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Final Report

WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing

WatR™ Supply Study

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Enclosed is your final report for ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing (PT) study. Your final report includes an evaluation of all results submitted by your laboratory to ERA.

Data Evaluation Protocols: All analytes in ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing (PT) study have been evaluated using the following tiered approach. If the analyte is listed in the most current National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) PT Field of Testing tables, the evaluation was completed by comparing the reported result to the acceptance limits generated using the criteria contained in the NELAC FoPT tables. If the analyte is not included in the NELAC FoPT tables, the reported result has been evaluated using the procedures outlined in ERA's Standard Operating Procedure for the Generation of Performance Acceptance Limits (SOP 0260).

Corrective Action Help: As part of your accreditation(s), you may be required to identify the root cause of any "Not Acceptable" results, implement the necessary corrective actions, and then satisfy your PT requirements by participating in a Supplemental (QuiK™ Response) or future ERA PT study. ERA's technical staff is available to help your laboratory resolve any technical issues that may be impairing your PT performance and possibly affecting your routine data quality. Our laboratory and technical staff have well over three hundred years of collective experience in performing the full range of environmental analyses. As part of our technical support, ERA offers QC samples that can be helpful in helping you work through your technical issues.

Thank you for your participation in ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing study. If you have any questions, please contact the proficiency testing department, or myself, at 1-800-372-0122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay R. McBurney".

Jay R. McBurney
Quality Program Manager

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North Carolina (WS)	Cindy Price / 919-733-7308	Custom Reporting

WS-176 Definitions & Study Discussion

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WS Study Definitions

The Reported Value is the value that the laboratory reported to ERA.

The ERA Assigned Values are compliant with the most current USEPA/NELAC FoPT tables. A parameter not added to the standard is given an Assigned Value of "0" per the guidelines contained in the USEPA's Criteria Document and NELAC standards. The assigned values are directly traceable to the commercially prepared starting materials used to manufacture the PT standards.

The Acceptance Limits are established per the criteria contained in the most current USEPA/NELAC FoPT tables, or ERA's SOP for the Generation of Performance Acceptance Limits™ as applicable.

The Performance Evaluation:

- Acceptable = Reported Value falls within the Acceptance Limits.
- Not Acceptable = Reported Value falls outside the Acceptance Limits.
- No Evaluation = Reported Value cannot be evaluated.
- Not Reported = No Value reported.

The Method Description is the method the laboratory reported to ERA.

WS Study Discussion

ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing study has been reviewed by ERA senior management and certified compliant with the requirements of the USEPA's National Standards for Water Proficiency Testing Studies Criteria Document (December 1998), and the criteria contained in the most current NELAC FoPT tables.

ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply study standards were examined for any anomalies. A full review of all homogeneity, stability and accuracy verification data was completed. All analytical verification data for all analytes in the standards met the acceptance criteria contained in the USEPA's National Criteria Document for Water Proficiency Testing Studies, December 1998, and the criteria contained in the most current NELAC FoPT tables.

The data submitted by participating laboratories was also examined for study anomalies. There were no anomalies observed during the statistical review of the data.

ERA's WS-176 WatR™ Supply study reports shall not be reproduced except in their entirety and not without the permission of the participating laboratories. The report must not be used by the participating laboratories to claim product endorsement by any agency of the U. S. government.

The data contained herein are confidential and intended for your use only.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessment in ERA's WatR™ Supply Proficiency Testing program, please contact Jay McBurney, Quality Program Manager, or the proficiency testing department at 1-800-372-0122.



Study: **WS-176**

ERA Customer Number: **E559701**

Laboratory Name: **Environmental Testing
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Inorganic Results





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Anal. No.	Analyte	Units	Reported Value	Assigned Value	Acceptance Limits	Performance Evaluation	Method Description
WS Inorganics (cat# 591)							
0027	Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L		101	90.9 - 111	Not Reported	
1575	Chloride	mg/L		17.8	15.4 - 20.4	Not Reported	
1610	Conductivity at 25°C	µmhos/cm		467	420 - 514	Not Reported	
0010	Fluoride	mg/L		3.05	2.74 - 3.36	Not Reported	
1820	Nitrate + Nitrite as N	mg/L		8.96	8.06 - 9.86	Not Reported	
0009	Nitrate as N	mg/L	8.3	8.96	8.06 - 9.86	Acceptable	SM4500NO3- D
1125	Potassium	mg/L		31.3	27.0 - 35.4	Not Reported	
0145	Sulfate	mg/L		55.8	48.4 - 62.7	Not Reported	
0024	Total Dissolved Solids at 180°C	mg/L		386	248 - 524	Not Reported	

