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### Updated Taste and Odour Intensity and Descriptors

Following changes to the Blue Book guidance in 2014 ALS Environmental have updated our reporting terminology from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The analysis of Taste and Odour is reported as a Number and Letter. The intensity of the Taste or Odour is recorded as a numeric value which is shown with an increment of the intensity. Please see Table 1 for the Intensity Scale.

**Table 1: Taste &/or Odour Intensity**

<u>Taste/Odour Intensity</u>	
0	No Taste
1	Very Slight
2	Slight
3	Strong
4	Very Strong

Table 2 lists the Taste / Odour description code and relevant reporting letter. Please refer to both Table 1 and Table 2 in order to interpret your analytical data.

**Table 2: Taste &/or Odour Descriptors**

<u>Taste Description</u>		<u>Odour Description</u>	
A	Earthy	A	Earthy
B	Bitter	B	Farm Like
C	Chlorinous	C	Chlorine (Bleach)
D	Chemical	D	Oily
E	Bituminous	E	Bad Eggs (Sulphide)
F	Diesel	F	Diesel



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G	Fuel	G	Fuel
H	Decayed Vegetable	H	Medicine (eg TCP)
I	Astringent	I	Soapy
J	Fishy	J	Milky
K	Flat	K	Fruity
L	Geranium	L	Sweet
M	Inky	M	Organic Solvent
N	Pencil	N	Pencil
O	Petrol	O	Petrol
P	Musty	P	Musty
Q	Oily	R	Ammoniacal
R	Rubber	S	Yeasty
S	Saline	T	Phenolic
T	Chlorophenol	Z	Other (please specify)
U	Sour		
V	Spirit		
W	Sweet		
X	Weedy		
Y	Sharp		
Z	Other (please specify)		
AA	Cucumber		
AB	Metallic		
AC	Mould		

### **Reference**

<http://dwi.defra.gov.uk/stakeholders/guidance-and-codes-of-practice/SCA-TandO-130514.pdf>