provided in Table E-3 of Appendix E.) Table 7-6 indicates that the median RSDs for the XLI were lower than the RSDs for the reference laboratory for nine of the 13 target elements; exceptions included chromium, mercury, silver, and vanadium. Thus, the XLI exhibited slightly better precision overall than the reference laboratory. In comparison, the median RSDs for all XRF instruments were equivalent to or lower than for the reference laboratory for 11 of the 13 target elements (the exceptions included chromium and vanadium).

#### **7.4 Primary Objective 4 — Impact of Chemical and Spectral Interferences**

The RPD data from the accuracy evaluation were further processed to assess the effects of interferences. The RPD data for elements considered susceptible to interferences were grouped and compared based on the relative concentrations of potentially interfering elements. Of specific interest for the comparison were the potential effects of:

- High concentrations of lead on the RPDs for arsenic
- High concentrations of nickel on the RPDs for copper (and vice versa), and
- High concentrations of zinc on RPDs for copper (and vice versa).

The rationale and approach for evaluation of these interferences are described in Section 4.2.4.

Interferent-to-element ratios were calculated using the mean concentrations the reference laboratory reported for each blend, classified as low (less than 5X), moderate (5 to 10X), or high (greater than 10X). Table 7-7 presents median RPD data for arsenic, nickel, copper, and zinc that are grouped based on this classification scheme. Additional summary statistics are presented in Appendix E (Table E-4).

The tables confirm significant interference effects of lead on arsenic. Specifically, as lead concentrations increased to greater than 10 times the arsenic concentration, the median RPD for arsenic increased from 12.6 percent (well within the “good” range defined in Section 7.2) to 48.3 percent (at the upper end of the “fair” range). In contrast, high concentrations of copper as a potential interferent do not appear to affect the accuracy of the zinc concentrations. The median RPD for zinc was relatively unchanged between the low interferent-to-element ratio (RPD = 10.5 percent) and the high interferent-to-element ratio (RPD = 11.9 percent). Evaluation of the effects of copper on nickel, nickel on copper, and zinc on copper also do not appear to show significant effects; however, the low number of samples prevents meaningful evaluation.

In presenting statistics for the raw RPDs as well as the absolute values of the RPDs, Table E-4 further shows that the interfering elements appeared to produce an increasingly high bias in the arsenic data (as indicated by lower raw RPDs). The concentrations of copper, nickel, and zinc also displayed a high bias, as indicated by negative raw RPDs. The limited number of detected concentrations for copper, nickel, and zinc when the interferent concentration is moderate to high may be the result of the low bias.

#### **7.5 Primary Objective 5 — Effects of Soil Characteristics**

The population of RPDs between the results obtained from the XLI and the reference laboratory was further evaluated against sampling site and soil type. Separate sets of summary statistics were developed for the mean RPDs associated with each sampling site for comparison to the other sites and to the data set for all samples. The site-specific median RPDs are presented in Table 7-8, along with descriptions of soil or sediment type from observations during sampling at each site. Complete RPD summary statistics for each soil type (minimum, maximum, and mean) are presented in Table E-5 of Appendix E

**Table 7-5. Evaluation of Precision — Relative Standard Deviations for the Niton XLi**

Matrix	Sample Group	Statistic	Antimony	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
Soil	Level 1	Number	9	7	4	1	4	5	10	3	1	3	0	0	6
		Median	10.4%	11.7%	19.9%	27.6%	9.7%	4.2%	13.4%	14.6%	6.4%	15.3%	NC	NC	9.5%
	Level 2	Number	5	4	7	4	8	13	4	7	4	5	0	0	6
		Median	6.8%	6.4%	6.8%	12.7%	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%	7.6%	9.6%	5.9%	NC	NC	2.6%
	Level 3	Number	4	4	2	2	2	13	8	2	6	4	3	2	9
		Median	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	4.9%	3.0%	1.9%	2.3%	3.7%	4.0%	2.5%	10.2%	4.5%	2.1%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	7	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.2%	3.9%	--	--	--	--	--
	All Soil	Number	18	15	13	7	14	38	27	12	11	12	3	2	21
		Median	7.8%	6.4%	8.0%	9.4%	5.3%	2.4%	3.9%	8.5%	5.9%	5.8%	10.2%	4.5%	2.7%
Sediment	Level 1	Number	2	9	2	0	3	3	11	2	0	5	0	0	10
		Median	8.1%	8.5%	7.2%	NC	6.5%	8.5%	8.0%	19.4%	NC	7.6%	NC	NC	13.2%
	Level 2	Number	4	4	4	2	4	19	4	4	4	5	4	0	5
		Median	10.4%	6.2%	7.3%	21.7%	6.5%	2.4%	3.7%	8.6%	12.4%	4.5%	NC	NC	3.5%
	Level 3	Number	3	2	3	3	10	4	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
		Median	3.4%	4.5%	6.9%	14.6%	4.6%	2.6%	1.3%	4.3%	4.8%	1.9%	18.4%	14.3%	3.9%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.8%	--	--	--	--	--	--
	All Sediment	Number	9	15	9	5	17	32	18	9	9	12	2	3	19
		Median	6.2%	7.2%	7.1%	14.6%	5.5%	2.3%	6.1%	7.9%	9.1%	4.6%	18.4%	14.3%	5.8%
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	27	30	22	12	31	70	45	21	20	24	5	5	40
		Median	6.8%	6.7%	7.2%	14.1%	5.5%	2.4%	4.8%	7.9%	6.5%	5.8%	13.8%	8.6%	4.4%
All Samples	All XRF Instruments	Number	206	320	209	338	363	558	392	192	403	195	177	218	471
		Median	6.1%	8.2%	3.6%	12.1%	5.1%	2.2%	4.9%	6.8%	7.0%	4.5%	5.2%	8.5%	5.3%

Notes:

- No samples reported by the reference laboratory in this concentration range.
- Number Number of samples appropriate for precision evaluation.
- RSD Relative standard deviation

**Table 7-6. Evaluation of Precision – Relative Standard Deviations for the Reference Laboratory versus the Niton XLi and All Demonstration Instruments**

Matrix	Sample Group	Statistic	Antimony	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
Soil	Ref. Lab	Number	17	23	15	34	26	38	33	16	35	13	13	21	35
		Median	9.8%	12.4%	9.0%	10.6%	9.1%	8.7%	13.2%	6.6%	10.0%	7.1%	7.5%	6.6%	9.1%
Sediment	Ref. Lab	Number	7	24	10	26	21	31	22	10	27	12	10	17	27
		Median	9.1%	9.2%	8.2%	7.5%	8.9%	8.1%	7.4%	6.9%	7.3%	7.6%	6.6%	8.1%	6.9%
All Samples	Ref. Lab	Number	24	47	25	60	47	69	55	26	62	25	23	38	62
		Median	9.5%	9.5%	9.0%	8.4%	8.9%	8.5%	8.6%	6.6%	8.2%	7.4%	7.1%	7.2%	7.4%
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	27	30	22	12	31	70	45	21	20	24	5	5	40
		Median	6.8%	6.7%	7.2%	14.1%	5.5%	2.4%	4.8%	7.9%	6.5%	5.8%	13.8%	8.6%	4.4%
All Samples	All XRF Instruments	Number	206	320	209	338	363	558	392	192	403	195	177	218	471
		Median	6.1%	8.2%	3.6%	12.1%	5.1%	2.2%	4.9%	6.8%	7.0%	4.5%	5.2%	8.5%	5.3%



**Table 7-7. Effects of Interferent Elements on the RPDs (Accuracy) for Other Target Elements for the Niton XLi<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter	Lead Effects on Arsenic			Copper Effects on Nickel <sup>3</sup>			Nickel Effects on Copper <sup>3</sup>			Zinc Effects on Copper <sup>3</sup>			Copper Effects on Zinc		
	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10
Interferent/ Element Ratio	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10	<5	5 – 10	>10
Number of Samples	23	6	1	17	1	2	30	0	1	29	1	1	32	2	6
Median RPD of Target Element <sup>2</sup>	12.6%	27.1%	48.3%	9.2%	13.0%	13.0%	12.7%	NC	73.9%	12.3%	98.9%	39.0%	10.5%	26.6%	11.9%
Median Interferent Concentration	79	11510	24222	248	1960	5725	306	NC	2443	201	13120	2287	929	1434	2874
Median Target Element Concentration	144	1635	3306	753	270	392	1578	NC	182	1556	4315	218	2247	179	168

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Concentrations are reported in units of milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or parts per million (ppm).

<sup>2</sup> All median RPDs presented in this table are based on the population of absolute values of the individual RPDs.

<sup>3</sup> Evaluation of interference effects for this element pair is hindered by the very low number of blends available at high interferent/element ratios.

< Less than.

> Greater than.

RPD Relative percent difference.

**Table 7-8. Effect of Soil Type on the RPDs (Accuracy) for Target Elements, Niton XLI<sup>1</sup>**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Antimony	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	--	--	2	--	1	3	3
			Median	--	--	24.6%	--	12.3%	14.8%	11.4%
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	4	4	5	2	4	7	7
			Median	116.8%	15.7%	16.9%	2.1%	22.5%	20.3%	10.8%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	1	1	2	--	2	3	3
			Median	90.3%	25.8%	18.7%	--	22.9%	25.2%	42.5%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	2	--	--	1	2	6	6
			Median	8.3%	--	--	24.1%	20.7%	9.1%	12.4%
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitates)	Number	4	6	5	4	3	12	4
			Median	105.2%	6.4%	20.4%	2.2%	10.1%	26.1%	30.4%
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	3	10	4	3	8	13	10
			Median	94.6%	14.1%	22.7%	20.2%	12.4%	12.0%	9.1%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	7	4	1	1	--	12	1
			Median	117.9%	17.4%	27.6%	28.4%	--	4.5%	35.5%
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	3	--	2	--	7	7	4
			Median	144.9%	--	14.2%	--	6.4%	35.8%	18.9%
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	3	5	1	1	4	7	7
			Median	78.1%	48.3%	12.2%	15.8%	59.7%	27.5%	18.1%
	All		Number	27	30	22	12	31	70	45
			Median	109.0%	15.9%	19.9%	16.6%	13.2%	17.8%	14.6%

**Table 7-8. Effect of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements, Niton XLi (Continued)<sup>1</sup>**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	--	1	1	1	--	3
			Median	--	11.8%	1.5%	23.7%	--	12.5%
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	--	2	3	1	--	5
			Median	--	6.9%	4.5%	89.5%	--	21.7%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	2	1	2	--	--	2
			Median	68.0%	29.0%	16.1%	--	--	8.6%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Median	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitates)	Number	4	5	5	1	2	4
			Median	78.6%	11.8%	5.6%	54.9%	64.5%	15.4%
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	5	6	5	1	1	13
			Median	76.1%	9.5%	12.0%	111.9%	30.5%	9.8%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	8	3	3	--	1	2
			Median	136.0%	13.3%	7.1%	--	40.1%	6.6%
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	2	--	4	--	--	4
			Median	135.8%	--	11.5%	--	--	7.8%
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	--	2	1	1	1	7
			Median	--	10.9%	2.9%	13.8%	54.1%	24.2%
	All		Number	21	20	24	5	5	40
			Median	103.4%	11.8%	6.9%	54.9%	54.1%	11.2%

Notes: AS Alton Steel Mill  
 BN Burlington Northern railroad/ASARCO East.  
 CN Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.  
 KP KARS Park – Kennedy Space Center.  
 LV Leviathan Mine/Aspen Creek.  
 RF Ramsey Flats – Silver Bow Creek.  
 SB Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine.  
 TL Torch Lake Superfund Site.  
 WS Wickes Smelter Site.

Other Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Evaluation of matrix effects for this element is hindered by the very low number of blends available.  
 -- No samples reported by the reference laboratory in this concentration range.  
 Number Number of demonstration samples evaluated.  
 RPD Relative percent difference (absolute value).

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Another perspective on the effects of soil type was developed by graphically assessing outliers and extreme values in the RPD data sets for each target element. This evaluation focused on correlating these values with sample types or locations for multiple elements across the data set. Outliers and extreme values are apparent in the correlation plots (Figures E-1 through E-13) and are further depicted for the various elements on box and whisker plots in Figure E-14.

Review of Table 7-8 indicates that the median RPDs were highly variable and that trends or differences between sample sites were difficult to discern. Evaluations relative to sampling site were further complicated by the low numbers of samples for many target elements. (Table 7-8 indicates that only one to three samples were available from many sampling sites for evaluation of specific target elements.) The only extremes were for arsenic and copper in blends from the Wickes Smelter site. The median RPDs for arsenic and copper in these blends was in the range of 50 percent as compared to a maximum of 26 percent in the other blends. The soil matrix from this site was described during the demonstration sample collection program (Chapter 2) as roaster slag, consisting of a black, fairly coarse sand and gravel material. This slag is an intermediate product in processing ore, wherein volatile sulfide materials are thermally removed, leaving concentrated heavy elements. In addition to arsenic, copper, and zinc, this matrix was found to contain high concentrations of lead and iron. Effects of the Wickes Smelter sample blends on XRF data quality were noted earlier for arsenic, copper, and other metals in the accuracy evaluation (Section 7.2).

Review of the box and whisker plot (Figure E-14) and the correlation plots from the accuracy evaluation revealed outliers and extreme values that were distributed between four of the nine sampling sites. Along with the Wickes Smelter blends, multiple outliers were traceable to samples from the Torch Lake, Leviathan Mine, and Crane Division sites. However, the evaluation found that sample matrix had a minor effect on the overall accuracy of the XRF data given that the ranges of RPDs observed for the target elements were very broad. The spread in the accuracy results is illustrated on the box and whisker plot in Figure E-14. The plot shows the broad distributions of RPDs and illustrates that no high

outliers or extreme values were identified for antimony, mercury, or silver. Although no specific sampling sites were observed to cause the broad range of RPDs for antimony or silver, further data review indicated that the distribution of RPDs for mercury was affected by a number of high RPDs observed for blends from the Sulphur Bank mine site (Blends 19 through 26).

## **7.6 Primary Objective 6 — Sample Throughput**

Niton provided a single instrument operator during the field demonstration to perform all activities associated with sample preparation, instrumental analysis, and data reduction. The Niton XLi instrument operator was able to analyze all 326 demonstration samples in 4 days at the demonstration site. Once the XLi instrument had been set up and operations had been streamlined, the Niton instrument operator was able to analyze a maximum of 92 samples during an extended work day. Without an extended work day, it was estimated that the Niton instrument operator would have averaged about 62 samples per day.

This estimated sample throughput for a normal working day was similar to that observed for the other instruments that participated in the demonstration (average of 66 samples per day). However, this was a significant achievement given that the other developers utilized two-person or even three-person field teams. A detailed discussion of the time required to complete the various steps of sample analysis using the XLi is included as part of the labor cost analysis in Section 8.3.

## **7.7 Primary Objective 7 — Technology Costs**

The evaluations pertaining to this primary objective are described in Chapter 8, Economic Analysis.

## **7.8 Secondary Objective 1 — Training Requirements**

Technology users must be suitably trained to set up and operate the instrument to obtain the level of data quality required for specific projects. The amount of training required depends on the configuration and complexity of the instrument, along with the associated software.

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Niton recommends that the XLi operator have a high school diploma and basic on-site operational training. Field or laboratory technicians are generally qualified to operate the XLi. Additional understanding of soil chemical and physical properties would be valuable for preparing site-specific calibrations and for conducting specialty analyses. The operator of the instrument during the demonstration had a B.S. degree in chemistry and over 8 years of XRF instrument experience. The skill level of this operator was higher than is required to operate the XLi.

Niton offers free training on the use of field-portable XRF analyzers for lead and other elements. Most classes are 1 day unless otherwise indicated. Classes are offered often (two to six classes per month) at varying locations throughout the U.S. The course materials include instrument theory, operation, and application. In addition, the course material includes radiation safety training, which some states require for licensing on these instruments. The course covers the following topics:

- Radiation safety
- X-ray fluorescence theory
- Hands-on training for lead-in-paint testing
- Hands-on analysis of coatings for lead and other elements
- On-site analysis of dust wipes, soil (EPA Method 6200), and paint chips
- On-site analysis of worker exposure cassettes for airborne lead (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health [NIOSH] Method #7702)
- On-site measurement of total suspended particulate (TSP) and fine particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) filters for air monitoring

Participants are encouraged to bring samples to class to analyze as part of the hands-on exercise for the training. Niton also offers site-specific training by request and will customize the training to the field conditions, matrices, analytes, reporting limits, and data quality levels required for individual project objectives.

Niton has not established written standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the preparation or analysis of soil or sediment samples using the XLi. However, the instrument is accompanied by a clear and detailed operating manual that presents the general steps in analyzing soil and other environmental media. Instrument software is also helpful in directing users with intuitive operating menus. Niton and its distributors offer on-site training and telephone support to instrument users on an informal, as needed basis.

In addition to the general instrument operational instruction and training, the operator and data manager must become familiar with Niton's data acquisition software loaded onto the instrument. Niton provides a copy of the NDT PC software for each instrument. Although a PC is not required to acquire data, a laptop PC can be useful because the smaller instrument display can be projected onto the larger PC screen for easier viewing. In addition, data can be simultaneously recorded and stored in the PC, thereby maximizing data collection efficiency while minimizing the potential for lost data or transcription errors.

## **7.9 Secondary Objective 2 — Health and Safety**

Included in the health and safety evaluation were the potential risks from: (1) potential radiation hazards from the instrument itself, and (2) exposure to any reagents used in preparing and analyzing the samples. However, the evaluation did not include potential risks from exposure to site-specific hazardous materials, such as sample contaminants, or to physical safety hazards. These factors were excluded because of the wide and unpredictable range of sites and conditions that could be encountered in the field during an actual project application of the instrument.

The XLi holds up to three different radioisotope sources. The following three sources were used during the field demonstration: primary (<sup>109</sup>Cd) and secondary (<sup>55</sup>Fe and <sup>241</sup>Am). Each instrument is equipped with a trigger locking mechanism and safety measures designed into the hardware and software. The developer reports that risks from exposure to radiation are minimal; the radiation detected from around the instrument during operation has been recorded at 0.1 milliRem per hour.

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The second potential source of risk to XRF instrument operators is exposure to reagent chemicals. However, for the XLi, there are no risks from reagents used in sample preparation because no chemical reagents are required for sample preparation.

### **7.10 Secondary Objective 3 — Portability**

Portability depends on the size, weight, number of components, and power requirements of the instrument, and the reagents required. The size of the instrument, including physical dimensions and weight, is presented in Table 6-1. The number of components, power requirements, support structures, and reagent requirements are also listed in Table 6-1. Two distinctions were made during the demonstration regarding portability:

- (1) The instrument was considered fully portable if the dimensions were such that the instrument could be easily brought directly to the sample location by one person.
- (2) The instrument was considered transportable if the dimensions and power requirements were such that the instrument could be moved to a location near the sampling location, but required a larger and more stable environment (for example, a site trailer with AC power and stable conditions).

Based on its dimensions and power requirements, the XLi is defined as fully portable. It is a hand-held unit that can be carried directly to the sampling location for analysis of samples. The XLi is suitable for all types of field analysis, ranging from “point-and-shoot” readings on undisturbed soil surfaces to processed soil samples in plastic bags or sample cups. With an additional instrument stand, the XLi can also be used in a hands-free, bench-top mode. This instrument stand was used during the demonstration.

### **7.11 Secondary Objective 4 — Durability**

Durability was evaluated by gathering information on the instrument’s warranty and the expected lifespan of the radioactive source or x-ray tube. The ability to

upgrade software or hardware also was evaluated. Weather resistance was evaluated by examining the instrument for exposed electrical connections and openings that may allow water to penetrate (for portable instruments only).

The outer construction of the XLi consists of a hard-tooled plastic that is durable, weatherproof, and impact-resistant. The instrument is intrinsically tight and 100 percent waterproof; it can be submerged or dropped in water with no damage to the inner workings of the instrument. The shape of the XLi was designed to fit within pipe portals and process pipes. The external PC can be attached via USB port and cable. If the PC data acquisition system is used, it is recognized that the PC may not be weatherproof and should be used only in a protected environment. In addition, the instrument can be outfitted with wireless communications to further aid in data transfer. However, these modes of operation were not assessed during the demonstration.

Niton provides a 24-month limited warranty for the XLi instrument. The warranty does not cover batteries, radioisotope sources, or accessories. The half-life of the Cd-109 source is about 18 months; the half-life of the Fe-55 source is about 2.74 years; and the half-life of the Am-241 source is about 432 years. As such, the effective lifespan of the cadmium and iron sources is less than 2 years.

### **7.12 Secondary Objective 5 — Availability**

Niton was founded in 1987 and has two offices in the U.S. and one office in Germany. Niton reports sales of more than 1,000 new instruments each year both in the U.S. and abroad. The XLi is also available for purchase or rental from a nationwide network of distributors, and many can provide on-site training. The instrument can be repaired, maintained, and calibrated by the distributors or at the factory in Massachusetts. Niton also operates a telephone helpline in both the U.S. and Europe.

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## Chapter 8 Economic Analysis

This chapter provides cost information for the Niton XLi 700 Series XRF analyzer. Cost elements that were addressed included instrument purchase or rental, supplies, labor, and ancillary items. Sources of cost information included input from the technology developer and suppliers as well as observations during the field demonstration. Comparisons are provided to average costs for other XRF technologies and for conventional fixed-laboratory analysis to provide some perspective on the relative cost of using the XLi.

### 8.1 Equipment Costs

Capital equipment costs include either purchase or rental of the XLi and any ancillary equipment that is generally needed for sample analysis. (See Chapter 6 for a description of available accessories.) Information on purchase price and rental cost for the analyzer and accessories was obtained from licensed Niton distributors.

The XLi used at the demonstration costs approximately \$42,000, including the three radioactive sources used;  $^{109}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{55}\text{Fe}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Am}$ . The instrument with only the primary source ( $^{109}\text{Cd}$ ) costs approximately \$29,000. The base cost includes peripherals such as the instrument stand, covers, communication cables, and 110-volt adapter. A laptop computer is also recommended to manipulate the data but is not included in the base cost. The instrument is available for rental by licensed Niton distributors.

Purchased models include a 2-year warranty. The half-life for the  $^{109}\text{Cadium}$  isotope is 18 months. As the unit automatically adjusts for source decay, the useful life of an isotope is based on the user's throughput requirements. However, most find it necessary to resource every 3-5 years. The half-life for the  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  source is 2.74 years; and most find it necessary to replace the x-ray source every 5-8 years. The  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source would be expected to last indefinitely because its half-life is 432.2 years.

The purchase price, rental cost, and shipping cost for the XLi compare favorably with the average costs for all XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration, as shown in Table 8-1. Purchase of the instrument could be justified as more cost effective than rental only for field activities that involve more than about 6 months of total field analysis time.

**Table 8-1. Equipment Costs**

Cost Element	Niton XLi	XRF Demonstration Average <sup>1</sup>
Shipping	\$240	\$410
Capital Cost (Purchase)	\$42,000	\$54,300
Weekly Rental	\$1,600	\$2,813
Autosampler (for Overnight Analysis)	N/A	N/A

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Average for all eight instruments in the demonstration

N/A Not available or not applicable for this comparison

### 8.2 Supply Costs

The supplies that were included in the cost estimate include sample containers, Mylar<sup>®</sup> film, spatulas or scoops, wipes, and disposable gloves. The rate of consumption for these supplies was based on observations during the field demonstration. Unit prices for these supplies were based on price quotes from independent vendors of field equipment.

The XLi was operated for 4 days to complete the analysis of all 326 samples during the field demonstration. The supplies required to process samples were similar for all XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration and were estimated to cost about \$245 for 326 samples or \$0.75 per sample.



### 8.3 Labor Costs

Labor costs were estimated based on the total time required by the field team to complete the analysis of all 326 samples and the number of people in the field team, while making allowances for field team members that had responsibilities other than sample processing during the demonstration. For example, some developers sent sales representatives to the demonstration to communicate with visitors and provide outreach services; this type of staff time was not included in the labor cost analysis.

While overall labor costs were based on the total time required to process samples, the time required to complete each definable activity was also measured during the field demonstration. These activities included:

- Initial setup and calibration
- Sample preparation
- Sample analysis
- Daily shutdown and startup
- End of project packing

The “total processing time per sample” was calculated as the sum of all these activities assuming that the activities were conducted sequentially; therefore, it represents how much time it would take a single trained analyst to complete these activities. However, the “total processing time per sample” does not include activities that were less definable in terms of the amount of time taken, such as data management and procurement of supplies, and is

therefore not a true total.

The time to complete each activity using the XLi is compared with the average of all XRF instruments in Table 8-2 and with the range of all XRF instruments in Figure 8-1. Specifically, the XLi compared favorably against the other XRF instruments, exhibiting lower-than-average times for all activities except for daily shutdown and startup. The field observer noted that the sample analysis times measured in the demonstration were lengthened by the age of the radioactive sources. The observer estimated that the older sources lengthened the sample analysis time by about 2 minutes per sample.

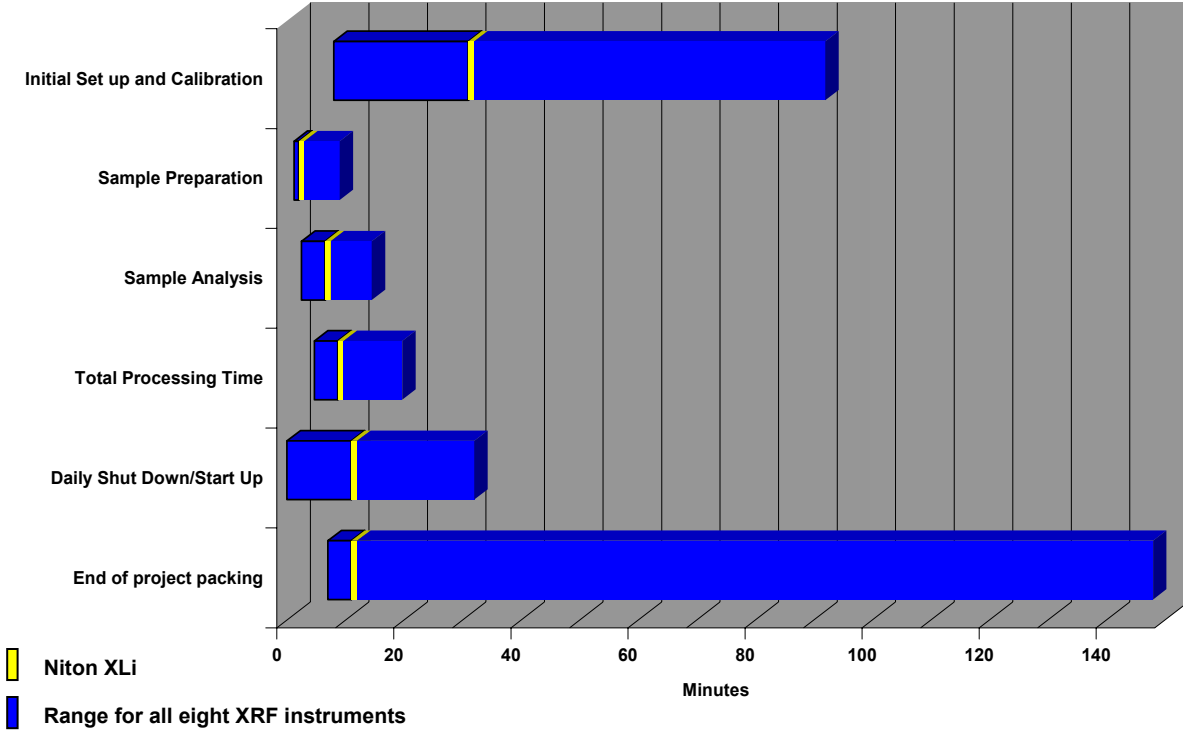
**Table 8-2. Time Required to Complete Analytical Activities<sup>1</sup>**

Activity	Niton XLi	Average <sup>2</sup>
Initial Setup and Calibration	30	54
Sample Preparation	2.0	3.1
Sample Analysis	5.5	6.7
Daily Shutdown/Startup	10	10
End of Project Packing	10	43
Total Processing Time per Sample	7.7	10.0

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> All estimates are in minutes

<sup>2</sup> Average for all eight XRF instruments in the demonstration



**Figure 8-1. Comparison of activity times for the XLi versus other XRF instruments.**

The Niton field team expended about 42 labor hours to complete all sample processing activities during the field demonstration using the XLi. This was significantly lower than the overall average of 69 hours for all instruments that participated in the demonstration. The primary reasons that labor hours were lower for the XLi include:

- Instrument run times (5.5 minutes) were significantly less than many other instruments.
- The instrument operation was simple enough that a single technician performed all sample preparation and analysis activities during the demonstration.
- The software-based automation of the XLi allowed the operator to reduce the data for completed sample batches on a laptop PC while the instrument was processing a new batch.

Instrument run times and labor hours could have been reduced if the radioactive sources used in the instrument were new.

#### **8.4 Comparison of XRF Analysis and Reference Laboratory Costs**

Two scenarios were evaluated to compare the cost for XRF analysis using the XLi with the cost of fixed-laboratory analysis using the reference methods. Both scenarios assumed that 326 samples were to be analyzed, as in the field demonstration. The first scenario assumed that only one element was to be measured in a metal-specific project or application (for example, lead in soil, paint, or other solids) for comparison to laboratory per-metal unit costs. The second scenario assumed that 13 elements were to be analyzed, as in the field demonstration, for comparison to laboratory costs for a full suite of metals.

Typical unit costs for fixed-laboratory analysis using the reference methods were estimated using average costs from Tetra Tech’s basic ordering agreement with six national laboratories. These unit costs assume a standard turnaround time of 21 days and standard hard copy and electronic data deliverables that summarize results and raw analytical data. No costs were included for field labor that would be specifically associated with off-site fixed laboratory analysis, such as sample packaging and shipment.

The cost for XRF analysis using the XLi was based on equipment rental for 1 week, along with labor and supplies estimates established during the field demonstration. Labor costs were added for drying, grinding, and homogenizing the samples (estimated at 10 minutes per sample) since these additional steps in sample preparation are required for XRF analysis but not for analysis in a fixed laboratory. A typical cost for managing investigation-derived waste (IDW), including general trash, personal protective equipment, wipes, and soil, was also added to the cost of XRF analysis because IDW costs are included in the unit cost for fixed-laboratory analysis. The IDW management cost was fixed, based on the average IDW disposal cost per instrument during the demonstration, because IDW generation did not vary significantly between instruments during the demonstration. Since the cost for XRF analysis of one element or multiple elements does not vary

significantly (all target elements are determined simultaneously when a sample is analyzed), the XRF analysis cost was not adjusted for one element versus 13 elements.

Table 8-3 summarizes the costs for the XLi versus the cost for analysis in a fixed laboratory. This comparison shows that the XLi compares favorably to a fixed laboratory in terms of overall cost, particularly when a large number of elements are to be determined. Use of the XLi will likely produce additional cost savings because analytical results will be available within a few hours after samples are collected, thereby expediting project decisions and reducing or eliminating the need for additional mobilizations.

The total cost for the XLi in the example scenario (326 samples) was estimated at \$6,390, whether one or a number of elements was analyzed. This estimate is less than the average of \$8,932 for all XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration. However, it should be noted that bench-top instruments, which typically cost more than hand-held instruments like the XLi, were included in the calculation of the average cost for all XRF instruments. In comparison to other hand-held XRF instruments, the XLi cost for the example scenario was similar.

**Table 8-3. Comparison of XRF Technology and Reference Method Costs**

<b>Analytical Approach</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Unit Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Niton XLi (1 to 13 elements)</b>				
Shipping	1	Roundtrip	\$240	\$240
Weekly Rental	1	Week	\$1,600	\$1,600
Supplies	326	Sample	\$0.75	\$245
Labor	96	Hours	\$43.8	\$4,215
IDW	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$90
<b>Total Niton XLi Analysis Cost (1 to 13 elements)</b>				<b>\$6,390</b>
<b>Fixed Laboratory (1 element)</b>				
(EPA Method 6010, ICP-AES)	326	Sample	\$21	\$6,846
<b>Total Fixed Laboratory Costs (1 element)</b>				<b>\$6,846</b>
<b>Fixed Laboratory (13 elements)</b>				
Mercury (EPA Method 7471, CVAA)	326	Sample	\$36	\$11,736
All other Elements (EPA Method 6010, ICP-AES)	326	Sample	\$160	\$52,160
<b>Total Fixed Laboratory Costs (13 elements)</b>				<b>\$63,896</b>

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## Chapter 9

### Summary of Technology Performance

The preceding chapters of this report document that the evaluation design succeeded in providing detailed performance data for the Niton XLi XRF analyzer. All primary and secondary objectives for the performance evaluation were met.

The evaluation design incorporated 13 target elements, 70 distinct sample blends, and a total of 326 samples. The blends included both soil and sediment samples from nine sampling locations. A rigorous program of sample preparation and characterization, reference laboratory analysis, QA/QC oversight, and data reduction supported the evaluation of XRF instrument performance.

One important aspect of the demonstration was the sample blending and processing procedures (including drying, sieving, grinding, and homogenization) that significantly reduced uncertainties associated with the demonstration sample set. These procedures minimized the impacts of heterogeneity on method precision and on the comparability between XRF data and reference laboratory data. In like manner, project teams are encouraged to assess the effects of sampling uncertainty on data quality and to adopt appropriate sample preparation protocols before XRF is used for large-scale data collection, particularly if the project will involve comparisons to other methods (such as off-site laboratories). An initial pilot-scale method evaluation, carried out in cooperation with an instrument vendor, can yield site-specific standard operating procedures for sample preparation and analysis to ensure that the XRF method will meet data quality needs, such as accuracy and sensitivity requirements. A pilot study can also help the project team develop an initial understanding of the degree of correlation between field and laboratory data. This type of study is especially appropriate for sampling programs that will involve complex soil or sediment matrices with high concentrations of multiple elements because the demonstration found that XRF performance was more variable under these

conditions. Initial pilot studies can also be used to develop site-specific calibrations, in accordance with EPA Method 6200, that adjust instrument algorithms to compensate for matrix effects.

The findings of the evaluation of the XLi for each primary and secondary objective are summarized in Tables 9-1 and 9-2. The XLi and the average performance of all eight instruments that participated in the XRF technology demonstration are compared in Figure 9-1. The comparison in Figure 9-1 indicates that, when compared with the mean performance of all eight XRF instruments, the XLi showed:

- Equivalent or better MDLs for two elements, including lead and mercury. (Iron was not included in the MDL evaluation.)
- Equivalent or better accuracy (lower RPDs) for nine of the 13 target elements. (Exceptions include antimony, mercury, silver, and vanadium.). Moreover, when RPDs for antimony are calculated versus sample spike levels rather than reference laboratory data (which may be biased low), accuracy for antimony improves to better than the program as whole.
- Equivalent or better precision (lower RSDs) for eight of the 13 target elements. (Exceptions include cadmium, chromium, mercury, selenium, and silver.)

The XLi is fully portable and can be operated in the hand-held mode at a sampling site. Although good overall performance was observed for this instrument, sensitivity was lower overall (that is, MDLs were higher) than for other XRF analyzers in the performance evaluation, all of which used x-ray tube sources rather than the radioisotope sources used by the XLi. The low sensitivity of the instrument resulted in small data sets for some target elements, creating uncertainty in the findings for some primary objectives.

**Table 9-1. Summary of Niton XLi Performance – Primary Objectives**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Performance Summary</b>
P1: Method Detection Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lack of detections in the MDL sample blends precluded the calculation of MDLs for silver and vanadium. The low number of detections in the MDL blends produced limited data for the other target elements as well, increasing the uncertainty associated with the MDL evaluation.</li> <li>• Mean MDLs for the target elements ranged as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MDLs of 1 to 20 ppm: selenium.</li> <li>○ MDLs of 20 to 50 ppm: arsenic, lead, and mercury.</li> <li>○ MDLs of 50 to 100 ppm: antimony and zinc.</li> <li>○ MDLs of greater than 100 ppm: cadmium, chromium, copper, and nickel. (Iron was not included in the MDL evaluation.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The MDLs calculated for the XLi were generally lower than reference MDL data from EPA Method 6200. Exceptions included antimony and cadmium, where higher MDLs were observed with the XLi.</li> </ul>
P2: Accuracy and Comparability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median RPDs relative to reference laboratory data revealed the following, with lower RPDs indicating greater accuracy:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RPDs less than 10 percent: selenium.</li> <li>○ RPDs of 10 to 25 percent: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel, and zinc.</li> <li>○ RPDs of 25 to 50 percent: none.</li> <li>○ RPDs of greater than 50 percent: antimony, mercury, silver, and vanadium.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Correlation plots relative to reference laboratory data indicated:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High correlation coefficients (greater than 0.9) for 11 of the 13 target elements.</li> <li>○ Low to moderate correlation coefficients for copper and vanadium. Furthermore, a moderate degree of correlation for mercury was artificially improved by a few extreme concentrations.</li> <li>○ High biases in the XRF data versus the lab data for antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead, silver, vanadium, and zinc. For a number of these metals, the high biases were largely created by extreme values associated with roaster slag matrixes from the Wickes Smelter site. Low biases were observed for chromium and mercury.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Data review indicated that the reference laboratory results for some spiked demonstration samples may be biased low for antimony due to the volatility of the spiking compounds used. RPDs for antimony were quite high when the XLi data was compared to the reference laboratory data (median RPD of 109 percent), but improved considerably when compared to certified spike values (median RPD of 5 percent). Thus, the XLi appeared to be more accurate with respect to the true concentration of antimony than the reference laboratory.</li> <li>• Significant uncertainty was introduced into the accuracy assessment for silver and vanadium because the low sensitivity of the instrument limited the sample blends available for evaluation.</li> </ul>
P3: Precision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median RSDs were good for all elements, as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RSDs less than 5 percent: iron, lead, and zinc.</li> <li>○ RSDs of 5 to 10 percent: antimony, arsenic, cadmium, copper, mercury, nickel, selenium, and vanadium.</li> <li>○ RSDs of 10 to 20 percent: chromium and silver.</li> <li>○ RSDs greater than 20 percent: none.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Table 9-1. Summary of Niton XLi Performance – Primary Objectives (continued)**

Objective	Performance Summary
P3: Precision (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSDs were slightly higher (that is, precision was lower) in the lowest concentration sample blends for many of the target elements, indicating a slight concentration dependence for precision.</li> <li>• For nine of the 13 target elements, median RSDs for the XLi were lower than the RSDs calculated for the reference laboratory data, indicating slightly better precision for the XLi.</li> </ul>
P4: Effects of Sample Interferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High relative concentrations (greater than 10X) of lead as an interfering element reduced accuracy for arsenic from “good” (median RPDs less than 25 percent) to “fair” (median RPDs between 25 and 50 percent). Further, the high concentrations of lead produced an increasingly low bias in arsenic results.</li> <li>• Interference effects associated with copper, nickel, and zinc could not be assessed in detail because instrument sensitivity issues limited the number of sample blends available for evaluation.</li> </ul>
P5: Effects of Soil Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low relative accuracy was observed for arsenic and copper in blends of roaster slag from the Wickes Smelter site, which contained high overall element concentrations.</li> <li>• Multiple outliers were also traceable to samples from the Torch Lake, Leviathan Mine, and Crane Division sites, and high-mercury blends from the Sulphur Bank mine site increased the RPD range observed for mercury. Overall, however, sample matrix had little observable effect on the accuracy of the XLi.</li> </ul>
P6: Sample Throughput	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With an average sample preparation time of 2.0 minutes and an instrument analysis time of 5.5 minutes per sample, the total processing time was 7.7 minutes per sample. The instrument analysis time was lengthened by the use of old x-ray source materials, which required long count times.</li> <li>• A maximum sample throughput of 92 samples per day was achieved during an extended work day. A more typical sample throughput was estimated to be 62 samples per day for an 8-hour work day.</li> </ul>
P7: Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase cost is about \$42,000 for the instrument as equipped in the demonstration (with three radioactive sources). With one radioactive source, the purchase cost is \$29,000. Weekly rental cost for the instrument is \$1,600. In addition to the radioactive sources, this cost includes peripherals such as an instrument stand, protective covers, communication cables, and 110 volt AC adapter.</li> <li>• Two of the radioactive sources available with the XLi have limited lifespans; the <sup>109</sup>Cd source lasts 3 to 6 years and the <sup>55</sup>Fe source lasts 5 to 10 years. Replacement costs for these sources are \$4000.</li> <li>• The Niton XLi instrument operator expended approximately 42 labor hours to complete the processing of the demonstration sample set (326 samples). This was significantly lower than the average for all participating XRF instruments of 69 labor hours.</li> <li>• Using the 1-week rental cost and adding labor and miscellaneous costs (\$485 for shipping and supplies), a total project cost of \$6,390 was estimated for a project the size of the demonstration. In comparison, the project cost averaged \$8,932 for all participating XRF instruments and the cost for fixed-laboratory analysis of all samples for 13 elements was \$63,896.</li> </ul>

**Table 9-2. Summary of Niton XLi Performance – Secondary Objectives**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Performance Summary</b>
S1: Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field or laboratory technicians with a high school diploma and basic operational training are generally qualified to operate the XLi.</li> <li>• Niton offers free training on the use of field-portable XRF analyzers for lead and other elements. Most are 1-day classes offered at varying locations throughout the U.S. (two to six classes per month).</li> <li>• Niton also offers site-specific training by request and will customize the training to the field conditions, matrices, analytes, reporting limits, and data quality objectives for a project.</li> </ul>
S2: Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The XLi has a trigger locking mechanism and other safety measures to minimize exposure to the radioactive sources. Niton reports that risks from exposure to radiation are minimal; the radiation detected from around the instrument during operation has been recorded at 0.1 millirems per hour.</li> <li>• No chemicals are used during sample preparation or analysis that would pose potential hazards.</li> </ul>
S3: Portability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on dimensions, weight, and power requirements, the XLi is a fully portable instrument. It can be used as a hand-held unit to analyze undisturbed soil or bagged samples.</li> <li>• With an additional instrument stand, the XLi can be used in a hands-free, bench-top mode.</li> </ul>
S4: Durability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niton instruments have a 12-month limited warranty for parts and labor. The warranty does not cover batteries, radioisotope sources, or accessories.</li> <li>• The XLi is impact-resistant and weatherproof. It is designed to operate under wet and dirty conditions and may be used in adverse weather conditions as it is dust and splash resistant. The instrument can be connected to a PC or outfitted with wireless communications for data transfer.</li> </ul>
S5: Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niton produces and sells more than 1,000 instruments a year through offices in the U.S. and Germany.</li> <li>• Instruments, accessories, and supporting software are also available for purchase or rental from Niton or from numerous distributors throughout the U.S.</li> </ul>

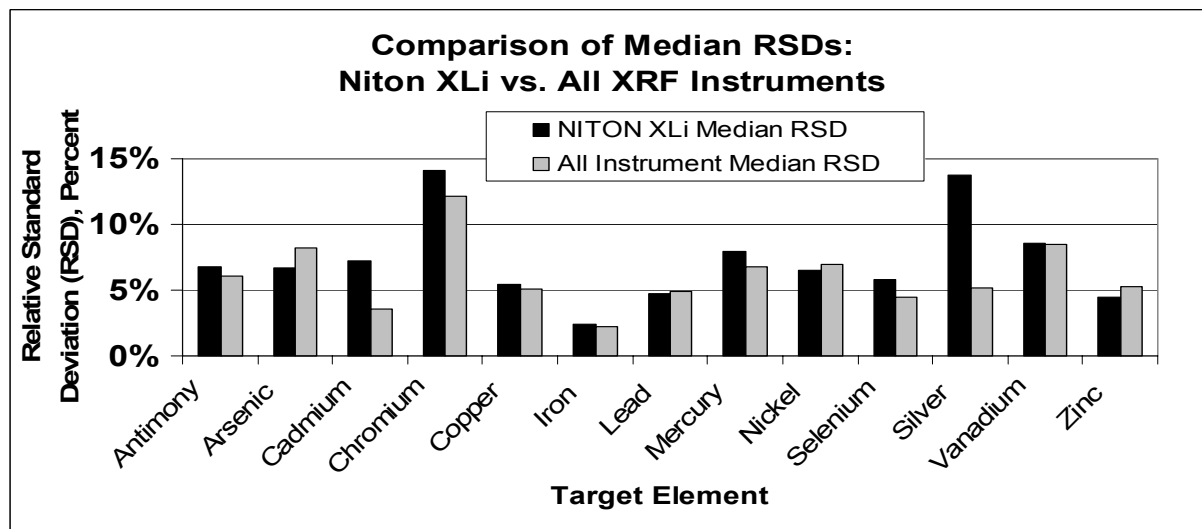
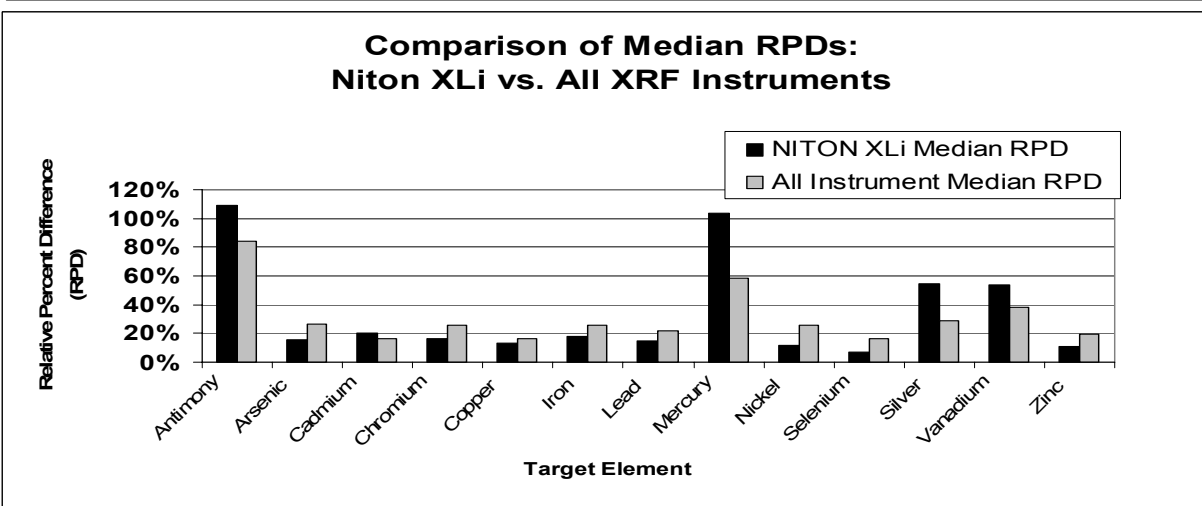
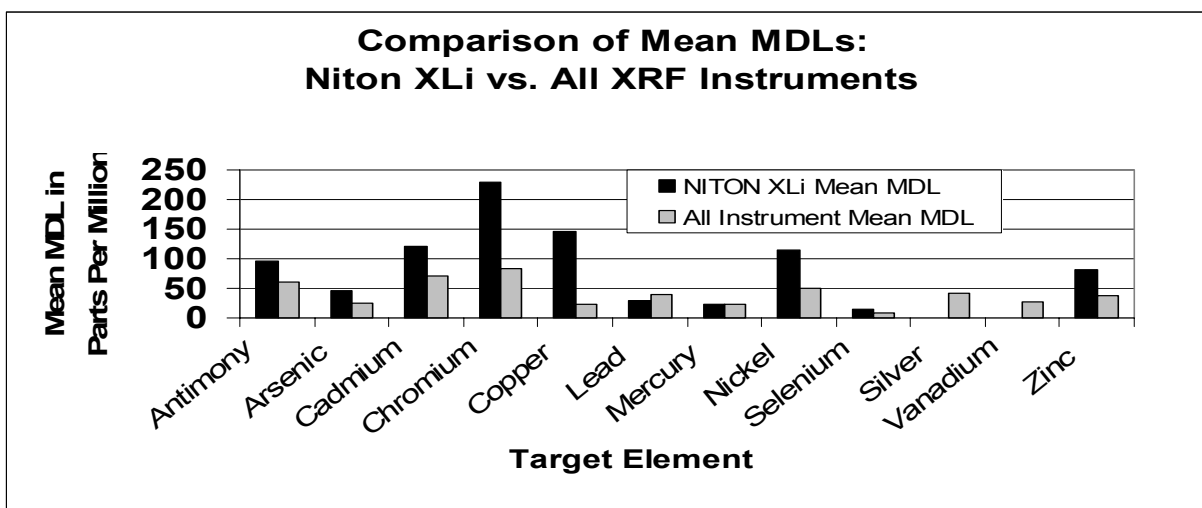


Figure 9-1. Method detection limits (sensitivity), accuracy, and precision of the XLi in comparison to the average of all eight XRF instruments.



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**APPENDIX A**

**VERIFICATION STATEMENT**

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## SITE Monitoring and Measurement Technology Program Verification Statement

TECHNOLOGY TYPE:	X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) Analyzer
APPLICATION:	MEASUREMENT OF TRACE ELEMENTS IN SOIL AND SEDIMENT
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### VERIFICATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) Monitoring and Measurement Technology (MMT) Program to facilitate deployment of innovative technologies through performance verification and information dissemination. The goal of this program is to further environmental protection by substantially accelerating the acceptance and use of improved and cost-effective technologies. The program assists and informs those involved in designing, distributing, permitting, and purchasing environmental technologies. This document summarizes the results of a demonstration of the Niton XLi 700 Series portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer for the analysis of 13 target elements in soil and sediment, including antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, vanadium, and zinc.

### PROGRAM OPERATION

Under the SITE MMT Program, with the full participation of the technology developers, EPA evaluates and documents the performance of innovative technologies by developing demonstration plans, conducting field tests, collecting and analyzing demonstration data, and preparing reports. The technologies are evaluated under rigorous quality assurance protocols to produce well-documented data of known quality. EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, which demonstrates field sampling, monitoring, and measurement technologies, selected Tetra Tech EM Inc. as the verification organization to assist in field testing technologies for measuring trace elements in soil and sediment using XRF technology.

### DEMONSTRATION DESCRIPTION

The field demonstration of eight XRF instruments to measure trace elements in soil and sediment was conducted from January 24 through 28, 2005, at the Kennedy Athletic, Recreational and Social (KARS) Park, which is part of the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. A total of 326 samples were analyzed by each XRF instrument, including the XLi, during the field demonstration. These samples were derived from 70 different blends and spiked blends of soil and sediment collected from nine sites across the U.S. The sample blends were thoroughly dried, sieved, crushed, mixed, and characterized before they were used for the demonstration. Some blends were also spiked to further adjust and refine the concentration ranges of the target elements. Between three

and seven replicate samples of each blend were included in the demonstration sample set and analyzed by the technology developers during the field demonstration.

Shealy Environmental Services, Inc. (Shealy), of Cayce, South Carolina, was selected as the reference laboratory to generate comparative data in evaluation of XRF instrument performance. Shealy analyzed all demonstration samples (both environmental and spiked) concurrently with the developers during the field demonstration. The samples were analyzed by inductively coupled plasma–atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) using EPA SW-846 Method 3050B/6010B and by cold vapor atomic absorption spectroscopy (CVAA) using EPA SW-846 Method 7471A (mercury only).

This verification statement provides a summary of the evaluation results for the Niton XLi 700 Series XRF analyzer. More detailed discussion can be found in the *Innovative Technology Verification Report – XRF Technologies for Measuring Trace Elements in Soil and Sediment: Niton XLi XRF Analyzer* (EPA/540/R-06/003).

## TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

XRF spectroscopy is an analytical technique that exposes a sample (soil, alloy metal, filters, other solids, and thin samples) to an x-ray source. The x-rays from the source have the appropriate excitation energy that causes elements in the sample to emit characteristic x-rays. A qualitative elemental analysis is possible from the characteristic energy, or wavelength, of the fluorescent x-rays emitted. A quantitative elemental analysis is possible from the number (intensity) of x-rays at a given wavelength.

The XLi is a small, field portable isotope-based XRF analyzer designed for chemical characterization of soils, sediment, and other thick homogeneous samples (plastics and metals).. It can be outfitted with various isotope options to best fit the environmental application needs of the customer. Niton offers the XLi with up to a 40 milliCurie (mCi) <sup>109</sup>cadmium (Cd) source for standard elemental analyses of up to 15 elements. The instrument used during the demonstration was equipped with a 10mCi source. Optional isotope sources that can be fitted into the same XRF analyzer are the 14 mCi <sup>241</sup>Americium (Am) source for heavy elements and the 20 mCi <sup>55</sup>Iron (Fe) source for light elements. Also available is a patented “Infiniton” <sup>241</sup>Am source for general analysis of up to 25 elements in bulk samples.

Other features of the XLi include an integrated touch-screen display; completely sealed housing to protect the analyzer from moisture and dust; lithium-ion batteries; integrated bar code reader and virtual keypad; remote operation and custom report generation capability from a Windows-based PC; shielded bench-top test stand; and Bluetooth wireless communication to a laptop or personal data assistant (PDA). The instrument is factory-calibrated to simultaneously analyze up to 25 elements, but is also capable of handling user-generated empirical calibrations for specific applications.

## VERIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE

**Method Detection Limit:** MDLs were calculated using seven replicate analyses from each of 12 low-concentration sample blends, according to the procedure described in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, Appendix B, Revision 1.11. A mean MDL was further calculated for each element (lower MDLs indicate higher sensitivity). The ranges into which the mean MDLs fell for the XLi are listed below. Silver and vanadium were not detected by the XLi in the MDL blends and could not be evaluated.

Relative Sensitivity	Mean MDL	Target Elements
High	1 – 20 ppm	Selenium.
Moderate	20 – 50 ppm	Arsenic, Lead, and Mercury.
Low	50 – 100 ppm	Antimony and Zinc.
Very Low	> 100 ppm	Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, and Nickel.

Notes: ppm = Parts per million. Iron was not included in the MDL evaluation.

**Accuracy:** Accuracy was evaluated based on the agreement of the XLI results with the reference laboratory data. Accuracy was assessed by calculating the absolute relative percent difference (RPD) between the mean XRF and the mean reference laboratory concentration for each blend. Accuracy of the XLI was classified from high to very low for the various target elements, as indicated in the table below, based on the overall median RPDs calculated for the demonstration.

Relative Accuracy	Median RPD	Target Elements
High	0% - 10%	Selenium.
Moderate	10% - 25%	Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Nickel, and Zinc.
Low	25% - 50%	None.
Very Low	> 50%	Antimony*, Mercury, Silver, and Vanadium.

\* Calculation of RPDs versus sample spike concentrations rather than reference laboratory results (due to potential low bias in the reference laboratory results for antimony) improves accuracy from Very Low to High.

Accuracy was also assessed through correlation plots between the mean XLI and mean reference laboratory concentrations for the various sample blends. Correlation coefficients ( $r^2$ ) for linear regression analysis of the plots are summarized below, along with any significant biases apparent from the plots in the XRF data versus the reference laboratory data.

	Antimony*	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
<b>Correlation</b>	0.92	0.94	0.98	0.92	0.85	0.95	0.94	0.98	0.96	0.98	0.90	0.74	0.95
<b>Bias</b>	High	High	High	Low	--	--	High	Low	--	--	High	High	High

Note: -- = No significant bias. \* Correlation is 1.0 with no observed bias when assessed versus sample spike concentrations.

**Precision:** Replicates were analyzed for all sample blends. Precision was evaluated by calculating the standard deviation of the replicates, dividing by the average concentration of the replicates, and multiplying by 100 percent to yield the relative standard deviation (RSD) for each blend. Precision of the XLI was classified from high to very low for each target element, as indicated in the table below, based on the overall median RSDs. These results indicated a higher level of precision in the XLI data than in the reference laboratory data for nine of the 13 target elements.

Relative Precision	Median RSD	Target Elements
High	0% - 5%	Iron, Lead, and Zinc.
Moderate	5% - 10%	Antimony, Arsenic, Cadmium, Copper, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, and Vanadium.
Low	10% - 20%	Chromium and Silver.
Very Low	> 20%	None.

**Effects of Interferences:** The RPDs from the evaluation of accuracy were further grouped and compared for a few elements of concern (arsenic, nickel, copper, and zinc) based on the relative concentrations of potentially interfering elements. Accuracy for arsenic was reduced from “moderate” (median RPDs less than 25 percent) to “low” (median RPDs between 25 and 50 percent) by high relative concentrations of lead (greater than 10X the arsenic concentration). Potential interference effects could not be assessed for copper, nickel, and zinc due to a lack of detections reported by the XLI in the sample blends used for the interference evaluation.

**Effects of Soil Characteristics:** The RPDs from the evaluation of accuracy were also further evaluated in terms of sampling site and soil type. This evaluation found high outlier RPD values, indicating low relative accuracy, for arsenic and copper in blends of roaster slag from the Wickes Smelter site. These blends contained high overall element concentrations. Overall, however, sample matrix had little observable effect on accuracy for the XRF data.

**Sample Throughput:** The total processing time per sample was estimated at 7.7 minutes, which included 2.0 minutes of sample preparation and 5.5 minutes of instrument analysis time. The instrument analysis time may have been increased by the use of old radioisotope sources, which required longer count times. A sample throughput of 53 samples per 8-hour work day was estimated. As noted above, however, the sample blends had undergone rigorous pre-processing before the demonstration. Sample throughput would have decreased if these sample preparation steps (grinding, drying, sieving) had been performed during the demonstration; these steps can add from 10 minutes to 2 hours to the sample preparation time.

**Costs:** A cost assessment for the XLi identified a purchase cost of \$42,000 and a weekly rental cost of \$1,600, plus \$240 shipping, as equipped for the demonstration. A total cost of \$6,390 (with a labor cost of \$4,215 at \$43.75/hr) was estimated for a project similar to the demonstration (326 samples of soil and sediment). In comparison, the project cost averaged \$8,932 for all eight XRF instruments participating in the demonstration, and \$63,896 for fixed-laboratory analysis of all samples for the 13 target elements.

**Skills and Training Required:** Field or laboratory technicians with a high school diploma are generally qualified to operate the XLi. Niton and its distributors offer informal on-site training for specific customer and applications. In addition, toll-free telephone support is also available.

**Health and Safety Aspects:** The XLi has a trigger locking mechanism to manually control source operation and analysis. With this and other safety measures, Niton reports that risk from exposure to radiation is minimal (approximately 0.1 millirems per hour).

**Portability:** Based on dimensions, weight, and power requirements, the XLi is a fully portable instrument. It can be used as a hand-held unit to analyze undisturbed soil or bagged samples. With an available instrument stand, the XLi can be used in a hands-free, bench-top mode.

**Durability:** Niton offers a 2-year warranty that does not cover batteries, radioisotope sources, or accessories. The half-life for the <sup>109</sup>Cadmium isotope is 18 months. As the unit automatically adjusts for source decay, the useful life of an isotope is based on the user's throughput requirements. However, most find it necessary to replace the ex-ray source every 3-5 years. The half-life for the <sup>55</sup>Fe source is 2.74 years; and most find it necessary to resource every 5-8 years. The <sup>241</sup>Am source would be expected to last indefinitely because its half-life is 432.2 years. The instrument is environmentally sealed in a durable, hard-tool plastic and metal case.

**Availability:** Instruments, accessories, and supporting software are available for purchase or rental from Niton's offices in the U.S. and Germany, or from numerous distributors throughout the U.S.

## RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

The performance of the XLi relative to the average of all eight XRF instruments that participated in the demonstration is shown below:

	Antimony	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Silver	Vanadium	Zinc
<b>Sensitivity</b>	0	0	0	0	0	NC	●	Same	0	Same	NC	NC	0
<b>Accuracy</b>	0	●	Same	●	●	●	●	0	●	●	0	0	●
<b>Precision</b>	Same	●	0	0	Same	Same	Same	0	●	0	0	Same	●

Key: ● Better 0 Worse NC No MDL Calculated.

NOTICE: Verifications are based on an evaluation of technology performance under specific, predetermined criteria and the appropriate quality assurance procedures. EPA makes no expressed or implied warranties as to the performance of the technology and does not certify that a technology will always operate as verified. The end user is solely responsible for complying with any and all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **DEVELOPER DISCUSSION**



## DEVELOPER DISCUSSION

Thermo Electron, NITON analyzers would like to thank the EPA and SITE program for the opportunity to demonstrate our instrument's effectiveness for trace elemental analysis in soil and sediments. Overall, it proved to be a useful exercise in determining our instrument's capabilities for field analysis. We would like to thank everyone involved as we found the staff incredibly helpful in ensuring that the performance of our analyzers was appropriately documented. Overall, Thermo Electron feels that the report adequately represents the utility of the NITON analyzers in testing soils and sediments for common contaminants.

Our published limits of detection (LOD) for the 13 elements included in this study all correspond well with the results in the report with the exception of cadmium and antimony. The method detection limits (MDL) for cadmium and antimony were reported higher than anticipated. However, given that most of these samples had been intentionally spiked with high levels of various elements, it was not surprising that our performance was inferior to what we typically expect in "real" samples. In this study, samples were required to serve more than one purpose. Instead of merely attempting to determine a detection limit, one sample might be put to the task of LOD and multi-element interference analysis. For elements such as antimony and cadmium, this proved to be a problem for our analyzer.

Our analyzers report actual 3 sigma detection limits (<XXX) for a given element instead of a value and error. These LOD's are sample specific and are calculated by the analyzer's algorithm. The algorithm is based on the statistical analysis of the background and the relative element concentrations in the sample analyzed. The way in which the SITE group calculates the MDL for any given sample does not allow them to use the <LOD we provide. Therefore, it proved challenging to determine MDLs for some elements when very few of the samples had concentrations high enough to be reported as real numbers. In the case of vanadium and silver, an MDL was not calculated due to insufficient detectable data points.

As the data indicates, a few elements showed a bias versus the laboratory data. These biases may exist because our analyzers are factory calibrated using NIST traceable standards. They contain levels typical of what is usually found in real remediation situations. The supplied samples in this evaluation were "real" samples that had been altered and/or spiked to meet certain concentration goals. Whatever the case, system biases can easily be remedied by inserting correction factors directly into the analyzer, a process that is completed in a matter of seconds. Using our CorrectCal software, "on-the-fly" adjustment can be made as needed. Additionally, empirical calibrations can be created and loaded directly onto the analyzer. However, many previously characterized samples are required to set up an empirical calibration for 13 elements. For this evaluation we presented the analyzer in a way that accurately represents the standard off-the-shelf factory calibration and modes of use.

The best indicator of an analyzer's performance is its ability to provide precise results. As the data generated during the SITE program show, the median Relative Standard Deviation (RSD) for the XLi 700 was lower than the RSD calculated for the reference laboratory data for nine of the 13 target elements. Given good precision, and the ability to make site specific adjustments, required accuracy can be easily achieved.

To request additional information or an on-site demonstration of this or any of our analyzers, please contact Thermo Electron at 978-670-7460 or visit our website at [www.niton.com](http://www.niton.com).

**APPENDIX C**

**DATA VALIDATION SUMMARY REPORT**

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## **APPENDIX**

### DATA VALIDATION REPORTS

## **ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

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CCV	Continuing calibration verification
CVAA	Cold vapor atomic absorption
DVSR	Data validation summary report
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FAR	Federal acquisition regulations
ICP-AES	Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy
ICS	Interference check sample
ICV	Initial calibration verification
LCS	Laboratory control sample
LCSD	Laboratory control sample duplicate
MDL	Method detection limit
mg/kg	Milligram per kilogram
MS	Matrix spike
MSD	Matrix spike duplicate
PARCC	Precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability
PQL	Practical quantitation limit
QA/QC	Quality assurance and quality control
QAPP	Quality assurance project plan
QC	Quality control
RSD	Relative standard deviation
RPD	Relative percent difference
SDG	Sample delivery group
Shealy	Shealy Environmental Services, Inc.
SITE	Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation
Tetra Tech	Tetra Tech EM Inc.
XRF	X-ray fluorescence

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This data validation summary report (DVSR) summarizes the reference laboratory quality control (QC) data gathered during the x-ray fluorescence (XRF) technologies demonstration conducted under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation (SITE) program. The reference laboratory was procured following the federal acquisition regulations (FAR) and an extensive selection process. Shealy Environmental Services, Inc. (Shealy), of Cayce, South Carolina, was selected as the reference laboratory for this project. Thirteen target analytes were measured in reference samples and include antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, vanadium, and zinc. The laboratory reported results for 22 metals at the request of EPA; however, for the purposes of meeting project objectives, only the data validation for the 13 target analytes is summarized in this document. The objective of the validation is to determine the validity of the reference data, as well as its usability in meeting the primary objective of comparing reference data to XRF data generated during the demonstration. Shealy provided the data to Tetra Tech EM Inc. (Tetra Tech) in electronic and hardcopy formats; a total of 13 sample delivery groups (SDG) contain all the data for this project.

The DVSR consists of seven sections, including this introduction. Section 2.0 presents the data validation methodology. Section 3.0 presents the results of the reference laboratory data validation. Section 4.0 summarizes the precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability (PARCC) evaluation. Section 5.0 presents conclusions about the overall evaluation of the reference data. Section 6.0 lists the references used to prepare this DVSR. Tables are presented following Section 6.0.

## 2.0 VALIDATION METHODOLOGY

Data validation is the systematic process for reviewing and qualifying data against a set of criteria to ensure that the reference data are adequate for the intended use. The data validation process assesses acceptability of the data by evaluating the critical indicator parameters of PARCC. The laboratory analytical data were validated according to the procedures outlined in the following documents:

- “USEPA Contract Laboratory Program National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Data Review” (EPA 2004), hereinafter referred to as the “EPA guidance.”
- “Demonstration and Quality Assurance Project Plan, XRF Technologies for Measuring Trace Elements in Soil and Sediment” (Tetra Tech 2005), hereinafter referred to as “the QAPP.”

Data validation occurred in the following two stages: (1) a cursory review of analytical reports and quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) information for 100 percent of the reference data and (2) full validation of analytical reports, QA/QC information, and associated raw data for 10 percent of the reference data as required by the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005).

QA/QC criteria were reviewed in accordance with EPA guidance (EPA 2004) and the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005). The cursory review for total metals consisted of evaluating the following requirements, as applicable:

- Holding times

- Initial and continuing calibrations
- Laboratory blank results
- Laboratory control sample (LCS) and laboratory control sample duplicates (LCSD) results
- Matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicate (MSD) results
- Serial dilutions results

In addition to QA/QC criteria described above, the following criteria were reviewed during full validation:

- ICP interference check samples (ICS)
- Target analyte identification and quantitation
- Quantitation limit verification

Section 3.0 presents the results of the both the cursory review and full validation.

During data validation, worksheets were produced for each SDG that identify any QA/QC issues resulting in data qualification. Data validation findings were written in 13 individual data validation reports (one for each SDG). Data qualifiers were assigned to the results in the electronic database in accordance with EPA guidelines (EPA 2004). In addition to data validation qualifiers, comment codes were added to the database to indicate the primary reason for the validation qualifier. Table 1 defines data validation qualifiers and comment codes that are applied to the data set. Details about specific QC issues can be found in the individual SDG data validation reports and accompanying validation worksheets provided in the Appendix.

The overall objective of data validation is to ensure that the quality of the reference data set is adequate for the intended use, as defined by the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005) for the PARCC parameters. Table 2 provides the QC criteria as defined by the QAPP. PARCC parameters were assessed by completing the following tasks:

- Reviewing precision and accuracy of laboratory QC data
- Reviewing the overall analytical process, including holding time, calibration, analytical or matrix performance, and analyte identification and quantitation
- Assigning qualifiers to affected data when QA/QC criteria were not achieved
- Reviewing and summarizing implications of the frequency and severity of qualifiers in the validated data

Prior to the XRF demonstration, soil and sediment samples were collected from nine locations across the U.S. and then blended, dried, sieved, and homogenized in the characterization laboratory to produce a set of 326 reference samples. Each of these samples were subsequently analyzed by both the reference

laboratory and all participating technology vendors. As such, 326 prepared soil/sediment samples were delivered to Shealy for the measurement of total metals. The analytical program included the following analyses and methods:

- Total metal for 22 analytes by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) according to EPA Methods 3050B/6010B (EPA 1996)
- Total mercury by cold vapor atomic absorption spectroscopy (CVAA) according to EPA Method 7471A (EPA 1996)

### **3.0 DATA VALIDATION RESULTS**

The parameters listed in Section 2.0 were evaluated during cursory review and full validation of analytical reports for all methods, as applicable. Each of the validation components discussed in this section is summarized as follows:

- Acceptable – All criteria were met and no data were qualified on that basis
- Acceptable with qualification – Most criteria were met, but at least one data point was qualified as estimated because of issues related to the review component

Since no data were rejected, all data were determined to be either acceptable or acceptable with qualification. Sections 3.1 through 3.9 discuss each review component and the results of each. Tables that summarize the data validation findings follow Section 6.0 of this DVSR. Only qualified data are included in the tables. No reference laboratory data were rejected during the validation process. As such, all results are acceptable with the qualification noted in the sections that follow.

#### **3.1 Holding Time**

Acceptable. The technical holding times were defined as the maximum time allowable between sample collection and, as applicable, sample extraction, preparation, or analysis. The holding times used for validation purposes were recommended in the specific analytical methods (EPA 1996) and were specified in the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005).

Because the soil and sediment samples were prepared prior to submission to the reference laboratory, and because the preparation included drying to remove moisture, no chemical or physical (for example ice) preservation was required. The holding time for sample digestion was 180 days for the ICP-AES analyses and 28 days for mercury. All sample digestions and analyses were conducted within the specified holding times. No data were qualified based on holding time exceedances. This fact contributes to the high technical quality of the reference data.

#### **3.2 Calibration**

Acceptable. Laboratory instrument calibration requirements were established to ensure that analytical instruments could produce acceptable qualitative and quantitative data for all target analytes. Initial calibration demonstrates that the instrument is capable of acceptable performance at the beginning of an analytical run, while producing a linear curve. Continuing calibration demonstrates that the instrument is capable of repeating the performance established during the initial calibration (EPA 1996).

For total metal analyses (ICP-AES and CVAA), initial calibration review included evaluating criteria for the curve's correlation coefficient and initial calibration verification (ICV) percent recoveries. The ICV percent recoveries verify that the analytical system is operating within the established calibration criteria at the beginning of an analytical run. The continuing calibration review included evaluation of the criteria for continuing calibration verification (CCV) percent recoveries. The CCV percent recoveries verify that the analytical system is operating within the established calibration throughout the analytical run.

All ICV and CCV percent recoveries associated with the reference data were within acceptable limits of 90 to 110 percent. As such, no data were qualified or rejected because of calibration exceedances. This fact contributes to the high technical quality of the data.

### **3.3 Laboratory Blanks**

Acceptable with qualification. No field blanks were required by the QAPP, since samples were prepared after collection and before submission to the reference laboratory. However, laboratory blanks were prepared and analyzed to evaluate the existence and magnitude of contamination resulting from laboratory activities. Blanks prepared and analyzed in the laboratory consisted of calibration and preparation blanks. If a problem with any blank existed, all associated data were carefully evaluated to assess whether the sample data were affected. At a minimum, calibration blanks were analyzed for every 10 analyses conducted on each instrument. Preparation blanks were prepared at a frequency of one per preparation batch per matrix or every 20 samples, whichever is greater (EPA 1996).

When laboratory blank contamination was identified, sample results were compared to the practical quantitation limit (PQL) and the maximum blank value as required by the validation guidelines (EPA 2004). Most of the blank detections were positive results (i.e. greater than the method detection limit [MDL]), but less than the PQL. In these instances, if associated sample results were also less than the PQL, they were qualified as undetected (U); with the comment code "b." In these same instances, if the associated sample results were greater than the PQL, the reviewer used professional judgment to determine if the sample results were adversely affected. If so, then the results were qualified as estimated with the potential for being biased high (J+). If not, then no qualification was required.

In a few cases, the maximum blank value exceeded the PQL. In these cases, all associated sample results less than the PQL were qualified as undetected (U) with the comment code "b." In cases where the associated sample results were greater than the PQL, but less than the blank concentration, the results were also qualified as undetected (U); with the comment code "b." If the associated sample results were greater than both the PQL and the blank value, the reviewer used professional judgment to determine if sample results were adversely affected. If so, then the results were qualified as estimated with the potential for being biased high (J+); with the comment code "b." Sample results significantly above the blank were not qualified.

In addition to laboratory blank contamination, negative drift greater than the magnitude of the PQL was observed in some laboratory blanks. Associated sample data were qualified as undetected (U) if the results were less than the PQL. Professional judgement was used to determine if the negative drift adversely affected associated sample results greater than the PQL. If so, then sample results were qualified as estimated with the potential for being biased low (J-) due to the negative drift of the instrument baseline; with the comment code "b."

Of all target analyte data, 2.6 percent of the data was qualified as undetected because of laboratory blank contamination (U, b), and less than 1 percent of the data was qualified as estimated (either J+, b or J-, b).



The low occurrence of results affected by blank contamination indicates that the general quality of the analytical data was not significantly compromised by blank contamination. Table 3 provides all results that were qualified based on laboratory blanks.

### **3.4 Laboratory Control Samples**

Acceptable. LCSs and LCSDs were prepared and analyzed with each batch of 20 or fewer samples of the same matrix. All percent recoveries were within the QC limits of 80 to 120 percent; all relative percent differences (RPD) between the LCD and LCSD values were less than the criterion of 20 percent. No data were qualified or rejected on the basis of LCS/LCSD results. This fact contributes to the high technical quality of the data.

### **3.5 Matrix Spike Samples**

Acceptable with qualification. MS and MSD samples were prepared and analyzed with each batch of 20 or fewer samples of the same matrix. All percent recoveries were within the QC limits of 75 to 125 percent, and all RPDs between the MS and MSD values were less than the criterion of 25 percent, except as discussed in the following paragraphs.

Sample results affected by MS and MSD percent recoveries issues were qualified as estimated and either biased high (J+) if the recoveries were greater than 125 percent; or qualified as estimated and biased low (J-) if the recoveries were less than 75 percent. In at least one case, the MS was higher than 125 percent and the MSD was lower than 75 percent; the associated results were qualified as estimated (J) with no distinction for potential bias. All data qualified on the basis of MS and MSD recovery were also assigned the comment code "e." Of all target analyte data, less than 1 percent was qualified as estimated and biased high (J+, e), while about 8 percent of the data were qualified as estimated and biased low (J-, e). Antimony and silver were the most frequently qualified sample results. Based on experience, antimony and silver soil recoveries are frequently low using the selected methods. Table 4 provides the results that were qualified based on MS/MSD results.

The precision between MS and MSD results were generally acceptable. If the RPD between MS and MSD results were greater than 25 percent, the data were already qualified based on exceedance of the acceptance window for recovery. Therefore, no additional qualification was required for MS/MSD precision.

No data were rejected on the basis of MS/MSD results. The relatively low occurrence of data qualification due to MS/MSD recoveries and RPDs contribute to the high technical quality of the data.

### **3.6 Serial Dilution Results**

Acceptable with qualification. Serial dilutions were conducted and analyzed by Shealy at a frequency of 1 per batch of 20 samples. The serial dilution analysis can evaluate whether matrix interference exists and whether the accuracy of the analytical data is affected. For all target analyte data, less than 1 percent of the data was qualified as estimated and biased high (J+, j), while about 2 percent of the data were qualified as estimated and biased low (J-, j). Serial dilution results are used to determine whether characteristics of the digest matrix, such as viscosity or the presence of analytes at high concentrations, may interfere with the detected analytes. Qualifiers were applied to cases where interference was suspected. However, the low incidence of apparent matrix interference contributes to the high technical quality of the data. Table 5 provides the results that were qualified based on MS/MSD results.

### **3.7 ICP Interference Check Samples**

Acceptable. ICP results for each ICS were evaluated. The ICS verifies the validity of the laboratory's inter-element and background correction factors. High levels of certain elements (including aluminum, calcium, iron, and magnesium) can affect sample results if the inter-element and background correction factors have not been optimized. Incorrect correction factors may result in false positives, false negatives, or biased results. All ICS recoveries were within QC limits of 80 to 120 percent, and no significant biases were observed due to potential spectral interference. No data were qualified or rejected because of ICS criteria violations. This fact contributes to the high technical quality of the data.

### **3.8 Target Analyte Identification and Quantitation**

Acceptable Identification is determined by measuring the characteristic wavelength of energy emitted by the analyte (ICP) or absorbed by the analyte (CVAA). External calibration standards are used to quantify the analyte concentration in the sample digest. Sample digest concentrations are converted to soil units (milligrams per kilogram) and corrected for percent moisture. For 10 percent of the samples, results were recalculated to verify the accuracy of reporting. All results were correctly calculated by the laboratory, except for one mercury result, whose miscalculation was the result of an error in entering the dilution factor. Shealy immediately resolved this error and corrected reports were provided. Since the result was corrected, no qualification was required. No other reporting errors were observed.

For inorganic analyses, analytical instruments can make reliable qualitative identification of analytes at concentrations below the PQL. Detected results below the PQL are considered quantitatively uncertain. Sample results below the PQL were reported by the laboratory with a "J" qualifier. No additional qualification was required.

### **3.9 Quantitation Limit Verification**

Acceptable. Reference laboratory quantitation limits were specified in the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005). Circumstances that affected quantitation were limited and included dilution and percent moisture factors. Since the samples were prepared prior to submission to the reference laboratory, moisture content was very low and had little impact on quantitation limits. The laboratory did correct all quantitation limits for moisture content. Due to the presence of percent-level analytes in some samples, dilutions were required. However, the required PQLs for the reference laboratory were high enough that even with dilution and moisture content factors applied, the reporting limits did not exceed those of the XRF instruments. This allows for effective comparison of results between the reference laboratory and XRF instruments.

## **4.0 PRECISION, ACCURACY, REPRESENTATIVENESS, COMPLETENESS, AND COMPARABILITY EVALUATION SUMMARY**

All analytical data were reviewed for PARCC parameters to validate reference data. The following sections discuss the overall data quality, including the PARCC parameters, as determined by the data validation.

#### **4.1 Precision**

Precision is a measure of the reproducibility of an experimental value without considering a true or referenced value. The primary indicators of precision were the MS/MSD RPD and LCS/LCSD RPD between the duplicate results. Precision criteria of less than 20 percent RPD for LCS/LCSD and 25 percent for MS/MSD were generally met for all duplicate pairs. No data were qualified based on duplicate precision of MS/MSD or LCS/LCSD pairs that were not already qualified for other reasons. Such low occurrence of laboratory precision problems supports the validity, usability, and defensibility of the data.

#### **4.2 Accuracy**

Accuracy assesses the proximity of an experimental value to a true or referenced value. The primary accuracy indicators were the recoveries of MS and LCS spikes. Accuracy is expressed as percent recovery. Overall, about 8 percent of the data was qualified as estimated and no data were rejected because of accuracy problems. The low frequency of accuracy problems supports the validity, usability, and defensibility of the data.

#### **4.3 Representativeness**

Representativeness refers to how well sample data accurately reflect true environmental conditions. The QAPP was carefully designed to ensure that actual environmental samples be collected by choosing representative sites across the US from which sample material was collected. The blending and homogenization was executed according to the approved QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005).

#### **4.4 Completeness**

Completeness is defined as the percentage of measurements that are considered to be valid. The validity of sample results is evaluated through the data validation process. Sample results that are rejected and any missing analyses are considered incomplete. Data that are qualified as estimated (J) or undetected estimated (UJ) are considered valid and usable. Data qualified as rejected (R) are considered unusable for all purposes. Since no data were rejected in this data set, a completeness of 100 percent was achieved. A total of 4,238 target analyte results were evaluated. The completeness goal stated in the QAPP (Tetra Tech 2005) was 90 percent.

#### **4.5 Comparability**

Comparability is a qualitative parameter that expresses the confidence with which one data set may be compared to another. Widely-accepted SW-846 methods were used for this project. It is recognized that direct comparison of the reference laboratory data (using ICP-AES and CVAA techniques) to the XRF measurements may result in discrepancies due to differences in the preparation and measurement techniques; however, the reference laboratory data is expected to provide an acceptable basis for comparison to XRF measurement results in accordance with the project objectives.

Comparability of the data was also achieved by producing full data packages, by using a homogenous matrix, standard quantitation limits, standardized data validation procedures, and by evaluating the PARCC parameters uniformly. In addition, the use of specified and well-documented analyses, approved laboratories, and the standardized process of data review and validation have resulted in a high degree of comparability for the data.

## **5.0 CONCLUSIONS FOR DATA QUALITY AND DATA USABILITY**

Although some qualifiers were added to the data, a final review of the data set with respect to the data quality parameters discussed in Section 4.0 indicates that the data are of overall good quality. No analytical data were rejected. The data quality is generally consistent with project objectives for producing data of suitable quality for comparison to XRF data. All supporting documentation and data are available upon request, including cursory review and full validation reports as well as the electronic database that contains sample results.

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## **TABLES**

**TABLE 1: DATA VALIDATION QUALIFIERS AND COMMENT CODES**

<b>Qualifier</b>	<b>Definition</b>
No Qualifier	Indicates that the data are acceptable both qualitatively and quantitatively.
U	Indicates compound was analyzed for but not detected above the concentration listed. The value listed is the sample quantitation limit.
J	Indicates an estimated concentration value. The result is considered qualitatively acceptable, but quantitatively unreliable.
J+	The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased high.
J-	The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased low.
UJ	Indicates an estimated quantitation limit. The compound was analyzed for, but was considered non-detected.
R	The data are unusable (compound may or may not be present). Resampling and reanalysis is necessary for verification.
<b>Comment Code</b>	<b>Definition</b>
a	Surrogate recovery exceeded (not applicable to this data set)
b	Laboratory method blank and common blank contamination
c	Calibration criteria exceeded
d	Duplicate precision criteria exceeded
e	Matrix spike or laboratory control sample recovery exceeded
f	Field blank contamination (not applicable to this data set)
g	Quantification below reporting limit
h	Holding time exceeded
i	Internal standard criteria exceeded (not applicable to this data set)
j	Other qualification (will be specified in report)

**TABLE 2: QC CRITERIA**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>QC Check</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
<b>Reference Method</b>					
Target Metals (12 ICP metals and Hg)	3050B/6010B and 7471A	Method and instrument blanks	One per analytical batch of 20 or less	Less than the reporting limit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check calculations</li> <li>2. Assess and eliminate source of contamination</li> <li>3. Reanalyze blank</li> <li>4. Inform Tetra Tech project manager</li> <li>5. Flag affected results</li> </ol>
		MS/MSD	One per analytical batch of 20 or less	75 to 125 percent recovery RPD $\leq$ 25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check calculations</li> <li>2. Check LCS/LCSD and digest duplicate results to determine whether they meet criterion</li> <li>3. Inform Tetra Tech project manager</li> <li>4. Flag affected results</li> </ol>
		LCS/LCSD	One per analytical batch of 20 or less	80 to 120 percent recovery RPD $\leq$ 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check calculations</li> <li>2. Check instrument operating conditions and adjust as necessary</li> <li>3. Check MS/MSD and digest duplicate results to determine whether they meet criterion</li> <li>4. Inform Tetra Tech project manager</li> <li>5. Redigest and reanalyze the entire batch of samples</li> <li>6. Flag affected results</li> </ol>
		Performance audit samples	One per analytical batch of 20 or less	Within acceptance limits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluated by Tetra Tech QA chemist</li> <li>2. Inform laboratory and recommend changes</li> <li>3. Flag affected results</li> </ol>
Percent moisture		Laboratory duplicates	One per analytical batch of 20 or less	RPD $\leq$ 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check calculations</li> <li>2. Reanalyze sample batch</li> <li>3. Inform Tetra Tech project manager</li> <li>4. Flag affected results</li> </ol>

**TABLE 3: DATA QUALIFICATION: LABORATORY METHOD BLANK CONTAMINATION**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
AS-SO-04-XX	Selenium	6.2	mg/kg	U	b
AS-SO-06-XX	Antimony	2.4	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
AS-SO-10-XX	Selenium	1.1	mg/kg	U	b
AS-SO-11-XX	Selenium	1.1	mg/kg	U	b
AS-SO-13-XX	Antimony	2.4	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
BN-SO-18-XX	Silver	0.94	mg/kg	U	b
BN-SO-28-XX	Silver	0.77	mg/kg	U	b
BN-SO-31-XX	Silver	0.97	mg/kg	U	b
BN-SO-35-XX	Silver	0.85	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-01-XX	Mercury	0.053	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-11-XX	Mercury	0.079	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-12-XX	Mercury	0.06	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-14-XX	Mercury	0.065	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-17-XX	Mercury	0.082	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-19-XX	Mercury	0.044	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-25-XX	Mercury	0.096	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-25-XX	Selenium	0.26	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-28-XX	Mercury	0.056	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-30-XX	Mercury	0.1	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SE-30-XX	Selenium	0.24	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-02-XX	Mercury	0.043	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-02-XX	Selenium	0.42	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-03-XX	Cadmium	0.074	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-03-XX	Mercury	0.044	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-04-XX	Cadmium	0.046	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-04-XX	Mercury	0.018	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-04-XX	Selenium	0.28	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-05-XX	Cadmium	0.13	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-05-XX	Mercury	0.044	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-05-XX	Selenium	0.24	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-06-XX	Arsenic	0.73	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-06-XX	Mercury	0.059	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-07-XX	Arsenic	2	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-07-XX	Mercury	0.027	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-07-XX	Selenium	0.21	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-09-XX	Cadmium	0.094	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-09-XX	Mercury	0.046	mg/kg	U	b



**TABLE 3: DATA QUALIFICATION: LABORATORY METHOD BLANK CONTAMINATION  
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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
KP-SO-10-XX	Arsenic	0.7	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-10-XX	Mercury	0.028	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-10-XX	Selenium	0.22	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-13-XX	Arsenic	1.4	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-13-XX	Cadmium	0.045	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-13-XX	Mercury	0.037	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-15-XX	Arsenic	0.76	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-15-XX	Mercury	0.029	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-16-XX	Cadmium	0.063	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-16-XX	Mercury	0.016	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-18-XX	Arsenic	0.56	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-18-XX	Mercury	0.016	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-20-XX	Arsenic	1.5	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-20-XX	Mercury	0.03	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-21-XX	Cadmium	0.098	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-21-XX	Mercury	0.042	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-22-XX	Arsenic	0.7	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-22-XX	Mercury	0.027	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-23-XX	Cadmium	0.048	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-23-XX	Mercury	0.017	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-24-XX	Arsenic	1.4	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-24-XX	Mercury	0.017	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-26-XX	Cadmium	0.061	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-26-XX	Mercury	0.013	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-26-XX	Selenium	0.22	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-27-XX	Arsenic	1.3	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-27-XX	Cadmium	0.05	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-27-XX	Mercury	0.021	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-29-XX	Arsenic	1.5	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-29-XX	Mercury	0.013	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-31-XX	Mercury	0.017	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-32-XX	Arsenic	1.6	mg/kg	J-	b
KP-SO-32-XX	Cadmium	0.045	mg/kg	U	b
KP-SO-32-XX	Mercury	0.014	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-02-XX	Mercury	0.02	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-10-XX	Mercury	0.023	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-11-XX	Selenium	1.3	mg/kg	U	b

**TABLE 3: DATA QUALIFICATION: LABORATORY METHOD BLANK CONTAMINATION  
(Continued)**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
LV-SE-14-XX	Mercury	0.056	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-21-XX	Mercury	0.048	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-24-XX	Mercury	0.053	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-29-XX	Selenium	1.2	mg/kg	U	b
LV-SE-32-XX	Mercury	0.052	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-07-XX	Mercury	0.091	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-08-XX	Silver	0.39	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-10-XX	Silver	0.34	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-12-XX	Mercury	0.099	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-23-XX	Copper	0.2	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-23-XX	Zinc	0.6	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-33-XX	Silver	0.33	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-36-XX	Mercury	0.081	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-36-XX	Selenium	1	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-45-XX	Cadmium	0.52	mg/kg	U	b
RF-SE-53-XX	Cadmium	0.57	mg/kg	U	b
SB-SO-03-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-12-XX	Silver	2.1	mg/kg	UJ	b
SB-SO-13-XX	Silver	2.2	mg/kg	UJ	b
SB-SO-15-XX	Silver	1.6	mg/kg	UJ	b
SB-SO-17-XX	Silver	2.3	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-18-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-30-XX	Selenium	1.3	mg/kg	J+	b
SB-SO-32-XX	Silver	0.1	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-37-XX	Silver	2	mg/kg	UJ	b
SB-SO-46-XX	Silver	2.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-48-XX	Silver	0.1	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-53-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
TL-SE-01-XX	Mercury	0.074	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-03-XX	Mercury	0.32	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-03-XX	Silver	0.94	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-04-XX	Mercury	0.26	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-10-XX	Mercury	0.19	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-11-XX	Mercury	0.021	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-12-XX	Mercury	0.22	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-14-XX	Mercury	0.08	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-15-XX	Mercury	0.28	mg/kg	J-	b

**TABLE 3: DATA QUALIFICATION: LABORATORY METHOD BLANK CONTAMINATION  
(Continued)**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
TL-SE-15-XX	Silver	1	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-18-XX	Mercury	0.025	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-19-XX	Mercury	0.32	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-19-XX	Silver	1.1	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-20-XX	Mercury	0.26	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-22-XX	Mercury	0.082	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-23-XX	Mercury	0.41	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-23-XX	Silver	1.3	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-24-XX	Mercury	0.26	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-24-XX	Silver	1.3	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-25-XX	Mercury	0.44	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-25-XX	Silver	0.94	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-26-XX	Mercury	0.24	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-27-XX	Mercury	0.02	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-29-XX	Mercury	0.076	mg/kg	U	b
TL-SE-31-XX	Mercury	0.57	mg/kg	J-	b
TL-SE-31-XX	Silver	1.2	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-06-XX	Mercury	0.07	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-08-XX	Mercury	0.063	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-10-XX	Mercury	0.058	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-12-XX	Mercury	0.068	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-17-XX	Mercury	0.069	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-20-XX	Mercury	0.06	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-23-XX	Mercury	0.05	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-30-XX	Mercury	0.069	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-31-XX	Selenium	1.2	mg/kg	U	b
WS-SO-35-XX	Mercury	0.071	mg/kg	UJ	b, e

Notes:

mg/kg = Milligrams per kilogram

b = Data were qualified based on blank contamination

e = Data were additionally qualified based on matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate exceedances

J+ = Result is estimated and potentially biased high

J- = Result is estimated and potentially biased low

UJ = Result is undetected at estimated quantitation limits

**TABLE 4: DATA QUALIFICATION: MATRIX SPIKE RECOVERY EXCEEDANCES**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
AS-SO-01-XX	Antimony	3.8	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-02-XX	Antimony	<2.6	mg/kg	UJ	e
AS-SO-03-XX	Mercury	3.7	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-03-XX	Silver	480	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-04-XX	Antimony	<6.4	mg/kg	UJ	e
AS-SO-05-XX	Mercury	2.5	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-05-XX	Silver	330	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-06-XX	Antimony	2.4	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
AS-SO-07-XX	Antimony	3.6	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-08-XX	Mercury	2.5	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-08-XX	Silver	280	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-09-XX	Antimony	<2.6	mg/kg	UJ	e
AS-SO-10-XX	Antimony	1.9	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-11-XX	Antimony	3.7	mg/kg	J-	e
AS-SO-12-XX	Antimony	<2.6	mg/kg	UJ	e
AS-SO-13-XX	Antimony	2.4	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
BN-SO-01-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-01-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-05-XX	Antimony	160	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-07-XX	Antimony	110	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-07-XX	Silver	990	mg/kg	J+	e
BN-SO-09-XX	Antimony	750	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-09-XX	Silver	100	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-10-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-10-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-11-XX	Antimony	4	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-11-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-12-XX	Antimony	750	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-12-XX	Silver	210	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-14-XX	Antimony	3.5	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-14-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-15-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-15-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-16-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-16-XX	Arsenic	1100	mg/kg	J+	e
BN-SO-19-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-21-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J-	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
BN-SO-21-XX	Arsenic	1300	mg/kg	J+	e
BN-SO-23-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
BN-SO-23-XX	Silver	130	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-24-XX	Antimony	810	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-24-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-25-XX	Antimony	82	mg/kg	J-	e, j
BN-SO-25-XX	Arsenic	700	mg/kg	J	e, j
BN-SO-26-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-29-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-32-XX	Antimony	160	mg/kg	J-	e
BN-SO-33-XX	Antimony	100	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-01-XX	Antimony	13	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-02-XX	Mercury	270	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-03-XX	Mercury	34	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-04-XX	Antimony	13	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-05-XX	Mercury	280	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-06-XX	Mercury	40	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-07-XX	Mercury	36	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-08-XX	Antimony	15	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-09-XX	Mercury	260	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-10-XX	Antimony	13	mg/kg	J-	e
CN-SO-11-XX	Antimony	17	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-01-XX	Lead	310	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-01-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-08-XX	Lead	300	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-08-XX	Silver	<0.27	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-11-XX	Lead	310	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-11-XX	Silver	<0.27	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-12-XX	Lead	320	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-12-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-14-XX	Lead	680	mg/kg	J-	e, j
KP-SE-14-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-17-XX	Lead	300	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-17-XX	Silver	<0.27	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-25-XX	Lead	310	mg/kg	J-	e
KP-SE-25-XX	Silver	<0.27	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SE-30-XX	Lead	300	mg/kg	J-	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
KP-SE-30-XX	Silver	<0.27	mg/kg	UJ	e
KP-SO-04-XX	Antimony	94	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-06-XX	Antimony	8.1	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-07-XX	Antimony	17	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-10-XX	Antimony	6.1	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-13-XX	Antimony	16	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-15-XX	Antimony	6.3	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-16-XX	Antimony	93	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-18-XX	Antimony	6.7	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-20-XX	Antimony	19	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-22-XX	Antimony	8.3	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-23-XX	Antimony	86	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-24-XX	Antimony	17	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-26-XX	Antimony	90	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-27-XX	Antimony	15	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-29-XX	Antimony	18	mg/kg	J+	e
KP-SO-32-XX	Antimony	16	mg/kg	J+	e
LV-SE-01-XX	Antimony	<1.5	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-02-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-02-XX	Lead	20	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-02-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-05-XX	Mercury	2.6	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-06-XX	Mercury	610	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-07-XX	Antimony	<6.7	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-08-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-09-XX	Lead	14	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-10-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-10-XX	Lead	25	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-10-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-11-XX	Antimony	<1.4	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-12-XX	Lead	19	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-13-XX	Mercury	640	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-14-XX	Antimony	<1.5	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-15-XX	Antimony	290	mg/kg	J+	e
LV-SE-15-XX	Silver	300	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-16-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-17-XX	Antimony	280	mg/kg	J+	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
LV-SE-17-XX	Lead	17	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-17-XX	Silver	200	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-18-XX	Antimony	<6.7	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-19-XX	Lead	17	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-20-XX	Antimony	140	mg/kg	J+	e
LV-SE-20-XX	Silver	75	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-21-XX	Antimony	<1.5	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-22-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-22-XX	Lead	22	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-22-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-23-XX	Antimony	<6.6	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-24-XX	Antimony	<1.5	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-25-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-25-XX	Lead	23	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-25-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-26-XX	Lead	25	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-27-XX	Lead	16	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-28-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-29-XX	Antimony	<1.4	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-30-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-31-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-31-XX	Lead	49	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-31-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-32-XX	Antimony	<1.4	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-33-XX	Lead	21	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-35-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-35-XX	Lead	22	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-35-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-36-XX	Lead	21	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-38-XX	Lead	15	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-39-XX	Lead	22	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-41-XX	Mercury	610	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-42-XX	Lead	22	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-43-XX	Antimony	160	mg/kg	J+	e
LV-SE-43-XX	Silver	60	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-45-XX	Antimony	<6.7	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-47-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
LV-SE-48-XX	Antimony	<6.6	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SE-50-XX	Lead	24	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SE-51-XX	Antimony	210	mg/kg	J+	e
LV-SE-51-XX	Silver	250	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-03-XX	Mercury	48	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-03-XX	Silver	210	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-04-XX	Mercury	130	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-04-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SO-34-XX	Mercury	130	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-34-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
LV-SO-37-XX	Mercury	130	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-40-XX	Mercury	46	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-40-XX	Silver	210	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-49-XX	Mercury	52	mg/kg	J-	e
LV-SO-49-XX	Silver	220	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-02-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-03-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-04-XX	Antimony	3.2	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-04-XX	Silver	12	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-05-XX	Antimony	4.1	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-05-XX	Silver	7.4	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-06-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-13-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-14-XX	Antimony	4.4	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-14-XX	Silver	13	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-15-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-19-XX	Antimony	3.7	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-19-XX	Silver	14	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-22-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-24-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-25-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-26-XX	Antimony	2.2	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-26-XX	Silver	7.2	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-27-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-28-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-30-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-31-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e



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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
RF-SE-32-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-34-XX	Antimony	2.9	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-34-XX	Silver	10	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-38-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-39-XX	Antimony	2.9	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-39-XX	Silver	8.2	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-42-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-43-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-44-XX	Antimony	2.7	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-44-XX	Silver	7.2	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-45-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-49-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-52-XX	Antimony	3.4	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-52-XX	Silver	11	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-53-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-55-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-56-XX	Antimony	3.5	mg/kg	J+	e
RF-SE-56-XX	Silver	8.3	mg/kg	J-	e
RF-SE-57-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-58-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
RF-SE-59-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-01-XX	Antimony	180	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-02-XX	Antimony	44	mg/kg	J-	e, j
SB-SO-02-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-03-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-04-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-05-XX	Antimony	1.6	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-06-XX	Antimony	1.7	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-07-XX	Antimony	45	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-08-XX	Antimony	5.4	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-09-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-09-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-10-XX	Antimony	62	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-11-XX	Antimony	5.7	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-12-XX	Antimony	620	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-13-XX	Antimony	430	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-14-XX	Antimony	4.1	mg/kg	J-	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
SB-SO-15-XX	Antimony	600	mg/kg	J-	j, e
SB-SO-16-XX	Antimony	170	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-17-XX	Antimony	800	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-17-XX	Silver	2.3	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-18-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-19-XX	Antimony	310	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-20-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-20-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-21-XX	Antimony	4.9	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-22-XX	Antimony	10	mg/kg	J	e, j
SB-SO-23-XX	Antimony	48	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-23-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-24-XX	Antimony	180	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-25-XX	Antimony	6.8	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-26-XX	Antimony	61	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-27-XX	Antimony	6.7	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-28-XX	Antimony	42	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-28-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-29-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-30-XX	Antimony	3.2	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-31-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-31-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J-	e, j
SB-SO-32-XX	Antimony	46	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-32-XX	Silver	0.1	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-33-XX	Antimony	350	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-33-XX	Silver	2	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-34-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-35-XX	Antimony	6	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-36-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-37-XX	Antimony	340	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-38-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-39-XX	Antimony	4.7	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-40-XX	Antimony	2.2	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-41-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-42-XX	Antimony	4.6	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-43-XX	Antimony	40	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-43-XX	Silver	<0.26	mg/kg	UJ	e

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Sample ID	Analyte	Result	Unit	Validation Qualifier	Validation Code
SB-SO-44-XX	Antimony	6.8	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-45-XX	Antimony	180	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-45-XX	Silver	2.1	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-46-XX	Antimony	740	mg/kg	J+	e
SB-SO-46-XX	Silver	2.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-47-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-48-XX	Antimony	39	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-48-XX	Silver	0.1	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-49-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-50-XX	Antimony	57	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-51-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-52-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-53-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
SB-SO-54-XX	Lead	5.2	mg/kg	J-	e
SB-SO-54-XX	Silver	<0.5	mg/kg	UJ	e
SB-SO-55-XX	Antimony	340	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-55-XX	Silver	2.2	mg/kg	J	e
SB-SO-56-XX	Silver	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-01-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-01-XX	Lead	48	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-01-XX	Silver	5.7	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-05-XX	Antimony	100	mg/kg	J+	e
TL-SE-05-XX	Silver	180	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-09-XX	Antimony	100	mg/kg	J+	e
TL-SE-09-XX	Silver	170	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-11-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-11-XX	Lead	54	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-11-XX	Silver	5.5	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-13-XX	Antimony	95	mg/kg	J+	j, e
TL-SE-13-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J	j, e
TL-SE-14-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-14-XX	Lead	50	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-14-XX	Silver	5.7	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-18-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-18-XX	Lead	46	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-18-XX	Silver	6.3	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-22-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e

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<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
TL-SE-22-XX	Lead	54	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-22-XX	Silver	6.5	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-27-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-27-XX	Lead	51	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-27-XX	Silver	7.8	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-29-XX	Antimony	<1.2	mg/kg	UJ	e
TL-SE-29-XX	Lead	51	mg/kg	J-	e
TL-SE-29-XX	Silver	5.9	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-01-XX	Antimony	41	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-01-XX	Mercury	5.8	mg/kg	J	e, j
WS-SO-01-XX	Silver	69	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-02-XX	Antimony	130	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-02-XX	Silver	150	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-03-XX	Antimony	8.9	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-03-XX	Mercury	0.86	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-04-XX	Antimony	45	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-04-XX	Silver	76	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-05-XX	Antimony	8.6	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-05-XX	Silver	0.76	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-07-XX	Silver	400	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-09-XX	Antimony	7.1	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-09-XX	Mercury	0.89	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-10-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-11-XX	Silver	340	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-12-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-12-XX	Mercury	0.068	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-13-XX	Antimony	200	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-13-XX	Silver	170	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-14-XX	Antimony	8.4	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-14-XX	Mercury	0.74	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-15-XX	Antimony	48	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-15-XX	Silver	90	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-16-XX	Antimony	110	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-16-XX	Silver	150	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-17-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-17-XX	Mercury	0.069	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-18-XX	Antimony	130	mg/kg	J-	e

**TABLE 4: DATA QUALIFICATION: MATRIX SPIKE RECOVERY EXCEEDANCES  
(Continued)**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Validation Code</b>
WS-SO-18-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-19-XX	Antimony	150	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-19-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-20-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-21-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-21-XX	Silver	150	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-22-XX	Antimony	41	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-22-XX	Silver	72	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-23-XX	Silver	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-24-XX	Antimony	97	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-24-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-25-XX	Silver	450	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-26-XX	Antimony	7.6	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-26-XX	Mercury	0.83	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-27-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-27-XX	Mercury	0.11	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-28-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-28-XX	Silver	130	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-29-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-29-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-30-XX	Antimony	1.2	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-30-XX	Mercury	0.069	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-31-XX	Antimony	7.2	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-31-XX	Mercury	0.85	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-32-XX	Antimony	190	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-32-XX	Silver	190	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-33-XX	Antimony	6.9	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-33-XX	Mercury	0.87	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-34-XX	Antimony	45	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-34-XX	Silver	78	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-35-XX	Antimony	<1.3	mg/kg	UJ	e
WS-SO-35-XX	Mercury	0.071	mg/kg	UJ	b, e
WS-SO-36-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-36-XX	Silver	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-37-XX	Antimony	120	mg/kg	J-	e
WS-SO-37-XX	Silver	140	mg/kg	J-	e

**TABLE 4: DATA QUALIFICATION: MATRIX SPIKE RECOVERY EXCEEDANCES  
(Continued)**

Notes:

- < = Less than
- mg/kg = Milligram per kilogram
- b = Data were qualified based on blank contamination
- e = Data were additionally qualified based on matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate exceedances
- j = Data were additionally qualified based on serial dilution exceedances
- J = Result is estimated and biased could not be determined
- J+ = Result is estimated and potentially biased high
- J- = Result is estimated and potentially biased low
- UJ = Result is undetected at estimated quantitation limit

**TABLE 5: DATA QUALIFICATION: SERIAL DILUTION EXCEEDANCES**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
AS-SO-09-XX	Arsenic	25	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Cadmium	100	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Chromium	390	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Copper	250	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Iron	94000	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Lead	3200	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Nickel	170	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Silver	9.6	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Vanadium	65	mg/kg	J-	j
AS-SO-09-XX	Zinc	6800	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-11-XX	Mercury	24	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Antimony	82	mg/kg	J-	e, j
BN-SO-25-XX	Arsenic	700	mg/kg	J	e, j
BN-SO-25-XX	Cadmium	370	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Chromium	64	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Copper	930	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Iron	16000	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Lead	5400	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Nickel	88	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Selenium	19	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Silver	48	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Vanadium	28	mg/kg	J-	j
BN-SO-25-XX	Zinc	2900	mg/kg	J-	j
KP-SE-14-XX	Antimony	11	mg/kg	J-	j
KP-SE-14-XX	Chromium	46	mg/kg	J-	j
KP-SE-14-XX	Copper	2.7	mg/kg	J+	j
KP-SE-14-XX	Iron	520	mg/kg	J-	j
KP-SE-14-XX	Lead	680	mg/kg	J-	e, j
KP-SE-14-XX	Nickel	23	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-29-XX	Lead	7.2	mg/kg	J+	j
LV-SE-29-XX	Mercury	1.5	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Arsenic	31	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Chromium	74	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Iron	24000	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Nickel	170	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Vanadium	55	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SE-35-XX	Zinc	67	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Antimony	870	mg/kg	J-	j

**TABLE 5: DATA QUALIFICATION: SERIAL DILUTION EXCEEDANCES (Continued)**

<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Validation Qualifier</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
LV-SO-34-XX	Arsenic	110	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Cadmium	2300	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Chromium	2200	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Iron	20000	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Lead	3700	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Nickel	1900	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Selenium	220	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Vanadium	230	mg/kg	J-	j
LV-SO-34-XX	Zinc	48	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Antimony	85	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Arsenic	72	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Cadmium	310	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Chromium	820	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Copper	73	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Iron	16000	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Lead	24	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Nickel	1700	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Silver	130	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Vanadium	32	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-16-XX	Zinc	760	mg/kg	J-	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Arsenic	130	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Cadmium	6.5	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Chromium	74	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Copper	860	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Iron	24000	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Lead	410	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Nickel	170	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Silver	3.8	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Vanadium	46	mg/kg	J+	j
RF-SE-24-XX	Zinc	1400	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-02-XX	Antimony	44	mg/kg	J-	e, j
SB-SO-02-XX	Arsenic	23	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-02-XX	Lead	22	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-02-XX	Mercury	130	mg/kg	J+	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Antimony	600	mg/kg	J-	j, e
SB-SO-15-XX	Arsenic	170	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Chromium	91	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Copper	30	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Iron	51000	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Lead	40	mg/kg	J-	j



**TABLE 5: DATA QUALIFICATION: SERIAL DILUTION EXCEEDANCES (Continued)**

Sample ID	Analyte	Result	Unit	Validation Qualifier	Comment Code
SB-SO-15-XX	Nickel	100	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Vanadium	52	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-15-XX	Zinc	36	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-22-XX	Antimony	10	mg/kg	J	e, j
SB-SO-22-XX	Zinc	64	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-31-XX	Arsenic	8	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-31-XX	Nickel	3200	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-31-XX	Selenium	28	mg/kg	J-	j
SB-SO-31-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J-	e, j
SB-SO-31-XX	Zinc	3900	mg/kg	J-	j
TL-SE-13-XX	Antimony	95	mg/kg	J+	j, e
TL-SE-13-XX	Chromium	36	mg/kg	J+	j
TL-SE-13-XX	Copper	4400	mg/kg	J+	j
TL-SE-13-XX	Iron	22000	mg/kg	J+	j
TL-SE-13-XX	Lead	1100	mg/kg	J+	j
TL-SE-13-XX	Silver	160	mg/kg	J	j, e
TL-SE-13-XX	Vanadium	59	mg/kg	J+	j
WS-SO-01-XX	Mercury	5.8	mg/kg	J	e, j
WS-SO-33-XX	Arsenic	450	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Cadmium	11	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Chromium	120	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Copper	150	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Iron	28000	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Lead	3700	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Nickel	65	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Silver	13	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Vanadium	53	mg/kg	J-	j
WS-SO-33-XX	Zinc	830	mg/kg	J-	j

## Notes:

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **DEVELOPER AND REFERENCE LABORATORY DATA**

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
1	KP-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.1 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	290	26	1,400	620
1	KP-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.1 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	300	26	1,600	560
1	KP-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.3 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	340	26	1,600	510
1	KP-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	250	24	1,200	500
1	KP-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.3 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	260	29	1,300	650
1	KP-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.07	< LOD : 45.13	< LOD : 33.55	289	< LOD : 84.82	1,441	482
1	KP-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 39.90	< LOD : 44.64	< LOD : 32.03	160	< LOD : 82.33	1,341	505
1	KP-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.33	< LOD : 40.44	< LOD : 34.23	244	< LOD : 80.95	1,383	397
1	KP-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.38	< LOD : 43.22	< LOD : 30.50	161	< LOD : 83.84	1,499	480
1	KP-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.11	< LOD : 44.70	< LOD : 32.58	277	< LOD : 82.16	1,422	506
2	KP-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	17 J+	2 J-	0.1 U	170	48	990	1,200
2	KP-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	16 J+	1 J-	0.045 U	180	52	980	1,200
2	KP-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	19 J+	2 J-	0.1 U	160	46	910	1,300
2	KP-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	17 J+	1 J-	0.1 U	160	49	900	1,100
2	KP-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	15 J+	1 J-	0.05 U	170	45	970	1,200
2	KP-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	18 J+	2 J-	0.1 U	150	42	870	1,200
2	KP-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	16 J+	2 J-	0.045 U	180	50	970	1,200
2	KP-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.93	< LOD : 63.93	< LOD : 34.90	229	< LOD : 84.40	1,096	1,078
2	KP-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.17	< LOD : 61.76	< LOD : 33.40	211	< LOD : 84.86	864	1,008
2	KP-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.11	< LOD : 62.32	< LOD : 34.62	< LOD : 151.91	< LOD : 84.41	951	1,045
2	KP-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.01	< LOD : 64.49	< LOD : 39.61	< LOD : 157.92	< LOD : 83.29	925	1,112
2	KP-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.80	< LOD : 65.09	< LOD : 36.31	< LOD : 157.04	< LOD : 84.70	1,053	1,138
2	KP-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.99	< LOD : 63.29	< LOD : 33.57	< LOD : 157.26	< LOD : 86.22	971	1,032
2	KP-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.41	< LOD : 62.42	< LOD : 36.41	< LOD : 151.70	< LOD : 84.23	1,013	1,051
3	KP-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	94 J+	3	0.046 U	180	200	1,300	5,800
3	KP-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	93 J+	3	0.063 U	200	230	1,400	6,100
3	KP-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	86 J+	3	0.048 U	180	190	1,300	5,300
3	KP-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	90 J+	4	0.061 U	210	230	1,500	6,500
3	KP-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	88	28	0.1 U	140	200	1,100	5,700
3	KP-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	92	< LOD : 140.75	< LOD : 33.63	< LOD : 170.44	188	1,389	5,042
3	KP-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	99	< LOD : 144.54	< LOD : 37.74	< LOD : 174.03	233	1,310	5,148
3	KP-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	100	< LOD : 141.75	< LOD : 32.41	225	190	1,316	5,024
3	KP-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	110	< LOD : 147.34	< LOD : 40.76	< LOD : 163.47	188	1,364	5,352
3	KP-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	69	< LOD : 149.04	< LOD : 30.22	< LOD : 180.97	192	1,296	5,246

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
1	KP-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.059 U	140	0.25 U	0.25 U	2 J	11
1	KP-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.028 U	150	0.22 U	0.25 U	2 J	12
1	KP-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.029 U	170	0.25 U	0.25 U	2 J	15
1	KP-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.016 U	120	0.25 U	0.25 U	2 J	11
1	KP-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.027 U	130	0.25 U	0.25 U	2 J	11
1	KP-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 15.38	165	< LOD : 11.92	< LOD : 216.47	< LOD : 262.30	< LOD : 57.02
1	KP-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.37	162	< LOD : 11.77	< LOD : 203.89	< LOD : 260.10	< LOD : 57.93
1	KP-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.09	111	< LOD : 12.09	< LOD : 197.93	< LOD : 258.60	< LOD : 55.42
1	KP-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.92	< LOD : 94.37	< LOD : 12.23	< LOD : 204.60	< LOD : 266.34	< LOD : 54.62
1	KP-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.80	< LOD : 95.55	< LOD : 11.97	< LOD : 207.31	< LOD : 263.65	< LOD : 55.90
2	KP-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.027 U	87	0.21 U	0.25 U	1 J	26
2	KP-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.037 U	90	0.25 U	0.25 U	1 J	24
2	KP-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.03 U	79	0.25 U	0.25 U	1 J	25
2	KP-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.017 U	78	0.25 U	0.25 U	1 J	22
2	KP-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.021 U	87	0.25 U	0.25 U	1 J	24
2	KP-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.013 U	73	0.25 U	0.25 U	1 J	22
2	KP-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.014 U	88	0.51	0.25 U	1 J	24
2	KP-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.76	< LOD : 97.27	< LOD : 12.36	< LOD : 211.61	< LOD : 256.38	< LOD : 58.04
2	KP-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.48	< LOD : 92.68	< LOD : 12.80	< LOD : 202.21	< LOD : 267.36	< LOD : 56.61
2	KP-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.66	< LOD : 95.71	< LOD : 12.14	< LOD : 212.48	< LOD : 260.30	< LOD : 57.49
2	KP-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 15.32	< LOD : 99.15	< LOD : 12.46	< LOD : 208.56	< LOD : 262.61	< LOD : 59.49
2	KP-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 15.83	< LOD : 99.68	< LOD : 13.19	< LOD : 207.15	< LOD : 263.45	< LOD : 58.42
2	KP-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 15.48	111	< LOD : 12.04	< LOD : 213.96	< LOD : 260.78	< LOD : 55.61
2	KP-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 15.00	< LOD : 95.18	< LOD : 12.28	< LOD : 214.46	< LOD : 264.51	< LOD : 57.18
3	KP-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.018 U	93	0.28 U	0.16 J	1 J	45
3	KP-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.016 U	100	0.25 U	0.16 J	1 J	47
3	KP-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.017 U	91	0.25 U	0.13 J	1 J	41
3	KP-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.013 U	110	0.22 U	0.17 J	1 J	52
3	KP-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.017 U	68	0.25 U	0.4	2 J	38
3	KP-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.87	< LOD : 108.72	< LOD : 16.74	< LOD : 208.21	< LOD : 256.11	< LOD : 66.48
3	KP-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.46	< LOD : 105.69	< LOD : 16.74	< LOD : 218.88	< LOD : 264.67	< LOD : 68.99
3	KP-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.90	130	< LOD : 16.83	< LOD : 218.93	< LOD : 262.64	< LOD : 67.16
3	KP-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.73	< LOD : 112.76	< LOD : 17.51	< LOD : 212.98	< LOD : 261.57	93
3	KP-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.34	134	< LOD : 17.49	< LOD : 213.05	< LOD : 264.21	< LOD : 70.01

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
4	KP-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	410	10	0.1	6	780	1,700	18,000
4	KP-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	360	9	0.074 U	5	670	1,600	19,000
4	KP-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	410	12	0.13 U	6	780	2,000	24,000
4	KP-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	420	11	0.094 U	5	780	1,800	22,000
4	KP-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	370	10	0.098 U	5	700	1,700	19,000
4	KP-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	340	< LOD : 360.27	< LOD : 38.38	< LOD : 249.40	1,077	2,026	22,048
4	KP-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	318	< LOD : 364.97	< LOD : 38.22	< LOD : 239.61	1,105	2,235	23,254
4	KP-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	361	< LOD : 372.49	< LOD : 37.06	< LOD : 247.82	993	1,842	23,399
4	KP-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	371	< LOD : 358.96	< LOD : 44.44	< LOD : 254.70	1,051	2,215	19,400
4	KP-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	345	< LOD : 360.68	< LOD : 38.55	< LOD : 229.04	1,097	2,052	22,686
5	WS-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	48	1.9	120	50	28,000	110
5	WS-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3	45	2	120	47	26,000	71
5	WS-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	43	1.8	110	45	25,000	65
5	WS-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	47	1.9	120	49	28,000	70
5	WS-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	49	2	120	51	28,000	72
5	WS-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 J-	51	2	130	53	29,000	81
5	WS-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	49	2	130	51	28,000	74
5	WS-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.62	46	< LOD : 42.74	< LOD : 197.88	< LOD : 108.45	27,676	85
5	WS-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.20	31	< LOD : 41.87	< LOD : 211.18	116	27,781	97
5	WS-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.16	48	< LOD : 47.84	< LOD : 202.80	129	27,534	74
5	WS-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.94	50	< LOD : 36.58	< LOD : 198.11	< LOD : 101.77	27,380	79
5	WS-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.25	50	< LOD : 43.94	< LOD : 197.40	< LOD : 104.68	26,437	66
5	WS-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.08	51	< LOD : 37.68	< LOD : 205.38	< LOD : 106.59	27,591	71
5	WS-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.60	49	< LOD : 46.37	< LOD : 205.00	< LOD : 102.61	26,748	85
6	WS-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.9 J-	500	12	140	170	32,000	4,300
6	WS-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.6 J-	440	12	140	160	31,000	4,000
6	WS-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.1 J-	480	12	130	160	30,000	4,000
6	WS-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.4 J-	430	11	120	150	28,000	3,700
6	WS-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.6 J-	520	12	140	160	30,000	4,000
6	WS-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.2 J-	520	12	140	170	32,000	4,200
6	WS-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.9 J-	450 J-	11 J-	120 J-	150 J-	28,000 J-	3,700 J-
6	WS-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	61	363	< LOD : 41.04	< LOD : 247.11	210	32,297	3,994
6	WS-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 57.98	362	< LOD : 41.93	< LOD : 219.30	182	31,586	3,850
6	WS-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 58.05	379	< LOD : 43.38	< LOD : 229.34	170	32,784	4,031
6	WS-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.44	329	< LOD : 42.09	< LOD : 233.88	< LOD : 121.48	31,413	4,017
6	WS-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.92	383	< LOD : 40.66	< LOD : 230.41	133	30,696	3,836
6	WS-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.99	366	< LOD : 46.46	< LOD : 239.03	125	32,023	3,909
6	WS-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 59.08	324	< LOD : 48.62	< LOD : 238.56	238	31,542	3,896

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
4	KP-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.043 U	4	0.42 U	0.82	0 J	100
4	KP-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.044 U	3	0.25 U	0.73	0 J	92
4	KP-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.044 U	4	0.24 U	0.82	0 J	110
4	KP-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.046 U	3	0.25 U	0.84	0 J	110
4	KP-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.042 U	4	0.25 U	0.76	0 J	100
4	KP-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 30.91	< LOD : 158.95	< LOD : 33.02	< LOD : 242.56	< LOD : 268.95	122
4	KP-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 29.42	< LOD : 165.44	< LOD : 33.47	< LOD : 233.57	< LOD : 261.34	161
4	KP-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 31.84	< LOD : 165.47	< LOD : 34.47	< LOD : 235.54	< LOD : 260.01	< LOD : 108.26
4	KP-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 30.76	< LOD : 154.88	< LOD : 33.01	< LOD : 244.53	< LOD : 257.08	245
4	KP-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	42	< LOD : 164.90	< LOD : 33.19	< LOD : 236.66	< LOD : 252.29	178
5	WS-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.07 U	61	1.3 U	0.93 J	56	230
5	WS-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.063 U	58	1.3 U	0.86 J	52	220
5	WS-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.068 UJ	55	1.3 U	0.94 J	49	210
5	WS-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.069 UJ	59	1.3 U	0.89 J	56	230
5	WS-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.11 J-	61	1.3 U	0.9 J	57	230
5	WS-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.069 UJ	65	1.3 U	1 J	58	240
5	WS-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.071 UJ	62	1.3 U	1 J	57	240
5	WS-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.07	< LOD : 120.37	< LOD : 13.94	< LOD : 245.56	< LOD : 304.49	229
5	WS-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.63	< LOD : 112.46	< LOD : 14.56	< LOD : 246.85	< LOD : 301.20	201
5	WS-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 16.59	< LOD : 115.43	< LOD : 14.40	< LOD : 245.78	< LOD : 303.02	193
5	WS-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.29	< LOD : 113.59	< LOD : 14.22	< LOD : 242.50	< LOD : 287.51	238
5	WS-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.45	< LOD : 114.32	< LOD : 14.85	< LOD : 243.58	< LOD : 300.70	172
5	WS-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.49	< LOD : 121.88	< LOD : 13.69	< LOD : 253.16	< LOD : 295.94	200
5	WS-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 17.28	< LOD : 109.06	< LOD : 13.91	< LOD : 249.26	< LOD : 303.33	239
6	WS-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.86 J-	75	1.6	15	58	930
6	WS-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.76 J-	71	1.3 U	15	57	900
6	WS-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.89 J-	70	1.3 U	14	56	870
6	WS-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.74 J-	64	1.3 U	13	50	820
6	WS-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.83 J-	70	1.3 U	14	56	900
6	WS-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.85 J-	72	1.2 U	15	60	950
6	WS-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.87 J-	65 J-	1.3 U	13 J-	53 J-	830 J-
6	WS-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.19	< LOD : 134.32	< LOD : 18.98	< LOD : 258.71	< LOD : 296.99	822
6	WS-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.28	153	< LOD : 18.34	< LOD : 253.84	< LOD : 296.42	760
6	WS-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.71	< LOD : 129.58	< LOD : 18.80	< LOD : 247.51	< LOD : 297.38	844
6	WS-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	26	< LOD : 134.46	< LOD : 18.93	< LOD : 242.30	< LOD : 295.18	677
6	WS-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.70	< LOD : 128.92	< LOD : 19.52	< LOD : 253.38	< LOD : 293.20	776
6	WS-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.42	< LOD : 133.11	20	< LOD : 251.61	< LOD : 300.16	747
6	WS-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.41	< LOD : 133.31	< LOD : 18.59	< LOD : 255.97	< LOD : 292.46	836

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
7	WS-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	41 J-	1900	47	100	590	32,000	18,000
7	WS-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	45 J-	2000	50	94	640	34,000	20,000
7	WS-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	48 J-	2300	56	82	720	37,000	24,000
7	WS-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	41 J-	1900	47	84	620	33,000	17,000
7	WS-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	45 J-	2000	50	91	660	36,000	22,000
7	WS-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	124	3,303	< LOD : 61.00	< LOD : 360.92	1,007	53,802	26,112
7	WS-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	142	3,047	< LOD : 52.88	410	1,227	44,100	23,200
7	WS-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	163	3,397	< LOD : 59.60	< LOD : 368.59	852	43,900	23,100
7	WS-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	136	3,486	< LOD : 55.25	< LOD : 351.26	929	46,500	24,000
7	WS-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	150	3,298	< LOD : 59.21	< LOD : 382.53	961	44,900	24,700
8	WS-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J-	4200	98	49	1300	44,000	35,000
8	WS-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	110 J-	3900	91	59	1300	42,000	24,000
8	WS-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J-	4100	95	63	1300	44,000	37,000
8	WS-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	3900	90	43	1200	40,000	43,000
8	WS-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	97 J-	3600	81	54	1100	38,000	27,000
8	WS-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	3800	90	51	1200	40,000	42,000
8	WS-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	4100	95	63	1300	42,000	26,000
8	WS-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	252	7,400	74	< LOD : 543.13	2,901	59,800	51,600
8	WS-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	266	7,700	104	< LOD : 544.06	2,648	61,700	53,800
8	WS-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	258	7,400	< LOD : 72.33	< LOD : 569.14	2,894	61,400	53,200
8	WS-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	229	8,100	< LOD : 70.64	< LOD : 575.32	2,913	64,500	57,100
8	WS-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	267	7,300	< LOD : 71.61	< LOD : 587.38	2,693	59,500	50,900
8	WS-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	294	7,700	< LOD : 73.61	< LOD : 549.60	2,796	64,200	55,100
8	WS-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	321	7,400	< LOD : 71.31	< LOD : 566.07	2,709	62,800	52,900
9	WS-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	200 J-	5800	150	53	1800	47,000	45,000
9	WS-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J-	5000	130	66	1500	39,000	24,000
9	WS-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	4200	100	54	1200	33,000	30,000
9	WS-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	190 J-	5500	140	54	1700	44,000	30,000
9	WS-SO-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	3800	92	51	1100	30,000	45,000
9	WS-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	379	11,000	96	< LOD : 702.90	4,297	65,900	71,900
9	WS-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	344	11,500	141	< LOD : 707.37	4,150	65,800	71,600
9	WS-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	313	11,000	157	< LOD : 712.70	4,471	65,000	68,300
9	WS-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	315	11,400	174	< LOD : 682.67	4,456	66,000	72,600
9	WS-SO-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	370	10,800	125	< LOD : 696.31	4,200	64,800	69,200

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
7	WS-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.8 J	66	1.3 U	69 J-	42	3,000
7	WS-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.5	62	1.3 U	76 J-	44	3,100
7	WS-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.8	58	1.3 U	90 J-	52	3,400
7	WS-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.8	57	1.3 U	72 J-	44	3,000
7	WS-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	60	1.3 U	78 J-	47	3,200
7	WS-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	43	< LOD : 204.16	< LOD : 40.52	< LOD : 281.54	< LOD : 299.75	4,719
7	WS-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 38.80	< LOD : 207.40	< LOD : 40.84	< LOD : 269.36	< LOD : 293.00	4,648
7	WS-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 37.79	< LOD : 212.53	< LOD : 42.57	< LOD : 267.90	< LOD : 292.88	4,531
7	WS-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 38.29	< LOD : 207.71	< LOD : 42.56	< LOD : 267.51	< LOD : 289.05	4,618
7	WS-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 38.85	< LOD : 224.39	< LOD : 43.97	< LOD : 273.13	< LOD : 292.15	4,839
8	WS-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	17	57	1.3 U	150 J-	36	6,000
8	WS-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	15	60	1.1 J	150 J-	35	5,700
8	WS-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	17	62	1.9	140 J-	36	5,900
8	WS-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	14	51	1.6	150 J-	33	5,500
8	WS-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	16	54	2.1	140 J-	30	5,200
8	WS-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	15	55	1.7	140 J-	33	5,500
8	WS-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	14	63	3	140 J-	34	5,800
8	WS-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 67.16	< LOD : 336.88	< LOD : 74.17	< LOD : 317.93	< LOD : 276.05	7,600
8	WS-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 64.24	344	< LOD : 74.46	< LOD : 332.02	< LOD : 275.05	7,900
8	WS-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 65.96	< LOD : 345.71	< LOD : 76.85	< LOD : 317.15	< LOD : 290.80	8,200
8	WS-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	78	449	< LOD : 77.40	< LOD : 306.55	< LOD : 283.14	8,500
8	WS-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 67.47	< LOD : 333.10	< LOD : 75.60	< LOD : 309.96	< LOD : 288.57	7,400
8	WS-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 67.38	< LOD : 344.65	< LOD : 78.65	< LOD : 320.46	< LOD : 280.63	8,300
8	WS-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 66.06	< LOD : 337.34	< LOD : 77.34	< LOD : 325.45	< LOD : 295.06	8,000
9	WS-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	75	3.7	170 J-	24	9,000
9	WS-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	12	74	3.7	160 J-	20	7,700
9	WS-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	59	2.3	130 J-	16	6,100
9	WS-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	73	3.7	190 J-	23	8,500
9	WS-SO-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	13	55	1.7	120 J-	15	5,700
9	WS-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 87.64	< LOD : 439.56	< LOD : 98.81	< LOD : 341.04	< LOD : 276.59	13,300
9	WS-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 82.53	< LOD : 389.11	< LOD : 98.09	< LOD : 353.68	< LOD : 280.57	13,300
9	WS-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 86.01	< LOD : 413.29	< LOD : 97.88	< LOD : 337.72	< LOD : 280.54	12,700
9	WS-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 84.91	< LOD : 420.94	< LOD : 99.98	< LOD : 336.19	< LOD : 279.04	13,400
9	WS-SO-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 84.16	< LOD : 429.50	< LOD : 97.20	< LOD : 342.76	< LOD : 280.53	12,900



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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
10	BN-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	38	0.94	120	32	24,000	63
10	BN-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	50	1.2	110	35	24,000	140
10	BN-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	34	0.82	110	29	22,000	56
10	BN-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	37	0.89	110	29	22,000	59
10	BN-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5	35	0.87	100	28	22,000	58
10	BN-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3	41	1	140	33	26,000	65
10	BN-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	37	0.98	120	30	23,000	60
10	BN-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.82	37	< LOD : 41.13	< LOD : 197.48	< LOD : 111.53	23,896	70
10	BN-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.42	< LOD : 28.85	< LOD : 35.75	270	< LOD : 112.26	24,129	65
10	BN-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.04	39	< LOD : 36.83	< LOD : 220.92	< LOD : 113.14	24,709	82
10	BN-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.01	33	< LOD : 35.31	< LOD : 222.61	< LOD : 114.66	24,581	66
10	BN-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.58	40	< LOD : 43.25	< LOD : 198.04	< LOD : 114.28	24,964	79
10	BN-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.70	41	< LOD : 41.17	267	< LOD : 110.66	25,157	60
10	BN-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.78	< LOD : 31.29	< LOD : 40.85	< LOD : 219.08	< LOD : 110.59	24,913	86
11	BN-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	140	50	90	170	28,000	840
11	BN-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	9.1	120	42	79	140	24,000	700
11	BN-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	9.3	110	39	79	140	23,000	680
11	BN-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.3	98	34	65	110	20,000	590
11	BN-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	9.6	110	39	78	130	24,000	660
11	BN-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.59	< LOD : 66.44	52	< LOD : 208.06	192	25,205	749
11	BN-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	80	98	< LOD : 47.08	253	160	26,233	715
11	BN-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	70	105	< LOD : 48.19	< LOD : 207.81	172	25,072	706
11	BN-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	75	98	< LOD : 47.87	< LOD : 218.82	157	26,103	678
11	BN-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.31	87	< LOD : 40.86	< LOD : 213.51	171	24,939	689
12	BN-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	65	620	290	120	840	25,000	4,700
12	BN-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	60	600	280	94	810	24,000	4,500
12	BN-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	57	570	270	100	750	22,000	4,300
12	BN-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	65	320	150	98	410	17,000	2,400
12	BN-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	57	540	260	88	730	22,000	4,100
12	BN-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	64	630	300	100	860	26,000	4,800
12	BN-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	68	630	290	110	830	25,000	4,700
12	BN-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	203	649	359	< LOD : 244.90	982	29,147	4,730
12	BN-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	212	624	335	< LOD : 264.57	972	29,231	4,735
12	BN-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	288	638	355	< LOD : 247.33	1,000	28,977	4,682
12	BN-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	265	678	250	< LOD : 252.50	955	29,767	4,805
12	BN-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	233	743	294	< LOD : 262.22	945	28,555	4,515
12	BN-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	217	622	323	358	869	29,295	4,758
12	BN-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	249	660	330	< LOD : 242.87	860	28,439	4,646

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
10	BN-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.13	63	1.3 U	1.3 UJ	55	92
10	BN-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.14	54	1.2 J	1.3 UJ	55	110
10	BN-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.15	58	1.3 U	1.3 UJ	49	89
10	BN-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.13	59	1.3	0.94 U	46	88
10	BN-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.16	54	1.3 U	0.77 U	48	81
10	BN-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.14	71	1.3 U	0.97 U	54	94
10	BN-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.15	63	1.2 J	0.85 U	50	87
10	BN-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.03	< LOD : 126.10	< LOD : 14.84	< LOD : 238.95	< LOD : 298.73	90
10	BN-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.68	< LOD : 123.93	< LOD : 14.68	< LOD : 228.34	< LOD : 292.72	< LOD : 78.75
10	BN-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.36	< LOD : 126.71	< LOD : 14.80	< LOD : 225.32	< LOD : 306.01	177
10	BN-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.78	< LOD : 123.25	< LOD : 15.07	< LOD : 229.44	< LOD : 299.89	122
10	BN-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.73	< LOD : 123.90	< LOD : 16.02	< LOD : 231.58	< LOD : 292.47	< LOD : 75.59
10	BN-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.33	< LOD : 119.68	< LOD : 14.79	< LOD : 223.26	< LOD : 301.99	97
10	BN-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.21	< LOD : 122.89	< LOD : 15.94	< LOD : 225.86	< LOD : 296.02	100
11	BN-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.37	54	4.3	7.6	60	470
11	BN-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.36	48	2.9	6.5	50	400
11	BN-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.39	47	2.7	6.3	49	390
11	BN-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.37	40	2.8	5.4	43	330
11	BN-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.38	46	3.7	6.1	52	380
11	BN-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.16	< LOD : 128.99	< LOD : 16.67	< LOD : 234.37	< LOD : 291.29	416
11	BN-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.28	< LOD : 127.26	< LOD : 16.37	< LOD : 231.63	< LOD : 289.47	386
11	BN-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.05	< LOD : 127.98	< LOD : 15.83	< LOD : 230.68	< LOD : 295.97	350
11	BN-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.45	< LOD : 121.14	< LOD : 15.81	< LOD : 229.97	< LOD : 290.45	376
11	BN-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.14	< LOD : 125.74	< LOD : 15.74	< LOD : 226.80	< LOD : 291.40	389
12	BN-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	100	17	42	48	2,300
12	BN-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	2	92	15	41	48	2,300
12	BN-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	2	94	14	38	39	2,200
12	BN-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	71	9.2	21	37	1,200
12	BN-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	84	14	37	44	2,100
12	BN-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	99	17	44	50	2,400
12	BN-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	2	100	17	42	49	2,300
12	BN-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.68	< LOD : 150.58	31	< LOD : 234.18	< LOD : 295.92	2,622
12	BN-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.25	< LOD : 151.91	< LOD : 22.48	< LOD : 228.57	< LOD : 301.21	2,673
12	BN-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.95	< LOD : 145.62	25	< LOD : 241.66	< LOD : 309.02	2,545
12	BN-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.79	< LOD : 148.05	< LOD : 22.84	< LOD : 233.83	< LOD : 301.81	2,738
12	BN-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	28	< LOD : 149.02	< LOD : 22.65	< LOD : 239.40	< LOD : 292.97	2,565
12	BN-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.34	< LOD : 151.88	29	< LOD : 244.99	< LOD : 303.33	2,722
12	BN-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.03	192	< LOD : 22.67	< LOD : 231.99	< LOD : 297.51	2,619

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
13	BN-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	110 J-	990 J+	520	82	1,400	23,000	6,900
13	BN-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	120 J-	1,100 J+	570	86	1,500	25,000	8,100
13	BN-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J-	1,300 J+	660	110	1,700	30,000	8,900
13	BN-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	82 J-	700 J	370 J-	64 J-	930 J-	16,000 J-	5,400 J-
13	BN-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	100 J-	1,100	640	100	1,600	27,000	8,000
13	BN-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	426	1,163	528	< LOD : 294.92	1,728	30,889	8,609
13	BN-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	419	1,271	572	< LOD : 284.24	1,788	31,507	8,774
13	BN-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	379	1,151	568	< LOD : 261.70	1,833	30,608	8,379
13	BN-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	427	1,186	665	< LOD : 281.57	1,762	32,104	8,825
13	BN-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	481	1,086	555	< LOD : 284.20	1,780	31,410	8,790
14	BN-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	160 J-	1,600	850	86	2,200	26,000	12,000
14	BN-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J-	1,600	860	79	2,200	26,000	12,000
14	BN-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J-	1,700	900	82	2,400	27,000	12,000
14	BN-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J-	1,600	880	86	2,300	26,000	12,000
14	BN-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	160 J-	1,600	860	84	2,300	26,000	12,000
14	BN-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	625	1,909	792	< LOD : 307.44	3,208	35,691	14,380
14	BN-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	609	2,105	852	< LOD : 328.06	3,120	37,313	14,472
14	BN-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	676	2,148	826	< LOD : 304.45	3,136	36,840	14,388
14	BN-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	608	2,000	790	< LOD : 288.22	3,078	36,509	14,321
14	BN-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	706	2,333	757	< LOD : 324.38	3,100	37,178	14,159
15	CN-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	13 J-	13	21	190	700	38,000	1,200
15	CN-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	13 J-	11	21	200	680	37,000	1,200
15	CN-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	15 J-	15	25	210	740	43,000	1,300
15	CN-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	13 J-	13	22	200	760	39,000	1,200
15	CN-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	17 J-	16	30	240	860	47,000	1,600
15	CN-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.72	< LOD : 77.21	< LOD : 53.14	355	806	39,537	1,088
15	CN-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	95	< LOD : 77.79	< LOD : 48.94	< LOD : 250.16	698	38,073	1,093
15	CN-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	88	< LOD : 78.89	< LOD : 49.73	320	616	39,236	1,129
15	CN-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	66	< LOD : 79.54	< LOD : 49.06	404	720	39,645	1,151
15	CN-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	116	< LOD : 81.71	< LOD : 43.52	< LOD : 253.05	655	41,663	1,225

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
13	BN-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.4	120	26	70	41	4,000
13	BN-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.4	130	29	77	44	4,400
13	BN-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.6	160	35	88	52	5,100
13	BN-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.8	88 J-	19 J-	48 J-	28 J-	2,900 J-
13	BN-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	4	150	34	81	48	5,100
13	BN-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 28.18	< LOD : 162.97	39	< LOD : 244.91	< LOD : 284.51	5,185
13	BN-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 28.63	< LOD : 169.50	32	< LOD : 248.56	< LOD : 292.87	5,351
13	BN-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 26.34	< LOD : 171.25	42	< LOD : 249.14	< LOD : 290.40	5,318
13	BN-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 27.80	217	31	< LOD : 247.15	< LOD : 290.87	5,550
13	BN-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 28.91	< LOD : 173.33	33	< LOD : 261.34	< LOD : 284.63	5,341
14	BN-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	5	160	48	110	39	6,700
14	BN-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	5	160	48	120	39	6,700
14	BN-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	160	49	120	40	7,000
14	BN-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	160	48	120	41	6,800
14	BN-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	160	48	120	39	6,700
14	BN-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 32.09	279	39	< LOD : 265.55	< LOD : 292.31	8,284
14	BN-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.75	217	47	< LOD : 263.99	< LOD : 291.28	8,904
14	BN-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.50	< LOD : 202.86	60	< LOD : 266.70	< LOD : 288.13	8,693
14	BN-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 31.58	< LOD : 192.34	< LOD : 34.05	< LOD : 261.01	< LOD : 283.81	8,508
14	BN-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	36	< LOD : 198.86	70	< LOD : 257.86	< LOD : 288.91	8,576
15	CN-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.13	240	2.2	12	21	3,100
15	CN-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.14	240	1.5	12	22	2,900
15	CN-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.16	280	1.3 U	15	26	3,200
15	CN-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.12	240	1.9	14	22	3,000
15	CN-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.15	320	1.3 U	16	27	3,500
15	CN-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.64	263	< LOD : 15.81	< LOD : 245.64	< LOD : 321.83	3,405
15	CN-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.28	< LOD : 141.26	< LOD : 17.42	< LOD : 243.77	< LOD : 313.36	3,342
15	CN-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.98	285	< LOD : 17.62	< LOD : 244.58	< LOD : 311.89	3,379
15	CN-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	31	227	< LOD : 17.64	< LOD : 246.01	< LOD : 320.51	3,298
15	CN-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.65	303	< LOD : 18.21	< LOD : 240.09	< LOD : 319.33	3,419

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
16	AS-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 UJ	18	50	180	140	48,000	1,600
16	AS-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.4 UJ	19	52	190	130	52,000	1,600
16	AS-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.9 J-	18	48	180	110	45,000	1,400
16	AS-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.7 J-	22	63	230	150	52,000	2,100
16	AS-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.4 UJ	20	57	200	150	52,000	1,700
16	AS-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.28	< LOD : 103.47	64	< LOD : 291.78	< LOD : 142.36	48,944	1,675
16	AS-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.33	< LOD : 101.06	66	< LOD : 279.36	< LOD : 138.06	51,500	1,579
16	AS-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 55.43	< LOD : 103.10	< LOD : 53.24	< LOD : 269.29	171	49,220	1,651
16	AS-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.14	< LOD : 103.01	< LOD : 52.02	336	153	51,205	1,639
16	AS-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.14	< LOD : 101.60	57	< LOD : 288.72	162	47,650	1,614
17	AS-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.8 J-	26	100	420	250	100,000	3,200
17	AS-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.4 UJ	22	110	480	260	110,000	3,300
17	AS-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.6 J-	21	97	380	240	88,000	2,900
17	AS-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 UJ	25 J-	100 J-	390 J-	250 J-	94,000 J-	3,200 J-
17	AS-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 UJ	29	120	440	270	93,000	3,300
17	AS-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.94	< LOD : 175.09	65	< LOD : 444.84	< LOD : 195.16	124,234	3,471
17	AS-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.64	< LOD : 177.34	89	501	473	103,700	3,534
17	AS-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 59.31	< LOD : 180.21	81	564	317	127,314	3,734
17	AS-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.82	< LOD : 177.90	98	661	419	102,400	3,550
17	AS-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.50	< LOD : 179.80	107	913	338	104,600	3,538
18	SB-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	9	0.51 U	150	48	38,000	18
18	SB-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.7 J-	8	0.51 U	140	44	35,000	16
18	SB-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.1 J-	9	0.51 U	150	46	37,000	17
18	SB-SO-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	10	0.51 U	150	57	37,000	18
18	SB-SO-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	9	0.51 U	160	58	40,000	19
18	SB-SO-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	8	0.51 U	140	44	34,000	16
18	SB-SO-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	9	0.51 U	160	50	40,000	18
18	SB-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.99	< LOD : 24.63	< LOD : 42.87	< LOD : 208.73	120	38,751	33
18	SB-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 55.43	< LOD : 24.31	< LOD : 37.30	< LOD : 218.48	< LOD : 114.17	38,097	< LOD : 23.03
18	SB-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.24	< LOD : 23.10	< LOD : 31.89	< LOD : 232.76	< LOD : 116.36	36,802	< LOD : 23.75
18	SB-SO-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.38	< LOD : 23.87	< LOD : 34.88	< LOD : 241.06	< LOD : 117.40	39,681	< LOD : 22.87
18	SB-SO-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.93	< LOD : 23.67	< LOD : 46.44	< LOD : 233.26	< LOD : 111.75	37,872	< LOD : 23.20
18	SB-SO-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.14	< LOD : 24.20	< LOD : 40.10	316	< LOD : 119.05	39,068	< LOD : 23.87
18	SB-SO-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.72	< LOD : 23.71	< LOD : 43.39	< LOD : 224.46	< LOD : 116.75	38,752	< LOD : 23.56

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
16	AS-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.76	91	2.6 U	4.5	42	3,300
16	AS-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.74	93	2.6 U	4.8	44	3,500
16	AS-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.78	84	1.1 U	4.4	42	3,000
16	AS-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.72	120	1.1 U	5.6	54	3,800
16	AS-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.79	100	3	5.2	50	3,800
16	AS-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.31	< LOD : 157.80	< LOD : 20.53	< LOD : 239.82	< LOD : 294.47	3,703
16	AS-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.29	< LOD : 150.60	< LOD : 20.04	< LOD : 245.78	< LOD : 297.01	3,721
16	AS-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.35	< LOD : 155.93	< LOD : 20.29	< LOD : 250.76	< LOD : 296.49	3,692
16	AS-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.86	< LOD : 149.22	< LOD : 19.74	< LOD : 241.03	< LOD : 290.26	3,726
16	AS-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.90	< LOD : 160.60	< LOD : 20.68	< LOD : 245.10	< LOD : 294.15	3,512
17	AS-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	180	2.6 U	9.3	66	6,900
17	AS-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3	200	6.2 U	12	72	7,400
17	AS-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	160	2.7	8.9	63	6,300
17	AS-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	170 J-	2.6 U	9.6 J-	65 J-	6,800 J-
17	AS-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	190	2.6 U	3.2	73	7,500
17	AS-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 32.85	< LOD : 225.18	< LOD : 26.82	< LOD : 266.34	< LOD : 284.78	9,119
17	AS-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 32.69	< LOD : 216.03	< LOD : 26.48	< LOD : 270.77	< LOD : 296.52	9,419
17	AS-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.71	237	< LOD : 29.49	< LOD : 271.50	< LOD : 292.79	9,554
17	AS-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.17	< LOD : 228.86	< LOD : 28.22	< LOD : 269.16	< LOD : 289.52	9,503
17	AS-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 31.70	< LOD : 229.70	< LOD : 29.67	< LOD : 270.83	< LOD : 290.28	9,637
18	SB-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	62	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	67	90
18	SB-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	55	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	63	82
18	SB-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	55	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	66	95
18	SB-SO-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	56	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	68	91
18	SB-SO-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	54	230	1.3 U	1.3 U	71	96
18	SB-SO-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	58	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	62	82
18	SB-SO-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	54	230	1.3 U	1.3 U	74	93
18	SB-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	195	< LOD : 14.33	< LOD : 247.60	< LOD : 316.32	119
18	SB-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	36	< LOD : 129.43	< LOD : 15.05	< LOD : 245.16	< LOD : 313.97	< LOD : 79.03
18	SB-SO-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	32	151	< LOD : 15.48	< LOD : 247.00	< LOD : 313.37	93
18	SB-SO-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	32	182	< LOD : 15.50	< LOD : 242.83	< LOD : 305.85	143
18	SB-SO-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.47	232	< LOD : 15.72	< LOD : 240.18	< LOD : 306.83	100
18	SB-SO-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	25	186	< LOD : 16.09	< LOD : 243.53	< LOD : 315.63	89
18	SB-SO-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	27	202	< LOD : 15.44	< LOD : 252.46	< LOD : 321.54	92

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
19	SB-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6 J-	9	0.51 U	140	46	35,000	16
19	SB-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	10	0.51 U	150	46	38,000	17
19	SB-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.2 J-	7	0.51 U	94	27	22,000	10
19	SB-SO-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.2 J-	9	0.51 U	120	40	33,000	15
19	SB-SO-53-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	10	0.51 U	140	44	37,000	17
19	SB-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.07	< LOD : 23.51	< LOD : 39.51	320	135	36,801	< LOD : 23.30
19	SB-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.04	< LOD : 23.77	< LOD : 40.13	< LOD : 233.90	< LOD : 111.47	37,140	< LOD : 23.30
19	SB-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.98	< LOD : 24.55	< LOD : 42.40	< LOD : 228.01	148	36,765	< LOD : 24.14
19	SB-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.26	< LOD : 24.56	< LOD : 46.10	< LOD : 232.43	< LOD : 117.32	37,686	< LOD : 24.07
19	SB-SO-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.59	< LOD : 23.59	< LOD : 38.77	295	< LOD : 114.71	37,706	< LOD : 22.35
20	SB-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4 J-	13	0.51 U	120	39	32,000	17
20	SB-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.7 J-	13	0.51 U	140	46	36,000	20
20	SB-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.9 J	13	0.51 U	130	43	34,000	18
20	SB-SO-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.7 J-	13	0.51 U	140	46	34,000	19
20	SB-SO-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.6 J-	13	0.51 U	140	45	35,000	18
20	SB-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.08	< LOD : 24.55	< LOD : 39.80	< LOD : 215.20	< LOD : 113.04	34,919	< LOD : 22.86
20	SB-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	101	< LOD : 25.52	< LOD : 41.25	< LOD : 224.93	< LOD : 106.38	33,387	< LOD : 24.96
20	SB-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.86	< LOD : 25.70	< LOD : 41.31	< LOD : 217.40	< LOD : 110.44	32,348	< LOD : 24.22
20	SB-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 55.75	< LOD : 26.55	< LOD : 36.18	< LOD : 233.56	< LOD : 116.90	34,706	28
20	SB-SO-53-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.79	< LOD : 24.50	< LOD : 42.20	< LOD : 230.36	< LOD : 113.94	35,012	< LOD : 24.25
21	SB-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	10 J	18	0.51 U	120	37	29,000	22
21	SB-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.8 J+	18	0.51 U	120	37	29,000	22
21	SB-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 J+	18	0.51 U	120	37	29,000	22
21	SB-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	6 J+	17	0.51 U	110	35	28,000	21
21	SB-SO-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.8 J+	18	0.51 U	120	37	29,000	22
21	SB-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	86	< LOD : 27.51	< LOD : 43.82	< LOD : 216.33	< LOD : 114.66	28,660	27
21	SB-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	88	41	< LOD : 50.60	< LOD : 233.57	< LOD : 114.02	28,259	< LOD : 25.36
21	SB-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	101	< LOD : 28.45	< LOD : 46.67	< LOD : 217.17	< LOD : 113.74	27,596	38
21	SB-SO-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	95	< LOD : 27.52	< LOD : 39.55	< LOD : 215.95	136	26,965	28
21	SB-SO-55-BA	Niton LLC XLi	62	< LOD : 27.62	< LOD : 41.33	< LOD : 212.87	< LOD : 112.79	28,715	< LOD : 25.48

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
19	SB-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	540	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	61	80
19	SB-SO-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	280	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	70	84
19	SB-SO-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	290	120	1.3 J+	1.3 U	43	50
19	SB-SO-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	280	180	1.3 U	1.3 U	58	74
19	SB-SO-53-XX	Reference Laboratory	270	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	64	81
19	SB-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	82	< LOD : 129.58	< LOD : 15.88	< LOD : 239.14	< LOD : 321.08	121
19	SB-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	86	< LOD : 132.02	< LOD : 14.65	< LOD : 238.53	< LOD : 319.51	< LOD : 79.88
19	SB-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	87	< LOD : 132.33	< LOD : 15.85	< LOD : 244.54	< LOD : 315.48	82
19	SB-SO-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	90	186	< LOD : 15.66	< LOD : 243.29	< LOD : 315.40	97
19	SB-SO-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	81	165	< LOD : 15.97	< LOD : 247.90	< LOD : 313.73	< LOD : 78.20
20	SB-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	730	180	1.3 U	1.3 U	57	70
20	SB-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	810	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	66	84
20	SB-SO-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	740	190	1.3 U	1.3 U	58	75
20	SB-SO-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	790	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	62	77
20	SB-SO-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	740	200	1.3 U	1.3 U	65	78
20	SB-SO-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	221	153	< LOD : 16.41	< LOD : 256.12	< LOD : 328.80	< LOD : 80.90
20	SB-SO-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	232	153	< LOD : 15.52	< LOD : 258.89	< LOD : 331.44	88
20	SB-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	219	136	< LOD : 15.11	< LOD : 250.82	< LOD : 328.31	< LOD : 78.81
20	SB-SO-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	262	< LOD : 134.17	< LOD : 15.57	< LOD : 252.42	< LOD : 328.26	< LOD : 81.70
20	SB-SO-53-BA	Niton LLC XLi	245	< LOD : 128.07	< LOD : 14.78	< LOD : 241.91	< LOD : 325.99	< LOD : 81.22
21	SB-SO-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	3300	160	1.3 U	1.3 U	52	64 J-
21	SB-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	3000	160	1.3 U	1.3 U	54	63
21	SB-SO-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	3100	170	1.3 U	1.3 U	54	65
21	SB-SO-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	3100	160	1.3 U	1.3 U	50	62
21	SB-SO-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	3000	170	1.3 U	1.3 U	53	64
21	SB-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	512	< LOD : 130.06	< LOD : 16.56	< LOD : 249.95	< LOD : 345.64	107
21	SB-SO-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	536	189	< LOD : 16.88	< LOD : 260.69	< LOD : 344.14	< LOD : 82.25
21	SB-SO-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	540	< LOD : 127.74	< LOD : 16.73	< LOD : 264.82	< LOD : 347.88	< LOD : 78.25
21	SB-SO-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	503	< LOD : 128.05	< LOD : 16.85	< LOD : 259.56	< LOD : 344.56	< LOD : 81.66
21	SB-SO-55-BA	Niton LLC XLi	547	144	< LOD : 16.52	< LOD : 251.90	< LOD : 350.21	90



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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
22	SB-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	48 J-	37	0.1 U	21	7	4,500	36
22	SB-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	42 J-	36	0.1 U	21	7	4,400	36
22	SB-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	46 J-	40	0.1 U	23	7.6	4,900	40
22	SB-SO-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	40 J-	35	0.1 U	20	6.7	4,200	34
22	SB-SO-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	39 J-	36	0.1 U	21	6.9	4,500	36
22	SB-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	247	48	< LOD : 51.54	< LOD : 180.85	< LOD : 109.84	4,032	41
22	SB-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	231	38	< LOD : 40.53	< LOD : 196.08	< LOD : 109.06	4,252	< LOD : 32.17
22	SB-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	231	49	< LOD : 48.62	< LOD : 194.25	< LOD : 101.63	4,144	< LOD : 31.49
22	SB-SO-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	235	67	< LOD : 54.32	< LOD : 195.71	< LOD : 104.11	3,877	41
22	SB-SO-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	225	45	< LOD : 51.48	< LOD : 200.99	< LOD : 109.05	4,021	46
23	SB-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	44 J-	23 J-	0.5 U	130	43	35,000	22 J-
23	SB-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	45 J	22	0.5 U	120	38	35,000	23
23	SB-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	62 J	26	0.5 U	140	44	41,000	27
23	SB-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	61 J	30	0.5 U	160	50	46,000	31
23	SB-SO-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	57 J	27	0.5 U	140	46	42,000	28
23	SB-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	288	32	< LOD : 38.94	< LOD : 245.75	< LOD : 111.34	42,028	< LOD : 22.66
23	SB-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	240	< LOD : 26.83	< LOD : 36.78	< LOD : 239.56	< LOD : 113.80	40,851	39
23	SB-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	227	< LOD : 25.83	< LOD : 39.28	< LOD : 241.47	< LOD : 116.06	41,265	32
23	SB-SO-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	279	32	< LOD : 38.79	< LOD : 236.70	< LOD : 113.61	41,873	< LOD : 24.73
23	SB-SO-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	271	29	< LOD : 45.24	< LOD : 236.46	< LOD : 116.08	42,468	< LOD : 24.26
24	SB-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	180 J	65	0.5 U	140	46	47,000	30
24	SB-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	170 J	64	0.5 U	140	45	47,000	30
24	SB-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	180 J	66	0.5 U	150	49	49,000	32
24	SB-SO-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	180 J	63	0.5 U	140	45	47,000	30
24	SB-SO-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	150 J	62	0.5 U	140	47	46,000	29
24	SB-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	602	77	< LOD : 35.91	< LOD : 237.90	< LOD : 113.49	45,505	35
24	SB-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	693	61	< LOD : 41.83	323	< LOD : 117.10	44,636	27
24	SB-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	680	76	< LOD : 39.21	< LOD : 239.58	< LOD : 117.61	44,350	29
24	SB-SO-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	682	65	< LOD : 41.84	< LOD : 247.16	< LOD : 118.97	45,504	40
24	SB-SO-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	645	81	< LOD : 44.45	< LOD : 241.76	< LOD : 119.71	46,122	< LOD : 24.71

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
22	SB-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	8500	26	0.22 J	0.26 UJ	13	8
22	SB-SO-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	8800	26	0.26 U	0.26 UJ	13	8
22	SB-SO-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	8900	28	0.36	0.1 UJ	14	9
22	SB-SO-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	7600	24	0.26 U	0.26 UJ	13	8
22	SB-SO-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	8200	25	0.26 U	0.1 UJ	13	8
22	SB-SO-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,635	< LOD : 119.57	< LOD : 19.57	< LOD : 300.68	< LOD : 398.95	< LOD : 83.84
22	SB-SO-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,806	< LOD : 118.19	< LOD : 20.16	< LOD : 281.61	< LOD : 398.99	< LOD : 88.39
22	SB-SO-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,697	< LOD : 118.40	< LOD : 19.51	< LOD : 287.72	< LOD : 394.13	< LOD : 84.33
22	SB-SO-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,707	< LOD : 121.23	< LOD : 18.80	< LOD : 291.39	< LOD : 387.83	< LOD : 85.06
22	SB-SO-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,768	< LOD : 122.94	< LOD : 20.78	< LOD : 285.94	< LOD : 394.41	< LOD : 86.98
23	SB-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J+	180	1.2 U	1.2 UJ	59	88
23	SB-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	270	170	1.4	1.6	53	86
23	SB-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	220	200	2.8	1.8	59	100
23	SB-SO-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	260	220	3.4	1.8	68	110
23	SB-SO-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	200	200	2.9	1.8	61	100
23	SB-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	54	172	< LOD : 14.79	< LOD : 242.06	< LOD : 317.66	108
23	SB-SO-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	38	< LOD : 131.19	< LOD : 15.40	< LOD : 246.79	< LOD : 321.81	121
23	SB-SO-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	45	194	< LOD : 14.58	< LOD : 242.46	< LOD : 318.98	123
23	SB-SO-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	46	< LOD : 132.25	< LOD : 16.26	< LOD : 243.26	< LOD : 319.24	< LOD : 79.72
23	SB-SO-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	40	163	< LOD : 15.46	< LOD : 259.63	< LOD : 320.90	< LOD : 80.88
24	SB-SO-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	400	190	1.8	2.3	65	95
24	SB-SO-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	480	190	1.9	2.2	65	97
24	SB-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	420	200	2.5	2.3	67	95
24	SB-SO-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	450	190	2.8	2.1 J-	63	93
24	SB-SO-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	430	190	1.8	2.2	64	90
24	SB-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	80	< LOD : 134.04	< LOD : 15.49	< LOD : 241.73	< LOD : 316.06	< LOD : 79.76
24	SB-SO-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	67	155	< LOD : 15.65	< LOD : 243.54	< LOD : 326.10	103
24	SB-SO-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	71	< LOD : 132.84	< LOD : 16.14	< LOD : 239.20	< LOD : 317.33	< LOD : 81.27
24	SB-SO-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	60	< LOD : 137.14	< LOD : 15.73	< LOD : 245.56	< LOD : 324.31	95
24	SB-SO-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	74	220	< LOD : 15.42	< LOD : 240.71	< LOD : 324.01	< LOD : 84.40

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
25	SB-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	430 J	160	1 U	140	46	61,000	36
25	SB-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	310 J	100	0.5 U	100	32	42,000	25
25	SB-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	350 J	110	0.5 U	100	33	45,000	28
25	SB-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	340 J	130	1 U	120	39	51,000	31
25	SB-SO-55-XX	Reference Laboratory	340 J	120	0.5 U	120	37	49,000	29
25	SB-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,367	124	< LOD : 45.96	< LOD : 264.37	< LOD : 126.06	54,781	40
25	SB-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,344	125	< LOD : 50.35	< LOD : 249.44	< LOD : 122.56	52,556	38
25	SB-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,290	121	< LOD : 42.33	< LOD : 249.61	< LOD : 130.03	54,191	36
25	SB-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,487	138	< LOD : 38.44	< LOD : 258.15	< LOD : 128.94	55,850	< LOD : 27.04
25	SB-SO-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,363	135	< LOD : 47.45	< LOD : 271.29	< LOD : 131.20	56,159	< LOD : 26.75
26	SB-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	620 J	190	1 U	100	33	55,000	43
26	SB-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	600 J-	170 J-	1 U	91 J-	30 J-	51,000 J-	40 J-
26	SB-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	800 J+	210	1 U	110	37	61,000	48
26	SB-SO-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	740 J+	190	1 U	120	35	57,000	47
26	SB-SO-54-XX	Reference Laboratory	280	31	0.2 U	25	5.8	8,600	5 J-
26	SB-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,168	204	< LOD : 47.30	< LOD : 279.74	< LOD : 128.09	65,594	56
26	SB-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,966	195	< LOD : 53.99	< LOD : 270.78	< LOD : 128.71	63,709	34
26	SB-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,103	193	< LOD : 55.76	< LOD : 287.74	< LOD : 131.23	64,575	46
26	SB-SO-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,056	217	< LOD : 51.01	< LOD : 255.24	< LOD : 134.26	67,100	67
26	SB-SO-54-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,028	187	< LOD : 43.43	< LOD : 281.84	< LOD : 134.97	67,300	59
27	KP-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.2	3	0.11 U	88	3.8	840	300 J-
27	KP-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.6	3	0.11 U	96	4.1	940	310 J-
27	KP-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.9	3	0.11 U	98	4.1	940	300 J-
27	KP-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	6	3	0.11 U	99	4.3	960	310 J-
27	KP-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.7	3	0.11 U	83	3.6	830	300 J-
27	KP-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.10	< LOD : 36.36	< LOD : 44.64	< LOD : 118.94	< LOD : 73.28	1,023	324
27	KP-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.56	< LOD : 35.08	< LOD : 44.95	< LOD : 120.26	< LOD : 72.09	1,112	324
27	KP-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.13	< LOD : 35.12	< LOD : 39.42	< LOD : 123.89	< LOD : 72.73	1,108	337
27	KP-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.76	< LOD : 35.39	< LOD : 38.53	< LOD : 126.40	< LOD : 70.74	1,022	311
27	KP-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.05	< LOD : 36.48	< LOD : 37.89	< LOD : 129.95	< LOD : 74.39	928	336

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
25	SB-SO-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	850	180	4.4	2.2 UJ	74	70
25	SB-SO-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	740	120	2.5	1.8	51	51
25	SB-SO-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	870	130	3	2 J	52	56
25	SB-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	790	150	2.5 U	2 UJ	63	58
25	SB-SO-55-XX	Reference Laboratory	900	140	2.5	2.2 J	61	60
25	SB-SO-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	108	< LOD : 143.57	< LOD : 18.02	< LOD : 242.52	< LOD : 318.07	< LOD : 87.93
25	SB-SO-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	126	151	< LOD : 16.69	< LOD : 252.60	< LOD : 329.93	< LOD : 83.75
25	SB-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	114	209	< LOD : 18.17	< LOD : 247.39	< LOD : 320.77	92
25	SB-SO-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	119	< LOD : 143.72	< LOD : 17.61	< LOD : 254.91	< LOD : 324.33	92
25	SB-SO-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	113	< LOD : 147.80	< LOD : 18.29	< LOD : 256.80	< LOD : 324.39	< LOD : 92.07
26	SB-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	1,400	110	2.5 U	2.1 UJ	59	42
26	SB-SO-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	1,100	100 J-	3.4	1.6 UJ	52 J-	36 J-
26	SB-SO-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	1,200	120	2.8	2.3 UJ	60	42
26	SB-SO-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	670	120	2.6	2.2 UJ	57	41
26	SB-SO-54-XX	Reference Laboratory	560	20	0.5 U	0.5 UJ	11	6
26	SB-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	188	170	< LOD : 16.92	< LOD : 253.21	< LOD : 326.66	< LOD : 87.96
26	SB-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	181	< LOD : 144.58	< LOD : 18.16	< LOD : 247.02	< LOD : 324.69	< LOD : 88.28
26	SB-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	147	< LOD : 150.52	< LOD : 16.63	< LOD : 247.41	< LOD : 324.18	100
26	SB-SO-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	182	< LOD : 147.53	< LOD : 17.60	< LOD : 261.19	< LOD : 311.58	< LOD : 92.91
26	SB-SO-54-BA	Niton LLC XLi	172	159	< LOD : 17.87	< LOD : 255.03	< LOD : 331.07	< LOD : 92.11
27	KP-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.089 U	42	0.27 U	0.27 UJ	4	5
27	KP-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.079 U	46	0.43	0.27 UJ	4	6
27	KP-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.082 U	47	0.27 U	0.27 UJ	4	5
27	KP-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.096 U	47	0.26 U	0.27 UJ	4	5
27	KP-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.1 U	39	0.24 U	0.27 UJ	4	5
27	KP-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 13.43	94	< LOD : 10.96	< LOD : 249.66	< LOD : 267.93	< LOD : 51.61
27	KP-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 12.78	< LOD : 83.34	< LOD : 10.75	< LOD : 241.28	< LOD : 267.85	< LOD : 48.35
27	KP-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 13.22	< LOD : 84.40	< LOD : 10.68	< LOD : 230.19	< LOD : 265.28	< LOD : 49.75
27	KP-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 12.40	< LOD : 82.07	< LOD : 10.51	< LOD : 251.47	< LOD : 262.63	< LOD : 48.90
27	KP-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 12.78	< LOD : 81.29	< LOD : 10.76	< LOD : 246.02	< LOD : 264.32	< LOD : 48.55

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
28	KP-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.2	2	0.1 U	34	2.2	480	310 J-
28	KP-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.1	2	0.1 U	42	2.5	510	320 J-
28	KP-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	11 J-	2	0.1 U	46 J-	2.7 J+	520 J-	680 J-
28	KP-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	3	2	0.1 U	44	2.3	510	330
28	KP-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.3	2	0.1 U	45	2.3	520	320
28	KP-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.13	< LOD : 38.14	< LOD : 37.61	< LOD : 131.54	< LOD : 76.45	622	355
28	KP-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.88	< LOD : 35.65	< LOD : 34.40	< LOD : 130.37	< LOD : 75.81	676	320
28	KP-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.35	< LOD : 35.75	< LOD : 35.17	< LOD : 124.01	< LOD : 76.03	602	344
28	KP-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.49	< LOD : 36.80	< LOD : 38.55	< LOD : 130.90	< LOD : 73.35	535	340
28	KP-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.27	< LOD : 36.79	< LOD : 40.93	< LOD : 124.76	< LOD : 78.00	641	333
29	TL-SE-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	62	1,900	42,000	32
29	TL-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	64	2,000	43,000	35
29	TL-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	66	2,100	44,000	34
29	TL-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	9	0.5 U	54	1,800	36,000	28
29	TL-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	64	2,000	42,000	32
29	TL-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	11	0.5 U	67	2,100	43,000	37
29	TL-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	62	2,000	40,000	34
29	TL-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.86	< LOD : 30.66	< LOD : 40.89	< LOD : 280.32	2,069	50,971	48
29	TL-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.41	< LOD : 30.14	< LOD : 51.66	< LOD : 276.44	2,019	51,269	33
29	TL-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.83	< LOD : 31.63	< LOD : 45.10	< LOD : 284.06	2,037	50,733	65
29	TL-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.27	< LOD : 29.41	< LOD : 39.77	< LOD : 279.24	1,883	48,419	65
29	TL-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.54	< LOD : 31.58	< LOD : 42.95	< LOD : 267.61	2,041	49,910	58
29	TL-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.80	< LOD : 29.71	< LOD : 42.34	< LOD : 275.12	1,984	51,796	35
29	TL-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.80	< LOD : 30.56	< LOD : 44.92	< LOD : 250.30	1,946	49,037	56
30	TL-SE-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	9	1 U	91	1,600	63,000	12
30	TL-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	10	1 U	96	1,700	66,000	13
30	TL-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	9	1 U	92	1,600	64,000	12
30	TL-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	10	1 U	91	1,600	62,000	11
30	TL-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	10	1 U	110	1,800	74,000	13
30	TL-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 59.46	< LOD : 27.66	< LOD : 43.42	< LOD : 319.84	1,596	77,900	< LOD : 26.17
30	TL-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 59.11	< LOD : 28.81	< LOD : 51.81	< LOD : 309.21	1,520	80,500	< LOD : 29.44
30	TL-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.41	< LOD : 28.33	< LOD : 63.02	< LOD : 306.25	1,652	78,100	32
30	TL-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 61.53	< LOD : 30.73	< LOD : 46.60	< LOD : 327.33	1,713	79,600	< LOD : 29.85
30	TL-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 65.00	< LOD : 29.30	< LOD : 58.99	< LOD : 318.91	1,515	77,500	< LOD : 28.63

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
28	KP-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.053 U	16	0.26 U	0.26 UJ	2 J	6
28	KP-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.06 U	20	0.26 U	0.26 UJ	2 J	8
28	KP-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.065 U	23 J-	0.26 U	0.26 UJ	3 J	7
28	KP-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.044 U	22	0.26 U	0.26 U	2 J	7
28	KP-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.056 U	22	0.26 U	0.26 U	2 J	6
28	KP-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.27	< LOD : 83.55	< LOD : 10.75	< LOD : 234.68	< LOD : 258.64	< LOD : 53.40
28	KP-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 14.07	< LOD : 84.01	< LOD : 11.21	< LOD : 216.19	< LOD : 263.13	< LOD : 50.63
28	KP-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 13.34	< LOD : 84.48	< LOD : 11.44	< LOD : 224.57	< LOD : 263.65	< LOD : 51.42
28	KP-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 13.09	< LOD : 81.52	< LOD : 11.17	< LOD : 222.98	< LOD : 266.15	< LOD : 51.71
28	KP-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 13.37	< LOD : 89.37	< LOD : 10.96	< LOD : 229.74	< LOD : 260.15	< LOD : 52.52
29	TL-SE-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.26 J-	71	1.2 U	1.3	95	160
29	TL-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.19 J-	72	1.2 U	1.2 U	95	160
29	TL-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.22 J-	75	1.2 U	1.2 U	100	170
29	TL-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.28 J-	63	1.2 U	1 U	84	140
29	TL-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.26 J-	74	1.2 U	1.2 U	100	160
29	TL-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.26 J-	77	1.2 U	1.3 U	100	170
29	TL-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.24 J-	70	1.2 U	1.2 U	96	160
29	TL-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	< LOD : 152.52	< LOD : 17.98	< LOD : 270.92	< LOD : 319.30	155
29	TL-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.43	< LOD : 157.28	< LOD : 18.93	< LOD : 270.15	< LOD : 317.21	110
29	TL-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.62	< LOD : 158.57	< LOD : 19.00	< LOD : 257.78	< LOD : 323.00	134
29	TL-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.00	< LOD : 153.16	< LOD : 17.51	< LOD : 271.27	< LOD : 314.49	146
29	TL-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.33	< LOD : 150.08	< LOD : 17.73	< LOD : 269.41	< LOD : 322.37	130
29	TL-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	26	162	< LOD : 18.65	< LOD : 258.28	< LOD : 323.85	189
29	TL-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.79	< LOD : 142.49	< LOD : 17.98	< LOD : 275.34	< LOD : 320.81	< LOD : 101.38
30	TL-SE-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.32 J-	110	2.5 U	0.94 U	140	200
30	TL-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.32 J-	120	2.5 U	1.1 U	150	210
30	TL-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.41 J-	110	2.5 U	1.3 U	150	200
30	TL-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.44 J-	110	2.5 U	0.94 U	150	200
30	TL-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.57 J-	130	2.5 U	1.2 U	170	230
30	TL-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.75	< LOD : 171.87	< LOD : 18.71	< LOD : 322.62	< LOD : 343.92	189
30	TL-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.85	< LOD : 179.89	< LOD : 20.73	< LOD : 303.77	< LOD : 329.78	202
30	TL-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.49	< LOD : 173.86	< LOD : 18.89	< LOD : 302.59	< LOD : 334.91	153
30	TL-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 25.07	< LOD : 178.39	< LOD : 20.71	< LOD : 308.05	< LOD : 334.53	177
30	TL-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.77	< LOD : 167.44	< LOD : 19.60	< LOD : 312.86	< LOD : 336.16	206

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
31	TL-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	9	0.5 U	110	1,400	19,000	48 J-
31	TL-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	15	0.5 U	140	1,600	28,000	54 J-
31	TL-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	10	0.27 J	110	1,500	18,000	50 J-
31	TL-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	10	0.5 U	150	1,300	24,000	46 J-
31	TL-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	11	0.5 U	150	1,700	26,000	54 J-
31	TL-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	10	0.28 J	130	1,500	19,000	51 J-
31	TL-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	11	0.22 J	140	1,600	23,000	51 J-
31	TL-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.67	< LOD : 33.14	< LOD : 38.35	< LOD : 275.49	1,763	51,077	69
31	TL-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.39	< LOD : 32.90	< LOD : 39.23	383	1,740	54,123	71
31	TL-SE-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.58	< LOD : 33.38	< LOD : 44.07	< LOD : 290.07	1,717	50,090	66
31	TL-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.95	< LOD : 34.18	< LOD : 41.55	< LOD : 292.00	1,626	50,220	74
31	TL-SE-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.06	< LOD : 32.87	< LOD : 35.13	< LOD : 287.20	1,721	50,972	68
31	TL-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 39.99	< LOD : 31.76	< LOD : 32.43	< LOD : 293.42	1,705	47,127	55
31	TL-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.41	< LOD : 32.02	< LOD : 33.07	< LOD : 287.28	1,826	52,180	58
32	LV-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	28	0.51 U	72	33	23,000	20 J-
32	LV-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	34	0.51 U	84	42	28,000	25 J-
32	LV-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	30	0.51 U	69	33	23,000	22 J-
32	LV-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	31	0.51 U	74	36	25,000	23 J-
32	LV-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	32	0.51 U	78	36	25,000	49 J-
32	LV-SE-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	31 J-	0.51 U	74 J-	35	24,000 J-	22 J-
32	LV-SE-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 U	29	1 U	74	34	24,000	24 J-
32	LV-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.98	< LOD : 27.38	< LOD : 36.29	< LOD : 214.92	< LOD : 118.36	28,543	45
32	LV-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.55	30	< LOD : 40.80	< LOD : 229.72	142	27,382	< LOD : 24.40
32	LV-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.53	< LOD : 27.21	< LOD : 40.09	< LOD : 221.52	< LOD : 116.78	29,130	30
32	LV-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 41.31	30	< LOD : 36.72	< LOD : 206.20	< LOD : 116.58	29,223	36
32	LV-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.24	33	< LOD : 42.02	< LOD : 229.88	< LOD : 119.19	29,221	35
32	LV-SE-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.98	< LOD : 28.23	< LOD : 43.27	< LOD : 227.49	< LOD : 115.00	29,040	41
32	LV-SE-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.83	< LOD : 29.39	< LOD : 39.51	< LOD : 229.92	< LOD : 114.55	29,622	53
33	LV-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 U	190	1 U	55	34	72,000	19 J-
33	LV-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 U	220	1 U	64	39	83,000	25 J-
33	LV-SE-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 U	170	1 U	52	31	66,000	21 J-
33	LV-SE-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 U	190	1 U	58	35	74,000	22 J-
33	LV-SE-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.7 U	170	1.1 U	50	30	65,000	22 J-
33	LV-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.35	173	< LOD : 34.67	< LOD : 296.26	< LOD : 135.91	89,700	36
33	LV-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.19	178	< LOD : 45.32	< LOD : 311.41	< LOD : 137.78	91,587	< LOD : 27.77
33	LV-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.50	191	< LOD : 44.35	< LOD : 296.77	< LOD : 137.79	91,200	45
33	LV-SE-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.61	173	< LOD : 39.10	< LOD : 304.09	< LOD : 138.48	93,515	46
33	LV-SE-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.24	186	< LOD : 46.69	< LOD : 305.50	< LOD : 139.95	89,100	50

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
31	TL-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.074 U	180	1.2 U	5.7 J-	75	130
31	TL-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.021 U	210	1.2 U	5.5 J-	85	140
31	TL-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.08 U	180	1.2 U	5.7 J-	73	140
31	TL-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.025 U	190	1.2 U	6.3 J-	70	120
31	TL-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.082 U	210	1.2 U	6.5 J-	80	150
31	TL-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.02 U	200	1.2 U	7.8 J-	67	140
31	TL-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.076 U	200	1.2 U	5.9 J-	80	140
31	TL-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.30	270	< LOD : 19.17	< LOD : 242.15	< LOD : 308.75	172
31	TL-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.34	300	< LOD : 19.14	< LOD : 233.94	< LOD : 301.73	206
31	TL-SE-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	29	< LOD : 163.25	< LOD : 19.14	< LOD : 230.98	< LOD : 300.05	134
31	TL-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.79	188	< LOD : 18.78	< LOD : 231.97	< LOD : 313.46	162
31	TL-SE-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.51	360	< LOD : 19.02	< LOD : 232.46	< LOD : 312.72	182
31	TL-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	< LOD : 159.06	< LOD : 18.24	< LOD : 234.40	< LOD : 298.90	194
31	TL-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	46	207	< LOD : 18.31	< LOD : 228.38	< LOD : 308.24	< LOD : 106.47
32	LV-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.02 U	160	3.8	1.3 UJ	53	65
32	LV-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.023 U	200	4.7	1.3 UJ	66	77
32	LV-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.1	170	5.2	1.3 UJ	51	66
32	LV-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	1	170	5.1	1.3 UJ	56	70
32	LV-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1	180	5.1	1.3 UJ	58	70
32	LV-SE-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	170 J-	5	1.3 UJ	55 J-	67 J-
32	LV-SE-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2	170	3.3	2.5 U	57	65
32	LV-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.07	< LOD : 133.93	< LOD : 15.78	< LOD : 234.64	< LOD : 314.39	106
32	LV-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.90	165	< LOD : 15.96	< LOD : 249.40	< LOD : 312.21	< LOD : 80.37
32	LV-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	33	< LOD : 131.56	< LOD : 16.70	< LOD : 241.28	< LOD : 315.92	106
32	LV-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	26	214	< LOD : 16.55	< LOD : 234.58	< LOD : 315.90	99
32	LV-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	155	< LOD : 16.19	< LOD : 237.04	< LOD : 312.95	< LOD : 81.67
32	LV-SE-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.36	< LOD : 130.60	26	< LOD : 247.70	< LOD : 314.82	< LOD : 81.69
32	LV-SE-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.66	158	< LOD : 16.63	< LOD : 236.02	< LOD : 310.12	< LOD : 82.41
33	LV-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.6	71	3	2.6 U	72	66
33	LV-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	6	83	6.1	2.6 U	86	75
33	LV-SE-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.8	66	2.8	2.6 U	67	59
33	LV-SE-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	8	74	5.1	2.6 U	74	66
33	LV-SE-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.3	67	3.4	2.7 U	64	57
33	LV-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.17	< LOD : 166.93	< LOD : 18.99	< LOD : 256.36	< LOD : 320.02	< LOD : 97.28
33	LV-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.09	< LOD : 155.67	< LOD : 18.81	< LOD : 259.37	< LOD : 319.90	< LOD : 96.31
33	LV-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.93	210	< LOD : 18.40	< LOD : 256.46	< LOD : 313.98	< LOD : 96.20
33	LV-SE-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.92	< LOD : 156.50	< LOD : 18.76	< LOD : 259.89	< LOD : 323.68	< LOD : 98.72
33	LV-SE-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.80	< LOD : 159.50	< LOD : 18.36	< LOD : 258.87	< LOD : 313.30	< LOD : 98.82



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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
34	LV-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 U	450	2.7 U	48	34	150,000	14 J-
34	LV-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 U	500	2.7 U	55	37	160,000	17 J-
34	LV-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 U	530	2.7 U	56	39	180,000	16 J-
34	LV-SE-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 U	550	2.7 U	60	40	180,000	21 J-
34	LV-SE-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 U	480	2.7 U	52	36	160,000	15 J-
34	LV-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 60.54	424	< LOD : 36.80	< LOD : 502.99	< LOD : 189.15	182,700	57
34	LV-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.64	482	< LOD : 40.72	< LOD : 524.94	< LOD : 188.41	179,500	42
34	LV-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.32	468	< LOD : 42.93	< LOD : 502.32	< LOD : 189.54	182,400	50
34	LV-SE-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.13	464	< LOD : 43.30	< LOD : 510.52	< LOD : 187.89	177,400	< LOD : 31.17
34	LV-SE-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.75	468	< LOD : 51.88	< LOD : 503.34	< LOD : 190.01	176,700	< LOD : 34.20
35	LV-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 UJ	780	2.7 U	57	48	200,000	11
35	LV-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 UJ	800	2.7 U	61	49	210,000	11
35	LV-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.6 UJ	660	2.6 U	53	40	170,000	8
35	LV-SE-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.7 UJ	650	2.7 U	50	40	170,000	8
35	LV-SE-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.6 UJ	680	2.6 U	52	42	180,000	9
35	LV-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 57.03	710	< LOD : 39.51	< LOD : 598.82	< LOD : 217.47	222,000	41
35	LV-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 60.63	640	< LOD : 45.66	< LOD : 583.12	< LOD : 211.67	230,900	35
35	LV-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.85	751	< LOD : 48.26	< LOD : 630.01	< LOD : 211.70	222,300	< LOD : 34.83
35	LV-SE-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.02	797	< LOD : 39.19	< LOD : 642.19	< LOD : 225.04	225,800	< LOD : 35.38
35	LV-SE-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 60.28	713	< LOD : 49.92	< LOD : 632.94	< LOD : 221.57	233,400	< LOD : 35.30
36	LV-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5 UJ	6	0.76	4	18	1,100	17
36	LV-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5 UJ	5	0.74	4	16	980	14
36	LV-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5 UJ	7	0.84	4	19	970	18
36	LV-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5 UJ	5	0.68	4	15	840	14
36	LV-SE-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4 UJ	6	0.87	4	16	860	14
36	LV-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.15	< LOD : 26.89	< LOD : 39.46	< LOD : 212.13	< LOD : 140.26	770	< LOD : 26.77
36	LV-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 57.20	< LOD : 27.64	< LOD : 43.96	< LOD : 227.43	< LOD : 143.32	938	< LOD : 29.21
36	LV-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.96	< LOD : 25.20	< LOD : 49.57	< LOD : 220.27	< LOD : 143.03	672	< LOD : 27.01
36	LV-SE-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.01	< LOD : 25.87	< LOD : 40.91	< LOD : 218.51	< LOD : 137.98	655	< LOD : 25.51
36	LV-SE-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 55.33	< LOD : 27.15	< LOD : 47.65	< LOD : 229.43	< LOD : 140.42	563	< LOD : 26.51

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
34	LV-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	6	55	6.7 U	6.7 U	100	51 J
34	LV-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.2	65	5.9 J	6.7 U	110	55 J
34	LV-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	64	6.7 U	6.7 U	120	58 J
34	LV-SE-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.5	70	11	6.7 U	120	60 J
34	LV-SE-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.9	75	6.7 U	6.7 U	100	54 J
34	LV-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 30.74	< LOD : 226.79	< LOD : 24.78	< LOD : 284.66	< LOD : 313.14	< LOD : 131.31
34	LV-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 29.51	< LOD : 232.42	< LOD : 23.00	< LOD : 285.25	< LOD : 304.79	< LOD : 127.18
34	LV-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 29.25	< LOD : 231.90	< LOD : 24.78	< LOD : 275.66	< LOD : 311.93	< LOD : 124.30
34	LV-SE-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 29.92	< LOD : 238.01	< LOD : 25.09	< LOD : 284.73	< LOD : 301.44	< LOD : 126.71
34	LV-SE-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 31.11	< LOD : 235.27	< LOD : 25.51	< LOD : 271.88	< LOD : 303.28	< LOD : 122.63
35	LV-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.5	58	10	6.7 U	130	24 J
35	LV-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	60	12	6.7 U	140	52 J
35	LV-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	5	50 J	9.6	6.6 U	120	18 J
35	LV-SE-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.6	50 J	8.2	6.7 U	120	19 J
35	LV-SE-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.3	50 J	7.6	6.6 U	120	30 J
35	LV-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.84	< LOD : 274.23	< LOD : 26.37	< LOD : 290.87	< LOD : 305.37	< LOD : 142.49
35	LV-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.05	< LOD : 262.78	< LOD : 27.74	< LOD : 287.89	< LOD : 310.19	< LOD : 138.09
35	LV-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 33.89	< LOD : 271.62	< LOD : 27.98	< LOD : 281.99	< LOD : 311.73	< LOD : 143.84
35	LV-SE-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	40	< LOD : 276.19	< LOD : 27.69	< LOD : 289.62	< LOD : 310.41	< LOD : 149.90
35	LV-SE-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 35.68	< LOD : 276.19	< LOD : 28.57	< LOD : 292.67	< LOD : 315.84	< LOD : 143.23
36	LV-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.098 U	49	1.5 U	1.5 U	2 J	14 J
36	LV-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.056 U	46	1.5 U	1.5 U	1 J	12 J
36	LV-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.048 U	49	1.5 U	1.5 U	2 J	14 J
36	LV-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.053 U	44	1.5 U	1.5 U	1 J	12 J
36	LV-SE-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.052 U	47	1.4 U	1.4 U	1 J	19
36	LV-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.58	< LOD : 146.61	< LOD : 17.57	< LOD : 281.28	< LOD : 258.98	< LOD : 92.71
36	LV-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 24.01	< LOD : 148.11	< LOD : 18.94	< LOD : 274.84	< LOD : 256.88	< LOD : 97.55
36	LV-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.00	< LOD : 150.34	< LOD : 19.89	< LOD : 273.66	< LOD : 251.22	< LOD : 94.97
36	LV-SE-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.23	< LOD : 140.14	< LOD : 18.80	< LOD : 276.66	< LOD : 258.08	< LOD : 93.08
36	LV-SE-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.39	< LOD : 146.50	< LOD : 18.11	< LOD : 280.67	< LOD : 257.65	< LOD : 94.09

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
37	LV-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	30	0.52 U	54	23	23,000	55
37	LV-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	29	0.52 U	53	22	22,000	53
37	LV-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	31	0.52 U	59	25	25,000	59
37	LV-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	30	0.52 U	58	25	24,000	58
37	LV-SE-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	31	0.52 U	56	23	23,000	57
37	LV-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.04	45	< LOD : 36.31	< LOD : 208.01	< LOD : 114.97	28,493	63
37	LV-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.36	42	< LOD : 45.06	< LOD : 238.09	< LOD : 116.48	31,171	80
37	LV-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.11	41	< LOD : 34.79	< LOD : 207.39	< LOD : 113.88	29,965	78
37	LV-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.45	37	< LOD : 44.37	< LOD : 210.03	< LOD : 114.45	29,892	85
37	LV-SE-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.70	47	< LOD : 41.12	< LOD : 208.18	< LOD : 110.33	30,188	89
38	LV-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4 UJ	150	6.6	120	270	42,000	7
38	LV-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4 UJ	150	6.3	120	260	42,000	7 J+
38	LV-SE-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4 U	140	6.1	120	250	40,000	8
38	LV-SE-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.88 U	110	5	92	200	32,000	6
38	LV-SE-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4 U	160	6.8	130	280	44,000	8
38	LV-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.38	141	< LOD : 47.81	< LOD : 260.40	284	48,059	< LOD : 24.46
38	LV-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.77	141	< LOD : 35.07	< LOD : 260.92	306	48,602	< LOD : 25.25
38	LV-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.51	155	< LOD : 42.42	< LOD : 275.83	266	48,503	< LOD : 24.81
38	LV-SE-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.00	146	< LOD : 44.84	< LOD : 255.83	259	48,471	< LOD : 25.08
38	LV-SE-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.65	128	< LOD : 37.36	< LOD : 265.87	280	47,957	< LOD : 25.44
39	RF-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	12	0.5 U	92	81	17,000	24
39	RF-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	14	0.5 U	100	110	20,000	25
39	RF-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.25 U	0 U	0.1 U	0 U	0.2 U	4 J	0 U
39	RF-SE-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	12	0.5 U	91	82	17,000	22
39	RF-SE-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	14	0.56	110	95	19,000	28
39	RF-SE-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	15	0.52 U	110	100	21,000	33
39	RF-SE-53-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	14	0.57 U	110	95	19,000	28
39	RF-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.33	< LOD : 26.58	< LOD : 46.01	< LOD : 201.06	< LOD : 111.20	21,908	50
39	RF-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.37	< LOD : 25.26	< LOD : 46.59	< LOD : 183.35	< LOD : 110.78	21,368	41
39	RF-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.13	29	< LOD : 36.69	< LOD : 219.63	175	22,291	43
39	RF-SE-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.53	< LOD : 25.25	< LOD : 40.38	< LOD : 206.13	< LOD : 110.70	22,025	40
39	RF-SE-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.66	< LOD : 26.16	< LOD : 38.74	< LOD : 208.28	198	22,236	49
39	RF-SE-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.27	< LOD : 26.25	< LOD : 42.33	< LOD : 217.75	137	22,989	42
39	RF-SE-53-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.70	< LOD : 25.85	< LOD : 40.12	< LOD : 213.06	145	22,731	38

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
37	LV-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.2	110	4.8	1.3 U	44	61
37	LV-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	110	5	1.3 U	42	59
37	LV-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	5.4	120	5.8	1.3 U	48	65
37	LV-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	6.3	120	5.6	1.3 U	48	66
37	LV-SE-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.9	120	4.2	1.3 U	45	65
37	LV-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	25	< LOD : 129.67	< LOD : 15.80	< LOD : 242.71	< LOD : 312.90	< LOD : 79.54
37	LV-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.08	< LOD : 130.50	< LOD : 15.64	< LOD : 251.53	< LOD : 316.01	87
37	LV-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.46	< LOD : 130.25	< LOD : 16.26	< LOD : 238.11	< LOD : 338.36	92
37	LV-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	22	157	< LOD : 16.43	< LOD : 250.33	< LOD : 321.94	< LOD : 81.40
37	LV-SE-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.98	< LOD : 125.55	< LOD : 16.11	< LOD : 246.44	< LOD : 325.07	< LOD : 79.51
38	LV-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.8	870	1.3 U	1.4 U	35	200
38	LV-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5 J-	860	1.2 U	1.4 U	35	200
38	LV-SE-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5	830	1.4 U	1.4 U	34	190
38	LV-SE-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.4	660	0.88 U	0.88 U	27	150
38	LV-SE-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	21	910	1.4 U	1.4 U	38	210
38	LV-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.43	774	< LOD : 17.01	< LOD : 247.98	< LOD : 281.40	197
38	LV-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.17	780	< LOD : 17.11	< LOD : 245.76	< LOD : 275.96	212
38	LV-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.85	748	< LOD : 17.24	< LOD : 245.93	< LOD : 286.10	186
38	LV-SE-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.81	703	< LOD : 16.35	< LOD : 253.34	< LOD : 292.10	140
38	LV-SE-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.92	761	< LOD : 16.91	< LOD : 257.22	< LOD : 292.04	233
39	RF-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.091 U	180	1.3 U	1.3 U	34	130
39	RF-SE-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.099 U	210	1.2 U	1.2 U	38	140
39	RF-SE-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.4	2 U	0.25 U	0.37	3 U	1 U
39	RF-SE-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.081 U	180	1 U	1.2 U	34	120
39	RF-SE-42-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.084 U	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	40	140
39	RF-SE-45-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.084 U	220	1.3 U	1.3 U	43	150
39	RF-SE-53-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.084 U	210	1.3 U	1.3 U	40	140
39	RF-SE-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.90	169	< LOD : 15.34	< LOD : 242.90	< LOD : 288.76	152
39	RF-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	20	173	< LOD : 14.75	< LOD : 236.07	< LOD : 280.97	150
39	RF-SE-23-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	189	< LOD : 15.92	< LOD : 233.14	< LOD : 284.96	110
39	RF-SE-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	21	165	16	< LOD : 237.31	< LOD : 289.75	133
39	RF-SE-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	< LOD : 124.08	< LOD : 15.16	< LOD : 244.92	< LOD : 288.71	134
39	RF-SE-45-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	234	< LOD : 15.05	< LOD : 243.16	< LOD : 287.15	188
39	RF-SE-53-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.03	221	< LOD : 15.42	< LOD : 240.86	< LOD : 287.86	127

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
40	RF-SE-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	27	1.3	93	200	17,000	88
40	RF-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	31	1.5	100	220	18,000	99
40	RF-SE-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	27	1.2	90	190	16,000	83
40	RF-SE-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	31	1.5	100	220	18,000	97
40	RF-SE-55-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	24	1.1	91	180	15,000	75
40	RF-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.78	< LOD : 31.74	< LOD : 40.15	< LOD : 197.55	257	20,872	108
40	RF-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.51	42	< LOD : 37.59	< LOD : 196.04	235	20,918	94
40	RF-SE-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.17	< LOD : 31.38	< LOD : 35.51	< LOD : 205.36	216	20,368	100
40	RF-SE-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.86	< LOD : 32.19	< LOD : 41.65	< LOD : 200.41	357	20,767	112
40	RF-SE-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.23	33	< LOD : 37.86	< LOD : 207.46	244	21,845	98
41	RF-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	70	3.6	90	490	20,000	230
41	RF-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	76	3.7	92	530	21,000	230
41	RF-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	64	3.1	78	440	18,000	200
41	RF-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	39	1.8	63	250	12,000	120
41	RF-SE-58-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	71	3.6	89	500	21,000	230
41	RF-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 43.57	100	< LOD : 39.41	< LOD : 208.92	553	22,580	245
41	RF-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.71	109	< LOD : 36.14	< LOD : 192.78	585	23,021	226
41	RF-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.54	58	< LOD : 42.16	< LOD : 196.76	544	22,427	257
41	RF-SE-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.98	79	< LOD : 40.36	< LOD : 201.59	498	23,480	220
41	RF-SE-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 53.49	78	< LOD : 37.77	< LOD : 208.50	534	23,456	266
42	RF-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	110	5.4	93	740	24,000	330
42	RF-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	99	4.7	84	670	22,000	300
42	RF-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	88	4	78	580	19,000	270
42	RF-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	89	4.3	78	610	21,000	290
42	RF-SE-57-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	89	4.5	79	610	21,000	300
42	RF-SE-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.08	83	< LOD : 34.67	< LOD : 199.61	650	23,584	283
42	RF-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.49	93	< LOD : 41.59	240	690	23,085	345
42	RF-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 41.67	101	< LOD : 34.44	< LOD : 212.70	676	23,374	280
42	RF-SE-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.54	90	< LOD : 39.51	< LOD : 222.40	659	24,309	333
42	RF-SE-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.06	89	< LOD : 33.44	< LOD : 209.80	719	24,055	302

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
40	RF-SE-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.48	150	1.2 U	1.2 U	40	300
40	RF-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.57	160	1.2 U	1.2 U	44	320
40	RF-SE-38-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.41	140	1.2 U	1.2 U	39	300
40	RF-SE-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.43	170	1.2 U	1.2 U	43	330
40	RF-SE-55-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.42	140	1.2 U	1.2 U	35	280
40	RF-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	123	< LOD : 15.07	< LOD : 231.29	< LOD : 286.04	296
40	RF-SE-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	29	128	< LOD : 15.51	< LOD : 235.71	< LOD : 290.96	373
40	RF-SE-32-BA	Niton LLC XLi	26	166	< LOD : 15.69	< LOD : 230.38	< LOD : 305.81	341
40	RF-SE-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.73	< LOD : 121.56	< LOD : 15.37	< LOD : 233.18	< LOD : 283.23	349
40	RF-SE-51-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.95	172	< LOD : 14.87	< LOD : 226.21	< LOD : 290.57	329
41	RF-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.1	150	1.3 U	1.3 U	44	740
41	RF-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2	160	1.3 U	1.3	45	790
41	RF-SE-27-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2	130	1.3 U	1.3 U	39	670
41	RF-SE-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.1	86	1.3 U	1.3 U	28	420
41	RF-SE-58-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2	150	1.3 U	1.3 U	46	770
41	RF-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	199	19	< LOD : 222.07	< LOD : 284.38	775
41	RF-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	136	< LOD : 16.21	< LOD : 229.24	< LOD : 289.69	754
41	RF-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	135	< LOD : 14.69	< LOD : 238.29	< LOD : 288.67	799
41	RF-SE-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	22	236	< LOD : 15.65	< LOD : 228.74	< LOD : 294.24	702
41	RF-SE-48-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.42	< LOD : 125.28	< LOD : 15.95	< LOD : 232.06	< LOD : 285.99	664
42	RF-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	180	1.3 U	2.7	50	1,100
42	RF-SE-22-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.7	160	1.3 U	2.3	44	990
42	RF-SE-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5	140	1.5	1.7	40	890
42	RF-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5	150	1.3 U	1.9	44	960
42	RF-SE-57-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.5	150	2	2.2	44	1,000
42	RF-SE-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	32	162	< LOD : 14.74	< LOD : 232.33	< LOD : 290.94	894
42	RF-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.73	134	< LOD : 15.51	< LOD : 238.07	< LOD : 285.28	992
42	RF-SE-28-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	146	< LOD : 16.13	< LOD : 237.47	< LOD : 281.87	952
42	RF-SE-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	144	< LOD : 15.45	< LOD : 242.94	< LOD : 295.35	913
42	RF-SE-50-BA	Niton LLC XLi	22	< LOD : 128.99	< LOD : 15.87	< LOD : 242.52	< LOD : 290.04	910

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
43	RF-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	120	6.2	72	820	23,000	390
43	RF-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	130 J+	6.5 J+	74 J+	860 J+	24,000 J+	410 J+
43	RF-SE-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	120	5.1	64	770	20,000	330
43	RF-SE-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	130	5.7	68	840	22,000	350
43	RF-SE-59-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	140	5.9	73	890	23,000	380
43	RF-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.53	152	< LOD : 42.51	< LOD : 214.61	1,002	25,677	430
43	RF-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.87	139	< LOD : 40.85	< LOD : 205.97	903	26,443	395
43	RF-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.13	157	< LOD : 44.42	< LOD : 213.30	827	24,200	384
43	RF-SE-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 47.27	163	< LOD : 39.59	< LOD : 210.68	936	24,558	395
43	RF-SE-54-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.81	115	< LOD : 37.20	< LOD : 204.35	977	25,394	450
44	RF-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.1 J+	160	9.1	69	1,000	26,000	450
44	RF-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.2 J+	140	8.4	64	990	23,000	440
44	RF-SE-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.9 J+	160	9.3	73	1,100	26,000	490
44	RF-SE-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.7 J+	140	8.2	64	970	24,000	420
44	RF-SE-56-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.5 J+	180	9.6	75	1200	27,000	490
44	RF-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.76	155	< LOD : 43.33	< LOD : 216.85	1,133	26,901	462
44	RF-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.62	170	< LOD : 44.01	< LOD : 231.49	1,053	26,425	412
44	RF-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 44.97	118	< LOD : 37.86	< LOD : 212.98	1,251	27,894	473
44	RF-SE-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 42.43	146	< LOD : 43.05	< LOD : 225.96	1,181	27,221	492
44	RF-SE-59-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.13	128	< LOD : 42.28	< LOD : 225.64	1,214	27,697	486
45	RF-SE-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.2 J+	230	12	42	1,500	27,000	730
45	RF-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.4 J+	260	12	47	1,700	30,000	800
45	RF-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.7 J+	250	13	48	1,700	30,000	800
45	RF-SE-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.9 J+	210	10	39	1,400	24,000	660
45	RF-SE-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.4 J+	220	11	42	1,500	26,000	720
45	RF-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 50.53	232	< LOD : 44.02	< LOD : 229.77	1,724	29,392	706
45	RF-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.40	221	< LOD : 48.07	< LOD : 231.52	1,470	28,183	727
45	RF-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 46.37	206	< LOD : 46.30	< LOD : 206.02	1,553	29,234	769
45	RF-SE-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.89	223	< LOD : 41.01	< LOD : 218.27	1,538	27,367	679
45	RF-SE-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.15	233	< LOD : 38.86	< LOD : 222.64	1,494	28,127	700
46	BN-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	4 J-	2,900	720	820	120	23,000	56
46	BN-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.5 J-	2,800	690	800	120	22,000	51
46	BN-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 UJ	2,800	700	800	120	23,000	52
46	BN-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 70.02	3,307	860	683	267	27,241	71
46	BN-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 70.79	3,291	839	541	< LOD : 146.04	27,683	80
46	BN-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 70.95	3,266	875	835	< LOD : 141.72	28,450	58

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
43	RF-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6	160	1.4	3.6	45	1,300
43	RF-SE-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.3	170 J+	1.3 U	3.8 J+	46 J+	1,400 J-
43	RF-SE-32-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.8	140	1.3 U	4.2	36	1,100
43	RF-SE-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.7	150	1.3 U	4	40	1,200
43	RF-SE-59-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.085 U	160	1.3 U	4.5	42	1,300
43	RF-SE-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	26	240	< LOD : 16.71	< LOD : 239.21	< LOD : 290.62	1,307
43	RF-SE-16-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.18	197	< LOD : 16.19	< LOD : 237.49	< LOD : 295.19	1,312
43	RF-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.76	< LOD : 131.30	< LOD : 16.22	< LOD : 232.78	< LOD : 287.85	1,248
43	RF-SE-35-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	188	< LOD : 15.61	< LOD : 240.34	< LOD : 286.76	1,216
43	RF-SE-54-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.94	147	< LOD : 16.61	< LOD : 223.66	< LOD : 287.03	1,279
44	RF-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6	150	3.1	7.4 J-	48	1,800
44	RF-SE-26-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5	140	2.8	7.2 J-	42	1,700
44	RF-SE-39-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.2	150	2.6	8.2 J-	49	1,900
44	RF-SE-44-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.3	140	2.4	7.2 J-	44	1,600
44	RF-SE-56-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.2	160	1.8	8.3 J-	51	1,900
44	RF-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.02	< LOD : 132.09	< LOD : 16.41	< LOD : 240.64	< LOD : 286.29	1,585
44	RF-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.59	171	< LOD : 16.01	< LOD : 231.59	< LOD : 286.09	1,531
44	RF-SE-20-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.44	< LOD : 133.12	< LOD : 16.19	< LOD : 238.92	< LOD : 289.92	1,738
44	RF-SE-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	23	178	21	< LOD : 238.89	< LOD : 291.48	1,715
44	RF-SE-59-BA	Niton LLC XLi	27	179	< LOD : 16.11	< LOD : 235.58	< LOD : 288.78	1,741
45	RF-SE-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.2	130	2.8	12 J-	46	2,400
45	RF-SE-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.7	140	3	13 J-	51	2,600
45	RF-SE-19-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.9	140	4.1	14 J-	52	2,700
45	RF-SE-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.5	120	1.9	10 J-	42	2,200
45	RF-SE-52-XX	Reference Laboratory	4.1	130	2	11 J-	47	2,300
45	RF-SE-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	34	188	< LOD : 17.07	< LOD : 239.75	< LOD : 292.11	2,270
45	RF-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	34	158	< LOD : 17.58	< LOD : 240.40	< LOD : 297.34	2,170
45	RF-SE-19-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	165	< LOD : 16.41	< LOD : 235.01	< LOD : 290.61	2,317
45	RF-SE-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	25	175	23	< LOD : 232.71	< LOD : 296.85	2,113
45	RF-SE-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	35	< LOD : 132.56	< LOD : 16.93	< LOD : 230.42	< LOD : 294.93	2,160
46	BN-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	24 J-	2,900	140	140 J-	150	3,900
46	BN-SO-14-XX	Reference Laboratory	26	2,800	130	140 J-	150	3,800
46	BN-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	31	2,800	130	130 J-	150	3,800
46	BN-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.38	2,955	119	< LOD : 253.24	< LOD : 301.67	4,285
46	BN-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.02	3,235	128	< LOD : 244.52	< LOD : 307.24	4,409
46	BN-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.87	2,906	136	< LOD : 247.63	315	4,277



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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
47	BN-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	750 J-	97	2,700	2,900	100	22,000	4,700
47	BN-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	750 J-	89	2,600	2,800	96	21,000	4,500
47	BN-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	810 J-	97	2,900	3,000	100	23,000	4,900
47	BN-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,304	< LOD : 167.53	3,256	1,996	< LOD : 137.79	26,810	4,767
47	BN-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,318	< LOD : 168.44	3,370	1,846	< LOD : 139.79	27,591	4,750
47	BN-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,421	< LOD : 167.33	3,091	1,768	< LOD : 139.74	25,463	4,686
48	SB-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	9	0.51 U	130	120	35,000	19
48	SB-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	11	0.51 U	170	150	44,000	24
48	SB-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 UJ	8 J-	0.51 U	140	130	38,000	21
48	SB-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.72	< LOD : 24.97	< LOD : 40.36	< LOD : 232.78	< LOD : 132.83	38,139	< LOD : 25.33
48	SB-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.61	< LOD : 24.64	< LOD : 39.09	< LOD : 230.01	135	38,295	< LOD : 26.15
48	SB-SO-56-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.02	< LOD : 24.06	< LOD : 41.62	< LOD : 246.49	205	39,084	< LOD : 25.84
49	SB-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	9	0.5 U	140	130	41,000	19
49	SB-SO-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	8	0.5 U	120	100	33,000	15
49	SB-SO-56-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	0.5 U	150	140	42,000	20
49	SB-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.47	< LOD : 25.98	< LOD : 38.50	< LOD : 242.38	176	38,808	< LOD : 30.10
49	SB-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.17	< LOD : 26.98	< LOD : 39.89	257	< LOD : 123.90	40,607	< LOD : 31.78
49	SB-SO-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.32	< LOD : 27.93	< LOD : 46.82	< LOD : 229.73	168	39,680	< LOD : 30.89
50	SB-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	940	13	2,800	2,800	100	38,000	21
50	SB-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	980	12	2,500	2,500	91	34,000	18
50	SB-SO-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	700	12	2,500	2,400	89	33,000	18
50	SB-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,826	< LOD : 30.84	3,421	1,942	234	36,967	< LOD : 38.39
50	SB-SO-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,894	< LOD : 31.32	3,482	1,991	< LOD : 135.08	36,227	< LOD : 39.61
50	SB-SO-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,803	< LOD : 30.39	3,398	1,853	< LOD : 132.52	37,272	< LOD : 39.17
51	WS-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.8	53	1.9	640	4,400	25,000	1,700
51	WS-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	46	1.4	570	3,900	19,000	1,500
51	WS-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	59	3.1	730	4,900	24,000	1,900
51	WS-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 45.47	153	< LOD : 43.62	510	5,757	30,270	1,997
51	WS-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.73	< LOD : 106.08	< LOD : 45.74	610	5,671	28,882	2,044
51	WS-SO-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 48.01	< LOD : 107.10	< LOD : 44.54	536	5,618	29,849	2,075

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
47	BN-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.39	1,500	290	100 J-	340	81
47	BN-SO-12-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.34	1,400	290	210 J-	310	74
47	BN-SO-24-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.37	1,600	300	140 J-	350	81
47	BN-SO-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.96	1,378	303	407	379	134
47	BN-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.66	1,407	285	371	< LOD : 313.44	< LOD : 90.40
47	BN-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 23.34	1,414	293	402	491	123
48	SB-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	30	2900	26	160 J-	120	3,600
48	SB-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	10	3700	30	140 J-	160	4,500
48	SB-SO-31-XX	Reference Laboratory	32	3200 J-	28 J-	160 J-	140	3,900 J-
48	SB-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	27	2,873	23	< LOD : 255.43	< LOD : 313.03	3,763
48	SB-SO-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.55	2,970	31	< LOD : 253.13	< LOD : 316.29	3,789
48	SB-SO-56-BA	Niton LLC XLi	29	2,735	24	411	< LOD : 314.30	3,681
49	SB-SO-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.9 J	200	160	1.2 UJ	400	3,900
49	SB-SO-36-XX	Reference Laboratory	36	160	130	1.2 UJ	320	3,200
49	SB-SO-56-XX	Reference Laboratory	9	210	160	1.2 UJ	410	4,100
49	SB-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	237	135	< LOD : 239.56	534	3,891
49	SB-SO-34-BA	Niton LLC XLi	36	237	135	< LOD : 240.59	578	4,044
49	SB-SO-42-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.20	264	149	< LOD : 247.57	583	4,033
50	SB-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	40	3,300	390	1.3 UJ	58	86
50	SB-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	36	3,000	360	1.3 UJ	52	77
50	SB-SO-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	36	2,800	330	1.2 UJ	52	72
50	SB-SO-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	3,054	329	< LOD : 260.83	< LOD : 311.45	120
50	SB-SO-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	30	3,140	339	< LOD : 257.80	< LOD : 306.08	< LOD : 84.08
50	SB-SO-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.88	2,815	327	< LOD : 260.43	< LOD : 307.45	< LOD : 83.73
51	WS-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.26	260	1.2 U	400 J-	48	180
51	WS-SO-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.27	240	1.2 U	340 J-	43	160
51	WS-SO-25-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.25	300	1.2 U	450 J-	54	200
51	WS-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.42	314	< LOD : 17.25	518	< LOD : 301.59	228
51	WS-SO-15-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.39	270	< LOD : 18.25	388	< LOD : 302.03	199
51	WS-SO-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.98	339	< LOD : 17.76	460	< LOD : 292.92	178

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
52	WS-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	83	1.8	67	76	19,000	1,900
52	WS-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	100	1.9	81	90	23,000	2,300
52	WS-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	110	2.1	82	96	23,000	2,500
52	WS-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 51.95	< LOD : 121.27	< LOD : 41.19	< LOD : 230.01	154	28,776	2,731
52	WS-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.89	155	< LOD : 41.52	< LOD : 218.07	126	28,947	2,683
52	WS-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.67	177	< LOD : 46.21	< LOD : 216.17	< LOD : 119.85	27,997	2,604
53	AS-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	14	1,300	33	6,200	15,000	160
53	AS-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	9	900	23	4,500	11,000	110
53	AS-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	10	930	24	4,600	11,000	120
53	AS-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 80.66	< LOD : 38.39	1,507	< LOD : 192.73	5,826	17,098	160
53	AS-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 77.15	< LOD : 38.21	1,345	< LOD : 191.07	5,464	20,800	176
53	AS-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 80.22	< LOD : 38.12	1,441	< LOD : 210.24	6,013	17,388	167
54	LV-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.6	42	590	600	130	24,000	94
54	LV-SO-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.7	42	580	590	130	24,000	92
54	LV-SO-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	7.4	43	600	610	130	25,000	98
54	LV-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 70.76	45	776	634	230	38,209	138
54	LV-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 66.77	75	661	506	< LOD : 139.25	37,093	123
54	LV-SO-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 67.21	49	734	698	187	36,503	104
55	LV-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	860	120	2,400	2,300	98	22,000	4,000
55	LV-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	870 J-	110 J-	2,300 J-	2,200 J-	87	20,000 J-	3,700 J-
55	LV-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	590	84	1,700	1,600	66	16,000	2,800
55	LV-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,128	< LOD : 182.39	3,290	2,210	162	39,070	5,264
55	LV-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,103	251	2,880	1,951	194	36,633	4,958
55	LV-SO-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	2,414	< LOD : 181.20	3,187	2,034	189	38,077	5,190
56	CN-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	22	87	63	17	72	15,000	130
56	CN-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	20	91	64	18	74	16,000	130
56	CN-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	20	90	63	19	72	17,000	130
56	CN-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	72	123	58	< LOD : 223.76	< LOD : 121.81	26,027	187
56	CN-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.50	118	94	< LOD : 208.84	< LOD : 117.71	24,056	193
56	CN-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	70	107	118	< LOD : 223.66	164	24,161	221

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Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
52	WS-SO-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.058 U	290	280	1.3 UJ	260	1,900
52	WS-SO-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.06 U	350	340	1.3 UJ	320	2,300
52	WS-SO-23-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.05 U	380	360	1.3 UJ	330	2,500
52	WS-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.62	395	319	< LOD : 262.32	512	2,971
52	WS-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.76	367	318	< LOD : 259.32	521	2,833
52	WS-SO-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.94	338	316	< LOD : 258.77	553	2,741
53	AS-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	3.7 J-	520	200	480 J-	29	350
53	AS-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 J-	370	140	330 J-	23	250
53	AS-SO-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.5 J-	380	140	280 J-	23	260
53	AS-SO-04-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 18.80	465	172	409	< LOD : 286.34	322
53	AS-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.48	452	152	500	< LOD : 291.96	303
53	AS-SO-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 19.27	512	164	474	< LOD : 297.41	350
54	LV-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	48 J-	2,000	120	210 J-	120	3,700
54	LV-SO-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	46 J-	1,900	120	210 J-	120	3,700
54	LV-SO-49-XX	Reference Laboratory	52 J-	2,000	120	220 J-	120	3,800
54	LV-SO-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	36	2,221	130	274	< LOD : 342.33	4,519
54	LV-SO-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	45	2,293	120	< LOD : 256.69	< LOD : 338.50	4,566
54	LV-SO-40-BA	Niton LLC XLi	38	2,125	116	340	< LOD : 333.31	4,565
55	LV-SO-04-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J-	2,000	230	1.2 UJ	260	53
55	LV-SO-34-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J-	1,900 J-	220 J-	1.2 UJ	230 J-	48 J-
55	LV-SO-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	130 J-	1,400	170	1.2 U	180	37
55	LV-SO-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	72	2,461	250	< LOD : 261.75	345	116
55	LV-SO-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	85	2,365	267	< LOD : 268.90	< LOD : 339.05	105
55	LV-SO-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	64	2,502	251	< LOD : 274.27	< LOD : 328.69	132
56	CN-SO-03-XX	Reference Laboratory	34 J-	74	36	90	30	58
56	CN-SO-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	40 J-	76	38	94	32	59
56	CN-SO-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	36 J-	75	37	91	33	58
56	CN-SO-03-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	< LOD : 131.72	35	< LOD : 230.21	< LOD : 294.78	< LOD : 85.33
56	CN-SO-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	22	< LOD : 136.13	46	< LOD : 234.47	< LOD : 293.32	< LOD : 79.82
56	CN-SO-07-BA	Niton LLC XLi	31	175	46	< LOD : 231.44	< LOD : 305.61	< LOD : 80.67

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
57	CN-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	230	19	820	290	140	22,000	490
57	CN-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	130	6	630	26	160	23,000	25
57	CN-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	120	6	580	21	140	19,000	23
57	CN-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	386	< LOD : 30.58	722	< LOD : 218.86	219	27,241	45
57	CN-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	441	< LOD : 32.88	700	< LOD : 237.48	251	27,809	63
57	CN-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	443	< LOD : 32.15	557	< LOD : 237.01	184	27,378	54
58	LV-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	30	23	160	540	30	18,000	1,600
58	LV-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	31	24	160	540	30	18,000	1,600
58	LV-SE-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	30	21	150	480	26	16,000	1,500
58	LV-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	138	< LOD : 108.91	245	461	< LOD : 121.36	28,974	2,100
58	LV-SE-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	150	< LOD : 107.85	232	569	< LOD : 126.44	29,206	2,036
58	LV-SE-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	145	< LOD : 106.71	217	568	< LOD : 122.85	28,171	2,044
59	LV-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	92	20	440	840	39	16,000	14
59	LV-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	140 J+	31	680	1,400	60	22,000	21
59	LV-SE-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	160 J+	24	550	1,100	47	19,000	17
59	LV-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	537	46	669	810	< LOD : 121.94	29,454	< LOD : 41.75
59	LV-SE-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	411	< LOD : 34.36	686	1,082	< LOD : 126.29	28,806	< LOD : 42.44
59	LV-SE-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	436	39	692	920	< LOD : 127.08	29,665	< LOD : 42.47
60	LV-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	290 J+	32	1,300	83	2,300	22,000	18
60	LV-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	280 J+	31	1,300	79	2,200	21,000	17 J-
60	LV-SE-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	210 J+	26	1,100	72	2,000	19,000	15
60	LV-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	767	50	1,379	< LOD : 223.89	2,133	27,758	< LOD : 29.29
60	LV-SE-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	794	< LOD : 30.60	1,558	< LOD : 235.22	2,327	29,438	31
60	LV-SE-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	742	39	1,396	< LOD : 220.89	2,240	29,245	< LOD : 31.20
61	TL-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	100 J+	34	0.34 J	40	4,900	24,000	1,200
61	TL-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	100 J+	33	0.24 J	39	4,800	23,000	1,200
61	TL-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	95 J+	31	0.45 J	36 J+	4,400 J+	22,000 J+	1,100 J+
61	TL-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	602	< LOD : 88.89	< LOD : 42.65	< LOD : 256.03	4,311	33,277	1,188
61	TL-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	613	< LOD : 88.20	< LOD : 43.61	< LOD : 252.19	4,248	32,343	1,171
61	TL-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	545	< LOD : 88.22	< LOD : 40.14	< LOD : 250.30	4,254	33,429	1,231

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
57	CN-SO-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	270 J-	530	190	68	160	1,900
57	CN-SO-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	280 J-	360	190	78	160	2,200
57	CN-SO-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	260 J-	330	170	74	140	2,100
57	CN-SO-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	81	295	151	< LOD : 251.13	< LOD : 309.18	2,325
57	CN-SO-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	92	344	152	< LOD : 245.60	< LOD : 315.11	2,370
57	CN-SO-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	93	272	153	< LOD : 237.91	< LOD : 307.88	2,168
58	LV-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	610 J-	360	160	110	480	52
58	LV-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	640 J-	360	160	110	470	51
58	LV-SE-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	610 J-	320	150	99	420	46
58	LV-SE-12-BA	Niton LLC XLi	198	297	163	< LOD : 249.32	916	< LOD : 87.61
58	LV-SE-36-BA	Niton LLC XLi	205	461	164	< LOD : 261.11	946	95
58	LV-SE-52-BA	Niton LLC XLi	189	442	157	< LOD : 256.94	801	< LOD : 84.49
59	LV-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6 J-	400	340	49	340	1,800
59	LV-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.8	660	500	75 J-	530	2,800
59	LV-SE-43-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.8	530	420	60 J-	430	2,300
59	LV-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	29	610	399	< LOD : 248.31	1,051	2,487
59	LV-SE-33-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 21.65	509	398	< LOD : 256.44	627	2,614
59	LV-SE-38-BA	Niton LLC XLi	28	579	394	< LOD : 257.86	870	2,612
60	LV-SE-15-XX	Reference Laboratory	500	230	92	300 J-	180	62
60	LV-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	490	220	89	200 J-	170	58
60	LV-SE-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	470	200	76	250 J-	160	54
60	LV-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	157	< LOD : 137.56	82	553	< LOD : 321.00	< LOD : 91.21
60	LV-SE-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	171	244	71	406	368	< LOD : 94.81
60	LV-SE-44-BA	Niton LLC XLi	146	179	81	359	< LOD : 321.61	108
61	TL-SE-05-XX	Reference Laboratory	980	54	130	180 J-	66	100
61	TL-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	820	53	130	170 J-	63	100
61	TL-SE-13-XX	Reference Laboratory	990	49	120	160 J	59 J+	96
61	TL-SE-01-BA	Niton LLC XLi	232	< LOD : 147.08	99	< LOD : 269.35	< LOD : 309.31	135
61	TL-SE-11-BA	Niton LLC XLi	224	< LOD : 146.68	120	< LOD : 263.67	< LOD : 305.74	< LOD : 107.52
61	TL-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	248	< LOD : 144.87	103	< LOD : 250.60	< LOD : 301.32	< LOD : 107.35

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
62	TL-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	86	350	34	2000	22,000	1,700
62	TL-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	85	340	33	2100	21,000	1,700
62	TL-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.2 U	89	360	34	2100	22,000	1,700
62	TL-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 64.70	< LOD : 109.14	354	< LOD : 233.09	1,994	30,635	1,910
62	TL-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 63.48	< LOD : 107.19	463	< LOD : 240.67	2,169	31,468	1,884
62	TL-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 60.89	< LOD : 109.40	400	< LOD : 257.14	2,177	30,789	1,933
63	TL-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	30	11	48	66	2200	37,000	13
63	TL-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	33	13	51	73	2300	44,000	15
63	TL-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	31	11	47	64	2200	36,000	14
63	TL-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	204	< LOD : 32.71	< LOD : 60.65	< LOD : 303.24	2,235	78,200	< LOD : 35.21
63	TL-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	214	< LOD : 32.68	61	< LOD : 321.91	2,421	77,100	< LOD : 36.71
63	TL-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	170	< LOD : 31.73	104	< LOD : 328.90	2,565	74,900	< LOD : 34.19
64	TL-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	77	15	160	64	3,100	32,000	12
64	TL-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	66	10	180	74	3,200	45,000	11
64	TL-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	73	15	170	69	3,100	38,000	13
64	TL-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	522	< LOD : 32.74	209	< LOD : 332.68	3,195	72,900	< LOD : 33.91
64	TL-SE-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	485	< LOD : 32.88	198	< LOD : 327.11	3,406	76,600	39
64	TL-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	484	< LOD : 30.65	177	< LOD : 326.70	3,420	80,173	< LOD : 30.65
65	RF-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	12	230	40	280	63	14,000	22
65	RF-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	10	260	45	310	71	16,000	26
65	RF-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	240	43	300	72	15,000	25
65	RF-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	250	43	300	67	15,000	26
65	RF-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	13	280	49	330	75	17,000	26
65	RF-SE-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	11	260	45	320	72	16,000	27
65	RF-SE-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	8.9	230	40	280	65	14,000	23
65	RF-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.48	270	54	< LOD : 210.90	< LOD : 109.40	16,976	43
65	RF-SE-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	59	266	54	320	128	17,668	57
65	RF-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 56.80	323	72	297	< LOD : 113.09	17,685	39
65	RF-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 52.96	302	54	421	153	17,928	32
65	RF-SE-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 49.44	323	< LOD : 45.29	244	119	17,952	34
65	RF-SE-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 54.05	298	< LOD : 49.92	235	< LOD : 115.15	17,731	51
65	RF-SE-57-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 55.96	296	< LOD : 46.50	276	< LOD : 111.03	17,311	< LOD : 25.02

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
62	TL-SE-06-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.2	44	45	56	78	83
62	TL-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.6	43	44	56	78	81
62	TL-SE-28-XX	Reference Laboratory	2.8	44	45	57	81	83
62	TL-SE-02-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.02	< LOD : 141.14	43	< LOD : 259.43	< LOD : 311.90	118
62	TL-SE-08-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.53	< LOD : 141.36	41	< LOD : 248.92	< LOD : 307.06	115
62	TL-SE-22-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 22.13	< LOD : 146.51	41	< LOD : 255.04	< LOD : 304.84	140
63	TL-SE-07-XX	Reference Laboratory	40	94	120	63	110	160
63	TL-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	120	100	140	67	120	170
63	TL-SE-30-XX	Reference Laboratory	100	93	120	62	100	160
63	TL-SE-14-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 25.29	< LOD : 167.20	132	< LOD : 271.97	< LOD : 319.50	149
63	TL-SE-18-BA	Niton LLC XLi	27	182	135	< LOD : 262.62	< LOD : 328.53	164
63	TL-SE-27-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 25.06	< LOD : 170.17	133	< LOD : 274.14	< LOD : 324.91	198
64	TL-SE-02-XX	Reference Laboratory	400	99	44	120	110	160
64	TL-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	350	100	39	130	120	170
64	TL-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	420	100	44	120	110	160
64	TL-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	56	< LOD : 175.86	61	< LOD : 276.38	< LOD : 332.30	157
64	TL-SE-09-BA	Niton LLC XLi	62	< LOD : 174.55	59	< LOD : 277.67	< LOD : 333.29	171
64	TL-SE-17-BA	Niton LLC XLi	41	< LOD : 169.75	45	< LOD : 279.10	< LOD : 338.42	172
65	RF-SE-01-XX	Reference Laboratory	47	200	21	37	29	1,700
65	RF-SE-09-XX	Reference Laboratory	45	220	23	42	32	1,900
65	RF-SE-11-XX	Reference Laboratory	52	210	20	40	29	1,800
65	RF-SE-17-XX	Reference Laboratory	20	210	22	40	30	1,800
65	RF-SE-29-XX	Reference Laboratory	20	240	26	44	35	2,100
65	RF-SE-37-XX	Reference Laboratory	22	220	23	44	32	1,900
65	RF-SE-50-XX	Reference Laboratory	19	200	20	38	29	1,700
65	RF-SE-05-BA	Niton LLC XLi	54	141	23	< LOD : 235.49	< LOD : 289.18	2,039
65	RF-SE-21-BA	Niton LLC XLi	44	143	30	< LOD : 237.65	< LOD : 283.26	2,026
65	RF-SE-25-BA	Niton LLC XLi	37	261	20	< LOD : 246.36	< LOD : 279.78	1,911
65	RF-SE-31-BA	Niton LLC XLi	24	217	28	< LOD : 243.67	< LOD : 285.47	2,112
65	RF-SE-41-BA	Niton LLC XLi	41	226	21	< LOD : 238.68	< LOD : 288.25	2,079
65	RF-SE-47-BA	Niton LLC XLi	28	256	28	< LOD : 234.39	< LOD : 285.65	2,168
65	RF-SE-57-BA	Niton LLC XLi	39	197	32	< LOD : 241.10	< LOD : 284.52	2,033



**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Sb	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Fe	Pb
66	RF-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	14	460	67	510	1,800	18,000	580
66	RF-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	12	400	58	440	1,500	16,000	510
66	RF-SE-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	13	440	64	490	1,700	18,000	570
66	RF-SE-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	61	506	< LOD : 53.06	472	1,918	18,951	601
66	RF-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 59.02	495	83	305	1,880	19,221	580
66	RF-SE-56-BA	Niton LLC XLi	61	529	68	595	2,082	19,877	607
67	RF-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	85 J-	72 J-	310 J-	820 J-	73 J-	16,000 J-	24 J-
67	RF-SE-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	100	82	360	950	85	18,000	25
67	RF-SE-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	100	87	380	1,000	90	19,000	27
67	RF-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	296	93	420	723	196	19,187	< LOD : 24.48
67	RF-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	360	87	436	636	< LOD : 124.79	19,379	42
67	RF-SE-55-BA	Niton LLC XLi	268	102	379	834	< LOD : 121.14	18,917	32
68	RF-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	320	810	770	950	78	16,000	860
68	RF-SE-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	300	740	700	860	70	15,000	780
68	RF-SE-54-XX	Reference Laboratory	320	880	840	1,000	86	18,000	920
68	RF-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	874	885	934	642	< LOD : 117.88	18,270	970
68	RF-SE-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	888	826	947	758	< LOD : 117.54	17,609	878
68	RF-SE-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	866	943	1,064	895	140	18,566	960
69	RF-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	550	1300	540	94	93	20,000	28
69	RF-SE-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	270	590	240	44	40	8,900	13
69	RF-SE-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	480	1100	450	77	77	17,000	23
69	RF-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,285	1,308	631	< LOD : 209.35	124	20,224	< LOD : 38.29
69	RF-SE-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,151	1,247	548	< LOD : 206.44	< LOD : 119.86	20,295	< LOD : 37.88
69	RF-SE-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	1,161	1,266	615	< LOD : 209.35	146	20,669	< LOD : 37.26
70	RF-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	62	1,700	76	1,000	16,000	2,100
70	RF-SE-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	70	1,900	85	1,100	18,000	2,400
70	RF-SE-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	1.3 U	72	1,900	90	1,200	19,000	2,400
70	RF-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 101.84	< LOD : 119.79	2,254	< LOD : 231.39	1,186	20,662	2,534
70	RF-SE-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 103.44	138	2,252	< LOD : 230.26	1,272	20,923	2,488
70	RF-SE-58-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 102.18	< LOD : 118.56	2,296	< LOD : 220.68	1,347	21,658	2,530

**Appendix D. Analytical Data Summary, Niton XLi and Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

Blend No.	Sample ID	Source of Data	Hg	Ni	Se	Ag	V	Zn
66	RF-SE-08-XX	Reference Laboratory	29	250	42	0.39 U	120	120
66	RF-SE-10-XX	Reference Laboratory	27	220	39	0.34 U	100	110
66	RF-SE-33-XX	Reference Laboratory	28	240	41	0.33 U	120	130
66	RF-SE-13-BA	Niton LLC XLi	40	258	46	< LOD : 239.07	< LOD : 295.01	131
66	RF-SE-29-BA	Niton LLC XLi	49	295	51	< LOD : 239.32	< LOD : 301.55	135
66	RF-SE-56-BA	Niton LLC XLi	40	256	51	< LOD : 232.68	< LOD : 295.23	146
67	RF-SE-16-XX	Reference Laboratory	260	1,700 J-	1.2 U	130 J-	32 J-	760 J-
67	RF-SE-41-XX	Reference Laboratory	230	1,900	1.2 U	140	39	830
67	RF-SE-48-XX	Reference Laboratory	250	2,000	2.2	150	40	880
67	RF-SE-06-BA	Niton LLC XLi	102	1,764	< LOD : 15.00	< LOD : 257.37	< LOD : 279.98	857
67	RF-SE-26-BA	Niton LLC XLi	104	1,756	21	< LOD : 258.49	< LOD : 285.91	802
67	RF-SE-55-BA	Niton LLC XLi	87	1,753	< LOD : 15.45	< LOD : 243.81	< LOD : 285.75	817
68	RF-SE-18-XX	Reference Laboratory	600	390	140	140	390	120
68	RF-SE-35-XX	Reference Laboratory	650	350	140	150	340	110
68	RF-SE-54-XX	Reference Laboratory	670	420	160	180	410	120
68	RF-SE-24-BA	Niton LLC XLi	262	431	158	< LOD : 248.29	593	171
68	RF-SE-39-BA	Niton LLC XLi	241	341	142	< LOD : 241.97	514	154
68	RF-SE-46-BA	Niton LLC XLi	257	414	140	384	445	115
69	RF-SE-20-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.48	1,400	380	59	36	1,400
69	RF-SE-46-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.45	650	170	26	16	650
69	RF-SE-51-XX	Reference Laboratory	0.48	1,200	320	48	30	1,200
69	RF-SE-10-BA	Niton LLC XLi	< LOD : 20.41	1,295	320	< LOD : 260.60	< LOD : 284.26	1,341
69	RF-SE-37-BA	Niton LLC XLi	42	1,187	330	< LOD : 245.11	< LOD : 282.08	1,311
69	RF-SE-49-BA	Niton LLC XLi	29	1,316	331	< LOD : 254.19	< LOD : 285.58	1,316
70	RF-SE-21-XX	Reference Laboratory	320	220	440	120	130	100
70	RF-SE-40-XX	Reference Laboratory	280	250	480	100	150	120
70	RF-SE-47-XX	Reference Laboratory	320	250	510	120	150	120
70	RF-SE-30-BA	Niton LLC XLi	136	234	469	461	< LOD : 296.73	196
70	RF-SE-43-BA	Niton LLC XLi	137	295	480	351	< LOD : 299.11	138
70	RF-SE-58-BA	Niton LLC XLi	140	290	454	393	< LOD : 300.45	185

Notes:

All concentrations reported in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or parts per million (ppm).

J Estimated concentration

J+ Concentration is considered estimated and biased high

J- Concentration is considered estimated and biased low

U Analyte is not detected; the associated concentration value is the sample reporting limit.

**APPENDIX E**  
**STATISTICAL DATA SUMMARIES**

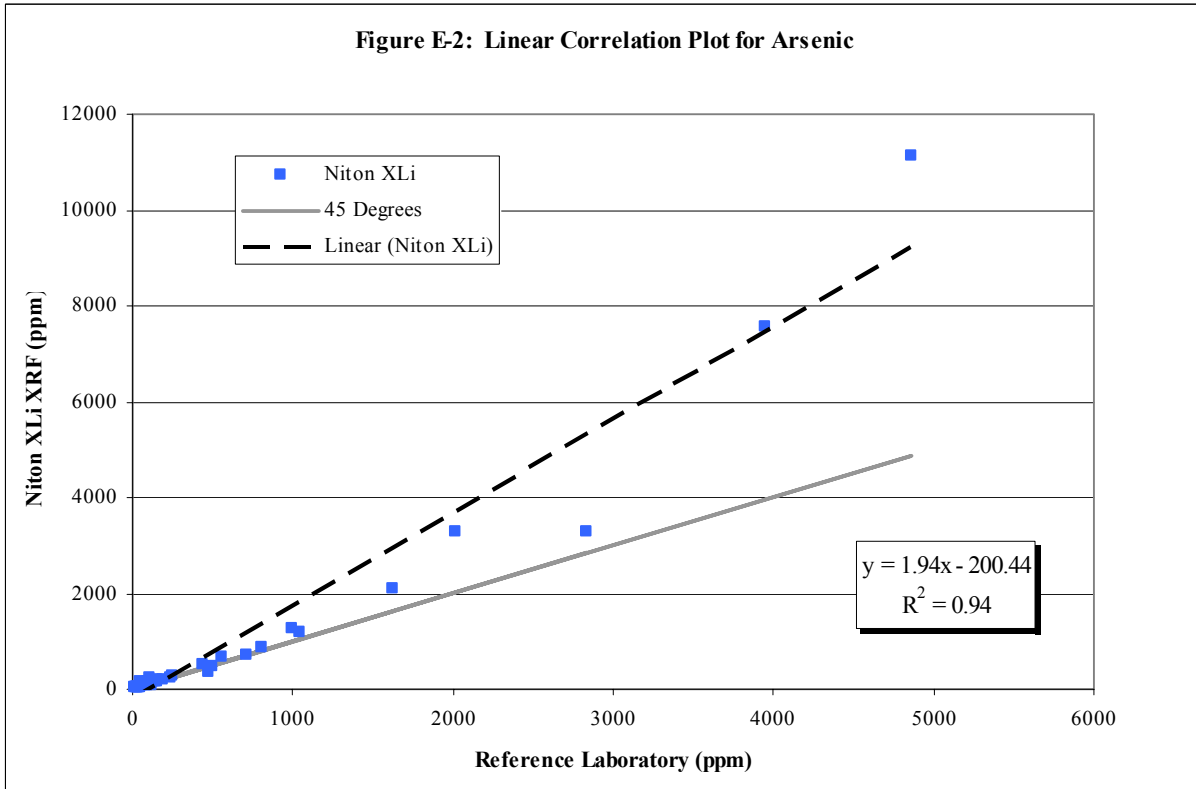
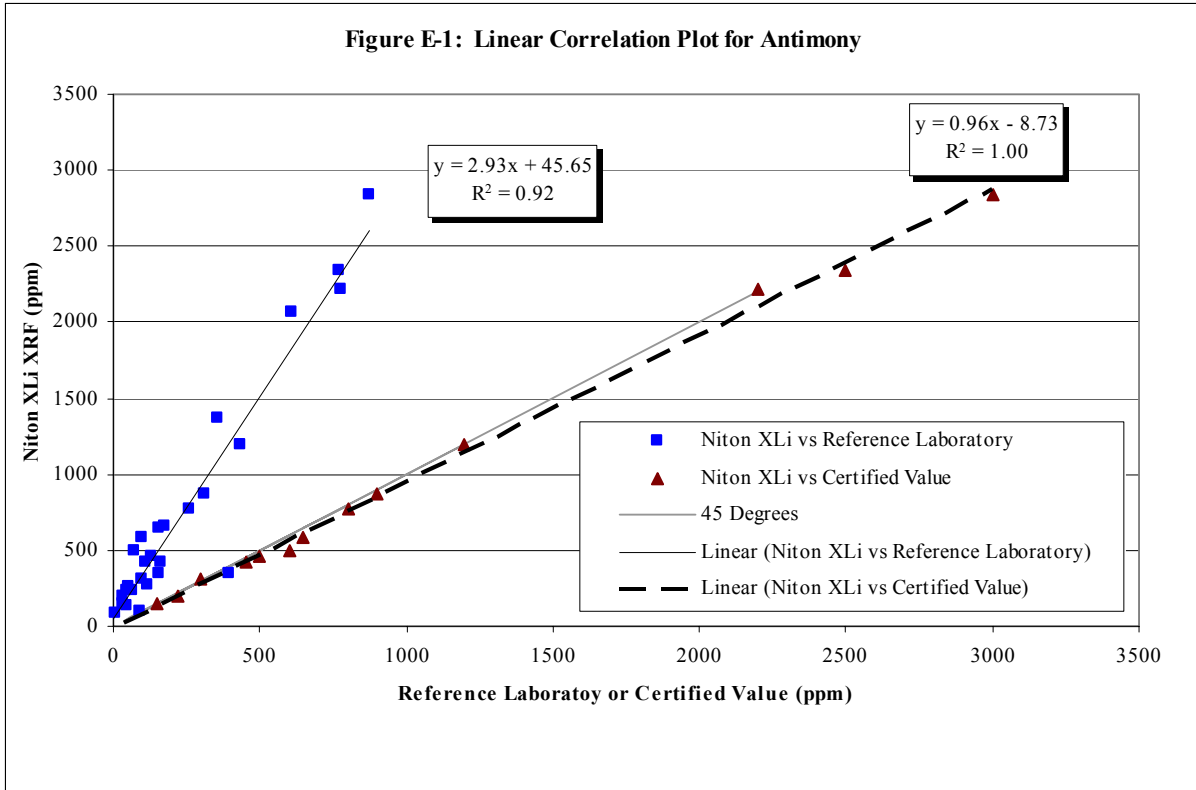


Figure E-3: Linear Correlation Plot for Cadmium

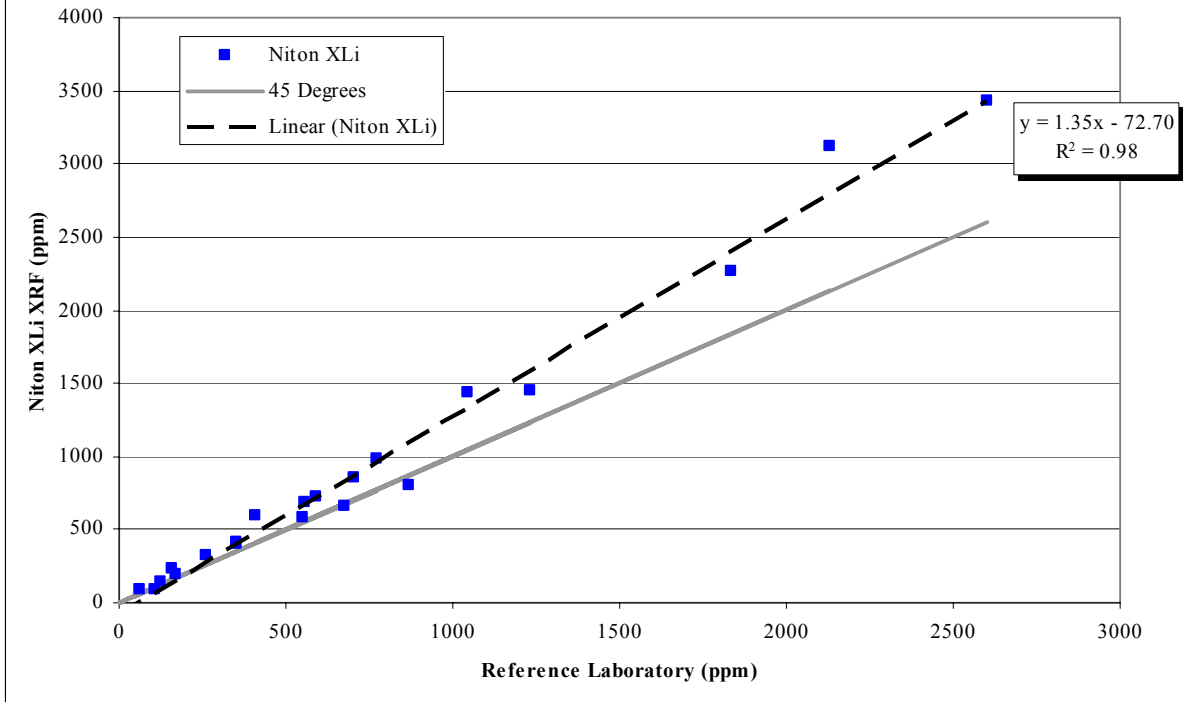


Figure E-4: Linear Correlation Plot for Chromium

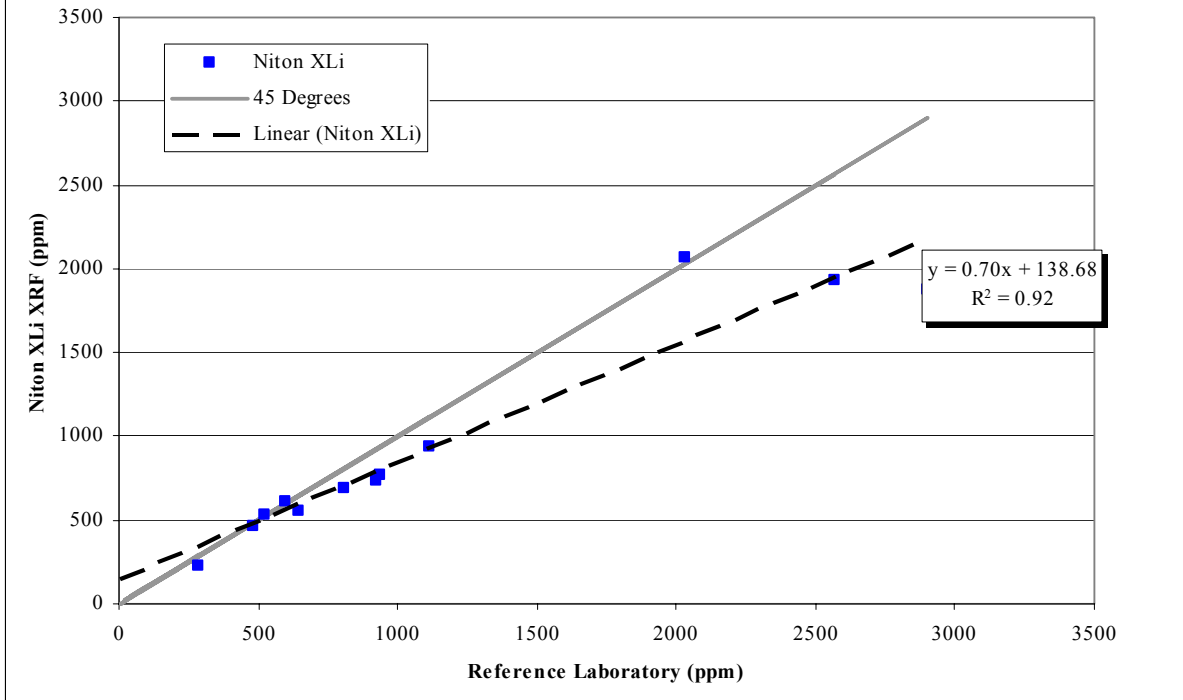


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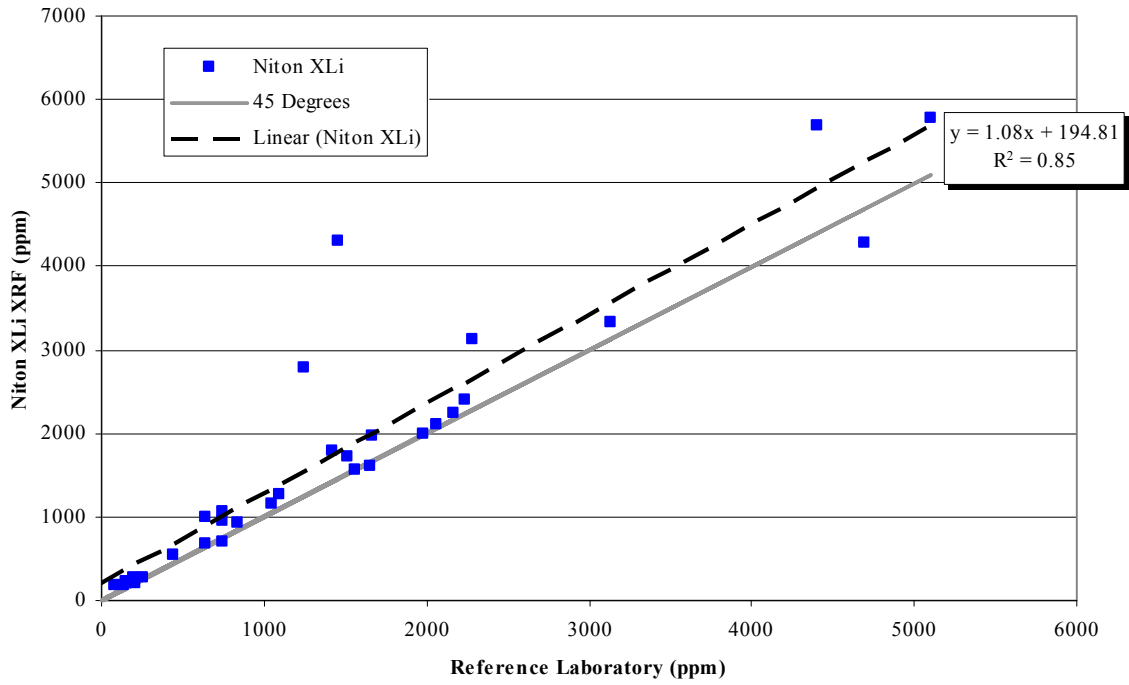


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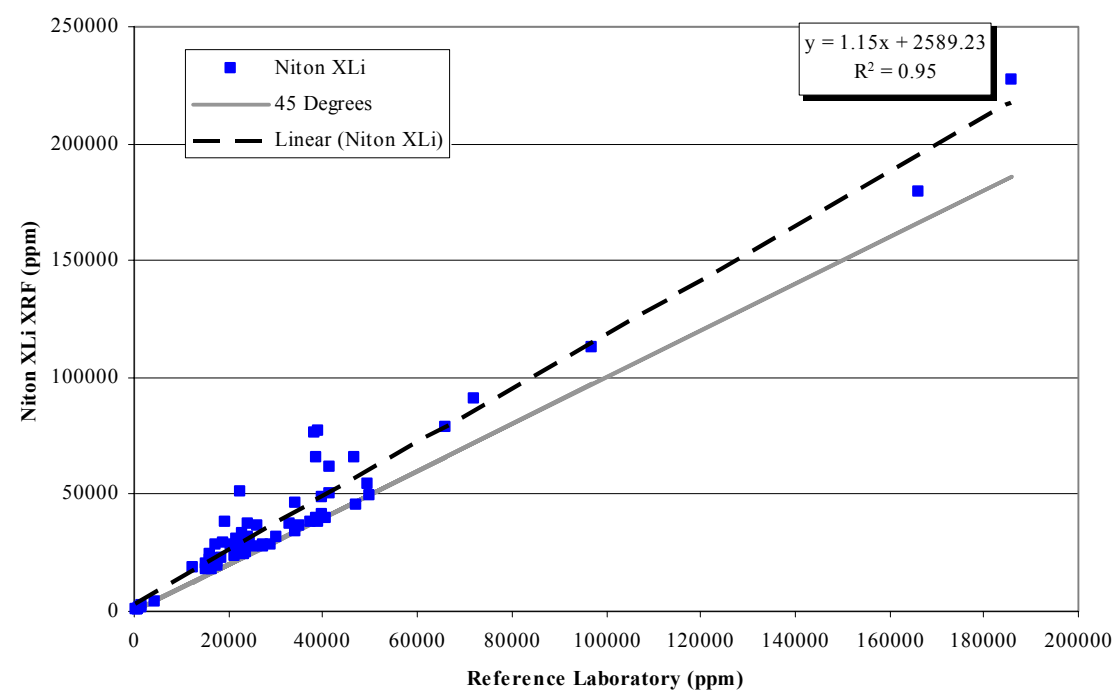


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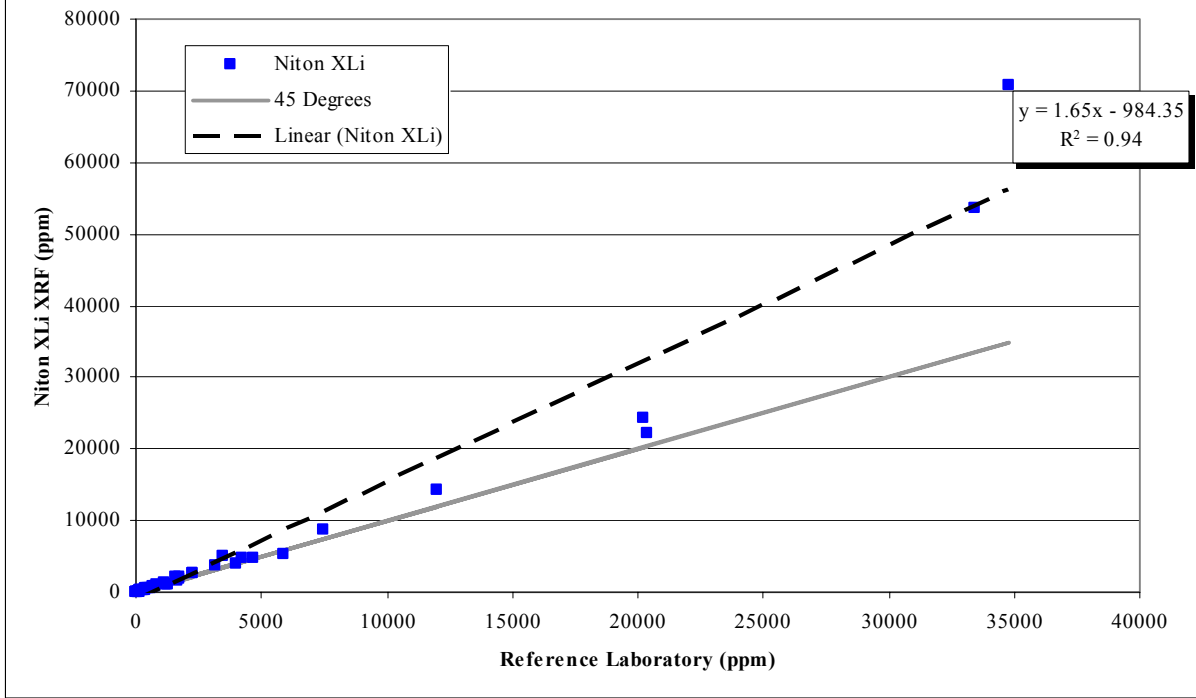


Figure E-8: Linear Correlation Plot for Mercury

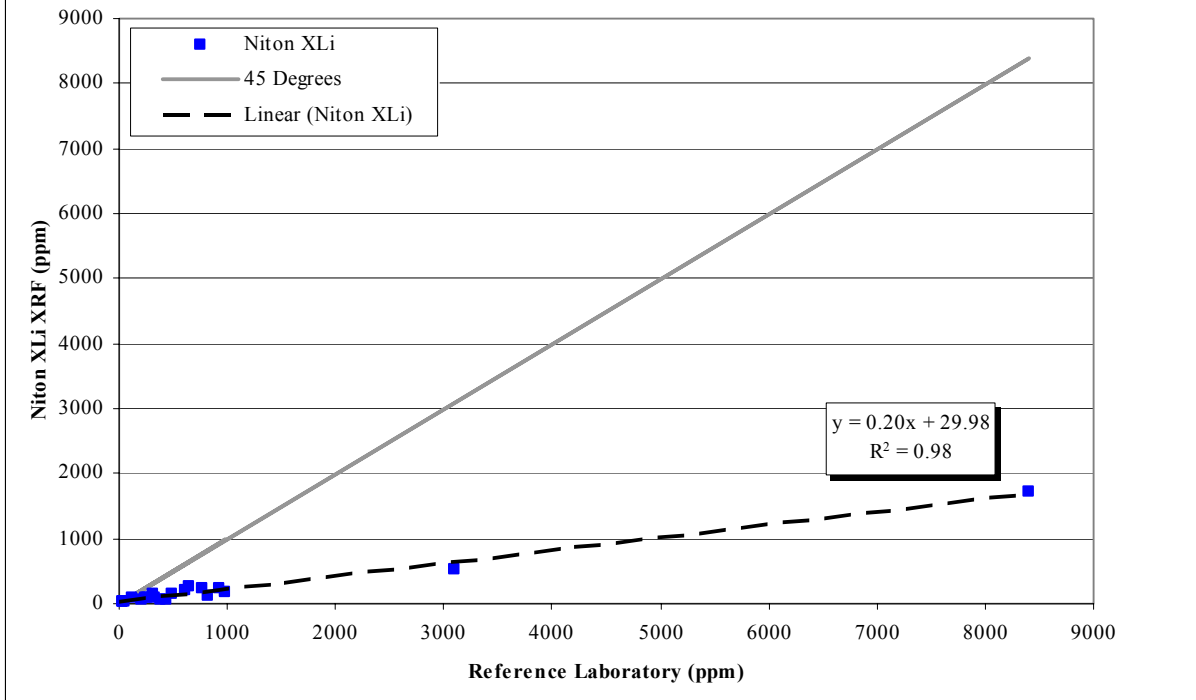


Figure E-9: Linear Correlation Plot for Nickel

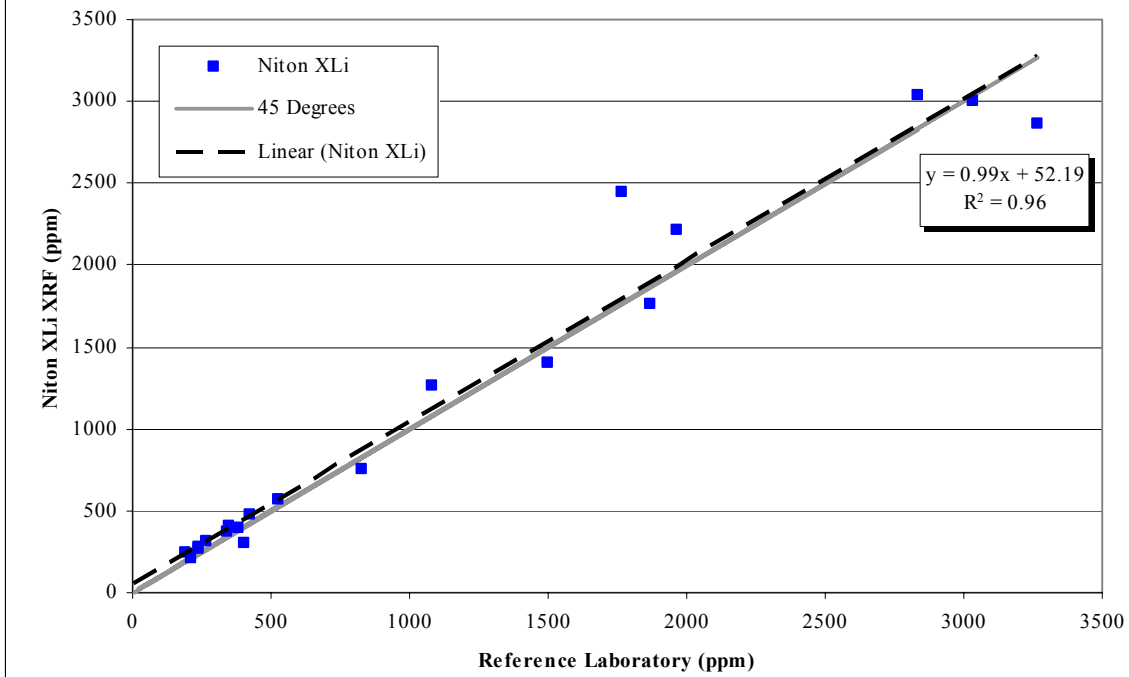
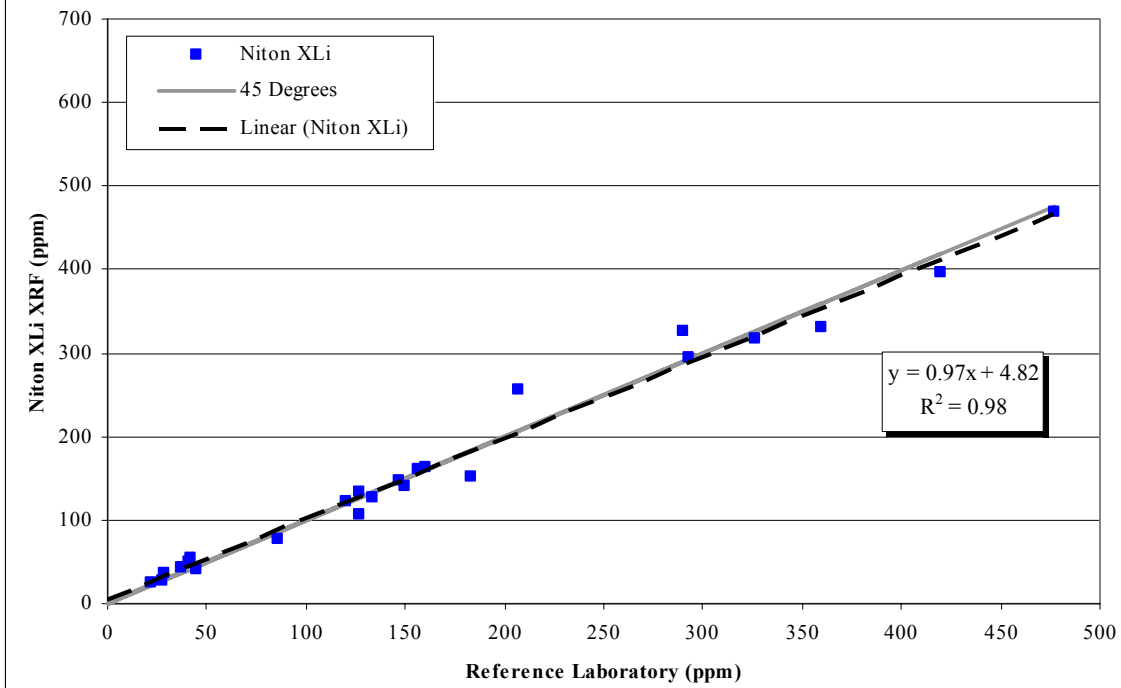


Figure E-10: Linear Correlation Plot for Selenium





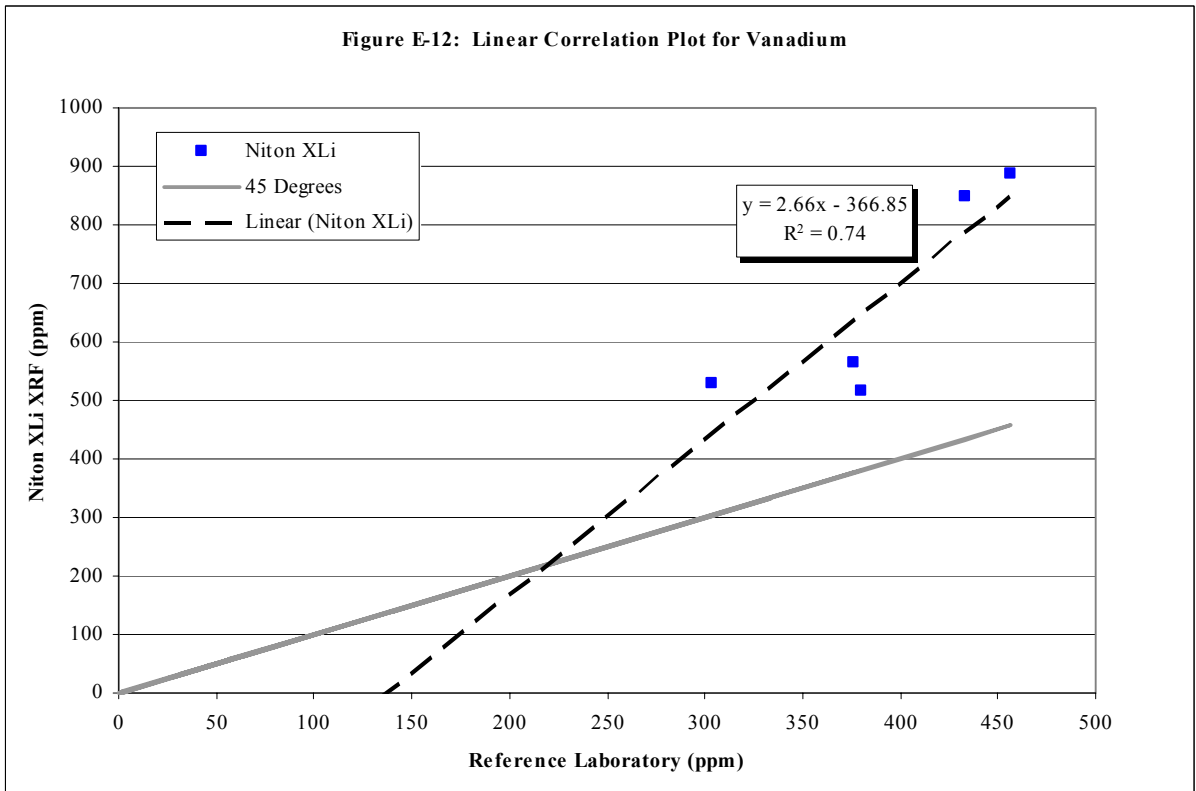
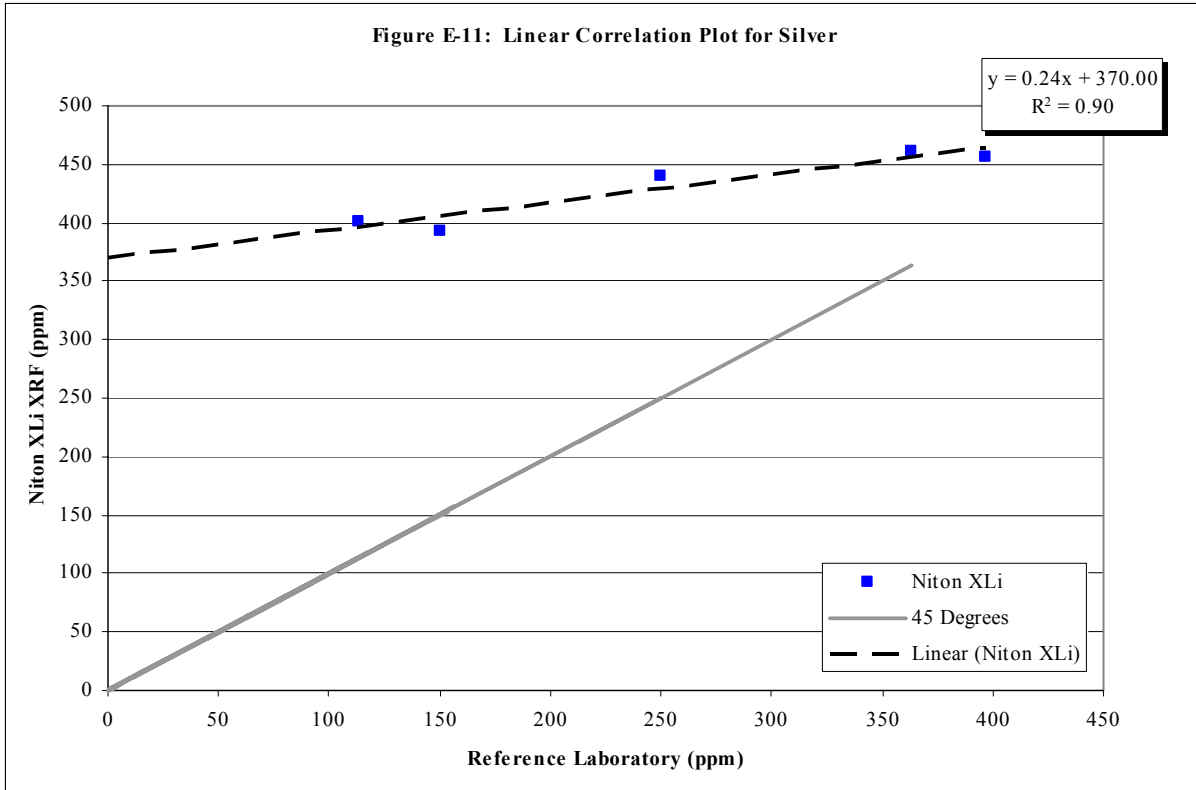
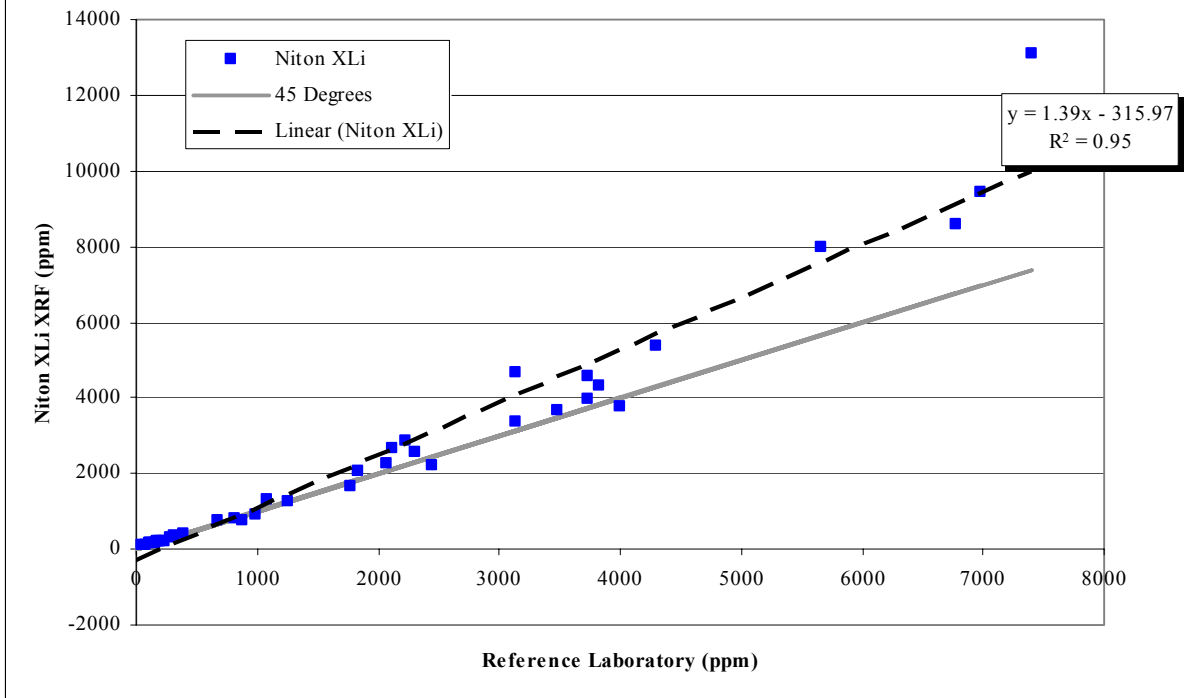
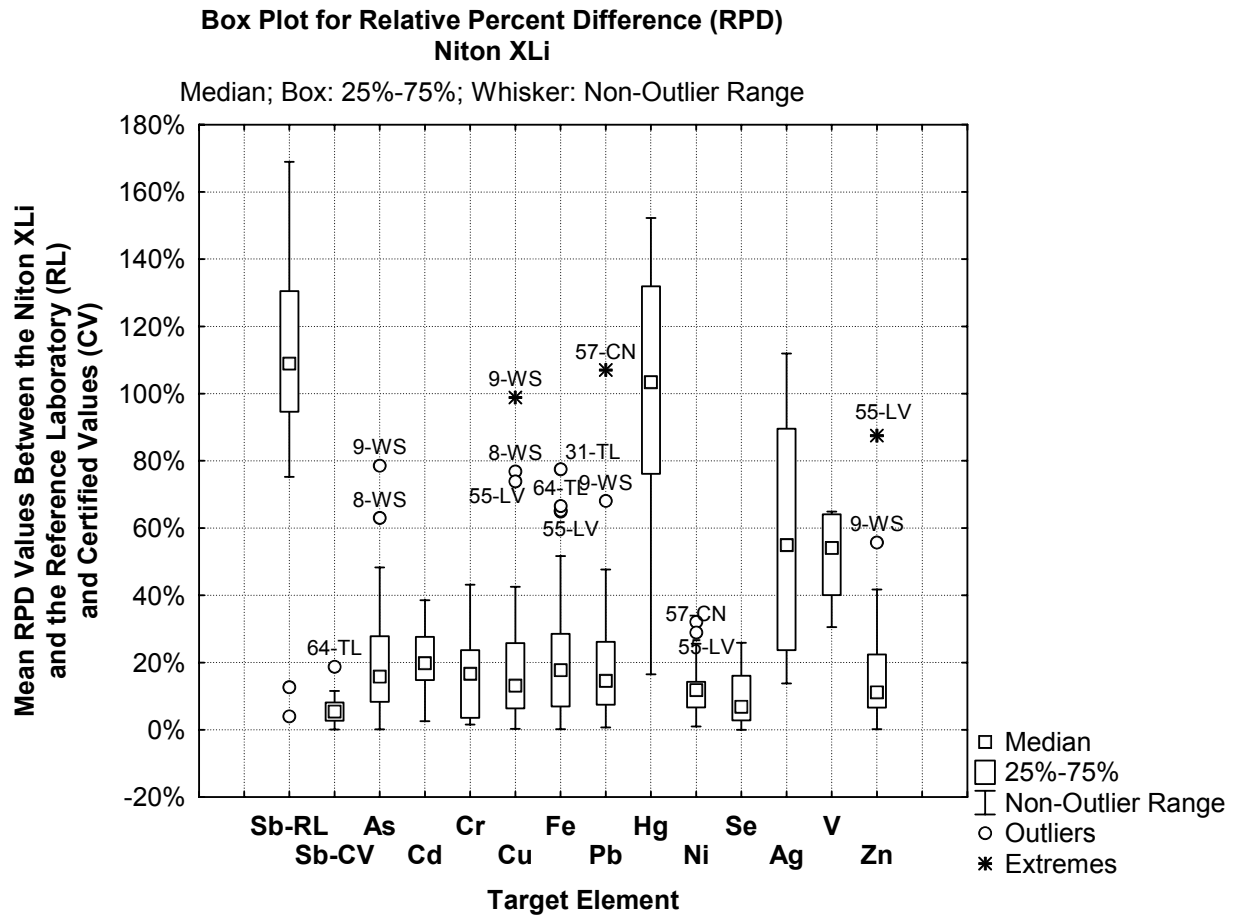


Figure E-13: Linear Correlation Plot for Zinc





Notes:

The “box” in each box plot presents the range of RPD values that lie between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles (that is, the “quartiles”) of the full RPD population for each element. In essence, the box displays the “interquartile range” of RPD values. The square data point within each box represents the median RPD for the population. The “whiskers” emanating from the top and bottom of each box represent the largest and smallest data points, respectively, that are within 1.5 times the interquartile range. Values outside the whiskers are identified as outliers and extremes.

Some of the more significant extremes and outliers are labeled with the associated Blend numbers and sample site abbreviations (see the footnotes of Table E-5 for definitions). Also refer to Appendix D for the sampling site associated with each Blend number.

**Figure E-14. Box and Whiskers Plot for Mean RPD Values Showing Outliers and Extremes for Target Elements, Niton XLi Data Set.**

**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy - Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLi**

Matrix	Conc Range	Statistic	Antimony		Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury
			Ref Lab	ERA Spike							
Soil	Level 1	Number	9	--	7	4	1	4	5	10	3
		Minimum	4.0%	--	1.6%	12.2%	24.1%	5.8%	0.2%	1.3%	20.6%
		Maximum	169.0%	--	29.0%	34.8%	24.1%	73.9%	16.4%	107.0%	55.2%
		Mean	92.4%	--	17.7%	21.2%	24.1%	34.9%	6.4%	28.7%	36.9%
		Median	105.8%	--	22.9%	18.9%	24.1%	30.0%	4.2%	25.2%	35.0%
	Level 2	Number	5	1	4	7	4	8	13	4	7
		Minimum	90.3%	6.2%	12.1%	2.6%	1.5%	6.8%	5.6%	2.9%	101.0%
		Maximum	122.9%	6.2%	28.5%	37.5%	16.1%	98.9%	64.9%	18.1%	150.9%
		Mean	113.0%	6.2%	20.7%	17.7%	8.9%	42.1%	28.4%	11.6%	127.4%
		Median	117.3%	6.2%	21.1%	19.8%	9.0%	33.5%	25.6%	12.6%	131.6%
	Level 3	Number	4	3	4	2	2	2	13	8	2
		Minimum	96.5%	0.7%	14.9%	16.9%	28.4%	12.3%	0.4%	0.7%	131.9%
		Maximum	109.0%	6.3%	78.5%	27.6%	43.2%	25.4%	51.7%	37.9%	141.8%
		Mean	103.2%	4.1%	51.2%	22.3%	35.8%	18.9%	11.7%	13.5%	136.9%
		Median	103.6%	5.4%	55.7%	22.3%	35.8%	18.9%	4.7%	12.2%	136.9%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	5	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.2%	8.3%	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	--	39.8%	68.1%	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--	--	15.1%	31.7%	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.8%	18.1%	--
	All Soil	Number	18	4	15	13	7	14	38	27	12
		Minimum	4.0%	0.7%	1.6%	2.6%	1.5%	5.8%	0.2%	0.7%	20.6%
		Maximum	169.0%	6.3%	78.5%	37.5%	43.2%	98.9%	64.9%	107.0%	150.9%
		Mean	100.5%	4.6%	27.4%	19.5%	18.7%	36.7%	17.4%	22.2%	106.4%
		Median	107.5%	5.8%	25.8%	19.8%	16.1%	28.4%	11.1%	17.8%	125.0%

**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy - Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLI  
(Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
Soil	Level 1	Number	1	3	0	0	6
		Minimum	25.6%	6.6%	NC	NC	2.7%
		Maximum	25.6%	21.2%	NC	NC	87.6%
		Mean	25.6%	13.7%	NC	NC	22.5%
		Median	25.6%	13.4%	NC	NC	11.9%
	Level 2	Number	4	5	0	0	6
		Minimum	7.6%	1.5%	NC	NC	5.3%
		Maximum	29.0%	18.8%	NC	NC	39.2%
		Mean	15.7%	6.7%	NC	NC	18.0%
		Median	13.0%	4.5%	NC	NC	16.1%
	Level 3	Number	6	4	3	2	9
		Minimum	1.0%	0.0%	13.8%	40.1%	6.6%
		Maximum	32.1%	21.4%	89.5%	54.1%	55.8%
		Mean	12.0%	8.1%	42.3%	47.1%	23.4%
		Median	9.4%	5.5%	23.7%	47.1%	21.7%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--
All Soil	Number	11	12	3	2	21	
	Minimum	1.0%	0.0%	13.8%	40.1%	2.7%	
	Maximum	32.1%	21.4%	89.5%	54.1%	87.6%	
	Mean	14.6%	8.9%	42.3%	47.1%	21.6%	
	Median	11.8%	6.9%	23.7%	47.1%	12.7%	

**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy - Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLI (Continued)**

Matrix	Conc Range	Statistic	Antimony		Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury
			Ref Lab	ERA Spike							
Sediment	Level 1	Number	2	2	9	2	0	3	3	11	2
		Minimum	130.5%	4.1%	0.2%	13.6%	NC	10.1%	14.1%	1.5%	16.5%
		Maximum	144.9%	11.5%	33.4%	38.6%	NC	25.8%	27.6%	47.7%	42.1%
		Mean	137.7%	7.8%	12.4%	26.1%	NC	18.8%	20.3%	20.0%	29.3%
		Median	137.7%	7.8%	8.3%	26.1%	NC	20.5%	19.1%	14.6%	29.3%
	Level 2	Number	4	4	4	4	2	4	19	4	4
		Minimum	105.7%	2.6%	1.2%	14.8%	2.4%	5.6%	8.1%	2.6%	76.1%
		Maximum	149.4%	18.8%	17.2%	37.3%	4.8%	14.2%	77.5%	9.2%	152.2%
		Mean	127.3%	9.9%	10.8%	22.2%	3.6%	10.2%	25.6%	5.7%	104.2%
		Median	127.1%	9.2%	12.3%	18.2%	3.6%	10.4%	22.0%	5.5%	94.2%
	Level 3	Number	3	3	2	3	3	10	4	3	3
		Minimum	93.8%	0.1%	8.8%	15.8%	17.2%	0.3%	3.8%	9.0%	86.6%
		Maximum	98.8%	4.2%	24.4%	24.2%	23.3%	16.2%	66.5%	27.2%	119.4%
		Mean	95.7%	2.3%	16.6%	20.4%	20.2%	6.3%	35.8%	15.9%	103.1%
		Median	94.6%	2.7%	16.6%	21.2%	20.2%	5.1%	36.5%	11.6%	103.4%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.9%	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	--	23.3%	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.9%	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	--	19.1%	--	--
	All Sediment	Number	9	9	15	9	5	17	32	18	9
		Minimum	93.8%	0.1%	0.2%	13.6%	2.4%	0.3%	3.8%	1.5%	16.5%
		Maximum	149.4%	18.8%	33.4%	38.6%	23.3%	25.8%	77.5%	47.7%	152.2%
		Mean	119.1%	6.9%	12.5%	22.4%	13.6%	9.4%	25.0%	16.2%	87.2%
		Median	111.7%	4.2%	8.8%	20.3%	17.2%	9.6%	19.2%	10.7%	86.6%

**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy - Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLI  
(Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
Sediment	Level 1	Number	0	5	0	0	10
		Minimum	NC	6.6%	NC	NC	1.9%
		Maximum	NC	25.9%	NC	NC	41.8%
		Mean	NC	15.2%	NC	NC	15.1%
		Median	NC	15.7%	NC	NC	10.6%
	Level 2	Number	5	4	0	0	5
		Minimum	2.2%	0.1%	NC	NC	0.2%
		Maximum	14.3%	16.5%	NC	NC	19.9%
		Mean	9.3%	6.1%	NC	NC	7.1%
		Median	12.9%	3.9%	NC	NC	5.8%
	Level 3	Number	4	3	2	3	4
		Minimum	6.0%	1.8%	54.9%	30.5%	6.9%
		Maximum	15.5%	12.0%	111.9%	64.9%	11.1%
		Mean	9.3%	6.5%	83.4%	53.2%	9.7%
		Median	7.9%	5.6%	83.4%	64.1%	10.4%
	Level 4	Number	--	--	--	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--
All Sediment	Number	9	12	2	3	19	
	Minimum	2.2%	0.1%	54.9%	30.5%	0.2%	
	Maximum	15.5%	25.9%	111.9%	64.9%	41.8%	
	Mean	9.3%	10.0%	83.4%	53.2%	11.9%	
	Median	9.2%	8.0%	83.4%	64.1%	9.8%	

**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy - Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLi  
(Continued)**

Matrix	Conc Range	Statistic	Antimony		Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Mercury
			Ref Lab	ERA Spike							
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	27	13	30	22	12	31	70	45	21
		Minimum	4.0%	0.1%	0.2%	2.6%	1.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	16.5%
		Maximum	169.0%	18.8%	78.5%	38.6%	43.2%	98.9%	77.5%	107.0%	152.2%
		Mean	106.7%	6.2%	20.0%	20.7%	16.6%	21.7%	20.8%	19.8%	98.1%
		Median	109.0%	5.4%	15.9%	19.9%	16.6%	13.2%	17.8%	14.6%	103.4%
All Samples	All Instruments	Number	206	110	320	209	338	363	558	392	192
		Minimum	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
		Maximum	181.5%	162.0%	182.8%	168.1%	151.7%	111.1%	190.1%	135.2%	158.1%
		Mean	80.6%	62.7%	36.6%	29.6%	30.8%	24.6%	35.4%	30.9%	62.5%
		Median	84.3%	70.6%	26.2%	16.7%	26.0%	16.2%	26.0%	21.5%	58.6%



**Table E-1. Evaluation of Accuracy Relative Percent Differences Versus Reference Laboratory Data Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	20	24	5	5	40
		Minimum	1.0%	0.0%	13.8%	30.5%	0.2%
		Maximum	32.1%	25.9%	111.9%	64.9%	87.6%
		Mean	12.2%	9.5%	58.8%	50.7%	17.0%
		Median	11.8%	6.9%	54.9%	54.1%	11.2%
All Samples	All Instruments	Number	403	195	177	218	471
		Minimum	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
		Maximum	146.5%	127.1%	129.7%	129.5%	138.0%
		Mean	31.0%	32.0%	36.0%	42.2%	26.3%
		Median	25.4%	16.7%	28.7%	38.3%	19.4%

Notes:

All RPDs presented in this table are absolute values.

-- No samples reported by the reference laboratory in this concentration range.

Conc Concentration.

ERA Environmental Resource Associates, Inc.

NC Not calculated due to lack of XRF data.

Number Number of demonstration samples evaluated.

Ref Reference laboratory (Shealy Environmental Services, Inc.).

RPD Relative percent difference.

XRF X-ray fluorescence.

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Antimony</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>Cadmium</b>	<b>Chromium</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Iron</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Mercury</b>
Soil	Low	Number	9	7	4	1	4	5	10	3
		Minimum	3.5%	5.8%	11.9%	27.6%	8.1%	3.0%	3.8%	11.6%
		Maximum	17.6%	28.4%	34.0%	27.6%	15.3%	8.0%	23.8%	19.2%
		Mean	10.7%	13.6%	21.4%	27.6%	10.7%	5.3%	12.4%	15.1%
		Median	10.4%	11.7%	19.9%	27.6%	9.7%	4.2%	13.4%	14.6%
	Medium	Number	5	4	7	4	8	13	4	7
		Minimum	5.3%	5.7%	2.1%	6.4%	1.6%	1.1%	1.9%	4.4%
		Maximum	8.6%	7.6%	13.6%	21.4%	14.2%	11.2%	4.9%	14.1%
		Mean	6.8%	6.5%	7.1%	13.3%	5.7%	3.1%	3.4%	8.5%
		Median	6.8%	6.4%	6.8%	12.7%	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%	7.6%
	High	Number	4	4	2	2	2	13	8	2
		Minimum	1.7%	0.6%	1.3%	3.6%	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	3.6%
		Maximum	7.8%	5.0%	4.3%	6.2%	4.8%	8.9%	3.1%	3.8%
		Mean	4.0%	3.0%	2.8%	4.9%	3.0%	2.4%	2.3%	3.7%
		Median	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	4.9%	3.0%	1.9%	2.3%	3.7%
	Very High	Number	--	--	--	--	--	7	5	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	1.6%	0.8%	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	10.9%	7.4%	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--	3.9%	4.0%	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	3.2%	3.9%	--
All Soil	Number	18	15	13	7	14	38	27	12	
	Minimum	1.7%	0.6%	1.3%	3.6%	1.2%	0.9%	0.8%	3.6%	
	Maximum	17.6%	28.4%	34.0%	27.6%	15.3%	11.2%	23.8%	19.2%	
	Mean	8.1%	8.9%	10.9%	12.9%	6.8%	3.3%	6.5%	9.3%	
	Median	7.8%	6.4%	8.0%	9.4%	5.3%	2.4%	3.9%	8.5%	

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
Soil	Low	Number	1	3	0	0	6
		Minimum	6.4%	14.3%	NC	NC	6.2%
		Maximum	6.4%	17.3%	NC	NC	12.5%
		Mean	6.4%	15.6%	NC	NC	9.5%
		Median	6.4%	15.3%	NC	NC	9.5%
	Medium	Number	4	5	0	0	6
		Minimum	6.7%	0.7%	NC	NC	1.5%
		Maximum	12.1%	6.3%	NC	NC	4.6%
		Mean	9.5%	5.0%	NC	NC	3.0%
		Median	9.6%	5.9%	NC	NC	2.6%
	High	Number	6	4	3	2	9
		Minimum	1.4%	0.4%	5.0%	4.1%	0.6%
		Maximum	5.9%	3.7%	14.2%	4.8%	4.9%
		Mean	3.9%	2.3%	9.8%	4.5%	2.3%
		Median	4.0%	2.5%	10.2%	4.5%	2.1%
	Very High	Number	--	--	--	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--
All Soil	Number	11	12	3	2	21	
	Minimum	1.4%	0.4%	5.0%	4.1%	0.6%	
	Maximum	12.1%	17.3%	14.2%	4.8%	12.5%	
	Mean	6.2%	6.7%	9.8%	4.5%	4.5%	
	Median	5.9%	5.8%	10.2%	4.5%	2.7%	

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Antimony</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>Cadmium</b>	<b>Chromium</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Iron</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Mercury</b>
Sediment	Low	Number	2	9	2	0	3	3	11	2
		Minimum	4.3%	4.4%	6.1%	NC	5.8%	7.3%	3.3%	12.4%
		Maximum	11.9%	23.9%	8.2%	NC	21.1%	19.8%	25.5%	26.3%
		Mean	8.1%	10.3%	7.2%	NC	11.1%	11.9%	9.5%	19.4%
		Median	8.1%	8.5%	7.2%	NC	6.5%	8.5%	8.0%	19.4%
	Medium	Number	4	4	4	2	4	19	4	4
		Minimum	4.5%	3.4%	1.7%	11.6%	4.1%	1.2%	2.4%	1.4%
		Maximum	15.4%	8.0%	13.4%	31.8%	7.4%	4.2%	5.4%	19.7%
		Mean	10.1%	5.9%	7.4%	21.7%	6.1%	2.3%	3.8%	9.6%
		Median	10.4%	6.2%	7.3%	21.7%	6.5%	2.4%	3.7%	8.6%
	High	Number	3	2	3	3	10	4	3	3
		Minimum	1.3%	2.4%	1.1%	13.6%	0.8%	2.2%	1.0%	4.0%
		Maximum	6.2%	6.6%	7.3%	16.5%	6.9%	4.7%	1.7%	5.2%
		Mean	3.6%	4.5%	5.1%	14.9%	4.5%	3.0%	1.3%	4.5%
		Median	3.4%	4.5%	6.9%	14.6%	4.6%	2.6%	1.3%	4.3%
	Very High	Number	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	0.6%	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	2.4%	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--	1.7%	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--	1.8%	--	--
All Sediment	Number	9	15	9	5	17	32	18	9	
	Minimum	1.3%	2.4%	1.1%	11.6%	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%	1.4%	
	Maximum	15.4%	23.9%	13.4%	31.8%	21.1%	19.8%	25.5%	26.3%	
	Mean	7.5%	8.3%	6.6%	17.6%	6.0%	3.2%	6.9%	10.1%	
	Median	6.2%	7.2%	7.1%	14.6%	5.5%	2.3%	6.1%	7.9%	

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
Sediment	Low	Number	0	5	0	0	10
		Minimum	NC	3.4%	NC	NC	5.3%
		Maximum	NC	17.1%	NC	NC	19.6%
		Mean	NC	9.9%	NC	NC	12.9%
		Median	NC	7.6%	NC	NC	13.2%
	Medium	Number	5	4	0	0	5
		Minimum	8.3%	0.9%	NC	NC	1.2%
		Maximum	23.7%	10.5%	NC	NC	7.5%
		Mean	15.8%	5.1%	NC	NC	3.9%
		Median	12.4%	4.5%	NC	NC	3.5%
	High	Number	4	3	2	3	4
		Minimum	0.3%	0.7%	13.8%	8.6%	2.8%
		Maximum	9.1%	2.7%	23.0%	25.1%	5.8%
		Mean	4.7%	1.8%	18.4%	16.0%	4.1%
		Median	4.8%	1.9%	18.4%	14.3%	3.9%
	Very High	Number	--	--	--	--	--
		Minimum	--	--	--	--	--
		Maximum	--	--	--	--	--
		Mean	--	--	--	--	--
		Median	--	--	--	--	--
All Sediment	Number	9	12	2	3	19	
	Minimum	0.3%	0.7%	13.8%	8.6%	1.2%	
	Maximum	23.7%	17.1%	23.0%	25.1%	19.6%	
	Mean	10.9%	6.3%	18.4%	16.0%	8.7%	
	Median	9.1%	4.6%	18.4%	14.3%	5.8%	

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Antimony</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>Cadmium</b>	<b>Chromium</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Iron</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Mercury</b>
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	27	30	22	12	31	70	45	21
		Minimum	1.3%	0.6%	1.1%	3.6%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	1.4%
		Maximum	17.6%	28.4%	34.0%	31.8%	21.1%	19.8%	25.5%	26.3%
		Mean	7.9%	8.6%	9.1%	14.9%	6.4%	3.3%	6.6%	9.6%
		Median	6.8%	6.7%	7.2%	14.1%	5.5%	2.4%	4.8%	7.9%
All Samples	All Instruments	Number	206	320	209	338	363	558	392	192
		Minimum	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.0%
		Maximum	97.7%	71.7%	92.8%	116.3%	58.3%	101.8%	115.6%	137.1%
		Mean	8.9%	11.2%	8.2%	15.9%	7.5%	5.2%	9.3%	14.3%
		Median	6.1%	8.2%	3.6%	12.1%	5.1%	2.2%	4.9%	6.8%

**Table E-2. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Niton XLi (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Conc Range</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
All Samples	Niton XLi	Number	20	24	5	5	40
		Minimum	0.3%	0.4%	5.0%	4.1%	0.6%
		Maximum	23.7%	17.3%	23.0%	25.1%	19.6%
		Mean	8.3%	6.5%	13.2%	11.4%	6.5%
		Median	6.5%	5.8%	13.8%	8.6%	4.4%
All Samples	All Instruments	Number	403	195	177	218	471
		Minimum	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%
		Maximum	164.2%	98.8%	125.3%	86.1%	192.9%
		Mean	10.8%	7.2%	10.3%	12.5%	8.0%
		Median	7.0%	4.5%	5.2%	8.5%	5.3%

Notes:

- No samples reported by the reference laboratory in this concentration range.
- Conc Concentration.
- NC Not calculated due to lack of XRF data.
- Number Number of demonstration samples evaluated.
- RSD Relative standard deviation.
- XRF X-ray fluorescence.

**Table E-3. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Reference Laboratory**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Antimony</b>	<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>Cadmium</b>	<b>Chromium</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Iron</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Mercury</b>
All Soil	Number	17	23	15	34	26	38	33	16
	Minimum	3.6%	1.4%	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	Maximum	38.0%	45.8%	21.4%	137.0%	21.0%	46.2%	150.0%	50.7%
	Mean	14.3%	11.7%	11.1%	14.3%	10.1%	10.2%	17.6%	13.8%
	Median	9.8%	12.4%	9.0%	10.6%	9.1%	8.7%	13.2%	6.6%
All Sediment	Number	7	24	10	26	21	31	22	10
	Minimum	2.9%	2.4%	2.9%	4.6%	1.8%	2.7%	0.0%	2.8%
	Maximum	33.6%	36.7%	37.5%	35.5%	38.8%	37.5%	41.1%	48.0%
	Mean	14.4%	10.7%	11.4%	9.8%	9.7%	9.9%	11.6%	14.3%
	Median	9.1%	9.2%	8.2%	7.5%	8.9%	8.1%	7.4%	6.9%
All Samples	Number	24	47	25	60	47	69	55	26
	Minimum	2.9%	1.4%	0.9%	1.4%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	Maximum	38.0%	45.8%	37.5%	137.0%	38.8%	46.2%	150.0%	50.7%
	Mean	14.3%	11.2%	11.2%	12.4%	9.9%	10.1%	15.2%	14.0%
	Median	9.5%	9.5%	9.0%	8.4%	8.9%	8.5%	8.6%	6.6%

**Table E-3. Evaluation of Precision - Relative Standard Deviations Calculated for the Reference Laboratory (Continued)**

<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Selenium</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Vanadium</b>	<b>Zinc</b>
All Soil	Number	35	13	13	21	35
	Minimum	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	1.0%
	Maximum	44.9%	22.7%	37.1%	18.1%	46.5%
	Mean	11.4%	8.9%	12.4%	8.4%	10.4%
	Median	10.0%	7.1%	7.5%	6.6%	9.1%
All Sediment	Number	27	12	10	17	27
	Minimum	0.6%	1.3%	1.0%	2.2%	1.4%
	Maximum	35.8%	37.3%	21.3%	21.9%	35.8%
	Mean	9.4%	10.0%	9.4%	8.4%	8.9%
	Median	7.3%	7.6%	6.6%	8.1%	6.9%
All Samples	Number	62	25	23	38	62
	Minimum	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	Maximum	44.9%	37.3%	37.1%	21.9%	46.5%
	Mean	10.6%	9.4%	11.1%	8.4%	9.8%
	Median	8.2%	7.4%	7.1%	7.2%	7.4%

**Table E-4. Evaluation of the Effects of Interferent Elements on RPDs (Accuracy) of Other Target Elements<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter	Statistic	Lead Effects on Arsenic			Copper Effects on Nickel			Nickel Effects on Copper		
		<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10
Interferent/Element Ratio		<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10
Number of Samples		23	6	1	17	1	2	30	0	1
RPD of Target Element <sup>2</sup>	Minimum	-33.4%	-78.5%	-48.3%	-32.1%	-13.0%	-14.2%	-98.9%	NC	-73.9%
	Maximum	8.5%	28.5%	-48.3%	29.0%	-13.0%	-11.8%	9.6%	NC	-73.9%
	Mean	-11.4%	-27.9%	-48.3%	-3.9%	-13.0%	-13.0%	-18.3%	NC	-73.9%
	Median	-12.6%	-21.1%	-48.3%	-6.5%	-13.0%	-13.0%	-12.7%	NC	-73.9%
RPD of Target Element (Absolute Value) <sup>2</sup>	Minimum	0.2%	12.1%	48.3%	1.0%	13.0%	11.8%	0.3%	NC	73.9%
	Maximum	33.4%	78.5%	48.3%	32.1%	13.0%	14.2%	98.9%	NC	73.9%
	Mean	14.2%	37.4%	48.3%	12.1%	13.0%	13.0%	20.0%	NC	73.9%
	Median	12.6%	27.1%	48.3%	9.2%	13.0%	13.0%	12.7%	NC	73.9%
Interferent Concentration Range	Minimum	ND	3933	24222	182	1960	5682	ND	NC	2443
	Maximum	936	70720	24222	1268	1960	5767	753	NC	2443
	Mean	219	25980	24222	487	1960	5725	397	NC	2443
	Median	79	11510	24222	248	1960	5725	306	NC	2443
Target Element Concentration Range	Minimum	42	358	3306	206	270	308	170	NC	182
	Maximum	3288	11140	3306	3032	270	476	5767	NC	182
	Mean	402	3833	3306	1264	270	392	1869	NC	182
	Median	144	1635	3306	753	270	392	1578	NC	182



**Table E-4. Evaluation of the Effects of Interferent Elements on RPDs (Accuracy) of Other Target Elements<sup>1</sup> (Continued)**

Parameter	Statistic	Zinc Effects on Copper			Copper Effects on Zinc		
		<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10
Interferent/Element Ratio		<5	5 - 10	>10	<5	5 - 10	>10
Number of Samples		29	1	1	32	2	6
RPD of Target Element <sup>2</sup>	Minimum	-76.8%	-98.9%	-39.0%	-87.6%	-41.8%	-41.0%
	Maximum	9.6%	-98.9%	-39.0%	12.7%	11.5%	-2.0%
	Mean	-16.7%	-98.9%	-39.0%	-13.6%	-15.1%	-14.0%
	Median	-12.3%	-98.9%	-39.0%	-10.0%	-15.1%	-11.9%
RPD of Target Element (Absolute Value) <sup>2</sup>	Minimum	0.3%	98.9%	39.0%	0.2%	11.5%	2.0%
	Maximum	76.8%	98.9%	39.0%	87.6%	41.8%	41.0%
	Mean	18.5%	98.9%	39.0%	16.9%	26.6%	14.0%
	Median	12.3%	98.9%	39.0%	10.5%	26.6%	11.9%
Interferent Concentration Range	Minimum	ND	13120	2287	ND	1268	1960
	Maximum	8593	13120	2287	4315	1599	5767
	Mean	1475	13120	2287	1214	1434	3545
	Median	201	13120	2287	929	1434	2874
Target Element Concentration Range	Minimum	170	4315	218	118	173	125
	Maximum	5767	4315	218	13120	185	325
	Mean	1784	4315	218	3015	179	187
	Median	1556	4315	218	2247	179	168

Notes:

1. Concentrations are reported in units of milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or parts per million (ppm).
  2. Table presents statistics for unmodified RPDs as well as absolute value RPDs.
- < Less than.  
 > Greater than.
- RPD Relative percent difference.  
 NC Not calculated due to lack of XRF data.  
 ND Nondetect.  
 XRF X-ray fluorescence.

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Antimony				Arsenic	
				Reference Laboratory		Certified Value		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Mean	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Median	--	--	--	--	--	--
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	4	4	1	1	4	4
			Minimum	-122.9%	101.2%	6.3%	6.3%	-25.8%	12.1%
			Maximum	-101.2%	122.9%	6.3%	6.3%	-12.1%	25.8%
			Mean	-114.4%	114.4%	6.3%	6.3%	-17.3%	17.3%
			Median	-116.8%	116.8%	6.3%	6.3%	-15.7%	15.7%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	1	1	1	1	1	1
			Minimum	-90.3%	90.3%	6.2%	6.2%	-25.8%	25.8%
			Maximum	-90.3%	90.3%	6.2%	6.2%	-25.8%	25.8%
			Mean	-90.3%	90.3%	6.2%	6.2%	-25.8%	25.8%
			Median	-90.3%	90.3%	6.2%	6.2%	-25.8%	25.8%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	2	2	--	--	--	--
			Minimum	-4.0%	4.0%	--	--	--	--
			Maximum	12.7%	12.7%	--	--	--	--
			Mean	4.3%	8.3%	--	--	--	--
			Median	4.3%	8.3%	--	--	--	--
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitate)	Number	4	4	4	4	6	6
			Minimum	-130.5%	96.5%	-0.7%	0.7%	-33.4%	0.2%
			Maximum	-96.5%	130.5%	8.1%	8.1%	8.5%	33.4%
			Mean	-109.4%	109.4%	3.9%	4.3%	-8.5%	12.7%
			Median	-105.2%	105.2%	4.1%	4.1%	-0.7%	6.4%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Cadmium		Chromium		Copper	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	2	2	--	--	1	1
			Minimum	-31.3%	17.9%	--	--	-12.3%	12.3%
			Maximum	17.9%	31.3%	--	--	-12.3%	12.3%
			Mean	-6.7%	24.6%	--	--	-12.3%	12.3%
			Median	-6.7%	24.6%	--	--	-12.3%	12.3%
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	5	5	2	2	4	4
			Minimum	-19.9%	4.5%	16.1%	16.1%	-31.4%	21.0%
			Maximum	8.0%	19.9%	43.2%	43.2%	-21.0%	31.4%
			Mean	-10.6%	13.8%	29.6%	29.6%	-24.3%	24.3%
			Median	-16.9%	16.9%	-1.5%	2.1%	-22.5%	22.5%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	2	2	--	--	2	2
			Minimum	-34.8%	2.6%	--	--	-39.0%	6.8%
			Maximum	2.6%	34.8%	--	--	6.8%	39.0%
			Mean	-16.1%	18.7%	--	--	-16.1%	22.9%
			Median	-16.1%	18.7%	--	--	-16.1%	22.9%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	--	--	1	1	2	2
			Minimum	--	--	24.1%	24.1%	-35.7%	5.8%
			Maximum	--	--	24.1%	24.1%	5.8%	35.7%
			Mean	--	--	24.1%	24.1%	-15.0%	20.7%
			Median	--	--	24.1%	24.1%	-15.0%	20.7%
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitate)	Number	5	5	4	4	3	3
			Minimum	-38.6%	15.8%	-2.4%	1.5%	-73.9%	3.0%
			Maximum	-15.8%	38.6%	17.2%	17.2%	-3.0%	73.9%
			Mean	-26.5%	26.5%	2.8%	5.8%	-29.0%	29.0%
			Median	-20.4%	20.4%	-1.8%	2.2%	-10.1%	10.1%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Iron		Lead		Mercury	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	3	3	3	3	--	--
			Minimum	-39.6%	0.2%	-25.4%	2.9%	--	--
			Maximum	0.2%	39.6%	2.9%	25.4%	--	--
			Mean	-18.1%	18.2%	-11.3%	13.2%	--	--
			Median	-14.8%	14.8%	-11.4%	11.4%	--	--
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	7	7	7	7	--	--
			Minimum	-33.4%	5.6%	-27.4%	0.7%	--	--
			Maximum	-5.6%	33.4%	-0.7%	27.4%	--	--
			Mean	-19.2%	19.2%	-10.7%	10.7%	--	--
			Median	-20.3%	20.3%	-10.8%	10.8%	--	--
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	3	3	3	3	2	2
			Minimum	-42.9%	2.9%	-42.5%	13.4%	35.0%	35.0%
			Maximum	2.9%	42.9%	107.0%	107.0%	101.0%	101.0%
			Mean	-21.7%	23.7%	25.9%	54.3%	68.0%	68.0%
			Median	-25.2%	25.2%	13.4%	42.5%	68.0%	68.0%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	6	6	6	6	--	--
			Minimum	-19.1%	0.2%	-8.3%	7.2%	--	--
			Maximum	0.2%	19.1%	18.0%	18.0%	--	--
			Mean	-9.1%	9.2%	7.0%	12.1%	--	--
			Median	-9.1%	9.1%	12.4%	12.4%	--	--
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitate)	Number	12	12	4	4	4	4
			Minimum	-64.9%	7.9%	-37.9%	25.0%	20.6%	20.6%
			Maximum	27.6%	64.9%	-25.0%	37.9%	103.4%	103.4%
			Mean	-26.3%	30.9%	-30.9%	30.9%	70.3%	70.3%
			Median	-23.9%	26.1%	-30.4%	30.4%	78.6%	78.6%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Nickel		Selenium		Silver	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	1	1	1	1	1	1
			Minimum	-11.8%	11.8%	-1.5%	1.5%	-23.7%	23.7%
			Maximum	-11.8%	11.8%	-1.5%	1.5%	-23.7%	23.7%
			Mean	-11.8%	11.8%	-1.5%	1.5%	-23.7%	23.7%
			Median	-11.8%	11.8%	-1.5%	1.5%	-23.7%	23.7%
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	2	2	3	3	1	1
			Minimum	-6.8%	6.8%	-21.2%	0.0%	-89.5%	89.5%
			Maximum	6.9%	6.9%	4.5%	21.2%	-89.5%	89.5%
			Mean	0.1%	6.9%	-5.6%	8.5%	-89.5%	89.5%
			Median	0.1%	6.9%	0.0%	4.5%	-89.5%	89.5%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	1	1	2	2	--	--
			Minimum	29.0%	29.0%	-13.4%	13.4%	--	--
			Maximum	29.0%	29.0%	18.8%	18.8%	--	--
			Mean	29.0%	29.0%	2.7%	16.1%	--	--
			Median	29.0%	29.0%	2.7%	16.1%	--	--
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Minimum	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Maximum	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Mean	--	--	--	--	--	--
			Median	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitate)	Number	5	5	5	5	1	1
			Minimum	-32.1%	6.5%	-21.4%	1.5%	-54.9%	54.9%
			Maximum	9.2%	32.1%	9.4%	21.4%	-54.9%	54.9%
			Mean	-11.1%	14.8%	-2.1%	8.1%	-54.9%	54.9%
			Median	-11.8%	11.8%	-1.5%	5.6%	-54.9%	54.9%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Vanadium		Zinc	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Soil	AS	Fine to medium sand (steel processing)	Number	--	--	3	3
			Minimum	--	--	-30.0%	5.3%
			Maximum	--	--	-5.3%	30.0%
			Mean	--	--	-15.9%	15.9%
			Median	--	--	-12.5%	12.5%
Soil	BN	Sandy loam, low organic (ore residuals)	Number	--	--	5	5
			Minimum	--	--	-23.6%	2.7%
			Maximum	--	--	2.7%	23.6%
			Mean	--	--	-15.4%	16.4%
			Median	--	--	-21.7%	21.7%
Soil	CN	Sandy loam (burn pit residue)	Number	--	--	2	2
			Minimum	--	--	-10.1%	7.0%
			Maximum	--	--	-7.0%	10.1%
			Mean	--	--	-8.6%	8.6%
			Median	--	--	-8.6%	8.6%
Soil & Sediment	KP	Soil: Fine to medium quartz sand. Sed.: Sandy loam, high organic. (Gun and skeet ranges)	Number	--	--	--	--
			Minimum	--	--	--	--
			Maximum	--	--	--	--
			Mean	--	--	--	--
			Median	--	--	--	--
Sediment	LV	Clay/clay loam, salt crust (iron and other precipitate)	Number	2	2	4	4
			Minimum	-64.9%	64.1%	-87.6%	1.9%
			Maximum	-64.1%	64.9%	-1.9%	87.6%
			Mean	-64.5%	64.5%	-30.1%	30.1%
			Median	-64.5%	64.5%	-15.4%	15.4%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Antimony				Arsenic	
				Reference Laboratory		Certified Value		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	3	3	3	3	10	10
			Minimum	-105.7%	93.8%	-2.6%	0.1%	-27.8%	4.3%
			Maximum	-93.8%	105.7%	2.7%	2.7%	8.3%	27.8%
			Mean	-98.0%	98.0%	0.1%	1.8%	-10.5%	14.0%
			Median	-94.6%	94.6%	0.1%	2.6%	-14.1%	14.1%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	7	7	1	1	4	4
			Minimum	-169.0%	106.0%	5.4%	5.4%	-29.0%	3.7%
			Maximum	-106.0%	169.0%	5.4%	5.4%	-3.7%	29.0%
			Mean	-126.9%	126.9%	5.4%	5.4%	-16.9%	16.9%
			Median	-117.9%	117.9%	5.4%	5.4%	-17.4%	17.4%
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	3	3	3	3	--	--
			Minimum	-149.4%	142.6%	10.2%	10.2%	--	--
			Maximum	-142.6%	149.4%	18.8%	18.8%	--	--
			Mean	-145.6%	145.6%	13.5%	13.5%	--	--
			Median	-144.9%	144.9%	11.5%	11.5%	--	--
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	3	3	--	--	5	5
			Minimum	-105.8%	75.2%	--	--	-78.5%	1.6%
			Maximum	-75.2%	105.8%	--	--	28.5%	78.5%
			Mean	-86.4%	86.4%	--	--	-32.0%	44.0%
			Median	-78.1%	78.1%	--	--	-48.3%	48.3%
All			Number	27	27	13	13	30	30
			Minimum	-169.0%	4.0%	-2.6%	0.1%	-78.5%	0.2%
			Maximum	12.7%	169.0%	18.8%	18.8%	28.5%	78.5%
			Mean	-105.8%	106.7%	5.7%	6.2%	-15.9%	20.0%
			Median	-109.0%	109.0%	5.4%	5.4%	-15.2%	15.9%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Cadmium		Chromium		Copper	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	4	4	3	3	8	8
			Minimum	-37.3%	16.2%	4.8%	4.8%	-25.8%	0.3%
			Maximum	-16.2%	37.3%	23.3%	23.3%	0.3%	25.8%
			Mean	-24.7%	24.7%	16.1%	16.1%	-12.8%	12.9%
			Median	-22.7%	22.7%	20.2%	20.2%	-12.4%	12.4%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	1	1	1	1	--	--
			Minimum	-27.6%	27.6%	28.4%	28.4%	--	--
			Maximum	-27.6%	27.6%	28.4%	28.4%	--	--
			Mean	-27.6%	27.6%	28.4%	28.4%	--	--
			Median	-27.6%	27.6%	28.4%	28.4%	--	--
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	2	2	--	--	7	7
			Minimum	-14.8%	13.6%	--	--	-13.2%	0.6%
			Maximum	-13.6%	14.8%	--	--	9.6%	13.2%
			Mean	-14.2%	14.2%	--	--	-2.4%	6.2%
			Median	-14.2%	14.2%	--	--	-2.2%	6.4%
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	1	1	1	1	4	4
			Minimum	-12.2%	12.2%	15.8%	15.8%	-98.9%	25.4%
			Maximum	-12.2%	12.2%	15.8%	15.8%	-25.4%	98.9%
			Mean	-12.2%	12.2%	15.8%	15.8%	-60.9%	60.9%
			Median	-12.2%	12.2%	15.8%	15.8%	-59.7%	59.7%
All			Number	22	22	12	12	31	31
			Minimum	-38.6%	2.6%	-2.4%	1.5%	-98.9%	0.3%
			Maximum	17.9%	38.6%	43.2%	43.2%	9.6%	98.9%
			Mean	-18.1%	20.7%	15.6%	16.6%	-20.1%	21.7%
			Median	-19.9%	19.9%	16.6%	16.6%	-13.2%	13.2%



**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Iron		Lead		Mercury	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	13	13	10	10	5	5
			Minimum	-28.6%	3.8%	-47.7%	1.5%	-42.1%	16.5%
			Maximum	-3.8%	28.6%	3.5%	47.7%	86.6%	86.6%
			Mean	-14.2%	14.2%	-11.8%	12.5%	38.1%	61.5%
			Median	-12.0%	12.0%	-9.1%	9.1%	76.1%	76.1%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	12	12	1	1	8	8
			Minimum	-34.1%	0.4%	-35.5%	35.5%	105.5%	105.5%
			Maximum	10.2%	34.1%	-35.5%	35.5%	150.9%	150.9%
			Mean	-4.4%	7.5%	-35.5%	35.5%	133.1%	133.1%
			Median	-2.8%	4.5%	-35.5%	35.5%	136.0%	136.0%
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	7	7	4	4	2	2
			Minimum	-77.5%	17.9%	-43.5%	2.6%	119.4%	119.4%
			Maximum	-17.9%	77.5%	-2.6%	43.5%	152.2%	152.2%
			Mean	-45.4%	45.4%	-21.0%	21.0%	135.8%	135.8%
			Median	-35.8%	35.8%	-18.9%	18.9%	135.8%	135.8%
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	7	7	7	7	--	--
			Minimum	-51.7%	0.4%	-68.1%	1.3%	--	--
			Maximum	0.4%	51.7%	1.3%	68.1%	--	--
			Mean	-25.8%	25.9%	-24.2%	24.6%	--	--
			Median	-27.5%	27.5%	-18.1%	18.1%	--	--
All			Number	70	70	45	45	21	21
			Minimum	-77.5%	0.2%	-68.1%	0.7%	-42.1%	16.5%
			Maximum	27.6%	77.5%	107.0%	107.0%	152.2%	152.2%
			Mean	-19.4%	20.8%	-11.5%	19.8%	92.6%	98.1%
			Median	-17.1%	17.8%	-10.8%	14.6%	103.4%	103.4%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Nickel		Selenium		Silver	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	6	6	5	5	1	1
			Minimum	-15.5%	2.2%	-18.6%	0.1%	-111.9%	111.9%
			Maximum	6.0%	15.5%	1.8%	18.6%	-111.9%	111.9%
			Mean	-5.6%	9.0%	-8.9%	9.6%	-111.9%	111.9%
			Median	-7.6%	9.5%	-12.0%	12.0%	-111.9%	111.9%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	3	3	3	3	--	--
			Minimum	-25.6%	1.0%	6.6%	6.6%	--	--
			Maximum	13.3%	25.6%	8.2%	8.2%	--	--
			Mean	-3.8%	13.3%	7.3%	7.3%	--	--
			Median	1.0%	13.3%	7.1%	7.1%	--	--
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	--	--	4	4	--	--
			Minimum	--	--	-25.9%	5.0%	--	--
			Maximum	--	--	16.5%	25.9%	--	--
			Mean	--	--	-2.0%	13.5%	--	--
			Median	--	--	0.8%	11.5%	--	--
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	2	2	1	1	1	1
			Minimum	-14.2%	7.6%	2.9%	2.9%	-13.8%	13.8%
			Maximum	-7.6%	14.2%	2.9%	2.9%	-13.8%	13.8%
			Mean	-10.9%	10.9%	2.9%	2.9%	-13.8%	13.8%
			Median	-10.9%	10.9%	2.9%	2.9%	-13.8%	13.8%
All			Number	20	20	24	24	5	5
			Minimum	-32.1%	1.0%	-25.9%	0.0%	-111.9%	13.8%
			Maximum	29.0%	32.1%	18.8%	25.9%	-13.8%	111.9%
			Mean	-5.2%	12.2%	-2.1%	9.5%	-58.8%	58.8%
			Median	-7.2%	11.8%	-0.1%	6.9%	-54.9%	54.9%

**Table E-5. Evaluation of the Effects of Soil Type on RPDs (Accuracy) of Target Elements (Continued)**

Matrix	Site	Matrix Description	Statistic	Vanadium		Zinc	
				Reference Laboratory		Reference Laboratory	
				RPD	RPD ABS Val	RPD	RPD ABS Val
Sediment	RF	Silty fine sand (tailings)	Number	1	1	13	13
			Minimum	-30.5%	30.5%	-41.8%	0.2%
			Maximum	-30.5%	30.5%	10.1%	41.8%
			Mean	-30.5%	30.5%	-8.4%	11.9%
			Median	-30.5%	30.5%	-8.6%	9.8%
Soil	SB	Coarse sand and gravel (ore and waste rock)	Number	1	1	2	2
			Minimum	-40.1%	40.1%	-6.6%	6.6%
			Maximum	-40.1%	40.1%	6.6%	6.6%
			Mean	-40.1%	40.1%	0.0%	6.6%
			Median	-40.1%	40.1%	0.0%	6.6%
Sediment	TL	Silt and clay (slag-enriched)	Number	--	--	4	4
			Minimum	--	--	-41.0%	2.0%
			Maximum	--	--	11.5%	41.0%
			Mean	--	--	-8.9%	14.6%
			Median	--	--	-3.0%	7.8%
Soil	WS	Coarse sand and gravel (roaster slag)	Number	1	1	7	7
			Minimum	-54.1%	54.1%	-55.8%	8.3%
			Maximum	-54.1%	54.1%	12.7%	55.8%
			Mean	-54.1%	54.1%	-20.5%	26.5%
			Median	-54.1%	54.1%	-24.2%	24.2%
	All		Number	5	5	40	40
			Minimum	-64.9%	30.5%	-87.6%	0.2%
			Maximum	-30.5%	64.9%	12.7%	87.6%
			Mean	-50.7%	50.7%	-13.7%	17.0%
			Median	-54.1%	54.1%	-10.5%	11.2%

Site Abbreviations:

AS	Alton Steel Mill
BN	Burlington Northern Railroad/ASARCO East
CN	Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division
KP	KARS Park – Kennedy Space Center
LV	Leviathan Mine/Aspen Creek
RF	Ramsey Flats – Silver Bow Creek
SB	Sulfur Bank Mercury
TL	Torch Lake Superfund Site
WS	Wickes Smelter Site

Other Notes:

Number	Number of demonstration samples evaluated.
RPD	Relative percent difference (unmodified).
RPD Abs	Relative percent difference (absolute value).