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# Maine DEP's "PFAS Sampling Standard Operating Procedure for Wastewater Treatment Systems"



## PFAS Sampling Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Wastewater Treatment Systems Maine DEP ◦ September, 2022

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This guidance documents covers the Standard Operating Procedure for wastewater treatment facilities to sample their effluent for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds. PFAS sampling of monitoring wells is required for irrigation facilities who are required to collect PFAS samples. An effluent monitoring point can use this SOP for the effluent samples.

All PFAS samples will be GRAB SAMPLES. Following collection, samples should be analyzed at a Maine-accredited laboratory using EPA Method 537.1 Method 537.1 Methods are reported for up to 28 individual PFAS compounds, as well as the "sum of 6": perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA), perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDDA), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFHpA) and perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA). The standard is in units of micrograms per liter, a.k.a., parts per trillion or ppt), however a higher detection limit may be specified for specific samples, such as those with high solids or matrix interferences.

This SOP covers potential sources of PFAS contamination, equipment, collection, preservation, storage, quality control, decontamination (decon), and transport of samples to the laboratory.

The DEP will continue to update this guidance as new information becomes available. For more information, refer to the DEP PFAS website, <https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/pfas/>

### 2.0 POTENTIAL SAMPLE CONTAMINATION

PFAS compounds are present in many common household products, including cleaning products, packaging and personal care products. Given the ubiquitous nature of PFAS, low detection levels that are generally requested for analyses are required to prevent PFAS cross-contamination when collecting samples for routine sampling for common wastewater parameters.



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- o Facilities where winter conditions prevent a Q1 2023 groundwater sampling event will alternatively run two samples in Q2 or Q3.
- o As applicable, shipping arrangements with the contract lab for sample collection and off/pick up should be made at least 48 - 72 hours prior to the sampling event. When properly packed in ice the sample hold time for Method 537.1 is 14 days. However, it is advisable that samples be held no longer than a maximum of 2 - 3 days before shipment to allow for handling and transportation variability, weekends, and holidays.
- j) **Sampling Practices**
  - o In most cases the sample bottle will contain a small amount of sodium hypochlorite powder (Trizma) to dechlorinate the sample. To avoid losing the sample, the effluent sample will be collected in an intermediate container and then transferred to the sample bottle.
  - o The collection container used by the facility should be PFAS-free (i.e., HDPE or stainless steel) with a volume of at least 1-L that is properly cleaned and rinsed with PFAS-free water. The contract lab should provide a container for this purpose.
  - o Any equipment used during sample collection that comes into contact with the effluent sample, such as long-handled swing samplers, scoops, or hoses, should be made of PFAS-free material. If ropes are necessary for collection, use natural fiber ropes.
  - o Samples collected from sampling ports (or pumps): Attach PFAS-free tubing or sampling equipment to sampling ports, pumps, etc., if necessary, in accordance with the sampling plan. Turn on the tap (or pump) and allow the effluent to flow freely for at least 5 minutes before collecting the sample to obtain a representative sample, free of potential local contamination.
- k) **Quality Control (QC) Samples.** QC samples, including field and/or equipment blanks will be only collected when requested by DEP or the contract laboratory. The purpose is to check for air-borne, site, or sampling technique contamination. A



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- k) Ship the coolers to the contract lab in accordance with the sampling plan. Adequate ice is particularly important when collecting samples during hot weather or for overnight shipment.
- l) Properly discard disposable equipment. Do not reuse nitrile gloves. Decon reusable equipment in accordance with Section 5.0 below. Cover the clean equipment and store in a dedicated location for the next sampling event. Do not use the sampling equipment for non-PFAS sampling.

### 5.0 DECONTAMINATION (DECON)

- a) Clean equipment and containers thoroughly with Alconox® or Liquinox® labware cleaner and tap water. Do not use Decon 90 or Dawn® dish detergent.
- b) Perform a final rinse with PFAS-free water. In most cases, PFAS-free water will be supplied by the contract lab and should be reserved for the final rinse.
- c) Store the clean sampling container in a Ziplock® bag, separate from the rope, line, or other equipment used. Do not use this sampling container or tie line for any purpose other than PFAS sampling.

### 6.0 PFAS TESTING RESULTS

PFAS lab results are typically available from the laboratory 3-4 weeks following sample receipt. Results include a Level 2 QC lab report and an Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) form. Information on how to read and interpret the PFAS lab report can be found at this [Link](#). For public facilities in the Project, this has been pre-arranged with Alpha Analytical. Commercial/industrial facilities should consult with their Compliance Inspector regarding reporting data.

## PART 1:

# Acceptable vs. Prohibited Items

Source: 3/22/19 Maine DEP Memorandum from David Burns, "Requirement to analyze for PFAS compounds"

03/20/2019

Table 1: Summary of Prohibited and Acceptable Items for Use in PFAS Sampling

Prohibited Items	Acceptable Items
<b>Field Equipment</b>	
Teflon® containing materials. Aluminum foil.	High-density polyethylene (HDPE) and stainless steel materials
Storage of samples in containers made of LDPE materials	Acetate direct push liners
Teflon® tubing	Silicon or HDPE tubing
Waterproof field books. Water resistant sample bottle labels.	Loose paper (non-waterproof). Paper sample labels covered with clear packing tape.
Plastic clipboards, binders, or spiral hard cover notebooks	Aluminum or Masonite field clipboards
Post-It Notes	Sharpies®, pens
Chemical (blue) ice packs	Regular ice
Excel Purity Paste	Gasolls NT Non-PTFE Thread Sealant
TFW Multipurpose Thread Sealant	Bentonite
Vibra-Tite Thread Sealant	
Equipment with Viton Components (need to be evaluated on a case by case basis, Viton contains PTFE, but may be acceptable if used in gaskets or O - rings that are sealed away and will not come into contact with sample or sampling equipment.)	
<b>Field Clothing and PPE</b>	
New clothing or water resistant, waterproof, or stain treated clothing, clothing laundered with fabric softeners, clothing containing Gore-Tex™	Well-laundered clothing, defined as clothing that has been washed 6 or more times after purchase, made of synthetic or natural fibers (preferable cotton)
Clothing laundered using fabric softener	No fabric softener
Boots containing Gore-Tex™	Boots made with polyurethane and PVC
	Reflective safety vests, Tyvek®, Cotton Clothing, synthetic under clothing, body braces
No cosmetics, moisturizers, hand cream, or other related products as part of personal cleaning/showering routine on the morning of sampling	<b>Sunscreens</b> - Alba Organics Natural Sunscreen, Yes To Cucumbers, Aubrey Organics, Jason Natural Sun Block, Kiss my face, Baby sunscreens that are "free" or "natural" <b>Insect Repellents</b> - Jason Natural Quit Bugging Me, Repel Lemon Eucalyptus Insect repellent, Herbal Armor, California Baby Natural Bug Spray, BabyGanics

ATTACHMENT A -  
PFAS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN FORM TEMPLATE -  
03/20/2019

	<b>Sunscreen and insect repellent</b> - Avon Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus – SPF 30 Lotion
<b>Sample Containers</b>	
LDPE, glass containers or passive diffusion bags.	HDPE (any media) or polypropylene (only for EPA Method 537 samples)
Teflon®-lined caps	Lined or unlined HDPE or polypropylene caps
<b>Rain Events</b>	
Waterproof or resistant rain gear	Polyurethane, vinyl, wax or rubber-coated rain gear. Gazebo tent that is only touched or moved prior to and following sampling activities
<b>Equipment Decontamination</b>	
Decon 90	Alconox® and/or Liquinox®
Water from an on-site well	Potable water from municipal drinking water supply (if tested as PFAS-free)
<b>Food Considerations</b>	
All food and drink, with exceptions noted on the right	Bottled water and hydration drinks (i.e. Gatorade® and Powerade®) to be brought and consumed only in the staging area

It is recommended that all water samples will be collected using dedicated or disposable sampling equipment where possible. Any re-usable equipment, such as plumbing fittings, that may be needed in certain cases to obtain a sample from the pressure tank tap, should be decontaminated using Alconox/Liquinox soap and rinsed with DI or PFAS-free water prior to use and between locations.

### 5.0 Sample Locations

A map showing planned sampling locations will be included in the sampling plan. If locations are not pre-determined, the method that samples will be chosen and collected (field observations, random, etc.) will be outlined in the SAP. Field or laboratory compositing procedures will also be described, if applicable.

This section should also indicate sampling collection priority and order, to assure that the most important samples are obtained, and that sampling is generally done from low areas of contamination to higher levels of contamination. It is recommended that critical samples be collected in duplicate.

### 6.0 Media Sampled

A chart outlining the media collected and sample analysis will be included in the SAP. Table 2 provides several current methods with their associated media:



## On PFAS Sampling Day:

IF IT:

- ✓ MAKES YOU LOOK GOOD
- ✓ MAKES YOU SMELL GOOD
- ✓ TASTES GOOD...



**...IT'S PROBABLY ON THE "PROHIBITED ITEMS" LIST!**

# Examples of: Prohibited Field Clothing, Prohibited Personal Care Products and Prohibited PPE

Clothes laundered with fabric softeners, Vinyl Gloves,  
Water-resistant clothing & shoes such as: Tyvek®, Gore-Tex™  
Personal Care Products: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Cosmetics, Hand Creams, etc.



# Examples of: Acceptable Field Clothing, Acceptable Personal Care Products and Acceptable PPE

Well-laundered clothing (washed 6 or more times), New Powderless Nitrile Gloves,  
Cotton clothing preferable (including “undies”)  
Polyurethane and PVC boots, reflective Safety Vests, Certain Sunscreens and Certain Insect Repellents



# Examples of Prohibited Field Equipment

LDPE Bottles



Teflon® Tubing



Teflon® Lined Bottle Caps



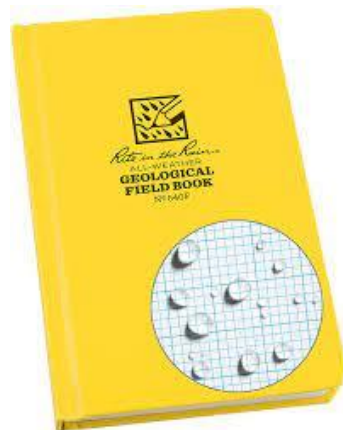
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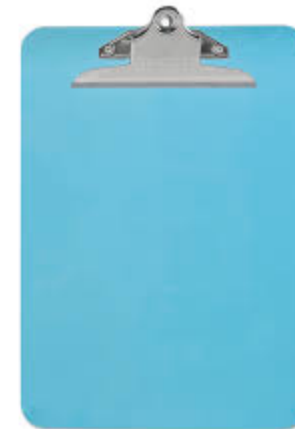
Blue Ice Packs



Waterproof Field Books & Labels



Plastic Clipboards





# Examples of Acceptable Field Equipment

HDPE Sample Bottles



Stainless Steel Material



Pens, Sharpies®



Silicon or HDPE Tubing



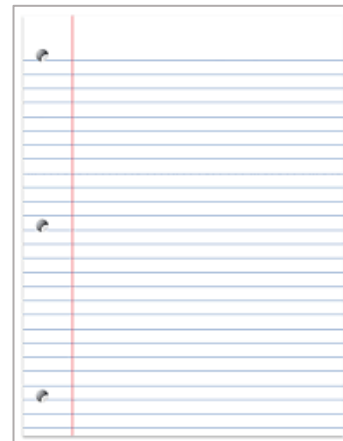
Paper sample labels covered w/clear packing tape



Regular Ice



Loose paper (non-waterproof)



Masonite field clipboards



# Examples of **Prohibited** Rain Event Items & Equipment Decontamination Chemicals

Waterproof or Water-resistant Rain Gear



Water from an Onsite Well  
(the well being tested for PFAS)



Decon 90



# Examples of Acceptable Rain Event Items & Equipment Decontamination Chemicals

Polyurethane, Vinyl, Wax or Rubber-Coated Rain Gear



Gazebo Tent  
(only touched or moved  
before and after sampling activities)

Equipment Decontamination:  
Alconox® and/or Liquinox®  
PFAS-free water



## Examples of **Acceptable** Food Considerations

Bottled Water and Hydration Drinks (examples below) must be brought and consumed **ONLY** in the staging area!!



## Examples of **Prohibited** Food Considerations

Just about Everything Else!!!



## PART 2:

# PFAS Sampling Kit

# Lab-supplied PFAS Sampling Kit

- 1 Cooler
- 1 set of Sample Bottles, in a baggie, per sample location
- 1 set of Field Blank (FB) Bottles, in a baggie, per sample location
- Sampling Instructions
- Chain-of-Custody Form
- 1 Temperature Blank\*



\***Temperature Blank** stays in the cooler. The commercial lab will take the temperature of the water in the Temperature Blank upon receipt in the lab. This temperature represents the temperature of the samples.

**Temperature must be less than 10 Deg C (50 Deg F).**

# CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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ALPHA ANALYTICAL  
WESTBORO, MA  
TEL: 508-898-9220  
FAX: 508-898-9193

MANSFIELD, MA  
TEL: 508-822-9300  
FAX: 508-822-3288

## Client Information

Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

These samples have been previously analyzed by Alpha

Other Project Specific Requirements/Comments/Detection Limits:

ALPHA Lab ID (Lab Use Only)	Sample ID	Collection		Sample Matrix	Sampler's Initials	ANALYSIS
		Date	Time			

Relinquished By:	Date/Time	Received By:

FORM NO: 01-01 (rev. 14-OCT-07)

Date Rec'd in Lab: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Information - Data Deliverables

FAX       EMAIL  
 ADEx     Add'l Deliverables

ALPHA Job #: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Information

Same as Client info    PO #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Regulatory Requirements/Report Limits

State /Fed Program \_\_\_\_\_

Other Project Specific Requirements/Comments/Detection Limits:

Turn-Around Time

Standard     RUSH (only confirmed if pre-approved)

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Container Type \_\_\_\_\_

Preservative \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions for filling out Alpha Analytical's Chain-of-Custody are on the back of the Chain-of-Custody

## Instructions

- Where to send the report. Enter phone, fax and email to info here
- Enter Project Information and especially Alpha Quote #
- Indicate additional report requirements other than standard mail.
- Indicate where bill is to be sent and include PO number.
- Indicate if Standard or Rush Request. Indicate the Date and Time Due!
- Enter Special Instructions such as specific Detection Limits here!
- List regulatory or reporting limits here.
- List Analyses Requested. Be specific Example: 6250 Low EPH Deluxe
- Indicate if Filtration/Preservation is done or is needed and list in comment section below for each sample.
- Enter Container Type and Preservative Code
- Signatures, Date & Time when relinquishing or receiving.

**Terms & Conditions:** In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, this order constitutes an acceptance by the Client of Alpha Analytical, Inc. (ALPHA)'s offer to do business under these Terms and Conditions, and agrees to be bound by these conditions. Any terms and conditions from Client's that do not conform to the terms and conditions contained herein shall be deemed invalid and unenforceable, unless accepted in writing by ALPHA. This order shall not be valid unless it contains sufficient specifications to enable ALPHA to carry out the Client's requirements. Samples must be accompanied by: a) adequate instruction as to the quantity and type of analysis requested, and b) reporting and billing address information. Upon timely delivery of samples, ALPHA will use its best efforts to meet mutually agreed turnaround times, calculated from the point in time when ALPHA has determined that it can proceed with the defined work to be done (Sample Delivery Acceptance). ALPHA reserves the right to refuse or revoke Sample Delivery Acceptance for any sample which in the sole judgment of ALPHA: a) is unsuitable volume; b) may pose a risk or become unsuitable for handling, transport or processing for any health, safety, environmental or any other reason; c) holding times cannot be met.

Client agrees to pay for all applicable charges to process this order. Payment in advance is required for all Clients except those whose credit has been established with ALPHA. For Clients with approved credit, payment terms are Net 30 days from the date of the invoice by ALPHA. All overdue payments are subject to an interest and service charge of one and one half percent (1.5%) (Or the maximum rate permissible by law, whichever is lesser) per month or portion thereof from the due date until the date of payment. ALPHA may suspend work and withhold delivery of data under this order at any time in the event that the Client fails to make timely payment of its invoices. Client shall be responsible for all costs and expenses of collection including reasonable attorney's fees. Data or information provided to ALPHA or generated by services performed under this agreement shall only become the property of the Client upon receipt in full by ALPHA of payment for the entire Order.

In no event shall ALPHA have any responsibility or liability to the Client for any failure or delay in performance by ALPHA which results, directly or indirectly in whole or in part, from any cause or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of ALPHA.

ALPHA shall dispose of the Client's samples 30 days after the analytical report is issued, unless instructed to store them for an alternate period of time or return such samples to the Client. The return of samples will be at the Client's own expense.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Sampling Services

Sample Storage

Chain of Custody Forms

Sample Container Orders

Courier Service Requests

Sampling Reference Guide

Alpha Technical Services

Frequently Asked Questions

On-Demand Training



Contact Us

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# Chain of Custody Forms

Alpha provides environmental testing Chain of Custody (COC) templates for routine and air analysis to assist our clients from container requests to sample submission. These templates can be downloaded to your computer, filled out with your specific company and contact information and stored on your PC for all your future projects.

When you are planning a specific project, the chain of custody form template can be called up and filled in with specific project information and stored on your PC. This project COC can then be sent to Alpha Client Services as a bottle order request. In addition, we will transfer any project-specific information you provide on the COC to the container labels that will subsequently be sent to you for your sampling event. Alpha can also provide copies of this project COC along with your bottle order for your convenience.

In these ways, the Alpha's environmental testing chain of custody form templates function as a multipurpose document, saving you time by reducing the number of steps you need to do.

**Click on the links below to download a COC template. Use the MS Excel or MS Word version to create your own documents.**

### AIR ANALYSIS

[Air Chain of Custody Form \(Word\)](#)

[Air Chain of Custody Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Air Chain of Custody Form Instructions \(PDF\)](#)

[Air-Sorbent Media Chain of Custody \(Excel field fillable\)](#)

### How To Complete a Chain of Custody Form



### What Our Clients Are Saying

"From bottle ordering to courier service to final deliverables, every Alpha staff involved with...»"

### Support Services

Alpha's air canister inventory keeps growing; we now have over 1,000 of the latest technology Fused-Silica-Lined



## PART 3:

# Examples of PFAS & Field Blank Sampling Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

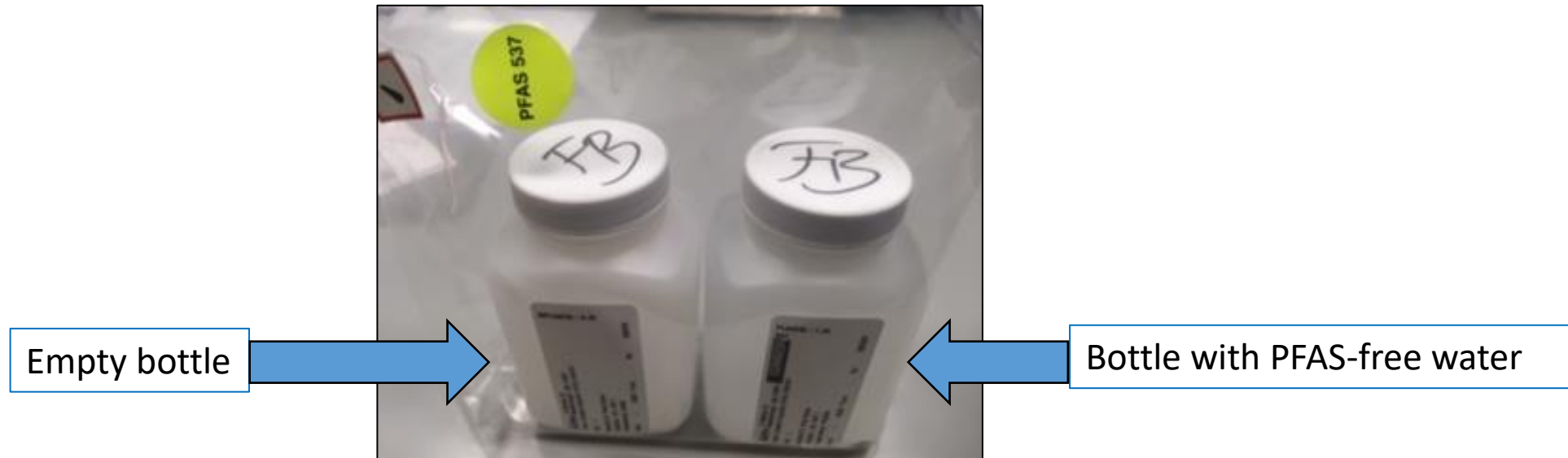
## PFAS Sampling SOP (example)

1. Using hot tap water, wash HDPE pitcher and sample rope with Alconox<sup>®</sup> or Liquinox<sup>®</sup> and rinse with PFAS-free water. Store in closable baggie until ready to use.
2. Don your “approved” clothing, gloves, etc.
3. Bring the cooler, the rope, HDPE pitcher, uncoated paper towels, Sharpie<sup>®</sup> marker, chain-of-custody w/clipboard and ink pen to effluent compliance sampling point.
4. Lower the pitcher with the rope into the effluent channel. Collect the sample in the pitcher.
5. Remove caps from sample bottles and place them face-up on uncoated paper towel.
6. Fill sample bottles to the “necks” but be careful not to overfill. Replace caps and invert bottles 5 times to mix preservative (if supplied).
7. Use Sharpie<sup>®</sup> to write sample date, time, analyst ID on bottle labels.
8. Return filled bottles to baggie. Seal the baggie.
9. Use pen to fill-out chain-of-custody.
10. Proceed to “Field Blank Sampling.”



# Field Blank

- The Field Blank (FB) identifies possible PFAS contamination introduced during sample collection and handling at each sampling location.
- A bottle of PFAS-free water and an empty bottle are supplied by the lab.



# Field Blank Sampling SOP (example)

- **Step 1:** Don nitrile gloves. Open the bottle containing the PFAS-free water and put the cap, face-up, on a clean surface such as non-coated paper towels. Open the “Empty” bottle and keep the cap in your hand.
  - **Step 2:** Pour all of the PFAS-free water into the “Empty” bottle and screw on the cap from your hand. Gently invert the bottle 5 times to mix the water with the preservative (if supplied) in the bottle. Screw the other cap onto the now-empty bottle.
  - **Step 3:** Use a Sharpie® to fill-in the labels on the bottles. **You will return the empty bottle with your samples.** Put both bottles into the baggie. Seal the baggie. Put into cooler.
  - **Step 4:** Use a pen to enter info on the chain-of-custody Form.
- NOTE:** Any Equipment Blanks should be collected by rinsing non-dedicated sampling equipment with PFAS-free water. Test this water for PFAS chemicals.

Pour PFAS-free H<sub>2</sub>O into the Empty Bottle



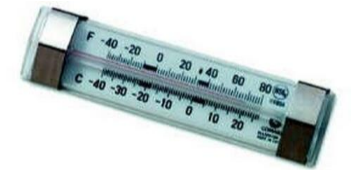
Back View

MEDIA	LABORATORY METHOD	HOLD TIME*/ PRESERVATION	ANALYSIS TIME	Reporting List
Drinking Water	USEPA Method 537	14 days to extraction/Trizma**	28 days after extraction	Method specific
Groundwater	Modified Method 537	14 days to extraction/<6°C	28 days after extraction	DEP Minibid list ***
Surface Water	Modified Method 537	14 days to extraction/<6°C	28 days after extraction	DEP Minibid list ***
Soil/Sediment/ Sludge	Modified Method 537	14 days to extraction/<6°C	28 days after extraction	DEP Minibid list ***
Other (vegetation...)	537 Modified	Lab specific	Lab specific	DEP Minibid list ***
Water or Soil	TOP or other total fluorinated analysis	Lab specific/<6°C	Lab specific	Method specific

Media/Analytical Methodology: 3/22/19 Maine DEP Memorandum from David Burns, "Requirement to analyze for PFAS compounds"

## Sample Storage & Shipping SOP (example)

- Call or email lab to arrange sample pick-up.
- Make sure baggies containing samples are completely sealed.
- Samples stored after 48 hrs. of collection must be refrigerated at or below 6 Deg C (43 Deg F). Keep Temp Blank with the samples.
- Add ice to cooler(s) to keep samples cool during transport to lab.
- Put chain-of-custody in baggie. Set it on top of the sample cooler.
- "Sign-over" the samples to the lab courier.



## PART 4:

# PFAS Lab Reports

Bookmarks

- Summary
- Alpha Analytical Report Cover Page
- Sample Cross Reference Summary
- Case Narrative
- Organics Cover Page
- Semivolatiles Cover Page
- Semivolatiles Sample Results**
- Semivolatiles Method Blank Report
- Semivolatiles LCS Report
- Semivolatiles Matrix Spike Report
- Semivolatiles Duplicate Report
- Sample Receipt & Container Information Report
- PFAS Parameter



Serial\_No:04172317:05

### ANALYTICAL REPORT

Lab Number:

Client:

ATTN:

Phone:

Project Name:

Project Number:

Report Date: -----

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**SAMPLE RESULTS**

Lab ID: L2318775-01  
 Client ID: OUTFALL 001-A  
 Sample Location: Not Specified

Date Collected: 04/04/23 09:15  
 Date Received: 04/07/23  
 Field Prep: Not Specified

Sample Depth:

Matrix: Wastewater  
 Analytical Method: 134.LCMSMS-ID  
 Analytical Date: 04/15/23 03:02  
 Analyst: PS

Extraction Method: ALPHA 23528  
 Extraction Date: 04/14/23 06:10

Parameter	Result	Qualifier	Units	RL	MDL	Dilution Factor
<b>Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids by Isotope Dilution - Mansfield Lab</b>						
Perfluorobutanoic Acid (PFBA)	20.6		ng/l	1.89	0.386	1
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA)	6.46		ng/l	1.89	0.374	1
Perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid (PFBS)	4.68	F	ng/l	1.89	0.225	1
1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid (4:2FTS)	ND		ng/l	1.89	0.427	1
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA)	10.2		ng/l	1.89	0.310	1
Perfluoropentanesulfonic Acid (PFPeS)	ND		ng/l	1.89	0.232	1
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)	3.08		ng/l	1.89	0.213	1
Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid (PFHxS)	2.86		ng/l	1.89	0.356	1
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	7.77		ng/l	1.89	0.223	1
1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (6:2FTS)	ND		ng/l	1.89	1.26	1
Perfluoroheptanesulfonic Acid (PFHpS)	ND		ng/l	1.89	0.651	1



Project Name: [REDACTED]      Serial\_No:04172317:05  
 Project Number: [REDACTED]      Lab Number: L2318775  
 Report Date: 04/17/23

Lab ID: L2318775-01      Date Collected: 04/04/23 09:15  
 Client ID: OUTFALL 001-A      Date Received: 04/07/23  
 Sample Location: Not Specified      Field Prep: Not Specified

**SAMPLE RESULTS**

Sample Depth:

Parameter	Result	Qualifier	Units	RL	MDL	Dilution Factor
<b>Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids by Isotope Dilution - Mansfield Lab</b>						
Perfluorooctadecanoic Acid (PFODA)	ND		ng/l	3.78	1.08	1
<b>PFAS, Total (6)</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>Q</b>	ng/l	1.89	0.213	1



Surrogate (Extracted Internal Standard)	% Recovery	Qualifier
Perfluoro[13C4]Butanoic Acid (MPFBA)	85	
Perfluoro[13C5]Pentanoic Acid (M5PFPEA)	69	
Perfluoro[2,3,4-13C3]Butanesulfonic Acid (M3PFBS)	76	
1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluoro[1,2-13C2]Hexanesulfonic Acid (M2-4:2FTS)	165	Q
Perfluoro[1,2,3,4,6-13C5]Hexanoic Acid (M5PFHxA)	65	
Perfluoro[1,2,3,4-13C4]Heptanoic Acid (M4PFHpA)	71	
Perfluoro[1,2,3-13C3]Hexanesulfonic Acid (M3PFHxS)	84	
Perfluoro[13C8]Octanoic Acid (M8PFOA)	87	
1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluoro[1,2-13C2]Octanesulfonic Acid (M2-8:2FTS)	186	Q
Perfluoro[13C9]Nonanoic Acid (M9PFNA)	85	
Perfluoro[13C8]Octanesulfonic Acid (M8PFOS)	82	
Perfluoro[1,2,3,4,5,6-13C6]Decanoic Acid (M6PFDA)	89	
1H,1H,2H,2H-Perfluoro[1,2-13C2]Decanesulfonic Acid (M2-8:2FTS)	194	Q
N-Deuteriomethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic Acid (d3-NMeFOSAA)	91	
Perfluoro[1,2,3,4,5,6,7-13C7]Undecanoic Acid (M7-PFUDA)	91	
Perfluoro[13C8]Octanesulfonamide (M8FOSA)	19	
N-Deuterioethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic Acid (d5-NEiFOSAA)	109	
Perfluoro[1,2-13C2]Dodecanoic Acid (MPFDOA)	86	
Perfluoro[1,2-13C2]Tetradecanoic Acid (M2PFTEDA)	74	
2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoro-2-[1,1,2,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropoxy]-13C3-Propanoic Acid (M3HFPO-DA)	71	
Perfluoro[13C2]Hexadecanoic Acid (M2PFHxDA)	75	

Project Name: [REDACTED]      Serial\_No:04172317:05  
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 Report Date: 04/17/23

Lab ID: L2318775-01      Date Collected: 04/04/23 09:15  
 Client ID: OUTFALL 001-A      Date Received: 04/07/23  
 Sample Location: Not Specified      Field Prep: Not Specified

**SAMPLE RESULTS**

Sample Depth:

Parameter	Result	Qualifier	Units	RL	MDL	Dilution Factor
<b>Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids by Isotope Dilution - Mansfield Lab</b>						
Perfluorooctadecanoic Acid (PFODA)	ND		ng/l	3.78	1.08	1
<b>PFAS, Total (6)</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>Q</b>	ng/l	1.89	0.213	1



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**Project Name:** 2022 PFAS  
**Project Number:** Not Specified

**Lab Number:** L2213990  
**Report Date:** 03/25/22

**SAMPLE RESULTS**

Lab ID: L2213990-02  
 Client ID:  
 Sample Location:

Date Collected: 03/15/22 10:45  
 Date Received: 03/17/22  
 Field Prep: Not Specified

Sample Depth:  
 Matrix: Dw  
 Analytical Method: 133,537.1  
 Analytical Date: 03/23/22 10:12  
 Analyst: AC

Extraction Method: EPA 537.1  
 Extraction Date: 03/22/22 17:10

Parameter	Result	Qualifier	Units	RL	MDL	Dilution Factor
<b>Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids by EPA 537.1 - Mansfield Lab</b>						
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid (PFHxS)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
Perfluorodecanoic Acid (PFDA)	ND		ng/l	1.88	--	1
<b>PFAS, Total (8)</b>	<b>ND</b>		ng/l	1.88	--	1



Surrogate	% Recovery	Qualifier	Acceptance Criteria
Perfluoro-n-[1,2-13C2]hexanoic Acid (13C-PFHxA)	87		70-130
Tetrafluoro-2-heptafluoropropoxy-[13C3]-propanoic acid (13C3-HFPO-DA)	97		70-130
Perfluoro-n-[1,2-13C2]decanoic Acid (13C-PFDA)	86		70-130
N-Deuterioethylperfluoro-1-octanesulfonamidoacetic Acid (d5-NETFOSAA)	104		70-130

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## PFAS Laboratory Data Report

Laboratory data reports may at first seem difficult to read and interpret. Although required information is included in the report, each laboratory may present the information in differing ways. In general, each laboratory report must include a cover page, a list defining abbreviations used in the report, a summary of issues that the laboratory may have had during sample analysis, a report of sample results including dates and times of sample collection, sample receipt, sample preparation and analysis, several sections summarizing laboratory quality control measurements, and a copy of the chain of custody form and related sample receipt documentation.

**Result = The concentration of the compound detected**

This number is compared to Maine’s Interim Drinking Water Standard, which is currently 20 parts per trillion

**Example Report of Sample Results:**

Parameter	Result	Units	Qualifier	RL	MDL	Dilution Factor
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	21.2	ng/L		1.95	0.230	1
Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS)	ND	ng/L	U	1.95	0.491	1

**ND = Non-Detect**

ND means the compound was not detected at a level high enough for the laboratory equipment to detect

**RL = Reporting Limit**

The RL is the limit to which the laboratory equipment can reliably report under normal laboratory conditions

**MDL = Method Detection Limit**

The MDL is the lowest concentration that the laboratory test equipment can detect a contaminant

Note: ng/L = Nanograms per liter or parts per trillion (ppt)



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