

***Creating the Calibration Curve
and Generating Method 8261
Quantitation Reports through
SMCReporter V4.0***

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Demonstration. Install SMCREPORTER

- This slide show is in addition to documentation provided with method 8261 software.
- The reader can reproduce the processing to be presented by installing Smcreporter 4.0
<http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/vacuum/methods/software.htm>
- Download the zip file as per Installation Guide at the site.
- You will have created a folder “SMCREPORTER” on the C drive as the default.



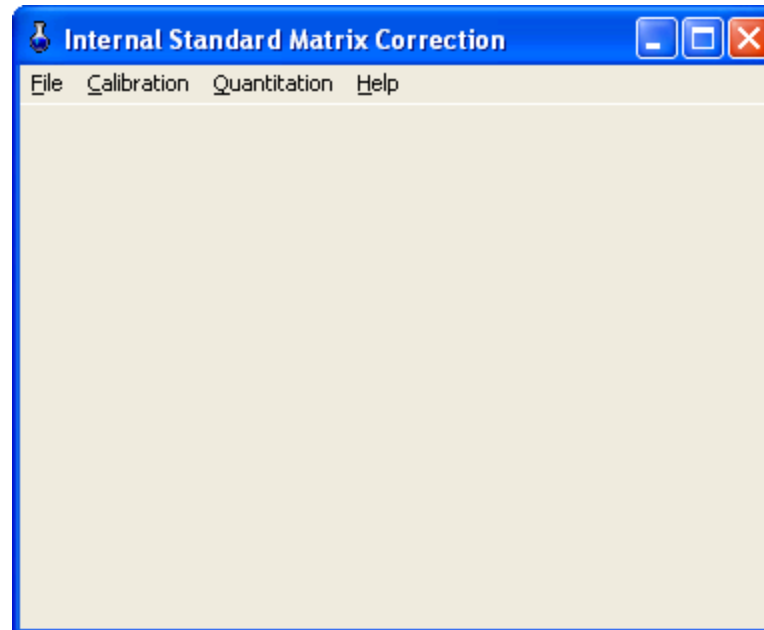
Load Demonstration Files for this Exercise

- The reader can reproduce the processing to be presented by installing data files used. They can be downloaded in a zip file (example.zip) from <http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/vacuum/methods/software.htm>
- When the software and data files are installed, a new folder, SMCREPORTER, is created. Under this folder a sub-folder, Example, contains the example data files including the method 8261 library (CLPLibrary.txt), internal standard file (CLP
- istds.ini), blank (t4050601.txt), and five standards (t4050604.txt , t4050605.txt , t4050606.txt , t4050607.txt , t4050609.txt).
- This presentation assumes an understanding of the method 8261 calculations using surrogates. See <http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/vacuum/reference/analysis/anal.htm> .



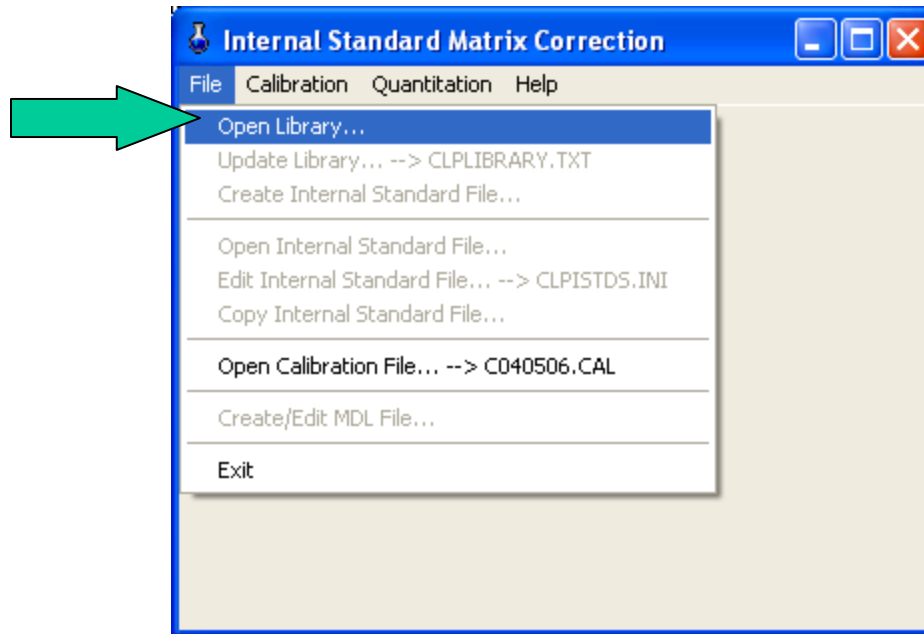
Run SmcReporter

- Go to Windows->Programs->and click on SmcReporter. The following is displayed



Load Library “CLPLibrary.txt”

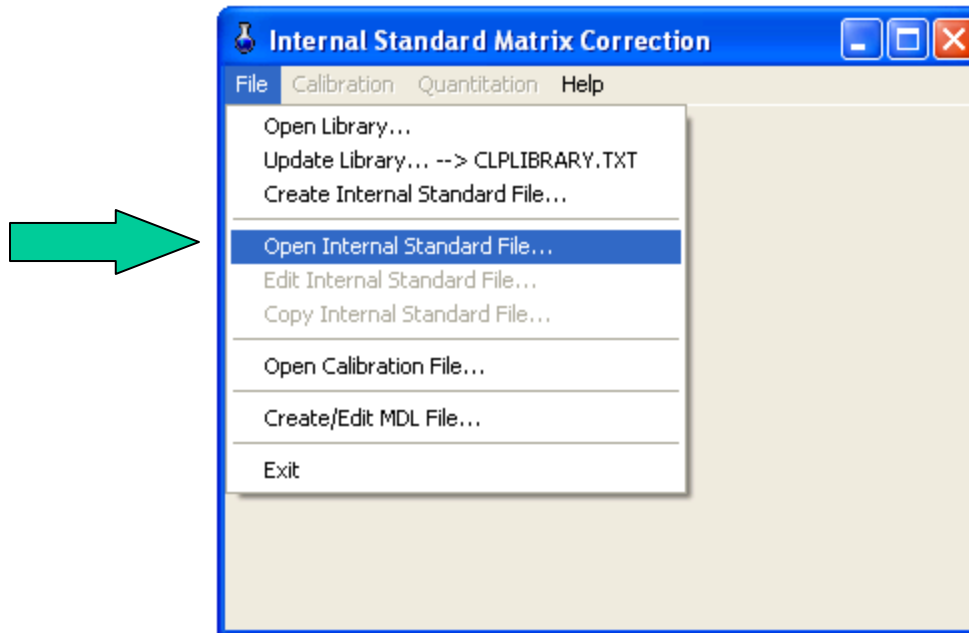
- Go to File then “Open Library”



- Open File window is displayed. Navigate to the Example folder and highlight CLPLibrary.txt and Open. CLPLibrary is now activated.

Load Internal Standard File “CLPistds.ini”

- Go to File then “Open Internal Standard File”



- Open File window is displayed. Navigate to the Example folder and highlight CLPistds.ini and Open. The internal standard file is activated.

GC/MS data set

- The raw data must be in ASCII format and readable in Notepad (e.g. t4050601.txt)
- These text files are generated by software available on this site and convert instrument data files to the required format.
- These data files contain the GC/MS response (area) and retention time for each compound.
- Each compound in the “CLPLibrary.txt” library is present in the data file.
- The first line of the data file contains the label “DATA FILE” followed by version of software



Data File Example

- Open the blank data file in notepad (t4050601.txt)
- Note each compound is identified with a GC/MS response tab delimited

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t4050601.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
DATA FILE - Version 4.0
04/05/2006 13:14
C:\xcalibur\data\t4050601.raw
1
GC/MS
COMPOUND
diethyl_ether-d10 1197589 5.44688333333333
acetone-13C 8371967 5.72995
methylene_chloride-d2 1184756 6.14635
nitromethane-13C 1486225 7.11223333333333
hexafluorobenzene 4011500 6.82916666666667
tetrahydrofuran-d8 934259 7.66171666666667
ethylacetate-13C 5623404 7.31223333333333
pentafluorobenzene 5311990 7.49531666666667
benzene-d6 9615937 8.3612
1,2-dichloroethane-d4 1446947 8.3112
fluorobenzene 8835326 8.66093333333333
1,4-difluorobenzene 8268919 8.71093333333333
1,2-dichloropropane-d6 1881452 9.26041666666667
1,4-dioxane-d8 775935 9.71015
toluene-d8 8202132 10.95911666666667
pyridine-d5 8709176 11.05885
1,1,2-trichloroethane-d3 2231575 11.62526666666667
1,2-dibromoethane-d4 11118745 12.97396666666667
chlorobenzene-d5 3626277 13.88985
o-xylene-d10 8426564 14.9888
4-bromofluorobenzene 3648841 16.7375
bromobenzene-d5 3928954 17.1039
1,2-dichlorobenzene-d4 4455462 19.96796666666667
decafluorobiphenyl 2012995 19.96796666666667
nitrobenzene-d5 610975 21.21718333333333
acetophenone-d5 1405388 20.70105
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene-d3 4932303 22.09973333333333
naphthalene-d8 25084323 22.38281666666667
1-methylnaphthalene-d10 12829688 23.89818333333333
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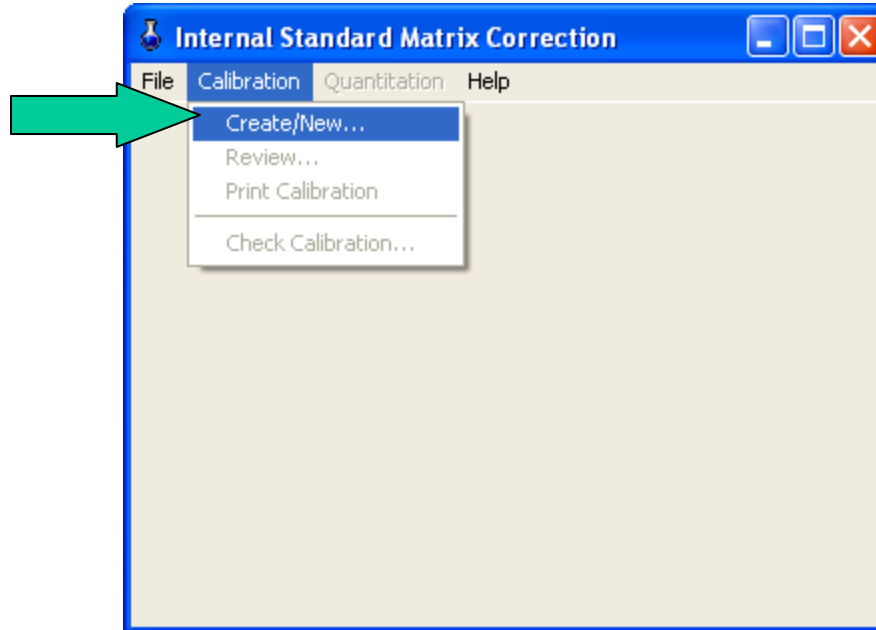
Calibration

- The library and internal standard files represent the compounds in the internal standards and standards (see slide presentation “Running Samples”)
- Standards are prepared as in “Running Samples” slide presentation (http://www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/vacuum/training/pdf/run_samples.pdf) .
- The standard amounts are expressed as dilutions of conc1 in the CLPLibrary.txt library (the mass is by compound and not global)
- All runs contain 5 uL of the working surrogate solution and standards are as follows:
 - A. 10uL 1:1 working standard, dilution 2; t4050607
 - B. 3uL 1:1 working standard, dilution 0.6 ; t4050606
 - C. 5uL 1:10 working standard, dilution 0.1 ; t4050605
 - D. 1uL 1:10 working standard, dilution 0.02 ; t4050604
 - E. 3uL 1:100 working standard, dilution 0.006 ; t4050609



Creating the Calibration Curve for Data Processing

- Go to Calibration and select “Create/New”



- A display indicates library and surrogate files that are going to be used for calibration. Verify “CLPistds.ini” and select “OK”

Create Calibration File

- The next window, “Create Calibration File” is then displayed. The “Add Reference File” button will be discussed next.

Compound Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT

Surrogate Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Data Directory

Concentration

Surrogate Reference

Add Standard Add Reference File Delete

Print Save Review Exit Help

DO NOT print Surrogate report



Reference File

- The reference file used in calibration is the initial condition of internal standards that the standard are compared. The response of internal standard compounds in the reference file is taken to be the 100 % response. The internal standards in the standard runs are compared to their response in the reference file and deviations from 100% are determined as functions of their boiling points (BP's) and relative volatilities (α 's).
- An internal standard reference file can be any of the runs used to generate a calibration but typically, the blank run (t4050601.txt) run prior to the calibration standards is used.
- Select “Add Reference File” and using the “Open” window that is displayed navigate to the Example folder and select the t4050601.txt file.
- Internal standards have been called ‘surrogates’ in the past (and you will still see some use of ‘surrogates’ in place of internal standards).



Create Calibration File with Reference Added

- Click on “Add Standard.”

Compound Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT

Surrogate Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Data Directory

Concentration

Surrogate Reference: C:\SMCREPORTER\example\4050601.txt

Add Standard Add Reference File Delete

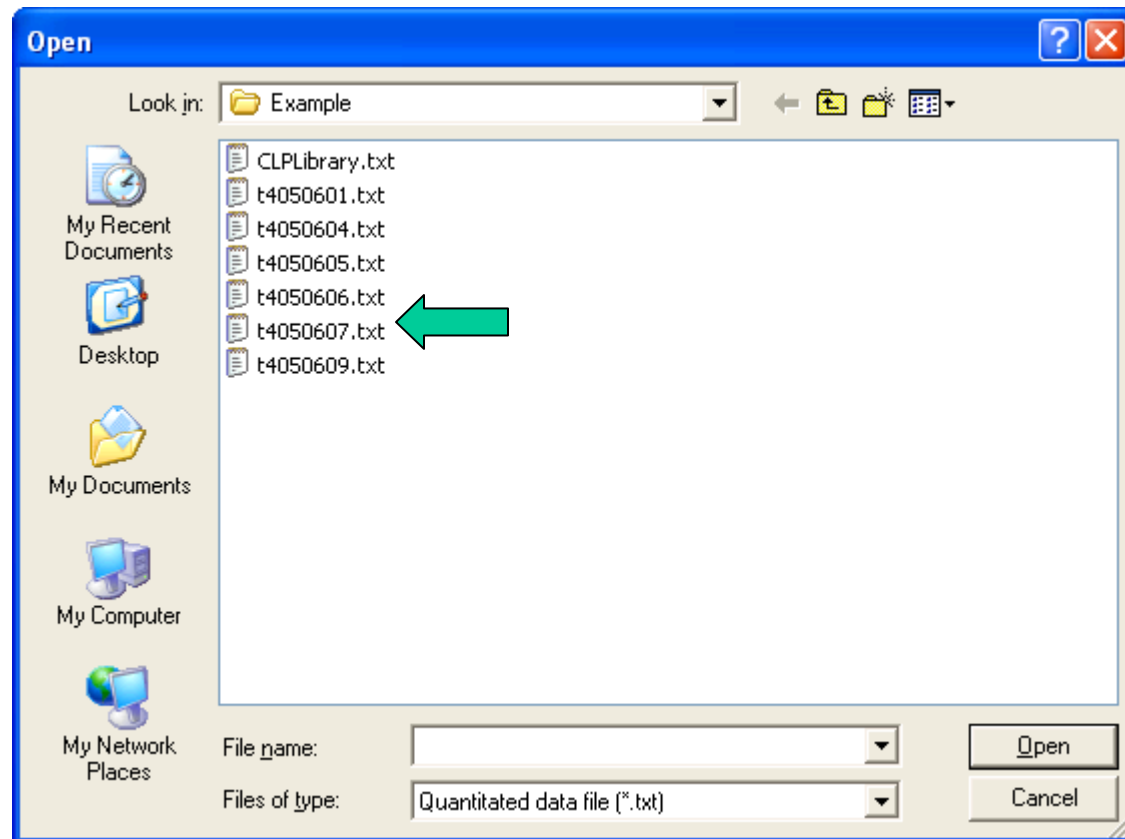
Print Save Review Exit Help

DO NOT print Surrogate report



Add the First Standard

- Using the “Open” window navigate to the Example folder and select the file t4050607.txt then open. This file is the standard “A” listed in slide #9. Click “Open.”



Adding Standards

- The Identify Standard Level window is displayed
- Enter 2 in the Dilution factor field
- If a dilution factor is entered the Concentration as Dilution of Conc1 is automatically toggled.
- Select Exit to enter

Identify Standard Level

Standard file path: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\4050607.txt

Conc1
 Conc2
 Conc3
 Conc4
 Conc5
 Concentration as Dilution of Conc1

Dilution Factor:

Exit

Create Calibration File with Standard A Added

- If there was an error in entry, highlight the standard file in the Data Directory and press “Delete” and repeat the Add Standard routine

Compound Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT

Surrogate Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Data Directory	Concentration
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050607.txt	2

Surrogate Reference: C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050601.txt

Buttons: Add Standard, Add Reference File, Delete, Print, Save, Review, Exit, Help

DO NOT print Surrogate report



Add Standards B-E

- Repeat the “Add Standard” routine for standards B-E. The dilutions for these standards are (0.6, 0.1, 0.02, and 0.006 respectively).
- The Create Calibration File should appear as

Compound Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT

Surrogate Library: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Data Directory	Concentration
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050607.txt	2
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050606.txt	0.6
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050605.txt	0.1
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050604.txt	0.02
C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050609.txt	0.006

Surrogate Reference: C:\SMCREPORTER\example\t4050601.txt

Buttons: Add Standard, Add Reference File, Delete, Print, Save, Review, Exit, Help

DO NOT print Surrogate report



Review calibration curve

- If all entries are correct the next step is to review the data.
- Press the “Review” tab on the “Create Calibration File” form.
- The following slide presents the “Review Calibration” form, starting at the first library entry (the default).
- Note that no sample sizes are entered. Only the total ngs are being displayed. This is an important feature of method 8261 as calibration is by mass and not by matrix or sample size.



Review Calibration Form

The Previous' and 'Next' buttons move the review stepwise through all compounds

Move through the scroll box and highlight a compound jumps the review to the selected compound

Compound Number: 1 Compound: diethyl_ether-d10

<-Previous Next->

Library File: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\CLPLibrary.txt

Surrogate File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Reference file: t4050601.txt

Calibration File:

	Std1	Std2	Std3	Std4	Std5
Standard File Name	t4050607.txt	t4050606.txt	t4050605.txt	t4050604.txt	t4050609.txt
Concentrations	250	250	250	250	250
Recoveries (%)	95.864	80.118	76.947	102.720	93.423
Recovery (Dev.)	0.072	0.024	0.056	0.074	0.038
Area	1072358	939866	920424	1202804	1089734
Response Factors	4474.495	4692.435	4784.729	4683.798	4665.792
Response Factor(Dev.)	335.573	143.012	350.778	335.495	191.488
Standard Included	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curve response factors	Standard Levels		Average	Deviation	% Deviation
Average	(250, 250, 250, 250, 250)		4660.250	113.601	2.438

Print Save As Exit Help

DO NOT Include Surrogate information on Calibration report
 DO NOT Print Surrogate Report



Reviewing Calibration by Compound

- By selecting the “Next” tab (upper left corner) each compound is displayed.
- Scroll or jump the review to chloroethane. If you scroll you will see the % Deviation box (toward lower left) of all compounds have been <25 % until we get to chloroethane.
- The results for chloroethane show that the lowest standard (1.5ng) response factor is not equivalent to the others.



Eliminating a Data Point

Std5 response factor is twice the average (red arrow) resulting in elevated %Deviation (green arrow)

Click of check box (yellow arrow) to remove the 1.5 ng standard for chloroethane. This only removes the data point for chloroethane and no other compounds are changed.

Review Calibration

Compound Number: 34 Compound: chloroethane

<-Previous Next->

Library File: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\CLPLibrary.txt

Surrogate File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Reference file: t4050601.txt

Calibration File:

	Std1	Std2	Std3	Std4	Std5
Standard File Name	t4050607.txt	t4050606.txt	t4050605.txt	t4050604.txt	t4050609.txt
Concentrations	500	150	25	5	1.5
Recoveries (%)	96.757	94.121	97.950	105.936	96.655
Recovery (Dev.)	0.013	0.013	0.028	0.028	0.011
Area	1588625	657955	82227	23356	12978
Response Factors	3283.744	4660.351	3357.915	4409.468	8951.406
Response Factor(Dev.)	42.473	64.571	96.195	114.621	105.851
Standard Included	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curve response factors	Standard Levels	Average	Deviation	% Deviation	
Average	(500, 150, 25, 5, 1.5)	4932.577	2328.999	47.217	

Print Save As Exit Help

DO NOT Include Surrogate information on Calibration report
 DO NOT Print Surrogate Report

1,2-dibromoethane-d4
chlorobenzene-d5
o-xylene-d10
4-bromofluorobenzene
bromobenzene-d5
1,2-dichlorobenzene-d4
decafluorobiphenyl
nitrobenzene-d5
acetophenone-d5
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene-d3
naphthalene-d8
1-methylnaphthalene-d10
dichlorodifluoromethane
chloromethane
vinylchloride
bromomethane
chloroethane



Std5 Chloroethane Removed

Review Calibration

Compound Number: 34 Compound: chloroethane

< Previous Next >

Library File: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\CLPLibrary.txt

Surrogate File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI

Reference file: t4050601.txt

Calibration File:

1,2-dibromoethane-d4
chlorobenzene-d5
o-xylene-d10
4-bromofluorobenzene
bromobenzene-d5
1,2-dichlorobenzene-d4
decafluorobiphenyl
nitrobenzene-d5
acetophenone-d5
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene-d3
naphthalene-d8
1-methylnaphthalene-d10
dichlorodifluoromethane
chloromethane
vinylchloride
bromomethane
chloroethane

	Std1	Std2	Std3	Std4	Std5
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Standard Included	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curve response factors	Standard Levels	Average	Deviation	% Deviation	
Average	(500, 150, 25, 5)	3927.870	709.040	18.052	

Print Save As Exit Help

DO NOT Include Surrogate information on Calibration report
 DO NOT Print Surrogate Report

- Removing Std5 improved the linearity dramatically.
- This action also eliminated the calibration point from the standard levels (green arrow).
- The lower limit of quantitation has now been raised from 1.5 to 5 ng for this calibration curve.



Editing the Calibration Curve

- The large deviation for chloroethane indicated there was a problem with the compound at the lowest concentration.
- Evaluating the chromatogram for chloroethane we found that low level interference was causing the bias.
- Removing a calibration point for a compound changes the calibration range. Such changes may be necessary to ensure the response factor is consistent and we are working a justifiable calibration range.
- When compounds are also consistently in the system blanks their low calibration points could be compromised and these should also be 'unchecked'. This action puts background below LOQ and also mitigates background bias from their response factor.
- By removing a data point, the linearity will be recalculated and the LOQ changed.



More Changes!

- Stepping through the calibration review we find diethyl ether (compound #36) is the next compound that requires the low-level calibration point to be removed.
- The next compound that has a large linearity deviation is a common laboratory contaminant, Acetone (#38). This compound is a very persistent compound in the laboratory that generated the data as the laboratory is not isolated as most volatile analyses laboratories. Removing all data points except the largest raises the LOQ to the highest standard. This means any detection of acetone in a sample will be flagged as below LOQ or exceeds the upper limit of quantitation.
- Methylene chloride (#45) and 2-butanone are additional laboratory contaminants and their two lowest calibration points are unchecked.
- If a compound is not detected in a standard, the standard included checkbox is unchecked and the calibration point is not used in the calibration range.
- Additional compounds that are to be unchecked from the lowest standard are 39, 43, 54, 61, 69, 73, 112, 114, and 115.



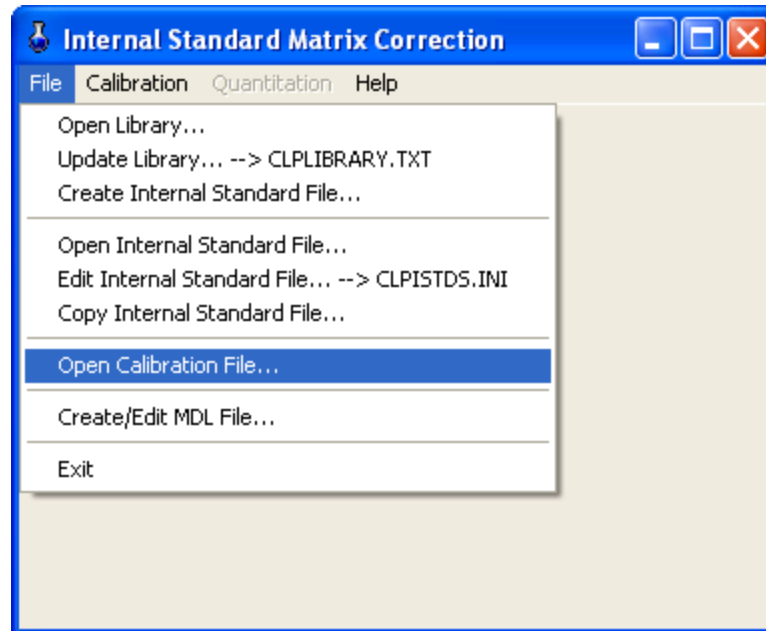
Save calibration curve

- After the review, save the calibration curve. Click on the “Save as” button on the lower right hand corner of the review and save the file as “Calibration.cal”.
- The calibration file is a standalone file containing all information necessary to process sample data. If the SMCReporter program is closed test.cal can be reloaded for sample processing. “CLPlibrary.txt” and “CLPistds.ini” do not have to be recalled.



Quantitate samples

- The newly created calibration file can now be used to process data.
- Load the calibration file by File->Open Calibration File



- Select the newly created Calibration.cal

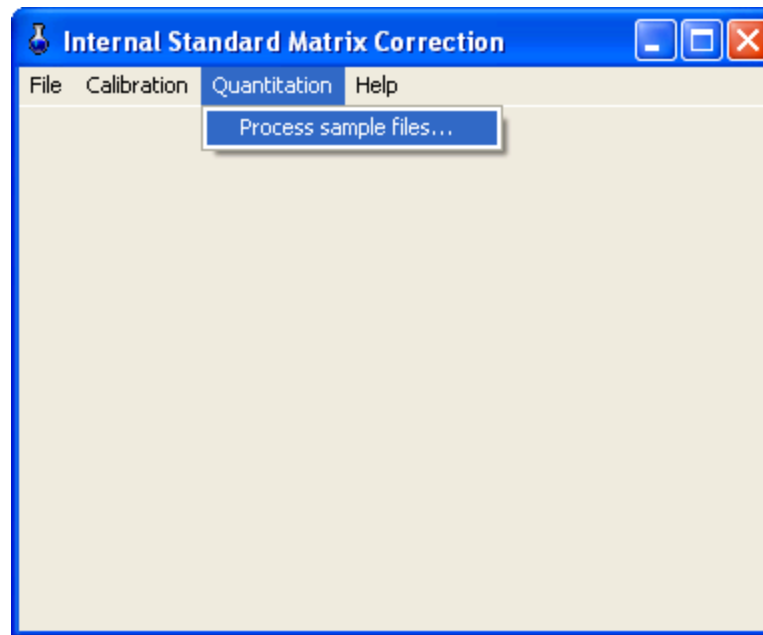
Calibration Loaded

- Notice that after loading the calibration file that library CLPlibrary.txt and CLPistds.ini are disabled (under File).
- The main window (see slide 4) now has Calibration and Quantitation menu options enabled.
- In the Calibration menu options for review, printing, and check standard reporting are now enabled.



Quantitation

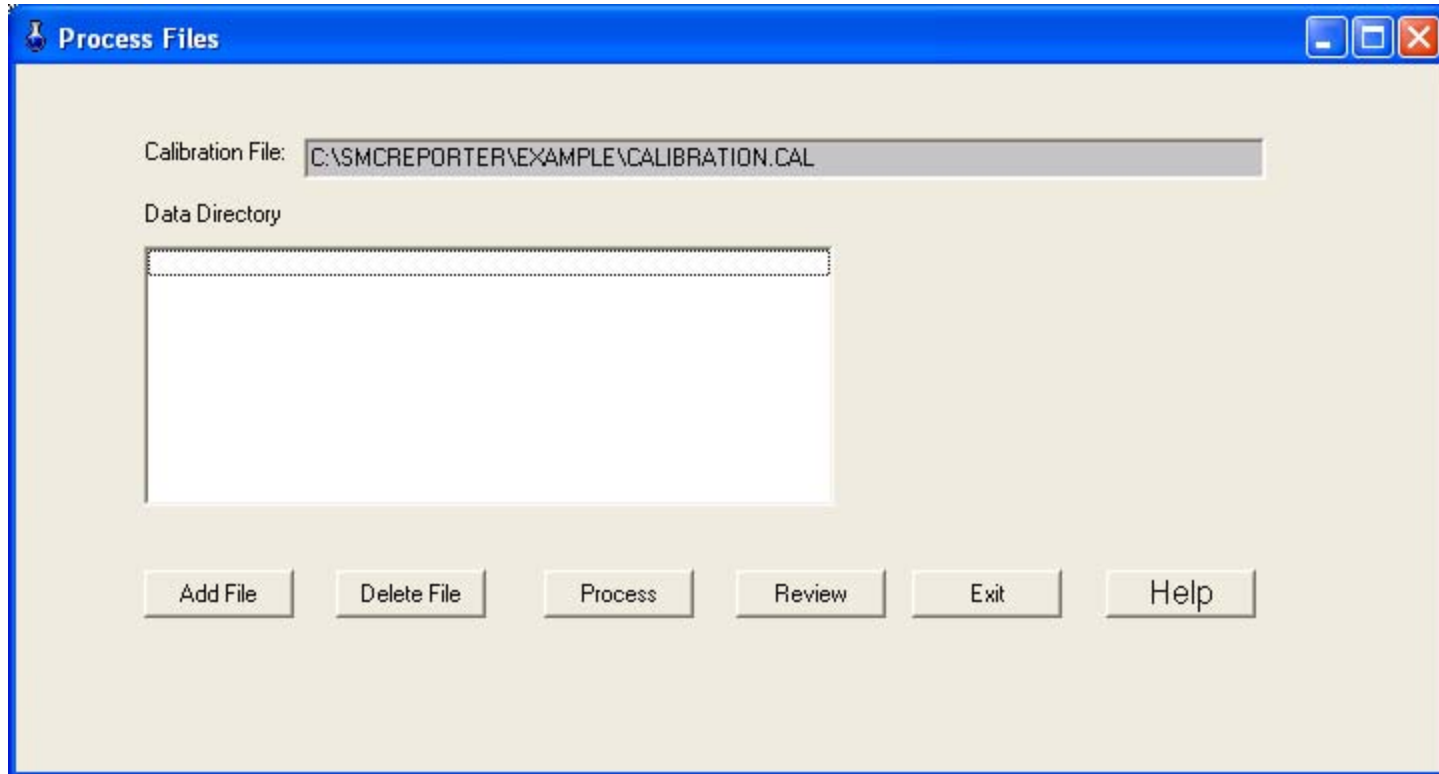
- With calibration file test.cal loaded the next step is to start the quantitation process.
- Select Quantitation->Process Sample Files



- The Process Files window for entering samples appears (next slide).



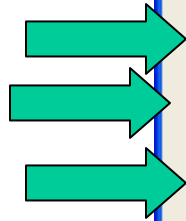
Enter File for Quantitation



- Select “Add File” and navigate to the low-level standard we used in calibration, t4050604.
- Upon selection of file a window for inputting sample information appears (next slide).



Input Window for File Processing



When the file is called, SMCReporter extracts file information (green arrows).

Note we can include the calibration error (the % Deviation) in results (red arrow). This error will be propagated with the analytical results.

The screenshot shows the 'File Processing Input' window with the following fields and options:

- Current Sample File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\T4050604.TXT
- Analyzed Date: 04/05/2006 17:11
- Sample ID: [Empty]
- Lab Sample ID: Std D 0.02 dilution
- Instrument ID: GC/MS
- Lab File ID: t4050604.raw
- Method Detection Limits:
 - Limits:
 - MDL
 - CRQL
 - None
 - Include Calibration Error:
 - Include Calibration Error
 - None
- Reporting Units: ng/mL
- Sample Size: [Empty]
- Matrix: [Empty]
- DO NOT Print: Surrogate Report Quantitation report
- Comment 1: [Empty]
- Buttons: Enter, Help

Annotations: A red arrow points to the 'Include Calibration Error' section, and a green arrow points to the 'Instrument ID' field.

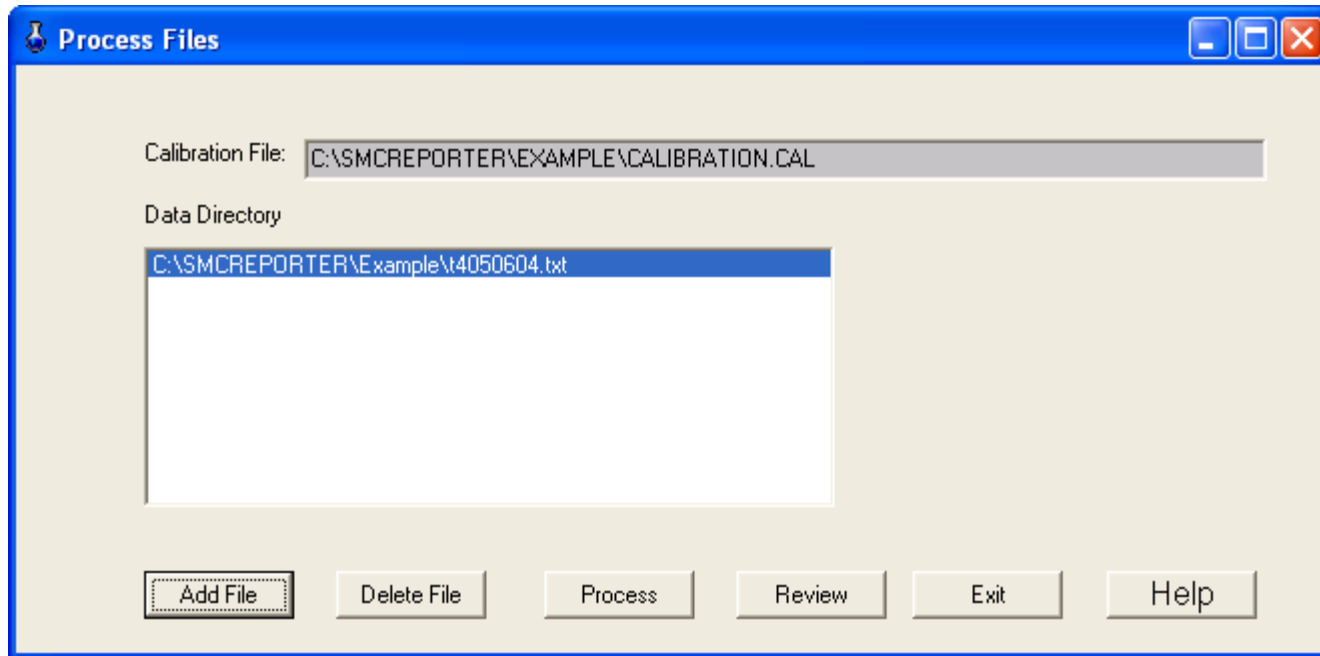


Sample Information

- Leave the “List MDL” “no” checked.
- Leave the reporting units as ng/mL.
- Enter 5 for the sample size (5 mL).
- Enter “Water” for matrix.
- The fields Sample ID and comment 1 are for entering sample specific information at this time.
- Check the “DO NOT print surrogate report” box. We will address that report later.
- Click “Enter”. The next window should look like the following slide.



Sample Ready to Process



- For this exercise we will only process the one standard run but a sample batch can be entered at this point.
- Now click “Process” and a quantitation report (both paper and electronic) will be generated for the sample. You can select a pdf writer as default printer and the output will be a pdf format.



Electronic Data Report

- The file name of the report is t4050604_Calibration.prn and resides in the folder, Example. The .prn file combines the data and the calibration file names.
- The information is semicolon delimited for inputting into other programs.
- Surrogate data is at the bottom of this file.

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t4050604_Calibration.prn - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Quantitation Report - Linear: BP - Ln: RVW - Version 4.0
File Identification: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\t4050604.txt
Calibration File:C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\Calibration.cal
Process Date: 05/05/2006 10:47
Acquisition Date: 04/05/2006 17:11
Lab File ID: t4050604.raw; Sample ID: Std D 0.02 dilution; Instrument ID: GC/MS
Compound Library:C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT
Sample Size: 5.00
Surrogate Groups: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPISTDS.INI
Sample Type: waterNone - No limits indicated for reporting
Comment 1:
Client Sample ID: Std D 0.02 dilution
Sample ID:
Qualifier: X - Compound detected at less than LOQ Y - Compound exceeds HOQ

Compound#;Compound;ng/mL;PM;Error;Qualifier;Recovery;PM;Deviation;Area;Retention Time;CAS#
30;dichlorodifluoromethane;0.83;±;0.007;±;106.23;±;0.83;29220.00;2.67;75-71-8
31;chloromethane;0.89;±;0.007;±;105.18;±;0.83;110845.00;3.62;74-87-3
32;vinylchloride;0.81;±;0.006;±;106.23;±;0.83;36974.00;3.95;75-01-4
33;bromomethane;0.82;±;0.007;±;104.54;±;0.83;16536.00;4.73;74-83-9
34;chloroethane;1.12;±;0.009;±;105.87;±;0.83;23356.00;4.86;75-00-3
35;trichlorofluoromethane;0.91;±;0.007;±;106.23;±;0.83;43492.00;5.13;75-69-4
36;diethyl_ether;2.56;±;0.194;±;102.90;±;7.79;79582.00;5.51;60-29-7
37;1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane;0.99;±;0.008;±;106.23;±;0.83;41746.00;5.56;76-13-1
38;acetone;34.22;±;3.627;X;130.82;±;13.86;780713.00;5.75;67-64-1
39;1,1-dichloroethene;0.87;±;0.007;X;106.23;±;0.83;27735.00;5.71;75-35-4
40;iodomethane;2.03;±;0.016;±;104.03;±;0.83;37721.00;6.00;74-88-4
41;allylchloride;1.17;±;0.009;±;105.23;±;0.83;23006.00;6.06;107-05-1
42;acetonitrile;3.82;±;0.427;±;124.11;±;13.86;67506.00;5.98;75-05-8
43;methyl_acetate;1.22;±;0.086;±;109.58;±;7.79;138637.00;6.08;79-20-9
44;carbon_disulfide;0.89;±;0.007;±;106.23;±;0.83;124724.00;6.15;75-15-0
45;methylene_chloride;1.64;±;0.012;X;102.50;±;0.76;73456.00;6.16;75-09-2
46;MTBE;0.99;±;0.075;±;102.77;±;7.79;109230.00;6.30;1634-04-4
47;acrylonitrile;1.77;±;0.127;±;108.42;±;7.79;71686.00;6.33;107-13-1
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t4050604_Calibration.prn - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
114;2-methylnaphthalene;1.99;±;0.152;±;113.74;±;8.67;151175.00;23.67;91-57-6
115;1-methylnaphthalene;2.02;±;0.154;±;113.74;±;8.67;140942.00;24.00;90-12-0

Surrogate Determinations

Volatile Compound surrogates(boiling point<159)
3;methylene_chloride-d2;85.4;±;0.6;102.5;±;0.8;1065506.00;6.15;1665-00-5
9;benzene-d6;103.0;±;1.1;103.4;±;1.1;9830983.00;8.36;1076-43-3
13;1,2-dichloropropane-d6;97.2;±;1.6;103.5;±;1.7;1959368.00;9.28;93952-08-0
17;1,1,2-trichloroethane-d3;100.1;±;1.6;103.2;±;1.7;2348351.00;11.63;171086-93-4
21;4-bromofluorobenzene;100.6;±;1.7;101.0;±;1.7;3753607.00;16.75;460-00-4
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Quantitation Report Printout

Quantitation Curve Report - Linear: BP -- Ln: RWV - Version 4.0

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File Identification: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example\14050604.txt
 Process Date: 05/05/2006 10:47
 Acquisition Date: 04/05/2006 17:11
 Sample Size: 5
 Sample Type: water
 Comment:
 Sample ID:
 Lab Sample ID: Std D 0.02 dilution
 Lab File ID: 14050604.raw

Instrument ID: GC/MS

Calibration File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CALIBRATION.CAL
 Compound Library File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT
 Surrogate Groups: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPSTD.S.INI

Qualifier: X - Compound detected at less than LOQ Y - Compound exceeds HQQ

Compound	ng/mL	Error	Q	Recovery±Deviation	Compound	ng/mL	Error	Q	Recovery±Deviation
30: dichlorodifluoromethane	0.893	± 0.007		106.23 ± 0.83	77: 1,3-dichloropropane	0.956	± 0.016		102.86 ± 1.70
31: chloromethane	0.892	± 0.007		105.18 ± 0.83	78: tetrachloroethene	1.03	± 0.017		104.99 ± 1.76
32: vinylchloride	0.807	± 0.006		106.23 ± 0.83	79: dibromochloromethane	0.980	± 0.016		102.74 ± 1.70
33: bromomethane	0.825	± 0.007		104.54 ± 0.83	80: 1,2-dibromoethane	0.960	± 0.016		102.40 ± 1.70
34: chloroethane	1.12	± 0.009		105.87 ± 0.83	81: chlorobenzene	0.947	± 0.017		101.82 ± 1.85
35: trichlorofluoromethane	0.912	± 0.007		106.23 ± 0.83	82: 1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	0.842	± 0.014		102.06 ± 1.69
36: diethyl ether	2.56	± 0.194		102.90 ± 7.79	83: ethylbenzene	0.987	± 0.017		102.30 ± 1.73
37: 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	0.986	± 0.008		106.23 ± 0.83	84: m,p-xylenes	0.993	± 0.018		102.56 ± 1.86
38: acetone	34.2	± 3.63	X	130.82 ± 13.86	85: o-xylene	0.969	± 0.018		101.54 ± 1.85
39: 1,1-dichloroethene	0.869	± 0.007	X	106.23 ± 0.83	86: styrene	0.984	± 0.016		101.25 ± 1.69
40: iodomethane	2.09	± 0.016		104.03 ± 0.83	87: isopropylbenzene	1.01	± 0.017		102.24 ± 1.74
41: allylchloride	1.17	± 0.009		105.23 ± 0.83	88: bromoform	0.845	± 0.014		101.61 ± 1.69
42: acetonitrile	3.82	± 0.427		124.11 ± 13.86	89: cis-1,4-dichloro-2-butene	3.64	± 0.281		101.37 ± 7.84
43: methyl acetate	1.22	± 0.086		109.58 ± 7.79	90: 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	1.05	± 0.081		101.28 ± 7.85
44: carbon disulfide	0.892	± 0.007		106.23 ± 0.83	91: 1,2,3-trichloropropane	0.913	± 0.069		100.78 ± 7.65
45: methylene chloride	1.64	± 0.012	X	102.50 ± 0.76	92: propylbenzene	0.995	± 0.009		102.00 ± 0.90
46: MTBE	0.989	± 0.075		102.77 ± 7.79	93: bromobenzene	1.02	± 0.008		100.35 ± 0.83
47: acrylonitrile	1.77	± 0.127		108.42 ± 7.79	94: trans-1,4-dichloro-2-butene	3.84	± 0.292		100.74 ± 7.64
48: trans-1,2-dichloroethene	0.899	± 0.007		104.02 ± 0.83	95: 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	1.01	± 0.009		101.39 ± 0.90
49: 1,1-dichloroethane	0.944	± 0.010		103.24 ± 1.07	96: 2-chlorotoluene	1.03	± 0.011		101.41 ± 1.11
50: 2,2-dichloropropane	0.864	± 0.007		105.18 ± 0.83	97: 4-chlorotoluene	1.01	± 0.011		101.21 ± 1.11
51: propionitrile	1.41	± 0.105		192.59 ± 14.26	98: tert-butylbenzene	0.985	± 0.009		102.34 ± 0.90
52: 2-butanone	6.02	± 0.563	X	148.24 ± 13.86	99: sec-butylbenzene	1.01	± 0.009		103.36 ± 0.90
53: cis-1,2-dichloroethane	0.968	± 0.010		102.65 ± 1.07	100: pentachloroethane	0.996	± 0.008		100.99 ± 0.83
54: methacrylonitrile	1.97	± 0.146		108.02 ± 8.04	101: 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	0.991	± 0.011		101.75 ± 1.11
55: chloroform	1.09	± 0.008		102.29 ± 0.76	102: p-isopropyltoluene	0.991	± 0.009		103.35 ± 0.91
56: bromochloromethane	0.895	± 0.007		102.70 ± 0.76	103: 1,3-dichlorobenzene	1.02	± 0.011		101.44 ± 1.11
57: cyclohexane	0.831	± 0.007		106.23 ± 0.83	104: 1,4-dichlorobenzene	1.04	± 0.011		101.34 ± 1.11
58: 1,1,1-trichloroethane	0.898	± 0.007		105.28 ± 0.83	105: n-butylbenzene	0.941	± 0.008		103.98 ± 0.91
59: 1,1-dichloropropene	0.983	± 0.016		106.79 ± 1.78	106: 1,2-dichlorobenzene	0.791	± 0.006		101.74 ± 0.84
60: carbon tetrachloride	0.899	± 0.007		106.23 ± 0.83	107: acetophenone	2.44	± 0.175		109.14 ± 7.85
61: 1,2-dichloroethane	0.898	± 0.006	X	102.79 ± 0.76	108: 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.962	± 0.073		103.57 ± 7.82
62: benzene	0.962	± 0.008		103.04 ± 0.83	109: nitrobenzene	1.90	± 0.140		107.40 ± 7.89
63: trichloroethene	0.954	± 0.016		105.28 ± 1.75	110: 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	0.932	± 0.019		105.43 ± 2.18
64: methyl cyclohexane	0.754	± 0.013		106.97 ± 1.78	111: hexachlorobutadiene	0.974	± 0.020		107.70 ± 2.24
65: 1,2-dichloropropane	0.857	± 0.014		103.45 ± 1.70	112: naphthalene	1.05	± 0.021		107.19 ± 2.19
66: methylmethacrylate	1.82	± 0.137		106.22 ± 8.00	113: 1,2,3-trichlorobenzene	0.952	± 0.019		107.00 ± 2.18
67: dibromomethane	0.943	± 0.015		103.78 ± 1.70	114: 2-methylnaphthalene	1.99	± 0.152		113.74 ± 8.67
68: bromodichloromethane	0.828	± 0.014		103.75 ± 1.70	115: 1-methylnaphthalene	2.02	± 0.154		113.74 ± 8.67
69: 1,4-dioxane	10.4	± 0.522		290.60 ± 14.60					
70: 4-methyl-2-pentanone	3.56	± 0.263		107.43 ± 7.95					
71: trans-1,3-dichloropropene	4.77	± 0.079		102.92 ± 1.70					
72: toluene	0.958	± 0.017		103.69 ± 1.86					
73: pyridine	16.3	± 3.59		281.04 ± 61.94					
74: cis-1,3-dichloropropene	4.75	± 0.078		103.40 ± 1.70					
75: 2-hexanone	2.04	± 0.151		107.28 ± 7.92					
76: 1,1,2-trichloroethane	0.912	± 0.015		103.13 ± 1.70					



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Quantitation Report

- Note the header contains a description of all components that were used to generate the report and the file path.
- Each compound is listed with its calculated concentration, method error, predicted recovery and deviation.
- The paper copy of the report contains the same information as the electronic version but in different formats.
- Note the compounds that are marked with an 'X' qualifier. These compounds we remember from reviewing the curve were below the calibration LOQ.



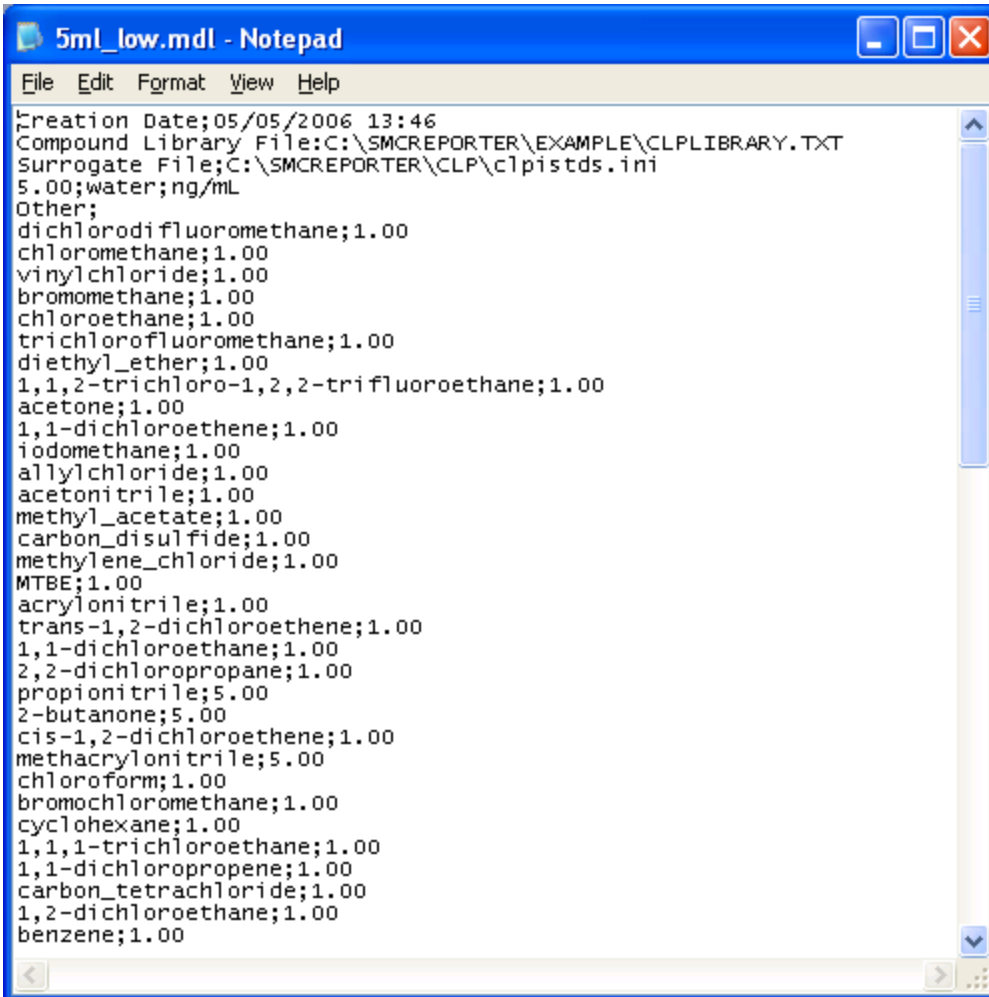
Reporting Limits

- File Processing Input window is the means to limit results to only those above a threshold. The MDL selection allows using this threshold on a compound by compound basis.
- Similar to the MDL option is the CRQL selection. This selection provides both a limit and use of qualifiers consistent with the Superfund CLP contract SOM1.01. With this option values can be reported below the limit (as a percentage) with another qualifier indicating it below the limit.
- A limit file was created for this presentation as the the concentration of the lower calibration point in 5 mL water (5ml_low.mdl).
- The adventurous can create their own limit file. This requires reloading the library, CLPLibrary.txt, and the internal standard file, CLPistds.ini. Then Menu->File->Create/Edit MDL File. Type of limit file (matrix and sample size) are entered and compound limits be entered individually or modify an existing MDL file. See the SMCReporter operating manual for greater detail.
- The next slide presents the format of the file (5ml_low.mdl).



5ml_low.mdl

- The limit file is a “,” delimited *.mdl file.
- The header contains information to identify what sample size, matrix, library and surrogate are related to the limit.
- Labeling limit files should include pertinent information such as “5mLwatermdl_inst1.mdl” or “5mLreportlimit.mdl” for ease of locating.



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File Edit Format View Help
;creation Date;05/05/2006 13:46
Compound Library File:C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLPLIBRARY.TXT
Surrogate File:C:\SMCREPORTER\CLP\clpistds.ini
5.00;water;ng/mL
Other;
dichlorodifluoromethane;1.00
chloromethane;1.00
vinylchloride;1.00
bromomethane;1.00
chloroethane;1.00
trichlorofluoromethane;1.00
diethyl_ether;1.00
1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane;1.00
acetone;1.00
1,1-dichloroethene;1.00
iodomethane;1.00
allylchloride;1.00
acetonitrile;1.00
methyl_acetate;1.00
carbon_disulfide;1.00
methylene_chloride;1.00
MTBE;1.00
acrylonitrile;1.00
trans-1,2-dichloroethene;1.00
1,1-dichloroethane;1.00
2,2-dichloropropane;1.00
propionitrile;5.00
2-butanone;5.00
cis-1,2-dichloroethene;1.00
methacrylonitrile;5.00
chloroform;1.00
bromochloromethane;1.00
cyclohexane;1.00
1,1,1-trichloroethane;1.00
1,1-dichloropropene;1.00
carbon_tetrachloride;1.00
1,2-dichloroethane;1.00
benzene;1.00
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Process Files with a Reporting Limit

- To observe the use of limits return Quantitation->Process Files and enter the blank file t4050601.txt.
- When the “File Processing Input” window is displayed check the “MDL” option.
- Note that the window retains the previous inputs as new defaults.



Input with Limit Option

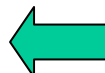
- After the MDL option is checked, use browse to locate the MDL file 5ml_low.mdl and load. (green arrow)
- Uncheck the Surrogate Report. (red arrow)
- For now the “Reporting Limits” box remains “0”. (yellow arrow)
- Click “Enter”.
- Then click “Process” on the returned Process Files window.

The screenshot shows the 'File Processing Input' dialog box. The 'Current Sample File' is 'C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\T4050608.TXT'. The 'Analyzed Date' is '04/05/2006 20:05'. The 'Sample ID' is empty. The 'Lab Sample ID' is '5mL blank'. The 'Instrument ID' is 'GC/MS'. The 'Lab File ID' is 't4050608.raw'. The 'Method Detection Limits' section has three radio buttons: 'MDL' (selected), 'CRQL', and 'None'. A green arrow points to the 'Browse for MDL file' button. The 'Reporting Limits (Number of Standard Deviations)' is set to '0', with a yellow arrow pointing to it. The 'Include Calibration Error' section has two radio buttons: 'Include Calibration Error' (selected) and 'None'. A red arrow points to the 'Surrogate Report' checkbox, which is unchecked. The 'Reporting Units' is 'ng/mL', 'Sample Size' is '5', and 'Matrix' is 'water'. The 'DO NOT Print' section has two checkboxes: 'Surrogate Report' (unchecked) and 'Quantitation report' (unchecked). The 'Comment 1' field is empty. At the bottom are 'Enter' and 'Help' buttons.



Quantitation Report with Limits

File Identification: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example14050608.txt
 Process Date: 05/05/2006 15:43
 Acquisition Date: 04/05/2006 20:05
 Sample Size: 5
 Sample Type: water
 MDL Limit: Result + 0 Sigma
 Comment:
 Sample ID:
 Lab Sample ID: 5mL blank
 Lab File ID: 14050608.raw



Calibration File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CALIBRATION\CAL
 Compound Library File: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLP\LIBRARY.TXT
 Surrogate Groups: C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CLP\STD.S.INI
 MDL File: C:\SMCREPORTER\Example5ml_low.mdl



Instrument ID: GC/MS

Qualifier: X - Compound detected at less than LOQ Y - Compound exceeds H00

The Error term includes propagated calibration error

Compound	ng/mL	Error(1s)	Q	Recovery±Deviation	Compound	ng/mL	Error(1s)	Q	Recovery±Deviation
30: dichlorodifluoromethane	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	74: cis-1,3-dichloropropene	ND 1.00		X	77.08 ± 1.38
31: chloromethane	ND 1.00		X	87.05 ± 0.77	75: 2-hexanone	ND 2.00		X	73.17 ± 5.60
32: vinylchloride	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	76: 1,1,2-trichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	74.58 ± 1.37
33: bromomethane	ND 1.00		X	85.58 ± 0.77	77: 1,3-dichloropropane	ND 1.00		X	75.15 ± 1.37
34: chloroethane	ND 1.00		X	88.63 ± 0.77	78: tetrachloroethene	ND 1.00		X	88.56 ± 1.19
35: trichlorofluoromethane	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	79: dibromochloromethane	ND 1.00		X	77.56 ± 1.38
36: diethyl ether	ND 1.00		X	71.84 ± 5.46	80: 1,2-dibromoethane	ND 1.00		X	74.72 ± 1.37
37: 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	81: chlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	88.63 ± 1.01
38: acetone	36.1 ± 4.42		X	84.54 ± 10.36	82: 1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	ND 1.00		X	82.43 ± 1.41
39: 1,1-dichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	83: ethylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	84.02 ± 1.16
40: iodomethane	ND 1.00		X	84.39 ± 0.77	84: m,p-xylenes	ND 1.00		X	84.01 ± 1.05
41: allylchloride	ND 1.00		X	87.17 ± 0.77	85: o-xylene	ND 1.00		X	88.97 ± 1.02
42: acetonitrile	1.67 ± 0.272			78.92 ± 10.36	86: styrene	ND 1.00		X	87.59 ± 1.43
43: methyl acetate	ND 1.00		X	71.74 ± 5.46	87: isopropylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	85.79 ± 1.17
44: carbon disulfide	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	88: bromoform	ND 1.00		X	76.26 ± 1.38
45: methylene_chloride	1.15 ± 0.119		X	82.07 ± 1.17	89: cis-1,4-dichloro-2-butene	ND 1.00		X	73.65 ± 5.63
46: MTEE	ND 1.00		X	71.84 ± 5.46	90: 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	ND 1.00		X	73.55 ± 5.63
47: acrylonitrile	ND 1.00		X	71.76 ± 5.46	91: 1,2,3-trichloropropane	ND 1.00		X	74.29 ± 6.03
48: trans-1,2-dichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	84.37 ± 0.77	92: propylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	87.09 ± 2.88
49: 1,1-dichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	81.39 ± 0.61	93: bromobenzene	ND 1.00		X	87.29 ± 2.76
50: 2,2-dichloropropane	ND 1.00		X	87.05 ± 0.77	94: trans-1,4-dichloro-2-butene	ND 1.00		X	74.37 ± 6.03
51: propionitrile	ND 5.00		X	127.45 ± 10.55	95: 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	84.16 ± 2.82
52: 2-butanone	ND 5.00		X	86.52 ± 10.36	96: 2-chlorotoluene	ND 1.00		X	84.54 ± 2.77
53: cis-1,2-dichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	88.35 ± 0.61	97: 4-chlorotoluene	ND 1.00		X	82.21 ± 2.71
54: methacrylonitrile	ND 5.00		X	72.54 ± 5.56	98: tert-butylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	85.45 ± 2.87
55: chloroform	ND 1.00		X	86.24 ± 1.17	99: sec-butylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	86.89 ± 2.92
56: bromochloromethane	ND 1.00		X	78.23 ± 1.17	100: pentachloroethane	ND 1.00		X	81.91 ± 2.64
57: cyclohexane	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	101: 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	82.23 ± 2.73
58: 1,1,1-trichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	87.28 ± 0.77	102: p-isopropyltoluene	ND 1.00		X	84.43 ± 2.87
59: 1,1-dichloropropene	ND 1.00		X	100.72 ± 1.20	103: 1,3-dichlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	88.98 ± 2.65
60: carbon tetrachloride	ND 1.00		X	88.46 ± 0.77	104: 1,4-dichlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	88.04 ± 2.63
61: 1,2-dichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	76.46 ± 1.17	105: n-butylbenzene	ND 1.00		X	85.92 ± 2.82
62: benzene	ND 1.00		X	82.12 ± 0.77	106: 1,2-dichlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	85.08 ± 2.75
63: trichloroethane	ND 1.00		X	85.20 ± 1.17	107: acetophenone	ND 5.00		X	70.54 ± 5.77
64: methyl cyclohexane	ND 1.00		X	100.77 ± 1.20	108: 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane	ND 1.00		X	71.17 ± 5.81
65: 1,2-dichloropropane	ND 1.00		X	82.34 ± 1.40	109: nitrobenzene	ND 5.00		X	69.84 ± 5.72
66: methylmethacrylate	ND 5.00		X	72.74 ± 5.57	110: 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	78.75 ± 1.78
67: dibromomethane	ND 1.00		X	75.13 ± 1.37	111: hexachlorobutadiene	ND 1.00		X	88.92 ± 1.72
68: bromodichloromethane	ND 1.00		X	81.12 ± 1.38	112: naphthalene	ND 1.00		X	71.04 ± 1.67
69: 1,4-dioxane	ND 5.00		X	185.63 ± 10.64	113: 1,2,3-trichlorobenzene	ND 1.00		X	74.30 ± 1.71
70: 4-methyl-2-pentanone	ND 5.00		X	72.89 ± 5.59	114: 2-methylnaphthalene	2.61 ± 0.212		X	60.50 ± 4.75
71: trans-1,3-dichloropropene	ND 1.00		X	80.27 ± 1.38	115: 1-methylnaphthalene	2.88 ± 0.244		X	60.50 ± 4.75
72: toluene	ND 1.00		X	83.51 ± 1.05					
73: pyridine	ND 10.0		X	162.51 ± 67.86					

- The MDL limits are identified in the header, and the analytical results are identified as ND followed by the limit in the results column



Quantitation Report with Limits

- The report limit file is identified in the header when used.
- Results are 'ND' followed by the limit value when results are below the limit
- The number of standard deviations if greater than '0' is used to increase the confidence that the value is below the reporting limit. For instance if 3 sigma deviation were selected, only if an analytical result plus 3 times the analytical error are greater than the limit will 'ND' be reported.
- Example: If benzene is 0.7 ± 0.2 and a limit is 1.0 then if 0, or 1 sigma is identified the result for benzene will be ND 1. If 2 sigma was selected the reported value for benzene would be 0.7 ± 0.2 .



QC report

- The QC report contains the equations used to generate the results (paper copy presents a graphic presentation of effects observed).
- The QC report contains the method 8261 calculations on the monitoring surrogates as individual compounds and as volatile, non-purgeable volatile, and semivolatile groupings.
- With the exception of graphics the electronic version of the QC report contains the same data as the printed report.

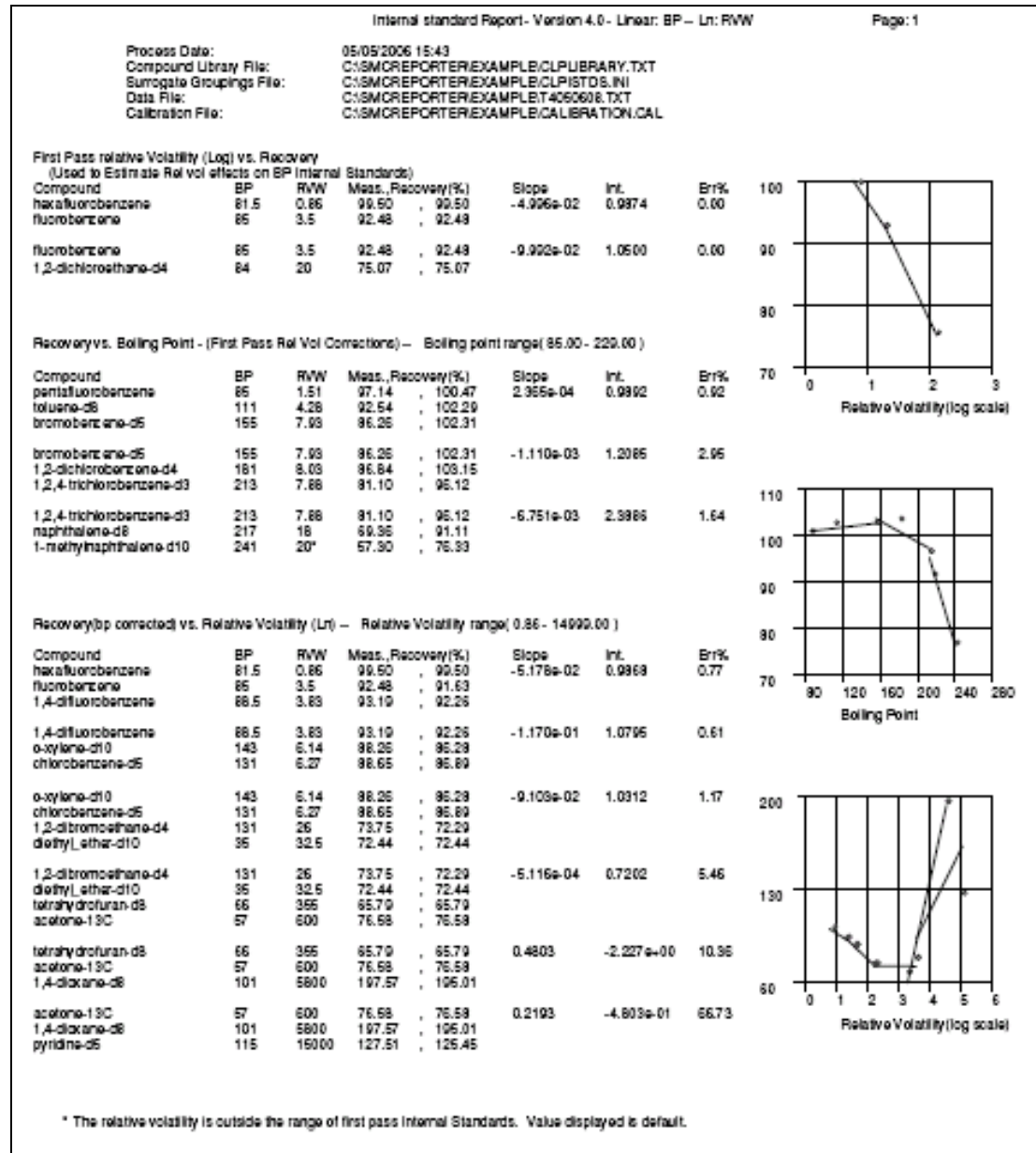


QC Report

- The QC Report is 2 pages when printed. An electronic version is also created.
- An Internal standard report presenting the relationships of recovery to boiling point and relative volatility are presented as a single page.
- The surrogates data are presented on the second page.
- The electronic QC report is included in a *.SQL file. To read the file use notepad and open t4050608.SQC.



This page presents the internal standard data used to generate results



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surrogate
results
data

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Calibration File:		C:\SMCREPORTER\EXAMPLE\CALIBRATION.CAL							
Surrogate Determinations									
Volatile Compound Surrogates (boiling point <= 150)									
Compound	BP	RWW	Meas.	B.P. Predict/err	R.V. Predict/err	Total Predict/err	Recovery/err		
methylene chloride-d2	40	11.10	76.6	100.0 0.0	81.2 1.2	81.2 1.2	94.4	1.4	
benzene-d6	79	3.92	93.6	100.0 0.0	92.0 0.6	92.0 0.6	101.8	0.7	
1,2-dichloropropane-d6	96	11.00	82.5	101.2 0.9	81.3 1.2	82.2 1.4	100.4	1.7	
1,1,2-trichloroethane-d3	112	26.50	75.3	101.6 0.9	73.3 1.2	74.4 1.4	101.3	1.9	
4-bromofluorobenzene	152	6.05	95.7	102.5 0.9	94.1 1.2	86.3 1.4	99.4	1.6	
Group Averages							99.4	1.4	
Non-Purgeable Volatile Compound Surrogates (>= 100)									
Compound	BP	RWW	Meas.	B.P. Predict/err	R.V. Predict/err	Total Predict/err	Recovery/err		
nitromethane-13C	101	510.00	70.3	101.3 0.9	76.7 10.4	77.7 10.5	90.6	12.2	
ethylacetate-13C	77	150.00	66.1	100.0 0.0	71.8 5.5	71.8 5.5	92.2	7.0	
pyridine-d5	115	15000.00	127.5	101.6 0.9	162.8 66.7	165.6 67.8	77.0	31.6	
Group Averages							95.6	16.9	
Semi-Volatile Compound Surrogates (boiling point >= 150)									
Compound	BP	RWW	Meas.	B.P. Predict/err	R.V. Predict/err	Total Predict/err	Recovery/err		
decafluorobiphenyl	205	3.03	82.6	98.0 2.9	92.9 0.8	91.1 2.9	90.7	2.8	
nitrobenzene-d5	210	67.50	60.4	97.5 2.9	71.8 5.5	70.0 5.7	86.2	7.1	
acetophenone-d5	202	161.00	77.7	98.4 2.9	71.8 5.5	70.6 5.9	110.0	9.0	
naphthalene-d8	217	18.00	69.4	92.4 1.6	76.8 1.2	70.9 1.7	97.6	2.3	
Group Averages							95.2	5.3	

Summary

- The process of calibration and sample quantitation for method 8261 is presented. All data is generated in paper and electronic format.
- QC is generated for each sample.
- There are options for limits to report data.
- Data generated can be read into other programs for customizing reports.

