



Paragon Analytics

Radiochemistry Case Narrative

Isotopic Polonium

New Horizons

CSMRI / 2135

PA WO 0404284

1. This report consists of the analytical results for 3 soil samples received by Paragon on 04/28/04.
2. These samples were prepared according to Paragon Analytics procedures PA SOP773R8 and PA SOP711R1.
3. The samples were analyzed for the presence of Polonium-210 according to Paragon Analytics procedure PA SOP714R8. The analyses were completed on 05/28/04.
4. The isotopic analysis results for these samples are reported on a dry weight basis in units of pCi/gram.
5. Due to the poor availability of a 'NIST traceable' Polonium-209 tracer solution, the concentration of a dilution of isotopically pure Po-209 received from Oak Ridge National Laboratory was determined by cross calibration against two distinct NIST traceable sources (Po-210 and Pb/Po-210). While the calibration is not formally 'NIST traceable', the Po-209 concentration was calibrated against and is thus referenced to NIST traceable standards.
6. Results of this analysis are decay-corrected to the sampling date, based on the 138.4 day half-life of Po-210. This decay correction makes no assumptions as to the equilibrium state of Po-210 with the Pb-210 parent nuclide, which has a half-life of 22.3 years.
7. Paragon Analytics follows the convention outlined in ANSI N42.23 for reporting significant digits in the TPU and MDC results. ANSI N42.23 states that the TPU result should be rounded to two significant digits and that the MDC result should be rounded to the same decimal place as the TPU result. In practice, this could result in an MDC result with a reported value of 0 for samples with significant activity, including the batch laboratory control sample.

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8. No anomalous situations were encountered during the preparation or analysis of these samples. All quality control criteria were met.

The data contained in the following report have been reviewed and approved by the personnel listed below. In addition, Paragon Analytics certifies that the analyses reported herein are true, complete and correct within the limits of the methods employed.

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Radiochemistry Instrumentation

06-09-04
Date

Steve Dobberstein
Radiochemistry Final Data Review

6/9/04
Date

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Polonium-210 by Alpha Spectroscopy

PAI 714 Rev 8

Method Blank Results

Lab Name: Paragon Analytics

Work Order Number: 0404284

Client Name: New Horizons

ClientProject ID: CSMRI 2135

Lab ID: PL040520-1MB

Sample Matrix: SOIL
Prep SOP: PAI 711 Rev 5
Date Collected: 20-May-04
Date Prepared: 20-May-04
Date Analyzed: 28-May-04

Prep Batch: PL040520-1
QCBatchID: PL040520-1-1
Run ID: PL040520-1a
Count Time: 1000 minutes

Final Aliquot: 0.500 g
Result Units: pCi/g
File Name: O40521B

CASNO	Target Nuclide	Result +/- 2 s TPU	MDC	Lab Qualifier
13981-52-7	Po-210	0 +/- 0.019	0.041	U

Chemical Yield Summary

Carrier/Tracer	Amount Added	Result	Units	Yield	Control Limits	Flag
Po-209	8.406	6.84	pCi/g	81.3	20 - 110 %	

Comments:

Qualifiers/Flags:

U - Result is less than the sample specific MDC.
Y1 - Chemical Yield is in control at 100-110%. Quantitative Yield is assumed.
Y2 - Chemical Yield outside default limits.
LT - Result is less than Requested MDC, greater than sample specific MDC.

Abbreviations:

TPU - Total Propagated Uncertainty (see PAI SOP 743)
MDC - Minimum Detectable Concentration (see PAI SOP 709)
BDL - Below Detection Limit

M - Requested MDC not met.
B - Analyte concentration greater than MDC.
B3 - Analyte concentration greater than MDC but less than Requested MDC.

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Laboratory Control Sample(s)

Lab Name: Paragon Analytics

Work Order Number: 0404284

Client Name: New Horizons

ClientProject ID: CSMRI 2135

Lab ID: PL040520-1LCS

Sample Matrix: SOIL
Prep SOP: PAI 711 Rev 5
Date Collected: 20-May-04
Date Prepared: 20-May-04
Date Analyzed: 28-May-04

Prep Batch: PL040520-1
QCBatchID: PL040520-1-1
Run ID: PL040520-1a
Count Time: 1000 minutes

Final Aliquot: 0.500 g
Result Units: pCi/g
File Name: O40521L

CASNO	Target Nuclide	Results +/- 2s TPU	MDC	Spike Added	% Rec	Control Limits	Lab Qualifier
13981-52-7	Po-210	15.8 +/- 2.3	0	14.0	113	83 - 117	P

Chemical Yield Summary

Carrier/Tracer	Amount Added	Result	Units	Yield	Control Limits	Flag
Po-209	8.406	6.45	pCi/g	76.8	20 - 110 %	

Comments:

Qualifiers/Flags:

U - Result is less than the sample specific MDC.
LT - Result is less than Requested MDC, greater than sample specific MDC.
Y1 - Chemical Yield is in control at 100-110%. Quantitative Yield is assumed.
Y2 - Chemical Yield outside default limits.
L - LCS Recovery below lower control limit.
H - LCS Recovery above upper control limit.
P - LCS Recovery within control limits.
M - The requested MDC was not met.
M3 - The requested MDC was not met, but thereported activity is greater than the reported MDC.

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Polonium-210 by Alpha Spectroscopy

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Sample Results

Lab Name: Paragon Analytics

Work Order Number: 0404284

Client Name: New Horizons

ClientProject ID: CSMRI 2135

Field ID: Area 1 Bottom Lab ID: 0404284-1	Sample Matrix: SOIL Prep SOP: PAI 711 Rev 5 Date Collected: 27-Apr-04 Date Prepared: 20-May-04 Date Analyzed: 28-May-04	Prep Batch: PL040520-1 QC Batch ID: PL040520-1-1 Run ID: PL040520-1a Count Time: 1000 minutes Report Basis: Dry Weight	Final Aliquot: 0.509 g Prep Basis: Dry Weight Moisture(%): NA Result Units: pCi/g File Name: O42841
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CASNO	Target Nuclide	Result +/- 2 s TPU	MDC	Lab Qualifier
13981-52-7	Po-210	35.7 +/- 5.2	0	

Chemical Yield Summary

Carrier/Tracer	Amount Added	Result	Units	Yield	Control Limits	Flag
Po-209	8.261	6.58	pCi/g	79.7	20 - 110 %	

Comments:

Qualifiers/Flags:

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- Y2 - Chemical Yield outside default limits.
- LT - Result is less than Requested MDC, greater than sample specific MDC.
- M3 - The requested MDC was not met, but the reported activity is greater than the reported MDC.
- M - The requested MDC was not met.

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- BDL - Below Detection Limit

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Polonium-210 by Alpha Spectroscopy

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Sample Results

Lab Name: Paragon Analytics

Work Order Number: 0404284

Client Name: New Horizons

ClientProject ID: CSMRI 2135

Field ID: Area K Bottom
Lab ID: 0404284-2

Sample Matrix: SOIL
Prep SOP: PAI 711 Rev 5
Date Collected: 28-Apr-04
Date Prepared: 20-May-04
Date Analyzed: 28-May-04

Prep Batch: PL040520-1
QCBatchID: PL040520-1-1
Run ID: PL040520-1a
Count Time: 1000 minutes
Report Basis: Dry Weight

Final Aliquot: 0.502 g
Prep Basis: Dry Weight
Moisture(%): NA
Result Units: pCi/g
File Name: O42842

CASNO	Target Nuclide	Result +/- 2 s TPU	MDC	Lab Qualifier
13981-52-7	Po-210	13.8 +/- 2.0	0	

Chemical Yield Summary

Carrier/Tracer	Amount Added	Result	Units	Yield	Control Limits	Flag
Po-209	8.375	6.73	pCi/g	80.4	20 - 110 %	

Comments:

Qualifiers/Flags:

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- Y1 - Chemical Yield is in control at 100-110%. Quantitative Yield is assumed.
- Y2 - Chemical Yield outside default limits.
- LT - Result is less than Requested MDC, greater than sample specific MDC.
- M3 - The requested MDC was not met, but the reported activity is greater than the reported MDC.
- M - The requested MDC was not met.

Abbreviations:

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- MDC - Minimum Detectable Concentration (see PAI SOP 709)
- BDL - Below Detection Limit

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Polonium-210 by Alpha Spectroscopy

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Sample Results

Lab Name: Paragon Analytics

Work Order Number: 0404284

Client Name: New Horizons

ClientProject ID: CSMRI 2135

Field ID: H-10-2	Sample Matrix: SOIL	Prep Batch: PL040520-1	Final Aliquot: 0.509 g
Lab ID: 0404284-3	Prep SOP: PAI 711 Rev 5	QC Batch ID: PL040520-1-1	Prep Basis: Dry Weight
	Date Collected: 26-Apr-04	Run ID: PL040520-1a	Moisture(%): NA
	Date Prepared: 20-May-04	Count Time: 1000 minutes	Result Units: pCi/g
	Date Analyzed: 28-May-04	Report Basis: Dry Weight	File Name: O42843

CASNO	Target Nuclide	Result +/- 2 s TPU	MDC	Lab Qualifier
13981-52-7	Po-210	414 +/- 59	0	

Chemical Yield Summary

Carrier/Tracer	Amount Added	Result	Units	Yield	Control Limits	Flag
Po-209	8.252	6.78	pCi/g	82.1	20 - 110 %	

Comments:

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- Y2 - Chemical Yield outside default limits.
- LT - Result is less than Requested MDC, greater than sample specific MDC.
- M3 - The requested MDC was not met, but the reported activity is greater than the reported MDC.
- M - The requested MDC was not met.

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