

SOLVENT EXTRACTABLE NON-VOLATILE COMPOUNDS BY  
HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY/THERMOSPRAY/MASS SPECTROMETRY  
(HPLC/TSP/MS) OR ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DETECTION

## 1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

1.1 This method covers the use of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), coupled with either thermospray-mass spectrometry (TSP-MS), and/or ultraviolet (UV), for the determination of disperse azo dyes, organophosphorus compounds, and Tris-(2,3-dibromopropyl)phosphate in wastewater, ground water, sludge, and soil/sediment matrices, and chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds and their esters in wastewater, ground water, and soil/sediment matrices. Data are also provided for chlorophenoxy acid herbicides in fly ash (Table 15), however, recoveries for most compounds are very poor indicating poor extraction efficiency for these analytes using the extraction procedure included in this method. Additionally, this method may apply to other non-volatile compounds that are solvent extractable, are amenable to HPLC, and are ionizable under thermospray introduction for mass spectrometric detection. The following compounds can be determined by this method:

Compound Name	CAS No. <sup>a</sup>
<u>Azo Dyes</u>	
Disperse Red 1	2872-52-8
Disperse Red 5	3180-81-2
Disperse Red 13	2832-40-8
Disperse Yellow 5	6439-53-8
Disperse Orange 3	730-40-5
Disperse Orange 30	5261-31-4
Disperse Brown 1	17464-91-4
Solvent Red 3	6535-42-8
Solvent Red 23	85-86-9
<u>Anthraquinone Dyes</u>	
Disperse Blue 3	2475-46-9
Disperse Blue 14	2475-44-7
Disperse Red 60	17418-58-5
Coumarin Dyes	
<u>(Fluorescent Brighteners)</u>	
Fluorescent Brightener 61	8066-05-5
Fluorescent Brightener 236	63590-17-0
<u>Alkaloids</u>	
Caffeine	58-08-2
Strychnine	57-24-9

Compound Name	CAS No. <sup>a</sup>
<u>Organophosphorus Compounds</u>	
Methomyl	16752-77-5
Thiofanox	39196-18-4
Famphur	52-85-7
Asulam	3337-71-1
Dichlorvos	62-73-7
Dimethoate	60-51-5
Disulfoton	298-04-4
Fensulfothion	115-90-2
Merphos	150-50-5
Methyl parathion	298-00-0
Monocrotophos	919-44-8
Naled	300-76-5
Phorate	298-02-2
Trichlorfon	52-68-6
Tris-(2,3-Dibromopropyl) phosphate, (Tris-BP)	126-72-7
<u>Chlorinated Phenoxyacid Compounds</u>	
Dalapon	75-99-0
Dicamba	1918-00-9
2,4-D	94-75-7
MCPA	94-74-6
MCPP	7085-19-0
Dichlorprop	120-36-5
2,4,5-T	93-76-5
Silvex (2,4,5-TP)	93-72-1
Dinoseb	88-85-7
2,4-DB	94-82-6
2,4-D, butoxyethanol ester	1929-73-3
2,4-D, ethylhexyl ester	1928-43-4
2,4,5-T, butyl ester	93-79-8
2,4,5-T, butoxyethanol ester	2545-59-7

<sup>a</sup> Chemical Abstract Services Registry Number.

1.2 This method may be applicable to the analysis of other non-volatile or semivolatile compounds.

1.3 Tris-BP has been classified as a carcinogen. Purified standard material and stock standard solutions should be handled in a hood.

1.4 Method 8321 is designed to detect the chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds (free acid form) and their esters without the use of hydrolysis and esterification in the extraction procedure.

1.5 The compounds were chosen for analysis by HPLC/MS because they have been designated as problem compounds that are hard to analyze by traditional chromatographic methods (e.g. gas chromatography). The sensitivity of this

method is dependent upon the level of interferants within a given matrix, and varies with compound class and even with compounds within that class. Additionally, the limit of detection (LOD) is dependent upon the mode of operation of the mass spectrometer. For example, the LOD for caffeine in the selected reaction monitoring (SRM) mode is 45 pg of standard injected (10 µL injection), while for Disperse Red 1 the LOD is 180 pg. The LOD for caffeine under single quadrupole scanning is 84 pg and is 600 pg for Disperse Red 1 under similar scanning conditions.

1.6 The experimentally determined limits of detection (LOD) for the target analytes are presented in Tables 3, 10, 13, and 14. For further compound identification, MS/MS (CAD - collision activated dissociation) can be used as an optional extension of this method.

1.7 This method is restricted to use by or under the supervision of analysts experienced in the use of high performance liquid chromatographs/mass spectrometers and skilled in the interpretation of liquid chromatograms and mass spectra. Each analyst must demonstrate the ability to generate acceptable results with this method.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

2.1 This method provides reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic (RP/HPLC) and thermospray (TSP) mass spectrometric (MS) conditions for the detection of the target analytes. Quantitative analysis is performed by TSP/MS, using an external standard approach. Sample extracts can be analyzed by direct injection into the thermospray or onto a liquid chromatographic-thermospray interface. A gradient elution program is used on the chromatograph to separate the compounds. Detection is achieved both by negative ionization (discharge electrode) and positive ionization, with a single quadrupole mass spectrometer. Since this method is based on an HPLC technique, the use of ultraviolet (UV) detection is optional on routine samples.

2.2 Prior to the use of this method, appropriate sample preparation techniques must be used.

2.2.1 Samples for analysis of chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds are prepared by a modification of Method 8151 (see Sec. 7.1.2). In general, one liter of aqueous sample or fifty grams of solid sample are pH adjusted, extracted with diethyl ether, concentrated and solvent exchanged to acetonitrile.

2.2.2 Samples for analysis of the other target analytes are prepared by established extraction techniques. In general, water samples are extracted at a neutral pH with methylene chloride, using a separatory funnel (Method 3510) or a continuous liquid-liquid extractor (Method 3520). Soxhlet (Methods 3540/3541) or ultrasonic (Method 3550) extraction using methylene chloride/acetone (1:1) is used for solid samples. A micro-extraction technique is included for the extraction of Tris-BP from aqueous and non-aqueous matrices.

2.3 An optional thermospray-mass spectrometry/mass spectrometry (TS-MS/MS) confirmatory method is provided. Confirmation is obtained by using MS/MS collision activated dissociation (CAD) or wire-repeller CAD.

### 3.0 INTERFERENCES

3.1 Refer to Methods 3500, 3600, 8000 and 8150/8151.

3.2 The use of Florisil Column Cleanup (Method 3620) has been demonstrated to yield recoveries less than 85% for some of the compounds in this method, and is therefore not recommended for all compounds. Refer to Table 2 of Method 3620 for recoveries of organophosphorus compounds as a function of Florisil fractions.

3.3 Compounds with high proton affinity may mask some of the target analytes. Therefore, an HPLC must be used as a chromatographic separator, for quantitative analysis.

3.4 Analytical difficulties encountered with specific organophosphorus compounds, as applied in this method, may include (but are not limited to) the following:

3.4.1 Methyl parathion shows some minor degradation upon analysis.

3.4.2 Naled can undergo debromination to form dichlorvos.

3.4.3 Merphos often contains contamination from merphos oxide. Oxidation of merphos can occur during storage, and possibly upon introduction into the mass spectrometer.

Refer to Method 8141 for other compound problems as related to the various extraction methods.

3.5 The chlorinated phenoxy acid compounds, being strong organic acids, react readily with alkaline substances and may be lost during analysis. Therefore, glassware and glass wool must be acid-rinsed, and sodium sulfate must be acidified with sulfuric acid prior to use to avoid this possibility.

3.6 Due to the reactivity of the chlorinated herbicides, the standards must be prepared in acetonitrile. Methylation will occur if prepared in methanol.

3.7 Solvents, reagents, glassware, and other sample processing hardware may yield discrete artifacts or elevated baselines, or both, causing misinterpretation of chromatograms or spectra. All of these materials must be demonstrated to be free from interferences under the conditions of the analysis by running reagent blanks. Specific selection of reagents and purification of solvents by distillation in all-glass systems may be required.

3.8 Interferants co-extracted from the sample will vary considerably from source to source. Retention times of target analytes must be verified by using reference standards.

3.9 The optional use of HPLC/MS/MS methods aids in the confirmation of specific analytes. These methods are less subject to chemical noise than other mass spectrometric methods.

#### 4.0 APPARATUS AND MATERIALS

##### 4.1 HPLC/MS

4.1.1 High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC) - An analytical system with programmable solvent delivery system and all required accessories including 10  $\mu$ L injection loop, analytical columns, purging gases, etc. The solvent delivery system must be capable, at a minimum, of a binary solvent system. The chromatographic system must be capable of interfacing with a Mass Spectrometer (MS).

4.1.1.1 HPLC Post-Column Addition Pump - A pump for post-column addition should be used. Ideally, this pump should be a syringe pump, and does not have to be capable of solvent programming.

4.1.1.2 Recommended HPLC Columns - A guard column and an analytical column are required.

4.1.1.2.1 Guard Column -  $C_{18}$  reverse phase guard column, 10 mm x 2.6 mm ID, 0.5  $\mu$ m frit, or equivalent.

4.1.1.2.2 Analytical Column -  $C_{18}$  reverse phase column, 100 mm x 2 mm ID, 5  $\mu$ m particle size of ODS-Hypersil; or  $C_8$  reversed phase column, 100 mm x 2 mm ID, 3  $\mu$ m particle size of MOS2-Hypersil, or equivalent.

##### 4.1.2 HPLC/MS interface(s)

4.1.2.1 Micromixer - 10  $\mu$ L, interfaces HPLC column system with HPLC post-column addition solvent system.

4.1.2.2 Interface - Thermospray ionization interface and source that will give acceptable calibration response for each analyte of interest at the concentration required. The source must be capable of generating both positive and negative ions, and have a discharge electrode or filament.

4.1.3 Mass spectrometer system - A single quadrupole mass spectrometer capable of scanning from 1 to 1000 amu. The spectrometer must also be capable of scanning from 150 to 450 amu in 1.5 sec or less, using 70 volts (nominal) electron energy in the positive or negative electron impact modes. In addition, the mass spectrometer must be capable of producing a calibrated mass spectrum for PEG 400, 600, or 800 (see Sec. 5.14).

4.1.3.1 Optional triple quadrupole mass spectrometer - capable of generating daughter ion spectra with a collision gas in the second quadrupole and operation in the single quadrupole mode.

4.1.4 Data System - A computer system that allows the continuous acquisition and storage on machine-readable media of all mass spectra obtained throughout the duration of the chromatographic program must be interfaced to the mass spectrometer. The computer must have software that allows any MS data file to be searched for ions of a specified mass, and such ion abundances to be plotted versus time or scan number. This type of plot is defined as an Extracted Ion Current Profile (EICP). Software must also be available that allows integration of the abundances in any EICP between specified time or scan-number limits. There must be computer software available to operate the specific modes of the mass spectrometer.

4.2 HPLC with UV detector - An analytical system with solvent programmable pumping system for at least a binary solvent system, and all required accessories including syringes, 10  $\mu$ L injection loop, analytical columns, purging gases, etc. An automatic injector is optional, but is useful for multiple samples. The columns specified in Sec. 4.1.1.2 are also used with this system.

4.2.1 If the UV detector is to be used in tandem with the thermospray interface, then the detector cell must be capable of withstanding high pressures (up to 6000 psi). However, the UV detector may be attached to an HPLC independent of the HPLC/TS/MS and, in that case, standard HPLC pressures are acceptable.

4.3 Purification Equipment for Azo Dye Standards

4.3.1 Soxhlet extraction apparatus.

4.3.2 Extraction thimbles, single thickness, 43 x 123 mm.

4.3.3 Filter paper, 9.0 cm (Whatman qualitative No. 1 or equivalent).

4.3.4 Silica-gel column - 3 in. x 8 in., packed with Silica gel (Type 60, EM reagent 70/230 mesh).

4.4 Extraction equipment for Chlorinated Phenoxyacid Compounds

4.4.1 Erlenmeyer flasks - 500-mL wide-mouth Pyrex, 500-mL Pyrex, with 24/40 ground glass joint, 1000-mL pyrex.

4.4.2 Separatory funnel - 2000 mL.

4.4.3 Graduated cylinder - 1000 mL.

4.4.4 Funnel - 75 mm diameter.

4.4.5 Wrist shaker - Burrell Model 75 or equivalent.

4.4.6 pH meter.

4.5 Kuderna-Danish (K-D) apparatus (optional).

4.5.1 Concentrator tube - 10 mL graduated (Kontes K-570050-1025 or equivalent). A ground glass stopper is used to prevent evaporation of extracts.

4.5.2 Evaporation flask - 500 mL (Kontes K-570001-500 or equivalent). Attach to concentrator tube with springs, clamps, or equivalent.

4.5.3 Snyder column - Two ball micro (Kontes K-569001-0219 or equivalent).

4.5.4 Springs - 1/2 in. (Kontes K-662750 or equivalent).

4.6 Disposable serological pipets - 5 mL x 1/10, 5.5 mm ID.

4.7 Collection tube - 15 mL conical, graduated (Kimble No. 45165 or equivalent).

4.8 Vials - 5 mL conical, glass, with Teflon lined screw-caps or crimp tops.

4.9 Glass wool - Supelco No. 2-0411 or equivalent.

4.10 Microsyringes - 100  $\mu$ L, 50  $\mu$ L, 10  $\mu$ L (Hamilton 701 N or equivalent), and 50  $\mu$ L (Blunted, Hamilton 705SNR or equivalent).

4.11 Rotary evaporator - Equipped with 1000 mL receiving flask.

4.12 Balances - Analytical, 0.0001 g, Top-loading, 0.01 g.

4.13 Volumetric flasks, Class A - 10 mL to 1000 mL.

4.14 Graduated cylinder - 100 mL.

4.15 Separatory funnel - 250 mL.

## 5.0 REAGENTS

5.1 Reagent grade inorganic chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available. Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

5.2 Organic free reagent water. All references to water in this method refer to organic-free reagent water, as defined in Chapter One.

5.3 Sodium sulfate (granular, anhydrous),  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Purify by heating at  $400^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours in a shallow tray, or by precleaning the sodium sulfate with methylene chloride.

5.4 Ammonium acetate,  $\text{NH}_4\text{OOCCH}_3$ , solution (0.1 M). Filter through a 0.45 micron membrane filter (Millipore HA or equivalent).

5.5 Acetic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$

5.6 Sulfuric acid solution

5.6.1 ((1:1) (v/v)) - Slowly add 50 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (sp. gr. 1.84) to 50 mL of water.

5.6.2 ((1:3) (v/v)) - slowly add 25 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (sp. gr. 1.84) to 75 mL of water.

5.7 Argon gas, 99+% pure.

5.8 Solvents

5.8.1 Methylene chloride,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  - Pesticide quality or equivalent.

5.8.2 Toluene,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  - Pesticide quality or equivalent.

5.8.3 Acetone,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$  - Pesticide quality or equivalent.

5.8.4 Diethyl Ether,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  - Pesticide quality or equivalent. Must be free of peroxides as indicated by test strips (EM Quant, or equivalent). Procedures for removal of peroxides are provided with the test strips. After cleanup, 20 mL of ethyl alcohol preservative must be added to each liter of ether.

5.8.5 Methanol,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  - HPLC quality or equivalent.

5.8.6 Acetonitrile,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  - HPLC quality or equivalent.

5.8.7 Ethyl acetate  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  - Pesticide quality or equivalent.

5.9 Standard Materials - pure standard materials or certified solutions of each analyte targeted for analysis. Disperse azo dyes must be purified before use according to Sec. 5.10.

5.10 Disperse Azo Dye Purification

5.10.1 Two procedures are involved. The first step is the Soxhlet extraction of the dye for 24 hours with toluene and evaporation of the liquid extract to dryness, using a rotary evaporator. The solid is then recrystallized from toluene, and dried in an oven at approximately  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . If this step does not give the required purity, column chromatography should be employed. Load the solid onto a 3 x 8 inch silica gel column (Sec. 4.3.4), and elute with diethyl ether. Separate impurities chromatographically, and collect the major dye fraction.



5.11 Stock standard solutions - Can be prepared from pure standard materials or can be purchased as certified solutions.

5.11.1 Prepare stock standard solutions by accurately weighing 0.0100 g of pure material. Dissolve the material in methanol or other suitable solvent (e.g. prepare Tris-BP in ethyl acetate), and dilute to known volume in a volumetric flask.

NOTE: Due to the reactivity of the chlorinated herbicides, the standards must be prepared in acetonitrile. Methylation will occur if prepared in methanol.

If compound purity is certified at 96% or greater, the weight can be used without correction to calculate the concentration of the stock standard. Commercially prepared stock standards can be used at any concentration if they are certified by the manufacturer or by an independent source.

5.11.2 Transfer the stock standard solutions into glass vials with Teflon lined screw-caps or crimp-tops. Store at 4°C and protect from light. Stock standard solutions should be checked frequently for signs of degradation or evaporation, especially just prior to preparing calibration standards.

5.12 Calibration standards - A minimum of five concentrations for each parameter of interest should be prepared through dilution of the stock standards with methanol (or other suitable solvent). One of these concentrations should be near, but above, the MDL. The remaining concentrations should correspond to the expected range of concentrations found in real samples, or should define the working range of the HPLC-UV/VIS or HPLC-TSP/MS. Calibration standards must be replaced after one or two months, or sooner if comparison with check standards indicates a problem.

5.13 Surrogate standards - The analyst should monitor the performance of the extraction, cleanup (when used), and analytical system, along with the effectiveness of the method in dealing with each sample matrix, by spiking each sample, standard, and blank with one or two surrogates (e.g., organophosphorus or chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds not expected to be present in the sample).

5.14 HPLC/MS tuning standard - Polyethylene glycol 400 (PEG-400), PEG-600 or PEG-800. Dilute to 10 percent (v/v) in methanol. Dependent upon analyte molecular weight range: m.w. <500 amu, use PEG-400; m.w. > 500 amu, use PEG-600, or PEG-800.

## 6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, AND HANDLING

6.1 See the introductory material to this Chapter, Organic Analytes, Sec. 4.1.

## 7.0 PROCEDURE

7.1 Sample preparation - Samples for analysis of disperse azo dyes and organophosphorus compounds must be prepared by one of the following methods prior to HPLC/MS analysis:

<u>Matrix</u>	<u>Methods</u>
Water	3510, 3520
Soil/sedimen	3540, 3541, 3550
Waste	3540, 3541, 3550, 3580

Samples for the analysis of Tris-(2,3-dibromopropyl)phosphate in wastewater must be prepared according to Sec. 7.1.1 prior to HPLC/MS analysis. Samples for the analysis of chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds and their esters should be prepared according to Sec. 7.1.2 prior to HPLC/MS analysis.

### 7.1.1 Microextraction for Tris-BP:

#### 7.1.1.1 Solid Samples

7.1.1.1.1 Weigh a 1 gram portion of the sample into a tared beaker. If the sample appears moist, add an equivalent amount of anhydrous sodium sulfate and mix well. Add 100  $\mu$ L of Tris-BP (approximate concentration 1000 mg/L) to the sample selected for spiking; the amount added should result in a final concentration of 100 ng/ $\mu$ L in the 1 mL extract.

7.1.1.1.2 Remove the glass wool plug from a disposable serological pipet. Insert a 1 cm plug of clean silane treated glass wool to the bottom (narrow end) of the pipet. Pack 2 cm of anhydrous sodium sulfate onto the top of the glass wool. Wash pipet and contents with 3 - 5 mL of methanol.

7.1.1.1.3 Pack the sample into the pipet prepared according to Sec. 7.1.1.1.2. If packing material has dried, wet with a few mL of methanol first, then pack sample into the pipet.

7.1.1.1.4 Extract the sample with 3 mL of methanol followed by 4 mL of 50% (v/v) methanol/methylene chloride (rinse the sample beaker with each volume of extraction solvent prior to adding it to the pipet containing the sample). Collect the extract in a 15 mL graduated glass tube.

7.1.1.1.5 Evaporate the extract to 1 mL using the nitrogen blowdown technique (Sec. 7.1.1.1.6). Record the volume. It may not be possible to evaporate some sludge samples to a reasonable concentration.

#### 7.1.1.1.6 Nitrogen Blowdown Technique

7.1.1.1.6.1 Place the concentrator tube in a warm water bath (approximately 35°C) and evaporate the solvent volume to the required level using a gentle stream of clean, dry nitrogen (filtered through a column of activated carbon).

CAUTION: Do not use plasticized tubing between the carbon trap and the sample.

7.1.1.1.6.2 The internal wall of the tube must be rinsed down several times with methylene chloride during the operation. During evaporation, the solvent level in the tube must be positioned to prevent water from condensing into the sample (i.e., the solvent level should be below the level of the water bath). Under normal operating conditions, the extract should not be allowed to become dry. Proceed to Sec. 7.1.1.1.7.

7.1.1.1.7 Transfer the extract to a glass vial with a Teflon lined screw-cap or crimp-top and store refrigerated at 4°C. Proceed with HPLC analysis.

7.1.1.1.8 Determination of percent dry weight - In certain cases, sample results are desired based on a dry weight basis. When such data are desired, or required, a portion of sample for this determination should be weighed out at the same time as the portion used for analytical determination.

WARNING: The drying oven should be contained in a hood or vented. Significant laboratory contamination may result from drying a heavily contaminated hazardous waste sample.

7.1.1.1.9 Immediately after weighing the sample for extraction, weigh 5-10 g of the sample into a tared crucible. Determine the % dry weight of the sample by drying overnight at 105°C. Allow to cool in a desiccator before weighing:

$$\% \text{ dry weight} = \frac{\text{g of dry sample}}{\text{g of sample}} \times 100$$

#### 7.1.1.2 Aqueous Samples

7.1.1.2.1 Using a 100 mL graduated cylinder, measure 100 mL of sample and transfer it to a 250 mL separatory funnel. Add 200  $\mu$ L of Tris-BP (approximate concentration 1000 mg/L) to the sample selected for spiking; the amount added should result in a final concentration of 200 ng/ $\mu$ L in the 1 mL extract.

7.1.1.2.2 Add 10 mL of methylene chloride to the separatory funnel. Seal and shake the separatory funnel three times, approximately 30 seconds each time, with periodic venting to release excess pressure. NOTE: Methylene chloride creates excessive pressure rapidly; therefore, initial venting should be done immediately after the separatory funnel has been sealed and shaken once. Methylene chloride is a suspected carcinogen, use necessary safety precautions.

7.1.1.2.3 Allow the organic layer to separate from the water phase for a minimum of 10 minutes. If the emulsion interface between layers is more than one-third the size of the solvent layer, the analyst must employ mechanical techniques to complete phase separation. See Sec. 7.5, Method 3510.

7.1.1.2.4 Collect the extract in a 15 mL graduated glass tube. Proceed as in Sec. 7.1.1.1.5.

7.1.2 Extraction for chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds - Preparation of soil, sediment, and other solid samples must follow Method 8151, with the exception of no hydrolysis or esterification. Sec. 7.1.2.1 presents an outline of the procedure with the appropriate changes necessary for determination by Method 8321. Sec. 7.1.2.2 describes the extraction procedure for aqueous samples.

#### 7.1.2.1 Extraction of solid samples

7.1.2.1.1 Add 50 g of soil/sediment sample to a 500 mL, wide mouth Erlenmeyer. Add spiking solutions if required, mix well and allow to stand for 15 minutes. Add 50 mL of organic-free reagent water and stir for 30 minutes. Determine the pH of the sample with a glass electrode and pH meter, while stirring. Adjust the pH to 2 with cold H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (1:1) and monitor the pH for 15 minutes, with stirring. If necessary, add additional H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> until the pH remains at 2.

7.1.2.1.2 Add 20 mL of acetone to the flask, and mix the contents with the wrist shaker for 20 minutes. Add 80 mL of diethyl ether to the same flask, and shake again for 20 minutes. Decant the extract and measure the volume of solvent recovered.

7.1.2.1.3 Extract the sample twice more using 20 mL of acetone followed by 80 mL of diethyl ether. After addition of each solvent, the mixture should be shaken with the wrist shaker for 10 minutes and the acetone-ether extract decanted.

7.1.2.1.4 After the third extraction, the volume of extract recovered should be at least 75% of the volume of added solvent. If this is not the case, additional extractions may be necessary. Combine the extracts in a 2000 mL separatory funnel containing 250 mL of reagent water. If an emulsion forms, slowly add 5 g of acidified sodium sulfate (anhydrous) until the solvent-water mixture separates. A quantity of acidified sodium sulfate equal to the weight of the sample may be added, if necessary.

7.1.2.1.5 Check the pH of the extract. If it is not at or below pH 2, add more concentrated HCl until the extract is stabilized at the desired pH. Gently mix the contents of the separatory funnel for 1 minute and allow the layers to separate. Collect the aqueous phase in a clean beaker, and the extract phase (top layer) in a 500 mL ground-glass Erlenmeyer flask. Place the aqueous phase back into the separatory funnel and re-extract using 25 mL of diethyl ether. Allow the layers to separate and discard the aqueous layer. Combine the ether extracts in the 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask.

7.1.2.1.6 Add 45 - 50 g acidified anhydrous sodium sulfate to the combined ether extracts. Allow the extract to remain in contact with the sodium sulfate for approximately 2 hours.

NOTE: The drying step is very critical. Any moisture remaining in the ether will result in low recoveries. The amount of sodium sulfate used is adequate if some free flowing crystals are visible when swirling the flask. If all of the sodium sulfate solidifies in a cake, add a few additional grams of acidified sodium sulfate and again test by swirling. The 2 hour drying time is a minimum; however, the extracts may be held overnight in contact with the sodium sulfate.

7.1.2.1.7 Transfer the ether extract, through a funnel plugged with acid-washed glass wool, into a 500 mL K-D flask equipped with a 10 mL concentrator tube. Use a glass rod to crush caked sodium sulfate during the transfer. Rinse the Erlenmeyer flask and column with 20-30 mL of diethyl ether to complete the quantitative transfer. Reduce the volume of the extract using the macro K-D technique (Sec. 7.1.2.1.8).

7.1.2.1.8 Add one or two clean boiling chips to the flask and attach a three ball macro-Snyder column. Prewet the Snyder column by adding about 1 mL of diethyl ether to the top. Place the apparatus on a hot water bath (60°-65°C) so that the concentrator tube is partially immersed in the hot water and the entire lower rounded surface of the flask is bathed in vapor. Adjust the vertical position of the apparatus and the water temperature, as required, to complete the concentration in 15-20 minutes. At the proper rate of distillation the balls of the column will actively chatter, but the chambers will not flood. When the apparent volume of liquid reaches 5 mL, remove the K-D apparatus from the water bath and allow it to drain and cool for at least 10 minutes.

7.1.2.1.9 Exchange the solvent of the extract to acetonitrile by quantitatively transferring the extract with acetonitrile to a blow-down apparatus. Add a total of 5 mL acetonitrile. Reduce the extract volume according to Sec. 7.1.1.1.6, and adjust the final volume to 1 mL.

#### 7.1.2.2 Preparation of aqueous samples

7.1.2.2.1 Using a 1000 mL graduated cylinder, measure 1 liter (nominal) of sample, record the sample volume to the nearest 5 mL, and transfer it to a separatory funnel. If high concentrations are anticipated, a smaller volume may be used and then diluted with organic-free reagent water to 1 liter. Adjust the pH to less than 2 with sulfuric acid (1:1).

7.1.2.2.2 Add 150 mL of diethyl ether to the sample bottle, seal, and shake for 30 seconds to rinse the walls. Transfer the solvent wash to the separatory funnel and extract the sample by shaking the funnel for 2 minutes with periodic venting to release excess pressure. Allow the organic layer to separate from the water layer for a minimum of 10 minutes. If the emulsion interface between layers is more than one-third the size of the solvent layer, the analyst must employ mechanical techniques to complete the phase separation. The optimum technique depends upon the sample, and may include stirring, filtration of the emulsion through glass wool, centrifugation, or other physical methods. Drain the aqueous phase into a 1000 mL Erlenmeyer flask.

7.1.2.2.3 Repeat the extraction two more times using 100 mL of diethyl ether each time. Combine the extracts in a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask. (Rinse the 1000 mL flask with each additional aliquot of extracting solvent to make a quantitative transfer.)

7.1.2.2.4 Proceed to Sec. 7.1.2.1.6 (drying, K-D concentration, solvent exchange, and final volume adjustment).

7.2 Prior to HPLC analysis, the extraction solvent must be exchanged to methanol or acetonitrile (Sec. 7.1.2.1.9). The exchange is performed using the K-D procedures listed in all of the extraction methods.

### 7.3 HPLC Chromatographic Conditions:

7.3.1 Analyte-specific chromatographic conditions are shown in Table 1. Chromatographic conditions which are not analyte-specific are as follows:

Flow rate:	0.4 mL/min
Post-column mobile phase:	0.1 M ammonium acetate (1% methanol) (0.1 M ammonium acetate for phenoxyacid compounds)
Post-column flow rate:	0.8 mL/min

7.3.2 If there is a chromatographic problem from compound retention when analyzing for disperse azo dyes, organophosphorus compounds, or Tris-(2,3-dibromopropyl)phosphate, a 2% constant flow of methylene chloride may be applied as needed. Methylene chloride/aqueous methanol solutions must be used with caution as HPLC eluants. Acetic acid (1%), another mobile phase modifier, can be used with compounds with acid functional groups.

7.3.3 A total flow rate of 1.0 to 1.5 mL/min is necessary to maintain thermospray ionization.

7.3.4 Retention times for organophosphorus compounds on the specified analytical column are presented in Table 9.

### 7.4 Recommended HPLC/Thermospray/MS operating conditions:

#### 7.4.1 Positive Ionization mode

Repeller (wire or plate, optional): 170 to 250 v (sensitivity optimized). See Figure 2 for schematic of source with wire repeller.

Mass range: 150 to 450 amu (compound dependent, expect 1 to 18 amu higher than molecular weight of the compound).  
Scan time: 1.50 sec/scan.

#### 7.4.2 Negative Ionization mode

Discharge electrode:	on
Filament:	off
Mass Range:	135 to 450 amu
Scan time:	1.50 sec/scan.

#### 7.4.3 Thermospray temperatures:

Vaporizer control	110°C to 130°C.
Vaporizer tip	200°C to 215°C.

Jet	210°C to 220°C.
Source block	230°C to 265°C. (Some compounds may degrade in the source block at higher temperatures, the operator should use knowledge of chemical properties to estimate proper source temperature).

7.4.4 Sample injection volume: 20 µL is necessary in order to overfill the 10 µL injection loop. If solids are present in the extract, allow them to settle or centrifuge the extract and withdraw the injection volume from the clear layer.

## 7.5 Calibration:

7.5.1 Thermospray/MS system - Must be hardware-tuned on quadrupole 1 (and quadrupole 3 for triple quadrupoles) for accurate mass assignment, sensitivity, and resolution. This is accomplished using polyethylene glycol (PEG) 400, 600, or 800 (see Sec. 5.14) which have average molecular weights of 400, 600, and 800, respectively. A mixture of these PEGs can be made such that it will approximate the expected working mass range for the analyses. Use PEG 400 for analysis of chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds. The PEG is introduced via the thermospray interface, circumventing the HPLC.

7.5.1.1 The mass calibration parameters are as follows:

<u>for PEG 400 and 600</u>	<u>for PEG 800</u>
Mass range: 15 to 765 amu	Mass range: 15 to 900 amu
Scan time: 5.00 sec/scan	Scan time: 5.00 sec/scan

Approximately 100 scans should be acquired, with 2 to 3 injections made. The scan with the best fit to the accurate mass table (see Tables 7 and 8) should be used as the calibration table.

7.5.1.2 The low mass range from 15 to 100 amu is covered by the ions from the ammonium acetate buffer used in the thermospray process:  $\text{NH}_4^+$  (18 amu),  $\text{NH}_4^+\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (36),  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\cdot\text{NH}_4^+$  (50) (methanol), or  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}\cdot\text{NH}_4^+$  (59) (acetonitrile), and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}\cdot\text{NH}_4^+$  (78) (acetic acid). The appearance of the m/z 50 or 59 ion depends upon the use of methanol or acetonitrile as the organic modifier. The higher mass range is covered by the ammonium ion adducts of the various ethylene glycols (e.g.  $\text{H}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OH}$  where  $n=4$ , gives the  $\text{H}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_4\text{OH}\cdot\text{NH}_4^+$  ion at m/z 212).

## 7.5.2 Liquid Chromatograph

7.5.2.1 Prepare calibration standards as outlined in Sec. 5.12.

7.5.2.2 Choose the proper ionization conditions, as outlined in Sec. 7.4. Inject each calibration standard onto the HPLC, using the chromatographic conditions outlined in Table 1. Calculate the area under the curve for the mass chromatogram of each



quantitation ion. For example, Table 9 lists the retention times and the major ions (>5%) present in the positive ionization thermospray single quadrupole spectra of the organophosphorus compounds. In most cases the  $(M^+H)^+$  and  $(M^+NH_4)^+$  adduct ions are the only ions of significant abundance. Plot these ions as area response versus the amount injected. The points should fall on a straight line, with a correlation coefficient of at least 0.99 (0.97 for chlorinated phenoxyacid analytes).

7.5.2.3 If HPLC-UV detection is also being used, calibrate the instrument by preparing calibration standards as outlined in Sec. 5.12, and injecting each calibration standard onto the HPLC using the chromatographic conditions outlined in Table 1. Integrate the area under the full chromatographic peak for each concentration. Quantitation by HPLC-UV may be preferred if it is known that sample interference and/or analyte coelution are not a problem.

7.5.2.4 For the methods specified in Sec. 7.5.2.2 and 7.5.2.3, the retention time of the chromatographic peak is an important variable in analyte identification. Therefore, the ratio of the retention time of the sample analyte to the standard analyte should be 1.0 - 0.1.

7.5.2.5 The concentration of the sample analyte will be determined by using the calibration curves determined in Secs. 7.5.2.2 and 7.5.2.3. These calibration curves must be generated on the same day as each sample is analyzed. At least duplicate determinations should be made for each sample extract. Samples whose concentrations exceed the standard calibration range should be diluted to fall within the range.

7.5.2.6 Refer to Method 8000 for further information on calculations.

7.5.2.7 Precision can also be calculated from the ratio of response (area) to the amount injected; this is defined as the calibration factor (CF) for each standard concentration. If the percent relative standard deviation (%RSD) of the CF is less than 20 percent over the working range, linearity through the origin can be assumed, and the average calibration factor can be used in place of a calibration curve. The CF and %RSD can be calculated as follows:

$$CF = \text{Total Area of Peak/Mass injected (ng)}$$

$$\%RSD = \frac{SD}{\overline{CF}} \times 100$$

where:

SD = Standard deviation between CFs

$\overline{CF}$  = Average CF

## 7.6 Sample Analysis

7.6.1 Once the LC/MS system has been calibrated as outlined in Sec. 7.5, it is ready for sample analysis. It is recommended that the samples initially be analyzed in the negative ionization mode. If low levels of compounds are suspected, then the samples should also be screened in the positive ionization mode.

7.6.1.1 A blank 20  $\mu$ L injection (methanol) must be analyzed after the standard(s) analyses, in order to determine any residual contamination of the Thermospray/HPLC/MS system.

7.6.1.2 Take a 20  $\mu$ L aliquot of the sample extract from Sec. 7.4.4. Start the HPLC gradient elution, load and inject the sample aliquot, and start the mass spectrometer data system analysis.

## 7.7 Calculations

7.7.1 Using the external standard calibration procedure (Method 8000), determine the identity and quantity of each component peak in the sample reconstructed ion chromatogram which corresponds to the compounds used for calibration processes. See Method 8000 for calculation equations.

7.7.2 The retention time of the chromatographic peak is an important parameter for the identity of the analyte. However, because matrix interferences can change chromatographic column conditions, the retention times are not as significant, and the mass spectra confirmations are important criteria for analyte identification.

## 8.0 QUALITY CONTROL

8.1 Refer to Chapter One and Method 8000 for specific quality control procedures.

8.2 Tables 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 15 indicate the single operator accuracy and precision for this method. Compare the results obtained with the results in the tables to determine if the data quality is acceptable. Tables 4, 5, and 6 provide single lab data for Disperse Red 1, Table 11 with organophosphorus pesticides, Table 12 with Tris-BP and Table 15 with chlorophenoxyacid herbicides.

8.2.1 If recovery is not acceptable, check the following:

8.2.1.1 Check to be sure that there are no errors in the calculations, surrogate solutions or internal standards. If errors are found, recalculate the data accordingly.

8.2.1.2 Check instrument performance. If an instrument performance problem is identified, correct the problem and re-analyze the extract.

8.2.1.3 If no problem is found, re-extract and re-analyze the sample.

8.2.1.4 If, upon re-analysis, the recovery is again not within limits, flag the data as "estimated concentration".

8.3 Instrument performance - Check the performance of the entire analytical system daily using data gathered from analyses of blanks, standards, and replicate samples.

8.3.1 See Sec. 7.5.2.7 for required HPLC/MS parameters for standard calibration curve %RSD limits.

8.3.2 See Sec. 7.5.2.4 regarding retention time window QC limits.

8.3.3 If any of the chromatographic QC limits are not met, the analyst should examine the LC system for:

- Leaks,
- Proper pressure delivery,
- A dirty guard column; may need replacing or repacking, and
- Possible partial thermospray plugging.

Any of the above items will necessitate shutting down the HPLC/TSP system, making repairs and/or replacements, and then restarting the analyses. The calibration standard should be reanalyzed before any sample analyses, as described in Sec. 7.5.

8.3.4 The experience of the analyst performing liquid chromatography is invaluable to the success of the method. Each day that analysis is performed, the daily calibration standard should be evaluated to determine if the chromatographic system is operating properly. If any changes are made to the system (e.g. column change), the system must be recalibrated.

#### 8.4 Optional Thermospray HPLC/MS/MS confirmation

8.4.1 With respect to this method, MS/MS shall be defined as the daughter ion collision activated dissociation acquisition with quadrupole one set on one mass (parent ion), quadrupole two pressurized with argon and with a higher offset voltage than normal, and quadrupole three set to scan desired mass range.

8.4.2 Since the thermospray process often generates only one or two ions per compound, the use of MS/MS is a more specific mode of operation, yielding molecular structural information. In this mode, fast screening of samples can be accomplished through direct injection of the sample into the thermospray.

8.4.3 For MS/MS experiments, the first quadrupole should be set to the protonated molecule or ammoniated adduct of the analyte of interest. The third quadrupole should be set to scan from 30 amu to just above the mass region of the protonated molecule.

8.4.4 The collision gas pressure (Ar) should be set at about 1.0 mTorr and the collision energy at 20 eV. If these parameters fail to give considerable fragmentation, they may be raised above these settings to create more and stronger collisions.

8.4.5 For analytical determinations, the base peak of the collision spectrum shall be taken as the quantification ion. For extra specificity, a second ion should be chosen as a backup quantification ion.

8.4.6 Generate a calibration curve as outlined in Sec. 7.5.2.

8.4.7 For analytical determinations, calibration blanks must be run in the MS/MS mode to determine specific ion interferences. If no calibration blanks are available, chromatographic separation must be performed to assure no interferences at specific masses. For fast screening, the MS/MS spectra of the standard and the analyte could be compared and the ratios of the three major (most intense) ions examined. These ratios should be approximately the same, unless there is an interference. If an interference appears, chromatography must be utilized.

8.4.8 For unknown concentrations, the total area of the quantitation ion(s) is calculated and the calibration curves generated as in Sec. 7.5 are used to attain an injected weight number.

8.4.9 MS/MS techniques can also be used to perform structural analysis on ions represented by unassigned m/z ratios. The procedure for compounds of unknown structures is to set up a CAD experiment on the ion of interest. The spectrum generated from this experiment will reflect the structure of the compound by its fragmentation pattern. A trained mass spectroscopist and some history of the sample are usually needed to interpret the spectrum. (CAD experiments on actual standards of the expected compound are necessary for confirmation or denial of that substance.)

## 8.5 Optional wire-repeller CAD confirmation

8.5.1 See Figure 3 for the correct position of the wire-repeller in the thermospray source block.

8.5.2 Once the wire-repeller is inserted into the thermospray flow, the voltage can be increased to approximately 500 - 700 v. Enough voltage is necessary to create fragment ions, but not so much that shorting occurs.

8.5.3 Continue as outlined in Sec. 7.6.

## 9.0 METHOD PERFORMANCE

9.1 Single operator accuracy and precision studies have been conducted using spiked sediment, wastewater, sludge, and water samples. The results are presented in Tables 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 15. Tables 4, 5, and 6 provide single

lab data for Disperse Red 1, Table 11 for organophosphorus pesticides, Table 12 for Tris-BP and Table 15 with chlorophenoxyacid herbicides.

9.2 LODs should be calculated for the known analytes, on each instrument to be used. Tables 3, 10, and 13 list limits of detection (LOD) and/or estimated quantitation limits (EQL) that are typical with this method.

9.2.1 The LODs presented in this method were calculated by analyzing three replicates of four standard concentrations, with the lowest concentration being near the instrument detection limit. A linear regression was performed on the data set to calculate the slope and intercept. Three times the standard deviation ( $3\sigma$ ) of the lowest standard amount, along with the calculated slope and intercept, were used to find the LOD. The LOD was not calculated using the specifications in Chapter One, but according to the ACS guidelines specified in Reference 4.

9.2.2 Table 17 presents a comparison of the LODs from Method 8151 and Method 8321 for the chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds.

9.3 Table 16 presents multilaboratory accuracy and precision data for the chlorinated phenoxyacid herbicides. The data summary is based on data from three laboratories that analyzed duplicate solvent solutions at each concentration specified in the Table.

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TABLE 1.  
RECOMMENDED HPLC CHROMATOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

Analytes	Initial Mobile Phase (%)	Initial Time (min)	Gradient (linear) (min)	Final Mobile Phase (%)	Final Time (min)
Organophosphorus Compounds	50/50 (water/ methanol)	0	10	100 (methanol)	5
Azo Dyes (e.g. Disperse Red 1)	50/50 (water/CH <sub>3</sub> CN)	0	5	100 (CH <sub>3</sub> CN)	5
Tris-(2,3-dibromo- propyl)phosphate	50/50 (water/methanol)	0	10	100 (methanol)	5
Chlorinated phenoxyacid compounds	75/25 (A/methanol)	2	15	40/60 (A/methanol)*	
	40/60 (A/methanol)	3	5	75/25 (A/methanol)*	10
* Where A = 0.01 M ammonium acetate (1% acetic acid)					

TABLE 2.  
COMPOUNDS AMENABLE TO THERMOSPRAY MASS SPECTROMETRY

Disperse Azo Dyes	Alkaloids
Methine Dyes	Aromatic ureas
Arylmethane Dyes	Amides
Coumarin Dyes	Amines
Anthraquinone Dye	Amino acids
Xanthene Dyes	Organophosphorus Compounds
Flame retardants	Chlorinated Phenoxyacid Compounds

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TABLE 3.  
LIMITS OF DETECTION (LOD) AND METHOD SENSITIVITIES  
FOR DISPERSE RED 1 AND CAFFEINE

Compound	Mode	LOD (pg)	EQL(7s) (pg)	EQL(10s) (pg)
Disperse Red 1	SRM	180	420	600
	Single Quad	600	1400	2000
	CAD	2,000	4700	6700
Caffeine	SRM	45	115	150
	Single Quad	84	200	280
	CAD	240	560	800

EQL = Estimated Quantitation Limit

Data from Reference 16.



TABLE 4.  
PRECISION AND ACCURACY COMPARISONS OF MS AND MS/MS WITH  
HPLC/UV FOR ORGANIC-FREE REAGENT WATER SPIKED WITH DISPERSE RED 1

Sample	Percent Recovery			
	HPLC/UV	MS	CAD	SRM
Spike 1	82.2 ± 0.2	92.5 ± 3.7	87.6 ± 4.6	95.5 ± 17.1
Spike 2	87.4 ± 0.6	90.2 ± 4.7	90.4 ± 9.9	90.0 ± 5.9
RPD	6.1%	2.5%	3.2%	5.9%

Data from Reference 16.

TABLE 5.  
PRECISION AND ACCURACY COMPARISONS OF MS AND MS/MS WITH  
HPLC/UV FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SPIKED WITH DISPERSE RED 1

Sample	Percent Recovery		
	HPLC/UV	MS	CAD
Spike 1	93.4 ± 0.3	102.0 ± 31	82.7 ± 13
Spike 2	96.2 ± 0.1	79.7 ± 15	83.7 ± 5.2
RPD	3.0%	25%	1.2%

Data from Reference 16.

TABLE 6.  
RESULTS FROM ANALYSES OF ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS WASTEWATER

Sample	Recovery of Disperse Red 1 (mg/L)		
	HPLC/UV	MS	CAD
<u>5 mg/L Spiking Concentration</u>			
1	0.721 ± 0.003	0.664 ± 0.030	0.796 ± 0.008
1-D	0.731 ± 0.021	0.600 ± 0.068	0.768 ± 0.093
2	0.279 ± 0.000	0.253 ± 0.052	0.301 ± 0.042
3	0.482 ± 0.001	0.449 ± 0.016	0.510 ± 0.091
RPD	1.3%	10.1%	3.6%
<u>Unspiked Sample</u>			
1	0.000	0.005 ± 0.0007	<0.001
1-D	0.000	0.006 ± 0.001	<0.001
2	0.000	0.002 ± 0.0003	<0.001
3	0.000	0.003 ± 0.0004	<0.001
RPD	--	18.2%	--

Data from Reference 16.

TABLE 7.  
CALIBRATION MASSES AND % RELATIVE ABUNDANCES  
OF PEG 400

Mass	% Relative Abundances <sup>a</sup>
18.0	32.3
35.06	13.5
36.04	40.5
50.06	94.6
77.04	27.0
168.12	5.4
212.14	10.3
256.17	17.6
300.20	27.0
344.22	45.9
388.25	64.9
432.28	100
476.30	94.6
520.33	81.1
564.35	67.6
608.38	32.4
652.41	16.2
653.41	4.1
696.43	8.1
697.44	2.7

<sup>a</sup> Intensity is normalized to mass 432.

TABLE 8.  
CALIBRATION MASSES AND % RELATIVE ABUNDANCES  
OF PEG 600

Mass	% Relative Abundances <sup>a</sup>
18.0	4.7
36.04	11.4
50.06	64.9
77.04	17.5
168.12	9.3
212.14	43.9
256.17	56.1
300.20	22.8
344.22	28.1
388.25	38.6
432.28	54.4
476.30	64.9
520.33	86.0
564.35	100
608.38	63.2
652.41	17.5
653.41	5.6
696.43	1.8

<sup>a</sup> Intensity is normalized to mass 564.

TABLE 9.  
RETENTION TIMES AND THERMOSPRAY MASS SPECTRA  
OF ORGANOPHOSPHORUS COMPOUNDS

Compound	Retention Time (minutes)	Mass Spectra (% Relative Abundance) <sup>a</sup>
Monocrotophos	1:09	241 (100), 224 (14)
Trichlorfon	1:22	274 (100), 257 (19), 238 (19)
Dimethoate	1:28	230 (100), 247 (20)
Dichlorvos	4:40	238 (100), 221 (40)
Naled	9:16	398 (100), 381 (23), 238 (5), 221 (2)
Fensulfothion	9:52	326 (10), 309 (100)
Methyl parathion	10:52	281 (100), 264 (8), 251 (21), 234 (48)
Phorate	13:30	278 (4), 261 (100)
Disulfoton	13:55	292 (10), 275 (100)
Merphos	18:51	315 (100), 299 (15)

<sup>a</sup> For molecules containing Cl, Br and S, only the base peak of the isotopic cluster is listed.

Data from Reference 17.

TABLE 10.  
PRECISION AND METHOD DETECTION LIMITS (MDLs) FOR  
ORGANOPHOSPHORUS COMPOUND STANDARDS

Compound	Ion	Standard Quantitation Concentration (ng/μL)	%RSD	MDL (ng)
Dichlorvos	238	2	16	
		12.5	13	
		25	5.7	
		50	4.2	4
Dimethoate	230	2	2.2	
		12.5	4.2	
		25	13	
		50	7.3	2
Phorate	261	2	0.84	
		12.5	14	
		25	7.1	
		50	4.0	2
Disulfoton	275	2	2.2	
		12.5	14	
		25	6.7	
		50	3.0	1
Fensulfothion	309	2	4.1	
		12.5	9.2	
		25	9.8	
		50	2.5	0.4
Naled	398	2	9.5	
		12.5	9.6	
		25	5.2	
		50	6.3	0.2
Merphos	299	2	5.5	
		12.5	17	
		25	3.9	
		50	5.3	1
Methyl parathion	281	2	--	
		12.5	7.1	
		25	4.8	
		50	1.5	30

Data from Reference 17.

TABLE 11.  
SINGLE OPERATOR ACCURACY AND PRECISION FOR LOW CONCENTRATION DRINKING  
WATER (A), LOW CONCENTRATION SOIL (B), MEDIUM CONCENTRATION DRINKING  
WATER (C), MEDIUM CONCENTRATION SEDIMENT (D)

Compound	Average Recovery (%)	Standard Deviation	Spike Amount	Range of Recovery (%)	Number of Analyses
<u>A</u>					
			<u>µg/L</u>		
Dimethoate	70	7.7	5	54 - 85	15
Dichlorvos	40	12	5	14 - 64	15
Naled	0.5	1.0	5	0 - 2	15
Fensulfothion	112	3.3	5	106 - 119	15
Methyl parathion	50	28	10	0 - 105	15
Phorate	16	35	5	0 - 86	15
Disulfoton	3.5	8	5	0 - 19	15
Merphos	237	25	5	187 - 287	15
<u>B</u>					
			<u>µg/kg</u>		
Dimethoate	16	4	50	7 - 24	15
Dichlorvos	ND	--	50	--	15
Naled	ND	--	50	--	15
Fensulfothion	45	5	50	34 - 56	15
Methyl parathion	ND	--	100	--	15
Phorate	78	15	50	48 - 109	15
Disulfoton	36	7	50	22 - 49	15
Merphos	118	19	50	81 - 155	15
<u>C</u>					
			<u>µg/L</u>		
Dimethoate	52	4	50	43 - 61	12
Dichlorvos	146	29	50	89 - 204	12
Naled	4	3	50	0 - 9	12
Fensulfothion	65	7	50	51 - 79	12
Methyl parathion	85	24	100	37 - 133	12
Phorate	10	15	50	0 - 41	12
Disulfoton	2	1	50	0 - 4	12
Merphos	101	13	50	75 - 126	12
<u>D</u>					
			<u>mg/kg</u>		
Dimethoate	74	8.5	2	57 - 91	15
Dichlorvos	166	25	2	115 - 216	15
Naled	ND	--	2	--	15
Fensulfothion	72	8.6	2	55 - 90	15
Methyl parathion	84	9	3	66 - 102	15
Phorate	58	6	2	46 - 70	15
Disulfoton	56	5	2	47 - 66	15
Merphos	78	4	2	70 - 86	12

Data from Reference 17.

TABLE 12  
SINGLE OPERATOR ACCURACY AND PRECISION FOR MUNICIPAL WASTE  
WATER (A), DRINKING WATER (B), CHEMICAL SLUDGE WASTE (C)

Compound		Average Recovery (%)	Standard Deviation	Spike Amount (ng/μL)	Range of % Recovery	Number of Analyses
Tris-BP	(A)	25	8.0	2	41 - 9.0	15
	(B)	40	5.0	2	50 - 30	12
	(C)	63	11	100	84 - 42	8

Data from Reference 18.



TABLE 13.  
SINGLE OPERATOR ESTIMATED QUANTITATION LIMIT (EQL) TABLE FOR TRIS-BP

Concentration (ng/μL)	Average Area	Standard Deviation	3*Std Dev.	7*Std Dev.	10*Std Dev.	LOD (ng/μL)	Lower EQL (ng/μL)	Upper EQL (ng/μL)
50	2675	782	2347	5476	7823	33	113	172
100	5091	558						
150	7674	2090						
200	8379	2030						

Data from Reference 18.

TABLE 14  
LIMITS OF DETECTION (LOD) IN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ION MODES  
FOR THE CHLORINATED PHENOXYACID HERBICIDES AND FOUR ESTERS

Compound	Positive Mode Quantitation		Negative Mode Quantitation	
	Ion	LOD (ng)	Ion	LOD (ng)
Dalapon	Not detected		141 (M-H) <sup>-</sup>	11
Dicamba	238 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	13	184 (M-HCl) <sup>-</sup>	3.0
2,4-D	238 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	2.9	184 (M-HCl) <sup>-</sup>	50
MCPA	218 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	120	199 (M-1) <sup>-</sup>	28
Dichlorprop	252 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	2.7	235 (M-1) <sup>-</sup>	25
MCPP	232 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	5.0	213 (M-1) <sup>-</sup>	12
2,4,5-T	272 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	170	218 (M-HCl) <sup>-</sup>	6.5
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	286 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	160	269 (M-1) <sup>-</sup>	43
Dinoseb	228 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> -NO) <sup>+</sup>	24	240 (M) <sup>-</sup>	19
2,4-DB	266 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	3.4	247 (M-1) <sup>-</sup>	110
2,4-D,Butoxy ethanol ester	321 (M+H) <sup>+</sup>	1.4	185 (M-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>1</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	
2,4,5-T,Butoxy ethanol ester	372 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	0.6	195 (M-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	
2,4,5-T,Butyl ester	328 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	8.6	195 (M-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	
2,4-D,ethyl- hexyl ester	350 (M+NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>+</sup>	1.2	161 (M-C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>	

Data from Reference 19.

TABLE 15  
SINGLE LABORATORY OPERATOR ACCURACY AND PRECISION  
FOR THE CHLORINATED PHENOXYACID HERBICIDES

Compound	Average <sup>(a)</sup> Recovery(%)	Standard Deviation	Spike Amount	Range of Recovery (%)	Number of Analyses
LOW LEVEL DRINKING WATER			µg/L		
Dicamba	63	22	5	33 - 86	9
2,4-D	26	13	5	0 - 37	9
MCPA	60	23	5	37 - 92	9
MCPP	78	21	5	54 - 116	9
Dichlorprop	43	18	5	0 - 61	9
2,4,5-T	72	31	5	43 - 138	9
Silvex	62	14	5	46 - 88	9
2,4-DB	29	24	5	0 - 62	9
Dinoseb	73	11	5	49 - 85	9
Dalapon	ND	ND	5	ND	9
2,4-D,ester	73	17	5	48 - 104	9
HIGH LEVEL DRINKING WATER			µg/L		
Dicamba	54	30	50	26 - 103	9
2,4-D	60	35	50	35 - 119	9
MCPA	67	41	50	32 - 128	9
MCPP	66	33	50	35 - 122	9
Dichlorprop	66	33	50	27 - 116	9
2,4,5-T	61	23	50	44 - 99	9
Silvex	74	35	50	45 - 132	9
2,4-DB	83	25	50	52 - 120	9
Dinoseb	91	10	50	76 - 102	9
Dalapon	43	9.6	50	31 - 56	6
2,4-D,ester	97	19	50	76 - 130	9
LOW LEVEL SAND			µg/g		
Dicamba	117	26	.1	82 - 147	10
2,4-D	147	23	.1	118 - 180	10
MCPA	167	79	.1	78 - 280	10
MCPP	142	39	.1	81 - 192	10
Dichlorprop	ND	ND	.1	ND	10
2,4,5-T	134	27	.1	99 - 171	10
Silvex	121	23	.1	85 - 154	10
2,4-DB	199	86	.1	0 - 245	10
Dinoseb	76	74	.1	6 - 210	10
Dalapon	ND	ND	.1	ND	10
2,4-D,ester	180	58	.1	59 - 239	7

<sup>(a)</sup>All recoveries are in negative ionization mode, except for 2,4-D,ester.  
ND = Not Detected.

TABLE 15 (cont.)  
SINGLE LABORATORY OPERATOR ACCURACY AND PRECISION  
FOR THE CHLORINATED PHENOXYACID HERBICIDES

Compound	(a) Average Recovery(%)	Standard Deviation	Spike Amount	Range of Recovery (%)	Number of Analyses
HIGH LEVEL SAND			µg/g		
Dicamba	153	33	1	119 - 209	9
2,4-D	218	27	1	187 - 276	9
MCPA	143	30	1	111 - 205	9
MCPP	158	34	1	115 - 226	9
Dichlorprop	92	37	1	51 - 161	9
2,4,5-T	160	29	1	131 - 204	9
Silvex	176	34	1	141 - 225	9
2,4-DB	145	22	1	110 - 192	9
Dinoseb	114	28	1	65 - 140	9
Dalapon	287	86	1	166 - 418	9
2,4-D,ester	20	3.6	1	17 - 25	7
LOW LEVEL MUNICIPAL ASH			µg/g		
Dicamba	83	22	.1	48 - 104	9
2,4-D	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
MCPA	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
MCPP	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
Dichlorprop	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
2,4,5-T	27	25	.1	0 - 60	9
Silvex	68	38	.1	22 - 128	9
2,4-DB	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
Dinoseb	44	13	.1	26 - 65	9
Dalapon	ND	ND	.1	ND	9
2,4-D,ester	29	23	.1	0 - 53	6
HIGH LEVEL MUNICIPAL ASH			µg/g		
Dicamba	66	21	1	41 - 96	9
2,4-D	8.7	4.8	1	5 - 21	9
MCPA	3.2	4.8	1	0 - 10	9
MCPP	10	4.3	1	4.7 - 16	9
Dichlorprop	ND	ND	1	ND	9
2,4,5-T	2.9	1.2	1	0 - 3.6	9
Silvex	6.0	3.1	1	2.8 - 12	9
2,4-DB	ND	ND	1	ND	9
Dinoseb	16	6.8	1	0 - 23	9
Dalapon	ND	ND	1	ND	9
2,4-D,ester	1.9	1.7	1	0 - 6.7	6

(a) All recoveries are in negative ionization mode, except for 2,4-D,ester.  
ND = Not Detected.

TABLE 16  
MULTILABORATORY ACCURACY AND PRECISION DATA  
FOR THE CHLORINATED PHENOXYACID HERBICIDES

Compounds	Spiking Concentration	Mean (% Recovery) <sup>a</sup>	% Relative Standard Deviation <sup>b</sup>
<u>500 mg/L</u>			
2,4,5-T		90	23
2,4,5-T,butoxy		90	29
2,4-D		86	17
2,4-DB		95	22
Dalapon		83	13
Dicamba		77	25
Dichlorprop		84	20
Dinoseb		78	15
MCPA		89	11
MCPP		86	12
Silvex		96	27
<u>50 mg/L</u>			
2,4,5-T		62	68
2,4,5-T,butoxy		85	9
2,4-D		64	80
2,4-DB		104	28
Dalapon		121	99
Dicamba		90	23
Dichlorprop		96	15
Dinoseb		86	57
MCPA		96	20
MCPP		76	74
Silvex		65	71
<u>5 mg/L</u>			
2,4,5-T		90	28
2,4,5-T,butoxy		99	17
2,4-D		103	31
2,4-DB		96	21
Dalapon		150	4
Dicamba		105	12
Dichlorprop		102	22
Dinoseb		108	30
MCPA		94	18
MCPP		98	15
Silvex		87	15

Data from Reference 20.

<sup>a</sup> Mean of duplicate data from 3 laboratories.

<sup>b</sup> % RSD of duplicate data from 3 laboratories.

TABLE 17  
COMPARISON OF LODs: METHOD 8151 vs. METHOD 8321

Compound	Method 8151 LOD( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	Method 8321 LOD ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	Ionization Mode
Dalapon	1.3	1.1	(-)
Dicamba	0.8	0.3	(-)
2,4-D	0.2	0.29	(+)
MCPA	0.06	2.8	(-)
Dichloroprop	0.26	0.27	(+)
MCPP	0.09	0.50	(+)
2,4,5-T	0.08	0.65	(-)
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.17	4.3	(-)
2,4-DB	0.8	0.34	(+)
Dinoseb	0.19	1.9	(-)

The diagram illustrates the components of a laser ion source. A central horizontal tube is flanked by vertical hatched blocks. On the left, an arrow points 'To Trap & Mechanical Pump'. The tube contains a 'Source Mounting Plate' and a 'Source Block'. A 'Vaporizer' is positioned above the source block, with an 'Electron Beam' directed at it. An 'Ion Sampling Cone' is shown above the source block, with 'Ions' being sampled. A 'Vaporizer Probe' is located to the right of the vaporizer. A 'Heater' is positioned below the source block. A 'Vaporizer Coupling' is located to the right of the heater. A 'Probe Handle' is connected to the right side of the tube, with an 'LC' (Liquid Chromatography) inlet. A 'Vaporizer Controller' is connected to the 'Vaporizer Coupling'. A 'Flange' is located at the top of the tube. Temperature points are labeled:  $T_2$  at the vaporizer,  $T_4$  at the vaporizer temperature,  $T_6$  at the block temperature, and  $T_1$  at the vaporizer controller.

FIGURE 2.  
THERMOSPRAY SOURCE WITH WIRE-REPELLER  
(High sensitivity configuration)

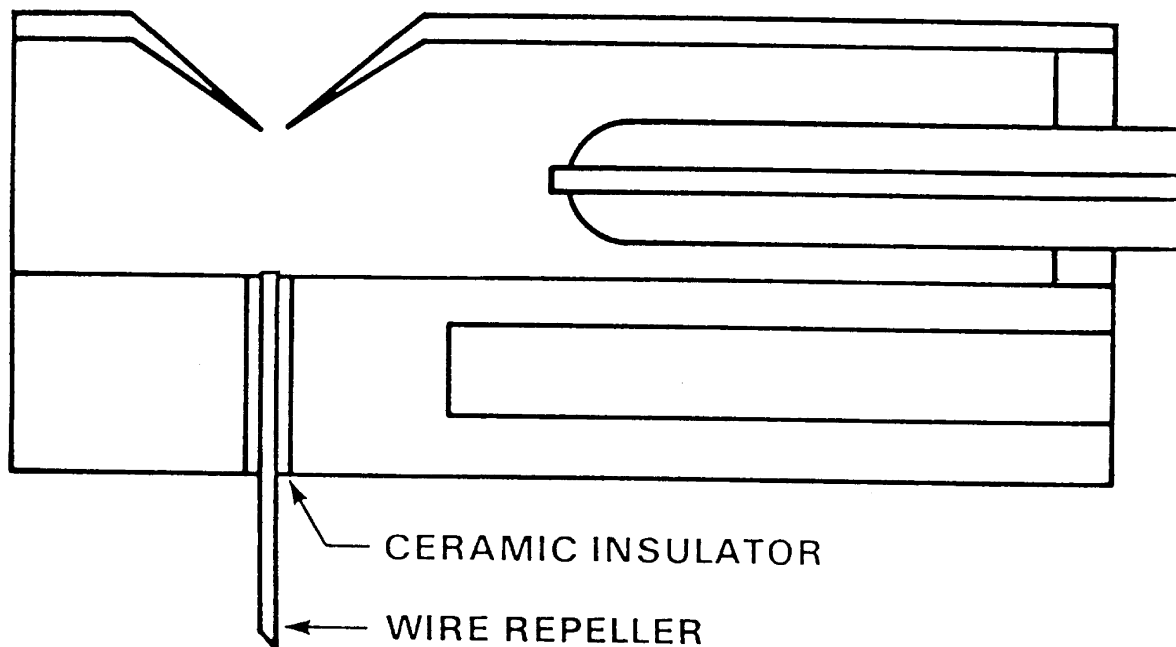
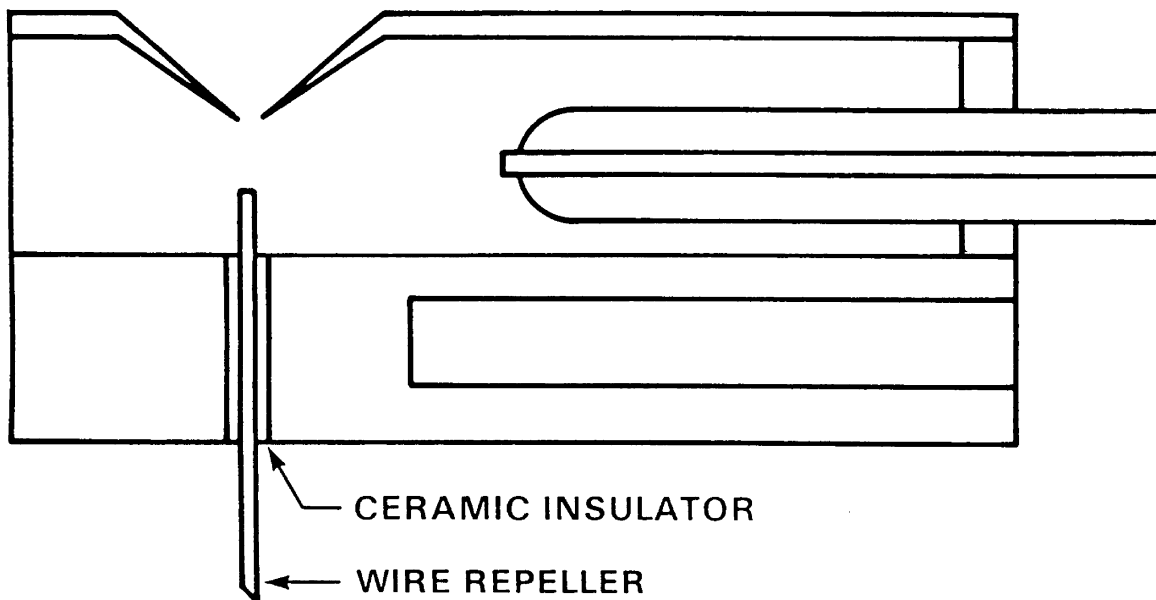




FIGURE 3.  
THERMOSPRAY SOURCE WITH WIRE-REPELLER  
(CAD configuration)



METHOD 8321  
SOLVENT EXTRACTABLE NON-VOLATILE COMPOUNDS BY  
HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY/THERMOSPRAY/MASS SPECTROMETRY  
(HPLC/TSP/MS) OR ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DETECTION

