



METHOD STATEMENT

Determinand:

Bisphenol A

Matrix:

Surface Water, Final Effluent and Crude Effluent

Principle of Method:

The method is a direct aqueous injection (DAI) procedure. Samples are analysed by high performance liquid chromatography using a triple quadrupole mass spectrometer detector. Samples are injected on to a HPLC analytical column and analytes are separated from matrix interference. Analytes are identified and quantified with mass spectrometric detection in SRM mode. Quantitation is by an internal standard procedure.

Sampling and Sample Preparation:

Samples should be taken in an STL90. No preservative is required. Samples are stored at $3 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ prior to analysis and should be analysed within 14 days of receipt.

Interferences:

HPLC-TQ is an extremely selective technique and interferences should only be encountered very rarely. Any interfering compounds would have to display the identical SRM transition at the same retention time; this is extremely unlikely in potable water samples. However, any compound, which passes through the extraction procedure, and has a similar liquid chromatographic retention time and mass spectrometric properties to the compound of interest, will cause interference. Samples containing high humic or fulvic loading have been demonstrated to not cause significant ion suppression for the compounds.

Performance of Method:

LOD, Precision and Bias

Determinand	Surface Water, Limit of Detection ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Final Effluent, Limit of Detection ($\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$)	Direct Standards			
			Low Standard		High Standard	
			%Bias	%RSD	%Bias	%RSD
BISPHENOL A	0.004	0.014	-7.29	9.2	0.31	1.4

Matrix Spike Recoveries

Determinand	Finham Final Effluent		Draycote Surface Water		Finham Final Effluent		Roundhills Crude Effluent	
	10% Spike		80% Spike		80% Spike		80% Spike	
	%Rec.	%RSD	%Rec.	%RSD	%Rec.	%RSD	%Rec.	%RSD
BISPHENOL A	91.2 \pm 4.7	3.8	101.1 \pm 2.0	3.2	102.1 \pm 2.9	3.4	102.2 \pm 1.9	2.7

Uncertainty of Measurement:

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BISPHENOL A	16.31

References:

In house developed method