Biological Analysis Report

SO-DIST-2024-07-02-01

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Event Description: **Algal Bloom Response - SOROC**
Request ID: **RQ-2024-04-29-55**
Customer: **SO-DIST**
Project ID: **BLOOM-RESP**

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Case Narrative

Unless otherwise noted, all samples included in this report were received in accordance with protocols referenced in Chapter 62-160, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Results published in this report pertain only to the samples as submitted to, and received by the laboratory. All times in this report are adjusted to the applicable Eastern Time Zone (EST or EDT).

Results for the following analytical groups are included in this report: AlgalBio and Chlorophyll/Grain Size/BOD.

Scientific notation may be used in reporting very large or small values. Values reported using scientific notation will take the form of the following example: 1.3E+03, which is equivalent to 1.3×10^3 or 1300.

Unless otherwise noted, analytical values for soil and sediment samples are reported on a dry weight basis, and analytical values for waste and tissue samples are reported on a wet weight basis.

Results for TNI accredited tests met requirements established by The NELAC Institute. A double asterisk (**) is used to indicate an analyte/matrix/method for which the laboratory is not TNI accredited by the Florida Department of Health Environmental Laboratory Certification Program or where accreditation for that field of testing is not applicable.

Any significant anomalies or deviations from established protocols are documented in Non-Conformance Reports, which, where appropriate, are included within this analytical report. Additional comments related to specific analytical tests may be included as remarks following the analytical results for each sample. Such comments and remarks are for informational purposes only and are not intended to convey judgement about the usability of the reported data.

A quality control report on the performance of the test method for the submitted samples is included. Uncertainty associated with the analytical results contained in this report can be estimated from the reported quality assurance results and from published quality control acceptance limits for each analytical test. Matrix quality control results (matrix spike recoveries and matrix sample precision) pertain only to the matrix sample tested and do not necessarily reflect test method performance for other samples.

Typical matrix quality control (QC) measurements may include matrix spike recovery, matrix spike duplicate recovery, matrix spike precision and matrix sample precision. Not all matrix QC results may be available or reportable; where they are not an explanation is provided. Typical reasons for unavailable QC results include, but are not limited to, a) insufficient matrix sample to perform some or all QC measurements; b) analyte concentration in the sample replicated was too low for a meaningful measurement of precision and c) analyte concentration in the matrix sample spiked was too high (relative to the amount of analyte spiked) for a meaningful measurement of recovery. Where matrix QC results are unavailable, other method performance metrics (e.g., LCS recovery, LCS precision, surrogate recovery) may be used to assess performance of the method. Comments explaining any missing QC measurements are not intended to convey any adverse conclusions about the quality of the reported data.

Precision is reported as relative percent difference unless otherwise noted.

Quality Control codes as defined below may be used in this report to indicate results that are associated with one or more quality control elements which did not fall within established test method criteria. Such results may be qualified as estimates using a J qualifier as required by 62-160 F.A.C. Explanations are included in the report for any results that were reported as estimates for other reasons.

QC Codes used in this report may include:

- LCS – Recovery for the batch Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) was outside existing control limits;
- MS – Recovery for the batch matrix spike (MS) was outside existing control limits;
- CCV – Recovery for a continuing calibration verification (CCV) standard was outside existing control limits;
- SUR – Recovery of a surrogate (SUR) for associated analytes was outside existing control limits;
- RPD – The precision, measured as relative percent difference (RPD), of batch replicate measurements was outside existing control limits;
- RSD – The precision, measured as relative standard deviation (RSD), of batch replicate measurements was outside existing control limits;
- SMP – Sample - used precision derived from replicate analyses of a sample;

The following data qualifiers are used, where applicable, in this report as specified in 62-160 F.A.C.

- A - Value reported is the mean of two or more determinations.
- B - Results based on colony counts outside the acceptable range.
- I - The reported value is between the laboratory method detection limit and the laboratory practical quantitation limit.
- J - Estimated value and/or the analysis did not meet established quality control criteria.
- K - Actual value is known to be less than value given.
- L - Actual value is known to be greater than value given.
- N - Presumptive evidence of presence of material.
- O - Sampled, but analysis lost or not performed.
- Q - Sample held beyond normal holding time.
- T - Value reported is less than the criterion of detection.
- U - Material was analyzed for but not detected. The reported value is the method detection limit for the sample analyzed.
- V - Analyte was detected in both sample and method blank.
- X - Too few individuals to calculate SCI value.
- Y - The laboratory analysis was from an unpreserved or improperly preserved sample. The data may not be accurate.
- Z - Colonies were too numerous to count (TNTC).

Quality control information from overflow laboratories may not be included in this report. Please refer to the associated report from the overflow laboratory for additional information.

Sample Location: Lake Glenada Boat Ramp **Collection Date/Time: 07/01/2024 12:41**

Field ID: HAB-SD-0120 Matrix: W-SURF-FRH

Sample ID	Ref. Method	Component	Result	Code	Units	Batch ID	QC Codes
2498711	SOP-AB18	Dominant sample taxon**	Cyanophyceae				

Ref. Method and Comment:
SOP-AB18: The co-dominant taxa were Microcystis aeruginosa and Microcystis wesenbergii.

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Sample ID	Ref. Method	Component	Result	Code	Units	Batch ID	QC Codes
2498715	SM 10150 B	Chlorophyll-a, Corrected	58		ug/L	P448118	
		Phaeophytin-a	2.5	U	ug/L	P448118	
		Chlorophyll-a, Uncorrected	60		ug/L	P448118	

Ref. Method and Comment:
SM 10150 B: Precision data is not available for at least one component due to the small amount of analyte in the QC sample. Refer to QA report for available precision data.

Quality Assurance Report
Method Blank Results

Reference Method: SM 10150 B
Batch ID: P448118

Component	Result	Code	Units
Chlorophyll-a, Corrected	0.93	U	ug/L
Chlorophyll-a, Uncorrected	0.68	U	ug/L
Phaeophytin-a	1.0	U	ug/L

Quality Assurance Report
Laboratory Control Sample Accuracy

Reference Method: SM 10150 B
Batch ID: P448118

Component	% Rec.1	% Rec.2	Pass/Fail	Control Limits
Chlorophyll-a, Corrected	114		P	84 - 116

Quality Assurance Report
Precision

Reference Method: SM 10150 B
Batch ID: P448118

Replicated Lab Sample	Component	% RSD/RPD	Sample/Spike/LCS*	Pass/Fail	Control Limits
2498753	Chlorophyll-a, Corrected	5.07	Sample	P	0 - 25
2498753	Chlorophyll-a, Uncorrected	2.93	Sample	P	0 - 25

* Sample, spike and/or laboratory control sample precision (LCS) is reported.

Quality Assurance Report
Summary

Ref. Method	Analyte	LCS % Recovery	MS % Recovery	Precision		
				LCS	SMP	MS
SM 10150 B	Chlorophyll-a, Corrected	114			5.07	
	Chlorophyll-a, Uncorrected				2.93	

Reference Method Descriptions

Method	Description	Associated Samples
SM 10150 B	Phytoplankton chlorophyll-a corrected, uncorrected, and phaeophytin by spectrophotometry	2498715
SOP-AB18	Assessment of dominant algal taxa in bloom or mat sample	2498711

Preparation and Analysis Log

Ref. Method	Received Date	Prep Date/Time	Prepared By	Analysis Date/Time	Analyzed By	Associated Samples
SM 10150 B	07/02/2024	07/02/2024 14:45	Julia Herten	07/16/2024 16:14	Megan Higbee	2498715
SOP-AB18	07/02/2024			07/02/2024 13:50	Chelsea Lam	2498711