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**Organic matter, phosphorus, chloride,
sulphate and suspended solids in
wastewater (effluent)**

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1 INTRODUCTION

A proficiency test on the analysis of organic matter, phosphorus, chloride, sulphate and suspended solids in wastewater was conducted on 12 March 2026. The proficiency test was organised by Eurofins Miljø A/S.

The present report contains Eurofins' documentation for the quality of the proficiency test. Results of the proficiency test including data from participating laboratories and statistical analysis of these data were issued in a report to all participants /1/ on 21 April 2026.

2 FEATURES OF THE PROFICIENCY TEST

Participants in the proficiency test were a total of 58 laboratories from Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.

The closing date for submission of results was 27 March 2026. All participants had submitted their results before the deadline.

2.1 Sample preparation

The parameters covered in the proficiency test are listed in Table 2 as are the abbreviations used in this report.

Six samples were dispatched for the proficiency test. The samples were sample pairs covering the parameters as described in Table 1. The matrix of the samples represented wastewater, in this case effluent. Sample preparation is described in Appendix A.

Table 1 Samples in the proficiency test

Sample name	Parameters
A1/B1	COD _{Cr} , BOD (w. ATU) and NVOC/TOC
A2/B2	TP, Cl and SO ₄
A3/B3	TSS

2.2 Statistical analysis of participants' data

A split-level design was used. The data analysis was performed in accordance with ISO 5725-2:2025 /2/, ISO 13528:2022 /3/ and as described in detail in Spliid (1992) /4/. A short introduction to the statistics and a list of symbols and abbreviations used is given in Eurofins document "Schedule for a proficiency test", which is available at Eurofins' home page /5/.

The statistical model used assumes that the variances for the two samples in a sample pair are identical. The assumption was tested (F-test, 95% confidence level) and the result was that the two variances may be assumed to be identical for all parameters.

2.3 Assigned and spike value

An overview of the concentrations in the samples (the assigned values) and the difference in concentration between the two samples of a sample pair (spike value) are shown in Table 2 compared to the range of concentrations normally encountered in effluent. The table also gives the expanded uncertainty of the assigned values. Assigned values, spike values and uncertainty of the assigned values were calculated in accordance with ISO 13528:2022 /3/. The Uncertainty of the assigned values are the expanded uncertainty with coverage factor, $k = 2$.

Table 2 Assigned and spike value

Parameter	Abbreviation	Unit	Typical Range	Assigned value	Uncertainty of assigned value	Spike value
Chemical oxygen demand – dichromate method	COD _{Cr}	mg/l O ₂	5-75	58	2.9	8
Five day biochemical oxygen demand (w. ATU)	BOD ₅ (w. ATU)	mg/l O ₂	2-6	4.8	0.35	0.8
Seven day biochemical oxygen demand (w. ATU)	BOD ₇ (w. ATU)	mg/l O ₂	2-6	5.5	0.23	0.8
Non-volatile/Total organic carbon	NVOC/TOC	mg/l C	2-30	22.7	0.86	3.0
Total phosphorus	TP	mg/l	0.2-2	0.96	0.015	0.19
Chloride	Cl	mg/l	50-700	171	2.4	42
Sulphate	SO ₄	mg/l	20-200	55	1.8	16
Total suspended solids	TSS	mg/l	20-100	37.2	2.1	4.5

2.3.1 Assigned and spike values

The content of each parameter in each sample is given an assigned value for the sample with the lower content and a spike value, the spike value being the difference in concentration between the two samples of the sample pair.

To ensure optimal use of the data, the assigned value is calculated as the average of the median for both samples in the sample pair after subtraction of the spike value. The spike values are calculated from sample preparation.

The assigned values for all parameters except NVOC, Cl and SO₄ are operationally defined and are consensus values based upon the median for method no. 3, 5, 63, 76, 77, 91, 92 and ISO 15705 (COD_{Cr}), method no. 1, 2, 5 and 7 (TP), or method no. 1 and 2 (TSS), which are the methods required by the Danish EPA /6/. Assigned values for BOD are based upon standardised methods (method no. 1 - 4). A list of method identification numbers is found in the report to participants /1/. Assigned values for Cl and SO₄ are consensus values for all laboratories based on the median.

2.3.2 Test of spike values

A comparison was made (t-test, 95% confidence level) between the spike value and the difference in concentration between the two samples in the sample pair found from the laboratories' results, see Appendix B. The test revealed a significant difference between the two for COD_{Cr}. The difference could be attributed to influence from a few laboratories. The test was repeated after exclusion of the results from laboratory no. 40 and now showed no significant difference. Furthermore, the results of control measurements at Eurofins confirmed the assigned value (Appendix D). No significant differences were found for the remaining parameters. The test also revealed a significant difference between the two for BOD₅. However, the difference is numerically small and has insignificant influence on the general quality of analyses estimated from the data as well as on the evaluation of accuracy of participating laboratories. The remaining parameters did not indicate a significant difference for difference between sample pairs and spike value.

2.3.3 Test of assigned values

The assigned value and the average of the results obtained from all laboratories were also compared (t-test, 95% confidence level), see Appendix C. The test showed no significant difference between the two and the control of assigned value at Eurofins confirmed the value (Appendix D).

3 **HOMOGENEITY AND STABILITY OF SAMPLES**

The homogeneity and stability of samples were tested using the following parameters as indicators:

COD _{Cr}	Combined homogeneity and stability test
TP	Combined homogeneity and stability test
TSS	Combined homogeneity and stability test

The results of control measurements are shown in Appendix E. The appendix also gives the results of the statistical evaluation of the control data. The data are analysed by analysis of variance (ANOVA) giving:

1. the standard deviation/variance for replicates (the contribution from analytical variability),
2. the between bottle standard deviation/variance (the contribution from heterogeneity) and
3. the between days concentration difference (the contribution from instability).

Homogeneity is evaluated by comparing the between bottle variance to $0.3 \cdot \hat{\sigma}$ the standard deviation for evaluation of participants' performance ($0.3 \cdot \hat{\sigma}$) specified by the Danish EPA /6/, whereas the stability is evaluated by comparing the concentration change of the samples to $0.3 \cdot \hat{\sigma}$ or $0.3 \cdot \hat{\sigma} + 2 \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2}$ where the precision of the measurement method contribute to the inability to meet the criterion. This test ensures that heterogeneity and instability will not have negative influence on the evaluation of participant performance /3/.

The appendix also shows the standard deviation within and between laboratories from the proficiency test to allow comparison between tests performed and average quality from participating laboratories.

The test for stability and homogeneity show that samples A1/B1 and A3/B3 are stable and homogeneous. Samples A2/B2 can be considered stable.

The homogeneity test performed on sample B2 could not verify that the samples are homogeneous. The found standard deviation between bottles exceeds the limit with a nominally small value and the standard deviation between laboratories are below $\hat{\sigma}$, hence the samples are still deemed suitable for evaluation the participant's results.

4 CONCLUSION

The quality control performed, including test of sample stability and homogeneity as well as test of recovery of spike and assigned values, shows that the samples and their assigned values are suitable for testing the proficiency of the participating laboratories for all parameters. The results are also suitable for estimation of the general quality of analyses among all participating laboratories.

For COD_{Cr} and BOD_5 the participants could not recover the spike value (shown with t-test, 95% confidence level). The difference between the calculated spike value and that found by the participants is small and the influence on evaluation of participant performance or estimation of general quality of analyses is insignificant.

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- /4/ Spliid, H., *Procedure and analysis of data for proficiency tests and environmental analyses*, Report to Danish Environmental Protection Agency, 1994 (in Danish).
- /5/ Eurofins A/S, *Schedule for a proficiency test*, document may be downloaded from www.eurofins.dk/proficiencytest.
- /6/ Ministry of Environment and Equality regulation no. 1275 on *quality criteria for environmental measurements*, 31 October 2025 (in Danish).

A N N E X E S

APPENDIX A SAMPLE PREPARATION

Stock solution	Prepared from	Concentration
Concentrate A1	0.925 g D-glucose 0.925 g L-glutamic acid milli-Q water up to 1000 g	COD _{Cr} : 1.892 g/kg NVOC: 0.747 g/kg BOD ₅ : 1.295 g/kg BOD ₇ : 1.344 g/kg
Concentrate B1	0.7385 g D-glucose 0.7385 g L-glutamic acid milli-Q water up to 1000 g	COD _{Cr} : 1.510 g/kg NVOC: 0.597 g/kg BOD ₅ : 1.034 g/kg BOD ₇ : 1.073 g/kg
Stock TP	1.507 g Na-B.glycerophosphate milli-Q water up to 1000.0 g	TP: 0.153 g/kg
Stock Cl	10.003 g Sodium chloride (NaCl) milli-Q water up to 1000.0 g	Cl: 6.068 g/kg
Stock SO ₄	5.006 g Sodium sulphate (Na ₂ SO ₄) milli-Q water up to 1000.2 g	SO ₄ : 3.385 g/kg
Stock TSS	15.000 g Microcrystalline cellulose milli-Q water up to 1000.0 l	TSS: 15.000 g/l

Sample	Sample prepared from	COD _{Cr} mg/l O ₂	NVOC mg/l C	BOD ₅ (w. ATU) mg/l O ₂	TP mg/l P	Cl mg/l	SO ₄ mg/l	TSS mg/l
A1-COD/NVOC	At the laboratory 2.00 mL of concentrate A1 is diluted up to 100.0 mL with filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant	a + 37.8	b + 14.9					
B1-COD/NVOC	At the laboratory 2.00 mL of concentrate B1 is diluted up to 100.0 mL with filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant	a + 30.2	b + 11.9					
A1-BOD	At the laboratory 6.00 mL of concentrate A1 is diluted up to 2000.0 mL with filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant			c + 3.89				
B1-BOD	At the laboratory 6.00 mL of concentrate B1 is diluted up to 2000.0 mL with filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant			c + 3.10				
A2	150.0 g stock TP 280.0 g stock Cl 200.0 g stock SO ₄ filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant up to 60.0 kg				d + 0.380	e + 28.22	f + 11.3	
B2	40.0 g stock TP 220.0 g stock Cl 150.0 g stock SO ₄ Sample A2 up to 30.0 kg				0.986 · (d + 0.380) + 0.203	0.986 · (e + 28.22) + 44.34	0.986 · (f + 11.3) + 16.9	
A3	At the laboratory 1000.0 mL of filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant is added to 2.8 mL stock TSS							g + 41.9
B3	At the laboratory 1000.0 mL of filtered water from Vejen sewage treatment plant is added to 2.5 mL stock TSS							g + 37.4

APPENDIX B CONTROL OF SPIKE VALUES

Chemical oxygen demand with dichromate (COD_{Cr}), mg/l O₂

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	0.0	
2	12.9	C
4	-23.1	C
5	-1.5	
7	-0.2	
8	-4.1	
9	-1.1	
10	-2.4	
11	-0.4	
12	4.0	
13	1.1	
15	-1.4	
16	0.0	
17	-1.3	
18	-2.3	
19	-6.5	
20	1.0	
21	0.0	
22	-1.4	
23	-2.0	
24	2.0	
25	1.6	
26	3.2	
27	-4.6	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
28	0.7	
29	-2.0	
30	-1.0	
31	-0.4	
32	1.5	
33	1.3	
34	-3.2	
35	-2.8	
36	-0.2	
37	-4.8	
39	-5.0	
40	-10.0	
41	-1.8	
43	0.8	
45	1.8	
46	-3.9	
49	-3.7	
50	-0.7	
51	-1.2	
53	-	U
55	-1.0	

Statistical data – Control of spike value			
No of labs	42	Notes ** denotes that there is a significant difference (t-test, 1 %-level) U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier	
No of repl	2		
d	-1.2369		
s ²	7.0698		
s	2.6589		
t	-3.0148		**
Sign. level 99.9%	3.5442		
Sign. level 99%	2.7012		
Sign. level 95%	2.0195		

Five day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅ w. ATU), mg/l O₂

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
4	-1.03	G
7	-0.30	
11	-0.40	
19	-0.37	
20	-0.20	
21	0.00	
23	-	
24	-0.50	
25	-0.14	
26	0.11	
28	-	
29	-0.08	
30	0.10	
33	-0.20	
37	3.00	C
40	-1.20	G
41	-0.19	
46	-0.45	
51	0.09	
53	0.10	
55	-0.11	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	16	<p>Notes</p> <p>** denotes that there is a significant difference (t-test, 1 %-level)</p> <p>U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
d	-0.1591	
s ²	0.0419	
s	0.2046	
t	-3.1097 **	
Sign. level 99.9%	4.0728	
Sign. level 99%	2.9467	
Sign. level 95%	2.1314	

Seven day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₇ w. ATU), mg/l O₂

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
2	0.00	
7	-0.50	
12	0.03	
19	0.01	
20	-0.11	
29	-0.08	
32	0.55	
38	2.12	C
41	-0.05	
42	-0.01	
44	-0.20	
52	0.17	
56	0.05	
57	-0.07	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	13	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
d	-0.0162	
s ²	0.0540	
s	0.2323	
t	-0.2507	
Sign. level 99.9%	4.3178	
Sign. level 99%	3.0545	
Sign. level 95%	2.1788	

Non-volatile/total organic carbon (NVOC/TOC), mg/l C

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
2	-0.80	
3	-0.38	
6	-1.03	
7	0.65	
11	-0.37	
13	0.65	
14	-5.44	C
15	-0.53	
16	0.00	
17	-1.00	
19	0.50	
20	0.10	G
21	-0.60	
23	0.28	
24	-0.60	
25	0.50	
26	-0.31	
27	1.00	
28	-0.50	G
29	0.00	
30	1.80	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
33	-1.00	
34	-0.30	
35	-0.02	
36	0.08	G
38	0.20	
40	-0.16	
41	-0.20	
42	-0.48	
43	0.11	
44	0.50	
46	0.60	G
47	-1.48	
49	0.60	
51	-0.30	
52	-1.30	
54	0.10	
55	-1.52	
56	-3.29	C
57	0.60	
58	-0.60	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	35	<p align="center">Notes</p> <p align="center">No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p align="center">U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
d	-0.1569	
s ²	0.5277	
s	0.7264	
t	-1.2775	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.6007	
Sign. level 99%	2.7284	
Sign. level 95%	2.0322	

Total phosphorus (TP), mg/l

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	0.006	
2	-0.035	
3	0.009	
4	0.027	
5	0.450	C
6	0.004	
7	-0.002	
8	-0.010	
9	0.005	
10	0.020	
11	0.000	
13	-0.011	
14	-0.004	
15	0.007	
16	0.032	
17	-0.010	
18	-0.010	
19	-0.072	C
20	0.007	
21	-0.000	
22	0.011	
23	0.000	
24	0.080	C
25	0.038	
26	0.010	
27	0.011	
28	-0.007	
29	-0.007	
30	-0.010	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
31	0.013	
32	0.010	
33	-0.110	C
34	0.030	
35	0.000	
36	-0.005	
37	-0.010	
38	0.050	
39	-0.020	
40	-0.010	
41	0.006	
42	-0.005	
43	-0.030	
44	-0.003	
45	0.007	
46	-0.026	
47	-0.006	
48	-0.010	
49	-0.006	
50	0.010	
51	0.010	
52	-0.020	
53	-0.005	
54	-0.010	
55	0.012	
56	-0.015	
57	-0.010	
58	-0.030	

Total phosphorus (TP), mg/l

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	53	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
d	0.0002	
s ²	0.0003	
s	0.0166	
t	0.0711	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.4877	
Sign. level 99%	2.6737	
Sign. level 95%	2.0066	

Chloride (Cl), mg/l

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
4	2.0	
7	1.3	
8	84.8	C
9	-10.5	G
10	-2.0	
11	1.7	
13	0.9	
14	0.6	
16	0.0	
18	-10.0	
19	0.0	
20	-2.0	
21	4.0	
22	-3.0	
23	-1.0	
24	1.0	
25	-2.9	
26	0.0	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
28	-1.5	
29	-1.0	
30	6.0	
31	-1.0	
33	0.1	
35	-0.5	
36	-1.1	
39	10.1	
40	6.2	
41	-0.3	
42	-4.2	
43	-2.0	
46	17.1	C
47	0.3	
51	3.0	
53	-9.0	
55	-1.3	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	32	<p align="center">Notes</p> <p align="center">No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p align="center">U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
d	-0.1743	
s ²	14.4508	
s	3.8014	
t	-0.2593	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.6335	
Sign. level 99%	2.7440	
Sign. level 95%	2.0395	

Sulphate (SO₄), mg/l

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
7	0.9	
11	0.7	
13	1.8	
14	11.8	C
16	0.0	
19	0.8	
20	0.6	
21	0.3	
22	0.8	
23	2.7	
25	1.0	
28	-0.5	
29	-0.5	
30	-1.9	
33	1.6	
35	1.6	
39	6.1	C
40	-2.0	
41	0.1	
43	-0.8	
46	-0.7	
49	-2.9	
51	-0.3	
55	1.8	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	22	Notes
No of repl	2	<p>No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p>U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
d	0.2307	
s ²	1.8903	
s	1.3749	
t	0.7870	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.8193	
Sign. level 99%	2.8314	
Sign. level 95%	2.0796	

Total suspended solids (TSS), mg/l

Control of differences within sample pairs

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	-0.90	
2	0.00	
3	7.90	
4	-17.10	C
6	-0.44	
7	0.83	
8	-0.10	
11	-0.03	
12	-1.20	
13	0.50	
14	-3.35	
15	0.20	
16	3.50	
17	0.50	
19	0.30	
20	-1.10	
21	-0.50	
22	-0.50	
23	0.00	
24	1.90	
25	-0.90	
26	0.50	
27	7.70	
28	0.60	
29	0.30	
30	3.50	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
31	-0.40	
32	5.50	
33	3.20	
34	2.80	
35	-1.00	
36	2.30	
37	-1.10	
38	-9.50	
40	-4.10	
41	0.20	
42	0.20	
43	-4.50	
44	-2.20	
45	0.00	
46	-0.10	
47	0.10	
49	-1.00	
50	-2.50	
51	-2.50	
52	0.80	
53	1.50	
55	1.10	
56	-3.70	
57	1.50	
58	2.10	

Statistical data – Control of spike value		
No of labs	50	<p align="center">Notes</p> <p align="center">No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p align="center">U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
d	0.1582	
s ²	8.0197	
s	2.8319	
t	0.3950	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.5004	
Sign. level 99%	2.6800	
Sign. level 95%	2.0096	

APPENDIX C CONTROL OF RECOVERY

Chemical oxygen demand with dichromate (COD_{Cr}), mg/l O₂

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	54.0	
2	67.4	C
4	33.8	C
5	36.5	
7	62.0	
8	54.0	
9	56.6	
10	54.7	
11	60.2	
12	52.0	
13	64.9	
15	65.1	
16	56.0	
17	58.6	
18	52.3	
19	59.3	
20	30.2	
21	52.0	
22	55.2	
23	58.0	
24	60.0	
25	56.8	
26	57.8	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
27	64.5	
28	66.7	
29	62.0	
30	61.5	
31	57.6	
32	60.5	
33	59.6	
34	63.1	
35	53.8	
36	31.0	
37	50.6	
39	35.5	
40	57.0	
41	59.7	
43	57.8	
45	30.5	
46	55.3	
49	64.2	
50	61.8	
51	64.7	
53	-	U
55	57.5	

Chemical oxygen demand with dichromate (COD_{Cr}), mg/l O₂

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	42	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
m	55.4908	
s ²	88.1328	
s	9.3879	
Assigned value	58	
Recovery	95.7	
t	-1.7321	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.5442	
Sign. level 99%	2.7012	
Sign. level 95%	2.0195	

Five day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅ w. ATU), mg/l O₂

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
4	0.18	G
7	4.75	
11	4.56	
19	4.15	
20	4.39	
21	6.40	
23	-999	
24	5.35	
25	4.88	
26	5.01	
28	-999	
29	5.05	
30	5.15	
33	5.40	
37	2.50	C
40	8.32	G
41	4.35	
46	4.51	
51	4.53	
53	6.25	
55	5.63	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	16	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
m	5.0214	
s ²	0.4313	
s	0.6567	
Assigned value	4.8	
Recovery	104.6	
t	1.3485	
Sign. level 99.9%	4.0728	
Sign. level 99%	2.9467	
Sign. level 95%	2.1314	

Seven day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₇ w. ATU), mg/l O₂

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
2	5.40	
7	5.75	
12	5.68	
19	4.69	
20	5.46	
29	5.30	
32	6.72	
38	6.74	C
41	4.87	
42	5.56	
44	5.40	
52	6.37	
56	6.48	
57	5.66	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	13	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
m	5.6388	
s ²	0.3495	
s	0.5912	
Assigned value	5.5	
Recovery	102.5	
t	0.8468	
Sign. level 99.9%	4.3178	
Sign. level 99%	3.0545	
Sign. level 95%	2.1788	

Non-volatile/total organic carbon (NVOC/TOC), mg/l C

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
2	21.10	
3	22.47	
6	22.63	
7	23.44	
11	22.26	
13	21.71	
14	21.73	C
15	22.35	
16	22.00	
17	23.70	
19	22.85	
20	12.15	G
21	21.00	
23	21.09	
24	22.60	
25	18.85	
26	23.38	
27	23.30	
28	65.95	G
29	23.50	
30	22.20	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
33	22.20	
34	21.45	
35	24.69	
36	12.65	G
38	21.60	
40	24.31	
41	23.21	
42	24.27	
43	23.07	
44	22.75	
46	29.58	G
47	26.02	
49	22.80	
51	21.65	
52	23.25	
54	22.35	
55	22.94	
56	25.85	C
57	24.00	
58	22.90	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	35	<p align="center">Notes</p> <p align="center">No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p align="center">U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
m	22.6816	
s ²	1.6111	
s	1.2693	
Assigned value	22.7	
Recovery	99.9	
t	-0.0859	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.6007	
Sign. level 99%	2.7284	
Sign. level 95%	2.0322	

Total phosphorus (TP), mg/l

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	0.933	
2	0.999	
3	0.925	
4	0.914	
5	1.113	C
6	0.962	
7	0.949	
8	1.025	
9	0.972	
10	0.890	
11	0.950	
13	0.954	
14	0.953	
15	0.954	
16	0.976	
17	1.005	
18	1.095	
19	0.974	C
20	0.962	
21	0.930	
22	0.951	
23	0.960	
24	1.020	C
25	0.924	
26	0.965	
27	0.936	
28	0.998	
29	0.907	
30	1.005	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
31	0.956	
32	0.905	
33	1.055	C
34	0.980	
35	1.010	
36	0.968	
37	0.965	
38	1.025	
39	1.070	
40	0.905	
41	0.903	
42	0.971	
43	0.955	
44	0.939	
45	0.944	
46	0.931	
47	0.947	
48	1.020	
49	0.957	
50	0.965	
51	1.065	
52	0.930	
53	0.958	
54	0.961	
55	0.952	
56	0.943	
57	0.965	
58	1.035	

Total phosphorus (TP), mg/l

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	53	Notes
No of repl	2	<p>No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p>U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
m	0.9644	
s ²	0.0018	
s	0.0430	
Assigned value	0.96	
Recovery	100.5	
t	0.7474	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.4877	
Sign. level 99%	2.6737	
Sign. level 95%	2.0066	

Chloride (Cl), mg/l

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
4	151.0	
7	159.5	
8	173.4	C
9	140.8	G
10	181.0	
11	167.4	
13	169.6	
14	173.6	
16	165.0	
18	185.0	
19	173.0	
20	169.0	
21	175.0	
22	165.5	
23	170.9	
24	169.5	
25	186.0	
26	171.0	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
28	174.5	
29	177.5	
30	171.0	
31	169.5	
33	172.9	
35	177.6	
36	173.1	
39	162.7	
40	166.3	
41	169.6	
42	173.0	
43	174.0	
46	169.8	C
47	173.6	
51	172.5	
53	162.5	
55	171.7	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	32	Notes
No of repl	2	No test statistics were found to be significant U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier
m	171.0512	
s ²	47.0903	
s	6.8622	
Assigned value	171	
Recovery	100.0	
t	0.0422	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.6335	
Sign. level 99%	2.7440	
Sign. level 95%	2.0395	

Sulphate (SO₄), mg/l

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
7	52.9	
11	52.4	
13	50.6	
14	59.2	C
16	53.0	
19	56.4	
20	55.5	
21	58.3	
22	66.1	
23	61.7	
25	58.9	
28	53.8	
29	56.1	
30	55.2	
33	52.8	
35	51.1	
39	40.7	C
40	60.3	
41	55.1	
43	65.0	
46	57.8	
49	53.8	
51	54.4	
55	55.5	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	22	Notes
No of repl	2	<p>No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p>U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
m	56.1944	
s ²	17.1142	
s	4.1369	
Assigned value	55	
Recovery	102.2	
t	1.3542	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.8193	
Sign. level 99%	2.8314	
Sign. level 95%	2.0796	

Total suspended solids (TSS), mg/l

Control of recovery, average of results

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
1	38.35	
2	38.25	
3	39.95	
4	45.42	C
6	37.75	
7	36.92	
8	37.45	
11	35.39	
12	37.10	
13	37.25	
14	38.31	
15	34.40	
16	38.75	
17	37.25	
19	37.85	
20	36.05	
21	36.75	
22	35.75	
23	36.50	
24	36.95	
25	37.45	
26	37.25	
27	40.95	
28	35.10	
29	37.45	
30	36.75	

Laboratory	Sample pair AB	Outlier
31	36.80	
32	35.45	
33	38.70	
34	35.90	
35	34.50	
36	38.55	
37	38.15	
38	40.45	
40	38.65	
41	37.40	
42	36.90	
43	37.75	
44	38.70	
45	36.40	
46	38.65	
47	36.95	
49	36.60	
50	35.75	
51	35.55	
52	37.70	
53	35.75	
55	35.75	
56	36.35	
57	36.85	
58	35.25	

Statistical data – Control of recovery		
No of labs	50	<p align="center">Notes</p> <p align="center">No test statistics were found to be significant</p> <p align="center">U denote a manual selected outlier C denotes a Cochran outlier G denotes a Grubbs outlier</p>
No of repl	2	
m	37.1471	
s ²	2.0018	
s	1.4149	
Assigned value	37.2	
Recovery	99.9	
t	-0.2644	
Sign. level 99.9%	3.5004	
Sign. level 99%	2.6800	
Sign. level 95%	2.0096	

APPENDIX D CONCENTRATION LEVEL

Parameter	Unit	Sample	Bottle no.	Ampoule no.	I	II	Bottle Average	Sample Average	Assigned value	Spike	
										Measured	Assigned
COD _{Cr}	mg/L O ₂	A1	15	7	62.4	61.4	61.9	60.7	66	5.0	8
			23	49	58.8	59.4	59.1				
			68	82	58.4	63.6	61.0				
		B1	27	4	55.0	55.8	55.4	55.6	58		
			55	24	56.6	56.6	56.6				
			70	67	55.0	54.8	54.9				
Total phosphorus	mg/L P	A2	3		1.01	1.00	1.01	0.99	0.96	0.17	0.19
			31		0.97	0.97	0.97				
			58		0.98	0.98	0.98				
		B2	1		1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.15		
			49		1.15	1.15	1.15				
			81		1.17	1.17	1.17				
Chloride	mg/L	A2	3		161	162	162	161	171	44	42
			31		163	164	164				
			58		158	159	159				
		B2	1		204	205	205	205	213		
			49		202	203	203				
			81		207	207	207				
Sulphate	mg/L	A2	3		61.7	61.3	61.5	62.0	55	15.3	16
			31		62.4	62.2	62.3				
			58		62.4	62.1	62.3				
		B2	1		78.6	78.2	78.4	77.4	71		
			49		76.6	76.5	76.6				
			81		77.1	77.1	77.1				

Parameter	Unit	Sample	Matrix no.	Concentrate no.	I	II	Bottle	Sample Average	Assigned value	Spike Measured	Sample Average
Total suspended solids	mg/L	A3	15	3	42.082		42.08	42.45	41.7	4.94	4.5
			38	53	42.381	42.38					
			63	70	42.880	42.88					
		B3	2	5	37.905	37.91	37.51	37.2			
			38	44	37.107	37.11					
			75	73	37.506	37.51					

APPENDIX E HOMOGENEITY AND STABILITY

PT: SPIL-1 2026
Parameter: COD - A1
Unit: mg/L O₂
Sigma: 10.8

Responsible for tests: O6HJ/DWY9/
 DHBP/S7MS
Approval of control test: FYE3

Homogeneity test

Date: 2026-02-25

Sample	x(a)	x(b)	average	sd	sd^2
1-5	66.0	66.8	66.4	0.566	0.320
12-8	66.6	64.2	65.4	1.697	2.88
16-18	66.4	67.2	66.8	0.566	0.320
25-23	64.8	64.2	64.5	0.424	0.180
27-27	65.6	64.4	65.0	0.849	0.720
36-37	68.8	65.6	67.2	2.263	5.120
46-47	68.2	65.8	67.0	1.697	2.880
51-54	68.8	66.4	67.6	1.697	2.880
58-55	63.4	64.2	63.8	0.566	0.320
67-67	66.0	65.2	65.6	0.566	0.320
70-72	62.4	61.4	61.9	0.707	0.500
77-77	63.0	63.4	63.2	0.283	0.080

For homogeneity

General average (x) 65.37
 Sample average sd (s_x) 1.764
 Within-sample sd (s_w): 1.173
 Between-samples sd (ss): 1.5572
 S_L in the Proficiency Test: 9.275
 S_R in the Proficiency Test: 9.45

Stability test

Date: 2026-03-12

Sample	x(a)	x(b)
15-7	62.4	61.4
23-49	58.8	59.4
68-82	58.4	63.6

For stability

General average (y): 60.66667
 /x-y/ = 4.7

Conclusions

	ss = 1.5572 /x-y/ = 4.700 0.3*sigma= 3.240 $0.3 * \sigma_{pt} + 2\sqrt{u^2(x) + u^2(y)} = 8.412$
Analytical quality	Is s _w < 0.15*sigma YES
Homogeneity:	Is ss < 0.3*sigma? YES
Stability:	/x-y/ < 0.3*sigma? NO
Stability*:	$ x-y < 0,3\sigma_{pt} + 2\sqrt{(u^2(x) + u^2(y))}$? YES

PT: SPIL-1 2026
Parameter: TP - B2
Unit: mg/L P

Sigma: 0.064

Responsible for tests: O6HJ/DWY9/DHBP/S7MS
Approval of control test: FYE3

Homogeneity test

Date: 2026-02-25

Sample	x(a)	x(b)	average	sd	sd^2
6	1.19	1.19	1.19	0.000	0.000
7	1.18	1.18	1.18	0.000	0.00
18	1.22	1.22	1.22	0.000	0.000
21	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.000	0.000
32	1.19	1.19	1.19	0.000	0.000
36	1.18	1.18	1.18	0.000	0.000
44	1.18	1.18	1.18	0.000	0.000
52	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.000	0.000
57	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.000	0.000
65	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.000	0.000
71	1.23	1.23	1.23	0.000	0.000
75	1.18	1.18	1.18	0.000	0.000

For homogeneity

General average (x) 1.19
 Sample average sd (s_x) 0.020
 Within-sample sd (s_w): 0.000
 Between-samples sd (ss): 0.0198
 S_L in the Proficiency Test: 0.042
 S_R in the Proficiency Test: 0.044

Stability test

Date: 2026-03-12

Sample	x(a)	x(b)
1	1.16	1.16
49	1.15	1.15
81	1.17	1.17

For stability

General average (y): 1.16
 /x-y/ = 0.025833

Conclusions

ss = 0.0198
 /x-y/ = 0.026

 0.3*sigma= 0.0192
 $0.3 * \sigma_{pt} + 2\sqrt{u^2(x) + u^2(y)} = 0.222$

Analytical quality Is s_w < 0.15*sigma
 YES

Homogeneity: Is ss < 0.3*sigma?
 NO

Stability: /x-y/ < 0.3*sigma?
 NO

Stability: |x-y| < 0,3σ_{pt} + 2√(u²(x) + u²(y)) ?
 YES

PT: SPIL-1 2026
Parameter: TSS - B3
Unit: mg/L

Sigma: 3.6

Responsible for tests: O6HJ/DWY9/
DHBP/S7MS
Approval of control test: FYE3

Homogeneity test

Date: 2026-02-25

Sample	x(a)	x(b)	average	sd	sd^2
3-1	37.3		37.3		
8-7	36.9		36.9		
16-14	37.3		37.3		
23-20	37.0		37.0		
31-31	37.4		37.4		
39-37	37.2		37.2		
43-43	37.2		37.2		
49-51	37.4		37.4		
57-58	37.4		37.4		
62-61	37.4		37.4		
69-69	37.3		37.3		
78-76	37.4		37.4		

For homogeneity

General average (x) 37.3
 Sample average sd (s_x) 0.167
 Within-sample sd (s_w):

 Between-samples sd (ss): 0.167
 S_L in the Proficiency Test: 0.1753
 S_R in the Proficiency Test: 1.9932

Stability test

Date: 2026-03-12

Sample	x(a)	x(b)
2-5	37.905	
38-44	37.107	
75-73	37.506	

For stability

General average (y): 37.506
 /x-y/ = 0.232517

Conclusions

ss = 0.17 0.3*sigma= 1.08 /x-y/ = 0.232517	
Analytical quality	Is s _w < 0.15*sigma No data
Homogeneity:	Is ss < 0.3*sigma? YES
Stability:	/x-y/ < 0.3*sigma? YES