

✓ IFI
- (C) sample -

NOTE TO: JIM HEATH

C. A. = U234 + U235 + U238
R2-B32
09/07/94

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION 70-1151/94-03

In this NRC inspection conducted by Mr. Robert Carrion an IFI was opened relating to the comparison of an effluent sample previously split and sent to the NRC and CEP, our vendor analysis laboratory. The vendor sample analysis did not favorably compare with the NRC Gross Alpha and Beta analyses.

After reviewing the vendor data, the following was noted:

Isotope	Conc, uCi/ml E-06
U-234	0.395 ^{uCi}
U-235	0.030 0.043
U-238	0.140 0.166

Sum of (CEP) iso U 0.565

Gross Alpha(CEP) 0.544

Ratio iso U /G.A. 1.04

NRC Gross Alpha 1.20

Ratio WG.A./NRC G.A. 0.45

CEP Gross Beta 0.149
(Cal. fr GA ratio) 0.187

NRC Gross Beta 0.550

The NRC analysis of isotopic uranium was in agreement; however, with our waste the sum of the isotopic uranium usually is in close agreement with the gross alpha, since uranium is the only alpha emitter normally present in our waste. This premis is verified with the CEP isotopic analysis sum and their gross alpha result. The NRC result however does not agree with their "agreeing" gross alpha. Also, their result appears to be substantially higher than our normal "average" gross alpha results for the past 12 months.

CEP was contacted by Westinghouse to review their EPA/EMSL-LV Cross check analyses in the second and third quarter of 1993 and 1994 results. All values were within the acceptance range and deemed as "hits" for accuracy. A copy is attached.

After reviewing the data and CEP crosscheck results, it appears that the NRC laboratory may have developed some error in the gross alpha analysis. No explanation is available for the deviation in the Gross Beta, although the vendor results do not appear to deviate from past values and expected ratio (2.9) of gross alpha to gross beta.

A recommended followup would consist of sending a split sample to

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two alternate laboratories for a check during the next NRC effluent inspection.

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Controls For Environmental TEST RESULTS BY SAMPLE

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Sample Description: Special Eff. Monitor Split Lab No: 01A
Test Description: Gross Alpha/Beta Method:
Collected: 10/29/93 Category: WATER

Test Code: AB

Type of Analysis	Detection Limit	RESULT
Gross Alpha	0.002	0.544 +/- 0.028
Gross Beta	0.003	0.149 +/- 0.008

0.544 E-06 uCi/ml
0.149 E-06 uCi/ml

All results report in:

UNITS uCi/ml x10-6
Analyzed 11/23/93
By SI

Sample Description: Special Eff. Monitor Split Lab No: 01A
Test Description: Isotopic Uranium Method:
Collected: 10/29/93 Category: WATER

Test Code: ISOU

Type of Analysis	Detection Limit	RESULT
Uranium-234	_____	0.395 +/- 0.031
Uranium-235	_____	0.030 +/- 0.008
Uranium-238	_____	0.140 +/- 0.043

All results report in:

UNITS uCi/ml x10-6
Analyzed 11/30/93
By CM



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Attn: Roger Fischer

Purchase Order: FC-81160-H-GM
Invoice Number:

Order #: 93-11-100

Date: 12/07/93 09:48

Work ID: Water (NR)

Date Received: 11/08/93

Date Completed: 12/07/93


Client Code: WEST_COLUMB

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Sample Description</u>
01	Special Eff. Monitor Solis

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Remainder of sample(s) for routine analysis will be disposed
of three weeks from final report date. Sample(s) for bacteria
analysis only, will be disposed of immediately after analysis.
This is not applicable if other arrangements have been made.

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EPA/EMSL-LV CROSS CHECK PROGRAM
INTERCOMPARISON STUDY

DATE 1993	PARAMETER MATRIX	EPA KNOWN VALUE pCi/l	EPA ACCEPTANCE RANGE (pCi/l)	CEP AVG	H M
07/23	ALPHA/H ₂ O	15.0±5.0	6.3 - 23.7	13.00	H
10/24	ALPHA/H ₂ O	20.0±5.0	11.3 - 28.7	18.67	H

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INTERCOMPARISON STUDY
PERFORMANCE STUDY A/B

DATE 1993	PARAMETER MATRIX	EPA KNOWN VALUE pCi/l	EPA ACCEPTANCE RANGE (pCi/l)	CEP AVG	H M
04/20	ALPHA	95.0±24.0	53.4 - 136.6	92.00	H
10/19	ALPHA	40.0±10.0	22.7 - 57.3	47.67	H

H = HIT
M = MISS

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**EPA/EMSL-LV CROSS CHECK PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE EVALUTATION STUDY**

DATE 1994	PARAMETER MATRIX	EPA KNOWN VALUE pCI-1s	EPA ACCEPTANCE RANGE (pCI/D)	CEP AVG	H M
01/28	ALPHA/H2O	15.0±5.0	6.3 - 23.7	17.00	II

**EPA/EMSL-LV CROSS CHECK PROGRAM
INTERCOMPARISION STUDY
PERFORMANCE STUDY A/B**

DATE 1994	PARAMETER MATRIX	EPA KNOWN VALUE pCI-1s	EPA ACCEPTANCE RANGE (pCI/D)	CEP AVG	H M
04/19	ALPHA	86.0±22.0	47.8 - 124.2	91.33	H

H = HIT
M = MISS

NOTE: These are the only results revealed for 1994 from EPA