Table 1. Laborator	v Kev	Elements	for Sulfolane	Analysis in Wa	ter
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Key Element	Method Criteria
Reference Method	SOP shall include references for method basis.
Internal Standard (sulfolane-d8)	Quantitation of sulfolane based on isotope dilution method using sulfolane-d8. Sulfolane-d8 added pre-extraction. Final extract concentration near the mid-point calibration concentration.
	Use m/z 128 for quantifying and m/z 46, 62, and 64 as qualifier ions. See ion ratio criteria below.
	In the case of dilution that results in a sulfolane-d8 that is less than 10x noise, then re-extract sample using a lesser volume. In these cases, holding time considerations are waived.
Recovery Criteria for Internal Standard	Absolute recovery (quantitation based on recovery standard) $40 - 100\%$.
Recovery Standard	Naphthalene-d8 added post-extraction.
Recovery Criteria for Recovery Standard	Area count -40 to +100% relative to the continuing calibration verification.
Extraction Sample Amounts	Extraction volume sufficient to meet detection criteria, generally, 100 mL to 1 L
	should be sufficient. Extraction volume and the final extract volume must be specified in SOP.
Extraction Method	At discretion of labs sufficient to meet data quality objectives.
GC/MSD Method	Full Scan Mode, recommended mass range m/z 40 to 250 or higher. Scan rate greater than 10 scans across peak (at 10% peak height). Daily tune MS consistent with laboratory quality assurance project plan (QAPP).
GC/MSD Calibration	Low calibration point needs to be able to quantitate 5 parts per billion (ppb) at a minimum in water. At least two calibration points need to be set below the groundwater action level, currently set at 16 ppb. The concentration of the internal standard, sulfolane-d8, should be the same in all calibration standards and sample extract.
Quant/Qual Ions for Sulfolane	Quantification ion on m/z 120; Qualifier ions (QI) at m/z 41, 55 and 56. All four ions should be used and QI ratios defined.

Key Element	Method Criteria
Ion Ratios (sulfolane and sulfolane-d8)	Relative intensities of the qualifier ions need to be within 30% of the daily reference
	standard for two of three QI. If do not meet ratio criteria in at least two QI, attempt
	to resolve the matrix interference. If matrix interference cannot be resolved, QI
	failure must be reported to DEC Project Managers within 1 week of failure. Ion
	ratios must be displayed in the raw data.
	If $<25\%$ resolution relative to the sulfolane-d8 neak cannot be obtained attempt the
	following:
	Tonowing.
	1. Optimize chromatographic conditions in an attempt to enhance resolution, and
	unt
	2. Attempt additional cleanup techniques to remove the apparent interferences.
	If items 1 or 2 fail to achieve less than 25% resolution then for the primary
	quantitation ion (m/z 128) between sulfolane-d8 and an adjacent peak (naphthalene
	or other non-target analyte), the quantitation ion for sulfolane-d8 in the impacted
	sample should be switched to m/z 46 as long as baseline resolution is obtained for
	m/z 46. In these cases, quantitation using m/z 46 for sulfolane-d8 should be used
	for both sulfolane (as the internal standard) and sulfolane-d8 in the impacted sample
	as well as all associated calibration standards, calibration check standards, and
	quality control samples (laboratory control samples, method blanks, matrix spikes,
	standards, calibration check standards and quality control samples may need to be
	standards, calibration check standards and quanty control samples may need to be quantified and reported using both $m/z/16$ and $m/z/128$ for quantitation. Also, in
	these cases, the laboratory is not required to inform DEC of the presence of
	interference. Separation of sulfolane d8 from the interferent should be defined
	documented and submitted as part of the final laboratory report through
	chromatographs and ion ratio criteria.
Detection Limit (DL)	DL not to exceed 5 ppb in water. LOO (limit of quantitation) not to exceed 10 ppb
	in water. Report J-values between DL and LOQ. Detection Limit studies are

Key Element	Method Criteria		
	performed for new instruments or if major maintenance has been performed. The		
	Limit of Detection (LOD) is verified with quarterly LOD Studies. Annual DL and		
	quarterly verification at 1 to 2 times the DL with $70 - 130\%$ recovery is		
	recommended, subject to revision. Annual DL must be immediately followed with		
	verification.		
Tailing criteria and integration	Sulfolane and sulfolane-d8 peak tailing not to exceed a factor of two calculated on		
	the unmodified software integrated peak (consistent with tailing factor equation		
	from SW-846 Method 8270D). Manual integration only performed if necessary.		
	Submit before and after extracted ion current profile (EICP) documentation with the		
	report.		
Minimum Separation Criteria	For standards and as part of each initial calibration, a demonstration of at least 10 ng		
	of naphthalene and 25 ng sulfolane-d8 when monitoring all target mass ions for		
	sulfolane-d8. Full baseline chromatographic resolution must be achieved.		
Data flagging	Data flagged based on laboratory standard practices. All flags used should be		
	defined.		
Sample Collection, Handling, and	Pre-cleaned appropriate sized amber bottle. Placed on ice and kept above freezing		
Preservation	but below 6°C. Samples must be extracted within 7 days and the extract must be		
	analyzed within 40 days of extraction.		
Demonstration Criteria	For initial demonstration of performance, analyze a minimum of five extracted LCS		
	QC samples at 15 ppb, each showing recoveries of \pm 20% and RSD \leq 30%.		

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
Initial Calibration	As needed	For regression: $r^2 \ge 0.99$ or $r \ge$	Repeat initial calibration.
		0.995; For average RRF: RSD	
		<u>≤15%</u>	
Initial Calibration	Immediately following Initial	Second source, %Drift $\leq 20\%$	Investigate, reanalyze,
Verification (ICV)	Calibration		recalibrate.
Continuous Calibration	After MS tuning and before	$\text{\%Drift} \leq 20\%$	Reanalyze CCV. If second re-
Verification (CCV)	sample analysis, every 20		analysis fails then perform
	injections thereafter, and at end		initial calibration. Samples
	of analytical sequence, or		that were not bracketed by
	whichever is shorter. CCV		roopolyzod
	concentration equivalent to 25		Teanaryzeu.
	pph in a sample		
Method Blank (MB)	Every preparation batch/event	< DL	Re-analyze MB If $MB > DL$
	or 20 samples, whichever is		or LOO but ND (<dl) in<="" th=""></dl)>
	less		samples then no action needed.
			If $MB > DL$ then re-extract and
			re-analyze batch. Flag data
			with "B" qualifier, if
			insufficient sample for
			extraction.
Laboratory Control Sample	Every preparation batch/event,	70-120%	Re-analyze LCS. If $%R >$
(LCS)	or 20 samples, whichever is		acceptance criteria but ND
	less. LCS concentration		(<dl) action<="" in="" no="" samples="" th=""></dl)>
	equivalent to 15 ppb in a		needed. Otherwise re-extract
	sample. Spiking standard is		and re-analyze batch.
	prepared in water or a water-		
	miscible solvent.		
Matrix Snike/Matrix Snike	An MS/MSD pair every	RPD for DUP and MS/MSD <	Qualify data and parrative any
Method Blank (MB) Laboratory Control Sample (LCS) Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike	Every preparation batch/event, or 20 samples, whichever is less Every preparation batch/event, or 20 samples, whichever is less. LCS concentration equivalent to 15 ppb in a sample. Spiking standard is prepared in water or a water- miscible solvent. An MS/MSD pair every	< DL 70 – 120% RPD for DUP and MS/MSD ≤	Re-analyze MB. If MB > DLor LOQ but ND (<dl) in<="" td="">samples then no action needed.If MB > DL then re-extract andre-analyze batch. Flag datawith "B" qualifier, ifinsufficient sample forextraction.Re-analyze LCS. If %R >acceptance criteria but ND(<dl) action<="" in="" no="" samples="" td="">needed. Otherwise re-extractand re-analyze batch.</dl)></dl)>

Table 2. Quality Control Requirements

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
Duplicate (MS/MSD) and	preparation batch with 10 or	25%; MS/MSD Recovery 60 –	obvious matrix effects.
Laboratory Duplicate	more samples, up to 20. If	140%	
Sample (DUP)	preparation batch is less than		
	10 samples, analyze laboratory		
	sample duplicate. Spiking		
	standard is prepared in water		
	or a water-miscible solvent.		
Internal Standard (sulfolane-	Each sample and QC. Spiking	40-100%	Re-extract and flag if second
d8) Recovery	standard is prepared in water		re-extraction/re-analysis fails
	or a water-miscible solvent.		criteria.
Recovery Standard	Each sample and QC	Area Count -50 - +100%	Re-analyze and flag if second
(naphthalene-d8)		relative to the continuing	analysis fails criteria.
_		calibration verification	

Key Element	Decision	
Reference Method	8270D Analytical with SW846 Preparation 3540C or 3550C,	
	preference is 3540. SOP shall include references for method basis.	
Extraction Solvent	MeCl2. If the presence of significant petroleum hydrocarbons has	
	been noted on the Chain-of-Custody Record based on field PID	
	readings or observation, the sample should first be extracted with	
	water followed by solid-phase extraction cleanup prior to MeCl2	
	extraction. The presence of significant petroleum hydrocarbons	
	may preclude the proper identification of sulfolane as defined	
	below. (Note that SOPs for alternative extraction and cleanup	
	procedures must be submitted to and approved by DEC prior to	
	receiving samples. All key elements should also be met by the	
	alternative extraction and cleanup procedures.)	
Internal Standard (sulfolane-d8)	Quantitation of sulfolane based on isotope dilution method using	
	sulfolane-d8. Sulfolane-d8 added pre-extraction. Final extract	
	concentration near the mid-point calibration concentration.	
	Use m/z 128 for quantifying and m/z 46, 62, and 64 as qualifier	
	ions. See ion ratio criteria below.	
	Laboratory shall notify project manager to discuss extracting or analyzing	
	analyzed outside holding time criteria without preapproval from the	
	project manager. Consider using the Solid Phase Extraction Cleanup	
	procedure if sample contains fuel interference.	
Recovery Criteria for Internal Standard	Absolute recovery (quantitation based on recovery standard) 50 –	
	120%.	
Recovery Standard	Naphthalene-d8 added post-extraction.	
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Recovery Criteria for Recovery Standard	Area count -50 to +100% relative to the continuing calibration	
	verification.	

Table 1. Laboratory Key Elements for Sulfolane Analysis in Soil

Key Element	Decision	
Extraction Sample Amounts	Extraction mass sufficient to meet detection criteria, generally, 10	
	to 30 g should be sufficient. Extraction mass and the final extract	
	volume must be specified in SOP. Percent solids determined and	
	results reported on a dry-weight basis.	
Extraction Method	Sonication or soxhlet, with preference to soxhlet.	
GC/MSD Method	Daily tune MS consistent with laboratory quality assurance project plan (OAPP). Dwell Time per jon: 25 to 100 µS	
GC/MSD Calibration	Low calibration point needs to be able to quantitate 10 parts per	
	billion (ppb) at a minimum in soils. At least two calibration points	
	need to be set below the general migration to groundwater action	
	level of 43 ppb. The concentration of the internal standard,	
	sulfolane-d8, should be the same in all calibration standards and	
	sample extract.	
Quant/Qual Ions for Sulfolane	Quantification ion on m/z 120; Qualifier ions (QI) at m/z 41, 55	
	and 56. All four ions should be used and QI ratios defined.	
Ion Ratios (sulfolane and sulfolane-d8)	Relative intensities of the qualifier ions need to be within 30% of	
	the daily reference standard for two of three QI. If they do not	
	meet ratio criteria in at least two QI, attempt to resolve the matrix	
	interference. If matrix interference cannot be resolved, QI failure	
	must be reported to DEC Project Managers within 1 week of	
	failure. Ion ratios must be displayed in the raw data.	
	If $<25\%$ resolution relative to the sulfolane-d8 peak cannot be	
	obtained attempt the following:	
	1. Optimize chromatographic conditions in an attempt to	
	enhance resolution. or	
	2. Attempt additional cleanup techniques to remove the	

Key Element	Decision
	apparent interferences.
	If items 1 or 2 fail to achieve less than 25% resolution then for the primary quantitation ion (m/z 128) between sulfolane-d8 and an adjacent peak (naphthalene or other non-target analyte), the quantitation ion for sulfolane-d8 in the impacted sample should be switched to m/z 46 as long as baseline resolution is obtained for m/z 46. In these cases, quantitation using m/z 46 for sulfolane-d8 should be used for both sulfolane (as the internal standard) and sulfolane-d8 in the impacted sample as well as all associated calibration standards, calibration check standards, and quality control samples (laboratory control samples, method blanks, matrix spikes, laboratory duplicates, instrument blanks, etc.). As a result, some initial calibration standards, calibration check standards and quality control samples may need to be quantified and reported using both m/z 46 and m/z 128 for quantitation. Also, in these cases, the laboratory is not required to inform DEC of the presence of interference. Separation of sulfolane-d8 from the interferent should be defined, documented, and submitted as part of the final laboratory report, through chromatographs and ion ratio criteria.
Qualitative Identification	If significant non-target analytes precludes the proper identification of sulfolane as defined above, DEC should be notified within two business days of discovery for discussion with DEC regarding the
	applicability of alternate extraction procedures, such as water
	extraction followed by solid-phase extraction cleanup (note SOPs
	for alternative extraction and cleanup procedures must be submitted
	to and approved by DEC prior to receiving samples). If
	hydrocarbon interference is identified by the laboratory, the

Key Element	Decision
	laboratory should proceed with water extraction followed by solid-
	phase extraction cleanup and the interference should be identified
	the laboratory narrative.
Detection Limit (DL)	DL not to exceed 5 ppb in soil. LOQ (limit of quantitation) not to
	exceed 10 ppb in soil. Report J-values between DL and LOQ.
	Detection Limit studies are performed for new instruments or if
	major maintenance has been performed. The Limit of Detection
	(LOD) is verified with quarterly LOD Studies. Annual DL and
	quarterly verification at 1 to 2 times the DL with $70 - 150\%$
	immediately followed with verification
Tailing criteria and integration	Sulfolane and sulfolane-d8 peak tailing not to exceed a factor of
Taning criteria and integration	two calculated on the unmodified software integrated neak
	(consistent with tailing factor equation from SW-846 Method
	8270D) Manual integration only performed if necessary Submit
	before and after extracted ion current profile (EICP) documentation
	with the report.
Minimum Separation Criteria	For standards and as part of each initial calibration, a demonstration
•	of at least 10 ng of naphthalene and 25 ng sulfolane-d8 when
	monitoring all target mass ions for sulfolane-d8. Full baseline
	chromatographic resolution must be achieved.
Data flagging	Data flagged based on laboratory standard practices. All flags used
	should be defined.
Sample Collection, Handling, and	8 oz. glass jar or equivalent with Teflon-lined lid. Placed on ice
Preservation	and kept above freezing but below 6°C. Samples must be extracted
	within 14 days and the extract must be analyzed within 40 days of
	extraction.
	Storage of soil samples at less than -10°C should be considered on
	a project specific basis.
Demonstration Criteria	For initial demonstration of performance, analyze a minimum of

Key Element	Decision
	five extracted LCS QC samples at 50 ppb, each showing recoveries of $\pm 20\%$ and RSD $\leq 30\%$. Provide Level IV data package.

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
Initial Calibration	As needed	For regression: $r^2 \ge 0.99$	Repeat initial calibration.
		or $r \ge 0.995$; For average	
		RRF: RSD $\leq 15\%$	
Initial Calibration	Immediately following	Second source, %Drift \leq	Investigate, reanalyze, recalibrate.
Verification (ICV)	Initial Calibration	20%	
Continuous Calibration	After MS tuning and	$\text{\%Drift} \leq 20\%$	Reanalyze CCV. If second re-
Verification (CCV)	before sample analysis,		analysis fails then perform initial
	every 20 injections		calibration. Samples that were not
	thereafter, and at end of		bracketed by acceptable CCV must
	analytical sequence, or		be reanalyzed.
	within a 12 hour tuning		
	period, whichever is		
	shorter. CCV		
	concentration at action		
	level, equivalent to 50		
	ppb in a sample.	- DI	
Method Blank (MB)	Every preparation	< DL	Re-analyze MB. If $MB > DL$ or
	batch/event, or 20		LOQ but ND (<dl) in="" samples="" th="" then<=""></dl)>
	samples, whichever is		no action needed. If $MB > DL$ then
	less		re-extract and re-analyze batch. Flag
			data with "B" qualifier, if insufficient
		70 1000/	sample for extraction.
Laboratory Control	Every preparation	/0 - 120%	Ke-analyze LCS. If %K >
Sample (LCS)	batch/event, or 20		acceptance criteria but ND (<dl) in<="" th=""></dl)>
	samples, whichever is		samples no action needed. Otherwise
	less. LUS concentration		re-extract and re-analyze batch.
	equivalent to 50 ppb in a		
	sample, near action level.		
	Spiking standard is		
	prepared in water or a		

Table 2. Quality Control Requirements for Soil

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
	water-miscible solvent.		
Matrix Spike/Matrix	An MS/MSD pair every	RPD for DUP and	Qualify data and narrative any
Spike Duplicate	preparation batch with 10	$MS/MSD \leq 25\%;$	obvious matrix effects.
(MS/MSD) and	or more samples, up to	MS/MSD Recovery 60 –	
Laboratory Duplicate	20. If preparation batch	140%	
Sample (DUP)	is less than 10 samples,		
_	analyze laboratory		
	sample duplicate.		
	Spiking standard is		
	prepared in water or a		
	water-miscible solvent.		
Internal Standard	Each sample and QC.	50-120%	Re-extract and flag if second re-
(sulfolane-d8) Recovery	Spiking standard is		extraction/re-analysis fails criteria.
	prepared in water or a		
	water-miscible solvent.		
Recovery Standard	Each sample and QC	Area Count -50 - +100%	Re-analyze and flag if second
(naphthalene-d8)		relative to the continuing	analysis fails criteria.
		calibration verification	

Key Element	Decision	
Reference Method	SW846 8270D Analytical. Extraction procedure references include Headley et al. (2002) and Doucette et al. (2005). SOP shall include references for method basis.	
	References: Doucette, W.J., J.K. Chard, B.J. Moore, W.J. Staudt, and J.V. Headley. 2005. Uptake of sulfolane and diisopropanolamine (DIPA) by cattails (Typha latifolia). <i>Microchemical Journal</i> . Volume 81, pp. 41–49.	
	Headley, John V, Leslie C. Dickson, and Kerry M. Peru. 2002. Comparison of Levels of Sulfolane and Diisopropanolamine in Natural Wetland Vegetation Exposed to Gas-Condensate Contaminated Groundwater. <i>Communications in Soil Science and</i> <i>Plant Analysis.</i> Vol. 33, Nos. 15–18, pp. 3531–3544.	
Extraction	Extraction procedure to include the following:	
	 Process plant material as a whole sample and grind/cut-up to minimize the sample size (<1/2" pieces in size) and to assist in the pulverization process. Liquid nitrogen should be added to the pieces to freeze the vegetables until the vegetables are solidified. Once frozen, sample should be pulverized using a blender (consistency of the vegetable should resemble a powder). 20 grams of the pulverized, frozen vegetable should be weighed and placed into a 250 mL jar. 	
	 Add internal standard (sulfolane-d8) after weighing 20 g aliquot of pulverized material. 	

Table 1. Laboratory Key Elements for Sulfolane Analysis in Plant Material

Key Element	Decision
	 Add 200 mL of DI water to the 20 gram sample and place sample on a mechanical shaker for 30 minutes Vacuum filter sample through a Buchner funnel using a Whatman No 41 filter paper (or equivalent) into a 500 mL filtration flask. The water portion of the sample should then extracted with methylene chloride, in accordance with the Department approved analysis of sulfolane in water SOP.
	Previous analyses with separatory funnel backwash have shown emulsions occurring for most vegetable matrices, requiring separation by mechanical means (e.g. centrifugation). How emulsions will be handled should be addressed in the SOP.
Internal Standard (sulfolane-d8)	Internal standard in water or water-miscible solvent. Quantitation of sulfolane based on isotope dilution method using sulfolane-d8. Sulfolane-d8 added pre-extraction. Final extract concentration near the mid-point calibration concentration. Use m/z 128 for quantifying and m/z 46, 62, and 64 as qualifier ions. See ion ratio criteria below.
	In the case of dilution that results in a sulfolane-d8 that is less than 10x noise, then re-extract sample using a lesser mass. Laboratory shall notify project manager to discuss extracting or analyzing a sample outside holding time criteria. Samples should not be extracted or analyzed outside holding time criteria without preapproval from the project manager. In these cases, holding time considerations are waived.
Recovery Criteria for Internal Standard	Absolute recovery (quantitation based on recovery standard) 50 – 120%
Recovery Standard	Naphthalene-d8 added post-extraction.
Recovery Criteria for Recovery Standard	Area count -50 to +100% relative to the continuing calibration verification.

Key Element	Decision
Extraction Sample Amounts	Extraction mass sufficient to meet detection criteria, generally, 10
	to 30 g should be sufficient. Extraction mass and the final extract
	volume must be specified in SOP.
GC/MSD Method	Daily tune MS consistent with laboratory quality assurance project
	plan (QAPP). Dwell Time per ion: 25 to 100 µS.
GC/MSD Calibration	Low calibration point needs to be able to quantitate 10 parts per
	billion (ppb) at a minimum in plant material. At least two
	calibration points need to be set below the screening level of 25
	ppb. The concentration of the internal standard, sulfolane-d8,
	should be the same in all calibration standards and sample extract.
Quant/Qual Ions for Sulfolane	Quantification ion m/z 120; Qualifier ions (QI) at m/z 41, 55
	and 56. All four ions should be used and QI ratios defined.
Ion Ratios (sulfolane and sulfolane-d8)	Relative intensities of the qualifier ions need to be within 30% of
	the daily reference standard for two of three QI. If they do not
	meet ratio criteria in at least two QI, attempt to resolve the matrix
	interference. If matrix interference cannot be resolved, QI failure
	must be reported to DEC Project Managers within 1 week of
	failure. Ion ratios must be displayed in the raw data.
	If $<25\%$ resolution relative to the sulfolane-d8 peak cannot be
	obtained attempt the following:
	1 Ontimize chromotographic conditions in an attempt to
	1. Optimize chromatographic conditions in an attempt to
	enhance resolution, or
	2 Attempt additional cleanup techniques to remove the
	2. Attempt additional cleanup techniques to remove the
	apparent interferences.
	If items 1 or 2 fail to achieve less than 25% resolution then for the
	primary quantitation ion $(m/z 128)$ between sulfolane d8 and an
	primary quantitation for (m/2 120) between surbitation to all all
	adjacent peak (non-target analytes), the quantitation ion for

Key Element	Decision
	sulfolane-d8 in the impacted sample should be switched to m/z 46
	as long as baseline resolution is obtained for m/z 46. In these
	cases, quantitation using m/z 46 for sulfolane-d8 should be used for
	both sulfolane (as the internal standard) and sulfolane-d8 in the
	impacted sample as well as all associated calibration standards,
	calibration check standards, and quality control samples (laboratory
	control samples, method blanks, matrix spikes, laboratory
	duplicates, instrument blanks, etc.). As a result, some initial
	calibration standards, calibration check standards and quality
	control samples may need to be quantified and reported using both
	m/z 46 and m/z 128 for quantitation. Also, in these cases, the
	laboratory is not required to inform DEC of the presence of
	interference. Separation of sulfolane-d8 from the interferent should
	be defined, documented, and submitted as part of the final
	laboratory report, through chromatographs and ion ratio criteria.
Detection Limit (DL)	DL not to exceed 5 ppb in plant material. LOQ (limit of
	quantitation) not to exceed 10 ppb in plant material. Report J-
	values between DL and LOQ. Detection Limit studies are
	performed for new instruments or if major maintenance has been
	performed. The Limit of Detection (LOD) is verified with quarterly LOD Studies. Appual DL and quarterly verification at 1
	to 2 times the DL with $70 - 130\%$ recovery is recommended
	subject to revision. Annual DL must be immediately followed with
	verification.
Tailing criteria and integration	Sulfolane and sulfolane-d8 peak tailing not to exceed a factor of
	two calculated on the unmodified software integrated peak
	(consistent with tailing factor equation from SW-846 Method
	before and after extracted ion current profile (FICP) documentation

Key Element	Decision	
	with the report.	
Minimum Separation Criteria	For standards and as part of each initial calibration, a demonstration	
	of at least 10 ng of naphthalene and 25 ng sulfolane-d8 when	
	monitoring all target mass ions for sulfolane-d8. Full baseline	
	chromatographic resolution must be achieved.	
Data flagging	Data flagged based on laboratory standard practices. All flags used	
	should be defined.	
Sample Collection, Handling, and	Appropriate sample containers should be used. Placed on ice and	
Preservation	kept above freezing but below 6°C. Samples must be extracted	
	within 14 days and the extract must be analyzed within 40 days of	
	extraction. Archive sample at conclusion of initial sample	
	extraction. Archive remaining residual sample in a freezer at -20°C	
	until such time the sample would normally be disposed. At that	
	time, contact Project Manager for further instruction regarding	
	continuing retaining or disposal of sample.	
Demonstration Criteria	For initial demonstration of performance, analyze a minimum of	
	five extracted LCS QC samples at 50 ppb, each showing recoveries	
	of \pm 20% and RSD \leq 30%. Provide Level IV data package.	

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
Initial Calibration	As needed	For regression: $r^2 \ge 0.99$	Repeat initial calibration.
		or $r \ge 0.995$; For average	
		RRF: RSD $\leq 15\%$	
Initial Calibration	Immediately following	Second source, %Drift \leq	Investigate, reanalyze, recalibrate.
Verification (ICV)	Initial Calibration	20%	
Continuous Calibration	After MS tuning and	%Drift $\leq 20\%$	Reanalyze CCV. If second re-
Verification (CCV)	before sample analysis,		analysis fails then perform initial
	every 20 injections		calibration. Samples that were not
	thereafter, and at end of		bracketed by acceptable CCV must
	analytical sequence, or		be reanalyzed.
	within a 12 hour tuning		
	period, whichever is		
	shorter. CCV		
	concentration at		
	screening level,		
	equivalent to 25 ppb in a		
	sample.		
Method Blank (MB)	Every preparation	< DL	Re-analyze MB. If $MB > DL$ or
	batch/event, or 20		LOQ but ND (<dl) in="" samples="" th="" then<=""></dl)>
	samples, whichever is		no action needed. If $MB > DL$ then
	less		re-extract and re-analyze batch. Flag
			data with "B" qualifier, if insufficient
		50 1000/	sample for extraction.
Laboratory Control	Every preparation	70-120%	Re-analyze LCS. If %R >
Sample (LCS)	batch/event, or 20		acceptance criteria but ND (<dl) in<="" th=""></dl)>
	samples, whichever is		samples no action needed. Otherwise
	less. LCS concentration		re-extract and re-analyze batch.
	at screening level,		
	equivalent to 25 ppb in a		
	sample. Spiking standard		

Table 2. Quality Control Requirements for Plant Material

Description	Frequency	Criteria	Corrective Action
	is prepared in water or a		
	water-miscible solvent.		
Matrix Spike/Matrix	An MS/MSD pair every	RPD for DUP and	Qualify data and narrative any
Spike Duplicate	preparation batch with 10	$MS/MSD \le 25\%;$	obvious matrix effects.
(MS/MSD) and	or more samples, up to	MS/MSD Recovery 60 –	
Laboratory Duplicate	20. If preparation batch	140%	
Sample (DUP)	is less than 10 samples,		
	analyze laboratory		
	sample duplicate.		
	Spiking standard is		
	prepared in water or a		
	water-miscible solvent.		
Internal Standard	Each sample and QC.	50-120%	Re-extract and flag if second re-
(sulfolane-d8) Recovery	Spiking standard is		extraction/re-analysis fails criteria.
	prepared in water or a		
	water-miscible solvent.		
Recovery Standard	Each sample and QC	Area Count -50 - +100%	Re-analyze and flag if second
(naphthalene-d8)		relative to the continuing	analysis fails criteria.
		calibration verification	