Method Blank Contamination Decision Rules

Identify Method Blank Sample

Individual Congener < 20 pg/L — Yes

No

If congener exceeds 20 pg/L and associated sample exceeds 10X the amount in blank — Yes

No

If congener exceeds 20 pg/L and congener is not found in associated sample — Yes

No

If total PCB concentrations < 300 pg/L — Yes

No

Extraction and analysis of duplicate sample are required.

Sample associated with method blank acceptable