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**Subject: Data Validation Reports
E Palestine Site - ER
EPA Contract No.: 68HE0519D0005
Task Order/Task Order Line Item No.: 68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No. 1985**

Dear Mr. Peters:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) is submitting this data validation report for sixty air samples including seven field blanks and four duplicate samples were collected at the E Palestine Site. The samples were collected on June 8 and 9, 2023, and were analyzed for acrylates by Eurofins Analytics, LLC at their Ashland, Virginia laboratory. The final laboratory data packages were received on June 22, 2023.

Analytical data were evaluated in general accordance with the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan, East Palestine Train Derailment Site, East Palestine, Columbiana County, Ohio, EPA Region 5, Revision 3* (April 2023), the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan, Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START V), EPA Region 5, Revision 4* (August 2022), and the *National Functional Guidelines (NFG) for Organic Superfund Methods Data Review* (November 2020).

No rejection of results was required for this data package. The results may be used as qualified based on this validation effort.

If you have any questions regarding these data validation reports, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tom
Hahne

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ATTACHMENT

**DATA VALIDATION REPORTS
EUROFINS ANALYTICS, LLC REPORT NOS. B163-115, B163-116,
B163-117, AND B163-124**

**DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A
EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Site Name	E Palestine Site - ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	1985a		
Laboratory Report No.	B163-115	Laboratory	Eurofins Analytics, LLC – Ashland, VA
Analyses	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate and n-butyl acrylate by laboratory standard operating procedure (SOP) IHGC-P029		
Samples and Matrix	Ten air samples, including one field blank and one field duplicate pair		
Collection Date(s)	June 8, 2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060823-2/EPD-ST-8H-WA-44-060823-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-060823-2		

INTRODUCTION

This checklist summarizes the Stage 2A validation performed on the subject laboratory report, in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Guidance for Labeling Externally Validated Laboratory Analytical Data for Superfund Use* (January 2009). Analytical data were evaluated in general accordance with the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan East Palestine Train Derailment Site East Palestine, Columbiana County, Ohio, EPA Region 5, Revision 3* (April 2023), the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan, Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START V), EPA Region 5, Revision 4* (August 2022), and the EPA *National Functional Guidelines (NFG) for Organic Superfund Methods Data Review* (November 2020).

OVERALL EVALUATION

No rejection of results was required for this data package. The results may be used as qualified based on this validation effort.

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The report was amended to correct the value for volume for sample EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-2 from “23.35” to “23.52”.</p> <p>The results for the field blank were reported in units of micrograms (µg) while the other sample results were reported in units of µg, milligram per cubic meter (mg/m³), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only ppm in the electronic data deliverable (EDD).</p>

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EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Data completeness (continued):

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The sample analysis time was reported as a default value of 12 AM or 00:00 hours for the LCSD in the analysis date field. The analysis date was correct. The sample analysis time for the LCSD was not required for the EDD; therefore, this value was not manually revised.</p> <p>The laboratory report uses method reference “Rohm & Haas IH9805” (referenced to the AIHA certification as IHGC-P029) or “IHGC-P029” interchangeably.</p>

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	Holding time limits were exceeded in the extraction of the samples. All sample results were non-detect, and therefore qualified as non-detect with possible low bias (flagged UJ).

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Surrogates and labeled compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

**DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A
EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

MS/MSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Laboratory duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Field duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	The recoveries of 2-Ethylhexyl acrylate in the LCS and LCSD were above the laboratory control limits. The sample results are non-detect and were therefore not qualified.

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits were not reported. Non-detect sample results are reported as less than the reporting limit in the laboratory report and at the reporting limit (flagged U) in the EDD and attached qualified data table.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Other [none]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Overall Qualifications:

See results summary pages attached for changes to the laboratory qualifiers based upon this validation. The following is a list of qualifiers and definitions that may be used for the validation of this data package:

J	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
J+	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample and may be biased high.
J-	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample and may be biased low.
NJ	The analysis indicates the presence of an analyte that has been “tentatively identified” and the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
R	The sample result is rejected as unusable due to serious deficiencies in one or more quality control criteria. The analyte may or may not be present in the sample.
U	The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected at or above the associated value (reporting limit).
UJ	The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected at or above the associated value (reporting limit), which is considered approximate due to deficiencies in one or more quality control criteria.

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EUROFINS ANALYTICS REPORT NO. B163-115

Sample ID	Method	Cas. No.	Analyte	Lab_Result	Lab_Qual	RL	Units	Val_Result	Val_Qual
EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.016	U	0.016	ppm	0.016	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.011	U	0.011	ppm	0.011	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-44-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-44-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-FB-060823-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	UJ
EPD-ST-FB-060823-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	UJ

**DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A
EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Site Name	E Palestine Site - ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	1985b		
Laboratory Report No.	B163-116	Laboratory	Eurofins Analytics, LLC – Ashland, VA
Analyses	n-Butyl acrylate analysis by NIOSH Method 1450M		
Samples and Matrix	Thirty-two air samples, including four field blanks and three field duplicates pairs		
Collection Date(s)	June 8, 2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-PB-CM-088-060823-2/EPD-PB-CM-08-060823-2 EPD-PB-OD-066-060823-2/EPD-PB-OD-06-060823-2 EPD-PB-WA-022-060823-2/EPD-PB-WA-02-060823-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-PB-FB-02-060823-2, EPD-PB-FB-03-060823-2, EPD-PB-MB-02-060823-2, and EPD-PB-MB-03-060823-2		

INTRODUCTION

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OVERALL EVALUATION

No rejection or qualification of results was required for this data package. The results may be used as reported by the laboratory.

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The results for the field blank were reported in units of micrograms (µg) while the other sample results were reported in units of µg, milligram per cubic meter (mg/m³), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only ppm in the electronic data deliverable (EDD).</p> <p>The sample analysis time was reported as a default value of 12 AM or 00:00 hours for the LCSD in the analysis date field. The analysis date was correct. The sample analysis time for the LCSD was not required for the EDD; therefore, this value was not manually revised.</p>

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Data completeness (continued):

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	The site-specific QAPP for passive badges specifies one laboratory blank, one LCS, and one LCS duplicate will be prepared per batch of 20 samples. However, the laboratory was not specifying a maximum batch sample size. The laboratory was contacted and directed to follow the QC sample frequencies specified in the site-specific QAPP. No qualifications were applied because the LCS/LCSD met the QAPP acceptance criteria, and the LCS/LCSD data from previous datasets for this project have met the site-specific QAPP acceptance criteria.

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Surrogates and labeled compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

MS/MSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Laboratory duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Field duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	<p>The site specific QAPP requires a laboratory reagent blank (LRB), laboratory media blank (LMB), laboratory control sample (LCS), and LCS duplicate (LCSD) to be analyzed per batch of 20 samples. However, the laboratory analyzed 32 field samples in one sample preparation batch consisting of one LRB, LMB, LCS, and LCSD, when the batch should have contained two LRBs, LMBs, LCSs, and LCSDs. The laboratory was contacted about the deviation from the site specific QAPP, and moving forward the laboratory will follow the quality control (QC) sample frequency requirements in the site specific QAPP. No qualifications were applied because the QC samples met the QAPP acceptance criteria and the QC samples from previous datasets for this project have met the QAPP acceptance criteria.</p>

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits were not reported. Non-detect sample results are reported as less than the reporting limit in the laboratory report and at the reporting limit (flagged U) in the EDD and attached qualified data table.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Other [none]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT

Overall Qualifications:

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J	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
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R	The sample result is rejected as unusable due to serious deficiencies in one or more quality control criteria. The analyte may or may not be present in the sample.
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EUROFINS ANALYTICS REPORT NO. B163-116

Sample ID	Method	Cas. No.	Analyte	Lab_Result	Lab_Qual	RL	Units	Val_Result	Val_Qual
EPD-PB-BKBA-01-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-BKBA-02-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-06-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-07-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-08-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-088-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-09-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-10-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-11-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-12-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-14-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-DW-D-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-01-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-02-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-03-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-04-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-05-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-06-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-066-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-07-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-UW-H-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-PB-WA-01-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-02-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-022-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-03-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-04-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-05-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-06-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-FB-02-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-FB-03-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-MB-02-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-MB-03-060823-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U

**DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A
EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Site Name	E Palestine Site - ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	1985c		
Laboratory Report No.	B163-117	Laboratory	Eurofins Analytics, LLC – Ashland, VA
Analyses	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate and n-Butyl acrylate by laboratory standard operating procedure (SOP) IHGC-P029		
Samples and Matrix	Nine air samples, including one field blank		
Collection Date(s)	June 8, 2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	None		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-060823-1		

INTRODUCTION

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OVERALL EVALUATION

No rejection of results was required for this data package. The results may be used as qualified based on this validation effort.

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The report was amended to correct the value for volume for sample EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-2 from “23.35” to “23.52”.</p> <p>The results for the field blank were reported in units of micrograms (µg) while the other sample results were reported in units of µg, milligram per cubic meter (mg/m³), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only ppm in the electronic data deliverable (EDD) except for blanks which provided results in µg.</p>

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Data completeness (continued):

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The sample analysis time was reported as a default value of 12 AM or 00:00 hours for the LCSD in the analysis date field. The analysis date was correct. The sample analysis time for the LCSD was not required for the EDD; therefore, this value was not manually revised.</p> <p>The laboratory report uses method reference “Rohm & Haas IH9805” (referenced to the AIHA certification as IHGC-P029) or “IHGC-P029” interchangeably.</p>

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
	Holding time limits were exceeded in the extraction of the samples. All sample results were non-detect, and therefore qualified as non-detect with possible low bias (flagged UJ).

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Surrogates and labeled compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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MS/MSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Laboratory duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Field duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	The recoveries of 2-Ethylhexyl acrylate in the LCS and LCSD were above the laboratory control limits. The sample results are non-detect and were therefore not qualified.

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits were not reported. Non-detect sample results are reported as less than the reporting limit in the laboratory report and at the reporting limit (flagged U) in the EDD and attached qualified data table.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Other [none]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Overall Qualifications:

See results summary pages attached for changes to the laboratory qualifiers based upon this validation. The following is a list of qualifiers and definitions that may be used for the validation of this data package:

J	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
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NJ	The analysis indicates the presence of an analyte that has been “tentatively identified” and the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
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U	The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected at or above the associated value (reporting limit).
UJ	The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected at or above the associated value (reporting limit), which is considered approximate due to deficiencies in one or more quality control criteria.

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Sample ID	Method	Cas. No.	Analyte	Lab_Result	Lab_Qual	RL	Units	Val_Result	Val_Qual
EPD-ST-8H-DW-E-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-DW-E-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-UW-A-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-UW-A-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	UJ
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	UJ
EPD-ST-FB-060823-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	UJ
EPD-ST-FB-060823-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	UJ

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Site Name	E Palestine Site - ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	1985d		
Laboratory Report No.	B163-124	Laboratory	Eurofins Analytics, LLC – Ashland, VA
Analyses	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate and n-Butyl acrylate by laboratory standard operating procedure (SOP) IHGC-P029		
Samples and Matrix	Nine air samples, including one field blank		
Collection Date(s)	June 9, 2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	None		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-060923-1		

INTRODUCTION

This checklist summarizes the Stage 2A validation performed on the subject laboratory report, in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Guidance for Labeling Externally Validated Laboratory Analytical Data for Superfund Use* (January 2009). Analytical data were evaluated in general accordance with the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan East Palestine Train Derailment Site East Palestine, Columbiana County, Ohio, EPA Region 5, Revision 3* (April 2023), the Tetra Tech *Quality Assurance Project Plan, Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START V), EPA Region 5, Revision 4* (August 2022), and the EPA *National Functional Guidelines (NFG) for Organic Superfund Methods Data Review* (November 2020).

OVERALL EVALUATION

No rejection or qualification of results was required for this data package. The results may be used as reported by the laboratory.

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The report was amended to correct sample ID from “EPD-ST-FB-060923” to “EPD-ST-FB-060923-1”.</p> <p>The results for the field blank were reported in units of micrograms (µg) while the other sample results were reported in units of µg, milligram per cubic meter (mg/m³), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only ppm in the electronic data deliverable (EDD).</p>

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Data completeness (continued):

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	<p>The laboratory report and the EDD have one or more minor discrepancies in the LCS/LCSD results (+/- 1 ug) and/or percent recoveries (+/- 1%) that were verified with the laboratory to be a significant figures issue. No qualification was applied.</p> <p>The sample analysis time was reported as a default value of 12 AM or 00:00 hours for the LCSD in the analysis date field. The analysis date was correct. The sample analysis time for the LCSD was not required for the EDD; therefore, this value was not manually revised.</p> <p>The laboratory report uses method reference “Rohm & Haas IH9805” (referenced to the AIHA certification as IHGC-P029) or “IHGC-P029” interchangeably.</p>

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

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Surrogates and labeled compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MS/MSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Laboratory duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Field duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	The recoveries of 2-Ethylhexyl acrylate were above the laboratory control limits. The results were non-detect and therefore not qualified.

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits were not reported. Non-detect sample results are reported as less than the reporting limit in the laboratory report and at the reporting limit (flagged U) in the EDD and attached qualified data table.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Other [none]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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Overall Qualifications:

See results summary pages attached for changes to the laboratory qualifiers based upon this validation. The following is a list of qualifiers and definitions that may be used for the validation of this data package:

J	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
J+	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample and may be biased high.
J-	The analyte was positively identified; the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample and may be biased low.
NJ	The analysis indicates the presence of an analyte that has been “tentatively identified” and the associated value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.
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EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.013	U	0.013	ppm	0.013	U
EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.013	U	0.013	ppm	0.013	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-FB-060923-1	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	U
EPD-ST-FB-060923-1	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	U