

## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

<b>Work Order</b>	: <b>KS2501329</b>		
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<b>Project</b>	: Arsenic Plant B	<b>Date Samples Received</b>	: 16-Apr-2025 10:10
<b>PO</b>	: ----	<b>Date Analysis Commenced</b>	: 19-Apr-2025
<b>C-O-C number</b>	: ----	<b>Issue Date</b>	: 22-Apr-2025 09:09
<b>Sampler</b>	: Jeff Wike, Nikki Fulford		
<b>Site</b>	: Nicola Lakeshore Water Utility		
<b>Quote number</b>	: Nicola Lakeshore Routine Tests		
<b>No. of samples received</b>	: 1		
<b>No. of samples analysed</b>	: 1		

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QC Interpretive report to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification (SRN).

### Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is conducted in accordance with US FDA 21 CFR Part 11.

<i>Signatories</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Laboratory Department</i>
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## General Comments

The analytical methods used by ALS are developed using internationally recognized reference methods (where available), such as those published by US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, ISO, Environment Canada, BC MOE, and Ontario MOE. Refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for applicable references and methodology summaries. Reference methods may incorporate modifications to improve performance.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

Please refer to Quality Control Interpretive report (QCI) for information regarding Holding Time compliance.

Key: CAS Number: Chemical Abstracts Services number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.  
LOR: Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

Unit	Description
mg/L	milligrams per litre

<: less than.

>: greater than.

Surrogate: An analyte that is similar in behavior to target analyte(s), but that does not occur naturally in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED on SRN or QCI Report, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION.



Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: Water (Matrix: Water)					Client sample ID	Arsenic Plant Tank B	----	----	----	----
					Client sampling date / time	16-Apr-2025 07:40	----	----	----	----
Analyte	CAS Number	Method/Lab	LOR	Unit	KS2501329-001	----	----	----	----	
					Result	----	----	----	----	
Total Metals										
Arsenic, total	7440-38-2	E420/VA	0.00010	mg/L	0.00484	----	----	----	----	

Please refer to the General Comments section for an explanation of any result qualifiers detected.

## QUALITY CONTROL INTERPRETIVE REPORT

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This report is automatically generated by the ALS LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) through evaluation of Quality Control (QC) results and other QA parameters associated with this submission, and is intended to facilitate rapid data validation by auditors or reviewers. The report highlights any exceptions and outliers to ALS Data Quality Objectives, provides holding time details and exceptions, summarizes QC sample frequencies, and lists applicable methodology references and summaries.

### Key

**Anonymous:** Refers to samples which are not part of this work order, but which formed part of the QC process lot.

**CAS Number:** Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.

**DQO:** Data Quality Objective.

**LOR:** Limit of Reporting (detection limit).

**RPD:** Relative Percent Difference.

### **Workorder Comments**

Holding times are displayed as "----" if no guidance exists from CCME, Canadian provinces, or broadly recognized international references.

### **Summary of Outliers**

#### **Outliers : Quality Control Samples**

- No Method Blank value outliers occur.
- No Duplicate outliers occur.
- No Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) outliers occur
- No Matrix Spike outliers occur.
- No Test sample Surrogate recovery outliers exist.

#### **Outliers: Reference Material (RM) Samples**

- No Reference Material (RM) Sample outliers occur.

### ***Outliers : Analysis Holding Time Compliance (Breaches)***

- No Analysis Holding Time Outliers exist.

### ***Outliers : Frequency of Quality Control Samples***

- No Quality Control Sample Frequency Outliers occur.



## Analysis Holding Time Compliance

This report summarizes extraction / preparation and analysis times and compares each with ALS recommended holding times, which are selected to meet known provincial and /or federal requirements. In the absence of regulatory hold times, ALS establishes recommendations based on guidelines published by organizations such as CCME, US EPA, APHA Standard Methods, ASTM, or Environment Canada (where available). Dates and holding times reported below represent the first dates of extraction or analysis. If subsequent tests or dilutions exceeded holding times, qualifiers are added (refer to COA).

If samples are identified below as having been analyzed or extracted outside of recommended holding times, measurement uncertainties may be increased, and this should be taken into consideration when interpreting results.

Where actual sampling date is not provided on the chain of custody, the date of receipt with time at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Where only the sample date without time is provided on the chain of custody, the sampling date at 00:00 is used for calculation purposes.

Matrix: **Water** Evaluation: ✖ = Holding time exceedance ; ✔ = Within Holding Time

Analyte Group : Analytical Method		Method	Sampling Date	Extraction / Preparation			Analysis				
Container / Client Sample ID(s)	Preparation Date			Holding Times		Eval	Analysis Date	Holding Times		Eval	
				Rec	Actual			Rec	Actual		
				Total Metals : Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS							
HDPE - total (lab preserved) Arsenic Plant Tank B		E420	16-Apr-2025	19-Apr-2025	180 days	3 days	✓	21-Apr-2025	180 days	3 days	✓

### Legend & Qualifier Definitions

Rec. HT: ALS recommended hold time (see units).



## Quality Control Parameter Frequency Compliance

The following report summarizes the frequency of laboratory QC samples analyzed within the analytical batches (QC lots) in which the submitted samples were processed. The actual frequency should be greater than or equal to the expected frequency.

Matrix: **Water** Evaluation: ✖ = QC frequency outside specification; ✔ = QC frequency within specification.

Quality Control Sample Type			Count		Frequency (%)		
Analytical Methods	Method	QC Lot #	QC	Regular	Actual	Expected	Evaluation
Laboratory Duplicates (DUP)							
Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS	E420	1956044	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
Laboratory Control Samples (LCS)							
Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS	E420	1956044	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
Method Blanks (MB)							
Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS	E420	1956044	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔
Matrix Spikes (MS)							
Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS	E420	1956044	1	20	5.0	5.0	✔



## Methodology References and Summaries

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Analytical Methods	Method / Lab	Matrix	Method Reference	Method Descriptions
Total Metals in Water by CRC ICPMS	E420  ALS Environmental - Vancouver	Water	EPA 200.2/6020B (mod)	Water samples are digested with nitric and hydrochloric acids, and analyzed by Collision/Reaction Cell ICPMS.  Method Limitation (re: Sulfur): Sulfide and volatile sulfur species may not be recovered by this method.



QUALITY CONTROL REPORT

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This Quality Control Report contains the following information:

- Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report; Relative Percent Difference (RPD) and Data Quality Objectives
- Matrix Spike (MS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Method Blank (MB) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives
- Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report; Recovery and Data Quality Objectives

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General Comments

The ALS Quality Control (QC) report is optionally provided to ALS clients upon request. ALS test methods include comprehensive QC checks with every analysis to ensure our high standards of quality are met. Each QC result has a known or expected target value, which is compared against predetermined Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) to provide confidence in the accuracy of associated test results. This report contains detailed results for all QC results applicable to this sample submission. Please refer to the ALS Quality Control Interpretation report (QCI) for applicable method references and methodology summaries.

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  - CAS Number = Chemical Abstracts Service number is a unique identifier assigned to discrete substances.
  - DQO = Data Quality Objective.
  - LOR = Limit of Reporting (detection limit).
  - RPD = Relative Percent Difference
  - # = Indicates a QC result that did not meet the ALS DQO.

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Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report

A Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) is a randomly selected intralaboratory replicate sample. Laboratory Duplicates provide information regarding method precision and sample heterogeneity. ALS DQOs for Laboratory Duplicates are expressed as test-specific limits for Relative Percent Difference (RPD), or as an absolute difference limit of 2 times the LOR for low concentration duplicates within ~ 4-10 times the LOR (cut-off is test-specific).

Sub-Matrix: Water					Laboratory Duplicate (DUP) Report						
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Original Result	Duplicate Result	RPD(%) or Difference	Duplicate Limits	Qualifier
Total Metals (QC Lot: 1956044)											
VA25A8459-001	Anonymous	Arsenic, total	7440-38-2	E420	0.00010	mg/L	0.00791	0.00796	0.719%	20%	----

Method Blank (MB) Report

A Method Blank is an analyte-free matrix that undergoes sample processing identical to that carried out for test samples. Method Blank results are used to monitor and control for potential contamination from the laboratory environment and reagents. For most tests, the DQO for Method Blanks is for the result to be < LOR.

Sub-Matrix: Water						
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Result	Qualifier
Total Metals (QC Lot: 1956044)						
Arsenic, total	7440-38-2	E420	0.0001	mg/L	<0.00010	----



Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report

A Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) is an analyte-free matrix that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration and processed in an identical manner to test samples. LCS results are expressed as percent recovery, and are used to monitor and control test method accuracy and precision, independent of test sample matrix.

Sub-Matrix: Water

					Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Report				
					Spike	Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		
Analyte	CAS Number	Method	LOR	Unit	Target Concentration	LCS	Low	High	Qualifier
Total Metals (QCLot: 1956044)									
Arsenic, total	7440-38-2	E420	0.0001	mg/L	1 mg/L	103	80.0	120	----

Matrix Spike (MS) Report

A Matrix Spike (MS) is a randomly selected intra-laboratory replicate sample that has been fortified (spiked) with test analytes at known concentration, and processed in an identical manner to test samples. Matrix Spikes provide information regarding analyte recovery and potential matrix effects. MS DQO exceedances due to sample matrix may sometimes be unavoidable; in such cases, test results for the associated sample (or similar samples) may be subject to bias. ND – Recovery not determined, background level >= 1x spike level.

Sub-Matrix: Water

					Matrix Spike (MS) Report				
					Spike		Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
Laboratory sample ID	Client sample ID	Analyte	CAS Number	Method	Concentration	Target	MS	Low	High
Total Metals (QCLot: 1956044)									
VA25A8459-002	Anonymous	Arsenic, total	7440-38-2	E420	0.0191 mg/L	0.02 mg/L	95.6	70.0	130

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