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**Subject: Data Validation Report
E Palestine Site - ER
EPA Contract No.: 68HE0519D0005
Task Order/Task Order Line Item No.: 68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No. 2138**

Dear Mr. Peters:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) is submitting this data validation report for 61 air samples (including 6 field duplicate samples, 5 field blank samples, and 2 media blank samples) collected at the E Palestine site. The samples were collected on May 20, 21, and May 23, 2023, and were analyzed for acrylates by Eurofins Analytics, LLC Ashland, Virginia laboratory. The final laboratory data package was received on November 8, 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, 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 qualification or rejection of results was required for these data packages. The results may be used as reported by the laboratory.

If you have any questions regarding this data validation report, please contact me via the project manager.

Sincerely,

Kayla Phye Digitally signed by Kayla Phye
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Environmental Chemist

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ATTACHMENTS

**DATA VALIDATION REPORT
EUROFINS ANALYTICS, LLC REPORT NOS.
B143-148, B143-149, B144-002, B145-015**

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

Site Name	E Palestine Site – ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	2138a		
Laboratory Report No.	B143-148	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 sample and one field duplicate pair		
Collection Date(s)	05/20/2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-ST-WA-06-052023-2/EPD-ST-WA-66-052023-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-052023-2		

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

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	<p>The Level II and Level IV laboratory reports did not contain quality control (QC) results for the laboratory reagent blank (LRB IHG230523A); however, the electronic data deliverable (EDD) results and the raw data results did contain the LRB results. No revisions or qualifications were applied since the LRB result is nondetect.</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, milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m3), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only in units of ppm in the laboratory EDD.</p> <p>Rohm & Haas IH9805 was cited in the AIHA certification as “IHGC-P029” and may be cited by the abbreviation “Rohm & Haas IH9805” or “IHGC-P029” interchangeably throughout the laboratory report.</p> <p>Note, the following fields in the laboratory EDD may be formatted as date only or as date/time: Date_Collected, Date_Received, Date_Extracted, and Date_Analyzed. The time value was not required to be provided in the EDD. If no time value was provided, then the entered value may appear as date only or with a default time value of 0:00, 00:00, or similar.</p> <p>The extraction date in the laboratory EDD did not match the laboratory report or were absent. During the data validation effort, the extraction dates were added or corrected (as needed) to match those in the preparation log in the laboratory report.</p> <p>A unique sample ID for the laboratory control spike duplicate (LCSD) was not provided in the laboratory EDD. Unique sample IDs are needed to avoid overwriting other QC sample data when validated EDDs are uploaded to the Scribe database. The LCSD ID in the Samp_No and Lab_Samp_No fields of the validated EDD were manually revised to match those in the laboratory report.</p> <p>Sample EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-052023-2 listed on the chain of custody was voided due to the “sample being found on the ground, off of the pump”.</p>

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

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

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	Nondetect results for laboratory method blank LMB IHG230523A and laboratory reagent blank LRB IHG230523A were reported as “0” µg in the laboratory EDD rather than at the reporting limit (RL). The laboratory was contacted on August 28, 2023, and agreed to report nondetect laboratory method blank and LRB results at the RL in future laboratory EDDs.

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Surrogates and labeled compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MS/MSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Laboratory duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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

Field duplicates:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits (MDL) were not reported. Nondetect sample results were reported as less than the RL in the laboratory report and at the RL (flagged U) in the validated EDD and attached analytical results summary.

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

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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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, LLC REPORT NO. B143-148

Sample ID	Method	CAS#	Analyte	Lab Result	Lab Qual	RL	Units	VAL_Result	VAL_Qual
EPD-ST-8H-DW-C-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-DW-C-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-G-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-G-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.016	U	0.016	ppm	0.016	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.011	U	0.011	ppm	0.011	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-66-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-66-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-FB-052023-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	U
EPD-ST-FB-052023-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	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.	2138b		
Laboratory Report No.	B143-149	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	10 air samples including 1 field blank sample and 1 field duplicate pair		
Collection Date(s)	05/21/2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052123-2/EPD-ST-8H-WA-22-052123-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-052123-2		

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

Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	<p>The Level II and Level IV laboratory reports did not contain quality control (QC) results for the laboratory reagent blank (LRB IHG230522H); however, the electronic data deliverable (EDD) results and the raw data results did contain the LRB results. No revisions or qualifications were applied since the LRB result is nondetect.</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, milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m3), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only in units of ppm in the laboratory EDD.</p> <p>Rohm & Haas IH9805 was cited in the AIHA certification as “IHGC-P029” and may be cited by the abbreviation “Rohm & Haas IH9805” or “IHGC-P029” interchangeably throughout the laboratory report.</p> <p>Note, the following fields in the laboratory EDD may be formatted as date only or as date/time: Date_Collected, Date_Received, Date_Extracted, and Date_Analyzed. The time value was not required to be provided in the EDD. If no time value was provided, then the entered value may appear as date only or with a default time value of 0:00, 00:00, or similar.</p> <p>The extraction date in the laboratory EDD did not match the laboratory report or were absent. During the data validation effort, the extraction dates were added or corrected (as needed) to match those in the preparation log in the laboratory report.</p> <p>A unique sample ID for the laboratory control spike duplicate (LCSD) was not provided in the laboratory EDD. Unique sample IDs are needed to avoid overwriting other QC sample data when validated EDDs are uploaded to the Scribe database. The LCSD ID in the Samp_No and Lab_Samp_No fields of the validated EDD were manually revised to match those in the laboratory report.</p>

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

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

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	Nondetect results for laboratory method blank LMB IHG230522H and laboratory reagent blank LRB IHG230522H were reported as “0” µg in the laboratory EDD rather than at the reporting limit (RL). The laboratory was contacted on August 28, 2023, and agreed to report nondetect laboratory method blank and LRB results at the RL in future laboratory EDDs.

Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

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
Y	

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

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	The average percent recovery of 2-Ethylhexyl acrylate in the laboratory control sample and laboratory control sample duplicate (LCS/LCSD) and the relative percent difference (RPD) of n-Butyl acrylate exceeded the control limits. All sample results were nondetect; therefore, no qualifications were applied.

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits (MDL) were not reported. Nondetect sample results were reported as less than the RL in the laboratory report and at the RL (flagged U) in the validated EDD and attached analytical results summary.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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EPA REGION 5 START CONTRACT**

Other [None]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Overall Qualifications:

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EUROFINS ANALYTICS, LLC REPORT NO. B143-149

Sample ID	Method	CAS#	Analyte	Lab Result	Lab Qual	RL	Units	VAL_Result	VAL_Qual
EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-DW-D-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-H-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-22-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-22-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-FB-052123-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	U
EPD-ST-FB-052123-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	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.	2138c		
Laboratory Report No.	B144-002	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	10 air samples including 1 field blank sample and 1 field duplicate pair		
Collection Date(s)	05/22/2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052223-2/EPD-ST-8H-WA-11-052223-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-ST-FB-052223-2		

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OVERALL EVALUATION

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Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
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Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
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Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
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Field blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

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
Y	

**DATA VALIDATION CHECKLIST – STAGE 2A
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LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits (MDL) were not reported. Nondetect sample results were reported as less than the RL in the laboratory report and at the RL (flagged U) in the validated EDD and attached analytical results summary.

Tentatively identified compounds:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

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Other [None]:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Overall Qualifications:

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E PALESTINE SITE - ER AIR ANALYTICAL RESULTS SUMMARY
EUROFINS ANALYTICS, LLC REPORT NO. B144-002

Sample ID	Method	CAS#	Analyte	Lab Result	Lab Qual	RL	Units	VAL_Result	VAL_Qual
EPD-ST-8H-DW-F-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-DW-F-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-B-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.016	U	0.016	ppm	0.016	U
EPD-ST-8H-UW-B-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.011	U	0.011	ppm	0.011	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-01-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-02-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-03-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-04-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.014	U	0.014	ppm	0.014	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-05-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.009	U	0.009	ppm	0.009	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-06-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-11-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	0.015	U	0.015	ppm	0.015	U
EPD-ST-8H-WA-11-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.01	U	0.01	ppm	0.01	U
EPD-ST-FB-052223-2	IHGC-P029	103-11-7	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	2.8	U	2.8	ug	2.8	U
EPD-ST-FB-052223-2	IHGC-P029	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	1.3	U	1.3	ug	1.3	U

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Site Name	E Palestine Site – ER	TO/TOLIN No.	68HE0520F0032/0001EB201
Document Tracking No.	2138d		
Laboratory Report No.	B145-015	Laboratory	Eurofins Analytics, LLC – Ashland, VA
Analyses	n-Butyl acrylate by NIOSH Method 1450M		
Samples and Matrix	32 air samples including 2 field blank samples, 2 media blank samples, and 3 field duplicate pairs		
Collection Date(s)	05/23/2023		
Field Duplicate Pairs	EPD-PB-OD-01-052323-2/EPD-PB-OD-011-052323-2 EPD-PB-CM-14-052323-2/EPD-PB-CM-144-052323-2 EPD-PB-BKBA-01-052323-2/EPD-PB-BKBA-011-052323-2		
Field QC Blanks	EPD-PB-FB-02-052323-2, EPD-PB-FB-03-052323-2, EPD-PB-MB-02-052323-2, and EPD-PB-MB-03-052323-2		

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*, 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.

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Data completeness:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	<p>Level II laboratory report did not include some required QC information; therefore, the Level IV laboratory report was used for this data validation effort.</p> <p>The Level II and Level IV laboratory reports did not contain quality control (QC) results for the laboratory reagent blank (LRB IHG230525A); however, the electronic data deliverable (EDD) results and the raw data results did contain the LRB results. No revisions or qualifications were applied since the LRB result is nondetect.</p> <p>The results for the field blank sample and media blank sample were reported in units of micrograms (µg) while the other field sample results were reported in units of µg, milligrams per cubic meter (mg/m³), and parts per million (ppm) (volume) in the laboratory report and only in units of ppm in the laboratory EDD.</p> <p>The site-specific QAPP specifies analysis of acrylates in air by Eurofins Analytics, LLC standard operating procedure (SOP) IHGC-001-v.22-3. The laboratory confirmed that NIOSH Method 1450M, which is mentioned in the laboratory deliverables, is equivalent to SOP IHGC-001-v.22-3; therefore, these method references may be used interchangeably.</p> <p>To facilitate sample reporting, large sample delivery groups may be logged by the laboratory separately by individual pages of the chain-of-custody (COC) form. The ratio of field QC samples (field blank samples, media blank samples, field duplicate samples) to non-QC field samples is monitored independent of this validation and therefore the ratio of field QC samples to non-QC field samples was not verified during this validation. No qualifications were applied because all field sample results were nondetect.</p> <p>Note, the following fields in the laboratory EDD may be formatted as date only or as date/time: Date_Collected, Date_Received, Date_Extracted, and Date_Analyzed. The time value was not required to be provided in the EDD. If no time value was provided, then the entered value may appear as date only or with a default time value of 0:00, 00:00, or similar.</p> <p>The extraction date in the laboratory EDD do not match the laboratory report or are absent. During the data validation effort, the extraction dates were added or corrected (as needed) to match those in the preparation log in the laboratory report.</p>

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Data completeness continued:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	A unique sample ID for the laboratory control spike duplicate (LCSD) was not provided in the laboratory EDD. Unique sample IDs are needed to avoid overwriting other QC sample data when validated EDDs are uploaded to the Scribe database. The LCSD ID in the Samp_No and Lab_Samp_No fields of the validated EDD were manually revised to match those in the laboratory report.

Sample preservation, receipt, and holding times:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	

Method blanks:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	Nondetect results for laboratory method blank LMB IHG230525A and laboratory reagent blank LRB IHG230525A were reported as “0” µg in the laboratory EDD rather than at the reporting limit (RL). The laboratory was contacted on August 28, 2023, and agreed to report nondetect laboratory method blank and LRB results at the RL in future laboratory EDDs. No qualifications were applied.

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
Y	

LCSs/LCSDs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
N	<p>The laboratory report(s) and laboratory EDD have one or more minor discrepancies in the laboratory control spike (LCS) and LCSD results (+/- 1 ug), RPDs (+/-2%) and/or percent recoveries (+/- 1%) that were verified with the laboratory to be significant figures issue(s). No qualifications were applied.</p> <p>The relative percent difference (RPD) in the Level IV report between the LCS and LCSD for n-butyl acrylate exceeded the control limit. All sample results were nondetect; therefore, no qualifications were applied.</p> <p>The site-specific QAPP requires a laboratory reagent blank (LRB), laboratory media blank, LCS, and LCSD to be analyzed per batch of 20 samples. However, the laboratory analyzed 32 field samples in 1 sample preparation batch that included 1 LRB, laboratory media blank, LCS, and LCSD, when the batch should have included 2 LRBs, laboratory media blank samples, LCSs, and LCSDs. The laboratory was contacted on August 8, 2023 about this deviation from the site-specific QAPP and agreed that they would follow the QC sample frequency requirements in the site-specific QAPP in future reports. No qualifications were applied based on professional judgment because the QC sample results met the QAPP acceptance criteria, and the QC sample results from previous datasets for this project have met the QAPP acceptance criteria.</p>

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Sample dilutions:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

Re-extraction and reanalysis:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
NA	

MDLs/RLs:

Within Criteria	Exceedance/Notes
Y	Method detection limits (MDL) were not reported. Nondetect sample results were reported as less than the RL in the laboratory report and at the RL (flagged U) in the validated EDD and attached analytical results summary.

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.
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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Sample ID	Method	CAS#	Analyte	Lab Result	Lab Qual	RL	Units	VAL_Result	VAL_Qual
EPD-PB-BKBA-01-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-BKBA-011-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-BKBA-02-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-06-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-07-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-08-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-09-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-10-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-11-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-12-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-14-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-CM-144-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-DW-A-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-FB-02-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-FB-03-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-MB-02-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-MB-03-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	2	U	2	ug	2	U
EPD-PB-OD-01-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-011-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-02-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-03-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-04-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-05-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-06-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-OD-07-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-UW-E-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-01-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-02-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-03-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-04-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-05-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U
EPD-PB-WA-06-052323-2	NIOSH Method 1450M	141-32-2	n-Butyl acrylate	0.0091	U	0.0091	ppm	0.0091	U