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Eau de Pluie et Eau Douce,
Major Ions and Nutrients in Water /
Principaux ions et Substances Nutritives dans l'Eau,
Trace Elements in Water /
Éléments Traces dans l'Eau,
Total Phosphorus in Water /
Phosphore Total dans l'Eau,
Turbidity in Water /
Turbidité dans l'Eau,
Total Mercury in Water /
Mercure Total dans l'Eau

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To: Participants of the **Environment Canada Proficiency Testing (PT) Program**

Re: Distribution of the Final Report for **PT Study #105** (December 2014 to March 2015)

Dear Participant,

We thank you for your co-operation and punctual responses with respect to this study. It is the aim of the PT Program to give prompt evaluations and reports, and effective remedial assistance. Our PT Program is accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and conforms to the ISO/IEC 17043:2010 Conformity assessment – General requirements for proficiency testing. The scope of accreditation (A2LA 2867.01) can be viewed on the A2LA website (<http://www.a2la.org/scopepdf/2867-01.pdf>).

This PT Study provides results and evaluations for inorganic parameters in:

- **rain and soft waters (RN)**
- **major ions and nutrients in natural waters (MI)**
- **trace elements in water (TE)**
- **total phosphorus in water (TP)**
- **turbidity in water (TU)**
- **total mercury in water (HG)**

The evaluations include systemic bias and precision which are included in this final report. Individual laboratory proficiency appraisals and summaries of z-scores are provided under separate cover.

The reported data for trace elements in water (TE), sample #4 (TM105-4), silver (47095) has not been assessed as this sample parameter did not meet our criteria for homogeneity. The reported data for sample #4 will not be included in evaluations of proficiency for PT Study #105.



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The flagging criteria, stipulated in ISO 13528:2005, Annex C, are calculated separately for each study. Each laboratory is encouraged to compare its results and evaluations with others. A complete listing of all laboratory results is included in the data summary for each program.

Laboratory managers are encouraged to discuss the attached report openly with those who manage their programs and those who use their laboratory data.

Systemic bias is a major fault whose root cause can be uncovered. Systemic bias and its degree are given for each parameter in the Data Summary. In the event you disagree with any of our data evaluations, please contact us and we will discuss the item with you.

The laboratories listed in this report submitted their data with a confidential laboratory code. This confidentiality is fully respected by our staff. Access to these codes is only possible through the relevant laboratories or program authorities.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this study, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Your comments are instrumental to the continued improvement of our PT Program.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Tinson

Study Coordinator

Associated Laboratory Evaluations (2)

- 1) Laboratory Proficiency Appraisal
- 2) Z-Score Summary



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Final Report

for

**Rain and Soft Waters
Major Ions and Nutrients in Natural Waters
Trace Elements in Water
Total Phosphorus in Water
Turbidity in Water
Total Mercury in Water**

EC PT Study 105 – (*December 2014 to March 2015*)

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Glossary of Terms and Definitions

A. Statistics listed in Data Summary (Appendix A)

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. Assigned Value | The Robust Mean of test results for a parameter and sample [1] |
| 2. R-Std Dev | Robust Standard Deviation [1] |
| 3. Acceptable Limits | See 'Limits & Flags' and Table 1 |
| 4. Warning Limits | See 'Limits & Flags' and Table 1 |
| 5. Action Limits | See 'Limits & Flags' and Table 1 |
| 6. N | The number of usable test results for calculating the assigned value |

B. Calculation of Performance Statistics (Appendix A)

Laboratory Bias: Laboratory Bias [2] $D = x - X$, where D is the deviation, x is the test result and X is the assigned value. This deviation is normalized with the robust standard deviation (R-Std Dev) and evaluated by the z-score [3].

Limits & Flags: Acceptable Limits/No Flags: When a test result is within 2 R-Std Dev of the assigned value, flags are not assigned (see Table 1 below).

Warning Limits/Warning Flags: When a test result is between 2 and 3 R-Std Dev, the flags 'WH' or 'WL' indicate a WARNING flag, for a high or low result respectively (see Table 1 below).

Action Limits/Action Flags: When a test result deviates by more than 3 R-Std Dev from the assigned value, the flags 'AH' or 'AL' indicate an ACTION flag, high or low respectively (see Table 1 below).

Table 1 Evaluating test results, determining limits and assigning flags [2]

Criteria	Limits	Flags
$\text{Assigned value} \pm 2 \hat{\sigma}^*$	Acceptable Limits	No Flag
$2 \hat{\sigma} - 3 \hat{\sigma}$ from assigned value	Warning Limits	Warning Flag (W)
$> 3 \hat{\sigma}$ from assigned value	Action Limits	Action Flag (A)

^{*} $\hat{\sigma}$ is the R-Std Dev

Systemic Bias: Systemic bias is indicated when a laboratory's test results (ranked by the Youden non-parametric analysis [4] for an individual parameter) are consistently higher or lower than the assigned value. Ranks are assigned to each test result for each sample, from 1 for the lowest, to N for the highest, where N is the number of usable test results. These ranks are totalled for each laboratory (Total Rank), and divided by the number of samples ranked (No. Samples Ranked). **Total Rank** and **Average Rank** for each laboratory are displayed on page 2 of the Data Summary. The **Overall Average Rank** for each parameter is shown at the bottom of the same page. Systemic bias is identified when a laboratory's **Average Rank** falls outside of the 95% confidence interval for the **Overall Average Rank**. Systemic bias may be indicated by the Youden rankings even when the test results have not been flagged (W or A) for deviation from the assigned value.

No. Samples Ranked: This is the number of test results used to determine systemic bias. A laboratory must report results for more than half of the samples in the set to allow for evaluation of bias (not including '<'). There must be ten or more laboratories participating, with sufficient test results reported, to determine systemic bias.

The two measured components of 'systemic' bias are 1) Bias Blank and 2) Bias % Slope. These components are illustrated in Figure 1: Parameter Performance. All 'systemic' biases are correctable with the investigation of the following two analytical components.

1) Bias Blank: The first component is the y-intercept of the linear regression plot (-0.0329 in Figure 1). These bias blanks are stated in the Data Summary and Evaluations for each parameter.

2) Bias % Slope: The second measured component is the % deviation of the laboratory test results versus the assigned values for a parameter. This is calculated as $[(m-1) \times 100]$, where **m** is the slope of the linear regression plot (laboratory test results) and **1** is the slope of the "ideal" line (assigned values). The Bias % Slope in Figure 1 below is minus 1.55 per cent (-1.55%).

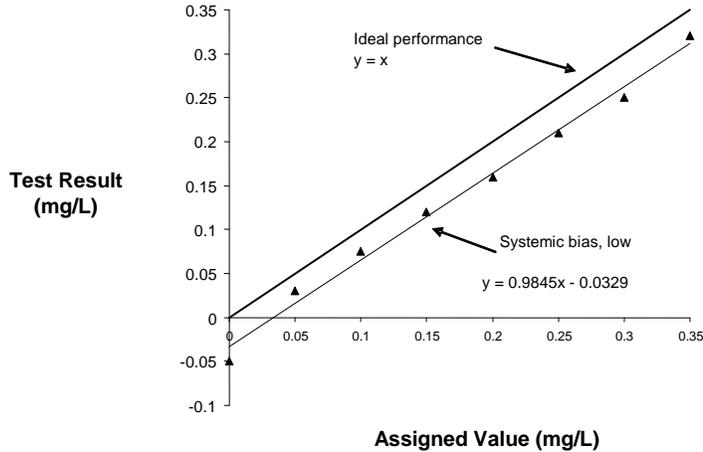


Figure 1: Parameter Performance

Bias Statement: Systemic bias is noted with the ‘BIASED HIGH’ or ‘BIASED LOW’ notations. In Table 2 of the Final Report (Laboratory Performance Scores), systemic biases are calculated as the equivalent of *five* flagged values.

Method Coding: Method codes are an important part of quality assurance. These definitions are provided on the Data Reporting Forms to assist with uniform descriptions.

C. Determination of the ‘Laboratory Performance Scores’ in Table 2

The ‘Laboratory Performance Scores’ are a combination of 50% **Systemic Bias (parameters biased)** and 50% **Flagged Results**.

- Systemic bias (50%) is calculated as,

$$[(\text{No. of Parameters Biased} / \text{No. of Parameters Analyzed}) \times 100] / 2$$

- Flagged results (50%) is calculated as,

$$[(\text{No. of Flags Assigned} / \text{No. of Results Reported}) \times 100] / 2$$

These percentages are summed to obtain the % Score (Sum of Parameters Biased & Flagged Results)

The Laboratory Performance Rating is assigned according to the % Score.

- Very Good: 0 to 5%;
- Good: >5 to 12.5%;
- Fair: >12.5 to 30%
- Poor: >30%.

D. Uncertainty of Assigned Values

The standard uncertainty (u_x) of the assigned value may be estimated from the statistics presented in the data summary (Appendix A),

$$u_x = 1.25 \times \text{R-Std Dev} / \sqrt{N} \quad [5]$$

This uncertainty is not used in the performance evaluations, but may be of interest to some participants. Reporting details of the measurement uncertainty of any assigned value is a requirement of *ISO/IEC 17043:2010, Conformity assessment – General requirements for proficiency testing*.

E. Associated Laboratory Evaluations with the Final Report

1. Laboratory Proficiency Appraisal (see Table 2 in the Final Report for definitions)
2. Z-Score Summary [3]

References:

- [1] ISO 13528:2005(E), Statistical Methods for the use in Proficiency Testing by Interlaboratory Comparisons, Annex C, Robust Analysis, Section C.1: Algorithm A, p64.
- [2] ISO 13528:2005(E), Statistical Methods for the use in Proficiency Testing by Interlaboratory Comparisons, Calculation of Performance Statistics, Section 7.1.1 and 7.1.2, p18-19.
- [3] ISO 13528:2005(E), Statistical Methods for the use in Proficiency Testing by Interlaboratory Comparisons, z-scores, Section 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, p25-26.
- [4] Ranking Laboratories by Round-Robin Tests, W.J. Youden, Precision Measurement and Calibration, H.H. Ku, Editor, NBS Special Publication 300-Volume 1, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1969.
- [5] ISO 13528:2005(E), Statistical Methods for the use in Proficiency Testing by Interlaboratory Comparisons, Standard uncertainty u_x of the assigned value , Section 5.6.2, p 9-10.

Section 4 – Total Phosphorus in Water

Table 1	Participating Laboratories
Table 2	Laboratory Performance Scores
Table 3	Five-Year Historical Laboratory Performance
Table 4	Sample Design
Table 5	Summary of Interlaboratory Robust Means
Appendix A	Data Summary

Program Name: FPTP

Study Code: 0105

Range of Samples: 1 to 10

Table 1 Participating Laboratories in FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

ALS Environmental (Winnipeg) - Winnipeg, MB, CA
 Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Whakatane, NZ
 Capital District Health Authority, QEII Lab, Halifax, NS, CA
 Department of Fisheries & Oceans, FW Institute, Winnipeg, MB, CA
 Environment Canada, ALET, Moncton, NB, CA
 Environment Canada, NLET, Burlington, ON, CA
 Environment Canada, NLET, Saskatoon, SK, CA
 Environment Canada, PYLET, Vancouver, BC, CA
 Environment New Brunswick, Analytical Lab, Fredericton, NB, CA
 Environnement Canada, LEEQ, Montréal, QC, CA
 Environnement Québec, CEAEQ, Gouvernement du QC, QC, CA
 Kinectrics Inc., Toronto, ON, CA
 Ministry of Agriculture, Geological Survey Dept., Nicosia, CY
 NIWA, Hamilton, NZ
 NRCan, CDN Forestry Service, ON Region, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, CA
 Onondaga County, WEP, Syracuse, NY, US
 Ontario Ministry of Environment, Dorset, ON, CA
 Ontario Ministry of Environment, LSB, Etobicoke, ON, CA
 RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Detroit Lakes, MN, US
 South FL Water Management Dist. Chem Lab, West Palm Beach, FL, US
 Taiga Environmental Laboratory, Yellowknife, NT, CA
 Université du Québec, INRS (ETE), Québec City, QC, CA
 University of Maryland-Appalachian Lab, Frostburg, MD, US
 US EPA ORD Western Ecology Division, Corvallis, OR, US
 USGS - National Water Quality Laboratory, Denver, CO, US
 Ville de Montréal, Expertise Technique, Montréal, QC, CA
 VT DEC Laboratory, Montpelier, VT, US

27 Laboratories.

Program Name: FPTP

Number of Labs: 30

Study Code: 0105

Range of Samples: 1 to 10

Table 2 Laboratory Performance Scores - FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

Lab Code	Systemic Bias			Flagged Results			% Score (Sum of Parameters Biased & Results Flagged)
	No. of Parameters Analyzed	No. of Parameters Biased	Parameters Biased (50%)	No. of Results Reported	No. of Flags Assigned	Results Flagged (50%)	
F003	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F007	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F010	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F014	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F015	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F026	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F026b	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F036	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F074	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F110	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F110a	1	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	0.00
F131	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F154	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F163	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F202	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F221	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F248	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F324	1	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0.00
F304	1	0	0.00	10	1	5.00	5.00
F207	1	0	0.00	10	1	5.00	5.00
F021	1	0	0.00	10	1	5.00	5.00
F022	1	0	0.00	10	1	5.00	5.00
F113	1	0	0.00	9	1	5.56	5.56
F239	1	0	0.00	10	2	10.00	10.00
F069b	1	0	0.00	10	2	10.00	10.00
F032	1	0	0.00	10	3	15.00	15.00
F069	1	0	0.00	10	5	25.00	25.00
F158	1	1	50.00	10	0	0.00	50.00
F011	1	1	50.00	10	3	15.00	65.00
F004	1	1	50.00	10	3	15.00	65.00

Laboratory Performance Rating

Rating	% Score*
Very Good	0 - 5
Good	> 5 - 12.5
Fair	> 12.5 - 30
Poor	> 30

*Sum of Parameters Biased & Results Flagged

Program Name: FFTP

Study Code: 0105

Table 3 Five-Year Historical Laboratory Performance - FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

LAB CODE	% Score Per Study (Sum of Parameters Biased & Results Flagged)										MEDIAN	RATING	
	0096 Summer 2010	0097 Winter 2010	0098 Summer 2011	0099 Winter 2011	0100 Summer 2012	0101 Winter 2012	0102 Summer 2013	0103 Winter 2013	0104 Summer 2014	0105 Winter 2014			
F003	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F004	10.0	65.0	60.0	5.0	0.0	10.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	65.0	30.0	30.0	Fair
F007	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F010	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F011	5.0	0.0	70.0	15.0	25.0	85.0	90.0	85.0	95.0	65.0	67.5	67.5	Poor
F014	70.0	55.0	55.0		5.0	0.0	55.0			0.0	55.0	55.0	Poor
F015	5.0	15.0	5.0	10.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	Very Good
F021	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F022	0.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	55.0	5.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	Good
F026	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F026b	0.0	0.0	55.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F032	10.0	10.0								15.0	10.0	10.0	Good
F036	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F069		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		25.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F069b		0.0		0.0		5.0		0.0		10.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F074	0.0	0.0	0.0					5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F110										0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F110a										0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F113	25.0	0.0	75.0	65.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	10.0	5.6	7.8	7.8	Good
F131	0.0		0.0				55.0	5.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F154	20.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F158	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F163						0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F202	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F207	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F221	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Very Good
F239										10.0	10.0	10.0	Good

Laboratory Performance Rating

Rating	% Score
Very Good	0 - 5
Good	> 5 - 12.5
Fair	> 12.5 - 30
Poor	> 30

Program Name: FFTP

Study Code: 0105

Table 3 Five-Year Historical Laboratory Performance - FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

LAB CODE	% Score Per Study (Sum of Parameters Biased & Results Flagged)										MEDIAN	RATING
	0096 Summer 2010	0097 Winter 2010	0098 Summer 2011	0099 Winter 2011	0100 Summer 2012	0101 Winter 2012	0102 Summer 2013	0103 Winter 2013	0104 Summer 2014	0105 Winter 2014		
F248	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	Very Good
F304	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		10.0	15.0	55.0	55.0	5.0	5.0	Very Good
F324		50.0	60.0	0.0					5.0	0.0	5.0	Very Good
Interlab Median	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

Laboratory Performance Rating

Rating	% Score
Very Good	0 - 5
Good	> 5 - 12.5
Fair	> 12.5 - 30
Poor	> 30

Table 4 Sample Design - FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

Sample Number	Sample Name	Spike
1	TP105-1	none
2	TP105-2	inorganic
3	TP105-3	organic
4	TP105-4	inorganic
5	TP105-5	inorganic
6	TP105-6	inorganic
7	TP105-7	organic
8	TP105-8	inorganic
9	TP105-9	organic
10	TP105-10	inorganic

Samples are prepared in natural lake and river waters and preserved with 0.2% sulfuric acid. Standard phosphate solutions are prepared with potassium dihydrogen phosphate and sodium β -glycerophosphate for inorganic and organic spikes respectively.

Program Name: FPTP

Range of Samples: 1 to 10

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Study Code: 0105

Table 5 Summary of Interlaboratory Robust Means - FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

Parameters	TP105-1 Sample 1	TP105-2 Sample 2	TP105-3 Sample 3	TP105-4 Sample 4	TP105-5 Sample 5	TP105-6 Sample 6	TP105-7 Sample 7	TP105-8 Sample 8	TP105-9 Sample 9	TP105-10 Sample 10
Total Phosphorus (mg/L P)	0.0442	0.264	0.1105	0.00579	0.355	0.799	0.00411	0.0980	0.002246	0.319

APPENDIX A

FPTP STUDY 0105

DATA SUMMARY

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PARAMETER: 15092 Total Phosphorus mg/L P

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FP PT for Total Phosphorus in Water

SAMPLE	1=	2=	3=	4=	5=	6=	7=	8=	9=	10=
LAB NO	TP105-1 LAB RESULT	TP105-2 LAB RESULT	TP105-3 LAB RESULT	TP105-4 LAB RESULT	TP105-5 LAB RESULT	TP105-6 LAB RESULT	TP105-7 LAB RESULT	TP105-8 LAB RESULT	TP105-9 LAB RESULT	TP105-10 LAB RESULT
F003	0.045	0.257	0.111	0.006	0.36	0.829	0.005	0.099	0.001	0.319
F004	0.052 WH	0.281	0.114	0.008	0.364	0.770	0.008 WH	0.110 AH	0.002	0.327
F007	0.045	0.266	0.111	0.006	0.356	0.724	0.004	0.099	<0.002	0.321
F010	0.0430	0.259	0.110	0.0073	0.351	0.733	0.0058	0.0946	0.0031	0.316
F011	0.049	0.275	0.122 AH	0.005	0.369	0.795	0.005	0.105 WH	<0.002	0.336 WH
F014	0.045	0.26	0.11	0.005	0.35	0.77	0.003	0.10	<0.002	0.32
F015	0.0432	0.266	0.113	0.0066	0.361	0.809	0.0037	0.0973	0.0012	0.322
F021	0.047	0.263	0.113	0.007	0.350	0.723	0.004	0.099	0.005 WH	0.312
F022	0.049	0.255	0.115	<0.020	0.350	0.717	<0.020	0.108 AH	<0.020	0.310
F026	0.045	0.265	0.113	0.006	0.361	0.693	0.005	0.097	0.002	0.315
F026b	0.044	0.271	0.109	<0.02	0.350	0.724	<0.02	0.101	<0.02	0.325
F032	0.038 WL	0.254	0.102 WL	<0.005	0.355	0.95	0.007	0.088 AL	<0.005	0.316
F036	0.046	0.276	0.111	0.007	0.359	0.748	0.004	0.100	0.002	0.323
F069	0.038 WL	0.278	0.101 WL	0.004	0.365	0.98 WH	0.006	0.088 AL	<0.004	0.34 WH
F069b	0.028 AL	0.264	0.098 AL	<0.01	0.342	0.91	<0.01	0.098	<0.01	0.316
F074	0.046	0.262	0.109	0.006	0.350	0.960	0.002	0.100	0.002	0.312
F110	0.0435	0.254	0.11	0.00598	0.351	0.778	<0.005	0.0974	<0.005	0.315
F110a							0.00389		0.000858	
F113	0.045	0.285 WH	0.113	0.004	0.357		0.007	0.099	<0.004	0.325
F131	0.044	0.265	0.110	0.005	0.363	0.803	0.003	0.099	0.002	0.324
F154	0.042	0.257	0.108	0.0067	0.348	0.751	0.0041	0.094	0.0026	0.310
F158	0.042	0.258	0.110	0.005	0.348	0.757	0.003	0.093	<0.002	0.312
F163	0.046	0.260	0.113	0.008	0.350	0.725	0.004	0.100	0.004	0.305
F202	0.045	0.258	0.112	0.006	0.354	0.803	<0.003	0.097	<0.003	0.317
F207	0.044	0.263	0.11	0.006	0.358	1.00 WH	0.003	0.099	<0.002	0.319
F221	0.046	0.280	0.115	0.006	0.363	0.866	0.003	0.100	0.002	0.328
F239	0.0407	0.266	0.0212 AL	0.00370	0.351	0.903	<0.0004 WL	0.0964	<0.00044	0.308
F248	0.043	0.26	0.110	0.006	0.35	0.76	0.003	0.096	0.003	0.32
F304	0.041	0.256	0.109	0.003 WL	0.355	0.824	0.001	0.096	<0.001	0.319
F324	0.045	0.269	0.107	0.005	0.346	0.758	0.003	0.096	<0.003	0.322
ASSIGNED VALUE *	0.0442	0.264	0.1105	0.00579	0.355	0.799	0.00411	0.0980	0.002246	0.319
R-STD DEV *	0.00273	0.0088	0.00331	0.001311	0.0070	0.0848	0.001579	0.00311	0.0010641	0.0071
ACCEPTABLE LIMITS(++)*	0.00546	0.0176	0.00662	0.002622	0.0140	0.1696	0.003158	0.00622	0.0021282	0.0142
WARNING LIMITS(++)*	0.00546-0.00819	0.0176-0.0264	0.00662-0.00993	0.002622-0.003933	0.0140-0.0210	0.1696-0.2544	0.003158-0.004737	0.00622-0.00933	0.0021282-0.0031923	0.0142-0.0213
ACTION LIMITS(<)*	0.00819	0.0264	0.00993	0.003933	0.0210	0.2544	0.004737	0.00933	0.0031923	0.0213
N *	29	29	29	25	29	28	24	29	14	29

* NOTE: SEE GLOSSARY FOR DEFINITIONS

LAB NO.	TOTAL RANK	AVERAGE RANK	SUMMARY OF FLAGGING	BIAS STATEMENT	NO. SAMPLES RANKED	BIAS % SLOPE	BIAS BLANK	METHOD CODING
F003	151.5	15.1			10			Autoclaved ascorbic
F004	233.5	23.3	WH	WHAH	10	-3.2	0.0098	Autoclaved SnCl2
F007	143.0	15.8			9			Autoclaved ascorbic
F010	121.5	12.1			10			Flow inj. SnCl2
F011	205.5	22.8	AH	WH WH	9	-0.3	0.0074	SmartChem
F014	117.0	13.0			9			Flow inj. ascorbic
F015	160.0	16.0			10			Flow inj. ascorbic
F021	147.0	14.7		WH	10			Flow inj. ascorbic
F022	99.5	14.2		AH	7			Block dig. ICP-AES
F026	141.0	14.1			10			Autoclaved SnCl2
F026b	107.0	15.2			7			
F032	84.5	10.5	WL WL	AL	8			
F036	182.0	18.2			10			Autoclaved ascorbic
F069	141.5	15.7	WL WL	WH AL WH	9			Acid persulfate dige
F069b	69.0	9.8	AL AL		7			Acid persulfate dige
F074	130.5	13.0			10			UV Digestion Moly As
F110	85.0	10.6			8			Flow inj. ascorbic
F110a	12.0	6.0			2	INSUFFICIENT DATA		Flow inj. ascorbic
F113	157.0	19.6	WH		8			Flow inj. ascorbic
F131	146.5	14.6			10			Autoclaved ascorbic
F154	84.0	8.4			10			Autoclaved ascorbic
F158	62.5	6.9			9	BIASED LOW	0.0026	Flow inj. ascorbic
F163	146.5	14.6			10			Autoclaved ascorbic
F202	116.0	14.5			8			manual ascorbic acid
F207	141.5	15.7		WH	9			Flow inj. ascorbic
F221	202.5	20.2			10			Flow inj. ascorbic
F239	74.0	9.2	AL	WL	8			Ascorbic acid photom
F248	108.5	10.8			10			Flow inj. ascorbic
F304	77.5	8.6		WL	9			Flow inj. ascorbic
F324	98.5	10.9			9			Autoclaved ascorbic

OVERALL AVERAGE RANK IS 14.1