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ABSTRACT

This report describes filter extractions and benzo(a)pyrene analyses performed for the Emission Control Technology Division of the Environmental Protection Agency. Pallflex filters measuring 20x20 inches were soxhlet-extracted in methylene chloride to remove organic soluble material. Some of the extracts were analyzed for benzo(a)pyrene, and some underwent Ames bioassay. Percent extractables and benzo(a)pyrene concentrations in the extracts are reported. Part of the effort also went into splitting and recombining extracts with the necessary extra drying and weighing steps.
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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of work directive number 9 of EPA Contract No. 68-03-2884 was to perform soxhlet extractions and BaP analyses on diesel particulate samples collected from various sources. Selected samples were also to be sent to Microbiological Associates (formerly EG&G Mason Research Institute) for Ames bioassay. The initial scope of work (found in Appendix A) called for the extraction of 239 filters, analysis of 49 samples for benzo(a)pyrene, and the shipment of 82 extracts for Ames bioassay. This was altered during the program at the request of the Project Officer. A total of 146 filters were extracted (37 from EPA, 109 from Southwest Research Institute's Emissions Laboratory), 21 extracts were analyzed for benzo(a)pyrene, and 17 were shipped for Ames bioassay. As a substitution, extra sample work-up involving the combination and splitting of extracts was performed. Additionally, extracts from 52 pre-extracted filters were combined to form aggregate samples. Tables 1 through 5 in Section III describe the treatment of each extract or filter during sample processing.
II. ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES AND INSTRUMENTATION

Particulate-loaded filters were extracted in a soxhlet apparatus with methylene chloride as the solvent. The extracts were filtered, concentrated under vacuum, transferred to preweighed glass vials, and weighed. Whenever possible, two filters were extracted in one soxhlet. Some extracts were also combined to form composite samples, and subsequently split up as required. Several extracts were analyzed for the presence of benzo(a)pyrene using a high pressure liquid chromatograph. The method closely follows the analytical procedure developed by General Motors Research Laboratories for measuring benzo(a)pyrene in organic extracts of automotive exhaust.\(^1\) The analytical system consists of a Perkin-Elmer Series 2 Liquid Chromatograph, Model 650 Fluorescence Detector, and Model 150B Xenon Power Supply. The detection limit of this system is 0.5 \(\mu\)g benzo(a)pyrene per filter.

Analytical Procedure for Solvent Extraction of Particulate Filters

LARGE SOXHLET EXTRACTION OF ORGANIC SOLUBLES FROM 20X20 PALLFLEX FILTERS

(Condensed Procedure)

Check extraction schedule and obtain filters.

Put solvent and Teflon boiling chips in pot: 400 ml measured with graduated cylinder.

Fold filter and place in soxhlet.

Label boiling pot with filter and test number, solvent, and extraction date. Hook-up hoses to condenser, turn on water.

Turn on heaters to large soxhlets to 100%.

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Record filter data in log book.

Extract for 8 hours - Extractions started by 9 a.m. are completed at 5 p.m.

Filter extracts of 20x20 filters through 47 mm Pallflex filters.

Roto evaporate extract to about 20 ml.

Transfer extract to 30 ml beaker.

Blow down solvent in desiccator to 2-3 ml.

Transfer extract to preweighed sample vial. NOTE: SAMPLE VIALS SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED WITH BARE HANDS; FINGERPRINTS MAY CAUSE WEIGHING ERRORS. USE TWEEZERS OR WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING.

Dry extract in desiccator.

Weigh vial with cap on.

Record weight in log book.

Calculate percent extractables.

Make a copy of data in log book and give to Mary Ann Warner.

The organic solubles extraction procedure is a very precise method requiring careful, repetitive lab technique. It is necessary in this involved procedure that each step is carried out in a precise and reproducible fashion. If a spillage or other accident occurs while handling a sample, the problem should be recorded in the log book. In this way unexplained irregularities in the results can be traced to the extraction process.

Special attention also needs to be directed to the bookkeeping required for the extractions. An extraction schedule is posted weekly designating which filters are to be extracted. Each soxhlet needs to be labeled with filter and test number, solvent and extraction date. When the extractions are finished, the beaker used in the blowdown step should also be labeled with filter and test number, solvent and extraction date. The weighed sample bottles should be numbered and this number recorded in the log book. After the final weighing, the sample vial should also be labeled. On a daily basis the filters extracted need to be recorded in the log book.
The purpose of the soxhlet extraction is to remove organic soluble material from exhaust particulate collected on filters. Several safety precautions need to be taken when working with diesel exhaust products. The concentrated exhaust products should be treated as potentially hazardous compounds. The following safety precautions are recommended:

1. The soxhlets are set up under a vented hood in case vapors escape from the extractors. Any other step which involves open containers of solvent (sample transfer, filtration, etc.) should be carried out under the hood. Avoid breathing solvent vapors. When the desiccator is opened, a high concentration of solvent vapor is usually emitted. In this case, the door to the desiccator should be opened wide and the vapors allowed to vent into the hood. When the vapor concentration has decreased, work can be continued with the desiccator.

2. Where reasonable, protective clothing should be worn (lab coat and plastic gloves). However, plastic gloves should not be allowed to contact the particulate or organic extractables.

3. If extract spills on the skin, immediately wash off with soap and water. Otherwise, wash hands thoroughly after working with the extracts and before eating or drinking.

LIST OF EQUIPMENT

**Extraction**
- soxhlet - 55/50 top joint, 24/40 bottom joint
- condenser - 55/50 joint
- 500 mL flat bottomed boiling pot - 24/40 joint
- six position heating mantle
- Teflon boiling chips
- drying tubes filled with molecular sieve and silica gel

**Filtration**
- Millipore all glass filtration apparatus:
  - 300 mL cup
  - vacuum adapter with glass frit - 40/35 joint
  - 1 L filter flask - 40/35 joint
  - clamp
  - vacuum source
Concentration
Buchler flash evaporator with cold finger condenser
1 & round bottom flask
steam bath
hot plate
vacuum source

Drying
desiccator box
gas manifold with curved syringe needles
dry zero nitrogen
aluminum blocks
weighing vials

Accessories
glass petri plates
Teflon squeeze bottles with solvents
transfer pipets plus rubber bulbs
beakers
large and small tweezers
vacuum grease (for condenser hose only)

Chemicals
Extraction
Burdick and Jackson glass distilled cyclohexane, methylene chloride,
acetonitrile
Concentration
isopropyl alcohol, dry ice
WASHING PROCEDURES

Glassware

See attached procedure.

Teflon Boiling Chips

Used boiling chips are washed with methylene chloride in the sonic bath. They are placed in a petri dish, covered with methylene chloride and sonicated for about 15 min. The methylene chloride is discarded and fresh solvent is added. The chips are again sonicated for 15 min. The solvent is discarded. If particulate remains on the chips, they are rinsed with methylene chloride until clean. The clean chips are dried under the hood and placed back in the bottle.

Weighing Vial

New vials are rinsed in methylene chloride, air dried and stored in trays. Used bottles are solvent rinsed and washed as glassware. Before using again they are rinsed in CH₂Cl₂, air dried and stored in trays. Once the weighing vials have been cleaned do not touch with hands as fingerprints will add weight to the vials. Wear gloves or use tongs when handling vials.

LARGE SOXHLET EXTRACTION PROCEDURE

Extraction of 20x20" Pallflex Filters

1. Several (8-10) Teflon boiling chips are dropped into a round, 500 ml, flat bottomed flask. The desired Burdick and Jackson glass distilled solvent is added to the flask (400 ml of cyclohexane, methylene chloride or acetonitrile) using a 500 ml graduated cylinder. 20x20 filters can be found in Tedlar bags in the freezer in the shop. Remove the needed filters and cross through the corresponding filter numbers on the bag. Purge the bag with dry zero nitrogen (same cylinder used to dry organic extracts in the chem lab) and then heat seal the bag. Place bag back in the freezer and lock the freezer. The person weighing filters can help locate filters if they can not be found.
2. The 20x20 filter is then folded as shown below. The filter is usually folded three times before it is placed in the paper envelope.

![Filter folding diagram]

The filter needs to be folded to a smaller size to fit into the soxhlet below the solvent level. Clear an area and lay out a terry towel to work on. Only metal tweezers should be allowed to contact the filter in the folding process. Do not touch with hands or gloves.

![Filter folding diagram]

The soxhlet extractor is assembled. Some solvent in the Teflon squeeze bottle should be squirited on the joint to prevent sticking. Slight twisting of the joint will distribute the solvent around the joint. No vacuum grease should be used. The soxhlet is secured to the stand over the multiple extraction heater so that the flask sits evenly on the heater. Boiling pots are labeled with filter and test number, solvent and extraction date.

3. Water hoses on the condenser are connected so that water flows from the bottom to the top of the condenser. A small amount of vacuum grease may be used on the hose connectors so that the hoses will slip on and off the condenser. If too much grease is used, however, the hoses may pop loose.
4. A drying tube packed with fresh molecular sieve and silica gel (kept in the chem lab oven) and a Teflon connector is placed on top of each condenser. A supply of drying tubes should be kept on hand in the oven. When the indicator changes from dark blue to pale blue or clear the desiccant needs to be changed.

5. The heater and condenser water are turned on. The heater control is turned to 100%.

6. Once a week the cycling rates should be checked. This is done by timing each soxhlets' cycling period three times after the boiling rate has stabilized (about 2 hours). The soxhlets should cycle at least every 15 minutes for a desired rate of 4 cycles/hour. (Timing is done by first allowing the soxhlet to fill with solvent. One cycle is timed from the point at which solvent begins siphoning until the soxhlet fills again and starts siphoning).

7. The large soxhlet extraction is run for 8 hours (9 am – 5 pm).

8. To shut the system down after 8 hours, the heater is turned off. After the solvent stops boiling (15-30 minutes) the cooling water is also shut off.

Concentration of Extract

1. The next day the boiling pots should be placed in the desiccator to prevent condensation of moisture. The solvent remaining in the soxhlet is poured into the waste container.

2. If the filter is extracted with only one solvent, the filter is removed to a glass petri dish with large tweezers and placed in the desiccator or under the hood until dry. The filter is discarded. If the filter is extracted sequentially, the filter is left in the soxhlet until extracted with the last solvent. Then the filter is removed with large tweezers to a glass petri dish and placed in the desiccator or under the hood until dry. The filter is discarded.

3. The pan with approximately 1-1 1/2" of deionized water is heated on the hot plate to 40°C for methylene chloride and to 80° for cyclohexane and acetonitrile.

4. Isopropyl alcohol is added to the cold finger condenser until it is half full. Small chunks of dry ice are slowly added to the alcohol (one at a time, otherwise the alcohol boils over), until the mixture is about 2" from the top. It may be necessary to place a towel on top of the cold finger to prevent splashing.
5. Filtration - All extracts are filtered through a 47 mm Pallflex filter as follows: Filtration apparatus and filter are washed with solvent. The solvent is discarded. The pressure relief valve on the vacuum pump should be fully opened to provide minimum vacuum on the filtration apparatus. The extract plus boiling chips are poured into the filter funnel keeping the liquid level less than half full. Solvent is used to wash the boiling pot and filter funnel three times. Vacuum is turned off as soon as all the liquid is filtered to prevent moist air from being drawn through the filter flask containing the extract.

6. The filtered extract is poured into a prewashed 1000 ml round bottom flask with washings. The flask is attached to the roto-evaporator so that the flask is submerged about 1/2" in the pan of heated deionized water. The vacuum is connected to the condenser. The pressure relief valve is closed so that maximum vacuum is pulled (as close to 76 cm Hg as possible).

7. The vacuum pump and roto-evaporator are turned on and allowed to run (approximately 20-40 minutes) until there is only about 20 ml of sample remaining in the flask. If the entire amount of solvent is evaporated by mistake, solvent is drained back into the 1000 ml flask with washings and re-evaporated to approximately 20 ml. The carbon in the vapor filter should be changed about once a month. The micron filters should also be serviced monthly by sonicating the filter frit in methylene chloride for about 30 minutes.

8. The concentrated extract is transferred to a 30 ml beaker with washings. The extract is further concentrated by blowing dry zero nitrogen over the sample in the desiccator until the volume is reduced to 2 or 3 ml. (The nitrogen flow should be maintained at a rate that does not blow sample out of the beaker or vial). The contents are again transferred with washings to a preweighed sample bottle. NOTE: SAMPLE VIALS SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED WITH BARE HANDS; FINGERPRINTS MAY CAUSE WEIGHING ERRORS. USE TWEezERS OR WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING. The extract is completely dried in the desiccator (1-2 hours). Sometimes the sample will appear oily or wet. The extract can be weighed several times to determine if the sample is losing weight to solvent evaporation. If the weight remains stable, the sample is dry and the weight can be recorded. Wooden bottle trays or plastic tubing should not be used in the desiccator as they may contaminate the samples. The molecular sieve and silica gel desiccant should be changed when the indicator turns pale blue or clear. The lifetime of the desiccant can be prolonged if the gas exit valve is closed off overnight. This prevents moist room air from backing up into the desiccator.

9. After the final weighing, the vials are sealed with Teflon tape and labeled.

10. Ames extracts are sealed in a nitrogen purged Tedlar bag and stored upright in dry ice. All other extracts are stored upright (to prevent leakage) in trays.
III. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The data reported for this work assignment included percent organic extractables (as a fraction of total particulate collected), and in some cases, micrograms of benzo(a)pyrene per milligram of extract. The results are found in Tables 1 through 5. Some samples required additional analyses not included in this program. These additional data and the Ames data are found in the final reports of the respective projects. The reports are footnoted in Tables 1 through 5.
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**VOLVO TD100C TRANSIENT DIESEL**

**VOLVO TD100A STEADY STATE METHANOL<sup>d</sup>**

**VOLVO TD100A STEADY STATE ETHANOL AND WATER<sup>d</sup>**
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| 351 | 352 | 672.1 | 65.478 | 9.74 |
| 344 | 447.8 | 390.951 | 87.30 |
| 359 | 158.3 | 11.422 | 7.22 |

#### VOLVO TD100C STEADY STATE DIESEL<sup>d</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Additional information on these filters can be found in EPA report EPA 460/3-81-023.
<sup>b</sup>Filter numbers in both Filter A and Filter B columns indicate that two filters were extracted per soxhlet.
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a Additional information on these filters can be found in EPA Report, EPA 460/3-82-002.
b Various analyses performed under another task of this project and published in above mentioned report.
c C-combined, E-extracted, S-split
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<sup>b</sup> Benzo(a)pyrene and Ames analyses not required on this Work Assignment.

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<sup>c</sup> E-extracted, C-combined
APPENDIX A

SCOPE OF WORK

Contract 68-03-2884
Task Specification 9
SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this task is to provide ECTD with extraction and BaP analysis support. This will consist of a number of work elements, including: performing soxlet extractions on a given set of filters, determining the proportion that is solvent soluble organic, performing BaP analysis, mixing the appropriate filter extracts to form a sample, taking the sample to dryness, shipping the sample under dry ice to ECTD's Ames test contractor, EG and G Mason Research. The exact instructions for each sample may vary and will be given upon sending the samples to SwRI. Most Ames Test Samples will consist of a combination of extracts from two or more filters. Under most conditions, the filters can be extracted in groups, providing the apparatus is adequately large. There will be some specific cases where this may not be done; for example, when individual BaP or Ames Test analyses must be done. The following is a Table of the expected sample requirement:

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<tr>
<th>Project</th>
<th>No. of Ames Samples</th>
<th>Estimated No. of Filters</th>
<th>Estimated No. of BaP Analyses</th>
<th>Time Frame Required</th>
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<td><strong>82</strong></td>
<td><strong>239</strong></td>
<td><strong>49</strong></td>
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The reporting requirements shall consist of: 1) monthly progress letters outlining the progress of the work as well as the resulting data, and 2) a final letter report briefly outlining the conduct of the task.