

METHOD STATEMENT

Determinand:

Determination of of Glyphosate and Aminomethylphosphonic Acid (AMPA).

Matrix:

Sample Type: Treated, Ground and Raw Waters.

Principle of Method:

Samples are derivatised with 9-fluorenylmethyl chloroformate (FMOC-Cl) prior to extraction by polymeric solid phase extraction cartridges. The solid phase extraction cartridges are eluted with methanol and solvent exchanged into the aqueous mobile phase. The sample extracts are analysed by high performance liquid chromatography using a triple quadrupole mass spectrometer as a detector. The analytes are separated and then identified and quantified with mass spectrometric detection (MSD) in multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode. Quantitation is based on an internal standardisation procedure. In order to decrease the load of the LC column and mass spectrometer with derivatisation by-products (e.g., 9-fluorenylmethanol FMOC-OH), a rinsing step is performed for the SPE cartridge with dichloromethane. Acidification of the sample and addition of EDTA-Na₂ is used to minimise complexation of the target compounds with metal ions.

Interferences:

HPLC-MS/MS is an extremely selective technique and interferences should only be encountered very rarely. Any interfering compounds would have to display the identical MRM 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:

Range of Application:

Determinand	Operational Calibration Range (Instrument 1746)
AMPA	LOD - 0.250 µg/l
GLYPHOSATE	LOD - 0.250 µg/l

Limit of Detection, Uncertainty of measurement and Recoveries of Compounds

Instrument 1746

Determinand	LOD ng/litre	Direct Standards				Elvington Lab Tap Water (Hard Hardness)		
		Low Standard		High Standard		PCV Spike		
		% Recovery	RSD	% Recovery	RSD	% Recovery	RSD	Uncert
AMPA	4	105.2 %	8.9 %	101.9 %	7.4 %	104.1 %	8.8 %	± 21.7 %
GLYPHOSATE	3	101.2 %	7.5 %	100.0 %	5.2 %	101.1 %	5.2 %	± 11.6 %

References:

Agilent 1200 Series, Reference Manuals.

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Agilent 6400 Triple Quad LC/MS System, Concept Guide.



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